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WILMOT SCHOOL BEARS PIONEER FAMILY NAME

SETTLED HERE IN 1834

Jesse Wilmot One of First Settlers; History of Family Is Given

The town of Deerfield was settled by people from eastern states, and their names bear witness of English stock. The tombstones in the Deerfield cemetery of the few who remained here after the land was sold to the Irish in the north part of the township, and to the Germans in the south part, give the birthplaces of the first pioneers as Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York.

One family which played a conspicuous part in the civic, religious and social life of the community was the Wilmot family.

A road and a school bear the name Wilmot. Both are on land given by Lyman Wilmot for the purpose, and some permanent memorial in the Wilmot school should mark the site so that the school shall ever bear the name made famous by the Wilmot Proviso, and also by the family whose influence upon the community is recalled by many still living here who knew them.

Jesse Wilmot Jr. came up the north branch of the Chicago river through Wheeling in 1834 and wintered alone in a cabin where now is Deerfield village, according to Dr. John J. Halsey's history of Lake county. "Soon he brought to it his wife, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Lathier was the daughter of Martin Luther the pioneer Alsatian, who came to Deerfield about the same time.

Lyman Wilmot, son of Jesse Wilmot, and Hannah Bunnell was born July 22, 1806 and came to Deerfield in 1840. He married Clarissa Dwight at Colesville, New York, March 17, 1831. They lived on a farm in Greenwood, New York nine years before coming to Deerfield. Only one of their eleven children is living, Dwight Porter Wilmot of Evergreen, Colo.

1. Virgil, the eldest son, enlisted in the 45th Illinois Regiment and was in many engagements in the southwest and with Sherman in his long march from Tennessee through Alabama, Georgia and the two Carolinas to Richmond, Va. He was mustered out of the service at Savannah, Ga., Dec. 1864. He married Sarah Esther Hunter of Steuben, Ill. and had eight children.

2. Adelia Bunnell Wilmot died in infancy.

3. Adelia Wilmot married Philip Getzler whose farm adjoined the Wilmot farm on the south, and which was that of Jesse Wilmot, brother of Lyman. They had seven children, Harriet, Frank George, Charles, Willis, Frances and Myrtle.

4. Levi Davis Wilmot entered the Union army July 16, 1861 as second sergeant in the 47th Illinois Regiment. He was at the fall of Vicksburg, Miss., and participated in many engagements, from all of which he escaped unharmed, although at Shiloh five bullets passed through his clothing, until the battle of Old Lake La. when he was struck by a bullet in one of his limbs and crippled for life. He was mustered out of the service at Springfield, Ill., October 1864. He married Sarah Hodgkins and had three children, Nellie, Wilbur and Winnifred.

Mary Wilmot was a teacher in the public schools for a few years. Married Rosalvo Bennett, a farmer in Alden, Iowa, but later moved to Colorado. Seven children were born to them. Norman Dwight, Mabel, Murray, Lottie, Alvin, Oliver and Lyman.

6. Lyman Wilmot never married. Was a great worker in the Presbyterian church at Deerfield. At the time of his death he was living in the state of Washington.

7. Harriet Wilmot died in infancy.

8. Roswell Wilmot married Miranda Adams. Lived in Colorado most of his life. Their children are Mabel, Edith and Guy.

9. Dwight Porter Wilmot married Libbie Scoles and has two children, Clara and Curtis. Owns a valuable ranch at Evergreen, Colo., on which he has lived for forty years. He has been elected to the state legislature of Colorado.

10. Ella Eliza Wilmot married Edwin Kittell of Deerfield. They had five children, Edwin Jr., Julius, Elsie, Jessie and Walter.

11. Warren Henry Wilmot lived in Deerfield most of his life. He attended school at Naperville and then taught school a few years. After his marriage to Minnie Vining of Kankakee, Ill., he resided on the Wilmot farm. He had five children, now living in five different states. Edna married Dwight Bennett and resides in Paonia, Colo.; Arthur married Josephine Osborn and lives in Kenosha, Wis.; Maude married Henry Kebker and lives in Minneapolis, Minn.; Lyman J. is circuit clerk of Lake county and resides in Waukegan, Ill. he married Laura Brockway; Minnie mar-



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FORM "LIVING FLAG" AMONG DEERFIELDERS

Mrs. W. Tennerman Represents Flagstaff; Organize a Junior Flag

The Deerfield American Legion auxiliary is sponsoring a "Living Flag" with Mrs. W. Tennerman as flag staff.

The United States Flag association is asking all people throughout the United States to form these "Living Flags" in honor of the Sesquicentennial of the making of the flag.

Each Living Flag must have 63 members representing the 48 stars, 13 stripes, 1 blue field and 1 flag staff.

The memberships are one dollar which are life memberships because the money goes into a permanent fund, the interest of which is used to carry on the work of the association.

The aim is, to foster reverence for the flag of the United States, to combat all influences, conditions and forces hostile to ideals, traditions, principals and institutions for which that flag stands.

Anyone in Deerfield, who would like to have a part in this very worthy enterprise may do so by sending their membership of one dollar to Mrs. Tennerman. The Legion and auxiliary members are especially urged to co-operate with Mrs. Tennerman who is making a desperate attempt to obtain the necessary memberships.

A Junior Flag is also being formed, and twenty-five cents is the membership fee. Joseph Andrews, a Boy Scout, is acting as flag staff and memberships may be paid to him.

If the auxiliary completes the forming of these two flags including the one which they founded, they will be given credit for three flags and the United States Flag association will present the auxiliary with citation of honor, a medal and possibly a title, "Daughter of the Flag."

CHURCHES MEET FOR BIBLE STORY CONTEST

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 29, the teachers of the Northbrook and Deerfield Presbyterian Church schools will meet at Deerfield for a Bible story telling contest. Three members from each church school will participate. A social time will follow.

Anyone interested in church school or church is cordially invited to attend.

CLOSE LIBRARY NOV. 26 FOR REPAIR WORK

Due to the remodeling in the Deerfield library room, it will be necessary to close the library on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 26. However it is expected to be open again at the usual hours on the following Wednesday.

J.O.Y. GIRLS PREPARE FOR XMAS BAZAAR

The Deerfield public is cordially invited to attend the "J. O. Y." girls bazaar to be held Saturday, Nov. 26 at the Kapschull office. Real Christmas bargains may be obtained as well as many good, tasty things to eat.

TUXIS SOCIETY ENJOYS SUPPER SUNDAY NIGHT

The Tuxis society of the Presbyterian church enjoyed a supper at 5:30, Sunday evening, in the church. A devotional service and program followed. The program was in charge of Wallace Reichelt. Tuesday evening the group held a business meeting.

The Tuxis society will have charge of the Christmas program to be held in the Presbyterian church.

It is announced by motor officials that there will be no war between Henry Ford and General Motors. Another great victory for the League of Nations.

ried Alfred Webster Shoutts and lives in Woodward, Okla. At the time of his second marriage to Eva Vant Keyes he lived in the village of Deerfield, dealing in real estate. The family later moved to Waukegan. Mr. Wilmot was deputy U. S. marshal at the time of his death, New Year's Day, 1912.

GARDEN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS NOVEMBER 16

On last Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 16, the annual meeting of the Deerfield Garden club was held at the home of Mrs. Jesse Strong on Orchard street, with Mrs. A. C. Stadler, assisting.

The following officers for the ensuing year were unanimously elected: Mrs. W. W. Geary, president; Mrs. F. D. Burroughs, vice president; Mrs. E. B. Jordan, secretary, and Mrs. E. A. Wood, treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Johnson of Briarhill road and Mrs. F. J. O'Connor will be assistant hostess.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH CHOIR PLAN CONCERT

A concert will be given by the girls choir of St. Paul's Evangelical church, assisted by Mr. Ewald Winter, tenor; Miss Lillian Saltenberger, pianist, and Mr. Edward Bleimel, Jr., violinist. A very interesting and entertaining program has been arranged.

The affair will take place in the church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30. There will be no admission charged, but instead a free offering will be taken. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS TO HOLD "FRIENDS NIGHT"

"Friends Night" will be observed at the local Royal Neighbor camp, at a meeting to be held on Friday evening, Nov. 25. Visiting officers from North Chicago, Waukegan, Highland Park, and Wheeling will preside.

All members are especially urged to attend this meeting.

The Juvenile will hold a meeting on the same evening from 6:30 until 8.

LAST PIERCE LECTURE TO BE HELD NOV. 28

The last lecture in the course given by Frederick Pierce, at the Elm Place school under the auspices of the Highland Park Woman's club, will be on Monday afternoon, Nov. 28, at 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. Pierce is a master of his subject, psychology, and has opened a new field of thought to his audience, especially on religion.

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EARLY RESIDENT DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

FUNERAL WAS SATURDAY

Mrs. Henry Lange Passed Away Wednesday; Resident Here Since 1872

On Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 16, occurred the death of Mrs. Henry Lange, nee Wilhelmina F. Drawz, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Osterman.

Mrs. Lange was born in Wollin in Nolger, Kreise, Prussia, June 19, 1845. On April 14, 1867 she was married to Henry Lange in her native town. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lange had ten children and all but one, Elizabeth, who died at the age of seven survive them. Charles E. Lange, Mrs. Augusta Allen, Theodore Lange, Mrs. Bertha Peterson, Mrs. Anna Bricknell, Mrs. Josephine Mentzer, Mrs. Emma Niebuhr, Mrs. Edith Osterman, and Walter J. Lange.

On April 6, 1872 Mr. and Mrs. Lange with four of their children departed from their port on the steamboat O Leo, and landed at Baltimore on April 15. From Baltimore the family came to Chicago where they remained two months and then came to Northfield and from there moved to North Northfield on Dundee road.

In 1876 the Lange family moved to Deerfield where Mr. Lange bought the Amos Truesdale property on West railroad avenue. Mr. Lange died very suddenly May 6, 1903.

Mrs. Lange, who lived to the ripe old age of 82 years always enjoyed good health until about two years ago, when she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Edith Osterman, who faithfully cared for her. However she was able to be about some until October 12, when she fell, breaking her arm and fracturing her hip, and from that time on failed rapidly.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Evangelical church, where Mrs. Lange attended many years, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 19, at 2:30 with the Rev. F. G. Piepenbrok officiating. Burial was in Deerfield cemetery.

MRS. PLAGGE HEADS RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

The annual Red Cross roll call in Deerfield is in charge of the following committee, Mrs. Austin Plagge, chairman, Mmes. C. Steiner, W. W. Geary, Ed. Long, C. Sherden, Harry Muhle, George Colby, Warner, C. D. Cherry, Leo Seiler, A. H. Morrison, A. W. Torbett, C. Boyle, and Leo McLain.

SHOULD NAMES OF STREETS BE CHANGED?

Many Named for Old Settlers Changed to Meaningless Names Says Article

What permanence have the pioneer settlers of Deerfield if their names given to streets upon which they lived can be changed at the whim of newcomers in authority, who know nothing of the traditions of the community, and without consulting residents on the streets.

In all instances the land was given for the streets by those whose names they bear—as Osterman, Hall, Pettis and Todd. Why Buena court instead of Todd court? What connection has Glendale with Osterman avenue? Are there any elms on Elm place that has been substituted for Pettis avenue?

The new subdivision opposite the Deerfield school perpetuated good American Indian tribe names such as Cherokee, Delaware, Dakota, Huron, Iroquois, Miami, Mohawk, Ontario, Osage, Patomac, Pueblo, Seminole and Utah. The substitute names are not objectionable for they are all of English origin, Colwyn terrace, Knollwood road, Norman lane, Briar place, Walden lane, Blackthorn place, Wincanton road, Kingston terrace, Oxford road, Kenton, Wayne, Westcliff lane, and Carlisle place (these last two for parts of the same road formerly called Pueblo), Northdown road, Cumnor court, and Warrington road, but these streets are the only ones in the village that have markers to indicate the names, and which have been put up at considerable expense.

There are several streets in the town which should have definite names. The main artery north and south bears three names, Telegraph road, Lincoln avenue, and Waukegan road. One name should be decided upon for that road.

The mistakes made in the naming of the street west of the tracks might have been prevented had not the name been changed at the whim of the owners of the property. Originally the street was called Chestnut street, then changed to Cherry street, (the most appropriate because of the number of cherry trees on the Fritsch property) then again changed to a misnomer "Grand avenue," which name was also given to Railroad avenue north, also to a short street that turned at right angle to Grand avenue, and then continuing south as a separate street formerly known as Railway avenue, but given the name of Grand avenue also, the same name for three separate streets. Standing at the intersection of two streets one looks north on Grand avenue and south on Chestnut street, and east on Grand avenue and west on Sunset court.

Changes on such streets as these should be made, but on Osterman ave-

due the deeds, abstracts and plats on record at Waukegan, three special assessments (water, sewer and paving spread against this street, all bear the name Osterman avenue. The change of name in this street means added cost, and there will be confusion in the next change of title for lots on the street.

A lively row was precipitated in Chicago recently when the name of a street, named for George Rogers Clarke was changed to Damien, which another street already bore.

Such arbitrary methods are not looked for in Deerfield.

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