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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Dirk Van Loon House

AND/OR COMMON
"Rock House"

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1401 University Ave.

CITY, TOWN
Pella

STATE
Iowa

VICINITY OF
CODE

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fourth

COUNTY
Marion

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Edith C. Kuitert

STREET & NUMBER
806 Jefferson St., Apt. 1

CITY, TOWN
Pella

VICINITY OF

STATE
Iowa 50219

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Marion County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Knoxville

STATE
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Van Loon house is a small, simple, T-shaped house of local limestone and wood. The original section is of coarsely dressed limestone, and is 16½' wide and 24' long. A slightly later frame section at right angles to the rear forms the base of the T. On the east side, in the angle between the stone and frame portions of the house, is a small frame cubicle which was to have been a bathroom but was never completed.

The shingles and cornice of the gable roof are wood. Windows are double hung sash, with 2/2 lights. Stone lintels are featured above the two front windows and the centered door. There are brick chimneys on the east and south ends of the house, and a 6/6 window in the west gable end.

The interior is simply divided: a small bedroom at the west end, the rest of the stone section a livingroom/kitchen area; the frame section was for additional sleeping quarters, as was the attic or loft area. Interior walls of the stone section are plastered. There is wainscoting in the frame section and in the attic. A fruit cellar beneath the house is reached by a trapdoor in the floor of the kitchen area.

The present owner has resingled the roof and put redwood siding on the frame section, as first steps toward the restoration of the whole house to an inhabitable condition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Personal interviews with Marion Van Loon (great-grandson of original builder/owner), by C.C.Buerkens of the Pella Chronicle during spring, 1976.
Lucas, Henry Stephen, "The Beginnings of Dutch Immigration to Iowa, 1845-47", Iowa Journal of History and Politics XXII #4 (Oct. 1924), pp. 483-531.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES 6200 3000

A	<u>15</u> ZONE	<u>500625</u> EASTING	<u>450000</u> NORTHING
C			

B			
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Edith C. Kuitert

ORGANIZATION

Pella Historical Society

DATE

June 1976

STREET & NUMBER

806 Jefferson St., Apt. 1

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Pella

STATE

Iowa 50219

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John D. Furler

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

2/11/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Robert B. Rettig

DATE

11/17/77

ATTEST:

Charles Thompson

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1-16-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER