

Cornelius And Jacoba (Wouters) Van Laarhoven Move To Little Black, Wisconsin



MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN (THE COWBOY)

PICTURE POSTCARD MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN SENT TO HIS FATHER, CORNELIUS VAN LAARHOVEN, IN LITTLE BLACK, WISCONSIN IN 1916. MARTIN WRITES, "THIS IS MY PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN 1916." MARTIN WRITES, "[H]ERE WITH I LET YOU KNOW IS HOTEL ARRIVED AT HARB P. O. MONTANA AM WELL GREETINGS. YOUR SON MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN."

In 1916, Martin sent a postcard from Harb, Montana, to his father, Cornelius, in Little Black, Wisconsin. The postcard shows Martin on his horse.

On June 26, 1919, Henry Van Laarhoven wrote a letter to the U. S. Land Office, Glasgow, Montana that was received June 30, 1919. In the letter he says, "I am over here in Little Black, Taylor, Cou, Wis, for a little while, but I got sick over here, but hope to be better soon to get back to my homestead." The letter is addressed from Little Black, Wisconsin.

Henry Van Laarhoven filed an Application For Reduction Of The Required Area Of Cultivation with the Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office, Glasgow, Montana on October 11, 1919 regarding his homestead in Malta, Montana. His Application says, "I, Hendrikus D.D. Van Laarhoven of Little Black, Taylor County, Wis., having made homestead . . ." Henry's Application has corroborating affidavits dated October 11, 1919 and signed by Cornelius Van Laarhoven, a farmer, age 55, of Little Black, Wisconsin and John Van Laarhoven, a farmer, age 31 of Little Black, Wisconsin. The affidavits say they are acquainted with the land for five years. The affidavits say they read

the statements in the Application and they know the statements in the Application to be true.

Henry Van Laarhoven said in his Testimony Of Claimant filed September 8, 1920 in support of his prove-up that he left his homestead again and did not return until April 1, 1920 saying to the Land Office that he "was east visiting my people." It is not known whether Henry went back to his homestead after writing his June 26, 1919 letter or after filing his October 11, 1919 Application For a Reduction in Cultivation, and then presumably came back to Little Black some time between October 11, 1919 and April 1, 1920. It is difficult to know if Henry stayed in Little Black with his family from April 30, 1919, the date of his discharge, through April 1, 1920, the date he returned to his homestead.

In writing to his mother (Ludmilla Van Laarhoven), Bill Van Laarhoven wrote about stories his father (Martin Van Laarhoven) told him about his life in Montana while Bill was growing up. Bill wrote:¹⁰

Most of the experiences he [Martin Van Laarhoven] told us about was what happened to him after he reached this country. There was a lull of a few years until the family went west into the Montana area where he and his brother or brothers became cowboys and herded and broke wild horses. Apparently, it was at this time when my Grandfather and Grandmother settled down at the farm next to yours [Martin & Ludmilla Van Laarhoven] in Little Black. Pa was still in Montana bucking Broncos. Or was it at this time that he joined the fishing boats to Alaska. We'll talk about both. [Information Added].

Bill also wrote:¹¹

Back to getting Pa back to Medford. This must have been an experience Medford will never forget until all the old timers have died off. Pa and his brothers must have packed up a couple trainload of wild western horses and when they got to Medford the train stopped downtown and Pa and his brothers open the rail cars and left all these wild horses out and herded them down Main Street **and down to the farm in Little Black.** The businessmen have told me while I was working at the drugstore that the people ran for their lives. If there was a culvert handy they dove in it to get out of the way of the horses. This didn't seem to bother the Van Laarhoven boys because they had the situation in control. However the townspeople weren't aware of this. I'd have liked to see this. [Emphasis Added.]

10 William (Bill) Van Laarhoven's letters to his mother, Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven, n.d., p. 2.

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CORNELIUS VAN LAARHOVEN (B. 1864)
ON HIS FARM IN LITTLE BLACK, WISCONSIN.

It is difficult to know precisely when the trainload of horse arrived in Medford, but it would seem the event had to have occurred some time between June 1919 and October 1920. In Bill's recollection, he says, ". . . down to the farm in Little Black," which indicate the event occurred sometime after November 29, 1919, the date Cornelius purchased the property in Little Black and before Cornelius and Jacoba returned to Kimberley, Wisconsin in 1920 to make their home there. Perhaps the horses arrived between June 26, 1919 and Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Rothamer wedding date, October 12, 1920.

Cornelius Van Laarhoven entered into a land contract with L.F. Hammel and his wife, Idaline R. Hammel on November 29, 1919 to purchase their 80 acre farm in Little Black Township, Taylor County, Wisconsin.¹² He paid \$6,000 for the property. He apparently did not make a down payment. Instead, he financed the entire purchase price using notes totaling \$1,200 that were secured by a chattel mortgage and second mortgage on 320 acres of land in Phillips County, Montana, probably Cornelius homestead and Peter's that Cornelius purchased in 1918; \$2,300 was due on or

before five years; and Cornelius assumed an existing mortgage of \$2,500 that was outstanding against the property at the time he purchased the farm. The \$2,500 mortgage was given to Max Loeb on January 16, 1917, probably by L. F. Hammel and his wife.

It is not known why Cornelius and Jacoba moved to Little Black. In any case, Cornelius and Jacob (Wouters) Van Laarhoven probably did not find many people of Dutch descent in Taylor County when they arrived. The population of Taylor County was 18,045 in 1920.¹³ The highest level of rural population was reached in 1920 and was due to the increased migration to the northern counties after the more desirable agricultural lands in southern Wisconsin had been acquired.¹⁴ In 1920, there were 4,308 foreign-born, approximately 24 percent of the total population, with the great majority consisting of Germans, 1,457; Poles, 991; Czechoslovaks, 329; Austrians, 320; Swedes, 206; Norwegians, 187; and Russians, 162.¹⁵

Martin Van Laarhoven probably move to Little Black, Wisconsin to help his father clear land that his father purchased on November 29, 1919. According to Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold, her father, Martin, was living with his parents and helping his farther break land on the farm. Josephine explained that Martin and his father were using trees cut from the property to build a new barn on the property. She explained they had to hue each and every timber from trees they cleared from the land. Josephine further explained that the woods came almost up to the buildings on the property, and there were only a few buildings on the property. Cornelius's land contract specifically said that he could not cut any valuable timber growing on the property until he paid for the property, except to the extent he needed to cut valuable timber to clear the land. In a nutshell, according to Josephine and the land contract, Martin and his father were making a farm out of wilderness. That had to mean there was not much cash generated to make mortgage payments.

¹² Land Contract, Number 67568, Vol. 30f Land Contracts, p. 31; 1920 Plat Map, Little Black Township, Taylor County, Wisconsin.

¹³ Taylor County Register of Deeds Office, Taylor County Historical Sketch: Early Settlement, H.O. Ruesch, County Clerk, comp. (n.p.: Taylor County Register of Deeds Office, n.d.), p. 6.

¹⁴ Taylor County Register of Deeds Office, p. 6.

¹⁵ Taylor County Register of Deeds Office, p. 6.

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1920 PLAT MAP, LITTLE BLACK TOWNSHIP, TAYLOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Cornelius and Jacoba (Wouters) Van Laarhoven appear on the 1920 Census for the Little Black Township, Taylor County, Wisconsin.¹⁶ The 1920 Census was taken March 30 and 31, 1920. The Census shows Cornelius and Jacoba with three sons living as a household. Cornelius is the head of the house. Cornelius' age is shown as 55 and although Jacoba's age cannot be read, she would have just turned 58. Of their three sons indicated on the Census, only two names can be read, one is John, age 33. The other is possibly George age 24. The name on the Census is very difficult to read, but the son identified as George is probably John Van Laarhoven who according to the corroborating affidavit that he signed dated October 11, 1919 and in support of Henry's Application For Reduction Of The Required Area Of Cultivation was a farmer, age 31, of Little Black, Wisconsin. The third son whose name cannot be made out was 25 years old, single and naturalized in 1918. This son was probably Martin, age 25 and naturalized in 1918. The Census indicates all family members shown on the Census immigrated to the United States in 1911 and all were naturalized citizens in 1918, though George appears to have been naturalized in 1919. All members of the household could read and write English. The Census indicates that all members of the household were born in Holland and spoke Dutch. The Census indicates that the parents of Cornelius and Jacoba were born in Holland. The Census identifies Cornelius' occupation as farmer. The occupations of his three sons are listed as laborer. There is no occupation listed for his wife, Jacoba.

Cornelius and Jacob (Wouters) Van Laarhoven had to make three mortgage payments that included payments on the first mortgage on their property in Montana; the notes totaling \$1,200 on the property in Little Black, and the existing mortgage of \$2,500 on the Little Black property.¹⁷ In addition, they had to save enough money to make their \$2,300 balloon payment on the Little Black property. Despite their sons' apparent help, not surprisingly, Cornelius and Jacob Van Laarhoven lost/sold the 80 acre farm in Little Black Township, Taylor County, Wisconsin.¹⁸

L.F. Hammel and his wife, Idaline R. Hammel held title to the property which Cornelius and Jacob (Wouters) Van Laarhoven purchased in Little Black, Wisconsin on a land contract.¹⁹ On May 1, 1920, L.F. Hammel and his wife, Idaline R. Hammel transferred title to the 80 acre farm to George and Ludmilla Rothammer.²⁰ George and Ludmilla Rothammer purchased the property for \$1.00 and subject to the existing mortgage of \$2,500 that was outstanding against the property at the time they purchased the farm.²¹ In addition, Cornelius and Jacob Van Laarhoven transferred all their interest in the property to George and Ludmilla Rothammer on May 3, 1920.²²

On September 22, 1920, George and Ludmilla (Kummer) Rothammer transferred the 80 acre farm in Little Black Township, Taylor County, Wisconsin to Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Rothammer for \$1.00 and subject to the existing mortgage of \$2,500 that was outstanding against the property at the time they purchased the farm.²³ At the time, Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Rothammer were not married.²⁴ They married on October 12, 1920.²⁵

16 1920 United States Census for the Little Black Township, Taylor County, Wisconsin.
17 Land Contract, No. 67568, Vol. 30f Land Contracts, p. 31; 1920 Plat Map, Little Black Township, Taylor County, Wisconsin.
18 Land Contract, No. 67568; 1920 Plat Map, Little Black Township; Warranty Deed, No. 67573, dated May 1, 1920, Vol. 70 of Deeds, Vol. 70, Page 566.
19 Land Contract, No. 67568; 1920 Plat Map, Little Black Township; Warranty Deed, No. 67573.
20 Land Contract, No. 67568; 1920 Plat Map, Little Black Township; Warranty Deed, No. 67573.
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22 Land Contract, No. 67568; 1920 Plat Map, Little Black Township; Warranty Deed, No. 67573.
23 Indenture, No. 68938, dated September 22, 1920, Book of Deeds, Vol. 73, p. 21.
24 Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Rothammer's Certificate of Marriage, License Number 270, Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics, State of Wisconsin, Vol 5, p. 438.
25 Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Rothammer's Certificate of Marriage.

STATE Wisconsin COUNTY Jefferson TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Little Black Township DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 NAME OF INSTITUTION Little Black Township NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Little Black Township DATE OF March 1920
 ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 3rd DAY OF March 1920
 WARD OF CITY Jefferson ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 209

FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: TWO-POPULATION

| PLACE OF BIRTH | NAME | RELATION | AGE | MARRIAGE | | CITIZENSHIP | EDUCATION | MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE | | PLACE OF BIRTH | MILITARY SERVICE | PLACE OF BIRTH | MILITARY SERVICE |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----|----------|---------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------|------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | | | Married | Widowed | | | Army | Navy | | | | |
| 1 | John A. L. L. L. | Head of family | 47 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 2 | John A. L. L. | Wife | 45 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 3 | John A. L. L. | Child | 14 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 4 | John A. L. L. | Child | 12 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 5 | John A. L. L. | Child | 10 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 6 | John A. L. L. | Child | 8 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 7 | John A. L. L. | Child | 6 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 8 | John A. L. L. | Child | 4 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 9 | John A. L. L. | Child | 2 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 10 | John A. L. L. | Child | 1 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 11 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 12 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 13 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 14 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 15 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 16 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 17 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 18 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 19 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 20 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 21 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 22 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 23 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 24 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 25 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 26 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 27 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 28 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 29 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |
| 30 | John A. L. L. | Child | 0 | | | 14 | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 | |

1920 UNITED STATES CENSUS
 Little Black Township, Taylor County, Wisconsin.

This Article of Agreement, Made and concluded this 29th day of Nov., A. D. 1919, by and between L. F. Hammel

of the city of Chicago, County of Cook, in the State of Illinois, part 1st of the first part, and Cornelius Van Laarhoven

of the town of Little Block, County of Taylor, in the State of Wisconsin, part 1st of the second part,

Witnesseth, First, That the said part 1st of the second part, hereby agree and bind himself and his heirs, legal representatives and assigns, to pay or cause to be paid to the said part 1st of the first part, his heirs, legal representatives and assigns, the sum of six thousand

Dollars, in the manner following, notes of \$1200.00 Dollars at the ensuing and delivery hereof; which are secured by a chattel mortgage and second mortgage on 320 acres of land in Phillips County, Montana,

\$2300.00 on or before 5 years, he assumes the mortgage of \$2500.00 now outstanding against this land, as part of the consideration

all of these sums to draw interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, payable annually from the date hereof.

The said payments to be made to the part 1st of the first part, in person, or to his legal representatives, and the same being intended to apply, when fully completed, as the purchase money of the following described tract, piece or parcel of land situated in the County of Taylor and State of Wisconsin, and described as follows, to-wit:

The East half of the northwest quarter of section eleven town thirty range one east.

The said part 1st of the second part hereby further covenant S and agree to insure and keep insured against loss or damage by fire, the buildings now on said premises and such as may hereafter be erected thereon during the life of this contract, in the sum of at least their insurable value

Dollars, and the policy or policies therefor assigned and delivered to the said part 1st of the first part, his heirs, legal representatives or assigns, as collateral to this contract, and in case of the failure or neglect of said second part 1st to effect such insurance, said part 1st of the first part his heirs, legal representatives or assigns, may effect insurance on such buildings or either of them to the amount aforesaid, and charge the cost thereof with interest thereon at the aforesaid rate, to the said part 1st of the second part, and the same shall be considered and taken to be a part of the consideration of this contract, and due at the time of the payment thereof by said first part 1st.

The said part 1st of the second part further agree S and covenant that he will pay all taxes, special or general, which have been assessed on the above described premises since the first day of January, 1918, and also all such as may be hereafter assessed thereon, whenever such taxes shall become due and payable by law, and hereby expressly exercise the option granted by chapter 378 of the laws of 1903, and any acts amendatory thereof, and promise S and agree to that the interest of the said part 1st of the first part and the interest of the said part 1st of the second part in and to the said real estate shall be assessed for taxation and taxed together, without separate valuation, and shall be paid by the said part 1st of the second part, and the said part 1st of the second part hereby expressly waives the right of offset or deduction provided for in said chapter 378 of the laws of 1903 and any acts amendatory thereof, until the aforesaid purchase money shall be fully paid, in the manner above stated, and also to hold the said premises, from the date thereof, as the tenant by sufferance of the said part 1st of the first part, subject to be removed as this tenant holding over, by process under the statute in such case made and provided, whenever default shall be made in the payment of any of the installments of purchase money or interest above specified, and also to keep the buildings, fences and improvements on said premises in as good repair and condition as they now are, except ordinary wear and decay and damage by the elements; and further, that in case the said second part 1st shall fail or neglect to make any payment herein provided for at the time when the same shall become due and payable, or shall violate any of the conditions of this contract, then and in that case, the whole of said principal sum then unpaid together with interest thereon as herein provided, shall at the option of said part 1st of the first part, be deemed to have then and there become due and payable in the same manner as if the whole of said principal sum had been made payable at the time such failure, neglect or violation shall occur.

The said part 1st of the second part also agree not to cut or remove any valuable timber growing on the premises, until the sum of except as he clears the land. Dollars shall have been paid on this contract, except permission therefor be given in writing on the outside of this contract, signed by the part 1st of the first part.

Second. That the said part 1st of the first part hereby agree S and bind himself and his heirs, legal representatives and assigns, that in case the aforesaid sum of six thousand Dollars, with the interest, shall be fully paid at the times and in the manner above specified, he will on demand thereafter cause to be executed and delivered to the said part 1st of the second part, or his heirs, legal representatives or assigns, a good and sufficient DEED, in fee simple of the premises above described, free and clear of all legal liens and incumbrances except the taxes and insurance herein agreed to be paid by the part 1st of the second part. And it is distinctly agreed and understood by and between the parties hereto, that if the said part 1st of the second part shall fail to make any of the payments of purchase money or interest above specified, at the times or in the manner above specified, or shall violate any of the provisions of this contract, in such case this agreement shall, at the option of said first part 1st, be henceforth utterly void, and all payments thereon forfeited, subject to be revived and renewed only by act of the part 1st of the first part, or the mutual agreement of both parties.

In Testimony Whereof, the said first and second parties have caused this contract to be signed, sealed and delivered in duplicate the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF

H. A. Mc Donald

J. Herman

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Taylor County,

Personally came before me this 29th day of Nov., A. D. 1919, the within named

L. F. Hammel, by Joseph Laet, and Cornelius Van Laarhoven,

to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same.

Received for Record this 3 day of

May, A. D. 1920 at 11:25

o'clock, A. M.

J. H. Benn

Register.

L. F. Hammel, (Seal)

by Joseph Laet (Seal)

Cornelius Van Laarhoven (Seal)

Notary Public, Taylor County, Wis.

My Commission expires April 15th A. D. 1923

NUMBER

67573.

L. F. Hammel and Idaline R. Hammel, his wife

grantors of Chicago, Cook County, ^{Illinois} Wisconsin, hereby

Convey and Warrant to George Rothhammer and Rudmilla Rothhammer, his wife or the survivor of either of them

grantee of _____ County, Wisconsin, for the sum of
 One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations _____ DOLLARS,
 the following tract of land in Taylor _____ County, in the State of Wisconsin:

The East Half ($E\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northwest Quarter ($NW\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Eleven (11) Township Thirty (30) Range One (1) East, together with all improvements thereon, subject to mortgage of Twenty five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) which the grantee herewith assume and agree to pay.

(This Deed is given in accordance with a certain land contract between L. F. Hammel & Cornelius Van Laarhoven, dated November 29th, 1919, and warrants only to acts of the grantors

RECORDARY
 Stamp
 Value \$ 3.50
 Property
 Canceled

Witness, the hand and seal of said grantor, this first day of May A. D. 1920

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Dorothy Schwartz

Arthur Zielke

L. F. Hammel (SEAL)

Idaline R. Hammel (SEAL)

(SEAL)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF ^{Illinois} ~~Wisconsin~~,
 Cook COUNTY, ss.

Personally came before me this first day of May A. D. 1920

the above named L. F. Hammel and Idaline R. Hammel

to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Received for Record this 3 day of

at 1 1/2 o'clock P. M. May A. D. 1920

Register.

Deputy Register.



Dorothy Schwartz,
 Notary Public, Cook County, Ill.

My Commission Expires March 27th 1922 A.D.

NUMBER

68938

This Indenture, Made by George Rothhammer and Rudmilla Rothhammer each in his own right and as husband and wife grantor of Taylor County, Wisconsin, hereby conveys and warrants to Martin Van Laashoven and Rudmilla Rothhammer, for life and the remainder to the survivors of them grantee of Taylor County, Wisconsin, for the sum of One dollar and other good and valuable considerations the following tract of land in Taylor County, State of Wisconsin;

The East half of the Northwest quarter of Section Eleven (11) Township Thirty (30) North, of Range One (1) East, containing 80 acres, more or less, according to government survey thereof.

Subject to one mortgage of \$2500.00 given to Max Loeb on Jan. 16, 1917, which grantees assume and agree to pay.

RECORDED
SEP 15
1920
J. H. BENN
REGISTER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said grantor S. H. H. hereunto set their hand and seal this 22nd day of

September, A. D., 1920.

Signed and Sealed in Presence of

H. H. Koehler

Geo. F. Meyer

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Taylor County.

Personally came before me, this 22nd day of September, A. D., 1920, the above named George Rothhammer and Rudmilla Rothhammer his wife

to me known to be the person S who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Received for Record this 24 day of

Sept A. D. 1920, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

J. H. Benn
Register of Deeds.



H. H. Koehler
Notary Public Taylor County, Wis.

My commission expires Apr 27 A. D., 1924

Cornelius And Jacoba (Wouters) Van Laarhoven Move To Kimberly / Kaukauna, Wisconsin

In 1920, Cornelius and Jacoba returned to Kimberley, Wisconsin to make their home there. During the period which Cornelius and Jacoba owned their property in Little Black, Jacob (Wouters) Van Laarhoven was very ill with breast cancer.²⁶ She suffered terribly with cancer of the breast, which fairly ate her up.²⁷

Cornelius sold his homestead on July 25, 1922. Cornelius and Jacoba were living in Kaukauna, Wisconsin on the date the homestead deed was signed. Then on February 20, 1923, Cornelius sold Peter's homestead. Cornelius and Jacoba were still living in Kaukauna, Wisconsin on the date that deed was signed.

Bernice (Van Laarhoven) Geiger explained that her parents, Henry and Marie Van Laarhoven, were living with Cornelius and Jacoba (Wouters) Van Laarhoven in 1923. She explained that Cornelius went back to Holland in 1923, but did not take his wife with him. Bernice said the reason Cornelius did not take his wife to Holland was not a money issue. Instead, Cornelius claimed that if Jacoba went to Holland, she would not return. Bernice further explained that Jacoba just cried and cried because she could not go to Holland with Cornelius. Bernice said at the time, she was not living with her parents, but her mother told her the story. By the time Bernice was born in Kimberly, Henry and Marie had moved out and were living in their own home.

| Passenger Records For The <u>Nieuw Amsterdam</u> , Holland ²⁸ | |
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| Arrival April 22, 1923 At The Port of New York | |
| First Name: Cornelius | |
| Last Name: Laarhoven | |
| Ethnicity: | |
| Last Place of Residence: Kaukauna, Wisc. | |
| Date of Arrival: Apr 22, 1923 | |
| Age at Arrival: 58y Gender: M Marital Status: M | |
| Ship of Travel: Nieuw Amsterdam | |
| Port of Departure: Rotterdam, Holland | |
| Manifest Line Number: 0001 | |

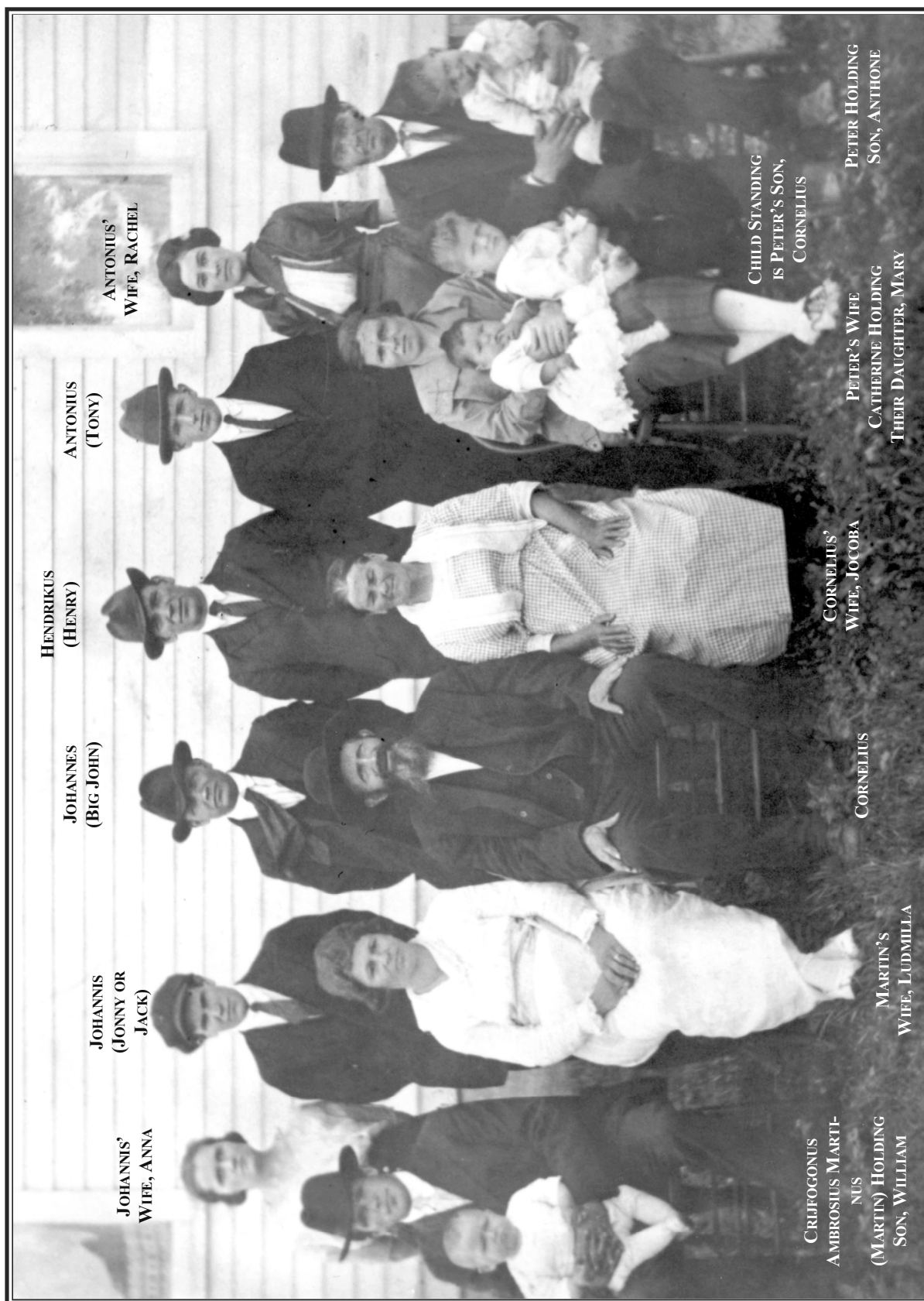
The Nieuw Amsterdam left Rotterdam, Holland on April 10, 1923. There were 938 passengers on the Nieuw Amsterdam when it arrived in the Port of New York on April 22, 1923. According to the Nieuw Amsterdam's manifest, Cornelius was married, naturalized in Malta, Montana on December 19, 1917 and his home was in Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

Probably Cornelius and Jacoba had a family picture taken in anticipation of Cornelius' trip to Holland. The family picture probably was taken when Martin and Ludmilla's son, William, was about 1-2 years old. William was born in 1921 so the picture probably was taken about 1922-23, just about the time Cornelius was planning his trip to Holland. Certainly, the picture had to have been taken prior to May 23, 1923, Tony Van Laarhoven's date of death.

²⁶ Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold

²⁷ Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold

²⁸ The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.'s website: <http://www.ellisland.org>, Cornelius Laarhoven, Apr 22, 1923, Rotterdam, Holland - Ln 0001, p. 0243.



CORNELIUS AND JACOBA (WOUTERS) VAN LAARHOVEN FAMILY PICTURE

AT THE TIME THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN ALL FAMILY MEMBERS' WERE ADULTS AND CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THIS PICTURE ALSO INCLUDES FAMILY MEMBER'S' SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.

THEODORUS IS NOT IN THIS PICTURE. HE WAS ALIVE, BUT CORNELIUS WAS MAD AT THEODORUS BECAUSE HE ORDERED HIS BRIDE THROUGH A CANADIAN MAGAZINE.

ALSO THEODORUS' WIFE FELL FACE FIRST INTO A FIREPLACE AND BURNED HER FACE .

THIS INDENTURE, Made the 3rd day of July A.D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty two between Cornelius Van Laarhoven and Jacoba Van Laarhoven, his wife, of Kaukauna, Wis. part of the first part; and O. M. Corwin of Minneapolis, Minnesota the party of the second part;

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One & 00/100 Dollars (\$1.00) lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand paid by said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged; and other valuable considerations do by these presents grant, bargain, sell, convey, warrant and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, the hereinafter described real estate, situated in the city or town of County of Phillips, and state of Montana, to-wit:

The east half of the east half of section thirty five
in Township twenty nine north of Range thirty two
East of the Montana Meridian containing one hundred
sixty acres more or less according to the Government
survey thereof

TOGETHER, with all and singular the hereinbefore described premises together with all tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and also all the estate, right, title, interest, right of dower and right of homestead, possession, claim, and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said part of the first part, of, in or to the said premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises unto the said party of the SECOND PART, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said parties of the FIRST PART, and their heirs, do hereby covenant that they will forever warrant and defend all right, title and interest in and to the said premises and the quiet and peaceable possession thereof, unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, against the acts and deeds of the said parties of the first part, and all and every person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

This deed given subject to mortgages of record to Wells-Dickey Company and 1921 taxes

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first hereinbefore written.

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| Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of) | Cornelius Van Laarhoven (SEAL) |
| Joseph W Lefevre) | Jacoba Van Laarhoven (SEAL) |
| Genevieve DeBry) | (SEAL) |
| | (SEAL) |

(\$1.50 revenue stamps attached, cancelled)

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
County of Outagamie)

On this 25 day of July in the year nineteen hundred and twenty two before me Joseph Lefevre a Notary Public for the state of Montana, personally appeared Cornelius Van Laarhoven and Jacoba Van Laarhoven, his wife, known to me (Or proved to me on oath of) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial seal, the day and year first above written.

Joseph W Lefevre
Notary Public for the state of Wisconsin
Residing at Kaukauna, Wis.
(NOTARIAL SEAL) *My Commission expires APRIL 25, 1926*

Filed for record this 2nd day of September, 1922, at 11 o'clock A. M.

W. G. Schneider

CLERK & RECORDER.

BY *J. A. Roadhouse*

DEPUTY

Doc. No. 62858

THIS INDENTURE Made the 20 day of February A. D. one thousand nine hundred and three BETWEEN Cornelius Van Laarhoven and Jacoba Van Laarhoven, his wife; of Kaukauna, State of Wisconsin, parties of the FIRST PART; and J. F. Kilduff of Malta, Phillips County, Montana the party of the SECOND PART;

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the FIRST PART, for and in consideration of the sum of One and no/100 Dollars (\$1.00) lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand paid by said party of the SECOND PART, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged; do by these presents grant, bargain, sell, convey, warrant and confirm unto the said party of the SECOND PART, and to his heirs and assigns forever, the hereinafter described real estate, situated in the, County of Phillips and State of Montana, to-wit:

Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$), North half of Southwest Quarter (N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$), and Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-six (26), in Township Twenty-nine (29) North, Range Thirty-two (32) East, Montana Meridian, Montana, containing 160 acres, more or less, according to the United States Government survey thereof.
(50¢ revenue stamp attached and cancelled.)

TOGETHER, with all and singular the hereinbefore described premises together with all tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and also all the estate, right, title, interest, right of dower and right of homestead, possession, claim, and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said party of the FIRST PART, of, in or to the said premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises unto the said party of the SECOND PART, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said parties of the FIRST PART, and their heirs, do hereby covenant that they will forever WARRANT AND DEFEND all right, title and interest in and to the said premises and the quiet and peaceable possession thereof, unto the said party of the SECOND PART his heirs and assigns against the acts and deeds of the said parties of the FIRST PART, and all and every person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the FIRST PART have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first hereinbefore written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the Presence of
Joseph W Lefevre
Laura Grode

Cornelius Van Laarhoven ((SEAL))
Jacoba Van Laarhoven ((SEAL))
((SEAL))
((SEAL))

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
SS.
COUNTY OF OUTAGAMIE)

On this 20 day of February in the year nineteen hundred and twenty three before me a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared Cornelius Van Laarhoven and Jacoba Van Laarhoven, his wife; known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year first above written.

Joseph W Lefevre

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Notary Public for the State of Wisconsin,
and County of Outagamie
Residing at Kaukauna, Wisconsin
My commission expires 4/25-26

Filed for record this 12th day of April, A. D. 1923, at 3 o'clock P. M.

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J. F. Roadhouse CLERK & RECORDER

Cornelius Van Laarhoven Died Nov. 11 at Kaukauna

Cornelius Van Laarhoven, 81, former Taylor county resident, died of old age complications at Kaukauna Sunday, November 11. His burial took place in that city Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the Holy Cross cemetery, following funeral services at St. Mary's Catholic church.

Cornelius Van Laarhoven was born in the Netherlands August 14, 1864. He came to the States October 12, 1911 and prior to 1918, when he came to Taylor county, he lived at Kimberly, Wis., and in the state of Montana. He was engaged in farming in the town of Little Black, the farm now operated by his son Martin.

Survivors include four sons: John, Kaukauna; Theodore, Green Bay; Martin, Medford; John, Merrill; fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Martin Van Laarhoven of Medford went down to Kaukauna last week to attend his father's funeral.

CORNELIUS VAN LAARHOVEN'S OBITUARY³⁰

while he was living in Kaukauna on Canel Street.

Cornelius Van Laarhoven died on November 11, 1945 in the City of Kaukauna, Outagamie County, Wisconsin where he was residing.³¹ He was 81 years, 2 months and 24 days old. His death certificates indicates he was born on August 18, 1864 in Holland. His father was Peter Van Laarhoven. His mother's name is Marie Van Grinsven. Both of Cornelius' parents were born in Holland. At the time of his death, Cornelius was a retired farmer and a widower. He died of mycortitis senility due to senile gangrene. Cornelius is buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Kaukauna, Wisconsin. His son, John G.A. Van Laarhoven provided the information on Cornelius' death certificate.

Jacoba died February 4, 1929 in Vanden Broek Township, Kaukauna, Outagamie County, Wisconsin where she resided.²⁹ She was 66 years, 11 months and 3 days old when she died. Her cause of death was influenza which she had for 35 days. Her death certificate indicates that at her death, she was a housewife married to Cornelius Van Laarhoven. Jacoba is buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Kaukauna, Wisconsin. Cornelius Van Laarhoven provided the information contained in the Jacoba's death certificate.

Jacoba (Wouters) Van Laarhoven's death certificate indicates she was born March 1, 1862 in Holland. Her remembrance card says she was born in Mid-delbeers, Netherlands on March 1, 1862 and died in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, February 4, 1929. Her father's name was Johannus Wolters, although LaVerne (Van Laarhoven) Zastrow's research and information indicates Jacoba's father's name was Willem Wouters, and Jacoba's remembrance card indicates her name was spelled Jacoba Wouters. Her mother's name was Elizabeth An-soms. Both of Jacoba's parents were born in Holland.

No obituary was found for Jacoba. According to LaVerne (Van Laarhoven) Zastrow, her grandfather, Cornelius Van Laarhoven, had the remembrance card print in English and Dutch. The remembrance card was given to friends and relatives, including relatives in Holland.

Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold explained that Cornelius lived with her parents, Martin and Ludmilla, when Josephine was about 17-18 years old. She also explained that when she was about 8-10 years old she visited Cornelius

29 Jacoba Van Laarhoven's Death Certificate, No. 225 dated February 7, 1929, Register of Deeds, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

30 "Cornelius Van Laarhoven's Obituary," *Star News*, Thursday, November 22, 1945, p. 10, Medford, Wisconsin.

31 Cornelius Van Laarhoven's Death Certificate, No. 750, dated November 15, 1945, Register of Deeds, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

Cornelius Van Laarhoven

Cornelius Van Laarhoven, 81, died at 11:30 Sunday morning at the home of his son, John Van Laarhoven, 212 Dodge street, Kaukauna, after a long illness.

He was born in Holland, Aug. 18, 1864, and came from there to Kimberly in 1911. He later moved to Montana but returned in 1920 to make his home in Kaukauna.

Survivors are four sons, John, Kaukauna; Theodore, Green Bay; Martin, Medford; and Johan, Merrill. He has 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was a member of St. Mary Catholic church, Kaukauna, and the Holy Name society of Holy Cross church, Kaukauna.

The funeral cortege will form at 8:30 Wednesday morning at the Fargo funeral home, Kaukauna, with church services at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Mary Catholic church, Kaukauna. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery, Kaukauna, with the Rev. Joseph Esdepsky in charge.

CORNELIUS VAN LAARHOVEN'S OBITUARY
UNKNOWN NEWSPAPER



JACOBA (WOUTERS) VAN LAARHOVEN



Pray for the Soul of
JACOBA WOUTERS,

wife of
CORNELIUS VAN LAARHOVEN,
born at Middelbeers, Netherlands,
March 1, 1862, and frequently fortified with the last Sacraments died at Kaukauna, Wisconsin, February 4, 1929.

The death of the just is precious, the end of their suffering, the completion of their victory, the gate of Heaven, the entrance to perfect happiness.

Farewell, beloved husband and dear children; I have loved you during life and I will not forget you in heaven; seek first the kingdom of heaven and His justice and all things shall be added unto you.

Jesus. I give you my heart and my life.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, that I may rest peacefully in your holy company.

Our Father. Hall Mary.

R. I. P.

JACOBA (WOUTERS) VAN LAARHOVEN'S
REMEMBRANCE CARD



CORNELIUS VAN LAARHOVEN'S GRAVE MARKER
HOLY CROSS CEMETERY—KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN.



JACOBA (WOUTERS) VAN LAARHOVEN'S
GRAVE MARKER
HOLY CROSS CEMETERY—KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Department of Health—Bureau of Vital Statistics
COPY OF DEATH RECORDRegistered No. 223County Outagamie
Township Van den Broek
Village or
City or(No. of death occurred in hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number) St. Ward

2 FULL NAME

Residence No. R1 Geert Van Laarhoven St. WardLength of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Married5a If Married, Widowed, or Divorced, give name of HUSBAND (or) WIFE Cornelius Van Laarhoven6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) Mar 1 - 18627 AGE Years 66 Months 11 Days 3 If LESS than 1 day, hours or min.8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Housewife(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Corn Home9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Holland10 NAME OF FATHER Johannus Wolters11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country) Holland12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Anson13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or country) Holland14 Informant (Address) R1 Bauckama15 Filled Mar 9, 1927 Registrar Victor VianeFilled 1927

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day and year) Feb. 4 - 192717 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan. 11927 to Feb. 4, 1927; that I last saw her alive on Feb. 3, 1927, and that death occurred on the date stated above at m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Influenza(Duration) yrs. mos. 35 ds.

NOT VALID FOR

18 WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED, IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH?

Did an operation precede death? no Date of noWas there an autopsy? noWhat test confirmed diagnosis? chimed(SIGNED) J. W. Gargo M. D.

* State the disease causing death, or in deaths from violent causes state (1) means and nature of injury; and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL Holy Cross Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL 2/8/192720 UNDERTAKER B. W. Gargo ADDRESS Bauckama

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

Write plainly with Unfading Ink—This Is a Permanent Record

DO NOT distribute these blanks to undertakers or other persons required to report deaths to you. All original certificates must be sent to the state office with the monthly reports.

WISCONSIN STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics

Copy Certificate of DEATH

Local Registrar's No. _____

Do not write or stamp anything on face of certificate except in answer to questions asked there.

1. PLACE OF DEATH:

(a) County Outagamie
(b) Township _____
or
City or Village City Kaukauna
(c) Name of hospital or institution _____
(d) Street No. 212 Dodge St
(if rural, give Route No. and Post Office)
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.?

Reserved for coding

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

Cornelius Van Laarhoven

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State Wis (b) County Outagamie
(c) Township _____
or
City or Village City Kaukauna
(d) Street No. 212 Dodge St
(if rural, give Route No. and Post Office)
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.?

3. (a) FULL NAME Cornelius Van Laarhoven
(b) If veteran, name war _____ No. _____
(c) Social Security _____

4. Sex M 5. Color or race W 6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced W

6. (b) Name of husband or wife _____ (c) Age of husband or wife _____ years.

7. Birth date of deceased Aug. 18th 1864 (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years 81 Months 2 Days 24 If less than one day _____ hr. _____ min.

9. Birthplace Holland (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Occupation and industry or business Terired Farmer

11. Name Peter Van Laarhoven

12. Birthplace Holland (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

13. Maiden name Not Known

14. Birthplace Holland (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

15. (a) Informant John G. A. VanLaarhoven

(b) Address Kaukauna, Wis

16. (a) Burial (b) Date thereof 11/14/45 (Mo.) (Da.) (Yr.)

(c) Place: burial or cremation Holy Cross Kaukauna

17. (a) Signature of funeral director B.W. Fargo

(b) Address Kaukauna, Wis

18. (a) 11/21/45 (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____

(Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature) (Sub-registrar's signature)

19. Date of Death: Month 11 Day 11th Year 1945
20. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 11/1 1945 to 11/8 1945 that I last saw him alive on 11/8 1945 and that death occurred on the date stated above at A.M.

Immediate cause of death Myocarditis senility
Due to senile gangrene
Due to _____
Other conditions (include pregnancy within 3 months of death) _____
Major findings: NOT VALID FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES
Of autopsy _____
Physician _____
Underline the cause to which death should be charged stat-
istically.

21. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, homicide (specify) _____
(b) Date of occurrence _____
(c) Where did injury occur? _____ (City, village or township, county and state)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in in-
dustrial place, in public place? _____
While at work? _____ (Specify type of place)
(e) Means of injury _____
Signature A. Kremer M.D. (M. D. or other)
Address Kaukauna, Wis Date signed 11/15/45

Queried