

De Jongh Family

D E J O N G H

ADRIAN DE JONGH<sup>d</sup>  
 ADRIAN DE JONGH<sup>c</sup>  
 MEERTIEN ADRIAN DE JONGH<sup>b</sup>  
 ADRIAN MEERTENSEN DE JONGH<sup>a</sup>  
 WYNTJE/WILHELMINA ARIENS DE JONGH<sup>1</sup> (ALDERT ROOSA)

There is a tradition that members of this family came to Europe in rowing vessels and that they were men of great stature who had built cities of stone. Originating in France, they went to Flanders, in Belgium, and then to Holland. According to tradition, they were among the refugees who fled from Troy when it was sacked in 440 B.C. Some

claim that the De Jonghes, as the name is spelled in Flanders, descended from Lothaire, who received the Netherlands and certain northern Provinces of France as his share of the Charlemagne Empire when it was divided among the latter's sons. The Counts of Flanders, from whom the De Jonges appear to have descended, ruled that part of Europe for several hundred years, and those noblemen always claimed direct descent from Priamus, King of Troy. The name was used as early as 960 A.D. by Count Baldwin of Flanders—long before surnames were in vogue elsewhere, a century before William the Conqueror invaded England, and at least 200 years before the Plantagenets chose a family name. Seals and arms in use by members of the family in Holland date back to the early Middle Ages. The name was perpetuated by members of the family until we find it in common use as a family name in Flanders, Belgium, as early as 1200 A.D. The records show many knights and prominent officials bearing the name, as well as one Governor, Boudewijn De Jonghe, of Bruges, Belgium, in 1285. He is referred to by the historian L'Espinoy as an example of Belgium's "brave, wise and much feared Knights." The De Jonghe family of Ghent, one of the most ancient and patrician families of that old center of culture, had its coat-of-arms registered in 1280, among the oldest of family crests. Extracts of records obtained from both Belgium and Holland indicate that wherever the members of the family went they were generally of high standing and among the rulers of their communities. In Belgium and Holland they have filled the highest positions of state, prime ministers of the respective countries, ambassadors, members of parliament and other great or lesser offices.

ADRIAN DE JONGH<sup>d</sup> b c 1500

ADRIAN DE JONGH<sup>c</sup> b c 1530, Holland

MEERTEN ADRIAN DE JONGH<sup>b</sup> b c 1560-70, Holland

ADRIAN MEERTENSEN DE JONGH<sup>a</sup> b c 1600, Herwijen, Holland. His grandson, Dominus Martinus Adrianese (b 1704) was a noted Dutch minister in London. Order of birth of his children is unknown.

*1 Engeltien m 3 June 1638, Herwijen, Holland, Guert Aeldertsz s/o Aeldert + Metje (± Roos) Roosa*  
 Issue: 1 WYNTJE/WILHEMINA ARIENS DE JONGH b c 1630, Holland; m 1642, Kingston, Ulster Co., NY, ALDERT HERMAN (b 1621, Herwyn, Holland; d 27Feb1679, Hurley, Ulster Co., NY) s/o HEYMAN, so called when surnames were not used; later the family took the surname ROOSA  
 2 Ariën Ariensen; was a burgomaster of Herwynen, Holland; held power of attorney of his sister's husband, Aldert Roosa

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