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**Objective of the Foundation**

*The aim of the foundation is:*

To preserve and promote the solidarity between people bearing the family name of Somsen, those who are/were related to them or those who are interested in them

*The foundation will try to achieve this object for example by:*

- ◆ Doing historical research into the family history and the history of the region
- ◆ Collecting documentation and genealogical data
- ◆ Keeping and taking charge of a family archive and data bases
- ◆ Publishing a periodical
- ◆ Providing information to persons, institutions and official authorities
- ◆ Organising activities so as to realise the object of the foundation

**Cover**

*The Special Stamps of the Somsen Foundation.*

## Preface

### *Hope for the future*

***It is with appropriate pride that I write these words on the occasion of the publication of the 21st edition of Somsen Horizon. After closing our first decade with a successful reunion and the publication of a jubilee-issue of our family-digest we resume our course with some changes in our foundation board.***

For different reasons five board members, all of whom co-founders, have resigned their tasks. For some of them it was due to age, others couldn't find the time to combine their busy jobs with their foundation work, or there were other personal circumstances that led to their decision. Fortunately we have succeeded in attracting fresh blood which not only helps in preserving the family foundation, but especially in continuing our family magazine.



**Johan Somsen [1089]**

For the past few years Theo has been our ever-energetic editor, but to our great regret he has decided to leave. However, we are very happy to announce that Harry Somsen [146] from Zelhem has taken over his task. Harry is a real jack-of-all-trades, which is a danger in itself. He already has so much to do that we could only persuade him by promising that, for the time being, we will only issue one magazine a year. This reduces the amount of work enormously, from my own experience I know the pressure of approaching deadlines for the next magazine: all copy needs to be ready in time, turned into attractive papers, you need lots of photographs, translations need to be ready in time, the lay-out has to be made and the printing office can't wait either. It's a relief every time when we prepare the magazines for mailing with our group during an informal and very pleasant get-together.

However, this does not mean that you will hear from us only once a year! We intend to issue a newsletter every fall to keep you informed on the well-being of the Somsen family. In this way we save a lot of work but we can still keep in touch. In the near future we intend to increase the importance of the website ([www.somsen.org](http://www.somsen.org)) for contact options and notice board facilities.

John Howard Somsen, our American webmaster, and internet advisor to the board commit-

tee, has announced he would like the website to be moved to the Netherlands for maintenance. We are very happy that Oscar Somsen [2040] from Ede has been trapped into keeping the website up-to-date

I have promised him to help build a completely new site, and keep it up and running. Oscar has a young family and a complex job too, so he needs to give and take for time. Through Oscar we attracted fresh, young blood. Since he's only 42 years old he sent the average-age line of the board members in a steep downward curve.

This gives us hope for the future and it brings back fond memories of the vast group of youngsters, Oscar was one of them, who got together at the end of our last reunion in a brainstorm-session for the next reunion across the pond in 2012.

Further on in this magazine you will find more about the earthquakes throughout the family, more specifically who came and went. I sincerely

hope you'll enjoy reading it. Once again I would like to urge you to try and find more supporters for the foundation, for growth is our only means of survival. We, the board, have been able to find new, enthusiastic board members, please help us in finding new enthusiastic foundation supporters!

On behalf of the board,

Johan Somsen



**Berto Somsen [423] (left) boardmember and attendant of the database**



## Landslide in Somsen Board

by Johan Somsen [1089]

***There is an end to everything. The dinosaurs became extinct tens of thousands of years ago and the same will happen to human dinosaurs. We had a few of these in the board of our foundation. Of course one should see things in the right perspective but it will certainly not do any harm to give careful thought to the small things in life and make them a bit more important just for a while. And this is what I will do with our very peculiar family-club that we cherish a lot. At the start of 2008 there are four people that we have to say farewell to. Special attention will be given to Theo in a separate paper for he is a special case anyway. The other dear board members will get a chance in this article.***

At a very enjoyable dinner we said good-bye to them privately but here we will dwell on them before everybody who reads this article.

When late December 1997 the "founding-fathers" of our family foundation gathered at the office of the notary in Aalten to sign the foundation document we could not have guessed that we would stick together for more than ten years. We had a few mutations but basically the whole team lasted for more than a decade. And if it had only been the question how well we could get along together then we would not have had to say good-bye. However there was a good reason for everybody to resign and I would like to dwell on every one of them for a while.

Ada Somsen [75] has deserved well of us from the very first hour in two different functions. She was secretary and treasurer at the same time which required much energy at certain peak hours. Especially when you take into account that she has a fascinating, but also very busy job in the City of Amsterdam. A job which is taking more and more time.



**Ada Somsen**

Gradually Ada has turned down her activities for our family foundation. First she handed over the secretariat to Margriet Iserief-Somsen [2878] and when her job in the capital took more of her time Jan van Daatselaar [679] took over the job of treasurer from her. For the past couple of years Ada has been a member of our

board but in the long run it turned out to be very difficult to combine it with her work in Amsterdam which caused her to see the last reunion as a marking point to say good-bye to us. I do not doubt, however, that we meet Ada often at the camping-weekends in IJzerlo for that is the place of her roots after all.

Ben Somsen [396] was the man who proudly presented his movie "Somsen Panorama" for baptism on that hot Saturday in 1997 at our first reunion. And how proud we all were to have such a man among us. It has become a splendid document and even after ten years it is still a pleasure to watch it. For over ten years Ben has advised us in the field of audiovisual matters and we have profited a lot by this. Even for this last reunion it was Ben who produced the umpteenth beautiful design for a Somsen sticker and a Somsen button. It was never too much for him to throw himself into a new design with great desire for perfection. Only the highest quality was only just good enough for him. But even more important to us was his pleasant company at the many meetings we have had. We regret it that Ben is going to take it a bit easier but we fully understand his motives and we also know that we are not going to lose sight of him. We wish him, together with his wife Hanny, many good years in good health.



**Farewell Ben Somsen**

Gree van Daatselaar-Somsen [53] was, together with her husband Jan van Daatselaar [679], ardently present at every event during the 1997 reunion. Therefore we were not completely surprised when she, unasked for, turned to us after the reunion with a touching and beautiful account of this reunion. This constituted the leading article of our first Somsen Horizon. It was a story that came straight from the heart and because of this she and her husband Jan were pitchforked into the editing team of our family magazine. They will not easily forget this. Twice a year tension howled in the van Daatselaar home, for



everything had to be ready in time. Fortunately they always managed to get it done and we may proudly look back at that period. In the course of time Gree and Jan had to take things a bit easier but fortunately Theo took over and became the new editor in 2005. Since then Gree kept supporting us as a board member and she was always a welcome participant at our meetings. She quite regularly managed to produce a paper and even in this very issue there is an article for which she bears responsibility. We fully understand that Gree, reluctantly, has to take a step backward but fortunately her husband Jan will stay on at our board. He will stay on as treasurer to our great satisfaction, but also to Gree's contentment for in this way she will still be in a position to keep some firm ties with our foundation.



**Gree van Daatselaar-Somsen**

wanted to live a bit easier and when we suggested moving the family site to Holland it turned out to be a great relief for him. But also for John it was hard to say farewell for good and to our great joy he stays on as advisor USA relations.

Dear friends, you have meant a great deal to us, each of you in his own way. You were also responsible for the that we have been able to run a family foundation for over ten years. You have all done your bit for all those fine magazines we published, for the various activities we had, you are guilty of the fact that we have just had another splendid reunion.

For all this I want to thank you, also on behalf of all those Somsens from far and near.

Good luck to you and I hope to see you very often in the future.

We owe many thanks to John Howard Somsen [2353], one of our American cousins, for building our family website as early as 1996 when internet was by no means as widespread as it is today. Still he managed and we have been able to enjoy the site for more than 11 years. I have met John various times, both in the USA and in The Netherlands and I was always struck by his great involvement with the Somsen family. He was at the reunion in The Netherlands in 1997, in 2002 he also joined us in Wisconsin, USA, and at the latest reunion he even lived on the premises in a room of the Sticker family which enabled him to experience the whole reunion from the very beginning to the end. And in between I also met John quite a few times because there were several trips between the USA and The Netherlands. When John retired quite recently he settled down in Florida and this changed his life considerably. He



**John Howard Graduated from the Kissimee Police Academy with a sniper rifle (AR-15, tripod, 10x scope)**



**John Howard Somsen**



## A farewell to Theo Somsen

by Johan Somsen [1089]

***For more than a decade Theo Somsen [227] played a major role in our family foundation but now the time has come he says goodbye to us. During an informal meeting with the board we already did so. I would like to take the time now to commemorate.***



When I moved to Vaassen in 1975 soon people who intended to call me on the phone got confused. Often, when the phone rang, it appeared they wanted to speak to some other guy named Somsen who was also in the phonebook of Vaassen. This also happened the other way around, and soon I found out the other guy was Theo. One day he stood on my doorstep and very soon we sat down to find out in what way we might be related. It took some 20 odd years to find the answer to that question. I did a lot of digging in the state-archives in Arnhem and Theo's father had already left him a large piece of family heritage, but the link between us wasn't found easily. Probably it was due to our busy jobs that we decided to leave it there. We only used our (not so) common family name enthusiastically whenever there was a tennis tournament at our club. The Somsen - Somsen team was ready to challenge the world.

After I moved from Vaassen in 1992 we kind of lost sight of each other until we bumped into each other at the same gas station somewhere in 1996. Theo enthusiastically told me about his plans for publishing a Somsen book, and of course also that there were plans for a big Somsen Worldwide reunion in its wake. And, by the way, the book needed translation, could I help out?

From that moment on things went rapidly. While setting up this wonderful reunion in 1997 I got to know Theo as an enthusiastic and dedicated man and his effort in the creation of this magnificent book was more than substantial. He and Dick [130] are responsible for this masterpiece that should be on every Somsens bookshelves.

We had not really recovered from the glorious 1997 reunion when we found ourselves with a couple of enthusiastic Somsen relatives at a notary's office to sign for the start of the Somsen Foundation, and

who else but Theo could be our first chairman. And he did this with fervor - for many years we ran the family foundation inspired by his leadership. It was an unpleasant surprise for us when in 2004 he announced his retirement in order to attend to private matters. In fact he had intended to completely resign from our club, but by means of a few tricks we managed to keep him on board a little longer. He wouldn't need to remain chairman, but the 'simple job' of editing our family magazine wasn't too

much to ask for, or was it? To our immense relief he took the job, and though it took a lot of his time he gave it all he had and we are very grateful for that. It was no surprise to us that one day he would resign, for a long time before he had announced that the 20th edition looked like a great milestone, a landmark to his career. And so it would be.

Fortunately we will be able to continue the foundation with the help of some new people whom we have a lot of faith in, but we will surely miss Theo a little. But we won't lose him from our sight. We meet regularly and without a doubt he will continue to keep in touch and he has promised to help out if we need him. And he already rose to the occasion when I asked him to write an article for this issue about a very special family member: Henry Northrop. You'll find his article in this very magazine you are reading now.

Dear Theo, on behalf of the family foundation I wish you well, together with Josette, and of course we wish you good luck in all that you intend to do. I hope to often visit you whenever I pass through Vaassen to discuss various family matters with you. Once again, thank you for the tremendous effort you have made to our family foundation. And fare well!



## Harry "Swish" Somsen, our new editor

by Johan Somsen [1089]

***Our farewell to Theo meant that, apart from losing a much valued board member, we also lost the editor of our family-magazine Somsen Horizon. Of course we had known this was coming for quite a while, but like these things often happen, we only managed to find ourselves a new editor in the nick of time. This new editor is Harry Somsen [146] from Zelhem.***

***I can say this is a great joy to us, because we got to know Harry while organizing the reunion of 2007, and he appears to be a very tough and accurate worker.***

***Sources not to be revealed tell me he bears his nickname "Zoef" (i.e. Swish) with pride. These same sources informed us that Harry usually finishes jobs before he has really started them and compare him to a cartoon cowboy that can shoot faster than his shadow.***

***We've got ourselves a real Jack-of-all-trades. He's a member of several clubs and without his effort village-life in his domestic Zelhem would be a lot less attractive.***

Harry was born on 04-25-1946 as the youngest son to Gerrit Jan Somsen [124] and Helena Elizabeth Meijer [141], who ran a drapers' store in Zelhem. In 1972 he married Elly Lieverdink [237] in his home town. In his working life he first ran a store in Zelhem selling records and books. Later he worked for a department store in Doetinchem for 31 years where he was buyer and salesman of audio and video equipment, and later on also DIY-gear, videogames and bathroom supplies.

After retiring from this store he found numerous clubs and foundations cueing on his doorstep, resulting in a dozen-or-so board memberships. Especially the historical society and their museum in Zelhem ([www.oudzelhem.nl](http://www.oudzelhem.nl)) cost both him and his wife Elly a lot of time, but they find it very gratifying. Harry is also occupied by tourism (tourist information office and council) and the organization of several events.

In fact the Somsen Foundation was one of the last to knock on his door, but this was due to circumstances. Harry wasn't exactly unknown to us, becau-

se for the last 10 years he and his wife Elly had been regular visitors to the annual barbecue in IJzerlo. While we were looking for helping hands in setting up the reunion Harry and his brother Dick came to the rescue and boy were we glad. And we never had any regrets. Harry made himself useful in many ways, sometimes nondescript, but to the keen observer it would have seemed perfect. Because we knew Theo was going to leave us for personal reasons - which he had announced a long time ago - it seemed only logical to invite Harry to help us out. The trouble was how to talk him into it, because we already knew he was very busy in several other clubs and boards. The only way to succeed was to promise him that he had to do one edition of Somsen Horizon a year. By my own experience I know the pressure that builds up twice a year to get a well looked-after magazine printed, and so we found a satisfying solution for the time being. We've decided to publish one magazine a year and to keep you up-to-date by means of newsletters and the website.

And maybe Harry will rise to the challenge and keep this magazine up and running. Most of all he will need the time to grow into the process. We are very fortunate that Theo has promised to help him out where he can, and he can also count on members of the board for full support.

There is, however, one thing a family magazine like this needs like nothing else: the contributions of our

family members. There are several possibilities. You can support us by keeping up your financial support of the foundation, and by urging relatives to join you in doing so. But we also appreciate contributions to the magazine. You don't need to write complete essays: a newspaper fragment about a Somsen would be great, results of sports matches, jubilees,

old letters or a cherished story. Our editors will turn them into nice stories. Please send your contributions to our new editor, send him to work, he can do it! Digital photographs may be e-mailed in the highest resolution; he's got a big enough mailbox. But the odd picture in an envelope to his home-address is equally welcomed. We wish Harry lots of success in his new position and we are very happy he is willing to put his shoulder to the wheel.



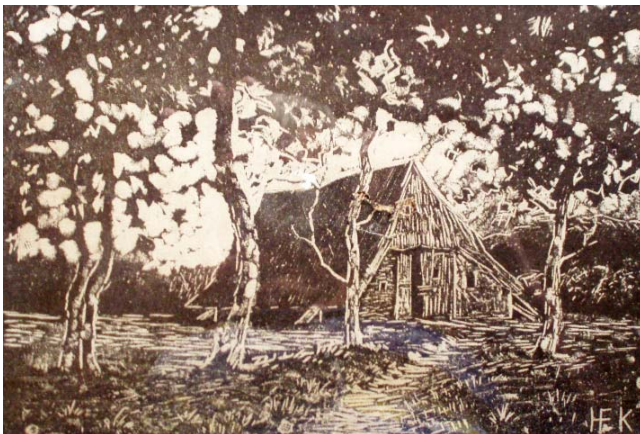
**Harry M. Somsen**

## Woodcut by Knaake rediscovered after 53 years

by Johan Somsen [1089]

During my whole youth at home and also later when visiting my parents, Rudolf Somsen [1083] and Elizabeth Somsen - Harmsen [1202], my attention was always drawn to a special watercolour, representing a sand drift. On the occasion of their wedding in 1942 my parents had received this watercolour from the Zelhem artist H.E. Knaake as a gift. My father had set up a business as a house painter in Doetinchem in the thirties and because of this he knew Knaake in Zelhem, who next to being an artist also was a house painter and he also owned a small paint factory. Always when I asked about the origin of the painting I heard the same old story again about the artist who had been one of their wedding-guests and who had given them the painting as a present.

After my father's death in 1995 I inherited it and when I wanted it to be framed anew I had to remove the old frame. When I removed some pieces of old cardboard at the back I discovered a trial print on one of the sheets. It was a woodcut, representing a lopsided sheepfold. My curiosity was stimulated and I set out to collect information about Knaake. Very soon I found an issue of the Yearbook "Achterhoek en Liemers" (1991) in an antiquarian bookshop. In it there was an extensive illustrated article about the artist and to my pleasant surprise there was an illustration of the woodcut I had just discovered. He had probably considered my print as a failure, but when I had it put in a passe-partout and beautifully framed, it was more than acceptable to me and since then this woodcut with its special history shines next to the other painting by Knaake.



**Woodcut by H.E. Knaake**

Harry [146] and Ellie [237] Somsen realised a retrospective exhibition about the life and work of Herman Eduard Knaake (1863 - 1948) in the Smedekink museum in Zelhem from April 1 to May 23, 2008.

Tens of oil-paintings, pastels, watercolours, woodcuts, photographs and other personal items were exhibited in the museum.

During his life H.E. Knaake exhibited his work in the "Four annual exhibitions of work of living artists. These exhibitions were held alternatively in Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and Arnhem.

H.E. Knaake worked, among other things, in Italy, France, Belgium and Germany but most of his time he spent in picturesque Zelhem where he died on Christmas Eve 1948, nearly 86 years of age.

In the home of the new editor of Somsen Horizon there is a fine drawing by H.E. Knaake.

## The only real "stroopwafels" (treacle biscuits)

6.5 cups of flour  
1.1 lb butter (lumps)  
3.5 cups of soft white sugar  
2 tablespoons milk  
1 tablespoon brandy  
salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon powder  
butter for greasing

For the dressing:

0.5 lb good quality treacle  
1 cup of soft brown sugar  
0.4 lb. butter  
1 teaspoon cinnamon powder

Mix flour, butter, sugar, milk, brandy, salt and cinnamon in a large bowl and knead into dough. Make little balls of the dough - the size of a hazelnut. Grease both sides of a waffle iron thinly, put a dough balls in it, close it and bake the waffles brown. Bake all the waffles and let them cool down.

Mix treacle, soft brown sugar, butter and cinnamon powder on a low fire. Don't let it boil! Put the waffles in pairs, spread one of them with the dressing and put them together.





## Our New Webmaster Oscar Somsen

door Johan Somsen [1089]

***Since quite a few board members announced that they wanted to go a bit easier we had to assiduously start looking for new people who could help us with the work for the Somsen Foundation.***

***When our American cousin John Howard Somsen [2353] also expressed that he wanted to take it easier we had to start looking for a webmaster as well. That was a new challenge, for next to maintaining the website it also requires some restoration after all these years.***

***At the last reunion we were struck by the enthusiasm with which Oscar Somsen [2040], together with his wife Yeng [2042], presented the big Somsen-game.***

***We badly needed a young fellow of only 42 and when we found out that he also turned out to have experience with websites we could not but try to get him. Actually we were in a position to use any means, both lawful and unlawful, to get him on board. Fortunately we did not have to resort to pressure nor blackmail. He promised to help us on condition that we would support him because he had a very busy life.***

Oscar was born in Amsterdam in 1965 as the elder of the two sons of Ben Somsen [438] and Corry Somsen-Houpst [439]. He studied physics and took his PhD.

His mother, Corry, used to be active in the church in the field of foreign aid. They had decided not to go to countries in the developing world but to invite people from those countries to The Netherlands. In this way Yeng Nacion came from The Philippines to The Netherlands. She quite regularly visited Corry at her home and they became good friends. When Yeng returned to her native country after a year's stay Corry and Yeng conducted a very steady correspondence. What Corry did not know, however, was that her dear son Oscar secretly and very fanatically corresponded with the Philippine friend of his mother and the contents of these letters will no doubt have had a totally different nature from those of his mother. The two of them had hopelessly fallen in love and that stimulated the desire to be close together. Yeng managed to get a traineeship in England so that they could cross the North Sea from time to time. In the meantime, when Yeng was still in England, Oscar travelled to The Philippines to make the acquaintance of his vast future in-laws. It seems

that till the present day he wakes up in the middle of the night from time to time, bathing in sweat, because it was such a heavy exam. Remembering all those many names and nicknames was no sinecure.

Oscar and Yeng married in Manila in 1992 and then travelled back to The Netherlands where Oscar had to finish his thesis. Apart from all the work for his graduation Oscar still managed to find time to take care that he had offspring. In 1995 the twins Bente [2847] and Hedda [2848] were born. We could admire them, together with other Somsen twins, in the last issue of our family magazine.

Not long after this addition to the family the young family left for The Philippines where Oscar did research in the field biophysics at the University of Manila.

After well over a year they returned to The Netherlands where he taught and did research at the University of Amsterdam. After that he worked at the University of Wageningen for some time. After having taught at some high schools Oscar became a physics teacher for the Royal Navy in Den Helder.

The members of the Ede branch of our family are very musically talented and Oscar is no exception to this – he plays the piano not without merit.



***Oscar-Yeng- Bente and Hedda***

Furthermore his daughters complain that their Dad has a different hobby every week and that they have to join in.

With Oscar we have attracted another jack-of-all-trades and we are very pleased with that.

I do hope that he is going to assist us for some time and I wish him lots of success with our family website.

## Patrick Somsen wants to excel in home match

by Harry Somsen [146]

***The regional GOW competition cross-country cycling has been held in the Ringkamps-hills at the Huiskermatedijk in Aalten for years.***

In Somsen horizon nr. 17 of May 2006 we could read about Patrick Gerard Somsen [1984]. He is the owner of a tiling-business in Aalten and a cross-country cyclist at the cycling club "De Peddelaars". Patrick is in the section amateurs-A of his native town Aalten. The regional GOW competition cross-country cycling has been held in the Ringkamps-hills at the Huiskermatedijk in Aalten for years. This year the competition was dominated by John Slot. But in the wake



**Patrick Somsen**

***Taken by Theo Kock of De Gelderlander.***

***Source: De Gelderlander of 21 February 2008 with adaptations by the editor of Somsen Horizon***

of this inhabitant of Twente we find Patrick Somsen. Sunday, 24 February, the 6th match of this Gelderland - Overijssel competition was held in Patrick's hometown.

He is very eager to excel in this home match and the local paper "De Gelderlander" headed: **"Somsen want to excel in home match"**.

"The track is fast and that's what I like". But he is focused on the duel between John Slot and Freek de Jong. The national champion De Jong is a team-mate of Patrick Somsen and he is in excellent shape. It is a salient detail that Somsen and De Jong are team-mates.

To stay ahead of Slot I have to stay as closely to Freek as long as possible", Patrick remarks. When the Aalten inhabitant conceived the plan to put together a team of four he also asked Cees Quint and his fellow citizen Stefan Loobeek. At the halfway score Patrick is in second position, 35 points behind Slot, who is in the lead.

"We are going to do anything about it to get in first place but at least we will show that we are a great team", Patrick says.

And how were the results?

Patrick was third, just behind Freek de Jong and John Slot at this Gelderland-Overijssel competition.

Congratulations. He will be in the race more often and then we are bound to hear more about him.

## More twins in the family

by Harry Somsen [146]

***There was only one response to the request in Somsen Horizon number 20 about more Somsen twins. This response came from Zelhem.***

My sister Johanna Margaretha (Joke) Somsen [ 142] from Zelhem, married to Lammert Garretsen [147], came with a picture of her granddaughters. Two children of their daughter Helena Elizabeth ( Els) [151] and Lambertus W. ( Bert) Eilander [3147]. They are twins and again girls. They are Marjolein and Lisette Eilander born 18-01-1985.

We hope to welcome these Somsen twins at one of our Somsen weekends and who knows this wakes up other twins.



**Marjolein and Lisette Eilander**



## Publication of "De Heurne in the immediate neighbourhood of Dinxperlo"

by Harry Somsen [146]

**Two very voluminous volumes counting 960 pages and weighing 5 kilograms were presented on November 17, 2007 by Gerrit Doornink in the hamlet of De Heurne in the immediate neighbourhood of Dinxperlo.**

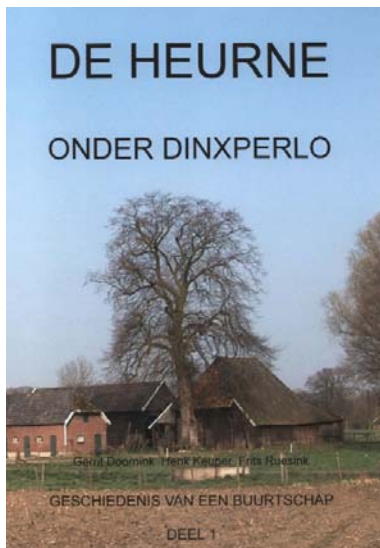
On Saturday November 17 it was very busy in the hall of Bruggink in the hamlet of De Heurne. More and more chairs were put in the hall as people kept coming in. The reason was the presentation of the book about the history of residences in De Heurne from 1820 onwards. The year in which the land registry and the population registry were introduced.

Gerrit Doornink, Henk Keuper and Frits Ruesink had the intention of making a book about the inhabitation of the farms in De Heurne. They wanted to mention the residents and to show an old picture of the farm, if available, and a new picture of the farm.

When they were collecting the old facts the feeling arose to do more with the available data. The distribution of the common grounds after the Marke period, the development of the schools, the church, the clubs and the businesses also contributed towards the development of De Heurne. And as they proceeded the book got thicker and thicker after four years of digging in archives and registry office data. Many pictures were taken of reproductions of farms and registry data. All this was put together with articles about businesses and clubs written by fellow citizens.

All houses and farms from before 1940 are registered together with the name of the house, the owners, residents and the former house numbers from 1820 onwards.

As many data as possible have been collected from



**"De Heurne in the Immediate Neighbourhood of Dinxperlo" in two volumes**

the present residents and old and new pictures of the houses and family pictures have been added. They have written about the Butter mill and also about the cooperative. The municipality of Aalten, Rabobank Graafschap-Zuid and the East Gelderland Foundation for Genealogy and Farm Investigation helped tremendously.

The farm "Den Haank", present address Casperstraat 15, owned by the municipality of Dinxperlo, was sold to

Roelof Somsen in 1891. The Somsens had been the residents of this farm since 1836, first Gerrit Jan [1073] born 1809, after that Rudolph [1077] born 1840, Gerrit Jan [1086] born 1874 and Rudolph [1104] born 1908 († 21-6-1961), wooden shoe maker, who married Geertruida Lina Klomp [2223] in 1938.

The farm was rebuilt in 1903 and later sold to son Rudolph. In 1969, after the death of Rudolph, Den Haank was sold to H.J. Harbers and J.G. Rexwinkel. The latter built a new house there in 1980. Johan Somsen [1081] born in 1876, son of Rudolph [1077] Somsen, moved across the road to "De Heidemanstede", the present address Casperstraat 24, after his marriage with E.W. te Kamp [1082] on 1 April 1914.



**The painter's family Somsen-te Kamp from Dinxperlo ca. 1921**

Johan Somsen [1081], Rudolph [1083], Willem Evert [1084], Everdina Willemina te Kamp (Dina) [1082] and Willemina Everdina (Willemien) [1187]

The children of this painter's family were faithful to the brush, Rudolph, at first a painter but after that a public servant married Elizabeth Harmsen [1202] from Hengelo in 1942. At their wedding they got a painting from the painter H.E. Knaake from Zelhem and he is the father of our chairman Johan Ferdi Somsen [1089]. (See article by Johan in Somsen Horizon 21)

Willem Evert, also a painter, married on March 15,



**Farm "Den Haank" ca. 1967**

1945 Johanna Aleida van der Heijde [1189] (daughter of a painter and drugstore keeper) and they got a daughter Emma [1190] who later took over the drugstore and paint business. (see article in Somsen Horizon 21: Drugstore Somsen in Dinxperlo closed.) Willemina Everdina married the painter Herman Johan Gerritsen in Dinxperlo in 1946. She is by now 90 years old and till 2007 she frequently visited the reunions and the camping weekends in IJzerlo. The last son of Johan and Everdina, Johan Dirk Somsen [1085], also a painter, married Meta Catharina Eskes in Dinxperlo in 1948. At the last reunion in 2007 he exhibited some beautiful paintings.



**Emma Somsen at the age of 2**

So we see several Somsens from De Heurne and Dinxperlo pass by in these books, they are a valuable supplement of the Somsen data we already have and they give us an idea of the life in the hamlet of De Heurne in the immediate neighbourhood of Dinxperlo from 1820 onwards.

The 2 volumes are for sale at € 49.00 at one of the authors:

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## **Camping weekend from 15 -17 August 2007**

by Wim Somsen [518]

**For the eleventh time we are about to organize the "Somsen camping weekend" in IJzerlo. The first weekend after our great reunion in August 2008.**

Many of you found the way to the riding-school so this may be a good reason to continue this tradition and pay a visit to our weekend. The atmosphere is always good and relaxed. There is nothing you have to do but taking part in the programme could be fun. On Friday or Saturday we will pay a visit to our lime-tree at the "Jaopikshuus".

The barbecue is, as usual, on Saturday from about 7 p.m. The price is € 17.50 per person. For this you will get best quality food and drinks are free. There is no finishing time and we do the dishes together.



**Bartenders**

Maybe we think of some other activities spontaneously. For Saturday there will be a programme but that is not fixed yet. And maybe you want to map out your own day and you do not want to have obligations, no problem, you are very welcome anyway. Again we expect a large number of relatives from far and near. If you want to take part please register with Wim Somsen by phone or e-mail at least two weeks in advance.

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## Somsen Drugstore in Dinxperlo closed

by Harry Somsen [ 146]

***On New Year's Eve 2007 Emma Somsen [1190] from Dinxperlo locked her shop for the last time and started a new period in her life.***

After 75 years the granddaughter of the founders closed the Drugstore Somsen - van der Heijde definitively on December 31, 2007.

Her grandparents, Willem Bernard van der Heijde and Adalphine Kastein, started the shop in 1932, at first as a paint store and later on they also sold drugstore articles. This was a common combination in the Achterhoek. The husband was a painter and the wife started a drugstore for which there were no legal rules in those days. "The first decades the shop covered about 24 square yards. The main articles at that time were spices, simple drugs like Chefarine 4, ointments, bandages like Hansaplast and Leukoplast, washing powder and furniture polish", Emma Somsen recalls. There weren't any supermarkets at that time yet.

March 15, 1945 was the wedding day of her parents: the painter Willem Evert Somsen [1084] and Johanna Aleida van der Heijde [1189], the painter's daughter.



***Wedding picture Willem Evert Somsen [1084] and Johanna Aleida van der Heijde [1189]***

Around 1955 they took over the business from their parents and in 1960 they doubled the square yards of the store from 24 to 48.

They extended the paint and wallpaper department and also the cosmetics department.



***ca. 1934 Jo van der Heijde [1189] at the door of the old drugstore***

Since her youth Emma was interested in the store and for her it was obvious that she was going to work in the shop of her parents in the course of time.

Emma was the eldest of the family and later on she got three brothers, Hans Adolf [1191], Martin Arnold [1192] and Harry Evert [1193].



***The Somsen - van der Heijde family at their 12½ year-wedding anniversary on August 24, 1957 From left to right, Martin Arnold [1192] Emma [1190] Willem Evert Somsen [1084] Harry Evert [1193] Johanna Aleida van der Heijde [1189] and Hans Adolf [1191]***

In the sixties Dinxperlo grew quite a bit and the shop was expanded up to 84 square yards. More money was spent on luxury products, like eau de cologne. "Besides the well-known brand 4711, we had the Dutch Boldoot, which could be refilled up to the nineties, so the people came to Somsen with their empty bottles", Emma tells with a smile.

In 1970 Willem Evert stopped with his paint business and in 1975 Emma Somsen, 29 years old, became co-owner of the paint, wallpaper and drugstore business Somsen - van der Heijde.

In the meantime the business had become well-known in Dinxperlo.

Five years after the death of her father in 1973 the wallpaper department was closed and in 1981 they also stopped selling paint. Unfortunately her mother died a year later.

Now only the drugstore kept growing under Emma's inspiring management.

New products were introduced and Emma regularly took courses to be able to advise her customers.

To keep ahead of the competition Emma specialised in the homeopathic products of Dr. A. Vogel and VSM.

Who doesn't know the small tablets or drops Aconitum or Belladonna against pain or inflammation?

Because of her personal advice and knowledge, people from the whole region came to her store in Dinxperlo.

Due to failing health Emma Somsen decided last year to close the shop after 32 years.

In the meantime Emma moved to an apartment close by and she takes her time to sort things out in the store. Hereby she finds all kinds of nice things. Old pictures from the first store, family portraits etc. will get a place in the photo albums and in Somsen Horizon. Nice memories remain, like the one about a little boy that came to the store on a Saturday night at 08.00 p.m. "He was sad, because he had forgotten to buy a present for his mother. Of course I helped him", Emma said.

First of all she will miss the contacts with the customers, but it is the same the other way, according to the many heart warming reactions she got in the last days of December. "People still came in for a chat and to say thank you. I always loved doing it".



**Emma Somsen [1190] in 2006**

Emma was a regular guest at the Somsen camping weekends at Hoftijzer in IJzerlo and at the 3 Reunions we had. Surely she will be there the next Somsen weekend in August where she will have more time to enjoy everybody's company.

## Explanation answer to question 23 "Big Somsen Game"

by Ben Somsen [438] Zaandam

At the 3rd Worldwide Somsen Reunion we had announced not to discuss the final results of the Big Somsen Game but I make an exception for question number 23 since there was some confusion about it.

**The question was: "What country's flag is this?"**

The multiple choice answers were:



- a. Norway
- b. Switzerland
- c. England

**The correct answer was C: the flag of England.**

**The explanation in Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia is:**

"The **Flag of England** is the Saint George's Cross. The legend of Saint George slaying the dragon dates from the 12th century, when Saint George became the patron saint of England. The red cross was used during the crusades and is one of the earliest symbols of England. The flag consists of a red centred cross on a white background. The cross has a width of one fifth of the height of the flag itself. The proportions are 3:5. This flag has been part of the Union Flag since 1606, the flag of the United Kingdom, combined with the flag of Scotland in the flag of Ireland (in 1801)."

I hope that the answer is clear now.

## Leek soup - recipe

**At a Somsen board meeting at Helmut Somsen's [1562] house in Hamminkeln, Germany, his wife Liesel served a delicious leek soup of which you find the recipe below.**

**We did not want to withhold it.**

Brown 1.1 lbs minced meat with salt and pepper  
Add 3 chopped onions to the meat  
Add 3 leeks (only the white): cut them into small rings and let them fry for 5 minutes  
Add 4.2 cups of broth (instant made)  
Boil gently for 15 minutes  
Melt 0.55 lbs herbs cheese spread and 0.55 lbs cream cheese spread in the soup  
Stir the whole lot and season it with salt and pepper  
Enjoy your meal.



## After 12 years, again a very warm welcome!

by Dirk J. Somsen [136].

***On February 13, 2008, I visited Aaron Goldberg [2425], his lovely wife Christy [5009] and their two adorable children Emily Rose [5948] and Gracie [5949], who live in Corona, California, USA.***



***L-r: Aaron, Emily Rose, Gracie and Christy***

I work in Haarlem, The Netherlands, for a US based company and was on a one week business trip to our office quite nearby, so I just had to meet him again, and of course his family.

In 1996, I worked for almost six months at that location and that's when I first met him, his parents Carol [2413] and Carl Goldberg [2422] and his grandparents, Stan [2408] and Jeanne Somsen [2412], who then lived in Downey, CA. During those six months, I visited them more than once. First to introduce myself, "Hi, I am DJ Somsen from The Netherlands, I can prove we are family, so would you like to meet me?". A little later I returned to make some interviews on tape for the family tape "Somsen-Panorama 1997", and by far my most valuable memory of those six months, when my wife Mirjan and I spent the 4th of July together with the almost complete Somsen-Goldberg clan. We really felt part of that great family!

So, a few days before my 2008 trip, I looked on a map



for Stan and Jeanne's new address in Fontana, CA, but it seemed too far away for me for a surprise visit. Then, through my Dad Dick Somsen [130], I obtained an old email address of Aaron and tried out if that was still valid, and when I found out it was, and got in contact with him, it became inevitable we would meet again... Unfortunately, Aaron had to inform me that his grandfather's health was not very good. He was just out of the hospital from pneumonia, so I figured there would be no way for me to visit them during this week. But, when I arrived at Aaron's house, he actually proposed to go there after we had had dinner with his wife and two kids. I was so excited about the fact that he had arranged for this, so later that evening, I met with the whole family again, and it was great to meet and talk with them after so many years.



***Standing: Carol E. Somsen-Goldberg [2413]; Carl D. Goldberg [2422]***

***Sitting: Jeanne K. Theobald-Somsen [2412], Dirk J. (DJ) Somsen [136]***



***Standing: Dirk J. (DJ) Somsen [136]; Aaron M. Goldberg [2425]***

***Sitting: Stanley J. Somsen [2408]; Carol E. Somsen-Goldberg [2413]***

Thank you so much Aaron, for making the visit to you and your family again the highlight of my trip to the USA this time.



## Somebody who should never be forgotten

by Theo Somsen [ 227]

***We cannot pay some extra attention in this magazine to the death of every member of our family. But quite recently Henry Northrop Somsen [2456] passed away at the age of 98 and he was a man who had a very special meaning to many of us and also to our family foundation. Somebody that should never be forgotten...***

Do you still remember?

In 1851 Hendrik Jan Somsen [577] emigrated to Wisconsin, USA as the first male Somsen. Together with his wife Johanna Berendina Rensink [578] and their four children who were born in The Netherlands: three boys and one girl. In America they got another son in 1852 (see page 123 of our family book).

Their second son Gerrit Jan [750] married Emma Gleason [2452] and they had two sons: Henry Northrop [2453] and Stephen Herbert [2454]. Henry Northrop was named after both his grandfathers: Henry (Hendrik) and Northrop (Emma's father).

Stephen Herbert [2454] never got married but his elder brother Henry Northrop [2453] did and together with his wife Meta Koch [2455] they got a son in 1909: Henry Northrop Jr. [2456]. his is the Henry Northrop Somsen that I would like to talk about with you.



***Henry Northrop Somsen (1909-2008)***

At first sight the family history of this branch of our family does not look very special. The descendants of Hendrik Jan settled in the USA as long ago as well over 150 years. When Derk Jan (Dick) and I started our investigations in 1993 we soon discovered that many of the descendants of Hendrik Jan Somsen did not even realise that they were of Dutch descent. On the contrary, a large number of them even thought they

came from Scandinavia because of the relationship of our family name and many Scandinavian family names like: Olsen, Jensen, Jacobsen etc.



***Dutch Authorized Version of the Bible of Hendrik Jan Somsen (1801-1863)***

But the contacts with Henry Northrop Somsen were totally different.

From the very first it turned out that he quite well knew that he was of Dutch descent.

We found this very remarkable for he was fourth generation USA Somsen and moreover there were not many children in his branch of the family. Yet the data and documents he gave us were very special!

He turned out to be the proud owner of an impressive copy of the Dutch Authorized Version of the Bible, which Hendrik Jan had dragged along to America. He also provided us with information about the trip his father Henry Northrop Sr., together with his brother Stephen Herbert, made to Aalten and the Japikshuis in 1923. They were the first USA descendants to come there!

Henry Northrop Somsen must have listened to the stories of his father and his uncle about that trip with great interest when he was a 14-year-old boy. He must have been so fascinated that he also wanted to visit Aalten and the Japikshuis once. And he did so in 1962, together with his wife Anne Elizabeth Duncan [2457] and their 17-year-old daughter Pennell Ann [2458] and their



***Henry Northrop and son Stephen  
Second Worldwide Somsen  
Reunion - Baldwin 2002***



12-year-old son Stephen Duncan [2459].

He enjoyed everything we realised in 1997: the family book Somsen Omnes Generationes, the family film Somsen Panorama and the Worlwide Somsen Reunion. Unfortunately he could not be present himself but his son with his family could. With great pride he learnt that his son Stephen had been asked to plant the Somsen lime-tree at the Japikshuis.

In 1999 I met him personally for the first time, together with our son Marnix [228], in his Rochester, MN, apartment. Also then we were struck by the absolute importance he attached to collecting, holding together and passing on everything that is linked up with our family. He himself had already done his share by renovating the grave of the first USA-Somsen (Hendrik Jan) in Oostburg, WI, by honouring the memory of his wife by means of a foundation and by honouring the memory of his uncle Stephen Herbert through the Somsen Hall at the Winona State University in Minnesota.

Henry Northrop was unforgettable and impressive during the second Worldwide Somsen Reunion in Baldwin, WI, in 2002.

Who does not remember his speech (he was 92 at the time) in which he pleaded like a real lawyer (he had been so his whole long life) to keep the work of the Somsen Foundation going, to strengthen the ties between al the Somsens and their relatives?



**Speech Baldwin 4 August 2002**

He would have loved to come to the 3rd Worldwide Reunion in IJzerlo (Aalten). Unfortunately his poor health did not allow him. But in spite of this he let us know that he advocated the reunion and again his son Stephen was fervently present and during the reunion we contacted him on the phone.

An actual proof of the influence of parents who attach importance to family history, family consciousness and passing this on to following generations.

Henry Northrop Somsen Jr.: somebody who should never be forgotten...

## Henry Northrop Somsen. Obit. [2456]



**Henry Northrop Somsen**

New Ulm - Henry Somsen, 98, of Rochester, formerly of New Ulm, died Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at Charter House in Rochester.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 26 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in New Ulm. Schmucker Funeral Service of New Ulm is handling the arrangements.

Henry Northrop Somsen, the son of Henry N. Somsen, Sr. and Meta (Koch) Somsen was born August 12, 1909 in the 2nd floor bedroom of his parent's home at 17 North Broadway in New Ulm, the current site of the New Ulm Public Library. As a child, Henry attended New Ulm public schools. His first paying job was at an automobile service garage across the street from his home. At age 16, he and his friend Charlie Hintz were hired to disassemble a Ford Model T and then to sort and catalog the parts for resale. After graduating from New Ulm High School, he attended Shattuck School in Faribault prior to attending the University of Minnesota where he made many lifelong friends at the Psi Upsilon fraternity and earned his law degree. He was united in marriage to Anne Elizabeth Duncan September 12, 1936 in Encino, CA. Henry entered the United States Army Air Force as a Private during World War II. He elevated to the ranks of Corporal, 2nd Lieutenant, and 1st Lieutenant before his honorable discharge at the rank of Captain. He served as Secretary to U.S. Senator Joe Ball of Minnesota for three years prior to returning to New

Ulm to join his father's law practice. Other law partners included Terry Dempsey, Bill Schade and Tim Olcott.

An outdoorsman and conservationist, Henry (better known as "Heine" to many people) enjoyed fishing on Minnesota lakes for walleye and small mouth bass. He loved duck hunting at Swan Lake near New Ulm and at Rock Lake near Detroit Lakes. He had a life-long interest in preserving wetlands and acquiring parks for Minnesota. He was a great letter writer and took the time to keep up with the many friendships he made throughout his life. Although he was one of the few left of his generation, he did not lack for friends because he had many friends generations younger than he. He loved playing cards and up to the last weeks of his life he enjoyed twice weekly poker games with his group at Charter House. He loved to do research with the family World Books and if he had not lost his sight, would have been an enthusiastic googler. He marveled at and embraced the many social and technological changes he saw throughout his life. Though he could not see to use a cell phone, he loved having one dialed so he could tell his friend on the other end that he was sitting in a park, in the car or whatever "unlikely" place.

His philanthropy and generosity to organizations is well known. A generous man in every way, he quietly helped many individuals as needs arose. He was a kind man devoted to his family and to his community. During their many years together, Henry and Anne traveled to six continents going as far north as Tree River in the Northwest Territories of Canada and as far south as South Island in New Zealand. He had an incredible memory and was able to recall details for travel and people met many years earlier. To better manage Anne's health, they moved to Rochester in 1985. Henry and his lovely wife Anne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 12, 1986, dancing together to a live orchestra as if it were their first date. Anne died June 14, 1987.

Survivors include his daughter Pennell Anne Somsen of New York, NY; son Stephen Duncan Somsen of Edmonds, WA; grandchildren Sara Diel, Brendan Huhn, Vanessa Cooney, Kelsey Somsen, Jay Somsen; and great grandchildren Duncan Diel and Grace Diel.

## Wanted

by Harry Somsen [146]

***Evert van Barneveld is looking for the third painting or pen drawing of the Japikshuis.***



***E.J. van Barneveld***

From his niece Dinie Dirkzwager, daughter of artist Aart Dirkzwager, Evert received a letter in which she wrote about a painting of the Japikshuis, made by her father. It had been made for an American whose name she does not know but which she would like to find very badly.

She wrote to Evert that she had quite recently found a Christmas-card, printed in America and written in English. It was addressed to Mr Dirkzwager and signed by Emily Hertz. She may have been the person for whom her father had made the painting of the Japikshuis.

As there were no relatives or friends of Dinie in America in that period Emily is most likely the person who knows where the painting is.

Evert van Barneveld does not know where to find Emily Hertz and would like to try to get some more information in this way.

So the question is: who knows where to find Emily Hertz or who knows this painting?

The editorial staff will see to it that Evert van Barneveld gets the information.



***Japikshuis***



## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In this column we would like to draw your attention to the family announcements that have reached us. We are very much pleased to present them to you and are grateful to everybody who took the trouble to inform us about the merry and sad events in their and our family.*

This also enables our advisor Dick Somsen from Zwolle to keep our genealogical files up-to-date, so that we, in turn, can inform you in Somsen Horizon.

We really appreciate it very much that you send in your family announcements (together with pictures please!) to our secretariat: Somsen Foundation, Jan Tooropstraat 2, 3817 PZ Amersfoort, The Netherlands.

**Born:** No entries

**Married:** No entries

### Deceased:

**17-09-2004:** Bettie Marian Hayes [2438], 87 jaar, Roy, UT. USA

**13-09-2005:** Sandra Joan Somsen [2468], 48 jaar, Jamestown, ND. USA

**11-09-2007:** Nancy Lou Tolen [5540], 63 jaar, Riverside, CA. USA

**14-11-2007:** Rudolf Johannes Doornink [1335], 85 jaar, Aalten

**28-12-2007:** Gerharda Hermina Meinen-te Sligte [374], 92 jaar, Ter Apel

**02-01-2008:** Aaltje (Aly) Somsen-Zaagman [947], 63 jaar, Borger

**22-01-2008:** Henry Northrop Somsen [2456], 98 jaar, Rochester, MN. USA

**14-02-2008:** Jan Willem Frederik (Jan) Somsen [719], 85 jaar, Nijmegen



## SPECIAL STAMP SOMSEN FOUNDATION

*Those Somsen guys always want to do something special.*



Since the Dutch post office did not issue a special stamp on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Somsen Foundation and the reunion in 2007, the Somsen Foundation has decided to do something about it herself. Some Somsens who heard about it also wanted to order some of these stamps privately and since we need quite a few stamps for mailing our magazine we were in a position to buy them at a very attractive price.

If there are readers who are interested they can order these official stamps. One sheet of ten 44 eurocent stamps costs \$ 9, mailing costs included. For USA citizens it is easiest to transfer \$ 9 for each sheet to *Mrs Marieke Edwards, 920 East Bay Dr. NE#3D301 Olympia, WA 98506-1222*. Please do not forget your name and address. Of course this is a must for the stamp collectors among you.

If you are interested in the other articles (see back of this magazine) like the DVD's, Somsen T-shirts, bags, stickers etc, please contact our secretariat.

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## DVD - Reunion 2007

With no less than 2 DVD's you experience the 3rd Worldwide Somsen Reunion. Splendid pictures alternated with numerous interviews.

**\$ 15,00 mailing costs extra\***

\* USA: can only be played on computer



## DVD - Somsen Panorama

The masterful family documentary of 1997 by Ben Somsen is finally available on DVD!

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\* USA: can only be played on computer



## CD-Rom - Update of our Family tree

Thanks to the diligent work of Dick Somsen you will be up-to-date now: everybody and everything can be found on this CD-Rom with search function. In two languages (Dutch and English).

**\$ 15,00 mailing costs extra**



## Somsen T- shirts

Only small sizes (S) are still available - all the other sizes were sold out at the reunion.

**\$ 15,00 mailing costs extra**



## Somsen Trendy Carrier Bags

Especially designed for us by the Amsterdam artist Ria Freriks. A must for trendy girls and ladies!

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For your (new) car and/or caravan. Or: as a present for your children. Show who you are!

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## Somsen Buttons

Everybody wore them at the reunion but not everybody has got one: you can still buy them!

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Do you really have all the 20 issues of our family magazine? If not, we might still have the missing copies (Dutch or English)



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