

**SHERMAN ANCESTORS  
CAME FROM ENGLAND**

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for various birds, such as Nightingale and Robin avenues.

From the county-line farm Ann Elizabeth Hook, who was born July 30, 1833, went to the Methodist Episcopal church in the Oakwood Cemetery on Milwaukee avenue, to be married on September 13, 1874, by the Rev. Andrew A. Adron, to Silas Hawley Sherman, born June 8, 1846, in East Northfield in a log house where the Sherman house now stands near the Northbrook station. Silas H. Sherman was the grandson of Silas Wooster and Sally Gunn Sherman, and the son of Joel Sterling and Harriet Botsford Sherman. James K. Botsford, the President of the First National Bank, was a brother of Mrs. Silas W. Sherman. The Botsfords came to Chicago from Connecticut in 1833. In "Discoveries and Conquests of the Northwest with the History of Chicago" by Rufus Blanchard, published in 1880, a volume of which is the property of W. S. Egan of Highland Park, son of Dr. W. B. Egan, J. K. Botsford, Silas Wooster Sherman, Ezra L. Sherman, Francis C. Sherman, and J. Sterling Sherman are listed among the settlers who came in the years from 1833 to 1836, from Connecticut, also as subscribers to the Chicago Democrat in 1833 are the names of Dr. Egan, Francis C. and Silas W. Sherman. Silas W. Sherman also petitioned the legislature for a road from Chicago to Northfield later.

Mrs. Church, a sister of Mr. Sherman, brought the first piano into Chicago. It was a square one and occupied a conspicuous place in the log cabin, which was on the site of the Church building on Wabash avenue. Indians came to the cabin to hear Mrs. Church play the piano and sing. "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast" was well exemplified when the Indians planned an uprising, for the Church and Sherman families were always notified in advance, by friendly Indians, so that they could seek shelter behind the palisades in old Fort Dearborn.

J. Sterling Sherman owned the land on which the Palmer House is now located, and allowed his title to lapse for failure to pay the taxes because he considered the swampy land of so little value. Mr. and Mrs. J. Sterling Sherman moved to Northfield in 1838 and bought 159 acres for a dollar and a quarter per acre from the government. The homestead was granted by Mrs. J. Sterling Sherman.

ing, Ezra L., and Francis C., sons of Silas Wooster Sherman, became owners of half of the land in Northfield, now known as Northbrook, from the Skokie on the west to the center of town. In 1846 the town was called Sherman, as Everett was called Emmett. The Deerfield settlers received their mail addressed to Sherman or Shermans, Cook County, Ill. Francis C. Sherman was the owner of the famous Sherman House in Chicago (now the property of Ernest Byfield, whose clever and entertaining articles on Paris are appearing in A Line O' Type or Two, conducted by Richard Henry Little, in the Chicago Tribune). Of the Sherman House in the Eighteen-seventies Fannie Hale Gardner in the Chicago Daily News of June 15, 1926 in her "Views of Old Chicago" wrote, "On State Street where the Columbus Memorial Building now stands was a marble yard where stone masons sawed great blocks asunder. The houses next to the marble yard were ten feet lower than the sidewalk, which had been elevated to the new street level, established by lifting the Sherman House about eighteen feet above its original foundations. An earlier account in Blanchard's History of Chicago says: "In 1846 on the east side of Clark Street was a yellow brick house belonging to a man named Goodrich, on the corner of Washington street, and to the north of that was a block of three or four blue brick buildings owned by F. C. Sherman."

The entire population of Chicago at that time did not exceed two hundred, one hundred and sixty-three of whom subscribed to the Chicago Democrat printed at the corner of La

Salle and South Water streets, published by John Calhoun, the first sheet of which was issued November 26, 1833. Chicago was then nothing but a "mud hole" and the Shermans could ride around their hotel in a canoe.

Charles Sherman, son of Frank, was born in the Sherman House. Charles was city clerk in Chicago for forty years. He died in Riverside. Frank Sherman owned a brick yard on Prairie road in Northfield, from which he shipped brick to Chicago to be used in the erection of the buildings that he owned. He also helped "lay out" Telegraph Road, now Milwaukee avenue.

Francis C. and Ezra L. Sherman, with M. D. Ogden, Elisha Wadsworth, Walter Gurnee, Dr. Charles Volney Dyer, and Hiram Tucker, were in the Port Clinton (now Highland Park) Land Co. Alonzo S. Sherman, a relative, who was mayor of Chicago in 1844, came from Vermont in 1836. He spent his later life in Waukegan and was President of the War Mass meeting when President Lincoln's call for troops was issued, April 15, 1861. Silas Wooster Sherman was the first sheriff of Cook County from 1834 to 1836. His son, J. Sterling, was the first deputy at the same time.

Francis C. Sherman was made an assemblyman in the state legislature in 1844 in the August election. As a Promoter he was one of the incorporators of the Chicago and DesPlaines R. R. Co., in February 1855. The road was to run from the upper valley of the Des Plaines by Wheeling, Half Day and Libertyville to the Wisconsin line, but was never constructed. Dr. Halsey states that "Silas W., the sheriff, came to the Shermerville crossing of the North Branch of the Chicago river in 1838." Ezra later moved to Riverside. Francis C. Sherman was mayor of Chicago three terms, the first one was from 1841 to 1842. He was a trustee in the town of Chicago in 1835, as appears from a lease of a wharfing lot on the river west of the Clark street bridge. After a cash rental of \$2000, paying it in three years, the lessees were to pay an annual rental of "one barley corn" (an old English usage).

The big frame house in Northbrook, now owned by Anthony Batek, with its beautiful grounds, was built for a summer home for Ezra L. Sherman and his nephew, Colonel Frank Sherman, a son of Francis C. Sherman. Colonel Sherman was captured by the Confederate soldiers and served eighteen months in Libby prison during the Civil War. The palatial home of Ezra L. Sherman and his nephew was the center of social life for the elite of Northfield and Deer-

1874. The parlor in the house was 33 by 32 feet. The woodwork was enameled white, and heavy wine colored brocaded damask curtains hung at the windows. An unfortunate accident occurred which closed the home for further festivities. While having overnight guests, who were given the large front bedroom, Mrs. Frank Sherman arose in the night to assist her nurse to care for a child that cried. Miscalculating the distance from the doorway of the bedroom to which she was unaccustomed, Mrs. Sherman stepped into the open stairway, fell, and broke her neck.

In this house Mr. and Mrs. Silas H. Sherman spent their honeymoon winter, then moved to a new house built for them on one of the Sherman farms on Dundee road (near the site of a greenhouse now) in the spring of 1875.

Gradually the Sherman family sold their land to German settlers, (as did all of the Americans) one of whom was Schermer, whose name the town bore as Shermerville, until it was changed to Northbrook about 1922.

The children of J. Sterling Sherman attended the East Northfield school, called the Sherman school, that was on land donated for the purpose by J. Sterling Sherman. When the teachers "boarded around", Mrs. Sherman kept them without pay the majority of the time because she was nearest the school and had the largest houses.

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We'll bet that when he is out fishing, President Coolidge doesn't scare away the fish by any unnecessary talking.

**EASTERN STAR PLAN  
CALENDAR FOR FALL**

**Advance Officers' Night, Sept. 1;  
Adelaide Steiner and A.  
Yowell in East**

The following calendar of events will be held during the fall at the Deerfield Eastern Star chapter No. 940:

Thursday, September 1 is Advance Officers' night, Associate Matron Adelaide Steiner and Worthy Patron Andrew Yowell from Campbell chapter at Highland Park will be in charge. Thursday, September 15, Past Worthy Matrons and Past Worthy Patrons night will be observed, Past Worthy Matron Emily Knaak and Past Worthy Patron William B. Carr will preside.

Thursday, October sixth, there will be initiation. Thursday, October 20 Worthy Matron's and Worthy Patron's night is to be observed with Worthy Matron Mabel Griggs and Worthy Patron L. E. Thomas of Waukegan presiding.

Thursday, November 3 is "Friends' Night". Worthy Matron Myrtle Rhode and Worthy Patron Henry Strenger of Lake Forest are to be in charge. Thursday, November 17 is "Campbell Chapter night". Worthy Matron Adelaide Greene and Worthy Patron Andrew Yowell of Campbell chapter, Highland Park, will preside.

Members of the local chapter are urged to keep these dates in mind and make a special effort to attend.

**DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM  
GIVEN MONDAY NIGHT**

The center of the stage in affairs in Deerfield last week was occupied by the Municipal Band. Under the direction of Frank W. Russo they presented a delightful program of music at another open air concert in the Jewett Grove on Saturday evening.

The offerings included: March, Washington Post, Sousa Overture Princess of India, King Waltz, Tesoro Mio, Becucci Medley, Summer Evening in Hawaii, March, Scott's Special, Phillips March Bombastio, Far-

rar Overture Operatic Mingles—Berry Waltz—Moonlight on the Nile, Campus Memories, Semper Fidelis, Star Spangled Banner.

Saturday, September 3rd is the day and date of the next concert.

In commenting on the tremendous growth of the country around Hammond, Ind., industrially, President Coolidge could have added, had he been making a political speech, that native enterprise was aided a little by the protective tariff.

A German woman aged 63 wants permission to fly across the Atlantic in order to get rid of her daughter-in-law. Here is an idea for some fellows who have unsatisfactory mothers-in-law.

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