



SEVEN TO SAVE

RAISING THE VISIBILITY OF LOCAL PRESERVATION CHALLENGES



In 2009, the Preservation League of New York State is using its annual listing of endangered places, Seven to Save, to support and enhance the year-long commemoration of the voyages of Henry Hudson, Robert Fulton and Samuel de Champlain. The 2009 Seven to Save List gives voice to seven disparate sites which illustrate the heroic saga of the exploration and settlement of the Hudson and Champlain valleys.



Van Hoesen House

LOCATION:
Claverack,
Columbia County

HISTORY AND QUADRICENTENNIAL CONNECTION:

Jan Van Hoesen, who built this house, was the grandson of Jan Franz Van Hoesen, original patentee of the area in the 1660s. The farmstead, while encroached upon by the adjacent, well-kept mobile home park, remains intact and undisturbed from the house, across the flood plain to the Claverack Creek, which then runs into the Hudson River. This site exemplifies the themes of Dutch settlement along the Hudson River.



PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Early 18th century

LANDMARK STATUS:
National Register,
Individual Listing

HOW THE LEAGUE IS HELPING:

The Van Hoesen House Preservation Foundation seeks to acquire the house and some surrounding land, in order to preserve and protect the house, as well as gain site access. The Preservation League will offer technical assistance to this organization as they acquire the property and seek to determine the best future use. Through the League's NYSCA-funded grant program, Preserve New York, the Foundation may also apply for funding for a Historic Structure Report. The Preservation League will bring attention to the site's historic and architectural significance through this Seven to Save listing, and boost awareness of the site in the surrounding community.



THREAT:
Deterioration,
potential sale of lot to
unsympathetic owner.



The Preservation League is a statewide not-for-profit organization based in Albany.
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