YORKSHIRE TO ILL.: OR THE ROMANTIC STORY OF DEARLOVE

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(John Byrne, an employee of the Cook County Department of Highways, stationed at the Palatine Warehouse, is a keen student of the early history of the Forest Preserve in the extreme northwest corner of Cook County. In the following article he describes a visit with the late John Dearlove, last member of an English family who settled the Des Plaines River region in the Eighteen Thirties. John was intro-duced to Mr. Dearlove by Bob Kaulbach, also a long-time employee of the Warehouse garage, and-John says-a "character" himself. Bob Kaulbach accompanied John to the Dearlove home in the Forest Preserve and this article grew out of their talk with the great-grandson of the pioneering family.—Editor's Note)

Bob said he knew John Dearlove for many years. We drove into the old farm home in the Forest Preserve. The weather-worn buildings reached back to the 19th century. The housekeeper told us to come in; that Mr. Dearlove would be happy to see us.

He greeted us warmly. Said he didn't get about much any more. Said he was "born on this farm in 1876 and had never missed his birthday or Christmas Day on the home grounds since then." Then he told me about the Dearloves.

His great grandfather, Richard Dearlove (1780-1850) and his wife Hannah (1782-1855) were born at Harrigate, Yorkshire, England.