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Princess Maria Amalia of Brazil circa 1850,
portrait by Friedrich Dürck 1809-1884, see
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**(New) Heemstede Castle, near the town of Houten, Province of Utrecht, Holland
Circa 1830**



Roelant Roghman 1627-1692
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Oud (Old) Heemstede circa 1650

**Ruins, Castle "Old Heemstede"
Circa 1650**

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1. Shortened history

"Oud Heemstede" (Dutch, means "Old Heemstede"), from before 1300 AC, was a small sort of "Ridderhofstad" (Dutch, means Knight Court). A Ridderhofstad was a small castle. Mostly it looked like a fortified tower with two or three floors, but was a residential dwelling as well. A moat around the place was normal. Of course such a tower was an aristocratic property and was mostly a centre of local government also. Nowadays there is not so much left from this old mediaeval stronghold Oud Heemstede. It was demolished circa 1650.

In 1323 the owner was Knight Everard van Heemstede, from the Van Wulven Dynasty. This dynasty founded Heemstede Castle as well as Wulven Castle and Oudegeyn Castle in the neighbourhood. In 1404 the Lord of Vianen enfeoffed the small castle Van Heemstede to Elsabe Mouwer, married to Godschalk van Winssen. This feudal benefice lasted until 1645. In 1645 Hendrick Pieck van Muyswinkel ordered to build a new castle, New Heemstede. The ruins of the old one, 500 meters from the new castle, were demolished later. In 1680 Diederik van Velthuyzen bought the estate, he designed new gardens. From 1919 until now, the Dutch family Heijmeijer van Heemstede owns the estate Heemstede. In 1972 the family sold only the house (castle), not more. After a terrible fire, the castle burnt down in 1987, the Heijmeijer family, specially Mrs. D.J.K. Beynes-Heijmeijer van Heemstede, and Mr. Ensing - together with Dutch local, provincial, national organizations - rebuilt the castle.

Parking cars is no problem. Admission, gardens, is free. The castle itself is an office of Ensing's "Pharos" Company (2014) and the castle accommodates a first class restaurant (2014).

2. Some details

In the 14th century the masters of Heemstede Manor were vassals of the Lords of Vianen and later vassals of the Bishop of Utrecht.

Masters of Old Heemstede!

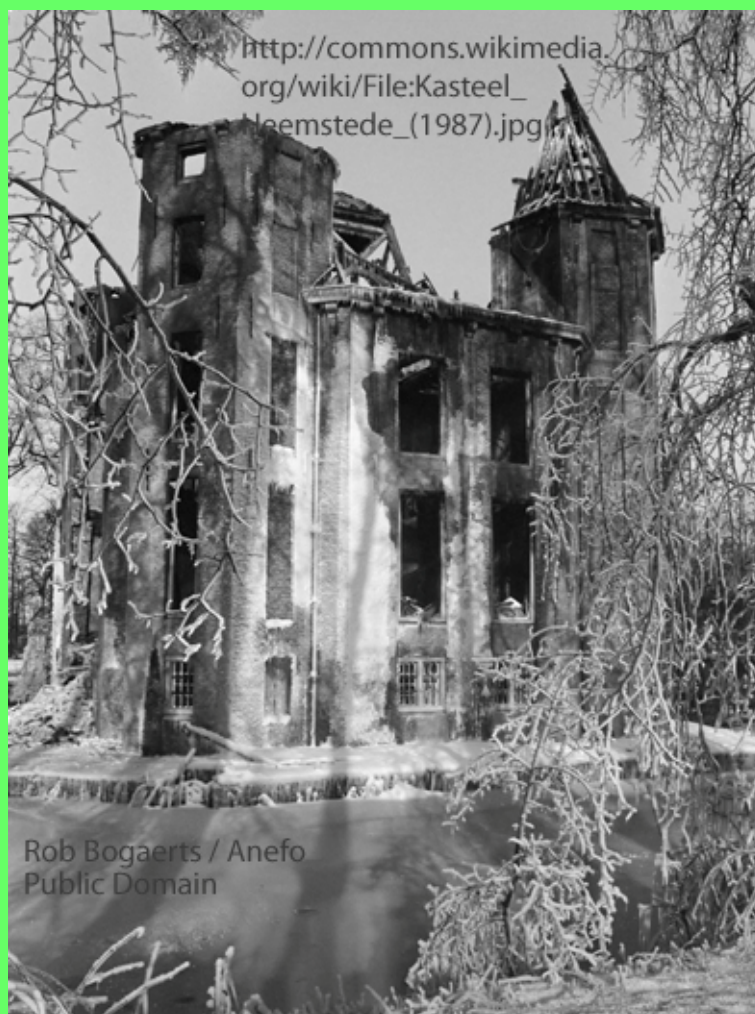
- Everard van Heemstede, 1323-1392;
- Borre van Heemstede, 1392- circa1400;
- Hillegonda van Heemstede (sister of Borre) married to Johan Mouwer, circa 1400-1404;
- Elisabeth Mouwer (daughter of Hillagonda) married to Godschalk van Winssen, 1404-1439;
- Godschalk van Winssen (son of Elisabeth and Godshalk), 1439-1471;
- Godschalk van Winssen (son of Godschalk), 1471-1516;
- Willem van Winssen (son of Godschalk), 1516-1523;
- Godschalk van Winssen (son of Willem), 1523-1558;
- Willem van Winssen (son of Godschalk), 1558-1614;
- Adriaan van Winssen (cousin of Willem), 1614-1639;
- Willem van Winssen (son of Adriaan), 1639-1642;

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Masters of New Heemstede!

- Hendrik Pieck van Muyswinkel (married to Maria van Winssen, sister of Willem), 1642-1669;
- Esquire Gerard de Waal (?), 1669-1680;
- Jacob Louis Grave van der Nath (?), 1680;
- Diederick van Velthuyzen (?), 1680-1720;
- Cornelid Quint (?), 1720;
- Antonie Tonck (?), 1720-1722 (?);
- Essaye Gillot (?), 1722 (?)-1758;
- Maria van Monnier (widow of Essaye), 1758-?;
 - Maria Catharina Rencon (?), ??;
- Esquire Isaak Lambertus Cremer van den Berch van Heemstede (?), 1837-??.

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**Rob Bogaerts/Anefo
Heemstede Castle, burnt down in 1987.**

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3. Picture gallery



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**Heemstede Castle, 2015
Main entrance**

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**Heemstede Castle, 2015
Southern front**

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Southern front, 2015

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Coach houses, 2015

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Coach houses, detail; 2015



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Annex, near the vegetable gardens; 2015

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Main entrance

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Annotation

Princess Maria Amelia has nothing to do with Heemstede Castle, I know! She was a beautiful aristocratic young lady, that's all.

Maria Amelia, from the Portuguese House of Braganza (1831-1853), was a princess of the Empire of Brazil. Her father was Pedro I, the first Emperor of Brazil. Pedro I abdicated in 1832 in favour of his son Pedro II. In Europe Pedro I fought a successful war against his brother Miguel and took over Portugal. After doing so Pedro I died rather fast. Maria Amelia departed from Brazil to Portugal. She became engaged to Archduke Maximilian of Austria. Regrettably Maria died of tuberculosis, Funchal Madeira 1853.

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