

The Simpangsche Sociëteit, the Resident's Residence and the City Hall
Surabaya and its monuments: around Jalan Pemuda and the vicinity

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Picture 1. The former colonial Simpangsche Sociëteit (Simpang Club) during my visit to Surabaya in October 2006. The clubhouse is located not far from the old Dutch resident's residence along Jalan Pemuda.

Picture 2. Simpang Club in 1912, constructed in 1907.



Picture 3. "The Club" at the corner of Simpang and Embong Malang in 1885. The Simpang Club, as an organization, originated from the social club simply called "The Club", established in 1851. Many members were Englishmen.



During the Dutch Period Surabaya counted a number of social clubs for the colonial upper class. Club Concordia was established in 1843. Members met regularly in their clubhouse at Kromodjajan, later named Sociëteitsstraat (now Jalan Veteran). Later Club Concordia moved to a building along Toendjoengan (now Jalan Tunjungan) in 1916. The third, chronological order, Concordia clubhouse was at Tegalsari (Jalan Tegalsari) from 1934.

Another Sociëteit, Club, Modderlust, located at Oedjoeng (around Jalan Patianus), was established in 1857. From 1867 the organization occupied a house at Elfwoningeweg (Jalan Paraja) along the beach. Modderlust (literally "Mud Is Fun") was a military club meant for naval officers.

Picture 4. Simpang, now Jalan Pemuda in 2006



Picture 5. Simpang in 1880



Picture 6. Simpang Club, a broad view in October 2006



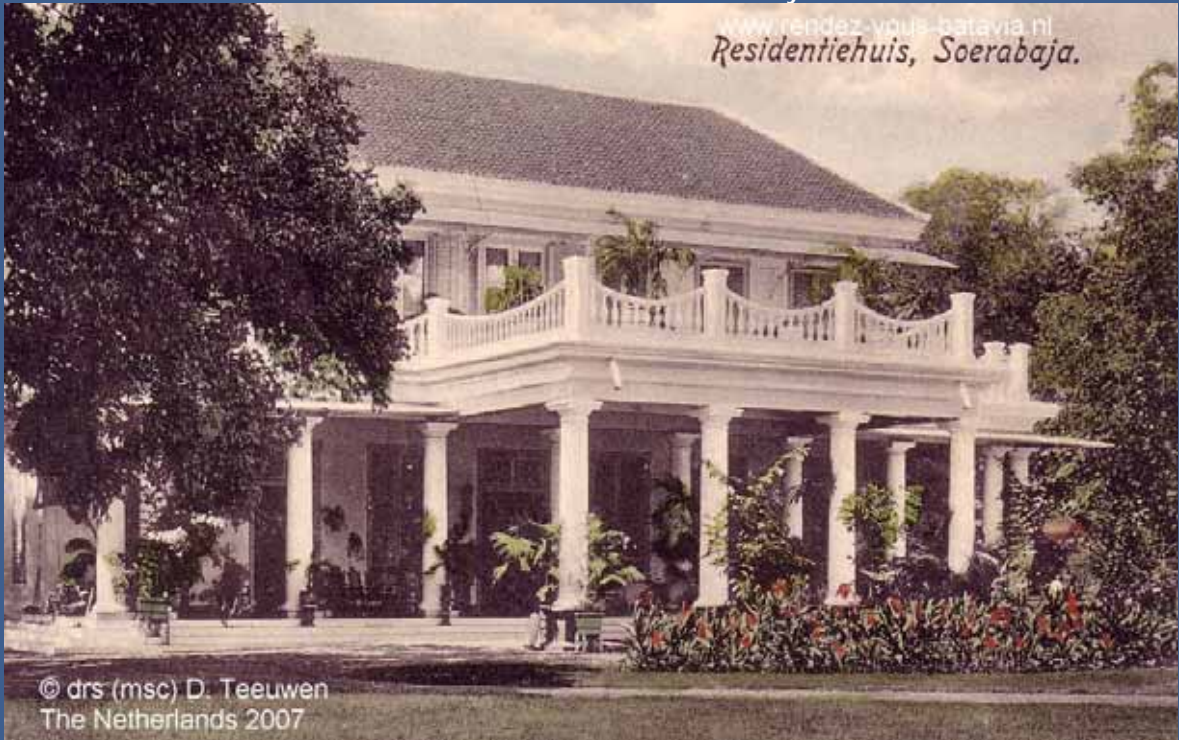
Picture 7. The Resident's Residence along Simpang in October 2006.



Picture 8. The Resident's Residence in 1905. First a country seat owned by the family Van Hoogendorp and erected by Dirk van Hoogendorp in 1796. It was renovated by governor general Willem Daendels in 1810. From approximately 1810 it was used as official residence and remained, more or less, unchanged.



Picture 9. The residence in the same year



Picture 10. The "Simpang Girls' School" in 1909.



Picture 11. The City Hall in 1932. The building goes all the way back to 1925, architect C. Citroen.



We walk around the corner of Simpang (Jalan Pemuda) into Dijkermansstraat (Jalan Yos Soedarso) and then across a Kali Mas bridge. From here we have an excellent view at the Stadhuis or City Hall (Balai Kota) in one of Surabaya's beautiful Dutch East-Indian quarters.

Picture 12. The City Hall at Ketabang Boulevard (Jalan Soeprapto) in October 2006.



Picture 13. One of Surabaya's colonial protestant churches opposite the City Hall along Ondomoheweg (Jalan Walikota Mustajab), October 2006. Visit Surabaya and go back in time!



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