

## **Preface.**

**Els Jeurïëns** (her mother is a Gesthuizen) has been doing research on her ancestors in the region of Millingen aan de Rijn for decades.

**Frank Gesthuisen** (the only genuine Gesthuisen in our quartet) became inquisitive about his ancestors and began looking them up a few years ago.

**Marianne Cornelese** (granddaughter of a Gesthuisen) inherited a genealogical legacy from her father and became an enthusiast.

**Gerrit Speek** (his mother-in-law is a Gesthuizen) had already researched his own surname; he discovered that there are very few Gesthuysens in this world and thought to himself: "that looks nice; I'll give it a try".

We met one another in the course of our own investigations, and in February 2001 we decided to make the most of one another's strengths and to continue our research jointly.

Although we tried to be extremely carefull in making this publication, we can not guarantee that there are no mistakes and we don't take any responsibility for them. We are very gratefull for any information and corrections.