

Krommeniedijk

Sailcloth



Figure 1: The location of Krommenie plotted on the map of the Netherlands.

In the 17th and especially in the 18th century sail cloth was produced in Dutch places like Krommenie, Krommeniedijk, Assendelft and Uitgeest.²

Raw material for this fabric of sailcloth are the halms of the hemp plant. After the halms were dried the halms were beaten by a (wooden) stick so that small pieces remained. After this the bundle of beaten halms were whitened followed by cooking until the halms fell apart into fibres. These fibres were spun to a thread and the tread was woven to a sailcloth.

¹ The text is derived from Kleij, 2010.

² In this period sailcloth was also produced in Schoonhoven. However, this production center was less successful than the producers in The Zaan region. Groen, 2003, p. 240.



Figure 2: Early 18th century house in Krommenie (Zuiderhoofdstraat 115) with a façade decoration of sail cloth merchants. (© Jan van Oostveen)

Sail cloth was sold per roll with a standardised length of 50 Crommeniër el (1 Cromenieër el = 0,69 m). These rolls were sealed.

Sail cloth seals are until now, only known from shipwrecks and excavations in ports.³



Figure 3: Detail façade decoration with sailcloth merchants and rolls of a house in Krommenie (Zuiderhoofdstraat 115). (© Jan van Oostveen)

³ Kleij, 2010.

Literature

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Version	Reason of issue
1.0	Initial version
1.1	Catalogue number 2 auditioned (cloth seal of Krommenie)

Catalogue

Catalogue number

1. Enkhuizen
2. Type 2a
3. 1675-1800
4. 21 x 20 x 3 [mm]
- 5a. Lead
- 5b. Cast type
- 5c. - / CROMINIERSDI (CH) rondom (cijfers 50?)
- 6.
7. Cloth seal (sailcloth)
8. Netherlands, Krommeniedijk
- 9.



Catalogusnummer 1.

1. Rotterdam
2. Type 2a
3. 1700-1850
4. 17 / 17 / 3 mm
- 5a. Lood
- 5b. Gegoten
- 5c. - / KND boven cijfer 50
- 6a. Type 2a
- 6b.
- 6c.
7. Cloth seal (sailcloth)
8. Netherlands, Krommeniedijk
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