

WILLEM CORNELIS DIEPEVEEN

Willem Cornelis Diepeveen or Kees was born September 23, 1870 in Bodegraven, Netherlands. He had to go to work at the age of 12 to earn a living. Because his father died at the age of 39, Kees worked in the fields gathering potatoes to support the family.

Kees always had a big mustache which he was proud of. He couldn't read or write.

He worked at the Municipal Gasworks when he got older. Every other week he had to work until 10:00 p.m. In 1910 when his son Jan was 16, Kees had an accident at the gas factory. His foot got caught under a big machine and was partially crushed. He was in a hospital for 1 ½ years. Kees died January 1, 1936 at the age of 65.



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