



## Jan Van Hoesen House c. 1730 Town of Claverack Columbia County, New York

The Jan Van Hoesen house is the finest surviving unrestored example of a unique brick-clad timber framing style that was introduced to the Hudson River Valley by the first Dutch colonists in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. The house is representative of the persistence of Dutch traditions well into the 18<sup>th</sup> century, long after the English conquest of 1664. The building itself retains almost all of its original features in whole or part while managing to assimilate later improvements into its archaic charm. The Van Hoesen house was abandoned shortly after World War II and remains vacant in a mobile home park that was developed on the farmstead in the late 1960s. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in August, 1979.

The house's association with the Van Hoesen family connects its history to the nineteenth century whaling industry that was centered in Hudson. It was the Van Hoesens who sold a portion of their holdings on the Hudson river at Claverack Landing to a group of New England whaling families in the mid-1780s who then took up residence at the site and provided the city with its current name.

The Van Hoesen House Historical Foundation had its beginnings in June, 2005 when a group of local citizens, concerned over the house's accelerating deterioration, first got together to work with the present owner on developing a long term plan for stabilization, maintenance, and preservation of the structure. We have continued to build our 501(c)3 organization and in 2009 are planning to take our first steps in stabilizing and preserving this iconic structure for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

*We encourage your support.*

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