

Traveling to the Netherlands: The Winkel Tour

The Netherlands is a beautiful country. If you are from Hendrik and Everdina's family line, you have a great opportunity to learn about your ancestors. There are a variety of family history locations to visit, spanning several different regions of the country. In this document I have broken these sites into three sections: the Winkel's, the Van Ojens and Hendrik and Everdina's Early Years. I believe you will find this information useful in planning your trip as well as getting around when you are there. All quotes are from the book "The Winkels" by Dena Allen.

Suggestions:

- I strongly suggest you rent a car. You can see a lot more country that way. I got one of those little tiny cars.
- Take the Winkel book by Dena Allen with you!
- Use Google Earth to visit each location in advance.
- While you are there, take the time to do research of your own.
- Before leaving, email the libraries of the cities you want to visit, especial those in the North where we know so little, and tell them what you are doing. Ask any questions you may have such as:
 - I'm going to be looking for ...
 - When I arrive, where might I find records concerning ...
- Take a digital camera to photograph records, tombstones, houses etc.

I've found emailing in advance to be very useful. On my first trip my wife and I had an incredible time looking for Winkel sites. It was the ultimate scavenger hunt. However, we failed to find the Alphen bakery. Before my second trip, I emailed the Alphen librarian and told him what I was looking for. A man from the library actually found the site for me and sent me the address. Please don't just drive around. You will miss a great opportunity if you don't try to find new sites.

There is a ton of research that could be done in all of these cities. Finding relatives, getting records, finding the places they lived and worked, etc. Then of course there is the actual genealogy work which I have never done. In reality, that is the most important thing you could do.

The Apeldoorn library had a wealth of information. They had dozens of historical postcards of town. This made it easy to see what the neighborhoods looked like when Hendrik and Everdina were there. These cities kept records of those who moved in and out of town including: how many children they had, where they lived and their occupation. You don't have to be skilled to do research.

Most people speak English so getting around isn't tough. However, when sending emails I used the Google translator to write and translate letters.

I do not have any contacts for family members in The Netherlands. I know there have been occasions where Utah Winkel's have visited them and vice versa but I don't have any names or addresses. Establishing these contacts would be great. They certainly would have more information about our ancestors.

The Winkel's

"According to records received from the archives in Assert, capital of the province of Drente in Netherland, the Winkels resided in Ruinen near Meppel. Ruinen was noted for its yearly horse markets in connection with a kermis or carnival. We also found Winkels living in Hoozevee, Meppel and some places in southern Drente during the sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Although the name of Winkel existed in these localities for a period of some four hundred years, their history and records have been difficult to trace."

The Winkels were called Voorhees in part of the fifteenth and the whole of the sixteenth century. The records in Assen show that transaction of land and leasing took place at this particular period. Later, the Winkels became schippers and lived on the rivers, and when a child was born it was recorded wherever they happened to be at the time, making it very difficult to find complete records of families. **Sometimes to distinguish one Winkel from another, the name Schipper was added.**

My grandfather, Geert Winkel was born in Hoogeveen and worked with his father as a ship carpenter, building little boats and doing the repair work. Due to the inaccuracy of the records at Drenthe, the number of children in the family is not definitely known, but there were two other children and there may have been more.

“My grandmother Roelofje Stad Winkel was a daughter of Thys Stad and Grietje Alberts van Basten, born December 29th 1841 in Nyeveen Drenthe. She and grandfather had ten children. During the cold hard winter of 1894 there was an epidemic of influenza and grandmother passed away the second day of February of that year in Devontot and was followed by grandfather six weeks later which left their family alone.”

“Hendrik’s father Geert was born in Hoogeveen and worked with his father as a ship carpenter.” Hendrik Winkel was born in Avereest. “Hendrik and his younger brother were left alone at home while the older children went out to make their own way. These two little boys raised rabbits which they marketed to bring in the necessary money for food and clothing. After their furniture was sold, the smallest boy was sent to make his home with some relatives and Hendrik had to find a new home. He had an offer to become a skipper as his forefathers before him had been, but due to the fact that it was winter and ships would not be leaving for a few months he had to look for employment elsewhere for a time. He became a baker’s helper which was a means of learning a new business and also gave board and room with a little extra money each week. This proved to be to his liking and he preferred it to becoming a skipper. After working in three different bakeries he went into business for himself moving to Oudshoorn Holland.”

Cities to visit:

- Ruinen
- Hoogeveen
- Nyeveen
- Avereest
- Devontot

I don’t know of anyone who has visited these cities or done any research in these areas.

The Van Ojen’s

“Grandfather van Ojen was born on October 1851 in Maurik, Gelderland. Grandmother was born in Zoelmond, May 8th, 1851 also in Gelderland. They, however did not meet until each had gone to the city of the Hague for employment. One evening she was being molested by some drunken men and he came along at the right moment to rescue her and accompanied her to her boarding place. Five years later they were married, Aug. 8, 1877 and Everdina, Cornelia was their first child who was born on the first day of October, 1878. Grandfather van Ojen was a landscape gardener and also raised vegetables and flowers. Later they moved just outside of that city to a place called Loosduinen, to work for a man by the name of Correndorf who owned a beautiful estate with many fine beautiful horses and carriages.”

Cities to visit:

- Maurik
- Zoelmond
- Loosduinen (The Hague)

I visited Maurik and Zoelmond. I didn’t have time to do any research. I just drove around. They are very small beautiful towns.

Loosduinen is a former village, now a neighborhood of The Hague. Loosduinen was a separate municipality until 1923, when it merged with The Hague. I’m pretty sure that Loosduinen is on the South side of Den Haag. Since there is some description of the area it would be great to find the



Van Ojen House in De Hague

estate in which they worked. You should be able to find the area based on the old map below.

I don't know anything about this Van Ojen house in The Hague.

Hendrik and Everdina's Early Years

"By this time their little family had grown to children and it was difficult to find employ as most wealthy people preferred gardeners with no families. He, however did find work at Oudshoorn by Alphen on the Rhine."

The present municipality of Alphen aan den Rijn was formed in 1918. Then the smaller municipalities of Alphen, Aarlanderveen and Oudshoorn were merged. In 1964 the municipality absorbed the municipality of Zwammerdam.



Hendrik Winkel's bakery in 1902



Bakery in 2004

"Seeing an advertisement in the paper for two young people from the country to come to the city, they moved to Rotterdam and had a bakery there in the Agnusestraat."

"Discouraged with the bakery they decided to buy a freighting business from Arnhem to Apeldoorn. This proved fairly profitable."

Cities to visit:

- Alphen aan den Rijn
- Rotterdam
- Apeldoorn
- Arnhem

I visited each of these cities. I tried to find the bakery in Alphen. The first trip to the Netherlands I was unsuccessful but as you can see from the twin pictures above, I found the bakery on my second trip.

I haven't been able to find the street in Rotterdam were they worked.

In Apeldoorn, it's easy to find the huge church that they attended. The churches records are at the library so don't bother going to the church to do research. However, the inside is impressive if you want to stop by and take a look. Family members have said that they had a bakery in Apeldoorn. I'm pretty sure that they just did the freight work. The city has no record of them baking.



Hendrik Winkel's wagon where he heard much of the Gospel while transporting the missionaries from Arnhem to Apeldoorn in 1904.

It is interesting driving between Apeldoorn and Arnhem. There are lots of trees and farms. It is fun to picture Hendrik's on his wagon and the various stories we have from his route i.e. Uno chasing rabbits, the wiener pig and of course picking up the missionaries.

Please share any information you uncover so we can make it available for other family members. If you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,
Jerry
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Maps

This map can help you plan your visit. It shows all the Winkel sites that are documented.



Alphen en de Rhine

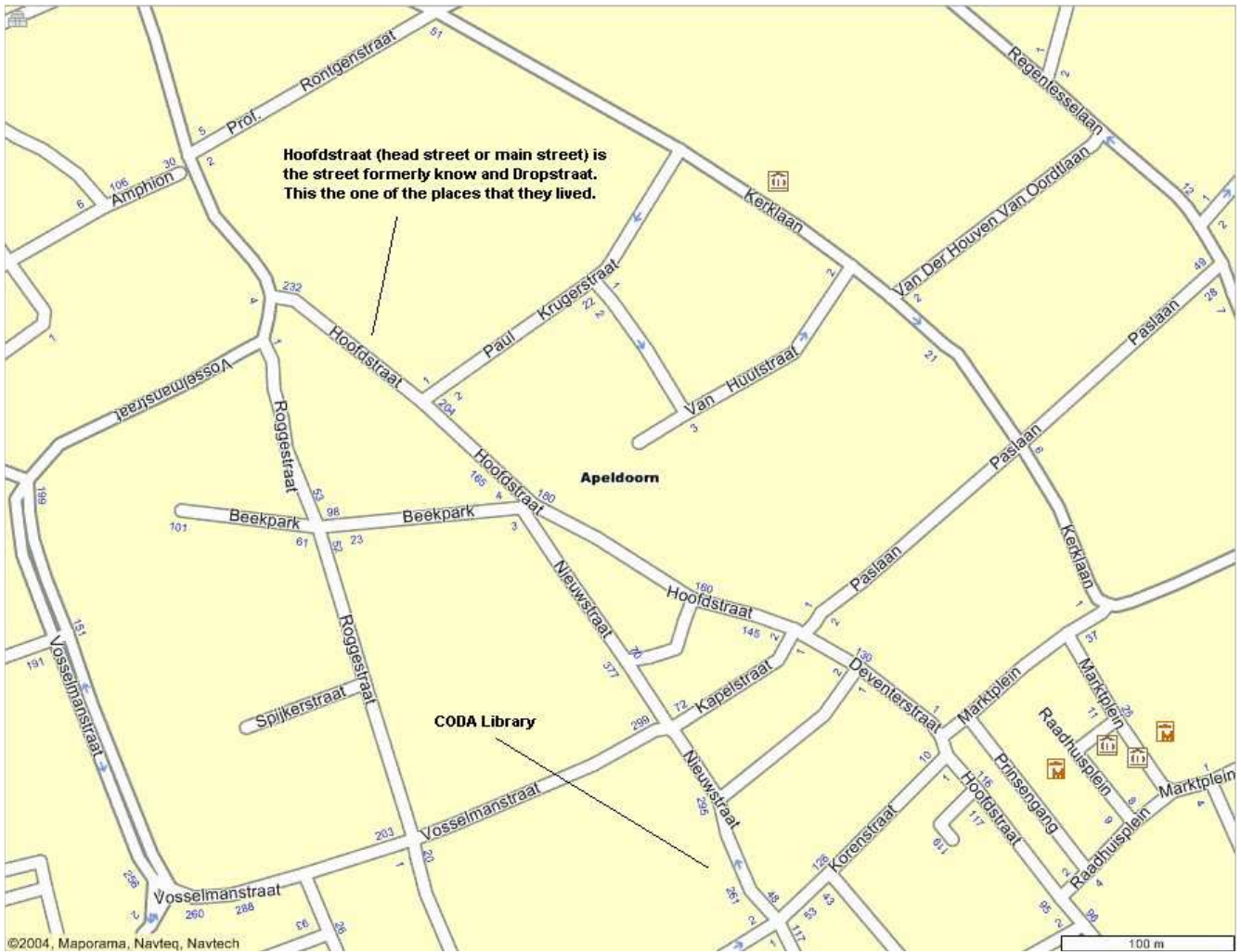
This map and the picture above should make it easy to find the bakery in Alphen. If you walked out of the bakery you could almost throw a rock to the river.

They came to Alphen on 6/23/1900 and in 2/19/1903 they moved to Rotterdam. Initially they lived at the address Hoorn 94k; later Mauritsstraat 59. I don't know if they had a bakery in the first location. All the houses on that street have been torn down, so you can't find that house.

At the corner of Mauritsstraat and Emmalaan is the bakery. Now it is a house with the number 109. On the left wall of the "bakery" you can see the old number 59. The door is now a window, but you can still see that it was the entrance of the bakery.

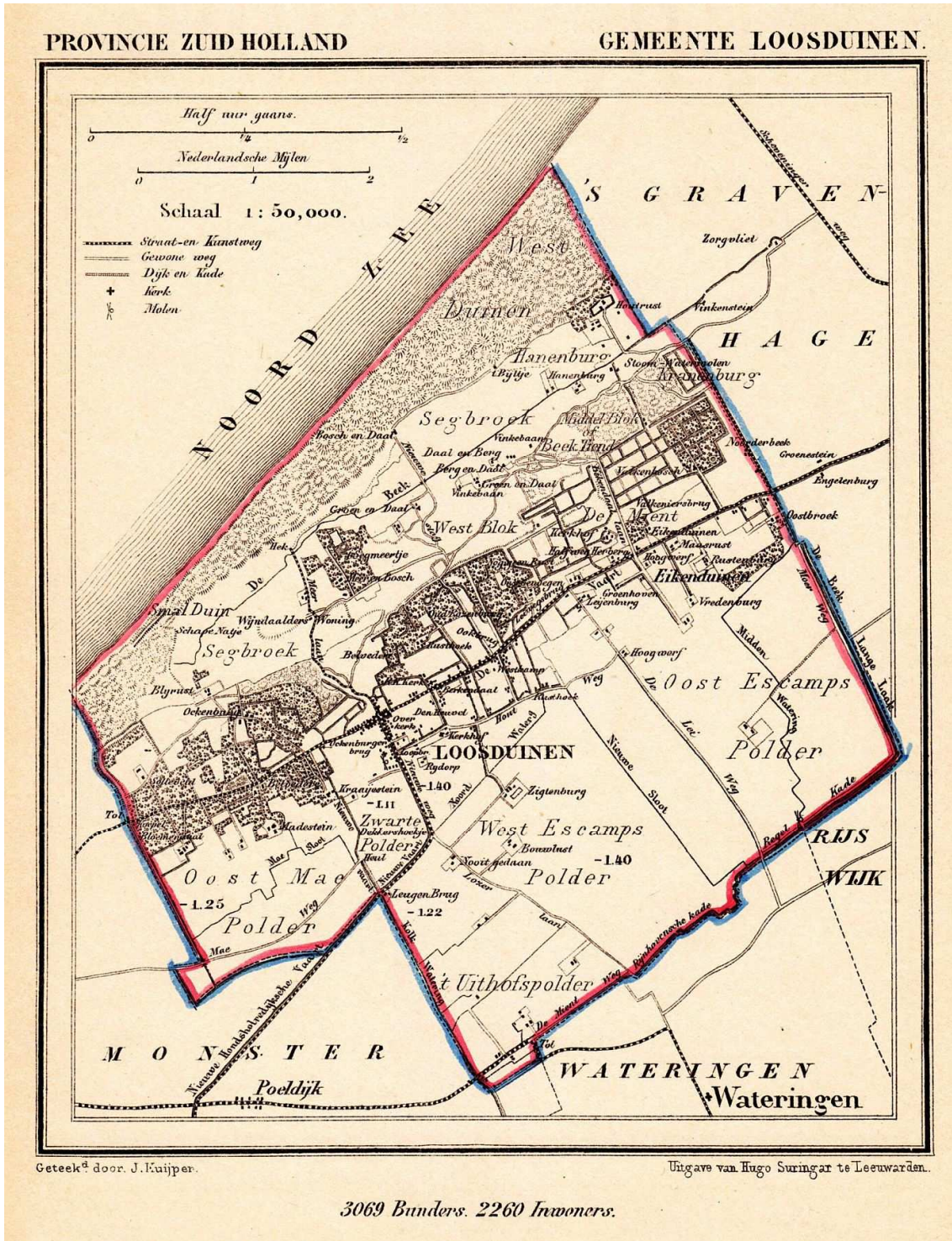


Apeldoorn



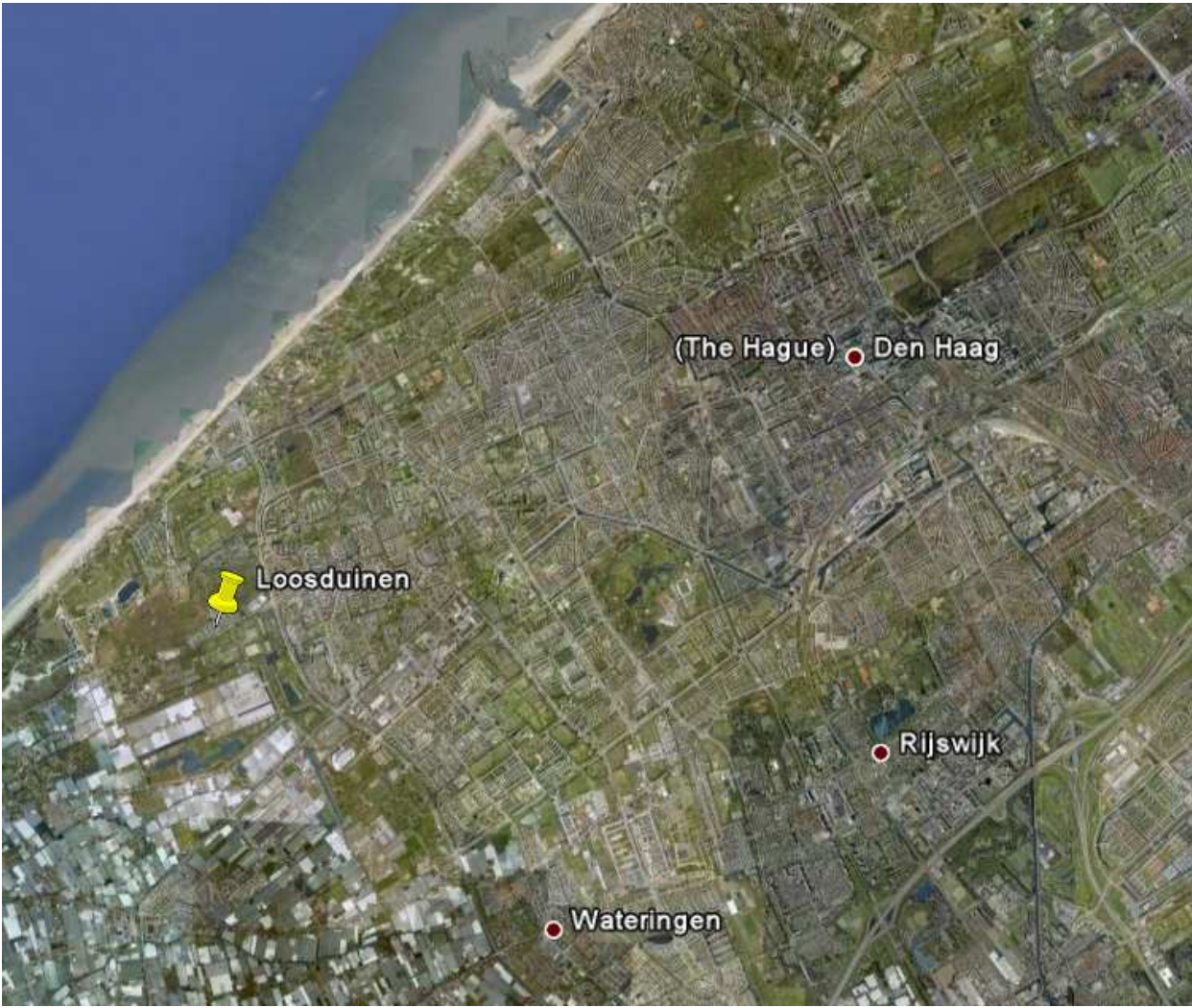
Den Haag

Loosduinen is a former village outside of Den Haag. This map is from 1869 so it should be pretty close to what it was like for our van Ojen great grandparents in approximately 1872 when they met.



Windmill in Loosduinen





Records from the Library in Apeldorn

VOLGNUMMER.	NAMEN	ZOON	NAMEN	NAMEN
	DER GEDOOPTEN.	OF DOCHTER.	VAN DE VADERS.	VAN DE MOEDERS.
1164	Johanna Wilhelmina	D	W Beijvandraat	E van Groen
1165	Jenny Cornelia	D	J Kerwij	F Verema
1166	Martinus Hendricus	Z	Pert Boenen	B. Goudriaan
1167	Hambertus Hendrika yannetje	D	J Haenen	W vandenbrink
1168	Geertje	D	D J Vinke	J Slaa
1169	Hendrika Johanna	D	W Timmer	J B van Asselt
1170	Berend	Z	H J elbers	H Slachtmans
1171	Martina Hendrika	D	Geldmaker	C Breems
1172	Frederika	D	H Krijgsmans	H Put
1173	Martinus Martinus	Z	P. J. Bruins	M van Ijfen
1174	Hendrika Joh.	D	J vant. Velt	
1175	Johanna	D	"	
1176	Volker	Z	"	
1177	Romaris	Z	R. Wollemans	F Randstra
1178	Willemina Geritje	D	J J Buchaar	W Wessels
1179	Gerit Jan	Z	W Tamboer	J Junker
1180	Johanna Willemina	D	J P. Ubbens	J Wielinga
1181	Gasparde	D	J Fokkensma	C J Winkel
1182	Geritje	D	H vandenbrink	H Wit Voorhorst
1183	Johan Wilhem	Z	J W Kieftink	J Hambers
1184	Thijs	Z	H Winkel	E van Oijen
1185	Jan	Z	H J van Dijk	R Wessels
1186	Hambertus Gerit	Z	Hendrik Verhoef	Geertuise Gilles
1187	Gerit	Z	"	"
1188	Gerit	D	"	"

Jaar 1904

NAMEN DER GETUIGEN.	GEBORTE.		DOOP.		AANMERKINGEN.
	DATUM.	PLAATS.	DATUM.	PLAATS.	
	25 Mei 1904	Apeldoorn	29 Mei 1904	Apeldoorn	ontrokken vóór de vader's trouwpaal 16
	11 April "	"	29 " "	"	/
	20 Mei "	"	5 Juni "	"	/
	4 Mei "	"	12 " "	"	/
	4 Juni "	"	12 " "	"	/
	8 April "	"	12 " "	"	Oct 7 met de vader met n. d. trouw.
	1 Juni "	"	26 " "	"	/
	15 Mei 1890	Scheveningen	8 " 1890	Scheveningen	H. B. v. v.
	11 Juni 1904	Apeldoorn	10 Juli 1904	Apeldoorn	/
	10 Juni 1904	"	10 Juli 1904	"	/
		overgekomen uit Wapenveld	10 Juni 1904	"	/
		"	"	"	/
		"	"	"	/
	5 aug 1904	Apeldoorn	14 aug 1904	Apeldoorn	/
	7 juli 1904	"	14 aug "	"	/
	2 aug 1904	"	28 aug "	"	/
	1 sept 1904	"	4 sept "	"	sept 17 met de vader verloofden van vader
	13 aug 1904	"	4 sept "	"	met vader's trouwpaal Febr '07
	14 juli 1904	"	11 sept "	"	/
	14 aug 1904	"	10 sept "	"	/
	27 aug 1904	"	18 " "	"	ontrokken doordat vader 1904 overleden
	10 juli 1904	"	2 oct "	"	/
	5 Febr 1899	Voorhuizen	19 Febr 1899	Voorhuizen	Mei 05 met vader's trouwpaal
	19 juni 1900	"	24 juni 1900	"	" " "
	17 sept 1902	"	21 sept 1902	"	" " "

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VOLGNUMMER.	DAGTEEKENING en J A A R der Inschrijving.	FAMILIENAAM. (Familiennaam der vrouw).	VOORNAMEN. (Voluit geschreven.)	Geslacht { M. (Mannelijk) V. (Vrouwelijk) }	Betrekking van dien persoon tot het hoofd van het huisgezin. (Niet in te vullen voor afzonderlijk levende.)	DAGTEEKENING en J A A R der Geboorte.	GEBORTEPLAATS. (Met aanwijzing der provincie voor inboorlingen, het land voor vreemdelingen.)	BURGERLIJKE STAAT		Kerk- genootschap. (Elk bepaald op te geven.)	Ambt, beroep of bedrijf. Bij bedrijven vermeld of de persoon daarin hoofd (hetzij voor eige hetzij voor anderer re- kening) (H) werkzaam dan wel als onder- schikte (O).
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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
1	1 mei 1903	Minkel	Hendrik	m	hoofd	1 mei 1878	Averesoot	W		Opf. gemeente	
2	"	Bayen van	Everdina Corné	v	vrouw	12 mei 1878	denklaag	W		"	
3	"	Minkel	Geert	m	zoon	26 April 1901	Alphen	O		"	
4	"	"	Gerit Soel/Bonnie	m	"	4 Oct. 1902	"	O		"	
5	"	"	Thijs	m	"	6 Aug. 1904	Beersma	O		"	
6	30 Oct. 1905	Logan	Walter Floyd	m	zoon	12 Sept. 1886	Beersma	O		Mormoon	zendeling
1	6 April 1902	Hallenburg	Dick	m	hoofd	12 April 1875	Beveland	H		Wl	oppasser
2	"	Heier	Jules Edouard	v	vrouw	12 mei 1870	Stapenvoer	H		"	
3	"	Hallenburg	Gerard Johan	m	zoon	12 Feb. 1900	Stapenvoer	O		"	
1	1.5-3-10	Wohlens	Otto Heinrich	m	hoofd	21 Dec 1875	Stalt, Delmenhorst	O		Evangel.	Zonder be- roep
2	"	Krops	Clara	v	vrouw	7 Juni 1877	Heerbad	O		"	
3	8-9-1920	Wohlens	Gertrude	v	vrouw	17 April 1898	Stapenvoer	O		"	
4	6-2-18	Hallenburg	Gerit Soel/Bonnie	m	zoon	14 Sept 1886	Deisberg	O		"	

