

## JOHAN WEBBINK'S PERSONAL HISTORY

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Johannes and Abraham Webbink were farmers in Zenderen and also brothers. Johannes is my great, great, great, great grandfather and Abraham is your (Harold) great, great, great grandfather. They were born in 1747 and 1754 respectively. At this time there was also a Jan Webben in Almelo, probably also a brother, of which I am not sure.

But in 1691 I find the name Jan Jansen Webben and his wife, Gerritjen Wilmsen van't Usveld, in Almelo. Vriezenveen belonged to Almelo in those days.

The reason they lived in Zenderen is possibly the fact that Zenderen was a transshipment for peat, which came from Vriezenveen by boat. Maybe they also worked on it.

I know that later my ancestors were peat ship-masters. The last ship-master was my great, great grandfather Jan Webbink, born 1804. His son (also Jan), born 1841, was a blacksmith on the Dutch railways and his son, my grandfather, was a metal turner. My father was a contractor. My brother, Carel, was a Major in the Dutch Air Force and I was a technician. My youngest daughter, Barendina, is a social worker and Jonna the oldest, is a secretary, like my wife Amy was. That is about all I can tell you of my family.

Johan and Amelia (Amy) Reiz Webbink  
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