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DESCENDANTS OF

Mr. Rokus Hallings

PRESENT JULY 14, 1991

Nancy Duffey

HONORING THE FAMILY OF

MR. ROKUS HALLINGS

October 20, 1991

Present:

Nancy Duffy

CHARTER MEMBER: Rokus Hallings

HONORED DESCENDANT: Nancy Duffy

Many of our charter members were farmers, as was Rokus Hallings. His farm was located on the old Browncroft Boulevard, which was then known as Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Hallings' first wife (not a charter member) was Elizabeth VanDerWerf. They had five children and were active in the life of the church. Mr. Rokus Hallings' name appears in our early Consistory records and was one of two Deacons elected to serve the new congregation on the first Consistory. His picture appears in our Centennial Book.

Rokus and Elizabeth Hallings' five children were:

- 1) John, who married Daisy Crane, and they had three children, Minnie, Bertha and Hazel.
- 2) Matthew married Elizabeth (?) and they had one son, Roy. In our Centennial Book on page 17, we show a picture of Roy with his father, Matthew, his grandfather, Rokus, and his great-grandmother.
- 3) Edward married Bertha White and they had one daughter, Evelyn.
- 4) Minnie Hallings married John Willink and had one daughter, Helene.
- 5) Adrianna Hallings married John Ubbink and they had 4 children: Elizabeth, Marion, Adelaide and John.

The one descendant of Mr. Hallings who is a fifth generation member of Brighton Reformed Church is Miss Nancy Duffy. Tracing this family, we have: (1) Rokus Hallings; (2) Adrianna Hallings Ubbink; (3) Marion Ubbink Duffy, who is living in Florida; (4) E. Walter Duffy; and (5) Nancy Duffy. Nancy, an active member who worships with us regularly, is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter (Jane) Duffy. Walter is deceased, but served many times on our Consistory and was active serving in many ways.

We discovered in our charter member research that Mrs. Marene Asbrook, also a charter member who was Rene Asbrook's grandmother, became Mr. Hallings' second wife. In a close ethnic society, where the church was the focal point for the community's social, as well as religious

life, many marriages took place between people who knew each other for years.

Today, we honor Nancy Duffy, a fifth generation descendant of charter member ROKUS HALLINGS, who researched her family records and shared this information with us.

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Mr. & Mrs. Marinus Asbrook

PRESENT JULY 14, 1991

Marinus W. Asbrook
 June A. Pekte
 Barbara Dye Hasbrouck
 G. B. Pekte

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DESCENDANTS OF

Mr. & Mrs. Isaac DeRoo

PRESENT JULY 14, 1991

Evelyn D. Porteus
James H. DeRoo
Thomas S. DeRoo
Ruth Russo
James DeRoo
Donna Valenti
Jim Valenti
John Valenti
Paul (Valenti)

CHARTER MEMBERS: Mr. & Mrs. Isaac DeRoo

HONORED DESCENDANTS: Warren DeRoo and Family
Evelyn DeRoo Porteous and Family
Ruth DeRoo Russo

Mr. Isaac DeRoo was born in 1847 in Holland and the limited records would suggest Rotterdam or the nearby area as the place of birth. When he was 13 years of age, he came to America with his parents, Isaac and Pieterella. They settled in East Brighton and had several children.

Isaac DeRoo and his first wife, Lena Sweeney, had four children: Jacob, Mary, Frank and Pieterella. We have no record of them being part of the BRC family.

Mr. DeRoo later married Cora Amiel and they had five children: Isaac, Henry, George, John and Andrew. Except for Andrew, all of the family were loyal active participants in the life of the new Dutch Church in Brighton.

The homestead where the original DeRoo family lived was on the east side of Landing Road, north of Blossom. This was the DeRoo farm and included land on both sides of Landing Road. It remained in the family until 1928, when the County of Monroe acquired the land which is now part of Ellison Park. The rest was eventually sold when the area developed as residential property.

The names George DeRoo and Henry DeRoo are still fresh in the memories of many. Neither of them had children so their influence remains with the many who knew them.

Isaac DeRoo (2), born in 1890, married Clara Willoughby and they lived in the old homestead after the death of Isaac's parents. They had one son, Richard, who died at age 6, and one daughter, Ruth (3), who still lives in the Landing Road area and is an active member of BRC.

John DeRoo (2), who was born in 1892, and his wife Doris Adams lived their entire lives in the Landing Road area. They had two children, Warren and Evelyn (3). Warren had three children, Donna, James and Thomas (4). Donna DeRoo Valenti has three boys, James, John and Paul (5). Evelyn DeRoo Porteous (3) has two sons, Michael and Allen (4).

Today we welcome and honor descendants of MR. AND MRS. ISAAC DEROO from the above mentioned families of Isaac and John DeRoo, many representing the fourth and fifth generation who are members and a part of BRC witness.

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Mr. & Mrs. Peter DeCook

PRESENT JULY 14, 1991

Grace Revier
 Christopher Van Bortel
 James Van Bortel
 Thaven Vanderlinde Van Bortel
 Agn C Van Bortel (Strickland)
 Kacey Leenhouts
 Henry Leenhouts
 Fredie Vanderlinde
 Son H. Van Bortel
 David P. Van Bortel
 Jennifer Van Bortel
 Bonnie Magin
 Mike Magin
 JACOB + COLIN VAN BORTEL BUCKLEY

CHARTER MEMBERS: Mr. & Mrs. Peter DeCook

HONORED DESCENDANTS: Grace DeCook Revier and Family

These charter members were both immigrants from the Netherlands, both having been born and lived in the town of Retranchement, near the border of Belgium in the province of Zeeland. Mrs. DeCook was Jennie Adrianna Cleason before her marriage to Peter DeCook in 1876. At first they lived in the Wayne county town of Macedon, then moving to Brighton in 1883.

Mr. DeCook was a farmer, his farm being located at the bottom of Rich's Dugway, where presently the Brighton town water purification plant is located. They sold the farm and moved to a home just off Landing Road on Old Rich's Dugway. Here Peter DeCook had a large vegetable garden and some fruit trees, and this is where he spent his retirement years.

They were both loyal and devoted church members, attending church services regularly both morning and evening. Their transportation was the standard form for the times, horse and buggy. Mrs. DeCook was an active member of the Ladies Missionary Society.

Mr. & Mrs. DeCook had 6 children:

- 1) Cora DeCook VanderLinde, who had 4 children: Edwin (deceased), Robert, Fredric and Marian VanBortel.
- 2) Susie DeCook Whitters, who had 2 children: Harold and Ruth Larkin.
- 3) Marie DeCook Adams, who had 4 children: Lawrence (deceased), Howard, Hilda Evershed and Alice Hegeman.
- 4) Jennie DeCook DeBack, who had 4 children: Elmer (deceased), Lawrence, Mildred Biggs (deceased), and Jane McKeun (deceased).
- 5) Edward DeCook who had 1 daughter, Grace DeCook Revier.
- 6) John DeCook (deceased) who was not married.

Of the 6, two continued to be active participants in the life of BRC: Cora DeCook VanderLinde and Edward DeCook. On this Sunday, we honor Grace DeCook Revier (3), Bonnie Revier Magin (4), and Philip and Michael Magin (5) who are present members descended from Mr. & Mrs. Peter DeCook.

Here is a poem written by my grandmother, Mrs. Peter DeCook, in 1917. Rev. Anthony Luidens translated it from Dutch to English. The occasion is the burning of the mortgage during the pastorate at Rev. Andrew Stegenga.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Brothers, sisters, friends and all,
Join my glad song of jubilation.
Five and twenty years for praises call
For God has blessed our congregation.

They have long since gone to rest
Who laid in faith the cornerstone,
Brave shepherds, they, with graces blest,
Sent to our church by God alone.

Through them our souls with faith were fired,
When from far distant shores we came,
To them our hearts to heights aspired
And God sent down His heavenly flame.

Our pastors changed, yet, by God's care
Each year brought us some treasure new.
And he who hears His children's prayer,
Taught faithful people what to do.

Bitter and sweet, bright smiles, hot tears,
Came to us all, each in his station,
To pastor and to people through the years,
God showed us His benign salvation.

Our hearts are glad this lovely night,
Our debts are paid, sing happy song,
Give thanks to God, glad hearts and light,
His hand has led us all along.

Sonn we shall tread our homeward road,
For happy hours like these must cease,
My heart is fixed on heaven, my sure abode,
Where God himself will give His children peace.

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DESCENDANTS OF

Mrs. Jacob DeGraff

PRESENT JULY 14, 1991

Marie Le Graff Phillips
Jeanne M. Phillips

HONORING THE FAMILY OF

MRS. JACOB DE GRAFF

September 29, 1991

Present were:

Marie DeGraff Phillips

Jeanne Phillips

Carl DeGraff

CHARTER MEMBER: Mrs. Jacob DeGraff

HONORED DESCENDANTS: Janna DeGraff
Marie DeGraff Phillips

Mrs. Janna DeLyser VanDerLinde DeGraff was born in the province of Zeeland in Schoondyke on November 2, 1866. She was first married November 23, 1887 to John VanDerLinde and came to America with her husband in August, 1888. Mr. VanDerLinde died at the young age of 27 on March 4, 1893. Janna did housework to care for her two young sons for 7 years before marrying Jacob DeGraff in 1901.

Jacob and Janna DeGraff had four children: Daniel and Herbert, who are both deceased; Marie DeGraff Phillips of Victor, NY; and Janna DeGraff, a resident of Rochester Friendly Home.

Mrs. DeGraff, who died in 1961, was the last surviving charter member of BRC. In her lifetime, she was a strong active contributor to the work of the church. Mrs. DeGraff, honored guest and church member at the time our present church was dedicated, was the only person who experienced the creation of the little chapel in the town of Brighton, and our present witness across the road on Blossom Road in the city of Rochester. The influence of Mrs. DeGraff is still felt by many of our present active members.

Janna DeGraff, her daughter, was long active in our church, teaching in our Sunday School and giving freely of her time for many years as a leader of our youth in Christian Endeavor.

Today, we honor and recognize the descendants of MRS. JACOB DEGRAFF. We are sorry that Janna DeGraff cannot be with us because of a fall. Members of the DeGraff family who are worshiping with us today are Marie DeGraff Phillips, her daughter Jeanne Phillips, and Carl DeGraff, son of Herbert DeGraff. Marie Phillips also has two sons, Charles A. and David, who live in Texas.

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Mr. & Mrs. Abram Baart

PRESENT JULY 14, 1991

Abram Baart Scheerens

Cathy Fuller

John Jackson
Linda Hultman

Kimberly

Rebecca Hultman

+ Wesley Hyszel

HONORING THE FAMILY OF

MR. AND. MRS. ABRAM BAART

September 22, 1991

Present were:

Wesley Ghyzel
 Peter Ghyzel
 Allison Ghyzel
 Nellie Ghyzel Buechel
 Frank Ghyzel

Ruth Baart Scheerens
 Linda Scheerens Hultman
 Rebecca Hultman
 Kimberly Hultman
 Glen Scheerens
 Julie Scheerens
 Terry Scheerens
 Amy Scheerens
 Mark Scheerens
 Zachary Scheerens
 Alissa Scheerens

Charlotte Baart Muller
 Richard Muller
 Andrew K. Muller
 Linnea F. Muller
 Richard Muller

CHARTER MEMBERS: Mr. & Mrs. Abram Baart

HONORED DESCENDANTS: Ruth Baart Scheerens & Family
Wesley Ghyzel & Family

Mr. Abram Baart and his wife, Susan VanDenAmeele, were both born in the Netherlands in the village of Cadzand in the province of Zeeland. We have no records of their arrival to the U.S., but we do know their home was on Klink Road in the town of Brighton, and that Mr. Baart was a farmer.

We must conclude that these charter members were active dedicated people, because our records and the memories of many recall the very active participation of most of their nine children.

Mr. & Mrs. Baart's nine children were: Jacob, Mary, Cornelius, Jennie, John, Susanna and Peter (twins), Isaac William and Nellie.

Jacob married Anna Anderson, and they had one son, Abram.

Mary married Chester Potter, and they had three children: Elvira, Hazel and Austin.

Cornelius Baart was married three times. He and his first wife, Josephine VanHall, had one daughter, Arvella. He and his second wife, Josephine DeMallie, had four children: Mildred, Beatrice, Josephine and Ivan. Many years later, he married Josephine LaGasse. (He liked the name Josephine)

Jennie Baart, their second daughter, married Freelon Kerry and they had four children: Susanna, Janet, Freelon, and John.

John Baart, their third son, was married to Nellie VanHall, and their two children were Florence and Stanley.

Susanna, daughter number three, married Rene Vander Brooke, and their three children were Clarence, Morris and Merton.

Peter Baart, Susanna's twin, married Beatrice Brunson and had two daughters, Charlotte (Muller) and Ruth (Scheerens), one of two active descendants today.

Isaac William Baart and his wife, Hazel, lived on a farm on Creek Street and their four children were: Richard, Robert, William and Shirley.

The fourth daughter and last child of Mr. & Mrs. Abram Baart was Nellie, who married Peter Ghyzel. Their five children were: Franklyn, Kenneth, Nellie, Warren and Wesley, who is also active in our church today. Wesley's mother, Nellie, had the distinction of having been the church organist at BRC at one time. No one remembers when or for how long, but we are sure it was a service of love to a growing church.

Today we honor the descendants of MR. & MRS. ABRAM BAART who include two active members of our church: Ruth Baart Scheerens, who is the wife of Wilford Scheerens, a present Consistory member, and Wesley Ghyzel, who has just completed a three year term on our Consistory. We welcome and recognize many of their family members who are worshiping with us today.

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Christopher Van Bortel
 James Van Bortel
 Marvin Vanderlinde Van Bortel
 Lynn C. Van Bortel (Strickland)
 Tracey Keenhouits
 Kerry Keenhouits
 Fredrick Van der Linde
 Sara R. Van Bortel
 David P. Van Bortel
 Jennifer Van Bortel
 JACOB + COLIN VAN BORTEL BUCKLEY

HONORING THE FAMILY OF
MR. AND MRS. JOHN VANDERLINDE

September 8, 1991

Present were:

Marian VanderLinde VanBortel

Fredric VanderLinde

David VanBortel

Christopher VanBortel

James VanBortel

Lynn VanBortel Strickland

Kacey Leenhouts

Kerry Leenhouts

Sara VanBortel Buckley

Jacob Buckley

Colin VanBortel Buckley

CHARTER MEMBERS: Mr. & Mrs. John VanDerLinde

HONORED DESCENDANT: Marian VanDerLinde VanBortel

Mr. & Mrs. John VanDerLinde were both born in the Netherlands. Mrs. VanDerLinde, before her marriage, was Janna DeLyser. She was born in the small town of Schoondyke, in the province of Zeeland on November 2, 1866. Mr. John VanDerLinde was born in the town of Zuidzande, also in the province of Zeeland. They were married on Nov. 23, 1887, and came to America in August 1888.

We know that many immigrants coming to America were sponsored by relatives, an uncle or brother, and many times they settled in the same general area. In the case of this young couple, we do not have that information, but we suspect a relative was somewhere in the Landing Road area, because their first home was on Blossom Road.

John VanDerLinde was a farmer as were many of our early founders, and he became active in the establishing of the new church in Brighton. Here the Holland language was spoken and they would worship with other people who came from the same province in Zeeland.

From family records we know that they faithfully attended church services, both morning and evening, coming to church either by walking or by horse and buggy. At that time, there were horse sheds behind the church where the horses would be sheltered from the cold winter winds and the hot summer sun.

Mr. John VanDerLinde died at the young age of 27, leaving a young mother and two sons, Isaac and Edward. Direct descendants of these charter members who are members of our church today are Mrs. Marian VanDerLinde VanBortel, daughter of Edward, and her children, David, Lynn VanBortel Strickland and Sara VanBortel Buckley. Marian's grandchildren, the 5th generation, who are members of BRC are David's children, Christopher, James and Jennifer.

Edward VanDerLinde was very active in the church, serving many times on the Consistory and as Superintendent of the Sunday School. His descendants are Marian VanDerLinde VanBortel, and her brothers Edwin, Robert and Fredric.

Mrs. John (Janna) VanDerLinde, after 7 years of providing for two young boys, Isaac and Edward, married Jacob DeGraff and they had 4 children: Daniel, Herbert, Marie and Janna. On a future Sunday we will be honoring this branch of the family.

Both Edwin VanDerLinde and Daniel DeGraff died at a young age. Edward VanDerLinde had a pulpit designed and built which he presented to BRC in their memory. This pulpit is presently in our chapel.

Descendants of MR. & MRS. JOHN VANDERLINE present today are Fredric VanDerLinde, Marian VanDerLinde VanBortel, David, Christopher, James; Lynn, Kerry and Kacey; and Sara, Jacob and Colin.

NOTE: Robert and Marian VanBortel's children have the exclusive distinction of being descendants from three charter member families: VanBortel, VanDerLine, DeCook.

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Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Johnson

PRESENT JULY 14, 1991

Grace Hebing
Beverly Green

HONORING THE FAMILY OF

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD JOHNSON

August 18, 1991

Present were:

Grace Clow Hebing

Beverly Hebing Geier

Ruth Clow Johnson

Linda Goetzman Almekinder

Robert Ritter

Lorraine Johnson Cook

CHARTER MEMBERS: Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Johnson

HONORED DESCENDANT: Grace Clow Hebing

A few charter members were born in the United States. One couple, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Johnson, were born in America; Mr. Johnson in East Williamson in 1857, and Carrie DeBack Johnson in Brighton in 1859.

A question was presented to the descendants of Mr. & Mrs. Johnson: "How did a man with the name of Johnson become a part of a new church where only the Holland language was spoken?" We suspected that his wife, Carrie DeBack, was the decision maker in the family and it was hers to decide their church affiliation. After more research and discussion, it was concluded that Leonard Johnson was really a Dutch man after all and that his name had been changed from Jannsen to Johnson. Name changes occurred frequently when the American version or spelling was used.

They lived in the Landing Road area on Klink Road in Brighton. Mr. Johnson's occupation was a mule team driver on the Erie Canal. Mrs. Gertrude Johnson Clow, a daughter of Leonard Johnson, told her daughters of many times when she and her brother, Ray, would walk from Klink Road to Clover Road where the canal locks were located. They would take a lunch pail and clean clothes to their father, who would be passing through at a certain time.

We have no knowledge of their participation in church activities, but we do know and remember their daughter, Gertrude Johnson Clow, who was married to Ervin M. Clow, as a loyal active contributor to the church life. Mrs. Clow was always available as a Sunday School teacher, and always prepared to step in to replace an absent Sunday School teacher. Mr. Ervin Clow was a member of the Consistory for many years, and also was a willing volunteer when manpower was needed at the church.

Mr. & Mrs. Clow had six children. The first four were baptized in the Ontario Reformed Church; the last two in BRC. Many will remember the following, who were third generation members: Ella Clow Bundschuh, who was an active youth and Christian Endeavor leader; Leonard; Grace, who was a Girl Scout leader at BRC for 8 years; Helen, Florence, Ruth and Grace also taught Sunday School, and like their mother were always available, willing and able to serve the church in many ways.

The Clow family moved to Brighton to one of the Sperry/Gerard Mill houses (now Daisy Flour Mill Restaurant) around 1918, and later to the house on the north side of Blossom Road as you leave Ellison Park.

A granddaughter, Mrs. Grace Clow Hebing, who now lives in Florida, contributed this information. Grace and other members of the Clow family are worshipping with us today. They represent the third and fourth generation descendants from charter members MR. & MRS. LEONARD JOHNSON.

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DESCENDANTS OF

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob VanBortel

PRESENT JULY 14, 1991

Dora Plant
Christopher Van Bortel
James Van Bortel
Robert Van Bortel
Charles Plant
Lynn C. Van Bortel (Strickland)
Harvey Leenhouts
Kerry Leenhouts
Grace Brandt
Thelma Plant
Harry Van Bortel
Sara B. Van Bortel
Daniel P. Van Bortel
Jennifer Van Bortel
Christy Plant
 JACOB & COLIN VANBORTEL BUCKLEY

HONORING THE FAMILY OF
MR. AND MRS. JACOB VAN BORTEL

August 4, 1991

Present were:

Dora VanBortel Plant

Charles Plant

Crissy Plant

Ted Plant

CHARTER MEMBERS: Mr. & Mrs. Jacob VanBortel

HONORED DESCENDANTS: Dora VanBortel Plant and Family

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob VanBortel were born in the Netherlands in the town of Cadzand, province of Zeeland. Mrs. VanBortel's maiden name was Lena DeHollander. They married and came to this country in 1868. They first settled in the Palmyra, NY, area, moving later to Penfield Road where Mr. VanBortel was employed as a farmer. He continued in this work until his death in 1920. Mrs. Lena VanBortel lived another ten years.

¶ Their residence on Penfield Road, which is still standing, was a considerable distance from the newly formed church in Brighton, so their transportation was always by horse and carriage or sleigh in winter.

Jacob and Lena had five children: John, Peter, Isaac, Jacob and Josephine. All were active at BRC except for Peter who married and lived in East Rochester.

John VanBortel married Mary Ross and they had two children: William VanBortel and Dora VanBortel Plant.

Jacob VanBortel married Bessie Hartfelt and they had one son, William. Jacob and Bessie owned and operated the grocery store on the corner of Landing Road and Rich's Dugway.

¶ Isaac VanBortel was married to Sarah Zonneville and they had three children: Grace VanBortel Brandt, Harry and Robert.

¶ The only daughter of Jacob and Lena was Josephine VanBortel DeWitte, who was active in the women's organizations in the church during her lifetime. They had seven children: Abe, Jacob, Madeline, Edward, Howard, John and Harry.

Today we are honoring the descendants of JACOB AND LENA VANBORTEL as follows: (1) Jacob and Lena; (2) John; (3) Dora VanBortel Plant; (4) Roger, who lives in California, and Charles, who is a present active member and has 2 children (5) Chrissy and Theodore.

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DESCENDANTS OF

Mr. Abram Cambier

PRESENT JULY 14, 1991

Harry M. Scheerens

HONORING THE FAMILY OF

MR. ABRAM CAMBIER

July 28, 1991

Present were:

Geraldine Scheerens

Larry Scheerens

Clark Scheerens

Tyler Jacob Scheerens

CHARTER MEMBER: Mr. Abram Cambier

HONORED DESCENDANTS: Larry Scheerens
 Clark Scheerens
 Geraldine Scheerens

Abram Cambier was born in the Netherlands, was married and had three sons while living there. After his wife died, he married again and in 1889, he and his wife, who was pregnant with Jennie, came to America. They lived in a little house on Minnesota Street where Jennie Cambier (Scheerens) was born January 22, 1890. Two years later, Sarah Cambier was born, and three years later, a third daughter, Dinah, was born. Their mother died in childbirth and a housekeeper cared for Jennie and Sarah. Little Dinah was taken in by Zonneville relatives. Sarah Cambier and Cora DeCook were the first babies baptized in the new church on July 1892.

Abram's sons names were Abraham, John and Edward, and the family thinks they joined the church in the early years. However, none of the sons stayed in the Brighton Church after their marriages.

Jacob Scheerens arrived in the U.S. in 1900. He married Jennie Cambier (2) in 1911 and subsequently four children were added to the church membership: Daniel, Milton, Marvin and Geraldine (3). From these four, Marvin continued the line of descendants with two sons; Larry and Clark. Clark, now living in Columbus, Ohio, has a son who becomes the 5th generation, Tyler Jacob Scheerens.

This information came from Gerry Scheerens, who tells how grateful she is to Abram Cambier, even though she never knew him. She wrote that she is grateful for the heritage that is hers, for the faith that is hers that was nurtured both in the home and BRC.

And then there was Abram's daughter, Sarah. What a lady! Sarah was the ladies' Sunday School Class teacher for years... and Christian Endeavor leader in Brighton Reformed Church, Monroe County Christian Endeavor and New York State Christian Endeavor for years.. and Gerry writes.. a special treasure as an aunt.

Today we honor the descendants of charter member ABRAM CAMBIER, who include Larry Scheerens (4), a present active member and Consistory member; his brother, Clark (4) and Clark's son, Tyler Jacob Scheerens (5), along with Gerry Scheerens (3), visiting from Battle Creek, Michigan.