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FRENCH:—D'Argent à la fasce d'or; à quatre ailes-de-moulin au naturel posées en sautier et réunies par une mâcle de sable, brochante sur le tout.

Casque: Lambraquins d'argent et d'or.

Cimier: Un vol antique d'argent et de gueulles.

DUTCH:—In silver een gouden dwarsbalk en vier molenwieken van natuurlijke kleur en in het middel vereenigd door een swarte malie. Helm met silver-gouden dekkleeden.

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I. PIETER TROMPER, whose name is also spelled Tromp, was born in the year 1460.

II. JACOB PIETERSZ TROMPER, his son, was born in Rotterdam at the time when Columbus set sail for the new world. Under the reign of Emperor Charles the Fifth, grandson of Ferdinand, King of Spain and Count of Holland, Jacob Tromper took office as City Counsellor of Rotterdam, which position he held from 1524 to 1540. He officiated as "schepen" or city deputy in 1527, 1529 and 1532; as city treasurer in 1535, 1538 and 1539; as burgo-master in 1527, 1529 and 1532, and as orphanmaster in 1533 and 1540. As grantor he transferred on June 17, 1540, a house called "het Gulden Hoofd" or "The Golden Head," situated on the Middledam at Rotterdam. At some date between July 22, 1540, and March 7, 1541, he must have died, for on the last named date his heirs possessed a house on the "Botersloot" (Butter-harbor). (See *Giftboeken*, p. 149.)

His wife was the daughter of Adriana Hubrecht. As his widow she appears in a conveyance in 1546 where she transferred a house on the "Lambert straet" at the north of the lot belonging to St. Elisabeth's Home. Issue:

* EDITOR'S NOTE:—These investigations were made in Holland at the request of Judge Alphonso Trumpbour Clearwater of this Society, a descendant of the Pieter Tromper who was born in Rotterdam in 1460.

The name in America is variously spelled Tromper, Trumper, Trumpbour, Trumpboud, Trompbor, Trombor, Tremper, Trimper, Trimpur.

1. Adriaen Tromper, who follows under III.
2. Jacob Jacobsz Tromper; he is sometimes called VanDuyn, probably the family name of his maternal grandfather, in order to distinguish him from his father, Jacob Tromper, senior. He was councillor of the city of Rotterdam from 1558 to 1563, and schepen in 1562. From 1550 to 1562 he is mentioned as the owner of "The Golden Head."
3. Jan Jacobsz Tromper, born in 1523. On March 26, 1588, he is mentioned as being 63 years old. (See Notarial Records, Rotterdam, not. publ., Symons, folio 18.) In November, 1561, he conveyed a house on the "Pannekoek steg" or "Pancake side-street," and on March 7, 1560, a house on the Middledam, outside the walls. His name also appears in a deed of Aug. 12, 1562. His first marriage with a daughter of Franck Wagenveldt, was without issue. He married (2) Maritgen Goossens Groenhout, widow of Wolfert van Ryn, by whom he had three daughters:
 - i. Grietje Tromper, m in 1622, Cornelius Termaet.
 - ii. Marritje Tromper, m. Hobbe Winter.
 - iii. Elisabeth Tromper.
4. Cornelis Jacobsz Tromper, schepen of Rotterdam from 1558 to 1561; he was active as treasurer of private institutions in 1564. In Dec., 1561, he was living at Rotterdam at the "Nupoirt" or the "New Gate." (See Notarial Archives, not. pub., Symons, folio 25.) He married a daughter of Dirck Barentsz Groenhout, a second cousin of his brother Jan's second wife. They had a daughter:
 - i. Maritgen Tromper, who m. Cornelis deHooge.
5. Albrecht Tromper, schepen of Rotterdam between 1564 and 1570; trustee of St. Elisabeth's Home in 1566. He was burgomaster of Rotterdam from 1568 to 1573, lived on "Wagenstraet, west," and died at his home on Oct. 9, 1594. His name appears in several deeds, for instance on Sept. 9, 1564, Dec. 15, 1582, May 11, 1583, Dec. 16, 1591, and Sept. 25, 1592. He acquired a house in the Eastern Quarter of the city "on the Ditch," on Oct. 7, 1562. His wife, Gertruyd Gerrits Cool, died at her home on "Wagenstraet West," on Sept. 12, 1594, four weeks before her husband. She was a daughter of Gerrit Adriaensz Cool,* magistrate at Rotterdam. Issue:

* Barent Jacobsz Cool, the first American ancestor of the Cool family here, who emigrated in New Amsterdam in 1625, belonged to the same family. His line upward to the common ancestor Adriaen Cool, 1450, is in my archives, L. P. deBoer. His father died at LaRochelle, France.

- i. Pieter Tromper; he is mentioned with his sister, on Jan. 28, 1598.
 - ii. Meynsge Tromper, who m. Ysnout Ysnoutsz Van Nes, Aug. 14, 1588. He was a brother of Jan Ysnoutsz VanNes, burgomaster of Leyden.
6. Hurbrecht Jacobse Tromper, mentioned in the year 1564. His children were:
- i. Egbert Tromper, mentioned in 1588. He married Grietje Cornelis, who was his widow in May, 1593. On May 17, their uncle, Adriaen Jacobsz Tromper, became guardian of his minor children.
 - ii. Pieter Tromper, mentioned on March 22, 1588.
 - iii. Meynsge Tromper, m. Joost Adriaensz Clinckebyl, a ship carpenter of importance at Rotterdam. She d. on Dec. 26, 1599; he on May 8, 1600.
7. William Jacobsz Tromper, moved from Rotterdam to Gouda, also a city in South Holland. (The Archives there have not been searched for his biography or posterity.)
8. Catryn Jacobs Tromper, married Harmen Jansz Cooren and later Pieter Hendricksz VanNeck, a magistrate at Rotterdam.
9. Machteld Jacobs Tromper, married Gerrit Dircksz Vander Moelen, and later Joost Fyck Dircksz Van Hove, both Rotterdam magistrates.

III. ADRIAEN JACOBsz TROMPER, councillor of the city of Rotterdam from 1542 to 1558; schepen, 1542, 1543, 1547 and 1553, and city treasurer in 1557. He lived on the "Hooghstraet" or "High street" at Rotterdam (see Cohier Vanden io den Penning). The house called "St. Joris" (St. George) on the Middledam, transferred to him by his father-in-law, Jan Gybertsz van Soelen, on Feb. 6, 1550, he conveyed on Feb. 20, 1559, to his son Gysbert Tromper. A deed of June 11, 1560, mentions the same house. Adriaen Jacobsz Tromper died between Feb. 20, 1559, and June 14, 1559. His wife was Catharina VanSoelen, daughter of Jan Van Soelen, a Rotterdam magistrate. They had the following children, most of whom were minors at the time of their father's death:

- 1. Gysbert (or Gisebrecht) Tromper, who follows under IVa.
- 2. Pieter Tromper, who follow under IVb.
- 3. Machteld Tromper, who married Frans Cornelisz Kievit, treasurer of the war department of the Dutch Republic, whose brother was Claes Cornelis Kievit.
- 4. Jacob Tromper. On March 8, 1567, he is mentioned as a young man belonging to the militia at Brielle, a city a few miles to the southwest of Rotterdam.*

* There are several notes on the branch of the Tromper or Tromp family at Brielle, to which also the great naval hero, Maerten Harpertsz Tromp,

5. Adriaen Tromper, probably died in infancy.
6. Ingeltje Tromper, who married Isaack VanDerSluys; she died before Nov. 1, 1617.
7. Grietgen Tromper.

IVA. GYSBRECHT ADRIAENSZ TROMPER was councillor of Rotterdam from 1575 to 1613. He was a trustee of several public and private institutions, and also treasurer of "The Great Fishery Trust."* He is also mentioned in a letter of Nicolaes Lord Van Assendelft on Dec. 20, 1559 (see Leenregister, Kralingen, folio 151), and transferred a house on Middledam on June 20, 1562. He married Maria Elants van Hogendorp.† Her will bears date Feb. 17, 1592 (see Notarial Archives, not. pub., Symons). She died on March 13, 1595. The children of Gysbert Adriaensz Tromper and Maria Elants Van Hogendorp were:

1. Jan Tromper. He lived in "het Huys de Spiegel" or "the House the Mirror," on the Middledam at the north side near the "Hooghstraet." There he made his will on Nov. 3, 1620 (see Notarial Archives, not. pub., Symons). He must have died within the next four years, for the house, mentioned above, was sold by his heirs on Oct. 5, 1624 (see Giftboek, No. 19).
2. Ingeltje Tromper, married Jan Clementz vanGoor. On May 3, 1590, he had bought "The House the Mirror" which later became property of Jan Tromper. He died before July 4, 1611, and his widow before Feb., 1619.
3. Elandt Tromper, married Maertje Severyns van Beveren. They appear in deeds of June 28, 1597, May 22, 1600, and Nov., 12 and 22, 1602. Their children, who were of full age on Feb. 23, 1619, were:
 - i. Helena Tromper, who m. Hendryck duBois, and lived at Antwerp (see Contractboek, Feb. 23, 1619, folio 174).
 - ii. Ingeltje Tromper, m. at Rotterdam, April 19, 1617, Tieleman Hermansz.
 - iii. Maritje Tromper, m. Dirck Paets.
 - iv. Maritjen Tromper, m. at Rotterdam, 1585, Gerrit Heemskerk van Beest, seafarer and explorer, who d. in the Straits of Magellan in 1600, leaving minor children.

admiral of the Dutch Republic belonged. (Admiral Tromp's statue, as is well known, appears among those ornamenting the United States Custom House at Battery Place, New York.)

† This was the herring fishery trust; the whale fishery trust was called "the small fishery trust."

‡ Gysbert Carel Van Hogendorp, the statesman who in 1813 aided in the restoration of the princes of Orange in the Netherlands, belonged to the same family.

- v. Reynier Pietersz Tromper, who follows under Vb.
This line became extinct in the third generation.

IVB. PIETER ADRIAENSZ TROMPER, Jan. 5, 1590, was a trustee of many private institutions at Rotterdam. He married there in March, 1575, Aeltgen Adriaens, which marriage was not published before March 28, 1576. At that date it was confirmed (see Public Marriage Register, Rotterdam, folio 106, verso). Issue:

1. Arent Pietersz Tromper, born, as his mother stated at the date of the confirmation of the marriage, in 1575. He married (1) Jan. 25, 1605, Aefje van der Stock, who died in 1616; he married (2) Meynsge Adriaens van Hoogeveen. He himself died before Sept. 30, 1626, on which date were appointed guardians over his minor orphan children by the first marriage, their maternal grandfather, Eewout Jansz van der Stock and Claes Cornelis Kievit (see Register of Guardians, II, p. 620). Only one of the children is named, viz.:
 - i. Alida Tromper.
2. Annitgen Tromper, married Huybert van der Meer.
3. Adriaen Pietersz Tromper, who follows under Va.
4. Catherina Tromper, married Oct. 14, 1609, Jan Joppe Quackerneck, son of Job Jansz Quackerneck, burgo-master of Rotterdam (see Contractboek, p. 74).

As widower of Aeltgen Adriaens, Pieter Adriaensz Tromper(?) remarried Katryn, daughter of Daem Allewynsz van Nideck. Of this marriage one son was born.

VA. ADRIAEN PIETERSZ TROMPER is mentioned on Nov. 23, 1600, Nov. 17, 1617, and on June 15, 1621, in the contract book of the Schepens of Rotterdam. He must have died before Sept. 23, 1626. On that date are mentioned in "Giftboek" No. 20, his nephew and his brother, Simon Reyniersz Tromper, who with Arent Pietersz Tromper, were appointed guardians of the children left by the late Adriaen Pietersz Tromper, during his life Public Attorney of Rotterdam, to wit of the orphans Daem Adriaensz Tromper and Jacob Adriaensz Tromper, sons of the aforesaid Adriaen Tromper, Sept. 23, 1626. These guardians conveyed on behalf of the orphans on July 11, 1627, a house on the east side of the Botersloot (the butter harbor). This was very likely the ancestral house known as "The Golden Head."

Adriaen Pietersz Tromper and his wife Cornelia Claes van Driel, therefore had the following children:

1. Daem Tromper, married Maria Jans van der Speck.
2. Jacob Tromper. The Rotterdam archives simply state that he was an orphan child in 1626. Only through them was the direct male line from their grandfather Pieter Adriaensz Tromper continued, as is shown further on.

VB. REYNIER PIETERSZ TROMPER was councillor of the city of Rotterdam from 1615 to 1618, burgomaster in 1616 and 1617. In 1617 he was deputy of the High Mighty Lords, the States of Holland and West Friesland. He died at Rotterdam on May 1, 1618, in the house opposite the City Hall. His first wife Maritge Simons van Neck left him one child:

1. Simon Reyniersz Tromper, who follows under VIa.

His second wife was Adriana van Kels, called Post, born in 1574; died March 12, 1646; married Aug. 16, 1613. Issue:

1. Pieter Reyniersz Tromper, who died Oct. 22, 1647.
2. Johan Reyniersz Tromper, who died in 1667.

VIA. SIMON REYNIERSZ TROMPER is mentioned several times between 1621 and 1632. In 1626 he appears as one of the two guardians of his two minor cousins Daem Adriaensz Tromper and Jacob Adriaensz Tromper. He married, at Rotterdam, on Feb. 4, 1624, Catharina Ysbrants Kievit.* Simon Reyniersz Tromper died Aug. 7, 1637, and his wife, April 8, 1656. Issue:

1. Gertruyd Tromper, who married Arnold van Os.†
2. Maria Tromper, who married on Jan. 18, 1654, Dirck de Raet, Lord van Stelt.
3. Reynier Tromper, who died in 1628; at his death this line became extinct.
4. Margaretha Tromper, who died in 1621.
5. Anna Tromper, who died in 1653.
6. Catharina Tromper, who married Ferdinand Erlewyn.

That the two orphan boys of 1626, Daem Adriaensz Tromper and Jacob Adriaensz Tromper, were the only male persons to continue the direct line of their grandfather, Pieter Adriaensz Tromper (IVb), is proven by the following fact:

The line of the third and only remaining (married) grandson, Simon Reyniersz Tromper (VIa) died out with his only son Reynier Simonsz Tromper in 1628.

The line of Pieter Adriaensz Tromper's brother, Gysbert Adriaensz Tromper (IVa), was extinguished in the third following generation.

The line of Pieter Adriaensz Tromper's only other brother, Jacob Adriaensz Tromper, from which the naval hero Maerten Harpertsz Tromp probably sprang, continued at Brielle.

Thus conclusively showing that this latter line and that of the two orphan boys of 1626 were the only ones to continue the direct male line of Adriaen Jacobsz Tromper, councillor of Rotterdam from 1542 to 1558.

The only four possible continuers of the line of Adrian Jacobsz Tromper's father, Jacob Pietersz Tromper (II) are:

* She was very likely a sister of Willem Ysbrantz Kieft (or Kievit), the late governor of New Netherland.

† He was a relative of Dirck van Os (1556-1615), the chief of the three East India Company Directors, who gave Hendrick Hudson his instructions in 1609.

Pieter Albrechtsz Tromper (II, 5).
 Egbert Huybrechtsz Tromper (II, 6).
 Pieter Huybrechtsz Trumper (III, ii).
 William Jacobsz Tromper (II, 7).

Jacob Tromper, the orphan boy of 1626, is probably the first American ancestor of the Tromper family.

Although the notes concerning the branches in the Netherlands reach to the beginning of the 18th century, it seemed to be useless to extend the search much beyond the possible date of the first American ancestor's emigration.

The direct line of Jacob Tromper:

- I. Pietir Tromper, born 1460.
 - II. Son: Jacob Pietersz Tromper, died 1540-1541; married Adriana Aubrechts (VanDuyn?).
 - III. Oldest son (oldest child): Adriaen Jacobsz Tromper, died 1559; married Catharina Jans Van Soelen.
 - IVb. Second son (second child): Pieter Adriaensz Tromper, died after 1590; married 1575, Aeltgen Adriaens —.
 - Va. Second son (third child): Adriaen Pietersz Tromper, died 1626; married Cornelia Claes Van Driel.
- Second son (second child) Jacob Adriaensz Tromper, an orphan boy in 1626.

Persons who intermarried with members of the Tromper family at Rotterdam in the 16th and first half of the 17th century, as recited in the above pages:

Adriana Hubrechts (VanDuyn)*	Jan Clements Van Goor
Maritgen Goosens Groenhout†	Maertje Severeyns Van Beveren
Cornelis Ter Maat (Termaet)*	Hendryck du Bois*
Hobbe Winter*	Tielman Hermansz (Van Schelluynen?)†
Daughter of Dirck Barentsz Groenhout†	Dirck Paets†
Cornelis de Hooze*	Gerrit Van Heemskerk (Van Beest)*
Geertruyd Gerrits Cool*	Aefje Eewouts Van Der Stock
Ysnout Ysnoutsz Van Nes*	Meynsge Adriaens Van Hoogeven
Grietje Cornelis —	Huybrecht Vander Meer*
Joost Adriaens Clinckeyl	Jan Joppe Quackernack
Harmen Jansz Cooren*	Catryn Daemen Van Nydeck*
Pieter Hendricksz Van Neck*	Cornelia Van Driel
Gerrit Dircksz Van Der Moelen*	Adriana Van Kels Post*
Joost Fyck Dircksz Van Hove*	Catharina Ysebrants Kievit*
Catharina Jans Van Soelen	Arnold Van Os
Frans Cornelis Kievit*	Dirck de Raet*
Brother of Claes Cornelis Kievit*	Ferdinand Erlewyn
Isaack Van Der Sluys*	
Maria Elants Van Hogendorp	

Those family names among these which appear in the early records of New Amsterdam are marked *.

Those which appear in the records of Rensselaerwyck are marked †.

Most of these families like the Trompers were merchants and shipowners.

Some of the nearest relatives of Jacob Tromper, the Post, Kievit and de Raet families had great interests in the New Netherlands.

Places and houses in Rotterdam, closely related with the history of the Tromper family:

"Het Gulden Hoofd, ("The Golden Head"), standing on the Middeldam.

"de Botersloot" ("the Butter harbor").

"de Pannekoeksteeg" ("the Pancake side street").

"de Lambert straet."

"de Nupoirt" ("the New-gate").

"Het St. Elisabeths Gasthuys" ("the St. Elisabeth Home or Hospital").

"Wagenstraet West."

"the Eastern quarter on the Ditch."

"de Hooghstraet" ("the High street").

"Het Huys St. Joris" ("the House St. George") on the Middeldam.

"Het Huys de Spieghel" ("the House the Mirror") on the Middeldam.

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