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Timeline of Dutch history, as related to American and French history

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HUG UENOT-earlier- EIGENOT -literally OATH COMPANION

Huguenot was a leader of members of Reformed or Calvinistic group who fought the Catholics-16th. and 17th. centuries. Were Political as well as religious group. They suffered loss of thousands in the massacre of St. Bartholomew-Aug. 24, 1572. In 1685, Edict of Nantes was revoked thus taking away all their security and rights to their religion and several hundred thousand were forced out of France. Many settled in America, especially S. Carolina. EDICT OF NANTES issued by Henry IV 1598-giving toleration to Protestants (Huguenots) Revoked by Louis XIV-1685-followed by terrible persecutions and expatriation of thousands of protestants. NANTES-pronounced NANTS.

FRANCOIS Le Cocq, born July 14, 1828.

Maria Van Gorkum born July 13, 1829.

GREAT GRANDFATHER-Francois Le Cocq- born _____ before Belgian war for Independence-1815-1832-War- 1830- 1832 peace forced upon Holland by England and France. Siege of Antwerp last battle. It took seven years to complete the separation. Then Leopold I. King of Belg. William II kind of KINGDOM OF NETHERLANDS-ended Republic. Leopold I. and II. Great Kings of Belg.

1647- Peace of Westphalia-

1648- 1813- Dutch Republic NAPOLEON-born ~~1769~~ 1769 died 1821.

1713-1794- Decline of Dutch Republic-Amer. revolt food for unrest in Europe. Very much so in Belg.

1794- French Invasion of Belgium and Neth. by NAPOLEON. Battle of Waterloo 1815 or 1814- Holland had 2068 killed- 2084 wounded in Waterloo.

WILLIAM I. offered himself as sovereign. Following proclamation:

"Dec. 3, 1813-"You desire, Netherlanders, that I should be intrusted with a greater share of power than I should have possessed but for my absence (in the war) Your confidence, your affection, offer me the sovereignty; and I am called upon to accept it, since the state of my country and the situation of Europe require it. I accede to your wishes. I overlook the difficulties which may attend such a measure; I accept the offer which you have made me, but I accept it only on ONE CONDITION- that it shall be accompanied by a wise constitution which shall guarantee your liberties, and secure them against every attack. My ancestors sowed the seeds of your independence; the preservation of that independence shall be the constant object of the efforts of myself and those around me"

THUS was born the KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS- a constitutional monarchy-powers of king or queen limited by constitution.