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Letter from Nellie Seegrist to Nelson Nieuwenhuis, June 25, 1974

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Prof. H. Nieuwenhuis
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June 25, 1974

Dear Mr. Nieuwenhuis:

May I ask another favor of you? Recently, a Van Arndank-de-Ubert cousin, who is also a descendant of Jean Francois de Coq (b. 1805) and Neeltje Jeana de Coq (b. 1807) (both original Pella settlers 1847) asked me if I could identify the enclosed photographs found in her parents' collection.

My mother (88) feels sure they are Van Arndank-de-Ubert ancestors. She believes they are de Coq's. Hopefully, they match photos you have displayed in your Dutch Heritage Room. My guess is that they are second-generation de Coq's, i.e., she is a son of the above Jean Francois, namely: Francois (Frank) de Coq Sr. (b. 1827) and his wife Maria (Van Hornum) (b. 1830). These would be the grand-parents of Ralph de Coq who donated the de Coq memorabilia, the father of Frank, Jr.—Ralph's father—and Sophia—my cousin's grandmother. (Very awkwardly put!)

If you can match these photos—or the faces—without too much work,
my 4 cousins would appreciate it.

Have I thanked you for sending the little postcard about "Aart van Andelst Jr., being a student at NW Academy in 1886. I passed it along to his daughter and grandchildren. No one had ever wondered when he left Dak. But he headed for the ministry (RCA), eventually.

I wish I had more time to spend in the U.S. Archives. My Onderzoek: Rijkslaan history progresses—but slowly. One thing I know: It will be shorter than my first history. (Of course, there is a great deal of overlapping which will be applicable to both lines.) I have no relatives—not even distant cousins in your area as far as I know. Most of my charts are complete, and Sioux County was left behind in the Westward—No movement!

Best wishes to you and yours for a pleasant summer. Sincerely,

Helen Seagriff

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Perhaps the enclosed family tree may be of some guidance if you have pictures with names on them.

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May I ask another favor of you? Recently, a Van Arendouk-deWeert cousin, who is also a descendent of Jean Francois le Cocq (b. 1805) and Neelje Heere le Cocq (b. 1907) (both original Pella settlers|1847), asked me if I could identify the inclosed photograph found in her parents’ collection.

My mother (88) feels sure they are not Van Arendouk-de Weert ancestors. She believes they are LeCocqs. Hopefully they match photos you have displayed in your Dutch Heritage room. My guess is that they are next generation Le Cocqs, i.e., he is a son of the above Jean Francois, namely: Francois (Frank) Le Cocq Sr. (b. 1827) and his wife Maria (Van Gorkum) (b. 1830). (These would be the grandparents of Ralph Le Cocq who donated the Le Cocq mementoes; the father of Frank Jr. – Ralph’s father – and of Sophia – my cousin’s grandmother. (Very awkwardly put!)

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