Learn Dutch!

ENGLISH: family tree
DUTCH: stamboom

Martin Van Buren's Family Tree
Create Your Own Family Tree

Write down the members of your family in the sections below. Draw lines between people who are married and between parents and their children. How big is your family compared to Martin Van Buren?

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Grandparents

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Aunts & Uncles

Parents

Aunts & Uncles

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Brothers & Sisters

Me!

Cousins
Learn Dutch!

**English:**
- church

**Dutch:**
- kathedraal
The world has changed a lot since the mid-1800s. What does your neighborhood look like now? Draw a map of notable places below.
Martin Van Buren was deeply connected to Kinderhook and later to Lindenwald. He knew each intimately. This fostered a profound love and caring for his communities. The love for Kinderhook and Lindenwald in all their parts - people, structures, the land - created a desire to protect and serve his community, that is a civic sense.

This community wheel shows the people and places that surrounded MVB’s grandchildren at Lindenwald and in the greater Kinderhook community. Compare this wheel with the map of Kinderhook on the previous. Then, think about the people and places that surround you today and create your own community wheel and neighborhood map on the attached activity pages.
Create Your Own Community Wheel

Using the community wheel about MVB’s grandchildren as a guide, think about the people and places that surround you at home and in your neighborhood or town. Draw yourself in the center and then fill in the wheel!
Heraldic Symbols

These are some symbols that have been popular throughout history as parts of coats-of-arms, and their meanings. Use them as inspiration for designing your own coat-of-arms, or invent your own!

Colors:
- Yellow or Gold: Generosity
- White or Silver: Peace and sincerity
- Black: Constancy, sometimes grief
- Blue: Loyalty and truth
- Red: Strength, military fortitude
- Green: Hope, joy and sometimes loyalty in love
- Purple: Royal majesty, sovereignty and justice
- Orange: Worthy ambition
- Maroon: Not hasty in battle, and yet a victor

Animals:
- Bear: Protectiveness
- Bee: Industriousness
- Camel: Perseverance
- Dog: Loyalty
- Eagle: Leadership & Decisiveness
- Dragon: Defender of Treasure
- Falcon or Hawk: Eagerness
- Fox: Cleverness
- Griffin (part eagle, part lion): Bravery
- Horse: Readiness to Serve
- Lion: Courage
- Pelican: Generosity & Devotion
- Raven: Constancy
- Snake: Ambition
- Stag, Elk, or Deer: Peace & Harmony
- Tiger: Fierceness & Valor
- Unicorn: Extreme courage
- Wolf: Constant Vigilance

Other Symbols:
- Axe: Dutiful
- Bridge: Signifies a governor or magistrate
- Crosses: Christian sentiments
- Crown: Authority
- Fire: Zeal
- Flaming Heart: Passion
- Fleur-de-lis (stylized Iris flower): Purity (associated with France)
- Hand: Faith, Sincerity, & Justice
- Heart: Sincerity
- Horns & Antlers: Fortitude
- Lightning: Decisiveness
- Moon: Serenity
- Oyster Shell: Traveler
- Ring: Fidelity
- Scepter: Justice
- Star: Nobility
- Sun: Glory
- Sword: War-like
- Tower or Castle: Fortitude & Protectiveness
Draw Your Own Coat-of-Arms

The Van Buren family coat-of-arms features a shield and imagery that symbolizes what the family stood for back when it was created. On the left is a greyhound for loyalty and on the right embattled stripes of red and gold for strength and generosity. Use the shield template below to draw your own coat-of-arms, using symbols that represent you. You can use the list of heraldic symbols on the next page for inspiration, or make up your own!
Baa, baa, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yessir, yes sir,
Three bags full;
One for my master, One for my dame,
And one for the little boy That lives down the lane.

Hot-cross buns! Hot-cross buns!
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot-cross buns! If you have no daughters, Give them to your sons;
One a penny, two a penny, Hot-cross buns!

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers;
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked;
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

In our 21st century world, we have many different ways to learn and entertain ourselves. In the 19th century, President Van Buren's grandchildren and other children on the farm would read or sing or share rhymes. The children would have learned rhymes such as these from their parents as the family spent time in the parlor after supper. Give them a try!

What do you do for fun with your family?