

Source: the municipal archive of Groningen

1 We, mayors¹ in the college in Groningen, declare with this open and sealed letter, that the matrimony and
2 marriage, together with mutual friends, is planed, applied and decided between Sir Alexander Falconer, member of the Spokesman² and sworn
3 councillor and Artillery Master of this city, son of the deceased very honourable Sir William Falconer, Lord of Haulkertoun, in life district bailiff
of Maasland, and the deceased madam
4 Rembertina Maria van Ideckinghe, here with us as groom, and miss Margareta Clementia Keiser, daughter of Sir Jan Harmen Keiser, councillor
of this city,
5 and madam Johanna Clara Quintus, as bride on the other side; on following conditions: The groom and bride, together with their present mutual
friends, are
6 very satisfied with all the goods, the future husband and wife bring together, and what they possess at the moment, and all - in this marriage -
eventual future to inherit
7 properties, like bonds and interest papers, will not be common property, but will remain in uncommon property, and return and inherit to
8 that side of the family, where the person involved comes from: Profit and loss from that marriage will be half by half. The children, with which
God the Lord will bless that marriage,
9 will split their father's and mother's goods and inheritance into equal portions, without distinction of sons or daughters,
10 and inherit everything, also everyone the same equal portion for the remaining livings, when a child has died: The previous mentioned children
and their legal descendants, will represent their
11 respective died parents, for the whole heritage, and represent their parent's right and place, as if they still were living,
12 receiving such a portion, as what the deceased parent, if in life, would have inherited. If the groom would die before the bride, or the bride would
die before the groom,
13 without leaving behind a child or children from that marriage, it would have been the same as if that left behind, who would have died before the
longs living parent without legal descendents,
14 will enjoys the usufruct of all the inherited properties of the longs living: Besides that, the longest living of the
15 intending husband and wife will keep the ownership of the first died partner's properties and household goods. However, personal accessories,
among which the bride's jewellery and the groom's
16 library will be passed, after three month, to the friends of the first died partner: Furthermore, the future
17 husband and wife will have the right and the power to, in case there is a child or children, rule over the inherited properties and goods during
18 the life of the longest living: When a descendent child or children from both husband and wife, and when that child or children dies, after the
death of both husband and wife, without own

¹ At that time Groningen had 4 mayors, who rotated every 3 month

² Groningen had 24 councillors at that time. Three of them represented these councillors as spokesman (at that time called 'Taalmannen' in Dutch). Together with the 3 not-in-chair mayors, they formed the daily civil city administration, and were also responsible for jurisdiction.

19 decedents, then all the goods of that child or those children would have inherited from their father or mother, or inherited in any way from their
20 father's or mother's family after the death
21 of their father or mother, then the inheritance will go those parts of the family, from where these goods originally came from. These acquired
22 goods will be
23 divided into two equal portions. The heirs of this marriage are, for the groom's side: miss Bartha Johanna Falconer, Mrs Wibbina Sophia
24 Falconer
25 widow of the deceased Sir and Doctor Willem Andreas Baurmeister, in life a member of the Spokesman² and sworn councillor of this city, and
26 secretary of the court of justice, and
27 miss Susanna Helena Wilhelmina Falconer as full sisters. Mrs Quirina Jacoba van Persijn, appearer for her husband Sir Anthoon Adriaan
28 van Iddekinghe, mayor of Groningen, authorized as appearer by procuration of last July the 11th, seen and read by all of us, as full uncle and aunt
29 by marriage;
30 Mrs Sibilla Folkera Sichterman, dowager of the deceased Sir Rembt Tobias van Iddekinghe, cavalry colonel in duty of the nation, as aunt by
31 marriage;
32 Sir Berend van Iddekinghe, mayor of this city, at this moment deputy in the board of delegated states, as full uncle; Mrs Petronella
33 Wibbina Johanna van Iddekinghe, widow of the deceased Sir Heer Feijo Sickinghe, as full aunt; Sir Tobias Jan van Iddekinghe, collector general
34 of the county's city
35 and land, and Mrs Catharina Johanna Alberda, as full uncle and aunt by marriage: On the side of the bride: Sir and Doctor J.H.Keiser en Mrs
36 J.C.Quintus mentioned
above as father and mother, Sir and Doctor Gerhard Jacob Keiser, Lieutenant president of the high chamber of justice of the county's city and
land, as grandfather; Sir and Doctor Gerhard
Jacob Keiser, also member of the Spokesman² and sworn councillor and governor of the ecclesiastical good; Sir and Doctor Johan Hindrik
Keiser, member of the guild of
justice, as full brothers; Sir Theodorus Brunsveld Keiser, Lieutenant-Colonel in duty of the nation, and Mrs Anna Arendina Cornelia Tjassens
as uncle and aunt by marriage; afore-mentioned sworn and governor G.J.Keiser qualified and empowered by Sir and Doctor David
Thomassen à Theussink³, Mayor of the city of Zwolle, as uncle by marriage, according to a mandate dated July the 21st 17841, seen and read by
all of us; Sir and Doctor Samuel
Hindrik Keiser, collector Camerale Breuken⁴ of this county as uncle: Sir and Doctor Jacob Warmolt Keiser, secretary of the High Justice
Chamber of the
city and county, and Mrs Helena Elizabeth Lohman as uncle and aunt by marriage: Sir and Doctor Justus Datho Quintus, councillor of this city
and Mrs Catharine
Johanna Alberda, as cousin and cousin by marriage. Without suspicion or trick, this document is sealed with our city seal in the year 1700 eighty-
four

³ Mr. David Thomassen à Thuessink, mayor of Zwolle, married Maria Jacoba Keiser; after her death he remarried Elisabeth Maria Baelde in 1776.

⁴ Camerale Breuken: meaning unknown

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on the twenty-ninth of July.

Johan van Hoorn.

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Doctor Wiardus Siccama, Antoon Adreaan van Iddekinge, Hendrik Gockinga and

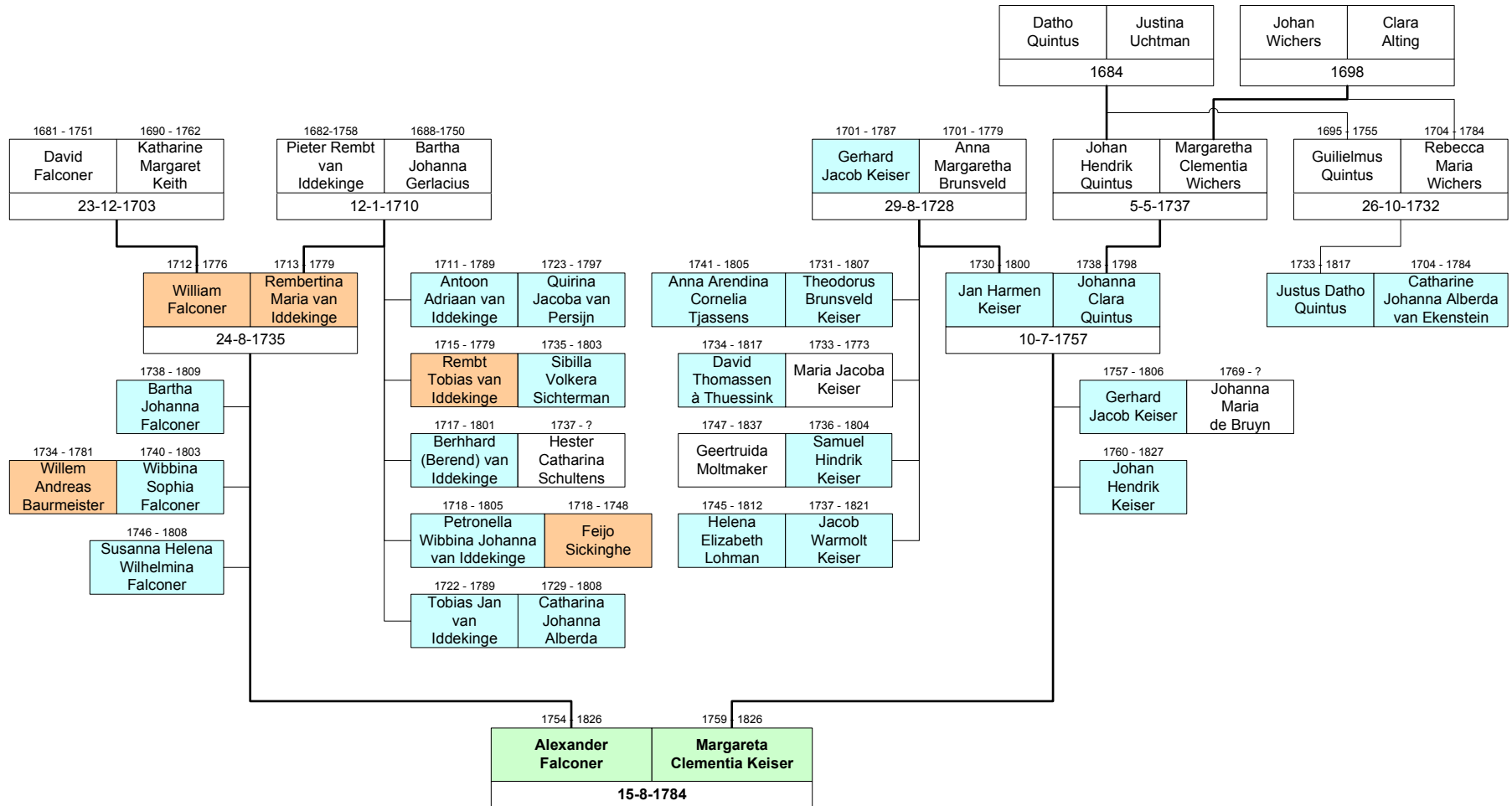
Mayors of our city.

J. Albers⁴

In ordinance of the city hall, deputies

W. Grantten⁴

Mentioned family members and their relation



- Legend:**
- Green bridal couple
 - Light Blue mentioned living persons at the time of the marital contract date
 - Orange mentioned deceased persons at the time of the marital contract date

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