

## Genealogy Vertical File Highlights

**Allen, Will, 'Doc'** – Born in Ohio, 1859. Came to Pella in 1872. Was mayor, dentist, teacher, doctor, and loved hunting fox and wolves with his pack of 'hounds.' Was well loved and respected Pella citizen. In 1906 he and his wife moved to National City, California.

**Atwood, Harman** – File contains complete ancestry written by Elijah Francis Atwood. Family that originated in Boston and North East. Only a brief mention of these being the ancestry of Leonora Keables Scholte.

**Barendregt, Kornelis** - Born in 1833, came to Pella in 1870. He had 3 Children; named Hendrick, Henrietta, and Peter. Hendrick (II) grew to become an elder in Scholte's church. **Hendrick** – Kornelis' father, was born in Netherlands, 1806, came to America on the ship 'Wakoma' in 1846, via New Orleans, and then traveled to Pella.

**Barker, Nelle Bates** – This file contains an in depth, extensive, handwritten chronology written by her son, Dana Barker Bates in 1984. Nelle was born in Knoxville, Iowa, lived in Pella, then moved to Carthage, Illinois to live with her Aunt and Uncle after her mother died.

**Baron, Hans Jans** – 1747 and descendent Reverend Sytze Baron 1813

**Beason, John Addison** – 1837 and descendants operated early Saw Mill in Lynnville and civil war vets.

**Beintema, Durk Tjebbe** – Came to America with Scholte on the ship "Pieter Flois". His two sons, Durk and Tjebbe learned to pottery trade from 'American' settlers and set up a shop in the location of 'Stroddien Stad' or "Straw Town' as we know it today. They made lamps. The file also includes a picture of mother "Akke".

**Bennink, Arnoldas** – Born in Netherlands 1660. File contains a book of family history compiled by Mrs. Henry J. Bennink 1964. And extensive genealogy lists. Descendent **Herman Hendrick Bennink** was born in Netherlands in 1803, one of his descendants, Henrietta, came to Pella in 1853. **Wilhemenia Bennink** came to Pella in 1855 and married **Henry J. VandenBerg**. Their son, Henry, had a shoe store, in Pella, and was mayor in the early 1920's

**Berkhout, Wormser** – and descendants. This file contains original family letters to family and friends still in Holland in the 1850's. These letters contain a perspective of the challenges of the early settlers on the difficulties the early Dutch immigrant families experienced in America.

There were many examples of difficult traveling conditions; being separated from the family belongings for days not knowing if they'd ever see them again, then having to pay a lot of money to get them back. One time the family was stranded on a river bank, their belongings being thrown off the river boat, because it has run aground and they needed to lighten the load. There were accounts of having to search for wagons to carry their baggage; and then having to walk long distances while the baggage and children rode on the wagons.

**Beukelman, Cornelis** – This file contains complete genealogical charts and a beautifully written history of the family from 1842, including letters to Holland about first frontier days. Cornelis was born in Holland in 1798. Willempje, his wife, immigrated to Pella, with the children, after Cornelis' death in 1842.

**Blattner, J.W.** – This file contains a 1941 newspaper article about J.W.'Billy' Blattner, who, after graduating from Central Collage, here in Pella, became the head of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf.

**Blom, Karel** – This file contains a concise bio-synopsis of the early days of the family in Pella. Mr. Blom was born in the Netherlands in 1812 and arrived in America in 1846 and settled in Pella in 1847. He purchased land which he used as a stone quarry. He was elected constable for 1 year, and then was road supervisor. He was a member of the school board for over 10 years. He was also an alderman. The original Blom home is now part of the Historical Complex, the Directors Office.

**Blom, Teunis** – This file contains extensive genealogical charts starting in the Netherlands 1812.

**Bogaards, family** – This file contains a copy of a December 1931 ‘Chronical’ story, told by Nicholas Bogaards, about how, as a baby of only 6 weeks old, he was brought to America in 1849. Their home was a log hut located in West Market Park.

**Boot, Arie & Family** – This file contains original newspaper clippings from various different sources and dates, including a story about the family by Jacob C. Boot. In these articles Mr. Boot is affectionately referred to as ‘Boot.’

**Booy, Nicholas** – This file contains extensive genealogical charts as well as a beautiful ‘Memoirs of Our Mother’ which outlines the life of the Booy family history in the early days of Pella and through the depression years. There are also a couple of photos.

**Bousquet, John** – This file contains copies of many original family documents including Pension, war department documents, and marriage certificate.

**Bousquet, Pierre Henri & Herman F.** – This file contains genealogical information about both Pierre Henri and Herman F Bousquet. The file contains a newspaper article, from 1908, highlighting Pierre Henri’s career as one of Iowa’s leading attorneys. This file also includes several family letters about the lives and times of both brothers Pierre and Herman. There are copies of war and pension documents.

**Breen, Jan** – This file contains a copy of a photo, 2 original (antique) photos, several copies of handwritten genealogies and letters in Dutch and 1 type-written genealogical synopsis.

**Bruinekool Family** – Early Pella blacksmiths: much of the family worked at this trade. The shop was located where the bank is, across from where the post office is now. There is a copy of an article from the “Buck Saw” magazine.

**Bruinekool, Van Leeuwen** – This file contains an extensive and complete genealogy and history of the Van Leeuwen family and the connection between the two families starting with the marriage between Henry Bruinekool and Andreana Van Leeuwen.

**Bruins, Derk & Cynthia** – This file contains an amazing amount of family information. It is all compiled into a bound book including Family History essays, News Paper clippings, extensive genealogical charts; and other family writings. There are copies of family photos from each generation.

**Buerkens, Family** – This file contains an extensive variety of family documents including genealogical charts, citizenship/immigration papers in both English and Dutch, and several research papers/correspondences

**Budde, Diedrich Arnold** – This file contains a beautifully done, concise family biography compiled and written by Dr. J.P.Verhave –The Netherlands.

**Buwalda, Abraham** – Abraham was born in the Netherlands in 1802. They came over on the ship “Pieter Floris” with the original 800 Pella Settlers. They were on the ocean 53 days; landing in Baltimore, Maryland. 2 of his 11 children pioneered in the electric engineering field, and set up the first street lights in Pella.

This file contains wonderfully concise one page synopsis and stories of family history with a photograph of the surviving children and their spouses. The file also contains some extensive genealogical charts and a map of the Netherlands.

**Coelingh, Family** – This file contains the pages of a genealogical research from a website done by Paul Coelingh.

**Cole, Cyreneous** – 1874 – “Served in the Legislature (until 1933) and wrote many books on Iowa History.” This file contains several newspaper clippings from 1894, 1939, 1943 and 1974. There is also an original handwritten document in Dutch, and Central ‘University’ diploma; and original, handwritten letter, essays and term-papers from Central College.

**Colyn, Albertus** – This file contains a genealogical history of the Colyn family and all 294 decedents, nicely compiled by Mrs. Charles A. Colyn, dated 1967.

**Cox, Murry** – At 16 years of age, he enlisted in the army and was a drummer boy in the Civil war. He was taken prisoner; when released after the war, he worked on the Rock Island Railroad. After settling in Pella, he became the leader of the ‘Pella Light Infantry Band,’ noted as one of the top military bands in the state in one of the newspaper articles in the file. This file was compiled by a descendent **Henry Cox**.

This file contains newspaper articles, and many historical accounts of Murry Cox’s exploits with the Pella 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment. There are also many letters written to dignitaries and statesmen, by Henry, including a letter to Nikita Khrushchev, Russian president, in 1962. There is also some sheet music from war time with the name “Henry Cox Music Library,” Omaha, Nebraska.

**Dam Family** – This file contains a “Pella Chronicle” newspaper clipping from 1911 which told about how New York Newspaper reporters tried to ‘make fun’ of the family name; ‘Dam,’ upon the families arrival while at New York’s Ellis Island processing station. It is reported that try as they might, the reporters were not able to get the family, headed for Pella, to play along.

**Damhuis Family** – This file contains various documents, notes and letters generated in the efforts to trace lineage of the Damhuis family: Including letters from and to Muriel Kooi.

**De Boef, N** – This file contains a single copy of a photograph, dated 1890-1903, of a Mom and Dad and two young children sitting on, what appears to be, an early Pella store front/residence: possibly “Strawtown.”

**De Bruin, Joost and Family** – This file contains a “Family History” written by Hattie (DeBruin) Den Hartog, starting with the marriage of Joost DeBruin and Willempe Gosslink in 1878, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa. These early Pella settlers had 6 children, established a farm and also raised cattle just Northeast of Leighton. It is written that ‘Mother’s faith was the strength of the family’.

There is also a second ‘Family History’ that tells about the hardships of other family members as they established home in the Pioneer America. There were also stories of the local Indians which lived here, how fertile the soil was and when the railroad was first laid through Pella and how the economy quickly grew because of it.

The file also contains an original Pella Chronicle article from 1940 and a reprint newspaper article with a photograph of the family taken in 1890.

**De Bruin, J.C.** – This is a second, complete DeBruin file, of **Jacob, Cornelius DeBruin and Hendrike W. Tysseling** dated January 2010. This file contains extensive genealogical charts and listings as well as many great photographs from the very early years to a 1926; a 1946 family reunion photograph; and J.C. and Josie DeBruin’s 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1965. There is also a 1957 Pella Chronicle newspaper clipping commemorating J.C.’s retirement after 46 years of service at Leighton Bank and picture of the bank.

**De Fockert, Family** – This file contains an extensive genealogical booklet completely in Dutch entitled “Geslachtsregister Van de Fam. De Fockert te Herwijnen”

**De Geest, Peter, Mr. & Mrs.** – This file contains a single handwritten obituary briefly describing the death of Mrs. Peter DeGeest April 26, 1913 with mention of a few descendants.

**De Haan, Jacob** – This file contains a typed family history by the son of Jacob, A.B. DeHaan, dated February 27, 1960 at his age of 75, about his ancestry who came to Pella in 1847 and 1849 with Rev. Scholte that settled in Pella. There is also a handwritten letter by James R. DeHaan to Mert Kooi researching the family genealogy.

**De Haan, Matteus/Matthew** – This file contains genealogical charts and personal letters, presumably compiled by, the author of the letters, Matthews grandson, **Matthew M. Sloan**, dated 1964 and 1965. One of these letters briefly describes the history of Matthew De Haans’ immigration to the U.S., and Pella, in 1849 at the age of 9.

**De Kock, Andrew & family** – This file contains single copy of a “d.i.s. Magazine” story about the De Kock families escape from Nazi Germany in the 1940’s and eventual settling in Pella. There is also a zerox copy of a photograph, presumably of the De Kock family.

**De Kraai, Gerrit & family** – This file contains several genealogical charts, a copy of a Dutch Newspaper article “Weekblad” dated “Donderdag” 24, December 1942, and a letter from the great – great grandson of Gerrit, Michael, to Murt Kooi highlighting some family history.

**Den Burger, Jan** – This file contains a three page genealogical chart which appears to have been compiled by Paul Van Helten, of Mitchellville, Iowa.

**Den Burger, Joost/Yost & family** – This file contains a single letter, dated June 10, 1977, to Judith Rice from Vikki Schipul, of the Pella Historical Society, in response to inquiries about family genealogy research.

**Den Boestert/Den Boest, Dirk & family** – This file contains extensive genealogical charts, research correspondences, a newspaper clipping from the ‘Dallas Center Times’, dated 1920, and photos of Dirk and wife Anna, and current descendants family photo.

**Den Hoed, G** – This file contains original personal documents relating to the funeral and cemetery arrangements of G. Den Hoed, dated 1907 and 1912

**De Penning, family** – This file contains a detailed Pedigree Chart and other family genealogical research going back as far as 1758.

**De Prenger, family** – This file contains a single copy of a published small book titled, ‘The De Prenger Family History,’ dated 1953, full of short stories of each generation starting with Cornelius De Prenger born in Rotterdam, Holland in 1821. The family settled a few miles south of Pella. The book includes many photos and family stories of their early pioneer challenges.

**De Reus, Sallie** –This file contains a single “Oskaloosa’ Newspaper article dated 1997 about Sallie De Reas, a local artist whose special and rare kind of Dutch furniture artwork, called “Rosemaling” is featured in the “Norwegian pavilion” at the “Epcot Center/Disney world” in Florida.

**De Ruiter/De Ruyter, Ary Battiaanse & Teuntje Donk** – This file contains a one page genealogical chart dating from as early as 1667.

**De Velder, Jan W.** – This file contains a single page beginnings of a genealogical research of one who came to Pella in 1849 and left for South Dakota in 1882.

**De Visser, Andries** – This file contains many letters; some hand written in Dutch and others apparently the typed translations. All contain comments about the hardships and conditions the immigrants from the Netherlands faced in this early America. There are also many references to the early Dutch settlements in the State of New York and the City of New York at that time.

**De Vos, C** – This file contains a single copy of a newspaper clipping with a date written on it, 1939, commemorating the retirement and history of Mr. De Vos, in his own words. His family moved to Pella when he was only 2, in 1857, apparently entering America via Canada. His father established a boot making shop in Pella, but he eventually became fascinated with the new art of printing and publishing. He eventually worked for the “Pella Blade” which was the predecessor of the “Pella Chronicle.” He later moved to Battle Creek, Michigan, and established a well-known printing business called Cage Printing Company, and then established a printing company in Coopersville, Michigan.

**De Vries, Henry** – This file contains a single copy or a well-organized genealogical history complete with generational divisions, details and source citations page.

**De Wild, Alvin & Marlys** – This file contains a Pedigree chart starting with Great Grandfather Hendrick De Wild, born 1857 in Pella, Iowa; and a Pedigree chart starting with Willem Korver, born 1841 in Utrecht, Holland.

**Doedijns, Arnoldus** – This file contains a well-organized compilation of generational documents. It includes descendant's lists, a copy of a newspaper clipping, and copies of certificates of birth from the Netherlands in Dutch.

**Doedyns, Arnoldus** – This file seems to be a very similar genealogical study to the above name spelled **Doedijns**. The genealogical charts start one generation earlier, with the name **Arnoldus born 1730** and is followed by the name **Arnoldus born in 1761**, which is the starting point of the one above. However, this 2<sup>nd</sup> file goes into much more genealogical detail and includes several more generations up to generation #8 with a birthdate in 1993.

**Donai, John J.** – This file contains a single copy of a "Pella Chronicle" newspaper article written by John J, May 13, 1943, about his life growing up in Pella, and subsequent drug store career in Orange City.

**Doyle, Richard** – This file contains a single copy of a 'Census Record' copied from Microfilm with dating's from 1850 to 1941, from Lake Prairie Township.

**Droste, Family** – This file contains numerous documents and letters regarding the research of **Helma Drost** into the Droste family history and genealogy. There is mention of a **Dirk Drost**, the brother of her great grandfather, who immigrated to the US and Pella, in 1905, in search of earlier family immigrants from the Netherlands.

**Dwight, Lewis, Rev** – This file contains numerous writings and letters concerning his life and career as traveling minister, educator and graduate of Wesleyan University in 1837. These career activities took him from New York, Massachusetts and Vermont, to Illinois and Iowa. He was a teacher in Pella in 1851-54 and may have taught Nicholas Earps Children. There is also mention of a "definitive book on the Dwight family: 'History of the Descendants of John Dwight" by Benjamin Woolsey Dwight MD, published in 1873 and a CD rom version.

**\*Earp Family** – There are 8 separate files of Earp family history and genealogical research. From Nicholas, Wyatt's father, to Wyatt. There are lots of original letters and newspaper articles and reprints. Some references made to Sam Huston and Swamp Fox: Marion County origin/namesake. There are original documents, deeds and certificates: plus lots of stories and Newspaper articles. They are as follows:

**1) Earp, Nicholas P.** (The father of Wyatt) This file contains many original newspaper clippings, letters and magazine articles including a 'BuckSaw' magazine article with a lot of Earp family information and a photograph of the tomb stone of Wyatt's first wife in Lamar, Missouri. In this article it tells of Wyatt's brother, Virgil who married a girl from Pella, Ellen Sysdem in 1861. There is an original newspaper article with extensive family information specifically centered on the life and times of Wyatt's brother; Virgil titled "The Odyssey of Virgil Earp."

There are actual original legal documents concerning land grants and deeds between the Earps and reverend H.P. Scholte dated 1877. There is an original, handwritten letter from 1865 from James Copla. And there is an original magazine called 'True West' dated 1976 with a lot of Earp family history and information and even a picture of the Earp home here in Pella's Historical Village. There are also numerous other legal documents, newspaper clippings and letters and many great photographs from other states like Missouri, Arizona and California.

**2) Earp, Wyatt** – This file contains a very large number of original newspaper, letters and great photographs including a rare copy of a photo of Wyatt at age 79 years old in 1927. These documents center around Wyatt himself, mostly and include only those that are not found in the other Earp files, and highlight Wyatt's life and times in Pella.

**3) Earp, Wyatt, and #2** - This is presumably a continuation of the previous file, with the same name, because of the extensive number of related documents. This file contains mostly original copies of 'The Tombstone Epitaph' newspaper published in Arizona with copies dating 1990, 1993, 2001, and even what may be copies of originals from 1881. Of particular interest is one article about Wyatt's older brother James, who posed for many of the photographs most of America thought was Wyatt.

**4) Earp, Wyatt – Friends** – This file contains a small collection of related articles and photos.

**5) Earp, Genealogy** – This file contains a two page detailed complete genealogical chart of all Earp family members, descendants and locations starting with Thomas Earp, Jr. born in 1600 who first came to America from England.

**6) Earp, Wyatt & Jesse James** – This file contains some very interesting documents; especially what I assume is a story about the Earps published in Dutch in 2002, in the Netherlands. There is also what appears to be the original photograph, of Nicholas Earp and his wife, that has appeared in the many newspapers found in the other files. There is also an original newspaper clipping, by Murt Kooi, of the Pella Historical Society, about Jesse James and his connection to Marion County. Jesse was the son of a Baptist minister from Missouri. He used the alias Jesse Howard while seeking amnesty, in Marion and Mahaska counties, from his involvement with a Missouri militant guerrilla group that kept warring after the civil war ended.

**7) Earp, Wyatt – Monmouth, Illinois** – This file contains several publications and brochures that appear to have been acquired from the “Wyatt Earp Birthplace” museum in Monmouth, Illinois. There are also several pictures of the building – home of Wyatt - that remains as a museum today. There is also a copy of a newspaper clipping about the owners of the Earp home. Most interesting are several pages copied from a book titled “Western Illinois Regional Studies’ with a much more ‘scholarly’ perspective of the ‘Earp Legend,’ including many warnings not to make such ‘heroes’ out of such ‘lawless’ individuals and unsubstantiated hearsay about them.

**8) Earp, Wyatt – Tombstone, Arizona** – This file contains many various copies of the Arizona newspaper, the “Tombstone Epitaph,” from various different years with stories about Wyatt’s time in Arizona. There are also several other newspapers and magazines, and pages from, about Earps times in Tombstone and the town itself. There are also some brochures from the Tombstone Arizona ‘Wyatt Earp Museum.’ Of particular interest is an original newspaper clipping from the ‘Chronicle’ dated 1931 which is a personal account of I. Le Cocq, (famous Pella Artist –) when he was a boy, growing up in Pella, and his personal encounters with the Earp clan.

**Ellenbroek, family research** – This file contains a copy of letters dated 1977 concerning the research of the family names Ellenbroek, Ellerbrock, and Ellenbrook.

**Eskes – Eggink family’s research** – This file contains letters of inquiry concerning the genealogical research of the Eskes and Eggink families. One letter is in Dutch with an English translation. The dates on the letters appear as 1872

**Faassen,** - This file contains the one page beginnings of the Faassen genealogical research.

**Farver, Paul and wife Mary Joan Kuyper** – This file contains a two page “Pedigree Chart” and a newspaper clipping from 2000 documenting the life and career of Paul Farver as president of Pella’s Rolscreen from 1965 to 1977

**Fisk, Henry** – This file contains a single copy of an undated newspaper story about the early ventures of the English immigrant, John R. Fisk, born near London, England, in 1780, and his descendants, who found their way to Iowa, just east of Ottumwa, in Agency City, in 1841. The story is written by two of his descendants, J.W. Fisk and his daughter Laura, from Des Moines. There is also a map of “Oakwood Cemetery,” in Pella.

**Gezel, family** – This file contains three pages of Gezel family name genealogical research starting with William Jellis Gezel, born in Utrecht, Netherlands 1821.

**Gosselink – There are five (5) separate files with the name Gosselink: they are as follows:**

**#1) Gosselink, George and Christina** – This file contains a wonderful, one page, tribute to the lives and missionary service of George and Christina, published by the ‘Board of foreign Missions. They were members of “Third Reformed Church” in Pella and served in Arabia.

**#2) Gosselink, Hendrika** – This file contains a wonderfully written and detailed account of the life and genealogy of Hendrika Gosselink, who came to Pella, with her parents at age 12, in 1847; it is written by Michael Steenwyk, a descendant, from Hudsonville, Michigan.

**#3) Gosselink, Jan and Dirkje** – This file contains genealogical charts and a letter, in Dutch, translated into English, from 1859 and 1894 by Dirkje to relatives in Netherlands.

**#4) Gosselink, Jane** – This file contains a very well organized and in-depth genealogical file entitled “Family Tree of Gerharous Hendrikus Gosselink and Elizabeth Hogenkamp.” There are also two “Pella Chronicle” newspaper clipping copies: one dated 1971 and the other dated 1976. The first commemorates Jane Gosselink’s retirement as counselor, and principle, at Pella High School, and is a brief auto-biography, in her own words. The second is about her receiving the ‘Fifth Annual Community Service Award,’ by from the Pella Chamber of Commerce.

**#5) Gosselink, Vander Voort** – This file contains four pages of family stories and history entitled “Vande Voort History” written by Martha Lautenbach. This file also contains three genealogy charts with titles: ‘Ancestors of John Gerard Gosselink;’ “Hourglass Tree of Gerhardus Hendrikus Gosselink;” and “Descendants of Gerhardus Hendrikus Gosselink.”

**Grandia, Jacob Jilliszn & Maria Colyn Grandia** – This file contains a very in-depth set of genealogical listings starting with Jacob Grandia who came Pella on the ship “Nagasaki” in 1847 and Maria Colyn who came to Pella on the ship “Pieter Floris” also in 1847. This file also contains several letters, one of which is in Dutch dated 1980. There is also a copy of two family photographs of the “Leendert and Aartje Grandia descendants.

**Grandia, Geraldo** – This file contains a very in-depth, continued, genealogical study of, what appears to be, the ancestry of Jacob **Jilliszn Grandia** starting in 1580, in Gelderland, Netherlands.

**Grasveld, Rinske** – This file contains a two page genealogical chart which appears to have been compiled by Paul Van Helten, of Mitchellville, Iowa.

**Griffioen, Gerrit & Jan Corneliszoon** – This file contains two very in-depth genealogical studies entitled “The Descendants of Gerrit Griffioen” and “The Descendants of Jan Corneliszoon Griffioen.” There is also a third, one page, study entitled “The Forefathers of Dirk Anne Griffioen.”

**Groet, P** – This file contains a single, original concert program from 1947. It is from the “Ninth Concert of the Male Choral Club” under the direction of **P. Groet** in the ‘College Auditorium Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1947.’ The concert was a performance of “The Voyage of Columbus.” The concert program is complete with the words that were sung from each scene. The program also included a ‘Cantata for Women’s Voices’ called “The Garden of Flowers” and a ‘Cantata for Mixed Voices’ called “Fair Ellen.” All with the words included.

**Hackert, Henry & Johanna Van Den Berg** – This file contains a genealogical study compiled by Marvin Hackert last updated in 2001. There are the many great photographs of many Hackert and Van Den Berg ancestry and history.

**Haisma – Van der Veen** – This file contains what appear to be the beginnings of a Haisma genealogical study dated 1998-99 starting with **Wieger Haaijeson Haisma**, born in 1809, the Netherlands; which also includes a descendent **Arend Hendrikson Van Der Veen**.

**Hamilton – American Families** – This file contains an original 1939 “Pella Chronical” newspaper clipping of a wonderful story written and submitted by Emma Hamilton, of Los Angeles, California, about her ancestry, **Robert and Rebecca Hamilton**, who moved to Pella, from Virginia, in 1843, and how they became close and helpful friends to the early Dutch settlers, sharing the same Christian faith. Her ancestry includes the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pella mayor and early founders of Central College.

**Harmelink** – This file contains a one page genealogical chart starting with Jan Harmelink 1794 (Gelderland) and Joannes Vaske, 1759.

**Harmson** – This file contains 5 pages of genealogical research and charts starting with **Gerrit Jan Harmson**, who ‘came to Pella with Dominie Hendrik Scholte in 1847 sailing on the “Nagasaki.”

**Hasselman** – This file contains numerous genealogical documents concerning the Hasselman/Timmerman family lineage going as far back as 1500; including Dutch marriage certificates.

**Haze** – This file contains copies of the original immigration and citizenship papers of George and Hendrick Haze dated 1859 and 1860; and a marriage certificate, dated 1872, between Andrew Haze and Anna T’lam. (I hope I have the names spelled right as the signatures are hard to read.)

**Haze, Beaukelman** – This file contains a single, original marriage announcement between Cornelia A. Haze and Cornelious H. Beaukelman dated 1897, Sheldon, Iowa.

**Heuker (Hooker)** – This file contains charts of Heuker ancestry research compiled by Alan or Adam Dean W. Hooker for an Obbe Heukers, The Netherlands.

**Heusinkveld, Harriet** – This file contains a family Pedigree chart starting with Derk W. Heusinkveld of the Netherlands, 1812. It also contains an original News Paper article about a notable Heusinkveld descendent, Harriet Heusinkveld who was a ‘Fulbright Scholar’, author, and professor of Geography at Central College. Among her many accomplishments include much research and travel to Mexico, South America and the Mayans of the Yucatan. Harriet researched and wrote much about the towns of ‘Cordova and Red Rock’ which are now beneath the man-made Lake Red Rock near Pella.

**Hiemstra** – This file is currently empty, either just starting research, or currently being updated; (as of 5/24, 2016.)

**Hoekstra** – This file contains a single copy or a published book entitled “Jelsumer Hoekstra’s” written completely in Dutch and published in 1995.

**Hogewoning** – This file contains extensive genealogical documents, letters, and published articles in both Dutch and English. There are also genealogical charts in English and a published book titled “Back to The **Hoeg** **Woeninck**” –genealogy of the Hogewoning family – from besom to flower” by **Frank C. Hoogewoning**; in English.

**Hollebrands** – This file contains correspondences between Muriel Kooi and Mr. Caroll Hollebrands concerning the Hollebrands family genealogical research extending to family origins in the Netherlands. It also contains an account of the life of Sara Louwisa Hollerbrands, born in the Netherlands, written by her father, M. Hollebrands and translated into English by Rev. Henry W. Kolenbranders 1981-82. There is also a book titled “Sara Louisa Hollebrands” written by M. Hollebrands, published in the Netherlands completely in the Dutch language.

**Holleman – Willem** - This file contains a single copy of a wonderful book compiled and published by James P. Dahm, and printed by Pella Printing Company, Inc., in 2001. It is titled, “Willem Holleman – A Dutch Immigrant of 1855 and His Wife Clara Ulberg Holleman: the family in Holland and in America.” This book is on the shelves of the Pella Public Library Heritage collection. It contains ‘The Origin of family names’, ‘The Ancestry of Pieter Holleman from 1490 to 1806’, ‘William (Willem) Holleman 1832-1905’ and many wonderful pictures and stories.

**Huber – David S. and Family** – This file contains original handwritten documents, both in English and Dutch from as early as 1876, 1891, 1899,1919, written by David S. Huber and others, including land purchase contracts from 1882,82, and 84. There is also an original Newspaper clipping in Dutch (which appears to be from the Netherlands) which includes an advertisement for a passenger ship from Rotterdam to New York.

Of special interest is an original “Memorandum” note book of D.S. Huber from 1876 from his Pella, family business, “Snow and Huber – Canton Clipper Plows – Agricultural Works.’ It contains his original, handwritten notes. There is also an original postcard announcement for D.S. Huber as candidate for Mayor of the City of Pella, second term, dated March 27<sup>th</sup> 1905.

There are also several original Pella Newspaper clippings including: the “Huber” sponsored baseball team photo of 1910. There is a clipping of D.S. Huber’s 87<sup>th</sup> birthday, 1924; and D.S. Huber’s passing, in 1926, with a photo on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

One story in particular, for which the family was famous, was about Mrs. Huber’s Mother, Mrs. Goodall, who was offered a Beaver Skin, by Chief Blackhawk, for her daughter. The chief was a frequent visitor and guest of the family. Mrs. Goodall thought the chief was just teasing; but it turned out, he was serious. It took some serious pleading from momma Goodall, to convince the chief to give her daughter back!

**Hugen, Bert – Family tree** – This file contains ancestry charts; ‘Ancestry of Beert (Bert) Hugen’; ‘Ancestry of Tjiske Hoogstra’; and ‘Ancestry of Tryntje Sepkes Dykstra. There is also one handwritten synopsis of family lineage.

**Hughes/Woodward/Sell** – This file contains many correspondences between Muriel Kooi and those researching the history of the family names Hughes, Woodward and Sell.

**In’t Veld – Family** – This file contains an extensive 13 page genealogical charts going back to Arie Ariesz In’t Veld born 1792

**Jaarasma – family history** - This file contains a handwritten story about **Herman Jaarsma** who came to America in 1889 from Friesland. The story includes mention of the building that became the first location of Jaarsma Bakery. There are also 3 pages of genealogical research starting with the name Willem Harmens from Friesland, 1748

**Jansma, Veenstra Genealogies** This file contains numerous and varied research documents highlighting the family names of Jansma, Veenstra and many others including **Visser, Verdonk, DenHartog, Schippers**. There is also a short section of a published work entitled, “The Story of Sioux County” – ‘courtesy of G.A. Stout, publisher of the “Souvenir History of Pella Iowa.” It is about the families who left Pella, in 1870, by wagon train, to establish new homes in Sioux County. Many of the names in this story are mentioned in the genealogical documents included in this file; including DenHartog, Jansma and Schippers.

**Janssen, Gert (Holland)** – This file contains 4 pages of genealogical research letters between Gert Janssen and 3 other researchers in Holland and the US.

**Jongewaard, Cornelius** – This file contains 15 pages of stories about the early days of the Jongewaard family, starting with Cornelius, “one of the passengers who sailed on the Good Ship Nagasaki, which left Rotterdam, Holland, in April, 1847...one of the four ships in Rev. Scholte’s party, bound for Pella, Iowa.” (Also published in the “Souvenir History of Pella, Iowa, p 402-412) These documents appear to have been compiled, and possibly translated, from the original letters between family members here in the US and Holland, by Muriel Kooi in 1998. There are many first-hand accounts of the encounters, travels and trials of the family as they explored and settled the virgin Midwest from ‘Sioux Center,’ to Oregon, and beyond.

**Keables, Family** – This file contains several documents listing items from the “Smith” family sent to the Pella Historical Society in 1974, listing items owned by D.M. Scholte’s family, and many other families including the **Keables family**. Items include family documents and letters; furniture; household items; clothing and accessories. There is also a one page ‘Keables Family Tree’ starting with Dominie H.P. Scholte.

**Kempkes, Teunis** – This file contains a 14 page family history written by **Elisabeth Kempkes**, dated 1959, titled “Our Dutch Ancestry.” There is also a Pella Newspaper clipping about ‘The Late **Tudor Kempkes**, one of Pella’s early story tellers.’ There is also a one page genealogical chart starting with **Matneus Kempkes** (Seierland, Holland – 1823) and **Maaijke Rysdijk Kempkes** (Mijnsheerenland, Holland – 1826)

**Ketman, H.J.** – This file contains a single page of what appears to be an excerpt of a story about the Ketman family in the fall of 1906: living in Dakota City, Iowa, wanting to visit daughter Jennie, ‘for the winter,’ 100 miles west in Ireton, Iowa. It is ‘edited by **Frances Ketman Morgan**’.

**Klootwyk, Family** – (Van Klootwyk) – This file contains a copy of a 2 page letter from Mrs. Ronald Klootwyk, San Jose, California, concerning genealogical research of the Klootwyk family, dated 1977

**Kool, Elisabeth Betje** - This file contains 6 pages of letters translated by Muriel Kooi in 1996 that were “written by Elisabeth (Betje) Kool, born in Hagestein, 1855, daughter of Johan Andries Kool. It was written on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 1899, from Pella, Iowa...to her aunt Hendrika de Leeuw-kool, living in Hagestein.”

**Kooyenga** – This file contains a 4 page genealogical study from 1890 to 1925 all with the last name Kooyenga.

**Kooyman** – This file contains numerous genealogical research charts, letters and a newspaper or magazine article in English and in Dutch concerning the family name Kooyman, or as it is often spelled **Kooijman**. The article tells the origin of the Kooyman name refers to a small lake used to catch ducks called an ‘**eendenkooi**.’

**Kramer** – This file contains a professionally written and compiled, book by George Kramer, published in 1983, titled ‘The Life and Times of Pa and Ma Kramer: from Holland to America.’ It is complete with amazing and authentic early American stories and photos, all wrapped around the Kramer family history and documentary.

Of special interest is a lot about the experience of what immigrants went through on crowded ships, canal boats and stormy seas; what they had to go through on ‘Ellis Island;’ and the long, difficult and crowded train travel west: a total of 5,000 miles from start to finish.

**Kramer, Dr.** - Note: This is a second “Kramer” file. The only contents of this file is a single, original, handwritten note book with the earliest date September 15, 1927. It appears to be a doctor’s notebook containing the doctor’s notes about patient’s ailments and remedies.

**Kuyper** – This file contains a two page Pedigree Chart starting with Pieter Kuyper, of the Netherlands, born 1835. There is also a copy of a 3 page early history of “Role Screen,” titled, “Pete Kuyper and His Company – A Hometown Success Story.” It’s about the “Role Screen” corporation that is now in Pella, but had its early beginnings in Des Moines, in 1925, with Peter H. Kuyper investing in and consolidating several other small manufacturing companies that he eventually pioneered into what we know as “Pella Role Screen.” It also documents his role as Role Screen’s first president here.

**Lautenbach, Rintje Lammerts** – This file contains 3 copies of a book entitled “Lautenbach: Rintje’s Descendants In America 1869 – 1989. This book is beautifully compiled, but has no date or name of person who put it all together. “This portion of the family History begins with an emigrant, Rintje Lautenbach, who left The Netherlands in 1869 to come to Pella, Iowa, USA.” It begins with a short history of the Lautenbach family with pictures and description of Rintje’s family’s early wood craft and carpentry industry in Pella. It continues with extensive genealogical research charts. Rintje’s original wood working tools, brought from Holland, were “placed in the woodworking shop of the **Pella Historical Museum, in 1987**, as part of the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pella’s founding.”

**Lautenbach – Bosma** – This file contains a single page of research by Sophie Bruineekool starting with the name **Tjeerd Jan Bosma**, born 1812 – having come from Friesland in 1869 to Pella.

**Lautenbach, John & Margret** – This file contains a 3 page family history starting with **John Richard Lautenbach**, born in Pella, 1884. He was the youngest son of **Rintje Tjeerd and Sijke Lautenbach**, who emigrated from The Netherlands in 1869. (This is also seen on page 45 of the above mentioned book “Lautenbach: Rintje’s Descendants in America 1869 – 1989. ‘ There it is mentioned that John, a very gifted architect, designed the first Pella “Tulip Toren,” in 1940.)

Margret was very gifted singer. They moved to New York City and enjoyed very successful careers. John was a designer for a prestigious architectural firm. Margret had the talent to sing in opera, but chose, what turned out to be, a very successful business career as a buyer for Knox, Inc. on New York’s fifth avenue.

When they retired, they decided to move back to Pella, and were very active in the development of St. Mary’s Catholic Church here in Pella.

**LeCocq, Ed** – This file contains: 2 copies of a book titled “PELLA - A collection of Historical Sketches” and 2 copies of a book titled, “Memories of Pella – In Sketches;’ both by Ed. LeCocq. He published editorial cartoons in several national magazines including Saturday Evening Post, Better Homes and Gardens and U.S. News and World Report. This file also contains a one page Pedigree Chart, and several newspaper clippings about his life in Pella and his national editorial cartoonist career. There are also numerous other Historical cartoons and sketches of Pella. In one newspaper article it mentions he was offered job with the New York Harold Tribune, but chose to stay in Pella.

**LeCocq, Louis** – This file contains an original copy of “The Hot Lap:” a publication from Pella, Iowa, in 1999. It’s the tribute story of Pella’s first Professional race car driver who raced in the Indianapolis 500 until 1918.

**Lobrecht, Dorr & Emma** – This file contains a book entitled “The Genealogy of the Family of Dorr and Emma Lobrecht – Part 1 – Ancestors in the Netherlands – Van Lobberecht, etc.” It is compiled by Gerard Lobrecht of Houston, Texas. 1974. There is a history and genealogical chart for each generation.

**Lukas, Pieter & Cornelia** – This file contains several letters and documents concerning the research into the family lineage of Pieter Lukas. He was a shoe maker born in Strijen. There is also a copy of a Dutch marriage certificate.

**Lubberden, Willem** – This file contains a 3 page letter written to family and friends back in the Netherlands. It is a favorable perspective of early America written to Holland relatives. With comments like “this is the best land I’ve ever seen.” They arrived in Pella in 1847. It took them 100 hours to travel from St. Louis to Pella, after landing in Baltimore, Maryland. Even though they also experienced many of the same hardships and experiences of the other early settlers, they encouraged others to come. There was also mention of Rev. Scholte preaching at a Presbyterian Church in New York City.

**Maasdam, Jacob** – 1813-1913 – Came to Pella in 1849. This file contains a 14 page documentary of life in the Netherlands. There is mention of religious persecution from the state in the Netherlands: even imprisonment, (like Scholte experienced) for speaking out against the teachings of the ‘State Church’ there.

**Markus, H** – This file contains a single page of some family genealogy ‘found in their old Bible.’

**Masteller, Jacob and John H.** – 1840-1870. The family, originally of 1722 German Heritage immigrants, settled in Pennsylvania, then moved to Pella and lived there from 1840 to 1870. They built a mansion here which has been preserved and still exists. The mansion was excavated and move just outside of Pella in 2001. There is a well-known legend of its use, after the civil war, as safe haven for Negro refugees, via the ‘underground railroad.’ One of the family is famous for her antique, handmade, woven ‘coverlets’ (blankets) indicative of the Pennsylvania German Culture. \*Note: A book, written and published, by one of the children, is in the Pella Public Library.

**Mathes, Valentine** – This file contains a 12 page documentary, written in 2005, titled ‘Random Thoughts of Valentine Mathes.’ He wrote it at the age of 99. It contains many great short stories about the early pioneer days. There was mention of the drought of 1934, and fire whistles that were new to culture and actually scared some people to death (literally).

Among these stories was a mention of William Cowper who was a friend of John Newton who wrote ‘Amazing Grace.’ There was a story about a man, in an insane asylum, who was read a passage from the Bible and instantly cured and he too went on to write hymns. And an uncle converted by a grandmother with the reading of just one verse. (I wish I knew what those verses were!)

There are stories of young children rising and breaking horses: even a horse that was blind and how they trained it to be useful. And a story about young people climbing a 40 foot windmill, and doing other ‘dangerous’ farm work.

**McAdow, Samuel** – 1828-1857 – This file contains extensive genealogical charts and notes and two copies of newspaper articles.

**Meinders, Hoksbergen** – This file contains numerous genealogical charts, documents and letters concerning the research into the family names of Meinders, Hoksbergen, Meinders, Kroesbergen and others.

**Mensch** - This file contains several genealogical research documents and genealogy charts starting with Pieter Mensch, circa 1795, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

**Middlesworth** - This file contains a 2 pages research into the family Middlesworth, Middleswarth, and similar.

**Monster** - This file contains pages of letters concerning the research into the family name 'Monster' - which, according to one letter, in Dutch means 'Important Person,' and pronounced "Monsteur."

**Moore, C.M.** - This file contains a copy of an "Old Letter from the Files of the Chronical..." a reprint of a letter published in the Chronical in 1931 by C.M. Moore recalling pleasant memories of Pella from the early 1900's.

**Muller, Rev. Lester & Margaret** - This file contains a one page Pedigree Chart from the Margaret Jansen side of the family lineage starting with Elias Jansen, 1788, The Netherlands.

**Neyensch, Herman** - This file contains an extensive research document, full of genealogical charts, titled 'Overbeckinck later on Nijenesch' - Gelderland, The Netherlands, published in 1972. Herman was a very early Pella Newspaper publisher of the 'Weekblad' (published in Dutch) and the 'Blade' (the forerunner of the Pella 'Chronical.' He was also Mayor in 1874, for 5 terms and justice of the peace for 11 years. Many descendants moved to California 1889, and in 1947 and 1965. Many stayed in Iowa.

**NiemansVerdriet, Gertrude** - This file contains extensive charts and correspondence's concerning research into the genealogy of the Niemansverdriet family name.

**Nossaman, family** - This file contains 2 copies, and one original, of a 15 page autobiography of the Nossaman family written by **Sarah Welch Nossaman**, dated 1894, at the age of 70. She was born in North Carolina in 1825. The family moved to Iowa in 1835 when it was still called 'Wisconsin Territory,' before the Scholte settlement was established. Sarah writes of the Iowa territory still as yet to be established.

There are many stories about the Black Hawk, Keokuk, Wapello and Mahaska Indian tribes that dominated the territory at that time. She tells of how chief Black Hawk and his son were frequent guests at her fathers home and partakers of her father's hospitality. This file also includes an original Pella Chronical article based on the biography, dated 1964, and a more recent, type written synopsis of the biography.

**Oggel** - This file contains several original letters and their English translations by Dina M. Oggel written in 1887, 1890, 1894, 1895 and 1899 to her family in The Netherlands, from Pella, Iowa.

**Onstine** - This file contains a single, original marriage announcement of **Cora** Hessing to **John Onstine** in 1920.

**Overkamp, Isaac** - This file contains numerous letters, documents, a newspaper article, and a 'Biography of Isaac Overkamp' by his grand-daughter, Marie G. Scholte Born in 1810, in the Netherlands, he came to Pella in 1847. He was very well educated and respected, both here and in The Netherlands. He served as mayor of Pella for two terms and superintendent of Parochial School in the early 1860's. He was an esteemed Bible teacher, to the youth, at the 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Church for many years and was appointed School Master: teaching both in English and Dutch.

While in the Netherlands, at the age of 16, he found favor with royalty and was taken into their home and educated. After joining reverend Scholte in preaching, both sailed to America. Scholte was in charge of one ship, Overcamp was in charge of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ship called the 'Maastrom'. Isaacs's brother Gerrit was with this group. People said of Isaac, that 'His delight is in the law of the Lord.' (Psalm 1:3)

**Pelmulder, Jan Jelles** - born 1817 in Holland. He was 'immigration officer' of groups who came to America through New Orleans - 1846. He spoke 7 languages and was said to be instrumental in the formation of the Dutch Colonies in Iowa. In 1866 he originated the plans for Dutch settlers to purchase land in North West Iowa. In 1889 he explored land near Sioux City. (Note: Orange City, Iowa was originally named "Holland.") One of his descendants, Martje Jells Pelmulder, lived in the building on the North West corner of the Pella square. (The Historical Museum?) She was married to John Herald Thomassen (see Thomassen file following alphabetical).

**Paltzer/Klein Family** – This file contains a 3 page family history starting with a wedding picture of William Paltzer 1861-1930 and wife, Jane DeBruin 1862-1929.

**Pietenpol, Henry W.** – He was dean of students under 5 Central College Presidents for 36 years. ‘He was a pervasive influence’ in the colleges’ development. His wife taught Latin for 20 years. He also taught Math, Physics and Astronomy for 38 years.

**Poortinga, Jacob** – This file contains 5 separate genealogical studies, including a genealogical study of the family name **Bierma**. There is also a genealogical study in Dutch titled, “Tierboekje FAN IT Genealogysk Wurkforban.” There may be a book of Poortinga family History in the Pella Library.

**Porter, Marion** – He was a cattle auctioneer. This file contains a single copy of a “Buck Saw” newspaper story of early cattle auction days, with cattle being herded through the down town streets, of Pella, and sometimes getting into peoples yards. The story told about the local Indians, of that time, trying to steal children or trade them for Indian jewelry.

**Post, Moses** – This file contains a single page titled, “Lineage of Moses Post,” compiled by Susan Miller. 1999.

**Rempe, Arie & Wilma** – This file contains a single 1 page “Pedigree Chart” starting with the name Adam Van Doerninck, born 1777, Deventer, The Netherlands.

**Renaud** – This file contains an extensive compilation of mostly hand written genealogical charts and research.

**Reynolds, M.S.** – This file contains a single ½ page, brief documentary of M.S. Reynolds: ‘farmer and stock raiser.’

**Rhynsburger** – This file contains a single page “Family Register” of Cornelius Rhynsburger and Regina Van der Ley and their children. It also contains two copies of original ‘tin type’ photos Mr. and Mrs. and 3 Sons and wives. There are also several original, hand written documents dated 1856, 1899, 1869 and 1910

**Rhynsburger** – This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhynsburger file and contains a single, original newspaper article, in Dutch, about **Hendrik Rhynsburger**, with a date written on it, 1925.

**Rietveld, Herman** – This file contains several newspaper articles and advertisements, dating as early as 1905. He was a land and businesses owner in early Pella. In 1906 he was ‘The People’s Trust Company President.’ Some of his businesses were: Wagon building; tile and brick making, and the financing of the building industry. His business was located where the old Pella City Hall is now; with the two cement cast dogs on the entrance stair way.

**Rietveld, R.** –This file contains a single, original copy of the Sully, Iowa Newspaper, ‘Diamond Trail News.’ It features a front page article titled, “Well-known historian has long career.” It highlights the life and career of “Dr. Ronald Rietveld, well-known public speaker, historian and professor.” He was born at 1106 N. Main St. in Pella.

**Rietveld, Katherine** – This file contains much about the women of the early settlers and family stories about Herman Rietveld (above) and descendants. In 1849 they settled in the area which is now known as Red Rock Dam: which was then called ‘West Amsterdam.’ There’s a story about chairs brought from Holland that remain today. And a story about the boys hiding the girl’s clothes and the wire wrings that they wore under their skirts. There is a story about traveling minstrels that stayed at the Rietveld home, traveling peddlers selling clothes; and a medicine man and his ‘Indian Medicine.’ There is one story about the ‘new oak table’ that made momma so happy she cried; and how this frightened the little children because they didn’t understand, until momma explained. There are stories about the ‘seating arrangements’ at the family dinner table according to age.

There is a story about the ‘Coxey Kelley Armies,’ which were groups of homeless men, victims of the 1890 depression, on their way to Washington, D.C., and stopping at their home asking for food. There was tribute, made to the parents, for their courage and for bringing up their children with Bible teaching. There is also a handwritten genealogical chart.

**Robertson/Howards, Louis?** - The family owned property in several locations. There's a reference to **Jessie James** being buried in Mahaska County: and using the last name Howard while hiding out in the area.

**Roelofs, Howard & Mina Baker** – This is one of two Roelof files and contains 1 'Pedigree Chart' starting with Roelof Roelofs, 1808, The Netherlands; and 1 'Pedigree Chart' starting with Jacob Thomas Bakker, 1839, The Netherlands.

**Roelofsz, Joost** – This file contains extensive genealogical research. Of special interest are original post cards and photographs from 1906 and many letters, documents and charts in Dutch. There are also many maps. There's a research letter to Muriel Kooi from Holland, and an article from the Pella Chronical 1940 stating the 1<sup>st</sup> doctor, in the early 1847 Pella settlement, was Dr. Joost Roeloftz.

There is some indication that he was a cousin of D.M. Scholte and left a successful medical practice, in the Netherlands, to come to America/Pella. He built one of the first brick homes in Pella. There are many great old drawings and photos of family houses and early Pella. He eventually left Pella and moved to St. Lois, Mo.

**Romedahl** – This file contains three pages of type-written genealogy titled; "Volume Summaries of The Romedahl Family History' and "Introduction to the Romedahl Family History through 1998"

**Rose, Hattie** – This file contains a 115 page Historical Novel –Typed Draft – titled "The Story of Hattie Rose as told by Leonora Scholte and Martha Gosselink Lautenbach". Leonora was the wife of Henry Scholte, Dominie Scholte's son. The story starts with a church group planning to move to Ohio. Hattie is the main character and talks about her entering Seminary at Granville in 1856. (Note: I'm not sure if the 'Granville' mentioned is the one in Massachusetts or the namesake of the new settlement in Ohio.)

Hattie's older sister had gone to Pella before her, with her husband, to teach at the Baptist College (before it became 'Central'). They were looking for people to teach the children and Hattie volunteered to come and was then able to be with her sister. Many stories of the trials they faced settling the early frontier.

Page 78 Tells the story of a 'prairie fire' that was heading right for their house, but just as it got within a few feet of the house, as they were praying, God miraculously changed the direction of the wind and they all were spared.

**Rubertus** – This file contains many copies of original Rubertus family documents both in English and Dutch.

**Schilder, Arie** – In 1912, at age 16, while still living in Holland, working as a bicycle driving delivery boy, he accidentally bumped into 3 year old Princess Juliana, the future Queen of Holland, on his bicycle. It created a great deal of trauma, for all concerned, and the royal guards made life very difficult for him. He then came to Pella the very next year, in 1913, and became a very successful butcher in the area.

**Scholte Family and Descendants** – This file contain a large collection of items, including a handwritten personal expense log and financial book accounting from 1898. There are many Newspaper clippings and photos. There is some information about Nora Scholte, the daughter-in-law of Pella founder Domine Scholte who, it seems, published a book, in 1941 called 'A stranger in a strange land.'

There are published articles about Scholte's great grandson who went by the name, 'The Preaching Cowboy' or 'Papa'. There's a special story, written by his grand-daughter, who was with him in his last moments before going to Heaven. She describes how he suddenly awoke, looked up, and called out, "I'm coming, Jesus, I'm coming. "

**Stravers, John and Sarah** – Full family history with many pictures published as a Family Book 1893.

**Synhorst Family** – Very large family lineage. One in particular was Gerald Synhorst who was Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy Nuclear Submarine Division, who served on U.S. Nautilus (first Nuclear Sub).

**Ten Bosch, Rachel** – This file contains a “Biography,” written by Ruth Rempe. It contains stories about her families move to America, from the Netherlands, when she was 16, to join others families they knew, in Pella, who had already moved here.

There are letters sent from Pella, to those in Netherlands, about what America was like and what to bring when they came. There are many details about the ship, the cramped quarters, and the 16 days travel over the sea. Also great details about what it was like going through ‘Ellis’ Island, in New York, upon arrival.

**Thomas, Kate** – This file contains 3 copies of a great historical narrative written by Kate Thomas herself in 1975. (At age 92) She provides a great perspective of early English Americans and their ‘integration with Hollanders.’ There are some interesting stories about the ‘local Indians’ they encountered in day-to-day life in the Pella area. There is also mention of the early schools here and of Wyatt Earp when he was a teenager going to school here.

**Thomassen, John** - and descendants. He left Holland in 1847 on a three-masted ship named the ‘Nagasaki’ which was part of 800 pilgrims that came to America to escape religious persecution in Holland.

Published in “The Herald” August 30, 1984, was a story about one of His descendants, **Lawrence David Jennings:** who was born in 1904, in Des Moines, Iowa. Lawrence graduated from Iowa State with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 1934, Lawrence left Pella to take a position with Westinghouse Electric Corp. He worked on the ‘Manhattan Project’ that developed the atomic bomb during WWII. He also worked on the development of ‘electric torpedoes’ (electronic guidance systems) for the US Navy during WWII.

It is interesting to note, that a brother of Lawrence, **Charles Henry Jennings**, born in 1906, followed quite similar footsteps; going into Mechanical Engineering; and that Charles’ son, Craig Harvey Jennings, born in 1933, also went into mechanical engineering and developed military weaponry and equipment as well. There is even mention of a grandson, Michal Craig Jennings, born in 1956, who also perused a career in Electrical engineering.

**‘t-lam – Tlam. Originally “Het Lam” ‘The Lam in Dutch.** - Peter t’lam was born in 1866 in Holland. He immigrated to Pella in 1884 with his parents. This file contains mostly genealogies and pedigrees. Some letters of research between Harold Foster and Muriel Kooi.

**Toom, Willem Ariense** – This file contains a three page genealogical research which appears to have been done by Paul Vanhelton of Mitchellville, Iowa

**Tysseling, family** – There is a book published in 1946 by Hermanus Tysseling. His Great Grandfather, Hermanus, born in 1814, came to America in 1861. This family name Tysseling seems to be known for the early building of Windmills in the Netherlands.

**Vanden Berg, Beert** – This file contains letters and stories about the tremendous hardships of these early settlers and families.

**Van de Pol, Gerrit** – Gerrit was born in the Netherlands in 1795. He came to America, with his wife and 5 children, in April 11, 1847 on the ship “Nagasaki.” They arrived in Baltimore Maryland, and then traveled, via land and river boats, for 4 months, eventually arriving in Pella in August of that same year.

**Van Der Linden, Jan** – This file contains a one page genealogical chart which appears to have been compiled by Paul Vanhelton, of Mitchellville, Iowa

**Van Der Linden, Jan** – The family came to America, from Holland, in 1847 on the ship “Nagasaki” – arriving in Baltimore Maryland, but having to travel all the way to New Orleans and St. Louis, by river boat, before finally arriving in Pella. They moved to Keokuk, but returned to Pella.

**Vander Linden, Lender** – This file contains copies of many original letters, documents and photos. Among the interesting pieces of information is a document locating the Family burial site along the walking trail of the North Overlook Pella Dam park area. I believe this was mentioned as the site of two of the very early settlements called 'West Amsterdam' and "Red Rock.' These early towns are mentioned in other genealogies that existed before the building of the 'Red Rock Dam' that exists today.

**Van Der Lingen, Dirk** – This file contains a two page genealogical chart which appears to have been compiled by Paul Van Helten, of Mitchellville, Iowa.

**Vander Meulen, H.C.** – Was a very well-known and loved doctor, in Pella, for 36 years. In a newspaper article of 1970, it is said that at the time of his retirement, he had delivered over 1,500 babies during his career here. In 1970 Mayor C.B. Caldwell designated April 27, 1970 as Doctor 'H.C. Vander Meulen Day.'

**Vander Rozenberg, Henry** – The family name seems to have been modified to '**Rozenberg**' with children living in Pella from 1884 onward.

**Vander Werff, Family** – This file contains a copy of a published book, by **Dr. Lyle L. Vander Werff** in 1973 entitled, "Pioneers at Pella and Westward." The book provides in-depth documentation of the families sailing to American with Dominie Hendrick Peter Scholte, in 1846-47. The book highlights the situation, in Holland, that promoted their leaving their homeland and the important contribution the Scholte church made in meeting the challenges all families faced in the Iowa frontier. The book also includes many copies of photographs, including a family reunion taken in 1916 of many generations.

**Vanderzyl, Loren** – This file contains a book, Published by the Pella Historical Society. It is very complete and well compiled by **Loren**, entitled "History of Pella as He Recalls It." It is complete with several early maps, many pictures and photos of early Pella and several early Newspaper articles and advertisements.

This file also contains many Newspaper articles published around 1990 seemingly excerpts from **Loren's** book. Of special note, from the book, is that the name "Keokuk" is from the 'SAC and Fox' Indian word for "Watchful Fox.")

**Van Driel, Martinus** – This file contains a two page genealogical chart which appears to have been compiled by Paul Vanhelton, of Mitchellville, Iowa.

**Van Gelder, Aartsz** – This file contains a four page genealogical study which appears to have been compiled by Paul Van Helten, of Mitchellville, Iowa.

**Van Helten, Gerritt (Govert)** – This file contains a three page genealogical study which appears to have been compiled by Paul Van Helten, of Mitchellville, Iowa\_ (Side note: Paul Van Helten has compiled the following genealogical files and I suspect there is a family lineage connection, but each one has a separate file. They are as follows: **Westerkamp, Van Gelder, Van Der Lingen, Van Der Linden, Van Driel, Toom, Grasveld, and Den Burger.**

**Van Hemert – family** – This file contains many handwritten letters in Dutch with extensive genealogy charts. There is also a book that contains family photos; including a photo taken at the first family picnic/reunion in 1929: a very large group assembled from all over the country.

**Van Maanen, Brandt**- Came to America in 1876 at age 18. This file contains a story that appeared in the 1971 Pella Chronical with picture taken of His 7 Sons, one of which also had 7 sons.

**Van Raalte, Reverend** - Original, handwritten letter from Reverend Van Raalte: the founder of Holland Michigan.

**Van Steenwyk, John** – There are two separate files. One with an original letter from Jim Schnell, the nephew of John written in 1942. The other file contains the 'last family newsletter' from 1972 which further delineates the family lineage.

**Van't Sant, Garrit Nichalos, and wife Jitske Douma** – (1867 and 1873 respectively) This file contains Family Group Records from the 1830' to the 1940's. This file also contains a typed synopsis of family history also mentioning a book from another family file entitled "A Dutch Romance – An American Dream" by **Millie Van Wyke**.

**Van Valkenberg, Maria** – Born in Netherlands 1636, the daughter of **Arie Van Valkenberg**, born 1540. This file contains extensive genealogical records separated into 9 sections or generations. The family came to America as early as 1644 and settled in 'New Amsterdam' – which is now known as 'Manhattan Island, New York.'

**Van Veenschooten, T** – This file contains 3 copies of his letter to family in the Netherlands about his trip to America, eventually settling in Pella, dated 1855. **Note:** one of these copies was found in a totally separate hanging file. I consolidate them, into one, with permission from Chris Brown, on April 12, 2016 (JMB)

**Van Weelden, Henry** – This file seems to be related to the above, **Arie Van Valkenberg** file, but is a totally separate file, and contains much of the same material as the above.

**Van Wyk, Seger** – This file contains genealogy from 1350 to 1991 in a book compiled and publish by **Freda R. VandaWall in 1992**. It is a very complete and extensive genealogy with pictures from **Seger** to the **Alexandra Elizabeth Combs and Guy Van Wyk** family. Born in the Netherlands, a descendent of Seger, **William and his wife Trijnte**, immigrated to Jasper County in 1892. They had 11 sons.

Note: A second file of **Van Wyk** genealogy exists, compiled by **Neal and Hilda Van Wyk** of Mahaska County. This also includes some information about **William Van Wyk**.

Note: A third **Van Wyk** file also exists, compiled by **Greta Meaney**, who is the daughter of **Arnold Van Wyk**.

**Van Wyngaarden / DeBoef** – This file contains 3 copies of a wonderful book compiled and published by **Nicholas J. DeBoef** in 1981, entitled, 'The Romance of Two Pioneer Families' – dedicated to Pella's pioneers who 'came to the wilderness and made it 'The Garden City.'

Note: a second **Van Wyngarden** file exists with a book, compiled and published in 1985, by **Mildred Van Wyngarden Laughlin**, entitled "Dutch Roots." It contains a picture of her grandfathers thatched roof home, taken during a visit to Schoonrewoerd Holland in 1984. It was said that at that time the home still remains in excellent condition 150 years after her grandfather lived there.

The file also contains a drawing/copy of a hand carved wooden plaque depicting the 'Nine Mile House' , the 1884 VanWyngarden home, mentioned in the above 'Romance of Two Pioneer Families' book. It is said that the original wooden plaque now hangs in the Historical Village Wyatt Earp House in downtown Pella.

**Van Zee, Engeltje** – This file contains an essay written by Murt Kooi about the little baby born Oct 1847 who was the first baby girl born in the newly established Dutch colony of Pella.

**Van Zuuk, Albertus** – born in 1863 in the Netherlands, came to America at age 22 and lived in Pella, Leighton, New Sharon and eventually settled in Pleasantville. The file includes the genealogy of his wife **Elizabeth Brouwer and Dries Brouwer, her father**.

**Verhoef, Leandert**, - was born in Holland, in 1820, and came to America, via Baltimore, Maryland, in April 1847 aboard the ship "Nagasaki". (This ship and the Baltimore, Maryland, landing sight, are mentioned several times in the accounts of other families who eventually settled in Pella.)

The documents in this file are a letter, containing this information, written by the great, great, granddaughter of Leandert, **Jayne Ann Hartley**.

A quote from the letter: "Leandert was a cabinet and Furniture maker who established himself in Pella sometime between 1849-1860" He 'joined the Union Army Iowa Dutch Regiment' and was a P.O.W; then returned to Pella after the Civil war in 1865

Note: There is a second, separate **Verhoef** file, containing letters with information about **Herman Verhoef**, son of Leandert, from Second Reformed church records, dated 1997

**Veldman, Hendrik** – File contains letters and genealogical documents compiled by **Jan Dommerholt**, a descendent.

**Ver Meer –family** – This file contains 2 Pedigree Charts. One chart starting with Brant **Ver Meer** (1798 Netherlands) and **Hendrick Ver Meer** (1845 Pella, Iowa). The second chart starts with **John William Kellemy** (1785) and wife **Truimtje Ver Meer** (Netherlands).

**Viersen, Peter** and descendants – This file contains copies of extensive genealogical research and lists, explaining the lineage of **Ype Jans Viersen** born 1748 in the Netherlands. He fathered (11) eleven children including **Heerke Ypes Viersen** who fathered (6) six children. His first child was named **Siebertje Heerkes Viersen**, named after her grandmother. She remained un-married and became an influential person in Pella History. She asked Andrew Carnegie to help her establish the Pella Public Library in memory of her father.

Her brother, **Heerk Heekes** graduated the University of Iowa Medical School in 1872 and devoted 40 years serving the early Pella community. (As a side note: there were several descendants named **Heerke**. The University of Iowa Hawkeyes football team's mascot is named "**Heerke**." Is there a possible connection?)

**Vinje, Sarah Vander Horst** – the widow and her daughter immigrated to Pella. Many of the family appear to have immigrated to the town of Marion in the State of New York. As with many Dutch families, there are several variations of the spelling of the family name: including Vangee, Vinja, Vingee and Vinje.

**Vogelaar, Teunis** and family – This file contains 3 copies of the complete Vogelaar family history nicely laid out and compiled into booklet form by Tennis' great grandson, **Henry J. Bennink**, dated 1963.

**Vos, Emeline Gezel** – This file contains pedigree charts and a typed synopsis of family history.

**Vos, Gysbert** and Sons, **John and Hendrikus**. Gysbert and his two sons came to America in 1871. This file contains letters and documents written and compiled by various family descendants (family names Friesz, Kees, and Piet Molema, for example) from the 1800's to 1998, with the help of Muriel Kooi. **John Vos** married Gertrude Nieuuendorp in 1872 and lived South East of Pella in a 2 room house with (11) eleven children. The stories in this file are just amazing how they overcame so many challenges in the frontier American wilderness. (Also, in this file, there is a 'Family Emblem' for the 'Vossius' family that seems to be the 'Voss' family emblem.

**Welle, family** – This file contains a nicely bound set of family history documents including, photos from 1759 and 1921. The family ran a well-known Pella boarding house in 1911: picture included. This file also contains an original document, written to the Netherlands, from America, in Dutch, in 1847, describing 'to those back home,' the family's arrival and migration to Pella. This is also translated into English in a separate document.

**Westerkamp, Karstens, Pieters** – This file contains a three page genealogical study chart which appears to have been compiled by Paul Van Helten, of Mitchellville, Iowa.

**Westerkamp, Nellie** – This file contains a well-written family biography, by Nellie Westerkamp, in 1998, at 89 years of age. This file contains great family and ancestry photos going back to her grandfather. There are several mentions of the now historic landmarks in Pella.

**Wynberg, Family** – This file contains a very nicely done, home-made book of family ancestry and lineage dating back to 1838 and 1880. The special thing about this book is that each generation is presented separately, with photos and a brief bio-synopsis for each family.

**Zwank, Pieter** – This file was written and compiled by his great grandson, **Peter J Zwank**. Pieter Zwank, His wife, and 5 children came to American, in 1847, on the ship "Catherine Jackson." They were on the ship 26 days. During the voyage, Pieter Zwank died and was buried at sea...

Mrs. Zwank and children landed in Baltimore, Maryland, and went on to St. Louis, then on to Pella where they settled with H.P. Scholte and the first Dutch Settlers. They lived on a farm. The file also contains a nicely done 'essay' written by **Peter J. Zwank**, about farm life of the Zwank family through the 1900's.