











In 1881 my Father's cousin Johannes Jacobs Verwey came to America with wife and two daughters Kate and Laura. At the age of 52 Mrs Kate was married to Leonard Mol. Left no children. The writer was married to Laura in 1904. Laura died in 1955 and left 2 daughters. My father in law had four sons and one daughter born in this country. George or Gilles, never married. Cornelis, married, had no children. John and Cora, neither one married. The youngest son Abraham Verwey not married and had a large family, 7 children I think 5 sons and four daughters.

In 1892 the above was instrumental in bringing my father and his family to America. My father's name was Johannes Verwey and my mother's name was Margaretha Jozine Talbot. They brought with them 6 sons and 2 daughters named as follows: Johannes, Hendrik (he died in 1894 as the result of sunstroke at the age of 20 years.) Teeltje now a widow by name of Pollie, Abraham, Martia C. Lena now Mrs Jacob van Tingen, Adrian L. B. and Vincent Verwey.

Except my Mother we were all born on the island of St. Philips, land, one of the islands comprising the Province of Zeeland. This island became a peninsula in the year 1861 when it was connected with the province of Noord-Brabant.

We left the village on the 27th day of May 1892, by horses and wagon to the city of Dren on Zoom about 16 miles from there by train to the city of Antwerp in Belgium. Saturday May 29th we left that port on the boat S.S. Westernland of the Red Star Line. Then about half way across there was a severe storm for about two days so that most of the grownups were seasick but it did not seem to affect the younger ones. We arrived in Grand Rapids on the 10th day of June 1892.