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When Chicago was incorporated as a city in 1837, less than 5000 people lived within the city limits. Within a decade, the population would spiral to almost 30,000. This growth in the urban core was unprecedented in the western United States, and Chicago would continue on this trajectory for over a century. In 1889, Chicago annexed four townships: Lake, Lake View, Hyde Park, and Jefferson, which included a large swath of the Northwest Side. At this time, over a million people lived in Chicago, making it the second largest city in the United States. This is how Chicago earned its moniker: “The Second City,” a title that was held for 100 years.

In the early years of Chicago, well before the great annexation, however, the area northwest of Chicago was sparsely populated. The region was mostly farmland with some scattered taverns and outposts along Milwaukee Avenue and Higgins Road. Before Jefferson Township was established in 1850, the area west of what is now Cicero Avenue was known as “Monroe Precinct,” and it extended through what is now Leyden Township. In this territory, a small early settlement straddled the Des Plaines River and Higgins Road. Several log homes and inns clustered around an essential bridge (“Brooks Bridge”) which offered essential access to both sides of the river. These inns, including Isaac Higgins’ Tavern, Gardner Brook’s Tavern, and the brothers Floyd & Edward Higgins’ Tavern, offered respite to travelers passing through the area and brought a sense of community belonging to these early settlers.

This edition of the Northwest Chicago Historical Society’s newsletter transcribes and reprints the words of Emiline Sherman, a pioneer from New York who moved into a log cabin on the Des Plaines River near Brooks Bridge in Monroe Precinct. Additionally, in central Jefferson Park, we highlight a 70-foot pine tree and its touching past. Finally, we bring you stories of equestrian entertainment throughout the Northwest Side.

Keep making history. Thank you for reading the NWCHS newsletter. - *Susanna Ernst*

Mission Statement:

As the Northwest Chicago Historical Society, our mission is to educate others about the history of the Northwest neighborhoods of Chicago. We will accomplish this through discussion at meetings, public tours and events, and dissemination of historical documents and photos through publications. Additionally, we desire to collaborate with others in the community to continue to maintain and preserve the history of our collective neighborhoods. By linking the past with the present and the future, we will provide awareness and create appreciation for our place in Chicago's and Illinois' history.

Letters

Letters may have been edited for clarity and space

Hi, do you still have a NW newsletter? Do you know anything about the Russian hotel that used to be at where the old police station in Jefferson park. There was a large number of Volga Germans in JP. They were Germans from Russia. Thanks

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Yes, we still have our newsletter. Older editions can be found at: nwchicagohistory.org/newsletters

The Russian Hotel was located on the north side of Higgins, directly across from Jefferson Memorial Park (not on Gale Street where the old police station was located). It was called the Russian Hotel, but it was actually an apartment building. It consisted of about 10 to 12 apartments in a very large frame structure. The tenants were German-speaking people who came from Russia, the only early ethnic enclave on the Northwest Side. Some of these Russian-Germans would stay in the "hotel" for a few years until they earned enough money to travel back to Russia. Of course, many would also stay in America and become citizens.

The Volga Germans first came to the area in 1891 and worked at a farm near Dunning. The immigration continued with a large influx of people in the early 1900's and continuing until the 1930's. – NWCHS

Hello, I am looking for some advice/assistance for a neighborhood history project I have been working on for the last couple of years. This is the website for my project:

<http://www.lietuvninkas.com/berteaul/> Called: Berteau 5000 Block History Corner. This is all so fascinating to me and doing the research is very enjoyable. I appreciate what you have done over the years!

Ruta Lietuvninkas
Portage Park

Nice work Ruta! While the NWCHS does not have any photos of your block, we did send you suggestions on where to look for information on your project. Saving the history of northwest Chicago – one block at a time! – NWCHS

Hello, I am a captain with the Chicago Fire Department. I am assigned to the firehouse at 4017 N. Tripp. I wish to acquire any factual information (documents, pictures etc.) that may help explain the history of the building. Any help would be greatly appreciated, as I am hoping to make some type of wall hung display. Thanks.

Ray Adams

We have emailed you all the photos we have of this firehouse and dropped off our July 2019 Newsletter with all the history on this firehouse "Engine 69". This newsletter is also on our website: <https://nwchicagohistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NWCHS-July2019.pdf> - NWCHS



Gladstone Park Bakery ca 1964

Photo by John G. Valentine

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Letters

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My apologies for the unexpected email. My name is Chris and I'm a young local history enthusiast from Chicago.

I contacted you in the past with a historical question about the northwest side. You were very helpful so I thought I'd once again get in touch with you regarding another inquiry of mine. I would greatly appreciate your assistance.

I wanted to ask if you knew the history of the pedestrian bridge that connects the Gladstone Park Metra station with Avondale Avenue. Specifically, when was the pedestrian bridge built and does it officially have a name? Also, who owns and maintains the bridge?

I am in no rush to get an answer so please respond at your convenience. Sorry again for the random and lengthy email. I thank you in advance for your help.

Best regards,
Chris Sz

Hi Chris. Our guess is that it was built because there is no bridge for Austin Avenue over the Kennedy and people south of the Kennedy need access to the Gladstone Park Metra station. Thank you for your interest in neighborhood history. -NWCHS

Hey, thanks for putting out the newsletter! (I've sent myself a reminder to pay up my membership dues!)

Skip Landt

As an all-volunteer organization, the Northwest Chicago Historical Society needs these dues to help pay our operating cost (Post office box and stamps, website and Meetup charges and with the printing of this newsletter). So, yes, please become a member. Membership dues are \$15.00 per calendar year, or \$10.00 if you are 65+. - NWHS

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Jefferson Park's World War II Evergreen Tree

By Roger Wendt

Howard Charles Wendt was a lifelong Jefferson Park resident. He was born on February 13, 1916, to Fred and Alvina Tietgen Wendt, who lived on Edmunds Street. His mother Alvina (b. December 27, 1892) was one of five children raised on John and Anna Tietgen's small "truck-farm," which was located at what is now the intersection of Milwaukee and Central Avenues.

Howard graduated from Beaubien Elementary School in 1930 and went on to attend Carl Schurz High School. He was also a parishioner at the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, where he was married in 1942 to his longtime sweetheart, Elva Sernatinger. She was also a Jefferson Parker, born in her family's home on Ainslie Street.

On October 16, 1940, Howard registered with the local draft board at 4926 N. Milwaukee Avenue. His draft card listed him as 6'2" and 160 lbs. Howard was drafted into the Army, and after basic training at Camp McCoy (Wisconsin), he was assigned to an anti-aircraft artillery unit at Camp Hulen (Texas).

Howard's family had purchased a brick home on Giddings Street in 1941. Just before he left for the service in 1942, he and his mother planted a small blue spruce in the back yard. After Howard's return home from the war, he was employed as an electrotyper in the printing industry. He remained in this employment until retirement, while continuing to live in the same house where that little spruce had been planted. Howard died at age 83 and is buried in Union Ridge Cemetery, along with many other members of the Tietgen and Sernatinger families.



Photo Courtesy of Roger Wendt

Howard's son, Roger standing in front of the evergreen tree in 1954.

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The World War II evergreen tree is still standing where it was planted, behind a bungalow on the 5200 block of Giddings Street. It is now approximately 75 feet tall.

Photo Courtesy of Frank Suerth

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The photo above is the 1930 graduation class of Beaubien Elementary School. Howard Wendt is the only student in his class wearing eyeglasses (Second row, second from left). The mural on the back of the stage in the assembly hall was an excerpt from the Chicago Tribune's cartoon entitled 'Injun Summer,' published in the autumn from 1907 until the 1990's. The Chicago Tribune stopped publishing it when it was rightfully deemed as culturally insensitive.

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Riding Stables

by Frank Suerth

At one time in Chicago, horses were the primary mode of transportation. As automobiles were introduced and became more commonplace, horses were no longer necessary for transit. By the 1930's, they were outlawed on Chicago's city streets. Remnants of their usage still exist today, as we can still find garages all over the city that were clearly once horse barns. As horses were no longer needed for utilitarian purposes, riding for pleasure or sport became customary among the well-heeled. Equestrian trails in the Cook County Forest Preserves still survive near the Des Plaines River and other locations.

Riding stables were places where one could board an animal or even rent a horse by the hour, and at one time they were prevalent on the Northwest Side of Chicago and the close suburbs. During that time, Elston Stables (5663 N. Elston Avenue) was one such establishment that catered to the horseback riding clientele. They sponsored rodeos and other events with stunt riders from all over the United States.



The above picture features equestrian riders at the Elston Stables in 1930.



Riders and horses lining up for a photo at Elston Riding stables in 1930.

In September of 1939, two buffaloes escaped from the stables, leading multiple horseback riders in pursuit. The bison madly trampled through backyards, knocking down fences and scaring the local community, until they were captured at 5628 Miltimore Avenue.

Today, all the stables on the Northwest Side have closed due to rising land prices and the cost for the care of the horses. The nearest place to find a stable today is in the distant suburb of Morton Grove.

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Everyone is smiling at the Elston Stables in 1930. The blackboard has the rental prices posted.

Other northwest side riding stables included:

Green Tree Stables at 4701 Cumberland Road; Four Seasons stables at 8550 W. Lawrence Avenue; Blackhawk Stables in Park Ridge; Flying W Stables at 8400 Lawrence Avenue; River Road Stables at River Road & Irving Park Road in Schiller Park; Nemitz Stables on East River Road near Bryn Mawr Avenue; Happy Day Stables at 4431 Cumberland Avenue in Norridge; Westwood Stables - Higgins Rd. two miles west of Harlem Avenue; Little Acres Stables at 4816 Clifton Avenue in Norridge; Timber Ridge Stables at Higgins and Dee Roads; Rocking H. Stables at Cumberland & Lawrence in Norridge; and Edgebrook riding stables at 5879 N. Central Avenue.



Happy Day Stables riders are headed out to the bridle paths along the Des Plaines River. Crossing the intersection of Montrose and Cumberland had become easier because a button located high up on the stoplight would change the light to stop the traffic flow on both streets. The button could only be reached by a rider on horseback.

Thank you David Witter

For your presentation at Vaughan's Pub on July 12, 2021, about Oldest Chicago. Mr. Witter highlighted dozens of the oldest local treasures in Chicago and its suburban areas. If you missed this event, you can still purchase his book *Oldest Chicago* on Amazon or at your favorite book seller.





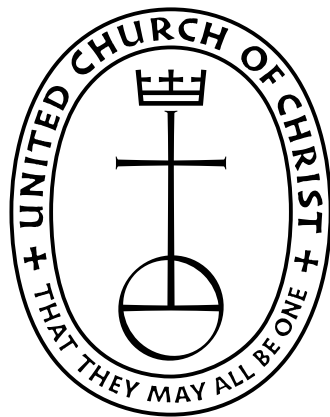
Photo of the stables in Humboldt Park. At one time, the Chicago Park District had 17 miles of well-kept bridle paths in some of their larger parks (Washington Park, Lincoln Park, Humboldt Park, Garfield Park, and Columbus Park). The Cook County Forest Preserve District maintains 175 miles of wooded riding trails.

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where God has placed a comma”

- Gracie Allen



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Pioneer Emeline Sherman

The following is a sketch of the life of pioneer Emiline Sherman, which was transcribed from a handwritten document handwritten by her. Emiline travels to the area from the state of New York, and she moves into in a log cabin on the Des Plaines River near the Brooks Bridge (where Higgins crosses the Des Plaines). While this location is on the edge of Park Ridge today, at the time it was named “Monroe” and it was one of the first precincts in northeastern Illinois in the Chicago region. It was a large swath of land, covering what is now the western portion of Jefferson Township (from Cicero Avenue westward), Leyden Township, and part of Maine Township. A postal route to Monroe was established in 1845, and it was also the place where votes were cast for all levels of government. In 1840, the population of the entire Precinct of Monroe was about 350. Before Jefferson Township existed, voters in the area were split between Chicago and Monroe Precincts. Jefferson Township was organized in 1850.

This narrative is a glimpse of life in the early 1800s, and it is one of the few uncovered documents that describes life in the 1830’s and 40’s in this part of the Chicago region. Although the story is full of many genealogical details and can feel a bit disjointed, it traces the family history of an early pioneer in the Chicago area. 130 years after it was written, Emiline Sherman’s history is now published and available to readers of this newsletter.

Sketch of the life of Emeline Sherman

Started in 1890 and finished in Nov. 1893

I was born the 8th day of Dec. 1817, in the town of Marcy, then Deerfield, in the state of New York. My father was a farmer, his farm then being located on the north side of the Mohawk River, about a mile from its bank, and about 3 miles in a direct line to Utica and 1.5 miles from Whiteborough. It was on the main road to Utica. It was in the sight of the N. Y. mills and about two miles distant from there.

I was about 14 years old when we left there on the 10th day of April, 1833, and came to Chicago that spring after the Sac (Indian) War. My mother was born in Utica when her parents came there. There was but one frame house in the town and it owned by a man named Belinger. He was no relation to my mother Edic, but they came to this country on the same vessel. I think they came from Holland. My grandmother's name before she was married was Weaver. She was married the first time to Jacob Edic. Of the marriage there were 3 sisters: Margaret, Catherine and Elizabeth, (my Mother) and six brothers: Mark, Christopher, John, Jacob, Henry and George. Of these, George was the oldest, then Henry, Jacob, John, Christopher and Mark. Catherine married a man by the name of Peak, who lived at Deerfield Corners. He was a brick maker by trade. They were people of some considerable means. Their children are all dead, but their one grandchild is still living there.

Margaret married John Cavanaugh, and Irish-American, born in this country. They had a family of 2 or 3 girls, and a son. Only one daughter is now living somewhere in western New York. He was a proud spirited man and held some local offices there.

Henry married a daughter of William Sherman, a second cousin of my father. Another of William Sherman's daughters married my brother Jacob. Henry died without children.

Jacob Edic married Isbella Leavenworth, after whom the town of Leavenworth, Kansas is named. Jacob Edic has nine children, among who were James, Henry, Frankline, John, and Charley. Among the girls were Antoinette, also Isabelle and Emily who are dead. One is Mrs. Horn. Jacob Idic was a man widely known and was a large property owner.

Jacobs father, Jacob, was tomahawked by the Indians during the Indian War. Indians took him prisoner. The prisoner ran a gauntlet, and while doing so he was hit with a tomahawk. He pulled it out and hid in a hollow log across a creek and thus escaped. He crept in on his hands and knees home, for 9 miles and lived to get well. After that time he and his wife drew a pension from the government.

John Edic married Lovina Sherman, a daughter of my father's brother, Nicholas Sherman. They had 5 children, Nicholas, Jacob, John, Abby and Mary. Mary married her cousin, named Peak, and Abby married Weaver. He was a son of my grandmother.

Christopher married Cynthis Eaton of Schayler, N.Y., a town 8 or 9 miles north of Utica. They live in Ohio near Jacob Sherman. They had 4 or 5 children. He first bought land on Desplaines, sold it to Mr. Guthrie and then went back to Ohio.

Mark married Eliza Peak. He had 4 or 5 children, Eliza and Judith are both dead. The children did not turn out well. Their mother died in a ball room. Eliz., the oldest girl, came out here and was the inmate of the family of John Foot, the husband of my sister Elizabeth just before my nephew, John B. Foot was born.

Grandmother Edic was married a second time to Peter Weaver, Her Cousin. They had no children. She gave her property to son, Christopher Edic. After her husband's death she lived with her son, Jacob Edic.

My father's name was Phineas Sherman. He was born in Rhode Island. He came to Utica N.Y. when he was very young man. His father was in the battle. He was 9 when the Battle of Bunker Hill took place. He use to say that every time a cannon went off they would say, " I wonder if that has killed my father". I do not know that he was living in R. I. at that time. He was in hearing distance of the battle. I have heard him say something about hunting on the Hoosac River.

My father came out to Utica with his brother, Jediah Sherman. After he got a farm of his own he went back to R. I. and brought out his father and mother. They lived with him until they died which was before my birth. They died when my brothers, Nicholas and Phineas were about 10 or 12 years old. They lived to be 80 or 90 years old. My grandmother kept her bed for years before she died. I do not remember ever hearing what my grandmother or grandfather names were.

My father told me that his family came from Sheffield, England and that the names there were called Shearman. Think grandfather was a farmer. They were poor people. I have heard my father say something about Rodger Sherman but do not remember what it was. My father had 9 or 10 brothers and sisters. I know of 3 sisters; Ruth, Rebecca and a Mrs. Denslow. Aunt Ruth married a Mr. Johnson and went to Ohio to live. Both dead now, but left daughter by name of Harriett Johnson Dowan, whom I met five years ago. She told me she nursed my mother when I was born. She left a son, Eliphalet Johnson who has been dead a good many years. Mrs. Dowan had 2 sons and 2 daughters. The sons induced their father to make a will in their favor and when he died they took the property from their mother. Aunt Rebecca had 2 children, but I know very little about her and them. She finally went to the poor house. Mrs. Denslow had 3 children; Harry, Pattie and Clara Denslow. They lived up in Black River Country.

The names of my father's brothers were Jediah, Palmer, Nicholas and John. Jediah was married and

**Emeline's uncle
Janus (James) Sherman**

**Emeline's father, Phineas Sherman
owned two pieces of property.
1841 & 1842**

**Originally called,
"Chicago to Dundee Rd."
is now known as
Higgins Road and said
to be named after Isaac
Higgins.**

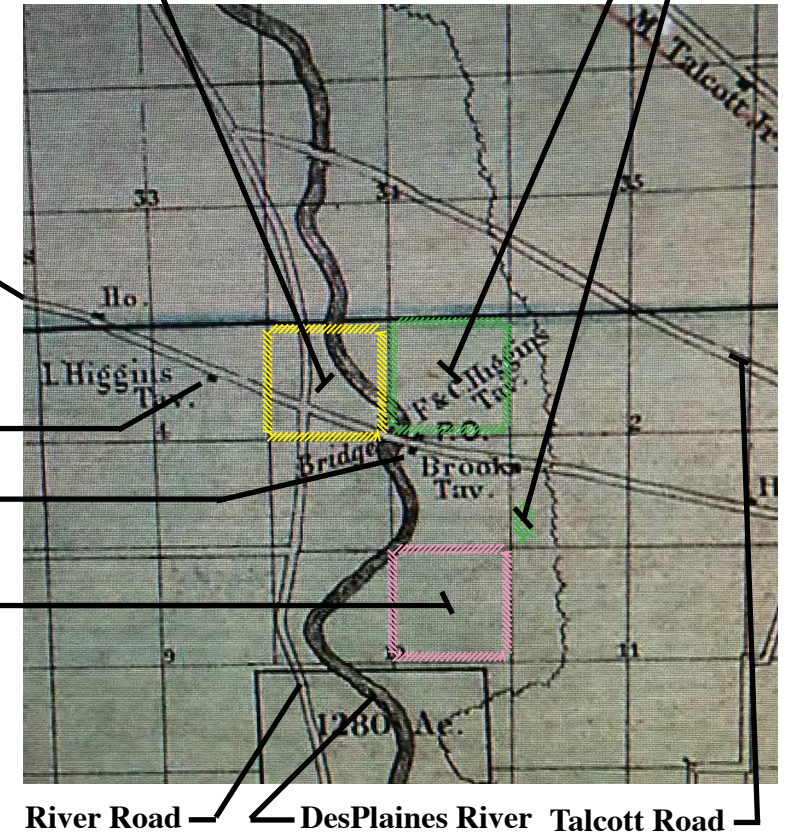
1851 Map

Isaac Higgins' Tavern

**Gardner Brook's Tavern
and bridge**

**Emeline's uncle
Nicholas Sherman 1841**

**Phineas Sherman's
son-in-laws, Francis &
Willard Tanner (from 1st
wife) also owned property
near Phineas Sherman.**



Isaac Higgins' Tavern, on the west side of the Des Plaines River, was one of the few early polling places in northeastern Illinois outside the city of Chicago. Before 1850, settlers west of what is now Cicero Avenue would need to travel a great distance to cast their vote. This large voting district (a 'precinct') was called Monroe and some early maps label the Higgins Tavern as "Monroe." When forming a new township in 1850, the early settlers wanted to name it "Monroe Township" after the name of the precinct, but the name had already been taken in Illinois. They settled upon the name: "Jefferson Township."

had 4 children; Susie, Adaline, Justus, who died when about 2 years of age. There was also a son, whose mother was Raehle Bigfoot, and who was alive when we came along. John lived to have several children. He died after his father. All except John died of consumption. Palmer Sherman was married and had several children but they died young. Nicholas Sherman was married, had one child Lovina. (continued on page 20)

She married John Edic, a brother of my mother, who was drowned on a canal boat at Albany. The other brothers lived to be 22 or 23 years old, then died of consumption leaving families of small children. There were also a John K and Hiram Sherman, but I do not remember the relationship. They may have been Aunt Lovina's brother Nicholas Sherman's children.

My father married twice. His first wife name was Tanner. By her he had 2 daughters, Waitee and Patience. They married cousins Willard and Frank Tanner. Waitee had 6 children: 3 boys and 3 girls. The oldest girl was Drusilla, Zacharias, Phineas, Mrs Jethro Jones, Roda and Andrew. Druscilla subsequently married Jesse Ball and now lives in Norwood Park township, Cook Co., Ill. Mrs. Ball had 4 children: 2 girls and 2 boys. The boys died in army of rebellion. Zacharias and Phineas went to Iowa.


Andrew disappeared and was never heard from. Mrs. Jones is dead and her husband lives in Iowa and is married again. Roda married Hough, and is now widowed and lives near Clyborne Ave., Chicago. Patience Sherman Tanner had 4 children: Ezra, Auce, Frank and Elizabeth. They are all dead except Elizabeth. None had children except Elizabeth. She married Chas Jones and had 9 children, of these Anna married Tucker and Minnie married a son of Fred T Brooks of Des Plaines. Mrs. Jones and her husband now live at Spring Valley, Kansas. They lost several children; Frank and Arthur, but among the living are Lizzie, Viola, Charles and 2 younger boys.

My father was married the second time to Elizabeth Edic, my mother. By this marriage he had 12 children: Nicholas, Ezra, Phineas, Jacob, Elizabeth, James, Laura, Emeline (myself), John, Margaret, Marice and William.

Nicholas was married to Eliza Gazley and had 2 children, Jeremiah and Ann. He was born in 1806. Nicholas died in 1850 at my father's house in town of Leyden, Cook Co. He was a farmer and a man of considerable means. He was a member of the Legislative at Springfield, Ill. on two or three occasions. He was a man of considerable learning and was the most informed man in the community. He was a great writer and reader. He was Justice of Peace and well up in law. His wife died about a year or two before he did. His daughter, Ann was married to a Barstow, and died about 1869 without children. Jeremiah has never married. He is still living, having made several efforts at establishing himself on a farm and elsewhere in different parts of the country. He is at present writing in the Soldiers home, Quincy, Ill.

Ezra Sherman died when he was about 10 years old, from eating poisonous muskrat root, supposing it to be sweet cicely. He was out fishing and died before reaching home. Nicholas and Phineas were poisoned at the same time. My father pried open their mouths and gave them sweet milk until they threw up the poison. Ezra died before we came west and before I was born, and he is buried in the Marcy Burial Ground at Deerfield Corners. My father first wife was buried there too.

Born May 13, 1808, Phineas was married to Betsy Leacy. They had four children: Malvina, Maria, Ella and Charles. He was married a second time to Isabella Haxton and had six children: Zera, James, Ada, Eugene, Roy and Ora. Roy died at nine years of age and two others Lillian and Walter died in infancy. When he first came west, he had a claim on the Des Plaines but subsequently sold it to Dr. Weachum and moved to Lake County where he lived about 6 miles from Waukegan until about four years ago when he died, March 3rd, 1884. His farm on the Des Plaines adjoined Nicholas on the North. He was a farmer.



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Jacob married Mary Ann Sherman, a second cousin. He moved from state of N. Y. to a farm 4 or 5 miles from Willoughby, Ohio, about 20 miles south of Cleveland. He had 4 children: two girls, Ann Eliza who married a Mr. York, and Halda who subsequently to the death of her sister married Mr. York also. They also had two boys one of whom died in the Army of the Rebellion and the other is a farmer occupying his father's farm near Willoughby. He is married and has 4 children: William, Ada, Eugene and Marvin. Each of the daughters who married York had two children. The first boy, who is dead, and the second one had a boy and a girl. The oldest boy lived with my brother, Jacob. Mr. York is still living.

Elizabeth married to John Foote in Chicago in 1836. Foote was a blacksmith and dissipated. They had 3 children: George C., John B. and Bradford. The latter died at 9 or 10 years. Geo. C. Foote married Ann Barryon and they had four children: John, Lizzie, (Ada) another girl and boy. John studied for a while to be a physician. He is now married and lives in Cincinnati where he is overseer of a shop and receives large wages as a master mechanic. Lizzie is married and has four children: John B. (Sr.) died about 1855. A good many years prior there to, Elizabeth obtained a divorce from him on account of his dissipation. My sister Elizabeth is still living at Park Ridge and is about 78 years old. (Died July 1893)

James Sherman was born in 1814. He came west with the rest of the family and located in the Des Plaines River. He was married in 1851 to Kate Archdale (Catherine). They had two children: Fredrick and Frank. Frank died about four years ago while on a visit to Dakota. Fred is married to Lou Greer (Lusetta Share Greer) and has two children: Ruby and Lynn. Brother James moved to Wisconsin in about 1827 and lived near Wilmot, Kenosha Co.

Laura Orra was married in New Buffalo, Mich. To Moses G. Pratt, a ship Carpenter. They had four children: Chas, Amelia, Morton and Arnold Pratt. Chas and Amelia are living in Chicago. Morton and Arnold are both dead, leaving widows. Moses G. Pratt lived until Jan 1880 when he died at his daughter's, Amellia Seaman in Chicago. Charles Pratt is a bachelor and is in business in Chicago. Amelia married Mr. Seaman and had four children, two of whom are married and two dead. Laura, her mother, died in 1853 leaving surviving, her husband and 4 children above named. She was 28 years when she died.

Emeline was born 1817 ---- I came next. I was first married to Haratio N. Follansbee on Mar. 11, 1842. My husband died Aug. 1846. I had one child by this marriage, George A. Follansbee. I was married the second time to Edward D. Wheadon on July 14, 1852. We have two children: Emily and Almon. Emily married Rev. W. J. Cirruim July 29, 1874 and they have two children: Willis and Ruth. He is a M. E. Clergyman and at present stationed at Farrington Ill. Almon married Cora Sherman, a daughter of my brother William, on June 11th 1878. They have two children: Loyd and Bessie and two dead, Willis and Mable. They live at present at Williard Station on the UPRR in Wyoming. He is a telegraph operator and station agent.

Maria, born June 16, 1819 -- died Sept 1893, married John C. Outhet Nov. 1843. Mr Outhet was a wagon manufacturer in Chicago and a man of first class abilities. He occupied several positions of trust and responsibility, among them was that of Alderman of the 4th Ward. He retired from business and removed to Park Ridge about 1853. He died there in 1866. They had four children: Ruble, John, Willie and Herbert. John and Willie died in infancy. Herbert lived to be about 22 years old and died at Los Angeles while spending the winter there with his mother and Birdie in the spring of 1886. Ruble was married to Zera Harris about 1884, a daughter of John Harris, a farmer of Lake Co., Ill. They have had three children, two died in infancy. One John C., now about 13 years of age is living. John C. married in 1897 -- died before 1903?

William Sherman born July 1, 1821 married when about 22 years old to Margaret Harris in Lake Co. Ill. They have several children: Mary, Lizzie, Will, Maggie, Cora, Birdie and Herbert. Mary is married to Chas. Lamb, lives at Waukegan, has one child, Carl 19 years old. Lizzie is married to a Mr. Vandermark, have two children. Will, born 1858 -- died 1902. Maggie married Henry Edwards, a farmer in Lake Co. they have 5 children, (4) 3 boys and 2 girls, I think. Cora married my son, Almon D. Wheadon, 2 children as stated above. Berdie and Bertie - Born 1868 died 1904) are not married (Berdie has since married a Mr. Morrel.)



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My brother William died about 5 years ago, and his wife Margaret died 6 months later. (Will Jr. died Dec. 25, 1897). My brother John never married. He was born in 1823 and died in Leyden Township about the year 1864 in July or Aug.

Margaret was born in 1825, married Philip Dean who died in Chicago about 1865. They had two children: Walter and Ada. Walter married Miss Scott of Leyden Township, by whom he had one child. He subsequently married in the West where he now lives. Ada was married to Zalmon D. Root and now lives at Park Ridge. She is about 33 or 34 years of age. My sister Margaret died at Park Ridge in 1892 Nov. 2nd.

We came to Illinois in 1833, the next year after the Sauk War. We reached here about June 1st. My father came by land with a horse and wagon with mother, Elizabeth, John, William and Margaret. They came from Whitesboro, N. Y. stopping at Buffalo, Sandusky and Pigeon Prairie, Michigan. They hired a horse on the North Branch at what they called the point where the two rivers divide. It belongs to Jacob Miller. On the boat came Phineas, James, Laura, myself Emeline and Mary. We took the canal boat to Buffalo.

We arrived about June 1st. 1833. We got off the boat at north side of the river, near where soldiers were buried who died that year from cholera (Mark Bear Brine House). Their coffins were halfway washed out from the banks of the river by the water. We landed at the South side of the river.

My father, Phineas Sherman, then went down to a prairie about three miles from Joliet and remained there a month or six weeks and then came back to Chicago, where we lived with Uncle Christopher Edic until my father built a house out on the Des Plaines River. My father, Phineas and Nicholas built the house out there. They went out there in Aug. 1833. The house was built where the lemon Irish subsequently lived on the East Side of Brooks Bridge. He got a preemption of 160 acres of land there, and then got another one of the same amount up on the jermain. We lived in the first house about 6 or 7 years after which he built a house up on the prairie. Elizabeth was the first one to be married. Then Nicholas, Phineas, Jacob, Laura, Emeline (myself), Maria, Margaret, William and James.

I first went to school in Deerfield, Town of Marcy N.Y. about four miles from where we lived. The teacher's name was Eliza Cooker. She lived at Four Corners, Utica. The next teacher was Mrs. Marcy. Her father was or had been Governor of the State and the township was named for him. I also went to school to John Wilmont and John Babcock. When I started west I was 15 1/2 years. old. I never went to school after I came west; there were no schools here. John and Margaret were sent up to Dr. Meacham's, his daughter taught them.

I first went to Chicago to live when John B. Foote was born. I first met Horatio Follansbee whom I subsequently married at 21 yrs. of age, in March 1842. I was about three months older than he. We went to live on a place that he bought off Dr. Sabin. We lived there from March to January 1843, From Jan. until the following fall we lived with my brother James, out near Brooks Bridge. We then moved to some ground my husband bought from my father down close by Brooks Bridge. It was in a log house built by my husband. It was while living at James Sherman, that my son George was born. We lived near Brooks Bridge until my husband died Aug. 2nd. 1846. In the meantime he had got a wagon and some horses and 5 or 6 cows, farming tools together.

My first husband was born at Whitinsville, Mass. But moved West from Watertown N.Y. where his parents then lived, when he was 19 yrs. old. He lived for about 3 years on a farm belonging to his brother Chas Follansbee up on the Des Plaines before we were married. He was to have 1/2 the farm for cultivating it, but in the end failed to get it, but got \$420 instead in wildcat money from his brother. Of this he let a brother Edward have \$100 which however he never got again.

After my husband's death, I went to live with my sister on the corner of Franklin and Madison St. in Chicago. I lived there for about a year and a 1/2. Then my sister Margaret being unwilling to live at home longer, came to the city and I went home to stay.

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My son George was at this time 5 years old and I was about 30. Shortly after this I had a daguerreotype taken of George (Lovina) and myself, being the same that I now have. I remained a widow 7 years and was married to Mr. Wheadon, my present husband on July 14, 1852, George being about 9 years old. I then went to live at his farm about 2 miles north of Park Ridge where my children Emily and Almon were born, the former Apr. 13, 1854 and the latter on Mar. 31st. 1855. About this time, April 11th, 1855 my son went to live with his uncle Alanson, a brother of my first husband at Milwaukee, we lived on the farm until about 1862 or 63, when we moved to Park Ridge. We resided there until we went to Evanston in 1871 or 72 where we still reside.

My second husband was born in Marcellus N.Y. near Skaneateles. He was a tailor by trade, and came to Ill. In 1837 and first lived at St. Charles, Ill. Continuing his trade for a while. Lived at Sycamore, Ill. We sold out there first buying a farm at what was then called Union Ridge, now Norwood Park, and afterward another farm north of Park Ridge and from that time on as long as he was in active life, he was a farmer. He had previously married and had at the time of our marriage four children: Cornelia, 19 yrs., Edward, Samuel and Wilbur, my son Georges age.

While Mr. Wheadon was at St. Charles, he became local preacher in the M.E. Church and has continued to take an active interest in all its affairs ever since. He has always preached more or less and was the first person to conduct a service in the present stronghold of Methodism at Evanston, Ill., in a log school house at what was then called Oakland, on ridge nearly opposite the present depot at South Evanston. This was two or three years before we were married. Since then within a few years a church had been built in Evanston and called after him. He died Jan. 10, 1893. I joined the Clark St. M.E. Church in Chicago in 1842. Kooper Crews being the pastor and John Mitchell, persiding Elder. The building of that Church at that time no larger than Wheadon M.E. at Evanston is now. I am now a member of the Cash Narned Church. I am in the habit of reading the Bible and Testament through every year. I am also fond of History, I have been reading the "Life of Gen. Grant".

Of my brothers and sisters, only Jacob who lives at Willoughby, Ohio and Elizabeth at Park Ridge Ill., and Maria living with her son, M. Outhet in Chicago are now living.

I, (myself), will be seventy five years of age, 8th of December. With the exception of asthma of which I have had good deal in the past and a hardness of hearing, which came upon me about the year 1886 at 62, I am pretty well, except such ailments as are incident to one of my age.

Signed - Emeline Wheadon
Oct. 5, 1893

Emeline died on Feb. 15, 1897 in Wenona, IL and is buried next to her husband, the Rev. Edward C. Wheadon in the Town of Main Cemetery in Park Ridge IL. Emeline's parents, Phineas Sherman and Elizabeth Edic are also buried in this cemetery.



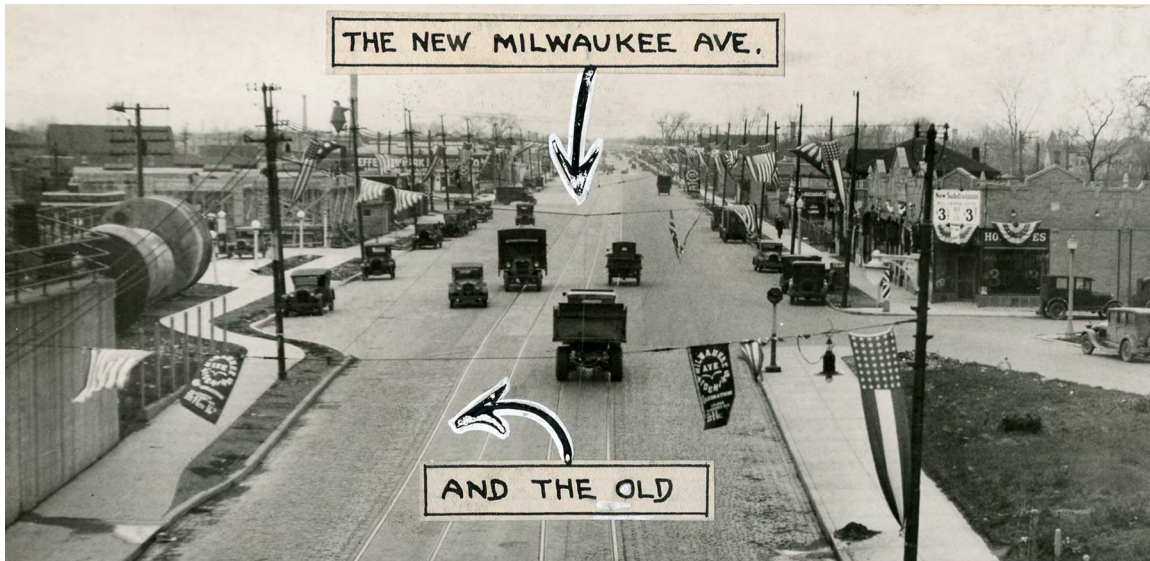
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This photo was most likely taken in the early 1950's. The business in the corner building at Milwaukee and Carmen Avenues is now a tavern whereas in the earlier photo it was a real estate office (now a parking garage for the 16 police district). The street-car tracks can be seen on Milwaukee Avenue and were still used when the photo was taken.

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