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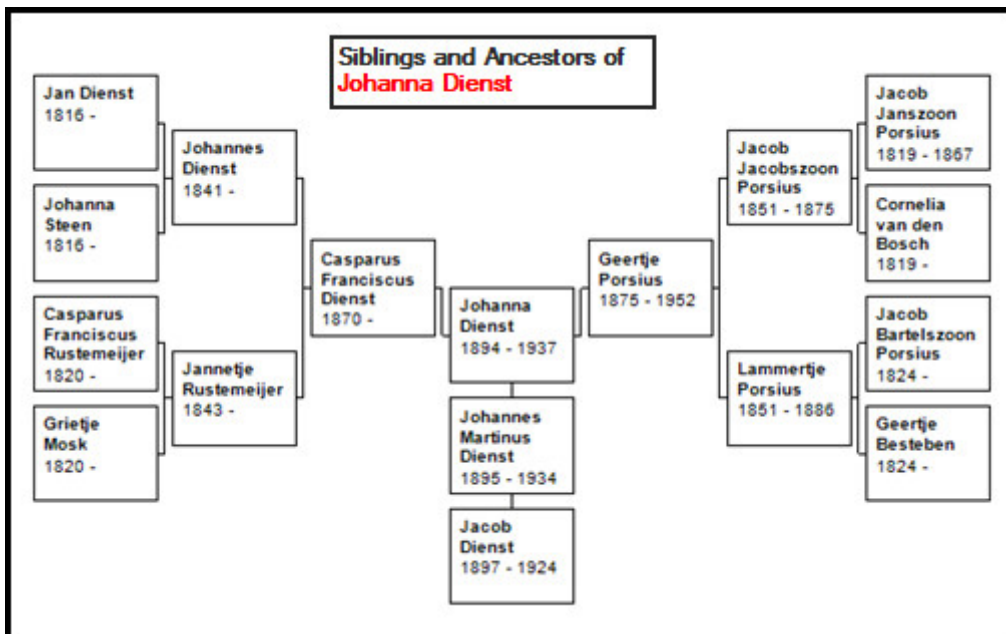
# DIENST/PORSIUS FAMILY PAGE



*Johanna Dienst*

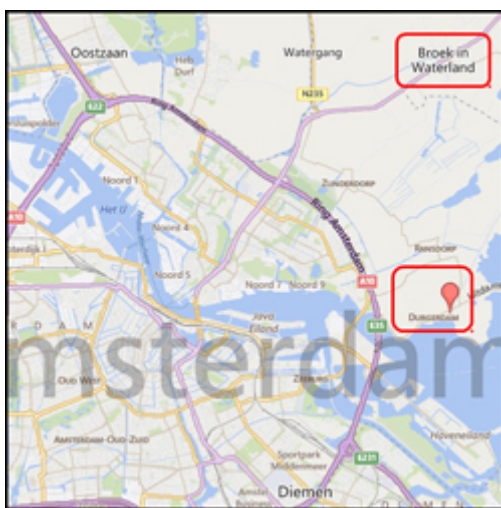
## About the Dienst/Porsius family

Johanna (Jo) Dienst is William (Bill) Van Raaphorst's mother and Anna's stepmother.



Jo Dienst's siblings and ancestors

Dienst and Porsius ancestors were living in the area north of Amsterdam (Waterland) around 1800. Jo's parents moved independently to Amsterdam, and they were married there.

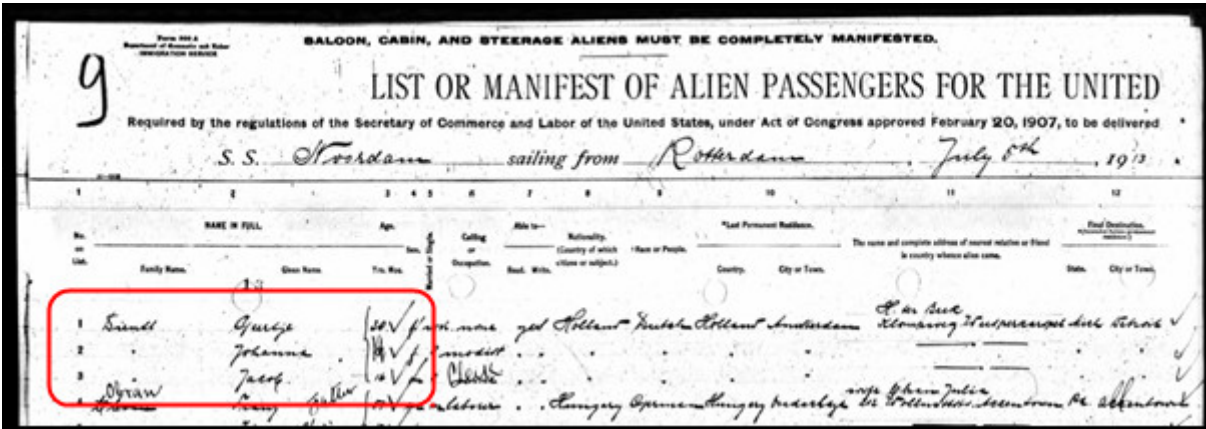


Map showing the Waterland area north of Amsterdam

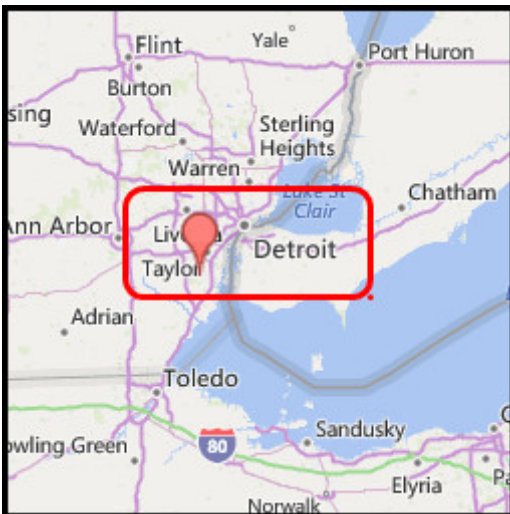


Map of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Jo's father apparently died about 1910. In 1912 Jo's brother Johannes immigrated to the United States. In 1913 Jo's mother Gertrude (Geertje), Jo, and Jo's other brother Jacob also migrated, sailing from Rotterdam on the SS Nordam (Holland America Line). The Dienst family arrived in New York and settled in Detroit, Michigan.



Passenger list for Jo's migration to the U.S.



Map of Detroit, Michigan

By about 1914, brother Jacob had returned to the Netherlands, where he married in 1920. He died in Rotterdam at age 27.

**BS Overlijden met Jacob Dienst**

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|--------------------|---|
| Overledene:        | Jacob Dienst <sup>Q</sup>               |
| Relatiesoort:      | Overledene                              |
| Geboorteplaats:    | Amsterdam                               |
| Leeftijd:          | 27 jaar                                 |
| Vader:             | Casparus Franciscus Dienst <sup>Q</sup> |
| Relatiesoort:      | Vader                                   |
| Moeder:            | Geertje Porsius <sup>Q</sup>            |
| Relatiesoort:      | Moeder                                  |
| Relatie:           | Aaltje van Otegem <sup>Q</sup>          |
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*Jacob Dienst's death record*

Mother Geertje, daughter Jo, and son John stayed in Detroit, where Jo worked as a milliner and married John van Raaphorst in 1917.



Jo Dienst



John and Jo van Raaphorst



Elisabeth (Tante Bets) van Raaphorst Immig and the John van Raaphorst family



Jo and Bill van Raaphorst at their house in Port Huron, Michigan

Jo and brother John both died in their 30s, John in 1934 and Jo in 1937. Geertje made a visit to the Netherlands in 1922, and continued to live in the Detroit area for many years. She died at age 77 in Port Huron, Michigan.

## Ancestor surnames

- Bestebeben
- Dienst
- Meijer
- Mosk
- Porsius
- Posch
- Rustemeijer
- Steen
- van den Bosch

## Unanswered questions about the Diensts

- What is the date of Jo's father's death? What was the cause of death?
- Why did Jo's brother Jacob go back to the Netherlands?
- Are any of Jo's brother John's descendants still alive? If so, where do they live?