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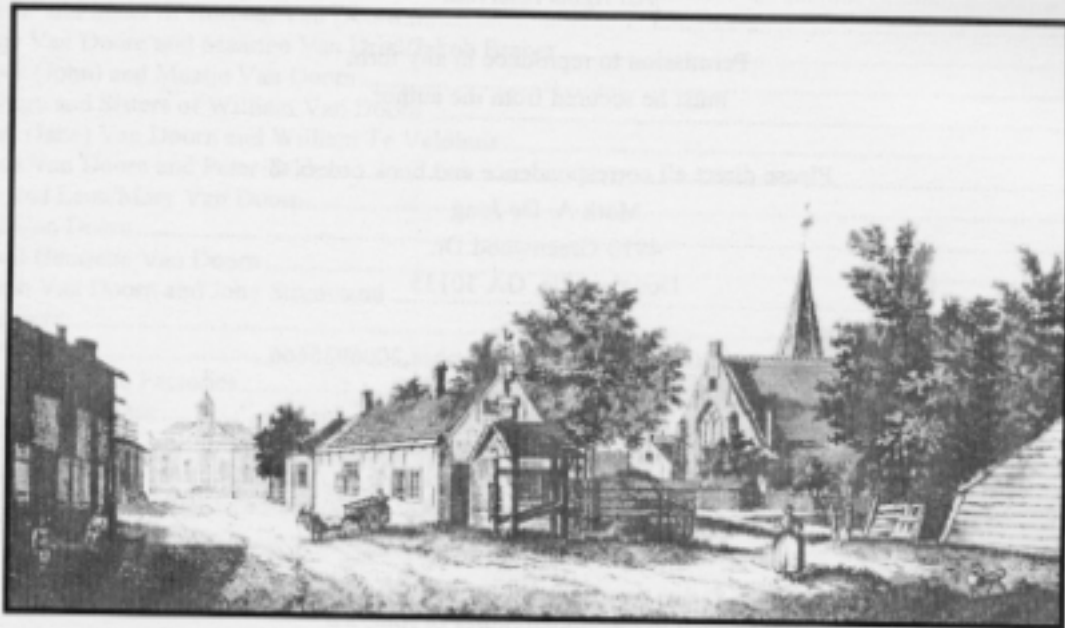
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## INTRODUCTION

Most researchers of family history focus on the family tree. I, on the other hand, find the immigration story far more interesting than a list of names and birth dates. The immigration story is also undoubtedly more difficult to research. But once discovered and told, yields a greater sense of satisfaction both to the researcher and the reader.

The key to researching and telling the story is finding family members able and willing to donate the few anecdotes and artifacts they have to offer. The answers will not be found in one momentous single act of discovery. They will be found by linking together bits and pieces of data, much like constructing the solution to a complex puzzle.

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## THE KEY CHARACTERS

This is a story about two generations of Van Doorns: Adriaan Van Doorn, and his son William Van Doorn. Let me introduce them to you.

### Adriaan Van Doorn

Adriaan Van Doorn left his home in The Netherlands seeking a better life, including economic betterment and religious freedom. His wife became ill at the docks of Liverpool and never boarded the ship for America. He arrived in this country a single parent to four children. Adriaan worked as a mason for his brother John. He remarried and started a second family. At age 57 he moved his family to Grand Rapids, Michigan. For the remainder of his life, he worked in the furniture factories of Grand Rapids. A respected member of his community, he was an elder in the Third Reformed Church in Grand Rapids.

### William Van Doorn

William was Adriaan's youngest son. He started working in the furniture factories of Grand Rapids at an early age. He lost his first wife quite young, leaving William to care for three sons under the age of 12. He remarried, and at his second wife's urging, the family moved from the city to Coopersville, Michigan. William became a farmer, though he had no training or experience as such.

## LIFE IN THE NETHERLANDS

The villages of Zaamslag, Terneuzen, and Axel, in the southern most part of the province of Zeeland in The Netherlands, are all mentioned frequently as the place of birth, residence, or death for generations of Van Doorns, going back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. However, Adriaan Van Doorn was born and raised in the village of Oud-Vossemeer in the province of Zeeland.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I have chosen to focus on Oud-Vossemeer and treat it as the origination point of our story. Oud-Vossemeer is located in the northeast portion of the Tholen region of Zeeland in The Netherlands.<sup>2</sup> See the maps on the following pages for the locations of Zaamslag, Terneuzen, Axel, and Oud-Vossemeer.

Oud-Vossemeer is believed to have been founded early in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, after the polder, in which it lies, was diked in about 1415. Most inhabitants made their living through agriculture.

Marinus Van Doorn, Adriaan's father, came to live in Oud-Vossemeer in 1816 as the result of his marriage to widow Adriana Ooms. Adriana's first husband, Benjamin Ooms had died leaving her with two children. Marinus, himself a widower, but without children, moved to Oud-Vossemeer from Zaamslag. Marinus and Adriana started a family of their own. Three of their children Jannetje, John, and Adriaan lived to adulthood.

The Van Doorns lived in a brick multi-family dwelling on the outskirts of the village, near the intersection of Achterstraat and Hofstraat. Adriaan raised his own family on Achterstraat in the same house in which he grew up.

Adriaan generally listed his occupation as either a "winkelier" or "arbeider." A "winkelier" is a shopkeeper and an "arbeider" is a laborer. It is not known what type of shop he owned or what type of labor he performed. Adriaan inherited the shop from his parents. Perhaps he didn't like the work or the business alone couldn't support his family. In the end, it appears he relied upon manual labor as his primary means of income.

By all accounts, the family was poor and struggled to survive. Dutch census records consistently show that the Van Doorns shared their house with three to five other people, typically laborers.

In the Netherlands emigration records, officials classified each departing family as well-to-do, middling, or needy. "Needy", meant the family required some sort of public assistance.<sup>3</sup> Adriaan and his family were classified as "needy."<sup>4</sup>

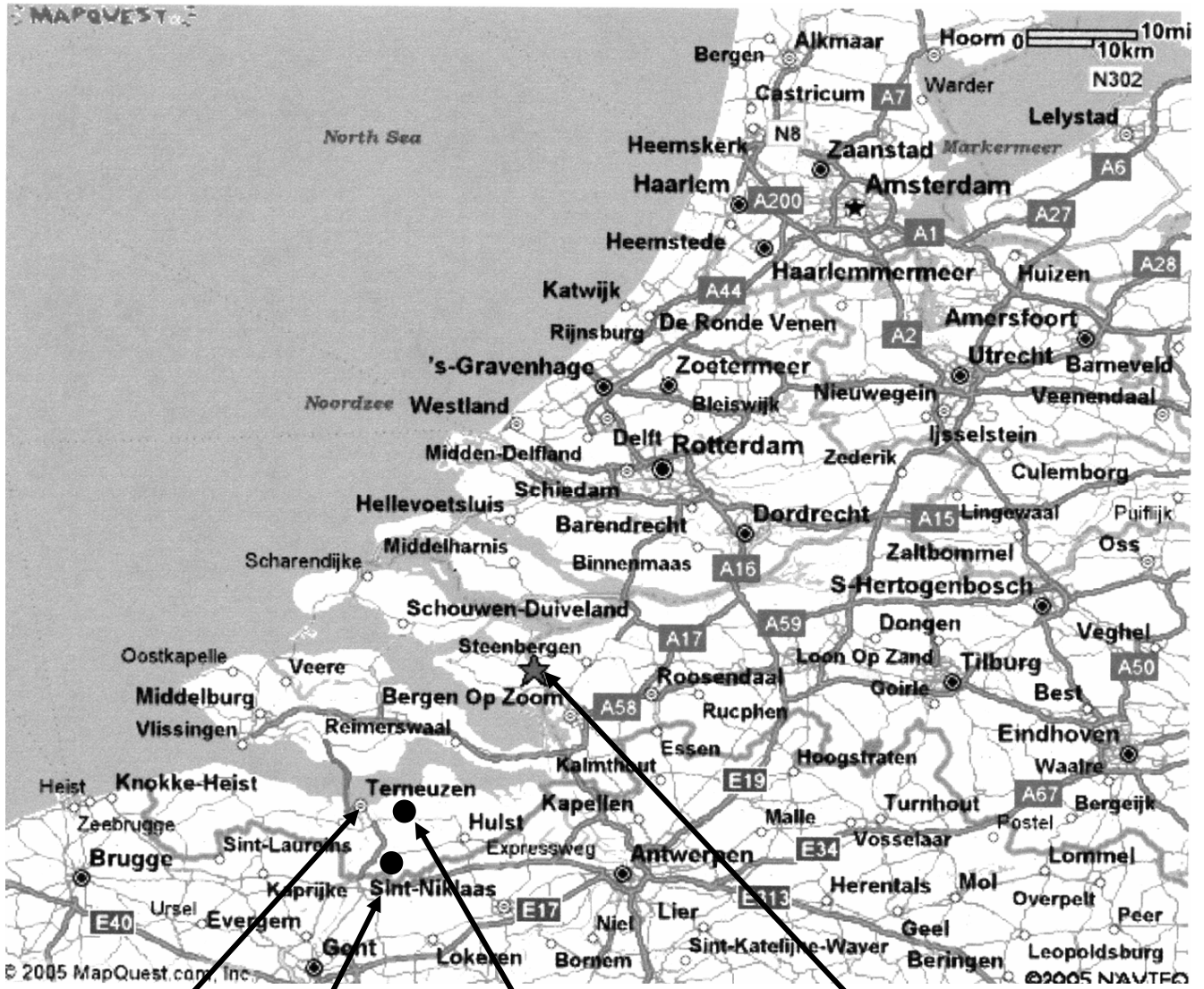
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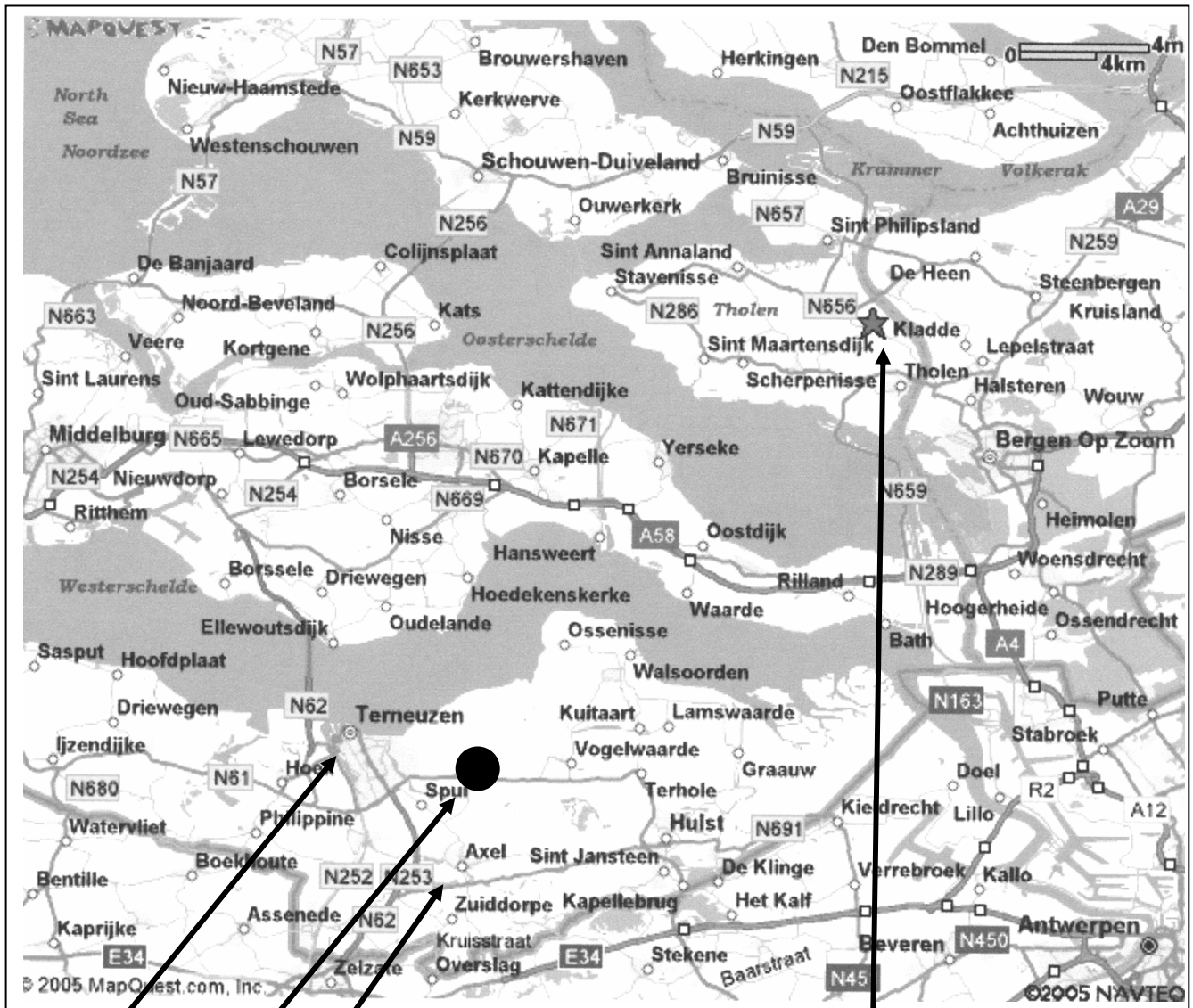
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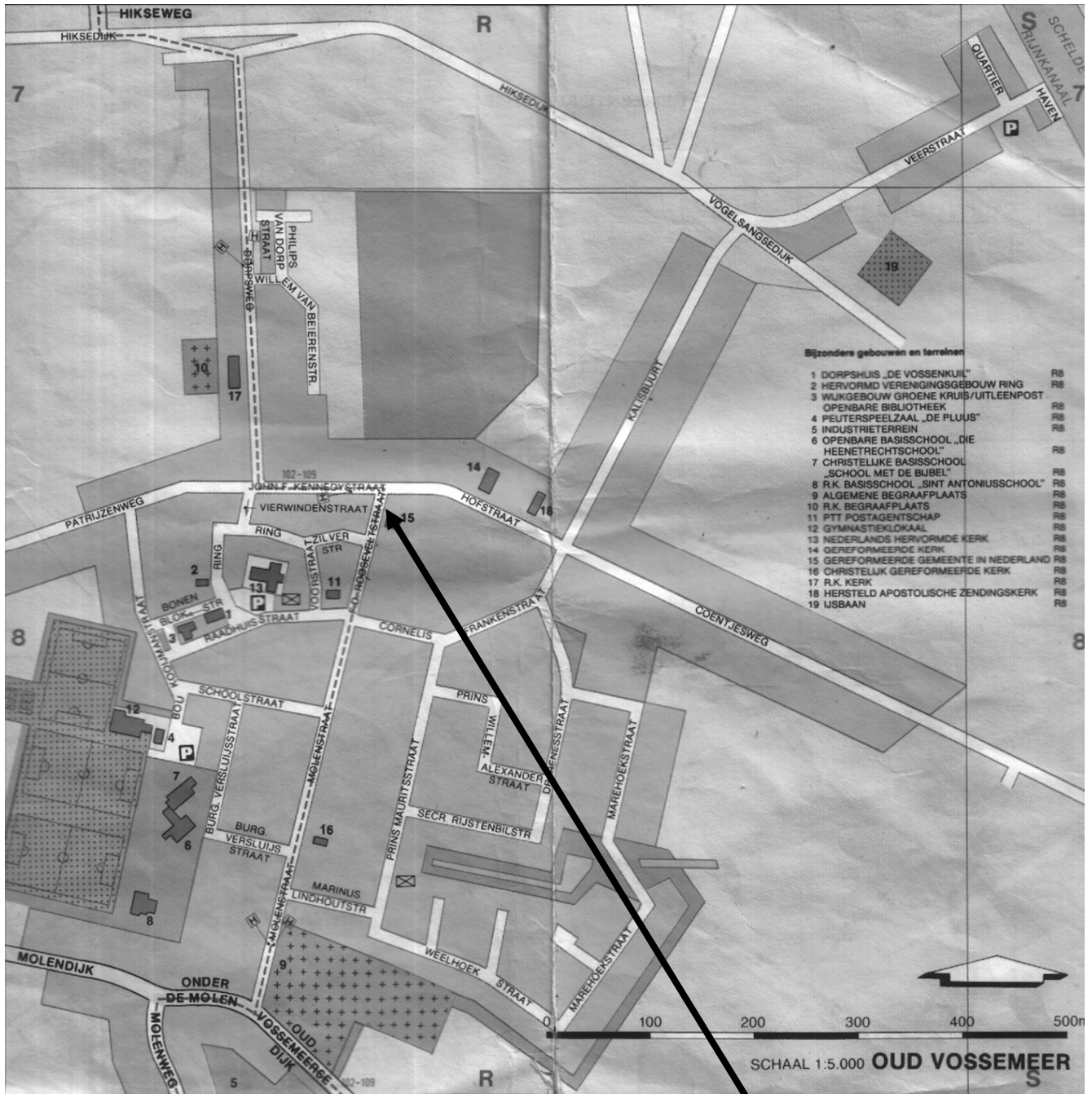
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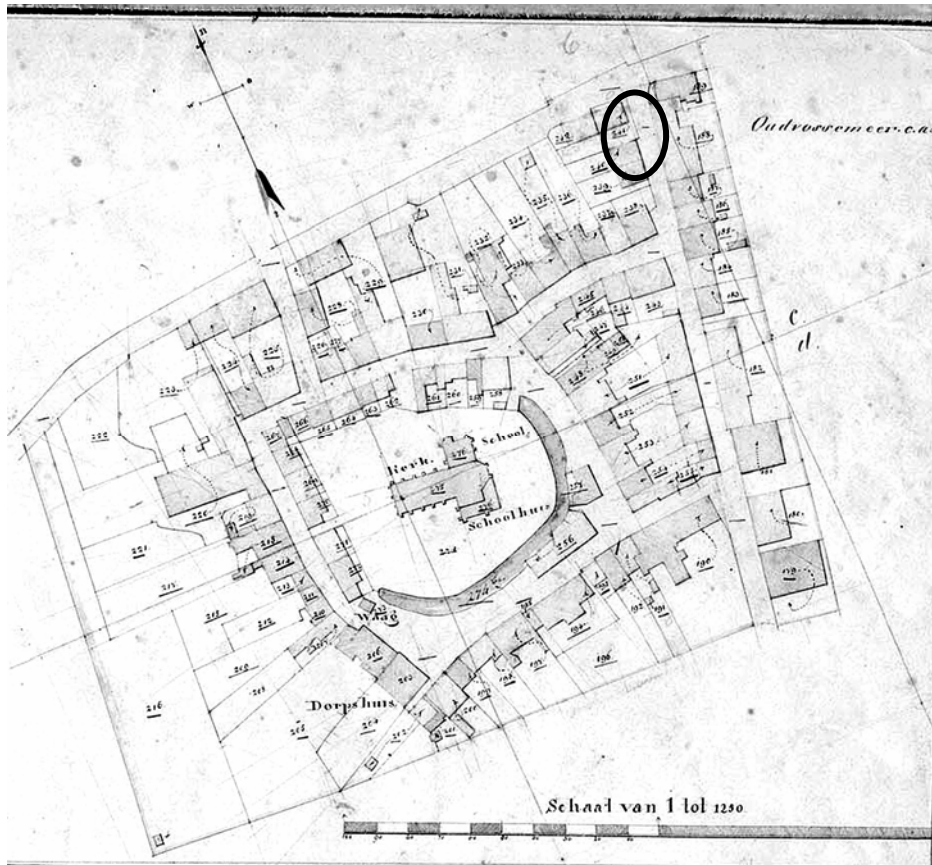
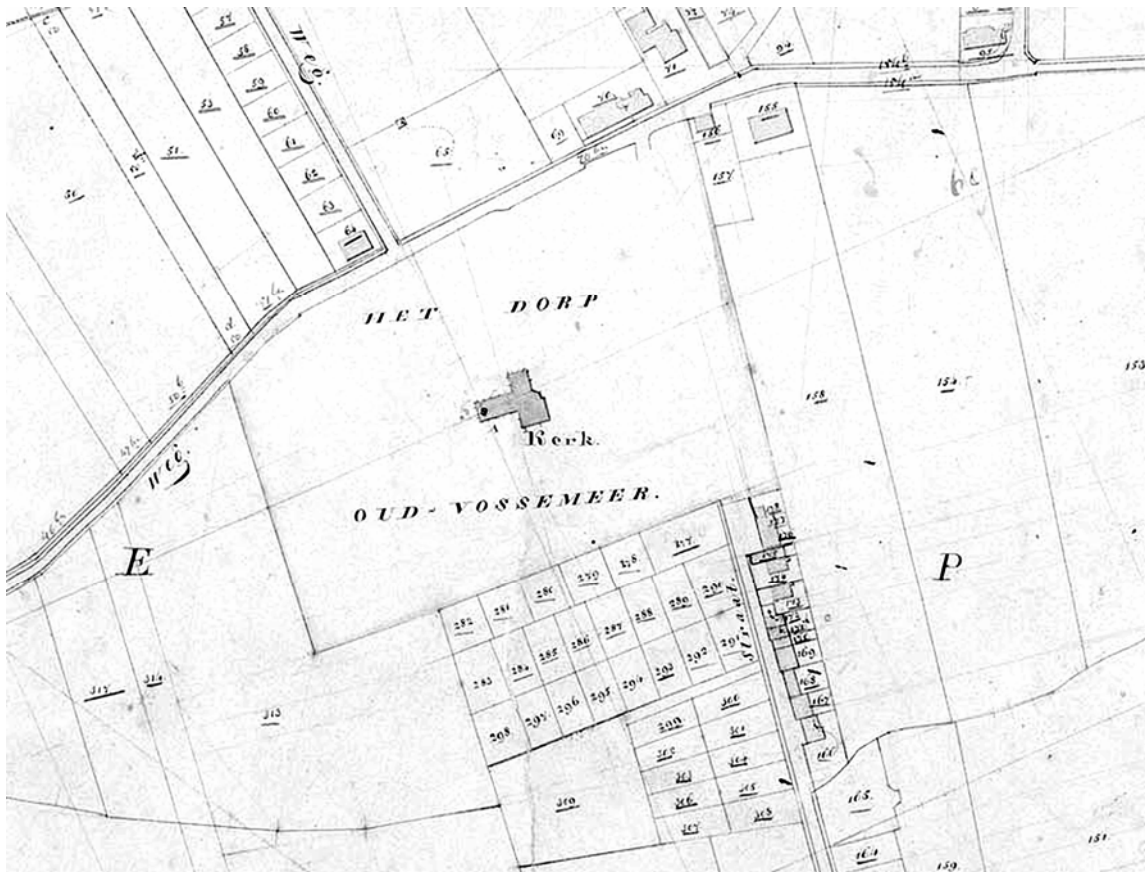
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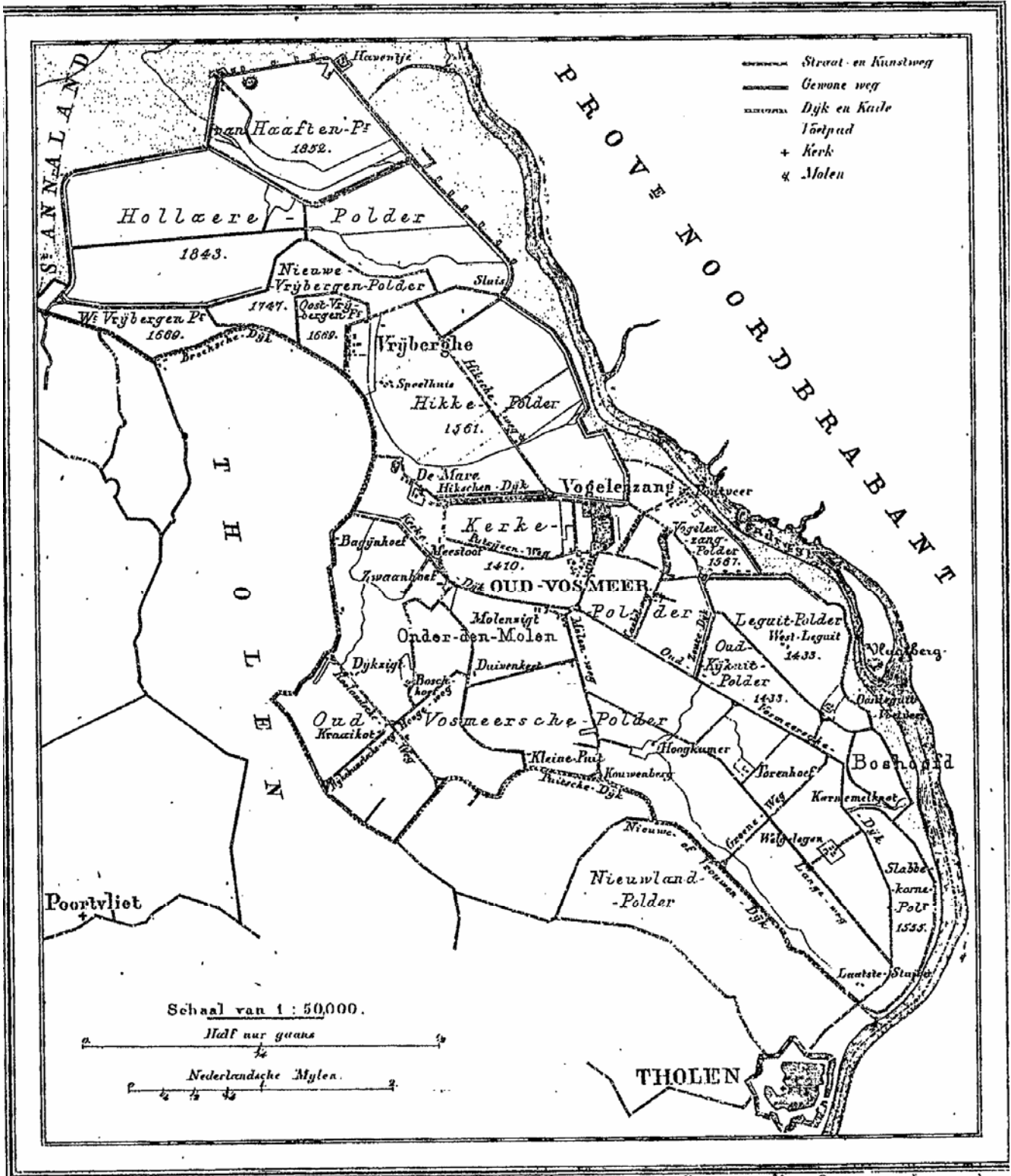


A street map of present day Oud-Vossemeer

Location of Adriaan Van Doorn family home, corner of Hofstraat and FDRooseveldstraat (formerly known as Achterstraat)



Map of Oud-Vossemeer from 1832 with insert of village center. Location of Van Doorn family home is circled.



1865.

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Uitgave van Hugo Suringar te Leeuwarden.

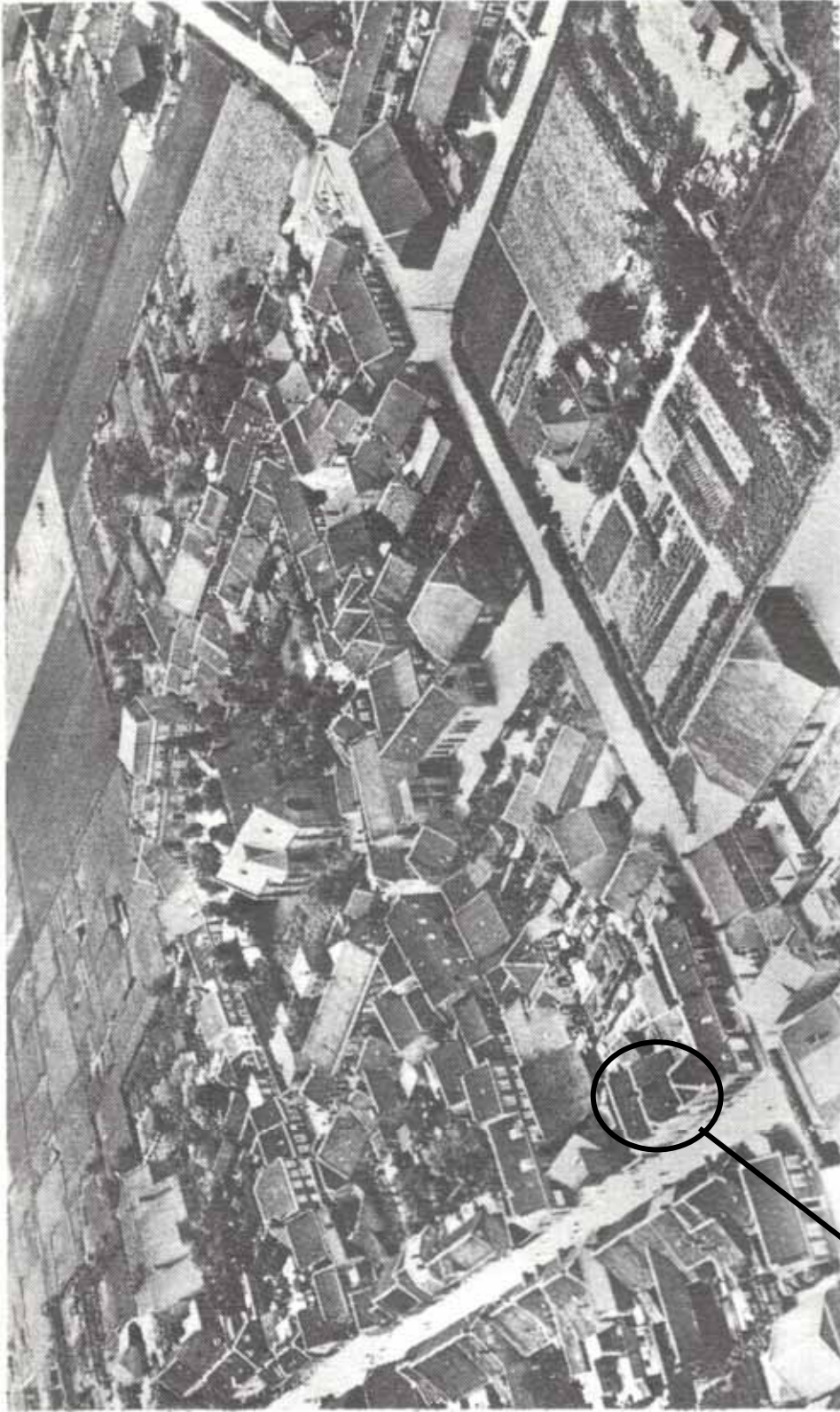
Map of Old-Vossemeer area from 1865. Most of the land was reclaimed from gullies, swamps or the sea, as evidenced by the many polders.



This is a drawing of Oud-Vossemeer from around 1800. Note the church to the right, the blacksmith shop with the clock in the gable end in the center, and the city hall at the end of the street to the left. All of these buildings were present when Adriaan Van Doorn lived in Oud-Vossemeer. These buildings are still standing today.



Virtually the same scene as above. This photo was taken in the early 1900s.



This is an aerial photograph of Oud-Vossemeer taken in 1950. Note how close the homes are to each other. The Dutch Reformed Church is prominently located in the center of the village.

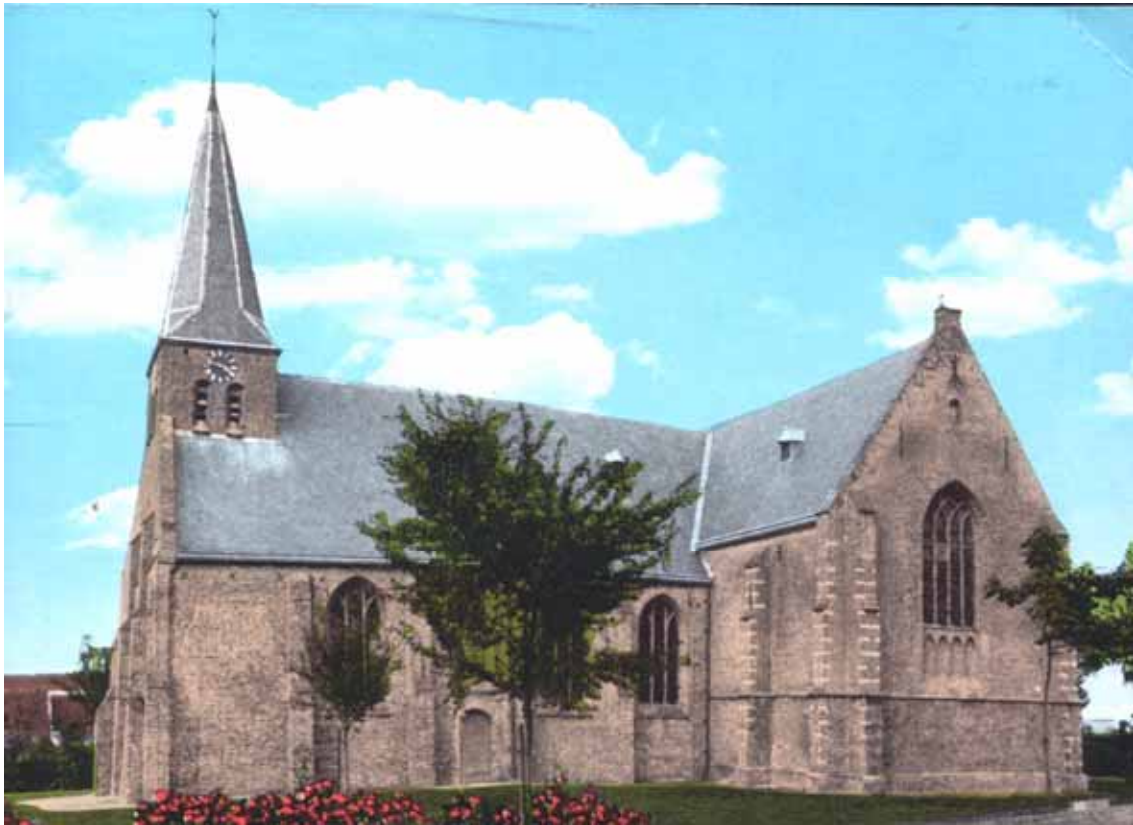
The Van Doorn family home was located within this circle.



Achterstraat circa 1900. Probably not too different from when the Van Doorns lived there. The former Van Doorn home is the third house on the right.



Achterstraat today, looking toward Hofstraat. Achterstraat is now known at F.D.Rooseveldstraat.



The Reformed Church in Oud-Vossemeer.



The interior of the church looking back toward the pipe organ. The organ was added in the early 1900s.



The De Jager Windmill built in 1850 as a corn mill



The Smithy House with Clock





The Four Freedoms Monument in Oud-Vossemeer in honor of the Roosevelt family

Oud-Vossemeer is the ancestral home of the Roosevelt family. The community takes great pride in this fact. The Roosevelt family immigrated to the US in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.



Once the City Hall, its now known as the Gentlemen's House and is the home of the local archives



The village of Oud-Vossemeer is surrounded by farms, many of which grow flowers for seed.



The corner of FDRooseveldstraat and Hofstraat today. The garage on the right (shown above) sits on the site of the former Van Doorn ancestral home.

## THE DECISION TO EMIGRATE

Dutch emigration followed certain specific patterns. The vast majority of Dutch emigrants were day laborers, farmers, and craftsmen from rural areas where economic opportunities were dim. However, few Dutch emigrants were driven by a desperate struggle to survive, such as the Irish. Most made a conscious calculation, that a life in America, among family and friends, offered greater economic opportunity for themselves and their children.

The dominant pattern of the Dutch emigration was the migration over a period of time of related families and friends from particular Dutch communities to their American counterparts. First, a few families would emigrate, and they in turn would convince relatives or friends to follow. During the mid-nineteenth century, 12 % of all Dutch municipalities (counties) provided 75 % of the emigrants. In the US, 72 % of all native Hollanders lived in 1% of all US counties.<sup>5</sup> Dutch emigration was clearly governed by community and family ties.

Emigration from Zeeland was the greatest of all the Holland provinces, both in terms of sheer numbers and per capita. It began in the years of 1846-47 (due to the potato blight) and continued until World War I.<sup>6</sup> The early focus (1840s) of emigration in Zeeland was in the southern portion of the province. Note that Oud-Vossemeer is in the North portion of Zeeland. The Tholen region (including Oud-Vossemeer) had its heaviest emigration after 1870.<sup>7</sup>

Like most Dutch, it is likely Adriaan had selected his destination prior to departure. His brother, John, was a mason in Rochester, New York. Arrangements for Adriaan to join him were probably made well in advance of the trip.

Emigrants from Zeeland typically settled near Michigan (Zeeland), Wisconsin (southeastern), and New York (Rochester and Buffalo). Many shared a common bond. They were persecuted "seceders", also sometimes referred to as "separatists."<sup>8</sup>

Most families were members of the Dutch Reformed Church or Nederland Hervormde Kerk. However, there were those in the Church that objected to what they considered doctrinal and organizational changes imposed upon them by King Willem I in the 1820s and 1830s. Their opposition struck a chord with some people, mostly in rural areas. These people became known as "seceders" or separatists. Adriaan Van Doorn, like his mother before him, was a "seceder."

## The Seceder Movement

The secessionist movement, within the Dutch Reformed Church, began as early as 1822 in the town of Axel in the province of Zeeland.<sup>9</sup> The split was over a difference in doctrine. However, the movement was not sustained.

By 1834, the secessionist movement was real, widespread and the conflict could no longer be avoided.

The reasons for secession were not simple, nor were they universal amongst all the Dutch. However, opposition to the practices of the Dutch Reformed Church typically centered on three reasons: the singing of hymns, the participation of non-Reformed Church members in the Lord's Supper, and the asking of four questions as part of the liturgy in preparation for the Lord's supper during the worship service.<sup>10</sup>

The hymnbook was introduced in the Dutch Reformed Church in 1807. Its use was slow to spread. Prior to this, the Church limited singing to the psalms published in the "Psalter."<sup>11</sup> Many believers protested what they saw as the optimistic faith expressed in the hymns. Seceders objected to these hymns as "vehicles of false doctrine."<sup>12</sup>

The "four questions" were first introduced into the denomination in 1817, although congregations in Friesland and Groningen had practiced it for years.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> The Dutch in America: Immigration, Settlement, and Cultural Change, Robert P. Swierenga, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1985, page 35.

<sup>6</sup> Faith and Family: Dutch Immigration and Settlement in the United States, 1820 - 1920, Robert P. Swierenga, Holmes & Meier, New York/London, 2000, page 82.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid, page 83.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid

<sup>9</sup> Sources of Secession: the Netherlands Hervormde Kerk on the eve of the Dutch immigration to the Midwest, Gerrit J. tenZythoff, W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI, 1987, page 47.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid, page 50.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid, page 51.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid, page 53.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid, page 54.

There were other differences as well.

Leaders within the Dutch Reformed Church did not believe that men such as Calvin should be put on a pedestal. They believed the search for “the truth” was an ongoing process through the further education of men by God. Seceders, on the other hand, believed the Canons of Dordrecht were all that true believers needed to know and follow.<sup>14</sup>

Citizens of The Netherlands in the 1820s and 1830s witnessed economic hard times due to poor harvests, as well as a terrible plague of Asiatic cholera in 1831 -32. . Many seceders saw their difficulties in life as God’s punishment for a false religion.<sup>15</sup> In 1834, Hendrik De Cock, minister of the church at Ulrum in the Province of Groningen, announced he was leaving the Dutch Reformed Church and returning to the true beliefs and practices of the Church, thus becoming the leader of the secessionist movement.<sup>16</sup>

## Reason for Emigration

I do not believe the motivation behind Adriaan’s decision to emigrate boils down to a single reason. Roughly 50% of the seceders leaving Zeeland had left by 1850.<sup>17</sup> The big agricultural crisis in The Netherlands did not begin until the late 1870s. Hence the Van Doorn family was not a part of the two largest migrations from Holland to the United States.

One possible reason for leaving was religious freedom. Zeeland was a "hot bed" of seceder activity. However, the seceders, although they gained much notoriety, only represented 13% of Dutch emigrants between 1835 and 1880.<sup>18</sup> Most seceders had left Zeeland and The Netherlands by 1850.<sup>19</sup> The persecution that was so prevalent in the 1830s and 40s had subsided somewhat with the ascension of Willem II to the Dutch throne. Though the movement grew, the pressure to leave, diminished somewhat.

Another possible explanation is that Adriaan was simply looking to provide more economic opportunities for himself and his family. Four out of five Zeeland emigrants worked in agriculture. Of these agricultural emigrants, 95% were laborers whereas only 5% owned their own farms.<sup>20</sup> Adriaan was classified as "needy", meaning he was receiving some form of public assistance. So he not only was poor, but likely had little prospect of improving his position.

Finally, we know that two of Adriaan’s youngest children died of the pox in the years leading up to his departure. Perhaps, the family left for health reasons.

All departing citizens of Holland were asked their primary reason(s) for leaving. So what reason(s) did Adriaan provide on his emigration form upon leaving Holland? Records show the phrase “hoop op bestaans verbetering.” Translated, it means “hope for a better life.”

Adriaan Van Doorn and his family, including his wife and four children, departed the village of Oud-Vossemeer bound for the United States on April 19, 1866.<sup>21</sup>

## The Destination

Potential emigrants relied heavily on advice from family and friends already residing in the United States. Rochester was one of the more popular destinations for emigrants from the Zeeland province. Adriaan likely received positive feedback from his brother John, who had immigrated to the Rochester, New York area in 1847.

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<sup>14</sup> Ibid, page 119.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid

<sup>16</sup> Ibid, page 109.

<sup>17</sup> Faith and Family: Dutch Immigration and Settlement in the United States, 1820 - 1920, Robert P. Swierenga, Holmes & Meier, New York/London, 2000,page 85.

<sup>18</sup> The Dutch in America: Immigration, Settlement, and Cultural Change, Robert P. Swierenga, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1985, page 38

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## Why emigrate in 1866?

Much of the post-Civil War migration included families and friends of previous emigrants (1840s and 50s) from the same municipalities. It is possible the Adriaan Van Doorn family sought to emigrate earlier, and that the American Civil War delayed this by several years.

## THE JOURNEY

Most Zeelanders sailed from Rotterdam or Antwerp due to the close proximity to their place of residence. However, for cost reasons, some sailed by way of England. Dutch emigrants sailed to Hull on the English coast. From Hull, they could catch a train to Liverpool. This added roughly a week to the journey.<sup>22</sup> Ships bound for New York sailed regularly from Liverpool.

Most simply left from their original family residence and went directly to their port of choice. Ship captains routinely let passengers stay on board ship for free until the ship sailed. Boarding houses were also available in close proximity to the docks.

By the 1850s, the Atlantic crossing was uneventful, or at worst a boring routine sandwiched between the emotional departure and the exciting first glimpse of America. New regulations made ship owners responsible for providing food supplies and preparing meals.<sup>23</sup> Conditions aboard ship were normally quite good as a result.

In the 1860s, steamer ships began to replace sailing vessels. Europeans travelers increasingly took passage on vessels specially designed to transport immigrants. Although these ships were few in numbers, they followed regular schedules across the Atlantic.<sup>24</sup>

Although much has been made of deaths at sea from disease and accidents, very few Dutch died during the journey. Most of these were infants. Of the 55,000 Dutch crossing between 1820 and 1880, only 507 died, two thirds of these were infants under one year old.<sup>25</sup>

*Note: I think the number of Dutch immigrating and the number of dead was under-reported. If my limited research experience is any indication, many Dutch were mis-classified as German on ships' manifests.*

Most Dutch were healthy when they left. They tended to travel between April and June, before the epidemic prone summer months, and after winter storm season in the North Atlantic.<sup>26</sup> Jobs, particularly in agriculture, were also more plentiful in the summer immediately after their arrival.

The average length of crossing was two weeks for steamships in the 1860s. The vast majority of emigrants traveled in steerage (3<sup>rd</sup> class).<sup>27</sup> The cost of a steerage class ticket was \$30 per person.

Between 1850 and 1880, almost 95% of registered Dutch immigrants passed through the Castle Garden reception facility in New York City.<sup>28</sup> Castle Garden was so well run and protective of new arrivals that its fame spread throughout Europe. Dutch immigrant aid societies welcomed the newcomers, usually meeting each ship from Holland as it arrived at the docks and directing them to one of several Dutch proprietor-run rooming houses in the city.

Under normal circumstances, the Van Doorns, having left in mid-April, should have arrived in New York in mid-May.

However, the trip was anything but normal. The following description of their sad tale was originally told by Martin Van Doorn and then more recently re-told by Jeannette Isenga.

Adriaan Van Doorn had wanted to leave The Netherlands many years prior to 1866. However, his wife Jannetje did not want to go. Once she finally consented, the trip had to be delayed because Jannetje gave birth to twin girls in March of 1864. Several months later, one of the twins died. Adriaan continued to express his desire to emigrate to the United States.

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<sup>22</sup> Faith and Family: Dutch Immigration and Settlement in the United States, 1820 - 1920, Robert P. Swierenga, Holmes & Meier, New York/London, 2000, page 127.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid, page 138.

<sup>24</sup> Ibid, page 123.

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<sup>26</sup> Ibid

<sup>27</sup> Ibid, page 21.

<sup>28</sup> Faith and Family: Dutch Immigration and Settlement in the United States, 1820 - 1920, Robert P. Swierenga, Holmes & Meier, New York/London, 2000, page 134.

However, Jannetje again refused to go. She felt the child was too young to travel. Finally, in 1865 Jannetje agreed to go in the spring of 1866. Adriaan Van Doorn and his family left the village of Oud-Vossemeer on April 19, 1866.

About one week later, the family arrived in Liverpool, purchased the tickets, and waited in a nearby boarding house for the ship to sail. While waiting, Jannetje and another woman became ill. A doctor was called. The doctor examined Jannetje and placed her in isolation. The Van Doorns were told that Jannetje would not recover from her illness. Shortly thereafter the ship's passengers were herded on the ship "like cattle." Adriaan and his four children sailed from Liverpool for New York on the SS Helvetia on May 2, 1866 leaving his wife behind. Jannetje was never heard from again, her fate unknown.

The SS Helvetia was a 3,318 gross ton ship, built in 1864 by Palmer Bros & Co, Jarrow-on-Tyne for the National Steamship Line of Liverpool. Her details were - length 371.5ft x beam 41.2ft, clipper stem, one funnel, three masts (rigged for sail), iron construction, single screw and a speed of 10 knots.

After only one day at sea, cholera broke out. The ship was refused docking privileges at Queenstown, Ireland. The Captain decided to turn the ship around and sailed back to Liverpool. After arriving in Liverpool, the passengers were separated into two groups: English and "Germans." Anyone from Northern Europe was routinely referred to as "German."

Both groups were placed in quarantine on hospital ships, the "Germans" on the Jesse Munn and the English on the War Cloud, until the cholera abated. The healthy "German" passengers were subsequently moved to the German Emigration depot at Birkenhead where they remained under strict medical supervision. The sick remained on the Jesse Munn.

The crew of the SS Helvetia was forced to remain aboard ship. They petitioned local officials to allow them to come ashore. On the morning of May 12<sup>th</sup>, the crew seized a tug, which had come alongside, and went ashore. They were immediately taken into custody by police. By the afternoon, the crew agreed to return to the ship and local officials agreed to find them quarters on shore.

Once the quarantine period of three weeks had been satisfied with no new cases of cholera, the passengers were eligible to resume their journey. The S S Helvetia, having been disinfected (usually this involved smoking out the insides from stem to stern), set sail once again for New York in late May. The hospital ships were dismantled and burned.

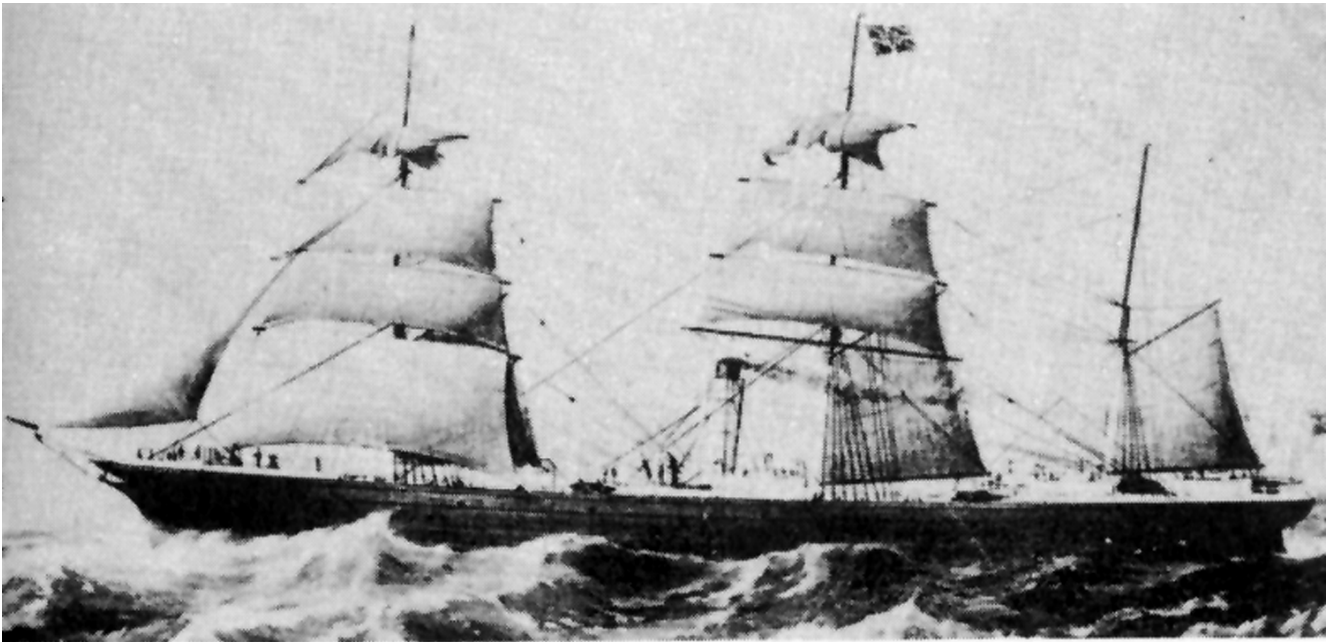
The SS Helvetia, with Adriaan Van Doorn and his children on board, arrived in the port of New York on June 11, 1866.

Upon their arrival, the family boarded a train bound for Rochester, New York. Rochester was the home of John Van Doorn, Adriaan's brother. Adriaan carried a paper with instructions on how to reach his brother. At every stop along the way, Adriaan would show the conductor the paper and the conductor would say, "Not yet." Finally, the conductor indicated they had one more stop to make. The train stopped on the outskirts of Rochester so more wood could be loaded aboard. While the train was stopped, Adriaan got off with his daughter Dina and son Martin. Jane stayed onboard with Magdalena. Suddenly the train started moving forward. Adriaan instructed Dina and Martin to remain sitting by the tracks until he got back. He ran after the train all the way to the next stop, which was the Rochester depot. He retrieved Jane and Magdalena from the train and they walked all the way back to pick up Dina and Martin. The whole family then walked back to the Rochester Depot.

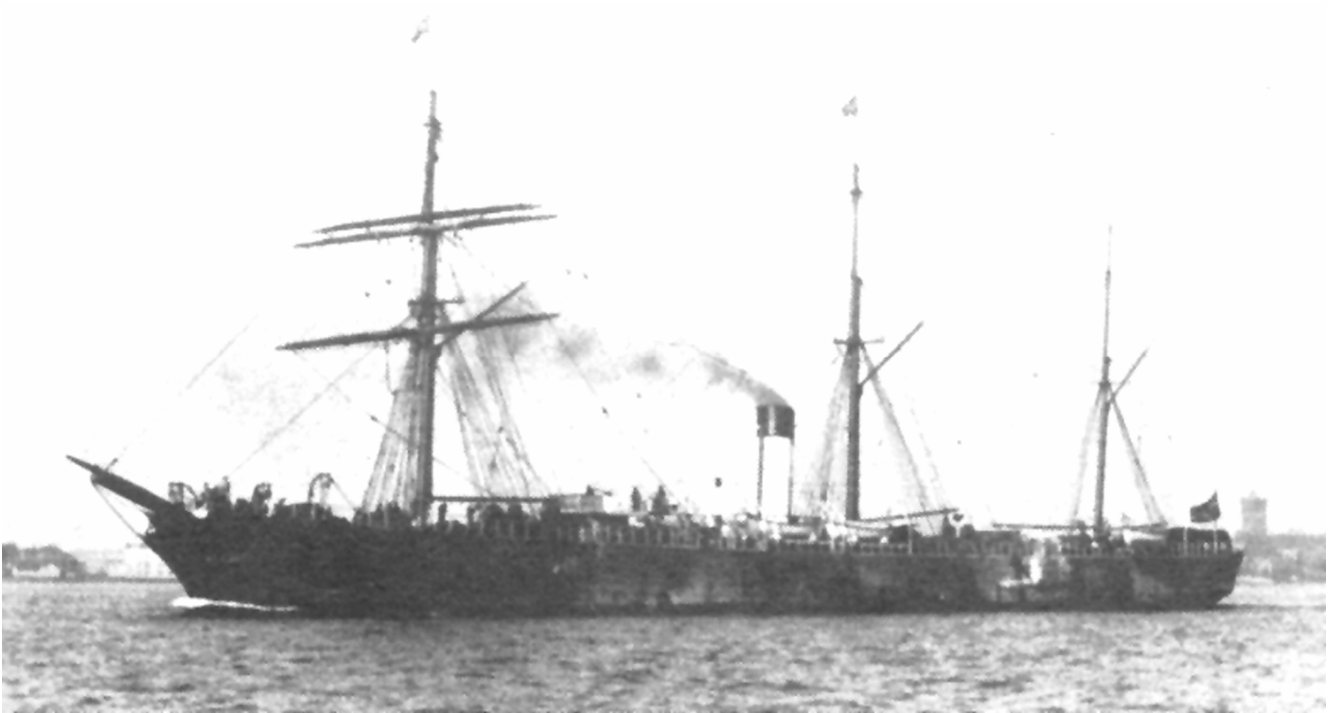
Once they arrived back at the Rochester Depot, Adriaan began showing people his paper with instructions on how to contact his brother, John Van Doorn. People were on their way to work and showed little interest. Eventually someone said yes they knew the Van Doorns, and led the family to the John Van Doorn residence. John's wife, Maatje, then accompanied the family back to the depot to collect their belongings.

So to recap: Adriaan Van Doorn was forced to leave his wife at the docks of Liverpool, effectively making him a widower with four children. He boarded a ship that was turned around at sea due to an outbreak of cholera and was placed in quarantine for three weeks. He resumed the journey to America, and then watched in horror as two of his children were carried away on a train just as they were to reach their final destination. He chased down the train, retrieved his other children, walked back to the depot, and begged for assistance in finding his brother in a large city, with no knowledge of the English language.

His faith surely tested, lesser men would have failed.



**S.S. HELVETIA, 1864 National Line**



The SS Helvetia

## LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES

Most European immigrants, including the Dutch, were rural people from isolated areas. They valued an ordered, traditional society based on kinship, village and church. When these people emigrated, they sought to transplant their village cultures, religion, and family networks.<sup>29</sup> This was especially true of the Dutch. Most were not innovators, but rather conservatives seeking to maintain their culture in a new environment, where they could enjoy greater economic and religious freedoms.<sup>30</sup> Robert Swierenga, a noted researcher of Dutch immigration, remarked about it, saying the Dutch Protestant immigrants were the most “clannish” of all the European peoples.<sup>31</sup>

For our Van Doorn immigrants:

- ❑ The *village* is well documented: Rochester, New York, then Grand Rapids, Michigan and finally Coopersville, Michigan
- ❑ The *family network* is clear: Adriaan’s brother John was already living in Rochester, NY.
- ❑ The *church* is also well documented: First Reformed Church of Rochester, Third Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, and later Coopersville Reformed Church

The *church* is important. Although economics tended to explain the “why” of emigration, religion tended to explain the “how.” Religious institutions facilitated the move, guided people to specific destinations, and influenced the pace of adjustment to the new land.<sup>32</sup>

According to Swierenga, the church community was a “shelter in a time of storm”, a provider of benevolent and charitable services, an employment agency, and the center of social and cultural life. Religious faith offered stability at a time when most immigrants were feeling a sense of loss and “rootlessness.”<sup>33</sup> In Adriaan’s case, the presence of his brother John probably lessened his reliance on the Church somewhat, as compared to other immigrants.

### Religious affiliation

Like his brother John, Adriaan attended services at the First Reformed Church of Rochester. Pew records from the church prove it. In his later years, he was an elder in the Third Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. His association with the Reformed Church was somewhat surprising, as he was “seceder” in The Netherlands. Over three fourths of seceder or separatist immigrants in the period 1857-1880 joined the fledgling Christian Reformed Church upon arrival or shortly thereafter. And a surprising one half of Dutch Reformed immigrants also joined this church. The Christian Reformed Church was clearly seen as the preserver of the Dutch Reformed heritage. Whereas, the Reformed Church was perceived as promoting a quicker assimilation into mainstream American life.<sup>34</sup> Perhaps Adriaan found the religious freedom offered to the Reformed Church in this country sufficient.

### Living Arrangements

Adriaan initially settled in Rochester, New York, remarried and started a second family. He made his living working as a mason. He lived in two different homes, both located near his brother John and the First Reformed Church of Rochester. Some years later, Grand Rapids was reported to have a great demand for furniture makers. In 1876, Martin, the oldest son,

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<sup>29</sup> Faith and Family: Dutch Immigration and Settlement in the United States, 1820 - 1920, Robert P. Swierenga, Holmes & Meier, New York/London, 2000, page 4-5.

<sup>30</sup> Ibid, page 80.

<sup>31</sup> The Dutch in America: Immigration, Settlement, and Cultural Change, Robert P. Swierenga, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1985, page 35.

<sup>32</sup> Faith and Family: Dutch Immigration and Settlement in the United States, 1820 - 1920, Robert P. Swierenga, Holmes & Meier, New York/London, 2000, page 153.

<sup>33</sup> Ibid

<sup>34</sup> Ibid, page 187.

moved to the Grand Rapids area to verify these reports. He confirmed that business was brisk and there were great opportunities for furniture factory workers. Adriaan and his family moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1879.

David Vanderstel, in his study of the Dutch in Grand Rapids (1850 - 1900), identified twelve distinct neighborhoods, each composed mainly of immigrants from specific communities and regions in the Netherlands. While it would be accurate to characterize each neighborhood as "little Holland", it would be more accurate to characterize each as "little Zeeland" or "little Groningen."<sup>35</sup> Unlike the Dutch immigrants in the Holland, Michigan area, Grand Rapids Dutch immigrants did not show a propensity to align themselves according to their old villages. However, they did align themselves according to their old provinces.<sup>36</sup>

Each neighborhood was not merely an aggregate of Netherlands people residing on adjacent city block, but rather each Dutch neighborhood possessed certain characteristics that distinguished it from others, such as provincial origin, years since emigration, occupation, among others.<sup>37</sup>

Zeelanders comprised forty percent of the Dutch households in the city's population. They tended to emigrate from specific communities, most located in the northern part of the province. One of these communities was Oud-Vossemeer.<sup>38</sup>

Initially, Adriaan Van Doorn settled in a neighborhood identified by Vanderstel as the East-Wealthy neighborhood so named because of the streets that intersected there. The majority of the residents were unskilled laborers from the province of Groningen.

A few years later, Adriaan and his family moved to the "Fulton-Lake" neighborhood. The Fulton-Lake community was founded in about 1880.<sup>39</sup> The vast majority of its households were from the province of Zeeland.<sup>40</sup> The neighborhood contained a large number of skilled furniture workers.<sup>41</sup>

According to an account published in the Grand Rapids Evening News, "the houses on the narrow courts and alleys are so close together that in many cases if a busy housewife should discover that she was out of tea, she could borrow from a neighbor without leaving the house. All she would have to do would be to raise the window of her kitchen and stretch a little. The entire district is as densely populated as a beehive and on a summer's day it resembles one, with countless persons bustling in and out and scores of children playing in the roadway."<sup>42</sup>

Lots in the Dutch neighborhoods of Rochester and Grand Rapids were typically 50 feet wide. By today's standards we might consider this congested or crowded. However, homes in the cities and villages of the Netherlands were built up against each other, with no space in between. The only way to get to the backyard was to go in through the front door and out the back door. The poor typically shared a home with others who were not members of the family.

Measured against these standards, the Van Doorn's living conditions and overall quality of life improved dramatically as the result of their immigration to the United States.

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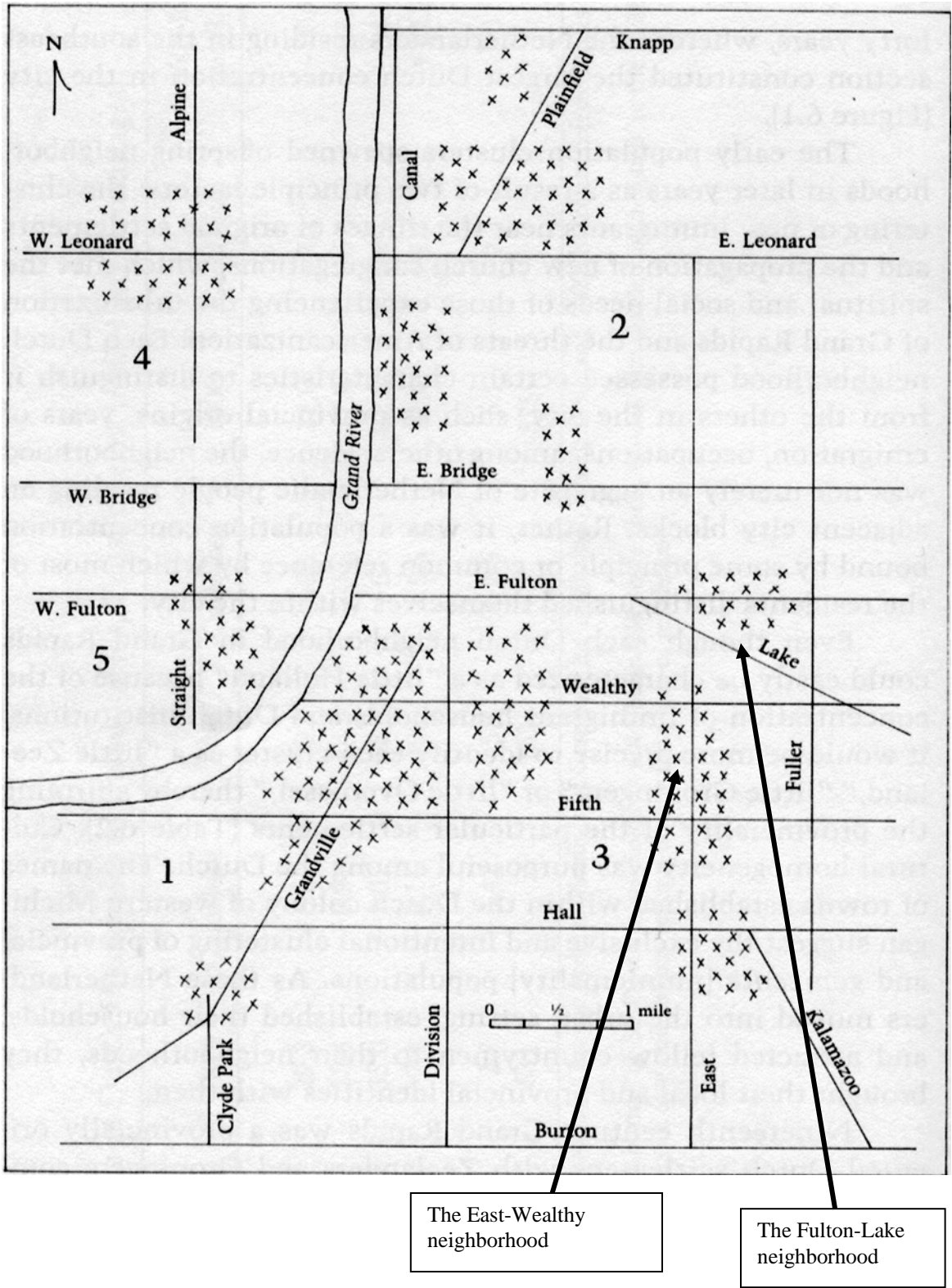
<sup>38</sup> Ibid

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<sup>40</sup> Ibid, page 135.

<sup>41</sup> Ibid, page 137.

<sup>42</sup> Grand Rapids Evening News, August 17, 1901



Map of the Dutch neighborhoods in Grand Rapids circa 1900.<sup>43</sup>

<sup>43</sup> The Dutch in America: Immigration, Settlement, and Cultural Change, Robert P. Swierenga, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1985, page 132.

## Adriaan and Jannetje/Elizabeth Van Doorn

| Name                             | Occupation   | Date of Birth | Birthplace             | Date of Death | Notes   |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---|
| Adriaan Van Doorn                | Shopkeeper,<br>Laborer,<br>Bricklayer,<br>Factory Worker | Aug 8, 1822   | Oud-Vossemeer          | Dec 15, 1896  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| Jannetje Quakkelaar – First wife | Maid,<br>Housekeeper                                     | Oct 3, 1821   | Sint Maartensdijk      | 1866          |   |
| Adriaan                          | Son  | Mar 26, 1850  | Oud-Vossemeer          | Feb 3, 1852   |   |
| Adriana (Jane)                   | Daughter   | Mar 2, 1853   | Oud-Vossemeer          | Mar 16, 1886  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| Dingena (Dina) Cornelia          | Daughter   | Jul 7, 1855   | Oud-Vossemeer          | Sep 29, 1908  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| Marinus (Martin)                 | Son  | Jan 11, 1858  | Oud-Vossemeer          | Dec 18, 1948  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| Cornelia Johanna                 | Daughter   | Feb 2, 1861   | Oud-Vossemeer          | Feb 28, 1865  |   |
| Jannetje Johanna                 | Daughter   | Mar 20, 1864  | Oud-Vossemeer          | Sep 13, 1864  |   |
| Magdalena Jacoba                 | Daughter   | Mar 20, 1864  | Oud-Vossemeer          | ?????         |   |
| Elizabeth Westveer – Second Wife | Housekeeper  | Apr 11, 1836  | Veere, The Netherlands | Jan 8, 1892   | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| Arnold John                      | Son  | Jul 19, 1868  | Rochester, New York    | Jul 21, 1881  | Died of Drowning                                      |
| Johanna                          | Daughter   | Sep 16, 1869  | Rochester, New York    | ?????         | Baptized on Oct 10, 1869.                             |
| Cornelia Johanna                 | Daughter   | Dec 30, 1870  | Rochester, New York    | May 15, 1872  | Baptized Jan 29, 1871.                                |
| John Jacob                       | Son  | Sep 26, 1872  | Rochester, New York    | Dec 26, 1942  | Buried in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.                       |
| William (Will)                   | Son  | Mar 15, 1874  | Rochester, New York    | Oct 21, 1942  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| Elizabeth Johanna (Liz)          | Daughter   | Mar 8, 1876   | Rochester, New York    | Feb 19, 1945  | Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit, MI         |

Jannetje Quakkelaar moved to Oud-Vossemeer from Sint Annaland on May 3, 1846. She was employed as a dienstkeeper or maid. She was the daughter of Cornelis and Dingena Quakkelaar. Adriaan and Jannetje were married on October 27, 1849 in Oud-Vossemeer.

They resided at 153 Achterstraat in the village of Old-Vossemeer. Adriaan, like his father Marinus, generally listed his occupation as a “winkelier” or shopkeeper. At times he also gave his occupation as “arbeider” or laborer.

Catherina Quakkelaar, an aunt of Jannetje, came to live with them on May 1, 1862.

Adriaan Van Doorn, his wife and four children, left Oud-Vossemeer on April 19, 1866 bound for North America.

MODEL LITT. L. L.  
Art. 200 der Wet van 1817.  
N<sup>o</sup>. J.

Gratis.



**NATIONALE MILITIE.**  
**PROVINCIE ZEELAND.**  
**CERTIFICAAT.**

SIGNALEMENT.

Lengte { 1 El.  
5 Palm.  
1 Duim.  
7 Streep.

Aangezicht *ovaal*  
Voorhoofd *ordinaar*  
Oogen *blauw*  
Neus *spits*  
Mond *spoot*  
Kin *lemaal*  
Haar *on*  
Wenkbrauwen *lichtbruin*  
Merkbare teekenen *—*

Handteekening.

*A. P. Doorn*

Geregistreerd No. 1358.

DE STAATSRaad GOVERNEUR VAN DE  
PROVINCIE ZEELAND

verklaart, dat *Adriaan van Doorn*,  
geboren te *Oudvoerse*, den *2 Augustus 1822*,  
van beroep *arbeider*,  
Zoon van *Marinus*,  
en van *Mariana van den Broek*,  
van beroep *wide overzager*, wende te  
in het jaar 18 *41* in de Gemeente *Oudvoerse*,  
voor de Nationale Militie is ingeschreven; dat aan hem vervol-  
gens bij de Loting is ten deele gevallen het Nummer *14*  
het welke tot heden niet opgeroepen zijde, hem tot geene  
dienst heeft verplicht.

Gegeven te **MIDDELBURG** den *1 October 33 40*.

De STAATSRaad GOVERNEUR voornoemd

*M. van den Broek*

This is Adriaan Van Doorn's Military Certificate. All males in The Netherlands were required to serve a five year term, unless a replacement could be found for an agreed upon sum of money. The document shows Adriaan was to begin his service in 1841. In addition, the document provides us with our only description of Adriaan, since no picture of him has ever been located. He was a mere 5 feet 1 inch in height, with blue eyes and light brown hair. He had an oval shaped face and a pointed chin.

BOORTE GEBORENEN.

M. J. Doorn  
M. J. Doorn  
M. J. Doorn

Heden den *12de* Maand *18* van de maand *Augustus* des Jaars  
achtien honderd twee en twintig, des *12de* Maand *18* uren, compareerde voor mij  
*van de Gemeente Breda* District *van de Gemeente Breda*, Provincie  
Zeeland, *Marinus van Doorn* oud *regermeester* Jaren, van Beroep  
*arbitrair* wonende te *Breda* *Arbitrair* dewelke mij heeft aange-  
boden een Kind van de *mammelyke* Sekse geboren den *achtste*  
van de maand *Augustus* des Jaars *achtien honderd twee en twintig*,  
te *Breda*, *ten 12de* uren, in den *Arbitrair* Wijk  
Nummer *43* met *hien* Component *van de Gemeente Breda*  
*van de Gemeente Breda*, *lyce* *huwtrout* *innende* *maand*  
*te Breda*

en waaraan *by* verklaart te geven den Naam van *Adriaan*  
welke aangifte is gedaan ten bijwezen van *Marinus Lindhout*  
oud *regermeester* Jaren, van Beroep *Regermeester* wonende te *Breda*,  
*Arbitrair*, en van *Jacob Gero* *oud rector*  
Jaren, van Beroep *Schoolmeester* wonende te *Breda*  
Getuigen hier toe verzocht. — En is deze Akte van *geboorte* na gedane voorlezing,  
door mij, benevens de Declarant en Getuigen, getekend.

M. J. Doorn

M. Lindhout

J. Gero

M. J. Doorn  
M. J. Doorn

The birth record of Adriaan Van Doorn

Deen Heden den zeven entwintichsten van de maand October des jaars  
duisend acht honderd negentien, verschenen voor mij Burgemeester  
Ambtenaar van den Burgerlijken Stand van de gemeente Oud-voorschoten  
Provincie Zeeland, in het openbaar het gemeente huis: Adriaan van  
Doorn  
 oud zeven entwintig jaren,  
 geboren te Oud-voorschoten, van beroep woolwinder  
 wonende te Oud-voorschoten een straat ongehuwd  
Doorn is de zoon van Marinus van Doorn  
Regeerdt overleden alhier  
 ter eene; en Jannetje Quakelaar  
 oud acht entwintig jaren, geboren te Sint-Maartensdijk, van  
 beroep diensmeester, wonende te Oud-voorschoten, in de  
ongehuwd  
is de dochter van Coenraad Quakelaar, boer en meester  
in Sint-Maartensdijk en van Dinagrad Hester, overleden te  
Sint-Maartensdijk  
 ter andere zijde; welke mij verzocht hebben, tot de voltrekking van hun voorgenomen huwelijk over  
 te gaan.  
 Vervolgens door mij gelet zijnde  
 1<sup>o</sup> Op de door ieder der aenstaande echtgenooten vreeg bruytje  
 gehuwd achten.  
 2<sup>o</sup> Op de bezwaren een vriedelidende staande het afsterven der overleden  
 vaders en aenstaande echtgenooten, welke hiinnen toestemming tot  
 zijn huwelijck zoudde hebben moeten geven.  
 3<sup>o</sup> Op de vriedelidende verklaring van den vader van de een  
 staande echtgenoot, diest hij tot het huwelijck een zijne dochter  
 zijne toestemming geeft.  
 4<sup>o</sup> Op het bezwaren van overleden staande het afsterven der overleden  
 vaders de aenstaande echtgenooten, welke hiere toestemming tot hun  
 huwelijck zoudde hebben moeten geven.  
 5<sup>o</sup> Op de vriedelidende verklaring van vrie gelijcke hier tegenover  
 dieg welke mij heeft over hoofd hebben te kunnen geven dat de een  
 vaders Dinagrad Hester in de echt van gehuwd en die van Dina  
Hester, in de echt van vriedelidende, een end zoudde hebben aenstaande



## The Rochester Years

In 1866, the Van Doorn family settled in Rochester, NY at 40 Tappan Street. Adriaan became a bricklayer. He likely learned the trade from his brother and neighbor John Van Doorn, an established mason in the area.

Adriaan was a widower with four young children. Elizabeth Westveer was a single woman who worked as a live-in servant, keeping house and taking care of children. Elizabeth's mother lived just down the street from Adriaan. Although I have no concrete evidence to prove it, I believe Elizabeth served as the chief caregiver for the Van Doorn family in their early days in Rochester. Adriaan subsequently married Elizabeth, and they started their own family.

Elizabeth's sister, Helena, also lived with the family for a period of time.

The youngest daughter from Adriaan's first marriage, Magdalena, died sometime between 1866 and 1870.

The Van Doorns attended The First Reformed Church of Rochester. The Church served as the religious and social center of life for the Dutch in the Rochester community.<sup>44</sup> Only Dutch was spoken at the Church.<sup>45</sup> There were 230 members in 1871.<sup>46</sup>

The Van Doorn family moved once while in Rochester. In about 1870, they moved from 40 Tappan Street to 62 Hudson Park Avenue. The Hudson Park Avenue street name was later changed to Baden Street.

The 1870 census lists Adriaan's home and personal property at an estimated value of \$1000.

Adriaan purchased the property and home at 62 Baden Street from his brother John on January 1, 1873. The purchase price was \$800. The property fronted the north side of Baden Street and was known officially as lot 77 in Wilson and Emerson's re-allotment of the east part of the A. G. Smith tract.

By 1875 his home and personal property were valued at \$1400.

Adriaan declared his intention to become a US citizen on Oct 19, 1877.

As soon as he was old enough, Martin began work as a painter's apprentice. In 1876, Martin moved to the Grand Rapids, Michigan area<sup>47</sup>. He wrote back that all the furniture factories were busy in Grand Rapids and that they needed workers.

Adriaan sold the property at 62 Baden Street back to his brother John for \$900 on April 1, 1878. He and his family, except for Dina, moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan in the spring of 1879. Dina remained in Rochester and moved with the Albert Claver family to Grand Rapids later in the year.

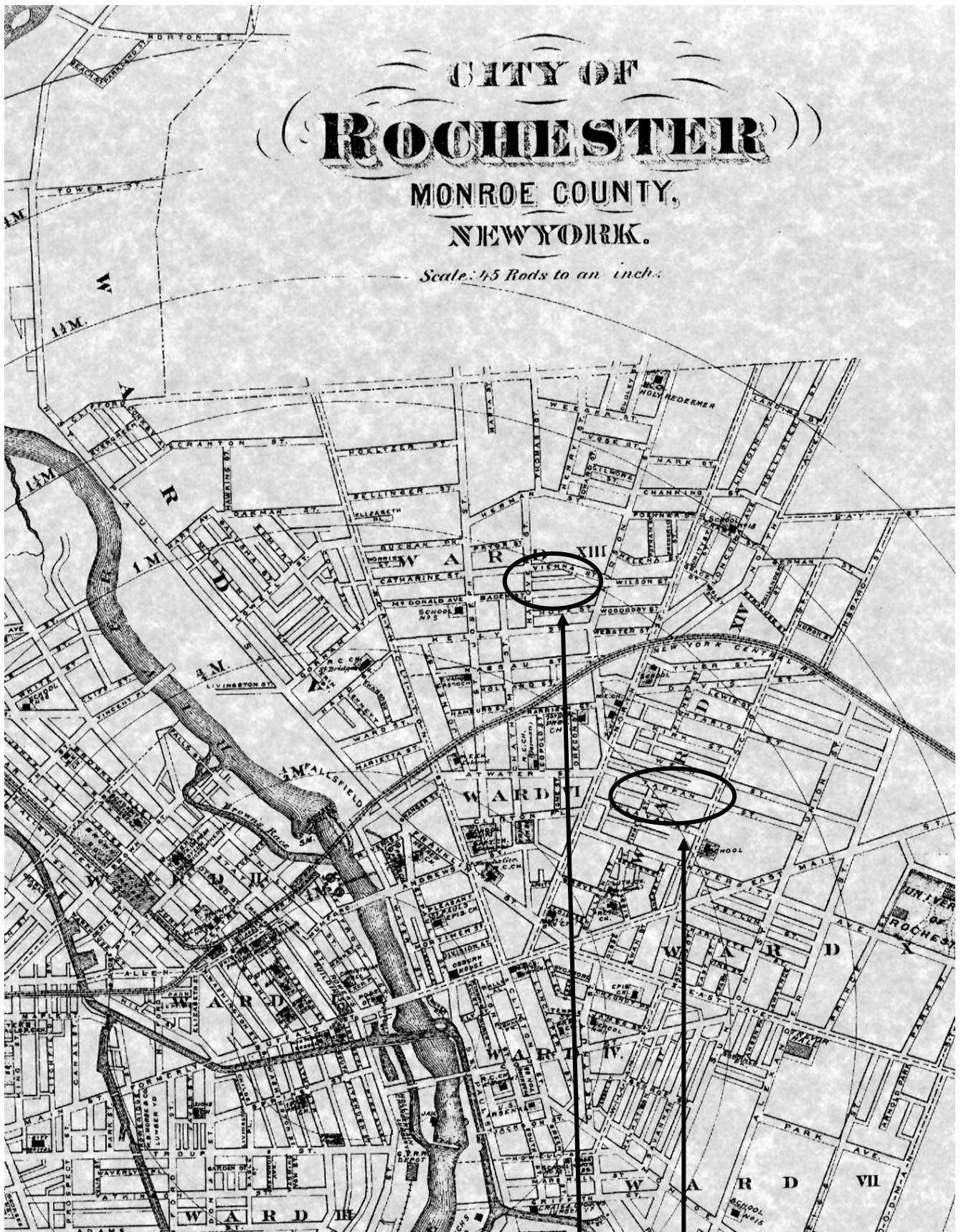
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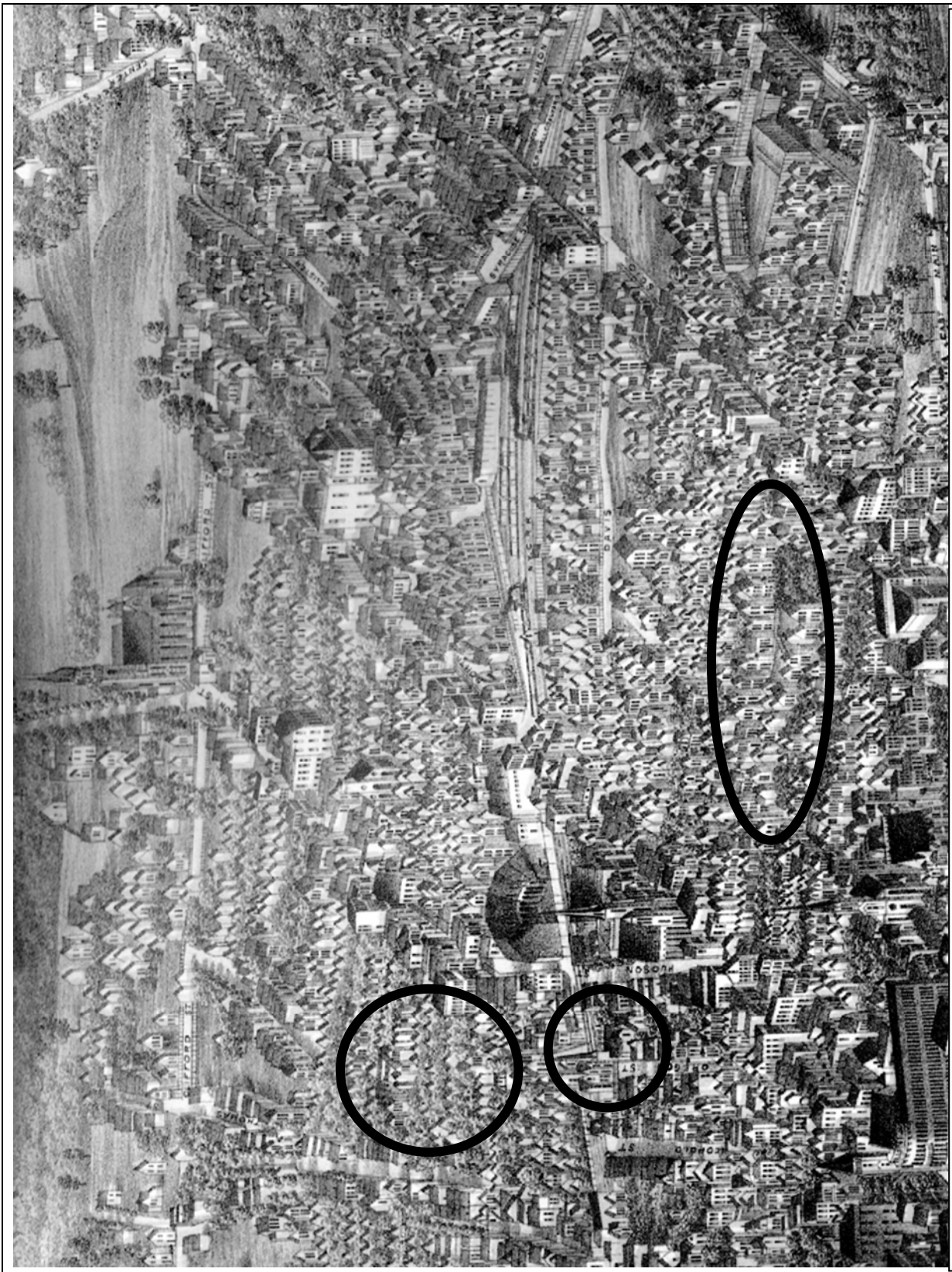
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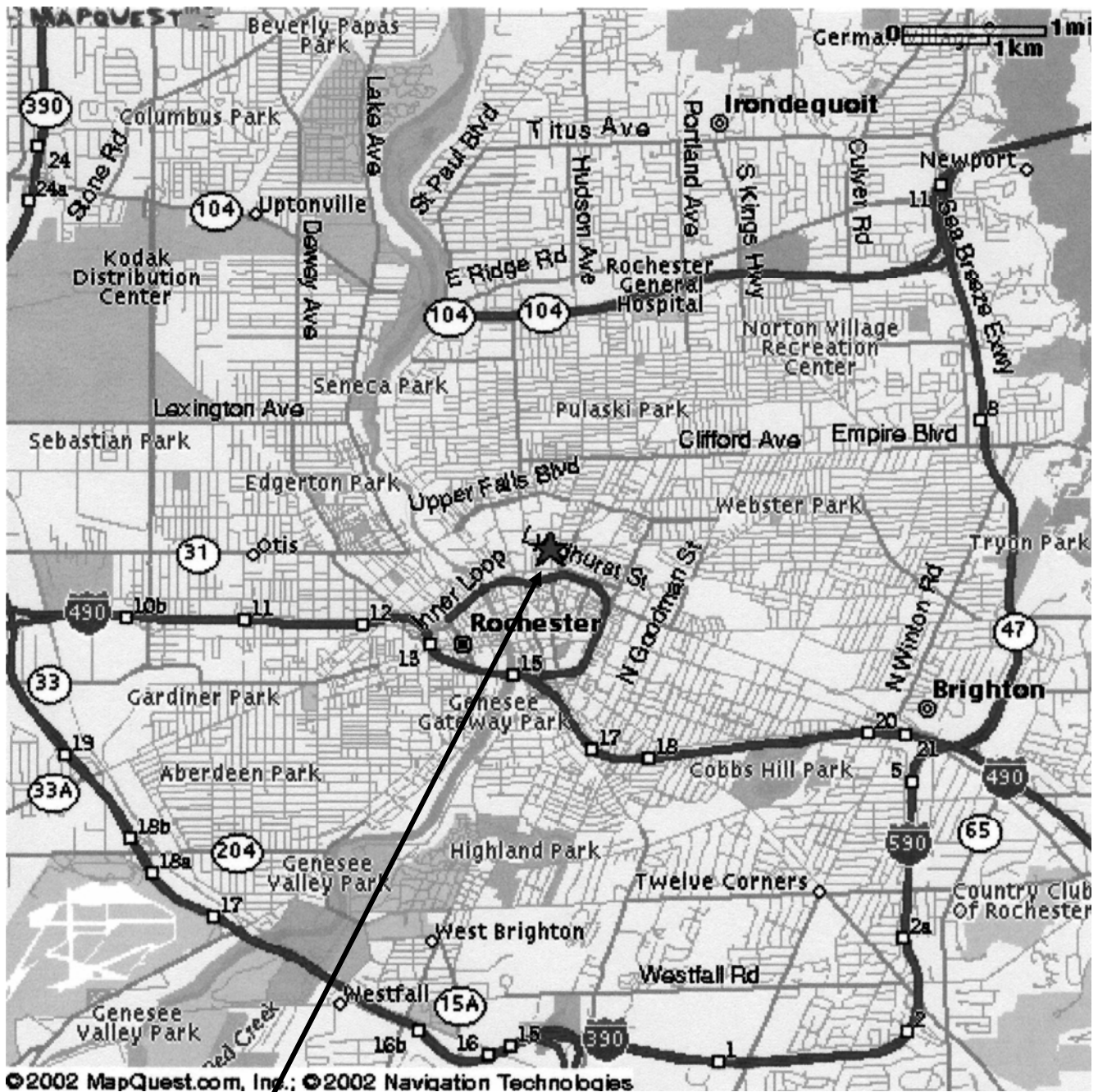
<sup>47</sup> 1876 Rochester City Directory



This is a map of Rochester, New York from 1872. The locations of the Baden Street and Tappan Street neighborhoods have been highlighted.

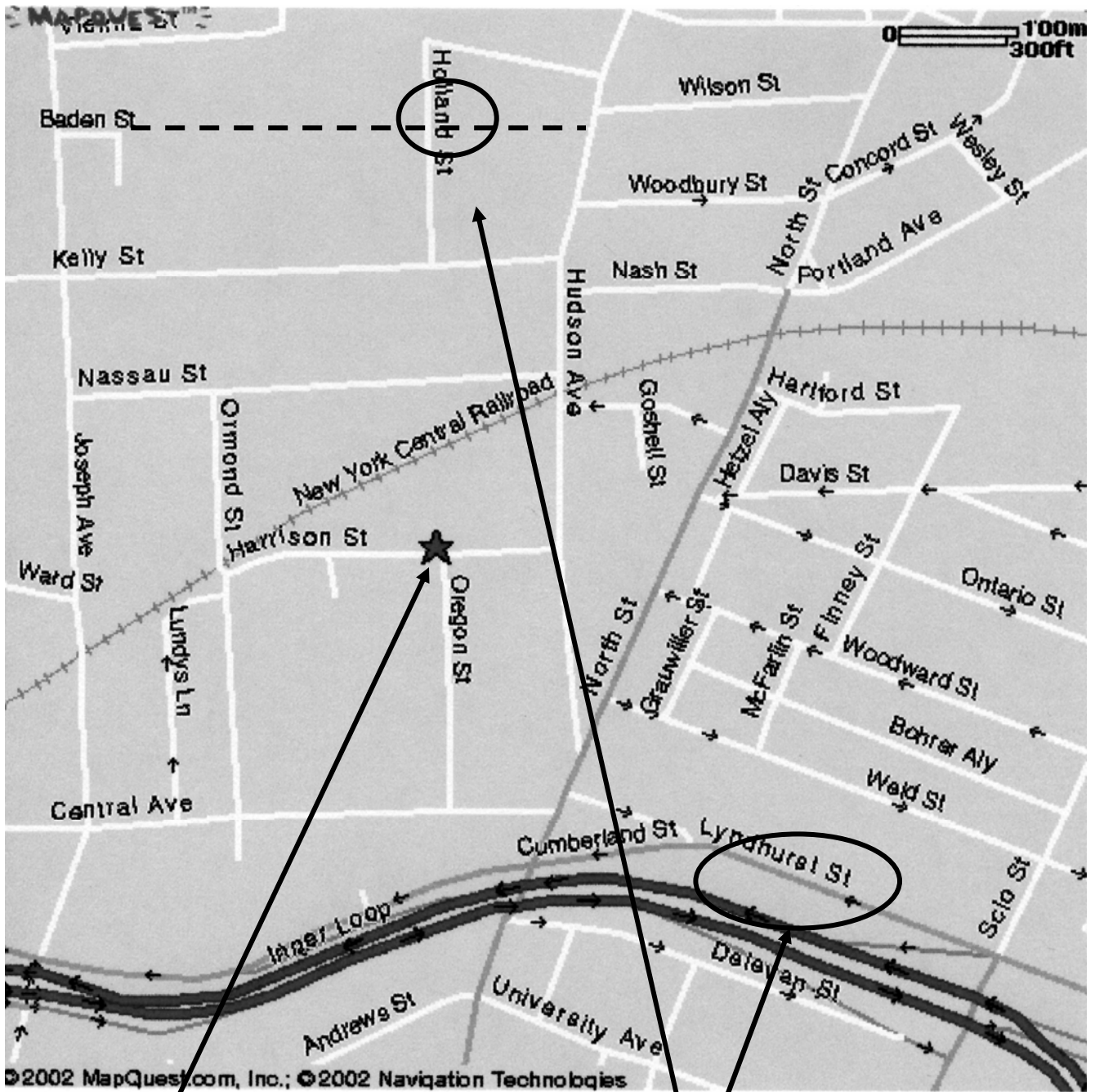


This is a drawing of Rochester, New York in 1880. From this drawing, we can see the neighborhoods where Adrian Van Doorn and his family once lived. The Tappan Street neighborhood was made up of multi-story (and possibly multi-family) "row" houses. The Baden Street neighborhood was composed of one and two story single family homes with many trees. The 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Church of Rochester can also be seen.



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Location of the Adriaan Van Doorn residences from 1866 – 1879 within present day Rochester NY

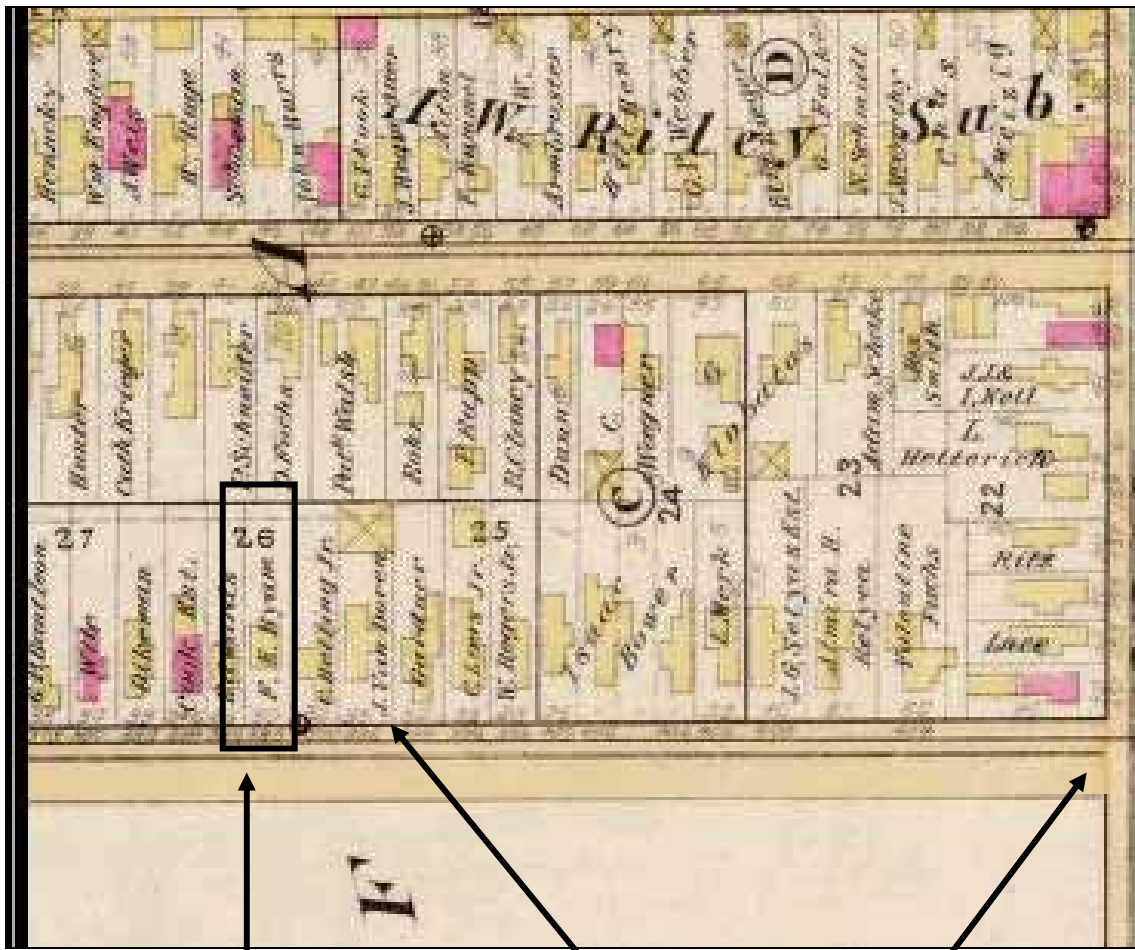


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The First Reformed Church of Rochester was located at the intersection of Oregon and Harrison Streets

While in Rochester, the Adriaan Van Doorn family resided at 40 Tappan Street and 62 Hudson Park Ave (later changed to Baden Street). The name of Tappan Street has since been changed to Lyndhurst Street. Baden Street no longer runs from Joseph to Hudson as it once did. In fact many of the streets that once existed in and around Baden Street are gone.

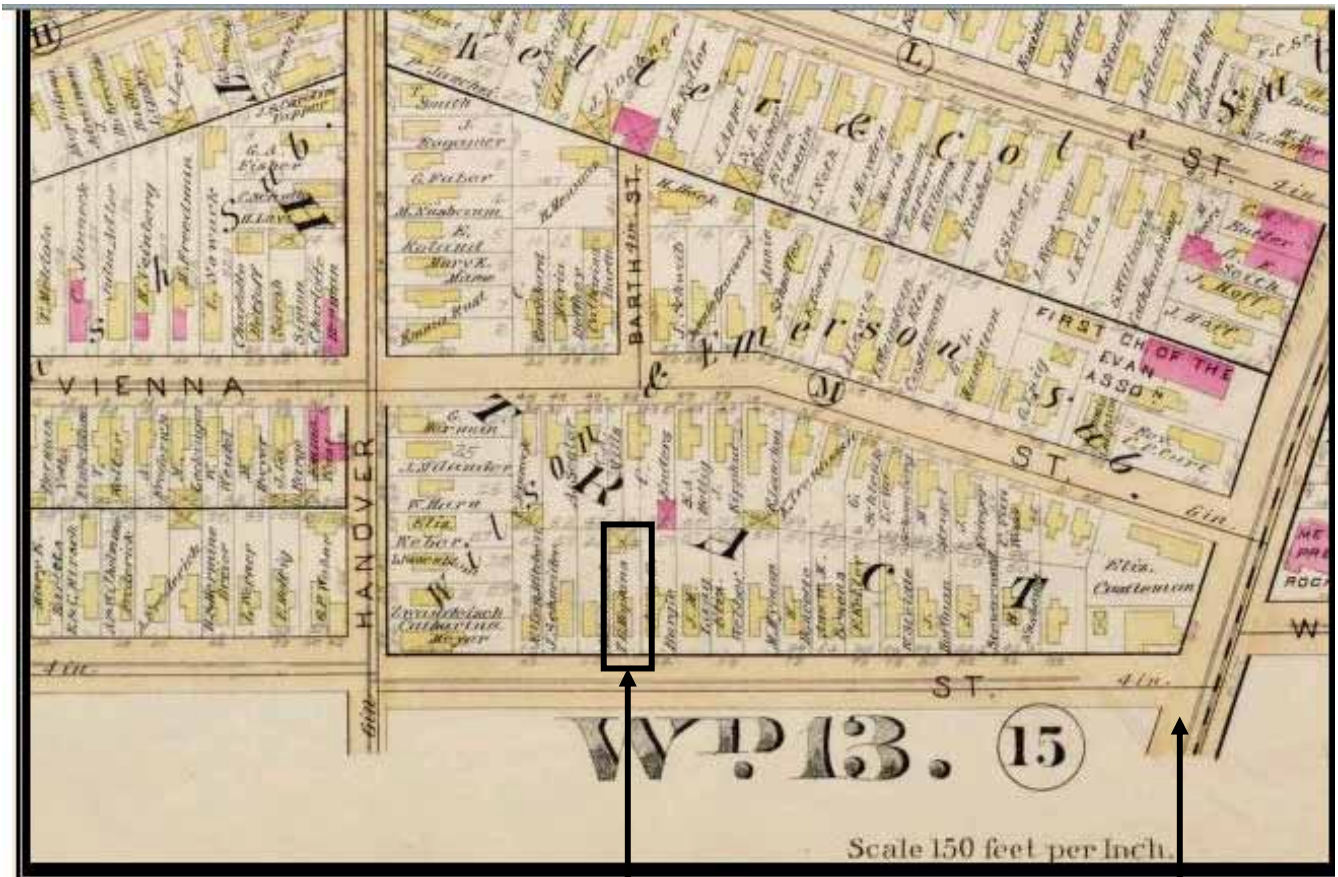


Location of the Adriaan Van Doorn residence at 40 Tappan Street.

Location of John Van Doorn residence at 44 Tappan Street

Corner of Tappan and Scio streets

Plat map from 1888



This is the location of the Adriaan Van Doorn residence at 62 Baden Street as depicted on a plat map from 1888. The lots are extremely narrow at less than 50 feet in width.

Corner of Hudson Avenue and Baden Street

Plat map from 1888



The Baden Street neighborhood was new when the Adriaan Van Doorn family moved there in 1872. It was demolished in 1950 to make way for a low income government housing project. The original caption under this picture described the neighborhood as an “overcrowded slum.”



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This is the only picture of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Church of Rochester that I could find. The church building burned to the ground on April 13, 1909. It looks to have been a fairly simple wood structure.

## The Grand Rapids Years

Adriaan and his family moved to Grand Rapids in 1879. He got a job as a laborer at Nelson, Matter, & Co., a furniture manufacturer. Martin also worked there as a varnisher. They lived at 70 Henry Street. The street address today is 302 Henry Street. Dina worked as a domestic at the home of Wilder D. Stearns, a partner in Foster, Stevens, & Co., a retailer of general hardware and stoves.

The Van Doorns were members of the Third Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. They presented an "attestation" as good Christians to the church's consistory on August 1, 1879. Their membership was formally transferred from First Reformed Church in Rochester on December 7, 1880.

By 1882, Adriaan was working as a polisher. Martin had established his own residence on Dwight Avenue. Both continued to be employed at Nelson, Matter, & Co.

On March 12, 1883, Adriaan purchased Lot 16 (50ft X 144 ft) in block 2 of the Merrill and Nims addition to the City of Grand Rapids from Sewell S. Vaughn of Jackson, MI for the price of \$275. The street address was 57 Congress Avenue. However, the family did not live at this address. They lived at 21 Congress Ave.<sup>48</sup> They continued to live at this address until 1893.

There is no record of Adriaan purchasing the 21 Congress property at the Kent County Clerk's Office. Presumably he rented this property the ten years they lived there. Perhaps it took him this long to raise the funds necessary to build his own home.

Adriaan and Elizabeth Van Doorn adopted their grand daughter, Jennie Te Veldhuis, sometime after her mother's death in 1886.

Adriaan's wife, Elizabeth, died on January 8, 1892 of pneumonia. At the time, Adriaan was working for the Widdicomb Furniture Company. He held the position of "machine head."<sup>49</sup> Presumably he was in charge of one or more machines. His sons, John and William, also worked for the Widdicomb Furniture Company and were still living at home. John was a cabinet maker and William was a machine carver.<sup>50</sup> The Widdicomb factory was several miles from their home. It is likely they either walked or rode a streetcar to and from work.<sup>51</sup>

Adriaan was an elder in the Third Reformed Church of Grand Rapids from 1888 - 1891.<sup>52</sup> The Church was located just a few blocks from his home. Originally known as the Holland Brickyard Church, the far east side of town was known for the large number of brick factories. Elders of the church, not the police or the courts, settled matters of dispute in the Dutch neighborhoods around the church. Such disputes ranged from local grocery debts, trespassing on a neighbor's property, as well as accusations of child mistreatment. Elders also handled spiritual matters such as playing baseball on Sunday, selling milk on the Sabbath, and frequenting the local amusement park.<sup>53</sup>

Church members sacrificed financially and personally for the survival of one another, and it was expected that the individual member would then be committed to the church. It was the duty of the elder to see to it that this commitment was kept.

In 1893, Adriaan and his family moved to 57 Congress Ave. This is the property Adriaan had owned for ten years.

He died on December 15, 1896 of Brights disease (kidney failure).

Adriaan willed his estate to his children and grandchildren. His will was dated October 19, 1892. His estate consisted of \$109 in personal property and the real estate at 57 Congress Avenue. Martin Van Doorn was named the sole executor of the estate and was required to post a bond of \$1,000. The amount of bond was normally set at the approximate value of an estate.

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<sup>48</sup> 1884-85 R. L. Polk & Co.'s Grand Rapids City Directory, R. L. Polk & Co.

<sup>49</sup> 1892 R. L. Polk & Co.'s Grand Rapids City Directory, R. L. Polk & Co.

<sup>50</sup> Ibid

<sup>51</sup> [www.geo.msu.edu](http://www.geo.msu.edu)

<sup>52</sup> History of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Albert Baxter, Munsell & Company, New York & Grand Rapids, 1891

<sup>53</sup> Third Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1875 - 2000

The will lists the benefactors as John Van Doorn, William Van Doorn, Elizabeth Van Doorn, Martin Van Doorn, Dingena Telder and her children, Adriana Jeannette (Jennie) Te Veldhuis Van Doorn, and Gertrude Te Veldhuis.

All the heirs lived in Grand Rapids, except for John, who was living in Benton Harbor, MI.

The will states that Adriaan bequeathed his parlor organ to John, William, and Elizabeth. They also received two thirds share of the estate between them with ten percent of that going to Jennie. Martin and Dingena (and her children) received one third of the estate between them, with one third of that going to Jennie and Gertrude equally.

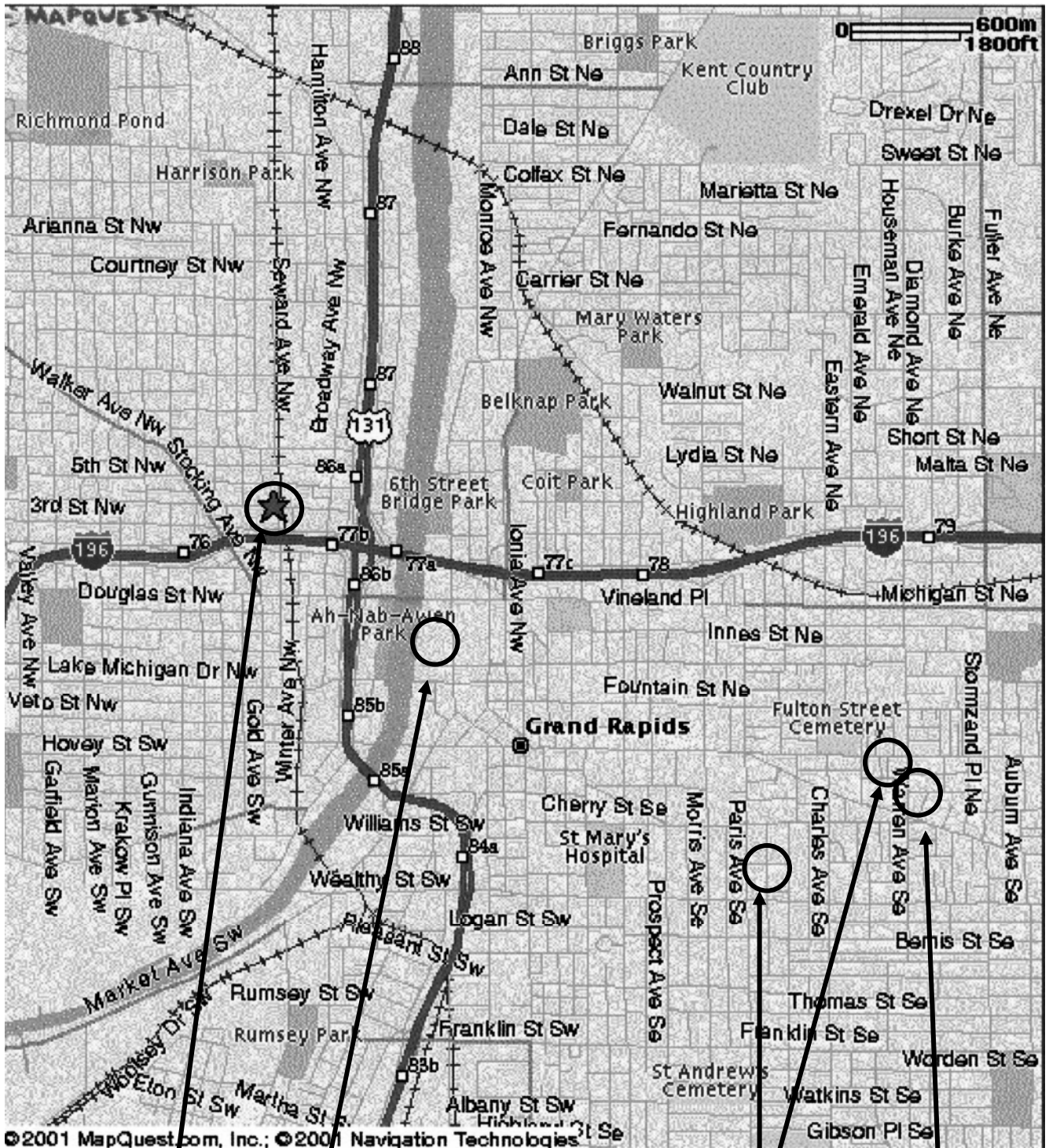
The distribution breaks down as follows:

- John 20%
- William 20%
- Elizabeth 20%
- Martin 11%
- Dingena 11%
- Jennie 11%
- Gertrude 6%

The percentages don't add up to one hundred percent because I rounded off the decimals. The difference between Jennie and Gertrude was made clear by Adriaan in his will. He stated that Jennie was his adopted daughter, as well as his granddaughter.

All heirs sold their share of the 57 Congress Ave. property to Martin for \$1.00. He in turn, sold the entire property to William. Presumably the heirs then split the money per their designated share, though court records only indicate the Probate Court judge was satisfied with the settlement of the estate.

Martin was required by the Court to settle the estate in 18 months. He did it in about seven months.



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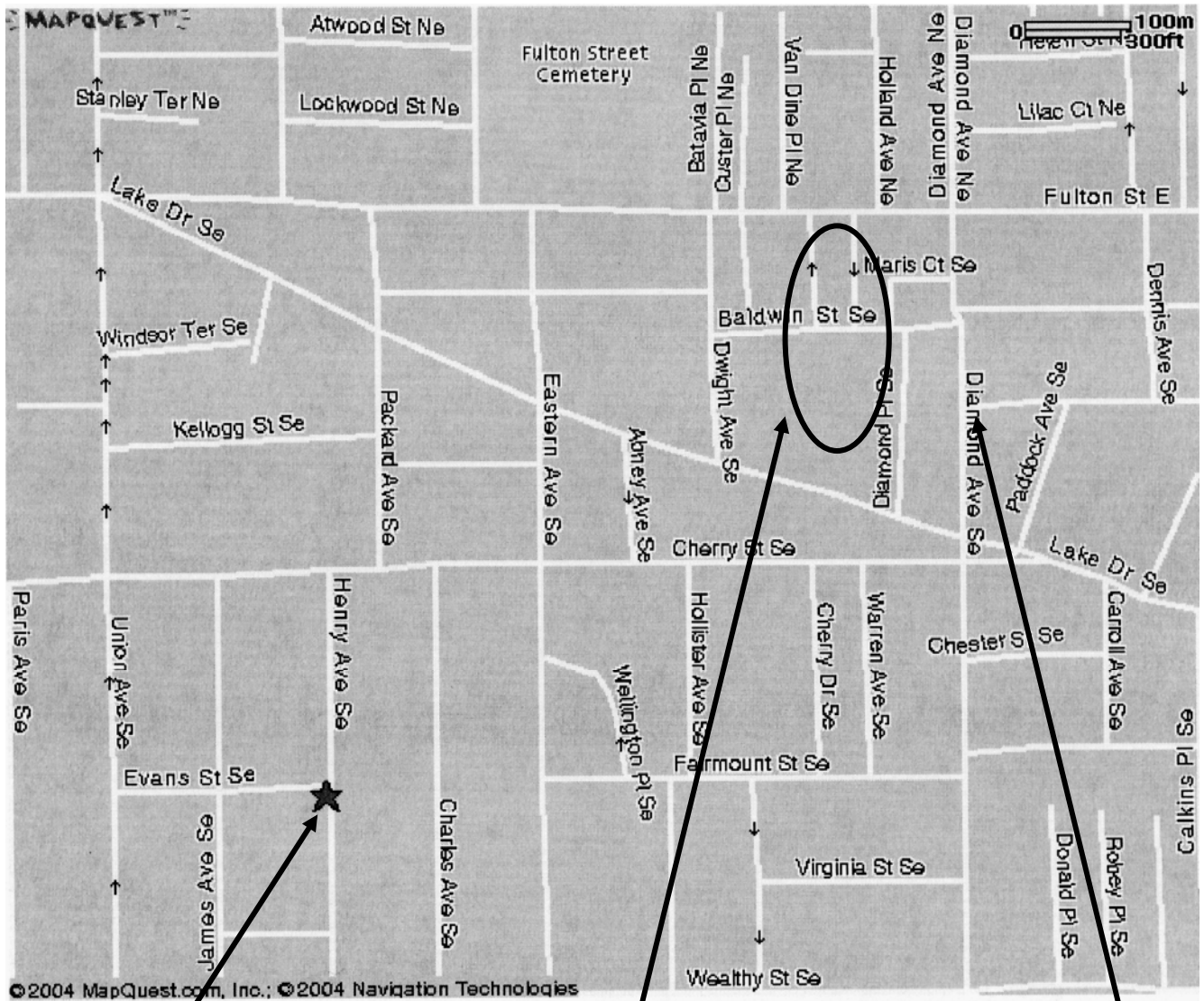
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Location of the Widdicomb Furniture Company

Location of Nelson, Matter & Co.

Location of Adriaan Van Doorn homes  
 - Henry Street  
 - Congress Ave

Location of Third Reformed Church at Diamond and Hermitage

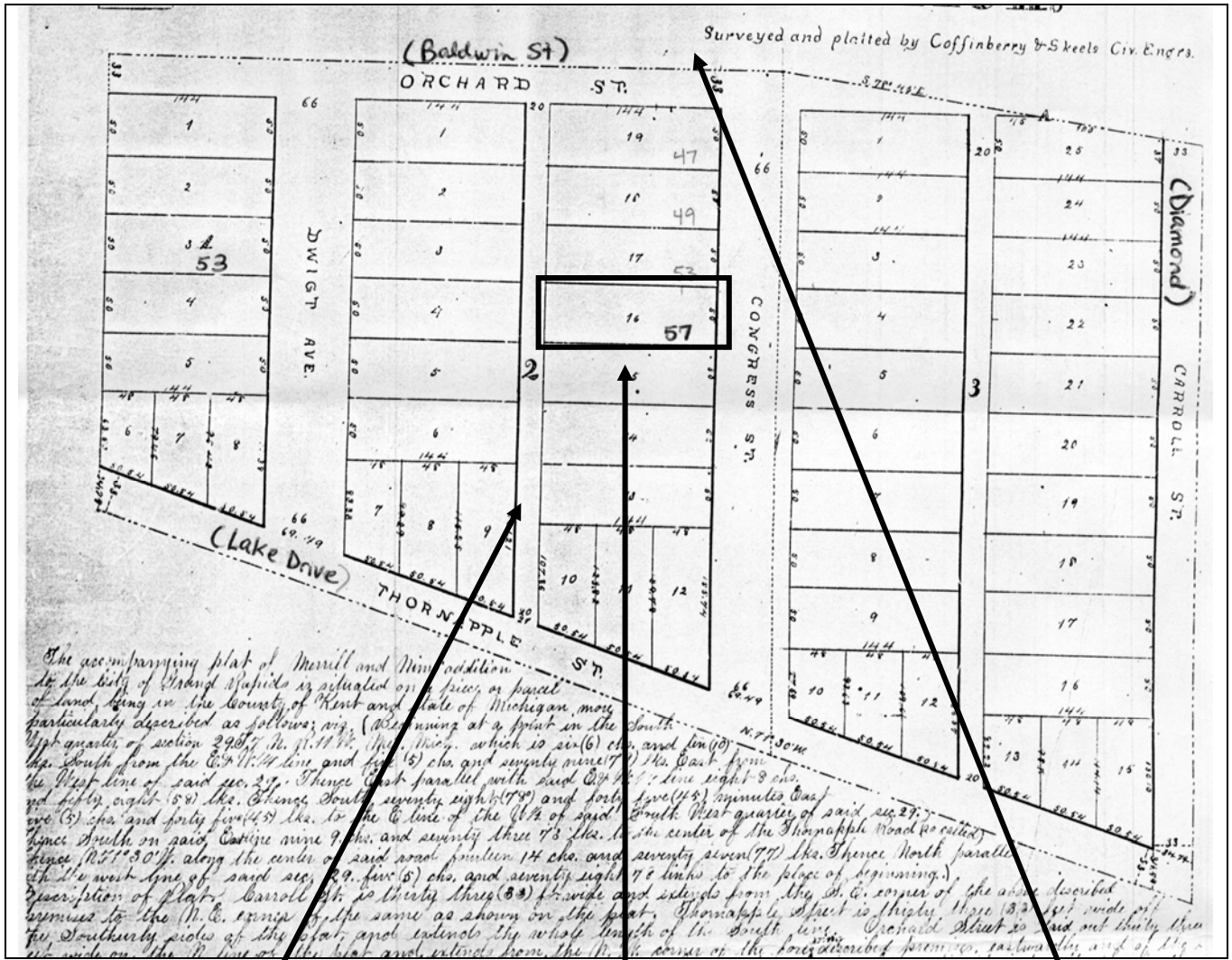


Location of Adriaan Van Doorn's first home in present day Grand Rapids (corner of Evans and Henry) now listed as 302 Henry Street

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Location of the Adriaan Van Doorn homes in the Fulton-Lake neighborhood in present day Grand Rapids.

Location of Third Reformed Church from 1876 – 1968 in present day Grand Rapids.

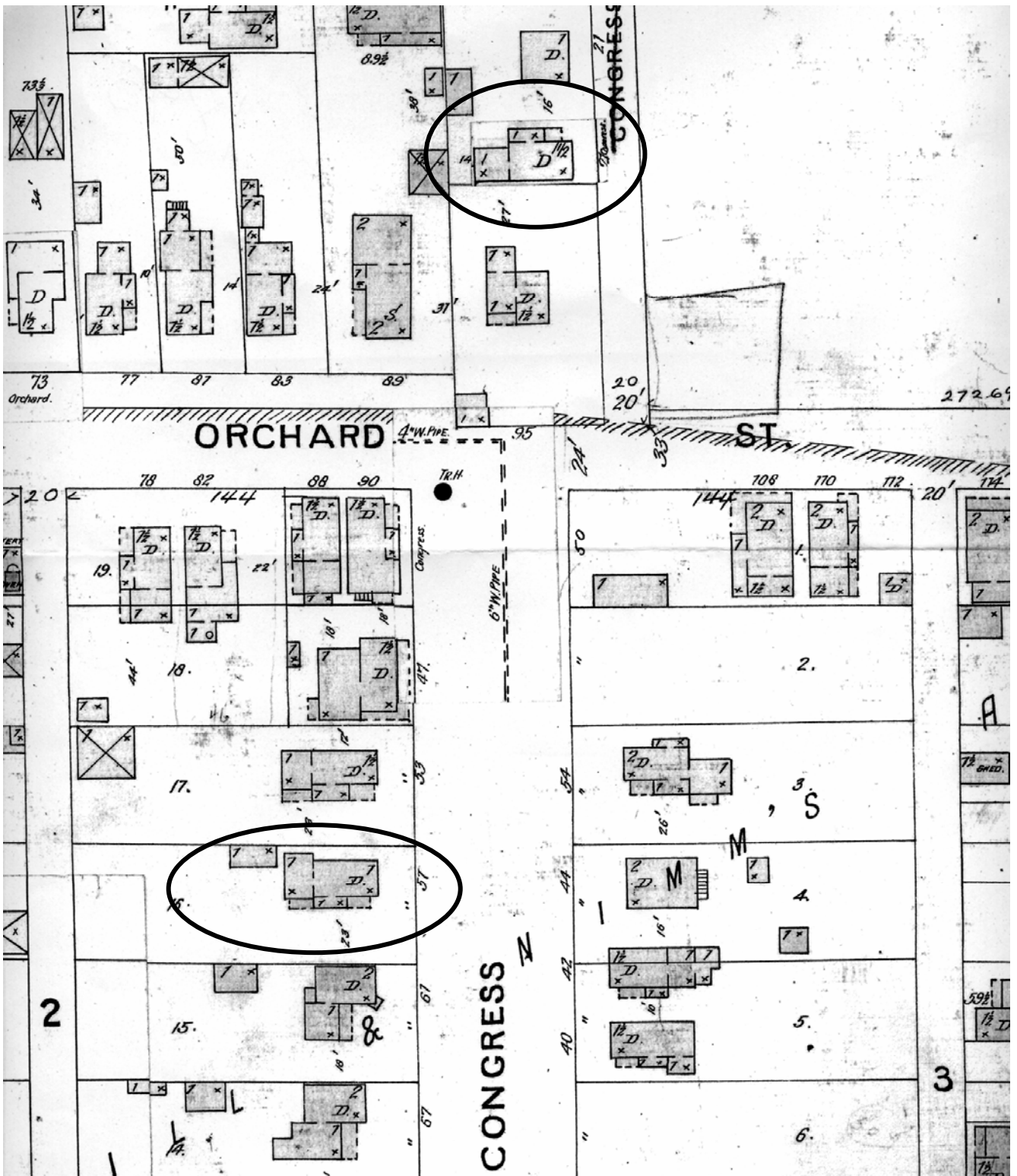


The location of present day Congress Ave. has changed. It is now where the alley used to be. A school takes up a large portion of Block 2.

Location of the Adriaan/William Van Doorn home at 57 Congress Ave. (Block 2 Lot 16 Merrill and Nims Addition) according to the original plat map. In 1920, the street addresses were renumbered. The present day address is 117 Congress Ave. However, the home has since been torn down to make way for a school.

Present day street names have been handwritten onto the map.

21 Congress Ave. is one block North. It retains its original street address.



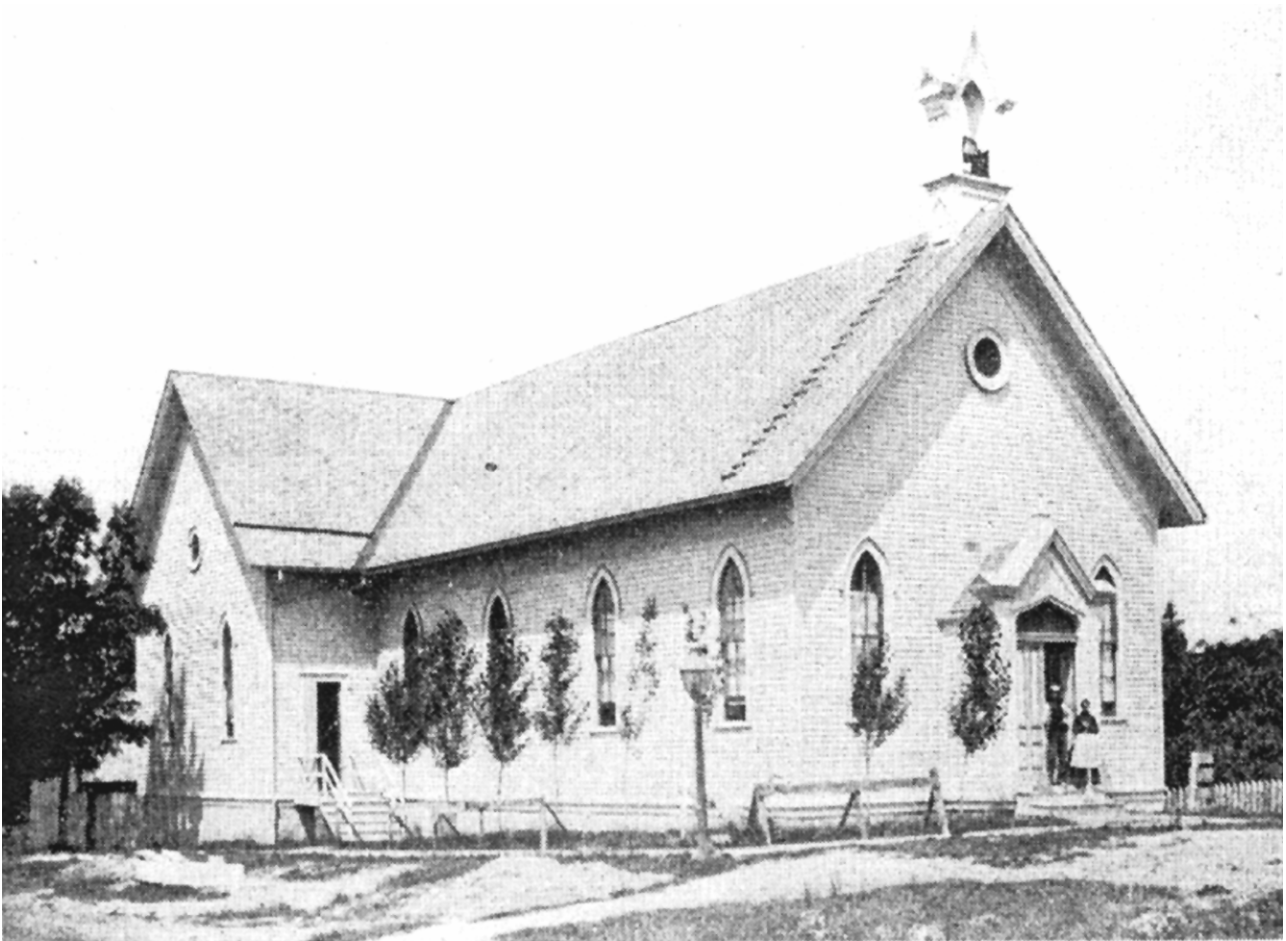
This plat map from 1895 shows the “footprint” of the Adriaan Van Doorn home at 57 Congress Avenue, as well as his previous residence at 21 Congress Avenue.



The former Adriaan Van Doorn home at 21 Congress Ave. It was built in 1880.  
The Van Doorns lived in this house from 1883 – 1893.



The same home in 2006.



Third Reformed Church of Grand Rapids as it looked when the Van Doorns began to worship there in 1879.



The Van Doorn brothers: Martin, John, and William



## William and Katherine/Nellie Van Doorn

| Name                                   | Occupation             | Date of Birth      | Birthplace          | Date of Death | Notes   |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|---|
| William (Will) Van Doorn               | Factory Worker, Farmer | Mar 15, 1874       | Rochester, New York | Oct 21, 1942  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan     |
| Katherine (Katie) Holtman – First wife | Housekeeper            | Apr 5, 1877        | The Netherlands     | Nov 8, 1911   | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan     |
| Arnold                                 | Son                    | Feb 28, 1902       | Grand Rapids, MI    | Jul 8, 1970   |   |
| Gerald (Geb) Adrian                    | Son                    | Aug 12, 1904.      | Grand Rapids, MI    | Nov 9, 1963   |   |
| Harold Martin                          | Son                    | Jan 17, 1906       | Grand Rapids, MI    | May 4, 2001   | Buried in Coopersville Cemetery in Coopersville, Michigan |
| Nellie Rookus – Second Wife            | Housekeeper            | Approximately 1879 |                     | Oct 9, 1949   | Buried in Zeeland Cemetery in Zeeland, Michigan           |

William Van Doorn was born March 15, 1874 in Rochester, New York. He was baptized as “Willem Van Doorn” on April 26, 1874 at the First Reformed Church of Rochester, New York. He moved with his family from Rochester to Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1879.

After Adriaan’s death in 1896, William became the guardian of Jennie Van Doorn. On October 1, 1897, he purchased the 57 Congress Avenue property (Lot 16 Block 2 of the Merrill and Nims addition to the City of Grand Rapids) from Martin Van Doorn for the price of \$1000.

In 1900, William was still a single man at age 26 working at a furniture factory in Grand Rapids. He lived with his niece, Jennie Van Doorn, at 57 Congress Avenue.

William Van Doorn and Katherine (Katie) Holtman were married by the Rev. James Ossewaarde on November 8, 1900 at the Bethany Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Bethany Reformed Church was founded in 1893 by members of Third Reformed Church as an English speaking alternative to the Dutch services offered by Third Reformed.

In 1906, William and his family were still living at 57 Congress Ave. He worked at the Nelson-Matter Furniture Company as a “carver.”<sup>54</sup> Jennie Van Doorn continued living with the family until 1908 when she married Dirk Isenga. She was employed at the Herold-Bertsch Shoe Company.

William lost his first wife, Katherine, at an early age. Jeannette Isenga said of her Aunt Kate, “in 1911 all the furniture factories in Grand Rapids were laying workers off. Widdicomb [Furniture Company] went into receivership. My mother believed this caused Aunt Kate’s problem. The problem at the furniture factory [where Will worked] caused her to worry how she and Will could feed, clothe, and educate their family. That was uppermost in her mind. In the past, she had been prone to bouts of depression during the change of seasons. She was depressed in the Spring and again in the Fall.

She stayed with my (Jeannette’s) parents a short while and was content carrying my sister Marion around. Neighbors asked my Mother if she wasn’t afraid that Kate would harm the baby. Mom said no. She is content. At the last she refused to eat. Aunt Lizzie came from Detroit to try to get her to eat. But she would not. She believed they were trying to poison her.”

My grandfather’s (Harold Van Doorn) earliest childhood memory was that of her funeral, specifically the black horse-drawn wagon carrying her coffin, moving slowly down the street to the cemetery.

<sup>54</sup> R.L. Polk’s 1906 Grand Rapids City Directory, The Grand Rapids Directory Company

William married his second wife, Nellie Rookus, on February 19, 1914. Nellie did not like city life. William gave up his job at the furniture factory, sold his home at 57 Congress Avenue, and purchased a 20 acre farm at 571 Center Street on the outskirts of Coopersville, Michigan. Kent County records show that William and Nellie sold the 57 Congress Ave. property on May 1, 1917 to Charles and Lillian Foth for an undisclosed sum.

The very same day, the Van Doorns purchased the Coopersville farm from George Worden for what appears to be the assumption of Mr. Worden's \$2200 mortgage. After he moved to Coopersville, William made his living as a farmer selling milk, eggs and cucumbers, among other things. My grandfather jokingly called it his "pickle patch."

The 1918 Ottawa County directory shows that William owned 1 horse and 3 cows.

In 1920, the former Van Doorn home at 57 Congress Avenue was destroyed to make way for a school.

Jeannette Isenga described Will as a very quiet, calm, pleasant man. Will was small in stature. He was idolized by his niece Jennie Van Doorn. The general consensus among the family is that he was not a very good farmer. However, he was able to eke out a living.

Jeannette described Nellie as a nervous, fidgety person. Nellie got along with Geb, but did not get along with either Arnold or Harold. In fact, Arnold refused to move with the family from Grand Rapids to Coopersville.

William died of a heart attack while trying to extricate a wagon that had become stuck in the mud. After his death, Nellie kept their two milk cows and about 100 chickens. She didn't like to milk the cows because it made her nervous. Harold and Gerald milked the cows for a short period of time. However, Gerald had to be away for a while for health reasons and Harold's schedule required he be at work at 6 AM. So Nellie sold the cows, but kept the chickens. She sold the eggs to the local A&P grocery store.

Nellie sold the farm to Simon and Albertha Vander Ploeg on March 6, 1946 for an undisclosed sum and moved to Zeeland to live with her sister Hattie Rookus. The Vander Ploegs immediately turned around and subdivided the property into a sub-division. Maps showing the location of the farm are provided on subsequent pages.

Nellie died on October 9, 1949. Her will, dated December 10, 1947, named Arnold Van Doorn as the sole executor. I was surprised by this, since by all accounts, they did not get along. Perhaps she knew he was likely the only family member capable of obtaining a bond for the full value of the estate. The bond was set at \$9000.

An inventory of estate assets included:

- |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| • A US Series "E" savings bond                      | \$43            |
| • A life insurance policy from Bankers Life Company | \$1000          |
| • 33 shares of Investors Mutual, Inc.               | No Value Listed |
| • Lot # 61 of Schilleman's Addition to Zeeland      | \$300           |
| • Savings Account at Old Kent Bank                  | \$1460          |
| • Savings Account at Zeeland State Bank             | \$719           |
| • Promissory Note from Gerald and Gayl Van Doorn    | \$1400          |

Nellie bequeathed the sum of \$700, which she had inherited from her parents, to her three sisters, Maggie Brower, Minnie Geerts, and Hattie Rookus. She bequeathed a lot she owned in Schilleman's Addition to the City of Zeeland, to her sister Hattie Rookus. The remainder, which was the bulk of the estate, was bequeathed equally to her stepsons Arnold, Gerald, and Harold Van Doorn.

After paying the funeral expenses, other miscellaneous debts, and meeting the other conditions of the will, I estimate each of these men should have received approximately \$1000.



William Van Doorn



Katherine (Holtman) Van Doorn

Arnold Van Doorn



Arnold and Grace (Kleinjans) Van Doorn



Gerald Van Doorn



Gayle (Grieve) and Gerald Van Doorn

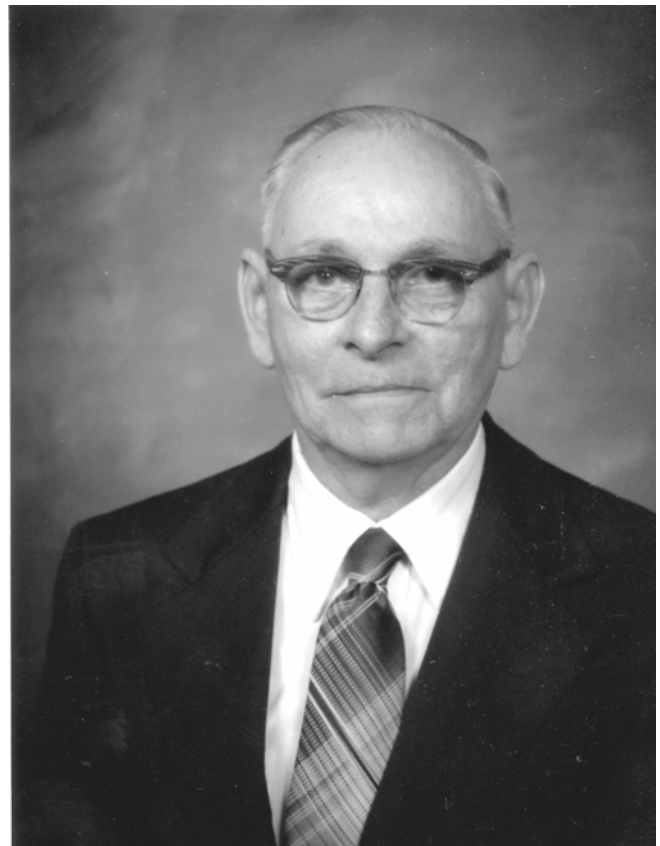


Phyllis, Gayle and Gerald Van Doorn

Harold Van Doorn



Harold and Helene (Ter Avest) Van Doorn

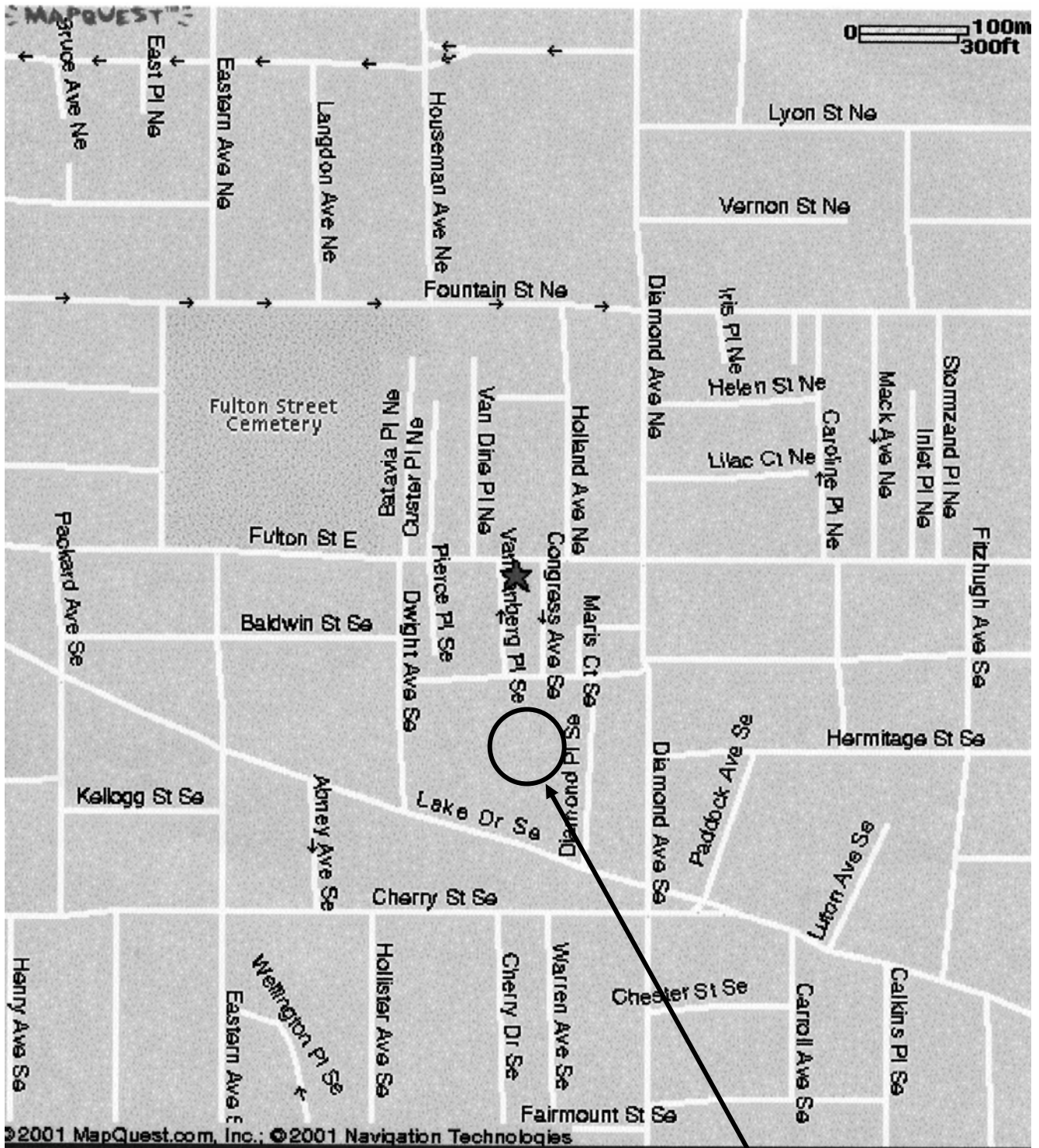




William and Nellie Van Doorn

| PLACE OF DEATH  |   | STATE OF MICHIGAN                                 |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| County <i>Gen</i>   |   | Department of State--Division of Vital Statistics |  |
| Township _____<br>or<br>Village _____                                   |   | TRANSCRIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF DEATH                |  |
| City <i>Grand Rapids</i> (No. <i>57</i> Congress St.; <i>3</i> Ward)    |   | Registered No. <i>1479</i>                        |  |
| FULL NAME <i>Katie Van Doorn</i>  |   |   |  |
| PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS                                    |   | MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH                      |  |
| SEX <i>Female</i>   | COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>  | MARITAL STATUS <i>Married</i>                     | DATE OF DEATH <i>Nov 8</i> , 191 <i>1</i>  |
| DATE OF BIRTH <i>April 5</i> , 1877                                     | AGE <i>34</i> yrs. <i>7</i> mos. <i>3</i> ds. <i>02</i> min.  |   | 17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <i>Aug 25</i> , 191 <i>1</i> , to <i>Nov 8</i> , 191 <i>1</i> , that I last saw her alive on <i>7</i> , 191 <i>1</i> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <i>1/30</i> m. |
| OCCUPATION <i>Housewife</i>   | CAUSE OF DEATH * <i>Insanity Hemiplegia</i>   |   | <i>66</i>  |
| BIRTHPLACE <i>Netherlands</i>   | Contributory (SECONDARY) _____  |   | (Duration) yrs. <i>3</i> mos. _____ ds.  |
| 10 NAME OF FATHER <i>Jerry Slottman</i>                                 | (Signed) <i>S. Porter Zutter</i>  |   | M. D. _____  |
| 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <i>Netherlands</i>                              | <i>Nov 5</i> , 191 <i>1</i> (Address) <i>147 Monroe St</i>  |   |  |
| 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <i>Lamudena Groenboom</i>                      | * State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VOLUNTARY CAUSES, state MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. |   |  |
| 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <i>Netherlands</i>                              | 18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)   |   |  |
| 14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE                        | At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.  |   |  |
| (Informant) <i>William Van Doorn</i>                                    | Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____   |   |  |
| (Address) <i>57 Congress St</i>   | Former or usual residence _____   |   |  |
| 15 Filed <i>Nov 10</i> , 191 <i>1</i> , <i>Chas Caplinger</i> REGISTRAR | 19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <i>Oak Hill Cem</i>   | DATE OF BURIAL <i>Oct 10</i> , 191 <i>1</i>       |  |
|   | 20 UNDERTAKER <i>Sorber &amp; Joubert</i>   | ADDRESS <i>Grand Rapids</i>                       |  |

The Death Certificate of Katie Van Doorn. The circumstances of her death at a young age remained shrouded in silence for many years. Her unwillingness to eat undoubtedly led to the "insanity" cause of death.



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Location of William Van Doorn residence at 57 Congress Avenue. The residence has since been torn down and replaced with a school

# This Certifies

That *Wm Van Doorn* **AND** *Nellie Rookus*  
of *Grand Rapids* of *New Scotland*  
State of *Michigan* State of *Michigan*  
were by me united

## IN HOLY MATRIMONY

According to the **ORDINANCE OF GOD**  
And the Laws of the State of  
*Michigan*

At *Grand Rapids* on the *nineteenth* day of *February*  
In the year of our **LORD**, *nineteen hundred and*  
*fourteen*

Witnesses.

*Nellie Rookus.*  
*Martin Van Doorn.*

*James Wayer,*  
*Minister of the Gospel*



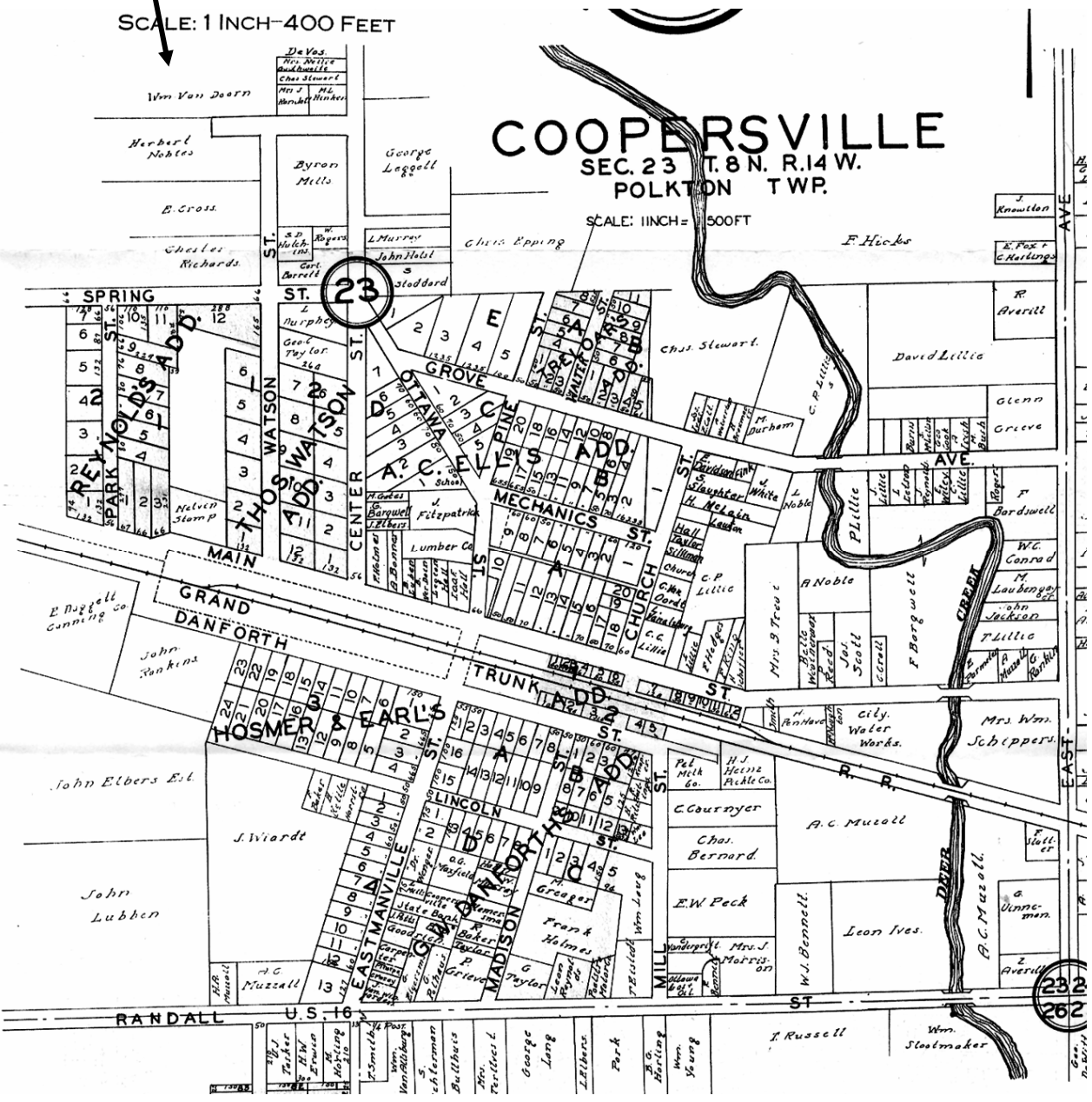
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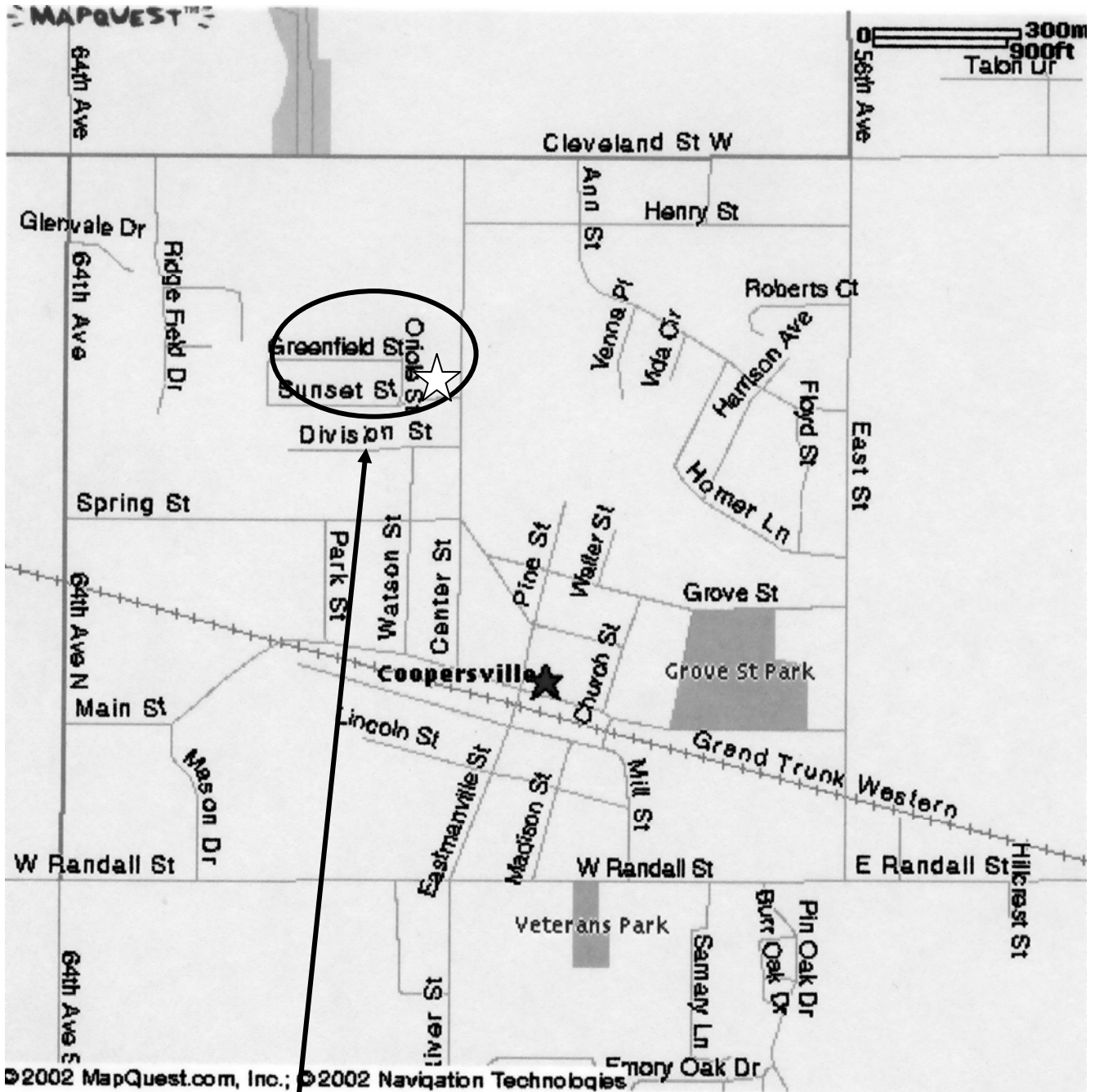
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The marriage certificate of William Van Doorn and Nellie Rookus

The William Van Doorn farm was slightly less than 20 acres in size and was located on the Coopersville city limits

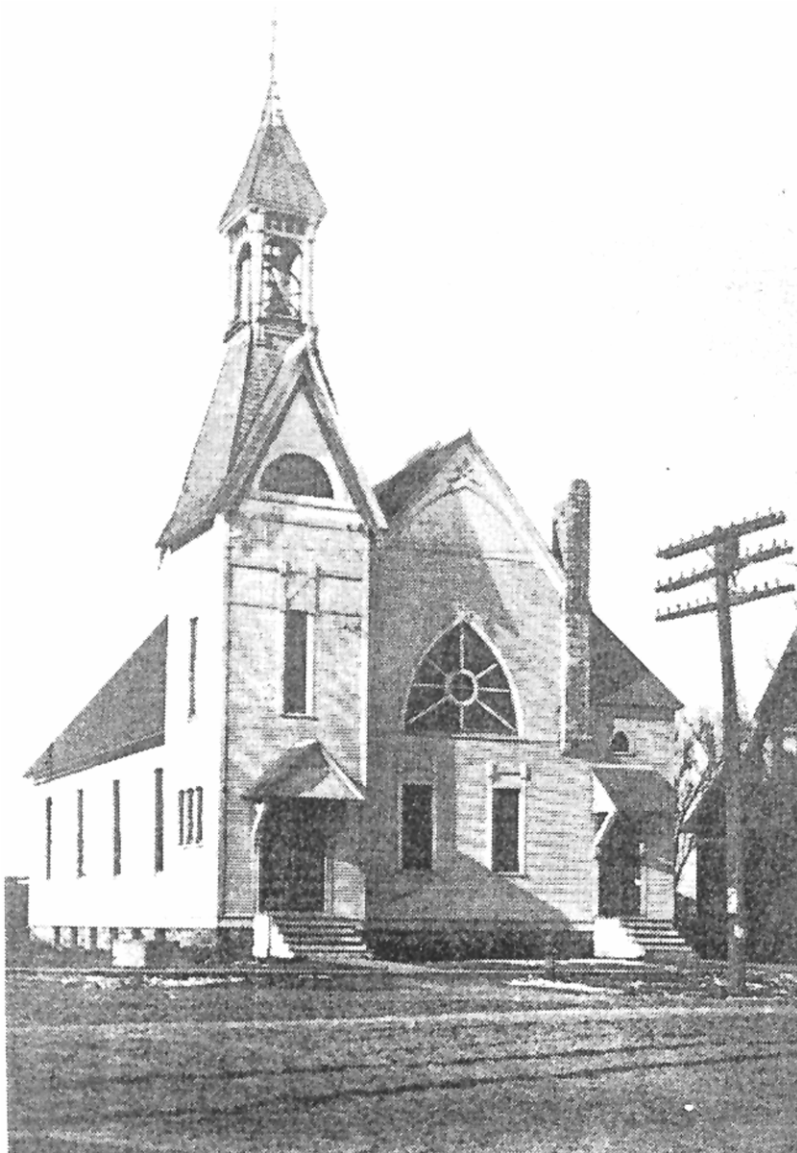


Plat map of Coopersville, Michigan from approximately 1930.



Map provided by www.mapquest.com

Location of William Van Doorn farm using a current map of Coopersville, Michigan. Today it is a sub-division.



The Coopersville Reformed Church as it looked when the William Van Doorn family moved to Coopersville in 1917.

## The Parents of Adriaan Van Doorn

### Marinus and Adriana Van Doorn

| Name   | Occupation | Date of Birth | Birthplace    | Date of Death     | Notes   |
|--|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---|
| Marinus Van Doorn                                | Laborer    | Mar 24, 1784  | Zaamslag      | Jan 22, 1848      | Died in Oud-Vossemeer   |
| Adriana Van Den Boogard                          | Shopkeeper | Aug 11, 1785  | Sint Annaland | Sep 15, 1849      | Died in Oud-Vossemeer   |
| Jannetje   | Daughter   | Aug 13, 1816  | Oud-Vossemeer | Jul 22, 1895      | Died in Oud-Vossemeer   |
| Adriaan  | Son        | Sep 13, 1817  | Oud-Vossemeer | Died Apr 20, 1820 | Died in Oud-Vossemeer   |
| Johannes   | Son        | Sep 13, 1817  | Oud-Vossemeer | Oct 11, 1817      | Died in Oud-Vossemeer   |
| Johannis   | Son        | Jan 19, 1819  | Oud-Vossemeer |                   | Married to Maatje Broodman on August 21, 1841. He was a bricklayer.           |
| Adriaan  | Son        | May 15, 1821  | Oud-Vossemeer | Oct 18, 1821      | Died in Oud-Vossemeer   |
| Adriaan  | Son        | Aug 9, 1822   | Oud-Vossemeer | Dec 15, 1896      |   |
| Adriana's children from 1 <sup>st</sup> marriage |            |               |               |                   |   |
| Johanna Ooms                                     | Daughter   | 1810          | Oud-Vossemeer |                   |   |
| Jan Ooms   | Son        | Dec 11, 1812  | Oud-Vossemeer |                   | Married Helena Van Den Boogaard. Their son, Benjamin emigrated to US in 1867. |

Marinus was the son of Adriaan Van Doorn and Janneke Van Tatenhoven. They lived in Zaamslag. Adriaan was born in 1757 in Zaamslag and died on Dec 24, 1809. Adriaan was the son of Izaak Van Doorn and Janneke De Maker. They lived in Terneuzen. .

Marinus and Adriana were married on February 7, 1816 in Oud-Vossemeer. Adriana Van Den Boogard was the daughter of Jan Van Den Boogard and Janneke Van Den Boom.. It was the second marriage for both of them. Marinus had been married to Jacomina Franke. She had died at age 20 on Aug 14, 1815. Adriana had been married to Benjamin Ooms.

Marinus moved to Oud-Vossemeer and became a "winkelier" or shopkeeper with his wife. It is not known what type of shop they operated. It is believed he also worked as an "arbeider" or laborer. The family lived at 153 Achterstraat.

Two older children, Jan and Johanna Ooms, were also living with the family. They were Adriana's children from her first marriage to Benjamin Ooms.

## The Brother and Sister of Adriaan Van Doorn

### Jannetje Van Doorn and Maarten Van Driel/Jakob Braber

| Name                       | Occupation              | Date of Birth | Birthplace    | Date of Death | Notes  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Maarten Van Driel          | Farmer, landlord        | Aug 28, 1809  | Poortvliet    | Dec 8, 1849   | Died in Oud-Vossemeer                                    |
| Jannetje Van Doorn         | Housekeeper             | Aug 13, 1816  | Oud-Vossemeer | Jul 22, 1895  | Died in Oud-Vossemeer                                    |
| Adriana Van Driel          | Daughter                | Dec 16, 1839  | Oud-Vossemeer |               | Married to Jakob Lindhout                                |
| Marinus Van Driel          | Son                     | Jan 13, 1841  | Oud-Vossemeer | Mar 21, 1925  | Married to Adriana Van Den Houten. Died in Oud-Vossemeer |
| Pieter Van Driel           | Son                     | Jun 18, 1842  | Oud-Vossemeer | Jun 27, 1915  | Married to Jacoba Heijboer. Died in Oud-Vossemeer        |
| Adriaan Van Driel          | Son                     | Jul 25, 1844  | Oud-Vossemeer | Jun 1, 1925   | Married to Cornelia Ketting. Died in Grand Rapids, MI    |
| Antje Van Driel            | Daughter                | Nov 14, 1845  | Oud-Vossemeer | Apr 17, 1875  | Married to Jacobus Groffen. Died in Oud-Vossemeer        |
| Johanna Cornelia Van Driel | Daughter                | Jun 14, 1847  | Oud-Vossemeer | May 16, 1930  | Married to Johannis Geuze. Died in Oud-Vossemeer.        |
| Cornelis Van Driel         | Son                     | Oct 13, 1848  | Oud-Vossemeer | May 3, 1871   | Died in Oud-Vossemeer                                    |
| Jakob Cornelis Braber      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> husband | 1830          | Steenbergen   | 1895          |  |
| Levenloos Jan Jacob Braber | Son                     |               | Oud-Vossemeer | Apr 9, 1857   | Died in Oud-Vossemeer                                    |

Jannetje Van Doorn and Maarten Van Driel were married on December 15, 1838 in Oud-Vossemeer. He was a farmer. Maarten was the son of Pieter and Adriana Van Driel.

Maarten died at age 39 on Dec 8, 1849.

Jannetje later married Jakob Braber, a carpenter, on Dec 8, 1855. They had one son, Leveloos Jan Jacob Braber, who died at a young age.

## Johannis (John) and Maatje Van Doorn

| Name  | Occupation  | Date of Birth | Birthplace      | Date of Death | Notes   |
|---|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---|
| Johannis (John)                                     | Mason       | Jan 19, 1819  | Oud-Vossemeer   | Oct 22, 1897  | Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery - Rochester, NY |
| Maatje (Martha) Broodman                            | Housekeeper | Nov 6, 1815   | Bruinisse       | Aug 27, 1871  | Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery - Rochester, NY |
| Adrianus  | Son         | Feb 3, 1842   | Bruinisse       | Feb 24, 1842  |   |
| Marinus   | Son         | Feb 3, 1842   | Bruinisse       | Oct. 18, 1910 | Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery - Rochester, NY |
| Adrianus Hendrik                                    | Son         | May 1843      | Nieuwerkerk     | Aug 30, 1843  |   |
| Adrianje (Jane)                                     | Daughter    | Jul 6, 1845   | Nieuwerkerk     |               | Married to Herman Pick                        |
| Adriaan   | Son         | May 1846      | Nieuwerkerk     | Jul 2, 1846   |   |
| Leuntje (Lena) Proul Kreiger – 2 <sup>nd</sup> wife | Housekeeper | 1819          | The Netherlands | Mar 10, 1888  | Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery - Rochester, NY |
| Janneka Lusink De Neve – 3 <sup>rd</sup> wife       | Housekeeper |               |                 |               |   |

John Van Doorn and Maatje Broodman were married on August 21, 1841 in Bruinisse, The Netherlands. He was a bricklayer. She was the daughter of Adriaan and Adriaantje Broodman, a farmer near Bruinisse. John and Martha made their home in Nieuwerkerk.

John and Martha immigrated to the United States in 1847.

They lived at 44 Tappan Street in Rochester, NY. In 1860 he estimated his home was valued at \$600 with personal property of \$150. In 1870, the home was valued at \$1200 with \$100 of personal property. By 1875, his home was valued at \$3,000.

John served as the Sunday School Superintendent at the First Reformed Church of Rochester. He earned a living as a brick and stone mason his entire life.

John's first wife, Maatje, died August 27, 1871. He married Leuntje (Lena) Proul Kreiger on May 15, 1872. She died on March 10, 1888. He married his third wife, Janneka Lusink De Neve, on July 21, 1892. John died on October 22, 1897 of "chronic nephritis." John, Martha, and Lena are all buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York.

John's daughter, Adrianje, married Herman Pick and had at least one son. His name was Jan.

John's son, Marinus, married Cornelia Van Petegem on September 12, 1866. She was born November 20, 1845 and died February 16, 1931. Initially he made his living as a co-owner of a dry goods store, Cappon & Van Doorn, in Rochester. Marinus graduated from New Brunswick Seminary in 1880 and went on to serve Reformed Church pastorates at Clymer (1881-89), Newark (1889-93), and Pultneyville (1893 - 1905).<sup>55 56</sup> Marinus died on October 17, 1910. Marinus and Cornelia are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York.

Marinus and Cornelia had a total of nine children; seven sons and two daughters.

Magdalena was born Mar 28, 1873 and died of "maramus" as a child on October 5, 1875 at the age of two years and six months. She is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York.

<sup>55</sup> The Van Doorn Family, A, Van Doren Honeyman, Honeyman's Publishing House, Plainfield, NJ, 1909, page 583.

<sup>56</sup> Historical Directory of the Reformed Church in America, 1628 – 1992; Minister Listing

John was a physician practicing in Marion, New York. He had one son, F. Morgan Van Doorn. Morgan, in turn, had a son by the same name, who goes by the nickname Skip, and a daughter, Sandra. F. Morgan Van Doorn died May 4, 1966 and John, his father, died on Jan. 13, 1945.

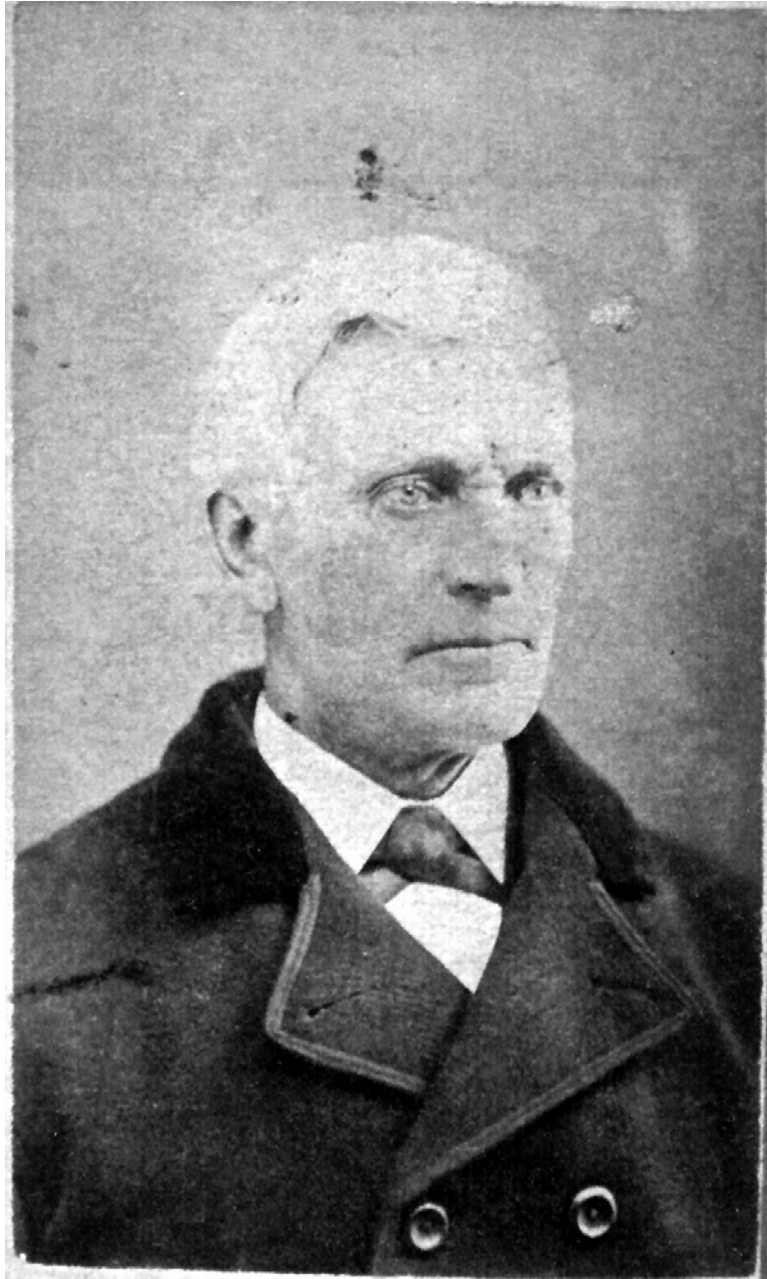
James was born June 10, 1869 and died Oct. 5, 1943. He had one son, Walter, who died in Madeira Beach, Florida on Dec. 14, 1957 without children.

Jennie was born June 13, 1881 and died on March 28, 1943 in Rochester, New York at the age of 61 years, 9 months, and 16 days, and is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

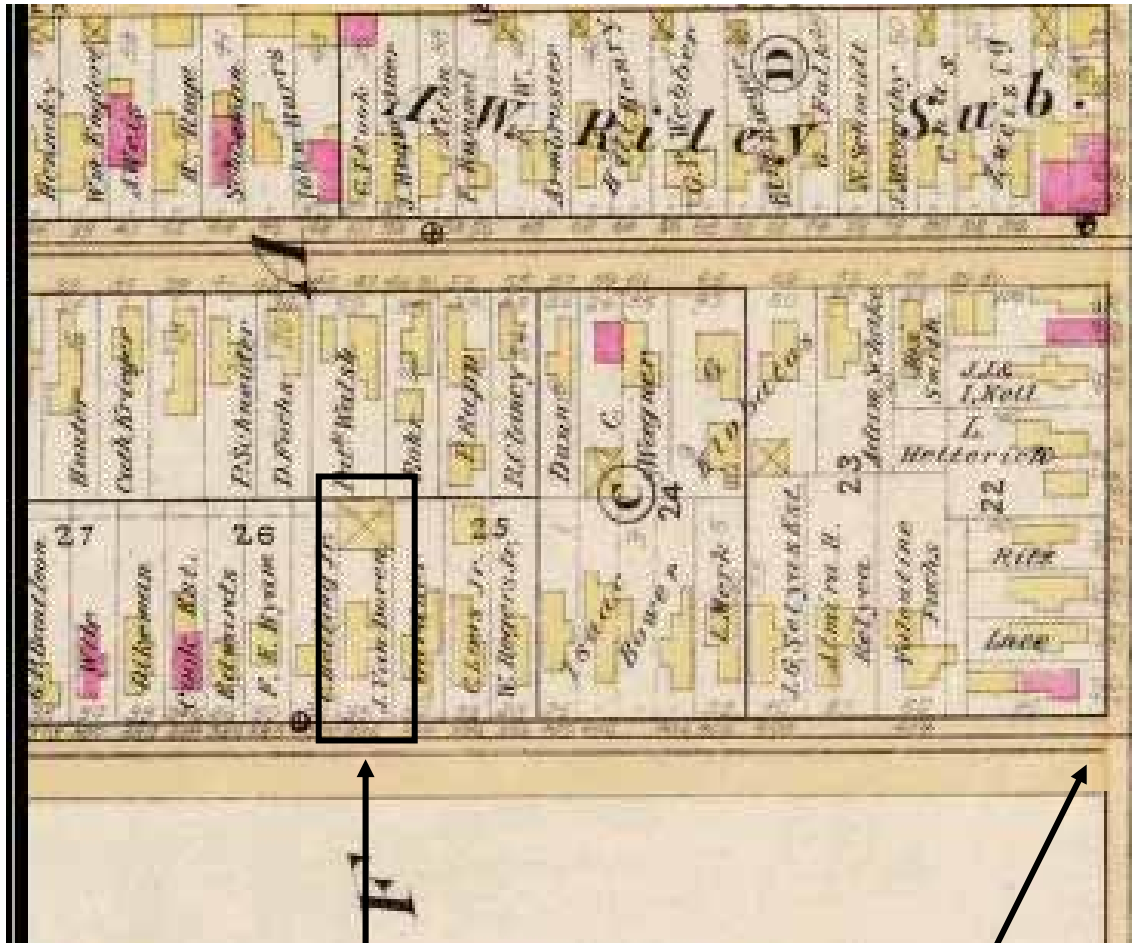
Martin, a furniture salesman, died on July 12, 1955 at the age of 84 years, 2 months, and 15 days. Henry died on February 9, 1948. Clarence died on October 11, 1956 at the age of 66 years, 11 months, and 24 days. All three were bachelors. Martin and Clarence died in Rochester and are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Edward died in Rochester on Nov. 28, 1947, leaving one son, Paul. Paul did not have any sons.

Walter was born Jan 7, 1887 and died on March 29, 1892 at the age of five years and three months in Newark, New Jersey. He is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York.



John Van Doorn



Location of John Van Doorn's property at 44 Tappan Street.

Corner of Tappan and Scio streets

Plat Map from 1888

## The Brothers and Sisters of William Van Doorn

### Adriana (Jane) Van Doorn and William Te Veldhuis

| Name                                   | Occupation                        | Date of Birth | Birthplace       | Date of Death | Notes   |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---|
| John William TeVeldhuis                | Furniture "finisher", Milk Dealer | Feb 24, 1859  | The Netherlands  | Aug 22, 1950  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan       |
| Adriana (Jane) Van Doorn (first wife)  | House Keeper                      | Mar 2, 1853   | Oud-Vossemeer    | Mar 16, 1886  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan       |
| Gertrude                               | Daughter                          | Jul 16, 1881  | Grand Rapids, MI | Aug 31, 1966  | Buried in Wyoming Township Cemetery in Grandville, Michigan |
| Adriana J. (Jennie)                    | Daughter                          | Mar 3, 1886   | Grand Rapids, MI | Sep 30, 1948  | Buried in Wyoming Township Cemetery in Grandville, Michigan |
| Gertrude Sarah Hooegeide (second wife) | House Keeper                      | Jun 21, 1866  | The Netherlands  | Jun 28, 1941  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan       |
| Baby Veldhuis                          |                                   | Aug 1, 1888   | Grand Rapids, MI | Aug 12, 1888  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan       |
| Anthony                                | Son                               | Feb 3, 1907   | Grand Rapids, MI | Feb 25, 1982  |   |

William Te Veldhuis immigrated to the United States from The Netherlands in 1872.

Adriana (Jane) Van Doorn confirmed her faith in Christ on March 3, 1872 at the First Reformed Church of Rochester, New York.

The Te Veldhuis and Van Doorn families were neighbors in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

William and Jane Van Doorn were married on May 26, 1880 by Adrian Kriekard, pastor of Third Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. Initially, they lived with her parents, Adriaan and Elizabeth Van Doorn, and their family at 70 Henry Street.

William made his living as a finisher at the Nelson, Matter & Co furniture manufacturer.<sup>57</sup> This is the same place Adriaan Van Doorn worked.

In 1881, William became a US citizen.

By 1885, William and Jane resided at 11 Hermitage Ave. (north side of Hermitage and East of Centennial) and were expecting their second child.<sup>58</sup>

Jennie was just two weeks old when her mother Jane died. Adriaan Van Doorn asked her father, William, if they could raise her and he agreed. William continued to raise his oldest daughter Gertrude.

William married Gertrude Hooegeide the following year. According to Jeannette Isenga, they had five children that died shortly after birth. Their only surviving child, a son, Anthony, was born in 1907.

In July of 1890, William and Gertrude Te Veldhuis were accused by several of their neighbors of mistreating their 9 year old daughter Gertrude. The neighbors insisted the behavior had gone on for some time and could not be ignored any

<sup>57</sup> 1883-84 R. L. Polk & Co.'s Grand Rapids City Directory, R. L. Polk & Co.

<sup>58</sup> 1885-86 R. L. Polk & Co.'s Grand Rapids City Directory, R. L. Polk & Co.

longer. The matter was brought before the consistory of Third Reformed Church, where the Te Veldhuis's were formally accused of treating their daughter in an "unchristian-like" and "step-motherly" manner.<sup>59</sup> However, the charges were not any more specific than this.....at least not in the consistory notes. Adriaan Van Doorn found himself in the delicate position of being the girl's grandfather and a member of the consistory.

The consistory took the matter seriously enough to call a special meeting on August 21, 1890, where the Te Veldhuis's were to answer to the accusations. However, they did not show up for the meeting.<sup>60</sup>

A second meeting was called on September 4, 1890. The Te Veldhuis's showed up for this meeting accompanied by several witnesses, who insisted no mistreatment had taken place. The witnesses included William's brother-in-law, Jacobus Muste. William's sister Gerarda was married to him, and they lived next door to them at this time.

William Te Veldhuis was repeatedly asked to swear before "almighty God" that he and his wife were innocent of the accusations. He maintained their innocence throughout the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, the consistory took no further action, due to insufficient evidence.<sup>61</sup>

In their later years, William and Gertrude lived at 1111 Fulton Street. William earned a living as a milk dealer.

Jennie Te Veldhuis was adopted by the Van Doorns sometime after her mother's death. Her father asked for her back when she was ten years old, but the Van Doorn family refused. Perhaps the incident described above was a factor in their decision.

After Adriaan died in 1896, William became her guardian. Jennie was living with the Will Van Doorn family when she married Dirk Isenga in 1908. At the time of their marriage Dirk was a farmer. Jennie gave her occupation as a "shoe worker."

Dirk and Jennie farmed in Georgetown Township in Kent County, Michigan, near Baldwin St and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Gertrude was married to Siert Isenga, Dirk's brother. They lived on Byron Road north of 44<sup>th</sup> Street in Wyoming Township in Kent County, Michigan most of their lives. He was at times a farmer, a basement digger for new homes in East Grand Rapids, and a school custodian.

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<sup>59</sup> Consistory notes of Third Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, July, 1890.

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Jane Van Doorn Te Veldhuis



William Te Veldhuis



Gertrude Te Veldhuis



Gertrude and Siert Isenga



Jennie Van Doorn (on right) and friend



Jennie Van Doorn (on right) and her bridesmaid  
Nellie Van Den Bout



The daughters of Jane (Van Doorn) Te Veldhuis: Jennie Van Doorn Isenga and Gertrude Te Veldhuis Isenga

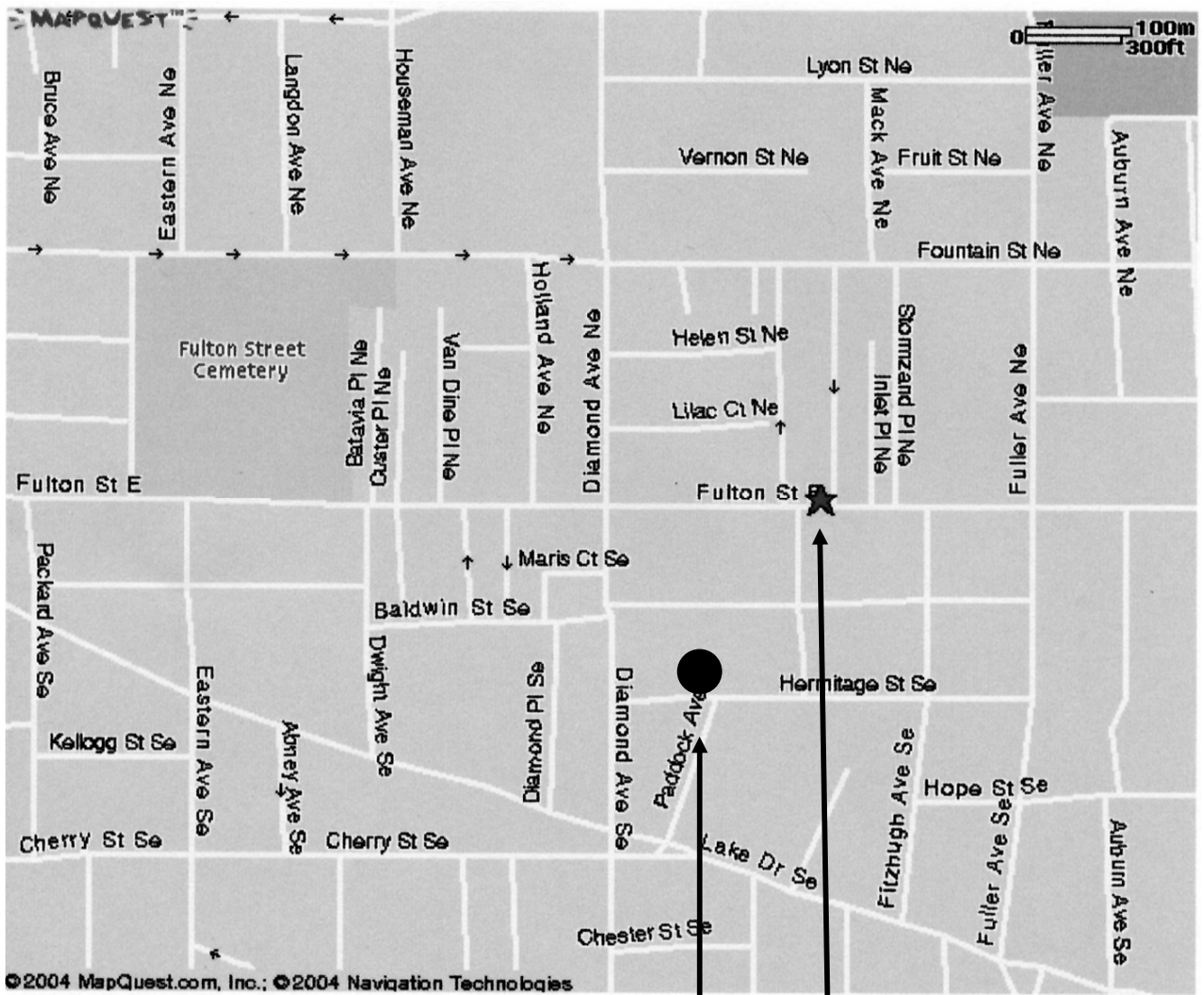
The Van Doorn brothers: Martin, John, and William



Top Row – Siert Isenga, Lambert Langerak, Gerald Van Doorn, Jacob Oosterink, Henry Kort, William Van Doorn  
 Bottom Row - Martin Van Doorn, Dirk Isenga, John Van Doorn



Top Row - Catherine Isenga Oosterink, Betty Isenga Langerak, Dorothy Isenga Kort, Gayle Van Doorn, Jeannette Isenga, Marion Isenga  
 Bottom Row – Gertrude Isenga, Unknown, Jennie Isenga, Phyllis Van Doorn, Mary Van Doorn, Nellie Van Doorn



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William Te Veldhuis lived in several residences over the years. Among them included 29 Hermitage and 1111 Fulton Street, shown in present day Grand Rapids



Dirk Isenga initially farmed his own plot of land near Jenison, Michigan. He later took over the family farm (labeled "Hil Eisenga").

## Dingena Van Doorn and Peter Telder

| Name                              | Occupation                     | Date of Birth | Birthplace                    | Date of Death | Notes   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Peter Telder                      | Grocery Clerk,<br>Court Clerk  | Jan 27, 1859  | Amsterdam,<br>The Netherlands | Dec 3, 1940   | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI |
| Dingena Cornelia (Dina) Van Doorn | Domestic Servant, House Keeper | Jul 7, 1855   | Oud-Vossemeer                 | Sep 29, 1908  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI |
| Gerrit Frederick                  | Son                            | Jun 9, 1884   | Grand Rapids, MI              | Oct 1, 1903   | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI |
| Jennetje Adriana (Jeannette)      | Daughter                       | Jun 13, 1888  | Grand Rapids, MI              | May 12, 1922  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI |
| Adrian (Cy) Van Doorn             | Son                            | May 20, 1893  | Grand Rapids, MI              | Feb 8, 1969   | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI |

Peter Telder immigrated as a boy with his family to the United States from The Netherlands in 1867. Peter's father had his own grocery business.

Dina Van Doorn confirmed her faith in Christ on February 9, 1874 at the First Reformed Church of Rochester, New York.

Peter became a US citizen in 1881.

Peter Telder and Dina Van Doorn were married on July 13, 1884. Peter worked as a clerk for John A Brummelaar, his uncle, a grocer.<sup>62</sup> By 1886, Peter had returned to the family grocery business, Telder Bros. Grocery.<sup>63</sup>

Peter later served as a clerk in the Circuit Court of Judge William B. Brown for 27 years.

In 1893, a group of young people, including Peter and Dina Telder, approached the consistory of Third Reformed Church requesting English speaking services. The consistory granted their request for a two month trial period. The English services were so successful that a separate church, Bethany Reformed, was formed.<sup>64</sup>

The Telders were charter members of Bethany Reformed Church in Grand Rapids where Peter served as an elder for 47 years. By his own admission, his church work took priority over all other activities.

The Telders resided on Dwight Ave. Their residences included 4 Dwight Ave. and 47 Dwight Ave (later re-numbered to be 107 Dwight Avenue).

Dina Telder died at her home on September 29, 1908 at the age of 53.

Jeannette Telder was a deaf mute. She was sent away to Alabama to learn how to sign. She later married a man who was also a deaf mute. Their two sons were normal. Tragically she died quite young when she was hit by a street car in Birmingham, Alabama.<sup>65</sup>

<sup>62</sup> 1882-83 R. L. Polk & Co.'s Grand Rapids & Kent County Directory, R. L. Polk & Co.

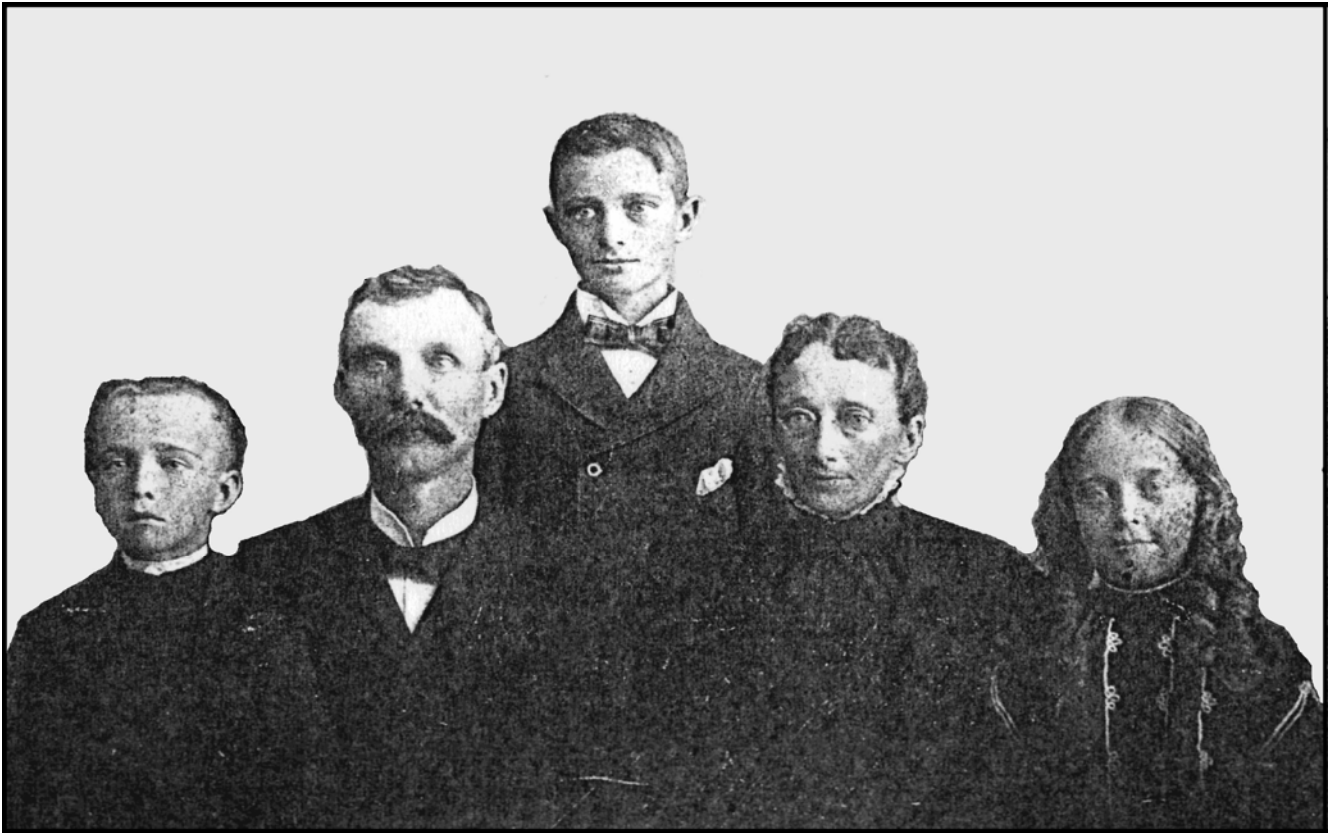
<sup>63</sup> 1886-87 R. L. Polk & Co.'s Grand Rapids City Directory, R. L. Polk & Co.

<sup>64</sup> Third Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1875 - 2000

<sup>65</sup> The Telder Family of Kent County, Michigan



Dina (Van Doorn) Telder, Unknown, Adrian, G. Fred, Jeannette



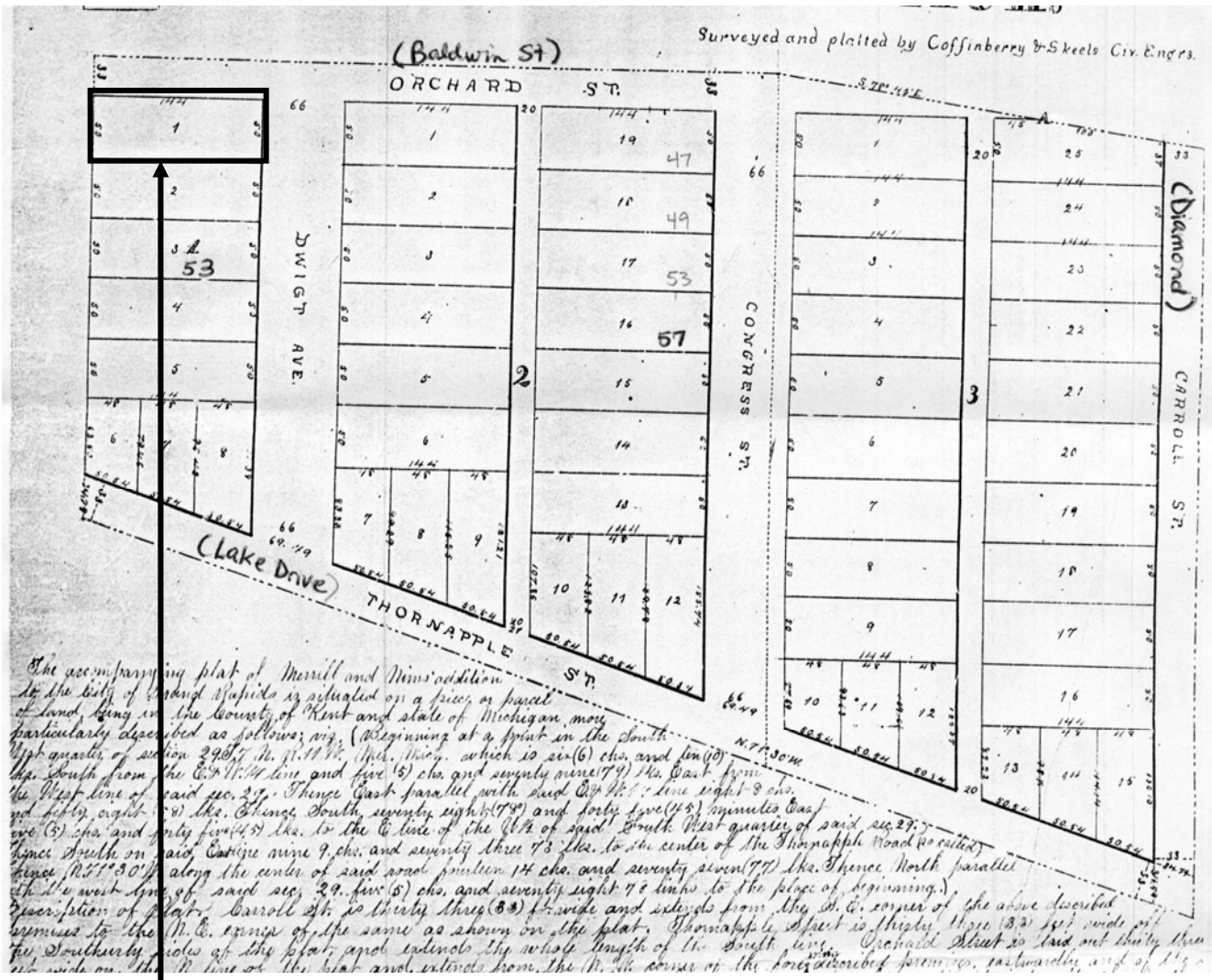
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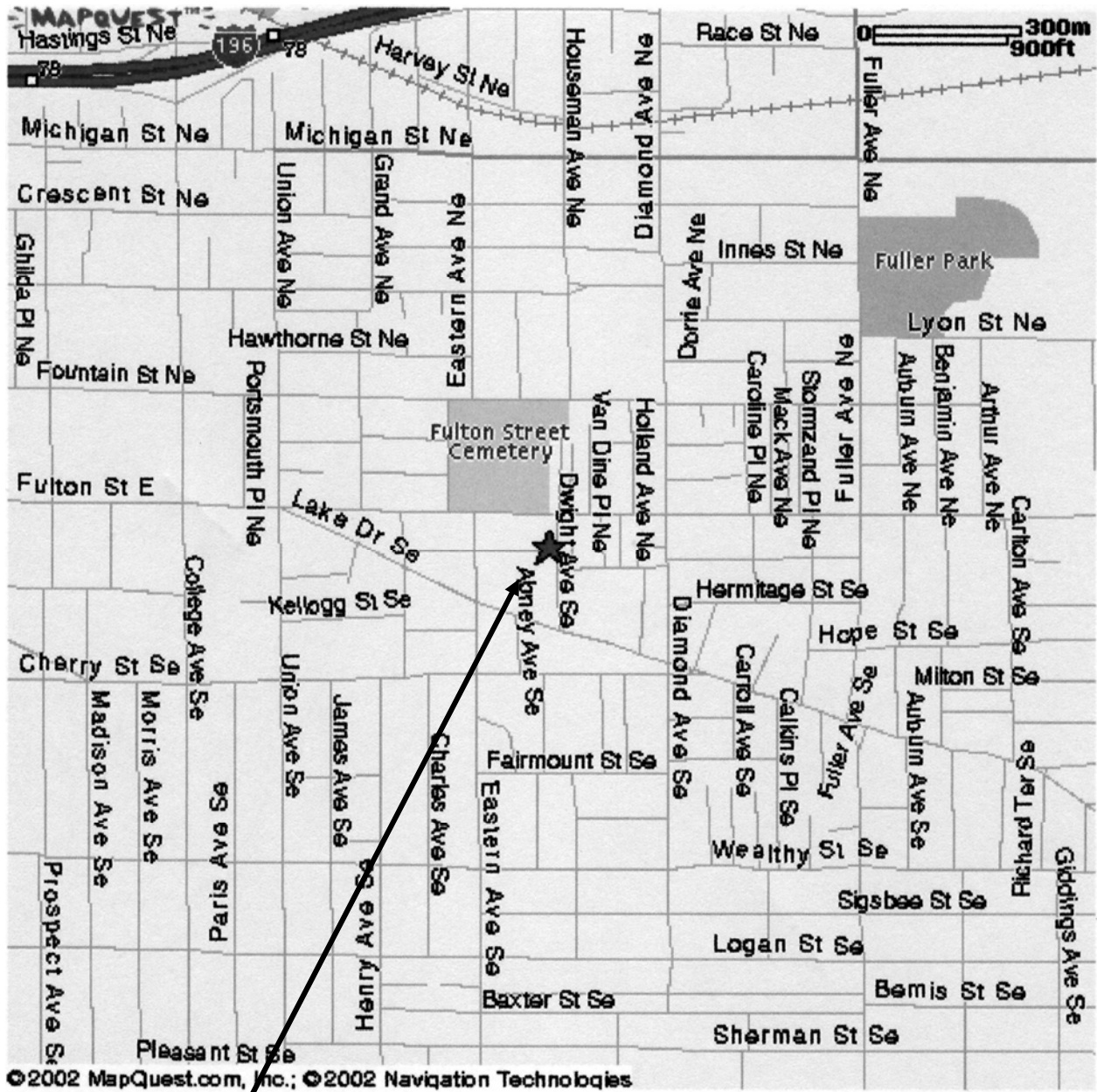
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Jeannette



Location of Peter Telder home at 47 Dwight Ave. (Block 1 Lot 1 of the Merrill and Nims Addition) according to the original plat map. In 1920, the houses were renumbered and the present day address is 107 Dwight Ave.

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Location of the Telder home in present day Grand Rapids.

## Martin and Lena/Mary Van Doorn

| Name                                | Occupation                            | Date of Birth | Birthplace       | Date of Death | Notes  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| Marinus (Martin) Van Doorn          | Factory Worker, Deliveryman, Teamster | Jan 11, 1858  | Oud-Vossemeer    | Dec 18, 1948  | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan      |
| Helena (Lena) Elenbaas – first wife | House Keeper                          | Nov 1, 1859   | Oud-Vossemeer    | Aug 6, 1909   | Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan      |
| Adriana Johanna                     | Daughter                              | Aug 14, 1884  | Grand Rapids, MI | Jan 1, 1964   |  |
| Adrian (Eddie)                      | Son                                   | Sep 26, 1886  | Grand Rapids, MI | Jul 1964      |  |
| Mary Van Duine – second wife        | House Keeper                          | 1862          | Lancaster, NY    | June 4, 1944  | Buried in Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan |

Martin Van Doorn arrived in Grand Rapids/Holland area in 1876. He was seventeen.

Martin became a US citizen in 1879. He was working as “finisher” at the Phoenix Furniture Company and was boarding at 133 Cass.<sup>66</sup>

Martin purchased Lot 3 Block 1 of the Merrill and Nims addition to the City of Grand Rapids from Sewell S. Vaughn on Nov 21, 1881 for the price of \$275. The street address was 53 Dwight Avenue. It was later renumbered to be 113 Dwight Avenue. He would live at this residence for the remainder of his life.

Martin Van Doorn and Helena (Lena) Elenbaas were married on May 4, 1882. An interesting anecdote about these two is that both had been born in Oud-Vossemeer, The Netherlands in the 1850s. Their families had immigrated to the United States independently. Years later they met again in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

By 1885, Martin had stopped working in the furniture factories and was working as an “expressman.”<sup>67</sup> In 1892 Martin was working as a driver for the Telfer Spice Co.

In 1906 he was working as a teamster at the Vinkemulder Co. His son Edward was living at home and was employed as a clerk at Houseman & Jones. His daughter, Adriana, was also living at home. She was employed as a stenographer at G.R. Engraving Co.<sup>68</sup>

Lena died on August 6, 1909 after an illness of two years.

In 1910, Martin worked as a wagon driver, Adriana worked as a church secretary, and Eddie worked as a salesman at a haberdashery. Adriana and Eddie were still living at the home of their father.

Martin and Mary Van Duine were married in 1914

Martin, his first wife Lena, and his second wife, Mary were all members of Third Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. Martin served as a deacon in the church in the 1890s.

Martin was described as being “hot-headed.” He also had a reputation for being tight with his money. He refused to see a doctor after breaking his collarbone and hurting his back. Neither healed properly. He would not hire anyone to clean house, do the washing, or prepare a meal. He and Mary lived in squalor the latter years of their life. Although he could afford to pay for assistance, he chose not to, preferring to save his money for his children. However, neither wanted nor needed any money.

<sup>66</sup> 1879-80 R. L. Polk & Co.'s Grand Rapids City Directory, R. L. Polk & Co.

<sup>67</sup> 1885-86 R. L. Polk & Co.'s Grand Rapids City Directory, R. L. Polk & Co.

<sup>68</sup> 1906 R.L. Polk's 1906 Grand Rapids City Directory, The Grand Rapids Directory Company

After living at home for many years, Eddie moved to Arizona. He married twice. One wife had a son, Jack, from a previous marriage. However, Eddie never fathered any children of his own. He died in July of 1964 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Adriana graduated from Central High School in Grand Rapids in 1902. Her studies focused on the languages and sciences.<sup>69</sup> She transferred her membership from Bethany Reformed Church to Park Congregational Church on Oct 6, 1907. Adriana served as the church clerk and pastor's assistant at Park Congregational from 1906 – 1910. She also served as the superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday School from 1907 – 1910.

Ill health forced her to move out West in 1910. She returned two years later.<sup>70</sup> She married a man named Ralph Marrin on July 9, 1912 in Grand Rapids. He was a clothing salesman. Later, they moved to California. Adriana transferred her membership from Park Congregational to the Christian Science Church in San Francisco on October 6, 1926. The Marrins lived in San Francisco for many years, where Adriana served as an executive secretary at the Red Cross. She earned a BA degree while working full-time. Ralph and Adriana moved to Reno, Nevada in 1941. Adriana worked at the Red Cross in San Francisco and Reno for over 30 years. Ralph died in Reno in 1956 after a long illness. Adriana suffered a stroke at her Carmel, California home in December of 1963. She moved back to Grand Rapids and was living at the Springbrook Nursing Home at the time of her death on January 1, 1964. The funeral was a Christian Science service and the body was cremated.

Adriana's legacy to the people of Grand Rapids is the Santa Claus Girls charity. In November of 1908, on a trip to the Grand Rapids Herald to deliver the church news for printing, Adriana stopped to chat with Miss Elizabeth Muir, a reporter. Muir showed her an article about a Philadelphia woman who was trying to be Santa Claus to the "forgotten children." Adriana excitedly told Miss Muir, "that's what I've always wanted to do."

Muir suggested that Arthur Vandenberg, editor of the Herald, might be able to help. During a one hour meeting that same day, Adriana convinced Vandenberg to support her. He and the postmaster, L.K. Bishop arranged for mail addressed to Santa Claus to be delivered to the Herald. Adriana agreed to visit the home of each child that had written. In cases where the parents were financially able, Adriana returned the letters to the parents to fulfill specific wishes. In those cases where parents had no resources to buy gifts, Adriana would provide a gift.

Adriana enlisted the support of nine other Sunday School teachers at Park Congregational Church. Each agreed to collect \$1 toward the cause. The Herald publicized the work of the ten Sunday School teachers, highlighting the need as well as the volunteer effort. The community responded. By Christmas Eve, the cash donations totaled \$85, with merchandise contributions bringing the total value collected to more than \$200. Several individuals volunteered their services and automobiles to help deliver the gifts.

On Christmas Eve, the ten Sunday School teachers, now known as the Santa Claus Girls, began filling stockings with gifts. Between 5 and 7 PM, drivers delivered the stockings to 150 children. Afterwards, the drivers recounted the joy and thankfulness of the children and the parents.

At 10 o'clock that night, Adriana received a call that a terminally ill boy desperately wanted a Christmas tree with ornaments. She and the Santa Claus Girls set out to find a tree and ornaments. The next morning the boy woke up to find a fully trimmed tree at his bedside.<sup>71</sup>

Here in the words of Adriana Van Doorn is how the Grand Rapids Santa Claus came to be. "Since childhood I had visualized playing Santa Claus to the children in the city who might not receive Christmas gifts, believing that many people would be glad to help if some organization could be planned to accept funds and make purchases and deliveries. One day in November 1908, as I was making my newspaper rounds, with church news, I stopped to chat with Mr. Musselwhite and Miss Muir of the Grand Rapids Herald, and the conversation drifted round to the subject of Christmas. We aired our views on the much discussed problem of giving, and I ventured to mention my long-cherished dreams of bringing a bit of the romance and poetry of life into the world of those little children who might be reading too much of the prose pages of history. After briefly explaining details, I left the office with the promise to think over a plan whereby we could cooperate. The result was that the next week saw the work of the Herald Santa Claus Girls well begun, with the promise of the Herald to take care of raising all the funds. The ten girls who assisted me in the work of the primary department of the Sunday

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<sup>69</sup> The Alphan – Grand Rapids High School Annual, Seymour and Muir Printing Company

<sup>70</sup> The Grand Rapids Herald, December 24, 1948

<sup>71</sup> The story of Adriana Van Doorn and the Santa Claus Girls was taken from an article written by Richard Harms, Archivist at the Grand Rapids Public Library, in December, 1995.

School at Park Congregational Church promised to cooperate to the fullest, and with Miss Muir ably writing all the little heart stories, the campaign was well launched by the first of December.”<sup>72</sup>

Ill health forced Adriana to move to Reno, Nevada two years later. The remaining Santa Claus Girls carried on the work.

By 1945, the work was too much for the church, and the operation was carried on by the Grand Rapids Federation of Women’s Clubs. In 1959, the Grand Rapids Herald suspended operations. The Grand Rapids Press agreed to carry on in the sponsorship role.

It has been the goal of the Santa Claus Girls for many years to see to it that no child in Kent County is without a gift on Christmas morning. Each child receives a new piece of clothing, a new toy, a new book, a hat, and mittens. In 2003, over 11,000 children received gifts. All the work of the Santa Claus Girls is done by volunteers.

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<sup>72</sup> From an article written by Mr. Sparks of the Grand Rapids Herald in January, 1919.



Martin Van Doorn



Mary Van Doorn



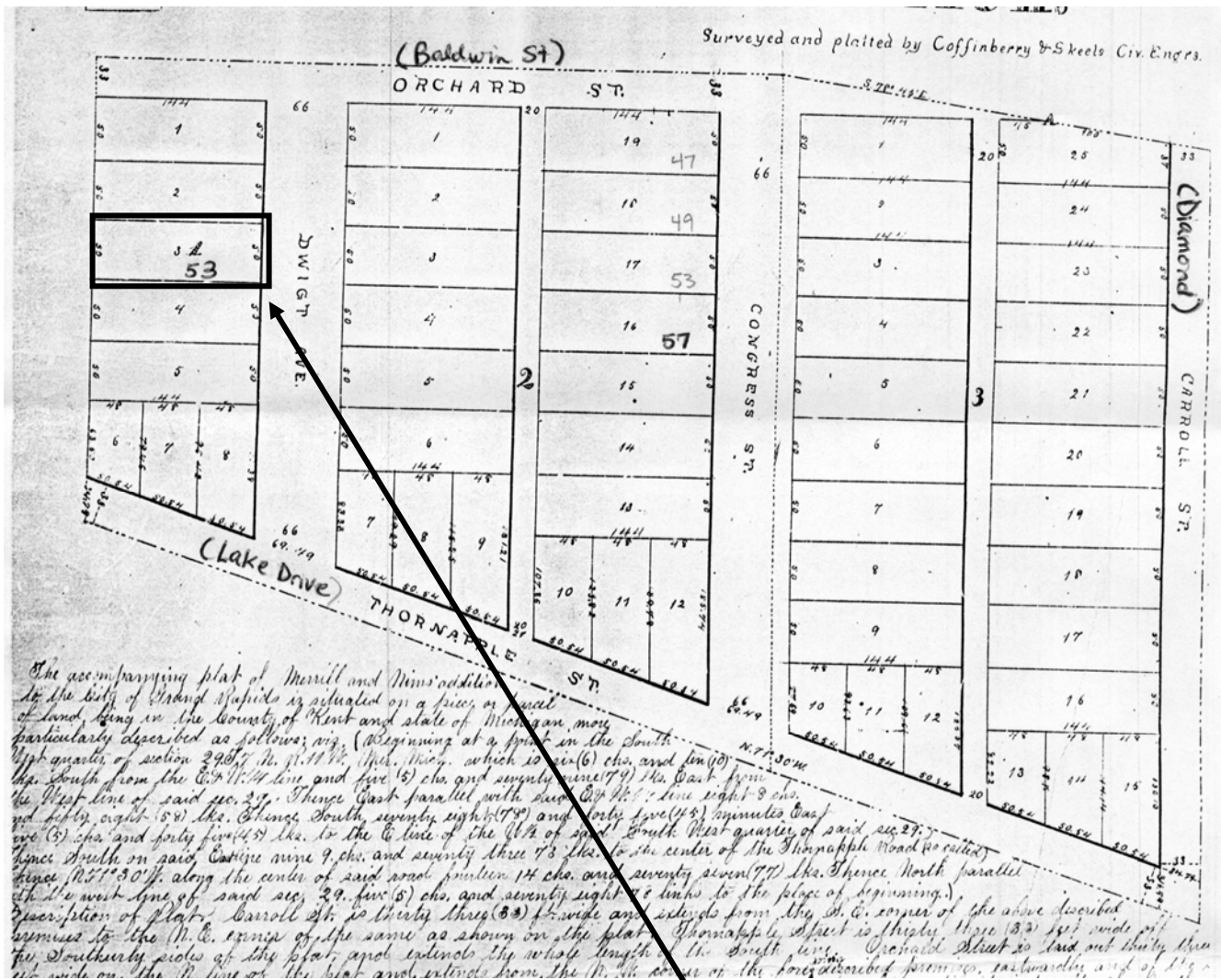
Martin and Mary Van Doorn



Adriana (Van Doorn) Marrin

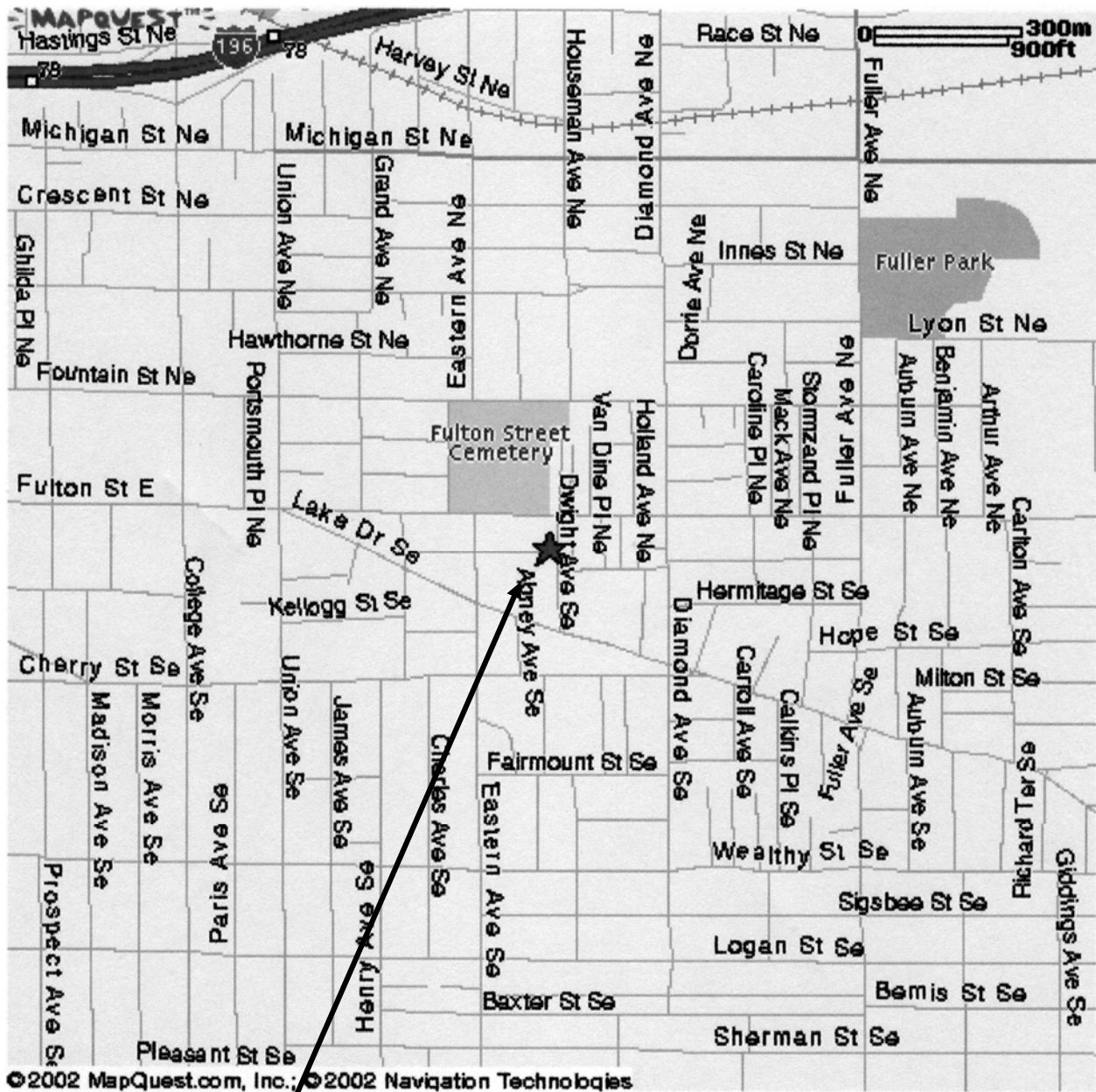


Adriana (Van Doorn) Marrin, on the left, looking at a gift to be given by the Santa Claus charity.



Location of Martin Van Doorn home at 53 Dwight Ave. (Block 1 Lot 3 of the Merrill and Nims Addition) according to the original plat map. In 1920, the houses were renumbered and the present day address is 113 Dwight Ave.

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Location of the Martin Van Doorn home at 113 Dwight Ave. in present day Grand Rapids.

## Arnold Van Doorn

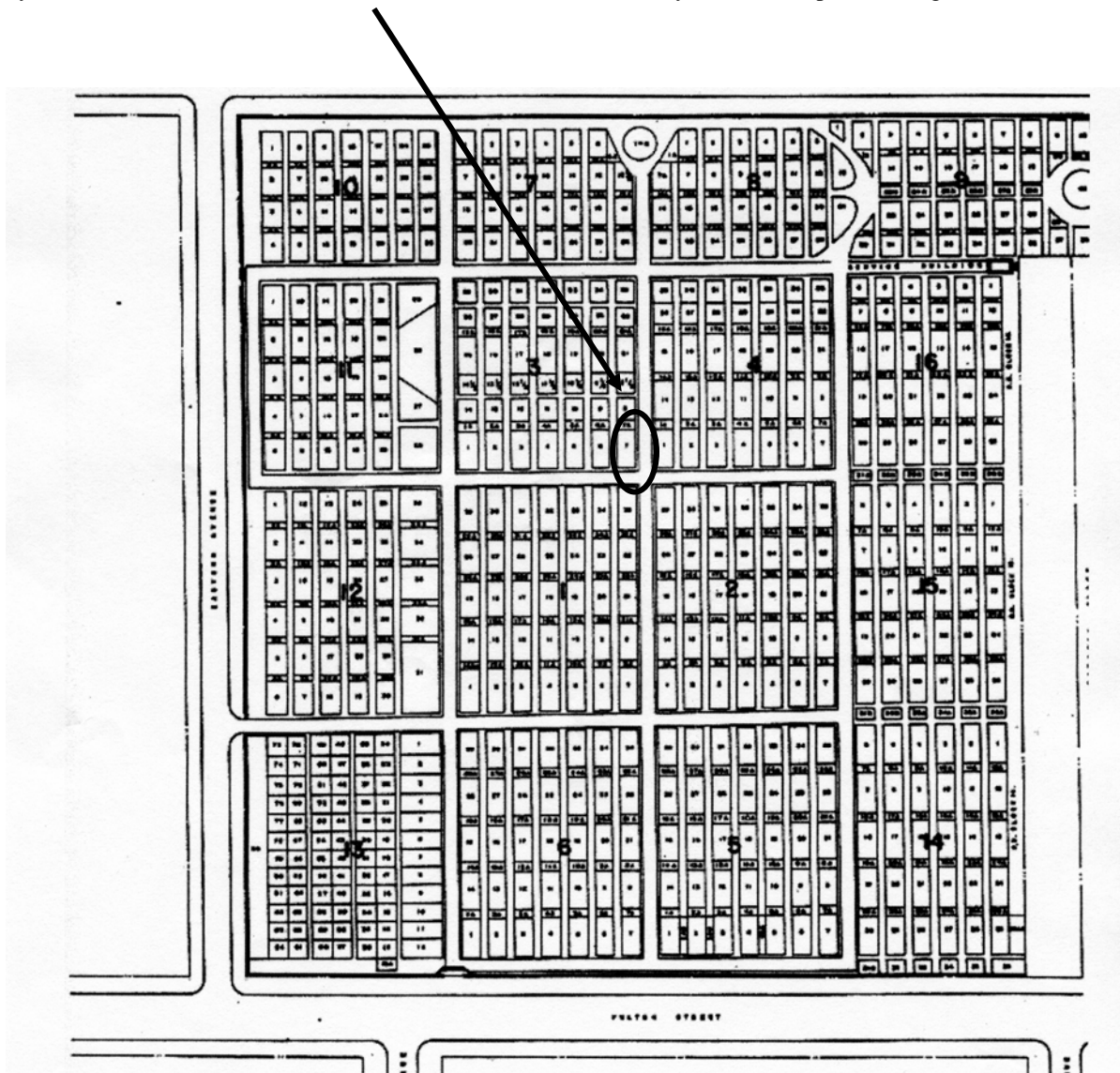
| Name                  | Occupation | Date of Birth | Birthplace    | Date of Death | Notes            |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Arnold John Van Doorn |            | July 19, 1868 | Rochester, NY | July 21, 1881 | Died of drowning |

Arnold was baptized as “Arnoud Johannes Van Doorn” at the First Reformed Church of Rochester, New York on August 9, 1868.

As mentioned earlier, the east side of Grand Rapids was known for its brick factories. Arnold drowned in the “clay hole” at Fulton and Diamond streets in Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 21, 1881.

Jeannette Isenga said that Arnold’s parents, Adriaan and Elizabeth Van Doorn, kept his clothes in a closet for many years after he died. His brothers and sister would sometimes open it and say “Where’s Arnold? His clothes are here, but he’s not. He’s in the clay hole.”

Actually, Arnold is buried in Block 3, Lot 7 of the Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



## John and Henrietta Van Doorn

| Name                   | Occupation  | Date of Birth  | Birthplace     | Date of Death | Notes  |
|------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| John Jacob Van Doorn   | Baker, Cabinet Maker, Farm Laborer, Ranch Hand, Maintenance Man, Night Watchman | Sep 26, 1872   | Rochester, NY  | Dec 26, 1942  | Buried Forest Cemetery in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.    |
| Henrietta (Retta) Nies | Housekeeper   | Jan 13, 1876   | Michigan       | Jan 19, 1943  | Buried in Forest Cemetery in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. |
| Elizabeth (Bessie)     | Daughter  | April 14, 1901 | Boyne City, MI | Dec 12, 1958  | Buried in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.                    |
| Isabel Ida             | Daughter  | Mar 11, 1904   | Boyne City, MI | Sep 1996      |  |

John Van Doorn was baptized as "Johannes Jacobus Van Doorn" on November 27, 1872 at the First Reformed Church of Rochester, New York.

In 1886, John was earning a living as a baker and living with his parents at 21 Congress Avenue.<sup>73</sup> By 1892, he was working as a cabinet maker for the Widdicomb Furniture Company and was still living at home.

John enlisted in the Michigan National Guard on December 30, 1897. He served as a private in Company B of the Michigan 2<sup>nd</sup> infantry. He was honorably discharged on May 22, 1900.

At the time of his discharge from the Michigan National Guard, John was working as a farm laborer for the Otis Jones family in Benton Township of Berrien County, Michigan.

John Van Doorn was described as a wanderer. He was said to be fun-loving and had a great many stories to tell when he came home to visit. He hopped trains and traveled from town to town. His brother William and sister Elizabeth were said to place the legs of his bed in oil so as to kill the bed bugs he carried with him.

He married Henrietta Nies on June 29, 1900. They settled in Boyne City, MI. Some years later he was diagnosed with tuberculosis. He was told by doctors to "go West." He moved to Deadwood, South Dakota in about 1907. John was so sick that he made the journey on a cot in a baggage car.

After moving to South Dakota, Retta was able to get work in a bakery to support the family. They lived in a sod house in Lemmon, South Dakota.

At one point they joined a threshing gang. Retta cooked and did the laundry for all the men and John helped her. They moved from ranch to ranch, living in Wyoming and Montana.

Some years later they purchased a farm in Hettinger, ND. While living on the farm, Bessie boarded in Bozeman, MT and attended high school.

By 1920, the family had moved to Cougar Bay, Idaho, a farming community just south of Coeur d'Alene. Later they purchased a home at N 15<sup>th</sup> and Best where John and Retta ran a small dairy. John gave up the dairy business in the 1930s and worked as a maintenance man at the Blackwell Lumber Company. He also raised chickens. His last job at the mill was as a night watchman. By the late 1930s, John had retired, but continued to raise chickens on his small farm.

John was very fond of his only grandson, Loren. He would often take him to the mill on Friday nights. After making one round with his grandfather, Loren would curl up in the warmth of the boiler room and sleep until John would take him home in the morning.

<sup>73</sup> 1886-87 R. L. Polk & Co.'s Grand Rapids City Directory, R. L. Polk & Co.



John Van Doorn



# Military Department, Michigan.

Adjutant General's Office,

**Know Ye,** That John Van Doorn  
a Private of Captain Carl R Stewart  
Company B, Second Infantry of Michigan National  
Guard, who was enrolled on the Thirtieth day  
of December one thousand ~~two~~ <sup>eight</sup> hundred  
and ninety seven to serve three years unless sooner discharged  
is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the service of the  
State, the Twenty second day of May 1900  
at Grand Rapids by reason of Removal from  
station

Given at Lansing, this First day  
of August 1900

By command of the Governor.

Official: John Atkinson  
Assistant Adjutant General.

A. H. Case  
Adjutant General.



John, Bessie, Retta, and Isabel Van Doorn



Isabel and Bessie Van Doorn



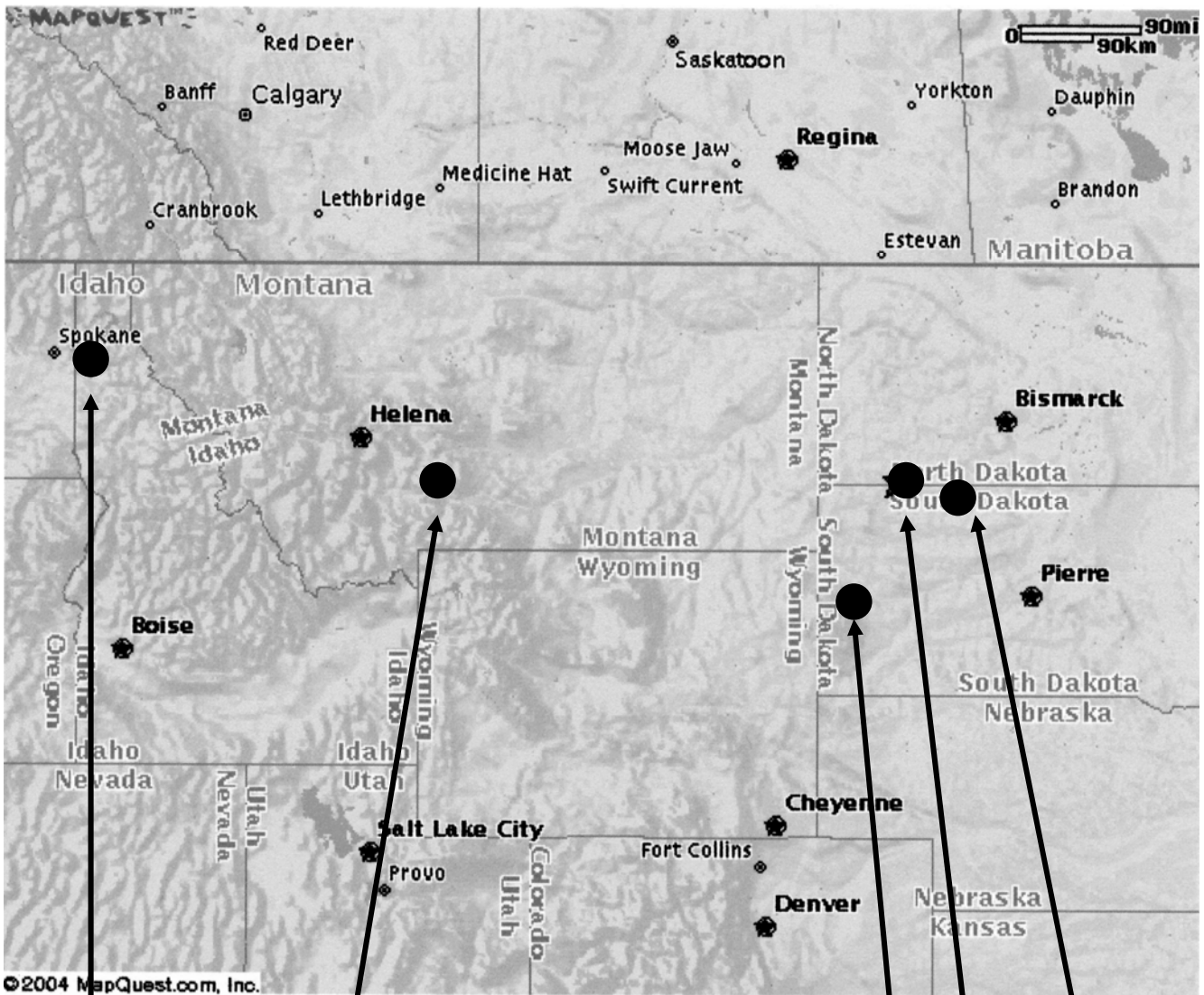
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John and Retta Van Doorn



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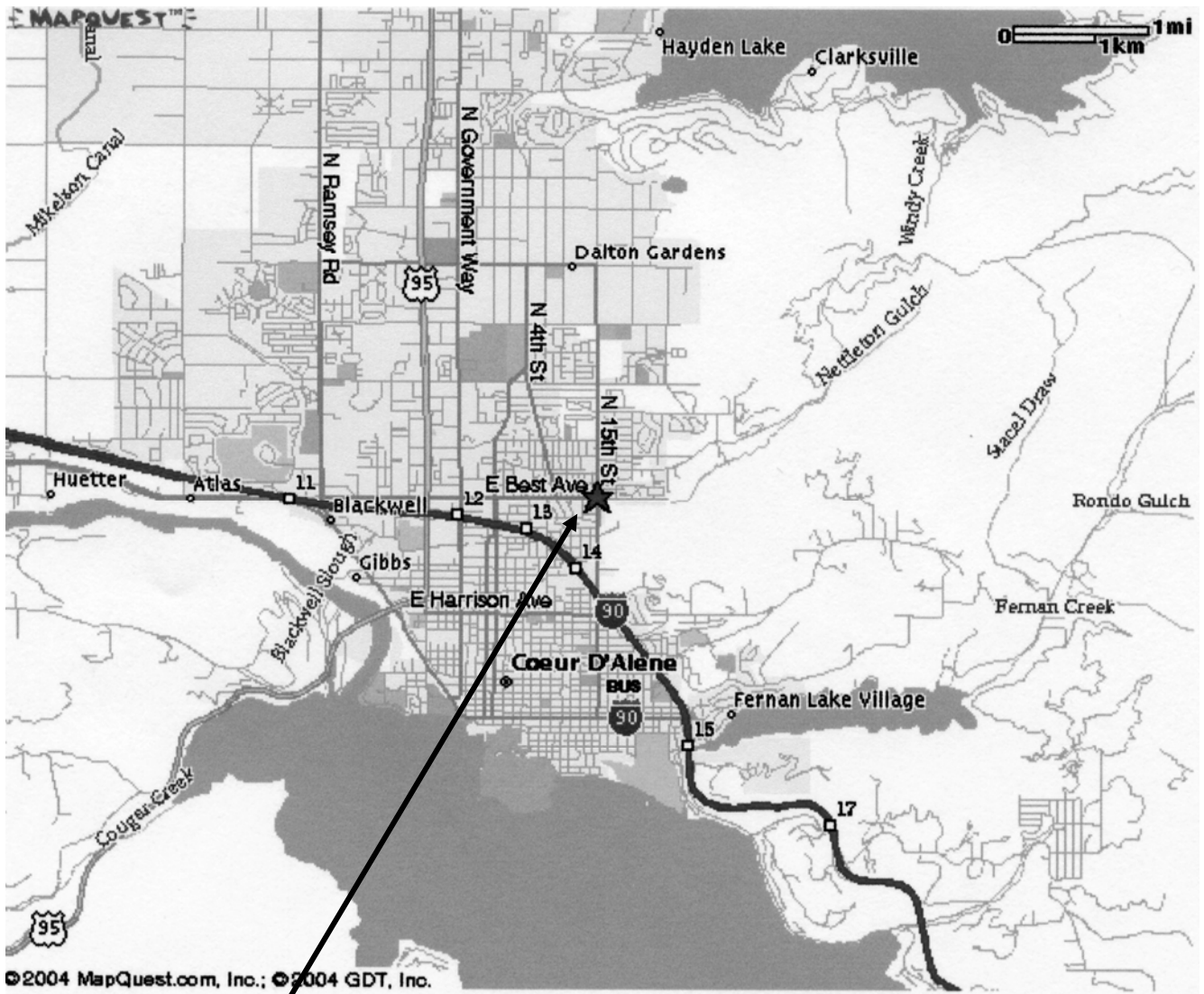
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Deadwood, SD

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The location of the John Van Doorn family residence at 15<sup>th</sup> and Best is shown in modern day Coeur D' Alene, Idaho.

## Elizabeth Van Doorn and John Stormzand

| Name                                 | Occupation                                    | Date of Birth | Birthplace          | Date of Death | Notes  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------------|---------------|--|
| John Stormzand                       | Furniture maker,<br>Scrap and metal<br>dealer | Jan 29, 1878  | Grand Rapids,<br>MI | Sep 27, 1948  | Buried in Forest Lawn<br>Cemetery in Detroit, MI |
| Elizabeth Johanna<br>(Liz) Van Doorn | House Keeper                                  | Mar 8, 1876   | Rochester, NY       | Feb 19, 1945  | Buried in Forest Lawn<br>Cemetery in Detroit, MI |
| Harold Adrian                        | Son   | Dec 12, 1900  | Grand Rapids,<br>MI | Sep 22, 1974  | Buried in Cass City, MI                          |

Elizabeth Van Doorn was baptized as “Elizabeth Johanna Van Doorn” on May 7, 1876 at the First Reformed Church of Rochester, New York.

In 1900, Henry Stormzand was a widower with three sons ages 20, 13, and 9 living at 855 East Fulton Street in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His oldest son, John, was a “chair maker.” Elizabeth (Liz) Van Doorn lived with the family and served as the housekeeper.

John Stormzand and Elizabeth Van Doorn were married on Jul 3, 1900 in Grand Rapids, Michigan by Reverend James Ossewaarde in Bethany Reformed Church.

John was a furniture maker in Grand Rapids. He relocated his business to Big Rapids, MI. in 1904.

In 1910, the Stormzands were living in Grand Ledge, Michigan, which is just outside of Lansing. John was working as a factory foreman.

He eventually got out of the furniture business and ran a scrap iron and metal business in Detroit, MI.

Lizzie was described by her grandson, Dave Stormzand, as “jolly and fun-loving.” Jeannette Isenga described her as “a lot of fun.”

John and Elizabeth’s son, Harold, taught in the Electrical Department at Cass Technical High School in Detroit from 1921 to 1958. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and served on the School Board in Erin Township.



12 year old Lizzie Van Doorn



Liz (Van Doorn) Stormzand



Elizabeth (Van Doorn) Stormzand



John Stormzand

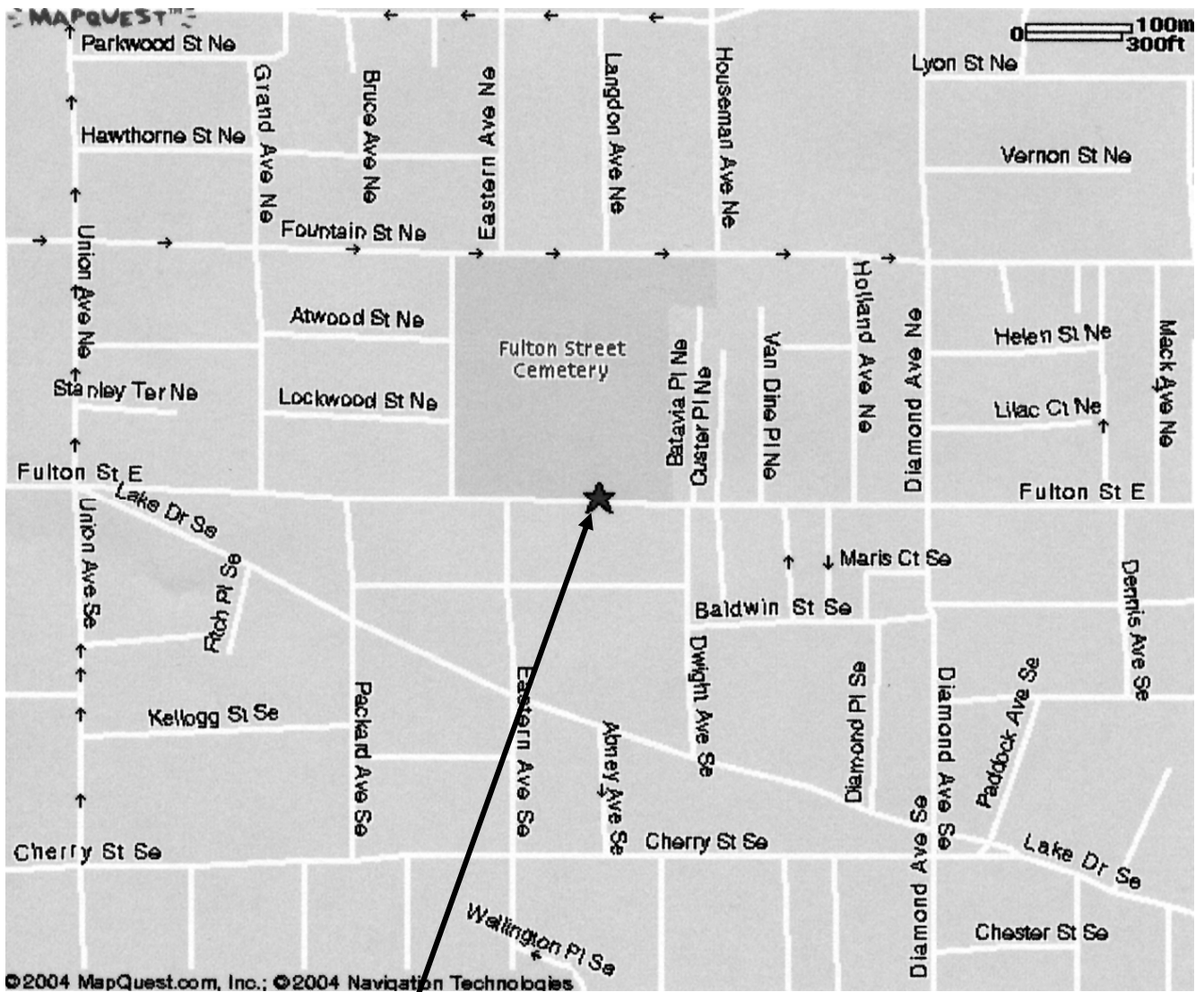


Liz Van Doorn



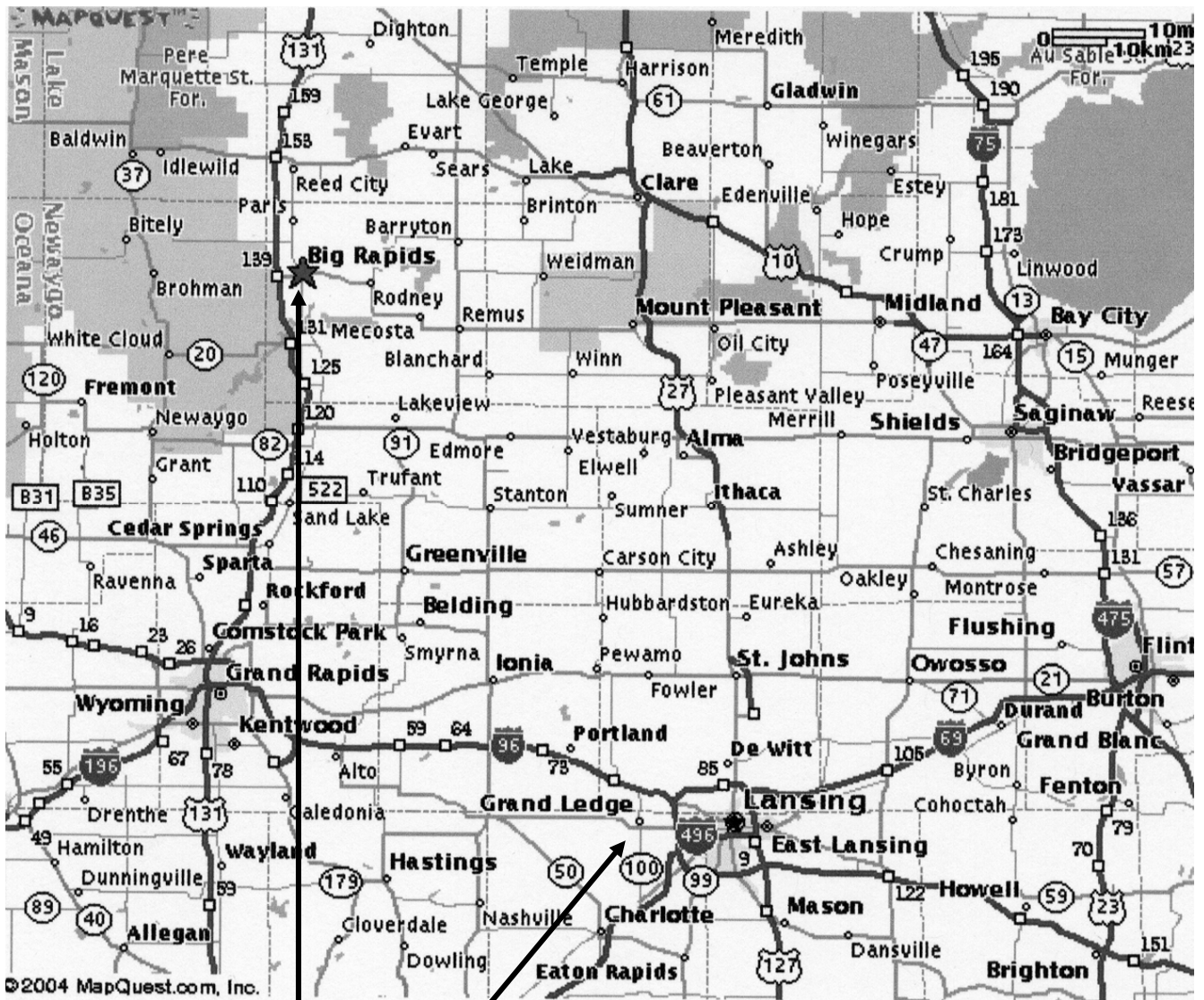
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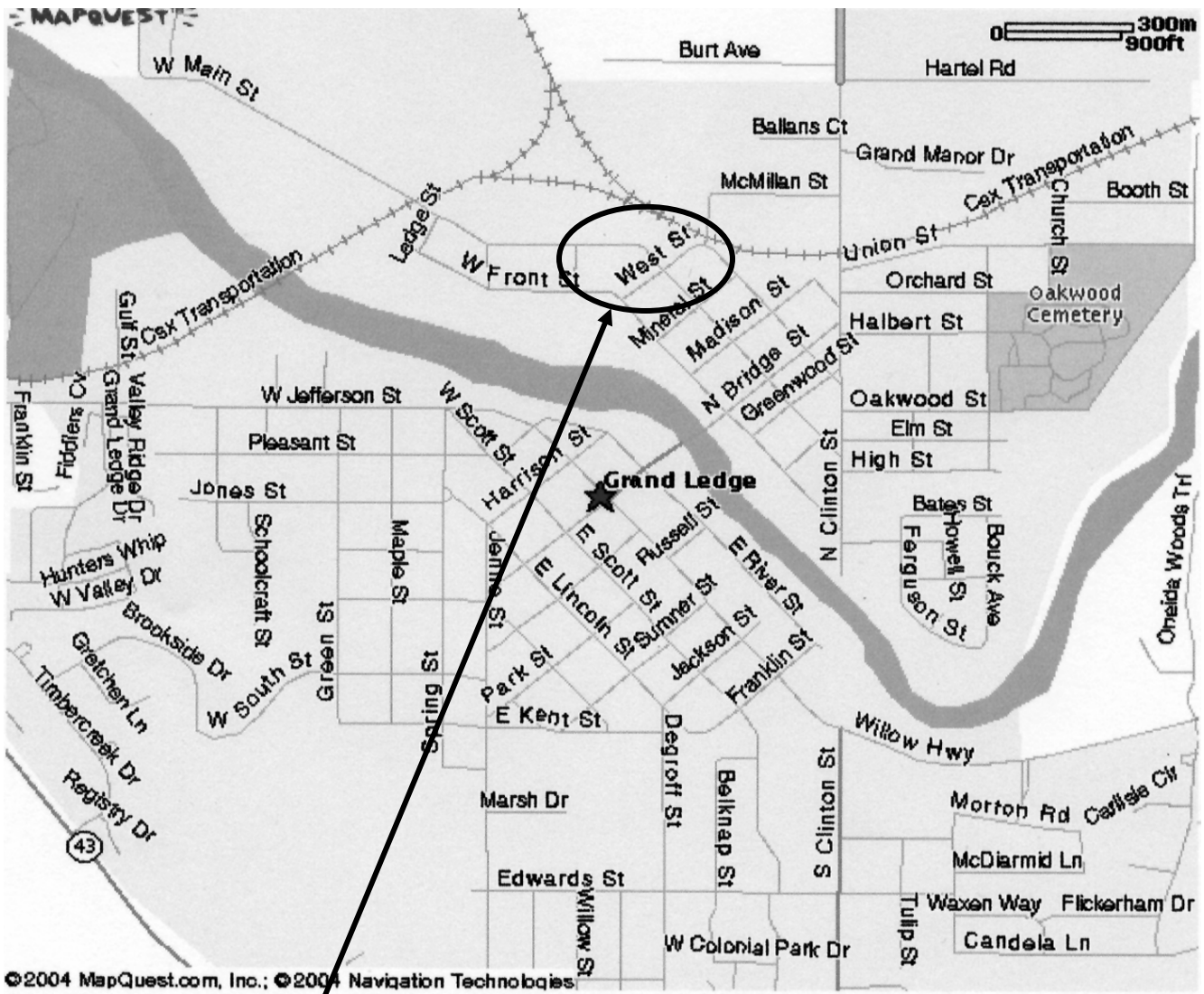
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Location of the Stormzand family home at 855 East Fulton Street in present day Grand Rapids.



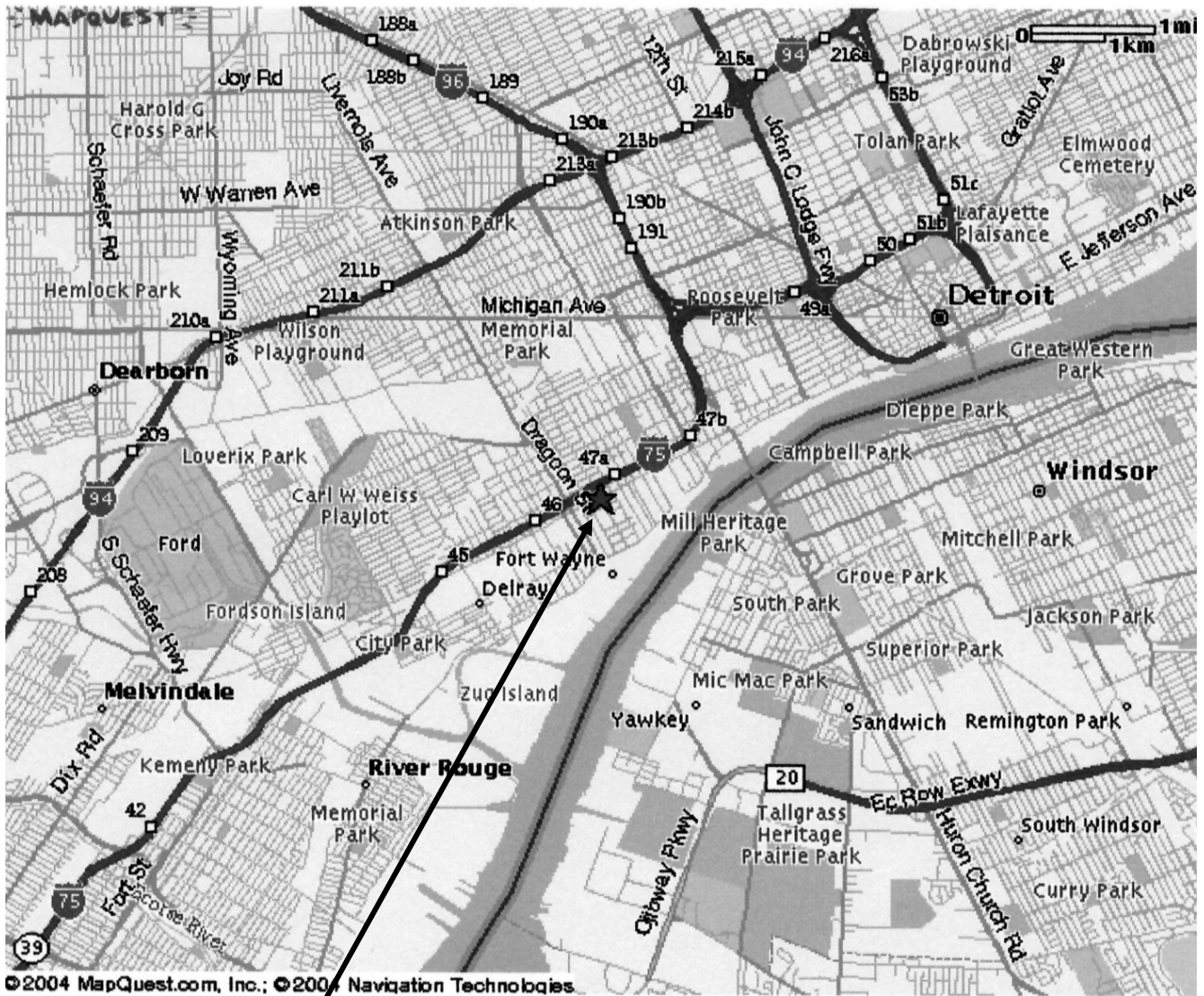
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The Stormzands moved from Grand Rapids, MI to Big Rapids, MI in 1904 and to Grand Ledge, MI in 1907. Later they moved to Detroit, MI.



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In 1910, the Stormzands were renting a home on West Street in Grand Ledge, Michigan. John worked as a factory foreman.



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By 1920, the Stormzands had moved to 583 Campbell Ave. in Detroit, Michigan. John had gotten out of the furniture making business and started his own junk dealership. The location of their home is shown here on a present day map of Detroit.

## The Westveers

| Name                | Occupation    | Date of Birth | Birthplace                    | Date of Death    | Notes  |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Arnold Westveer     | Schoolteacher | Jul 17, 1804  | Hoofdplaat, The Netherlands   | October 13, 1864 | Buried in the "public grounds" section of Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, NY.                        |
| Maatje De Rijcke    | Housekeeper   | Jan 1, 1802   | West-Souburg, The Netherlands | Feb 16, 1833     |  |
| Maatje              | Daughter      | Dec 22, 1824  | The Netherlands               |                  |  |
| Cea                 | Daughter      | Jun 25, 1828  | Veere, The Netherlands        |                  | Married to Abraham De Bruijne on Feb 9, 1853.  |
| Jacobus Kornelis    | Son           | Oct 6, 1830   | Veere, The Netherlands        |                  |  |
| Maria Elizabeth     | Daughter      | Nov 22, 1831  | Veere, The Netherlands        | Aug 7, 1833      |  |
| Levenloos Catharina | Daughter      | Feb 16, 1833  | Veere, The Netherlands        | Feb 16, 1833     |  |
| Jacoba Brieve       | Housekeeper   | 1813          | Veere, The Netherlands        | May 22, 1838     | Arnold and Jacoba were married on Jul 7, 1833.   |
| Lein                | Son           | Mar 5, 1834   | Veere, The Netherlands        | May 21, 1834     |  |
| Lein                | Son           | Jun 4, 1835   | Veere, The Netherlands        | Jun 25, 1835     |  |
| Elizabeth Catharine | Daughter      | Apr 11, 1836  | Veere, The Netherlands        | 1892             | Married to Adriaan Van Doorn   |
| Leintje (Helena?)   | Daughter      | Jun 5, 1837   | Veere, The Netherlands        |                  |  |
| Levenloos Pieter    | Son           | May 21, 1838  | Veere, The Netherlands        | May 21, 1838     |  |
| Elizabeth Willemse  | Housekeeper   | Aug 1814      | Middleburg, The Netherlands   | Aug 4, 1881 s    | Arnold and Elizabeth were married on Feb 22, 1839. Buried in Fulton Street Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI. |
| Willem              | Son           | Oct 8, 1839   | Veere, The Netherlands        |                  | Married to Yeptje Terijger on Feb 17, 1864.  |
| Lein (Leonard)      | Son           | Oct 24, 1840  | Veere, The Netherlands        |                  | Married to Kate Schillman  |
| Maria Louvina       | Daughter      | Dec 23, 1841  | Veere, The Netherlands        | Aug 6, 1893      | Married to John C Claver   |
| Magdalena (Martha)  | Daughter      | Jan 10, 1843  | Veere, The Netherlands        |                  | Married to Jacob Hein  |
| Johanna             | Daughter      | Feb 12, 1844  | Veere, The Netherlands        | Apr 5, 1844      |  |
| Neeltje             | Daughter      | May 7, 1845   | Veere, The Netherlands        | Mar 28, 1846     |  |
| Neeltje Johanna     | Daughter      | Apr 30, 1846  | Veere, The Netherlands        |                  | Married to Albert Claver   |
| Levenloos           | Son           | Oct 2, 1848   | Veere, The Netherlands        | Oct 2, 1848      |  |
| Suzanna             | Daughter      | Feb 11, 1850  | Veere, The Netherlands        | Feb 11, 1850     |  |
| Suzanna             | Daughter      | Jan 20, 1851  | Veere, The Netherlands        | Feb 11, 1851     |  |
| Paulina             | Daughter      | Jan 20, 1851  | Veere, The Netherlands        | Jan 27, 1851     |  |
| Cornelis Jacobus    | Son           | Feb 3, 1852   | Veere, The Netherlands        | Jul 1, 1853      |  |
| ???????             | Son           | Nov 10, 1853  | Veere, The Netherlands        | Nov 10, 1853     |  |
| Cornelis Jacobus    | Son           | Mar 5, 1854   | Veere, The Netherlands        | Mar 14, 1854     |  |
| ???????             | Daughter      | May 7, 1855   | Rochester, NY                 | May 7, 1855      |  |
| Cornelis Jacobus    | Son           | Oct 3, 1858   | Rochester, NY                 | Oct 1858         |  |
| Cornelis            | Son           | April 1859    | Rochester, NY                 | April 1859       |  |

Arnoud (Arnold) Westveer emigrated with his wife and children from the village of Veere, Zeeland in The Netherlands to the United States in 1854. Arnold was a schoolteacher and categorized himself as "less-than-well-to-do" or in the middle

class. He listed his church as Christejijk Afgescheiden or Christian Reformed, meaning Arnold considered himself a “seceder.”

Arnold had three wives and numerous children. He lost his first two wives to complications from childbirth. Many of his children also died at an early age.

Immigration records indicate that Arnold came to this country with his wife Elizabeth and seven children. I believe these children included Elizabeth, Leintje (also known as Helena), Willem, Lein (Leonard), Magdalena (Martha), Maria Louvina, and Neeltja Johanna (Nellie).

In 1860, Elizabeth Catharine Westveer, Arnold’s daughter by his second wife Jacoba, was working as a domestic servant in the home of Lansing Seymour, a railroad agent, in Buffalo, New York. Lansing and his wife Lucy had five children between the ages of 11 and 1 year old. Elizabeth would later marry Adriaan Van Doorn.

Arnold Westveer died on October 13, 1864 and is buried in the “Public Grounds” section of Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York.

The 1866 Rochester City Directory shows that Elizabeth Westveer, third wife of Arnold Westveer, was widowed and that she lived at 23 Tappan St. This was just down the street from the Van Doorns. In 1870, she was living with Nelly Claver (age 24) and Henry Claver (age 9). Nelly was her youngest daughter.

Nelly Westveer eventually married Albert Claver and is known to have had the following children: Arnold (1873), Elizabeth (1875), Lubarta (1877) and Mary (1879). The Albert Claver family, including Elizabeth Westveer and Dina Van Doorn, moved from Rochester, New York to Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1879 where they became members of Third Reformed Church. Albert worked in a furniture factory.

Maria Louvina Westveer married John C. Claver and is thought to have had the following children: Frank, Lubarta, Lina, Bertha, and Jennie. The John C. Claver family moved from Rochester to Grand Rapids sometime around 1880. J.C. Claver was a tailor. This family is buried in the Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Magdalena (Martha) Westveer married Jacob Hein and is known to have had the following children: Jennie (1870), Arnold (1871), Nellie (1873), Peter (1875), and Elizabeth (1876). The Hein family moved from Rochester to Grand Rapids in 1881 where they became members of Third Reformed Church. Jacob was a carpenter.

Lein (Leonard) Westveer married Kate Schillman and had two children: Mary and Arnold. They remained in Rochester, New York. Leonard was a painter.



Arnold Westveer



Elizabeth (Willemse) Westveer

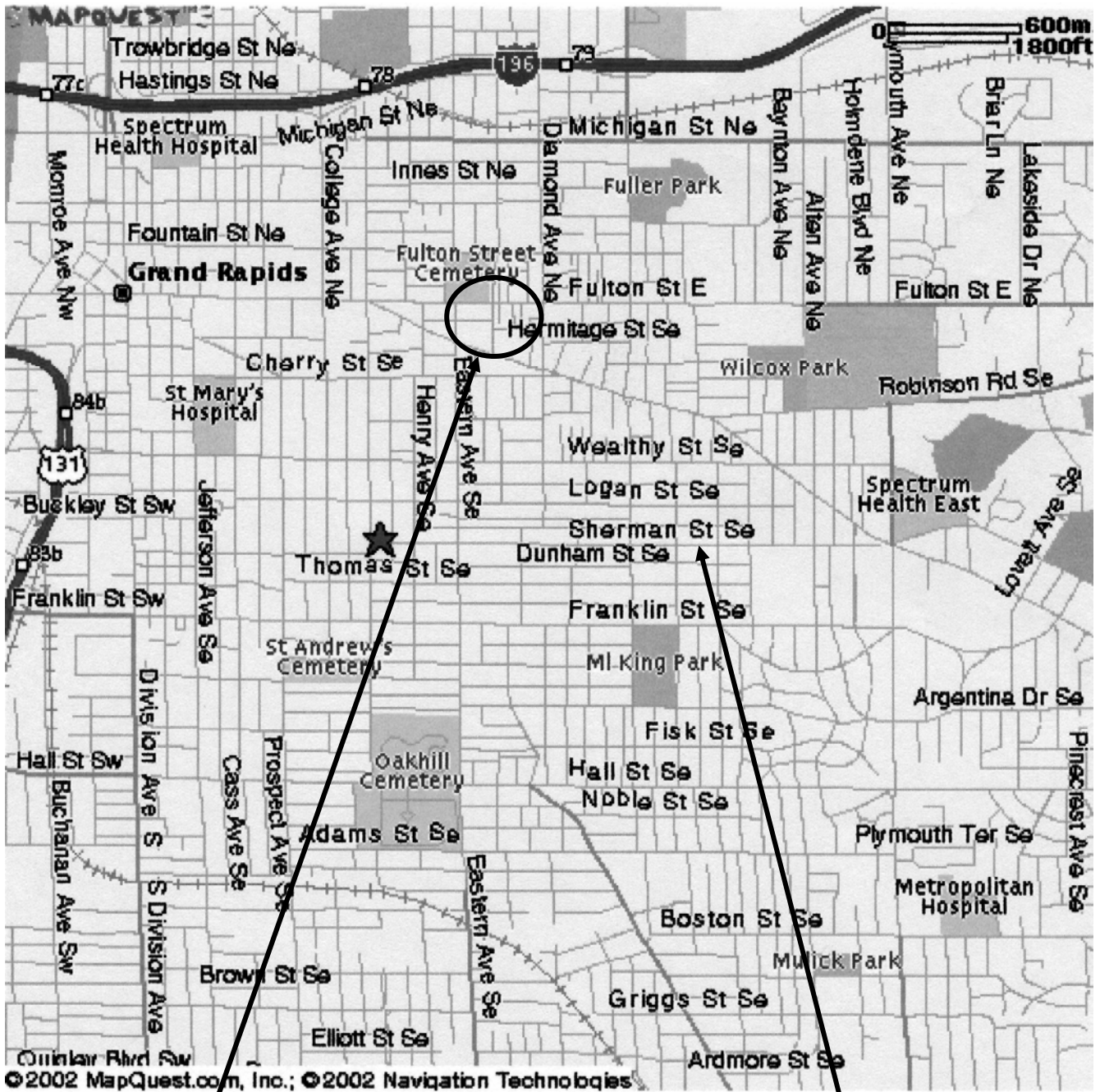
## The Holtmans

| Name                 | Occupation   | Date of Birth | Birthplace      | Date of Death | Notes  |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--|
| Jurrien Holtman      | Carpenter    | Sep 1852      | The Netherlands | Apr 2, 1936   | Buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Ottawa County, MI |
| Lamberdena Groenboom | House Keeper | Aug 2, 1854   | The Netherlands | Feb 9, 1941   | Buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Ottawa County, MI |
| Katherine (Katie)    | Daughter     | Apr 5, 1877   | The Netherlands | Nov 8, 1911   | Married to William Van Doorn                   |
| Anna                 | Daughter     | 1880          | The Netherlands | Jun 22, 1950  | Married to Peter Kriekaard                     |
| Louis                | Son          | Aug 1881      | The Netherlands | Aug 12, 1946  |  |
| Margaret (Maggie)    | Daughter     | Dec 22, 1890  | Michigan        | Jul 1, 1984   | Married to Martin Lock                         |
| Jacob                | Son          | Oct 1892      | Michigan        |               |  |

The Holtmans emigrated from the province of Groningen in The Netherlands in 1889. Jurrien became a US citizen in 1890. He made a living as a carpenter. Jurrien and Lamberdena had a total of ten children. Only five lived to adulthood. Their oldest daughter Katherine married William Van Doorn.

The Holtman family resided at 219 Sherman Street in the early years. In 1920 they were living at 1008 Wealthy Street. In their latter years, they lived at 862 Baxter Street. The family attended Third Reformed Church of Grand Rapids. As adults, several of the children attended Bethany Reformed Church.

Neither Jurrien nor Lamberdena Holtman ever learned to speak English. According to Phyllis (Van Doorn) Dood, Lamberdena "hated the US" and therefore refused to learn the language.



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Location of the Van Doorn family homes

The Holtmans lived on Sherman Street

## More about Furniture Factories

In the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Grand Rapids earned a reputation as “The Furniture City.” Huge quantities of factory produced furniture were shipped world-wide.<sup>74</sup>

Machine production of furniture reduced costs by cutting down on the amount of hand labor necessary to build a piece of furniture. Specialized machines were developed to carve multiple copies of a single part. For example, the King Spindle carving machine could create four identical panel pieces at one time. Planers, saws, joiners, and dovetailing machines made up just a portion of the equipment in a furniture factory.

However, machines could not do all the work. Carving, painting, and inlay work remained the task of skilled workmen. Although it was expensive, hand-made furniture continued to be favored by many buyers.

An unskilled laborer in the furniture factories of Grand Rapids in the 1880s and 1890s might have earned as little as \$1.50 a day. An extremely skilled workman could have earned as much as \$7.00 per day. All worked about 60-70 hours per week.<sup>75</sup>

Adriaan and William Van Doorn worked at Nelson, Matter & Company for many years. Adriaan was a polisher. William was a carver, a highly skilled position in the factory.

The Nelson, Matter & Company specialized in the manufacture of bedroom furniture. It was one of the oldest furniture companies in Grand Rapids, founded in 1854. However, it was not always financially successful. It went into receivership in 1893, was reorganized in 1894, and finally was liquidated in 1917. The Nelson, Matter & Company was located at 1 and 15 Lyon Street and 33, 35, and 37 Canal Streets. It employed 450-500 people.

Adriaan and William Van Doorn also worked at the Widdicomb Furniture Company. Adriaan was a machine head. William was a carver. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Widdicomb Furniture Company was known throughout the country for the quality of its fine furniture. They specialized in bedroom furniture: chamber suites, chiffoniers, bedsteads, and other bedroom furniture made from quarter sawn oak, birch, maple, and ash.<sup>76</sup> The company is still in operation today (under the name “John Widdicomb Company”) in downtown Grand Rapids, near the site of the original Widdicomb Furniture factories built in the 1800s.

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<sup>74</sup> [WWW.SOS.State.MI.US](http://WWW.SOS.State.MI.US), web site of the Michigan Historical System

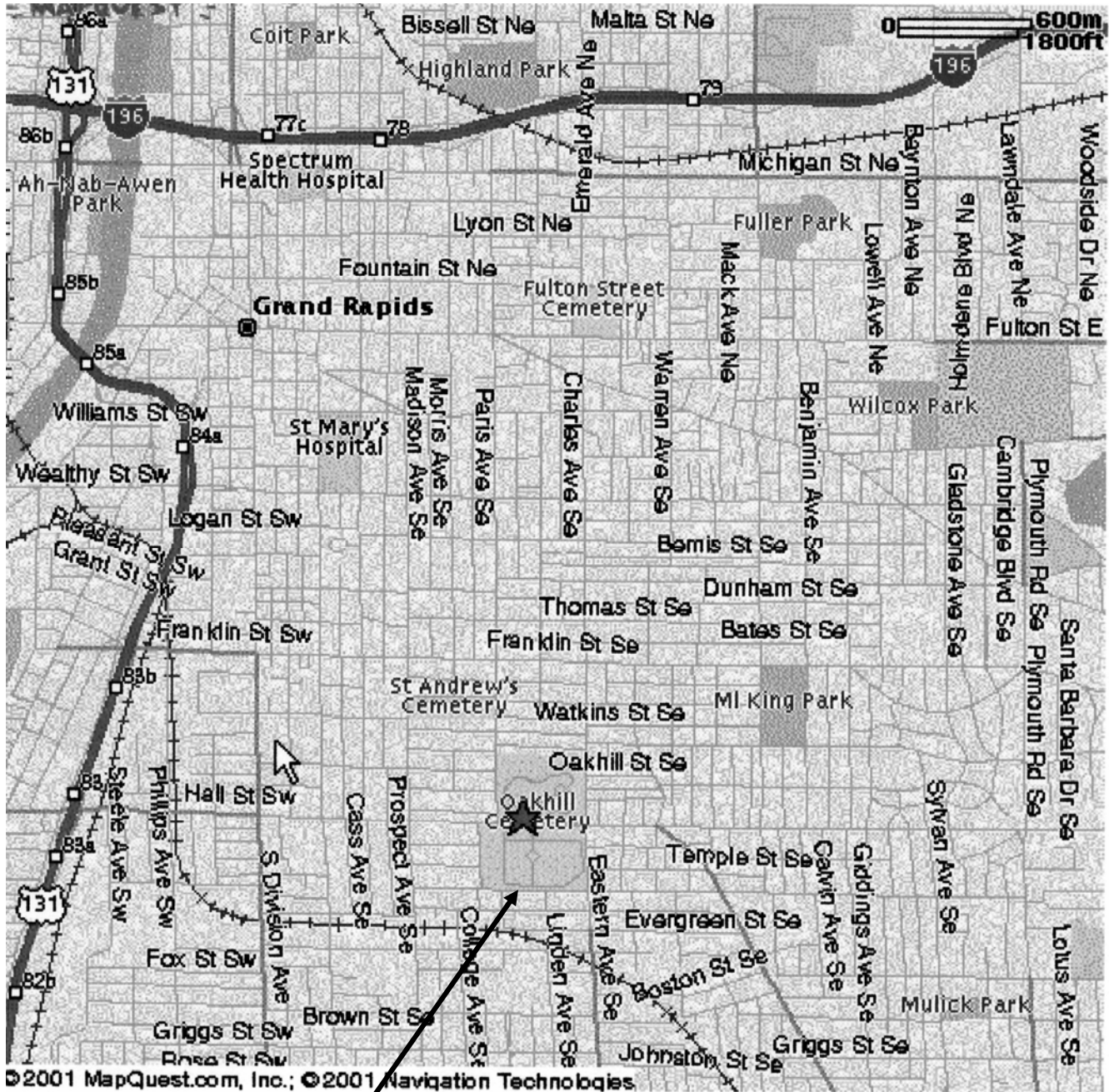
<sup>75</sup> Ibid.

<sup>76</sup> History of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Albert Baxter, Munsell & Company, New York & Grand Rapids, 1891



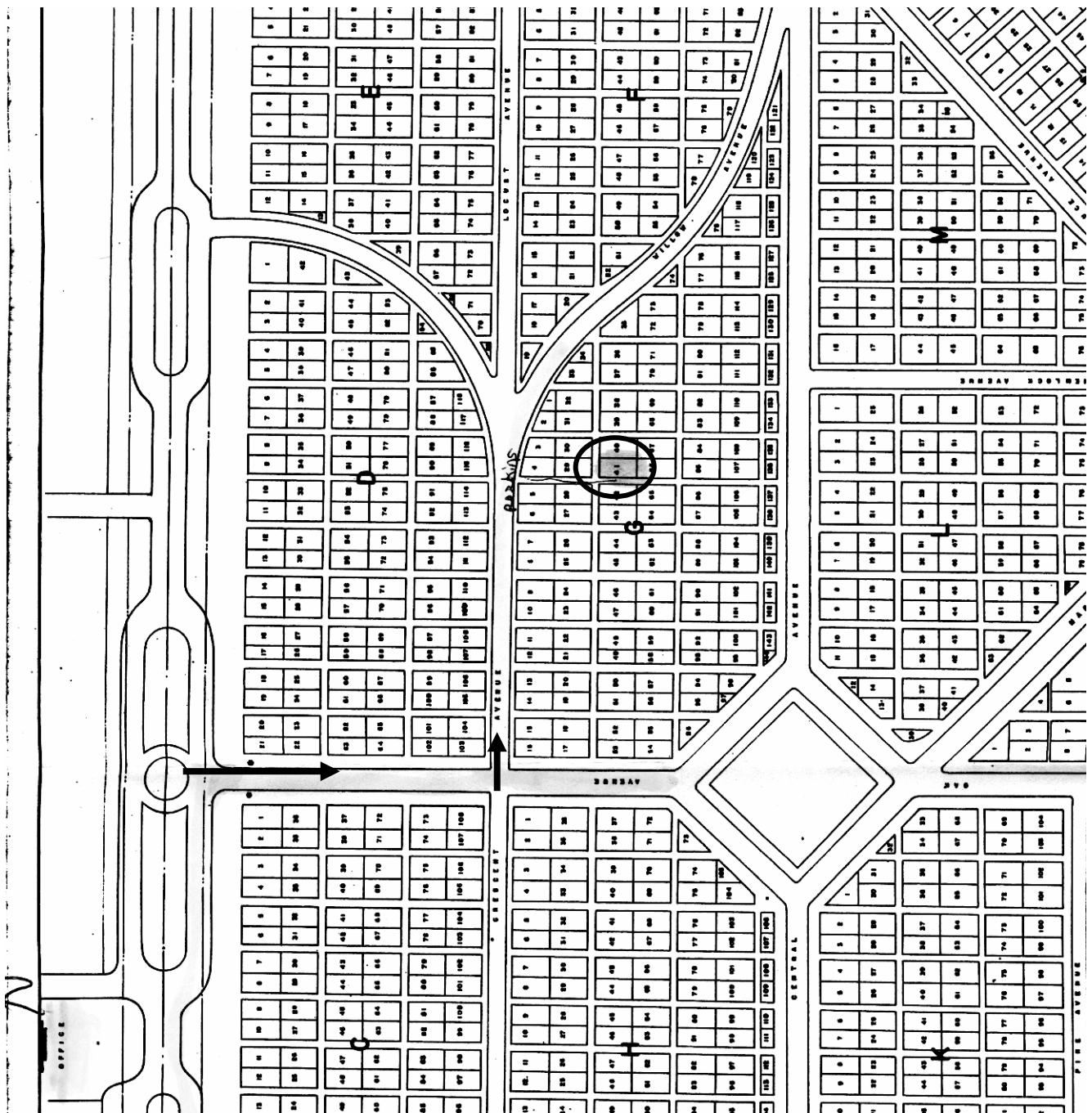
Adriaan and William Van Doorn likely worked in a factory building similar to the one pictured above.

# The Final Resting Place



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Adriaan and Elizabeth Van Doorn, and William and Katherine Van Doorn are among the family members buried in Oakhill Cemetery.



To get to Oakhill cemetery and visit the graves of the Van Doorn family, take the Hall street exit off of US 131 in Grand Rapids. Travel East on Hall Street until you reach the cemetery. Follow the map above. A key to finding the graves is to look for a large prominent gravestone marked "Perkins." The Van Doorn graves are just to the South of this large headstone.

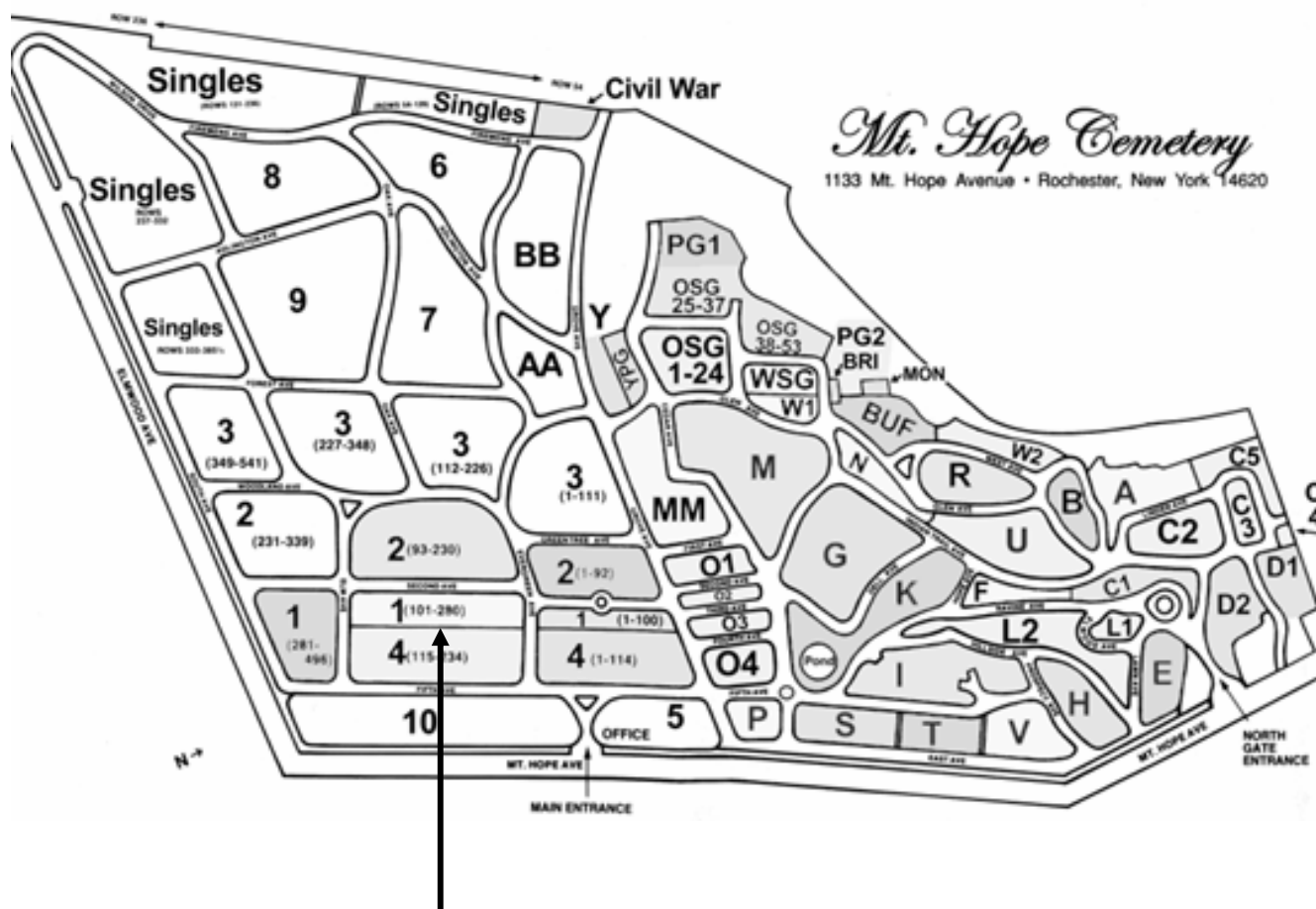
| Date   | Year  | Plot # | Name                       | Plot # | Plot # |
|--------|-------|--------|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Mar 16 | 1886  | 1      | Jane Te Veldhuis           | 1      | 2 1/2  |
|        |       | 2      | Baby                       |        |        |
| Oct 1  | 1908  | 3      | G. Fred Telder             | 15     | 6      |
| Jan 8  | 1892  | 4      | Elizabeth Van Doorn        |        |        |
| Dec 15 | 1890  | 5      | Adriaan Van Doorn          | 7      | 3      |
| Oct 31 | 1907  | 6      | John Hoogeheide            |        |        |
| Oct 2  | 1908  | 7      | Dina G. Telder             | 11     | 10     |
| Aug 9  | 1909  | 8      | Terna Van Doorn            |        |        |
| Nov    | 10/11 | 9      | Katherine Van Doorn        | 4      | 9 9    |
| May    | 17/22 | 10     | Jeanette Harper            | 5      | 13     |
| Dec 6  | 1940  | 11     | Peter Telder C.V.          |        |        |
| July 1 | 1941  | 12     | Gertrude Sarah Te Veldhuis |        |        |
| Oct 24 | 1942  | 13     | William Van Doorn C.V.     | 14     | 17     |
| Dec 18 | 1948  | 14     | Martin Van Doorn - 25      |        |        |
| Aug 25 | 1950  | 15     | John Tom Veldhuis (casket) | 8      | 16     |

Details of the Adriaan Van Doorn cemetery plots located in Lot #41 Block G of Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Plots #16 and #17 are not part of the Van Doorn family.

Note: John Hoogeheide was the younger brother of Gertrude Te Veldhuis, second wife of William Te Veldhuis. I believe the "baby" in plot #2 is the first child of William and Gertrude Te Veldhuis.

John Van Doorn owned a burial plot identified as the North ½ and Southwest ¼ of Lot 194 in Range 1 of Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York. Those buried with him include:

- Martha Van Doorn (1<sup>st</sup> wife)
- Lena Van Doorn (2<sup>nd</sup> wife)
- Marinus Van Doorn (son)
- Cornelia Van Doorn (daughter-in-law)
- Magdalena Levina Van Doorn (granddaughter)
- Martin E. Van Doorn (grandson)
- Clarence R. Van Doorn (grandson)
- Jennie Levina Van Doorn (granddaughter)
- Walter Marinus Van Doorn (grandson)



Location of John Van Doorn family burial plot

## FAMILY TREE

I have included all the family trees that have been passed along to me. In order to compare one family member's position in the tree relative to another, I have assigned a number to each generation. Generation #1 is Adriaan Van Doorn. Generation #2 includes William Van Doorn. Generation # -1 includes Adriaan Van Doorn's father, Marinus Van Doorn.

### Adriaan Van Doorn's Ancestors

#### **-7 Anthoni Van Doorn**

**-6 Adriaen Van Doorn - Born 1625. Married Eva Verstolcks in 1648. He died on Jun 28, 1680.**

-5 Willem Van Doorn – Born 1649.

-5 Margrietta Van Doorn – Born 1650.

**-5 Antony Van Doorn - Born Jul 30, 1651.**

**-4 Adriaen Van Doorn - Born 1685. Married Janneke Janse.**

-3 Jan Van Doorn – Born 1711.

-3 Magdalena Van Doorn - Born Dec 10, 1713.

-3 Jacobus Van Doorn - Born Dec 9, 1714. Married Willemina Spons in 1745.

-2 Anna Van Doorn – Born Apr 27, 1749.

-2 Jacoba Van Doorn – Born 1757. Married Mattheus Cornelisson. She died on Sep 15, 1810.

-3 Maria Van Doorn - Born 1715. Married Jan Van Den Broeke on Apr 26, 1732.

**-3 Izaak Van Doorn - Born 1720 in Zaamslag, Zeeland. Married Janneke De Maker (Born Oct 28, 1725) on May 9, 1745.**

-2 Jozina Van Doorn - Born 1750. Died May 1, 1809.

**-2 Adriaan Van Doorn - Born 1757. Married Janneke Van Tatenhoven (Born 1755/Died Apr 16, 1804). He died Dec 24, 1809.**

-1 Isaac Van Doorn – Born 1779. Married Anna Voordijk (Born Jan 11, 1787/Died Oct 1, 1828) on Jan 18, 1807. He died Apr 13, 1858.

1 Adrian Van Doorn – Born Aug 3, 1807. Died Sep 22, 1807.

1 Clairra Van Doorn – Born Feb 18, 1810. Married Johannis Colijn (Born Dec 6, 1811) on May 3, 1834. She died Nov 4, 1837.

1 Janneke Van Doorn – Born Nov 30, 1813. Married Dirk Van Den Berge (Born Apr 11, 1815) on Oct 3, 1840. She died Jan 21, 1880.

1 Janna Van Doorn – Born Jun 27, 1818. Died Feb 20, 1824.

**-1 Marinus Van Doorn – Born Mar 24, 1781. Married Jacomina Franke (Born 1795/Died Aug 14, 1815). Married Adriana Van Den Bogaard (Born 1785/Died Sep 15, 1849) on Feb 7, 1816. He died Jan 22, 1848.**

1 Jannetje Van Doorn – Born Aug 12, 1816. Married Maarten Van Driel (Born

1809/Died Dec 8, 1849) on Dec 15, 1838. She died Jul 22, 1895.

2 Adriana Van Driel – Born Dec 13, 1839.

2 Marinus Van Driel – Born Jan 11, 1841. Died Mar 21, 1925

2 Pieter Van Driel – Born Jun 18, 1842. Married Jacoba Heijboer. Died Jun 27, 1915.

2 Adriaan Van Driel – Born Jul 25, 1844.

2 Anna Van Driel - Born Nov 3, 1845. Married Jacobus Groffen. Died Apr 17, 1875.

2 Johanna Cornelia Van Driel – Born Jun 14, 1847. Married Johannes Geuze. Died May 16, 1930.

2 Cornelis Van Driel – Born Oct 13, 1848. Died May 3, 1871.

Married Jakob Braber (Born 1830) on Dec 8, 1855.

2 Jan Jacob Braber – Died Apr 9, 1857.

1 Adriaan Van Doorn – Born Sep 12, 1817. Died Apr 20, 1820.

1 Johannes Van Doorn – Born Sep 12, 1817. Died Oct 11, 1817.

1 Johannes Van Doorn – Born Jan 18, 1819. Married Maatje Broodman (Born Nov 6, 1815/Died Aug 27, 1871) on Aug 21, 1841. Married Leuntje (Lena) Proul Kreiger (Born 1819/Died Mar 10, 1888) on May 15, 1872. Married Janneka Lusink De Neve, on July 21, 1892. He died on October 22, 1897.

2 Adrianus Van Doorn – Born Feb 3, 1842. Died Feb 24, 1842.

2 Marinus Van Doorn – Born Feb 3, 1842. Married Cornelia Van Petegem (Born Nov 20, 1845/Died Feb 16, 1931) on September 12, 1866. He died Oct. 18, 1910.

2 Adrianus Hendrik Van Doorn – Born May 1843. Died Aug 30, 1843.

2 Adrianje (Jane) Van Doorn – Born Jul 6, 1845. Married Herman Pick.

2 Adriaan Van Doorn – Born May 1846. Died Jul 2, 1846.

1 Adriaan Van Doorn – Born May 14, 1821. Died Oct 18, 1821.

**1 Adriaan Van Doorn – See chapter on Descendants of Adriaan Van Doorn**

-1 Janna Van Doorn – Born 1787. Married Jacob De Pooter (Born 1795/Died Jan 14, 1870) on May 3, 1823. She died Feb 4, 1862.

-2 Neeltje Van Doorn - Born Feb 3, 1760. Married Abraham Leunis (Born Jun 26, 1757/Died Sep 7, 1820) on Jun 30, 1797. She died December 09, 1829

-2 Daniel Van Doorn – Born ?. Died Jan 4, 1760.

-2 Jan Van Doorn – Born ?. Died Jan 13, 1760

Married Pieterella Van Kampen. Izaak Van Doorn died before 1798.

- 2 Pieter Van Doorn - Born 1761. Married Levina Meeuwssen (Born May 3, 1761/Died Sep 10, 1841). He died Feb 18, 1827.
- 1 Sara Van Doorn – Born 1790. Married Cornelis Leunis (Born 1790/Died Apr 26, 1846) on Feb 3, 1811. She died Sep 5, 1856.
- 1 Andries Van Doorn – Born 1792. Married Marie Leunis (Born Nov 22, 1799/Died May 3, 1876) on Mar 21, 1819. He died Aug 18, 1829.
- 1 Pieter Van Doorn – Born Aug 29, 1819. Died Aug 10, 1820.
- 1 Adriana Van Doorn – Born Oct 22, 1820. Married Hendrikus Overbeeke (Born 1809/Died Nov 19, 1865) on Aug 3, 1843. She died Dec 21, 1849.
- 1 Pieter Van Doorn – Born Jan 9, 1822. Married Jacoba Cornelis (Born Dec 25, 1821/Died Feb 12, 1911) on Oct 25, 1849. He died Jan 15, 1909.
- 2 Maria Van Doorn – Born May 13, 1850. Married Hendrik Jonkman (Born Feb 13, 1851/Died Oct 18, 1910). She died Jan 6, 1911.
- 2 Jozina Van Doorn – Born Jun 23, 1851. Died Feb 28, 1859.
- 2 Andries Van Doorn – Born Jul 1, 1852. Died Jul 17, 1852.
- 2 Andries Van Doorn – Born Dec 7, 1853. Died Jul 17, 1871.
- 2 Mattheus Van Doorn – Born Feb 23, 1856. Died Dec 8, 1928.
- 2 Jan Van Doorn – Born May 2, 1859. Married Angenita Van Bezooijen (Born Apr 9, 1860) on Jun 6, 1883.
- 3 Pieter Van Doorn – Born Nov 27, 1884. Married Elisabeth Wijna (Born 1887) on Mar 10, 1910.
- 3 Magdalena Jacoba Van Doorn – Born Jan 3, 1887. Married Adam De Zeeuw (Born 1888) on Sep 24, 1908.
- 3 Jacoba Magdalena Van Doorn – Born May 2, 1889. Married Johannes Vermeulen (Born Apr 24, 1890) on May 29, 1912.
- 3 Johanna Wilhemina Van Doorn – Born Oct 28, 1891. Died Nov 11, 1891.
- 3 Jan Andries Van Doorn – Born Jan 19, 1893. Married Pieterella Jansen (Born 1896) on May 19, 1921.
- 3 Maria Jozina Van Doorn – Born Feb 2, 1894.
- 3 Mattheus Van Doorn – Born Feb 19, 1895. Died Jul 1, 1905.
- 3 Anna Hendrika Van Doorn – Born Sep 30, 1896.
- 2 Josina Van Doorn – Born Jan 1, 1861. Married Jacob Doeselaar (Born Jul 14, 1866) on Oct 31, 1889. She died Mar 16, 1933.
- 1 Michiel Van Doorn – Born Jan 30, 1823. Died Oct 11, 1827.
- 1 Levina Van Doorn – Born Oct 25, 1824. Married Johan Overbeeke (Born 1826/Died Jan 12, 1892) on Jun 21, 1849. She died Mar 4, 1906.
- 1 Sent Van Doorn – Born Dec 9, 1825. Died Feb 19, 1828.
- 1 Jan Van Doorn – Born Dec 10, 1825. Died Dec 20, 1825
- 1 Sara Van Doorn – Born Nov 28, 1826. Died Oct 20, 1827.
- 1 Sara Van Doorn – Born Nov 30, 1827. Died Nov 25, 1828.
- 1 Maria Van Doorn – Born Dec 18, 1828. Died Nov 19, 1830
- 1 Andries Van Doorn – Born Mar 16, 1830. Died Oct 4, 1830.
- 1 Pieterella Van Doorn – Born Oct 5, 1796. Died Mar 9, 1803.

- 1 Jan Van Doorn – Born 1797. Married Janneke Verheijke on May 10, 1823 (Born 1800). He died Mar 8, 1827.
- 1 Pieter Van Doorn – Born Nov 9, 1823.  
 1 Cornelis Van Doorn – Born Oct 28, 1824. Died Dec 30, 1837.  
 1 Andries Van Doorn – Born Feb 24, 1827. Died Sep 3, 1827.
- 1 Catrina Van Doorn – Born Jan 17, 1800. Died Jun 28, 1819.
- 2 Andries Van Doorn - Born 1764. Married Christina Den Hollander (Born 1767/Died Jul 3, 1828). He died Feb 22, 1824.
- 1 Anthonie Van Doorn – Born 1795. Married Willemina Rouw (Born Sep 9, 1803/Died Nov 5, 1877) on Dec 23, 1827. He died Aug 14, 1854.
- 1 Christina Van Doorn – Born Jun 15, 1828. Married Francois Klaassen (Born Feb 15, 1822/Died Dec 1, 1904) on Jul 19, 1849. She died Nov 17, 1897.
- 1 Joanna Van Doorn – Born Jan 21, 1830. Died Aug 14, 1830.
- 1 Marinus Van Doorn – Born Mar 6, 1835. Married Maria Jansen (Born Aug 20, 1839) on Dec 23, 1859. He died Jan 7, 1908.
- 2 Anthonie Van Doorn – Born May 2, 1860. Died Feb 23, 1861.
- 2 Cornelis Van Doorn – Born Oct 10, 1861. Died Oct 12, 1864.
- 2 Anthonie Van Doorn – Born Nov 6, 1865. Married Jozina De Lijser (Born Nov 23, 1868/Died Nov 11, 1917) on May 8, 1890. He died Aug 1, 1939.
- 3 Martinus Van Doorn – Born Sep 7, 1890. Died Sep 20, 1890.  
 3 Martinus Van Doorn – Born Sep 24, 1891. Died Oct 14, 1891.  
 3 Adriaan Van Doorn – Born Aug 6, 1892. Died Jun 20, 1893.  
 3 Martinus Van Doorn – Born Jan 16, 1894.  
 3 Jozina Van Doorn – Born Aug 13, 1895. Married Charel Verberkmoes (Born 1891) on Apr 4, 1918.  
 3 Adriaan Van Doorn – Born Apr 3, 1897. Died Jul 23, 1897.  
 3 Maria Van Doorn – Born Sep 17, 1898. Died May 23, 1900.  
 3 Adriaan Van Doorn – Born Nov 16, 1900. Died Mar 7, 1921.  
 3 Cornelis Van Doorn – Born 1905. Died Aug 10, 1906.
- 2 Johanna Van Doorn – Born Jan 26, 1869. Married Jacobus Van Arenthals on Nov 30, 1893. She died Nov 20, 1906.
- 2 Cornelis Van Doorn – Born Nov 29, 1870. Married Johanna Van den Berge (Born Aug 24, 1872) on May 21, 1896. He died Apr 17, 1928.
- 3 Martinus Jacobus Van Doorn – Born May 24, 1898. Married Adriana Arenthals (Born 1900) on Jan 23, 1919.
- 3 Jacobus Martinus Van Doorn – Born Nov 16, 1900. Married Maria Riemens (Born Feb 18, 1902/Died Jan 1, 1988) on Jan 26, 1922. He died Jun 1, 1982.
- 4 C. F. Van Doorn. Married P. Bakker.  
 4 Ria Van Doorn  
 4 Jan Van Doorn. Married J. Moerdijk.

4 Marijke Van Doorn  
4 Nelly Van Doorn

3 Maria Sara Van Doorn – Born Aug 22, 1902. Married Jan Van Tatenhoven  
(Born 1898/Died Aug 11, 1988).

3 Pieter Anthonie Van Doorn – Born Mar 1905. Died Apr 17, 1905.

3 Anthonie Van Doorn – Born Mar 1907. Died Apr 7, 1907.

3 Sara Maria Van Doorn. Married Jan de Vos. She died Dec 25, 1991.

3 Pieter Anthonie Van Doorn – Born 1916. Died Jan 27, 1989.

3 Cornelis Johannes Van Doorn – Born Apr 16, 1919. Married Cornelia  
Riemens (Born Oct 11, 1920) on Oct 2,  
1952.

2 Martinus Van Doorn – Born May 25, 1876. Married Wilhelmina Willemsen  
(Born Jan 1, 1873) on Dec 30, 1897.

3 Martinus Van Doorn – Born Mar 3, 1898.

3 Maria Van Doorn – Born Feb 20, 1902. Died May 31, 1902

3 Maria Van Doorn – Born 1905. Died Mar 30, 1907.

3 Anthonie Van Doorn – Born May 20, 1906. Died May 22, 1906.

3 Augustinus Van Doorn – Born May 20, 1906. Died May 22, 1906.

2 Johannes Daniel Van Doorn – Born Aug 19, 1879. Married Janna Van Espen  
(Born Nov 1, 1880) on Jul 26, 1900.

3 Johannes Daniel Van Doorn – Born Nov 21, 1900.

3 Johannes Martinus Van Doorn Nov 28, 1901.

1 Andries Van Doorn – Born Feb 23, 1842. Died Feb 23, 1842.

-1 Pieter Van Doorn – Born Nov 27, 1798. Died Jan 23, 1800.

-1 Maatje Van Doorn – Born Aug 12, 1802. Married Willem Louwe (Born Apr 25, 1795/Died  
Nov 8, 1869) on Aug 12, 1820. She died Oct 15, 1892.

-1 Pieter Van Doorn – Born Aug 13, 1804. Died Sep 3, 1804.

-2 Jacobus Van Doorn - Born 1777. Died Jun 19, 1797.

-2 Jan Van Doorn - Born Feb 27, 1780. Married Pieternella Dronkers (Born Nov 11, 1795/Died Sep  
7, 1825) on Nov 7, 1802. He died Aug 15, 1826.

-1 Pieternella Van Doorn – Born Dec 16, 1802. Married Cornelis Geelhoed (Born Jul 5,  
1803/Died Feb 22, 1891) on Apr 28, 1827. She died Aug 18, 1863.

-1 Maria Van Doorn – Born Jan 4, 1804. Died Jun 16, 1869.

-1 Isaac Van Doorn – Born Oct 31, 1805. Died Feb 15, 1845.

-1 Catharina Van Doorn – Born Jan 24, 1808. Died Mar 27, 1811.

-1 Maatje Van Doorn – Born Apr 7, 1810. Married Jan Vertraate (Born Dec 14, 1807). Married  
Willem Lourens (Born 1796/Died Nov 8, 1869)

-1 Catharina Van Doorn – Born Oct 3, 1813. Married Piter Van Es (Born 1805/Died Aug 8,  
1886) on Jun 25, 1836. She died Jan 27, 1892.

-3 Adriaan Van Doorn - Born Mar 1726. Married Susanna Van Heule on Jan 2, 1745. He died Aug 18,  
1799.

-4 Cornelis Van Doorn - Born 1687. Married Françoise Parmertier.

- 3 Lena Van Doorn – Born Aug 25, 1715. Married Cornelis Van Hoeve on Apr 27, 1737.
- 3 Sara Van Doorn – Born Feb 14, 1717.
- 3 Isaak Van Doorn – Born Aug 3, 1718. Died Aug 3, 1718.
- 3 Maria Van Doorn – Born Aug 3, 1718.
- 3 Aaltje Van Doorn – Born Nov 24, 1720. Married Jacobus Krijger (Born 1715) on Jul 31, 1740.  
Married Louis Bedet on Jun 24, 1764.
- 3 Adriaen Van Doorn – Born Aug 23, 1722.
- 3 Isac Van Doorn – Born Dec 20, 1724.
- 3 Isaak Van Doorn – Jul 14, 1726.
- 3 Sara Van Doorn – Nov 4, 1728.
  
- 4 Pieterella Van Doorn – Born 1690. Married Joost Latthouwer in 1740.
  
- 4 Jacobus Van Doorn – Born 1692. Married Claesje Sijmens in 1815. He died Dec 1730.
  - 3 Eva Van Doorn Born 1715. Died in 1731.
  
  - 3 Antoinette Van Doorn – Born 1716. Married Jan Bluts on Aug 8, 1741. Married Jan Petersen on Jan 22, 1753. Married Pieter de Burgermeester on Jan 31, 1768. She died in 1773.
  
  - 3 Jacobus Van Doorn – Born 1718. Married Pieterella Stouthamer on May 27, 1747. He died in 1761.
    - 2 Janneke Van Doorn – Born Jul 28, 1748.
    - 2 Jacobus Van Doorn – Born Oct 12, 1754. Married Suzanna Willemse.
    - 2 Janneke Van Doorn – Born 1756. Married Jannis Van Oosten. She died Aug 5, 1841.
  
- 4 Maria Van Doorn – Born 1694. Married David Schoenmaker in 1815.
  
- 4 Eva Van Doorn - Born 1695. Married Pieter Lanzeer on Jul 30, 1717.
  
- 5 Aelbrecht Van Doorn - Born Mar 9, 1653. Married Janneke Oliviest. Married Moetje Brouwenaar.
  
- 5 Jacob Van Doorn – Born 1655.
  
- 5 Abraham Van Doorn – Born 1661.
  - 4 Pieterella Van Doorn – Born 1685.
  
  - 4 Abraham Van Doorn – Born 1690. Married Pauwelina Brand in 1725. He died in 1757.
    - 3 Cornelia Van Doorn – Born 1725.
  
    - 3 Jacoba Van Doorn – Born Jan 11, 1728.
  
    - 3 Cornelia Van Doorn – Born Jan 11, 1728. Married Jan van den Broeke on Dec 15, 1748. She died on Dec 25, 1806.
  
    - 3 Machelina Van Doorn – Born 1735. Married Cornelis Leunis on Dec 26, 1754. She died on Nov 2, 1801.
  
    - 3 Paulina Van Doorn – Born 1736. Married Pieter de Bruijne.
  
- 5 Maria Van Doorn – Born 1665.
  
- 5 Meerten Van Doorn – Born 1669. Married Pieterella Sitters in 1699.
  - 4 Geerard Van Doorn – Born 1700. Married Tenijntje Looff in 1718. Married Catharina Roose in 1725. He died on May 18, 1765.

- 3 Magdalena Van Doorn – Born 1732. Married Frederik Drost on Apr 23, 1754. Married Andries van de Reyke on Feb 5, 1758.
- 3 Janna Van Doorn – Born 1734. Married Dominicus van Kerkvoort in 1757.
- 3 Sara Van Doorn – Born 1735. Married Izaak Meessen on Apr 25, 1756. She died on Dec 30, 1806.
- 3 Maria Van Doorn – Born 1737. Married Adriaan de Bruijne. Married Johannis de Bruijne. She died on Aug 11, 1812.
- 3 Jan Van Doorn – Born 1746. He died on Mar 17, 1816.
- 4 Sara Van Doorn – Born 1701. Married Adriaan Riemens on Jul 28, 1716. She died on Mar 17, 1723.
- 4 Jan Van Doorn – Born 1707. Married Pieterella De Feyter (Born 1715) on Oct 15, 1732.
  - 3 Adriaen Van Doorn – Born Jul 19, 1733.
  - 3 Baltien Van Doorn – Born Feb 5, 1736.
  - 3 Pieter Van Doorn – Born Aug 3, 1738. Married Janna Coves (Born 1729/Died Sep 30, 1804). He died Feb 8, 1803.
  - 3 Sara Van Doorn – Born Mar 12, 1741.
  - 3 Maria Van Doorn – Born Dec 26, 1743.
  - 3 Gerard Van Doorn – Born Apr 10, 1746.
- 4 Jacobus Van Doorn – Born 1720.
- 5 Eva Van Doorn – Born 1670. Married Nicholas Bolleman on Dec 19, 1710. Married Jacobus van Frayenhoven on Mar 12, 1729.

## Adriaan Van Doorn's Descendants

- 1 Adriaan Van Doorn – Born Aug 8, 1822. Married Jannetje Quakkelaar (Born Oct 3, 1821/Died 1866) on October 27, 1849. Married Elizabeth Westveer (Born Apr 9, 1836/Died Jan 8, 1892). He died on Dec 15, 1896.
  - 2 Adriana Van Doorn – Born Mar 26, 1850. Died Feb 3, 1852.
  - 2 Adriana (Jane) Van Doorn – Born Mar 2, 1853. Married John William Te Veldhuis (Born Feb 24, 1859/Died Aug 22, 1950) on May 26, 1880. She died in Mar 16, 1886.
  - 3 Gertrude Te Veldhuis – Born Jul 16, 1881. Married Siert Isenga (Born Oct 18, 1880/Died Mar 18, 1964) Oct 28, 2003. She died Aug 31, 1966.
  - 4 Katherine Isenga - Born Feb 07, 1905. Married Jacob Oosterink (Born May 23, 1904/Died Sep 9, 1987) on Apr 30, 1925. Died July 21, 1975.
  - 5 Gertrude Jean Oosterink - Born Aug 27, 1925. Married Dwight Becker (born Mar 25, 1924) on Jun 21, 1946.
  - 6 Dwight Wendell Becker, Jr. - Born Dec 15, 1947. Married Carol DeRuiter (Born Jan 27, 1948) on Jun 21, 1968.
  - 7 Tonya Lynn Becker - Born Apr 6, 1971. Married Jeff Harris (Born Sep 28, 1967) on Sep 15, 2001.
  - 8 Samantha Ann Harris - Born Sep 2, 2004.
  - 7 Tracy Ann Becker - Born Mar 16, 1973. Married Rick VandenBerge (Born Jan 8, 1971) on Aug 25, 1995.
  - 8 Hope Kathleen VandenBerge - Born Apr 10, 2002.
  - 7 Wendy Kay Becker - Born July 16, 1975.
  - 8 Mya Claire Becker - Born Mar 1, 2001. Died Mar 1, 2001.
  - 7 Kevin Dwight Becker - Born Apr 16, 1980. Married Dana Zuverink Jun 27, 2003.
  - 6 Marcia Joy Becker - Born Mar 11, 1950. Married Thomas Verbrugge (Born Oct 18, 1946) on Jun 12, 1970.
  - 7 Brenda Joy Verbrugge - Born Apr 4, 1971. Married Bruce Elliott on Jun 22, 2002.
  - 8 Bethany Joy Elliott - Born Apr 7, 2004.
  - 7 Thomas John Verbrugge, Jr. - Born Nov 21, 1973. Married Rachel Melcher (Born Sep 12, 1975) on Jun 26, 1999.
  - 8 Kimberly Anne Verbrugge - Born Oct 12, 2001.
  - 7 Lisa Ann Verbrugge - Born Feb 12, 1975. Married Michael Burton (Born Oct 4, 1974) on Dec 19, 1998.

- 8 Victoria Sue Burton - Born Nov 1, 2000.  
8 Clint Michael Burton - Born Jan 23, 2003.  
8 Virginia Grace Burton - Born May 13, 2004.
- 7 Joel Matthew Verbrugge - Born Nov 29, 1977.
- 6 Daniel Paul Becker - Born Mar 18, 1952. Married Linda Johnson.  
Divorced.
- 7 Grant Phillip Becker - Born Aug 18, 1990.
- 6 Elizabeth Gay Becker - Born Jan 6, 1957. Married Brion Brooks (Born Dec  
12, 1957) on Aug 14, 1982.
- 7 Rachel Ann Brooks - Born Mar 23, 1986.  
7 Hannah Cristine Brooks - Born Apr 5, 1989.  
7 Aaron Joseph Brooks - Born Feb 23, 1992.
- 6 Marilyn Jean Becker - Born Feb 9, 1960. Married Charles Lynema.  
Divorced.
- 7 Andrea Jean Lynema - Born Feb 27, 1990.
- 6 David Ross Becker - Born Jun 15, 1967. Married Molly McIntyre (Born Sep  
8, 1970) on Apr 23, 1993. Divorced.
- 7 Jacob Wendell Becker - Born Sep 20, 1993.  
7 Tyler Ian Becker - Born Aug 28, 1994.  
7 Madeleine Rae Becker - Born Jan 25, 1999.
- 5 Esther Margie Oosterink - Born Dec 05, 1926. Married Charles Postma (Born Dec 5,  
1926) on Jun 18, 1948.
- 6 Charles Arlan Postma - Born Dec 20, 1949. Married Suzanne Telman (Born  
Jun 2, 1950) on Nov 4, 1969.
- 7 Kara Rae Postma - Born Jun 17, 1974. Married Kenneth Powers  
(Born Jan 5, 1972) on Sep 19, 1998. Divorced.
- 7 Shannon Leigh Postma - Born Mar 6, 1975. Died March 6, 1975.
- 7 Ryan Kelcey Postma - Born Oct 26, 1976. Married Angela Cooper  
(Born May 20, 1978) on Aug 21, 1999.  
Divorced.
- 6 Linda Jeanne Postma - Born Jun 20, 1951. Married Larry Van De Wege  
(Born Apr 4, 1950) on Jun 11, 1971.
- 7 Melissa Lyn Van De Wege - Born Jul 3, 1974. Married Kurt  
Lacourt (Born Sep 24, 1971) on Jun  
07, 1997.
- 8 Alleandra Josephine Lacourt - Born Jul 01, 2002.
- 7 Joseph Layr Van De Wege - Born Dec 1976. Married Amanda  
Wood (Born Mar 3, 1977) on Jan 3,  
1998.
- 8 Jeremiah Pieran Van De Wege - Born Jan 11, 2002.

- 8 Nathaniel Pieran Van De Wege - Born Jan 8, 2004.
- 7 Corbin Shane Van De Wege - Born Dec 6, 1978. Married Julie Koons (Born Jun 28, 1979) on Aug 05, 2000.
- 7 Shana Christine Van De Wege - Born Sep 30, 1984.
- 6 Renae Sue Postma - Born Mar 28, 1954
- 6 Lance Jay Postma - Born Feb 4, 1956. Married Mary Hauser (Born Dec 19, 1957) on Apr 27, 1979.
- 7 Michael Jay Postma - Born Mar 7, 1980.
- 7 Stephanie Ann Postma - Born July 26, 1981. Married Rick Hunderman (Born Aug 27, 1977/Aug 13, 2004) on Oct 27, 2001.
- 6 Timothy John Postma - Born Jul 12, 1967. Married Cheryl Blowers (Born Nov 25, 1969) on Aug 20, 1988.
- 7 Timothy John Postma II - Born Feb 26, 1992.  
7 Cassidy Marie Postma - Born May 14, 1996.
- 5 Roger Oosterink - Born Nov 26, 1927. Married Estella (Skip) Buchholz (Born May 28, 1930) on Sep 14, 1950.
- 6 Sharon Diane Oosterink - Born Mar 7, 1953. Married Ronald Deering (Born Apr 27, 1953) on July 28, 1978.
- 7 Jacqueline Diane Deering - Born May 16, 1979. Married Andy Gruhn (Born Apr 5, 1978) on Aug 15, 1998.
- 8 Madison Mae Gruhn - Born Apr 24, 2002.
- 7 Nathaniel Adam Deering - Born Aug 5, 1982.
- 6 Denise Lynn Oosterink - Born Nov 6, 1954. Married Mark Mollenhauer (Born May 03, 1954).
- 6 Marie Faye Oosterink - Born Feb 20, 1956. Married Richard Groot (Born May 21, 1954) on Apr 30, 1976.
- 7 Richard Aaron Groot - Born Nov 8, 1983.  
7 Jennifer Marie Groot - Born Sep 19, 1986.
- 6 Roger Douglas Oosterink - Born Oct 17, 1959. Married Patricia Klenk (Feb 6, 1954) on Apr 3, 1993.
- 7 Jennifer Lynn Klenk - Born Jan 6, 1977.  
7 Aubrey Klenk - Born Jan 29, 1985.  
7 Brooke Nicole Oosterink - Born Jun 21, 1993.  
7 Kyle Douglas Jacob Oosterink - Born July 3, 1997.
- 6 Danielle Rae Oosterink - Born Feb 27, 1962. Married Timothy Smith (Born Oct 20, 1960) on Apr 27, 1985.
- 7 Brianna Rose Smith - Born Sep 8, 1989.

- 7 Hunter Dean Smith - Born Nov 18, 1998.
- 6 Bonnie Joy Oosterink - Born May 20, 1965. Married Leonard Null (Born Aug 30, 1958) on May 15, 1993.
- 7 Amber Joy Null - Born Mar 29, 1994.  
7 Megan Dawn Null - Born Nov 29, 1995.  
7 Zachary Lee Null - Born Oct 18, 1997.
- 5 Kenneth Oosterink - Born Jul 12, 1929. Married Jane Baar (Feb 12, 1932) on Oct 23, 1952.
- 6 Gloria Kay Oosterink - Born Aug 11, 1953. Married Frank Russo.
- 7 Natalie Anne Russo - Born May 26, 1982.
- 6 Gregory Kenneth Oosterink - Born Mar 31, 1955. Married Nancy Dekker (Born Oct 3, 1955) on Jun 26, 1981.
- 7 Katie Jo Oosterink - Born Dec 20, 1985.  
7 Sarah Jane Oosterink - Born Dec 20, 1985.  
7 Julie Beth Oosterink - Born Feb 24, 1991.
- 6 Gilbert Keith Oosterink - Born Feb 7, 1956. Married Bobbett Whitmer (Born Oct 15, 1954) on Nov 30, 1979.
- 7 Castle Kay Oosterink - Born Apr 10, 1980.
- 6 Gail Elaine Oosterink - Born Feb 16, 1959. Married Kevin Altman (Born Dec 16, 1959) on Jul 24, 1981.
- 7 Sterling Paul Altman - Born Dec 13, 1981.  
7 Liberty Ann Altman - Born Nov 3, 1983.  
7 Rhyse Forest Altman - Born May 22, 1986.
- 6 Glenda Sue Oosterink - Born Oct 8, 1969
- 5 Eleanore Ruth Oosterink - Born Aug 24, 1930. Died Mar 28, 1932.
- 5 Gerald Jay Oosterink - Born Oct 07, 1931. Died May 03, 1932.
- 5 Lois Ann Oosterink - Born Dec 22, 1932. Married Al Schut (Born Jun 21, 1931).  
Divorced. Married Chester Lazoski (Born October 29, 1934) on September 02, 1988.
- 6 Darlene Beth Schut - Born Oct 24, 1954. Married Jay Schipper (Born Jun 30, 1953) on Sep 7, 1973.
- 7 Jamison Lyn Schipper - Born May 25, 1975. Married Karlia VanBuren (Born Jan 17, 1977) on May 2, 1997.
- 7 Kurtis Alan Schipper - Born Aug 8, 1976. Married Stacey Vander Bok (Born Aug 7, 1980) on Jan 26, 2002.
- 7 Heather Darlene Schipper - Born Apr 16, 1980. Married Joshua Thurkettle (Born May 24, 1979) on Aug 29, 2003.
- 7 Lindsay Ann Schipper - Born Dec 7, 1983.

- 7 Nikolas Jay Schipper - Born Feb 26, 1987.
- 6 Christine Faith Schut - Born Oct 30, 1955. Married Mark DeJonge (Born Jun 2, 1956) on Nov 13, 1975.
- 7 Anthony Mark DeJonge - Born Mar 10, 1977. Married Marcia Winters (Born Aug 23, 1975) on Apr 19, 2002.
- 8 Isabella Marie DeJonge - Born Apr 3, 2003.  
8 Trent Anthony DeJonge - Born May 22, 2004.
- 7 Alissa Dawn DeJonge - Born Dec 31, 1978. Married Stephen Veeneman (Born Dec 1, 1971) on Aug 15, 1998.
- 8 Mark Derwin Veeneman - Born Jan 2, 2001.  
8 Ryan Michael Veeneman - Born Jun 27, 2002.  
8 Dawn Alta Veeneman - Born Sep 30, 2004.
- 7 Amanda Joy DeJonge - Born Apr 17, 1981. Married Robert Wallinga (Born Nov 19, 1977) on May 12, 2001.
- 8 Evan Matthew Wallinga - Born Nov 17, 2003.
- 7 Andrea Kay DeJonge - Born Dec 14, 1982. Married Jonathon Vanden Toorn (Born Jul 5, 1975) on Feb 15, 2001.
- 8 Kaleigh Jean Vanden Toorn - Born Sep 20, 1996  
(Jonathon's daughter from a previous marriage)
- 8 Julia Grace Vanden Toorn - Born Mar 29, 2004.
- 7 James Allen DeJonge - Born Apr 1, 1986.  
7 John Andrew DeJonge - Born Dec 7, 1989.  
7 Rachel Marie DeJonge - Born Jan 17, 1991.  
7 Faith Lynn DeJonge - Born Feb 4, 1992.  
7 Miriam Christine DeJonge - Born July 31, 1994.  
7 Michelle Ann DeJonge - Born Oct 13, 1996.
- 6 Duane Allan Schut - Born Jul 19, 1959. Married Sherry Vankley (Born Jul 22, 1964) on Sep 13, 1986.
- 7 Drake Allan Schut - Born Aug 7, 1992.  
7 Dylan Wayne Schut - Born Aug 13, 1993.  
7 Damon James Schut - Born Mar 16, 1996.
- 6 Laurene Ruth Schut - Born Mar 24, 1963. Married Phillip Thompson (Born Jun 12, 1964) on Nov 5, 1982.
- 7 Nichole Marie Thompson - Born Nov 30, 1984.  
7 Brittney Paige Thompson - Born Jan 13, 1989.
- 6 Gaylene Joy Schut - Born Jul 31, 1966. Married Blaine Rycenga (Born May 31, 1962) on May 7, 1988.
- 7 Halley Brianne Rycenga - Born Jul 30, 1991.

- 7 Madalyn Joy Rycenga - Born Jun 4, 1998.
- 6 Janeen Marie Schut - Born Apr 25, 1968. Married Arnold Jensen. Married Rodney Cotts
- 7 Ariel Lynn Jensen - Born Aug 3, 1985.  
7 Aric Lee Jensen - Born Jun 27, 1986.
- 6 Steven Floyd Schut - Born Nov 3, 1970. Married Melanie Top (Born Apr 16, 1968) on Sep 30, 1994.
- 7 Jesse Ryan Schut - Born Sep 10, 1995.  
7 Danielle Lynn Schut - Born Jul 31, 1997.  
7 Brooke Christine Schut - Born Aug 21, 1999.  
7 Bianna Sidney Schut - Born Aug 31, 2001.  
7 Tyrel Jacob Schut - Born May 28, 2003.
- 5 Wilma Loraine Oosterink - Born Apr 11, 1934. Married Albert Zandstra (Born June 23, 1933) on Aug 24, 1951.
- 6 Albert Zandstra III - Born Jan 24, 1952. Died Jan 24, 1952.
- 6 Cherilynne Sue Zandstra - Born Aug 13, 1953. Married James Plenda (Born Jul 11, 1948) on Oct 18, 1975.
- 7 Jeremy James Plenda - Born Mar 7, 1977.
- 7 Rachel Joy Plenda - Born Jul 16, 1980. Married John Mackenzie (Born Aug 25, 1980) on Jun 30, 2001.
- 8 Isaac Joshua Mackenzie - Born Jan 22, 2004.
- 6 Glenn Ray Zandstra - Born May 22, 1955. Married Beth Keuning on May 13, 1977. Divorced.
- 7 Monique Ann Zandstra - Born Jan 14, 1980. Married Derek Hyma (Born Apr 29, 1978) on Nov 22, 1996.
- 8 Ryleigh Madysen Ray Hyma - Born Nov 24, 2001.
- 7 Andrew John Zandstra - Born Oct 1, 1982. Married Amanda Baker on Jan 27, 2001.
- 8 Regan Ann Zandstra - Born Feb 16, 2001.  
8 Rysa Beth Zandstra - Born Feb 3, 2003.  
8 Elijah Glenn Zandstra - Born June 8, 2004.
- 7 Erin Marie Zandstra - Born Nov 11, 1985.
- 6 Doreen Kay Zandstra - Born Aug 25, 1957. Married Joseph Golden (Born Sep 12, 1960) on Sep 24, 1983.
- 7 Julie Doreen Golden - Born Sep 11, 1984.  
7 Phillip Joseph Golden - Born Feb 5, 1987.  
7 Luke Anthony Golden - Born May 1, 1992.  
7 Shane Edward Golden - Born Mar 28, 1994.  
7 Steven Jacob Golden - Born Mar 28, 1994.
- 6 James Douglas Zandstra - Born Aug 22, 1959. Died Aug 24, 1959.

6 Bruce Jay Zandstra - Born Jun 21, 1961. Married Jill Engler (Born Aug 19, 1963) on Mar 18, 1989.

7 Tyler Michael Engler - Born Aug 25, 1987.

7 Logan Dean Zandstra - Born Oct 6, 1989.

7 Hakey Lorraine Zandstra - Born Oct 9, 1990.

6 Bryan Dale Zandstra - Born Oct 11, 1962. Married Vicki Veenstra (Born Aug 31, 1966) on February 23, 1985

7 Holly Jo Zandstra - Born June 22, 1983. Married Andrew Smeckert (Born Aug 7, 1978) on Nov 21, 2003.

7 Heidi Ann Zandstra - Born May 1, 1988.

7 Heather Elise Zandstra - Born May 9, 1993.

7 Brianne Victoria Zandstra - Born Oct 27, 1994.

7 Carissa Leigh Zandstra - Born Jul 29, 1996.

6 Sara Loraine Zandstra - Born Aug 15, 1975. Married Todd Hower (Born Jan 30, 1976) on Apr 6, 1998.

7 Sunshine Loraine Hower - Born Nov 3, 1998.

5 Nancy May Oosterink - Born May 04, 1935. Married Stan Paskiewicz. Married Ken Wyn.

6 Larry Michael Paskiewicz - Born Dec 6, 1955.

7 Cassie Sue Paskiewicz - Born Nov 7, 1985.

6 Randall Keith Paskiewicz - Born Dec 3, 1956.

6 Robert Kurt Paskiewicz - Born Dec 1, 1957. Married Gina Sergi (Born Feb 19, 1963) on Nov 6, 1982

7 Robert Michael Paskiewicz - Born Mar 21, 1988.

6 Sandra Sue Swartz - Born July 14, 1963. Died June 27, 1981.

5 Leon Eugene Oosterink - Born Sep 24, 1936. Married Barbara Snoeyink (Born May 11, 1938) on Mar 6, 1958.

6 Leann Sue Oosterink - Born Mar 5, 1960. Married Russel Jelsema (Born Apr 11, 1960) on Aug 14, 1981.

7 Rebecca Marie Jelsema - Born Nov 9, 1983.

7 Sarah Elisabeth Jelsema - Born Mar 24, 1986.

7 Timothy Russel Jelsema - Born Oct 4, 1987.

6 Ronald Lee Oosterink - Born Dec 25, 1963. Married Julie Hoeksema (Born Feb 4, 1963) on Feb 5, 1988.

7 Ashley Ranae Oosterink - Born May 14, 1991.

7 Kellie Nicole Oosterink - Born Jun 20, 1994.

7 Haley Michelle Oosterink - Born May 9, 1997.

6 Daniel Jay Oosterink - Born Jan 15, 1967. Married Amy Hesse (Born Aug 11, 1961) on Jun 9, 1990.

7 Shane Daniel Oosterink - Born Oct 22, 1998.

7 Jake Ryan Oosterink - Born Jun 22, 2000.

5 Dale Jay Oosterink - Born Dec 09, 1937. Married Marlene Barnhart (born June 1, 1941) on Jan 18, 1958.

6 Deborah Ellen Oosterink - Born Jun 18, 1958. Married Randy DeWeerd (Born Feb 20, 1955) on Sep 15, 1978.

7 Anthony Cole DeWeerd - Born Mar 12, 1981.

7 Rachelle Lynn DeWeerd - Born Oct 22, 1983.

6 Tamara Lynn Oosterink - Born Oct 7, 1959. Married Gary Van Dyke (Born Sep 23, 1956) on Nov 25, 1977.

7 Branden John Van Dyke - Born Jun 5, 1978. Married Kimberly Vanden Toorn (Born Apr 19, 1975).

7 Jennifer Nicole Van Dyke - Born Jan 28, 1980. Married Greg Lubbers (Born May 11, 1977) on Oct 15, 1999.

8 Faith Nicole Lubbers - Born Jun 29, 2000.

8 Anna Jean Lubbers - Born Mar 12, 2002.

8 Ethan Gregory Lubber - Born Oct 10, 2004.

7 Robert Todd Van Dyke - Born Feb 6, 1984. Married Renae Schuringa on Jun 27, 2003.

8 Eric John Van Dyke - Born Apr 20, 2004.

7 Andrew Dale Van Dyke - Born Jun 19, 1990.

7 Brooke Elisabeth Van Dyke - Born Jul 20, 1992.

7 Brianne Ellen Van Dyke - Born Sep 5, 1994

6 Dale Jay Oosterink Jr. - Born Jan 19, 1962. Married Linda Kaurala (Born Jan 30, 1964) on Nov 12, 1981.

7 Meghan Joy Oosterink - Born Mar 6, 1988.

7 Brittany Lynn Oosterink - Born Feb 18, 1991.

5 Jacqueline Kay Oosterink - Born Mar 2, 1939. Married Wayne Crawford (Born Jun 17, 1931) on Mar 23, 1962. Died Feb 12, 1998.

6 Byron James Crawford - Born May 17, 1963. Married Joan Boorsma (Born Feb 26, 1968) on Sep 17, 1994.

7 Bryce James Crawford - Born Apr 11, 2001.

6 Nathan Wayne Crawford - Born May 11, 1965. Married Stephanie Tallman (Born Jun 4, 1967) on Aug 20, 1988.

7 Ian Alexander Crawford - Born Jul 30, 2002.

6 Russell Jacob Crawford - Born Aug 21, 1967. Married Stacy Douglas on May 20, 1989. Divorced. Married Elaine Korbiak on May 30, 1997.

7 Corey Wayne Crawford - Born Nov 28, 1989.

7 Travis Charles Crawford - Born Dec 7, 1990.

7 Kayleigh Marie Crawford - Born Jan 24, 1992.

- 6 Laura Jean Crawford - Born Jun 9, 1971. Married Richard Smith (Born Dec 30, 1965) on Aug 21, 1993.
- 7 Julia Nicole Smith - Born Jan 7, 1997.  
7 Robert Wayne Smith - Born Feb 2, 2000.
- 5 Howard Lee Oosterink - Born Sep 1, 1940. Married Della Berghorst (Born Mar 19, 1941) on May 07, 1965.
- 6 Pamela Sue Oosterink - Born May 25, 1966. Married Troy Potter (Born May 7, 1965) on Sep 27, 1991.
- 7 Colleen Sue Potter - Born Jun 30, 1995.  
7 Janelle Marie Potter - Born Dec 15, 1997.
- 6 Patti Joy Oosterink - Born March 17, 1968.
- 6 Vicki Lynn Oosterink - Born April 1, 1971. Married Scott Brovont (Born Mar 23, 1971) on Jun 24, 1995.
- 7 Samantha Lynn Brovont - Born Dec 13, 2000.  
7 Matthew Ryan Brovont - Born Sep 5, 2003.
- 5 Gary Jacob Oosterink - Born Feb 26, 1942. Married Patsybob Tierney (Born November 30, 1943) on May 29, 1965.
- 6 Patricia Ann Oosterink - Born Jul 22, 1966. Died Jul 22, 1966.  
6 Tami Jayne Oosterink - Born Mar 6, 1969. Married Scott Rake (Born February 28, 1965) on Jul 14, 1990.  
6 Amy Lynn Oosterink - Born Jan 14, 1972.
- 5 Kathleen June Oosterink - Born Jul 05, 1944. Married Roger Meekhof (Born Aug 28, 1944) on Nov 13, 1964. Died Jul 02, 1997.
- 6 Kelley Kathleen Meekhof - Born Jun 9, 1966. Married Cary Simmerman (Born Dec 11, 1963) on Mar 29, 1986.
- 7 Blaine Terry Simmerman - Born Jul 21, 1984.  
7 Roxanne Christine Simmerman - Born May 4, 1989.  
7 Victoria Nicole Simmerman - Born Mar 22, 1991.
- 6 Kimberly Sue Meekhof - Born Mar 31, 1969. Married Robert Stanton (Nov 22, 1966) on May 11, 2001.
- 7 Jacob Ellis Stanton - Born Mar 7, 2004. Died Apr 5, 2004.  
7 Katelyn Grace Stanton - Born Mar 7, 2004.
- 6 Roger Eric Meekhof - Born Sep 27, 1971. Married Stephanie \_\_\_\_\_ on January 1995.
- 5 Wayne Arthur Oosterink - Born Apr 4, 1947. Married Bonnie Huizinga (Born Aug 25, 1949) on Apr 10, 1970.
- 6 Brandon Wayne Oosterink - Born Jun 13, 1973. Married Stacy Paasman (Born May 4, 1976) on Jun 8, 1996.
- 7 Cassidy Rose Oosterink - Born Jul 17, 1999.  
7 Nathan Wayne Oosterink - Born Jun 11, 2001.  
7 Matthew John Oosterink - Born Jun 07, 2003.

6 Wade Alan Oosterink - Born Nov 11, 1975. Married Tara Sikma (Born Dec 21, 1978) on Sep 15, 2000.

6 Brett Jacob Oosterink - Born May 5, 1988.

5 Mark Ray Oosterink - Born Oct 1, 1950. Married Barbara Frasier (Born Dec 3, 1952) on Feb 25, 1983.

6 Sumer Marie Oosterink - Born Oct 20, 1976. Married Herb Saulnier (Born Apr 18, 1974) on Dec 23, 1995.

7 Livia Kay Saulnier - Born Sep 27, 1993.

7 Brody Ryan Saulnier - Born Feb 25, 1998.

7 Tristan Scott Saulnier - Born Jan 22, 2001.

6 Savannah Raye Oosterink - Born Jun 28, 1990. Died Jun 30, 1990.

4 Adriana Jennie Isenga - Born Aug 26, 1907. Married Preston Pepper (Born Feb 14, 1908/Died June 1954). Died Nov 28, 1971.

5 James H. Isenga - Born 1928 (Adopted by Siert and Gertrude Isenga).

5 Robert Isenga - Born 1928 (Adopted by Siert and Gertrude Isenga).

5 Donald E. Isenga - Born 1930 (Adopted by Siert and Gertrude Isenga).

5 Gerald Pepper

5 Allen Pepper married Mina Boone.

6 Dean Allen Pepper

6 Michelle Lynn Pepper

6 Bradley Jay Pepper

5 Norman Pepper

5 Barbara Pepper married Vern Klamer.

5 Richard Pepper

5 Edward Pepper

4 Hilburn Isenga - Born Jul 24, 1909. Died Nov 06, 1918.

4 Elizabeth G. Isenga - Born Jun 04, 1912. Married Lambert Langerak (Born Dec 9, 1912/Died Aug 23, 1999) on Aug 14, 1935. Died Feb 08, 2003.

5 Charlene Langerak. Married John Stursma

5 Bernard Langerak. Married Christine \_\_\_\_\_.

5 Phyllis Langerak. Married Reginald Craft.

5 Faith Langerak. Married Richard Smit.

4 Marjorie Isenga - Born May 08, 1915. Married Chris Meyers (Born Jul 03, 1912/Died Jun 17, 1984). Married \_\_\_\_\_ Roetman.

5 Shirley Meyers. Married Andrew Bosch.

5 Janet Meyers. Married David Nelles.

5 Vereen Meyers. Married Robert Mulder

5 Gilbert Meyers. Married Theresa \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Doris W. Isenga - Born 1917. Married Al Beurkens (Born 1917/Died 1956). Married William Brown (Born Oct 30, 1907/Died Oct 18, 2003) in 1961.

5 Karen Beurkens. Married Jack Siebelink.

5 Diane Beurkens. Married Clair Robinson.

5 David Beurkens. Married Linda \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Harold Isenga - Born Nov 08, 1919. Married Jane Gritter (Born Jul 14, 1921/Died Aug 17, 2003). Died Aug 17, 1994.

5 Janice Isenga. Married James Verwys.

5 Barbara Isenga. Married Robert Przybysz.

6 Jillian Przybysz

5 James H. Isenga - Born 1928 (son of Adriana Isenga and Preston Pepper. Adopted by Siert and Gertrude Isenga). Married Shirley Russell

6 Cynthia Ann Isenga

6 Joanne Kay Isenga

6 Sandra Isenga

5 Robert Isenga - Born 1928 (son of Adriana Isenga and Preston Pepper. Adopted by Siert and Gertrude Isenga). Married Faith Zandstra (Born Mar 21, 1931/Died Mar 23, 1983). Married Vivian \_\_\_\_\_ (Born Jul 30, 1929/Died May 13, 1999).

6 Douglas James Isenga - Born 1952. Married Connie Sue \_\_\_\_\_ (Born 1959/Died 1987).

7 Thomas John Isenga

7 Jeffrey Isenga

5 Donald E. Isenga - Born 1930 (son of Adriana Isenga and Preston Pepper. Adopted by Siert and Gertrude Isenga). Married Betty Veltkamp on Nov 18, 1954.

6 Eugene Dale Isenga. Married Sally \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Doug DeGraaf (stepchild of Eugene Isenga) married Krysia \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Gwen DeGraaf (stepchild of Eugene Isenga)

7 Daniel Isenga

7 Katlyn Isenga

6 Michael Lee Isenga married Sandra \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Jennifer Isenga

7 Scott Isenga

7 Rachel Isenga

6 Darlene Isenga married Walter Shuck

7 Jeffrey Shuck

7 Donald Shuck

7 Tony Shuck

6 Sharon Isenga married Terry Bush

7 Joshua Christian Bush

7 Jesse Alan Bush

6 Bonnie Isenga married Rick Yntema

7 Tara Yntema - Born 1988

7 Jonathon Yntema - Born 1990

7 Kristen Yntema - Born 1993

7 Kyle Yntema - Born 1993

6 Richard Isenga married Brenda \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Jsaon Isenga  
7 Nathan Isenga

3 Jennie Te Veldhuis Van Doorn – Born Mar 3, 1886. Married Dirk Isenga (Born Jan 7, 1881/Died Jan 17, 1974) on Jun 18, 1908. Died Sep 30, 1948.

4 Dorothy Isenga - Born Aug 28, 1909. Died Jun 28, 1951. Married Henry Kort (Born Jul 18, 1908/ Died Apr 15, 1973) on Aug 28, 1937.

5 Julia Ellen Kort - Born Apr 1939. Married John Kronemeyer on Oct 4, 1957.

6 Jane Ellen Kronemeyer - Born 1958. Married David Bishop.

7 J. D. Bishop – Married Erica Thompson  
7 Amanda Bishop – Married Luke Munger  
7 Ashley Bishop  
7 Jesse Bishop  
7 Judith Bishop

6 Joyce Louise Kronemeyer - Born 1960. Born 1960. Married Michael Ross.

7 Emily Ross – Married Michael De Young

8 Bill De Young  
8 Grace De Young

7 Rachel Ross  
7 Meagan Ross  
7 Derek Ross

6 Judith Ann Kronemeyer - Born May 13, 1962. Died Feb 18, 1979.

6 Joanne Marie Kronemeyer - Born 1965. Married Karl Shaffer.

7 Dorianne Shaffer  
7 Jeanette Shaffer

6 Jack Edward Kronemeyer - Born 1967. Married Rachel Tadgerson.

7 Mallorie Kronemeyer  
7 Maryssa Kronemeyer  
7 Austin Kronemeyer

6 James Henry Kronemeyer - Born 1970. Married Toni Crimin.

7 Chelsea Kronemeyer  
7 Lindsey Kronemeyer  
7 Nathen Kronemeyer

6 Jason Kronemeyer - Born 1974. Married Heather Hopkins.

7 Carson J. Kronemeyer

5 Eugene Kort - Born Apr 1941. Married Virginia Zellinger in 1964.

6 Michael Kort - Born 1965.  
6 David Kort - Born 1968.

4 Katherine (Marion) Isenga - Born Sep 2, 1910. Died Mar 12, 2002.

4 Hilbert (Richard) Isenga - Born Apr 12, 1913. Married Jennie Louwenaar (Born Aug 3, 1913/Died Aug 24, 1991) in 1936. Died Dec 30, 2002.

5 Ronald Alan Isenga - Born Dec 27, 1937. Married Nancy Piersma in 1958. He died Jan 23, 2002.

6 David Isenga

6 Amy Isenga married Bill Ten Have. Divorced in 2005.

7 Marie Ten Have

7 William Ten HAVe

6 Lorie Isenga married Gary Schepers

7 Trent Schepers

7 Tricia Schepers

5 Ruth Isenga - Born Oct 13, 1939. Married William Mart Holst in 1958.

6 Elaine Ruth Holst. Married Bill Smith. Divorced. Married Fred Geskus.

7 Kevin Smith. Married Kasha \_\_\_\_\_.

8 Parker Smith.

6 Barbara Holst. Married Paul Van Dam.

7 Derek Van Dam

7 Miranda Van Dam

6 Pamela Holst. Married Bill Frye. Divorced. Married Bruce Vander Kolk.

7 Tara Frye. Married Lucas Ulberg.

7 Leigha Frye

7 Brittany Frye

7 Jalen Holst

7 Tyler Vander Kolk

6 Tyce Holst. Married Kelley \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Tyce Holst

7 Terrance Holst

7 Tristan Holst

7 Kierra Holst

7 Katia Holst

5 Gordon Dale Isenga - Born Dec 2, 1941. Married Myra VandeBunte. He died May 10, 1997. Myra married Norman Barkel in 2005.

6 Steven Ross Isenga. Married Brenda Schut.

7. Joshua Isenga

7 Andrew Isenga - Born Oct 30, 1990. Died Sep 17, 1994.

7 Timothy Isenga

7 Anna Isenga

6 Thomas Ryan Isenga married Anita \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Derk Isenga  
7 Christina Isenga

5 Joanne Isenga - Born Oct 13, 1942. Married James Peacock.

6 Dan Peacock. Married and divorced.  
6 Brian Peacock Married and divorced.

7 Anthony Peacock

6 Michael Peacock. Married Anita\_\_\_\_\_.

7 Garret Peacock

4 Jeanette Isenga - Born Mar 6, 1915. Died Mar 26, 2004.

2 Dingena (Dina) Cornelia Van Doorn – Born Jul 7, 1855. Married Peter Telder (Born Jan 27, 1859/Died Dec 3, 1940) on Jul 13, 1884. She died on Sep 29, 1908. He married Adyanna (Jennie) Den Boer (Born Dec 1, 1870) on Jun 22, 1909. She died Apr 2, 1939.

3 Gerrit Frederick Telder – Born Jun 9, 1884. He died on Oct 1, 1903.

3 Jenette Adriana (Jeannette) Telder – Born Jun 13, 1888. Married George Herman Harper (Born Apr 16, 1886/Died Mar 19, 1953) on Oct 14, 1915. She died on May 12, 1922 as a result of a street car accident.

4 George Herman Harper – Born Sep 22, 1917. Married Winnie Mae \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Don Harper – Born Apr 30, 1920. Married June \_\_\_\_\_ in June 1942.

5 Donna June Harper  
5 David Harper

3 Adrian Van Doorn Telder – Born May 20, 1893. Married Sara Speyer (Born May 26, 1897/Died Mar 17, 1989) on Sep 14, 1918. He died on Feb 8, 1969.

4 Robert Adrian Telder – Born Feb 7, 1920. Married Phyllis Jane Barrows (Born Jun 17, 1921) on Oct 6, 1942.

5 Robert David Telder – Born 1944. Married Jane \_\_\_\_\_.

5 Laural Ann Telder – Born Nov 17, 1946. Married Charles Von Drehle in 1976.

6 Adrian Von Drehle – Born Dec 24, 1979.

5 Lucinda Jane Telder – Born Aug 17, 1957.

5 Tracy Jean Telder – Born Oct 5, 1959.

4 Doris J. Telder – Born Jan 30, 1922. Died Jun 12, 1922.

4 Dean Speyer Telder – Born Oct 7, 1924. Married Paula McLaughlin (Born Apr 8, 1923) on Jan 30, 1954.

5 Suzanne Lynn Telder – Born Mar 3, 1955. Married Ralph Heck on Jul 12, 1980.

5 Patricia Ann Telder – Born Sep 26, 1956.

- 5 Jennifer Jeanne Telder – Born Feb 1, 1958. Married David Leshock on Sep 6, 1990.
- 5 Deana Sue Telder – Born Mar 4, 1962.
- 4 Thomas Van Doorn Telder – Born Jun 14, 1930. Married Glenna Satterly (Born Dec 1, 1930) on Jun 14, 1952.
- 5 Sara Marie Telder – Born Apr 5, 1953. Married James Tisdell (Born 1952) on Aug 10, 1974.
- 6 Kelly Marie Telder Tisdell – Born Feb 24, 1977.  
6 Kyle James Tisdell – Born Aug 15, 1978.
- 5 Katherine Anne Telder – Born May 5, 1955. Married Michael Floch on Jun 18, 1977.
- 5 Lisa Jo Telder – Born Nov 17, 1957. Married Bruce Miller (Born 1952) on Jun 19, 1976.
- 2 Marinus (Martin) Van Doorn – Born Jan 11, 1858. Married Lena Elenbaas (Born Nov 1, 1859/Died Aug 6, 1909) on May 4, 1882. Married Mary Van Duine (Born 1862/Died June 4, 1944) in 1914. He died December 18, 1948.
- 3 Adriana Johanna Van Doorn – Born Aug 14, 1884. Married Ralph E. Marrin (Born Approx. 1878/Died May 23, 1956) on Jul 9, 1912. She died on Jan 1, 1964.
- 3 Adrian (Eddie) Van Doorn – Born Sep 26, 1886. He died in Jul 1964.
- 2 Cornelia Johanna Van Doorn – Born Feb 2, 1861. Died Feb 28, 1865.
- 2 Jannetje Johanna Van Doorn – Born Mar 20, 1864. Died Sep 13, 1864.
- 2 Magdalena Jacoba Van Doorn – Born Mar 20, 1864. Died sometime between 1866 - 70.
- 2 Arnold John Van Doorn – Born Jul 19, 1868. Died July 21, 1881.
- 2 Johanna Van Doorn – Born Sep 16, 1869. Date of death unknown.
- 2 Cornelia Johanna Van Doorn – Born Dec 30, 1870. Died on May 15, 1872.
- 2 John Jacob Van Doorn – Born Sep 26, 1872. Married Henrietta Nies (Born Jan 13, 1876/Died Jan 19, 1943) on Jun 29, 1900. He died on Dec 26, 1942.
- 3 Elizabeth (Bessie) Van Doorn – Born Apr 14, 1901. Married Raymond Heyn (Born ???/Died ???) on Nov 19, 1920. She died on Dec 12, 1958.
- 4 Loren Raymond Heyn – Born Mar 31, 1923. Married Laura Nuttelman Mastin on Nov 30, 1950. He died Mar 17, 2006.
- 5 Robyn Linqvist – Born Jul 11, 1950 (adopted). Married Lory Ann Wall on Dec 31, 1979. Divorced. Married Cherie Nechvatal in 1988.
- 6 Bryan Linqvist – Born Jul 24, 1983.  
6 Kim Linqvist – Born Oct 9, 1984.  
6 Wade Linqvist – Born Jan 3, 1989.
- 5 Pamela Ann Heyn – Born Jul 12, 1951. Married Myron (Dino) Noble (Born Nov 13, 1946) on Oct 9, 1971.

- 6 Camille Elizabeth Noble – Born Jul 17, 1972. Married John Leppert III (Born Feb 2, 1971) on Dec 28, 1993,
- 7 Ryan Jeffrey Leppert – Born Nov 25, 1994.
- 6 Margaret May Noble – Born Mar 30, 1975. Married Daniel Wilson (Born Oct 12, 1973) on Jul 12, 1995.
- 7 Laura Margaret Wilson – Born Dec 2, 1996.  
7 Parley Daniel Wilson – Born Jan 1, 2001.
- 6 Nathan Peter Noble – Born Nov 6, 1978.
- 6 Nicholas John Noble – Born Apr 30, 1985.
- 5 Jerald Van Heyn – Born Oct 16, 1953. Married Nancy Fernau on Apr 28, 1973.
- 6 Ian Isaac Heyn – Born Oct 24, 1973. Married Jill Anderson on Aug 26, 1995.
- 7 Ian Isaac Van Heyn – Born Feb 7, 1996.  
7 Jered Sage Heyn – Born Dec 7, 1997.
- 6 Melanie Annie Heyn – Born Jan 3, 1980.
- 5 Glendall Loren Heyn – Born Jan 13, 1955. Married Karen Graham on Feb 18, 1984.
- 6 Jonathon Laurey Heyn – Born Aug 10, 1984.  
6 Samantha Kalen Heyn – Born May 11, 1991.  
6 Isaac Loren Heyn – Born Aug 26, 1993.
- 5 Marcia Winnifred Heyn – Born Jul 9, 1956. Married James Taylor (Born Oct 24, 1956) on Sep 5, 1981.
- 6 Audrey Lynne Taylor – Born Sep 17, 1984.  
6 Aaron James Taylor – Born Sep 20, 1986.
- 3 Isabel Ida Van Doorn – Born Mar 11, 1904. Married Roy N. Johnson. She died in Sep 1996.
- 2 William Van Doorn – Born March 15, 1874. Married Katherine Holtman (Born Apr 5, 1877/Died Nov 8, 1911). Married Nellie Rookus (Born 1889/Died Oct 9, 1949) on Feb 19, 1914. He died on Oct 21, 1942.
- 3 Arnold Van Doorn – Born Feb 28, 1902. Married Grace Klienjans (Born Jul 12, 1905/Died Jul 12, 2000). He died on Jul 8, 1970.
- 3 Gerald Adrian Van Doorn – Born Aug 12, 1904. Married Gayle Grieve (Born Jan 30, 1907/Died Oct 26, 1996) on Jun 16, 1931. He died on Nov 9, 1963.
- 4 Phyllis Ruth Van Doorn – Born Apr 7, 1934. Married James Kammeraad (Born Mar 28, 1931/Died Jun 16, 1997) on Aug 7, 1956. Married Gerald Dood (Born Mar 31, 1929) on Dec 15, 2000.
- 5 Connie Sue Kammeraad – Born Oct 3, 1957. Married Wesley Gordon (Born Dec 10, 1956) on Sep 10, 1977.
- 6 James Nueman Gordon – Born Nov 2, 1984.  
6 Jonathon Levi Gordon – Born Jul 7, 1987.

5 Thomas Edward Kammeraad – Born Apr 3, 1959. Married Carol Koopmans (Born Mar 30, 1957) on Oct 20, 1979.

6 Sara Elizabeth Kammeraad – Born Feb 12, 1981.

6 Andrea Dawn Kammeraad – Born Feb 1, 1984.

6 Samantha Ann Kammeraad – Born Jun 5, 1990.

5 Steven James Kammeraad – Born Jul 12, 1961. Married Lisa Trowbridge (Born Jan 1, 1968) on Jun 25, 1988.

6 Lauren Ashley Kammeraad – Born Jan 10, 1992.

6 Rachel Marie Kammeraad – Born Aug 11, 1993.

3 Harold Martin Van Doorn – Born Jan 17, 1906. Married Helene Ter Avest (Born Jul 29, 1906/Died on Dec 5, 1976) on Apr 2, 1935. He died May 4, 2001.

4 Joyce Alene Van Doorn – Born Jul 10, 1935. Married Arthur De Jong (Born Feb 24, 1934) on Dec 21, 1957.

5 Mark Alan De Jong – Born Feb 11, 1959. Married Julie Liggett (Born Jun 9, 1958) on Jan 19, 1991.

5 Beth Ann De Jong – Born May 1, 1960. Married Greg Cook (Born Jan 4, 1953) on Jun 26, 2004.

5 Paul Arthur De Jong – Born Sept 3, 1961. Married Jessica Naden in May 1986.

6 Megan Anna De Jong – Born Nov 29, 1993.

6 Morgan William De Jong – Born May 23, 1995.

6 Emma Elizabeth De Jong – Born Jul 3, 2003.

5 Ruth Annette De Jong – Born Sept 3, 1962. Married Mark Anker on Aug 10, 1985.

6 Matthew James Anker – Born Mar 10, 1986.

6 Thomas Stanton Anker – Born Oct 17, 1989.

5 Richard Arnold De Jong – Born Sept 3, 1962. Married Jeanne Barrett in Jun 1985.

6 Annelise Claire De Jong – Born Apr 13, 1990.

6 Marielle Barrett De Jong – Born Dec 18, 1992.

4 William Harold Van Doorn – Born May 5, 1937. Married Sandra Muller in Sep 1961.

5 Vaughn H. Van Doorn – Born Nov 5, 1963.

5 Kyle Van Doorn – Born Mar 28, 1965. Married Debbie Van Noller on Jun 6, 1987. Divorced. Married Tammy Smith on Sep 7, 2002.

6 Stephanie Van Doorn – Born Mar 27, 1989.

6 Jennifer Ruth Van Doorn – Born Aug 8, 1990.

4 Joanne Kay Van Doorn – Born Apr 12, 1940. Married James Bengelink (Born Mar 4, 1937) on Aug 18, 1961.

5 Julie Fay Bengelink – Born Jan 21, 1962. Married Jim Postema in Feb 1985. Divorced. Married Craig Wells in Jun 2002.

6 Joshua James Postema – Born Nov 28, 1988.

6 Jeffrey James Postema – Born Dec 26, 1992.

5 Jill Annette Bengelink – Born Mar 5, 1963. Married Steve Bazan in Dec 1984.

6 Justin Steven Bazan – Born Jan 14, 1986.  
6 Nicholas Jay Bazan – Born Mar 11, 1989.  
6 Nathan J. Bazan – Dec 31, 1991.

5 Jennifer Gay Bengelink – Born Jan 15, 1967. Married Joe Matthews in Jan 1990.

6 Joey Matthews – Born Jun 23, 1985. Joe's son from a previous marriage.  
6 Kurtis Matthews – Born Sep 11, 1991.

5 Joy Anne Bengelink – Born Jun 17, 1970. Married Brad Parrish in Sep 1994.

6 Kelsie Raylynn Parrish – Born Jun 26, 1995.  
6 Christian James Parrish – Born Jun 20, 1997.

4 Jeanne Arnola Van Doorn – Born May 6, 1942. Married Leon Simons on Aug 31, 1962.  
Divorced. Married Carl Hamstra on Sep 10, 1989.

5 Leonard J. Simons – Born Aug 15, 1963. Married Carol Heath on May 12, 1985.  
Divorced. Married Julie Kline on Nov 16, 2001.

6 Eric Scott Simons – Born Jun 24, 1987.  
6 Brett Alexander Simons – Born Feb 10, 1990.  
6 Jessica Eileen Simons – Born Apr 17, 1992.  
6 Sarah Elizabeth Simons – Born Mar 5, 1997.

5 Larry John Simons – Born Oct 29, 1964. Married Kim Taylor on Oct 8, 1988.

6 Skylar Joshua Simons – Born May 24, 1989.  
6 Makenzie Jean Simons – Born Apr 6, 1993.  
6 Jensen VanDoorn Simons – Born Dec 2, 1995.  
6 Camden Taylor Simons – Born Jun 28, 2001.

5 Kay Lynn Simons – Born Jul 3, 1969. Married Simon LeMieux on Mar 28, 1992.

6 Jacob Bruce LeMieux – Born Feb 9, 1993.  
6 Adam Jay LeMieux – Born Aug 11, 1995.  
6 Andrew Simon LeMieux – Born Jan 28, 1998.  
6 Nathan Clifford LeMieux – Born Oct 10, 1999.  
6 Emma Helene LeMieux – Born Jun 4, 2002.  
6 Isaac Simon LeMieux – Born Jul 7, 2006.

4 John Marvin Van Doorn – Born Jun 5, 1944. Married Alvina Buist on Nov 22, 1963.

5 Kenneth Scott Van Doorn – Born May 25, 1964. Married Audrey Steenstra on Jun  
15, 1984.

6 Erika Marie Van Doorn – Born Mar 18, 1985.  
6 John Richard Van Doorn – Born Apr 4, 1988.  
6 Benjamin Harold Van Doorn – Born Sep 21, 1992.  
6 Sara Ann Van Doorn – Born Sep 21, 1992.

5 Kristine Sue Van Doorn – Born Sep 11, 1966. Married Marvin Prins on Dec 6, 1985.

6 Lindsay Rochelle Prins – Born Jul 6, 1988.  
6 Nathan Gerrit Prins – Born Feb 13, 1992. Died Feb 13, 1992.  
6 Emille Grace Prins – Born Mar 29, 1996. Adopted.

- 6 Kaili Faith Prins – Born Dec 2, 1997. Adopted.  
 6 Ellie Janae Prins - Born Feb 10, 1999. Adopted.  
 6 Molly Mae Prins – Born Nov 27, 2000. Adopted.  
 6 Isaiah McKennley Prins – Born Jul 1, 2003. Adopted.  
 6 Josiah Samuel Prins – Born Mar 18, 2004. Adopted.
- 5 Kathleen Jo Van Doorn – Born Aug 30, 1969. Married Albert Lothschultz on Jan 20, 1990.
- 6 Staci Jo Lothschultz – Born Nov 20, 1991.  
 6 Kelsey Marie Lothschultz – Born Aug 28, 1993.
- 5 Karla Jean Van Doorn – Born Dec 30, 1970. Married Ray Van Zyteld in Jun 1992. Divorced. Married Peter Twork in May 1999.
- 6 Jacob Allen Twork – Born Dec 18, 1992. Peter's son from a previous marriage.
- 6 Ashley Danielle Van Zyteld – Born Jan 8, 1994.
- 6 Amiya Grace Twork – Born Jun 18, 2001.
- 2 Elizabeth Van Doorn – Born Mar 8, 1878. Married John Stormzand (Born Jan 29, 1878/Died Sep 27, 1948) on Jul 3, 1900. She died Feb 19, 1945.
- 3 Harold Adrian Stormzand – Born Dec 12, 1900. Married Naomi Iva Fritz (Born Feb 24, 1902/Died Mar 22, 1985) on Jun 24, 1925. He died on Sep 22, 1974.
- 4 David John Stormzand – Born Sep 16, 1927. Married Merita Sanford (Born Mar 25, 1926) on Jul 31, 1948.
- 5 John Harold Stormzand – Born May 29, 1950. Married Carol Cameron (Born Dec 25, 1957) on Sep 15, 1977. Divorced.  
 6 David Cameron Stormzand – Born Jun 26, 1987.  
 6 Eva Cameron Stormzand – Born Jan 29, 1992.
- 5 Mark David Stormzand – Born Apr 22, 1954. Married Laura Aldrich (Born Jun 21, 1954) on Dec 20, 1975.
- 6 Anna Clare Stormzand – Born Apr 14, 1981.  
 6 Nathan John Stormzand – Born Mar 19, 1983.
- 4 Dale Theodore Stormzand – Born Apr 26, 1931. Married Joyce Marie Mordhorst (Born Nov 17, 1931) in Jun 1952. Divorced.
- 5 Erick Dale Stormzand – Born Aug 6, 1952. Married Leslie Skinner on Jun 7, 1989.
- 5 Wendy Marie Stormzand – Born Nov 9, 1956. Married David Thomas Pocknal (Born Sep 28, 1953) in Nov 1986.
- 6 Nicholas James Pocknal – Born Mar 1986.  
 6 Matthew David Pocknal – Born Jun 1987.
- 5 Kevin Arthur Stormzand – Born Feb 14, 1958. Married Kim Toy.
- 6 Kevin Christopher Stormzand – Born Dec 1983.  
 6 Duston David Stormzand – Born Nov 1, 1988.  
 6 Steven McKensie Stormzand – Born 1990.  
 6 Brandon Toy Stormzand – Born Jun 9, 1979 (Adopted)

4 Janet Elizabeth Stormzand – Born Jan 31, 1937. Married William Neal Phillips (Born 1927/Died Mar 11, 1982) on Dec 31, 1960.

5 William Neal Phillips Jr. – Born Oct 25, 1964. Married Colleen Rodak on Jul 22, 1995.

6 William Neal Phillips III – Born 2002.

5 Elizabeth Ann Phillips – Born Dec 6, 1968.

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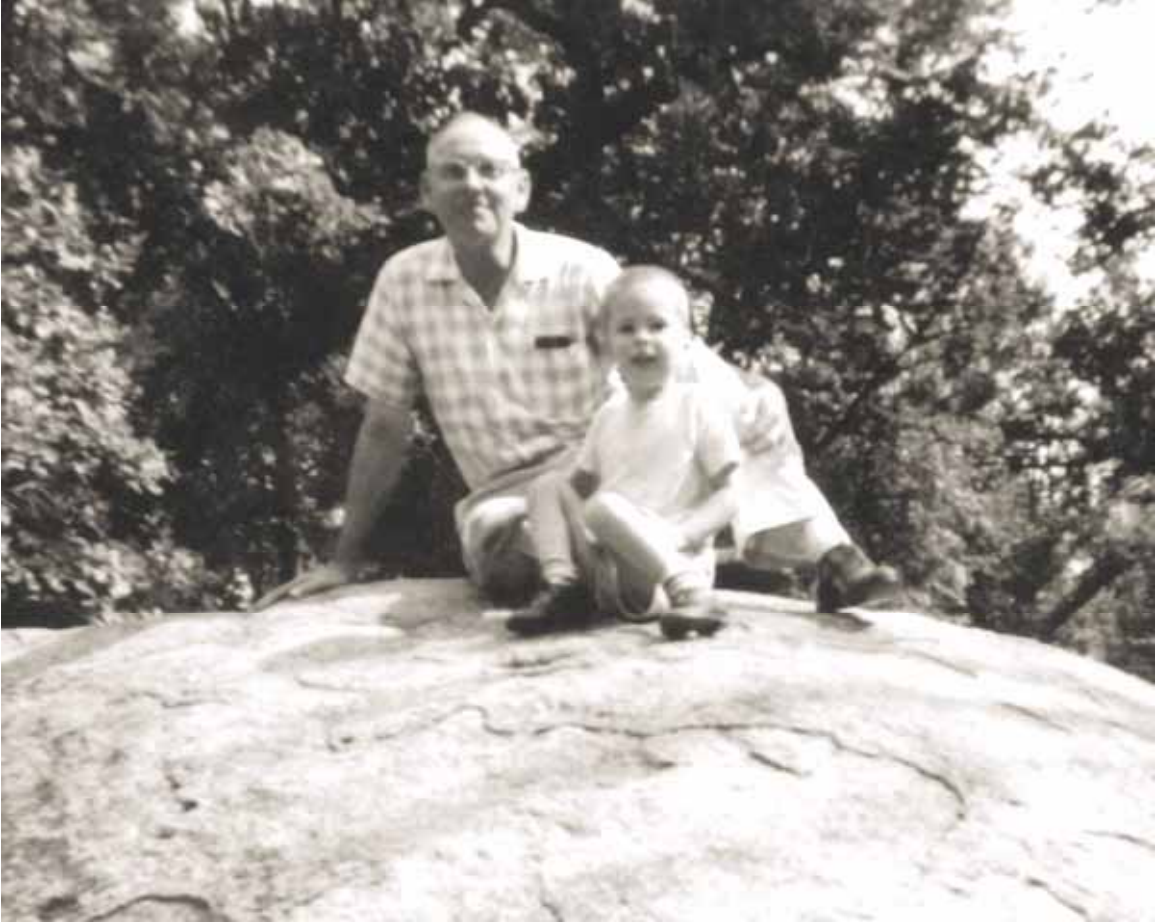
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This book is dedicated to the memory of my grandfather, Harold M. Van Doorn