

Summary of Two Fonkert Lines of Descent from Adriaen Willemsz Fonckert

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Adriaen Willemsz Fonckert was born about 1535, probably at Rhoon in the island of Ijsselmonde, just north across the Oude Maas from the Hoeksche Waard. He married Haasje Dirksdr Koorneef.

The earliest known mention of Adriaen is an 1566 transaction in which he received 13 ½ gemeten (a measure of land) from his father-in-law, Dirck Cornelisz, who was schout (magistrate) of Rhoon. Adriaen died by 1595 when a part of this land was transferred to his son, Dirck (no. 1, below).

Adriaen's sons Dirck and Willem, and daughters Hilletje (m. Hoogendijk) and Maartje (m. van der Hage), moved to the Hoeksche Waard, where drainage projects made new farmland available. Son Adriaen, from whom Rokus Fonkert of Klaaswaal is descended, remained at Rhoon.

Part I DESCENT TO THE IOWA FONKERTS

1. **Dirck Adriaens Fonckert**, b. abt 1560, Rhoon; m. Bastiaentje Zegers Craenendonck.

Dirck moved to the Hoeksche Waard, perhaps by 1600. By 1610 he lived in former monastery-chapel less than a mile west of Westmaas. He was alderman of de Groep and was appointed dijkgraaf of the Westmaas-Nieuwland polder in 1622. He died in 1641 and was buried in floor of the original Westmaas church. The grave is visible in the floor of the new church, which was built in 1650.

2. **Seger Dircksz Fonckert**, b. abt 1600, Westmaas; m. Maartje Bastiaens van der Hoek.

Seger (or Zegert) was born at Westmaas about 1600. He moved two polders west to Nieuw Beijerland, which had been drained in 1582. By 1659, he also had land in Zuid-Beijerland polder, which was drained starting about 1630.

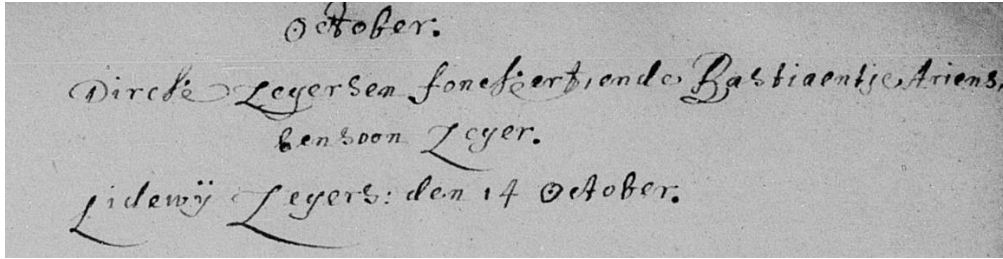
3. **Dirk Segersz Fonkert**, b. Nieuw-Beijerland; m. Bastiaantje Ariens Leeuwenberg.

Dirk farmed in the south end of Nieuw-Beijerland polder. Three sons were baptized at Nieuw Beijerland.

4. **Zegert Dirks Fonkert**, b. 1685, Nieuw Beijerland; m. Neeltje Herweijer.

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Zegert moved a short distance east to Oud-Beijerland polder, where he farmed at the corner of Zinkweg and Plaatsweg (now 2nd Kruisweg). His house was on the south side of Plaatsweg. Fonkerts would live at this corner for about 200 years.



Nieuw-Beijerland Kerkelijk Register, baptisms, October 11685; FHL film 5851796, image 65.

5. **Dirk Zegers Fonkert**, b. 1723, Oud-Beijerland; m. Nelia Verduijn.

Dirk inherited his father's farm on the Zinkweg.

6. **Pieter Dirksz Fonkert**, b. 1762, Oud-Beijerland; m. Neeltje Arys de Koning.

Pieter's father (Dirk Zegers) died when Pieter was only 6 years old, but by custom, young Pieter inherited the farm as the youngest son. Pieter's oldest brother managed the farm until Pieter was able, and then Pieter enlarged the farm to include the site of the house on the north side of the Plaatsweg (2nd Kruisweg).

7. **Dirk Pietersz Fonkert**, b. 1789, Oud-Beijerland; m. Neeltje Schelling.

Dirk started out farming a short distance west in Nieuw-Beijerland, but when his father died in 1815, he took over management of the Zinkweg farm (his younger brother was apparently incapable). Neeltje's father was one of the richest farmers in the area and was dijkgraaf for Oud Beijerland.

When Dirk died 1860, the Zinkweg farm was sold at auction to facilitate division of the estate. The youngest son, Dirk, bought his parents' house and 24 hectares. His brother Klaas bought the other house and 9 hectares. Pieter (no. 9 below) and two sisters received cash settlements.

The parental house (inherited by Dirk) burned down some years later. Dirk was able to rebuild and the house was partly renovated in 1903. According to Vels Heijn, a stone tablet reads: "The first stone laid by Nelia Jansje Fonkert, 24 years old, 1903." This means it was the house on the south side of the Plaatsweg (2nd Kruisweg), but Vel Heijn's transcription is not entirely correct. The name reads "Nelia Jantje Fonkert" and the date is 12 July 1900. A Fonkert lived in the house until 1960.

8. **Pieter Fonkert**, b. 1815, Nieuw-Beijerland; m. Hendrina van der Erve.

Pieter's wife, Hendrina, was a granddaughter of Ary Schelling and Aaltje Schrijver, who together with five of Ary's siblings, gave a silver baptismal bowl to the Klaaswaal church

in memory of their parents, Rochus Schelling and Neeltje Troost in 1787. Hendrina's mother Barbara, and Barbara's twin sister Adriana, were the first two children baptized with the bowl.

By the time Pieter died in 1882, the family had started to scatter. Son Pieter emigrated to Iowa in 1870; his brother Wouter followed in 1874. In 1888, Klaas moved to Vroomshoop in the eastern Netherlands province of Overijssel. Klaas left the Zinkweg farm to his brother Jan – the farmhouse burned in 1903. Two other sons – Dirk and Adrianus – lived on their father's farm at Klaaswaal; neither ever married.

9a. Pieter Fonkert, b. 1845, Klaaswaal; m. Neeltje Toom in Pella, Marion County, Iowa.

Pieter was baptized at Klaaswaal the same day as his 8th cousin, Rokus Pieter Fonkert. Their common ancestor was Adriaen Willemsz Fonckert of Rhoon. Pieter Fonkert's ancestors had come to the Hoeksche Waard by 1600, while Rokus' ancestors had remained in Rhoon until the late 1700s (see Part 2, below). The two Klaaswaal families might not have known exactly how they were related, but they clearly were well acquainted because Rokus' father was a witness for the baptism of Pieter. The Pieter Fonkert family lived in house 137; the Huig Fonkert family lived in house 158.

The 1870 U.S. census found Pieter living with the Arie Weeda family in Pella, Iowa. The Weedas were also from the Hoeksche Waard. Pieter's first wife died in 1877 from complications of a tooth infection soon after the birth of son Jan. Pieter remarried to Altje van 't Hof and moved to Sioux County, in northwest Iowa.

9b. Wouter Fonkert, b. 1848, Klaaswaal; never married.

Wouter (Walter) emigrated in 1874. He also went to Pella. He purchased a homestead in South Dakota, before returning to Pella. Like his brother, he moved to Sioux County in northwest Iowa in the 1880s.

10. Jan Fonkert, b. 1877, Pella, Iowa; married Kate Zorgdrager, Sioux County, Iowa.

Jan (John) Fonkert was a farmer. He owned a steam engine for threshing grain. Kate's parents emigrated in 1868 from Terschelling, an island off the Netherlands coast, settling first in Illinois, before moving west to Iowa.

11. John Fonkert, b. 1920, Sioux County, Iowa; m. Monefay Hanson, Tingley, Iowa.

12a. J Hanson Fonkert, b. 1949, Spencer, Iowa.

12b. Todd Fonkert, b. 1952, Mason City, Iowa.

Part 2
DESCENT TO ROKUS FONKERT OF KLAASWAAL

Rokus Fonkert (b, 1941, Klaaswaal) is descended from the brother of Dirck Adriaenz Fonckert who lived at Westmaas. Dirck's brother, Jacob, stayed at Rhoon when Dirck and their brother Willem, moved across the river to new land in the Hoeksche Waard. Jacob's branch of the family remained in Rhoon for nearly 200 years, before moving to the Hoeksche Waard.

The Rhoon and Westmaas branches of the Fonkert family crossed paths in Klaaswaal in the mid-1800s. Pieter Fonkert (Westmaas branch) and Rokus Fonkert were baptized on the same Sunday in 1845. Rokus' father, Huijg, was a witness for the baptism of Pieter.

1. **Jacob Adriaenz Fonckert**, b. Rhoon.

Jacob had two sons: Hendrick and Willem. Henrik, born about 1615, moved to Geervliet.

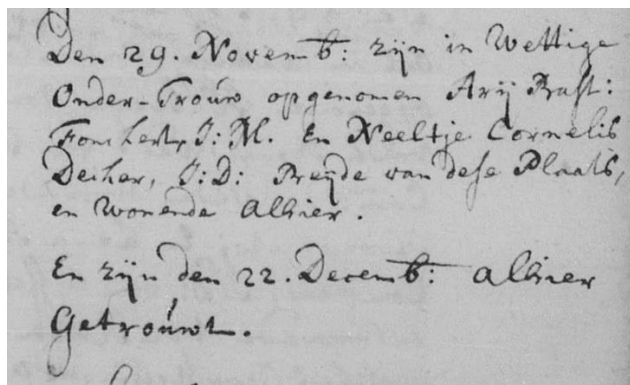
2. **Willem Jacobsz Fonkert**, b. Rhoon; m. Jannetje Bastiaans Spruijt.

Willem was bailiff at Rhoon from 1644. He died at Rhoon after March 1679.

3. **Bastiaan Willemsz Fonkert**, b. Rhoon; m. Pleuntje Pieters Welhoek in Rotterdam.

Bastiaan was a farmer and magistrate at Rhoon.

4. **Arie Bastiaansz Fonkert**, b. Rhoon; m. Neeltje Cornelisse Dekker, 1720.



Rhoon Kerkelijke Register, marriages, December 1720; FHL film 5852546, image 96.

5. **Bastiaan Fonkert**, b. 1726, Rhoon; m. Adriaantje Leeuwenburg.

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Bastiaan.
Ouders { Arij Fonkert.
 { Welboze Poom: Dikter.
Gehuwd: Pleuntje Pieters Welboze.

Rhoon Kerkelijke Register, baptisms, 1726; FHL film 5852546, image 20.

6. **Huijg Bastiaansz Fonkert**, b. 1770, Rhoon; m. Jannetje Bos.

Den 3 juny 1770.
Huijg
des { Bastiaan Ariense fonkert
 { Ariantje Pieterse deurenburg
 { Hilleto Ariense fonkert.

Rhoon Kerkelijke Register, baptisms, June 1770; FHL film

7. **Bastiaan Huijgsz Fonkert**, b. 1793, Oud Beijerland; m. Geertruij van Ooijen.

1 Januarij	Bastiaan Loon	V. M. G.	Huijg Fonkert Jannetje Bos Ariantje deurenburg	31 Decemb. 1793
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Rhoon Kerkelijke Register, baptisms, December 1793; FHL film

8. **Huijg (Hugo) Fonkert**, b. 1815, Oud Beijerland; m. Pleuntje Visser.

9. **Rokus Pieter Fonkert**, b. 1845, Klaaswaal; m. Janna van Vliet.

10. **Rokus Pieter Fonkert**, b. 1866, Klaaswaal; m. Maartje Johanna Bos.

11. **Klaas Fonkert**, b. 1916, Klaaswaal; m. Cornelis Elizabeth Andeweg.

12. **Rokus Pieter Fonkert**, b. 1941, Klaaswaal; m. Maria Johann de Geus.

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Segeer Dircksz Fonckert b. abt 1600, Westmaas	Cousins	Willem Jacobsz Fonkert b. Rhoon
Dirk Segerszx Fonkert b. Nieuw Beijerland	2 nd cousins	Bastiaan Willemsz Fonkert b. Rhoon
Zegert Dirks Fonkert b. 1685, Nieuw Beijerland	3 rd cousins	Arie Bastiaansz Fonkert b. Rhoon
Dirk Zegers Fonckert b. 1723, Oud Beijerland	4 th cousins	Bastiaan Fonkert b. 1726, Rhoon
Pieter Dirksz Fonkert b. 1762, Oud Beijerland	5 th cousins	Huijg Bastiaansz Fonkert b. 1770, Rhoon
Dirk Pietersz Fonkert b. 1789, Oud Beijerland	6 th cousins	Bastiaan Huijgsz Fonkert b. 1793, Oud Beijerland
Pieter Fonkert b. 1815, Nieuw Beijerland	7 th cousins	Huijg Fonkert, b. 1815, Oud Beijerland
Pieter Fonkert b. 1845, Klaaswaal	8 th cousins	Rokus Pieter Fonkert b. 1845, Klaaswaal
Jan Fonkert b. 1877, Pella, Iowa	9 th cousins	Rokus Pieter Fonkert b. 1865, Klaaswaal
John Fonkert b. 1920, Newkirk, Iowa	10 th cousins	Klaas Fonkert b. 1916, Klaaswaal
J Hanson Fonkert b. 1949, Spencer, Iowa	11 th cousins	Rokus Fonkert b. 1941, Klaaswaal