

Mrs. Edward T. Sheffer - Florence Mills Sheffer

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Reflecting Life in Shortsville, Manchester, Farmington and Vicinity  
25 and 50 Years Ago—Taken From Files of The Shortsville Enterprise

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO  
File of March 4, 1915

The movement for equal suffrage for women has gained a foothold here. On Saturday evening the Shortsville Equal Suffrage Club was formed, with Mrs. Edward T. Sheffer as president and Mrs. George H. Drummond as vice-president.

tion of an addition to the rear of his business block in Main street.

Husband was Town Clerk

Son Earl was president of his class 1912 - Shortsville High School

At the convention of the Ontario County Women Suffrage Association held in Canandaigua Saturday officers were elected as follows  
Chairman Mrs Alfred G Lewis Geneva  
vice leaders Miss Mary Gray Peck Geneva Mrs E T Sheffer Shortsville  
Mrs Frank Wood Canandaigua secretary Miss Matjorie Wagner Geneva treasurer Mrs D W Hallenbeck Geneva  
held secretary Miss Alice Blossom Geneva.

VICTOR, ONTARIO COUNTY, N. Y., MAY 11, 1917

## WOMEN CAMPAIGNING

### Suffragists of Ontario County Aiding in State-wide Movement.

Shortsville, May 5.—The Ontario county Suffrage organization met here yesterday with 150 women present. It was one of the sixty-two meetings to be held in the State before June 1st. Mrs. Raymond Brown of New York, former president of the New York State Woman's Suffrage association, was the chief speaker.

Mrs. Alfred G. Lewis of Geneva was elected county leader; Mrs. J. F. Barker of Geneva, first vice leader; Mrs. C. T. Marsh of Victor, second vice leader; Mrs. Edward T. Sheffer of Shortsville, third vice leader; Mrs. T. H. Truslow of Geneva, secretary, and Mrs. T. W. oHilenbeck of Geneva, treasurer.

Syracuse Herald, May 5, 1916

Find a Grave:

**Florence M Mills Sheffer**

Birth: unknown

Death: Jan. 28, 1929

age 58 years 5 months

Family links:

Spouse:

Edward T Sheffer (\_\_\_\_ - 1946)

Burial:

Brookside Cemetery

Shortsville

Ontario County

New York, USA

# Ex-Supervisor And Town Clerk Taken by Death

Shortsville—Edward T. Sheffer, 75, former supervisor and town clerk for Manchester and ex-mayor and postmaster of Shortsville, died Tuesday Aug. 27, at his home, 157 Grand Avenue, Rochester, after a long illness.

Born in Shortsville Dec. 24, 1870, he was educated in the village schools and became active in civic affairs at an early age. He was an officer of the old Shortsville Wheel Company. He became Manchester town clerk in the early 1900s and later was elected supervisor.

In 1922 he was appointed postmaster of Shortsville and served for many years as mayor. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church of Shortsville and a member of Garoga Lodge, F&AM, Clifton Springs. He had lived in Rochester about three years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Elsie C. Sheffer; one son, Earl C. Sheffer, Tarrytown; one sister, Mrs. William Fisher, Rochester, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held from the J. M. Stoddard & sons funeral home, Shortsville, Saturday at 2 p. m., the Rev. Angus J. MacMillan, Waterloo, officiating. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery, this village.

DM Aug 29, 1946

Florence M Sheffer  
1900 United States Federal Census  
Name: Florence M Sheffer  
Age: 29  
Birth Date: Aug 1870  
Birthplace: Canada  
Home in 1900: Manchester, Ontario, New York  
Race: White  
Gender: Female  
Relation to Head of House: Wife  
Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Edward T Sheffer  
Marriage Year: 1892  
Years Married: 8  
Father's Birthplace: New York  
Mother's Birthplace: New York  
Mother: number of living children: 1  
Mother: How many children: 1  
Occupation: View on Image  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
Edward T Sheffer 29 Bookkeeper  
Florence M Sheffer 29  
Earle C Sheffer 6

Florence M Sheffer  
1910 United States Federal Census  
Name: Florence M Sheffer  
Age in 1910: 39  
Birth Year: abt 1871  
Birthplace: Canada  
[Canada English]  
Home in 1910: Manchester, Ontario, New York  
Street: Habron Street  
Race: White  
Gender: Female  
Immigration Year: 1881  
Relation to Head of House: Wife  
Marital Status: Married  
Spouse's Name: Edward J Sheffer  
Father's Birthplace: Pennsylvania  
Mother's Birthplace: England  
Native Tongue: English  
Able to Read: Yes  
Able to Write: Yes  
Years Married: 17  
Number of Children Born: 1  
Number of Children Living: 1  
Neighbors: View others on page  
Household Members:  
Name Age  
Edward J Sheffer 39 Bookkeeper, Wheel Shop  
Florence M Sheffer 39  
Earl C Sheffer 15

## SHEFFER.

The Sheffer family, represented in the present generation by Edward Thatcher Sheffer, of Shortsville, New York, is an honored one in that state, several generations residing there, faithfully performing their part as public-spirited citizens.

(I) The first of the name of whom we have definite information was Roswell P. Sheffer. He married Mary Hilliard and among their children was Ceylon, see forward.

(II) Ceylon, son of Roswell P. and Mary (Hilliard) Sheffer, received a practical education in the schools of the neighborhood, and upon arriving at man's estate became a prominent manufacturer of Shortsville, continuing for many years. He made the original Shortsville Iron Beam Plow, which was considered a very useful adjunct to the farm. He held a high position in the industries of the town, and was considered by all who knew him as an exemplary character and an active factor in promoting the best interests of the community. He followed the doctrines of the Presbyterian church, and in politics adhered to the principles of the Republican party. He married Emma Thatcher, born 1849, died October 14, 1883, daughter of Isaac and Ann Thatcher. Among their children was Edward Thatcher, see forward.

Isaac Thatcher, father of Emma (Thatcher) Sheffer, was born in Ontario, Wayne county, New York, October 28, 1824, died March 25, 1910, at the age of almost eighty-six years, son of Joseph and Abigail (Durfee) Thatcher. When about seven years old his father died and he then left home and went to Clifton Springs, where he remained until he was fourteen years old, and then located in Shortsville and made his home there for several years. He later went to Albion and learned the trade of wagonmaker, remaining for four years, after which he returned to Shortsville and there spent the remainder of his life. He married Ann ———, who died September 5, 1898. Children: Emma, aforementioned as the wife of Ceylon Sheffer; Mrs. Charles H. Davison; Dr. Edward Thatcher and Burritt Thatcher.

(III) Edward Thatcher, son of Ceylon and Emma (Thatcher) Sheffer, was born at Shortsville, Ontario county, New York, December 24, 1870. He received his education in the public school of the village, and upon the completion of his studies pursued a course in a business college in Rochester, New York. For the following six years he served in the capacity of bookkeeper and cashier of the Metropolitan Storage and Transfer Company of Rochester. He then returned to his native

town and accepted a similar position with the Shortsville Wheel Company, in which he is serving at the present time (1911), discharging his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Sheffer is a great lover of music and possesses a fine voice for solo work, and at present is filling an engagement in the choir of St. John's Church of Shortsville. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a Republican in politics. In all matters pertaining to the welfare of the place of his birth, Mr. Sheffer takes an active interest, and he is highly regarded in the community. He married, October 17, 1892, Florence M. Mills, of Lindsay, Province of Ontario, Canada, daughter of Ansel and Ursula (Daggs) Mills. One child, Earle C., born May 18, 1894, now attending high school.



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