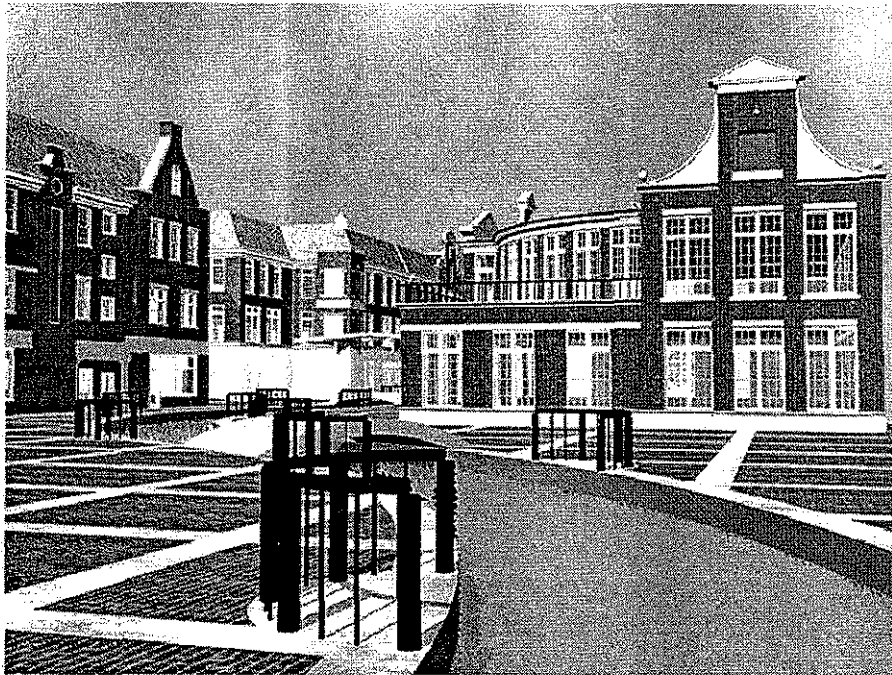


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Introduction

Every other year the Association for the Advancement of Dutch American Studies (AADAS) puts on a conference that focuses on some element of the immigration story. The 1999 meeting, *Dutch Enterprise: Alive and Well in North America*, considered the role of entrepreneurs and other leaders in the Dutch immigrant communities of Iowa and Michigan and other aspects of the Dutch American experience.

This book comprises the proceedings of the 12th biennial conference. Each participant was invited to submit a written copy of his or her remarks, which were subsequently edited. We believe that these papers make a useful contribution to the body of work now available for the study of Dutch American history.

AADAS is dedicated to the study of Dutch Americans, their immigrant roots and how that heritage is played out today. Past conferences have looked at faith, gender, migration patterns, politics, and a host of other topics. Membership includes a semi-annual newsletter, access to publications at a discount, mailings from Dutch American historical repositories, and support of the biennial conferences. Dues are currently \$15 per year.

The 1999 Pella conference was developed and promoted by Phillip Webber and Jim McMillan and hosted on the campus of Central College in Pella, Iowa. Central College and the Pella Historical Society sponsored the conference and generous financial support came from AEGON USA Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland. Without their efforts the meeting would not have taken place.

In 2001 AADAS will meet at Calvin College to help commemorate that school's 125th anniversary. For more information on the conference contact Dr. Richard Harms at Calvin College's Heritage Hall. The theme of the conference is tentatively planned as College and Seminary Instruction Among the Dutch in North American. Dr. Harms' e-mail is rharms@calvin.edu and the Heritage Hall website can be found at www.calvin.edu/hh.

General information about AADAS, its newsletter and membership information, can be found at www.hope.edu/jointarchives. Selected back issues of conference proceedings from previous AADAS meetings are also available.

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