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Shortly after 1572, when the Calvinistic Dutch Reformed church had gained predominance in the Netherlands, doctrinal differences appeared among the theologians within the church. After 1600 this dogmatic quarrel became very violent. Franciscus Gomarus, a professor at the University of Leiden, defended the Calvinistic doctrines; Jacobus Arminius of the same university took a rather liberal view. Arminius died in 1609. The following year his adherents, under the leadership of Wtenbogaert, wrote the "Five Articles of Remonstrance" and presented this petition to the state government, of whom they requested mediation. One year later, the orthodox majority of the Dutch Reformed church countered with a petition, "The Contra Remonstrance," which the government took under advisement. In 1614, Hugo de Groot wrote of the "Resolution Towards Peace Between Churches," and later became involved in mediations between the factions, but the quarrel grew more intense.

The National Synod of the Dutch Reformed church held at Dordrecht in 1618 and 1619 discussed the matter of the Remonstrants, and after they were heard they were dismissed and their teachings condemned. The two hundred ministers who embraced the views of Arminius were deposed and ordered to sign the "Declaration or Act of Standstill or Cessation." Those who did not comply were arrested and fined or banished. Government leaders, among them Johan van Oldenbarnevelt and Hugo de Groot, were jailed; the first was beheaded and the second sentenced to life imprisonment, but later escaped. Ordinances of 1619 and 1620 were directed at further uprooting this faction.

The Remonstrant church or brotherhood was founded on 30 Sept. 1619 in Antwerp, Belgium (then the Spanish Southern Netherlands) by a group of former ministers of the Dutch Reformed church who were in exile. After their church was founded, some of the exiled ministers returned to the Netherlands and succeeded in organizing a number of congregations. In some areas they assembled to worship under the pretense of being Mennonites and in time they became tolerated. In 1630 they were allowed to build their first church building in Amsterdam and were soon permitted to do so in other towns.

During the 17th century they were able to organize nearly fifty congregations throughout the Netherlands, and one parish was also founded in 1621 in Fredrichstadt, Sleswig-Holstein, then part of Denmark. Seventy-five Dutch Remonstrant families settled there.

The registers of thirty congregations have been preserved, most of them date from the 1650-1700 time period and consist mainly of baptismal and membership listings. Marriage registers generated by the Remonstrant church are few, but most of their marriages are recorded in the civil marriage records. In areas where Remonstrant church records are missing or incomplete, records of the civil authorities and notaries should be searched.

The tables appearing on the following pages show the extent of Remonstrant church records which have been preserved. Column 1 lists the place name, column 2 the province, and column 3 indicates the type of record extant. Column 4 gives the film number of the record as found in the holdings of the Genealogical Society, and column 5 contains the initials of the camera operator and film number as found in the film collections in the Netherlands to assist persons there to locate the proper film.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE TABLES

Accs	—accounts
B	—births
Bur	—burials
C	—christenings
Dr	—Drenthe
DRC	—Dutch Reformed church
Fr	—Friesland
Gld	—Gelderland
Gr	—Groningen
Ind	—index
M	—marriages
Mbs	—memberships
NH	—Noord Holland
Ov	—Overijssel
R. Arch.	—Rijksarchief
Ut	—Utrecht
ZH	—Zuid Holland

1	2	3	4	5
PLACE	PROVINCE	RECORDS	GS FILM NO.	OPERATOR NO.
Alkemade - see Oudewetering				
Alkmaar ¹	NH	C 1650-1817	115,069	RS 4434
Amersfoort ²	Ut	C 1730-1811	121,347	RS 5164
Amsterdam	NH	C 1633-1811 ³ Mbs 1631-1635 & communicants 1631-1834 Mbs 1631-1893	113,441 114,959 114,960	RS 3912 RS 4355 RS 4355-4356
Arnhem	Gld	None		
Berkel	ZH	C 1660-1863 C 1731-1811 Mbs abt 1661 Loss acc abt 1661-1731 Consistory 1836-1864	117,197 117,319 117,197 117,197 117,197	RS 9733 RS 32 RS 32 RS 32 RS 32
Bleiswijk	ZH	C 1671-1811	R. Arch.	
Boskoop	ZH	C 1697-1811	117,359	RS 40-41
Brielle ⁴	ZH	None		
Buren & Beusichem	Gld	None		
Delft	ZH	C 1674-1809 an index to the christening re- cords of the minor Protestant churches of Delft exists	117,520	RS 1593

¹Includes Wormer and Schoorl, NH

²Includes Bunschoten and Woudenberg, Ut.

³A general index to christenings from all denominations of Amsterdam is available on film at the Genealogical Society and at the municipal archives, Amsterdam

⁴Includes Middelharnis, ZH

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PLACE	PROVINCE	RECORDS	GS FILM NO.	OPERATOR NO.
Doesburg	Gld	None		
Dokkum ⁵	Fr	B 1761-1813 1800-1809 C 1647-1716 1736-1778 1639-1795 M 1772-1842 1805-1809 Mbs 1623-1895 1623-1809	107,509 476,535 160,129 107,509 476,532 476,535 160,129 476,535 160,129 476,535	RS 4559 JOT 3853 RS 13370 RS 4559 JOT 3853 JOT 3853 RS 13370 JOT 3853 RS 13370 JOT 3853
Dordrecht ⁶	ZH	None		
Genemuiden - see Kamperveen				
Gorinchem	ZH	None		
Gouda	ZH	C 1662-1812 1792-1848 Mbs 1778-1893 (index) Fiches index (christenings only) A-K K-Z	117,934 118,092 118,092 471,380 539,044	RS 498 RS 9714 WD 564 WD 566
's-Gravenhage	ZH	C 1650-1811	118,305	RS 451
Groningen	Gr	None		
Haarlem	NH	C 1670-1811 ⁷ Mbs 1749-1760 Bur 1670-1788	115,577	RS 3832
Hazerswoude	ZH	C 1664-1709 1710-1811 C & Mbs 1664- 1882	118,168 118,149 117,197	RS 4354 RS 74 RS 9732-33, 9879

⁵Doopsgezinden - Remonstrant combined

⁶See Gouda and Rotterdam, ZH

⁷A general index to christenings from Haarlem is available on film at the Genealogical Society and at the Municipal Archives, Haarlem

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PLACE	PROVINCE	RECORDS	GS FILM NO.	OPERATOR NO.
Hoogeveen	Dr	None		
Hoorn ⁸	NH	C 1630-1811	115,480	RS 3642
Kampen	Ov	None		
Kamperveen, Genemuiden, Kundert & Vollenhoven	Ov	None		
Kundert - see Kamperveen				
Leiden	ZH	C 1663-1811 1663-1811 1820-1883 1793-1806 M 1810-1879 Fiches - index	118,993 487,920 487,919 487,920 536,872	RS 3443 HZ 2330 HZ 2329-30 HZ 2330 WD (Ind) 726; 735
Lochem	Gld	None		
Maasland ⁹	ZH	see Vlaardingen		
Meppel	Dr	None		
Moordrecht	ZH	C 1694-1811 ind 1694-1711 1793-1881	119,239 117,197	RS 143 RS 9732-33, 9879
Nieuwkoop ¹⁰	ZH	C 1662-1814	119,313	RS 149
Nieuwpoort ¹¹		C 1692-1810	119,331	RS 154
Noordwijk - binnen	ZH	C 1667-1811 1667-1857	119,344 117,197	RS 156-57 RS 9732-33, 9879
Nijmegen	Gld	None		

⁸ Includes Medemblik and surrounding area, NH

⁹ Includes Schipluiden, ZH

¹⁰ Includes Noorden and Aarlanderveen, ZH

¹¹ Includes Langerak, ZH

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PLACE	PROVINCE	RECORDS	GS FILM NO.	OPERATOR NO.
Oosterbeek	Gld	None		
Oudewetering, ¹² Alkemade	ZH	C 1683-1811 1792-1889 Mbs 1820-1889	119,429 119,430 119,430	RS 20 RS 9609 RS 9609
Rotterdam	ZH	C 1650-1702 1681-1811 1650-1678 1651-1702 1751-1825 1790-1811 Index only	119,801 119,802 120,686 120,687 120,687 119,826	RS 649-50 RS 650-51 RS 8350 RS 8350-51 RS 8350-51 RS 673-74
Schoonhoven	ZH	C 1700-1811 Mbs 1727-1806	R. Arch.	
Tiel	Gld	C 1660-1786 Mbs 1730-	108,840 108,840	RS 4979-80 RS 4979-80
Utrecht	Ut	C 1639-1810 1642-1682 ind M 1798-1806	121,831	RS 5113
Veenendaal - Rhenen	Ut	None		
Vlaardingen ¹³	ZH	C 1698-1719, 1722-1780 ¹⁴ See general index of Chr. (Fiches) Mbs. 1721-1746	121,040 121,040	RS 1194-95 RS 1194-95
Vollenhoven - see Kamperveen				
Waddingsveen	ZH	C 1684-1812	121,094	RS 246
Warmond	ZH	None		

¹² Includes Aarlanderveen, ZH

¹³ Includes Maasland, Schiedam and surrounding area, ZH

¹⁴ An index to the christenings of all denominations in Vlaardingen is found on film at the Genealogical Society and at Vlaardingen, ZH.

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PLACE	PROVINCE	RECORDS	GS FILM NO.	OPERATOR NO.
Weesp - Edam ¹⁵	NH	None		
Woerden	ZH	C 1679-1755 1755-1810 1674-1753 1800-1859 M 1690-1793 Mbs 1674-1684 1754-1790 1811-1859	121,177 121,159 121,180 121,180 121,177, 121,180 121,177 121,177 121,180	RS 4354-55 RS 260 RS 4354-55 RS 4354-55 RS 4354-55 RS 4354-55 RS 4354-55 RS 4354-55 RS 4354-55
Wijk bij Duurstede	Ut	None		
Zaltbommel	Gld	None		
Zevenhoven ¹⁶	ZH	C 1639-1811 Mbs 1744-1796	121,230 121,230	RS 266 RS 266
Zevenhuizen	ZH	C 1682-1857 1811-1916	121,259 117,197	RS 9196 RS 9732-33, 9879
Zegwaard, Zoetermeer ¹⁷	ZH	C 1670-1791 1710-1846 M 1758-1790 Bur 1733-1753 Acts - Consistory 1728-1787	121,254 117,197 121,254 121,254 117,197	RS 272 RS 9733 RS 272 RS 272 RS 9733
Zoetermeer - see Zegwaard				
Zwammerdam ¹⁸	ZH	C 1681-1687 1707-1811	121,288 121,288	RS 279 RS 279

¹⁵Includes also Monnikendam, NH

¹⁶Includes Leimuiden, Rijnsaterwoude and Nieuweveen, ZH

¹⁷See also records of the Dutch Reformed church of Zegwaard

¹⁸Includes Noorden and Aarlanderveen, ZH