

LHB Birth Certificate Translation:

EXTRACT of a certificate entered into the register of birth certificates for the year 1863  
Nr. 3624.

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In the year eighteen hundred sixty three, November sixteenth at three o'clock in the afternoon, came before us the below signing Elderman, Amand De Leu, delegated officer of the civil registry of the city of Ghent, province of East-Flanders, Carolus Ludovicus Baekeland, aged thirty years, cobbler, living outside de Kortrijksepoort, which has shown us a child of male gender, born there on the fourteenth of this month, at one o'clock in the morning, from him who is declaring and from Rosalia Merchie, aged twenty nine years, his wife, and whom he declares to give the names of Leo Henricus Arthur. This declaration and presentation was done in the presence of Emilius Merchie, aged fifty seven years, farmer, living in Nokere and of Hippolytus Willems, ages twenty six years, unemployed, living in Batterijstraat.

Which certificate we have signed after reading, the father and witnesses have declared not to be able to sign as illiterate.

(signed) A. De Leu.