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Beginning of Colonist Movement in Holland

NAMES OF THE MEN APPOINTED AS OVERSEERS FOR EACH SHIP

Before sailing from their native land, the colonists had elected eight men to act as leaders, two for each ship. Among them were representatives of almost every vocation.

The leaders on the ship "Maastroom" were, G. H. Overkamp and Isaac Overkamp. Both of these were men of ability and Christian character, and for many years they were leaders in the civil and religious life of Pella. G. H. Overkamp died on the 10th of August, 1894, and Isaac Overkamp on the 21st of October, 1895.

On the Pieter Floris those in charge were, J. F. Lecocq and Heerkes Ypes Viersen. Mr. Viersen died on the 3d day of August, 1864, and J. F. Lecocq on the 12th day of March, 1888, at the age of eighty-three.

Those in charge of the colonists on the Catharina Jackson, were J. Rietveld and J. Smeenk. These also have long since gone to their reward. J. Smeenk died March 13, 1854, and J. Rietveld, November 30, 1859.

The leaders in charge on the Nagasaki were, Dr. A. J. Betten and A. Wigny. When the "History of Pella," by K. Vanstigt, was published in 1897, Rev. Betten was still living. A. Wigny died December 22, 1873. We have not been able to learn the date when Mr. Betten died.

There are individuals in nearly every community who, by reason of pronounced ability and force of character, are natural leaders. Characterized by a spirit of perseverance, and inspired by an abiding faith in the God of their Fathers, two virtues that never fail to attain leadership, these men were of incalculable service to the colonists, and their memory is still cherished by those of the pioneers who survive.

"For such as these
There is no death; the stars go down
To rise upon some other shore;
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more."

LIFE ON THE OCEAN

It was not necessary for our voyagers to await their arrival at Pella, to discover that they had left the comforts and conveniences of an orderly life behind them. This became evident almost as soon as they left the shores of their native land. One of the vexing problems was that of preparing their meals, which each family was expected to cook for themselves. As there were only two "Kombuisen" or crude stoves on each ship, this required the exercise of great patience and self-denial, and was one of the things that helped to classify the colonists into the two groups, that in a general way compose society everywhere. That is, it divided the unselfish sheep, who had a proper consideration for the comfort and rights of others, from the selfish goats who only considered their own well-being.

It has often and truly been said that there is no place like shipboard to learn to know others; and this certainly proved true on the long and tedious voyage

Os, van D.	Schakel, Cornelius
Os, van Elizabeth	Schakel, Leendert
Os, van Dirk	
Os, van Geertruida	Stek, Sygie
Post, de Arent	Streef, Gerrit
Post, de A. Mrs.	
Post, de Johanna	Toom, J. A.
Post, de Elizabeth	Toom, Maaïke
Post, de Hendrik	Toom, Hilligje
Post, de Adrianus	Verhoef, Elizabeth
Roovaart, v. d. Jacob	Valk, Antje
Roovaart, v. d. Adrianus	
Roovaart, v. d. Lydia	Verhey, Corstianus
Roovaart, v. d. Antonia	Verhey, Cs. Mrs.
Roovaart, v. d. Beye	Verhey, Jacobus
Roovaart, v. d. Leentje	
Raad, de Cornelius	Vos, de Jan
Raad, de Cs. Mrs.	
Raad, de Jasper	Vugt, van Willem
Raad, de Arie	
Raad, de Albert	Waal, van der Jan
Raad, de Mietje	Waal, van der J. Mrs.
	Waal, van der Klaasje
	Waal, van der Neeltje
Schakel, Jan	Wormhoudt, Hendrik
Schakel, Jan Mrs.	

NAMES OF THE PASSENGERS WHO SAILED ON THE GOOD SHIP PIETER
 FLORIS WHICH LEFT AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND, EARLY
 IN APRIL, 1847, FOR BALTIMORE

Akkerman, Jan	Boest, den Dirkje
Akkerman, J. Mrs.	
Akkerman, Pieter	Branderhorst, G.
	Branderhorst, Jan
Beintema, Tjebbe	Brinkhuizen, B.
Beintema, T. Mrs.	Brinkhuizen, B. Mrs.
Beintema, Dirk	
Beintema, Levi	
Beintema, Geertje	Buwalda, A.
	Buwalda, A. Mrs.
Blokland, van Hendrik	Buwalda, Boukje
Blokland, van Andries	Buwalda, Paulina
Blokland, van A. Mrs.	Buwalda, Doortje
Blokland, van Jan	Buwalda, Geertje
Blokland, van Cornelius	
Blokland, van Leentje	Colyn, Huibert
Blokland, van Johanna	Colyn, Leendert
Blokland, van Teunis	Colyn, L. Mrs.
Blokland, van Cornelia	Colyn, Jacob

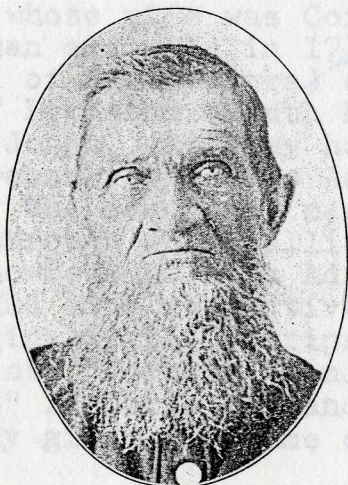
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| Colyn, Maria | Kuyper, Pieter |
| Colyn, Albertus | Kuyper, P. Mrs. |
| Colyn, Mintje | Lakeman, Cornelius |
| Dam, van Jan | 't Lam, Pietje |
| Dam, van Jan Mrs. | Lecocq, J. F. |
| Dam, van Maria | Lecocq, J. F. Mrs. |
| Dam, van Annigje | Lecocq, J. F. |
| Dam, van Gerrit | Lecocq, Jacobus |
| Dam, van Arie | Lecocq, Theodorus |
| Doornenbos, J. S. | Lecocq, Mietje |
| Doornenbos, J. S. Mrs. | Lecocq, Christina |
| Doornenbos, Roelofje | Lingen, van Kaatje |
| Doornenbos, Cornelia | Mantes, Jan |
| Doornenbos, Roelof | Maren, van Jan |
| Doornenbos, Simon | Maren, van Jan Mrs. |
| Diekenga, | Maren, van Hendrik |
| Diekenga, Mrs. | Maren, van Lucas |
| Dykstra, Geert | Maren, van Jaantje |
| Ellenbroek, Gerrit | Meengs, Hendrik |
| Ellenbroek, Janke | Mechgelse, Karel |
| Griffioen, Willem | Meulenbrugge, Mrs. |
| Griffioen, Jan | Meulenbrugge, Jan Albert |
| Griffioen, Jan Mrs. | Meyer, Jan |
| Griffioen, Alarichie | Meyer, Jan Mrs. |
| Griffioen, Fygie | Meyer, Jacob |
| Haan, de Wopke | Moor, de Mrs. |
| Haan, de W. Mrs. | Moor, de Jan |
| Haan, de Impje | Moor, de Geertje |
| Haan, de | Pol, de van A. |
| Haan, de | Pol, de van A. Mrs. |
| Hengeveld, Jan | Pol, de van Cornelia |
| Hengeveld, Jan Mrs. | Pas, Huibert |
| Hengeveld, Jacob | Pas, H. Mrs. |
| Hengeveld, Jan | Popesyn, Pieter |
| Hengeveld, Laurens | Popesyn, P. Mrs. |
| Hengeveld, Geertje | Popesyn, Pieter |
| Kock, de Aart | Popesyn, Johanna |
| Kock, de A. Mrs. | Popesyn, Geertje |
| Kock, de Engel | |
| Kock, de Stephanus | |
| Kock, de Leendert | |
| Kock, de Arie | |
| Kock, de Jan | |
| Kock, de Hesther | |

F. LeCOCQ

Born in Amsterdam, Holland, July 14, 1828, and received a liberal education in the schools of that renowned city. In 1847 he came to the United States with his parents and in company with the first emigrants, under the leadership of Rev. H. P. Scholte. The ship of the flotilla on which he sailed was the Pieter Floris. After an eventful trip they landed at Baltimore, Md., and came by canal boat to Keokuk, Iowa, from whence they traveled in wagons to their destination, 120 miles distance, to "Pella to be" or the famous "Strooi Stadt," a cluster of straw thatched huts that made up the first settlement at Pella. May 22, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Van Gorkom, from which union six children were born. From 1856 until 1872 he was engaged in a successful general mercantile business in this city. In 1872 he moved to Orange City, Iowa, being among the early pioneers of that settlement, where he served four years as deputy county treasurer and four years as county recorder. He also served several years as deacon of the First Reformed Church at Orange City. In 1883 he had the courage to pioneer it once more, this time in Douglas county, South Dakota, where he started a bank in company with his son. He served as elder in the First Reformed Church from its organization and was the efficient secretary until he died, May 26, 1907. His son, Frank, lives in Lynden, Washington, and his daughter, Cornelia, is a resident of this city.



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MAARTEN KLEIN

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Was born in Leerdam, South Holland, in 1836, and emigrated to Pella with his parents in 1847. He lived on the farm about three miles west of Pella until his majority, helping his father with the farm work. Married Johanna Hoogenaaker in March, 1855. Later he moved to Eastern Nebraska until the time of his death, which occurred about twelve years ago.