

Aantekening der Familie der Varletten, 1627

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As a result of our sleuthing in various archives in the Netherlands, a document has recently been found which will shed some light upon the Varlet family. In the archives of the province Drente (Drents Archief) we found a copy of a booklet called *Aantekening der Familie der Varletten: 1627*. [Drents Archief Access nr. 0604 inv.nr. 14.] This contains genealogical notes written down by several successive members of the Varlet family, and their descendents, the families Hummel and Fledderus.

These entries contain birth, marriage, death and burial dates for the family of Peter Varlet and for his parents. This was a handwritten document, passed down in the family, which was loaned some years ago to the Provincial Archive at Drenthe, for the purpose of transcribing it. The original was returned to the family, and a copy was deposited in the Provincial archives at Drenthe.

Recently, we retranscribed the first several pages of this document, and translated it into English. These notes should clarify many questions about the Varlet family. The first 32 entries of the Varlet record were written by Pieter Varlet (1598-1661), a WIC official, the brother of Caspar Varlet who lived at Ft. de Goede Hoop in what is now the state of Connecticut.

Notes of the Family of the Varletten, [Amsterdam], 1627

Nicolaas Varlet & Francina Jacobs, my father and mother, were married in the year 1590, the 12th of January in Cologne.

Pieter Varlet was born in the year 1598, the 18th of August at 6 o'clock in the evening, in Cologne. His sponsors were: Jacob Jacobs and Pieter Cangon.

Jan Lenartzen van Bree and Grietjen Claasen, my housewife's father and mother, were married in the year 1600, eight days after Easter, in Utrecht. [30 May 1626 OS / 9 June 1626 NS]

Machteltje Jans van Bree, my housewife, was born in the year 1604, at 11 o'clock on Sunday the 22nd of January, in Utrecht.

Nicolaas Varlet, my father, died in the year 1605, at two o'clock at night on the 18th of December in Cologne, and was buried at the Geusenkerkhof, outside [Cologne], in our own grave.

Francina Jacobs, my mother, died in the year 1612, at 6 o'clock in the evening of Friday the 19th of October in Weesel, and was also buried there in our own grave; her age was 53 years.

Johannes Jelles, my brother, died in the year 1624, the 9th of November, in Amsterdam; his age was 36 years.

Jan Lenartzen van Bree, my housewife's father, died in the year 1626, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday the 30th of May, old style, and was also buried there.

Grietjen Clasen, my housewife's mother, died in the year 1626, at eleven in the forenoon on Monday, the 4th of July, in Utrecht, [and was buried] with her husband in the St. Nicolaaskerk, in our own grave.

Pieter Varlet and Macheltje Jans van Bree were married in the year 1626, on the 21st of November, in the new style the 1st of December.

Lenart Lenartzen van Bree, our dear father, died in the year 1626, at twelve on Whitsun night, the 23rd of May, in Hoorn, and was buried there in the Vrouwekerk.

Johannes Varlet was born in the year 1627, at three in the afternoon on Sunday, the 17th of October, in Amsterdam. His sponsors were: Herman Gysberts Yzerman and he presented the child two silver porridgers, also Neeltjen Lenarts van Bree, our auntie, and she has presented the child a silver rattle with a chain in it.

Janneken Varlet was born in the year of our Lord and Saviour J.C. 1629, at 11 o'clock in the evening, the last of May, in Amsterdam. Her sponsors were Herman Gysberts Yzerman, he has presented her a silver key-chain, weighting exactly 24 *lood* [note]; the other sponsor was M. Catrina Varlet and she has given her a silver goblet with a lid on it.
[one *lood* = half an ounce]

Janneke Jans van Bree is resting in the Lord in the year of our Lord and Saviour J.C. 1629, at 9 o'clock in the evening on the 14th of June, sound of mind. May the Lord God grant her a joyful resurrection.

Francina Varlet, our daughter, was born in the year of our Lord J.C. 1631, at 3 o'clock in the morning on Friday the 14th of March, in Amsterdam. Her sponsors were: Jacob Dieriks or Tjerks Houtkoper and he has presented her as a baptism gift a *Koningsdaalder* [King's Thaler], one and a half *Rijksdaalder* with a crown imprinted on it, and a Ducat which was minted by the King of Bohemia or Paltz. Her other sponsor was Judict Varlet.

Sara Varlet, our daughter, was born in the year 1633, at 5 o'clock in the morning on Sunday the 2nd of January in Amsterdam, and also on a Sunday the 30th ditto was baptized in the Oude Kerk. Her sponsors are Daniel Vermout and [he] has presented her a silver plate, also aunt Sara Varlet and [she] has presented her a silver mustard-pot with a silver spoon in it, given in the name of the Holy Lord.

Joh. Varlet, my little son, is resting in the Lord in the year 1633 at 7 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday the 26th of January, after he had suffered for three months from a fatal disease with high fever. He was buried in the Nieuwe Zijds Kapel in front of the pulpit on the 29th of January.

Johannes Varlet, our second son, was born in the year 1634 at half past eleven in the evening on Wednesday, the 6th of September in Amsterdam, and was baptized on Kermis [Fair] Tuesday the 26th ditto in the Nieuwe Kerk. His sponsors were: Jasper van der Veen, presenting as a baptism gift a silver plate, and Christina a silver cup, cousin Hans Cobritze [gave] a silver porridger with 'Hansje' engraved in the bottom, because he was named after his name.

Pieter Varlet, my little son, was born in the year of our Lord 1636 at 8 o'clock in the morning on Thursday the 2nd of October in Amsterdam, and was baptized in de Oude Kerk on Sunday the 12th ditto. His sponsors were: Daniel Rusland and Catarina Statsmacker. Daniel Rusland presented him a golden [*schroeft*] as a baptism gift. [*schroeft* = unknown word]

Neeltjen Lenards van Bree, our dear auntie, died at 9 o'clock on Friday evening the 16th of January 1637, and was buried in the Heiligesteegskerk on Tuesday 20 January 1637.

Note: Francyntjen Varlet will receive after our death or when she comes to marriage two little silver mugs coming from her grandmother Francina Jacobs.

Abraham Lambertzen van Bree, my housewife's cousin, died at one thirty in the afternoon on Easter, the 4th of April, and was buried on Thursday the 8th ditto in the Heilesteegskerk in Amsterdam [year not mentioned].

Cornelis Varlet was born in the year 1639 at seven in the morning on Monday the 10th of January in Amsterdam, and on the 3th of February was baptized in the Oude Kerk by *dominee* Badini. His sponsors were: the Lord Cornelis van Wykersloot, Bewindhebber of the East India Company, [who] presented him as a baptism gift a silver porridger. Also as sponsor was the Lord Admiral Cornelis Cornelissen Jol, alias Houtebeen, who presented him as a baptism gift a silver porridger, and also as a sponsor the housewife of the Lord Admiral Jan Corn. Lighthouse [who] presented a silver goblet. Also sponsor Maria Haak, who gave nothing to remember this. [see note below]

Hansje, our second son, died in the year 1640 at eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning the 14th of February. [see note] He suffered from chickenpox for 16 days before he was relieved, and is buried in the Oude Kerk on the 17th ditto, in a new grave, which I had bought, and is the first to be buried in it. May God the Lord grant him a joyful and holy resurrection. [note: " eleven o'clock" might be wrong. It was transcribed as "1/2 uur" or half uur, but was possibly 'elf uur' meaning eleven o'clock]

1641 ADi. On the 2nd of June my wife was delivered of a dead child after she from the 30th of May was in heavy labor and could not deliver. [It] was finally resolved that the dead child must be removed from her by Mr. Pieter with instruments. It was a little son, whom on the 5th of June we buried in the Oude Kerk in our own grave.

1642. Daniel Varlet, our brother, is resting in the Lord in Dunkirk at the home of Squire Franciscus Hiel, at half past one in the night between the 1st and the 2nd January, of sound mind, in the presence of cousin Jaques J. van Keulen, and is buried on the 3rd ditto outside Dunkirk at the Geuzenkerkhof. God grant him a holy resurrection.

1643. Machteltje Varlet, our youngest daughter, was born at 10 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday the 14th of July in Amsterdam, and was baptized the 26th of July in the Zuider Kerk by *dominee* Jacobi Laurentius. Her sponsors were Do. Hettelurus Daniel Vogelaar and Wyntje Vink, widow of Johan Roberts Salluy, living in Rotterdam. The forementioned Roberts has presented her as a baptism gift a silver porridger.

1643. Machteldtje Varlet, my housewife, died on Tuesday evening the 21st of July, on the 8th day of her lying-in, in sound mind, after suffering from high fever for 5 days. She was buried on Friday the 24th of July in the Oude Kerk in our own grave, at the age of 39 years, attained 22 January 1643.

1643. Machteldje Varlet, my youngest daughter, died at 7 o'clock in the morning on the 26th of December, the 2nd Christmas day, at the age of 23 weeks and 4 days, and was buried the 29th ditto in the Oude Kerk in our own grave.

Jannechje Jans, our aunt, died around 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, the 16th of November, sound of mind, and on Tuesday the 19th ditto she was buried in the Zuider Kerk. God grant her a holy resurrection.

Cataarina Varlet, widow of cousin Hak, my dear sister, is resting in the Lord around 1 o'clock in the night between Saturday and Whit Sunday, the 18th of May 1652, after suffering from fever for 16 [days] and she was buried on the 22nd of May following in the Heiligesteegskerk next to her husband, in the grave of Jaques Hak. [note: Jacques Hack, owner of the grave, was Catrina's brother-in-law]

Cousin Hans Cobrite died around 4 o'clock in the afternoon on the 16th of December 1656, sound of mind, and was buried on the 21st ditto in the Augustyner Kerk in Dordrecht. May God grant him a joyful resurrection.

[The entries above were written by Pieter Varlet (1598-1661). From here on one of his daughters, probably Francijna, continued making the entries until about 1716.]

1661. Pieter Varlet, our father, died on 29th October Saturday at midnight, sound of mind, after he lay for 12 days with high fevers of 24 and 26 and even 28 hours duration, and was buried the following 3rd of November in the Oude Kerk next to his housewife in our own grave, at the age of 63 years, two months and 11 days.

1664. Sara Stafmaker, widow of Daniel Varlet, died around 8 o'clock on Monday morning, the 21th of July 1664 in Hoorn, after she had been sick for thirty-three weeks following a severe accident, and was buried the next Thursday the 24th ditto in the Oude Kerk.

Cornelis Varlet, our youngest brother, was married to Anna Varlet, our niece, daughter of uncle Daniel Varlet, on the 28th of April 1665 in Amsterdam, by dominee Harmannus Langelius.

1666. On the 17th May the housewife of our brother Corn. Varlet was in labor with a dead child. It was a girl, who was buried on the 19th ditto in the Oude Kerk in our own grave.

1667. Abraham Varlet, our cousin, died on the 6th of February at Monnikendam and was buried there on the 10th ditto.

1667. On the 18th of September the housewife of our brother Corn. Varlet gave birth to 2 children on Kermis [Fair] Day, a son and a daughter, who were baptized on the same day in the

Nieuwe Zijds Kapel by dominee Joh. Selvius: a son named Pieter, the daughter named Sara. The sponsors of Pieter were: Pieter Varlet and Francina Varlet. P.V. has presented him as a baptism gift 2 silver saltshakers and a silver bell with chain. Francina Varlet has presented him a silver dish. Sara's sponsors were David Varlet and Sara Varlet, brother and sister.

1667. Sara Varlet, the little daughter of Mons. Corn. Varlet, died on 13 October, 25 days old, and on Monday the 17th ditto was buried in the Oude Kerk in our own grave.

On the 18th of March the housewife of our brother Cornelis Varlet gave birth to a little son called Daniel Varlet and [he] was baptized in the 20th ditto in the Nieuwe Zijds Kapel by dominee Johan Salsius. His sponsors were: Daniel Varlet and Janneke Varlet. [He] died the 10th of July 1669 and on the 13th ditto was buried in the Oude Kerk in our own grave.

1671. On the 4th of October the housewife of our brother Cornelis Varlet gave birth to a young daughter called Sara, her sponsors were: Sara and Daniel Varlet.

1681. On the 13th of January our sister Sara Varlet died at the age of 48 years and 11 days, and on the 18th ditto was buried in the Oude Kerk in our own grave; also there were about 20 couples at her funeral.

1685. The 16th December my sister Janneke Varlet by accidentally falling had broken her right arm, and by the surgeons Joh. Van Claveren and van Ottinga it was set and cured at once, although she was already 56 years old.

1700. Between the 29th and the 30th September old style our brother Corn.' son, Pieter Varlet Corn., died in Diever in the Land of Drenthe and is buried there on the 8th at the age of 33 years. [note: Pieter Corneliss. Varlet is meant]

1702. The 14th August 1701 Lucas Fledderus and Sara Varlet were married at Dieveren.

1704. The 20th February our oldest sister Jannaken Varlet is resting in the Lord on a Wednesday at 8 o'clock in the morning, sound of mind at the age of 74 years, 9 months and 20 days, and was buried on the 26th ditto in the Oude Kerk in our own grave.

1705. On Witsunday, the 31st of May at 5 o'clock in the afternoon our niece Sara Varlet, daughter of Cornelis Varlet, gave birth to a son in Dieveren in the Land of Drenthe [who] on the 1st of June was baptized there, named Pieter Varlet; our niece was married to Lucas Fledderus.

1708. On the 1st of February the daughter of Cornelis Varlet, Sara Varlet, who married Lucas Fledderus in the Land of Drenthe, gave birth to a young daughter and there in Dieveren she was baptized the 5th ditto, named Anna Catrina.

1709. The 14th December Sara Varlet as above has again gave birth to a daughter and on the 15th ditto at Diever she was baptized, named Johanna Geertruid.

On the 1st May Francina and Pieter Varlet moved to Dieverden, into the home of their brother Cornelis Varlet in 171?

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[The entries between 1661 and about 1716 were probably all written by Francijna Varlet (1631-1717). From here on her niece Sara Varlet (1671-1751) continues making notes]

1717. The 29th October Francina Varlet is resting in the Lord and was buried in Diever, at the age of 86 years and 7 1/2 months.

Brothers of Sara Varlet: Caspar Varlet married to Judith, Abraham Varlet and Nic. Varlet married to..... Nicolaas with Francina Jaquis, Daniel Varlet married to Sara Stafmaker; Jonathan Varlet married to Anna Wegtels; Francina Varlet married to Peter Geblom ? Pieter Varlet married to Machteldje van Bree; Francina Varlet and Pieter Varlet.

On the 10th February uncle Pieter Varlet is resting in the Lord in his 82nd year, and was buried in the church of Diever in 1718.

1721. On the 8th December my father Cornelis Varlet [died] in his 83rd year, and was also buried in the church in Dieveren.

1722. On the 14 February my beloved husband Lucas Fledderus is resting in the Lord in his 66th year of age, and was buried in the church next to brother Pieter.

[From here the notes go on until 1891 but the name Varlet is not mentioned anymore. The entries are about the family Fledderus and Hummelen.]

Note about baptism of Cornelis Varlet on 3th February 1639:

Admiral Cornelis Cornelisz. Jol, aka Houtebeen (1600-1641), was one of the most colorful Dutch sailors. He was born in Scheveningen, started as a fisherman and made it to Admiral of the West India Company. He was a very skilled navigator, known for his tremendous courage and his humane attitude towards prisoners of war. On 21 October of the same year (1639) he was leading a squadron in the battle of Duins, where the Dutch defeated the Spanish Armada. On 30th May 1640 he was send from Brasil to Africa where he conquered Luanda (Angola) and the island Sao Tome, where he died on 31th October 1641 of malaria.

Admiral Jan Cornelisz. Lichthart (probably misread by the transcriber as Lighthouse) and the above mentioned Cornelis Cornelisz. Jol were naval comrades in arms in several important battles. He was also an Admiral with the Dutch West India Company and achieved his reputation in the battles against the Duinkerkers and in Brasil. He died at the Rio Sao Francisco on 30th November 1646.

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