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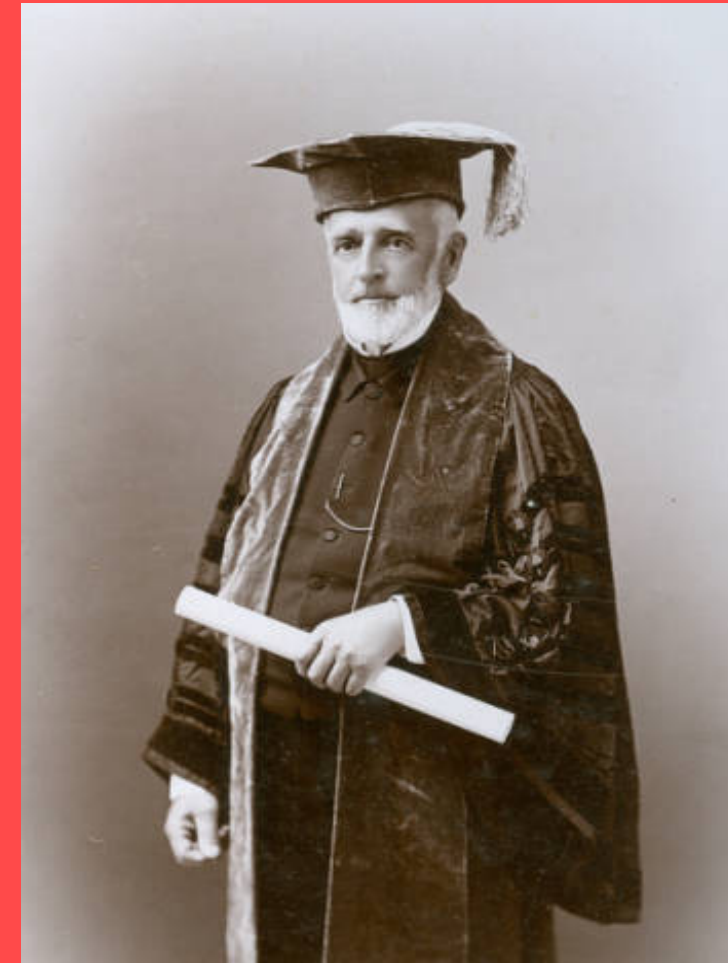
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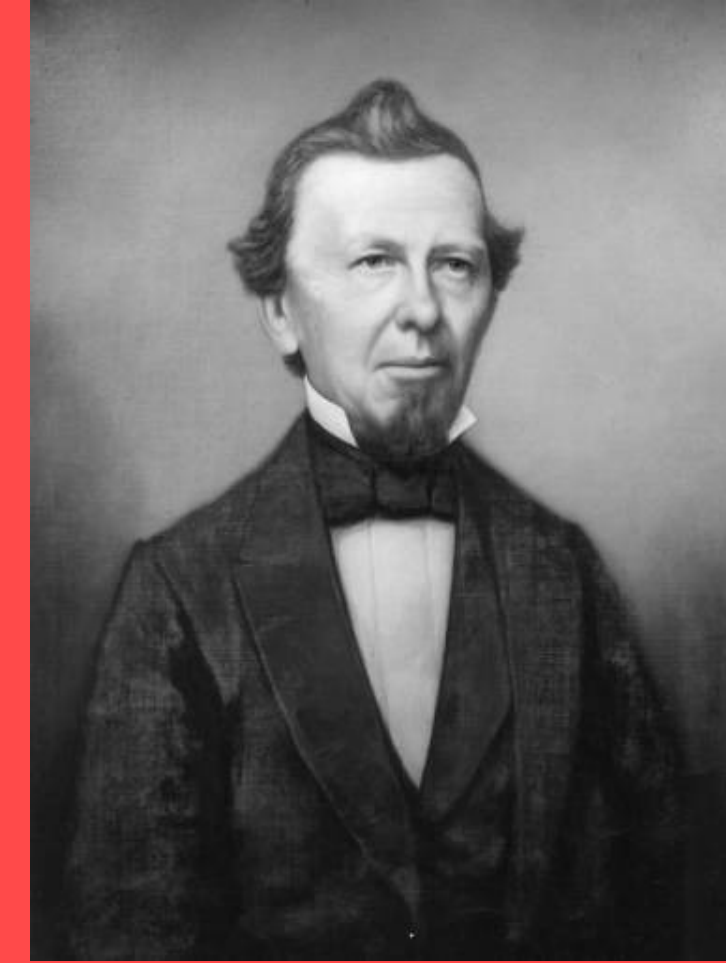
# Lasting Legacies of Holland, Michigan—A Look at 9 Influential People in the First 50 years of the City

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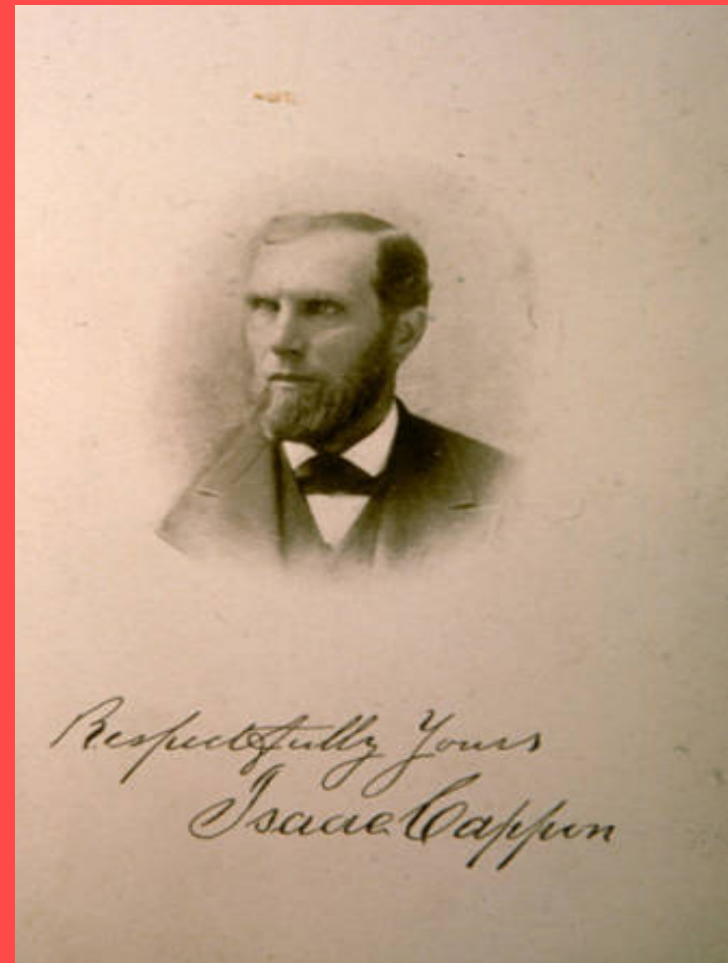
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**Phillip Phelps Jr.**  
 (1826—1893)  
 —1<sup>st</sup> President of Hope College  
 —Turned the Hope Academy into Hope College



**Albertus C. Van Raalte**  
 (1811—1876)  
 —Founder of Holland, Michigan  
 —Founder of Pillar Church  
 —Founder of Hope College



**Isaac Cappon**  
 (1830—1886)  
 —Mayor during 1871 fire  
 —Involved in local businesses and boards  
 —Cappon and Bertsch Leather Factory



**Edward J. Harrington**  
 (1832—1921)  
 —Mayor after 1871 Holland Fire  
 —Involved in local businesses and boards



**Gerrit J. Diekema**  
 (1859—1930)  
 —Michigan House of Representatives  
 —United States House of Representatives  
 —Ambassador to the Netherlands

## Modern Equivalents Say About: “What’s Unique About Holland?”

**GORDON VAN WYLEN**  
 —CONTEMPORARY OF PHILLIP PHELPS  
 —PAST PRESIDENT OF HOPE COLLEGE

THE PEOPLE  
 COLLEGE—COMMUNITY  
 RELATIONSHIP

**JON BROWN**  
 —CONTEMPORARY OF VAN RAALTE  
 —PASTOR OF PILLAR CHURCH

THE PEOPLE  
 THRIVING DOWNTOWN

**BILL JOHNSON**  
 —CONTEMPORARY OF AREND VISSCHER  
 —PROFESSOR OF URBAN DESIGN

THRIVING DOWNTOWN  
 COMMUNITY

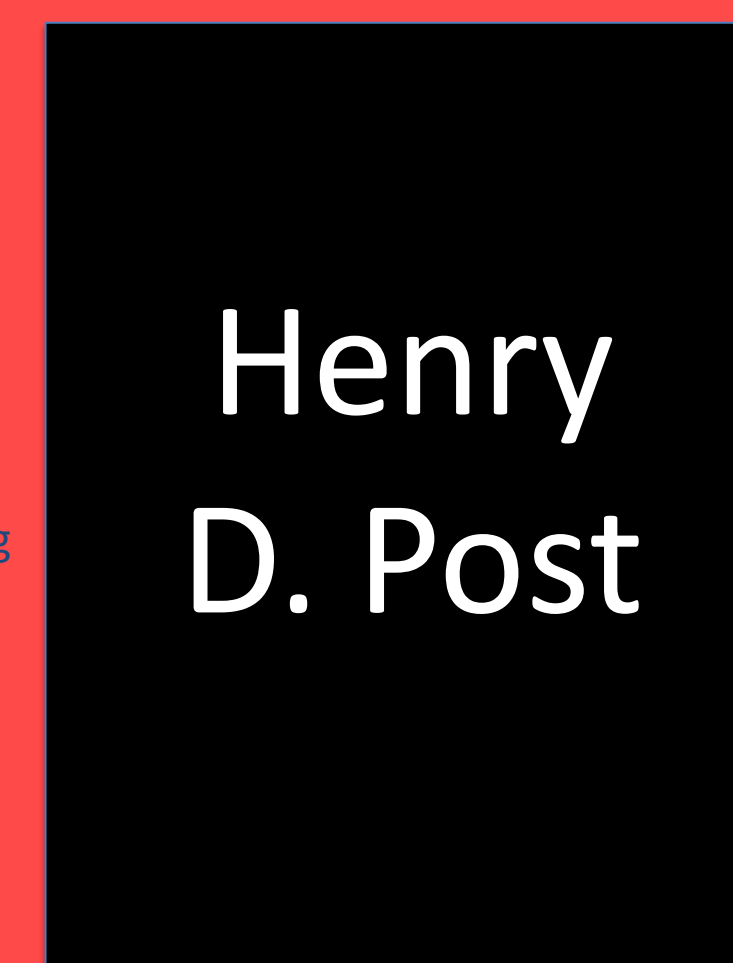


**Teunis Keppel**  
 (1823—1897)  
 —Involvement in early building  
 —Held leadership positions in Holland’s community

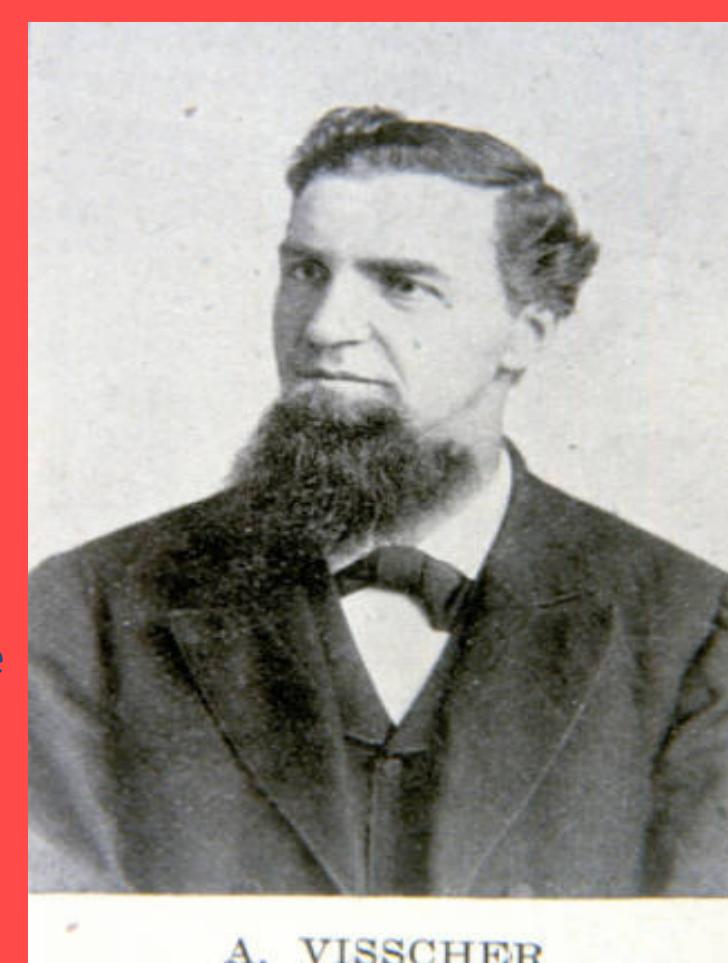


**Christina Van Raalte Gilmore**  
 (1846—1933)  
 —1<sup>st</sup> Dean of Women at Hope College

**Henry D. Post**  
 (1824—1897)  
 —Involved in Community from beginning  
 —First Postmaster



**Arend Visscher**  
 (1850—1921)  
 —Laywer in Communtiy  
 —Holland Improvement Company  
 —1883 Michigan Supreme Court Case Involvement



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