

## **ADELA DE LEEUW** née Ten Brink **and Herman Hans de Leeuw**



*Adela & Iwan*

Adela ten Brink, born in Denekamp (The Netherlands) on 30 May 1902 was the youngest of the six children of Isaak ten Brink and Hannchen ten Brink-Kleeblatt. She had three older sisters (Julia, Rosalie and Zelma) and two older brothers (Mauritz and Julius). Their mother Hannchen had died on October 18, 1930 and is buried in Denekamp. Julia, Zelma, Mauritz, Julius, their partners and children, and father Isaak all perished in the Holocaust. Rosalie had fled to the USA in October 1939.



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Adela married Iwan de Leeuw in Denekamp op 18 April 1928. Iwan came from a family of Jewish butchers and traded in cattle. They settled in Iwan's home town of Almelo, at Ledeboslaan 2. Their son Herman Hans de Leeuw was born there on 25 March 1931; he is on a picture with his mother, taken in May 1938. Presumably, at or near this address Iwan, Adela and Herman were in hiding during the German occupation of The Netherlands (1940-45).

Iwan de Leeuw died in Groningen on 1 June, 1951. Son Herman Hans emigrated to Australia, and subsequently his mother Adela arrived by KLM plane in Sydney on 7 December 1954. In February 1955 Herman was employed in a factory in Sydney and took his mother to a certain Mrs. Burton at Nowia (?) Road in Neonvale (? Moonvale? Monvala?).

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I am writing the history of the Ten Brink family of Denekamp. Adela's oldest sister Julia was my grandmother. Up to now I have no knowledge whatsoever of the lives of Adela and her son Herman in Australia since their arrival, i.e. since 1954. Any help or suggestions will be highly appreciated.

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