

Addendum

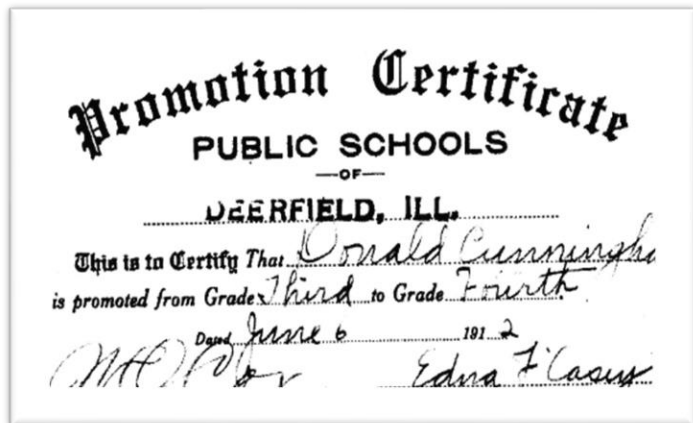
Page 3. Linda Cheek, great-granddaughter of Dr. T. W. Shields, informed us in 2019 that Dr. T. W. Shields was a medical doctor with a general practice, not a dentist.

Page 7. In the middle of the page we state that an article in the *Miami Metropolis* dated April 11, 1911, was the last evidence of A. R. Cunningham in Florida. Recently, we learned that he was in Florida in early May 1911. Historian Jeff Blakley found the following notice in the May 9, 1911, issue of the *Miami Metropolis*:

GREEN TREE INN — S. S. Shields, Detroit; W. D. Martin, Harvey Dyer, Jacksonville; J. B. Rogers, Toronto; R. R. Cunningham, Detroit; A. C. Hardin, Detroit; B. M. Weiner, Mishawaka, Ind., I. P. Pederson, Delray; E. T. Moffat, Lemon City.

Jeff is certain that “R. R. Cunningham” in the notice was in fact A. R. Cunningham, who was back in Michigan by July/August 1911.

Page 9. The certificate at the right is proof that the Cunningham family moved to Deerfield, Illinois, after leaving Florida. This is a copy of the Promotion Certificate for Donald Cunningham that documents his promotion to the fourth grade in Deerfield in June 1912. On the back of the certificate his teacher commended Donald for the most perfect work in the third grade. We believe that the Cunningham family returned to Detroit later that year.



Page 12. Historian Jeff Blakley has provided information on the major threat of flooding to the growers in Detroit. The first group of settlers arrived in Detroit on October 28, 1910. Some of the early settlers left after flooding in the spring of 1911. No record of that flood has been found, but the Tatum brothers dredged a 30-foot by 4-foot drainage canal from Detroit to Biscayne Bay that was completed in January 1912. The *Miami Herald* on August 23, 1913, referring to Detroit, mentioned that “none of this land can suffer a flood such as overwhelmed the tomato fields of the lower end of the county last spring, and it is such a guarantee that the growers want.”

Page 14. Based on the assumption that this photo of Cam and Don is taken in their front yard, and knowing where the packing plant in the background was located, South Florida historian Jeff Blakley has estimated the location of A. R. Cunningham’s home in Florida City: “My best guess for an address (today) would be somewhere close to 321 N.W. 1st St.”

Sheldon Cunningham, July 2020