

van MARMEREN FAMILY TREE

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The van Mameren family is both very old and very extensive. The oldest van Mameren mentioned is Conrad von Mamer in 1166. The family name is written as von Mamer, de Mamer, van Mamere and van Mameren. In the 14th century, the family is found in Brabant, always related to functions of the Dukedom of Kleef/Cleves.

The family of van Mameren is very, very old, and originates in Luxembourg; and although the line is not straight from father to son, it goes back nearly a thousand years. There are two armorial crests and straight lineage goes back to approximately 1640.

The oldest family member in a direct line to **Jenneke Neeltje Maria van Mameren** is Aaldert Marcelis van Mameren who died before 1738. It can safely be stated that everybody born in the **Betuwe**, in places like Zoelen, Wadenoyen, Kapelle-Avezaath and others, are related.

The Duchy of Cleves is a former German state which lay on both sides of the lower Rhine bordering on the Netherlands. A county from late Carolingian times, it acquired (late 14th cent.) the county of Mark, in Westphalia, and in 1417 was made a duchy. In 1521, Duke John III of Cleves inherited through marriage the duchies of Jülich and Berg and the county of Ravensberg. His daughter, Anne of Cleves, was married in 1540 to Henry VIII of England. In 1609 the male line became extinct, and a complicated dynastic quarrel for the succession followed. Brandenburg acquired (1614) Cleves, Mark, and Ravensberg; the Palatinate-Neuburg line of the Bavarian house of Wittelsbach took Jülich and Berg. The succession was not finally settled until 1666, when the Treaty of Cleves confirmed the division. Cleves was held by France during the French Revolutionary Wars and in 1815 was returned to Prussia.

Kleve was the capital of the former Duchy of [Cleves](#). It lies in North Rhine-Westphalia near the Dutch border. Among its noteworthy buildings are the collegiate church (14th-15th cent.), which contains the tombs of the dukes of Kleve, and the 11th-century Schwanenburg which is associated with the legend of Lohengrin.

1. **Aaldert Marcelis van Mameren** died before 1738 married (first) Jenneke Cornelis
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2. **Cornelis Aalders van Mameren**

3. **Jan Cornelisse van Mameren** baptised 1670 died after 1706 married (first) 5 November 1692 Maria Isaacs Smeltz born/died ?
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3. **Willem van Mameren** baptised 21 November 1679 Batenburg died ? married (first) 4 November 1629 Christina Willemsdr. de Vriendt died 5 December 1700

3. **Willem van Mameren** baptised 21 November 1679 Batenburg died ? married (second) 23 July 23 1719 Geertrui Abrahams born/died?

4. **Willem Janse van Mameren** baptized Leeuwen/Puiflijk 22 October 1730 died before 1801 married about 1758 Maria van Driel bapt. Kapp. 1 February 1733 died Kapp 12 February 1813

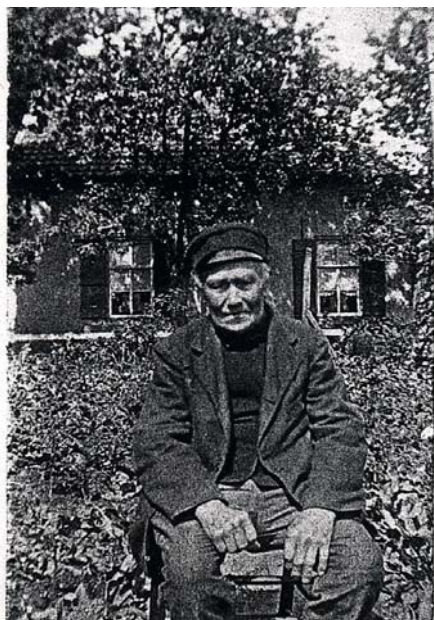
5. Pieter van Mameren born Kapelle-Avezaath 6 December 1761
(shopkeeper) married (first) 1789 Jenneke Tibo died Kapelle-Avezaath
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(shopkeeper) married (second) 6 January 1811 Hendrijntje van Os. No
children.

6. Gerardus van Mameren born Kapelle-Avezaath 22 May died
Kapelle-Avezaath 1872 Kapelle- Avezaath married 13 December 1817
Artje Nieuwkerk born 1800 died Kapelle-Avezaath 1882.

<p>Gerardus van Mameren fought in the battle of Waterloo and was promoted to under-officer in the army of the Prince of Orange. He received a medal for bravery during Waterloo later in 1865. He was head of the local school; and later on in life caretaker of the church; was "foresinger" at the service and warden of the local cemetery.</p>
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7. Kornelis van Mameren b Kapelle-Avezaath 5 February 1825 d Zoelen
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Kornelis van Mameren 1825 - 1906

8.1 Gerardus b Zoelen 24 February 1852 d Ophemert 3 September 1929
(carpenter/contractor)

8.2 Arie b Zoelen 8 May 1854 (carpenter)

8.3 Dirk b Zoelen 8 May 1854 d Zutphen 17 August 1909



Dirk van Mameren 1854 - 1909

8.4 Hendrik b Zoelen 6 October 1856 (died early)

8.5 Hester van Mameren b Zoelen, Utrecht 4 September 1857/1858 d Ophemert 8 February 1932 m Gerrit van Yperen (b 24 February 1865 d 8 February 1932), Zoele, Utrecht 27 June 1895

8.6 Cornelia b Zoelen 8 May 1860

8.7 Jan Willem van Mameren b Zoelen 1 July 1863 d Hilversum 1933 (teacher)

8.8 Barend b Zoelen 5 January 1865 d 29 May 1921 (carpenter/contractor)

8.7 Jan Willem van Mameren b Zoelen 1 July 1863 d Hilversum 1933 m Anna Maria Offerden b Tiel 25 April 1845 d Hilversum 24 April 1932



Jan Willem van Mameren (1863 - 1933) on right of picture

- 8.7.1 Jenneke Neeltje Maria van Mameren** b 2 March 1894
 Amsterdam d by suicide in the Riet River, Koffiefontein on 28
 September 1928
 8.7.2 Adriaan (twin) (unmarried)
 8.7.3 Kees (twin) (married) (offspring)



Child of Kees, details unknown

Jan Willem van Mameren was born July 1 1863 at Zoelen and died approximately 1933 at Hilversum. Anna Maria van Offerden was born April 25 1845 at Tiel and died April 24 1932 in Hilversum.

They had a daughter Jenneke Neeltje Maria and a probably younger twin sons named Adriaan and Kees. Both the father and the mother were teachers, living at one point in Amsterdam. Jan Willem also wrote schoolbooks possibly compiling test materials to prepare students for tests (toetsnaald). Later on they lived in Hilversum owning a boarding house at that time. Jan Willem took the death of his daughter very hard; it caused him a lot of grief. It is said she had a lot of trouble adjusting to the hard life in South Africa. She probably grew up quite sheltered. He did try to get in contact with his grandchildren to send them money as he frequently did with his sons which both left for Indonesia. He developed Parkinson's Disease later in life.

His sons went to live in Java (Indonesia), date unknown. In approximately 1933 Adriaan was recognised in the chilly streets of Hilversum dressed only in white tropical clothes. He had returned to claim the inheritance from his father's estate. It turned out that all had been given away, possibly by the housekeeper. A chess set, once owned by Jan Willem van Mameren, is still in the family (with a very distant cousin : Menno W Boomsluiters).

The brothers never returned from Java (Indonesia). Adriaan was a womaniser and never married. Kees was married and had (at least) one child. They must have been middle aged when the 1939 - 1945 war started. Many Dutch men were forced to work for the Japanese on the Burma railways and many women and kids perished in the camps. The fact that nobody heard from them again is ominous.

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 suicide in the Rietrivier, Koffiefontein, 28 September 1928 m 15
 August 1919 Cornelius Hermanus Marais b 5 April 1888 Graaff-Reinet d
 7 August 1969 (first)





Dr C H Marais and J N M van Mameren were married in Holland. She was the daughter of a school teachers and hailed from Amsterdam. On returning to South Africa in October 1919, Marais bought a practice in Murraysburg. Their first born was a son, six months old when he died suddenly whilst his father was "on district". The couple left Murraysburg and went to Koffyfontein. Confinements were extremely difficult for her. She gave birth to a further two children, is thought to have suffered puerperal depression; and committed suicide by drinking poison and jumping into the local Riet River. Marais brought his mother, Ouma Marais/Albertyn from Humansdorp to care for the children. Depressed, he turned to alcohol; sustained a severe motorcar accident and was admitted to Kimberley Hospital. Here, on a Christmas Day, he met Hildegaard Pauline Jane Oertel, earning from her the nick-name Noël in the process. During the 1939-1945 war, the family moved to Robert's Heights, Pretoria, and remained there. Ouma Marais/Albertyn died in Krugersdorp.



Passport Photograph

8.7.1.3.4 Carina Marais b 10 June 1958 m Johannes Diederick Smith (b 10 December 1954), 24 May 1990 (divorced)
Michael Dean b 28 May 1991
Adrian David 20 September 1992

8.7.1.3.5 Leslie Charles Marais b 28 June 1960 m (first) Sandra Mc Donald (divorced)
Leslie Charles Marais b 28 June 1960 m (second) Nicola Browne (b 11 April 1962), 1 September 1997

8.7.1.3.6 Nicholas John Marais b 12 March 1962 m Audrey Catherine Koppel (b 18 July 1962), 8 February 1992
Nicholas Thomas b 1 April 1994
Susan Catherine 16 May 1996

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The Family Line of Menno W Boomsluiters

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Berendina Neeltje van Mameren born Zoelen 30 June 30 1885 died Hilversum 2 April 1951 married Joost Johannes Robeer born Tiel 8 December 1884 died Hilversum 14 December 1967 (fine carpenter)

Henk (Hendrik Rijk) Robeer born Hilversum 10 January 1919

Gozewina Antonia Robeer born Hilversum 10 June 1923 married 22 March 1952 Wout Boomsluiters born Rotterdam 18 July 1927 (educationalist)

Menno W Boomsluiters (the oldest of four sons) born q July 1953 married (first) E.K.Hay

Elliott Gozewijn born 29 March 1983

Desmond (Jesse) Raeburn 23 October 1987

Menno W Boomsluiters born 1 July 1953 married (second) J.A.Brown