

GASTFIELD FAMILY IS AMONG FIRST SETTLERS

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fert, the last of the family, died in August, 1926. She was buried in Downers Grove.

The descendants of Lewis Gastfield number about sixty-five. Four of these are great grandchildren.

Lewis Gastfield purchased from the government and from private owners, large tracts of land in and around Chicago, including tracts lying along both sides of County Line Road, and much of the land lying in and around Northbrook. He sold this land to relatives and friends from Germany, who through his influence and with his assistance, were enabled to come to America and establish permanent homes here.

In 1842 Lewis Gastfield purchased from William D. Kerr, eighty acres of land which included the sites of the present Gastfield home on Deerfield Road, The Dorcas Home and Brier Hill subdivision. In 1862, this was deeded to Henry, William and Charlotte. Charlotte sold her part to William. Henry divided his part into smaller parts and sold it. William retained his until the time of his death.

Of the early pioneer life of the family, Samuel Hofert, son of Charlotte and Michael Hofert, tells the following incidents, told to him by his mother, Charlotte Gastfield Hofert.

It was often necessary for the father and the older boys to be away for several days at a time, on trips to market and elsewhere. The mother remained at home with the smaller children. On one such occasion, some Indians came to the door. They walked right into the house. They spoke in grunts and pointed to things they wanted. The mother was baking bread and she thought they had smelled the bread and had come to get some. The bread was not quite done but she took it out of the oven and gave it to them. But they refused it. She then offered them other things she thought they might have come for. But they kept on refusing until she was at a loss to know what to offer them next. At last she thought of potatoes so she gave them some. That was evidently what they had come for, for they were satisfied and went away.

Once the mother had bought a new red coat for one of the children to be used for some special occasion. The coat was hanging on the wall when the Indians came. Of course the first thing they saw was the red coat. They asked for it by pointing as usual. The mother tried to give them almost everything in sight. They wanted some of the things but would not go away until she gave them the red coat.

One time while the men were away three wolves came out of the woods and prowled around the shed where the cows and sheep were kept. The shed was closed so they could not get in. On one side of the shed was a lean-to with a slanting roof. One of the wolves succeeded in getting on to this roof to a small window in the shed. The mother managed somehow to get from the house to the shed. The cows had formed a circle in the shed with their heads to the outside and the sheep huddled in the middle for safety. The wolf finally broke through the window and the mother killed him with a pitchfork.

Another time Charlotte and her younger sister were left at home alone. They went about climbing over rail fences, picking wild flowers. As they jumped down from a fence they disturbed a rattle snake. The snake bit Caroline, and Charlotte took care of her as well as she could, which she says, was not very much. When the folks came home they found Caroline with her foot in a pail of water, and her whole limb badly swollen. How they cured her, Charlotte could not tell, but the child did get well.

WHO WERE PIONEER DEERFIELD TEACHERS?

Wm. E. Brand of Highland Park has furnished the following list for the Wilmot school for the history of Deerfield. Teachers before 1880: Miss Marinda Adams, Miss Neate McCartney, Miss Emily Goodwin, Miss Florence Tupper, Miss Emma Hall, Miss Margaret Robinson, Miss Melvina Ayers, Mr. O. F. Nims, Mr. Farnham, Mr. David Clingmann, Mr. Frank Gutzler, Mr. Hemmingway, Miss Della Baker, Miss Bertha Baker, Miss Mary Whiting (now Mrs. O. Rockenback), Samuel Fritsch. The directors for school District No. 3 were Lyman Wilmot, Vergil Wilmot, Philip Brand, Philip Gutzler, Chris Wellman, John Selig, Christian Schwingle, Alex Clements, Samuel Ott, John Ott, Michael Horenberger. Has anyone any additional names to offer?

OBSERVE CONSTITUTION DAY IN DEERFIELD

Saturday, Sept. 17, is the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. The North Shore chapter of the D.A.R. will present a copy of a book written by Constitution to each school in the Judge Norton, an authority on the vicinity. Mrs. J. F. Learning will make the presentation at the Ravinia school Friday afternoon, and Mrs. J. A. Reichelt, Jr. at the Deerfield school.

EXTEND PUBLICATION TIME OF HISTORY

Data Must All Be In In Three Weeks; To Be Distributed Free

The history committee of the Deerfield post of the American Legion met at the home of the historian, Friday evening with Mr. Briggs, who is a representative of the Highland Park Press, as well as a resident of Deerfield and a member of the Legion committee and the other members of which are Bruce Blaine, Clarence Huhn, Alvin Meyer and Conrad Uchtman.

Because of the mass of material on hand, not ready for the printer, and also because some of the families have not finished their research for historical material, the committee granted a three weeks' delay in publication, in order to satisfactorily complete the volume, which will be a most attractive one, similar to the Deerfield-Shields high school Annuals. Advertising will be solicited to defray the expense of publication, and it is the plan of the Post to distribute several books free to each advertiser, and one to each family in the village, and to relatives whose names are mentioned in the book.

A de luxe edition may be made for sale, and at least five thousand copies of the ordinary edition will be printed.

So much interest has been created in the family stories that have been running in the Highland Park Press, preliminary to the publication of the book, that the Frost newspaper agency and Knaak's pharmacy, where the papers are sold, have had difficulty in supplying the demand for each issue. Whereas frequently several unsold copies were returned to the Press each week, now demands are for from two to ten copies by each member of a family whose name appears in the sketches that are receiving more than local notice.

The book will be ready for distribution at Christmas time.

If any family whose forefathers were here before 1870 has not sent in data this appeal is made to complete the history.

All but one family history so far compiled was laboriously gathered by the writer, and each one meant at least twenty-four hours work in taking notes, transcribing, reading aloud to family described, collecting more material, re-writing and reading again, and a third writing and reading to insure accuracy.

LOCAL WOMEN ELIGIBLE TO H. P. WOMAN'S CLUB

field who do not know that they are eligible to membership in the Highland Park Woman's club. Sixteen Deerfield women are now members of this club that furnishes interesting educational and recreational programs, and delightful social contacts. The club year begins October 4. Applications for membership blanks may be made of Mrs. Charles E. Timson, chairman of the Deerfield sub-committee of the Civic Committee of the Highland Park Woman's club.

LEGION AUXILIARY MET LAST MONDAY

The Deerfield Auxiliary of the American Legion met Monday afternoon with Mesdames Frey and Clarence Huhn, as hostesses. Mrs. Minnie Whitcomb presided.

Mrs. Farmer gave the report of the Legion convention in Joliet on Aug. 29 and 30.

But eleven of the forty members were present, however, plans were made to go to the Veterans' hospital in North Chicago the first Wednesday in October to do some darning for the patients.

The auxiliary voted sixty-five dollars to buy the auxiliary colors and a flag.

MARY BOOMER PAGE TO ADDRESS P. T. A.

At the September meeting of the P. T. A., Mrs. Mary Boomer Page, of the De Forest school will talk on "The Education of Girls" Friday afternoon.

Deerfield school is fortunate in having as assistant in the kindergarten one of the finest graduates of Mrs. Page's school in Chicago, The Chicago Teachers College, Miss Elizabeth Hobart.

EASTERN STAR WILL HONOR PAST OFFICERS

Next Thursday evening will be past worthy matrons' and patrons' night in the order of the Eastern Star in Deerfield. The Eastern Star meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month.

The Deerfield chapter will give a card party in the Masonic Temple, Friday afternoon, Sept. 16.

With all of these successful trans-Atlantic flights to occupy the public attention it doesn't seem to us that there is as much interest in Babe Ruth's home run record this summer as usual.

The Red leaders at Moscow blame the collapse of their Chinese campaign on to the fact that the Chinese leaders double crossed them. Anybody who can out-cross a bolshevik is some double-crosser.

Local and Personal Deerfield

Richard Kress, with Hans Bahr, left Monday for the University of Illinois in Urbana, where they will be roommates, and will study landscape architecture.

Mrs. Kist and daughter, Isabel, of Iowa, and Mrs. Kist's other daughter, Mrs. Lavelle and husband of Edison Park, visited Mrs. Kist's sister, Miss Josephine Woodman, Monday.

The Americanism committee of the Highland Park Woman's club has for its members for the year 1927 and 1928 Mrs. E. R. Phelps, chairman, who represents Highland Park, Mrs. J. F. Learning for Ravinia and Mrs. J. A. Reichelt, Jr., as Deerfield's representative.

Mrs. Fred Cooksey and her children are staying at Deerfield hotel.

The Prairie club, a "hiking" organization in Chicago, walked from the Briergate station on the Skokie line of the North Shore Electric railway to Sheridan Elms, a distance of seven miles along the Skokie Valley, last Saturday afternoon. Several years ago this club came out to Deerfield on the C. M. and St. Paul railway and walked to Highland Park.

Have a Heart for Chicago Dependent charities taggers were in Highland Park Monday, representing the Protectorate Dependent Protestant Children of Soldiers.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Scully, Sr. left Saturday evening for Minneapolis where they will attend the convention of veterans of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Shepherd Wilson celebrated her eighty-third birthday anniversary with a dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chester Wolf on Sunday after a visit of three weeks with her sons in Libertyville. The guests were from Libertyville. Mrs. Wilson is planning to spend the winter with her son in California, as is her custom.

Thirty-three women were entertained by Mrs. Edward Hornberger when she had the Ladies Aid Society at her home for the August meeting.

Mrs. William Sheskie of Des Plaines will be the next hostess on September 14, at a special anniversary celebration.

The Bungalow church will have no annual sale this year. The women will give money instead of material to be sold.

Mabel Hamner, granddaughter of Mrs. Olivia Anderson, was married in Chicago, Saturday, Sept. 3, to Walter Sorensen. Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen are living in Minneapolis.

Gordon Kress returned from North Dakota, Tuesday.

Bella Swanson and Dorothy Jean Anderson are attending the school on Sheridan road in Highland Park.

Prizes still remaining from Deerfield Day bear names of Deerfield people: George Herman, P. H. Keek, W. Ludlow and August Johnson; J. Harrison, Bannockburn; D. Delmonte, Highland Park; Ferd Mauer, Chicago; H. L. Hammer, Lake Forest; L. Lesterton, L. Lentherton, and Kate Mauer, Highwood; Anna Blau; Winnetka. Call at Willman's store on Waukegan road.

Miss Elizabeth O'Connor had as her guest recently Miss Marian Charles of Milwaukee. Miss O'Connor and Miss Charles attended a wedding in Marinette, Wis., last week. They have returned to Milwaukee Downer college in Milwaukee. Miss Anne Goelitz will also attend Milwaukee Downer this year.

Miss Charlotte Goelitz has been attending the Evanston Art school. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Connor and Miss Rose O'Connor have returned from a motor trip to Wisconsin instead of Canada.

Miss Harriet Gastfield has returned to her position in the Jahn school in Chicago after a vacation spent on the Gastfield farm.

Mr. Henry Koelling of Northbrook, an old settler was buried in the Deerfield cemetery Thursday afternoon. Funeral services were held in St. Paul's church.

The pupils of the third year Junior class in the Presbyterian church

school made \$14.50 at a bakery sale held last Saturday. Mrs. W. H. Kreh and Mrs. Carolyn Becker, the teachers, assisted.

The Wildhagen family has returned from Tucson.

Mesdames Elmer Clavey, Raymond Clavey, Alex Willman and R. D. Reeds attended a bridge party at the home of Mrs. Roy Hutchison in Chicago, Wednesday.

Miss Lilian Carlson of Chicago was the dinner guest of Mrs. Alex Willman Saturday evening.

Mrs. Eugene Ender and Mr. Arthur Ender are visiting their niece Mrs. Lawrence Dondanville in Moline.

Mrs. E. J. Hoyt of Chicago, says that she has in her possession the mounted head of a deer, that was killed in Deerfield by her grandfather, Millen, on the old John Millen farm on Waukegan road, that she would like to give to the township of Deerfield, for John Millen was the man who proposed the name Deerfield, when a meeting was held about 1849, to determine the name.

Miss Leona Evans of Plainfield, Ill., and Miss Frances Hill, of Montague, Mich., two of the new teachers in the Deerfield school are living in the R. B. Patterson home on Hazel avenue. Miss Evans is living with Mr. and Mrs. Brennan on Deerfield road.

Miss Beth Andrew is with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Everett Bates on Waukegan road. Miss Evans was librarian in the Northern Illinois State Teachers college this summer, and spent last week end with some college friends in Brookfield.

The civic committee of the Highland Park Woman's club will meet at the home of Mrs. Willard Erickson Friday afternoon at two o'clock for the purpose of planning the work of the year.

Chester and Virgil Hagie entertained the Young People's circle of the North Northfield church, Monday evening at their home near Deerfield and Wilmot roads.

The American Legion met Wednesday evening.

The oldest daughter of Mrs. Theodore Taylor died in Chicago, Sunday evening.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Plagge Wednesday.

Irving Whitcomb and Sylvia Lyon were married in the Libertyville Methodist Episcopal church Saturday morning by the Rev. de Jonghe.

The Wilmot Progressive club met with Mrs. W. B. Brown on September 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. George Whitcomb and two sons of Barrington, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Lyon, daughter and son of Libertyville, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. George Harder and son, Edward

mette motored to Lake Geneva last Sunday where they spent the day.

Mrs. R. B. Patterson and five other women attended the Cubs-Giants ball game in Cubs park, last Friday afternoon.

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