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Abstract

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Biography

William Henry Penn was born in 1917 to Ettie Brandt and Henry Penn. William’s maternal grandmother was a daughter of Cornelius Kuyper.

Henry Penn was born in Steenwijkerveld, Overijssel, the Netherlands in 1887. In 1890, he came over with his parents to America where they settled in Chicago. An avid baseball fan and player, Henry played in professional leagues for seventeen years. He was a large man for his time—six foot one, two hundred and fifteen pounds. Scholastically, he received his B.S. in Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois and went on to become a professor in that field at the Armour Institute of Technology and later the District Engineer for the American Institute of Steel Construction.

Cornelius Kuyper was born in the village of Schoorl, near Alkmaar, the Netherlands, in 1816. He married Martje Daleburg in 1840. He was the only one of his family to emigrate when he left for America in 1849 when he moved to Roseland, near Chicago. There he founded a general store. A strong Republican, Cornelius supported the Union and aided the Underground Railroad. He became an upstanding, well-known and respected citizen who served as County Constable and helped organize the Dutch Reformed Church in Chicago along with aiding the general growth and development of Chicago. He died in 1913.

Scope and Content

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