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City Directories
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Periodicals
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SFA Represented at Old Deerfield Book Signing
Joan Sheldon Ernst

On November 23rd, my father, Don Sheldon (SFA treasurer) and I attended the patrons' luncheon and gala book signing at the Old Deerfield Inn, in honor of the publication of Family & Landscape: Deerfield Homelots from 1671. The event, attended by approximately 30 patrons, was elegant and delicious. Highlighting the afternoon were the two authors of the book, Susan McGowan and Amelia Miller, who spoke of their association with Old Deerfield and their research for the book. It is a wonderful publication, attractive and full of information about the original landowners and grants of Old Deerfield. Of course the Sheldons play a significant part in the history of the founding of Deerfield, and the authors chose to dedicate the book to George Sheldon, because of his extensive work on that history. Cont. p.424

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As a general repository for Sheldon Family lineage in the U.S.A., SFA serves as a central source of information and study for Sheldon lineage researchers. The focus of SFA records centers on the four known Colonial Sheldons: Godfrey of Bakewell, Darby ENG., and Saco, York Co. ME., Isaac of Windsor CT, and Northampton MA, John of Providence RI, and John of South Kingstowne, RI.

By means of this publication, members are informed of discoveries in Sheldon lineage research, dates and places of the annual meeting where they can access SFA files.

Information in this publication is obtained by research in major libraries and repositories of public records, by correspondence with Sheldon descendants, and members and other independent researchers' submission of articles.

The editor reserves the right to edit or excerpt submitted articles to fit space requirements of each issue. Articles should be of general interest to members. Pieces too long for the quarterly may be serialized or considered by the publication sales department to make them available to members.

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Senior Associate for Special Projects of Historic Deerfield, and with Suzanne L. Flynt, curator of Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association’s Memorial Hall Museum, in charge of the Sheldon collection. Each of them was interested in our family association and any genealogy information we had to offer.

Those of you who attended the family reunion in Brunswick, Maine last July remember Wayne Nelson making his personal pledge toward the publishing of the book and asking other members to do the same. Thanks to his inspiration, individual members pledged a total of $1,000, qualifying the family as "patrons" and entitling us to a free, autographed copy of the book for the SFA permanent library. The authors inscribed the book, "To the Sheldons, Still on the street!", referring of course to the Sheldon-Hawks house which is part of Historic Deerfield. Anyone interested in purchasing their own copy of the book at $40.00 (hard copy) or $28.00 (soft copy) can do so by using the order form included in this issue. (NB: If you made a donation to the publication, 95% of your contribution can be taken as a legitimate tax deduction.)

On a more personal note, the trip to Deerfield afforded us the opportunity to inquire about the Donald Sheldon Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund which was established at Deerfield Academy in memory of my brother by a bequest from a Sheldon cousin in 1972. We met David Pond, Assistant Headmaster in charge of development, at the luncheon, and he informed us that the fund was indeed healthy (more than three times the original bequest) and serving its purpose of helping less fortunate students with tuition annually. That was very gratifying to know!

It was a privilege and honor for us to represent the Sheldon Family Association at this event. When you are in Old Deerfield and you mention that you are a Sheldon, you are treated like royalty!

Deerfield Book Signing Continued...

At the luncheon, we had the good fortune to sit with Joseph Peter Spang, the first curator and...
Family & Landscape,
Deerfield Homelots from 1671
By Susan McGowan and Amelie E. Miller
A Publication of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association
Deerfield, Massachusetts

A Review by Wayne E. Nelson S4727c514

At the Board Meeting of the Sheldon Family Association in Brunswick, Maine, last summer, our treasurer, Don Sheldon, advised he had received a letter from the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association (PVMA) in Deerfield, Massachusetts. The letter from the PVMA announced a new publication on the history of the forty-three homelots originally surveyed in 1671 and their successive owners. The letter solicited donations to cover publication costs and stated that the names of donors pledging $1,000 or more would be listed in the publication.

The Board concluded it would be without precedent, and inappropriate, to make a contribution by the Sheldon Family Association, considering the amount involved and the narrow purpose of the donation. Nevertheless, many members felt it was important to have the Sheldon Family Association listed in the publication. This would allow future Sheldons to become aware of, and through the PVMA, make contact with the Association. At the business meeting, Sheldons generously pledged more than $1000 and, upon publication, Members of the Sheldon Family Association is listed as a patron.

I have been asked to review Family & Landscape, Deerfield Homelots from 1671, and I am privileged to do so. You first must know that I am not an especially competent, knowledgeable, or well-known literary critic. I hold no degrees or titles on the subject. I am not a professional genealogist or historian. Maybe that is my value—the common touch. My role here is not to generate controversy by disputing issues of fact. Rather my purpose is to answer the questions: "As a Sheldon, is this book significant? Should I buy it?"

The authors, Susan McGowan and Amelia F. Miller, according to the book's front flap, "... have both spent many years researching and studying the history of the town of Deerfield and neighboring communities in the Connecticut River Valley. The products of their research have previously appeared in both books and periodicals." Indeed, their credentials are impressive. Miller wrote forewords for both the 1972 and 1982 re-prints of George Sheldon's A History of Deerfield. Both are deeply involved in PVMA activities. McGowan served on the PVMA Council seven years before becoming Director of Adult Programs. Miller is currently President of the PVMA.

One first notices the attractive cover of the book. It consists of a copy of a painting of "haying in the south meadows about 1860, by George Fuller (1822-1884) of Deerfield". The painting has a whimsical Monet quality, perhaps because of the haystacks, a thick application of paint from a stiff brush, and the use of pink-purple colored skies.

Following the title page is the dedication of the book to S2981 George Sheldon of the sixth generation of S35 Ensign John Sheldon. George Sheldon lived nearly 100 years, but it was not until mid-life that he became aware of the need to preserve local history and landmarks, allegedly prompted by the destruction of the Old Indian House in 1848. George Sheldon went on to preserve, collect and record historical data and to eventually publish in 1895-1896 his classic, A History of Deerfield. He was one of the founders of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association and served as President until his death.

The dedication to George Sheldon reads:

This book is dedicated to George Sheldon (1818-1916), a cont. p. 426
descendant of the Deerfield settler, Ensign John Sheldon, on the one hundredth anniversary of the publication of his book, *A History of Deerfield*. Sheldon was a farmer, historian, author, pioneer preservationist, collector of material culture and documents, and the founder and president of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association. His work is the foundation of the present book.

The introduction to *Family & Landscape, Deerfield Homelots from 1671*, by J. Richard Garrison, includes a period by period history of Deerfield. The following 196 pages spin a fascinating history of the original homelots of Deerfield. But this book is not merely a dry recitation of dates pulled from deeds, wills and other historical records. As Garrison states in his introduction:

At first glance, this book contains a series of lot histories for the forty-three original homelots in Deerfield, Massachusetts, which extend and correct those George Sheldon published in his 1895-1896 *A History of Deerfield* but there is more here than property history. This detailed and complex study is a story of how people have shaped a New England townscape over more than three centuries, dividing and combining property as opportunity and need arose. It is a history punctuated by family life cycles, community events, and the far-off decisions of European Monarchs. In the landscape and the lot histories are the stories of marriages, economic woes and triumphs, disease and epidemics, untimely fires, ethnic change, warfare and institutional growth.

The "Names Index" lists twenty-four Sheldons or Sheldon spouses. No person named Sheldon owned a lot at the time of the original survey in 1671. But later Sheldons or their spouses inherited or purchased all or parts of Lots 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 35, and 36. Printing deadlines and space prevent me from making a detailed report on this publication, but a few of the more important lots to Sheldons are listed below.

The most famous (at least for Sheldons) is Lot 12, site of the "Old Indian House". McGowan and Miller state that S35 Ensign John Sheldon (1658-1734) purchased the lot "shortly after 1687" and that it was held in the family until 1744. The house was built in 1699 and demolished in 1848. It withstood the Deerfield massacre of February 29, 1704. The battered door to the house was preserved and is on display at Memorial Hall in Deerfield.

Another lot significant to Sheldons is Lot 3. According to McGowan and Miller, this lot was purchased in 1708 by S108 John Sheldon, Jr. (1681-1731), son of S35 Ensign John Sheldon. The lot was apparently vacant and remained so because S108 John Sheldon, Jr. lived on Lot 12. McGowan and Miller write that a house was not built on the lot until 1734 or 1735 when his son, S357 John Sheldon (1710-1793) married Mercy Arms (1718-1768). S2981 George Sheldon (1818-1916) was born in this house. The house remained in the Sheldon family until 1946. If you attended the Sheldon Family Reunion in 1994 in West Springfield, Massachusetts, you probably visited this house when we toured Deerfield. Today it is known as the Sheldon-Hawks house.

In a footnote, McGowan and Miller state "A title search revealed that the four-acre homelot purchased by John Sheldon in 1708, which became the Sheldon homelot, was Lot 3, not Lot 4, as believed by George Sheldon." It is ironic that George Sheldon, the great documenter and historian of Deerfield, would make such an error on the very lot where he was born!

Lot 18 is of interest because McGowan and Miller state it was purchased in 1683 by S5 Isaac Sheldon (1629-1708). Isaac purchased the lot less than a year before the death of this first wife, Mary Woodford. (It would be interesting to know why S5 Isaac Sheldon, one of the original settlers of Northampton, purchased property in Deerfield.) One of the big bombshells in the book is the statement by McGowan and Miller that S5 Isaac Sheldon was "a wheelwright", although they do not document their source.  Cont. p. 429

Author Sharon McGowan states "All occupations listed were taken from deeds, wills & other primary documents. These are Public documents." (Always check for primary source documents - made at the place by the ancestor.RN)
Many Loves -
Many Troubles

Was she a victim of the times? "Her husbands all seem to have been persons of considerable credit in the community and unhappy to part from her, but she was the one certainly willing to be on the go... *" Or was she?

What was judged scandalous in 1645, appears to us a simple case of civil rights deprivation along with a husband marrying a child for her inheritance then using it for himself. The next husband refusing to provide support for her to feed her child and live in peace in the home that she herself owned. Women simply had no rights. What do you think?

Her Story
In her own words from Providence Court Records: "I was upon the death of my father sent to London by my mother in much sorrow and grief of spirit, and there taken by one John Hickes unknowne to any of my friends, and by the said Hickes privately married in the under Church of Paules, called Saint Faith's Church, and in a little while after, to my great griefe, brought to New England, when I was between thirteene and fourteene years of age, and lived two years and halfe at Waymouth, twelve miles from Boston; and then came to Rhode Island about the yeare 1640; and there lived ever since, till I came heare to Pettecomscott. (S. Kingstown)

Not long after my coming to Rhode Island, there happened a difference between the said John Hickes and myselfe, soe that the authority that then was under grace, saw cause to part us, and ordered I should have the estate which was sent mee by my mother, delivered to me by the said John Hickes; but I never had it, but the said John Hicks went away to the Dutch, and carried away with him most of my estate; by which means I was put to great hardship and straight. Then I had thought to goe to my friends, but was hindered by the warres, and the death of my friends. My mother and brother loosing their lives and estates in his Majestyes service, and I being one not brought up to labour, and young, knew not what to doe to have something to live, having noe friend; in which straights I was drawne by George Gardener to consent to him so farre as I did, for my mayntainance. Yett with much oppression of spirit, judging him not to be my husband, never being married to him according to the law of the place; alse I told him my oppression, and desired him, seeing that hee had that little that I had, and all my labour, and that hee would allow mee some maintenance, either to live apart from him, or else not to meddle with mee; but he has always refused. Therefore, my humble petition to your honors is, that of that estate and labour hee has had of mine, hee may allow it mee; and that the house upon my land I may enjoy without molestation, and that hee may allow mee my child to bring up with maintenance for her, and that hee may be restrained from ever meddlinge with mee, or troubling mee more. Soe shall your poore petitioner ever pray for your honors peace and prosperity. (Signed) Horod Long

The Rest of The Story:
As outlined in the inset, Hicks brought his bride to the new world and after showing up in court being made a freeman in 1640 and serving on a jury, he is next seen in court for beating his wife and was made to keep bond money at court until his wife .... cont p. 428

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came to court to testify he was no longer beating her. Since that was his last appearance in court before he moved to Flushing Long Island, and later to New Netherland where he received a land patent and became in 1647 an adjuster of indian claims and served as a delegate to a governors meeting in New Amsterdam. He seems to have abandoned his wife back in Rhode Island while becoming an official in his new life.

She divorced him in RI in 1643 and entered into another liaison which he seems to have heard about and labeled her a harlot while divorcing her in New Amsterdam in 1645. (His descendant, Seversmith, opined that Hicks seemed not to believe in the authority of the local court where she believed she was divorced thus his divorce in New Amsterdam. One wonders how control of her estate funds entered into the matter?)

His Story

The story in his words: "...he presents that his wife Harwood Longh has ran away from him about 9 years ago with someone else with whom she has been married and had by him 5 or 6 children. His wife having therefore broken the bond of marriage (without him having given any reason thereto) (he seems to have forgotten the beatings!) he asks to be qualified and given permission to marry again an honorable young girl or a widow (in accordance with political and ecclesiastical ordinances)." .... This was granted.

John Hicks married second to Florence, widow of John Carman, she died and he married third Rachel widow of Thomas Starr.

One doubts if Herodias ever recovered her inheritance from her father. To make matters worse, she "scandalized the faithful" when admitting in court her next liaison, which produced many children, was common law. She appeared to become an ardent follower of George Fox, and in 1658 walked from Newport to Weymouth with a nursing child to bear witness of her conversion and was whipped ten stripes by order of Gov. Endicott. (Her descendant Seversmith believes that she was never a Quaker, and her trip to Weymouth was as much to testify on behalf of the right to unprejudiced and fair treatment as it was to support a religious conviction.) Thus she possibly was the first USA rights activist.

Following this she decided she had enough of Gardiner and made the "humble petition" quoted in "Her Story" above, to become free of him. She next became the wife of John Porter who had divorced his wife Margaret in 1665. Our heroine once again caused a ruckus by moving in with Mr. Porter as his housekeeper. Porter appeared in court and was found not guilty of the suspected illegal cohabiting. They were married before 1 Jan 1670 when they deeded to her son Wm. Gardiner some land in Narragansett. When Porter died, Herodias was once again well to do. Connections in this family show that brothers and sisters got along amicably and became important community citizens.

Let us leave these couples with the hope they at last found a measure of happiness and peace. They are part of the Sheldon family as shown in the diagram above, and ancestors of the prominent Gardiner family of Narragansett and Maine: other Gardiners were important merchants at Newport in the eighteenth century and later a deputy governor in RI, another descendant was a member of the Continental Congress from RI.

The fascinating part of genealogy is when your research reveals living feeling people. Unexplained blanks often open doors of knowledge when properly researched. Every story calls for sympathy and understanding.

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60 miles between RI & Boston. Seversmith lists 13 other sources for research for this family including what he calls a "nicely perfumed story done up in pink ribbon" in Frances the Falconer's Daughter, by Elizabeth Nicholson White p. 55 - which we would love to read if you come across it! Records of the Colony of Rhode Island And Providence Plantations 1665 p. 96-105. If you are of this line, Seversmith says English Ancestors of Pilgrim Fathers by Charles E. Banks gives on p.9 the probable lineage of John Hicks. 100 Allied Families, by John Osborn Gardiners and Hicks daughters. Also John Sheldon of Providence RI citations in legal documents, an interesting reference on p. 20 has "John Sheldon son of Joseph" witness to the will of Joseph Arnold. *Quoting Shirley Rider, italics under the title of this article.

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These are an ongoing series of big blue books (about the size of Keith M. Sheldon's John of Providence RI book). You can search by subject, name, location and other headings. What if someone went to your ancestors cemetery in Iowa and inscribed the names on the tombstones in the town cemetery and published it in his local society newsletter back home. How could you know? Check PERSI. PERSI will soon be on CD Rom. Will let you know when...

Databases

Important genealogical sources on compact disk are available in the department and include: the social Security Death Index, the Phone Disk, some marriage records, and the LDS Family Search system which includes the International Genealogical Index (IGI), Ancestral File and the Family History Library Catalogue.

Government Documents

The library is a repository of government documents and these are available in Business and Technology. Did any of your ancestors work for the government?

Canadian Records

Sources include county and town histories, cemetery records, and almost all available published French Canadian parish registers and marriage repertoires. Consult the French Canadian and Acadian Genealogy pathfinder for details. Genealogical society publications including the Index to the 1871 Census of Ontario are held. Other microtext:

All published or microfilmed censuses 1666-1891
Halifax, N.S. Passenger Lists 1881-99,
Quebec, P.Q. Passenger Lists 1865-1900
Loiselle Marriage Index 1640-1963 and Supplement
Quebec Non-Catholic Registers (1760-1941) and Index
Ontario Archives Land Record Index, Ontario Surrogate
Court Records Index 1793-1858, Biographical Scrapbooks, Toronto Newspapers 1911-67, Prince Edward Island Master Name Index

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Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association
Family & Landscape
Deerfield Homelots from 1671
See Special Order Blank page this issue.
If purchased elsewhere, would cost $39.00 Soft Cover $59.00 Hard Cover

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This is a revelation to most Sheeldons, who believe he was a land-owner farmer. A wheelwright, of course, made wheels. special tools were required at that time to make wheels, as were necessary a hundred years or so later, such tools are not listed in the inventory of the estate of S5 Isaac Sheldon that was entered in Probate on September 1, 1708 in Hampshire.

Isaac Sheldon's disposition of Lot 18 is unclear. McGowan and Miller state:

[George] Sheldon believed that Eliezer Hawks (1655-1727) had acquired Lot 18 by 1704 from his brother, John Hawks (b. 1643), although no deed has been found to confirm this assertion. The earliest conveyance of Lot 18 to Eliezer Hawks is dated 1721 when on January 7, John Hawks of Deerfield, carperenter, granted Jonathan Scott of Waterbury, Connecticut, his son-in-law, the power to recover and to sell land in Deerfield. On January 9 Jonathan Scott, attorney for John Hawks, sold one half of Lot 18 to Eliezer Hawks. The deed specified it was the homelot "on which Eliezer Hawks house stands. Perhaps Eliezer had purchased the first half of the lot about 1704, as claimed by Sheld- on," when his brother John, having suffered great loss in the French and Indian attack, moved to Connecticut.

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The Will of S5 Isaac Sheldon, signed June 21, 1708, indicates he still owned property in Deerfield at that time. The Will states: "Item to my son John Sheldin, I give all my land in Deerfield, he paying to my Executors Ten Pounds in money to be by them disposed of among my children in equal shares ..." S5 Isaac Sheldon's son, S35 Ensign John Sheldon, already owned Lot 12 and part of Lot 13. Perhaps John Hawks acquired the second half of Lot 18 from S35 Ensign John Sheldon in 1708, or thereafter, and this is the "one half of Lot 18" that John Hawks sold to his brother, Eliezer Hawks, in 1721.

McGowan and Miller have included five appendices: "Houses with Irregular Floor Plans and Off-Center Chimneys", "Connecticut and Long Island Influences on the Architecture of Deerfield", "Licensing for Drink", "Eighteenth-century Innholders on the Deerfield Street", and "Sources and Explanations". The latter includes an extensive bibliography. There is a "Name Index" and a "Subject Index". Nearly every page contains at least one photograph, map, survey or drawing. The book contains 256 pages. The hard-cover version measures approximately 8 ¾ x 11¼ inches.

Is Family & Landscape, Deerfield Home lots from 1671 significant to Sheldons? One could argue that the histories of the Sheldon family and Deerfield are so intertwined that any book about one is important to the other. If you enjoy genealogy and have roots to other Deerfield families, you will want this book. (I used The Sheldon Magazine to determine how everyone fit together.) If you are interested in Deerfield history, this book is a must. If you just gather stuff that says "Sheldon", you will want to add this to your collection.

A Friendly Suggestion!
If you are planning to come to the Sheldon Reunion in Fort Wayne in October and need a professional genealogist familiar with this collection to help you find references, you should write soon to Rose Newton, 4409 Bridgetown Run, Ft. Wayne 46804-4808 so she can pair you up with someone. It would be worth the money because you can find twice as much with a guide. You will be on your own if you do not request help.

Correction
The Reunion after Fort Wayne is being planned by Marge Phelon and Eleanor Kern, not Marie Hine & Clara Guttermuth as previously stated. Thanks Marge!

Don't Forget Please...
Please write to nominating chairman Wayne Nelson, 3628 N. Freemont, Chicago, IL 60613 if you would like to be nominated for an office in SFA. We need officers and Newsletter Editor... if you are interested!

75 Birthday Celebration
Surprise for Marge Phelon

Former SFA Secretary Marge Phelon, was honored at a surprise birthday party at the Congregational church December twenty second in West Suffield. Marge said she was disappointed the sunday before when birthdays are usually announced in church, her upcoming birthday was forgotten. Her children had said they would not be home for Christmas this year also. A sad scene indeed!

There were plans however, for her to go caroling with the young people. When they pulled up at the church, a friend said "There aren't very many cars here, but we will go in and wait for the others." Stepping in to snap on the lights, a large crowd of her children and friends said "Surprise! Happy Birthday!". Together in cahoots they pulled off the big surprise with her children from afar as well. Her birthday gift was two new windows for restoring the front of her house she had been wanting. SFA members also wish Marge many happy returns of the day. Those wishing to send a greeting may: Marge S. Phelon, 2032 Oak Street, West Suffield, CT 06093.

The sound of bells rung by change ringers met us as Sheldon descendants arrived to attend morning worship where Isaac Sheldon, the son of Ralph Sheldon and Barbara Stone was baptized.

Ashford, located on the river Wye between Bakewell and Buxton, appears in the Domesday Book as "Aisseford," a Saxon word meaning "the ford of the ash," and that it had had a "lead work" ("i plumbaria"). "In the Water" was added later to distinguish it from other Ashfords in the country. This area since the year 1199 has been in the domain of royalty and once a castle stood here surrounded by a moat. Members of the Cavendish family lived in Ashford and some are commemorated by brasses in the church.

The chief industry of Ashford was once the Marble Works established by Henry Watson in 1748.

The Chancel Arch stands upon two pillars made of local marble, cut offs from similar pillars at Chatsworth house. No other examples of red marble were found in Ashford. Arrows show the location of the red marble inserts. Ecclesiastically Ashford served as a "Chapel of Ease" to the Mother Church of All Saints, in nearby Bakewell from earliest times until 1872 when it was created a separate parish in union with the town of Sheldon. This step was recommended as long ago as 1650! From the time of S. Chad, apostle to Mercia (died 672), Derbyshire was in the Diocese of Lichfield until in 1884 the Diocese of Southwell was founded. Since 1927 there has been a separate Diocese of Derby and to this Ashford belongs. In 1257 Griffin founded a chapel for saying of masses for his soul, so there must have been a church in existence here since before that time.

At one time seven pews on the south side were very high -- for the great families. There was a raised platform for children, and benches under the gallery across the back of the church. It was occupied on the south side by singers; and instrumentalists; subsequently by an organ in the centre, while the north part was open to any of the congregation. Ringers had a separate entrance through the bell chamber. Remodelings have brought it to the appearance of the drawing.

The parish chest in the Vestry is Jacobean and formerly held the parish plate and registers. All the old registers and documents dating from the seventeenth century are in the Diocesan Archives at the Derbyshire Record Office in Matlock.

To arrive in Ashford in the Water, turn right off A-6 and cross over the medieval packhorse Sheepwash Bridge where flocks of sheep were once brought to be washed in the water before shearing. (It has been widened at least twice!)

Every Name Index to the 1996 S.F.A. Quarterly

The name of every name appearing in articles during 1995. ENG denotes England. This index is a finding aid for names that found in articles. Articles give the book reference where the person is listed. There are marriages, births, deaths, locations, etc. Other names are of current events such as attenders at Sheldon Reunions and U.S.A. genealogy news, and authors names. A BIBLE record, a historic DIVORCE, and WILL.
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Aug 7, 1966 ... Boston, MA
Sheldon In Boston, August 4, Margaret A. (Woods) of 31 Pinckney St. and wife of the late Dr. Russell Firth Sheldon. Mother of Louisa Leopard of Park Forest, Ill. Russell H. Sheldon of Tulsa, Okla., and Edward F. Sheldon of Cocoa, Fla.
Funeral services at the Waterman Chapel 495 Commonwealth Ave., Kenmore Sq. Boston, on Monday August 8 at 2 p.m.
Friends may call at the Chapel Sunday 2-4 & 7-9.

Jan 11, 1964
Burns Prove Fatal to Charlie Sheldon
Special to the Gazette
Oxford Junction
Burns suffered Jan 3 proved fatal Friday to Charlie Sheldon 76. He had been hospitalized at Vetrans hospital in Iowa City.

Mr Sheldon suffered the burns, apparently when ash from his cigarette dropped onto the bedclothing. He had been an invalid for some 3 ½ years.

He lived with his daughter, Chadene Peters.

Services: Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Friends may call at the Hayden funeral home.

Do you see clues in the above newspaper unknown obits? Who are they? Are these your family?

No. 1 Boston, Waterman Chapel, Children Names, Her maiden name, locations of children

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Book of Reunion Minutes of The Descendants of S#2741 Ira and Amanda Sheldon Found. Photo copy sent by Joan C. Hodinott Wasson S#6702x232

This delightful treasure begins with the first reunion August 23, 1925 in Richfield Ohio and ends on page 97 with the 45th reunion 1971, of descendants of these ancestors. It begins: "The descendants of the late Ira and Amanda Sheldon held their first Sheldon reunion at the "Old Homestead" August 23, 1925. Twenty-four sat down to a bountiful picnic dinner served on the large front porch. Before departing it was decided to hold the next reunion on the third Sunday of August at the "Old Homestead". The following officers were elected: president, George Carter of Akron, Vice President, Emery Sheldon of Richfield, Secretary and treasurer Mrs. Vernon Wilkinson of Richfield.

It is interesting to note the expenses for the 1926 meeting were: tables, cup and silver $1.00, Chairs $1.00, Tea and Coffee 90¢. Total offering was $5.17 with $2.27 left over. In 1930, the men played horseshoes while the women prepared the picnic dinner. In 1932 they spent $1.60 for oilcloth for the tables. Since it cost two dollars to rent and transport tables, they decided to buy lumber and have Emery Sheldon would make reunion tables. The business meeting decided that a history of the "Old Homestead" should be written for the last 100 years and published in the Akron newspapers and Medina Gazette. Ethel Wilkinson presented the information for this to be done. (Idea: check OH newspapers for this article.)

At the 10th reunion in 1934 the baby son of Wallace Huffman named John Wallace Jr. was a big attraction and they took a five generation photo with the four living descendants of Ira and Amanda. The book chronicles the reunions of these descendants and notes births and deaths and their favorite menu of Ham roasted outdoors and two gallons of Ice cream to be eaten with the cake. This interesting treasure will be placed in the display room at the Sheldon Family Association meeting in Fort Wayne, then it will be given to Keith Sheldon to check for genealogical information for the computer databases and finally placed in the vertical file under the Sheldon Number of Ira and Amanda S#2741. Thanks Joan!
Sheldon Locator 23  
Sheldon Marriage Affidavits  
Portage County Ohio  
Gertrude McDonald, Frank Buell  
Shirley Rider  
Computerized by  
Rose Newton

While organizing SFA materials to turn over to the next president, I came across an envelope from Shirley Rider labeled Marriage Affidavits, Portage Co. Ohio. It looks like the above people were working on this project. The resource for this report is very old photocopies that are about to fade away. 

Before that should happen, I made a data base of the names in these records so you can check them and write for a copy if any of the Sheldons are your ancestors. It may be possible that the records themselves in Ohio are still copyable with new technology. If not, the county officer could make you a certified copy. A rare occurrence and a treasure, is a hand written permission note from family back in Northampton MA, for a daughter to marry in Ohio. (The Sheldon Numbers S# attached are what the researchers deemed correct for these Sheldons, I do not vouch for their correctness, but report was written on the photocopy by one of the above.) (Other= is a number on the document which may be an identifier such as Affadivit number,Return Number, Application Number etc.)

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Text of the hand written note that was loose in these records: "Northampton Massachusetts March 21 A.D. 1882. To the Honorable Probate Judge of Portage County, Ohio. Dear Sir: We the undersigned do hereby give our consent that our Daughter Mary A. Sheldon now residing in Rootstown in the County of Portage and the State of Ohio may be united in marriage to Frank R. Powers of said township." Abner A. Sheldon and Elmina E or G(?) Sheldon." Another note: "Signed in our presence by said Abner A. Sheldon and Elmina (?) Sheldon this 21st day of March A.D. 1882 Witness: Alfred(?) D. Sheldon W. S. Syman."

I.S.O.S.K. In Search of Sheldon Kin
No. 38

Researching Benjamin Sheldon, b. 1822 in Nova Scotia. m. 1844 Louisa Gustin in Brown Co. OH., d. 1872 Brown Co. OH. His brother, Matthew Sheldon b. ca 1797 Nova Scotia, m. and had son Leander J. Mar 1842. Immigrated to Fondulac, WI in 1850 d. 1880. If you connect to these Sheldons, please write to Carolyn Varner via email at dcv@amaranth.com or 4228 Sandy Bluff Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561. (This message came to Rose via email and the SPA Home Page.) (Rose Newton can be reached by email: roznewton@juno.com)
Meet your officers

Russ Sheldon

Russ and Nina Sheldon were a part of the English Sheldon Tour in 1993. We took an immediate liking to these friendly cousins and Russ agreed to be nominated as a become a board member. All board members are invited to write about themselves so that you can become acquainted with them also. What an interesting cousin!

Born at Cleveland, Ohio in late 1924, Russ was the eldest of three children of a railroad locomotive mechanic with the New York Central Railroad. His father was a respected Boy Scout leader for twenty-five years in northeast Ohio. His mother was an Austro-Hungarian immigrant child whose parents arrived here in 1906.

Russ spent seven years in a rural setting in northeast Ohio and has written a memoir of those "depression years". His Ohio ancestors migrated west from Adams, MA in 1827. Several generations of those Sheldons were dairy farmers. In 1939, they moved to the Cleveland suburb of Euclid where he finished high school in June 1942. Drafted into the U.S. Navy in March of 1943, he spent three years of WWII service in naval aviation in Chicago, Maryland, and Kansas, then the west coast and finally in the Pacific to Guam in 1945. He spent over 1200 hours aloft as a transport airman. He has flown the Caribbean, the western Pacific, China, Japan, the Philippines and to New Guinea before being discharged in 1946.

He joined his sister Pat at Vassar and later transferred to Western Reserve University in Cleveland where he graduated in 1950 with a major in Political Science. Moving to New York for more studies at Columbia University, he worked at United Airlines in the Manhattan reservations office. Nina entered the picture at this point having graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music. After Nina returned from a Fulbright year in Rome in 1953 and in the summer of 1954 they were married.

Clark, the first son of Rus and Nina was born in June 1955. Russ became a junior high teacher of Social Studies and English at Northport on Long Island in September 1955. During the two years spent to finish his MA program at Columbia and their second son David was born. At this point, they decided their children should grow up in the circle of warm family relationships, therefore, the family moved in 1957 to Shaker Heights, Ohio near family and where a new junior high was opening. In 1957 the National Defense Education Acts were passed in congress. These provided summer study opportunities for teachers. Rus was selected for two classes: Cartography in 1966 and Comparative History in 1968. Both programs brought him to the Pacific Northwest where he fell for that beautiful part of America. Rus applied for a job at a revolutionary new style high school in Kirkland and was selected to be the social studies department chair for the new school. Their third son Matthew had joined the family in Cleveland in 1965. Russ spent 19 years with the Junita High School and in 1976-77 the school year was spent in Hawaii on a teacher exchange.

Rus celebrated the twelfth anniversary of a four-way bypass heart surgery in November 1996. Further studies of this interesting cousin include being a Coe Fellow in American History at Stanford in the summer of 1975. At an Elderhostel at CWRU forty years to the month from his graduation, he took a course in genealogy and began to delve into the marvelous resources of the Western Reserve Historical Society and wishes for more time to study in this fabulous collection.

The focus of family attention at this time is concern for their precious daughter in law Melissa wife of David who is battling cancer. We shall close this biography by asking each of you to remember this family in your prayers and give thanks for our board member Russ.

S.F.A. Online! By Rose

The Sheldon Family Association is on the internet. Wayne Nelson designed and launched the page through his America On Line membership. The address is: http://members.aol.com/sheldons1/

I have accessed these pages via the following search engines: Web Crawler, and Alta Vista. Depending on the time of day that you are working, try the different search engines in your navigator program. I use Netscape. You can read the pages without graphics specified, but the graphics are cool! Great Job Wayne! :-)
In 1985 SFA members received news from officers via a long business size envelope. The envelope contained pages of officers messages. The presidents message was usually about the next meeting date. The genealogy chairman reported new members and what line they were from. The secretary wrote of news in letters to her. She also typed final copy, photocopied, folded, stamped and hand addressed each envelope from files she maintained. As a new member, I found the long white business size letters fascinating.

I attended several Sheldon reunions before I realized the dark green card file boxes displayed at meetings by the genealogy chairman were files for members to review. A few years later, as a new president, I began wonder what I could do to be a good officer!

Mindful of the work of Leland, Hortense, Keith, Wayne, Betty, and Marge and others had done for the association, we hoped to be able to live up to their standards. We could only imagine how Marge and the others had managed such massive mailings to over 600 members!

We both had typewriters and decided we could get more information out to members by using long paper and shrinking it on a photocopier to page size. I loved the first masthead!

As a new member, pasting continued until 1987 when Mark Sheldon asked me "Sis, what does SFA need that can be done on the computer?" What a revolution that one question brought!

The years when I would pick up Shirley Rider the new Genealogy Chairman in Cuyahoga Falls Ohio and drive east for meetings, were great times of skull sessions. We decided to write publications and lineage reports for sale to make information available to our members from the files. SFA Publications Catalogue of publications will total 33 with the addition of the latest English Research in Progress report by John Plummer. Shirley and I also made lists of ideas for sites and ideas for future meetings and ways we could make them interesting and fun. Almost every idea has become a reality! Speaking of the long white letters full of interesting notes, we thought perhaps a "newsletter" format would be a place to start.

This furious typing, shrinking, and pasting continued until 1987 when E. Mark Sheldon, descendant of Henry O. Sheldon the author of The Sheldon Magazine asked

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Sis what does SFA need that can be done on the computer? What a revolution that one question brought! It was not long before Mark was teaching computer classes to Keith M. Sheldon, Wayne Nelson, Al and Rosemary Hogan, Lou Harney and Rose Newton. Mark named the computerized version of *The Sheldon Magazine*, lineage research of Leland Sheldon, Hortense Sheldon, Walter Knoll and Keith M. Sheldon's *Descendants of John Sheldon of Providence RI, The Sheldon Family Genealogy System*. The "System" is in process of making an updated version of the above records and SFA card files, and vertical files. He has planned volumes for each Sheldon progenitor.

SFA took off in all directions! In the fall of 1990 Mark asked me "Sis, do you have enough information to make the newsletter into a Quarterly?"

In January 1991 the name became *The Sheldon Family Association Quarterly*. Mark designed the layout in Ventura Publishing program. I did the computer input, Betty, Mark's wife, did the proofreading and Mark printed the final copy which was then sent to secretary Marge Phelan in West Suffield for duplication and mailing. Mark continued the Quarterly layout until the *Sheldon Family Genealogy System* databases grew so large that he had no time for the quarterly. I then took over the Quarterly which is now typeset in *Word Perfect 5.1* and *6.0a* for Windows. Meanwhile over in Ohio, Shirley Rider who worked at a printing office, researched and published most of the items in the Publications list.

In August 1988, I nominated Mark Sheldon for the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merrit for designing the Sheldon Family Genealogy System and the SFA Quarterly layout and he won!

To keep up with the genealogy world, I review other family association newsletters and periodicals in the Fort Wayne Library for ideas. Books about how to publish newsletters and graphics are helpful as well. The more you learn, the more you realize what you do not know! This happens when you start with a dream and grow. Consider the time I massacred a submitted article! Just doing my job, I thought. I woke up in hot water when the author complained about the editing! Amazed and embarrassed, I apologized and learned a lot! At a workshop for editors at a national genealogical conference, a speaker said "editors need to seek permission before editing articles submitted." Wow! Now I knew why the author was so upset! Another time, I found president Bush's ancestry in Henry O. Sheldon and Leland's files, and was pushing to print it in the newsletter. We did not get the article completed right away and Gary Boyd Roberts scooped us nationally although Henry's diary interview with the Bush-Sheldon family and Leland's index cards proved that we knew first! A form letter from the White House acknowledged receipt of the Sheldon Newsletter and proved to us the secretaries had not read what we had sent. Another lesson learned.

During these years, three computers, and five printers have come through this office. A scanner copies the neat graphics you enjoy. Through *Photo Works Plus* by Seattle Film Works or *Picture Show* by Konica, photos can be received on a disk for publishing eliminating some expensive halftone picture copy charges.

Have you noticed the ISSN number on the back of the Quarterly? Serial publications that register with the Library of Congress receive a special number. Your publication then joins others listed in databases, indexes, and lists all over the world. Therefore, cousins by the dozen can find you! We mail each issue to the Library of Congress and to several Sheldon oriented libraries and societies in the eastern states. We mailed a sample copy of the newsletter to each library Leland Sheldon sold the reprinted *Sheldon Magazine* to beginning in 1973. Notification to these libraries should be given for each Sheldon lineage Book as it is printed.

Did you know it takes 1,340 staples, two fat rolls of tape tha make 670 tape strips, 670 spoon folds, (creased and folded with a teaspoon, it will lay flatter) a box and a half of paper, and 670 labels (from your secretary A. Keith Sheldon) to get your quarterly to you?  

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It takes either two full eight-hour days to print or three spasmodic days between copy machine customers. The snow storm gave me a wonderful window to print the Jan ’97 issue. It takes two solid days or three part time days to tape and label. We are now hiring a sheltered workshop to do the final sorting. A. Keith prints the labels sorted by zip code. The workshop fine tunes the sorted piles and rubber bands batches according to the strict postal regulations for mailing. This does not count the hours it takes to research articles and plan computer layout and edit same. That is what it takes to bring the Quarterly to you.

The Goals for the quarterly are several. They are:
To inform members of genealogical discoveries concerning your English ancestry. To post dates for your annual meetings and meeting preparation and to give you news of the lineage book series in progress for Isaac, John, Godfrey and William Sheldon from the prize winning system. A most important goal has been to help members learn how to do better quality genealogical research, and properly document their lineage. It is so helpful to read excellent Genealogy Periodicals such as The New England Historical & Genealogical Register, The American Genealogist, and such references as Cite Your Sources, by Richard S. Lackey and Applied Genealogy by Eugene A. Stratton.

It was a distinct pleasure to hear Robert Charles Anderson, author of The Great Migration at a national genealogy conference in Rochester, NY and soak up his knowledge of early American documentary history. It was great to learn in the Family and Landscape Deerfield Homelots that S#5 Isaac Sheldon was a wheelwright. Leland, Hortense, Charlotte, Shirley and Keith did not overlook that discovery! It is a simple fact that no one has seen all original records for the early ancestors. Archiving changes through the years make it difficult to discover where original records lie. Modern genealogy standards demand that we discover what kinds of records were required in the ancestors time, where the record originated, and where they are now. That makes genealogy the challenge and the fun that it is, hoping to make THE DISCOVERY!

I hope the SFA Quarterly inspires you to take a second look at your genealogical records. Why not look for that deed for grandpa’s farm, or that marriage record, census, school or church record? Each statement you make about birth, death, land, needs to be documented is the rule.

What happened along the way was that everyone involved has grown. Mark created and designed the Sheldon Family Genealogy System, Shirley Rider and others wrote and published many excellent research articles, several of us are still learning the computer and how to be better researchers and publishers. The association plans to reprint the Sheldon lineage began by Henry Sheldon in a new and expanded format. All because Mark Sheldon asked the question "Sis what does SFA need that can be done on the computer?"

Cousin Marriages

"The first European settlers of rural Massachusetts Bay Colony intermarried extensively. Across more than two centuries, these stable farming families, living within courting distance of each other, became intricately intertwined as bloodlines separated among siblings and merged again with marriages in later generations.

Among genealogists, the discovery of "cousin marriages" in an ancestral line is sometimes a disturbing experience. It need not be. In most societies of the past, settlements were more stable, travel more constrained, andThus-marital partners more limited. A study of the Bullard-Kingsley pedigrees are typical of many. Interconnections by marriage among the early rural families of this one discrete area of eastern Massachusetts were numerous, and they repeatedly rejoined the families for more than two and a half centuries. Yet the total genetic inbreeding that resulted from this extensive practice was minor."


Correction to the Article Sheldon Reunion 1899, October 1996 p. 421 stated that the 5th Vermont Volunteers Reunion was held at Fish Lake. This was in error.
The cousins who attended the Sheldon Family Association Reunion last summer in Maine, invite you to join them this year at the Fort Wayne, Indiana Hilton Hotel. The date is October 12-14, 1997. This is the chance you have been looking for--to meet the cousins and research in the second largest genealogy library in the USA. You will also hear nationally known genealogy speakers! If you need a professional genealogist to sit with you and guide you--you must contact Rose Newton or the Library soon. Library will send you a list. Rose will find someone for you. Either way will work, but do not delay. For further information, see the registration form in the back of the Quarterly. This photo by Secretary Arthur Keith Sheldon of Lakeland, Florida. You can see this photo in color on the homepage of the Sheldon Family Association at the following internet address: http://members.aol.com/sheldons1/ For more information on how to access this page see page 436 article SFA ONLINE!

Why not plan now to attend? Do you have talents S.F.A. might use? The nominating committee chairman Wayne E. Nelson, 3628 N. Fremont, Chicago IL 60613 (or WENelson@aol.com on the internet) would like to hear from you. We need officers and a newsletter editor. Contact him today!
Work In Progress

By John Plummer
A New SFA Publication to be released soon

A Review

By SFA Publications Chairman

John Plummer, a descendant of S#4 Godfrey Sheldon, has written a paper entitled Work in Progress about the family of Alice Frost, wife of S-4 Godfrey Sheldon of Bakewell Parish, Derbyshire, England; and Scarborough, York County, Maine. The title of the piece, Work in Progress is not very descriptive, but it indicates the beginning and the on-going nature of the work of a Genealogist. Plummer plans additions and revisions to the existing seven sections of the work as new information is discovered.

"The title of the piece...indicates the beginning and the on-going nature of the work of a Genealogist...". You are invited to purchase this publication and study along with the author as he researches original English documents. There is much to be gained following work of a genealogist step by step as he discovers, and evaluates information from unknown to known facts.

Plummer goes on to note the earlier will of George Frost, dated 30 November 1630, mentioned sons Francis and David and daughter Sarah. Plummer concludes that these are evidently the same David and Sarah who are brother and sister of Ellen (Frost) Goodale and Alice (Frost) Sheldon.

The data Plummer needed to identify Alice Frost's father is in copies of the wills of Ellen (Frost) Goodale of Bakewell (Alice's sister), and the will of George Frost, the father of Alice and Ellen. Plummer notes that in her will dated 29 June 1646, Ellen (Frost) Goodale mentions "my brother David Frost, and Alice and Sara my two sisters". Elsewhere in the will she names Alice and Sarah as the wives of Godfrey and William Sheldon respectively.

From the wills of George Frost, Ellen (Frost) Goodale, Francis Frost and David Frost, and the inventories of their estates, Plummer sketches the descendants of George Frost of Bakewell Parish. With his strong background in English History, Plummer writes of his belief that George Frost probably lived all, or nearly all, of his adult life in the village of Sheldon; that the Frosts worked the nearby lead mines maintaining quite a decent lifestyle as evidenced by their inventories. He explains why residents of hamlets like Sheldon seem to have taken communion at Bakewell and to have been married and buried there, but they do not
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Work In Progress Review cont.

seem to have had their children baptized there. Plummer believes it possible these Frosts had Puritan sympathies because they used Old Testament names and their inventories listed bibles and other books. He goes to some length in explaining unusual terms and tools that are listed in the wills and how some relate to the mining of lead during this period.

The next section of John Plummer's publication discusses the descendants of Alice (?) Frost of Monyash in Bakewell, Derbyshire. Plummer suggests this Alice was married to an older brother (name unknown) of the George Frost discussed above. Plummer reasons that since George Frost's children were younger than his brother's children, George was probably younger than his brother also. It is less clear why Plummer believes the two to be brothers. By a careful reading of the will and inventory of Alice (?) Frost, Plummer identifies her six children and many grandchildren.

The next four sections of Work in Progress cover the descendants of William Frost of Tideswell in Bakewell, Miscellaneous Bakewell Frosts, Miscellaneous Sheldons of Sheldon in Bakewell, and Miscellaneous Sheldons of Bakewell. The last three sections list names, dates and events that cannot be connected with any other Frost or Sheldon family. These lists are useful if you are looking for people who might "fit" in a genealogy line.

The most intriguing section in Work in Progress is the last, titled "A Possible Sheldon Line." Plummer draws together the many scattered records of Sheldon individuals in Bakewell Parish. He notes they fall into a number of groups based on naming patterns, religious proclivities, associations, geographical concentrations, etc. Using a number of these possibilities he forms a very tentative pedigree for our S-4 Godfrey Sheldon which links up with the well known J. Gardner Bartlett pedigree for our S-5 Isaac Sheldon! The common progenitor of Godfrey and Isaac, Plummer suggests, is John Sheldon (abt 1495-Liv 1572) of Monyash, Bakewell, Derbyshire (Shirley Sheldon Rider shows him "of Taddington"). Bartlett designates him as No. 7 John Sheldon. John Sheldon married twice but the names of his wives have not been found. By his first wife John Sheldon had sons Roger (abt 1520-1590/1) and Richard (abt 1525-1600). By his second wife, John Sheldon had sons Henry (abt 1530-1600), Thomas (abt 1535-bef 1591) and George (abt 1540-Liv 1600). Bartlett wrote that Isaac descended from the first wife of John Sheldon through her son Richard. Plummer suggests Godfrey descended from the second wife of John Sheldon through her son George.

Bartlett indicates S-5 Isaac Sheldon's ancestry through Ralph, Arthur, Roger, Richard, to No. 7 John Sheldon. Plummer suggests a "possible" connection with S-4 Godfrey Sheldon through William Sheldon, George Sheldon to No. 7 John Sheldon. Under this possible connection, S-5 Isaac Sheldon and S-4 Godfrey Sheldon would be half second cousins twice removed. (And at one time we believed the Sheldon progenitors were four brothers!)

Plummer has brought together a body of Sheldon information, carefully analyzed it and, with his knowledge of history and genealogy, has proposed some relationships that were heretofore not considered. It gives us an exciting, fresh perspective. As Rose Sheldon Newton wrote: "John has unwound some previously unknown lines and I have great hope that if we work with him, the Godfrey line and what Hortense called The Isaac Question will finally be answered."

About the Author:
John Plummer has a B.A. from New England College majoring in History and specializing in English History of the Tudor and Elizabethan periods. He is working on his M.A. in Early Modern European History at Columbia University specializing in the history of the English Puritans.

He started genealogy research when he was 10 years old. He has worked as a free lance genealogist since graduating college in 1973. He belongs to so many historic and genealogical societies that he has lost count.

Quarterly Delay Explained
Rose Sheldon Newton

Early in March, I flew to Oklahoma to be with my mother during the sudden illness, and subsequent death of my stepfather, Donald Dungan of Miami, Oklahoma. Donald was my buddy and friend. I traced his roots from Ireland, Donegans through Indiana where he was the cousin of Governor Dungan. His family removed from Indiana to Oklahoma where his grandparents homesteaded on the Kansas-Oklahoma border. Donald bought the land of my husband’s grandpa Newton and one day we visited the Newton horse water trough with their names in the cement. He was a relative of my husband before he became my stepfather. He could tell stories of early settlers of Pitcher, Chetopa, Baxter, and Columbus Kansas. A classmate of my parents, he was greatly interested in farming, history, and politics and was a fine Christian man. Another interesting connection is that Donald’s friend and Trustee is the great grandson of Chief Little Turtle of early Fort Wayne. The Indians from Fort Wayne settled in Miami, Oklahoma when they left Indiana.

Mother is doing well and drives to the grocery store, the beauty shop and to church. We helped with many details and I was able to plant her spring flower beds. Although my health did not always cooperate, prayers of friends and a high school classmate doctor gave great assistance. Since I begin articles for the next Quarterly after finishing one, there were files on disk ready to go and others to finish. Thank you for understanding the delay! The Reunion Banquet meals for the reunion registration form were confirmed this week and are delicious! Hope to see you here! We have loved serving S.F.A., but feel it is the time for others to pitch in and have some of this fun too. I will be needing time to go between Indiana and Oklahoma and be of assistance to mother, plus, the fact my own genealogy has been suspended since I began S.F.A. work many years ago, and more when I took on the quarterly plus printing it -- a job formerly done by Mark and Betty Sheldon, Marge Phelon, Shirley Rider and Me! I really want to finish the Index of the Diaries of Rev. H.O. Sheldon for publication. Cousin Joe Sheldon in California has finished computer input of the first notebook transcribed by H.O’s granddaughter, Ruth Bradley. He is ready to begin on the second. When Joe finishes book two and I finish transcribing where Ruth left off, the next task will be to finish indexing the transcription and combine all of the index and sort each alphabetical section of names. So cousins, there must be some out there who can help out. Mark and Keith and Wayne and the board have been so faithful and if you like the direction S.F.A. has been going, why not pitch in and help? S.F.A. is what we as members make it. It is great fun to be a part of this wonderful team. Write Wayne today and say “Maybe I could help with...” He will put you to work somewhere. Thanks!

Sheldon Portrait
In National Gallery
Rose Sheldon Newton

"Ruffled Bonnet, curly hairdo and a new ear trumpet, were the special pride of Mrs. J.B. Sheldon of Ohio, who sat for an itinerant painter in 1825. So states the caption under the photo in a clipping from an unknown magazine. The article titled "Prim Portraits of a Past," says that Mrs. Sheldons portrait was one of a collection given to the National Gallery by Colonel and Mrs. Edgar W. Garbish who had amassed 1,500 paintings and gave 500 to the gallery. If this is your ancestor, we thought you would like to know the painting is here so you may visit it! The clipping was found inside of the Gold Stamped Autograph Book (more like a book of genealogy notes) of Gaylor Sheldon given to S.F.A. by his descendant Mrs. William Piaget S#4423x12. I transcribed the diary and sent it to Wayne Nelson to make a publication in case any of you would like to study it. Watch the Publications catalogue for it. When you make a clipping, please note the date, time, magazine or paper and the page and column number from which you clipped it. Rose

Are all of your descendants in the Sheldon Databases?

New Grandchildren? Have you found any new information or documentation since you joined? The form at right is for your convenience. Please Photocopy several and fill in what ever new information for families you want have in your files and send to Keith M. Sheldon. The Sheldon lineage series is still in process... Thanks!
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*Thanks!*
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1. The Sheldon Magazine ... $4.00 per Volume ..... Out of Print

2. Sheldon Places ... $7.50 by S4479x851 Rose Sheldon Newton. A Gazetteer of Places, Towns, Townships, Mountains, Museums, etc., that carry the name Sheldon USA, with maps and illustrations to early Sheldon locations. The author states "This collection is designed to help find lost Sheldon lineage connections". An important research tool with a detailed table of contents and an every name index.


4. Historical Sketch of the Sheldon Family ... $2.00 by S7879 Henry Waters Sheldon of Yonkers, NY for the SFA reunion August 8, 1912, in Rupert VT, 10 p. In 1913 Roy Farrar Sheldon of Schenectady, NY, pub. this sketch. Manuscript form, and particular interest to descendants of S5 Isaac.

5. S5 Isaac Sheldon of Windsor, CT ... $2.00 by S4760x322 Charlotte A. Hunt of Worcester, MA., 13 p. Reprint of article in April, 1963 issue of N.E.G.H.R. Includes a map of Windsor, a diagram of the lots owned by S5 Isaac Sheldon, a reproduction of page 40 of the original Windsor land record.

6. The Family of Thomas Woodford ... $2.00, 9 p. 7. The Family of Robert Blott ...... $2.00, 11 p. by S9390x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider. Shirley saves you time and money with this information from Various Ancestral Lines of James Goodwin & Lucy (Morgan) Goodwin by Frank Farnsworth Starr. Descendants of S5 Isaac will want a copy of both 6. and 7.


10. John Sheldon and the Old Indian Homestead ... $3.00 by Jennie Arms Sheldon, wife of S2981 George Sheldon, 21 p. Considered one of the best stories of the 1704 Deerfield Massacre. A paper read at the annual meeting of the Pocomtuck Memorial Valley Association, August 12, 1911.

11. The Story of Remembrance Sheldon S113 ... $2.00 Transc. by Matilda S. Hyde, 1920, 14 p. Remembrance, son of S35 John, was captured in the 1704 mid at Deerfield, taken to Canada at age 11. 14 years later, following rescue by his grandfather, he wrote this narrative on the eve of his wedding.

12. Pertaining to S35 John Sheldon ... $2.00 by S9390x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 6 p. A collection of items, includes a copy from a daguerreotype of the Old Indian House taken in 1848 shortly before the house was razed, a brief biography of John while a resident of Deerfield, a genealogical chart, a facsimile and transcription of his will, information about the Ensign John Sheldon Chapter of the Colonial Dames.


14a. The (Sheldon) Ship "Hanover" of Providence RI ... $2.00 by S7720x23 Irving Chase Sheldon, 10 p. An account based on logs and records kept by S2350 Capt. Pardon Sheldon, owner and master of the Hanover, his voyage in 1838 Providence, RI to St. Petersburg, Russia and back. This paper is illustrated with a chart of the voyage, a picture of the Hanover, and a genealogical chart. As an added bonus, the paper offers information about early shipbuilding and navigation. 14b. An 8" x 10" Color Reproduction by Photograph of the Painting of the Ship "Hanover". Suitable for Framing ... $5.00

15. The Last March of the Army of Robert E. Lee ... $3.00 by S5720 Maj. James Rhodes Sheldon, 15 p. An eyewitness account of the final days of the Civil War with pictures, maps and genealogical charts. Learn how James R. Sheldon, a native of RI became a Major in the Confederate Army. Previously available for public reading only at the VA Hist. Soc. Library in Richmond, VA. We are able to provide this to a wider audience through the generosity of his grandson, Irving C. Sheldon.

16. Sheldons in the Salem Witch Trials ... $3.00 by S9390x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 16 p. An illustrated booklet bringing together in one source all the testimony of Susannah and S151 Ephraim Sheldon in the Salem trials 1691-92. Contains an indexed map showing all landowners in Salem Village (Now Danvers) in 1692, with background material of events leading to the trials and includes one complete trial from indictment to execution.

17. Stories of Early Days of the Settlement of Aurora, Ohio ... $2.00 10 p. The story of "going west" 1800 when S627 Capt. Ebenezer Sheldon move from Suffield, CT to Aurora, Portage Co., OH. We present this to our readers through the kindness of Gertrude McDonald a descendant living in Aurora.


19. Charles and Lydia (Taft) Sheldon, A Colonial Couple ... $2.00. by S7295x513 Francis S. Russell, 6 p. This is the story of S358 Charles and Lydia parents of S1047 Ephraim, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. From this well written article learn how Lydia Taft and President Taft share the same American ancestor, and follow the family's emigration across the United States from Massachusetts to Claremont, California, where Charles Bur Sheldon became one of the original trustees and the first treasurer of Pomona College.

21. Sheldon Family Assoc. A 50 Year History 1939 - 1989 ... $7.00 plus $1.50 postage. Compiled by Keith M. Sheldon, 50 p. This publication is a must for every SFA member. Keith consolidated, in time-sequence, facts of S.F.A. into one source to commemorate SFA's 50th year. The information therein was gleaned from letters, reports, programs, newspaper stories and genealogical records. A number of the sources reproduced and included as exhibits.

22. Sheldons, met by H.O. Sheldon in his travels ... $3.00 by S4479x851 Rose Sheldon Newton, 10 p. A list giving Last Name, First Name, date met, location, capsule review. ex: "Sheldon, Isaac 23 JAN 1844 HOS vis with Joseph I. S, Rupert VT." A guide to your ancestors in the HOS journals 1817 - 1845. 1845 - 1867 in progress of transcription and indexing.

23. S4 Godfrey Sheldon, Planter, of Bakewell Parish, Co. Derby, England & Scarborough, York Co. Maine ... $4.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 28 p. "The intention of this report is to bring together in one place all the records that have so far been found for S4 Godfrey Sheldon in order that work once done need not be repeated by others and to make this information available to interested members". This handsomely detailed booklet is the first of a series of progenitor reports. This compilation of information on S4 Godfrey Sheldon contains a chronology, family chart, narrative account, copy and transcription of the will of Godfrey Sheldon, map of Sheldon property in Scarborough, ME, & a list of records consulted, & bibliography.

24. S4760 Edward Austin Sheldon, An Extract from His Autobiography, 1896 and Domestic Activities on the Farm 1830 - 1850 ... $3.00 by S4759 Dorisaka E. Sheldon, 7 p. Edited by M. Sheldon Barnes & Frances E. Sheldon Alling, daughters of Edward Austin Sheldon, this extract from the autobiography of Edward Austin Sheldon is from a book pub. in 1911. Dorisaka Sheldon's composition Domestic Activities on the Farm 1830 - 1850 was given to Penfield Library of the State Univ. of NY at Oswego by Frances Davis in 1961. The College granted permission in 1991 to S.F.A. Inc. to add it to S.F.A. publications for historic study.

25. S14 William Sheldon of Bakewell Parish, Co. Derby, England, Scarborough, York Co., Maine & Salem Village, Essex Co., Massachusetts both in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England ... $4.00 by S9309x522 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 31 p. The author discusses the where there were one or two William Sheldons in Salem, and addresses the validity of the statement found on page 1 of the Sheldon Magazine that S3 William came "With Gov. Endicott to Boston, Mass." The author discusses the source of the problems, the resolution, and offers proof to support her conclusions with reproductions of various records, maps and wills.

26. S5 Isaac Sheldon of Windsor, Hartford Co., Connecticut & Northampton, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts ... $4.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider and S4479x851 Rose Sheldon Newton, 30 p. The authors take up the life of Isaac Sheldon with his appearance in 1652 records of Windsor, CT. Rather than answer the age-old and controversial question "Is Isaac Sheldon of Windsor & Northampton the same Isaac Sheldon in Ashford, Co. Derby, cited by J. Gardner Bartlett?" The authors present material found in writings of Rev. Solomon Clark, James Russell Trumbull and include the chapter entitled "The Family of Isaac Sheldon" from Frank Farnsworth Starr's genealogical classic, Goodwin-Morgan Ancestral Lines, because "The documentation is flawless, the writing style fresh and worthy of emulation." This booklet contains articles on Mehtable (Gunn) Ensign, a brief history of Northampton, MA Sheldon homestead and property, family charts, a copy and transcription of Isaac's will and inventory of his estate. Included is a glossary and illustrations of some of the items mentioned in Isaac's will (Do you know the difference between a "maul" and a "beetle"?). A must for Isaac descendants!

27. Daniel Sheldon of Woolwich, Co. Kent, England, Last Will & Testament ... $2.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 12 p. A reproduction of the Will of Daniel Sheldon and a brief lesson in paleography (the study and deciphering of ancient writings) including a copy of the general alphabet of the Old Law Hand. A transcription of the Will is included for the impatient.

28. Richard Sheldon, Gentleman, of Monyash, Derbyshire, England ... S2.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 16 p. The Last Will and Testament of Richard is reproduced along with a transcription, inventory and transcription of the inventory, a chart of the ancestry and desc. of No. 4 Hugh Sheldon of Monyash, the ancestry and desc. of No. 5 John Sheldon of Monyash and Ashford. The author does not discuss the "Isaac connection", but in her Preface, says "Because much of the very early Sheldon family information that is on the two charts included with this report is there because of information given in 1662 by No. 10 Richard Sheldon to the Heralds during their Visitation to Derbyshire, it was thought worthy of notice on that count alone to publish the pedigree charts and his will. [Note: The numbers used in this description are not Sheldon Numbers, rather they indicate the numbers assigned by J. Gardner Bartlett in his "The Sheldons of Derbyshire and of New England"]

29. Family Charts ... $1.00 each by Shirley Sheldon Rider, 1 page. The following family charts are available, size 8 1/2 x 11 inches, printed on heavy paper: The Family of S4 Godfrey Sheldon, The Family of S3 Isaac Sheldon, The Family of S8 John Sheldon, The Family of S13 John Sheldon, The Family of S14 William Sheldon, Ancestry & Descendants of No. 4 Hugh Sheldon of Monyash, Ancestry & Descendants of No. 5 John Sheldon of Monyash & Ashford

30. In Defense of J. Gardner Bartlett .................... $3.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 7 p. In October 1926, N.E.G.H. & G.R. published J. Gardner Bartlett's landmark study on the English origin of S3 Isaac Sheldon. Bartlett's publication was the culmination of two years of research in England. Probably no publication has been subjected to more study and comment than Bartlett's work. The author lists the major objections that have been raised over the years to Bartlett's conclusions, then forcefully argues her position.

31. The Sheldons of Bakewell, Derbyshire, England, and Isaac Sheldon of New England .......... $4.00 by J. Gardner Bartlett, 27 p. This is the reprint from The New England Historical and Genealogical Register of October, 1926 mentioned above, out of print for many years. Now available, it is of interest to all Sheldons and the subject of Shirley Rider's "Defense" (item 30 above).

32. Sheldon Tomb Stone Inscriptions, Southampton MA & Deerfield MA from 93 Reunion Program $3.00

33. Work In Progress, By John Plummer. Ongoing English Research concerning S#4 Godfrey & S#5 Isaac $ — Ask Wayne

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Fort Wayne was first called Kekionga (translated: The place of blackberries) and Turtle Town, home town of the war chief of the Miami Indians who lived here. Indians and the French had a great trading business from Canada to New Orleans. Turtle Town was the portage point. Little Turtle formed an army of confederated indians that held off westward expansion of "civilization" for a generation. When the British began cut the supply of weapons, and other tribes sold interest in their lands, there were not enough left in the confederation to win. Turtle urged his people to discontinue fighting.

General Anthony Wayne forged to victory and established Fort Wayne. The Miami Indians traveled on to Kansas, then to Miami Oklahoma settling in Ottawa County with other tribes. Rose Newton lives in Aboite township not far from the site where Little Turtle's group massacred La Balme's troops in retaliation for burning the Indian village and french trading post of his sisters husband. A sidewalk winds gracefully through the trees, a curved wooden footbridge crosses the meandering stream in the woods where moccasined feet walked these woods. The breeze blows gently through the trees as birds noisily celebrate life. As I walk, I think of the indians and how they were robbed of their land.

Little Turtle was called "The greatest Indian the world has known."

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DID YOU KNOW? That John Chapman, known as Johnny Appleseed, is buried in Fort Wayne? Every fall, there is the aroma of apples cooking in the Johnny Appleseed park adjoining the coliseum, not far from his grave. Johnny Appleseed festival celebrates historic memories of the famous pioneer. The Festival is Sept 20-21 this year.

Basic facts of his birth 26 September 1774 in Leominster MA and his death 18 March 1845 at the home of Richard Worth Sr. on land that would become later the Roebuck farm are noted in several history books and local newspaper archives.

John is recorded both in history and folk lore as a great apple orchardist who "anticipated the westward movement of the people and their need for fruit trees. He went from PA to OH via Zanesville, and Newark along Lake Erie where he planted nursery trees. Hearing land around Fort Wayne was platted, he came sometime in the 1820's. Between 1834 and 1838, purchasing land in Milan, Maumee, and Eel River Twp., and had other orchards on leased property." (p.236 Frontier Faith, The Story of the Pioneer Congregations of Fort Wayne, Indiana 1820-1860, by George R. Mather 1992.)

He also was a Swedenborgian Christian who shared pages of the book by that name with early settlers. In Fort Wayne there are two markers proclaiming "his grave" in different locations. The question concerning "the true location" of his grave seems to be settled by the use of historic documents and sound reasoning by Steven Fortriede in his pamphlet Johnny Appleseed: The Man Behind the Myth, pub 1978 by Fort Wayne Public Library. Lest the reader think this was easy, it was not. There were lawsuits and factions who each believed firmly and fought in court for their sides. A wood carving of Chapman makes appearance in our two malls at varying times. Cont. p. 449

DID YOU KNOW? That television was invented and produced first in Fort Wayne Indiana? A Philo T. Farnsworth (the inventor) display is in the Antique Mall.
A partial list of resources in the Historic Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library that you will miss using if you miss the Sheldon Family Reunion in Fort Wayne Oct. 12, 13, 14, 1997.

Census Records: All 1790-1920 population schedules, All available statewide indexes and soundexes, All extant mortality schedules 1850-1880, All extant schedules of Civil War Union veterans and widows 1890, Agricultural and Manufacturing schedules for Indiana 1850-1880. State and Territorial Censuses for CA, CO, FL, IL, IA, KS, MI, MN, MS, Mo, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OR, RI, WA, WI. (You will receive a chart from Rose in your packet)

Passenger Lists: Most National Archives passenger lists and indexes on microfilm are available as are most major printed sources for immigration records.


Miscellaneous U.S. Records include Several important manuscript collections and reprint series of regional or national scope are found in microtext holdings.

Ownership Maps, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Indiana, Draper Manuscript Collection & Shane Papers, Robert R. Livingston Papers (NY), American Home Missionary Society Papers 18916-1894, American Missionary Association Manuscripts 1839-1882, Boston Transcript "Notes and Queries" columns, (Hortense Sheldon loved these!) Colonial newspapers from MD, PA, and VA.

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Canadian Records: All published or microfilmed censuses 1666-1891, Halifax, N.S. Passenger Lists 1881-99, Quebec, P.Q. Passenger Lists 1865-1900, Loiselle Marriage Index 1640-1963, and Supplement, Quebec Non-Catholic Registers 1760-1941, and Index, Ontario Archives Land Record Index, Ontario Surrogate court Records Index 1793-1858, Biographical Scrapbooks, Toronto Newspapers 1911-1967, Prince Edward Island Master Name Index. As if that were not enough, Ryan Taylor the indexing specialist librarian is from Canada and expert in Canadian and English research. He still writes a column published in Canada.

British Isles: This part of the collection contains 15,000 printed volumes including county histories, monumental inscriptions, heraldic references, early parish registers and most English county record society publications. Major records series on microfiche are included, as the following partial list indicates: Victoria County Histories series (print), London City Directories 1667-1823 (Microfilm). Other countries are covered as well.

Periodicals: This library holds the largest English-Language genealogy and local history periodical collection in the world with more than 3200 current subscriptions and more than 4100 titles. Individual articles may be accessed through a variety of indexes including the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI) compiled by the department staff. (Note: This index is coming out on CD Rom in the near future and it is expected to be under 100 dollars and will be sold nationwide.) Cool!

Databases: Sources include Social Security Death Index, Phone Disc, some marriage records, and the LDS FamilySearch System, which includes the I.G.I., Ancestral File and Family History Library Catalogue. (Remember I told you to search that for titles to look up in this library.)

Audio- Cassettes and Videos: A department orientation video and more than a dozen other instructional videos are available for in-house patron use. More than 1400 taped lectures on genealogical research methodology delivered at national and regional conferences are available for patrons to check out. (Bring your tape recorder and if you are stuck listen to a lecture on your particular area while you are brushing your teeth in your room.)

Complementary Collections: Biographical sources, Government Documents, legal references, Native American first hand accounts and early American travel and exploration accounts.

Did You Know? This department adds more than one thousand references per month, and there is no way to tell you "all" that is here? You simply must come and see!

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If you arrive on saturday, there is an excellent orientation TV tape in the Genealogy Department.

From this date: If you wish a researcher to work with you, please write to the Library for their list of researchers so you may inquire their fee, it won't be high as you expect and you will accomplish much more if you are working with one who knows the collection. If you wait too long to write, the best ones will be taken. (I have scheduled the first batch but we are moving to a new home if all goes as planned.)

Lapel Pin & Tote Bag
New SFA logo Items will be available at Reunion in Fort Wayne! Rose designed the pin. Rosemary Hogan is designing the totebag. Meeting attenders will be able to purchase these items first. Mail order prices will be printed in the October Quarterly.
Rose S. Newton

The simple stone in Ft. Wayne's Lindenwood Cemetery names him a prince.
Who was he? How did he get here? Why did he die so young? What did he do that changed history in Fort Wayne 100 years ago?

"Samuel Morris, 1872-1893, Prince Kaboo, Native of West Africa, Famous Christian Mystic, Apostle of Simple Faith, Exponent of the Spirit-filled Life," reads the inscription of the tombstone in section 14 of Lindenwood Cemetery. Who was he? What did he do? How did he get here? Why did he die so young? What was it about that Royal Prince that caused changes in Fort Wayne 100 years ago?

I heard about "Prince Kaboo as a child in Columbus Kansas. Upon moving to Fort Wayne, I wanted to visit his grave. When I asked people about him, no one seemed to have heard of him but me! Casing local cemeteries, I located his monument in Lindenwood cemetery. Once you have heard the story of Prince Kaboo, you do not forget, and there is a desire to know more...

There was a prince in Liberia West Africa who was the hostage of a war lord. He was held as a pawn until his father, King of the Kru Tribe, would pay ransom. His father came several times, but each time the ante was raised higher. Finally he went away never to return, his tribal goods already sacked. He had no more to give. The son sat, deep in a pit, tied to a cross-tree stake sick and weak from beatings and tortures. The next morning the pit would become his grave when killer ants would be brought to eat him alive. His skull would be hung on a stick as a warning to other tribal chieftains.

In the night, a blinding light surrounded the prince, and a voice told him to run. He found himself out of the pit with strength renewed, as if he had eaten. By night, the light led him as he ran. By day he hid in hollows of trees until the next nightfall. He came at last to a settlement near Monrovia Liberia, where he found employment at a coffee plantation he made friends with a boy of the Teh Kru tribe.

Sunday morning, he was invited to attend church services with his new friend. Miss Grace Knolls of Fort Wayne Indiana was the speaker. She took for her text the story of Saul of Tarsus.

Arriving at the part of the story of the conversion of Saul by the blinding light, the boy said "this was the same light that led me here, I must know more about this light."

The young man accepted Christ and was baptized and given a name by Miss Knolls. Prince Kaboo at his Methodist baptism received the name of the Fort Wayne Banker Samuel Morris who had financially helped the missionary with her schooling. Sammy wanted to know more about God and the light that had saved his life. The missionary told him she had taught him all she knew, he must go to America to learn more from her teachers.

"Sammy" set out for New York city to meet Stephen Merrit a minister in New York. He worked as a ship hand on a tramp vessel. The journey was filled with danger and miracles followed where ever he went. The faith of the boy changed lives and attitudes on the ship from those of hatred and murder, to friends. In New York, Steven Merrit and his church clothed and sent the prince on to Fort Wayne.

In Fort Wayne, Taylor University was in financial crisis, but when word of the need of the strange young prince spread, money came in. It was
enough for his education...and more. The problem of educating Sammy was examined. He must learn more English, reading, and writing. Volunteer students tutored him. His honest search was for truth and education to fulfill his wish to go back and teach his own people. This brought about changes in all who came in contact with him.

Sammy joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. One Sunday he told the minister he had a message from God and would like to speak in his place that morning. The church experienced great growth from that day forward. His photo hung in that church for many years. People came from far and near to see and hear him speak. This author interviewed one who still remembers him.

In January of 1893 Sammy became seriously ill. He told friends the work he had been sent here to do was complete and others would go back to Africa in his stead. Sammy died from pneumonia complications. The boy from the tropics could not withstand Indiana winters. Teachers erected a small monument that was replaced by the class of 1928. People still visit his grave and miracles have been reported there.

What made Sammy so special was that he in childlike faith took his teachers and the Bible at their word. He believed and shared his thirst for knowledge with others. His simple faith challenged them and all grew stronger for it. It is the age old secret that one person of excellence raises ideals, and goals, and challenges others around to be better than they are. Many missionaries have gone to Africa, inspired by his faith.

By his life, he changed the faith landscape for our ancestors as they heard about him in newspapers and their churches even as I heard of him in Kansas years ago.

The life of Sammy Morris was credited for saving Taylor University. Taylor soon moved to Upland Indiana but now is a part of the community of Fort Wayne because Fort Wayne Bible College became an extension campus of Taylor University a few years ago. Because the boy had no money, because the college had no money, what is now a university was saved from financial ruin when their eminent financial needs became public knowledge.

In seeking to identify the namesake of Sammy, we see the Morris family in the area is replete with many lawyers who worked in city banks. I believe the banker was of the Morris family with roots in Auburn. This family is outlined in the Griswold Pictorial History of Fort Wayne. However, there was a trial lawyer Samuel L. Morris who is buried in Lindenwood... Books about Sammy do not directly identify the exact namesake and I wonder why.

One may read the amazing biography in paperback. It is available at bookstores for around $5.00, still in print, in fact, it is a classic! Samuel Morris, by Lindley Baldwin ISBN 0-87123-950-7. ACPL references: Samuel Morris, The March of Faith by Lindley J. Baldwin. (Same book as above but published under different title other years.) Samuel Morris Prince Kaboo by Rev. T.C. Reade 1924, Taylor Univ. Press 1924. The Angel in Ebony by Jorge O. Masa (My favorite) 1928 Taylor University Press. I have my own antique copy of Angel in Ebony from long ago.

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1997 Reunion Schedule
Sunday Oct. 12
Board Meeting 1-4
Sun Library Hours are 1-6
Members Check In and Pick Up Badge and Packet

Monday Oct. 13
Annual Business Mtg 1-3
Library Hours 1-6
Social Hour 6-7
Dinner: Italian Buffet
Speaker: Margery Graham CGRS, Pres. of Allen Co. Genealogical Society, Chair of 1870 Census Index project nationwide. She tells funny and interesting genealogical discoveries and how they were made in this library. You won't want to miss this!

Tuesday Oct. 14
Display Rooms Open 9-6
Library 9-6
Social Hour 6-7
Dinner: Closing Banquet
Speaker: Curt Witcher Manager of Historic Genealogy Department, Allen Co. Public Library. Curt is known nationwide for his brilliant management of the department and no matter what subject he chooses, he is a great speaker.
Margaret Brosius Jones, Phd. "Peg"

My childhood was spent in a Quaker farming community in southeastern Pennsylvania, on a farm which had been in my father's family for more than two hundred years. My father farmed, but he also grew mushrooms, and my early memories are of following him around the mushroom houses, of eating mushrooms I first dusted off on the seat of my overalls. Because we lived seven miles from a library, I devoured my mother's college books, English and American literature, history, and virtually memorized a genealogy of my father's Brosius family. No wonder that my degree from the University of Delaware was in history.

After a brief stint of teaching, I married Pownall and we moved to a farm he'd recently purchased, the farm on which we continue to live. Here we reared four children, now grown with families of their own. But when the youngest went to kindergarten, I returned to the University, to graduate school. Watching our children learning to read had sparked my interest in how this comes about. To this end I became a reading specialist, and eventually in 1974, earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction. Teaching teachers how to teach children to read, sharing ways to engage children in books, and my particular interest in beginning reading led to collaboration with a colleague on two college text s on reading and language-arts.

Retirement, however, meant finally there was time to pursue my lifelong interest in family history. As a little girl, I had listened to my grandmother, Edith Sheldon Nunn, tell stories of her family in faraway Minnesota; the people in her stories were all named Sheldon. And now I tell Sheldon stories to my grandchildren, stories of brave, hardy men and women, the pioneers who were their forbearers.

Johnny Appleseed,
cont. from p. 445

Johnny Appleseed, The poor man who shared so much seems to have also shared his tomb with a stranger. This happened when his unmarked grave was accidentally disinterred when they were digging another grave. From: *The Pictorial History of Fort Wayne*, p.370.

It seems that John had two callings in life. Both were to help the early pioneer. One was for their physical needs and the other was for spiritual needs. When he sold his seedlings, he also passed out pages of religious teachings that he would tear from books purchased for that purpose. It was important to him to help people get to know God. He thought Emmanuel Swedenborg had the best light on the Christian faith and he wanted to share that light. It is as simple as that. It is the fabric from which saints are made. It seems to be a common denominator among those who become memorialized in history and famous for their beliefs, one believes and one shares that belief in the best way at hand that they can.

Folk tales, fables and poems last, but the missionary aspect of his life that is equally important and completes the story is often forgotten. A look at his obituary gives us a bit of the flavor of the man in the words of those living during that time:

Fort Wayne Sentinel, March 22, 1845

Died in this city, on Tuesday last Mr. Thomas Melaney, stone cutter aged 34 years a native of Girven, Ayrshire, Scotland.

On the same day in the neighborhood at and advanced age, Mr. John Chapman - (better known by the name of Johnny Appleseed). (Ed. Note: Actual Death date derived from comparing obituaries in both newspapers was: March 18, 1845)

The deceassed was well known through the region by his eccentricity and the strange garb he usually wore. He followed the occupation of a nurseryman, and has been a regular visiter here for upwards of 20 years. He was a native of Pennsylvania, but we undersand his home- if home he had for some years past was in the neighborhood of
Locator 24 - Sheldons in: Montpelier VT Vital Records

Sheldon, Abigail w of Cephas Sheldon d 4 Aug 1846 87y Village Cem Waterbury VT
Sheldon, Albert Charles b 20 July 1870 CHarles F & ANna Wheelock VT farmer
Sheldon, Almira M. d 20 Jun 1825 3y 5m Wm & Myra Sheldon Weston VT
Sheldon, Alvah E b 26 Sept 1853 d 20 Oct 1853 24da s of Alvah & Maryette Sheldon
Sheldon, Alvah M d 4 Aug 1870 9m ch of Alva S & Maryette Sheldon Westford
Sheldon, Ambler s of Joel & Fidelia Sheldon b. 27 Sep 1839 Reading, VT
Sheldon, Amsel s of Joel & Fidelia Sheldon b. 27 Sep 1839 Reading, VT
Sheldon, Asenath d 20 Sept 1812 24y Village Cem Waterbury
Sheldon, Benjamin [b. StJohnsbury VT] m 8 Oct 1865 Ellen S. Myers-f John Sheldon m Gilpheus
Sheldon, Betheun E d 30 May 1830 2y 7m 21da Wm & Myra Sheldon Island Cem Weston
Sheldon, Betsey dau of Josiah & Chloa Sheldon b. 22 Jul 1810 Bakersfield
Sheldon, Betsey of Enosbury m 5 Apr 1846 Benjamin Hendrick
Sheldon, Betsey b 22 Jul 1810 Bakersfield Chlsa & Josiah Sheldon
Sheldon, Betsey dau of Josiah & Chloa Sheldon m. Benjamin Hendrick 5 Apr 1846 Enosburg Vt.
Sheldon, Byron b 10 Nov 1868 John Sheldon b Sheldon & Elizabeth b Swanton - Recorded Wheelock
Sheldon, Byron s of John Sheldon farmer b. in Sheldon & Elisabeth b. Swanton res. Wheelock VT
Sheldon, Caleb d 10 Jan 1831 84y Ctr Old Waterbury wife Dorothy
Sheldon, Caroline m George M. Bancroft 24 Sept 1857 Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Cephas d 24 July 1848 94y w. Abigail Village Cem Waterbury VT
Sheldon, Chancey s of Joel Sheldon Rupert VT b. 11 May 1782 [6 child]
Sheldon, Charles Van Ness s of J.V.N. & Angeline C. Sheldon of Pittsford b. 26 May 1863
Sheldon, Charles Gilbert s of Joseph I. b. 13 Jan 1840
Sheldon, Chas F. 38y b. Manchester to John S & Myranda Cadwell Dorset m. Georgiana Wade 20 Aug 1869
Sheldon, Clarissa d 12 Oct5 1843 67y w of SAmeel Sheldon Old Waterbury Cem
Sheldon, Clinton P. s of Joel & Fidelia b. 11 May 1843 Reading
Sheldon, Cora b 15 July 1863 m Ann of Elizabethton NY f. Geo Sh Westford b. Westford Recorded Shoreham
Sheldon, Cordelia dau of Joel bur Plymouth cem d. 11 Aug 1836 1y 8m 12d
Sheldon, Cordelia dau of Joel & Fidelia b. 29 Noc 1836 Reading
Sheldon, Dand s of Joel b. 1 Dec 1704 Reading
Sheldon, daughter b 14 Jan 1858 Alvah S. & Marietta Westford
Sheldon, daughter d 20 Mar 1821 1mo Jacob & Joanna Sheldon Cong. Cem Pittsford
Sheldon, Dorothy in her 43y wf of Jacob Sheldon d 4 Aug 1807 Middleton Cem
Sheldon, Dorothy wf of Caleb d 12 Jul 1825 77y Cem old Waterbury
Sheldon, Dorothy wf of Caleb d 4 Aug 1807 43y Middleton Cem ANdover VT
Sheldon, Easton Field b 16 May 1859 mother Amanda b. Bakersfield res Canada
Sheldon, Ebenezer d 16 Mar 1755 at Litchfield CT rec Middlebury VT
Sheldon, Edna b 7 Jan 1858 George & Lucy Sheldon Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Edna d of George & Lucy Sheldon b. 7 Jan 1858 Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Edward d 1 Dec 1869 30y 8m Gerge & Margaret Post Sheldon Rutland VT
Sheldon, Eleanor dau of Uzziel & Eleanor Sheldon b. Andover 7 Jan 1807
Sheldon, Elisha Col. d 11 Mar 1805 Sheldon Vt 65y
Sheldon, Elisha s of Maj Sam B. d oct 1727 at Sheldon Infant
Sheldon, Elisha Capt d 30 Sept 1807 Sheldon Vt age 42y
Sheldon, Elisha s of Maj Sam B d oct 1727 Infant Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Elisha d 4 Feb 1867 b 1793 74y Brookside Cem Westford VT
Sheldon, Elisha of Westford m Emily Bicknell 15 Aug 1846 Essex
Sheldon, Eliza D dau of Jacob & Joanna Sheldon d 28 Jul 1842 at 25y Pittsford
Sheldon, Elizabeth dau of Henry & E.S. Carlisle d 28 Oct 1876 Sheldon
Sheldon, Elizabeth d of Henry & E.S. Carlisle b 8 Jul 1849 d 28 Oct 1876 Sheldon VT Cem
Sheldon, Elizabeth dau of Henry & E.S. Carlisle b 8 Jul 1849
Sheldon, Ellis b 10 July 1864 m Elizabeth b. Wheelock f John Sheldon b. Swanton rec Wheelock
Sheldon, Ellis b. 10 Jul 1864 Wheelock Vt father John b. Swanton recorded Wheelock
Sheldon, Ellis b 10 Jul 1864 Wheelock Vt mother Elizabeth b. in Sheldon
Sheldon, Elva Mariah b 30 Oct 1869 Westford f. S. S. Sheldon of Enosburg Rec Westford VT
Sheldon, Emeline b. 2 Oct 1821 dau of Eleanor & Uzziel Sheldon Andover VT
Sheldon, Emily d 18 Jun 1869 59y 10d b at Libedan NY f M. M. Bicknell
Sheldon, Esther son Richard Skinner Sheldon b 6 Oct 1811 & Robert Pierpoint b 29 Jan 1821
Sheldon, Esther A. d of Jacob & Louisa b. 25 Jan 1828 d 12 Feb 1828 infant
Sheldon, Esther Pierpoint b 1787 dau of Robt & Lois d 7 Nov 1833
Sheldon, Gaines 5th ch b. 20 May1871 s of Joel Sheldon Rupert VT
Sheldon, George Weston b 19 Dec 1859 m Jane Williston f Willard Sheldon b. Essex recorded Westfield
Sheldon, George Ward s of Maj Sam B Sheldon d Jan 1802 Infant Sheldon, George d. 12 Feb 1851 83y 5m E. Sheldon Cem.
Sheldon, George N b 23 Mar 1862 m Lucy of Sheldon f Nelson Sheldon of Sheldon
Sheldon, George Ward s fo Maj Sam B d Jan 11802 Infant Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Gideon m Sarah Patterson 2 Nov 1795 Whiting, VT
Sheldon, Gideon m Julia Pearse 30 Jun 1816 Pittsford, VT
Sheldon, Gilbert W. s of Lyman & Fanny Peabody Sh b 6 Nov 1832 Andover VT
Sheldon, Gilman s of Eleanor & Uzzielah b 4 Jan 1819 Andover Sheldon, Harmon A d 18 Aug 1870 Ag 49y 8m 14d Merchant at Middlebury born Salisbury Sheldon, Harmon A s of Samuel & Sarah W. Sheldon b 29 Dec 1819 Middlebury VT
Sheldon, Harmon A m Mary Bass at Middlebury 3 Dec 1844 Sheldon, Henrietta dau of Uzziel & Eleanor b. 5 Nov 1823 at Andover Sheldon, Henry L. s of Samuel Sheldon b 15 Aug 11821 at Middlebury VT Sheldon, Hermon 9 ch of Joel Sheldon Rupert Vt. 9 Mar 1789 Sheldon, Henry son of Uzziel & Eleanor b. 5 Nov 1823 at Andover
Sheldon, Hiram 8 ch of Joel b. 23 Sep 1787 Rupert VT
Sheldon, Homer s of Samuel Sheldon b. 4 Nov 1813 at Middlebury VT
Sheldon, Honor d 10 Oct 1864 59y Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Honor dau of C. Hitchcock d. age 59y 10 Oct 1864 Epilepsy b. at Pittsfield
Sheldon, Horace s of Samuel b. 1 May 1816 at Middlebury VT
Sheldon, Ida Eliza dau of Lyman & Eliza Sheldon b 13 Feb 1854 at Andover
Sheldon, Infant d 25 May 1821 23da Wm & Myra Sheldon Island Cem rec. Weston
Sheldon, Infant b 13 Dec 1857 Willard & Jane Sheldon Essex [Westford rec]
Sheldon, Infant b & d 14 Aug 1861 J.W. & Asenath Sheldon Montgomery
Sheldon, Infant b & d 12 Oct 1863 J.W. & Asenath Sheldon Montgomery
Sheldon, Infant d 15 Feb 1858 Asa & Margetta Sheldon Westford
Sheldon, Isreal s of Joel b. 27 Jul 1795 Rupert
Sheldon, Isreal s of Joel b. 5 Apr 1821 Dorset VT
Sheldon, J. W. Hon b 27 Mar 1779 d 7 Mar 1866 at Sheldon VT
Sheldon, J.W. Hon b 27 Mar 1779 d 7 Mar 1866 87y Sheldon VT
Sheldon, J.W. b 1811 d 1862 Greenwood Cem Bristol VT
Sheldon, Jacob b. 19 May 1794 m Louisa Sheldon 5 Aug 1851 Pittsford
Sheldon, James E b 9 Sep 1867 S.W. & Harriet Westford VT
Sheldon, Jane M m George S. Green at Sheldon VT 16 May 1866 age 23
Sheldon, Jannette Cornelia b 10 Apr 1861 John & Elizabeth Lachey
Shd 17 Aug 1862 Village Cem Wheelock
Sheldon, Joanna Smith d 9 Oct 1860 90y East Sheldon
Sheldon, Joanna Smith wf Gav Sheldon d 9 Oct 1850 91y E. Sheldon Cem.
Sheldon, Joanna w of Jacob Sheldon d 22 Apr 1821 30y Pittsf ord VT
Sheldon, Joel s of Joel b. 28 Feb 1775 Rupert VT
Sheldon, John of Sheldon Vt. m. Honor Adams 28 Oct 1841 at Pittsford VT
Sheldon, John m Cerena Babcock 25 July 1839 Sheldon VT
Sheldon, John s of Dorothy & Jacob b 2 Dec 1798 Andover
Sheldon, John b 2 Dec 1798 s Jacob & Dorothy Lovejoy Andover VT
Sheldon, John consort: "In mem of A.M.A." d 21 Jun 1841 Sheldon Cem Sheldon VT
Sheldon, John & Honor m 28 Oct 1841 Pittsf ord VT
Sheldon, John of Sheldon m Urena Babcock 26 Jul 1839 Sheldon
Sheldon, Joseph s of Jacob & Dorothy Sheldon b. 2 Feb 1801 Andover VT
Sheldon, Joshua W m Fanny Louisa Bailey 24 Sept 1867 at Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Joshua W d 7 Mar 1866 at Sheldon mother Lucy Typhoid
Sheldon, Lawson m Julia A Pollard 17 Mar 1857 of Plymouth
Sheldon, Lillian Lyon b 16 May 1868 Louisa Lyon & George A. Sheldon S Burlington
Sheldon, Lorey wf of Samuel B. sheldon d Sept 1790 28y Elmwood/Elmvord? Cem Recorded Burlington
Sheldon, Louisa J m Edward B. Watkins 4 Feb 1858 Pittsford dau of Jacob & Louisa Sheldon
Sheldon, Louisa wf of Jacob d 7 Aug 1859 Pittsford Vt dau of Tinkham
Sheldon, Joshua Maj d 1796 age 67y bur Sheldon VT died at Fort Ann NY
Sheldon, Joshua W died 16 Mar 1841 5m son of S. & Sarah M.
Sheldon, Joshua d 16 Mar 1841 age 5y S. B. & Sarah M. Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Joshua W. d 7 Mar 1866 f Samuel B. m Lucy d 67y
Sheldon, Lawson s of Joel & Fidelia b 28 Sep 1827 at Ludlow Recorded at Reading
Sheldon, Joshua W. m 24 Sep 1867 Fanny Lorena Bailey at Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Josiah m Lucy Lampson 4 Sep 11782 Manchester VT
Sheldon, Katie Neal b 12 July 1868 at Sheldon dau of J.W. & Fannie
Sheldon, Katie Neal b 12 Jul 1868 Fannie & J. W. Sheldon Sheldon
Sheldon, Lyman s of Uzzial & Eleanor Gray Sheldon b 13 Jun 1810
Andover Merchant
Sheldon, Lyman m Lois Ellis 27 Oct 1870 Cavendish
Sheldon, Maj Joshua Willard d 1766 age 67 At Fort Ann NY
Sheldon, Mary Ann of Sutton Prov of Quebec m Sept 1841 Andrew
Boright Recorded Richford
Sheldon, Mary Amelia b 6 Jun 1865 Louisa Lyon & George A. Sheldon
S Burlington
Sheldon, Mary d of Jacob & Louisa Finkham Sheldon d 22 Jun 1860 26y
Sheldon, Mary W m Sebastian B. Basford Sheldon VT 26 Sept 1847
Sheldon, Nelson m 4 Feb 1844 Lucy Draper Recorded Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Norman s of Uzzial & Eleanor b 19 Dec 1812
Sheldon, Polly w of Elisha d 6 July 1827 28y E. Sheldon VT Cem
Sheldon, Polly wife of Elisha d 6 July 1827 28y E Sheldon
Sheldon, Polly b Apr 1791 Josiah & Lucy Lampson Sheldon Manchester VT
Sheldon, Rosina m Charles H Whittemore 11 Jun 1860 at Sheldon
b at Sheldon dau of John Sheldon
Sheldon, Sally m 28 Dec 1840 George W. Fairbanks Highgate VT
Sheldon, Samuel B. d 10 Apr 1825 30y s of Elisha & Elizabeth
Sheldon, Samuel & Sophia O. Higgins? m 28 Apr 1831 Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Samuel s of Moses Sheldon Jr. b 31 Jul 1786 at Salisbury CT
Sheldon, Samuel B s of Elisha & Elizabeth d 10 Apr 1825 30y at Sheldon VT
Sheldon, Samuel Bellows s of Maj Sam B. d at Sheldon VT Jul 1796 infant
Sheldon, Samuel B s of S.B. & Sophia C. Sheldon d 7 Aug 1833 4mos
Sheldon, Samuel m Sophia C. Higgins at Sheldon Vt recorded Cambridge
Sheldon, Samuel s of Harmon [b.Salisbury] & Mary B [b Middlebury]
b. 8 Mar 1862
Sheldon, Samuel of Sheldon VT mar Sally Mariah Maynard 11 Oct 1834
Recorded Cambridge
Sheldon, Samuel Bellows Maj b 1760 Salisbury cT d 22 Sept 1807
at Sheldon VT 47y
Sheldon, Samuel W. m Pamela Martin at Sheldon Vt 2 Jan 1822
Sheldon, Samuel Willard s of Maj Sam B d Aug 1795 at Sheldon VT infant
Sheldon, Sarah w of Elisha Sheldon d 26 Jul 1800 at Sheldon 63y
Sheldon, Sarah W dau of Joshua W & FAnnie BAiley d 20 Sept 1870 5m
Sheldon, Uzziel Jr. m Cyrena Hutchins 29 Aug 1854 Andover
Sheldon, Uzziel s of Samuel Sheldon b. Wilton NH d 87y 3 Jun 1864
Andover Simonsville Cem
Sheldon, Uzziel m Atty Brown Londendery VT 2 Jul 1844 Weston
Sheldon, Uzziel Jr. s of Uzziel & Eleanor b. 3 Sep 1805 Andover
Sheldon, Warren Hill s of Lyman & Eliza b 7 Nov 1840 Andover VT
Sheldon, Whiting b Sheldon Vt father George Sheldon
Sheldon, Whiting m Asenath R. Morgan of Montgomery 26 Jul 1858 [3rd marriage]
NEWS

What Would Jesus Do is still marching... Have you seen the new WWJD bracelets? People are still reading What Would Jesus Do? by Rev. Charles Monroe Sheldon and updated by his great grandson Garrett Ward Sheldon. An article in the Friday, 23 May 1997 Fort Wayne News Sentinel headlined Evansville, Indiana, shows a photo of school children wearing the bracelets with WWJD woven. "They’re selling like hotcakes," according to the salesman at the Family Bookstore in Evansville. "We don’t want them to be just another fad, we think it’s a message people will carry with them long after they stop wearing them" said Mike Freestone, salesman for the Lesco Corp in Holland, MI. Lesco created the bracelets eight years ago for a youth group in Holland, Michigan who had read the book and asked Lesco to come up with a reminder. Mary Zurburg sent two to me and I have seen them at the Family Bookstore in Fort Wayne. Garrett sent a clipping from the Herald-Journal in Spartanburg, S.C. also!

From the internet Pat Koger wrote (Sugahs@aol.com) "I remembered seeing your web page and ran across the following Sheldon information." There was a steamboat, or excursion vessel on the Arkansas river. Its name was the "Henry Sheldon." It was pictured in a book of photos called Greater Little Rock by Jim and Judy Lester, photo compliments of UARK at Little Rock. I assume the university has the original or information on it. The story had nothing to do with the boat. "I do have a Sheldon, but as a middle name which so far I cannot trace—Westpoint Class of 1873, Capt. Henry Sheldon Taber, wife Libbie Burdick, son Harry Breck Taber father Horace and mother Tabitha Tabor, from Easton, NY."... (I looked up the Tabor connection S3835 Tabitha A. Sheldon married Horace Tabor, Easton, NY.—asked her to write Keith M. Sheldon.

Asa Sheldon who wrote his life story titled Yankee Drove in 1812 is quoted extensively in the book Witnessing America. He tells about working, courtship, illnesses, and romance in the 1800’s. This book is in the library at Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburg, KS. Reported by Don Hefley of Baxter Springs, KS. Brother in law of Rose Newton.

S.F.A.
Nominating Chairman Wayne E. Nelson, 3628 N. Fremont, Chicago, IL 60613 needs to hear from you if you would like to place your name in nomination for office. He is looking for several officers: President, Quarterly Editor, to name a couple. Please write to Wayne if you have talents and would like to serve. I really do need to be free! Thanks!

In The Works
Wayne Nelson has agreed to do a workshop on internet Genealogy with demonstration. Come and learn how you can do genealogy at your computer.

Master Index of SFA Q 1984 to 1996 Is Ready and...
A master index of the Sheldon Family Association Quarterly has been completed and sent to Wayne E. Nelson. This includes every In Search of Sheldon Kin (ISOSK) from the beginning to the present. And the Work in Progress English Sheldon roots study by John Plummer is back from proof and available on the Publications list.

Don't Buy It! Cousins are still receiving "offers" to buy the "New World Book of Sheldons" from the Bath Ohio people who have been ordered to stop offering their publications as genealogical. Nate Sheldon. These books are a listing of people in the United States named Sheldon. You can find those in the National Phone Disk on the Internet for Free.

Correction Noted For Meeting Registration Form
Sorry the days were wrong! This change has been made on the new form in the back. Usually, we meet over a week end, due to Library hours being better during the week, we changed it this time. If you have sent in your form, you don’t have to send another. Others may use the one in the back.
There was an additional part of the story that resulted in change of custom and law, a side effect of Horod's activism. Common law marriages were acceptable in Rhode Island at the time and the relationship was respected by the community. The case was such a problem to the Rhode Island courts that they yielded the final decision to the General Assembly and as a result the marriage law was changed.

George brought his friend, Robert Stanton, to testify that he had witnessed their exchange of vows at his home thus establishing the legality of the marriage. Because George was willing to take her back the assembly attempted to pressure them to live together. Horod stood firm and refused again. The assembly chose to act upon the only point in her petition, that her conscience compelled her to refuse George as a husband.

The Assembly chastised Horod and George severely for the "sinfulness of their conduct", fined them 20 pounds each and told them to straighten out their behavior. That done, the Assembly proceeded to declare existing common law marriages authentic and the children of the marriages legitimate; and enacted a new marriage law requiring formal marriage in the future.

As for John Porter, he did not marry Horod until his estranged wife died. The wife was ill and gossips labeled Horod an opportunist when she moved into his home to care for the household. Porter treated the Gardiner boys quite well giving or selling them parts of his vast estate as did their father. They all lived in harmony enriching one another in their estates and satisfying their desires.

(Ref: Gardiner-Gardiner Genealogy by Clara Gardner Miller and John Milton Stanton, 1937 and Narragansett History series, by James Arnold, ed.)

John Hicks went to Hempstead, LI in 1642, was granted one of the first patents to Englishmen at Flushing and held political appointments under Peter Stuyvesant. His children by "Herodia" Long were: Thomas, Hannah and Elizabeth. Thomas Hicks lived to the age of 100, obtained a patent at Little Neck LI, was "an outstanding personality and lived like a Lord." Her children did appear to benefit from her inheritance. (Ref: Leon Clark Hills, Cape Cod Series History and Genealogy of the Mayflower Planters, reprint 1975, Genealogy Publishing Co.)

Documents refer to her name as Horod while her granddaughter who married John Sheldon used Herodias.

I.S.O.S.K.

In Search of Sheldon Kin No. 39

Mrs. Elizabeth Stabels-Dubois is looking for the descendants of the following Shelonds in her line and she writes: My husband's gg grandfather, (S3410) Frederick S. Sheldon, b. 1790 d. 1880, had 10 daughters. According to his will, duly probated 5 October, 1880, in Waverly, Bremer Co. IA, he left property to the following people whose descendants I would like to contact: Frederick S. DuBois, Belvidere, Boone Co. IL, Adeline E. Enock, Rockford, IL, Helen W. Boshaw, Burritt, Winnebago, Co., IL; Ramandy Conway, Chicago, IL; Maria L. Fisk, Yellow Medicine, Redvers, Co. MN; Sarah Ballance, Belvidere, IL; Harriet, E. Whelden, Waverly, Bremer Co. IA; Lucia M. Dubois, Bremer Co. IA. The will further mentions Philip W. Whelden and Burdge Dubois as executors. A codicil added in 1878 listed Phillip Whelden deceased, and Neury (?) C. Fisk as executor. I had trouble reading the initials of Helen Boshaw and Philip Whelden and also the first letter of the first name of Mr. Fisk. Would love to find these people and learn more of the early years of the Sheldon-Dubois family. Lucia M. DuBois was my husband's gg grandmother and an uncle of his was named Merrill Sheldon DuBois. I feel that the Frederick S. Dubois was the son of Mary Sheldon S8122 and Cornelious DuBois in info received from your genealogist Keith M. Sheldon.) P.82 Sheldon Mag. Vol 3. I really enjoy the SFA Quarterly and look forward to its arrival. Elizabeth DuBois, 19 Laird Crescent, Regina, SK Canada $4R 4N7.
SFA Publication Catalogue

1. The Sheldon Magazine ... $4.00 per Volume .... Out of Print

2. Sheldon Places ... $7.50 by S4479x851 Rose Sheldon Newton. A Gazetteer of Places, Towns, Townships, Mountains, Museums, etc., that carry the name Sheldon USA, with maps and illustrations to early Sheldon locations. The author states "This collection is designed to help find lost Sheldon lineage connections." An important research tool with a detailed table of contents and an every name index.


4. Historical Sketch of the Sheldon Family ... $2.00 by S7879 Henry Waters Sheldon of Yonkers, NY for the SFA reunion August 8, 1912, in Rupert VT. 10 p. In 1913 Roy Farrar Sheldon of Schenectady, NY pub. this sketch. Manuscript form, and particular interest to descendants of S5 Isaac.

5. S5 Isaac Sheldon of Windsor, CT ... $2.00 by S4750x322 Charlotte A. Hunt of Worcester, MA., 13 p. Reprint of article in April, 1963 issue of N.E.G. H. R. includes a map of Windsor, a diagram of the lots owned by S5 Isaac Sheldon, a reproduction of page 40 of the original Windsor land record.

6. The Family of Thomas Woodford ... $2.00, 9 p. The Family of Robert Blott ..... $2.00, 11 p. by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider. Shirley saves you time and money with this information from Various Ancestral Lines of James Goodwin & Lucy (Morgan) Goodwin by Frank Farnsworth Starr. Descendants of S5 Isaac will want a copy of both 6. and 7.


8. John Sheldon and the Old Indian Homestead ... $3.00 by Jennie Arms Sheldon, wife of S2981 George Sheldon, 21 p. Considered one of the best stories of the 1704 Deerfield Massacre. A paper read at the annual meeting of the Pocumtuck Memorial Valley Association, August 12, 1911.

9. The Story of Remembrance S113 ... $2.00 Transc. by Matilda S. Hyde, 1920, 14 p. Remembrance, son of S35 John, was captured in the 1704 raid at Deerfield, taken to Canada at age 11. 14 years later, following rescue by his grandfather, he wrote this on the eve of his wedding.

10. Perrysing to S35 John Sheldon ... $2.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 6 p. A collection of items, includes a copy from a daguerreotype of the Old Indian House taken in 1848 shortly before the house was razed, a biography of John while a resident of Deerfield, a genealogical chart, a facsimile and transcription of his will, information about the Ensign John Sheldon Chapter of the Colonial Dames.


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14. Sheldon in the Salem Witch Trials ... $3.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 16 p. An illustrated booklet bringing together in one source all the testimony of Susannah and S151 Ephraim Sheldon in the Salem trials 1691-92. Contains an indexed map showing all landowners in Salem Village (Now Danvers) in 1692, with background material of events leading to the trials and includes one complete trial from indictment to execution.

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18. Charles and Lydia (Taft) Sheldon, A Colonial Couple ... $2.00. by S7295x513 Frances S. Russell, 6 p. This is the story of S358 Charles and Lydia, parents of S1047 Ephraim, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. From this well written article learn how Lydia Taft and President Taft share the same American ancestor; and follow the family's emigration across the United States from Massachusetts to Claremont, California, where Charles Burt Sheldon became one of the original trustees and the first treasurer of Pomona College.

19. S1047 Ephraim Sheldon, Soldier of the Revolution ... $3.00 by S7295x513 Francis S. Russell, 13 p. Includes biographic & historic background information, a copy of his pension application and transcription, maps of battles Ephraim was in, and a family group sheet. This article is a good example of how to present a part of one's family history in an interesting way.

20. Sheldon Family Assoc. A 50 Year History 1939 - 1989 ... $7.00 plus $1.50 postage. Compiled by Keith M. Sheldon, 50 p. This publication is a must for every SFA member. Keith consolidated, in time-sequence, facts of SFA into one source to commemorate SFA's 50th year. The information therein was gleaned from letters, reports, programs, newspaper stories and genealogical records. A number of the sources reproduced and included as exhibits.

21. Sheldon, met by H.O. Sheldon in his travels ... $3.00 by S4479x851 Rose Sheldon Newton, 10 p. A list giving Last Name, First Name, date met, location, capsule review. ex: "Sheldon, Isaac 23 JAN 1844 HOS vis with Joseph I. S, Rupert VT." A guide to your ancestors in the HOS journals 1817 - 1845, 1845 - 1867 in progress of transcription and indexing.

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In the most inclement weather he might be seen barefooted and almost naked, except when by chance he picked up articles of old clothing. Notwithstanding the privation and exposure he endured, he lived to an extreme old age, being probably not less than 80 years old at the time of his death—though no person would have judged from his appearance that he was so. He always carried with him somewords on the doctrines of Swedenborg, with which he was perfectly familiar, and would readily engage and argue on his facets, evincing much power and persuasion. His death was quite sudden. We saw him on our streets only a day or two previous.

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Quarterly

The Sheldon Family Assoc. Quarterly, is published quarterly by The Sheldon Family Association, Inc. (hereinafter SFA), and printed by PakMail Inc., in Fort Wayne, IN.

As a general repository for Sheldon Family lineage in the U.S.A., SFA serves as a central source of information and study for Sheldon lineage researchers. The focus of SFA records centers on the four known Colonial Sheldons: Godfrey of Bakewell, Darby ENG., and Saco, York Co. ME., Isaac of Windsor CT, and Northampton MA, John of Providence RI, and John of South Kingstowne, RI.

By means of this publication, members are informed of discoveries in Sheldon lineage research, dates and places of the annual meeting where they can access SFA files.

Information in this publication is obtained by research in major libraries and public record repositories, by correspondence with Sheldon descendants, and members and other independent researchers submission of articles.

The editor reserves the right to edit or excerpt submitted articles to fit space requirements of each issue. Articles should be of general interest to members. Pieces too long for the quarterly may be serialized or considered by the publication sales department to make them available to members.

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Please include your Sheldon lineage.

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Reunion 1997
From the first to the last an enjoyable time was had by all attending the 58th annual reunion of the Sheldon Family Association.

Officers Elected
During the annual business meeting new officers and board members were elected.
President: Bruce H. Robertson, Austin, TX
V. President: Margaret Jones, Toughkenamon, PA
Treasurer: Donald C. Sheldon, Port St. Lucie FL
Secretary: A. Keith Sheldon, Lakeland, FL

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Martha Bradley, Johnson City, TN 2 year term — G
Russell C. Sheldon, Redmond, WA 2 year term —— G
Mary zurBurg, Grand Ledge, MI 2 year term —— W
Frank W. Sheldon, Wiscasset, ME 3 year term —— I
Ruth Sheldon Hall, San Mateo, CA 3 year term — I
Steven W. Sheldon, Kimball, MN 3 year term —— I
Genealogist: Keith M. Sheldon (Serves at the pleasure of the board of Directors)

Congratulations to each new member and many thanks to those who have served faithfully was expressed. Board Meetings are held before the annual meeting each year and annual business is conducted to be able to report at the annual business meeting of the members.

Annual meeting 1998
will be in West Suffield Connecticut July 23 Board Meeting, 24,25 Annual Reunion. The hosts are: Marge Sheldon Phelon of W. Suffield and Eleanor Sheldon Kern of Niantic. These first cousins do a great job of leading Sheldon descendants to local Sheldon Sites, Cemeteries, Churches, and other historic stomping grounds in this area. I have heard that some of Col. Sheldon's Light Horse Cavalry may be resurrected in time to talk to you. You won't want to miss it!
Monday June 29, 1993 found the Sheldon group checking in early to the Falcon Hotel in Stratford for an early dinner and off to the Theatre to see the Merchant of Venice. The old story was told in a new and modern way by placing the story in the space ship and computer age.

The next morning we traveled to Warwick Castle, the finest castle in all of England and one of William the Conquer's strongholds. Cousins Wayne Nelson, Rose Newton, and Nancy Lenz climbed to the very top! In the afternoon we visited Anne Hathaway's cottage, Shakespeare's birthplace and Holy Trinity church where Shakespeare is buried. Well, almost all of him is buried there! Sheldons know that the head of Shakespeare was stolen and the crooks were afraid to take it back. So... it was placed in the William Sheldon crypt under the chapel in Beoley.

While we were in Beoley, we were shown the Sheldon Effigies in the front of the church. I asked "Where is the hidden stairway and the head of Shakespeare?" They asked "How did you know that?" "By reading the history of your church before I came!" I replied. I believe it is still there to this day, for they showed us the hidden stairway to the crypt. Beoley means "good pasturage" neolithic man established a permanent settlement on the hill possibly three thousand years ago. It is believed that Romans established a marching camp here. When they left, there is evidence the site continued in use, by Romano-British Christian and afterwards by Anglo-Saxon heathens, before Christianity was re-introduced Circa 700.

"The Sheldon family take their name from the village of Sheldon in Warwickshire. Their emblem is the "shell drake" from the wild fowl that gave the village its name. The Sheldon Family can trace their family history back to at least the time of Edward III 1327-51. Later a branch of the family was established in Worcestershire at Abberton during the reign of Henry VI. Ralph Sheldon of Worcestershire branch of the family married the heiress of the Ruding family who brought him extensive possessions, among them which were the Forest of Feckenham and at Hanbury and Martin Hussingtree, in addition to Beoly" where he began the Tapestry weaving shop.

Source: Beoley Church and the Sheldon Tapestries by John G. Rollins F.R.G.S., M.R.A.I.

The Legend of The Burial of Shakespeare's Skull at St. Leonards Church, Beoley.

At a dinner party in 1794, the question was asked if Shakespeare really looked like the image in the church. An award of 500 guineas was offered as reward to whom would bring the head for comparison. Dr. Frank Chambers, a somewhat dubious character present decided to act upon this request. Chambers wrote Horace Walpole, who was delighted at the prospect of seeing the head, but refused to buy it. Other prospects for a sale vanished as well. Chambers arranged for Dyer, one of the original thieves to return the head to its grave. Dyer refused out of fear of discovery and punishment, but later swore he had done so. Cont. p.434
The Clipping from a 1916 Sheldon Reunion below is courtesy of Marge Sheldon Phelan. Thanks!

Families from Dorchester, England settled in Massachusetts and then migrated to South Carolina. Three separate settlements between Charleston and Georgetown were settled by New England Families.

SFA GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 1996-97

By Keith M. Sheldon, SFA Genealogist

There were 34 new memberships in the SFA year ending July 31, 1997 -- 4 less than the number that joined the SFA last year.

S0004 Godfrey ...... 1
S0005 Isaac .......... 14
S0008 John of P ...... 2

S0013 John of ...... 12
S0022 Richard ....... 1
Associate ............ 4
Total ................ 34

Other data:
Descendants identified S0004 Godfrey line .................. 26
Descendants identified S0005 Isaac line .................... 261
Descendants identified S0008 J of P line .................. 70
Descendants identified S0013 J of SK line ................ 273
Descendants identified S0022 Richard line .............. 20
Total .................. 650

Total letters written ........................................... 206
Applications pending ............................................ 12

The computer working cartridges sent to Mark Sheldon last year are still with him for correction of problems and downloading, so none of this year's 650 newly identified Sheldon descendants have been entered into the Sheldon Family Genealogy System (SFGS). This number, plus 119 not entered last year, makes a total of 769 descendant records on hand to be entered. In addition, there are numerous corrections and up-dates received from SFA members during this past year which need to be worked into our computer records. The 74 cards and related correspondence files reported last year still remain to be worked as well.

"And his sisters and his cousins, whom he numbers by the dozens, and his aunts." Gilbert & Sullivan. "The plain truth is that many problems cannot be properly solved nor can we be reasonably certain of many lines of descent, unless a family is studied as a whole." Donald Lines Jacobus. "No one human is unrelated to me". -- Variation on a theme --by Terrence.
Locator No. 25
Sheldons in Oneida New York
With A Few Genealogy Tips
By: Rose Sheldon Newton

From: Oneida Co. NY 1792 Tax List
by Marilla Racha Grimes NGSQ Sept 1979 p. 175
(Location: S.F.A Library. Notice this record is not
found in the Allen Co. Hist. Gen. Dept.... yet!)

The tax list consisted of 144 persons from the
collector's copy deposited in the Rome, NY Hist.
Soc. It is for that portion of the town of Whites­
town then known as Fort Stanwix [now Rome],
Fonda's, Holland, and Steuben Patents, then in
Herkimer Co. This area is now the northern and
central parts of Oneida Co. which was set off from
Herkimer in March 1798. In the 1790 Fed. Census
only 21 families were enumerated in the same area.
(It pays to check what your target county history
was before it became a county.)

The names are given exactly as written and in the
original sequence as the collector rode up one side
of the Mohawk River, then up one side of a creek,
down the other and so on. The first group of
numbers is the collector's appraisal of real property
- personal property, total, expressed in Pounds
Sterling. The second group of numbers is the actual
tax assessed and collected in shillings and pence.
For this list we include the name preceding and the
name following the Sheldons.

Salisbury, Edward 0-2-2 0.2
Sheldon, Eseck 0-3-3 0.3
Sheldon, Reuben 0-1-1 0.1
Sheldon, Amasa 0-1-1 0.1
Sheldon, Stephen 0-18-18 1.10
Cobb, William 0-2-2 0.2

There are many Oneida Co. records in the Historic
Genealogy Department of the Allen Co. Indiana
Public Library, Fort Wayne.

By modem you can dial the on-line catalogue 1-
219-424-1330. When it comes on your screen, hit
the enter key for the first thing it asks you for.
When it asks for the password type: ACPLPAC.
The catalogue is expected to be on the internet
before the end of next year.

A.C.P.L. Hist. Gen. Dept. References:
New York State D.A.R. Gen. Records Subjects:
NY cemeteries, D.A.R. Cemetery and Census rec­
dords.

A Touch of Brandy, by Robert Tryon Drummond
deceased (My late friend and Sheldon cuz) is a
Hist. of the Oneida community where he grew up in
this early America commune community that gave
us Oneida Silver.

Guide to Hist. Resources Center of the Olin Library,
Cornell Univ. Titles: Oneida Community an
Autobiography and Oneida Community, the Break
Up both by: Constance Noyes Robertson.

Abstracts of Utica Sentinel & Gazette various volumes
cover from 6 June 1826 to 1832.

1850 Federal Census of Town of Florence by John
Gifford.

Male Continence by John H. Noyes 1811-1986 With
an essay on scientific propagation and a History of
Oneida Commune.

Oneida NY City Directory 1964 by Manning

Rome City Directory 1964 by Polk

Oneida County NY State 1800 Federal Census from a
positive microfilm copy of the original. By Ralph V.
Wood 1962

Boys in Blue from the Adirondack Foothills Pub 1960.
Subjects: Regimental Histories, Regimental Life,
Civil War, Oneida and Herkimer Co's. is indexed.
This book is indexed. [Idea: check for towns "along
with" other nearby communities for your subjects.
Also state history in the Everton Handy Helper, some
boundaries changed several times. :-)

Abstracts of Wills by Gertrude A. Barber for the time
periods: 1798-1882, 1882-32, 1832-1839, 1840-
1843, Oct 1843 to Sep 1844. Copied from Original
records in the Surrogates office. Cont. p. 438
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History of Oneida Co. by Henry J. Cockingham 1843 to ---, published by S. J. Clarke 1912.

Our County and Its People 1896, A descriptive work on Oneida County, contains: History and Genealogy.

A record of the Descendants of Samuel Dennison who came to America and settled Roxbury MA by George Dennison. (Now you know where some Oneida settlers came from. Sheldons were also in Roxbury.)

Transactions of the Oneida Historical Society, by Oneida Historical Society at Utica (Now you know where the society is!) [1]

The Paris Memorial, A reenactment of Col. Isaac Paris. (No author just the title.)

Historical Fallacies regarding Colonial New York, An Addendum delivered before the Oneida Historical Society 1879. (You now know that there is even more if this is the addendum.)

History of Oneida Co. NY 1667-1878 with Illustrations.

Atlas of Oneida Co. NY By D. G. Beers 1874. (Did you know sometimes these atlases have the neatest pictures of farms and people?)

Gazetteer and Business Directory 1869, Oneida NY, By Hamilton Child.

Oneida NY, City Directory 1858 by Polk 1858-9. Includes New Hartford, New York Mills, Whitesboro, Yorkville, Part of Town of Deerfield and Part of the Town of Marcy.

Annals and recollections of Oneida Co., by James Pomroy 1851. (859 pages)

Notices of Men and Events Connected with the early history of Oneida Co., NY. Two lectures given to the Young Mens Assoc. of Utica By William Tracey 1805-1881.

Meet Your New Board Members
Bruce W. Robertson, Austin, TX
New President of S.F.A.
By Wayne E. Nelson

Bruce is from the S#8 John of providence line of Sheldons. He is a Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired), having graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1951. He joined the Sheldon Family Association in 1984, but remembers as a child attending a Sheldon meeting in the late '30s. Since joining the S.F.A., Bruce has been quite dedicated in identifying Sheldons and searching for their ancestors. He is responsible for discovering the Sheldons buried at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Bruce is married to Suzanne Fields. They have three daughters. Bruce and Suzanne volunteer a day each week at the Genealogy Division of the Texas State Library at Austin, trying to help people find their roots. (Note: Bruce is interested in becoming the S.F.A. Quarterly Editor as well) Welcome aboard Bruce!

Margaret B. Jones, Phd.
Toughkenamon, PA
New Vice President S.F.A.
By Wayne E. Nelson

Margaret descends from the William line. She has completed her first year on the Board. She was profiled in the July 1997 Sheldon Family Association Quarterly (Vol. 3 No.2, Page 449) under "Meet Your Board Members."

Frank W. Sheldon, Wiscasset, ME
Godfrey line, new board member, was our host last year at the reunion is Brunswick, ME. His mother has been a long standing member of S. F. A., he follows in her footsteps!

Steven W. Sheldon, Kimball MN, Isaac line, new board member, is a recent but active member. He has researched several Sheldons for the Quarterly.
Primary & Secondary Sources:

Recognizing the Differences
By Margery Graham, C.G.R.S.
Speaker at 97 S.F.A. Reunion, Fort Wayne

Primary sources are documents created at the time of the event by the people involved. These records are acceptable sources for proving relationships from one generation to another. A list of primary sources includes the following:

1. BIRTH RECORDS.
2. MARRIAGE RECORDS.
3. DEATH RECORDS.
4. CENSUS RECORDS, including Federal and State censuses. The soundex is only an index to the census and therefore not an official document or primary source. 5. PROBATE RECORDS, including wills, estates (testate/with a will; intestate/without a will), guardianships, name changes. 6. COURT RECORDS, including civil, criminal, divorce and naturalization records. These are found in either the Circuit or Superior Court where the event occurred. 7. LAND, PLAT & DEED RECORDS. Buying and selling property may show residency, marital relationship and/or heirs. 8. TAX RECORDS. 9. MILITARY RECORDS, including service and pension records. 10. CHURCH RECORDS, may include birth, marriage, death and burial information. 11. MORTUARY RECORDS. 12. BURIAL PERMITS. 13. CEMETERY RECORDS, actual records of a church and/or cemetery official.

The genealogist or family historian gathers information from all sources. Then begins the process of analyzing the sources and their validity. Is the information in records accurate? Was the oral history given to you by Great Aunt Nellie truthful? Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. So is family history. Aunt Nellie views the family as the salt of the earth while Uncle Jake views the family as salty as an old sailor. You should take these views with a grain of salt! It is your challenge as the family genealogist to distinguish fact from fiction. If the information is not reliable, you may waste a lot of time, effort and possibly money chasing imaginary events.

You'll want to build your family history on a foundation of primary sources and fill in the history with secondary sources. Primary sources may contain mistakes even though they are created at the time of the event. The following example shows the need to evaluate primary sources. Birth and church records. Example: My mother was born November 26, 1912. Her birth certificate was located in the office of the Board of Health and it shows that she was born November 26th but her given name was wrong. Her parents names, including her mother's maiden name, were correct. She was born at home. This record was filed shortly after her birth making it the most reliable source. A baptismal record at the church shows that she was born December 26th. Again, the parents names were correct. Since she was baptized in February, the record was created almost three months after her birth therefore it is in question. A search of a city directory (a secondary source) shows the family residing at the same address as on her birth certificate. Luckily for me, I had an eye witness to my mother's birth, my grandmother. So I asked her the birth date and she confirmed the November 26th date.

Primary sources can be relied upon to provide more accurate details about an event than can second or third hand accounts recorded at a later date. Next, you'll want to rank the primary sources. The original record is the first account of the event. Where there is conflicting information, the first account of the event takes precedence. A probate record example is a man writing his will. The will is an original document. When the man died, the will is proved in court and the Clerk of the Court transcribes it in a will book. Now the will is a copy of the original. It is still considered a primary source.

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Another example is death certificates. A death certificate is the first record of death. A Bible entry may be second, an obituary may be third, a tombstone inscription fourth.

A death certificate is not a record of birth. Even though the birth date may be included on the death certificate, it is not a birth record. A death certificate is not created at the time of birth! The information on a death certificate is only as good as the person supplying the information. If an obituary appears in the newspaper the day before the person supposedly died, you'll certainly reevaluate all of your sources.

Census records are primary sources, yet everyone knows that the originals have been destroyed. We use them on microfilm. They were created at the time as required by law. Everyone also knows that errors may be found on the census but again, you'll have to reconcile those discrepancies.

A list of Secondary sources include the following:

1. BIBLE RECORDS include a photocopy of the title page showing the name of the Bible, publisher, and date of publication along with the pages of births, marriages and deaths. Identify the current owner of the Bible. 2. OBITUARIES include the name, place, date and page of the newspaper. 3. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS. Clippings may include anniversaries, biographies, marriages, awards, etc. Include the name, place, date and page of the publication. 4. FAMILY HISTORIES/GENEALOGIES. 5. COUNTY HISTORIES/PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORIES. 6. CITY/COUNTY DIRECTORIES. 7. PERSONAL PAPERS/MANUSCRIPTS. 8. TOMBSSTONE INSCRIPTIONS. 9. ATLASSES/GAZETTEERS

Secondary sources are very important because they lead us to the primary sources. What would the genealogist do without indexes? They are essential to locating research sources efficiently. You must evaluate these sources for accuracy and completeness. Example: obituaries are indexed for Fort Wayne, IN. Twice I could not find names in these indexes. A librarian also had this happen twice. We became suspicious and upon examination discovered two years of the index were missing. The obituaries appeared in the newspapers but they were not in any index. Most genealogists begin their search by using secondary sources. We have all read obituaries first to obtain names, dates and place of burial. Next, we visit the cemetery to read the inscription on the tombstone and gather more data. County histories, family histories and city directories lead us along the research path. All of the information gathered during the search provides clues to the primary sources. By verifying the information in secondary sources through primary sources, you have proven what Aunt Nellie knew all along...that your family is the salt of the earth!

Handy Clip out Reference guide:

Primary Sources: 
*Created at time of event*

- Birth
- Marriage
- Death
- Census
- Probate, Court & Land Records
- Plat & Deed Records
- Tax Records
- Military
- Church Records
- Mortuary & Burial Permits
- Cemetery Records

Secondary Sources: 
*Records that lead to primary sources*

- Bible Records
- Obituaries & Newspaper Clippings
- Family Histories & Genealogies
- County Histories
- Portrait & Bio Histories
- City County Directories
- Personal Papers / Manuscripts
- Tombstone Inscriptions
- Atlases & Gazetteers.
S.F.A. Reference Library Report
By: Rose Sheldon Newton

The S.F.A. collection of books has grown in the last few years with the addition of books from Hortens Sheldon's estate, and a group of books donated by Shirley Rider and single donations from members along the way. Your S.F.A. Board of Directors has decided that the references should be placed in the Historic Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library. This will be a process in which Rose Newton will check the online catalogue to see if any references are already in the collection. We will not duplicate what they already have. We stated on page 437, how to access the online catalogue that will be available via the internet home page soon. I have carried this library to meetings over the years. The new president does not have space to do that. When the move is accomplished, we will announce it in the Quarterly. Most of our books have been reviewed and the Sheldons in them have been listed in previous Quarterly articles, or will be. Once you know the book and the page, you can write and librarians will copy the desired pages for ten cents a page. The will still be available to you as well as Sheldon researchers worldwide.

Want to receive your Quarterly Faster?
The way do accomplish this is to call your local postmaster and ask what the Zip code extension is for your address. Example: My new zip code is 46804-6037. The extension helps the post office in "pre sorting". Without the second number it takes longer for it takes one more step of sorting before it gets to you! Send this to Keith M. Sheldon, S.F.A. Secretary, 541 Palencia Place, Lakeland, FL 33803-3923.

Thank You! Thank you one and all for your support and cheers during my time as President of the Sheldon Family Association! The Board of Directors Presented to me in your behalf a lovely plaque of appreciation for the last 12 years and a lovely Crystal Gavel on a beautiful Black Plaque. They are lovely and will remind me of all of you every time I look at them! It has been a great twelve years, which would have made my father very proud, had he known that there was a Sheldon Family Association! Love and thanks to all of you!

I know that you will enjoy the new president Bruce Robertson and your new board members and will enjoy their talents equally as much. I shall continue to write articles as I find them after Bruce is ready to do the Quarterly. Also this will give me time to finish transcribing the diaries of Rev. H.O. Sheldon -- the last twenty or more years from the microfilm -- and complete the index at last! After that, I will get back to work on my own Genealogy Book.

S.F.A. Logo Items are available for your Christmas Purchases.

The pin is available from Rose Newton 9609 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804-6037.
$6.50 Postage included. Make Check Payable to Rose Newton.

The tote bag is turquoise with white printing and is gusseted large enough to hold a 3 ring binder. The side pocket will hold a ziplock sandwich and writing utensils. This is available from Rosemary Hogan, 1221 Concord Ave., Drexel Hill PA. $15.00 +3.25 postage. Make Check payable to Rosemary Hogan. We will mail and disperse the rest to the treasurer Don Sheldon. Thanks! We are building the publishing fund for the Sheldon Genealogy series.
SFA Publication Catalogue

1. The Sheldon Magazine ... $4.00 per Volume ..... Out of Print Watch for new Sheldon Genealogy Series

2. Sheldon Places ... $7.50 by S479x851 Rose Sheldon Newton. A Gazetteer of Places, Towns, Townships, Mountains, Museums, etc., that carry the name Sheldon USA, with maps and illustrations to early Sheldon locations. The author states "This collection is designed to help find lost Sheldon lineage connections". An important research tool with a detailed table of contents and an every name index.


4. Historical Sketch of the Sheldon Family ... $2.00 by S7879 Henry Waters Sheldon of Yonkers, NY for the SFA reunion August 8, 1912, in Rupert VT, 10 p. In 1913 Roy Farrar Sheldon of Schenectady, NY pub. this sketch. Manuscript form, and particular interest to descendants of S5 Isaac.

5. S5 Isaac Sheldon of Windsor, CT ... $2.00 by S4760x32 Charlotte A. Hunt of Worcester, MA. 13 p. Reprint of article in April, 1965 issue of N.E.G.H.R. Includes a map of Windsor, a diagram of the lots owned by S5 Isaac Sheldon, a reproduction of page 40 of the original Windsor land record.

6. The Family of Thomas Woodford ... $2.00, 9 p. 7. The Family of Robert Bloy ... $2.00, 11 p. by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider. Shirley saves you time and money with this information from "Various Ancestral Lines of James Goodwin & Lucy (Morgan) Goodwin" by Frank Farnsworth Starr. Descendants of S5 Isaac will want a copy of both 6. and 7.

7. The Will of S5 Isaac Sheldon ... $3.50 9. The Will of S46 Jonathan Sheldon $3.50 Transc. by Shirley S. Rider. Photocopies of wills & inventories...

8. Jonathan Sheldon and the Old Indian Homestead ... $3.00 by Jennie Arms Sheldon, wife of S2981 George Sheldon, 21 p. Considered one of the best stories of the 1704 Deerfield Massacre. A paper read at the annual meeting of the Pocumtuck Memorial Valley Association, August 12, 1911.

9. The Story of Remembrance Sheldon S113 ... $2.00 Transc. by Matilda S. Hyde,1920, 14 p. Remembrance, son of S5 John, was captured in the 1704 raid at Deerfield, taken to Canada at age 11. 14 years later, following rescue by his grandfather, he wrote this on the eve of his wedding.

10. Pertaining to S35 John Sheldon ... $2.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 6 p. A collection of items, includes a copy from a daguerreotype of the Old Indian House taken in 1848 shortly before the house was razed, a brief biography of John while a resident of Deerfield, a genealogical chart, a facsimile and transcription of his will, information about the Ensign John Sheldon Chapter of the Colonial Dames.

11. Quakerism, "A Captive Quaker who Helped free the Colonies' Captives in British Prison Camp" and "Jonathan Sheldon the Fights Quaker," $2.00 by Maj. Alex Well, 8 p. Published in the New York Knickerbocker Press in 1929 on Sept. 22, this article tells the story of S8050 Capt. Jonathan Sheldon of Rhode Island, desc. of the Pawtuxet-Providence S8 of Deerfield Mass, a Quaker. This is a valuable aid to the Quaker researcher.

12. The (Sheldon) Ship "Hanover" of Providence RI ... $2.00 by S7260x23 Irving Chase Sheldon, 10 p. An account based on logs and records kept by S2350 Capt. Pardon Sheldon, owner and master of the Hanover, his voyage in 1838 Providence, RI to St. Petersburg, Russia and back. This paper is illustrated with a chart of the voyage, a picture of the Hanover, and a genealogical chart. As an added bonus, the paper offers information about early shipbuilding and navigation. 14b. An 8" x 10" Color Reproduction by Photograph of the Painting of the Ship "Hanover". Suitable for Framing ... $5.00

13. The Last March of the Army of Robert E. Lee ... $3.00 by S7270 Maj. James Rhodes Sheldon, 15 p. An eyewitness account of the final days of the Civil War with pictures, maps and genealogical charts. Learn how James R. Sheldon, a native of RI became a Major in the Confederate Army. Previously available for public reading only at the VA Hist. Soc. Library in Richmond, VA. We are able to provide this to a wider audience through the generosity of his grandson, Irving C. Sheldon.

14. Sheldon in the Salem Witch Trials ... $3.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 16 p. An illustrated booklet bringing together in one source all the testimony of S8050 and S15 Ephraim Sheldon in the Salem trials 1691-92. Contains an indexed map showing all landowners in Salem Village (Now Danvers) in 1692, with background material of events leading to the trials and includes one complete trial from indictment to execution.

15. Stories of Early Days of the Settlement of Aurora, Ohio ... $2.00 10 p. The story of "going west" 1800 when S627 Capt. Ebenezer Sheldon moved from Suffield, CT to Aurora, Portage Co., OH. We present this to the readers through the kindness of Gertrude McDonald a descendant living in Aurora.


17. Charles and Lydia (Taft) Sheldon, A Colonial Couple ... $2.00. by L7295x513 Frances S. Russell, 6 p. This is the story of S358 Charles and Lydia, parents of S1047 Ephraim, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. From this well written article learn how Lydia Taft and President Taft share the same American ancestor; and follow the family's emigration across the United States from Massachusetts to Clermont, California, where Charles Burt Sheldon became one of the original trustees and the first treasurer of Pomona College.

18. S1047 Ephraim Sheldon, Soldier of the Revolution ... $3.00 by S7295x513 Francis S. Russell, 13 p. Includes biographic & historic background information, a copy of his pension application and transcription, maps of battles Ephraim was in, and a family group sheet. This article is a very good example of how to present a part of one's family history in an interesting way.

19. Sheldon Family Asso. A 50 Year History 1939-1989 ... $7.00 plus $1.30 postage. Compiled by Keith M. Sheldon, 50 p. This publication is a must for every SFA member. Keith consolidated, in time-sequence, facts of S.F.A. into one source to commemorate SFA's 50th year. The information therein was gleaned from letters, programs, programs, newspaper stories and genealogical records. A number of the souvenirs reproduced and included as exhibits.

20. Sheldon, met by H.O. Sheldon in his travels ... $3.00 by S4749x851 Rose Sheldon Newton, 10 p. A list giving Last Name, First Name, date met, location, capsule review. ex: "Sheldon, Isaac 23 JAN 1844 HOS vis with Joseph I. S, Rupert VT." A guide to your ancestors in the HOS journals 1871-1845. 1845-1867 in progress of transcription and indexing.

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22. S4 Godfrey Sheldon, Planter, of Bakewell Parish Co. Derby, England & Scarborough, York Co. Maine ... $4.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 28 p. "The intention of this report is to bring together in one place all the records that have so far been found for S4 Godfrey Sheldon in order that work once done need not be repeated by others and to make this information available to interested members". This handsomely detailed booklet is the first of a series of progenitor reports. This compilation of information on S4 Godfrey Sheldon contains a chronology, family chart, narrative account, copy and transcription of the will of Godfrey Sheldon, map of Sheldon property in Scarborough, ME..... cont. next pg.

23. cont....... & a list of records consulted, bibliography.
24. S4760 Edward Austin Sheldon, An Extract from His Autobiography, 1896 and Domestic Activities on the Farm 1830 - 1850 ... $3.00 by S4759 Dorliska E. Sheldon, 7 p. Edited by M. Sheldon Barnes & Frances E. Sheldon Alling, daughters of Edward Austin Sheldon, this extract from the autobiography of Edward Austin Sheldon is from a book pub. in 1911. Dorliska Sheldon's composition Domestic Activities on the Farm 1830 - 1850 was given to Penfield Library of the State Univ. of NY at Oswego by Frances Davis in 1961. The College granted permission in 1991 to S.F.A. Inc. to add it to S.F.A. publications for historic study.

25. S14 William Sheldon of Bakewell Parish, Co. Derby, England, Scarborough, York Co., Maine & Salem Village, Essex Co., Massachusetts both in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England ... $4.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider and S4479x851 Rose Sheldon Newton, 30 p. The authors take up the life of Isaac Sheldon with his appearance in 1652 records of Windsor, CT. Rather than answer the age-old and controversial question "Is Isaac Sheldon of Windsor & Northampton the same Isaac Sheldon in Ashford, Co. Derby, cited by J. Gardner Bartlett?" The authors present material found in writings of Rev. Solomon Clark, James Russell Trumbull and include the chapter entitled "The Family of Isaac Sheldon" from Frank Farnsworth Starr's genealogical classic, Goodwin-Morgan Ancestral Lines, because "The documentation is flawless; the writing style fresh and worthy of emulation." This booklet contains articles on Mehitable (Gunn) Ensign, a brief history of Northampton, MA and addresses the validity of the statement found on page 1 of the Sheldon Magazine that S3 William came "With Gov. Endicott to Boston, Mass." The author discusses the source of the problems, the resolution, and offers proof to support her conclusions with reproductions of various records, maps and wills.

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27. Daniel Sheldon of Woolwich, Co. Kent, England, Last Will & Testament ... $2.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 12 p. A reproduction of the Will of Daniel Sheldon and a brief lesson in paleography (the study and deciphering of ancient writings) including a copy of the general alphabet of the Old Law Hand. A transcription of the Will is included for the impatient.

28. Richard Sheldon, Gentleman, of Monyash, Derbyshire, England ... $2.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 16 p. The Last Will and Testament of Richard is reproduced along with a transcription, inventory and transcription of the inventory, a chart of the ancestry and desc. of No. 4 Hugh Sheldon of Monyash, the ancestry and desc. of No. 5 John Sheldon of Monyash and Ashford. The author does not discuss the "Isaac connection", but in her Preface, says "Because much of the very early Sheldon family information that is on the two charts included with this report is there because of information given in 1662 by No. 10 Richard Sheldon to the Heralds during their visitation to Derbyshire, it was thought worthy of notice that on that count alone to publish the pedigree charts and his will. [Note: The numbers used in this description are not Sheldon Numbers, rather they indicate the numbers assigned by J. Gardner Bartlett in his "The Sheldon's of Derbyshire and of New England."]

29. Family Charts ... $1.00 each by Shirley Sheldon Rider, 1 page. The following family charts are available, size 8 1/2 x 11 inches, printed on heavy paper: The Family of S4 Godfrey Sheldon, The Family of S5 Isaac Sheldon, The Family of S8 John Sheldon, The Family of S13 John Sheldon, The Family of S14 William Sheldon, Ancestry & Descendants of No. 4 Hugh Sheldon of Monyash, Ancestry & Descendants of No. 5 John Sheldon of Monyash & Ashford

30. In Defense of J. Gardner Bartlett ..................$3.00 by S9309x322 Shirley Sheldon Rider, 7 p. In October 1926, N.E.G.H. & G.R. published J. Gardner Bartlett's landmark study on the English origin of S5 Isaac Sheldon. Bartlett's publication was the culminating of two years of research in England. Probably no publication has been subjected to more study and comment than Bartlett's work. The author lists the major objections that have been raised over the years to Bartlett's conclusions, then forcefully argues her position.

31. The Sheldon's of Bakewell, Derbyshire, England, and Isaac Sheldon of New England .......$4.00 by J. Gardner Bartlett, 27 p. This is the reprint from The New England Historical and Genealogical Register of October, 1926 mentioned above, out of print for many years. Now available, it is of interest to all Sheldon's and the subject of Shirley Rider's "Defense" (item 30 above).

32. Sheldon Tomb Stone Inscriptions, Southampton MA & Deerfield MA from 93 Reunion Program ----- $3.00

33. Work In Progress, By John Plummer. Ongoing English Research concerning S#4 Godfrey & S#5 Isaac ------ $5.00

34. Record Book of S# 1740 Gaylor Sheldon & Family, donated by S#4423x12 Mrs. Wm. Piaget. ----- $4.00

35. Master Index - Every Name in SFA Newsletter that became the Quarterly, Combined from annual indexes (1984-1996) $5.00

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Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year. See you in January issue!
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