

WILLIAM OF ORANGE

The first king of Holland

William was born on 24 April 1533 at Dillenburg castle, he had 16 children and four wife's.

But then came Balthazar Gerard's he was a supporter of Philip II, who wanted to kill William because he wanted to have Holland.

On one day, Philip II did 25.000 crowns bounty on William.

Balthazar Gerard's heard this message from the king, so he was going as spy to Holland.

In May 1584 William was shot down at the stairs of the Prinsenhof in Delft with a Double Barreled Pistol.

This were Williams last words:

Mon Dieu, ayez pitié de mon âme; mon Dieu, ayez pitié de ce pauvre peuple. (My God, have pity on my soul; my God, have pity on this poor people).

