

her children on a rope so they wouldn't get separated. Little Annie was about three years old.

After they settled here another son was born. Their oldest son was named Peter, but there was another Peter in the relation that had to have a name sake, so they named the baby Peter Jonker. Because William had gone bankrupt the Christian Reformed Church would not let him take communion nor would they let his baby be baptized. As he grew up his brothers and sisters called him a heathen. At age sixteen he felt so condemned, he felt like taking his life, but through scripture he found that the way to be saved was believing on Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He started to become affiliated with the Plymouth Brethern. His sister Annie was indignant about his leaving the Christian Reformed Church, but later she became convinced of new truths, attended many meetings at the City Mission and later joined the Open Bible Church (undenominational).

William Pell was a huckster. He would drive his wagon to the country for produce and eggs and come back to the city and sell from house to house. He died in his 40's when his youngest son was three years old. The Pells were from the Gronigan Province in the Netherlands and the DeYongs came from Zeeland.

Anna married Abraham DeYoung and they lived in a large house on the corner of Cedar Street and Prospect in Grand Rapids. They had six children...Herbert, Gertie (the only one still living--age 94), William, James Pauline, and Peter. They were quite poor. Anna would make clothes over from old ones for the children. On Christmas Eve she would go out to buy some little gifts for the children for Christmas.

Marion Hoffman Glerum (May, 1978)

My mother's mother, Grandma DeYoung, before she married Abram DeYoung was named Anna Pell. Pell is not a Dutch name. Several years ago Grace Pell, a cousin of Grandma Hoffman told me that one of her relatives had researched the Pell geneology and found that a Pell had been a member of the Pilgrims that had sailed from England to Holland on the Speedwell along with the Mayflower. The Speedwell was not seaworthy and could not sail to America with the Mayflower. The man named Pell married a Dutch girl. One of their descendents was the father of Anna Pell who came to America in 1867 with his family. Anna at that time was six years old.

Dr. Robert P. Hoffman (May, '78)

My Grandparents

I remember Grandma Hofman as a short little lady with hair parted in the center and pulled back tightly. She wore long dresses made of tiny black and white print material, and long half aprons tied at the waist. Grandpa (as I remember) was taller and wore a beard and wooden shoes. They would talk to me in Dutch which I didn't understand except for a few words. I remember "smak hute?" (sp.), meaning "tastegood?". I remember that Grandpa smoked cigars and kept them in a round glass jar with a lid. I remember when Grandpa died. It was around Thanksgiving Day. Dad took me into the parlor where the casket was and lifted me up so that I could see Grandpa. He told me to touch the corpse. I did and it felt cold. That was my first experience with death.