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The Verbooms

*Suzanna's people — a tailor-barber of Ter Aar, and the
river-village and island families behind him*

*TER AAR TO CALGARY · THE RIVERSIDE, THE POLDERS, AND THE ISLANDS · C.
1760 – TODAY*



The records behind Suzanna Verboom's chapter in the Lakeman story — her maternal line, traced by Dutch civil registers out of a canal village south of Amsterdam back into the eighteenth century. Suzanna herself, and the needle she carried, are told in the Lakeman story; this page sets out the deep Dutch ground behind her.

The line behind the needle

Suzanna Verboom's father was a tailor and barber in Ter Aar, and for a long time the family's story stopped with him. It does not stop there any longer. Dutch record-keeping is among the best in the world — the parish *Doop-, Trouw- en Begraafboeken* (baptism, mar-

riage, and burial books) and the civil registration Napoleon imposed in 1811 — and through it her line can now be traced, branch by branch, back into the eighteenth century: to dredgers and dike-workers on the Sliedrecht riverside, to a *winkelierster* and a *dijkwerker* in the drained polders of the far north, and to farming-and-fishing families on the islands of Goeree-Overflakkee. This is that line, told as far as the records honestly carry it, and tagged plainly where they run out.



Windmills draining the polders along a canal — the Dutch war on water the riverside Verbooms were born into. (AI-generated period illustration.)



A village tailor-and-barber's shop like the one on the Kerkweg in Ter Aar — the trade behind Suzanna's needle. (AI-generated period illustration.)

The records put a name to the remembered father. On **15 May 1918**, in Haarlemmermeer, a tailor named **Johannes “Hannes” Verboom** — twenty-four, born in Ter Aar, *kleermaker* by trade — married **Leentje Vriesman**, and that year opened the barber shop on the Kerkweg the family remembers. The one document that would seal Hannes as Suzanna's father beyond doubt — her own September 1918 Ter Aar birth certificate — has not yet been pulled, so this page names him as her father on strong evidence rather than absolute proof, and says so. (See the Notes.)

The riverside Verbooms — Ter Aar back to Sliedrecht

Ter Aar ← Sliedrecht & Hardinxveld · the riverside Verbooms

Hannes Verboom was himself the son of a Ter Aar family that had come, a generation or two earlier, from the riverside villages downstream.



Sliedrecht rivermen sinking willow-and-stone mattresses and dredging the Merwede — the front line of the war with the water. (AI-generated period illustration.)



A Dutch drawbridge and its keeper — the brugwachter's trade Pieter Verboom worked at Ter Aar. (AI-generated period illustration.)

His father — Suzanna's paternal grandfather — was **Pieter Verboom**, born in Ter Aar on 7 March 1866, who worked as a *brugwachter* and *wegwerker* (a bridge-keeper and road-man) and died about 1941. On 11 July 1889, at Nieuwveen, Pieter married **Suzanna Kooij**, born at Nieuwveen on 24 April 1863, who outlived him, dying at Ter Aar on 21 May 1943. (It is for *this* grandmother, very likely, that Suzanna was named.)

Pieter's own father had come from elsewhere. He was **Johannis Verboom**, born in Sliedrecht about 1824 — one of the riverside dredging-and-shipbuilding villages strung along the Beneden-Merwede, southeast of Rotterdam — who by the 1880s was living and working in Ter Aar. On 6 August 1852, at Sliedrecht, Johannis married **Pietje van den Bos**. The marriage record names his parents; her father it leaves blank, recording only her mother, **Lena van den Bos**.

Johannis's parents close this verified stretch of the line. They were **Jan Verboom**, born at Hardinxveld about 1792, and **Pietje van Wijngaarden**, born at Sliedrecht about 1802. Their marriage, on 10 November 1825 at Sliedrecht, is the single richest document in the Verboom branch: it records that Jan was already a widower (of a first wife, Aartje Meerkerk), and it names all four of the next generation up — Jan's parents as **Teunis Verboom** and **Cornelia Slagboom**, and Pietje's as **Johannis van Wijngaarden** and **Neeltje Nederlof**. Those four, born around the 1760s and 1770s in the Hardinxveld–Sliedrecht riverside, are the deepest Verbooms the documents reach. This was the front line of the old Dutch war against water. The villages strung along the Beneden-Merwede lived by the river, their men the diggers, dredgers, and dike-builders who deepened the shipping channels, sank the willow-and-stone mattresses that armoured the banks, and kept the low polders behind them from drowning. This was the same waterland that, a few miles upstream at Kinderdijk, set nineteen windmills turning against the flood day and night. What *these* particular Verbooms did in that world the surviving records do not say; no document in hand assigns any of them a trade, so none is claimed here — but it was a country that lived or drowned by the river, and they were born into the work of holding it back. Learn more about Kinderdijk and its windmills →

Suzanna's mother — the Vriesmans and Hoflands of the northern polders

Haarlemmermeer ← Petten & Zijpe · polder-diggers & a shopkeeper

Suzanna's mother, Leentje Vriesman, was born in Haarlemmermeer on 21 February 1895 — and Haarlemmermeer is itself a clue, because in 1852 it had been a *lake*, drained dry and thrown open to settlers. Learn more about the draining of the Haarlemmermeer → The families who farmed and dug it were incomers, and Leentje's were no exception: they came down from the coastal villages of the far north of Noord-Holland.



The Haarlemmermeer, a lake pumped dry in 1852 and thrown open to settlers — the new polder Leentje Vriesman's people came south to farm. (AI-generated period illustration.)



Dike-workers reinforcing the North Sea sea-dike at Petten — the dijkwerker's trade on Suzanna's mother's side. (AI-generated period illustration.)

Her parents married at Haarlemmermeer on 14 June 1893: **Jacob Vriesman**, a labourer born in Haarlemmermeer, and **Adriaantje Grevenstuk**. Jacob's own father, the elder **Jacob Vriesman**, had come from Petten, the dune village on the North Sea coast; the family's working life there is written right into the records. On 14 September 1828 at Petten, **Cornelis Vriesman** — Suzanna's great-great-great-grandfather, and a *dijkwerker*, a dike-worker — married **Stijntje Hoofd**, a *winkelierster* (shopkeeper) born across the line at Zijpe. The marriage names their parents: Cornelis was the son of **Jacob Vriesman** (a labourer) and **Neeltje Kroon**; Stijntje the daughter of **Cornelis Hoofd**, a *verver* (painter), and **Trijntje Duijnmeijer**.

The other strand of this side, the Hoflands, runs through **Antje Hofland**, who married into the Vriesmans: she was the daughter of **Jan Fekke Hofland**, a *boerenknecht* (farmhand) born at Barsingerhorn about 1796, and **Guurtje Rijding**, a *dienstmeid* (housemaid) of Zijpe. These were working coastal people — dike-workers, farmhands, a shopkeeper, a village painter,

every trade small enough to pack and useful enough to keep — who answered the call of the newly drained Haarlemmermeer and moved south to break new polder ground, exactly as Suzanna's Lakeman in-laws' ancestors had once broken the Beemster.

The island side — the Grevenstuks and Tiggelmans of Goeree-Overflakkee

Goeree-Overflakkee · the island Grevenstuks & Tiggelmans

Suzanna's mother's mother, Adriaantje Grevenstuk, came from a different Holland again — the flat farming-and-fishing islands of Goeree-Overflakkee, in the river-mouth delta of Zuid-Holland, where her uncommon surname is found and almost nowhere else. Learn more about Goeree-Overflakkee →



The flat farming-and-fishing island of Goeree-Overflakkee — the delta world of the Grevenstuks and Tiggelmans. (AI-generated period illustration.)

Adriaantje's parents, **Bernardus Grevenstuk** and **Leentje Tiggelman**, married at Dirksland on 2 February 1871; Leentje had been born nearby at Den Bommel on 2 June 1852. The marriage records name the generation above: Bernardus was the son of **Johan Bernardus Grevenstuk** and **Willempje van Eck**; Leentje the daughter of **Hendrik Tiggelman** and **Adriaantje Koppenaar**.

That Tiggelman–Koppenaar marriage, on 14 May 1837 at Middelharnis, reaches back further than any other single record in this whole family, naming not just parents but a full rank of great-great-grandparents of the island line (the lineage table and the Notes set out the full roll). The surname appears as both *Tiggelman* and *Tichelman* in the records — the same family, the spelling not yet settled in that era. These island people, born through the later 1700s, are the deepest the maternal records reach: a cluster of delta families rooted in the small world of Goeree-Overflakkee long before any of them dreamed of a daughter in Calgary.

Where the Verbooms meet the Lakemans

Calgary · where the needle came ashore

Suzanna Verboom married **Rienk Lakeman Sr.** and carried every branch on this page into the polder-and-Indies line she married into, and on to Thomas Cheesman and his three children. Her own chapter — the needle, the shears, and the Ter Aar household she came from — is told in the Lakeman story →. The deep Dutch ground behind her is set out above.



*Shears, needle, thimble and a fold of dark cloth — the tailor's trade Suzanna carried out of Ter Aar and into the family.
(AI-generated period illustration.)*

THE VERBOOM DESCENT

Teunis Verboom×Cornelia Slagboom

HARDINXVELD

Jan

- Named as Jan's parents in the **1825 Sliedrecht akte** — the single richest document in the Verboom branch
- Born around the 1760s–70s on the **Hardinxveld–Sliedrecht riverside**, the front line of the old Dutch war against water
- Their own baptisms and marriage are tree-cited, not yet imaged — held *probable*

Johannis van Wijngaarden×Neeltje Nederlof

SLIEDRECHT

Pietje

- Named in the same 1825 akte as Pietje's parents — the deepest the documents reach on this side
- Sliedrecht river people — the villages whose men dredged the channels and armoured the banks with willow and stone

Jan Verboom×Pietje van Wijngaarden

M. SLIEDRECHT 1825

Johannis

- Married **10 November 1825** — the akte records Jan a widower of Aartje Meerkerk and names all four parents above
- Jan born Hardinxveld c. 1792; Pietje at Sliedrecht c. 1802
- No document assigns these riverside Verbooms a trade, so none is claimed — they were born into the work of holding the river back

Johannis Verboom×Pietje van den Bos

M. SLIEDRECHT 1852

Pieter

- Married **6 August 1852** — the akte left her father's name blank, recording only her mother, Lena van den Bos
- Born Sliedrecht c. 1824; by the 1880s he had moved the family up to **Ter Aar**, the canal village the line is remembered by

Pieter Verboom×Suzanna Kooij

M. NIEUWVEEN 1889

Johannes “Hannes”

- A *brugwachter* and *wegwerker* — bridge-keeper and road-man — born Ter Aar **7 March 1866**
- Married Suzanna Kooij of Nieuwveen, **11 July 1889** — very likely the grandmother Suzanna was named for
- Pieter died about 1941; Suzanna Kooij outlived him, dying at Ter Aar in 1943

Johannes “Hannes” Verboom×Leentje Vriesman

M. HAARLEMMERMEER 1918

Suzanna · Pieter “Piet” · Jacob “Yap” · Jenny · and a sister lost in infancy

- A *kleermaker* — tailor — who opened the **barber shop on the Kerkweg** in 1918, the year of his marriage and his daughter’s birth
- Held **probable** as Suzanna’s father: every record fits, but her own 1918 birth akte has not yet been pulled
- The shears stayed in the family — Piet kept a salon a block away; Yap took over Grandpa’s shop when he retired
- Leentje’s people were dike-workers, farmhands, a shopkeeper, a village painter — the northern polders and the Goeree-Overflakkee islands

Suzanna Verboom×Rienk Lakeman Sr.

TER AAR → CALGARY

Rienk Jr. · Alexander “Lex” · **Martin**

- Born **Ter Aar, 25 September 1918**, six days before Rienk — she lived a hundred years exactly, dying in Calgary in 2018
- Her father taught her to sew and cut cloth — **the needle** she carried through Venezuela, England, Singapore, and home to Alberta
- Through her, every branch on this page flows into the **Lakeman** line — told in full in its own story

Martin

B. CALGARY 1957

Thomas

- The youngest of Rienk and Suzanna’s three sons, and the only one born in Canada
- Stayed at the Kerkweg house as a boy — a Holland still half a step out of an older century

Thomas×Melanie

M. 2016

- Married **2 July 2016** in Calgary
- The parents of Patience, Daniel, and Faith

Patience · Daniel · Faith

GRANDE PRAIRIE

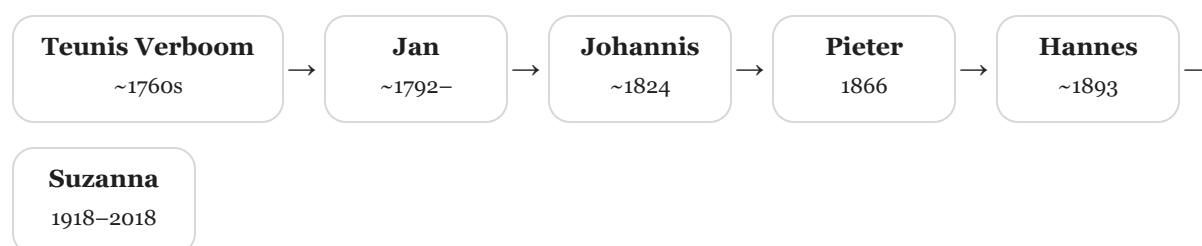
- Born 2013, 2015, and 2017, all in Grande Prairie
- Heirs of all eight family lines — the confluence this whole site is built around

Lineage at a glance

Generation	Name	Born	Place	Confidence
—	Suzanna “Suus” Verboom (m. Rienk Lakeman Sr.)	25 Sep 1918	Ter Aar → Calgary (d. 2018)	Verified — obituaries
Father	Johannes “Hannes” Verboom (<i>kleermaker / kapper</i>) × Leentje Vriesman	~1893/94	Ter Aar	Probable as Suzanna’s father — his 1918 Haarlemmermeer marriage akte + the Kerkweg barber shop + family memory; her 1918 birth akte not yet pulled
Grandfather	Pieter Verboom (<i>brugwachter</i>) × Suzanna Kooij (m. 1889 Nieuwveen)	7 Mar 1866	Ter Aar	Verified — civil registers
Gt-grandfather	Johannis Verboom × Pietje van den Bos (m. 1852 Sliedrecht)	~1824	Sliedrecht → Ter Aar	Verified — 1852 Sliedrecht marriage akte
2× gt-grandfather	Jan Verboom (widower of Aartje Meerkkerk) × Pietje van Wijngaarden (m. 1825 Sliedrecht)	~1792	Hardinxveld	Verified — 1825 Sliedrecht marriage akte
3× gt-grandparents	Teunis Verboom × Cornelia Slagboom ; Johannis van Wijngaarden × Neeltje Nederlof	~1760s–70s	Hardinxveld / Sliedrecht	Verified as named parents (1825 akte); their own baptisms/marriages Probable (tree-cited, not yet imaged)
Mother’s line	Leentje Vriesman ← Jacob Vriesman × Adriaantje Grevenstuk (m. 1893)	21 Feb 1895	Haarlemmermeer	Verified — civil registers

Generation	Name	Born	Place	Confidence
(Vriesman)	Cornelis Vriesman (<i>dijkwerker</i>) × Stijntje Hoofd (<i>winkelierster</i>) (m. 1828 Petten)	~1795	Petten / Zijpe	Verified — 1828 Petten marriage akte
(Hofland)	Jan Fekke Hofland (<i>boerenknecht</i>) × Guurtje Rijding (<i>dienstmeid</i>) (m. 1824 Zijpe)	~1796	Barsingerhorn / Zijpe	Verified — 1824 Zijpe marriage akte
(Grevenstuk)	Bernardus Grevenstuk × Leentje Tiggelman (m. 1871 Dirksland)	b. Leentje 1852	Goeree-Overflakkee	Verified — 1871 Dirksland marriage akte
(Tiggelman)	Hendrik Tiggelman × Adriaantje Koppenaar (m. 1837 Middelharnis)	~1810s	Goeree-Overflakkee	Verified — 1837 Middelharnis marriage akte (names two further generations)
(Tiggelman, deeper)	Gerrit Tiggelman × Niesje Verweij ; above them Cornelis Tichelman × Sara Kattestaart and Brandijn Verweij × Jacomijna Mulder	later 1700s	Goeree-Overflakkee	Verified as named in the 1837 akte; their own records not yet pulled
(Koppenaar, deeper)	Leendert Koppenaar × Heijte van der Velde ; among the grandparents Abram Koppenaar and Jan van der Velde × Teuntje Vreeswijk	later 1700s	Goeree-Overflakkee	Verified as named in the 1837 akte; their own records not yet pulled
(Hofland, deeper)	Pieter Fekke Jansz Hofland × Neeltje Heeneweer	1700s	Barsingerhorn / Zijpe	Verified as named in the 1824 Zijpe akte

Confidence tiers: *Verified* — anchored to at least one primary civil-registration akte or DTB parish entry. *Probable* — consistent across records or named in a related akte, but the individual's own primary record is not yet in hand. *Living memory / family record* — recent enough to rest on direct testimony.



Notes on the records ▾

Suzanna Verboom's ancestry is, in the end, one of the better-documented stretches of this whole family — anchored at nearly every generation to a dated Dutch civil-registration *akte*, with archive references. What follows separates what the records prove from what still rests on family memory or on unverified compilations.

What is proven by primary record

- **The 1825 Sliedrecht marriage** of Jan Verboom × Pietje van Wijngaarden (Regionaal Archief Dordrecht, archive 720, inv. 94, rec. 36) names Jan's parents (Teunis Verboom × Cornelia Slagboom) and Pietje's (Johannis van Wijngaarden × Neeltje Nederlof), and records Jan's first marriage to Aartje Meerkerk — anchoring the Verboom line into the eighteenth-century riverside.
- **The 1852 Sliedrecht marriage** of Johannis Verboom × Pietje van den Bos and **Pieter Verboom's 1866 Ter Aar birth** carry the line down to Suzanna's grandfather.
- On the maternal side, the **1828 Petten marriage** (Cornelis Vriesman, *dijkwerker*, × Stijntje Hoofd, *winkelierster*; Noord-Hollands Archief, archive 358.100), the **1824 Zijpe marriage** (Jan Fekke Hofland × Guurtje Rijding — naming Jan's parents, Pieter Fekke Jansz Hofland and Neeltje Heeneweer), the **1871 Dirksland marriage** (Bernardus Grevenstuk × Leentje Tiggelman), and especially the **1837 Middelharnis marriage** (Hendrik Tiggelman × Adriaantje Koppenaal — which names two further generations of the island families: on the Tiggelman side, Gerrit Tiggelman and Niesje Verweij, and above them Cornelis Tichelman with Sara Kattestaart and Brandijn Verweij with Jacomijna Mulder; on the Koppenaal side, Leendert Koppenaal and Heijtje van der Velde, with Abram Koppenaal and Jan van der Velde with Teuntje Vreeswijk among the grandparents) are all primary aktes naming parents and, in several cases, occupations.

What rests on family testimony

- That **Hannes Verboom the tailor-barber was Suzanna's father** is a *probable*, not a proven, link. It rests on his 1918 Haarlemmermeer marriage (a *kleermaker* of the right age and place), the Kerkweg barber shop he is said to have opened that year, the continuous family barbering trade (Hannes → his son "Yap"), and Martin's first-hand memory — all consistent, none yet clinched by Suzanna's own birth record.
- The **siblings Piet, Yap, and Jenny**, and the sister who died young, rest on Martin's testimony and have not yet been confirmed from the population register.

A false trail, ruled out

Several online trees attach Suzanna to a different Ter Aar couple — **Cornelis Verboom, a farmer, and Aagje Donker**. That is a same-surname, same-village coincidence, not her family: the documented children of that couple (Trijntje, Catharina, Cornelia, Petronella, an infant Hendrica, and Cornelis) include **no Suzanna of September 1918**, and the father's trade was farming, not the tailoring and barbering the family remembers. It is set aside here.

The deepest tree-only links

The deepest names — **Teunis Verboom** × **Cornelia Slagboom**'s own ~1791 Hardinxveld marriage and Jan's ~1792 baptism — appear in genealogical compilations but have not yet been read from the original parish registers, so they are held as *probable* rather than verified.

Records that would close the gaps

1. **Suzanna Verboom's birth record**, Ter Aar, September 1918 (Streekarchief Rijnlands Midden / Erfgoed Leiden en Omstreken) — the decisive document: it would name her parents and her father's occupation outright, sealing the Hannes link.
2. **The Ter Aar population register**, c. 1918–1940, for the Johannes Verboom – Leentje Vriesman household — to confirm the full sibling group (Piet, Yap, Jenny, and the infant sister).
3. **The Sliedrecht/Hardinxveld DTB** for the pre-1825 Verboom, van Wijngaarden, Slagboom, and van den Bos generations (Regionaal Archief Dordrecht).
4. **The deeper Noord-Holland and Goeree-Overflakkee DTB** for the Vriesman, Hofland, Grevenstuk, and Tiggelman lines (Noord-Hollands Archief; Streekarchief Goeree-Overflakkee).

In short: from the 1820s forward this line is sealed by record, generation upon generation; the tailor-barber at its head rests on strong family evidence awaiting one birth certificate; and the eighteenth-century roots, riverside and island both, are named but not yet all imaged. It is a true account, marked where it is firm and where it is still reaching.