



ADRIAANTJE VAN PROOIJEN

Bill remembers his grandmother, Adriaantje van Prooijen, as a very hard woman. She was born December 13, 1870 in Barendrecht, Netherlands. Adriaantje and Philippus married and had two sons and a daughter. Bill was the only grandchild.

Bill remembers walking from Rotterdam to his Grandparent's farm during World War II. He would start early in the morning dragging a sleigh behind him. His grandparents would give him potatoes, and he would bring them back to the city. Food was scarce, and so the extra potatoes really helped the family.

Bill lived with his grandparents after his mother died. Adriaantje wanted to keep Bill who was 6-years-old at the time. She even tried to have his name changed. Bill would live with his grandparents again at the end of World War II.

At the death of Adriaantje in 1957, Bill was notified that he would inherit some money from his grandparents. He received \$600 which was enough for a down payment on the Diepeveen family's first home in Sugarhouse.

