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JOHN MOONEY, a farmer, brick manufacturer and dealer in shade trees, is a pioneer settler of Deerfield Township, now East Deerfield, and resides on section 27, his post-office being Highland Park. He was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, August 1, 1838, and is a son of James and Maria Mooney. His parents were also natives of the Emerald Isle and with their family they emigrated from that country to America in 1844, arriving in the town of Deerfield, Lake County, in October that year. His father pre-empted forty acres of land on section 27 of that town where he made his home until his death, which occurred in November, 1855. The mother survived her husband about nine years, and died in New Orleans in the spring of 1864, where she had gone to care for her son, an invalid soldier. There were five sons and four daughters in the family—

Thomas, the eldest, was an engineer on a steamer in Southern waters at the time of the breaking out of the Rebellion. He was forced into the Confederate army, from which he made his escape after a service of two years and enlisted in the Union army. He died of cholera in Galveston, Tex., while on his way to get the body of his mother. John, was a soldier of the Twentieth Illinois Infantry; Bridget, married Joseph Phillips of Chicago; Ann is single, and resides in Chicago; James, was a soldier of the One Hundred and Thirteenth Illinois Infantry, and is now married and resides in Missouri; Ellen is single, and resides in Chicago; Sylvester was a soldier, and wedded Mary Decker, his home being now in Chicago; Elizabeth is married and resides in Lincoln, Neb.

John Mooney, the subject of this sketch, was brought up on a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits on reaching manhood. Having three brothers in the army in the late war, it devolved on him to stay at home, attend to the business interests and care for his mother and sisters. However he was drafted, September 24, 1864, and while others were seeking some physical defect that might exempt them from service, he asked the examining surgeon to pass him without examination, as he knew he was perfectly sound. His request was not granted of course, but he was passed and went in as a noted case where a drafted man was found who did not claim that anything was the matter with him. He was assigned to the One Hundred and Thirteenth New York Infantry, and did duty under Gen. Thomas and later under Gen. Sherman. He was in the battle of Nashville and that of Kingston, and was mustered out in June, 1865.

On his return from the war Mr. Mooney resumed farming. In the following November he wedded Miss Theresa McAdams, a daughter of Daniel McAdams. She was born in Deerfield Township where her family were among the early settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Mooney became the parents of eight children, three sons and five daughters—Daniel, the eldest, who was born September 12, 1866, died December 14, 1884; Thomas, was born May 27, 1868; Mary Rose Ann, June 18, 1870; Joseph Francis, November 17, 1872; Mary Elizabeth, born

January 31, 1876, died August 2, 1882; Mary Ellen, born October 29, 1877; Margaret Frances, July 2, 1879; Frances Lydia, born January 30, 1882, died on the 9th of August following. The mother of this family was called to her final rest October 7, 1882, and Mr. Mooney was again married June 3, 1884, Miss Margaret Peters becoming his wife. She was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and is a daughter of Thomas Peters. By the second marriage there are two children, a son and a daughter—Jane born July 24, 1885, and Alexander John, September 23, 1887.

Mr. Mooney has a well-improved farm of two hundred acres in East Deerfield and resides on section 27, adjoining the west limits of Highland Park. In 1886 he engaged in the manufacturing of brick near his home and has since carried on business in that line in connection with farming. For the past twelve years he has been engaged extensively in setting out shade trees in Chicago and the northern suburban towns. By contract he supplied and set out many of the large trees near the lake in Lincoln Park, Chicago. For two years he was engaged in the grocery business on the West Side, and for one year in Highland Park in the same line. He and his family are members of the Catholic Church, and in politics he is independent. Mr. Mooney is one of the oldest survivors of the early settlers of East Deerfield, which was but a wilderness when he came here, a child six years of age. His acquaintance is extensive and he is highly respected by all.

