

**OLDEST DEERFIELD
CITIZEN MRS. REDFERN**

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an acre, at that time worth a dollar and a quarter, with Michael Yore. Then James Fagan gave his desired acre to the south of his own, for the cemetery. The first person buried in the cemetery was Michael Devon, the brother-in-law of James Fagan. After the death of Michael Devon, his widow married Lawrence Masterson and had five sons, John, Thomas, Nicholas, Lawrence and James. When she became Grandmother Masterson she always wore a white cap with a fluted frill, and was beautifully taken care of by her children.

In the chapter on Wills and Marriages in Dr. Halsey's history: "The first marriage (in Lake county) was celebrated by a Protestant clergyman August 6, 1837, but the first license returned by a Catholic priest in Lake county was for a double marriage ceremony of date July 19, 1842. Father John Guegnin on that day united Lawrence Masterson of Deerfield to Ann Fagan (born Ann Davin) and Dennis Kearney to Mary McLaughlin."

Lawrence Masterson came in 1822 to Castle Garden, N. Y. from Castle Pollard, owned by Admiral Packenham, in West Meath, Ireland. Admiral Packenham was killed in the war of 1812. His body was packed in whiskey in order to return it to England for burial, but when it reached the ancestral home it was a mummy, for the sailors had drunk the whiskey, not knowing that the body was in the cask, according to the story told by Lawrence Masterson, Jr.

Lawrence Masterson bought one hundred and sixty acres of Patrick Boylan in Deerfield, and the deal was negotiated in this way: Mr. Masterson owned land in Clybourn and he also owned forty acres in Chittenden where Calvary cemetery is now located. On part of his land the monument to a bishop stands. This Calvary forty acres Lawrence Masterson sold for eight hundred dollars, and the man who bought it brought the money to Deerfield in two bags across the horse's back, containing eight hundred silver dollars, and emptied it out on a table. Geo. Mahrbach and Pat Boylan who were present to witness the transaction, became so excited over the sight of the money that Boylan offered to sell his one hundred and sixty acres for half of the money on the table, so the deal was made. Masterson had four hundred dollars which he "salted" and one hundred and sixty acres of choice farming land in exchange for his forty acres on the outskirts of Chicago.

This Deerfield land had a beautiful orchard on it. Mr. and Mrs. Masterson lived on the Devon farm until the Boylan place was bought. After Mr. Boylan sold his farm to Masterson he went to California with his four hundred dollars. Mr. Boylan had three children, John, Catherine and Mary. Mrs. Boylan died when her fourth child was born. After that Mr. Boylan married an Irish widow who had come to Deerfield, and who had taken care of his motherless children. On the way to the coast the new wife was taken ill, died, and had to be buried at the side of the road. This happened to many others on the overland trail.

James Redmond was born in County Wexford, Ireland, and came to America in 1850 when he was 15 year of age with his parent, Michael and Catherine Redmond, and their other children, Daniel, Thomas, Mary, Ellen, Catherine and Margaret. The Redmond farm was northwest of the Devon farm in Vernon township. This farm was bought from Bartholomew Boylan.

In the Jesuit church of the Holy Family in Chicago, June 16, 1861, Ann Devon was married to James Redmond. He had for his attendant Patrick Toomey. Her maids were her sister Bridget, and a friend Susan Nolan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Redmond moved to St. Joseph, Mich., where four of their children were born within five year. They were Michael D., James Jr., John, and Thomas. Their daughter, Anne, was born in Deerfield later.

Mr. and Mrs. Redmond returned to the Devon farm where Mrs. Redmond has lived continuously ever since, probably the longest continuous residence of anyone in Deerfield township.

Michael Devon Redmond married Julia Carlson. They had two children, Anne and Charles.

John Redmond married Dora Carpenter; had nine children, James, John, Francis Barry, Thomas, Leo, Margaret, Lewis, and twins, Mary and Ann.

Anne Redmond married Michael Fagan, who died in 1907. In 1914 Mrs. Fagan married Frank Niles, who died of the flu in 1918. She now lives with her mother. Dennis Hayes bought the Fagans' twenty acres.

Nicholas and Lawrence Redmond live with their mother on the Devon homestead. James Redmond died in 1901, and is buried in St. Patrick's cemetery.

The little church, St. Patrick's cemetery was a place of worship on Sunday, and a school during the week. The church was called St. Michael's, after Michael Meehan. Mary Yore was the first teacher in this little school, and when she taught little Ann Devon she took the girl in her arms. This bond of affection is still vividly recalled by Mrs. Ann Devon

Redmond. Mary Yore afterwards married John McIntyre. Other teachers in the school were William Melody, Patrick Monahan, Mr. McHugh (or McCue), Mr. Rafferty, Julia Kehoe, Marian Burns, Basil Chaisneski, Joseph Jera Chaisneski, Ben Rafferty, Mary Melody.

Members of the Meehan settlement went to Fort Clinton to buy their sugar, tea, coffee and calico. Steele Bros. (Andrew, William, James and Mathew) kept a general store near the lake across, from where the old light house stood.

Later the Redmonds came to Deerfield and traded with Eliab Gifford, who kept a little store at the northwest corner of Deerfield and Waukegan roads.

The people in the Irish settlement were called the "corduroy bunch" and pitched battles sometimes resulted when they met those from the German settlement to the south of Lancasterville.

Dances were held in the Duffy tavern, still standing on Deerfield road. The old hitching post was removed when the street was paved.

A superstition of the "settlement" was that Aunt Christy Fagan's spirit it came back to escort people across the bridge known as Christy's bridge. Christy Fagan was very religious and when she died in the 1870's, the lonesome place at the bridge was believed to be haunted by her spirit. The Irish have many quaint expressions, one of which has reference to "Grogan grey."

Ann Devon Redmond remembers assisting Mrs. Caleb Cadwell when the latter had a sick baby, and recalls Mrs. Cadwell, who was Charlotte Galloway, as a lovely gracious character, and the Cadwell men as handsome.

The house of Dr. Samuel Galloway was called "the water cure house" because of the treatments then in vogue.

Of the mother of James O'Connor, Jr., Mrs. Redmond said, "A finer person than she never existed. She was a beautiful woman."

The exact location of Emmet, where the first post office in Deerfield township was located was told by Mrs. James Redmond. It is on the Evan Jones' estate (later known as the Meeker estate) near the corduroy bridge (now a white stone one) on the old Telegraph road to Deerfield. This bridge was called corduroy because it was made of logs. The first postmaster was David Jones, according to Mrs. Redmond. Christie Burns was the last one, at Emmet. The postoffice was also a saloon.

Dr. Halsey's History states that "the first postmaster was Andrew Steele, appointed May 28, 1846; 2nd, Henry Harrington, Nov. 1, 1853; 3rd, David Jones, Sept. 26, 1854; 4th, Charles Flynn, June 4, 1858. The office was discontinued Dec. 31, 1859, but was re-established May 13, 1870, with Thomas Doyle in charge. C. J. Burns succeeded him May 6, 1874, and the office was discontinued June 22, 1875. It was probably migratory from house to house of these custodians, and so gradually moving two miles from Steele on the north to Burns on the south. Five days after Emmet's office was opened a second office was opened June 2, 1846 on the Green Bay road on the south boundary of the town of Deerfield. It was called Dulanty's P. O. and Richard Goodbody was its first postmaster."

Land that was once the Fagan farm is now owned by Emil Rudolph, George Rasmussen, Boyd Lunham & Co., and Cyrus McCormick. This is known as the Christy Fagan place.

Michael Fagan, known as "Black Mike" because he was so dark, was of a different Fagan family. His farm is now the J. T. Alexander estate which is rented by Frederic McLaughlin and his wife, Irene Castle, the dancer.

Hardships which were endured for friendship is exemplified in the case of Michael Ludlow who went from Deerfield to work in the "pineries" in Michigan. Mr. Ludlow was killed by a falling tree. His friend "Black Mike" brought the body home thru the woods on a sled. He had difficulty in keeping the body on the sled for it was so cold that the dead man was frozen stiff and kept sliding off.

In the family relationships of the Irish settlement are recorded these: Mary Deyon married Mathew Vaughan; Peter Dawson married Catherine Redmond; Daniel Dawson married Bridget Ludlow; Daniel Lamb married Bridget Dawson. In fact the whole community is related.

That there were American settlers in Lancasterville before the Irish came is evidenced by the fact that the Devon family bought their stock from neighbors. They had what they called their Pettibone cow, bought from a Mr. Pettibone for whom Pettibone ridge and Pettibone creek are named. They had their Ed Brook's horse, and their Heacox' pigs.

Mrs. Redmond remembers that there were two log shacks, one of which belonged to a Mr. Burke, who left before the Devons came. Then there was a Feinen house that was tumbling down when she was a little girl.

Because tools were scarce in early days men frequently walked to Lancasterville or to Deerfield to borrow from each other, as casually as to-day they step across the road.

Deerfield Grammar School

Principal Carl E. Bates wishes to publicly thank the members and officers of the American Legion Post No. 738, Deerfield, for supplying the busses that transported the pupils to the Navy day exercises at Great Lakes, Ill.

Friday Nov. 4 is visitors' day at Deerfield grammar school. All the parents of pupils and all the friends of Deerfield grammar school are invited to visit the school on this day.

The rules for visitors are: Come any time between 8:45 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

Enter any room in the building without knocking.

Sit in any seat or chair in the room that is available. If no seats are available, stand at the rear or to one side of the room.

Do not talk or whisper to other visitors or pupils.

Do not converse with teachers except at recess, noon, before or after school.

The school is yours. Visit it whenever you can or will, but make a special effort to visit it on visitors' day. Regular class work will be carried on during visitors' day.

Hallowe'en parties were held in all the grades up to and including the fifth Friday afternoon, Oct. 28.

Who's Who in Deerfield School
Leona Evans, Plainfield, Ill. Sixth grade teacher. Graduate Plainville high school and Northern Illinois State Teachers' college, DeKalb, Ill. Experience: One year, Congress Park, Ill., grade teacher. Special subjects: Geography and English grammar.

Reverend A. P. Johnson, Rev. M. J. Andrews, and Rev. F. G. Piepenbrok took charge of the opening exercises in the eighth, seventh and sixth grades respectively, Friday morning.

Two hundred and four pupils from Deerfield Grammar school attended the Navy day exercises at Great Lakes, Ill., on Thursday, Oct. 27.

Deerfield Grammar school's football team defeated the Ravinia Grammar school team 14 to 0 at Ravinia Tuesday, Oct. 25. The teams were rather evenly matched and the contest was closer than the score seems to indicate. The Deerfield boys scored one touchdown in the first quarter and one on the first play of the third quarter. The teams play again at Deerfield Tuesday, Nov. 1, 4 p. m.

**JOHN J. MITCHELL, SR.
AND WIFE ARE KILLED**

Victims of Auto Accident Early Saturday Near Libertyville; Car Goes In Ditch

John J. Mitchell, Sr., aged 74, chairman of the board of directors of the Illinois Merchants Trust company of Chicago and an outstanding figure in financial and civic affairs of that city for half a century, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Jewett Mitchell, 56, long a social leader, are dead as the result of an automobile accident which occurred on Route 21, two and one-half miles north of Libertyville, at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Mrs. Mitchell is believed to have been killed instantly. Her husband died two hours later in the office of Dr. John L. Taylor in Libertyville while every means possible was being employed to prolong his life.

Both suffered fractures of the skull. Mr. Mitchell was also crushed about the chest and Mrs. Mitchell suffered fracture of the spine, it was reported. He retained consciousness, however, until within a few minutes before he died.

The accident occurred when the aged financier and his wife were being driven to Chicago in their automobile from their summer home at Lake Geneva.

It is said that Democrats and Republicans in Congress will disagree on the kind of tax reduction law which will be passed. It's our opinion that the only popular tax law will be the one which wipes 'em out entirely.

Many complaints have been made to the New York police lately that gangs of young men are lurking in subways and snatching hats off the heads of passengers through the car windows. Maybe these young fellows are just training themselves for jobs as hat checkers in the up-town hotels and restaurants.

Levine is going to fly home by way of Asia and it wouldn't surprise us to see him get mixed up in that Chinese argument.

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