Van Ginhoven Newsletter #1

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Dear family members,

The summer holidays are over and most of us have started the new work or school year again or are enjoying our well-deserved retirement.

Time for an 'update' with some family facts and also to let you know where we stand with the 'Huibert van Ginhoven' Foundation.

*Adoption #cel 512 Oranjehotel*

First of all, I would like to thank those who were able to attend the Oranjehotel on 4 May for their presence at the unveiling of the plaque at Cell # 512 in memory of the months-long stay of Uncle Huib and Uncle Jaap there during the Second World War. As a reminder and information for those who were not there, I enclose a few photos below.

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*Founding of the 'Huibert van Ginhoven Foundation'*

At Notaris office Bellaar c.s. in Amstelveen, partly thanks to a generous donation from Kees van Ginhoven, the Huibert J.C. van Ginhoven Foundation was founded on 4 May.

I enclose the deed for information. The Foundation is now registered with the Chamber of Commerce under Chamber of Commerce no. 90117794.

*Thanks for the many donations.*

I would like to thank everyone for their heartwarming enthusiasm and interest and the many donations that have made it possible for the Foundation to adopt Cell # 512 in the Oranjehotel for a period of six years, until March 29, 2029. We also paid for the room rent, tea/coffee and soft drinks with your donations during the meeting in the Oranjehotel on 4 May. There is still € 296,- left, for which a budget for the rest of the year (and next year) will be drawn up as soon as possible. Any new donations can be made to IBAN bankrek.nr. NL07 ABNA 0120217481 in the name of the Huibert C.J. van Ginhoven Foundation. Some money is still needed to build and maintain the

website, the family tree, the determination of the family coat of arms / seal (heraldry) and who knows also the costs of a family gathering to be organized next year.

*Other contributions.*

From many sides I have stories and anecdotes, copies of pieces, newspaper articles, etc.. about the ups and downs of our family in World War II. Many thanks for this also to Kees and Martin van Ginhoven, Jurgen Jaap Brandjes and the Wijntje, Vreeken and Schaardenburgh family. Thank you all very much again! The Foundation will store this information sparingly and process it where possible in the family website to be built.

*Memorial cross Bussumerheide*

The Foundation recently submitted an official request to the Municipality of Hilversum to have Uncle Huib's name written on the nameplate attached to the Memorial Cross for those executed there during WW2 on the Bussumerheide. During the Second World War, a military barracks and training ground (shooting range) was located here (Camp Crailo). This is also the place where Uncle Huib was probably executed by the Nazis on March 17, 1942. As soon as we have received a confirmation of this by the municipality of Hilversum, we will let you know. I enclose a picture of the cross.

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*The van Ginhoven-Turkenburg family, Barendrecht, 1920*

Below I include the well-known photo of the Van Ginhoven-Turkenburg family from Barendrecht. By popular demand, I have indicated the names of the various persons and their probable age as best I can.

The van Ginhoven-Turkenburg family, Barendrecht, 1920

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On the chair to the right of the center sits father **Johannes Albertus Jacobus van Ginhoven**, nickname Ab, in the photo 50 years. He was successively head of the Christian primary school in Marken, Oude Wetering and Barendrecht. The photo was taken in 1920 in Barendrecht on the occasion of his 25th wedding anniversary and his 25th anniversary as headmaster.

On the chair to the left is mother **Neeltje Hendrika Turkenburg**, nickname Nel, in the photo 48 years old. Both hold a book (probably a Bible, psalm collection, and/or hymnbook).

On the far left of the photo is the eldest son **Huibert Cornelis Johannes van Ginhoven,** nickname Huib, in the photo 24 years old. Huib later became active in the resistance during the Second World War, unfortunately betrayed and executed by the Nazis in Laren on 17 March 1942.

The eldest daughter **Jansje Hendrika Cornelia van Ginhoven**, nickname Jans, in the photo 20 years old, is on the right behind her father's chair.

On the far right is **Jacob Dirk van Ginhoven,** nickname Jaap, in the photo 18 years old. Later he became a pastor and known for his role in the resistance under the pseudonym 'Ome Jaap'.

The woman third from left, with the big black bow in her hair, is **Suzanna Maria Hanna van Ginhoven,** nickname Suus, in the photo 15 years old. Later married to Adri Vreeken.

The girl in the middle of the photo, with the black cord around her waist, is **Hendrika Adriana van Ginhoven,** nickname Adri, in the photo 13 years old. Later married to Adri Wijntje.

The boy with the sailor suit on the right in the photo, with his hand on his father's shoulder, is **Martinus Johannes van Ginhoven,** nickname Tien, in the photo 12 years old.

Second from left, the boy with the sailor suit, is **Dirk Cornelis van Ginhoven**, nickname Dick, in the photo 10 years old. Later known in the resistance under the pseudonym 'Jaap den Turk'. (Probably a choice inspired by his mother's surname being Turkenburg)

The little girl, behind her mother's chair, is the youngest daughter **Cornelia Hendrika van Ginhoven,** nickname Corrie, in the photo 7 years old. Later married to Jan van Schaardenburgh.

*Other detective work*

In addition to the research that is directly related to the Huibert van Ginhoven Foundation and therefore the Second World War, I have delved a little deeper into the history of the van Ginhoven family. There is a lot to be found on the internet if you click far enough. You will come across many interesting facts here. Below are a few things that are worth mentioning.

*Van Ginhoven Genealogy (family tree)*

Based on the earlier work of cousin Jack van Ginhoven (son of Uncle Jaap), I started researching our family tree. Quite a work, but very interesting. I have now come to our distant ancestor Zacharias Jansz van Ginhoven (estimated date of birth between 1625 and 1685). That's where I got stuck.

This Zacharias Jansz was married twice, first (1681) to Cniertje Jacobs van der VoOijs. then (1697) with Aaltje Egberts van Appeldoorn From the marriage with Cniertje Jacobs van der VoOijs, our, i.e. distant ancestor Jacobus Zacharsz van Ginhoven (1687-1743) was born. From his marriage with Aaltje Egberts van Appeldoorn is Cornelis Zacharsz. van Ginhoven born (1701-1762) who later became Mayor of Arnemuiden. On the internet you can find a lot of interesting things about this last person and the turbulent times of that time (VOC and WIC) and Arnemuiden. If there are any of you interested in digging into our family tree (or parts of it), please let me know. Very nice work but time consuming. In the meantime, I will continue to do so and hope to make it available to you via the internet on our website or in any other way.

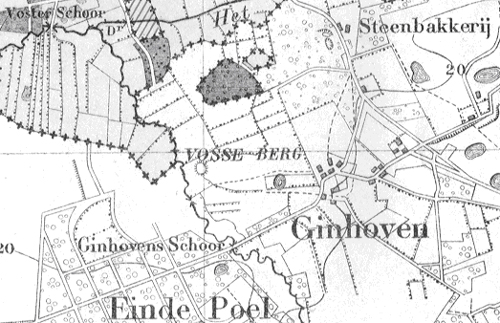


*Where does the name 'van Ginhoven' actually comes from?*

Ginhoven is a hamlet in the Belgian province of Antwerp. Ginhoven is possibly the oldest hamlet in this region. The name is said to come from Germanic times, from Ginno, the name of a Germanic lord/warrior (Ginno means 'Glorious warrior'). More likely, however, the name Ginhoven refers to 'Gindse hooves'. One does not exclude the other.

According to the later 'Legend of Gelmel', the Viking Gelmel regularly sailedup the Mark with his Viking ships at the end of the 9th century. At Ginhoven, where the Noordermark flows into the Merkske, he always went ashore to plunder. After the looting, the robbers left again and the loot was sold in distant regions. Each time they came back and the looting began again. Years later he came back, this time with women and children, to settle at Ginhoven. He built a wooden castle with a moat and ensured the survival of the hamlets of Ginhoven and Zondereigen. According to legend, the inhabitants of Ginhoven and Zondereigen were spared further raids by the Vikings after the foundation of the castle.

The price to be paid for this was high. Freedom was surrendered, the peasants were connected to the castle of Lord Gemel as 'let's'. Gelmel's prestige grew. He successfully forced the hand of Beatrijs, the daughter of the Lord of Breda. The Lord of Weelde was jealous of Gelmel and challenged him to a fight. Gelmel won the battle and killed the Lord of Weelde. Gelmel then left for the Holy Land' and did not return to his wife. Lonely she stayed in Breda waiting for her husband. But she would never hear from him.



*For those who want to go and see, there is always 'Google maps':*

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*Laurens Buysero, the first "Lord of Ginhoven", Golden Age.  (1600-1700)*

According to historiography, Laurens Buysero (1613-1674) is one of the 200 richest men in the Netherlands in the Golden Age. His net worth was estimated at Dfl. 250,000. He was a high official and administrator of the Nassau's real estate at home and abroad. He was also Registrar of three successive stadtholders: Frederick Henry, William II, and William III. As an expression of his social aspirations, he had several city palaces built and bought various estates (fiefdoms) and the associated delicious titles, including "Lord of Van Ginhoven". Whether this title refers to the Ginhoven estate in Baarle-Hertog mentioned above I have yet to find out. It seems so. See also below, Amalia van Solms, probably played an important role in this. The title ("Lord of Van Ginhoven)" then passed to his eldest son Adriaan.

*Amalia of Solms and the enclaves in Baarle-Hertog-Nassau*

An honorary title of Amalia van Solms is "rescuer of the enclaves of Baarle-Hertog (B) and Baarle-Nassau (NL)". In the year of peace 1648 and also during the following decades, the Baarlese enclaves continued to exist thanks to pastor Van Herdegom and his patron Amalia van Solms. Amalia supported the claims of Baarle-Hertog. That was remarkable, especially when you know that she openly went against the will of her son, Stadtholder William II. With her influence at the Dutch court, she ensured that Baarle-Hertog remained «Spanish». The Remigius Church remained open to the Catholics and the enclaves were saved from imminent annexation. Other enclaves, such as in Zundert for example, were occupied by the Northern Netherlands and therefore dissolved. The House of Orange-Nassau remained the owner of both Baarles until 1702. Thanks to Amalia van Solms, Queen Beatrix still bore the title of "Lady of Breda" in addition to the title of "Lady of Turnhout". How that is arranged with King Willem-Alexander I still have to find out.

*Adriaan Buysero, the second "Lord of Van Ginhoven", Peace Treaty of Breda (1667)*

Laurens Buysero's son, Adriaan Buysero, used the title "Lord of Van Ginhoven" when, at the request of Amalia van Solms, then already widow of Stadtholder Prince Frederik-Hendrik of Orange-Nassau, he was involved as her representative in the negotiations and conclusion of the Peace Treaty of Breda in 1667 with England, France and Denmark.

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*Coat of arms(s) and lacquer seal (1735 -1751? )*

In the State Archives (Muschart collection) the name 'van Ginhoven' is linked to the coat of arms of the above-mentioned Cornelis van Ginhoven, mayor of Arnemuiden (ca 1735-1751?). The family coat of arms is described by Muschart as a "Tulip on a leafy stem accompanied to the right and left of a small star, with a star between an antique flight as its helmet sign" . A lacquer print should still be available in the Rotterdam Archive. I'm going to go after that.

I have not yet been able to trace the other coat of arms, with 'three mittens', which appears on the family tree of Cousin Jack van Ginhoven (son of Uncle Jaap). There should be something else in the Rijnsburg archive. Interestingly enough, Kees van Ginhoven once received a signet ring with the same family coat of arms from someone. If anyone wants to investigate further, I would be very grateful to him or her.

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*Website.*

When we founded the Huibert C.J. van Ginhoven Foundation, we agreed that we wanted to bring the history of the van Ginhoven family together as much as possible and make it accessible on one website. This website should preferably be linked to the family tree.

We are currently in discussions with a number of parties about how we can best do this, also with regard to privacy, management and costs.

If any of you would like to help with this, please let me know.

*Invitation.*

If you are interested in the work of the Huibert van Ginhoven Foundation, or if you want to contribute in another way to unlocking our shared family history, you are very welcome. Just let us know which topic you find interesting, and we will agree to discuss and coordinate it. Please note: this invitation does not only apply to the van Ginhoven's but of course also to the Wijntje's, the Vreeken's and the Van Schaardenburgh's and all other family members by marriage.

For the children still in school, it is of course more than welcome to make a beautiful thesis or to give a lecture at school about, for example, where the name Van Ginhoven comes from, our family tree, our heroes from the Second World War, the Golden Age, Peace of Breda, the Mayor of Arnemuiden, the family coat of arms/lacquer seal etc.... just pick a topic I would say.

*Use email address list.*

To send this newsletter, I used the various e-mail addresses that I received around the meeting in the Oranjehotel this spring. Some addresses may be duplicate, error, or may no longer be in use. Let me know and I'll adjust it.

If you do not appreciate receiving information from the Huibert J.C. van Ginhoven Foundation, please let me know so that I can remove you from the address list.

If you know any other people who might also want to be on the address list, please let me know.

Warm regards and who knows, see you soon.

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