

[Sherwood, Zadock]

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SHERWOOD, Zadock. Regiment not given, as he enlisted in Connecticut, where he was born in 1759. He enlisted in the historic year 1776 and is said to have served under General Putnam. He married Abigail Olmstead in 1777 and was the father of 10 children. (One source says he was married twice.) The Sherwoods came to Nunda before 1820 as they are listed in the 1820 census. Zadock, like William Gould, was a charter member of the Universalist Church. His wife Abigail died in Nunda May 31, 1840 and he continued to live here until 1855 or '56 when he went to Algonquin, Ill., near Nunda, Ill., to live with a son. He died there in 1859 at the age of 99 years, 9 months and 9 days.

There has been a great deal of conjecture among some of his descendants (one in Springfield, Mo., in particular) as to his burial place. Capt. Hand seems to have explained it, although somewhat indefinitely and sentimentally, in the Centennial History: "His wife is buried in Nunda, N.Y., and for his sake I mark the spot where he purposed to be buried with flag and flowers." We take this to mean that he intended to be buried here next to his wife but when his death occurred in Illinois, he was not brought back for burial.

Nunda, Ill., as we have noted before, was settled by Nunda, N.Y. people, but the town's name was changed to Crystal Lake. A map shows it near Geneseo, Ill., which was settled by people from our county seat and still bears the name Geneseo.

Zadock Sherwood was a jovial man, fond of entertaining listeners with humorous anecdotes, and Capt. Hand wrote that he [Sherwood] was his boyhood idol. They were neighbors on the Creek Road near the town line.

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