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**LIFE HISTORY OF
MARY SALOME BRAND**

A DEERFIELD PIONEER

Story of Mrs. Henry Wessling's Mother Relates Many Interesting Events

A Deerfield pioneer woman, whose few grey hairs do not indicate the eighty years that she has lived, is Mrs. Henry Wessling.

This daughter of a mother who lived to be ninety-six years of age, may also live to round out a century of usefulness to her family.

A cheerful disposition, happy smile and great religious contentment mark her days.

Still active in her housework and her garden, she also shows a willingness to "mother" her grandchildren, when the occasion demands.

Mary Salome Brand's paternal grandfather was John Philip Brand, of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and her father was J. Philip, Jr., who was born August 23, 1813, and came to America from Alsace, April 28, 1842. He settled in Warren, Penn. for two years, then came to Chicago, and reached Deerfield vicinity in May 1844. He married on July 20, 1844, Miss Mary Salome Ott, who was born in Alsace, September 14, 1825, and came to Deerfield with her parents, Jacob, and Ursula Riek Ott, who emigrated from Alsace in 1832, were in Warren, Penn. two years, and traveled to Lake county by team, in the spring of 1837. Mr. Brand hewed timbers for the first Evangelical Association church in the state, located on the south side of Dundee road in the South Northfield cemetery, in which are buried the Luther family, the Wesslings, and Ursula Riek Ott who was also the mother of George Rokenbach, our 87 year old citizen. Mary S. Brand was born October 12, 1847, on the farm that her father bought from Mr. Geary, which is north of Deerfield and now occupied by the Frank Sack family, near Bannockburn, the Alken subdivision.

On this farm Mary lived until six months of age when her parents moved to Northfield to the farm of her uncle, George Escher, brother of Bishop John J. Escher. In 1859 the Philip Brand family moved to the farm that he bought of Mr. Luther (an earlier settler, one of whose daughters married Jesse Wilmet) at the corner of Deerfield and Saunders roads, known ever since as Brand's corners. In 1883 they moved to Highland Park.

Mary Brand attended the Kennicot Grove, and the Wilmet schools, where a Miss French and Dr. Lewis were teachers in the former.

She was married March 2, 1871, on the Brand farm by the Rev. Jacob Himmel to Henry L. Wessling, who was born December 18, 1848, the son of Gehrhardt Wessling, who was born July 6, 1817, in Gehrte, Hanover, Germany, and came to America in 1836, and helped build the Lockport Canal. At twenty years of age he married Nina Plagge, whose parents came to Deerfield from Alsace about the same time. Gehrhardt had eight children: Louise, Henry, who married Mary Brand; Sarah, who lives in Highland Park; Martin, who married Lena Sommers and went to Iowa to live; William, who died at 16; Carrie, who married Mr. Schuss; and August, who married Emma Stryker.

Gehrhardt died November 16, 1895 at the age of 68 years, and is buried in Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wessling lived for eight years with great family congeniality with his father, on the latter's farm on Dundee road in Northfield. This farm was bought about twenty years ago by John A. Reichelt, who sold the wooded part of it about three years ago to the Cook County Forest Preserve.

For five years the Henry Wesslings lived on the farm of the first John Stryker, who came to America in 1836, to the farm on Dundee road in Northfield. For twenty years they resided on the Gos farm in Northfield. Twenty-four years ago they moved to Deerfield to a three-acre tract that was originally taken from the government by Deerfield's first settler, Philemon Cadwell. Then John Kneche's and finally Henry Plagge's, who sold it to Henry Wessling.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wessling have three daughters, Laura, who lives with her mother; Blanche, who is Mrs. John A. Stryker; and Pearl, who is Mrs. Milton Frantz. Henry Wessling, a fine, consistent Christian, died May 5, 1920, and is buried in the Northfield cemetery.

Mrs. Wessling's recollection of the early history of this locality are vivid ones. She was sixteen when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, and she saw his body lying in state in the court house in Chicago. She and her brother, Silas, were in the Wil-

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REUNION OF YORE FAMILY HELD SUNDAY

Plan to Make it an Annual Event. Six Generations Attend Affair

On Sunday, July 10, three hundred descendants of Michael Yore, one of the earliest pioneers of the country, gathered together on the homestead he founded nearly a hundred years ago. The day began by two hundred attending Mass at St. Patrick's church, at Everett, and then the crowd adjourned to the family home now owned by John Yore, a grandson of the pioneer.

By noon, all of the many families had arrived from the surrounding cities and the next thing on the program was a picnic luncheon. Most of the time was spent in seeing all the familiar faces and renewing companionships of younger days. There was six generations represented and the youngest present was little Mary Louise Fenlon (two months old) of Chicago. There was amusement of all kinds and the fun lasted until after sundown.

During the course of the afternoon photographs were taken in order to perpetuate the first reunion. After this the only bit of formality about the day was introduced. It consisted of a short talk by Father William Ryan, an honored guest of the day, who, at the close of his speech introduced Mr. Thomas McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre read the constitution and the appointment of the following officers, president, John Yore; vice-president, Mrs. George Yore; Sr.; secretary, Mrs. Lawrence Vaughn. A committee was also appointed to represent the families of the sons and daughters of Michael Yore. It was proposed and unanimously accepted that this meeting should become an annual event.

The first church in Deerfield township was built in 1844 on land donated by Michael Yore and was in what was called Meehan's settlement, on the Corduroy road, and was called the Corduroy church. This church served communicants in four townships. In 1853 this church was moved to Shields township.

Michael Meehan, the first settler, came in 1836.

GARDEN CLUB IS ENJOYED THURSDAY

The Garden club was entertained most delightfully by Mrs. Martin Insull on Thursday, July 14. A buffet luncheon was served at Orchard House, Mrs. Insull's little house on Ridge road.

In addition to the club members and their house guests, four Highland Park ladies, all of whom are interested gardeners, were invited.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in Mrs. Insull's and Mrs. Rafferty's gardens after which each guest selected a little pottery vase filled with mixed flowers from a charming assortment of vases and bouquets as a little souvenir of the afternoon.

COMPARE EUROPEAN AMERICAN CLINICS

To Attend Meeting in North Chicago July 25; Regular Meeting July 28

The following item from the Paris edition of the New York Herald, of June 27, will interest the patients and friends of one of our popular physicians whose home is on the County Line road in Deerfield.

Dr. Walter Bradford Metcalf's kindly courtesy and prompt response to calls have endeared him to a large patronage.

"The diagnostic equipment and work of French physicians are very good in Paris, in spite of the handicap of poor building facilities," believes Dr. Walter E. Metcalf of Chicago, who has arrived here with Mrs. Metcalf and children, Edith and Walter, and who has been combining pleasure with clinical work in French medical institutions. "The French have made wonderful progress in medical lines," he says, "yet I believe that conditions in America compare favorably with conditions here." Dr. Metcalf will continue his clinical work and observations for the next five months in various medical centers of Europe, after which he will sail for America some time in November. Dr. and Mrs. Metcalf and children are at present living in Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

INCREASE TAX LEVY FOR MOTHERS PENSION

Under the provisions of House Bill No. 378, sponsored by Representative Rene Elrod, Chicago, increase in the tax levy for the support of the Mothers' Pension law from two-thirds of one mill to four-fifths of a mill is provided.

The bill has received the signature of Governor Small and became a law on July 1.

We're not looking for the American marines in China to bring back many war brides.—Toledo Blade.

MRS. CHRISTENSON, OLD RESIDENT, DIES

FUNERAL ON WEDNESDAY

Illness of 2 Days Results in Death July 18. Dies at Home of Friend in Hinsdale

Mrs. Hattie Parson Christensen who passed away Monday, July 18, after a two day illness was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parson, one of the first settlers in Deerfield. Mrs. Parson was Susan Vedder before her marriage. Mrs. Christensen was an aunt of Mrs. E. B. Jordan (Lura Parson) and of Bert and Edwin Easton. She was a niece of Miss Margaret Vedder, whose property on Waukegan road, now owned by Mr. George Truitt, Mrs. Christensen inherited.

Hattie Parsons was born in Deerfield in the house now occupied by the Jordan family on Waukegan road on December 21, 1859.

On July 9, 1884 she was married to Fred O. Christensen who for many years had a drug store at the corner of Jackson boulevard and California avenue in Chicago.

After his retirement from business Mr. and Mrs. Christensen spent their summers on the Vedder farm in Deerfield and their winters in Alabama.

After Mr. Christensen's death her niece, Susan Easton, lived with her, and when Susan married Fred Protine she continued to reside in her home in Elmhurst.

She died, however, at the home of a friend in Hinsdale where she was visiting when she became suddenly ill.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 20, at 2 p. m. at West Chicago Masonic temple, Oakley boulevard and Madison street, under the auspices of Siloam Chapter No. 119 O. E. S. of which she was a past matron. Interment at Park Ridge cemetery.

The Vedder and Parson families were identified in a marked way in the early history of Deerfield. Philip Vedder came from Granville (now Hoffman's Ferry) Schneectady county, New York. He was born March 21, 1804, a member of one of the old Knickerbocker families.

Philip was a farmer and kept a hotel on the Mohawk turnpike for many years. December 23, 1824 he married Margaret Haverly. She was born in Glenville, N. Y., April 29, 1810, when she was fourteen and her husband was twenty-one years of age. They came to Deerfield in October 1843, bought section 33 of Horace Lamb. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Vedder had four children, Almon, born October 8, 1825, who married Louise B. Baldwin; Suman, born June 20, 1827, who married Alfred Parsons, and became the parents of our Mrs. E. B. Jordan; Eleanor, who married General F. T. Sherman, Waukegan; and Margaret, born June 8, 1838, who made her home in the old farm home with her brother, Almon, and after her death continued to conduct the farm, which has been one on which fine horses, large barns, a race track was maintained which was the center of interest to those who delighted in that particular speed of the day.

Miss Margaret spent her winters in Alabama (where she died) with her favorite niece, Mrs. Christensen.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS TO HOLD MANY EVENTS

The Deerfield Royal Neighbors camp have been invited to attend a meeting of the North Chicago R. N. A. camp on Monday evening, July 25. All members desiring to attend are requested to meet in time to take the 6:45 bus to Highland Park and from there on the North Shore line to North Chicago.

On Tuesday, July 26 in the Jewitt Grove, the members of the Deerfield Royal Neighbors camp with their families will enjoy a picnic.

They will gather at the grove about 10 a. m. Among the interesting features planned are, pot luck lunch at noon, games, races, and prizes.

The next meeting of the Royal Neighbor camp will be held at the Masonic temple on Thursday evening, July 28. All members are especially urged to attend. Among the important things to be discussed is the perfecting of plans to visit the summer home of Mrs. Orman Rockenbach at Lake Zurich where all Deerfield Royal Neighbors have been invited. The day, date and means of transportation are the things to be determined. If any member who will be unable to attend the meeting would like to go they are requested to notify either Mrs. Henry Jurend or Mrs. Augusta Hagi.

Now that Lindbergh and Chamberlain have covered themselves with fame and glory we are wondering what young woman is going to become the Gertrude Ederle of the air, if he wanted to.

WINNETKA OBSERVES CIVIC DAY AUG. 4TH

BUSINESS MEN IN CHARGE

Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce and Many Interesting Features Planned; the Program

Winnetka Day, the sixth annual community day in that village, will be observed on August 4. The event is sponsored by the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce and a large group of business men form the committees in charge. The plans for the day include many interesting features, and outline of which follows:

9:30: Parade will form on Elm street, west from Linden, headed by band, police and fire departments, village of Winnetka, Winnetka Chamber of Commerce; and club or organization cars. Floats, trucks, and passenger cars will line up in the order that they arrive.

10:15: Parade will start, covering the following route: South on Linden to Hill road, east on Hill road to Church street, south on Church to Winnetka avenue, east on Winnetka avenue to Woodland, north on Woodland to Willow road, west on Willow road to Walnut street, north on Walnut to Elm street, west on Elm to Lincoln avenue, north on Lincoln to Tower road, west on Tower road to Green Bay road, north on Green Bay to Fairview, east on Fairview to Greenleaf (Glencoe) north on Greenleaf to Park avenue, west on Park avenue to Greenwood, south on Greenwood to Scott avenue, Hubbard Woods, east on Scott to Linden, south on Linden to Tower road, east on Tower to Center street, south on Center to Elm street, west on Elm to West End Park opposite Skokie school.

The parade is not limited to passenger trucks and floats as well as passenger cars. Residents of the North Shore are invited to have their cars in the parade.

11:30: Horseshoe tournament, singles and doubles, for Winnetka Chamber of Commerce trophies (silver cups).

Afternoon Features

1:00: Children's parade will form on Center street and march to the park on West Elm street. Children are invited to decorate their bicycles, wagons, small automobiles, baby carriages and enter the parade. Prizes will be offered for the best decorations.

2:00: Races and games at the west Elm Street Park for which 125 prizes will be given.

4:00: Climbing of greased pole.

4:30: John Hartnett, formerly of the Indian Hill Riding club, with two or three other experienced riders will give an exhibition of jumping. The horses that will be used are trained to jump fences, gates and other obstacles 7 to 8 feet high. The riders will be dressed in scarlet uniforms.

7:00: Open air dance on new platform.

11:30: New Imperial Chevrolet sedan given away.

There will be all kinds of refreshments on the grounds. Numerous games of skill have been arranged for and there will be a merry-go-round and pony rides for the children.

ANOTHER CONCERT IS SCHEDULED BY BAND

Included among the interesting events scheduled for the coming week is the delightful band concert which will be given on Saturday evening, July 23.

The Jewitt Grove, located in the heart of the village with its beautiful trees, is a lovely background for these open air concerts.

Benches, which will afford comfort to the listeners have been placed on the grounds close to the stand. The Deerfield people by whom this band is maintained are very anxious to have their neighbors in the surrounding towns enjoy with them these really delightful programs of music.

Remember the day and date, Saturday, July 23.

C. G. PELLIS SELLS TODD COURT PROPERTY

Charles G. Pettis has sold his home on Todd court to Theodore J. Knaak and will build on West Central avenue, near the Robert Hawthorne residence, on property that was formerly that of Theodore Knaak. It was Cadwell property in the beginning of Deerfield.

O. FREDERICKS WINS HORSESHOE CONTEST

Orval Fredericks won the second prize in a horseshoe pitching contest at the Farmer's Institute at Diamond Lake last Wednesday. Orval is sixteen years of age.

LATE PROCEEDINGS IN PROBATE COURT

Action on Estates Under Settlement; Docket Entries and Orders

Recent proceedings in Probate court are reported as follows:

Mary Winchester Carver, Highland Park—Will admitted to probate. Estate valued at \$10,000 personal and \$18,000 real estate given to sons, daughters and grandchildren. Bond fixed at \$20,000.

John S. Heath, Waukegan—Letters of administration issued to Flora A. Heath. Bond of \$20,000. Proof of heirship taken.

George Brown, Antioch—Decree entered for executrix to execute deed for sale of real estate under contract.

Persis Gainer, Lake Zurich—Final report approved. Estate closed.

John Smith, Antioch—Hearing on final report continued to July 25.

Sen Taziall, Highland Park—Decree for sale of real estate entered. Additional bond approved.

Joseph Gedman, Jr., North Chicago—Final report approved. Estate closed.

Chester Gedman, North Chicago—Final report approved. Estate closed.

John I. Marshall, Highland Park—Hearing on final report continued to July 15.

Anna Cook, Highland Park—Final report approved. Distribution ordered.

Robert A. Waschek, et al, minor, Barrington—Petition for sale of real estate filed.

Conrad Hollstein, Waukegan—Letters of administration issued to Christian Hollstein. Bond of \$2,000. Proof of heirship taken.

TO OPEN BIDS FOR MORE HIGHWAY WORK

State Department Preparing to Improve Lake Co. Roads; Some Under Way

The state highway department will open bids July 27 for paving Milwaukee avenue, the stretch between Libertyville and Gurnee, it is reported.

The route is 5.21 miles in length and extends from the paved route, No. 21, just north of the county farm, northerly to Thomas' corners on Belvidere road. From there the paving will be continued north to the Gurnee bridge over the Des Plaines river.

The road is the one that has been used for years to Libertyville by Gurnee and Waukegan motorists. With good weather it should take about seven weeks to complete the strip.

S. J. Groves and sons last week started pouring concrete on the last section of Millburn road, working north from Millburn to Hickory corners. There are 2 1/2 miles to complete. About half of the slab has been poured.

Wadsworth road was scheduled to be opened to traffic July 19 and F. C. Feutz is now busy completing the shoulders on Green Bay road.

The work on Deerfield road was started last week.

MUNDELEIN SOLONS HAVE HORSE PROBLEM

Indiscriminate Riding on Highways Near There Reported to Council

While most other city and village authorities are sitting up nights trying to devise means to control automobile traffic, the village of Mundelein still has the horse traffic matter to reckon with.

Complaint was made at the meeting of the village board last week that horses being used at Diamond Lake by a man who hires the animals to people who frequent the resort, and the animals ridden at a fast clip in the crowded roadways, especially on Saturday and Sunday, thereby endangering life and limb of people.

There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the correct procedure. The attorney for the village held that the man had a right to put his horses on the road, but that the rider could be held for reckless driving. After a long discussion, it was decided to instruct Marshal Tiffany to arrest the offenders and bring them before the police magistrate. Both horse and rider are to be brought in, and the village is now considering erecting the old hitch rack on the village lot. As to who will pay the expense of feeding the horse, deponeth sayeth not, but Trustee Blum remarked that his firm sold oats.

A special purchase enables us to announce what we think to be the greatest value in dining room furniture ever offered in this city. For Saturday and Monday only we are featuring an eight piece suite consisting of buffet, oblong table, five chairs and an arm chair at \$98. This is a most unusual offer and the low price will enable everyone to have a good looking dining room at a great saving. This suite is now on display in our south windows. Schwartz Furniture Co., 11-13 S. Genesee st., just south of Washington, Waukegan, Ill. 21

QUAYLE DISCUSSES RACE TRACK BILL

SAYS IT IS "WORST YET"

Supt. Lake County Law and Order League Writes Letter About Measure Passed Recently by Legislature

The following letter on "The New Race Track Bill," is received from T. R. Quayle, superintendent of the Lake County Law and Order League and speaks for itself:

A combination of interstate gamblers have at last succeeded after an eight year fight, backed by unlimited money, in obtaining the passage of a law which gives them the special privilege of gambling at race tracks, though illegal everywhere else in Illinois. A similar bill was passed in Illinois in 1887 but it was declared unconstitutional. In fact it was so declared twice over. Once as a statute of the state and once as an ordinance of the city of Chicago.

The present law is the worst that has passed the legislature in forty years. In this new law the race track people themselves conduct the betting; and they are permitted to do it in either of two ways, the old certificate system or by the "pari-mutuel" or French system.

In either case they themselves have so drafted the law, that they cannot be punished even if they should keep every penny that should be put in their hands no matter what horses won or lost.

The law provides that only one policeman can be appointed to watch the men or the machines, lest more than the six and one-half per cent be kept and this policeman is to be in the pay of the gamblers themselves. The language is explicit on this point, "but shall be paid weekly by the licensee."

Very much is made of the provision that the track managers have to pay \$2,500 per day for this privilege of gambling. But on "Derby Day" near East St. Louis last year, the tracks received from the gullible victims, \$1,500,000, and kept two-thirds of it, one million in all, in other words enough to pay the fee of \$2500 for 400 days! There is no penalty attached if they keep all.

They are to be reported, and the Attorney General "can take such action as to him seems fit and proper." The dog tracks around Chicago are now taking in a million dollars a week and the majority of those who loose this money are women and girls.

It was the same one afternoon at the race tracks in Aurora when I visited it. Many of them were rather poorly dressed and I am sure could not afford to loose the money they handed in. It was certainly a most humiliating sight. Thirty able bodied gamblers, taking the money from those foolish people, and then witnessing these poor creatures turning away weeping when they learned they had lost. Amongst our own representatives at Springfield, Mr. Weiss of Waukegan and Mr. Jackson of Belvidere voted against the bill. Mr. Stuart of Woodstock voted for the bill, and State Senator Rodney B. Swift also voted for this bill. He was the last to cast a vote in the senate and it passed by a majority of one.

(Signed) Thomas R. Quayle.

WOUNDED CONSTABLE NOT BEING GUARDED

Man Who Killed Gunman July 10 at Channel Lake, Reported Improving

Constable Stanley Thomas, 50, of Antioch, who killed Ralph Barnett, Chicago gunman in a gun fight at Channel Lake Sunday night, July 10, after he had been twice wounded, was not being guarded at the Victory Memorial hospital Sheriff Lawrence Doolittle stated last week.

"I had thought of it and even discussed the matter with State Attorney Smith but we both decided that a guard would be unnecessary," the sheriff said.

He is not of the opinion that Barnett's friends will seek vengeance. Friends of the constables are not overly worried about such an incident occurring either but Thompson stated after being attended by a physician that he thought it possible that he might be called upon to shoot it out again some day. He intends to stick out the full term of his office which comes to a conclusion in 1928.

CHIEF OF POLICE IS PRESENTED GOLD STAR

Chief of Police Henry Peterson is the proud possessor of a beautifully engraved gold star, a gift from the Deerfield American Legion Post No. 738 in appreciation of services rendered at the recent carnival and other affairs. It was formally presented to him at a meeting held in the Masonic temple last Monday evening.