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**Letter from Anton and Liek Tjeenk Willink to Sandra Eben,  
February 9, 1991**

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Liek Tjeenk Willink - de Jonge

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Noordwijk, 9th February 1991.

Dear Sandra,

Meeting Renée on her voyage through genealogy, we - my husband, Anton, and myself - offered to help her with her searching. Living in Noordwijk as we do, between Amsterdam and The Hague we were in a better local position to continue her search. Renée and I keep in close touch and I suggested that I would report the results of our search so far directly to you; to which Renée agreed.

Perhaps I should first introduce myself. I am Liek Tjeenk Willink-de Jonge. Renée's father, my father and your grandfather were brothers. You may remember us from your fathers and Kathy's last visit to Holland. They stayed with us for several days.

Well now for the results:

I am returning to you your application-form and have added:  
no.5 Jean François Le Coq, born in Amsterdam in 1805, baptized in the French Reformed Church in 1815, 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.

no.6 Johannes Lecoq, born in Attenhoven (Brabant, Belgium) in 1756.

I include a photocopy (A) of no.4's birth-certificate. saying: François LeCoq, born 14th of July 1828; son of Jean François LeCoq, 23 years old, profession shoemaker and Neeltje Heere; signed by the father and two witnesses.

- photocopy (B) of no.5's marriage-certificate. saying: On the 16th of June 1824 are married Jean François LeCoq, born and living in Amsterdam, age 19 years -(baptized French Reformed Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 1815) son of Jan Le Coq, shoemaker and Joanna Huysman living in Amsterdam. and Neeltje Heere, born and living in Amsterdam, age twenty seven years baptized in the Amstel Church 15th December 1796; daughter of Abram Heere, painter and Geertje Hageman.  
Witnesses: Jan le Coq, father, age:68 years  
Abram Heere, father, age: 62 years  
+ 2 more witnesses.

Note: the first father states that he cannot write.

- photocopy (C) of the marriage-certificate of the second marriage on 12th of October 1798 of Johannes Lecoq of Attenhoven in Brabant - widower of Maria Anna de Hagegg, who died in October 1797 and Johanna Huysman, age 27 years, living in Amsterdam.  
witness: her father, Johannes Huysman.

- photocopy (D) of two cards of the card-index of the Walloon Library in Amsterdam. The Walloon Church can be compared to the French Reformed Church. Before 1811 all births, marriages, death's etc. were inscribed in the Churchbooks. From 1811 onwards Napoleon dictated that they should all be registered in the Municipal-offices, which makes the search for those far easier.

D-1 The first card says that Johannes Le Coq has become an inhabitant (poorter) of Amsterdam on the 28th January 1806 coming from Attenhoven.

D-2 The second says that Johannes Le Coq and Johanna Huysman receive the right on the 10th of October 1798 to be married. The two cards prove that they were members of the Walloon Church.

All photocopies have been duly stamped and signed.



Besides we found in a list of Dutch emigrants:

Jean François Le Cocq, from Amsterdam, profession commissionair, age 42 years, religion Christian Reformed, with wife and six children arrived in 1847; with destination North America.

The origin is a booklet, called:

Dutch emigrants to the U.S.A.; S.A. & South America and South East Asia 1835-1880.

An alphabetical listing by Household Heads and Independent persons.

Compiled by P.Swieringa.

SR - Scholarly Resources Inc. Wilmington Delaware.

This list and also the Walloon card-index are to be found in the States in Salt Lake City in the Mormon archives.

From the above we can draw the following conclusions:

- Your ancestors did not settle in the United States before November 28th, 1787 as requested by the Huguenot Society.
- In all probability they did leave France before that date to settle in Attenhoven - Brabant, which is now Belgian; but we have no proof of this yet.
- We do know however for sure that your ancestors belonged to the Walloon-Church (French Reformed Church).

The question is: will this be enough for the Huguenot Society?

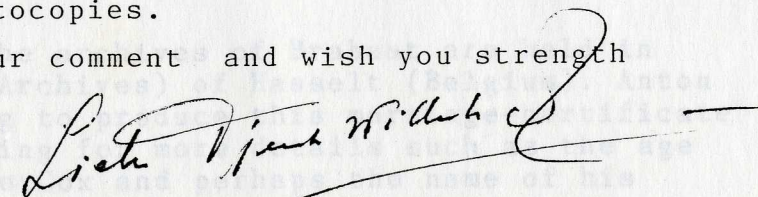
Or should we continue our search? In the latter case we have to go to Antwerp and Brussels in Belgium. Anton and I don't mind going there; on the contrary we rather enjoy it - as well the search as a visit to the two cities. We are however not able to go before the 21st of February and time is pressing. Besides we donot wish to go when it is not absolutely necessary, for instance when the Huguenot Society does not think so.

Could you let us know - by return of post (address underneath) - whether or not we should go on. Or give us a phone-call: 31-1719-14123. 31=Holland. Mind the time-difference! (5 to 6 hours?) We are usually at home between 18 and 20 hours our time.

Up to now the direct expense is tolerable: Dutch f.40,- = \$ 15.- for entrance-tickets and photocopies.

We are looking forward to your comment and wish you strength and luck;

Best wishes yours



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