

## William Harrison Southwick

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It is a good sign when a county like Walworth can boast of so many of her enterprising farmers and business men who are native sons, for it indicates that here are to be found all the opportunities necessary to ensure success.

One such native son is William Harrison Southwick, of Delavan Township. He was born here on April 17, 1852, the son of Jonas G. and Mary Ann (Reese) Southwick, the father a native of Vermont and the mother of Pennsylvania. They grew to maturity in the East and were married in Ohio, from which state they came to Wisconsin in 1849, first settling west of Delavan, then moving to the farm where the subject now lives. It was at this farm they established a very comfortable home and reared their children.

Jonas G. Southwick was twice married, first to Mary Brown; the union resulted in the birth of three children Leonard, Franklin, and Nelson, all now deceased. The following children were born of the union of Jonas and Mary Ann Reese: Henry and Harriet (twins); George (deceased); Charles of Williams Bay; James and Oliver (both deceased); William H. of this review; Mary who married C.M. Williams of Chicago; Sanford (who died at four years of age). Jonas Southwick died on April 2, 1894 and Mary Ann Southwick died on January 14, 1888.



*Southwick homestead. Photo credit: Michelle Bie Love*

William H. Southwick, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm. He received his education in the public schools of his home community and a short time in the academy at Big Foot, Wisconsin. He has devoted his life to farming. He lives on the homestead in section 36, Delavan Township, which consists of eighty acres, and he has kept the land under an excellent state of

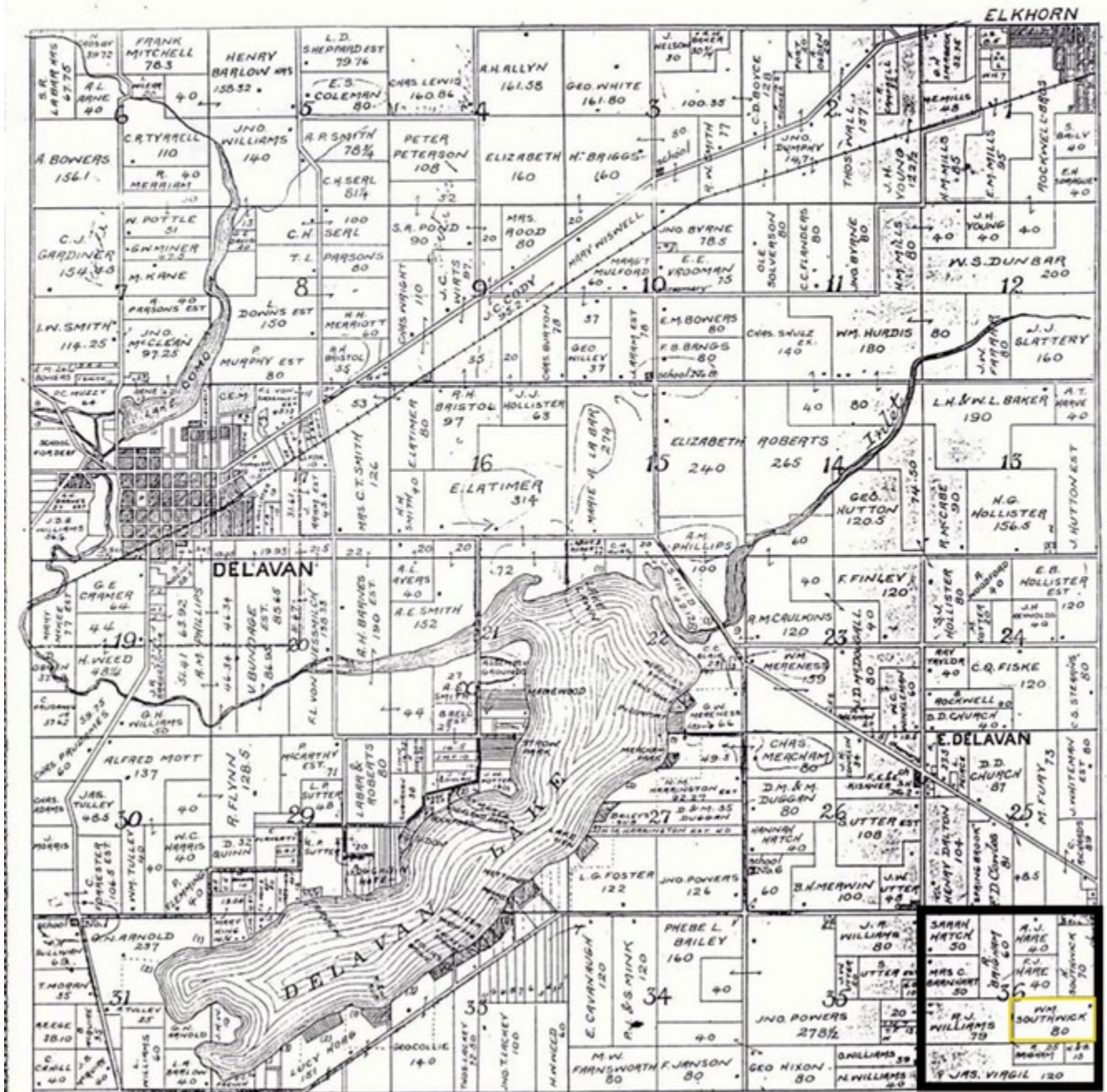
improvement and cultivation. He owns the place and takes a pride in keeping it in fine shape. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock

raiser, and his efforts have been liberally rewarded. Politically, the subject is a Republican.

# DELANAN TOWNSHIP.

TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 16 EAST,  
OF THE  
FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

SCALE, 1 1/4 INCHES 1 MILE.



Location of Southwick homestead on 1900 plat map.





*Ernest Southwick Photo credit: Tim Hanson*

Mr. Southwick was married to Marietta E. Bowsby, the daughter of B.F. and Catherine Bowsby. To this union two children have been born, Loran B. who died when eleven months old and Ernest E., who married Rosina Weeks of Chicago. Ernest and Rosina reside at the family homestead with Mr. Southwick. Marietta Southwick died on May 5, 1904.

### ~ Williams Bay's Oldest Resident Passes Away ~

Mr. William Harrison Southwick died suddenly on November 11 at his farm home north of the village where he was born on April 17, 1852 and had lived there all of his life. He was past the age of 85 years and was still active and worked about his farm daily.

Mr. Southwick was instrumental in starting a Sunday school in Williams Bay and acted as superintendent. From this the Congregational Church was organized in Williams Bay. Mr. Southwick donating the lot on which the church was built, which building afterward burned, but was later rebuilt. However, he had not been associated with the church in recent years.



*William H. and Marietta Southwick grave marker .*

Reverend R.K. Kinney, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, conducted the funeral service, which was held in the Tabernacle on Monday afternoon, November 15. Mrs. Henry Granzow and Mrs. Ralph McDonald sang two duets. The pallbearers were Charles Anderson, Albert Weyhrauch, A. Redin, Helmer Johnson, Carl and Albert Anderson.

His son Ernest, two grand-daughters, Mary Southwick and Mrs. Clarence Johnson (Florence) of Little Fork, Minnesota survive. A brother-in-law Sherman Gregory of Adel, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Doric Southwick, of Beloit, Rev. and

Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Little Fork, Minnesota, and relatives from Chicago came for the funeral service. Burial was in East Delavan Cemetery.

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