

**DUFFY FAMILY WERE PIONEER SETTLERS**

**CAME HERE FROM IRELAND**

**Arrived in Chicago July 4, 1842; Record 108 Descendants in 1885; Some Interesting Data**

On July 4, 1842, James Duffy, progenitor of the numerous Duffy family, came to Chicago. He had arrived in Albany, N. Y., in 1841, where he came from County Meath, near Dublin, Ireland, with his wife, who was Anna Meehan, a niece of Michael Meehan, the first settler in the northern part of Deerfield township.

Mr. and Mrs. James Duffy's first six children were born in Ireland. They had seventeen children, and left 108 descendants in 1895, when James Duffy died.

In 1844 the Duffy family moved to Deerfield and bought a farm north-west of Cadwell's corners from N. Foster, who had pre-empted it from the government. This farm was on the Johnson road, which is now north Wilmot road.

James Duffy worked in Chicago, where he made bricks by hand, and when he moved to Deerfield he would walk home from Chicago every Saturday night, spend Sunday with his family, then walk back to Chicago Sunday evening.

He was the pioneer commuter. His wife is described by those who knew her as "a pretty, pleasant, intelligent young girl who, in her old age, still retained her quick intelligence."

Mrs. Duffy died April 26, 1888, at the age of seventy-two years, and James Duffy died May 8, 1895, at the age of eighty years. The Highland Park Press said: "In the death of James Duffy, which occurred Wednesday, May 8, 1895, there passed away one of the landmarks of Deerfield. He was born in County Meath, and lived in Dublin, Ireland. He was one of the first assessors in the history of the township of Deerfield. His son, John, followed the father as assessor. John was also superintendent of streets in Highland Park, he was the father of William Duffy who had thirteen sons and one daughter. It is too bad to let the old settlers die before someone gathers into permanent form their reminiscences of the early days."

Dr. Halsey's history of Lake county records that John Duffy was supervisor in 1865 and 1866, so the colorful history of the Duffy pioneer was unrecorded.

When one of the members of our community made the Wake of the

News in the Chicago Tribune about James Duffy carrying a bag of flour from Chicago, the following retort also appeared: "Our Hardy Ancesters." "Dear Wake: I can beat Ruth of Deerfield. In 1840 my grandfather walked 40 miles to Chicago for lime. When almost home he was caught in a thunder storm which slaked the lime, and he was forced to retrace his steps back to Chicago for a fresh supply.—Graccus."

The Meehan, Redmond, Fagan, Wallace, Carolan, O'Connor and Duffy families all came from County Meath, Ireland, to Deerfield, where they were near neighbors.

The Wallace family had a farm on the east bank of the west slough, where James Hood, the village president now lives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Duffy had seventeen children, William, Mary, John, Ann, Kate, Julia, twins Margaret and James, Thomas, Kate, Michael, Peter, Christina, Elizabeth, Patrick, Edward and Ellen. Those who lived to maturity are numbered in this record.

1. William Duffy married Bridget Rudd and had nine sons and one daughter, James, John, Thomas, Frank, George, Edward, William, Arthur and Julia Duffy.

2. Mary Duffy married Edwin Cadwell, son of Jacob Cadwell, one of the first settlers in Deerfield, and had six daughters and two sons, Anna, Ida, Etta, Elsie, Julia and Nellie Cadwell. The two boys died. The Cadwells live in Iowa.

3. John Duffy married Mary Ann Burke and had four children, Catherine, Mary, Jane and James Duffy. They live in Highland Park.

4. Anna Duffy married Daniel Rooney and had fourteen children. They live in Summit, Ill. Daniel Rooney has been chief telegraph operator in Escanaba for twenty years.

5. Kate Duffy died when young.

6. Julia Duffy married Gus Johnson.

7. Margaret Duffy married Thomas Nolan and had four children, Edwin (who lives in Seattle) James, who lives in Highland Park, and Catherine, who is employed in Rigdon's Dry Goods store in Highland Park, Anna Nolan died.

8. Thomas Duffy married Mary Merriman (daughter of Ann McAdams Merriman) of another pioneer family in the township. The Municipal golf course in Highland Park was the McAdams' homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Duffy had seven children, Mamie, Annie, Peter, Leo, James and Thomas Duffy. Peter Duffy married Stasia Quinn (sister of Father Thomas Quinn) and has three sons, Thomas, Peter and Richard. Their baby daughter Anastasia died. Peter Duffy lives on the Duffy homestead, which is now a subdivision. He is Justice of the Peace and conducts a real estate business.

The Merriman family came from England. Mesdames Mooney, Sheahan, Monahan and Merriman were all daughters of Mrs. McAdams. The Ermoor Golf club, Sunset Park and the Sheahan estate were all Sheahan property.

The Duffy family are also related to the O'Connor, Ludlow, Love, Carroll, York, Mooney and Meahan families. At the wedding of Minne Sheahan and William Duffy (our township treasurer for the last fourteen years) in the Sheahan homestead in Sunset Woods, Professor O'Connor and J. F. Russo, father of Frank Russo, furnished the music. J. F. Russo was a talented violinist and reared a musical family. Several of the sons are leaders of orchestras and one is leader of the Deerfield band.

9. Kate Duffy married John Nolan and had seven children, Annie, Nellie, Alice, Kittie, Mary, Edwin, and Joseph Nolan. Edwin Nolan died in Alaska. Joseph Nolan lives in Chicago.

10. Ellen Duffy married Emmet Knickerbocker and had one son who died.

11 and 12. Christine and Michael Duffy lived in the Duffy homestead on Duffy road until 1920 when they moved into the village and live with their sister, Mrs. Emmet Knickerbocker who has an attractive home on Lincoln avenue. Mrs. Knickerbocker furnished the first information that Wilmot road to the north was called Johnson because Mrs. Ann Johnson and her daughter, Ann, lived in a log house on that part of the road. Mrs. Johnson died there. M. Herrmann later bought the Johnson farm. The Duffy log house was forty rods west of the Johnson cabin, and the road to the former home was called the Duffy road. This road now leads to the Adolph Goeltz estate.

The Duffy tavern on Highland Park-Deerfield road was built by Thomas Duffy in 1865.

The land was bought from Mr. Wallace who had obtained it from one of the Cadwells, and then Mr. Duffy also bought more property from Lewis P. Todd.

The Wallace family were theatrical people who gave one night shows, and they had performances in the tavern, on the second floor, which was also the dance hall.

The first inn was smaller than the present building, which is still in use for business and residence purposes. The annexes were built in the rear and to the east. The Thomas Duffy children were all born in the tavern.

"Big Jake" Antes was married there. To the dances people came from Evanston, Wadsworth, Long Grove, and Buffalo Grove. Private parties brought their own music, a harp and two violins. At the dances for the villagers a "fiddler" provided

the music. The rural talent were Hyde Gleason, of Libertyville, Lansing Ranney, of Northfield, Morton Fallon, of Roundout, John Horenberger, of Deerfield and James Masterson, of Lancasterville.

Travelers were entertained over night in the tavern, and Mr. Mowers, the mail carrier who brought the mail from Highland Park to Deerfield and Half Day in a light spring wagon with two horses, made the tavern his headquarters. (Mail from Highland Park to Deerfield must now go to Chicago, traveling fifty miles to go to a place three miles distant.)

Old time hunts were also held from the tavern. The leaders would choose sides and start out early in the morning for an all-day hunt, and frequently returned with a catch that would fill several large wooden dry goods boxes with game.

Points were given for each animal that was killed. A squirrel counted one point, but the wary crow that was bagged scored the highest. Some of the men who participated in these hunts were Simeon Tupper, C. W. Pettis, Walter Millen, Matt Horenberger, Thomas Duffy, and the Yore boys.

They were not allowed to take any dogs with them. The winning side was treated to an oyster supper at the tavern, for which the losers paid, but the game was divided among all of the hunters.

Frequently sleigh ride parties came from Waukegan for oyster or turkey dinners.

In the tavern Thomas Duffy had as his helpers his brothers, James and Mike, and his brother-in-law Frank Merriman, also a nephew James R. Rooney, who is now trainmaster, in Superior, Wis., for the Great Northern railway.

James Rooney married a Miss Stack, whose father is a banker and lumberman in Escanaba. James Rooney has four sons and two daughters. Two of his sons are Jesuit priests, one of whom is stationed in British Honduras, and the other is a professor in the Jesuit college in St. Louis, Mo. They studied at St. Mary's and were ordained at Loyola university. Another son is an instructor of electrical engineering in Loyola, and another is a civil engineer.

Thomas Duffy gave the land for the Holy Cross church in Deerfield.

The homes are said to be failing in their greatest duty, but at least they keep places open where the children can come home to sleep.

Not merely do the boys cross our lawns, but the aviators continue to go over our heads without asking permission of the landowners.

The philosophers tell us we ought to be contented, yet Cal Coolidge does not seem contented in his \$75,000 job.

**OPEN LETTER TO DEERFIELD PEOPLE**

**Public Library Tells of Progress Made; Urge Public to Read More**

For the past ten days, everyone has been extending wishes for happiness and success. The Deerfield Public Library association takes this opportunity of saying—Happy New Year to the people of Deerfield!

We don't think it would be out of place to give you some idea of what we have done this year.

The library was organized by a small group of men who had certain ideals. You can appreciate that our financial backing was small. Through the generosity of the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce, supported by the generosity of the people, a very handsome check at organization time helped put the library over. We are also just in receipt of another check for \$100 which they have given us from the results of the last Deerfield day.

Our circularization, this year, has been over 3,000 books. About 65 per cent of this circularization, from our best judgment, was with the children. According to statistics, this record is quite remarkable, especially so when we are in such close proximity to a very large library in Highland Park to which anybody in Deerfield is welcomed as a member.

The Library association has certain plans in view for the next year, which is going to materially increase the stability of our library, as well as its popularity, but the association is willing to rest its laurels on what it has accomplished by its influence on the younger generation.

We believe that every parent in Deerfield will acknowledge that they like to encourage their child to read. The influence and temptation thrown in the way of the younger mind today are so many that it behooves all of us to do what we can to keep the thoughts and minds of the younger generation in the right channel, and we know of no better way than to have them occupied with good books.

Deerfield Public Library Association.

Deerfield and lived for a number of years in Arlington Heights and St. Louis, before moving to Iliion, New York. Her husband, one son, two grandchildren, two sisters, Mary Bleimehl of Chicago, Anna Snyder of De Ridver, Louisiana, six brothers, William of Boxholm, Iowa, Charles of Arlington Heights, Frank and Peter of Chicago, Fred and Edward of Deerfield, survive her.

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Came the time when their friend moved away to another town. Brother and sister were saddened by his going, for they knew they would miss his cheery smile and the wonderful stories and amusing anecdotes he was so fond of telling them. Then one day the postman brought them a letter from their friend, in which he told them he was sending them The Youth's Companion so that they would not forget him, and that in it they would find just the sort of stories they had so much enjoyed hearing him tell.

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**FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN NEW YORK**

Deerfield relatives and friends were grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Minnie Bleimehl McElhose which occurred at her home in Iliion, N. Y., Thursday afternoon, Dec. 29.

Funeral services and burial was in Arlington Heights, Ill., Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. McElhose was born in Deerfield fifty-nine years ago, August 18, 1869.

Following her marriage she left

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