

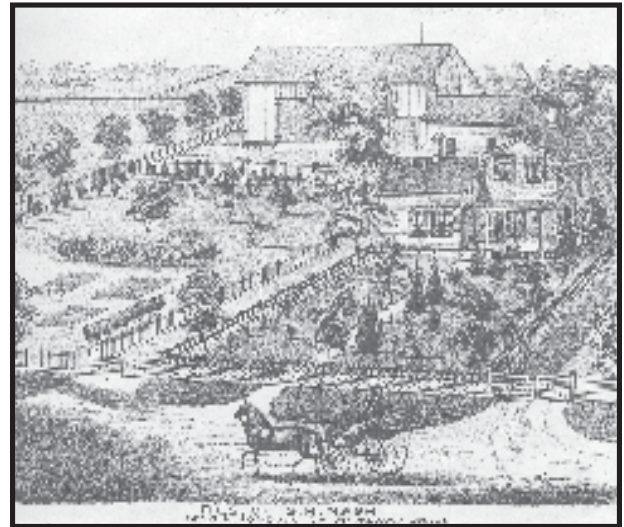
## Street Scenes - Nash Road

With hundreds of streets in Crystal Lake, we thought it would be interesting to learn how many of them came to be named. This will be a regular feature of the CLHS newsletter.



Nash Road is a well-travelled, residential road which winds its way between Lake Avenue and McHenry Avenue. It is believed the street was named for Seth Nash, a well-known early settler of Crystal Lake.

Seth Hickok Nash was born February 3, 1840 in Portage Township, Livingston County, New York. He came to Illinois in 1853, and soon after settled on an 83-acre farm, which was located near the current intersection of Virginia Street and Keith Avenue. A drawing of his homestead appears in the 1872 McHenry County Combination Atlas.



1872 New Combination Atlas of McHenry County, Illinois

Seth joined the First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake on June 8, 1862. He was the 106<sup>th</sup> member of the congregation. He served as Church Clerk for three years from 1876-1879. He also served on the Church Board of Trustees.

On February 26, 1863, Seth Nash married Mary Jane Simpson in Dundee, Illinois. The couple had two children: Clara Mae (born 1863), and Charles Edgar (born 1871). Mary Jane died in 1896 and is buried in the Lake Avenue Cemetery. Three years later, Seth was remarried



**Seth Nash Family**

*Clara Nash Jackman, Charlotte Jackman, Seth H. Nash, Louise Jackman, Charles E. Nash, Mary Jane Simpson Nash*

to Sarah P. Ashton, whose father ran the Ashton House Hotel on Virginia Street.

On September 2, 1910, Seth Nash died an instant death when he fell from a wagon and broke his neck. He is buried in the Lake Avenue Cemetery, which is located within sight of Nash Road.