

PHILIPPUS VAN DEN BERGH

Philippus van den Bergh was born April 3, 1869 in Barendrecht, Netherlands. He was a farmer who grew wheat to sell and had a small orchard and vegetable garden. He also owned farm animals. Most people in this area rented the land they worked. Philippus owned his property.

Grandson Bill remembers his Grandpa as being a “good old guy” and very laid back. He only recalls seeing his grandfather angry once. Jan, Philippus’ son-in-law, and grandson Bill traveled to Barendrecht after they joined the Mormon Church. They wanted to inform Bill’s grandparents of this decision. His Grandmother upon hearing the news got very upset and started yelling and screaming at Bill and Jan. (Philippus and Adriaantje were members of the Dutch Reform Church but were not very religious.) After listening to his wife for a couple of minutes, Phillipus angrily stated, “Come on woman. Be quiet! Let it rest. There’s nothing you can do about it.”

Philippus died on June 15, 1953, at the age of 84.