

Michael Yore Family



Michael and Roseanna Yore, circa 1850

The Yore family was one of the first families to arrive in west Lake Forest circa 1840. Michael Yore traveled from Ireland by way of the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes. He was looking for farm land in Wisconsin, but due to a storm, was forced off Lake Michigan to explore Lake Forest. He traveled west to Everett and Waukegan Roads, and sent for his wife Roseanna and children to join him. Yore worked 160 acres, which was eventually deeded to him in 1843.

During the potato famine in Ireland, relatives were encouraged to come and the population grew. The first town meeting and Sunday religious services were held in the family homestead. A church was required and St. Michael's Catholic Church was built on the west side of Waukegan Road along with a cemetery on land donated by Michael Yore. St. Patrick's replaced St. Michael's, which now stands at the corner of Waukegan and Everett Roads.

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