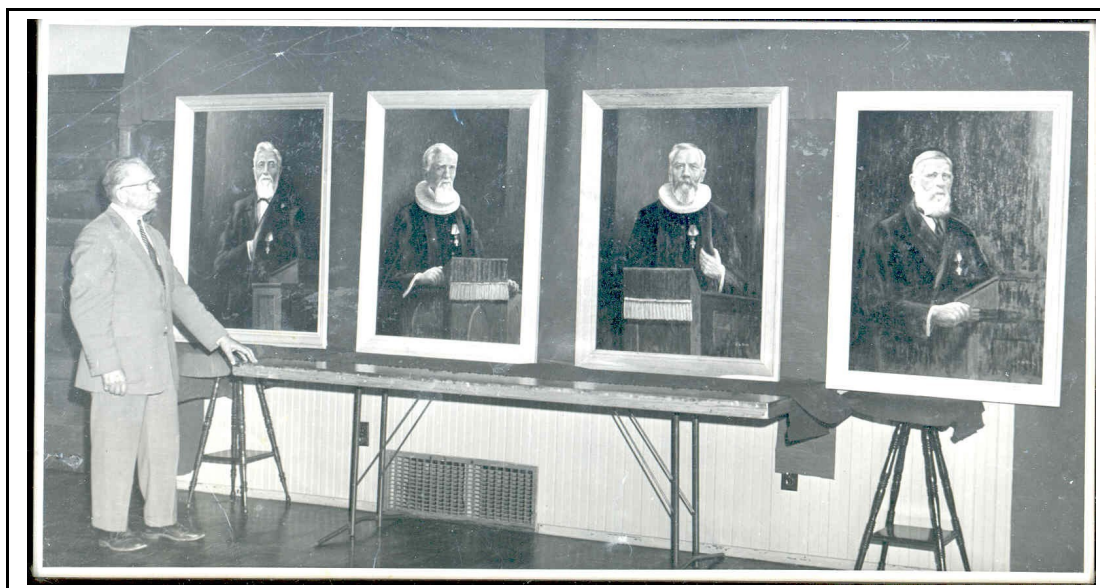


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Pastor and Painter: Christian Magnus Videbeck (1893-1871) came to the U.S. with a brother in 1913. Having studied art and architecture in Denmark, his ambition was to become an artist, but on the advice of a boyhood friend of his father, he instead entered the ministry, graduating from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1918. While serving congregations in Staplehurst, Nebraska; Harlan, Elk Horn, and Atlantic, Iowa; Chicago, Illinois; and Brooklyn, New York, Rev. Videbeck continued his artistic pursuits. He designed the new building for Salem Danish Lutheran Church in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, known as "Little Scandinavia" which was dedicated in 1942. Among his portraits are those shown above of Danish Lutheran bishops K.R. Anker, A.M. Andersen, G.B. Christiansen, and P.S. Vig, now part of the collection of Dana College. Another painting hangs in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Atlantic, Iowa. For his relief activities during World War II and his many other achievements Rev. Videbeck was named a Knight of the Order of Dannebrog and awarded the Danish Freedom Medal by King Frederick IX.