

### **The history of Pella, Iowa, USA.**

Pella was founded in 1847 by Parson Hendrik Pieter Scholte (1805-1868) because of the separation in 1832. The separated people were not allowed to hold meetings with more than 20 people. Parson Scholte and the other emigrants were in famine and bad circumstances, including the potato disease of 1845-1847, the subsequent drought and left to escape religious persecution from the church of the Netherlands. Parson Scholte then left with a few hundred followers (around 800) for America and then settled in what is now Pella.

Many people of Dutch descent live in Pella, there are also many Dutch houses. In Pella there is an open-air museum with a Dutch Stellingmill, the Vermeer Hill and there are also Dutch shops and bakers with a real Dutch name. There is now also a tulip festival every year which attracts a lot of visitors.

The name Pella comes from the Palestinian city of Pella, a refuge for Christians in the first century.

Pella-Dutch is also spoken, a dialect distracted from the South Gelders. From Pella a few groups split up in search of cheap land, among other things in 1870 to Sioux Country and founded Orange City, named after the Oranges.