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## OSTERMAN FAMILY IN EARLY HISTORY

CAME TO AMERICA 1850

Settle in Highland Park; Moved to Deerfield Later; Gave Property for Church Site

William Osterman, Sr., was born in Melle, Groenenberg, in the Kingdom of Hanover on Nov. 3, 1831. In 1850 he came to America and went to Highland Park to live. On Nov. 10, 1860, he renounced his allegiance to King George of Hanover and became a naturalized citizen of U. S. in Chicago. William L. Church was clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County who gave Mr. Osterman Sr., his certificate of citizenship.

On Dec. 26, 1861, he married Anna Margaretha Fehr, who was born in Mohrendorf, Baiera, on Dec. 22, 1844.

The Rev. H. Wunder, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church in Chicago for so many years, performed the ceremony.

The land which William Osterman bought in Highland Park was next to a little Catholic cemetery on Green Bay road, near the present Lincoln school site. In 1871 he sold the land to William Wren.

Mr. and Mrs. William Osterman, Sr. had eleven children: John, William Jr., George, Annie, Michael, Mary, Kate, Albert, Henry, Edwin, and Fred.

John married Philpena Lesser of Northbrook.

William Jr. married Martha Rash of Chicago and had one daughter, Florence, who married Leo Andrew McLain.

George married Louisa Fox of Fond du Lac, Wis.

Annie married Edwin H. Willman, son of Christian and Catherine Ott Willman of Deerfield and had two sons, Clarence and Alexander. Alex married Loretta Kress, daughter of Burr Hulber and Catherine Cullen Kress (daughter of Philip and Sarah Melaney Cullen). Mr. and Mrs. Alex Willman have one son, John Kress Willman.

Michael married Matilda Gastfield of Deerfield, daughter of William and Margaret Hoelzel Geistfeld, and had two daughters, Evon and Orrie. Albert married Madeline Martin of Chicago and had six children, Ethel, Owen, Burton, Loretta, Margaret, and Albert Jr.

Henry married Lillian Zapple of Chicago.

Edwin married Edith Lange, a daughter of Henry and Wilhelmina Draz Lange of Deerfield.

William Osterman Sr. and Sidney Hall had the second subdivision in Deerfield. The plat includes that land between Chicago avenue (which was the name used for what is now Waukegan road and which was the avenue to Chicago) and East Railway avenue. Hall avenue is not Central avenue as has been supposed, but is a street never opened south of Central avenue that was in the Hall property later that of Ranney, Beanstead, Hall, Erskine, and John Woodman.

William Osterman donated the property for the first St. Paul railway station, also for the St. Paul's Evangelical church, and for Osterman avenue between the railroad track to Waukegan road. The part from the tracks to the slough was donated by Edwin P. Osterman. The freight station at the corner of Central and East Railway avenues was the former passenger station.

The linen parchment plat, which Mrs. Annie Osterman Willman still retains, of the land her father owned, gives the name of Deerfield road as Lake avenue, which was the artery to Lake Michigan. The land was surveyed in 1873 by I. Havelin Whitney, county surveyor. The description is for the northeast quarter of section 32 in township number 43, north of range 12, east of the third principal meridian, "to be hereafter styled and known as Hall and Osterman's addition to the town of Deerfield, and I, John Knecht, join in this for the purpose of dedicating to the public use the street known as Chestnut street, and the street running thence east through my land to the railroad, and for no other purpose." This was signed in violet ink on April 24, 1874, by Sidney Hall, William Osterman and John Knecht, and Patrick Dooley, justice of the peace, acknowledged it.

In the Hall and Osterman subdivision a short street running between Hall and Osterman avenues is designated as Deerfield avenue. This is now called Pettis avenue and is the street beside Fred Haggie's house, but has never been opened for more than one block.

The lots in the subdivision are 100 by 165 feet, except for the ones next to the railroad tracks which are 148, 194, and 116 feet respectively in front. The lots on "Chicago avenue" are also irregular. The dimensions of the Deerfield cemetery which had been bought by the

## MRS. SARAH STRYKER DIES IN EVANSTON

Passed Away Thursday at Her Daughters Home; Funeral Held Saturday

Mrs. Sarah Wendling Stryker died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Florence Fabry in Evanston Thursday, Nov. 3. Funeral services were held from the home of a son, Benjamin Stryker at Wheeling, Saturday afternoon at two o'clock with the Rev. M. J. Andrews of the Deerfield Presbyterian church officiating and Mrs. Clayton Fehr and Mrs. Chester Westling in charge of the singing.

Burial was in the Wheeling cemetery. Mrs. Stryker was eighty-one years old and was born in Northfield. She was the mother of ten children two of whom preceded her in death. Mabel died in infancy and Irwin a number of years ago.

The eight children who mourn her loss include Benjamin of Wheeling, Alice DeYoung of Chicago, Minnie of Ravenswood, John of Deerfield, Florence Fabry of Evanston, Edith of Kenilworth, Inez Gibson of Hobart, Ind., and Romayne of Deerfield. Twenty grand-children and four great grandchildren also survive her.

Miss Anna Lemke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemke of Northbrook and George Huehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huehl (also of Deerfield) were married at the home of the bride's parents on Saturday evening, Nov. 5, at nine o'clock. The attendants were Mrs. William Schneider, sister of the bride and William Huehl, brother of the groom.

Fifty guests witnessed the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. Piepenbrok of St. Paul's Evangelical church of Deerfield.

The young couple will make their home in Northbrook near the old Huehl farm.

W. C. T. U. WILL MEET IN BUNGALOW CHURCH

The W.C.T.U. will meet in the Bungalow church Tuesday, Nov. 15, at two o'clock. There are matters of interest and importance which should receive consideration at this time. Every member should be present. Visitors are welcome.

## WILMOT SCHOOL P. T. A. MEETS NOVEMBER 18

The next regular meeting of the Wilmot school P.T.A. will be held at the school on Friday evening, Nov. 18, at eight o'clock.

This will be an important meeting both for the program to be given and the plans for work to be made at this time. Every member interested in the welfare of the school and the children should plan to attend. All residents of the district are invited.

Listen, tennis fiends, if you want to make Walter Woolf, the handsome young baritone of "Countess Maritza," the new Olympic attraction, your friend for life, invite him out to your favorite court. When Woolf was in Chicago with "The Lady in Ermine," and later with "The Dream Girl," an intimation that he was a golf "bug" brought him all kinds of invitations from individuals and country clubs, and he developed great ability on the links. Now he has deserted golf for tennis, and the curious thing about it is that all the other athletic members of the "Countess Maritza" company are playing tennis for dear life.

stockholders from Philemon Sadwell, are 192 feet on Chicago avenue, 275 on Central, and 165 on the west. An alley twenty feet wide separates the church from the cemetery.

The section line between 33 and 32 runs through the Bleimehl property, thru the old depot grounds on East Railway avenue, and crosses the railroad track between Central and Hall avenues.

The Hall and Osterman plat was filed for record June 2, 1874, and recorded in Book A of Plats, page 16, by W. J. Lucas, clerk of the circuit court, and recorder.

On Oct. 10, 1881, E. H. Willman went to Iowa to learn the shoemaking trade and received \$25 for a year's work. When he returned to Deerfield he opened a shoe shop in a little store that stood where the Edward Bleimehl home is now located. Later the building was moved to the rear of the Peter Bleimehl house and used for a kitchen.

When William Osterman Sr. came to Deerfield he bought a house on Waukegan road from Caleb Cadwell. This house was later owned by E. M. Vant and burned down in 1926.

The land on which the Osterman subdivisions of William Osterman and Edwin P. Osterman (his son) was originally the property of Samuel Monroe of Chicago. Samuel Monroe sold to Philemon Cadwell then he to Alfred Parson, and then it became the property of William Osterman.

George Osterman inherited over 31 acres west of the tracks which he sold to Edwin Osterman, whose share was the homestead site on Waukegan road.

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

NEIGHBORHOOD JOTTINGS

Interesting Happenings About This Part of North Shore and Vicinity; County Seat Doings

Waukegan was visited by the first snowfall of the season at 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Snow flurries beginning at that hour continued for several minutes, to be repeated once or twice later in the morning.

Dr. Darwin C. Grinnell of Libertyville, county veterinarian, will be retained in that capacity for another two year period as the result of the action taken last week by the Farmers Institute and the License committees of the county board.

Permit for the erection of the proposed nurses home to be built in connection with the Victory Memorial hospital was obtained at Waukegan last week. The superstructure of the building is to cost \$103,000. It is understood, however, that the structure when complete will cost in excess of \$150,000.

Dorothy Grigsby, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Grigsby, of Waukegan, is waging a desperate battle for life against an insidious attack of encephalitis lethargica (sleeping sickness) which has rendered her unconscious for nearly two weeks. She is in a Chicago hospital.

Blue laws enacted in Libertyville back in 1883 and which have been exercised more or less since that time in prohibiting of amusements in the village on Sunday will face a test through the decision of owners of a new recreation building which will open Wednesday to test the validity of the law. At the same time the refusal of village boards, based on a long standing policy, to refuse to issue licenses for pool and billiard halls and bowling alleys will also undergo a test.

## CIVIC OPERA PROGRAM HAS NOTABLE FEATURES

Great Interest In Coming Week of Performances at Auditorium Theater

The tremendous claim upon public interest made by the opening bills of the Chicago Civic Opera season characterizes the repertoire and casts chosen for the immediate future at the Chicago Auditorium. Favorite operas have their due place in the list, which is further enhanced by the inclusion of several notable revivals.

The revival of Ponchielli's "La Gioconda" on Friday evening will mark the last performance on this night of the week for some time, the Milwaukee series of Friday engagements beginning the following week. Rosa Raisa, Cyrena Van Gordon and Cesare Formichi will have roles in which they are familiar to Chicago audiences. Charles Marshall, Augusta Lenska and Chase Baromeo will be new to the city in the three other leading roles. The ballet will be given one of opera's finest opportunities when it executes the "Dance of the Hours." Moranzoni will conduct.

"Lucia di Lammermoor," indispensable in an American repertoire, will have its first hearing of the season at the Saturday matinee, the leading roles being entrusted to such favorites as Toti Dal Mont, Tito Schipa, Luigi Montesanto and Virgilio Lazzari. Polacco will resume the conductorship of this favorite work, after having entrusted it to other hands for several past seasons.

The first repetition of the season, "Aida," on Saturday evening will be marked by three alterations in the cast, Claudia Muzio being scheduled to appear as Aida, Giacomo Rimini as Amonasso, and John Sample, an American tenor new to the company, to make his debut as Radames. Moranzoni will conduct.

"Tannhauser" will be repeated as the bill for the big Special Spurban Sunday matinee (Nov. 13) with Leone Kruse, Cyrena Van Gordon, Forrest Lamont, Heinrich Schlusnus and Alexander Kipnis in the cast, and Henry G. Weber conducting. The ballet will dance the Bacchanale in the first act, Maria Yurieva and Vechslav Swoboda appearing as soloists.

"Il Trovatore," which enjoys an immortality it shares with only a few other operas, will be staged on Monday evening (Nov. 14). The cast for this performance includes Rosa Raisa, Augusta Lenska, Antonio Cortis and Richard Bonelli. Henry G. Weber will conduct.

"Martha," another work highly cherished in popular favor, will be sung on Tuesday evening, Nov. 15, by Edith Mason, Tito Schipa and Virgilio Lazzari; Moranzoni conducting. Wednesday brings a repetition of "Loreley," with the same cast which

## NORTHWESTERN PLAYS INDIANA SATURDAY

Evanston Lineup Weakened by Injuries; Is Home-Coming Game

With eight regulars on the hospital list, Northwestern will enter its homecoming engagement here Saturday with Indiana, far below normal strength. Justin Dart, 200 pound guard, is definitely out of Saturday's game, and it is doubtful whether Holmer, star fullback, will be sufficiently recovered to get back into the fray.

Tiny Lewis who was forced to leave the Purdue game with a bad bump on the leg will be unable to workout this week in practice. His return to the game Saturday will depend upon how his injury mends during the next few days. Other Purple casualties include Captain Vic Gustafson, half-back; Frank Miller and Arnold Karstens, tackles, and Waldo Fisher, end.

Despite this long casualty list plans are going forward for a rousing homecoming program which will start Friday night and terminate Saturday evening. A huge homecoming parade will be held Friday night. Following the parade the annual bonfire and fireworks display will be held on the lake front.

Northwestern's cross country team which last Saturday defeated Purdue, will meet Indiana's harriers Saturday morning. Judging of the fraternity and sorority house decorations will also be held at this time.

The annual homecoming luncheon sponsored by the Associate Alumni association will be held at the Orriagton hotel at 11:45 Saturday morning. Cheers and singing will mark the program. Reservations are in charge of Mrs. John M. Scott of Evanston.

re-introduced the work to the repertoire.

The third complete week will open Thursday, Nov. 17, with a double bill in which "I Pagliacci" will be coupled with Massenet's short and intense dramatic work, "La Navarraise." This opera, revived after a decade, is to be entrusted to Rosa Raisa, Charles Marshall and Edouard Cotreuil. Charles Lauwers will conduct.

## DEERFIELD TEACHERS AT STATE CONVENTION

Principal Sandwick and Others of Faculty to Participate in Meet

Deerfield-Shields high school is to be represented at the Illinois State teachers' convention, which is to be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 17, 18, and 19, at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Usually Deerfield has a representative from each department; however,

this year this has not yet been decided upon.

General sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings and on Saturday morning. Sectional meetings will take place in two periods, one on Friday morning and the other in the afternoon, each department meeting in different rooms.

Mr. Sandwick is to speak on "Teaching of Health Education in the High School" and Mr. Peers on "A Course in Journalistic Writing" while Mr. Einbecker will preside over the science section.

A library luncheon will be served on Friday at 12:30.

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