

375 years Seijsener



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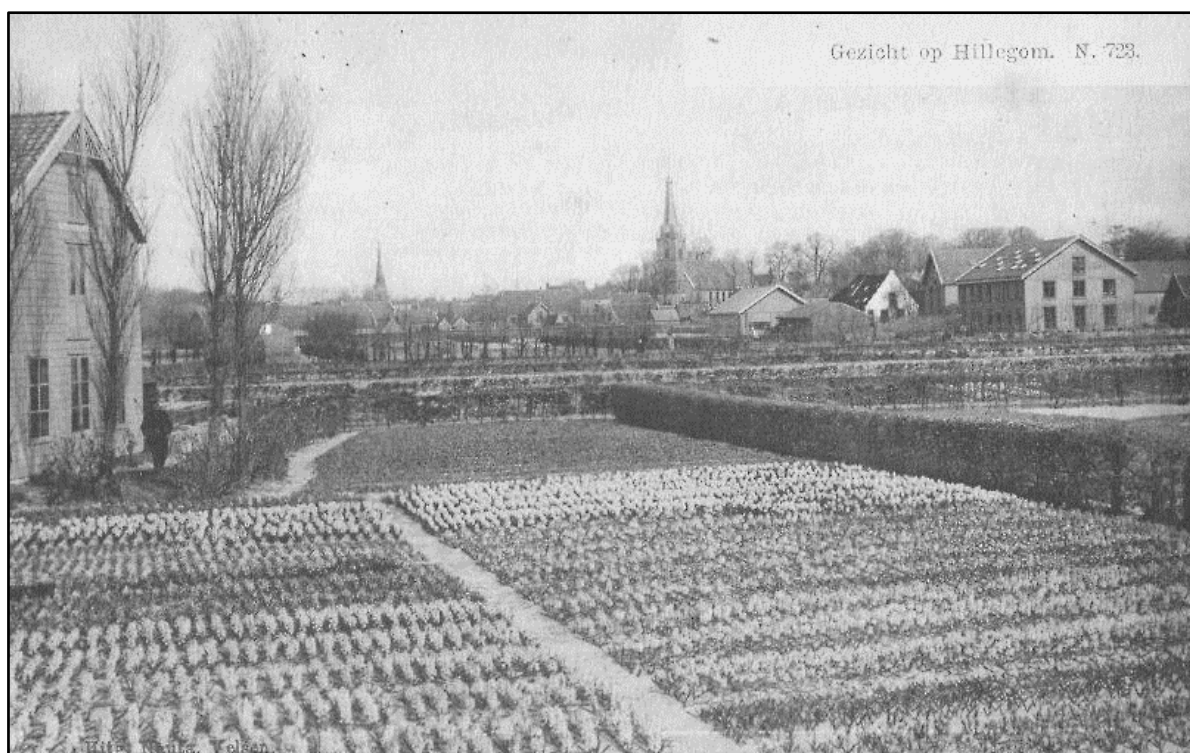


Dick Zwaan

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Family Tree from Zizenits to Seijsener

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The Author

My name is Dick Zwaan (30-03-1951). I live in the small town of Hillegom, South Holland (the Netherlands) and since 2005 my hobby has been Genealogy.

In 2005 I started researching my own family history on a small scale and what I found I recorded in a Word file.

Later this form turned out to be not such a good idea, so I transferred everything to an Excel file. This made it easier to include a lot more information and classify it in a well-organized manner. However, in retrospect, an Excel file was also not quite the best way to go, especially as the file continues to expand and most of the records are literally out of view requiring a lot of scrolling.

I have now stored my entire archive (approx. 37,000 records) in my own Access database. It is now possible to endlessly link various records (spouses, children, parents) to each other through cross-references.

Because I was still working at the time of commencing this project, I could not spend much time on it, so the collection of the data took several years.

At one point I had traced and recorded my own family as far as possible. Around 2010 more and more archives became available digitally, which allowed me to further expand my family's data. I also started copying found official birth, baptism, marriage, death and funeral records. By the end of 2013 I had - in my eyes - visualized the entire family. By that time, I had also retired from work. Due to a reorganization, I was declared redundant and was able to retire earlier than expected.

Because this gave me more time for my hobby, I launched several Internet sites, where I published the data I had collected. These Internet sites still exist and are updated daily, (no. 3) or frequently (no. 1 & 2), with the most recent data.

My data is published via these 3 sites:

1. **www.swaenpraet.nl**: this site focuses on the Zwaan families in all their facets.
2. **www.familiezwaan.nl**: this site focuses primarily on the village of Hillegom and its immediate surroundings, and the family names present there.
3. **gw.geneanet.org/dickduck**: this site contains all the information I have collected, including about 8,600 copies of deeds, photos, facts, anecdotes, images of tombstones etc.

From 2013 I started to describe other Zwanen families, which I later extended to name variants such as Swaen, Swaan, de Zwaan, van de Zwaan, van der Zwaan etc. I now have a file of more than 5,700 people with those names in all its variants in my archive. It is considered one of the largest database with this family names.

Because I was now able to spend more time on my hobby, I requested and received permission from the "*Friends of Old Hillegom Foundation*"¹ to access their book "*Kwartierstatenboek van 15 Hillegomse families*", published in 2001. From this book I was able to update the data (from before 2000) with more current information. During that time, I also became a volunteer for this foundation, because my hobbies are genealogy and local history.

In the last 6 years, in addition to finding the last "Zwanen (Swans)", I have had the opportunity to completely update and republish 4 of the 15 family histories (Pedigrees) mentioned in the book, including deeds, photos, etc.

In the meantime, as a Genealogist, and thanks to my sites, I regularly receive requests (nationally and internationally) for further information or reports of additions and sometimes corrections to published facts. In general, I spend about 25 to 30 hours a week on this hobby, because a family tree is never 'finished'. I am constantly finding new or updated information from different sources to add to the already large archive.



¹ The "*Friends of Old Hillegom Foundation*" is committed to preserving, restoring and improving the landscape, the living environment, the monuments and iconic buildings in and around Hillegom for its current and former residents. It also strives to promote the responsibility of every Hillegommer for this. Dozens of volunteers spend their free time working towards these goals.

Introduction Zizenits

Ancestors of the Sejsener family

The oldest recovered ancestral couple was Conradus Zizenits and Ilfken Moniard. Although their (first) names could be written differently in other deeds, their mention in the marriage certificate (see page **D**) is the clearest and this spelling is therefore used for the data of this couple.

Through the marriage date (14 February 1669), their year of birth is roughly estimated at ± 1645 . They likely have married at around the age of 24, which would be a reasonable assumption for the time. But ... it remains an assumption.



Map (Landkreis) Hildesheim (Germany)

The couple lived in Borsum, a village in the municipality of Harsum in the Diocese of Hildesheim. Nowadays this is in the German state of Lower Saxony. The marriage certificate shows that Ilfken states "ex Borsum", so that she lived in Borsum. Whether she was born there cannot be determined from this. No birthplace place of residence is stated for Conradus. For both I assumed that they were born and died in Borsum.

The first four generations of this family lived mainly in the area around Hildesheim (Borsum, Einum).

The name Zizenits changed to Siesener over 3 generations via Ziesenits and Siesenits. Finally, the name was changed in the early 19th century (in Hillegom) to Sejsener as well as to, though less so, Sijsenaar.

In the 4th generation, one of the descendants, Joseph Joachim Johannes Siesener, left between ± 1790 and 1800 to settle in Hillegom (South Holland) in the Netherlands. There he founded the Hillegom branch of the Sejsener family.

Migration to Hillegom

It is not known exactly when Joseph Joachim Johannes Siesener moved to Hillegom or why. Perhaps he was a labour migrant. In an article called "*Immigrants in the Netherlands in the first half of the 19th century. A study based on the Utrecht censuses of 1829 and 1839*" is about this subject; a summary of which follows:

"The last category of newcomers is formed by those who settled in the Netherlands because of the favourable economic conditions for them. This often involved immigration of individuals and families outside the group. This category differs from the other categories since these newcomers settled permanently in the Netherlands for economic reasons. The group of newcomers in Utrecht that falls within this classification is large and diverse, but overall, it can be said that among them there were in particular many tradespeople, shopkeepers and craftsmen. In Utrecht, the group of migrants mainly consisted of Germans, but in addition to the dozens of shopkeepers, shoemakers, bakers and tailors from this country, Utrecht also had chimney sweeps from the area around Lake Maggiore, for example."

Although this document is primarily based on the city of Utrecht, this phenomenon may also have occurred in other cities and villages. This may have been the reason that Joseph Siesener settled in Hillegom, where he set up business as an innkeeper and merchant and thus fulfilled the profile mentioned in the study.

It is also not known whether he knew his future wife, Marijtje Topper, at the time of his migration to Hillegom and whether she came to Hillegom in the same period (with her family?). Marijtje was born in Lengerich, also in Lower Saxony. It cannot therefore be ruled out that they already knew each other and possibly met again in Hillegom. The family name Topper is still found in Hillegom; it is therefore likely that Marijtje and her parents settled in Hillegom. There is a marriage certificate of 27 June 1842, in which Bernard Hendrick Topper, 29 years of age, son of Bernhard Heinrich Topper, both living in Hillegom, married Petronella van Bourgondiën. It is not inconceivable that this family (also from Lengerich) is related to Joseph's first wife Marijtje Topper.

In the following chapters, the Sejsener family, from ± 1645 to 2020 (= 375 years), will be extensively mentioned, with additional stories, photos, deeds, gravestones, family advertisements, prayer cards, etc.

Generation I

Presentation of facts in this book

The data of the persons in Generations I to XI are generated by a (Dutch) software package. This software package combines the entered data (names, dates, events, etc.) into a 'standard' genealogical summary of facts. Verbs are rarely used, and prepositions are omitted. However, the intention of the text will be immediately clear to everyone without using grammatically correct sentences.

Geographical names are not translated into English but show the Dutch spelling. Dates are according to Dutch notation (dd mm yyyy) e.g. "March 15th, 1948" will be displayed as "15 maart 1948". Data in the additional information (gray blocks) is largely presented in English notation (mm dd yyyy).

The software does not make a distinction between marital connections: married, cohabiting, partnership and other commitments are all listed as "Married to ...".



From the first 4 generations of Zizenits-Siesener-Seijsener (only in the printed book) all deeds found are depicted in a separate chapter. Of the other 'Seijseners' only the most interesting documents are shown. A reference to the deed (page) has been added to the persons concerned.

I Conradus Zizenits was born ± 1645 at Borsum, Harsum, Hildesheim, Nedersaksen, Duitsland. Conradus died in May 1733 at Borsum, Harsum, Hildesheim, Nedersaksen, Duitsland, ± 88 years of age. He was buried on 8 May 1733 at Borsum, Harsum, Hildesheim, Nedersaksen, Duitsland. Conradus married, when he was ± 24 years of age, on 14 February 1669 at Borsum, Harsum, Hildesheim, Nedersaksen, Duitsland **Ifken Moniard**, who was ± 24 years of age. Like Conradus, Ifken was also born ± 1645. For deed(s) see page 141



Conradus Zizenits and Ifken Moniard are the oldest found couple, with which the family tree begins. Based on their (found) marriage registration (February 14, 1669) their estimated birth year is ± 1645. The Zizenits couple lived at the time of the marriage in Borsum, a village in what is now Lower Saxony in Germany. In 1974, Borsum became part of the city of Harsum, which is in the Hildesheim district. Over the course of 3 generations, the name Zizenits has become Siesener via Ziezenits. In the Netherlands, this branch was eventually changed to Seijsener and several variants to this name.

The name is also sometimes written differently in German ecclesiastical registers, but in his marriage certificate he is mentioned as Zizenits, while on his death certificate it is already Siesener.

Child(ren) of Conradus and Ifken:

1 Machtildis Zizenits, born in March 1672 at Borsum, Harsum, Hildesheim, Nedersaksen, Duitsland. She was baptised 15 March 1672 at Borsum, Harsum, Nedersaksen, Duitsland.

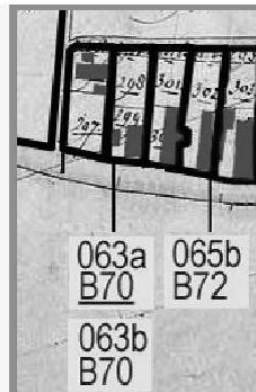
For deed(s) see page 141

2 Andreas Siesener, born in August 1674 at Borsum, Harsum, Hildesheim, Nedersaksen, Duitsland. See II.



Joseph Joachim Johannes Siesener is the "ancestor" of the Hillegom branch of the Seijsener family. Joseph moved from the former Kingdom of Hannover to Hillegom at the end of the 18th century. In his marriage certificate of March 17, 1829 it is stated that he lived in house District B No. 70 (Cadastral 063A). The cadastral map of around 1830 shows that this house was on the (current) southwest side of Hoofdstraat, where now numbers 194 to 200 are located. House B70 is indicated on the accompanying land register map. To the left of the plot (between the 2 thick lines) is the current Vinkenlaan.

In "*Description and Small Chronicle of the Municipality of Hillegom*" by J.B. van Loenen, an etching by R. Remmers from 1819



House of Joseph J. J. Seijsener ± 1819



is depicted on Cadastral map cut out ± 1830 page 46, which shows the exact representation of the cadastral map from around 1830. The first visible house to the small outbuilding is the cadastral parcel 063a. To the right behind the hedge is the larger - transversely placed - house visible from the plot on the left of 063a, which corresponds to its orientation on the cadastral map. Left of this building later the shop was built, where first Photographer van der Lans and afterwards "barber Kunne" had their business for years. Joseph must have seen this when he entered Hillegom at the end of the 18th century.

Act of division of assets September 23, 1830

"In the share-out of the assets of the late Joseph Seijsenaar of his first Housewife Marijtje Topper and his remaining widow Maria Staats on the twelfth of July 1830 before the Undersigned Notary passed to the Assets assigned to the Assets in full and free ownership to Maria Staats widow of Joseph Seijsener and now Housewife of Jan Koop living at Hillegom:

A House and Farm standing and located within the village of Hillegom designated as Numero seven, bordering Northeast Willem Vlotman, south-east the Heerenweg, south-west Pieter Staats and north-west the Vinkesloot and whose charges since 1 January 1830 are to be paid by the buyer.

According to the act of the twelfth of July 1830 for the undersigned Notary passed and properly registered.

Lisse September 23, 1830 J.G. Cramerus"

Ps. Old Dutch words and terms that are difficult to translate into English are used in this act. The English translation and / or sentence structure can sometimes seem a bit 'strange'.

Palm Army Base at Laren¹³

Source: Piet Seijsener (son); adjusted / shortened where necessary

Gerrit's stay in Palm Army base in Laren led to a meeting with Anna. We do not know how that happened, but it is told that Gerrit sent greetings from his father Jan Seijsener to Anna's father, Cornelis Schaapherder. How do the two know each other? Did they meet in the army or somewhere else?

The fact is that Anna and Gerrit found each other and their relationship continued to grow during the period that Gerrit was stationed in the Palm Army base. It is also known that Gerrit regularly visited Anna in the kitchen of the house of the Keesing family. Finally, their interaction led to a lasting relationship. Gerrit is less harsh and more sensitive and emotional than Anna. His homesickness for Hillegom in the first years certainly had to do with this.

Living

Source: Piet Seijsener (son); adjusted / shortened where necessary

Anna and Gerrit were married on October 20, 1920 in Laren. The attached photo shows the bridal couple both 25 years of age. We know nothing else about the wedding; The photo speaks for itself. Gerrit in a coat with white gloves and a top hat in the right hand; Anna in dress with matching gloves and a bridal bouquet in her left hand. Gerrit sticks his left arm through Anna's. The photo must have been taken by a professional photographer. That is all we know.



They must have taken up residence in the house of the Council of Labour, Westzijde 77.

In the year 1922/1923 they moved to the Dr. Roggertspad in Zaandam, which is not far from the Westzijde 77. It is possible that the caretaker's house was demolished to make way for office space while retaining the caretaker's role. It is also possible that the Council of Labor was moved to the Droogbak in Amsterdam due to a reorganization. It must be said that these details are speculative, the truth of which are not yet verified.

In 1925 Anna and Gerrit moved to Belgischestraat 77. This house had a real flushing toilet which was considered very fancy for the time. The houses on the Schoolmeesterstraat, located behind the Belgischestraat, still had bucket toilets, which were collected weekly by municipality officers. The location of the Belgischestraat is to the east of the built-up area of Zaandam; behind it are the meadows and waters with the names de Gouw and the 1st and 2nd Wetering¹⁴.

The housing law is also part of the complex social laws from the early 1900s and has ensured that better homes are built. Housing associations (w.v.'s) must implement this housing law and build social housing. Socialists, Protestants and Catholics have their own housing associations. Leo XIII is the first R.C. w.v. in Zaandam that built houses for the R.C. part of the population. For clarity: the w.v. is named after Pope Leo XIII, the author of the social encyclicals. Gerrit and Anna would certainly have been a member of this R.C. w.v. and were thereby assigned the Belgischestraat 77 home.

¹³ Research indicates that the author of this article may have been mistaken or received incorrect information. This army base never existed in Laren. However, in Bussum, a place near Laren, there was an army base called: "*The Colonel van der Palm Army Base*", but it was only opened in 1939, so long after Anna and Gerrit met. The army base was closed in 2006. In Laren there was an army base called "*Crailo*", which already existed in the 19th century. This was partly a military training ground. Possibly that Gerrit was stationed at this Crailo Army Base in Laren. Later this training ground was merged with the "*The Colonel van der Palm Army Base*". Crailo is no longer an army base either.

¹⁴ A wetering is a small waterway



Peter in his new Bakery 1971

Bakeries in Australia

In Australia, Peter successfully opened a bakery again ("Nelson Bay Cake Shop" on Magnus Street). ± 1966 a new store was built on the same spot. In 1971 a larger bakery was opened in Salamander Bay.

Passing away

During a vacation in the Netherlands in 1995. Peter died suddenly on July 13, 1995, in Alphen aan den Rijn.

Cremation

Piet was cremated in Crematorium "Rhinjnhof" in Leiden. After his cremation, the urn with his ashes was taken back to Australia by his children, where another funeral service was held on August 7, 1995. The Memorial Service was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church at Nelson Bay, NSW, Australia. His ashes were placed a memorial wall alongside his wife, Wil, and youngest son, Peter

Remarkable! The building in which Piet Seijsener opened his bakery in 1947 is almost the same building (but several times renovated) in exactly the same place, where the first Hillegom Seijsener, Joseph Joachim Johannes Siesener, once settled in the 18th century. On the front page of this book is the location as it was in 1819 and 2019. Both the drawing and the photo show the same street in Hillegom. In the drawing the building is on the far right,



Seysener Family with their first Holden

while in the photo the building is on the far left. The former bakery has since been rebuilt several times and is now café "Murphy's Law".

Left: The Seijsener family in Australia (1959) with their first car, a Holden. Back left: Wil (mother), Peter (father); Middle: Frank, Elizabeth, Fred; Front: Lidy.

VIII-as Hendrik Sijsenaar was born 28 April 1909 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland, son of Hendrikus Sijsenaar (see VII-q) and Trijntje Johanna De Groot. Hendrik died ± 1979 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland, ± 70 years of age. Hendrik married to **Gerarda Grem**. The marriage was dissolved on 20 December 1967 at Utrecht, Utrecht, Nederland. Gerarda was born 28 April 1909 at Maartensdijk, De Bilt, Utrecht, Nederland, daughter of Everardus Grem and Johanna Schoonhoven. Gerarda died 26 January 1988 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland, 78 years of age. For deed(s) see page 234

Child(ren) of Hendrik and Gerarda:

- 1 **Hendrikus Everardus Sijsenaar**, born 14 May 1939 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland.
- 2 **Johannes Gerardus Sijsenaar**, born 4 March 1944 at Leiden, Zuid-Holland, Nederland. See IX-cd.
- 3 **Reneé Sijsenaar**, born 23 April 1948 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland.
- 4 **Maurice Peter Sijsenaar**, born 27 August 1952 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland. See IX-ce.

Generation VIII

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Child(ren) of Johannes and Albertina:

1 L.J.M. Seijsener. See IX-ed.

2 Elisabeth Dymphna Albertina Maria Seijsener, born 1 June 1955 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland. See IX-ee.

VIII-bw Cornelia Johanna Seijsener was born 28 February 1929 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland, daughter of Leonardus Seijsener (see VII-ak) and Johanna Bregitta Mulder. She was baptised 28 February 1929 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland. Cornelia died 10 March 2003 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland, 74 years of age. She was buried in March 2003 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland. Cornelia married, 22 years of age, 27 December 1951 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland to **Johannes Cornelis Veenman**, 24 years of age. Johannes was born 8 April 1927 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland, son of Johannes Cornelis Veenman and Gerarda Maria Vink. Johannes died 9 July 1995 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland, 68 years of age. He was buried in July 1995 at Hillegom, Zuid-Holland, Nederland.

From Johannes Cornelis Veenman & Cornelia Johanna Seijsener 1 child(ren) is/are known:

- *Ed Veenman, born 22 March 1962, died 24 September 1980 (buried in the same grave with his parents)*

VIII-bx Johannes Isedorus Seijsener was born 30 September 1921 at Zaandam, Zaanstad, Noord-Holland, Nederland, son of Gerardus Seijsener (see VII-al) and Johanna Schaapherder. Johannes died 22 July 1991 at Castricum, Noord-Holland, Nederland, 69 years of age. He was buried in July 1991 at Heemskerk, Noord-Holland, Nederland. Johannes married, 27 years of age, 27 October 1948 at Uitgeest, Noord-Holland, Nederland to **Maria Anna Smit**, 27 years of age. Maria was born 29 January 1921 at Uitgeest, Noord-Holland, Nederland, daughter of Johannes Hendrikus Smit and Anna Maria Shep. Maria died 25 December 2019 at Heemskerk, Noord-Holland, Nederland, 98 years of age.



Child(ren) of Johannes and Maria:

1 Cornelia Johanna Geertruida Maria Seijsener, born 18 August 1949 at Bussum, Gooise Meren, Noord-Holland, Nederland. See IX-ef.

2 Anna Maria Geertruida Seijsener, born 14 December 1950 at Bussum, Gooise Meren, Noord-Holland, Nederland.

3 Johanna Maria Seijsener, born 26 April 1952 at Bussum, Gooise Meren, Noord-Holland, Nederland. See IX-eg.

4 Johannes Hendrikus Maria Seijsener, born 1 March 1955 at Castricum, Noord-Holland, Nederland. See IX-eh.

VIII-by Gerarda Johanna Seijsener was born 8 June 1923 at Zaandam, Zaanstad, Noord-Holland, Nederland, daughter of Gerardus Seijsener (see VII-al) and Johanna Schaapherder. She was baptised 9 June 1923 at Zaandam, Zaanstad, Noord-Holland, Nederland. Gerarda died. Gerarda married, 28 of 29 years of age, in 1952 to **Johannes Anthonius Joseph Meulenkaamp**, 28 of 29 years of age. Johannes was born 2 May 1923 at Zaandam, Zaanstad, Noord-Holland, Nederland. Johannes died 18 November 2016 at Castricum, Noord-Holland, Nederland, 93 years of age.

From Johannes Anthonius Joseph Meulenkaamp & Gerarda Johanna Seijsener 2 child(ren) is/are known:

- *Annet Meulenkaamp*
- *Josee Meulenkaamp*

Generation XI

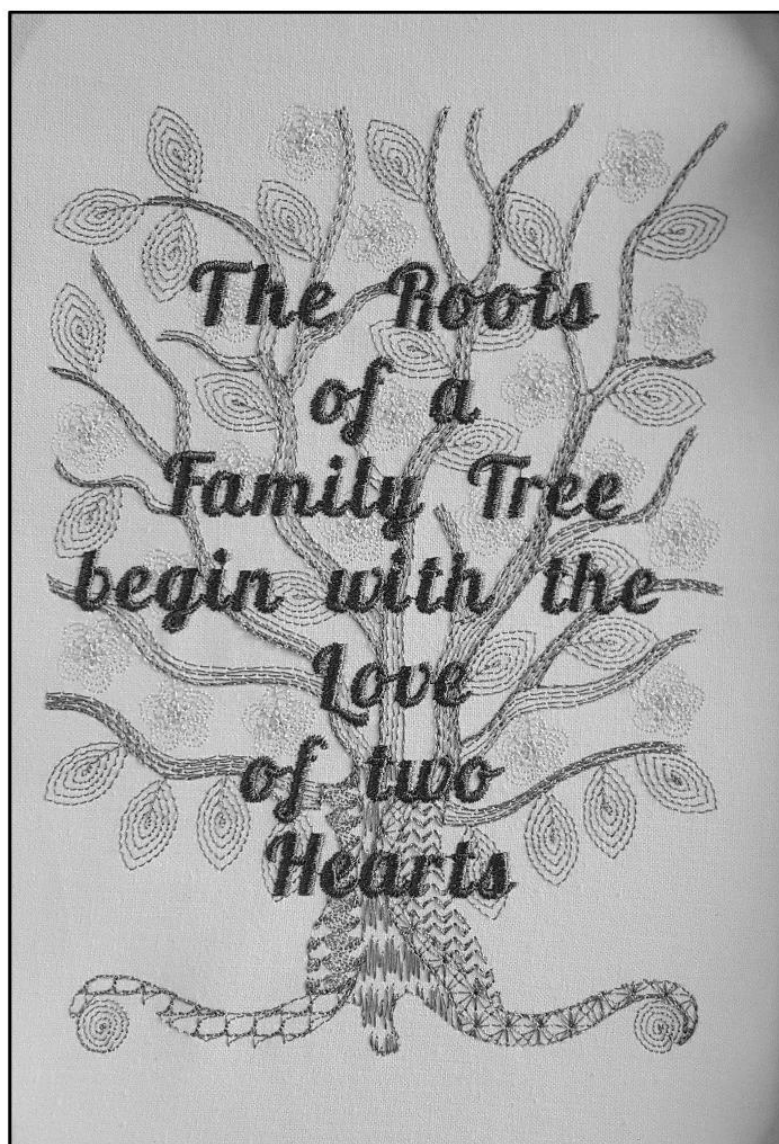
XI Jessy Seijsener was born 3 July 1994 at Almere, Flevoland, Nederland, son of Eduard Raimond Seijsener (see X-bv) and Anja Emo. Jessy married to **Maria Christina Van Der Meer**.

Child(ren) of Jessy and Maria:

1 Bradley Seijsener, born 16 December 2013 at Utrecht, Utrecht, Nederland.

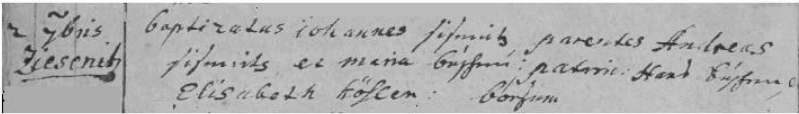
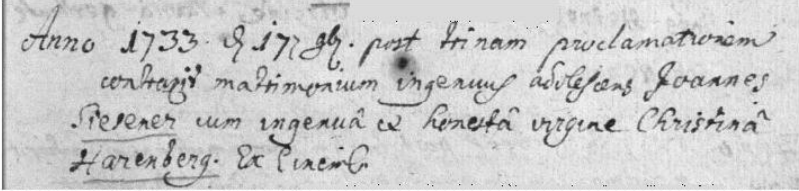
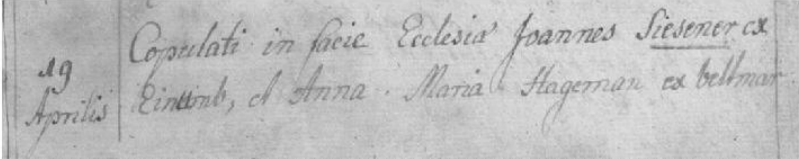
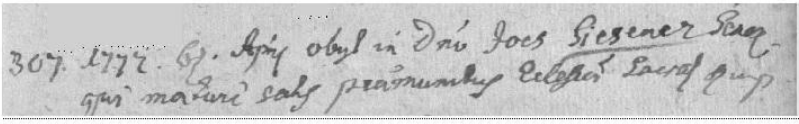
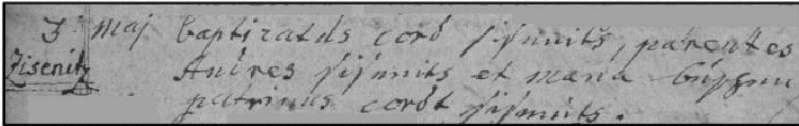
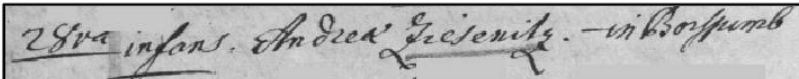
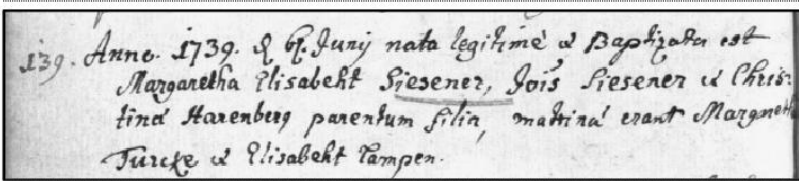
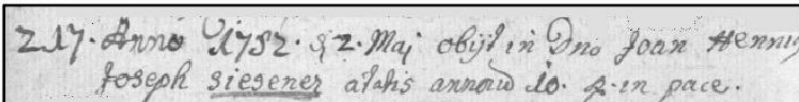


Bradley Seijsener, the biological son of Jessy Seijsener and Melissa van der Meer was adopted into the family of Martijn Paul Seijsener and Diana Bekker on 28 August 2015. They have full custody of Bradley. His birth parents could not properly care for him. Martin Paul Seijsener is an uncle of Jessy Seijsener.



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Deeds

Copy of deed...	Deed in name of...
	III. Baptismal Certificate Johannes Siesener
	III. Marriage Certificate Johannes Siesener & Christina Harenberg
	III. Marriage Certificate Johannes Siesener & Maria Hageman
	III. Death Certificate Johannes Siesener
	II.6. Baptismal Certificate Givoury Zizenits
	II.6. Baptismal Certificate Conradus Zizenits (Jr.)
	II.7. Burial Certificate N.N. Siesener
	III.1. Baptismal Certificate Margaretha E Siesener
	III.2. Baptismal Certificate Joannes Henningius Josephus Siesener
	III.2. Burial Certificate Joannes Henningius Josephus Siesener

Copy of deed...

Deed in name of...

N^o 19

24 In het jaar negentienhonderd zestien,
 den vier en twintigsten der maand Mei zijn voor mij,
 Ambtenaar van den Burgerlijken Stand in de Gemeente HILLEGOM, in het Huis der Gemeente
 verschenen ten einde een huwelijk aan te gaan: Adrianus Sejsener
 oud zesen hoortig jaren, van beroep arbeider
 geboren te Hillegom en wonende te Hillegom, meer
derjarige zoon van Jan Sejsener, oud zes en vijftig jaren,
arbeider, en van Cornelia Koptijn, oud zes en vijftig jaren,
zonder beroep, beiden wonende te Hillegom
 en Petronella Maria Kortekaas
 oud vijfen hoortig jaren, van beroep zonder
 geboren te Hillegom en wonende te Hillegom, meer
derjarige dochter van Johannes Kortekaas, oud zestig jaren,
arbeider, en van Apollonia Catharina Caspers, oud veeren
en vijftig jaren, zonder beroep, beiden wonende te Hillegom
 Nog voorts roerden de ouders des bruidegoms in die der
 behoud hijne toestemming gevende het het aangaan
van dit huwelijk

Daar geene beletselen tegen de voltrekking van dit huwelijk te mijner kennis zijn gebracht, en de afkondiging in deze Gemeente

op Zaterdag, den zesden Mei derzes jaars
 zonder stuiting is afgelopen, heb ik de Comparanten in het openbaar afgevraagd, of zij elkander aannemen tot Eeligenoten en getrouw de plichten zullen vervullen, die door de wet aan den huwelijken staat zijn verbonden. Nadat deze vragen door beiden toestemmend beantwoord zijn, is door mij in naam der wet verklaard, dat zij door den echt aan elkander zijn verbonden.

Cost 8/10

Waarvan deze akte is opgemaakt in tegenwoordigheid van:
Josephus degenover, oud twee en dertig jaren, broeder
des bruidegoms en Cornelis Kortekaas, oud zes en
twintig jaren, broeder des bruid, arbeiders, beiden wo-
nende te Hillegom, welke als getuigen en getuigen voor
dezing met de comparanten

et, C. Caspers
J. Kortekaas.
M. degenover

Mr. Dijkster
P. M. Kortekaas,
J. Sejsener
C. Koptijn
J. Kortekaas

VII-ai
 Marriage
 Certificate
 Adrianus
 Sejsener
 &
 Petronella
 Maria
 Kortekaas

Bread and pastry bakers



Of the about 650 Seijseners in this book, a profession is known for several of them. Many of them had professions as labourers, workmen; others had their own businesses. It is striking that a few ended up in the bakery, either as a bakery owner or as a baker's assistant; some started out as baker assistants and later became independent bakers. Because the profession is not known for all Seijseners, it may be that there are more Seijseners who have rolled into the bakery trade. Professions were often mentioned in marriage or death certificates; I display them as I found them in the records. Which (9) Seijseners stood in front of the ovens daily?

First names	Names	Profession	Born	Passed
Wilhelmus Johannes	Seijsener	Baker	08-01-1907	27-11-1993
Martinus Gijsbertus	Seijsener	Baker's servant	01-11-1908	07-1984
Johannes Adrianus	Seijsener	Bread baker	08-09-1910	09-04-1968
Wilhelmus Theodorus	Seijsener	Pastry chef	22-07-1915	12-04-1994
Petrus Theodoor	Seijsener	Pastry chef	13-04-1918	13-07-1995
Theodorus Hermanus	Seijsener	Pastry chef	30-08-1918	11-10-1994
Johannes Petrus Jacobus	Seijsener	Pastry chef	18-10-1931	13-06-2003
Forentius	Seijsener	Bread baker	12-03-1937	Unknown
Frank William	Seysener	Pastry chef	23-05-1947	Still alive

Fire service registers Hillegom 1853-1875

In the 19th century it was common for adult men to be assigned to the voluntary fire brigade every year. At that time 122 men from 20 to 60 years of age were appointed to the service in Hillegom. They would then be rostered throughout the year to attend if there was a fire. Every designated man had a certain task within the corps. This fire brigade register has been preserved and in the period 1859 to 1874 four Seijsener men were registered:

Ps. Because only initials and year of service were mentioned, it had not been easy to identify the men mentioned, but I think I found all four of the Seijseners who served during that time.

Nr. 903 Lists containing the names of the fire masters and fire sprayers, 1853-1875.

Nr.	Name/function ²⁶	Year	Additional information about their position and commander.
1	J. Seijsener Canvas Hose Operator	1859	Vennip ²⁷ "Service year 1859/1860 Fire Sprayers under the 2 nd Fire chief. (They wear a band with W2 around the left arm)".
2	Th. Seijsener Water collector	1868	Service year 1868/1869. Fire Sprayers under the Chief Fire master / Because they do not come under a certain Fire Chief, they wear a band around the right arm without a number.. On duty. 15 Water Collectors.
3	Th. Seijsener Water collector	1871	Service year 1871/1872. Fire Sprayers under the Chief Fire master / Because they do not come under a certain Fire Chief, they wear a band around the right arm without a number.. On duty. 15 Water Collectors.
4	H. Seijsener Canvas Hose Operator	1874	Service year 1874/1875. On duty. 13 Canvas Hose Operators
5	A. Seijsener Operator Pressure Pump	1874	Service year 1874/1875. On duty. 48 Operators Pressure Pump
6	H. Seijsener Operator Pressure Pump	1874	Service year 1874/1875. On duty. 48 Operators Pressure Pump

²⁶ Because these are professions that no longer exist, it is also difficult to find an English term for them. I have stated a comparative English-language translation as much as possible.

²⁷ "Vennip" was a neighborhood near Hillegom (in the east) next to the Haarlemmer Lake. Later this neighbourhood was merged with Hillegom and a village Nieuw Vennep was founded in the newly formed polder Haarlemmermeer.

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