

J. J. BRAND WRITES LETTER OF GREETING

Member of Early Family Gives Interesting Historical Account

Mr. Jacob J. Brand of St. Petersburg, Fla., for many years a resident of Highland Park, and a descendant of an early pioneer family, gives an intensely interesting description of the early days, in a letter to The Press.

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Greetings from the Sunshine City, the nation's playground of the world, the place of my adoption.

To my friends and kind neighbors of dear old Deerfield, the dearest spot of my childhood days:

It gives me great pleasure to pen a few lines in memory of the primeval day at this century celebration. Four score years have passed since first I saw the light of day. I was not born in Deerfield, but only some few miles to the south in Cook County. When I was one year old my parents moved two miles west of Deerfield Corners, known in the old days as Brand's Corner.

My grandfather, Jacob Ott, with his wife, five sons and two daughters, by name, Lorentz, Jacob, Casper, Christian and Philip, Magdeline and Salome Ott (my mother), came from Warren, Pennsylvania by ox team in 1834, over a century ago, taking up land a short distance south and west of Deerfield, where they lived and reared the family in a one room and lean-to log house. Lorentz, the oldest son, was married and they too lived in this same log house at least for such a time when they acquired land and a small home joining grandfather's on the north. This was the beginning of the Ott settlement, the boys had grown to manhood, married, bought or took up land in the same section, except Christian, who settled a short distance, perhaps a quarter of a mile north of Deerfield Corners.

When grandfather, Father Ott, as he was known, and family first came here neighbors were few and far between. Indians were numerous however, and friendly if treated right. Deer were plentiful, so much so the farmers were obliged to keep dogs to guard the fields of winter wheat. Deerfield derived its name from just such a field. Prairie wolves, lynx, and wildcats were the night prowlers, so that young pigs, lambs and even sheep were at their mercy if not corralled or well housed. Game and wild life was so numerous in those days that the Redman prized the skin of a deer, or for that matter the fur of any animal, more than the meat. My grandparents and also my own parents often exchanged a bushel of field corn for a venison, enough to last several weeks. I can remember several of those exchanges as a chap because I preferred partridge or prairie chicken. Venison to my way of thinking (as a boy) was all right if not served too often. This however, I have no reason to regret, as we usually had a reasonable variety of

good wholesome food. My people learned the art of cooking in that grand old state, Pennsylvania, where most of the early pioneers came from, after crossing the briny ocean in a sailing vessel. Those, as they tell us, were memorable experiences, sixty and ninety days to be rocked in the cradle of the deep. Young man, how would you like to be tossed around twelve or even eight weeks in pursuit of a new home? I venture to say, without fear of contradiction, that those early pioneers had backbone, to say the least. After building their humble log huts, clearing and tilling enough land to plant corn, wheat and potatoes for the preservation of family and what little stock they had, their limited supply must have been exhausted. May I remind you the families in those days were large? Was it any wonder they consulted the Bible for names? Yes, in our own family there were seven of that selection. Mr. Wilmot, our good neighbor, made the assertion, to determine the number of people in a given territory, count the families, multiply by ten and you would have the population. I think he was right. Another neighbor we had used to tell father in my hearing that they made it a rule before meals and at bedtime to have roll call. Can you imagine that? Now you of the younger and present generation may wonder how they all lived. Well, in the first place, our forefathers and parents had the cunning to provide, to make the best use of what they had. Corn bread, mush and milk, home-made bread, one loaf would

equal to half a dozen of the present loaves, and in winter buckwheat cakes with sausage for breakfast, that's how they lived, healthy, happy and contented. Oh, yes, little ailments such as colds in winter and stomachache in summer, (green apples, you know) would give reason for mother to worry. She was the doctor, with her old time remedies she could cure most everything, even to a sore throat. How we chaps used to bark to get some of that salitrea she made to break and cure a cold, often in one night, after being tucked good and plenty in that bed of feathers. Some of the other treatments were not so "hot" although they cured. In mentioning some of those old remedies to a doctor recently, he replied with a smile, "Yes, our people were never without goose grease, shumac salve or castor oil either," just to demonstrate our description in economy (he must have been of the old school).

Now, you may say, what were some of the amusements during leisure and school days? Girls, as well as boys, had their frolics then as now. The boys their swimming holes and wrestling matches, with various other spirited sports, while the girls in their hoops and balmarall skirts jumped rope or played ring-around-a-Rosie, to the tune of boys don't be too noseey. When a man failed to know a boy's name he called him "Bub" or a girl "Sis." Now they are all "kids."

But this does not bring us to the point where we may have to strain our memory in mentioning at least

some of the names of the men and women that lived in and around Deerfield. The Cadwells, Mellens, Clark (Indian Clark), Hall, Fuller, Hoyt, Parson, Vedder, Tupper, Gastfield, Holkem, Muhle, Hole, Wil-mots, and as mentioned in the beginning the Otts, Luthers, and Brands. Those with quite a number of others I have not mentioned biased the way for you and me. It may well be said of them, "They have fought a good fight, they have finished their course, they have kept the faith."

Sincerely yours,
J. J. Brand.

Centennial Posters Are Works of Art

The posters announcing the Deerfield Centennial Commemoration are artistic and beautifully done. Some contain log cabins, others Indians, prairie schooners, spinning wheels, deer, etc.

They were hand-painted and designed by Mr. J. D. Carter, David Stryker, Raymond Rectenwald, and Jean Pettis. The large posters are

Serve Dinner on Centennial Grounds

A roast beef dinner will be served by Hardings, caterers, on Saturday on the grounds of the high school plot in Deerfield. The serving of the dinner will begin immediately at the close of the parade and they will continue to serve up to the opening of the pageant at 7 p.m.

It is expected that a large crowd will have dinner and remain for the evening pageant.

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5.00-19 HD	11.05
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Other Sizes Proportionately Low

SIZE	PRICE
4.50-21	\$7.30
4.75-19	7.75
5.25-18	9.20
5.50-18	10.40

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SIZE	PRICE
4.50-21	\$6.65
5.00-19	7.55
5.25-18	8.40
5.50-17	9.20

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SIZE	PRICE
4.50-21	\$6.05
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