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Town remembers trustee Donald Welflin

BY KERI WYATT
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Services will be held Wednesday for former Wheeling trustee Donald E. Welflin, a member of one of Wheeling's first families.

Welflin, 67, served as a trustee from 1949 to 1953, according to his brother Edward C. Welflin, who currently resides in Rolling Meadows. Edward was also a Wheeling trustee a few years later.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. at Kolssak Golden Rule Funeral Home, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling.

Welflin served as a captain in the

U.S. Army during World War II. His father ran a general store in Wheeling, which he opened about 1916. Donald and Edward Welflin took over the store after their father died, and ran it "until the Jewel grocery store opened, then he converted it to a sporting goods store," Edward remembers.

Marshall Balling, first cousin to the Welflins, grew up with Donald and remembers him as a sports enthusiast.

"He played golf, and baseball. I guess he was a pretty good softball player while he was in the Army. He was their star pitcher."

Welflin was married twice. He met his first wife while stationed in New York. They had just one child, John, who is a music teacher in Higginsville, Mo.

Edward Welflin said a favorite family story about his brother involved his Army training, when he was an officer's candidate alongside none other than Clark Gable.

Edward said he and his brother got into politics because "the town was quite small then, and we were an old-time family, so we knew the town." Their grandfather, Chris Welflin, was one of the first settlers

in Wheeling. A harness maker, he came to the United States from the Alsace-Lorraine region in France during the mid-1800's.

Donald Welflin was a widower living in Higginsville with his son when he died last week. He came back up to Chicago last year to attend a class reunion of classmates from the old Arlington High School.

Former Wheeling Mayor A. R. McIntyre said Welflin was a "nice guy. They used to have a carnival in Wheeling every year, it was a big thing here. He had a booth there."

WILLIAM C. FEROLAT
7662 SHERIDAN ROAD
CHICAGO



Chicago, Ill.
Feb. 23 1921
Mr. Edward J. Keeling,
Keeling, Ill.

Dear Friend:

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst, wish to say that the lowest price we will take for the premises now occupied by Mr. Bollenbach, is \$5000.00 cash or \$6000.00 on terms, that is if the place is sold on terms, we would want \$3000.00 cash and a mortgage for the balance.

If you are interested, kindly let me hear from you and I will then come out and talk things over with you.

With kindest regards, I remain
yours very truly

W.C. Ferolat









Welfley's 20 1918



Sept 30, 1949

4-year-old David Welflin dies suddenly

Word of the death of little David John Welflin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Welflin struck the people of Wheeling like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. Saturday David played happily with the children of the neighborhood.

While at the breakfast table Sunday he began feeling ill and soon showed signs of paralysis. Immediately after the arrival of a doctor he was rushed to Billings Memorial hospital in Chicago where the best specialists were put on his case.

After numerous tests the diagnosis was given as a rare blood disease, of which only three previous known cases are on record in Chicago. The blood disturbances caused a toxic condition bringing on a paralysis of the nerves which took his life at 10:30 Sunday evening. The attack was believed to be a recurrence of the disease which first was evident about 21 months ago, but then was thought to have been polio. An autopsy confirmed the doctor's present diagnosis that no polio germs were present.

David John was born in Oakland, California March 30, 1945 and would have been five years old next spring. After Mr. Welflin's release from the Air Force the family returned to Wheeling. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Mary's church, Buffalo Grove, where the Angels Mass was sung. Burial was made in Ridgewood cemetery next to his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer.

Besides his grief-stricken parents and grandparents, David is survived by his 9 month old brother, Donald Mark, and many other relatives and friends.

Sept. 30, 1949

David J. Welflin

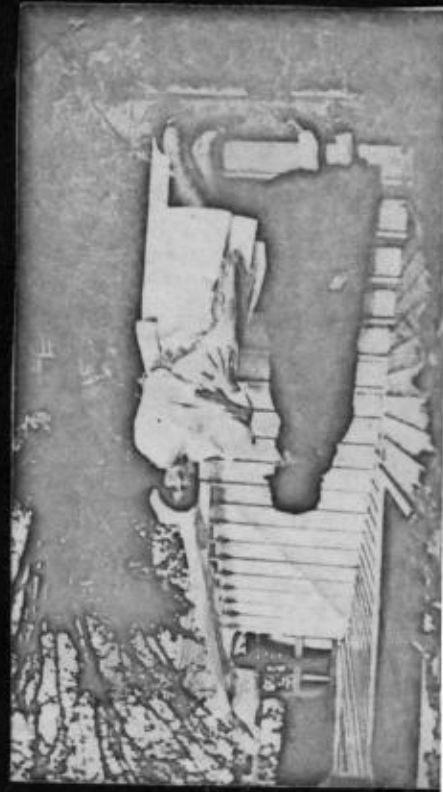
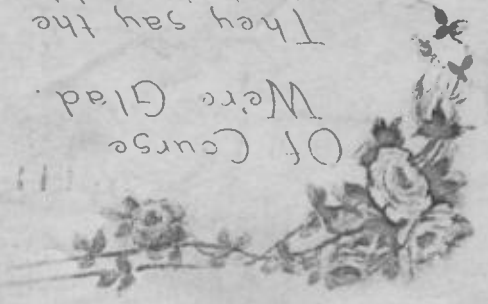
Funeral services were held for David J. Welflin, late of Milwaukee ave., Wheeling, September 28, at 10 a. m., at St. Mary's church, Buffalo Grove. In-George Ballweber officiated. Interment services by the Royal Neighbors at Ridgewood cemetery. Haben funeral home took care of arrangements.

David died September 25 at four years of age. He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Welflin; one brother, Donald M.; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Welflin and Mr. Mrs. Frank Hohenstein.

1841



Of course
 Were Glad.
 They say the
 stork brought
 you last week,
 A bundle
 carried in
 his beak,
 And when that
 bundle was
 untied,
 A Baby
 Boy
 was found
 inside.



Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer

announce the marriage of their daughter

Melda Lilian

to

Mr. Edward John Wellin

on Wednesday evening, May the twenty-sixth

nineteen hundred and nine

Aptakisic, Illinois

At Home
after June the fifteenth
Long Grove, Illinois

At Home
after June the fifteenth
Long Grove, Illinois

Yourself and company are cordially invited

TO ATTEND

FOURTH GRAND RECEPTION

GIVEN BY THE

UNIQUE PLEASURE CLUB

AT WELFLIN'S HALL - WHEELING, ILLINOIS

Saturday Evening, December 30, 1893

GRAND ENTRANCE AT 9 O'CLOCK SHARP

TRAIN LEAVE WISCONSIN CENTRAL DEPOT, CHICAGO, 7:45 AND 8:00 P.M.

*Yourself and Ladies are cordially invited
to attend*

RECEPTION

OF

Wheeling · Terpsichorean · Club,

AT

WELFLIN'S HALL,

THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 29TH, 1888.

TICKETS, INCLUDING SUPPER, \$1.50.

Who's Who
from a taped lecture
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So my grandmother and the three Armbruster kids ran the Chicago House in Wheeling. Very soon after that she married Christian Welflin who was an old bachelor harness maker and blacksmith who lived here in Wheeling. He was in his forties, I believe and he and his sister came from Germany. His sister was Mrs. Burke up at Burke Bros. Brewery.

Four children blessed this union. Edward Welflin ran the store in Wheeling for many years. He had Howard and Don who are still in the area. Frank Welflin lived next to the old school house and ran Chicago House for many years with his wife, Flora; they had no children. Then there was my mother, Minnie Welflin and Flora Welflin who married a man from Chicago.

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RESUME AND PERSONAL DATA SHEET

INTERVIEWER: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: WELFIN EDWARD, SR

BIRTHDAY: 1887 D- 2/27/23

HOME ADDRESS: DIED JULY 1950

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

MARRIED 1909

PERSONAL AND FAMILY DATA:

GROCERY OWNER - WIFE - NELDA LILIAN MEYER
SONS - EDWARD, JR - HOWARD - DONALD

SISTER - MINNIE BALLING -

FATHER - CHRISTIAN

8 YRS WITH ALBERT SAUER STORE IN LONG GROVE

1905 PURCHASED J. A. SCHMINKE STORE

1919 PURCHASED BRICK BUILDING - (NEXT TO SCHMINKE STORE)

WORK ACHIEVEMENTS:

WHEELING - P.O. SUPRV. 2/27/1923 FOR 15 YRS.

BUSINESS-MAN

VILLAGE TRUSTEE

FOUNDER OF BANK

MASON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RESUME AND PERSONAL DATA SHEET

INTERVIEWER: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: WELFIN, DONALD

BIRTHDAY: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

PERSONAL AND FAMILY DATA:

FATHER EDWARD WELFIN, SR.

MOTHER NELDA

BROTHERS EDWARD JR. & HOWARD

SISTER MINNIE

MARRIED-

SON DAVID JOHN - march 30, 1945 - OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

^{DIE}
DONALD MARK - Jan. 1949

WORK ACHIEVEMENTS:

RESUME AND PERSONAL DATA SHEET

NAME ^{WELFLIN} ~~MARION~~ ^{MARTIN} ~~ARMBUSTER~~ ^{WELFLIN} PLACE _____
DEATH DATE _____ MARRIAGE DATE _____
FATHERS NAME _____ MOTHERS NAME _____

WIFE (MAIDEN NAME) ^{HUSBAND} ~~CHRISTIAN~~ ^{WELFLIN} PLACE _____
BIRTHDAY _____ DEATH DATE _____ PLACE _____
FATHERS NAME _____ MOTHERS NAME _____

CHILDREN	BORN	PLACE	DEATH

PERSONAL AND FAMILY DATA

EDWARD J,
FRANK W,
MINNIE BALLING
FLORA E. FLESCH

BROTHERS -

ALBERT)
VICTOR) SAUER
) of
) LONG GROVE

SISTERS MRS LOUIS HAECKEL
 MRS SCHEFF
) MORE ACHIEVEMENTS

WAS MARRIED TO ARMBUSTER
until 1880 WHEN HE DIED

RESUME AND PERSONAL DATA SHEET

NAME: ^{MRS} WELFLIN, GODLOBIN PLACE _____
BIRTHDATE ~~7-1-1845~~ (GERMANY) MARRIAGE DATE 1866
DEATH DATE ~~MAR 15 1928~~

FATHERS NAME _____ MOTHERS NAME _____
HUSBAND

WIFE (MAIDEN NAME) MARION MARTIN ARMBRUSTER PLACE _____
BIRTHDAY _____
DEATH DATE ~~1-1880~~ 3-15-1928 PLACE _____

FATHERS NAME _____ MOTHERS NAME _____

CHILDREN	BORN	PLACE	DEATH
CHARLES A.	} Ambruster children		
ANNA M.			
JOHN A.			

PERSONAL AND FAMILY DATA

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WORK ACHIEVEMENTS

RESUME AND PERSONAL DATA SHEET

INTERVIEWER: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: WELFIN, MINNIE - D
BIRTHDAY: _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____
WORK ADDRESS: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

PERSONAL AND FAMILY DATA:

MARRIED - CHAS BALLING SR.

Children

Charles Jr

Marshall

Dorothy (Flentje)

(Jan L. Haber)

WORK ACHIEVEMENTS:

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

LITERARY & SOCIAL UNION

RESUME AND PERSONAL DATA SHEET

INTERVIEWER: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: WELFEN E. + MRS

BIRTHDAY: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

PERSONAL AND FAMILY DATA:

W E - Sec-6-#1-#2

WORK ACHIEVEMENTS:

RESUME AND PERSONAL DATA SHEET

INTERVIEWER: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: ^{FLORA}
WELFIN - MRS FRANK

BIRTHDAY: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

PERSONAL AND FAMILY DATA:

Wc - Sec 5 - # 36 - Social Hall

WORK ACHIEVEMENTS:

RESUME AND PERSONAL DATA SHEET

WOLFLIN EDWARD JR
NAME: WOLFLIN, CHRISTIAN D

INTERVIEWER: _____

DATE: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

MARRIED - *Marion* AMBRUSTER - NEE *GODDARD* BEIN SAUER

PERSONAL AND FAMILY DATA:

HARNESS SHOP 1874
BLACKSMITH

WORK ACHIEVEMENTS:

WHEELING RECREATION BOARD 1938
COMMANDER OF AMVETS
SOB TOWN CLUB
FIRE DEPARTMENT
MEMBER OF COMMERCE
EDITOR OF HERALD

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

H. G. WHITING.

J. METHLING. ✓

F. G. HABEN. ✓

A. MILLER.

G. H. PERIOLAT.

FLOOR COMMITTEE.

J. A. HABEN. ✓

O. A. ARMBRUSTER. ✓

E. G. HABEN. ✓

J. W. WELLS.

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W. G. MURBACH.

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CHRIST BOLLENBACH.

Floor Committee.

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W. G. MURBACH.

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