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Dear Genevieve:

During October and November I was on a speaking (astronomy) trip thru Canada and the States. I stopped a few days at Wheaton to attend some well wishers. The DuPage County Historical Museum is in old Adams Library on SE corner of Main and Wesley Streets. They gave me your address.

This note is to resurect some ancient history. Your paternal grandfather was a younger brother of my matern~~al~~ grandfather. Accordingly, we have a common great grandfather. He brought is two sons, aged about 10 and 12, from Germany in the 1850s. Apparently Grote is a common name along north sea coast between Holland and Denmark. I remember my grandfather telling me about the sea shore, tides, shells, fish, etc. His youth was so different from mine that it fascinated me. Several times I've been asked name of village our great grandfather and his two sons came from. Perhaps you remember, or can find out?

With the seasons greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,


Grote Reber

P.S. My grandfathers name was Henry William. What was yours?

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to the youngest baby, there are 534 members, and there are two parochial German and English schools, attended by fifty-nine children at this time. During its early days, the members of this church lived in a district fifteen miles from east to west and ten miles from north to south, but there have been other churches built nearer since that time. The land owned by the church was purchased January 4, 1844, of Louis Schmidt, who sold forty-eight and eighty-seven hundredths acres for \$200, and this land has since been held by the organization.

During the Civil war, the Rev. Grosse was a member of the St. Louis militia and served about two years, but was exempted a short time before the close of his term of enlistment.

On November 27, 1866, the Rev. Grosse married Louisa Maria Dorothy Bartling, daughter of Hon. Henry and Dorothy (Kruse) Bartling, and one child, Amanda, was born, on April 7, 1868, and died July 2 of the same year. Mrs. Grosse was born July 24, 1847, in Addison township, and died April 24, 1868. The Rev. Grosse married (second) May 9, 1869, Louise Frederica Johanna Massmann, daughter of August and Sophia (Mohns) Massmann, and they became parents of children as follows: Henry, who was born February 15, 1870, married Amanda Dauehl, and they live in Wisconsin; Louise, who was born February 15, 1872; Mrs. Louis Dannmeier; Theodore, who was born November 28, 1874, is deceased; John, who was born November 10, 1876, is pastor of a church at Batavia; Herman, who was born February 24, 1878, is also deceased; Emma, who was born July 26, 1881, married Fred Metzche, and died in 1907; Anna, who was born September 1, 1883, is at home; William, who was born February 15, 1886, is a teacher, living in Chicago; and Helen, who was born November 19, 1888, died at the age of one year.

The Rev. Grosse is now serving as president of the orphanage connected with the church, which is located in Addison, having held this position since 1879, and he has had 563 orphans under his control since that time. For a period he served as a member of the board of trustees of the college in Addison township, but resigned this post in 1893. He is much beloved and respected by his parishioners, being well acquainted with them through his long years of service in this field, and the fact that he has been so successful in his work and has lived so long in

one place is evidence of his ability as a pastor and his high character as a man. His many acquaintances and friends both in the church and outside, appreciate his personal character and value his regard. He planned his life work in early youth and prepared himself carefully for his future career, and has continued his study and reading along these lines, having always displayed a ready sympathy for those under his charge, in joy and sorrow, sickness and health.

GROTE, Henry W. a prominent German-American citizen of Wheaton, now retired from active life, has held various municipal offices and has the respect and confidence of all who know him. Mr. Grote was born in Hanover in 1841, son of Cord Henry and Helena (Ahrens) Grote. The grandfather, Conrad Grote, came to America in 1849, and in 1855 C. H. Grote brought his family, settling in Chicago. At the time of their coming Henry W. was fourteen years of age and had been educated in his native place.

On May 1, 1867, Mr. Grote married Mary A. Hageman, of Wheaton, daughter of Dr. F. C. Hageman, born in Chicago in 1847. The year following Mr. Grote engaged in business in Wheaton in the line of general merchandise, and continued this enterprise until 1898, when he sold out and retired from active business. Four children were born to him and his wife: William Frederick, born March 4, 1868; Henry Wallace, July 11, 1869; Harriet Mary, March 25, 1871; Louis Arthur, February 20, 1880. William Frederick married Agnes Field, of Detroit, Mich., and they have three children—~~Margaret~~ *Margorie*, William Frederick, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth, the two oldest born in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the youngest in Wyoming. William Frederick Grote was appointed a cadet to West Point Military Academy, July 1, 1887, and four years later was graduated with rank of Second Lieutenant. His first service was with the Eighteenth Infantry, to which he still belongs, though for some time past he has not been stationed with his regiment, having served as Commissary in the Philippines. At present he is studying in the Army and Navy School at Fort Leavenworth. The second child of Henry W. Grote, Henry Wallace, married Florence Hubbert, and they have one child, Louise. The third child, Harriet M., married S. C. Reber, and they live at Wheaton. Louis Arthur, the youngest child, married Pearl Robinson and they have two

and have one son Grote Reber

children. Mrs. Mary Grote died December 28, 1905. In political views, Mr. Grote is independent. He has served as School Director, City Treasurer, Alderman, and one term as Mayor, being one of the best-known men in the city and popular in many circles. Fraternally, he is a Royal Arch Mason.

GRUPE, Henry, one of the substantial residents of Bloomingdale, has for some years been retired from active business life. He was born at Elk Grove, Cook county, Ill., March 21, 1860, a son of Charles and Carolina (Klinehaus) Grupe, who were both natives of Germany, the father being born at Hesse Cassel, and the mother at Brownswig. She was a daughter of William Klinehaus, who came to Cook county, Ill., at an early day. Mr. Klinehaus, his wife and one daughter, died in 1852, of cholera, within a few hours of each other, their deaths occurring in Cook county. Charles Grupe worked as a farmer for a few years in Bloomingdale township, then in 1852 went to California, where he prospected for gold mines and then conducted a butchering business there for four years. Returning to Illinois, he married and located at Elk Grove. Subsequently he sold out there and purchased a farm in Bloomingdale township, where his death occurred July 5, 1889. His wife had died in 1869. Their children were: Sophia, Mrs. Fred Ehlers, of Bloomingdale, and Henry.

Henry Grupe remained with his parents as long as they lived, and after his father's death carried on the farm for twelve years, purchasing his sister's share of one hundred and twenty-four and one-half acres, after which he made various improvements. In 1898, he was compelled to retire from active work on account of sickness and moved to Bloomingdale, where he owns a comfortable residence.

On October 7, 1886, Mr. Grupe married Bertha Haberstick, born in Addison township July 18, 1860, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Neelnswander) Haberstick, natives of Switzerland. Children as follows have blessed this union: Amanda; Minnie; Mrs. Charles Bonhorst, who lives in South Dakota; William; Walter, who died July 9, 1910, at the age of eighteen years; Henry; Emma; Lena; Lucy, who died August 21, 1912; and Victor. Mr. Grupe and family are members of the German

Evangelical church. He received his education chiefly in German schools, having attended an English school but about two months, but he has learned to read and write the English language fluently and has always taken an active interest in public affairs. A Democrat in politics, he has served as a collector and assessor in his township, holding the latter office at the present time.

GUILD, William Lyman, M. D., a prominent physician, who practices his profession in the vicinity of Wayne, Du Page County, and every afternoon occupies an office in the city of Wheaton, is a native of the county and has spent his entire life here. Dr. Guild was born at Wayne Center, December 5, 1859, son of Elias C. and Alice (Blair) Guild. The father was born at Conway, Mass., April 10, 1833, and the mother at Edinburgh, Scotland, December 22, 1834. The Blair family came to America in 1846, and located at St. Charles, Ill., where Mrs. Guild grew to womanhood. Elias Guild came to Illinois in 1840, with his parents, Israel and Rachel (Kellogg) Guild, also natives of Massachusetts. Israel Guild was a carpenter by trade, but located on a farm at Wayne Center and there he and his wife died.

Elias Guild was educated in the district school, Beloit (Wis.) College and Bennett Medical College, of Chicago, being graduated from the latter in 1874. He had spent some time in farming before acquiring his medical education, and in 1874, went to Bartlett, Ill., where he practiced fourteen years, and in 1888, came to Wheaton, where he continued in active practice until his death April 26, 1908. He was prominent in local affairs and well known throughout the county. In politics, he was a Republican and he served as Justice of the Peace. He was married at St. Charles and he and his wife had seven children who reached maturity, namely: Charles S., born in 1858, died in 1879; Dr. William L.; Newman H., deceased; Mrs. Alice J. Loveless, of Wheaton; Mrs. Mattie L. Squires, of Wheaton; Mrs. Hattie R. Hadley, of Wheaton, whose husband is State's Attorney; and Rufus C., running a hotel at Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Guild survives her husband and makes her home at Wheaton. Dr. Elias Guild was a strong union sympathizer at the time of the Civil War and conducted an "Underground Railway" station for fleeing slaves.