



FAMILY INFORMATION

Father: *Eduard Gaelens*

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Marriage	Aug. 12, 1864	Oost Eeklo, East Flanders, Belgium
Death	July 13, 1887	Oost Eeklo, East Flanders, Belgium
Parents	<i>Peter Francies Gaelens & Marie Theresia Van Hoecke</i>	

Mother (Maiden Name): *Virginie Hollebosch*

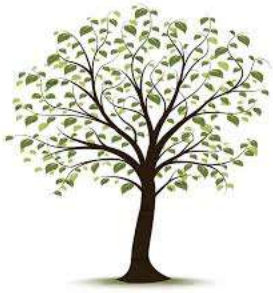
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Birth	Oct. 19, 1843	Oost Eeklo, East Flanders, Belgium
Marriage	Aug. 12, 1864	Oost Eeklo, East Flanders, Belgium
Death	Dec. 10, 1925	Bassevelde, East Flanders, Belgium
Parents	<i>Livinus Hollebosch & Livina Marie Lippens</i>	

Note: Virginie was 3 months pregnant when she got married.

Children:

Name	Event	Date	Place
Petrus (Pete)	Birth	Feb. 19, 1865	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage		
	Death	Oct. 20, 1938	Moline, Rock Island, Illinois
	Spouse		
Joannes Died at age 9	Birth	Mar. 3, 1866	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage		
	Death	Nov. 26, 1875	
	Spouse		
Augustus Died at 17 months	Birth	Apr. 25, 1867	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage		
	Death	Sept. 29, 1868	Died at 11:00
	Spouse		
Augustus the 2nd	Birth	Sept. 29, 1868	Born at 10:00
	Marriage		
	Death	July 1, 1915	Sint Jan Baptist, Zelzate,
	Spouse		
<i>Nathalie</i>	Birth	July 27, 1870	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage	August 12, 1893	Rock Island, Illinois
	Death	March 15, 1956	Elrose, Saskatchewan (Cancer of the Stomach)
	Spouse	<i>Bernard (Ben) Boerjan</i>	

It must have been terrible for Virginie; having a sick child while giving birth. I feel so sad for her.



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Name	Event	Date	Place
Elisa-Marie Died at 42 days old	Birth	Nov. 6, 1872	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage		
	Death	Dec. 17, 1872	
	Spouse		
Franciscus	Birth	Dec. 1873	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage		
	Death	May 4, 1962	
	Spouse	Maria Backe	
Charles Louis	Birth	July 10, 1876	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage		
	Death	May 11, 1906	Sant Jan Baptist, Zelzate, Belgium
	Spouse		
Raymond	Birth	June 16, 1878	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage		
	Death		
	Spouse		
Prosper	Birth	June 16, 1880	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage		
	Death	Nov. 1, 1956	Sint Guislain Psychiatric Hospital, Gent
	Spouse		



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Children:

Name	Event	Date	Place
Jacobus Leopold	Birth	Sept. 5, 1882	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage		
	Death	May 7, 1949	Sint Guislain Psychiatric Hospital, Gent
	Spouse		
Leontina	Birth	Sept. 26, 1884	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage		
	Death	May 7, 1947	Psychiatric Hospital at Oostveldstraat
	Spouse		
Jozef Born the year before his father died	Birth	Nov. 4, 1886	Oosteeklo, Belgium
	Marriage	Oct. 11, 1912	
	Death	Jan. 29, 1965	Ghent, Belgium
	Spouse	Melanie Van Hamme	
	Birth		
	Marriage		
	Death		
	Spouse		
	Birth		
	Marriage		
	Death		
	Spouse		

Notes:

Virginie was 3 months pregnant when she married and had a child about every 2 years. Her husband died 9 months after her last child was born. She would have had a difficult time caring for her children until they left home. She had three children who suffered from mental illness or disability and were living in psychiatric institutions. Two of the boys who lived at Sint Guislain Hospital may have been born with birth defects. Prosper used to travel to Ghent to visit his family, and from what was remembered, it sounded like he may have had either Downs Syndrome or cerebral palsy (brain injury at birth). Virginie was 37 when she gave birth to Prosper. She had three more children after Prosper was born, at ages 39, 41 and 43.

Nathalie was 17 when her father died. She was probably working away from home. In those days, girls left home early to earn money that they could send home to help their family – they usually worked as housemaids. Nathalie was 23 when she married, so she probably met Ben when she was about 20. Nathalie had a strong personality so she would have been able to cope better than other girls her age.

Nathalie was a good mother – her mother Virginie must have been a good mother because usually girls model their mother's behaviour when raising their children.