

The van Savelsteyn Connection

If one looks at the van Alderwerelt genealogy, the 1751 marriage of Joan Carel van Alderwerelt and Alida Anna de Roo seems to be routine with nothing out of the ordinary.

What the normal genealogy presentation does not show, however, is that Joan Carel van Alderwerelt's mother, Tanneken Carels van Savelsteyn, and Alida Anna de Roo's grandmother, Anna Carels van Savelsteyn, were half sisters. The father of the two girls is listed in the VOC archives as Carel Jan Carelsz. It appears that he dropped the van Savelsteyn name, as he is generally mentioned without it. All references to his daughters appear with the van Savelsteyn name added again.

The abbreviation VOC stands for the Dutch United East India Company, founded in 1602, which was a trading company operating extensively throughout the Far East, not only in the Dutch East Indies, now called Indonesia, but also in India, Siam, Ceylon, Persia, Formosa and Japan.

The history of the van Savelsteyn name is lost in the past. The girls' grandfather, Jan (or Johan) Carel van Savelsteyn is said to have been born in France, and it is unlikely that he had the van Savelsteyn name at birth. It is more likely that he assumed this name when he came to Holland or when he went to work for the VOC.

So did Willem de Roo and Rogier van Alderwerelt, both married to van Savelsteyn girls, know each other? The answer is no. Willem de Roo died in Batavia in 1712, while Rogier van Alderwerelt did not sail from Amsterdam to the Dutch East Indies until 1714.

Joan Carel de Roo, son of Willem de Roo, held many important functions in Delft, including that of Mayor. He was married to Sara Harpentina van Kinschot, a descendant of the Dutch naval hero Admiral Tromp.

Joan Carel van Alderwerelt, son of Rogier van Alderwerelt, also became an important member of the establishment after marrying Alida Anna de Roo. He became Mayor of Delft and held many other high offices.

A chart follows showing the relationship between these various individuals.

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Jan (Johan) Carel van Savelsteyn
Born in France
Captayn-Luitenant in service of VOC
married
Cornelia Jeronimo
born in Japan

from this marriage

Carel Jan Carelsz. (van Savelsteyn)
Died before 1712

married first

Anna Houdijk

from this marriage

Anna Carels van Savelsteyn
b. abt 1670 d. before 1712

married

Willem de Roo
many important VOC functions
b. 1662 Delft d. 1712 Batavia

from this marriage

Mr. Joan Carel de Roo
Mayor of Delft
b 1701 Batavia d. 1761 Delft

Married 1724 Delft

Sara Harpertina van Kinschot
b. 1705 Delft d. 1753 Delft

From this marriage

Alida Anna de Roo
b. 1725 Delft d. 1785 Delft

married second

Maria Hooydorsscher
b. 1668 d. 1742 Batavia

from this marriage

Tanneken Carels van Savelsteyn
b. 1699 d. 1733 Batavia

married 1717 Batavia

Rogier van Alderwerelt
many important VOC functions
b. 1695 Amsterdam d. 1738 Batavia

from this marriage

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married 1751 Delft

Mr. Joan Carel van Alderwerelt
Mayor of Delft, VOC Delft
B. 1726 Siam d. 1791 Delft