**Hermina Roseboom-Huinink from Coevorden 100 years old**

by Harry Somsen [146]

On November 11, 2011 Mina Huinink [1394], born in Winterswijk, celebrated her 100th birthday. Her parents were Bernardus Hendrikus Huinink [1393], a farmer who was born in Aalten in 1882 and her mother was Leida Berendina Somsen [1231] from Aalten. Together with her parents Hermina (Mina) moved to Slagharen. Before her marriage on 21 April 1939 with Gerrit Jan Roseboom who was born in Coevorden she worked in Amsterdam and Maartensdijk. After their marriage they settled on a farmstead in Steenwijkamor near Coevorden where they worked and lived. Gerrit Jan was a farmer and a miller there.

During their marriage they had nine children who gave her 26 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren. They lived at the farm for 33 years before they moved to the Van Heutszsingel in Coevorden in 1972, between the fortifications and Coevorden Castle, where Gerrit Jan died in 1987, aged 85. Harmina has lived at the Stationsplein in Coevorden since 1993.

As a centenarian she is still active and has still a good hearing. Her eyesight is getting a little less but that does not stop her from sitting at the computer to surf the Internet and to write emails like a modern Grandma. Embroidery is also one of her hobbies and in her living-room there are embroideries on the walls with all the names and birthdates of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her grandchildren see to it that she can go on embroidering: the 44th great-grandchild is coming. By now it has become one large embroidered birthday calendar on which the signs of the zodiac are not missing.

When she celebrated her 100th anniversary Truus Pot, Deputy Mayor, congratulated her on behalf of the City of Coevorden on this special event. Last summer the relatives had already paid attention to her birthday during a family day.

Dick Somsen from Zwolle alerted us that Mina was not a member of the Somsen Foundation. The Board felt that they had to do something about it and decided to offer her a free membership of the Somsen Foundation for her further life.

So from now on Hermina will receive all the Somsen Newsletters and Somsen Horizons so that she will be informed of the adventures in our family.

**Family announcements**

**Born:**
- 17-02-2011: Marnix Gijs Jan [7438], s.o. Maarten Ernest Somsen [259] and Janneke Gabriëlle Roussel [6667]
- 02-08-2011: Fiene Julot (Fiene) [7331] d.o. Nicolaas Wichert (Niek) Overduin [422] and Merlijn Roerink [7278]

**Deceased:**
- 27-01-2010: Willem te Bokkel [1330], 92, Aalten
- 28-12-2010: David Walter Somsen [3474], 83, Kensal, ND. USA
- 05-06-2011: Wilmien Hoopman [383], 88, Winterswijk
- 14-09-2011: Willems Somsen [1378], 58, Hardenberg
- 23-10-2011: Hendrik Johan (Hennie) Somsen [1861], 47, Eibergen
- 26-10-2011: Eldora Mary (Bonnie) Berggreen [744], 87, Louisiana, USA

*(Rectification of her obituary in SoHo nr. 23 – May 2010; see also page 92 and 150 in Somsen Omnes Generationes)*

- 01-11-2011: Wesselinia (Lientje) Zwartengen [668], 87, Alphen aan den Rijn
- 06-11-2011: Pieter Roelof (Piet) Veldhuis [1517], 88, Aalten
- 23-12-2011: Gooi Johannes (Geo) Visser [460], 81, Noordwolde
- 23-01-2012: Arlene Virginia Zillmer [830], 86, Wisconsin, USA
- 23-01-2012: Rose Bata [3478], 86, Minnesotta, MN. USA
- 16-02-2012: Paul René Brummelkamp [1131], 53, Bennebroek

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Somsen Newsletter 8 will be published in October 2012
Message of our chairman

The activities on the other side of the ocean concerning the Worldwide Somsen Reunion in New Ulm, MN, are slowly but surely picking up speed. The reunion will not be held until 4 and 5 August but the preparations are already in full swing. On 4 and 5 February the American reunion committee came together in New Ulm and in this newsletter and on our website (www.somsen.org) you will find more information about it.

We will support our cousins in the USA as much as possible but the organisation is of course entirely in their country and organizing such an event is a very different story as compared to The Netherlands. The vast distances make it complicated but still this does not seem to be a major obstacle. The previous American Somsen Reunion in 2002 was visited by no less than about 140 people who really came from all corners of the USA. In addition there were a few Canadian and 8 Dutch Somsens. Also this time there will be some Dutch Somsens again.

In the previous newsletter I suggested to combine a planned trip to the USA with a visit to the reunion and I would like to repeat that suggestion. If you have a trip to the US on your wishlist then now the time to go there has come. And I assure you that the encounters will be very warm. I myself am planning to make a round trip through the northeast of the USA, New England, prior to the reunion.

Stop-over tickets offer a lot of possibilities to visit various regions. If someone feels like exchanging information please do not hesitate to call or email me.

For that matter, it is also interesting to visit our website for other reasons. Especially our genealogical database which is continually being updated is worth visiting. With every update new pictures are published so that many names also get a face. And if you are having a look there it might also be worthwhile to check if pictures of you and your next-of-kin are missing. Have a look in your old photo albums for old pictures. Also very old pictures and group photos are welcome. You are very helpful when you also mention the P-numbers going with the people in the pictures. If you can—

Looking for old pictures and group photos is not very difficult.

For Information also possible to contact Johan Somsen: address on front page.

Johan Somsen [1089] President

Worldwide Somsen Reunion in New Ulm, MN, USA on 4-5 August 2012

by Johan Somsen [1089]

As you may have read elsewhere the Worldwide Somsen Reunion will be held on 4 and 5 August 2012 in New Ulm, MN, USA.

Here are a few points that may be of interest:

Invitation and programme can be found on our website: www.somsen.org
Registration form is also on our website
Facebook: a Somsen Family group was opened on Facebook

Take a look around in New Ulm:
www.newulm.com/city/attractions/
More about New Ulm:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Ulm,_Minnesota
New Ulm, originally a German settlement but with a Somsen Street, Somsen Slough and a Somsen Law Office.
Special Somsen Reunion rates at de local hotels/motels:
Holiday Inn New Ulm 507-359-2941
Microtel New Ulm 507-354-9800
There is a campsite:
http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/flandrau/index.html

For rummaging around in the genealogical data base a user name is required: (somsen) and a password [] - mind the capital letter. Interesting with many photos! This information is only for supporters of the Somsen Foundation.

Reunioncommittee. The photo was taken in front of the fireplace at Turner Hall in New Ulm.
Front Row: Pamela Rice [P-3847], Marilyn Olson-Leer [P-3850]
Back Row: Paula Crist [P-816], Becky Kerr Errigo [P-3899], Stephen Somsen [P-2459]

There are no additional costs for the supporters.
We kindly request the American family members to pay their annual contribution for 2012 of $ 20 in one of the above ways. If you feel like paying a larger amount that is absolutely no problem.
For the sake of greater efficiency we greatly appreciate it if you want to use PAYPAL for which we will be very grateful.

Somsen website: www.somsen.org