Greetings from New SFA President

I am excited about our Sheldon genealogy, and I want you to be, too.

Yet Keith, Wayne E. Nelson and I have concluded that we probably do not have more than, say, 25% of all descendants of the "four original New England Sheldons". Twenty-five percent!

We Sheldons can boast that our family genealogist, Keith M. Sheldon, has more than sixty thousand Sheldon connections in Mark Sheldon's Sheldon Family Genealogy System, and be proud that it is many times more than most family associations have.

I am convinced that we can identify many more Sheldons. And you can help! Even if your own Sheldon lineage is known to you, I would ask that each one of us go to a genealogy library to find a Sheldon that we do not know, and begin the genealogical chase.

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To illustrate: Keith has thirteen Pardon Sheldons in his book about John Sheldon of Providence. I have found two more and Keith recently found yet another, bringing us to a new total of sixteen. One of my finds that I have been chasing for several years (Hey, nobody ever said that genealogy is easy!) is Pardon, Sheldon of Posey County, Indiana. On the way home from our wonderful reunion at Fort Wayne, Indiana, I found one more piece of information on him for a total of five hits. I may not have him connected yet, but I am determined to identify him so I will keep trying. I am equally determined to identify Morris Sheldon of the same county.

If you have not yet been to a genealogy library, it is time to get your feet wet. You will find that genealogy is the third most popular hobby in the United States. And that those doing genealogy are the nicest people that you ever met. Oh, and when you go to that library, be sure to take your child or grandchild and let him/her do some of the work. If you want to see a child's eyes light up as you have never seen them light up, let him make a "find" of an ancestor! My wife, Suzanne, and I volunteer weekly at the Genealogy Collection of the Texas State Library and we love to see the young patrons come in. Age twelve seems to be about right. Do it! You will never be sorry!

Neither did anyone ever say that following Rose Sheldon Newton as President would be easy. She is one fantastic lady who sets a very high standard in your service. Bless you, Rose! I will do my best!

Who Said That?
"In the field of observation, chance favors only the prepared minds"  Louis Pasteur.

A beautiful theory killed by a nasty ugly little fact.  Thomas Huxley
How Should You Title Your Genealogy Book?

Don't bury your treasure where no one can find it!

Rose Sheldon Newton

As editor of the Allen County Genealogical Society Quarterly, Allen County Lines, we published an ongoing Index of new acquisitions to the Historic Genealogical Society Collection. (Over a thousand references are added each month.) It was an interesting task to say the least! First we sorted "acquisition slips" into categories: Country, U.S.A., State, Family, Genealogy, Military Histories etc. The following titles presented trouble. How would you sort them?


The pile grew deep. I waited until those books had been indexed and searched the on-line catalogue to read the description of each reference to discover the contents and how to list it. Books come in and are cataloged and placed on the shelves as they are entered in the Catalogue.

In the past, (before Ryan Taylor, the indexing specialist was hired) a book with an ambiguous title might sit on the desk of the librarian "indexer" as long as three years. My book Sheldon Places did and it was titled correctly!

Back to the search. If the book was found, the slip was added to the Acquisitions Index list for that Quarter. Therefore, a new source book rested in the library a considerable amount of time before it appeared on the shelf and in the Acquisition list. All due to a title that gave no clue to the contents!!

The frustrating fact was that hiding under the most offending title, were great genealogy references! Remember, when titling YOUR book, state: What it is, location city, county, state, dates, names of the families, area it involves. A description of the information hiding behind those titles mentioned above follows.

Lost in the Annals, was: Lost in the Annals of the New Madrid Earthquake of 1811-12, New Madrid, Missouri. Stagecoach Heyday, was: Stagecoach Heyday, in San Joaquin Valley California by the Kern Co. Historical Society. Warriors for the Working day, was: A narrative built of letters from the Civil War." by Brian Dooley. Bridget's Children, was: Bridget Fogart Clancy of Donovan Ireland data. Last Post, was: A list of National Cemeteries. Makes sense! Foraging, was: Foraging for Valley Forge, by Gen. Anthony Wayne in Gloucester, by the CT Hist. Soc. The Farm, is: in the library, unfortunately there is no further info in the computer list, you simply must call for the book to see what is in it. Why Goest Thou?, was: a partial history of Johan P.J.S. of Germany. Scattered To The Wind, was: Dispersal and Wanderings of the Acadians (of Louisiana) 1755-1809. The Bear Grass, was: A history of the Powell River Region in VA and TN.

The World Turned Upside Down, was... Well friends, there were eight or ten references by this title in the On-line catalogue and none of them was the one we sought... It was published by Clearfield Company. Dear Esther, was: Civil War Letters of Pvt. Angus Dobbs of Centerville, PA.Trails from Shingle Diggin's, was: some Berrien County Michigan History.

The Accadian Miracle, was: Genealogy of Senator Dudley Le Blanc by Senator Dudley Le Blanc. Original Land Patent Records, were: from Randolph Co., IL. Runaways, Rascals and Rogues, was: Runaways, Rascals & Rogues, and missing spouses from Newspapers of Lancaster Co., PA. Neat Huh? Backward Glances, was from newspaper columns from newspapers in Paris, Texas. Inquisition at Hanna's Town, the mystery town was Hanna's Town PA.

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You may recall hearing about this elaborate Victorian home, originally built in the 1835 in Northampton, MA. inherited by Rev. George Sheldon. This excerpt from Sheldon Places by Rose Newton tells what was known until this update:

"SHELDON HOUSE, Princeton New Jersey, The historic Greek Revival style home (built in 1835) of S534 Isaac Sheldon and wife Dorcas Frost, was inherited by his son Rev. George and moved from Northampton, Massachusetts by flatboat to Princeton, New Jersey and reassembled. It now stands at 10 Mercer street and has been remodeled into suites for unmarried professors next door to the Nassau club. Title to the University came from heir S152lx8 Edward W. Sheldon President of United States Trust Co., a Trustee of Princeton University who deeded it to the University. Lineage: S152l Rev. George Sheldon, S0534 Isaac, S0044 Elias, S0005 Isaac Sheldon of Northampton MA and England."1

Update....

2 Many faculty members spent their entire academic careers living there. In 1996, Mrs. Corella Bonner became interested in restoring the Sheldon House to its original grandeur. With the help of a local architect and contractor and a team of talented crafts people, technicians, historians and decorators, Mrs. Bonner has preserved the integrity of the home while making it a functional space to accommodate the offices of the Bonner Foundation. The foundation 3 "seeks to improve the lives of individuals and communities by helping meet the basic needs of nutrition and educational opportunity. This includes: The Bonner Scholar Program that provides scholarships to 23 colleges and universities, The Crisis Ministry Program- food and anti-hunger programs. Since 1989 the foundation has developed one of the nations largest privately funded service scholarship programs, it is considered a philanthropic leader in the anti-hunger movement.

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A New England Town The First Hundred Years, the mystery town was: Dedham MA. Through The Orchard, was: The Genealogy & a Supplement to the Atterbury Family Genealogy, with information on the Hillsbery, and Bagsdale families as well. Campe/Camp 1650-1987 I could not find, but suspect that it is a Family genealogy. It could be the history of a youth camp.

I could write The Ancestors and Descendants of Charles Gilbert Sheldon 1840-1918 (S4479) of Rupert Vermont, And Sarah Margaret Davidson 1847-1881, of Laurel and Newtontville, Arundel Co., Maryland, who lived in Winterset, Madison Co., Iowa. Remember the "Lost Dutchman"? Bury YOUR treasure where it can be found!

A Pressing Matter....

Our ancestors, built their home, planted, tended and preserved their food, carved wash tubs, made soap, boiled the water, rubbed clothes on the board, rinsed, starched and ironed on a variety of irons, fluters and mangles. An idea you might like to incorporate in your personal glimpse along with illustrations would be utensils and tools and clothing of the day. How about an illustration of the family spinning wheel, the plow or farm animals or buildings. Let your mind roam on the occupation of your ancestor in the census and get busy!

Ref: Illustrations
Idea for your Book of Genealogy.
Personal Glimpses Recipes, Utensils, Clothing of the Era.
By Rose Sheldon Newton

Sweet Bits - From a hand written recipe of Mrs. Louis Sheldon S#4479x85 She wrote : "I used to make these for the children instead of Candy. I thought them better for them and they sure did like them." (One of the children was my father John.)

1 Cup of Sugar
1 Tablespoon melted butter and 2 egg yolks
2 1/2 C. Raw Uncooked Rolled Oats (If you prefer, use 2 C Oatmeal and 1/2 Cup Shredded Coconut, which is good)
2 Teaspoons Baking Powder sprinkled over the oats
Add a pinch of Salt and 1 Teaspoon Vanilla.
Beat 2 Egg whites and add. (For a more cookie like texture you can add 1 Tablespoon flour, but not necessary unless you so desire.) Drop with a teaspoon in small blots on well greased cookie sheet and bake. Watch carefully they burn easily.

A hand-written recipe is a piece of yesterday. Notes in this recipe reveal they may not always have been able to afford extras like coconut, and the mother was looking after the teeth of the children. A special treasure is my mothers recipe for eggless, milkless, butterless cake- a boiled spice cake from the time groceries were rationed. See what YOU can learn about YOUR ancestors. After all, it is epiphany season - time for new light...) This lady preachers book of "Rekerds" inspired my genealogy pursuit.)

Dedication:
This issue is dedicated to My Father and Mother pictured at right. I learned from mom during the holidays that John, his father, brother and sisters attended a Sheldon Reunion long ago.

Sheldon Locator Number: 26
Wyoming Co. NY
Rose S. Newton

Wyoming Co. NY
Probate Records
By: W. David Samuelsen, A.I.S.I. Publishers
At: Allen Co. Public Library, Historic Genealogy Dept, Ft. Wayne IN.

Sheldon, Adoline Probate page 109 dtr of Levi Curtis Sheldon
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Sheldon, Caroline Probate page 340 Mentioned in Will of Silas Sturdivant
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Sheldon, Mary J. Prob. page 306 granddaughter of Paris Olin Sheldon, Simeon Edgerton Probate page 173, 1876
Sheldon, Mary J. Probate page 306 daughter of Paris Olin, wid. of Andrew Sheldon

S4478x85 John Ruth Chitwood
Gilbert Sheldon Sheldon Dungan
1913-1968 1915 ---

A child's guiding light is his parents.
Encircled by highways A6,B6048, and A619, stands Haddon Hall, a most beautiful castle. England’s most complete and authentic medieval home, it dates back to the 14th century and has been owned by the ancestors of the Duke of Rutland for over 800 years. A romantic elopement is in its past.

American Sheldons, after visiting the Magpie mine where early Sheldons worked, arrived to visit the ancient castle where they would have paid their rents to the reigning lord of the area. The Hall as we saw it remains untouched by the hands of time. The medieval kitchen, chapel, gallery and rooms looked much as they would have then. The view from the windows revealed the river Wye flowing gently by, under a beautiful footbridge. Woods and gardens surrounds us on every side.

Several movies were made here: Lady Jane, The Princess Bride; The Lady and the Highway Man; A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court, and BBC television’s, The Chronicles of Narnia, and To Play the King.


Sheldon Family Association Pin
By Bruce H. Robertson

At the October, 1997, family reunion, Rose Sheldon Newton introduced the Sheldon Family Association Pin. I put mine on my blazer lapel immediately and have yet to remove it. It is neither, frilly nor gaudy, brash nor boastful, but is just dot, saying a lot in a small space. (For those who know military uniforms, consider it to be the equivalent in size and appearance of the unit crest.)

What happens when you wear it is fascinating: a study in psychology. You sense that the other person is leaning toward you to get a better look. He or she is quite discrete, but definitely squinting somewhat trying to read it and, approaching ever closer, finally succeeding. Then he asks what it is all about, and you are at once engaged in conversation about our family history, our association, and about genealogy in general. If he knows his own or will tell it to you. If he has no idea of his family history (sadly, this forms the great majority), he is amazed, simply amazed, that you know yours. He wants to know, “How did you find it?” You tell him and try in a non-condescending way to excite him to learn more of his own!

I wore it to a reunion of my classmates and one who lives in New Mexico began to talk about his own roots. I learned that his forebears are interred on the Dutchess-Putnam County line just across the Hudson River from my own descendants of John of Providence who lie in Ulster County, New York. In the fifty years of our knowing each other, never had I the slightest hint of his interest in family history. Yet in those moments I learned of his own deep commitment to his family and its history. I had never known him all that well, but I feel that we drew a lot closer that day. (He has, in fact, inquired of Rose to provide the address of the pin manufacturer, so I can see that he has plans of his own!)

Our Sheldon Family Association Pin?

Hey, try it! You’ll like it! Order instructions page 462
New Treasure Trove for Genealogists

By Bruce H. Robertson

In August, 1997, the Texas State Archives released the "Audited Claims of the Republic of Texas". These comprise two full microfilm drawers and are available at the Texas State Library Genealogy Collection.

Time span is about 1835 - 1945.

Examples of such a claim might be for the reimbursement for an expenditure (such as for travel expenses), reimbursement for the cost of materials provided to the state, or for discharge from a contractual obligation (such as an enlistment). Such claims had to be audited by the state prior to making the award.

Among several Sheldons who we are now trying to identify is the request for discharge from the First Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers of the Republic of Texas Army by Godfrey descendant S9609 Norman Sheldon. SFA had no information of Wm following his birth on 12 November 1812. His claim, submitted and audited in 1837 adds 27 years to his known lifetime. We continue to pursue this one.

One wonders, The fiery Sam Houston is known to have recruited hard in the Kentucky -Tennessee areas. Was it he who convinced young Norman to enlist in the army of that foreign country called Texas? We will never know the answer. In any case, it is a long way from the Vermont of his birth.

Sheldon, Indiana

The Old Post office in Sheldon, Indiana, ten miles south of Fort Wayne. This building stood until 1964 when it was destroyed by fire. The name of the town was changed to Yoder in 1915. -- Old Fort News, Vol 40, No. 4, 1997 out of print. There was once a Railroad Station and two churches and a buggy business. Now only a grain elevator and a church are seen on "main street".

Research idea: Check Historical society Publications in the area of your interest. You may discover items that are not the local library, and they may be about your people.

Photo: Discovered by Jack Lee, of Fort Wayne, while searching his lineage.

New Editor in March!

By Rose Sheldon Newton

The new president of the Sheldon Family Association, Bruce Robertson, will begin duties as editor of the Sheldon Family Association Quarterly in March. His ideas are exciting and new, I am sure you will enjoy him very much and that SFA will move forward under his leadership.

I have enjoyed editing the Sheldon Family Association Quarterly. I will continue to research and contribute articles and send them to Bruce to use as needed. This will give much needed time to complete several tasks such as visiting mother in Oklahoma as often as possible and finally finish unpacking moving boxes which had to wait past the October and January issues and Christmas at Pak Mail. I wish to give a word of thanks to the employees of Pak Mail who have at times: printed, folded, stapled, labeled and bundled the Quarterly to help me out. Their bid was the lowest of three and SFA has saved money toward publishing our Sheldon Lineage Series. They simply out grew us!

See you in West Suffield next summer!
IN SEARCH OF SHELDON KIN NO. 40
By Keith M. Sheldon SFA Genealogist

40-1 Our new associate member, David A. Pettee, is searching for the names of the parents of Mary Sheldon who married Peleg Williams. She is thought to have been born ca 1720 in Providence County, RI, probably in Johnston. Her son, also named Peleg Williams, was born in 1748 in Johnston, RI and married there on 02 FEB 1771 to Rhoda Winsor. If anyone can help with information about this Mary Sheldon please advise David Pettee, 1214 Kains Ave., Berkeley, CA 94706, or advise Keith M. Sheldon.

S.F.A. Pin

S.F.A. Tote

S.F.A. Logo

Items - for Valentines Day!
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 Turquoise Tote is available from Rosemary Hogan, 1221 Concord Ave., Drexel Hill PA. 19026-2611 $15.00 +3.25 postage.Make Check payable to Rosemary Hogan.
The Sheldon Family Association
Quarterly
Sheldon Locator No. 28
Sheldons in Suffield from:
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in the Colony and Province of the
Massachusetts Bay in New England
1660-1749
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Page 32 "Sketches of Proprietors" Capt. Joseph
Sheldon bought the interest (property) of Ben ­
jamin Dibble son of Abraham Dibble. 18 Acres
at the corner of High & Feather Street.

Page 34 "Sketches of Proprietors" Joseph
Harmon appointed Capt. of Suffield militia
after the death of Capt. Joseph Sheldon 1708.

Page 69 Dated 1667 Acts of the Committee
Footnote "Granted a lot to Thomas Copley
(now owned and occupied by Martin J.
Sheldon) a lot next to George Norton...."

Page 83 Joseph Sheldon bought, August 1,
1699, for the sum of fifty five pounds of Victory
Sikes, his house-lot of twenty one acres with a
mansion thereon. This lot was a first-grant to
the Rev. Peletiah Glover, and nearly 100 years
has been the homestead of the Revs. Ebenezer
Gay, father and son, and now belongs to their
heirs.

Joseph Sheldon removed from Northampton to
Suffield at the time of his purchase, and became
at once a leading man in town affairs; was Se ­
lectman in 1700-3; prominent in the boundary
difficulties with Simsbury and Windsor; was
made Ensign 1702; Captain 1707; was Repre­
sentative to the General Assembly at Boston,
1703, also in 1705, and was continued in that
office until his death at Boston, July 2, 1708,
when the Governor, and both branches of the
General Assembly attended his funeral.

His descendants did not remain in Suffield. His
son Joseph sold the homestead, with the "mansion & buildings," to his cousin Josiah (mer­
chant), son of Thomas. Captain Joseph Sheldon
was the fourth son of Isaac of Northampton,
born Feb. 1, 1668; married Mary the daughter
of Joseph Whiting, and grand-daughter of Ma­
jor John Pynchon, 169_; children, born at
Northampton, were Joseph, 1695; who died
same year; Amy and Mary; children born here;
Joseph December 26, 1700; Rachel, born March
8, 1703; Benjamin born August 26, 1705. His
widow married John Ashley, of Westfield. By
inheritance, and purchase they were owners of
the Island in the Connecticut River, A.D.1717;
and of the Pynchon saw mill lot, at the mouth
of Stony Brook, which they sold to John Elliott,
of Windsor, in 1712 for 35 pounds.

Page 106 "Town Acts" Committee layed out the
highway "on the South side of Thomas Copleys
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Page 132 "Town Acts" At this general Town meeting, it was agreed, and voted; to allow Goodman Roe, and such other persons as have land, or meadow lying on the south side of Stony Brook, a sufficient open highway. Footnote: This was never a Town Highway. This way was between the present railroad, and Stony Brook, southerly from the bridge at M. J. Sheldons."

Page 134 "Town Acts, Meeting House" "It was agreed that a committee, of five men should be chosen to manage this business, (assessment of 60£, 30 in silver and 30 in town pay) in the towns behalf; And accordingly it was yn done, and ye men chosen were Anthony Austin Senr, Serj. David Winchill, Corp. Jonathan Taylor, Serj. Joseph Shelden, Corp. Joseph Purnrey.


Page 139 "Town Acts" "At ye same meeting Serj Hanchet, Serj Winchill, and Serheant Shelden, were chosen to meet with Simsbury men ye next Monday; and to demand of ym, a copy of their Grant, by virtue of which they run their line, and to warn ye ym not to intrude upon us, telling ym yt it is our resolve to maintain our right according to our Grant, and to deface their bounds, if they set ym up within our line. Footnote: This is the first highway laid through Sheldon street, to Round Hill; thence south, west and north from the north end of Round Hill. Like all the first highways laid, old paths or trails were followed."

Page 142 "Town Acts" Fence viewers: Serj Joseph Shelden, Jn Huxley, Nath Austin, Timothy Palmer. "School House" At this Generall Town meeting, it was agreed, and by a clear vote concluded; to erect, and finish a schoolhouse 20 foot in length, 16 foot in breadth, and 6 foot stud; and to make it warm, and comfortable; fit for to keep school in; by the last of October next ensuing the date hereof; and to set it up in some convenient place near the Meeting house." Footnote: This was the first school-house south of the present Town Hall. It was built in 1704, an stood until 1733 where the second one, 24 feet long, 18 feet wide , and 9 feet between joints, was built (probably on the same site), by Josiah Sheldon, "for 40£ and the old school-house." The third school-house was built in 1750, in the west precinct on Ireland Plain west of the meeting house, and burying ground."

Page 143 "Town Acts" July 3 by a clear vote: Ens Winchill, Serj (Sergeant) Shelden, Corp Taylor, and Anthony Austin Junr, were chosen to measure Westfield line, from their north bounds to their south bounds; to see whether they have not their nine mile before they come to ye place which they now claim. (Westfield grant extended 9 miles from Northampton's south line.)

Page 144 "Town Acts" Select Men: Nathanael Harmon, John Hanchet, Thomas Copley, Joseph Shelden, Thomas Huxley. "It was agreed, and voted; to run or renew the South line of our Town this instant, March; from the Great River, seven mile and a half west, to the end of our south line, granted; and confirmed, by our honoured General Court; and to treat with our Simsbury neighbors. And the persons chosen for this service, are Lieut Jos. Harmon, Ens Jos. Shelden, Serj Jacob Adams, and Edmond Marshall; who are seedily to make a report to ye Town of wt they doe herein."

Highway in Old Street Altered and Highway Laid Westward. March ye 16th 1702-3 The Selectmen (Ensign Joseph Shelden, Serj Jn Hanchett, Corp Nathaniel Harmon) met and laid out the addition taken out of Samuel Younglove's lot unto the highway..."

Page 145 Ensign Joseph Sheldon chosen commissioner to collect rent for School Lott. Footnote: Jonathan Sheldon, entered his Ear Mark, (for sheep) Feb ye 12, 1730-31, which is a slit across ye fore side of the off ear" (It was voted to give liberty for 200 sheep to be brought to the commons to eat the grass.)

This fascinating look at our ancestors in Suffield... The location of the next reunion, will be continued next issue... Plan now to attend!
Every Name Index to the 1997 S.F.A. Quarterly

The name of every name appearing in articles during 1997 is listed with the exception of the Article Sheldon Locator #24 Sheldons in Vermont Vital Records in the July 1997 Quarterly. That long list of Sheldons was in alphabetical order and is easy to find. The July Quarterly was erroneously labeled April. The October 1997 Quarterly (printed during the editors moving month) are numbered beginning p. 432, which was also in error. To distinguish page numbers in the October issue from the July issue, October entries are designated OCT 97 before the page number. I apologize for the error.

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NAW, I'M GOIN' TO THE
SHELDON FAMILY
REUNION!

WINDSOR LOCKS AT
WEST SUFFIELD, CT
JULY 23-25, 1998

REGISTRATION FORM INSIDE

THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THREE SHELDON LADIES AND TO MY WIFE WITHOUT WHOM IT WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. I am indebted to Rose Sheldon Newton for all of her help and patience and for her sense of humor in all of our correspondence via E-mail. She has been a guiding light! Next are my daughters, Jill Sheldon Robertson Oleson (technical writer) and Lynn Suzanne Robertson Hargrove (who speaks Windows 95 on a PC) for carrying their father through this computer experience that I am undergoing. My wife, Suzanne, sits by my side reading the instruction book even as I struggle, and I am grateful to her, too, for working our way through it. I knew that this would not be easy, but never dreamed that the struggle would be so intense. We will improve!
A MESSAGE FOR APRIL

In our last issue, I encouraged you to go to a genealogy library and begin a search for the identity of a Sheldon that we do not know, or to search for a Sheldon whom we have lost. I hope that at least some of you are in “chase”! Genealogy is never easy, but it is always FUN! Find a Sheldon for us!

I also suggested that you take a child with you and to let him or her make a “find”. I am convinced that a child who knows his or her family history almost never gets into difficulty. If he is steeped in the family tradition, it is as if the hand of the forebear is guiding him. From the words of the West Point Alma Mater, “Guide us, thy sons, aright, Teach us by day, by night To keep thine Honor bright ...”

Can a child who knows his or her family history go astray? I think that it is most unlikely. Teach your child or grandchild of his or her proud SHELDON heritage!

IN SEARCH OF SHELDON KIN
No. 41-2:

Seeking information about Rebecca Sheldon who married Jacob Smith. Her parents were John L. Sheldon and Caty Van Leuven. These families probably lived in Dutchess or Ulster County, NY ca 1800 - 1875. Please advise Eleanor S. Rosakranse, 207 Whitfield Rd., Accord, NY 12404 or advise Keith M. Sheldon. (And while we are at it, let us welcome new lifetime member Eleanor!)

SHELDON POP QUIZ

Your great-grandfather Sheldon, and possibly your great-great-grandfather Sheldon before him, used Zymole Trokeys. What were they? The answer appears later in the newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS,
PATRICIA WRIGHT GEYER!

Synergism is where you add one and one and get more than two. After a lot of research, Patricia Wright Geyer investigated the same one and one and got ... ... one! She has confirmed (and Keith M. Sheldon, our family genealogist, has accepted) that S6583 Samuel Sheldon and S2717x8 Sherman Sheldon were one and the same. Frustrated at trying to read some illegible microfilm, Patricia decided to dig deeper. She spent a day at the Archives of the State of Michigan at Lansing and found a probate packet: discovery! Patricia, you have our admiration and respect for a great piece of research that corrects the Sheldon Family Association records! Well done!

UNCLAIMED MAIL

Now and again in researching a forebear, one comes upon an old newspaper in the archives that says that there is unclaimed mail for him at the local post office. Do not assume that the person to whom the mail is addressed has moved on. He may well have remained in the area, but may have had too few pennies to claim it. Before 1845, postage was paid by the receiver. And it was expensive: 25 cents for a distance over 500 miles, and only somewhat less for shorter distances.

GENEALOGY LECTURER’S COMMENT

We just attended a lecture on the difficulties in doing genealogical research in the Carolinas and Tennessee. During his presentation, the wonderful Dr. George K. Schweitzer drew a laugh when he remarked: “They have not had to do genealogy in New England in two centuries. They just turn and look it up!” We laughed, too, knowing all the while that we Sheldons continue to dig in the area for our family’s rich history.
I mourn the lost richness of distant yesterdays. Did our parents and grandparents tell us their stories, but we did not listen? Or did they judge their lives to be without dreams and not worth the telling?

From time to time, I go to the family place of those who came before me. What did they do there? How did they scrape out a life from that hard scrabble? And what dream drew them into the future?

Every person’s life would be worth a novel if his story were known. But the incidents of fault and default, struggle and courage often rest undisturbed in the casket of our memories.

We do not rehearse these events because they do not seem exceptional to us, or perhaps they are so painful that we prefer to leave them untold.

Some of our cultures’ dysfunctions, I believe, are the consequences of families who have lost their stories. Lives float undetected from the mainland of their past. They have little evidence of from where or what they came, and few markers from which to chart their future.

Several years ago, I taught a Bible class for senior adults. The lesson was on baptism. Although they acknowledged the event in their lives, I had difficulty provoking any refreshing memory of Christ’s death and resurrection.

Then, I asked if anyone had been baptized somewhere other than a church. Conversation burst like popcorn. They shared animated descriptions -- the cold waters of Barton Creek, murky stock tanks and mossy ponds, even a metal oilfield drum in which one was lowered and raised in memory of Christ’s death and resurrection.

The class was charged with the voltage of shared experience. I suggested that each person tell their children and grandchildren about this moment and all their stories. Give them your past, I urged. Those are treasures that will serve them well in living their futures.

The Rev. Dr. Browning Ware graciously gave us permission to reprint this article in the Sheldon Family Quarterly. It ran on Saturday, February 1, 1997 in The Austin American-Statesman. Dr. Ware is a retired pastor of First Baptist Church in Austin. His column appears on Saturdays.

Elsewhere in this issue, I make the point that, in genealogy, there really is just one main question: Who are the parents?

A family association’s newsletter certainly ought to concentrate on genealogy, of course, but it can also tell the family story. I think that is the reason that Dr. Ware’s article caught my eye, and why I have treasured it for so long. To me, Dr. Ware speaks here of genealogy without ever mentioning the word!

Which brings me to a story. While preparing this newsletter, I approached our daughter, Lynn, and our granddaughter, Lindsey Lauren Hargrove, saying: "Here is a photo of your great-great-great-grandmother, Mary Mack. They both giggled. I asked: “What’s so funny?” Without a word, they faced each other with hands raised palm outward and began a girl game where they reached out and tapped each other’s palms to this chant:

Miss Mary Mack (Mack, Mack)
All dressed in black (black, black)
With silver buttons (buttons, buttons)
All down her back (back, back)
She asked her mother (mother, mother)
For fifty cents (cents, cents)
To see the elephant (elephant, elephant)
Jump over the fence (fence, fence)
He jumped so high (high, high)
He never came back (back, back)

Until the Fourth of July (ly, ly)

They laughed some more, saying, “It’s just a girl thing that every girl knows.” I displayed the photo. And behold: there was Mary Mack Sheldon “... all dressed in black ...” and looking slightly stiff waiting out the exposure time. They had never seen the photo; I had never heard the chant. A new family story!

-- Bruce
LEGAL QUANDARY OR GENEALOGICAL ONE?

The genealogist seeks an answer to the question: “Who are the parents?” It is the only means that we have to connect the generations. While there are sub-sets of questions having to do with the recording of events in the family’s history, these sub-sets all lead to that one question.

The Wall Street Journal has been reporting from a legal viewpoint a strange case in the California courts. As you read this, however, try to think of the circumstance more from a genealogical viewpoint, asking yourself: “Who are the parents?”

Fundamentally, this case has to do with interpretations of the new phrase, “high tech births”, that seems so suddenly to be upon us.

An infertile couple, the first two of six people involved in the case, agreed to arrange for an egg, donated by the third person, to be fertilized by sperm from another donor, the fourth person. The egg was carried by a surrogate mother, the fifth person, who is married. The surrogate’s husband is the sixth person. And a child was created.

Prior to the birth of the child, however, the couple who arranged for the creation separated, and the husband claimed that the child was not a “child of the marriage”, and therefore that he did not want to be held responsible for its support. An appeals court in California has just ruled that the couple who arranged for the creation of the child are the child’s legal parents, and that the husband is indeed responsible for child support.

This is only one case involving the new technology, of course. Others involve the long-term freezing of egg and/or sperm, fertilization that is accomplished “in-vitro”, donors, surrogacy, and perhaps newer technology yet to come.

We have come a long way from the days of our forefathers.

It seems that new laws are certain to be written from a legislative standpoint that will inevitably arrive in the courts and allow for further departures from our past.

How will all of this be viewed by the genealogical world? It remains to be seen, of course, but best guess is that genealogical recognition will almost certainly follow decisions of the courts. Yet it seems certain that there are going to be years of legal turmoil ahead, and some of the decisions may be bound up in litigation for years to come.

The Journal’s reporting of this case has been thorough and enlightening in this matter that challenges one’s thought-processes. The genealogical journals are bound to toss it around, too. We will try to stay abreast.

After all: “Who are the parents?”

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD TO JEANNE SPIECKERMAN STELLA

The Ohio Genealogical Society has granted Jeanne Spieckerman Stella a most prestigious award: membership in its First Families of Ohio in honor of her descent from 24 pioneer Ohio families, two of whom are her Sheldon lines! Surely the amount of genealogical research must have been staggering, Jeanne, and no one can be more proud of you than your Sheldon cousins. Congratulations, Jeanne!

ISOSK 41-1: Who were parents of Enos Sheldon born April 1838, Vermont or Canada, md. Jane Heathington, b. Kentucky Dec 1842? Info to Keith for David W. Henrich, Butte, MT.

This issue ... is stripped down to its bare bones in an effort to hold it to no more than an ounce for first-class mailing. It is printed by Priority Copy, 9905 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas.

Next issue ... will have Rose’s Locator 24 which is about the Suffield area where we will meet for the Sheldon Family Reunion!
A SPECIAL PAGE FOR SHELDON STUDENTS

This is an exercise in genealogical research for those who are learning the basics. You will also learn some history and geography. -- Bruce

ARAD SHELDON

Event 1. Louisiana 1830 Terre Bonne Parish 121 no township listed. Arad Sheldon is shown alone and at age 20 - 30. (If correct, that would place his birth between 1800 - 1810.)

Event 2. Audited Claims of the Republic of Texas (Texas State Archives and available at the Genealogy Collection) 670 Reel 095 Frames 0129-0133. Arad Sheldon submitted a claim for $19.50 for carpenter tools related to the Schoner (sic) Liberty. Archives has no roster of the ship's company. The New Handbook of the State of Texas says:

"Liberty. The sixty-ton schooner Liberty, mounting four or six guns, was known as the William Robbins before it was purchased for $3,500 by the Texas government and rechristened Liberty in January 1836, the first purchase for the Texas Navy. As the William Robbins, the vessel had been used as a privateer by its master, Capt. William A. Hurd, as early as November 1835, although the owners did not obtain a letter of marque until December 5. In January 1836 Capt. William S. Brown took the Liberty on a cruise seeking Mexican warships. On March 6 the Texans captured the three-gun schooner Pelicano, which was taken to Matagorda Bay and found to be carrying munitions concealed in barrels of flour. In May 1836 George W. Wheelwright became captain and was in command when the Liberty convoyed the Flora to carry the wounded Sam Houston to New Orleans. The Liberty was detained in New Orleans for repairs and had to be sold in July 1836 to pay the claims for repairs. In later years, the crew from the Liberty petitioned the legislature for a share of the prize of the Pelicano. The Judiciary Committee ruled that in as much as the District Court of Brazoria, having admiralty jurisdiction, had condemned the Pelicano, the crew be awarded a just share of the prize."

Event 3. Arad Sheldon applied to the Brazoria Land District for a grant of land held in the public domain of the new Republic of Texas. Applicants were asked two questions: When did you arrive in Texas? Are you married or single? He stated that he arrived in Texas pre-2May1835 and that he was single. He was therefore awarded Jan1838 1st class headright and an unconditional certificate for 1/3 of a league (1476.1 acres) in what is today's Brazoria County, Texas. (Note: That does not mean that he used this grant to settle on land in the named county. Under the rules, he could have sold his grant to someone else, or could have used his grant to have land surveyed in an entirely different county anywhere in Texas once he held the certificate.) This grant is in the archives of the Texas General Land Office and bears what purports to be his signature, potentially a valuable clue in the event that we might later identify him through other documentation. The search continues.

STUDENTS!
If you are thinking of taking this paper to class for show 'n' tell, think carefully. You will be asked questions and will need to know some answers! For example:

In event 1, what does it mean when it says Parish? And, specifically, Terre Bonne Parish? Sounds French, does it not? Of course, Louisiana earlier belonged to the French. And Louisianans are especially proud of their French heritage. Parish is their word for county, and Terre Bonne means, good land. Were we to anglicize it, we probably would say, Goodland County. Incidentally, the 121 is the page number in the census.

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In Event 2, why would Arad make a big deal over $19.50? Answer: That was a fortune in those days! And, besides, a man's tools were his livelihood! Even as they are today.

What does the word, *sic*, mean? It is Latin for "thus" and, in this case, it means that "Schooner" was found spelled "Schoner" in the original document.

What was a *privateer*? Answer: It was a private vessel given authority by a sovereign power to attack and to seize other ships for the benefit of the sovereign. In this case, the sovereign was the fledgling Republic of Texas.

What is a *Letter of Marque*? It is the written authority given by the sovereign power.

Could you buy a schooner with all those guns for just $3,500 in those days? Answer: *Just* $3,500? If $19.50 was a fortune, $3,500 was many fortunes!

How many ships did the new Republic of Texas have in all? Just twelve.

Why was Texas chasing Mexican ships? Answer: Texas had been a part of Mexico for 150 years. The Texans were declaring their independence from Mexico and had to fight for it! And, for their part, Mexico was trying to hold onto Texas!

Have you heard of *Matagorda Bay*? Can you point to it on a map? What has happened there recently that is of historical interest? Answer: That's right! The great French explorer, LaSalle, lost his ship, *LaBelle*, there because he mistook its entrance for the mouth of the Mississippi. The ship's sunken remains were discovered only recently, and many artifacts have been recovered. And, then, only this past month, another sunken ship has been discovered there, and Texas now believes that it may be the second ship of LaSalle's small fleet that was also lost there.

What does *Pelicano* mean in English? That's right: Pelican. I see that you speak Spanish!

Notice the name of one of the captains: Wheelwright. In man's early days, a man or woman had only one name, like John or Mary. When man took a second name, he might be named for his father, and be called Johnson. Or he might be named for a place: John Hill. Or a color: Bill Green. Or he might be named for his occupation: Samuel Carpenter. What do you suppose Captain Wheelwright's forebears did by way of occupation? Can you think of another -----right name? How about Cartwright?

Why could not a rich state like Texas pay for repairs to the *Liberty*? Answer: Texas was not rich, and it was not yet even a state. It was poor and was fighting for its freedom from Mexico.

And, finally, is what is described here to be called *genealogy*? The answer was given earlier in this paper. The genealogist asks: "Who were the parents?" No parents are mentioned, let alone proved. So it is not genealogy yet, although one day it might lead to a connection with an earlier generation. It certainly tells of the presence of a Sheldon at a most interesting moment in our Nation's history. And I can tell you that our family genealogist, Keith M. Sheldon, does have a record of an *Arad Sheldon* in his collection of over 60,000 "connections".

And I hope that you found this page both interesting and educational! Study hard and get good grades! Your family association has high hopes for you and wishes you well!

And try to visit a genealogy collection at a library near you to learn what genealogy is all about. I promise that the librarians will help you!
COME TO SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUT       JULY 24-25, 1998

BOARD MEETING 3pm JULY 23rd

Bring something to display if you can. The Board will meet at 3PM. There are many things to see in this area so, if you can, come a day early or stay longer. The registration table will be set up Thursday afternoon at the DoubleTree Inn. For those who came in 1982 or 1988, this inn is right across the street from the Ramada where we stayed then.

On Saturday's bus trip we plan to visit Old Newgate Prison and Copper Mine. In 1775-1782 it was the Revolutionary War Prison of the Continental Government, and in 1776-1827 it was Connecticut's First State Prison. There is now a set of stairs to get down into the mine area instead of the ladder down through a hole in the floor that I went down as a child.

Again we will be able to visit #46 Jonathan Sheldon house built in 1723 on Sheldon Street. As we ride around the Suffield area we will see many acres of tobacco growing as farmers are getting a good price per pound for it now. We will also stop at the West Suffield Cemetery where over 100 Sheltons are buried, including #46 Jonathan and his wife as the "Happy Couple".

Saturday lunch will be served by the women of the West Suffield Church. Jonathan Sheldon was one of the organizers of the church in 1743. In the last two years we have completely redone the sanctuary, extensively repaired and painted the steeple and installed new carpeting and paint in the parlors. The last item in our $140,000 project is to make the church accessible to the handicapped and that is in the planning for later this year.

There are two old houses in town: the Hatheway House that is owned by the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society, Inc and the Dr. Alexander King House owned by the Historical Society of Suffield. There is not enough time for everyone to see both houses, but as they are both on Main Street, the bus can drop you off at the house of your choice. Please choose on the registration form. Both houses will be open on Sunday if you wish to see the other one. Mr. Lester Smith, Suffield Town Historian and Curator of King House will give a short talk at the Annual Meeting Friday afternoon. Our speaker on Friday night will be Mr. William Mosely, Executive Director of The Antiquarian and Landmarks Society. Be sure to mark your choice on the registration form!

The speaker Saturday night will be Cmdr. S. F. Tarantino, Commander of the Second Continental Light Dragoons: Sheldon's Horse. The Horse Dragoons were formed at General Washington's request on December 12, 1776, under Colonel Elisha Sheldon of Connecticut. Come to hear more about this group in history. Mr. Tarantino and several other men spend many week ends each year taking part in reenactments of battles. Eleanor and I along with Marie Hine and Clara Guttermuth watched the reenactment of the Battle of Bennington several years ago and met Mr. Tarantino then and a couple of weeks later Eleanor and I watched one in Groton, Connecticut.

There are many places of interest in this area to see and also libraries to do research in. The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is in Springfield, Mass about 20 miles north of the Inn.

Another very interesting place you might want to see if you can stay longer is the New England Air Museum, the largest aviation museum in the northeast. It is located about three miles up the road from our meeting place. They are open seven days a week from 10AM to 5PM. If you want more information ahead of time, let me know.

Hope to see you in July!

-- Marge Phelon

Answer to the Pop Quiz: Zymole Trokeys were breath sweeteners. If you remember them, you are much older than we!

Rose's Newsletter Format: We will try to be back in Rose's format that we are so used to seeing ... ... with the next issue.
How to Get to the Sheldon Family Association Reunion

DoubleTree Inn
16 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Route 75
Windsor Locks, CT

July 23 - 25, 1998

The DoubleTree Inn, noted by a star, is located on Route 75, approximately 2 miles from Bradley International Airport. The airport is west of Windsor Locks on Route 20. The DoubleTree Inn provides courtesy van service from the airport. For room reservation, call 1-860-627-5171, or fax 1-860-627-7029.

Thanks to www.mapquest.com for providing the custom graphics for our reunion.
SHELDON FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION, WINDSOR LOCKS AREA, SUFFIELD, CT, July 23 - 25, 1998 (Board Members meet on 23rd) at the DOUBLETREE INN at 16 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Rt. 75, Windsor Locks, CT, approximately two miles from Bradley International Airport. (Hotel provides van service.)

REGISTRATION FORM  Rooms are $72.00 plus 12% tax for two double beds or King with pull-out sofa.
For room reservation, tel: 1-860-627-5171 or by FAX TO 1-860-627-7029 by July 1st for this rate!
For meals and badge, send this form with your check to:
Mrs. Marjorie Sheldon Phelon, 2032 Oak Street, West Suffield, CT 06093-3200

Please list name as you wish it on badge  Your town  Sheldon Number and I, J, G, W.

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Registration Fee (per family, pays for programs, badges, etc.)  $5.00

Friday Buffet Dinner: $23.70 (includes gratuity and 6% sales tax)
Roast Sirloin or Grilled Breast of Chicken from the buffet
includes salad, vegetables, dessert, beverages  How many each:  

Saturday Bus Trip & Lunch at West Suffield Congregational Church and
Suffield King House Tour @ $1.00 each  How many:  

Saturday Night Banquet: (prices include gratuity and tax)
Choose:
- Baked Scrod $27.22  How many:  
- 12oz New York Sirloin $28.46  How many:  
- Chicken Piccata $24.74  How many:  
includes salad, vegetables, dessert, beverages  TOTAL:  

Note! Friday and Saturday breakfast on own.

Again: For your registration for meals and bus trip, send check payable to Sheldon Family Assn
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Her phone: 1 (860) 668-7720

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NEWSLETTER COPY OMITTED TWO IMPORTANT LINES. USE THIS ORIGINAL!
Once again I am indebted to Rose Sheldon Newton for her Locator #28, the immediate locale of which is the Suffield Area where we are to conduct our reunion. I hope to spend some of our free time reconnoitering for the hills and roads named in the notes. Perfect timing, Rose!

I am also grateful to my wife and daughters for their continued help in trying to teach me how to do things with this computer. Cousins, you CAN teach an old dog new tricks. Rose also got me into Juno, a free e-mail program, and I am having great fun with that, too. Prices have fallen to where anyone can have a computer and any age can learn. Do it!
FAIR WARNING

Halbert's is an outfit that works from mail order rosters and offers to mail you your family history replete with crest, etc. They are rather widely known as offering very little for your money. If you wish to make inquiry about your Sheldon Family History, contact this association where your inquiry is free. Save your money!

INCIDENT AT THE LIBRARY

Two ladies sat side-by-side at adjacent computers in our genealogy collection. Commiserating with the one lady who indicated her frustration at not being able to make a connection in her family line, the other asked: "By the way, what name are you researching?" The answer was given and the resulting gasp was heard all over the library. "Why, that is the name that I am researching!"

You guessed it. Two cousins who had never known one another are now united just at the mere chance that they happened to sit next to each other at the right moment!

Can you understand why I say that you meet the nicest people at a genealogy library? That nice person could be your own kin!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sheldons are united by our close kinship passed along by this newsletter. In our last issue, I noted our thoughts that we probably know only about twenty-five percent of the Sheldon descendants despite the fact that we have about 60,000 "connections" in Keith's computer bank. I asked that you try to get into the chase to see whether or not you might help by identifying other Sheldons for us.

Taking a dose of my own medicine, I am now in chase of a family of Sheldons whose forebear, Lenard (sic) Sheldon, migrated from New York in the mid-late 1800's to Hamilton County, Texas. The census index for New York told me that there were just two Leonards, but -- when I turned to the census itself -- I found that there were four. And all in one small cluster in Colombia County, NY. By the process of elimination, I have whittled those four to just one candidate for consideration, but that does not constitute what any genealogist would accept as a "connection". I continue to chase this family, hoping for a response from an inquiry to Hamilton County, Texas.

When the Audited Claims of the Republic of Texas were released last year, I noted "Thomas Sheldon and Company". Keith and I thought that we would never identify him. A recent inquiry to Keith by Carl E. Walters suggests that we may do so after all.

APOLOGIES TO PATRICIA GEYER

In growing up, I was taught that one must never make an error in someone else's name, but dog-goned if I did not make a typical census-taker's error in our last issue by inserting an "r" in her name and in the name of her forebear, Sheldon Wight. She is, of course, Patricia Wight Geyer. Forgive, please, Pat!

SAD NEWS, INDEED, TO REPORT

Al Hogan, husband of board member, Rosemary Hogan, passed away suddenly on May 22d. As Rose Newton has noted, Al was a great Sheldon booster who did a lot of publicity work for the association. He was a man whom you liked immediately upon meeting him, and he will be missed by all of us. Our condolences to Rosemary and to the family.

Ruth E. (Sheldon) Clifton died March 6th in the Hospital of Worcester, Massachusetts after an illness. Our condolences to her family and to her many friends. She was active in Barre and Hubbardston Golden Age Clubs and was an avid gardener. Mrs. Nathan F. Sheldon sent the obituary from the Sunday Telegram to us for which we are most grateful.

NEWSLETTER RETURNS

Moving? Please remember to send us a change of address card so that your newsletter will continue to reach you in a timely way.

And remember, too, that SFAQ is a family newsletter. While our primary purpose is, and should continue to be, genealogical, there is no reason why we can not include news of your family, space permitting. Keep us posted! We LIKE knowing about Sheldons! And, as your family grows, do keep Keith informed in order that we keep the generations up-to-date, else somewhere down the line, someone will be asking: "Who WERE those Sheldons, anyway?"

STUDENT GENEALOGY ASSIGNMENTS

We are seeing at the Texas State Library a growing number of students who have been given extra-credit homework assignments to learn their family genealogy. It seems to us that that is a wonderful and useful work task, and we try to give extra help to them. Such assignments seem to be given to the brighter students. We applaud!

One young lady and her mother came in and managed to get four generations back in time in a single afternoon! Bet that she received a BIG extra-credit!
Sheldon Locator 28 (Continued)

By Rose Sheldon Newton

Sheldons in Suffield from:

Documentary History of Suffield in the Colony and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England 1660-1749

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Page 251 “Town acts of Suffield” March 13, 173 1/2, Thomas Sheldon was sealer of Leather on list of Selectmen.

Page 253 “Town acts of Suffield” Aug 6th voted to pay Mr. Josiah Sheldon forty Pounds et one half in money, land the other half in Town Pay, when he the said Shelden shall have set up a School House of ye dimensions before mentioned, and every way fitted for ye service of a School House, and also that said Shelden shall have ye old School House.

Page 254 (10th matter of business) Voted, that the Select men take care to put out the children of such persons as are not able or neglect Due means Suitably to provid for them.


Page 263 (Freeholders meeting) Item 5. To Tho: Sheldon for plank and one logg L 1-S 09-D 0


Page 270 March ye 13th 173 7/8 Also granted to Thomas Sheldon for half a bushel of corn to Segar and some other service for the Town: five shillings and eight pence in Town pay.

Page 272 Dec 1, 1738 19th (order of business) Lieut Jonathan Sheldon and Noah Smith the first; were chosen to view the Highway that leads to Tainters hill by Ebenezer Smiths, and that they make Report how they find it: at the Next March meeting.

Page 272 26th order of business. Also voted, to chuse a Committee of five men to carry on that affair as to building a new Meeting-house: and accordingly, Ensign Samuel Kent: William King: Leiut Jonathan Sheldon, Ensigne Asaph Leavit, and John Pengilley, were chosen a Committee to pursue that matter with Respect to building said Meeting-house.


Page 277 November ye 5th, 1739 It was also proposed Whether they would set the New Meeting House. Which the Town is about to build: about Twenty Rods to the northward(*On old street, now the Hastings Hill road.) from the North west corner of Thomas Sheldons home lot where he now Dwells: and the Vote past in the Negative. It was voted that Lieut Jonathan Sheldon: Noah Smith 2nd, and Samuel Kent 2nd, should be a committee to Dispose of the Ten pounds in Town pay, lately granted by the Town for the Instructing children in Reading, in the westward part of the Town: see as may best answer the End proposed. Also granted to Jonathan Sheldon for the use of 2 Bulls in Town Pay L-02,00-00.

Page 278 Att a Legal meeting of the freeholders of Suffield: February ye 6th 17 3/4 9/0. 4th order of business. Granted to Thomas Sheldon in Town pay for ointment for Segar one shilling. (Note: this man is listed among the old settlers in early pages. He must be now poor and they are helping.)


Page 280 Town Meeting March 10 17 3/4 9/0 Also Granted to Capt Josiah Sheldon for Two ounces and six penny worth of Salamonick to Goodman Segar: Twelve shillings and six pence.

Bruce’s 1998 Note: It must be remembered that it was a meeting clerk who wrote Salamonick, probably for salamoniac (salt of Ammon), an expectorant used against lung congestion in those days.
Page 280 March ye 31st: 1740 2ndly Lt. Jonathan Sheldon, Joseph King and Joseph Winchel were chosen a Committee to Lease out the School Lot: on such terms: and on such conditions as they shall think best: and most for the Towns Interest for the use of the school: provided they Do not Exceed the term of five years.

Page 281 March ye 31st cont. 7ly Also Dea. Joseph Rimington, Jonathan Sheldon, Samuel Kent 3rd, were chosen to Reckon (audit) with the old Treasurer.


Page 285 Town Meeting December ye 15th 1741 Item 13ly Also Voted that the Select men may pass and allow of Capt Sheldons bill put into Lt. Kings hand and Do what they think Just and right about it.

Page 290 March 16, 1743 Also Voted, that Lt. Jona Sheldon, Samll Kent, and Jona Parsons Be a Committee upon their own cost to view and consider and make Report to the Town what they shall think proper to act Respecting a Highway * (*This was laid out in May 1745 pg.245) between Symsbury and Suffield Near the Round Hill.

Page 292 Town Meeting Suffield 22 Nov 1743 15ly Voted to allow to Jona Sheldon Junr after the Rate of Ten pounds money of the old Tenor per acre for so much Land as he shall convey to the Town for a highway of four Rods wide at the North East corner of Symsbury Township, viz: from the West end of the highway that Leads from Woolf pit Plain, to the Round Hill, thence up northward until it shall meet with Suffield Township where the highway formerly used to be and now is open.


Page 296 October 5, 1744 To Capt Jont Sheldon for sundrys for sd woman, one Pound. (Poor Mr. Bush's widow) To Capt. Jont Sheldon for going to Haffield Twelve shillings.

Page 297 Junewary:11nd 1744 .To Capt Jont Sheldon for keepin Bushes child named ______ 18 weeks at 6/per weke L 05-08-0 (Bushe's poor widow has now died.)


Page 298 Town Meeting May 13th 1745. 2nd order of business: Voted that if Simbery People will Purchis of Capt. Jonathan Sheldon a Road Three Rod wide from the upper end of Turke hill over to the high way by the Round hill and Purchis the Land of Joseph Forword at the Reare of his Lot for a highway then the Town of Suffield will open a Roade from the Round hill Down to Windsor Bounds & Suffield will make and maintaine the highway on their bounds provided Simbury will in thare Bounds: if the owners of sd Land will Take six Pounds per acre old Tenor. 3rd order of business: Capt Jonathan Sheldin Jonathan Parsons and Saml Harmon are chosen a Committee for to se into the Business. Voted to Pay: To Capt Jonathan Sheldon for keeping one of Bushes children 17/ pr weke ever sence last March meeting L12-19. Also voted to Samll Kent 9/6 per weke for keeping Bushes younges child from March 4th Day until this time: 40 shillings in money and rest in Town Pay the whole is L17-12-6.

Page 300 Anniversary Town Meeting March 10th 1745/6 Select men (elected) Capt Jonth Sheldon, Samll Kent Esqr, Capt Phineas Lyman, Dudley Kent, Samll Harmon.

Page 302 Town Meeting Nov 21st, 1746 To Phinehas Sheldon for Timber Three Pounds. To Captin Jonathan Sheldon (he taeking Bushes Childe until its eighteen years old) and the Keeping of the Childe the Last yeare at fifteen Pounds.

Page 304 Town Meeting March 9, 1747 Constables (elected) Joseph King Junr, Phinehas Sheldon, Wm Haloday Junr.

Page 308 Town Meeting Dec 12, 1748 Phinehas Sheldon Deto 20/ 1-00-0 (Bills were being collected)


These pages that follow are in the Appendix to the Documentary History of Suffield:

Page 315 From a summary or brief in the hand-writing of Joseph King Tent. giving reasons why the town should not be divided into Eccl societies, has been preserved, and is follows: (We quote what concerns Sheldons) "There are 23 between 20 & 25 L: and 18 between 25 L. As to the Petitioners being let off under a notion of their increasing in numbers is a misapprehension, for their is but a Little more land there Improvable, besides what belongs to Lt. Jonathan Sheldon* and to particular men in the Town, and especially if Springfield get their demand upon, which it is to be feared they will, the jurisdiction at least, which will Reduce the Township on ye west part to but about 3 mile and 1/4 at the most between
Page 323 Unnumbered. "... In 1786, the writer began the transcription and the study of the town's earliest records and history, with the thought perhaps of collating its most important events in the form of annals .... A single merit is claimed for it, as being a correct and literal transcript of the text, with only needful punctuation marks added. When the old records shall have become illegible, or crumbled to dust, these pages may tell the future historian or annalist for Suffield, the story of its planting and growth, while under Massachusetts Government for three-quarters of a century. My pleasant self-imposed task is finished. Suffield, June 1888.

Hezekiah Spencer Sheldon (S No. 4651)

STUDENTS, ATTENTION!

Locator 28 is a far better student page than I could have designed myself. Remember that it was written by a meeting clerk back in the 1730's: over 260 years ago! It gives the style of his writing, and his spelling. For his day, he was a learned man. After all, it was rare in those days to be able to read and write.

Did you know that the colonists brought to the North American continent the 28-letter alphabet of early and middle English? Look in your dictionary for the letters thorn and edh.

Done? Now you realize that you have been reading the letter thorn throughout the above. And you even know now how to pronounce the words properly! You can bet your interdental fricatives on that! Look that expression up, too!

The colonists also brought with them the English monetary system. Can you tell what L 1-S 09-D 0 (as on page 263 above) means?

Note that the participants in meetings voted on actions to be taken, such as having to take someone's property to build a road, and having to reimburse him for the taking. They were well on the road to democracy, were they not?

See, too, that the colonists took good care of one another, particularly orphaned children, the sick, and the aged. And that they did not need an intrusive government to tell them what to do. They saw what needed to be done, and they just did it!

By reading the above pages, you are almost transported back to those early times. You can almost see the land, see the colonists preparing to build the roads that served the area. Moreover, you see them taking care of one another. We try to take care of each other, too!
GET WELL, QUICK!

A speedy recovery to Pepper Martin who is recovering from some downtime by singing, “You are my sunshine!” And to Shirley Martin who is facing some knee surgery even while we are at the reunion. We will miss you two!

SHELDON POP QUIZ

Back in 1917, Great Grandfather Sheldon stood resolute, facing Paige, Franklin, Briscoe, Moon, and Saxon. What was he facing? See below.

AMUN-HER-KHEPESH-EF

Fred Sawyer sent a copy of AGS Quarterly, the Winter Bulletin of the Association for Gravestone Studies, in which there is an article and photo of a gravestone in the Middlebury, CT. Cemetery. It seems that Henry Sheldon purchased a mummy for his Sheldon Museum at 1 Park Street in the center of Middlebury. The mummy deteriorated more quickly than he had anticipated, so he made a decision in 1945 to have it cremated and to be given a Christian burial. The stone is in the 22d row in the south section (to the left as you enter) among several small stones of the Chipman family. The epitaph reads:

ASHES OF AMUN-HER-KHEPESH-EF
AGED 2 YEARS
SON OF SUN WOSET 3D
KING OF EGYPT AND HIS WIFE
HATHOR-HOTPE
1883 B.C.

The Sheldon Museum is a suggested stop-off en-route to or from the reunion! And, of course, do visit the cemetery and our Sheldon kin who are buried there. Almost immediately at the driver’s side door you will see a beautiful grave marker of Isaac, one of “...the four original New England Sheldons”.

ELIZABETH MOANA CHANG

Member Elizabeth Moana Chang, known throughout Hawaii as, “The Voice from the Deep Ocean”, has sent Secretary A. Keith Sheldon a compact disc of Hawaiian songs that she has produced in the past year or two. He will play it for us at the reunion! And I expect to be transported back to the Hale Koa! Thank you, Elizabeth!

ANSWER TO POP QUIZ

Great Grandfather Sheldon must have been facing a parking lot. Those are the marks of American automobiles of 1917, the same year as the salesman on our front page. The Briscoe went for $685. New, of course!

IN SEARCH OF SHELDON KIN

Seek family info on George Sheldon born 2 Jan 1837 Johnson twp., Lamoille Co., Vermont to Gershom and Mary M. (Brown) Sheldon, according to town records on LDS microfilm. Sister Martha Jane born 5 July 1835 and Brother Charles Henry born 12 Sept. 1840. Charles was in Civil War, Capt, Co E., 7th Inf., Rutland, VT (have file). He was the second Governor of South Dakota from 1893-1897. Was George in the same Infantry and Company? Father Gershom Sheldon born about 1808 Montreal, Canada was a hat and fur trader. He died in 1844, Lamoille Co., VT. Mother Mary born 17 June 1804 in Maine and died Jan 1890 in Day Co., South Dakota. Family was still in Vermont in 1860. Charles lived in Pope Co., Illinois 1870-80. He moved to Brown Co., South Dakota in 1882. Who did George marry? Did he stay in Vermont? May have lived in Lamoille Co., Morrirstown township, Vermont in 1850. Gershom possibly Sheldon#3439 (still researching) descended from Issac. If you can shed light on this problem, write: Bonnie McEndree Walsh 3900 E. North St. #K171 Greenville, S. Carolina 29615.

Seek info on Issac Truman Sheldon born 1876 Huron Co., OH to David Wilkinson Sheldon (Sheldon#1243,35) Mary S. (King) Sheldon married in Seneca Co., Lowell, Ohio. After David died in 1877, Mary remarried Henry Griffin 1878 Sandusky Co., Ohio. Possibly moved to near Hillsdale, Michigan? (Note: Mary S. King was D.W. Sheldon’s 2nd or 3d wife.) If you can shed light on this problem, write: Bonnie McEndree Walsh 3900 E. North St. #K171 Greenville, S. Carolina 29615.

Rose Sheldon Newton sent the above, noting that Bonnie also sent a news clipping from the New London Record, Huron Co., Ohio, Dec 30, 1875: “Dave Sheldon is Married! Dave Sheldon is happy! ...” She also noted that Seneca Co. Probate Court, Marriage Records, Vol 7 p. 518 include: “Mary S. King and David W. Sheldon were licensed to marry 20 Dec. 1875. They were married 20 Dec. 1875 by J. H. Good. Filed and recorded Dec. 27 1877.

(Italics added to make Rose’s important point: Just because your people were married in 1875 does not mean that it was recorded then. Check several years later. Some ministers carried their books on their “rounds” and recorded when they got to the county seat. Some priests in Canada carried their books for years! - Rose)

PERSI

PERSI is a form of genealogical index constructed by gleaning family periodicals (such as this one) for mention of names. Thus it is a wonderful information source. If you are tempted to buy now, suggest that you wait and talk to Rose Sheldon Newton at the Reunion, or write her direct. She holds a distributorship and will save you $$!
COME TO SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUTT    JULY 24-25, 1998

BOARD MEETING 3pm JULY 23rd

Bring something to display if you can. The Board will meet at 3PM. There are many things to see in this area so, if you can, come a day early or stay longer. The registration table will be set up Thursday afternoon at the DoubleTree Inn. For those who came in 1982 or 1988, this inn is right across the street from the Ramada where we stayed then.

On Saturday's bus trip we plan to visit Old Newgate Prison and Copper Mine. In 1775-1782 it was the Revolutionary War Prison of the Continental Government, and in 1776-1827 it was Connecticut's First State Prison. There is now a set of stairs to get down into the mine area instead of the ladder down through a hole in the floor that I went down as a child.

Again we will be able to visit #46 Jonathan Sheldon house built in 1723 on Sheldon Street. As we ride around the Suffield area we will see many acres of tobacco growing as farmers are getting a good price per pound for it now. We will also stop at the West Suffield Cemetery where over 100 Sheldons are buried, including #46 Jonathan and his wife as the "Happy Couple".

Saturday lunch will be served by the women of the West Suffield Church. Jonathan Sheldon was one of the organizers of the church in 1743. In the last two years we have completely redone the sanctuary, extensively repaired and painted the steeple and installed new carpeting and paint in the parlors. The last item in our $140,000 project is to make the church accessible to the handicapped and that is in the planning for later this year.

There are two old houses in town: the Hatheway House that is owned by the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society, Inc and the Dr. Alexander King House owned by the Historical Society of Suffield. There is not enough time for everyone to see both houses, but as they are both on Main Street, the bus can drop you off at the house of your choice. Please choose on the registration form. Both houses will be open on Sunday if you wish to see the other one. Mr. Lester Smith, Suffield Town Historian and Curator of King House will give a short talk at the Annual Meeting Friday afternoon. Our speaker on Friday night will be Mr. William Mosely, Executive Director of The Antiquarian and Landmarks Society. Be sure to mark your choice on the registration form!

The speaker Saturday night will be Cmdr. S. F. Tarantino, Commander of the Second Continental Light Dragoons: Sheldon's Horse. The Horse Dragoons were formed at General Washington's request on December 12, 1776, under Colonel Elisha Sheldon of Connecticut. Come to hear more about this group in history. Mr. Tarantino and several other men spend many week ends each year taking part in reenactments of battles. Eleanor and I along with Marie Hine and Clara Guttermuth watched the reenactment of the Battle of Bennington several years ago and met Mr. Tarantino then and a couple of weeks later Eleanor and I watched one in Groton, Connecticut.

There are many places of interest in this area to see and also libraries to do research in. The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is in Springfield, Mass about 20 miles north of the inn.

Another very interesting place you might want to see if you can stay longer is the New England Air Museum, the largest aviation museum in the northeast. It is located about three miles up the road from our meeting place. They are open seven days a week from 10AM to 5PM. If you want more information ahead of time, let me know.

Hope to see you in July!

-- Marge Phelon
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A. Keith Sheldon, Secretary
541 Palencia Place, Lakeland, FL 33803
All of these Sheldons assembled at Windsor Locks, Connecticut, for the 59th Annual Sheldon Family Reunion, and to applaud ...

... Donald Calhoun Sheldon (right) as he receives his certificate of thanks for a job well done as Treasurer of the Sheldon Family Association. For this job, Don, a former banker, had to learn to move his decimal point several places to the left!

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THE PAST IS OUR SOUL AND ANCHOR.
Whether original with him or not, I do not know, but I heard Martin Yan ("If Yan can cook, so can you") say this from Hong Kong.
THE SHELDON FAMILY ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY

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BRING KID'S ANCESTORS TO LIFE WITH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

By Sharon Hastings

(Sharon works with Jill Sheldon Robertson Oleson. She also writes for her family newsletter and offered this most interesting piece to us.)

Children do not often stop to look back. They are too busy growing up, looking forward. With the wisdom of years, however, we know the importance of discovering ourselves by learning who we once were.

Unfortunately, simply telling your children that "...to know where you are going, you have to know where you have been," isn't terribly effective (especially when shouted over Nintendo music); and most children think that typical ancestry research -- pouring through endless shelves and archives -- is about as much fun as going to the dentist. If you want children to share your enthusiasm for learning their past, try something a little different.

Get the picture!

Forget the documents covered with spidery writing -- pull out the pictures! And make copies of them because you can use them in all sorts of ways. Cut out pictures from the copies to...
...form ancestry trees (especially good for pre-readers)
...create finger puppets
...decoupage a treasure box to hold small trinkets passed down through the years
...write a story: encourage your child to "identify" with a particular image and write from that person's point of view
...create a scene or diorama, combining them in interesting, funny, or even anachronistic ways (such as with modern images taken from magazines)

Act out

Pinpoint one of your child's interests or hobbies, and then recreate it in a different time period. Include education, music, dance, play, and daily chores in your list to consider. Even mundane tasks can be fun: for example, learning to write with quill pens, or practicing letters on slate boards (such as in colonial times). And don't forget games: many of today's pastimes are remarkably unchanged from games of the past.

Get going!

If your child is in school and is studying history, consider a trip to a state or U. S. historical site with some special significance to your family. Take photographs, and ask your child to create a journal of the experience and to bring it to life with the new versus (if available) historical pictures.

Look to the future!

Let your child make some of his own history: create a time capsule. While this does not help your child to learn ancestry, it does help him to realize the importance of record-keeping. By creating something for future generations to learn from, your child will gain an appreciation for those who took the time to capture their moment in time for his benefit.

Use kid-friendly resources

If you have access to the internet, there are dozens of Web sites dedicated to sharing history with kids. If learning about your family sparks questions for your child about famous people, events, or places, try one of these sites catered to small people:

Yahooligans History Links <http://www.yahooligans.com/Around_the_World/History/> From museums to the Middle Ages, this is the very best place to start. Check out the HyperHistory and You Be the Historian links.

CIA Kids <http://www.odci.gov/cia/ciakids> Take the history link to learn about famous people.

The White House for Kids <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/kids/html/kidshome.html> Hosted by none other than Socks and Buddy, this is the classic site to learn about famous U. S. Presidents and U. S. history.

WANTED!

A member to organize next year's 60th Reunion. Choose the location, hotel, date, etc. The board considers that a site in New England or New York area is preferable because most Sheildons think of that as the Sheldon origin. Can you help?

WANTED!

Volunteers for Wayne E. Nelson's nominating committee. Certain positions come open in 1999. For a Sheldon, there is little that brings more gratification than service to the family. Privilege brings responsibility. How about joining with Wayne to bring new Sheildons to office!
ZOLLINGER-ELLISON SYNDROME

A very gallant (S10097x41133) Julie Anne Sheldon, daughter of SFA Member (S10097x4113) Roger A. Sheldon and Gisela M. (Wegener) Sheldon, has been diagnosed as having the above-named syndrome and, convinced that it might be inheritable by others of her Sheldon lineage (reproduced below), she seeks information of their circumstance and offers her support.

Her parents have consulted cemetery records of others of her lineage, finding diagnoses of pancreatitis, gastritis, diabetes or rupture, any one of which, she suggests, might have masked the problem “... before it was given a fancy name by the medical profession.”

Hers is a rare form of pancreatic cancer: islet cell carcinoma. Symptoms, she indicates, can be nausea, vomiting, indigestion, flatulence, diarrhea, weight loss, with “acid stomach” being the most common, but all possibly tending toward concealing the more serious diagnosis.

Julie says that she “… would appreciate knowing if there is someone else out there who has this syndrome that I can converse with and offer my support to for whatever time I have.”

Julie Sheldon can be reached at P. O. Box 790, Warm Springs, OR 97761. She also gave an e-mail address as <jsheldon@madras.net>, but my attempt to reach her via JUNO e-mail was returned.

Important! Do you share Julie’s lineage?

S0013 John Sheldon 1630
S0023 John Sheldon 1660
S0080 Isaac Sheldon 1687
S0301 Thomas Sheldon 1709
S0857 Isaac Sheldon 1730
S2504 Benjamin Sheldon 1762
S5913 Ambrose Sheldon 1790
S10097 Isaac Sheldon 1816
S10097x4 Ezra Andrew Sheldon 1845
S10097x41 Eugene Andrew Sheldon 1869
S10097x411 Andrew Michael Sheldon 1892
S10097x4113 Roger Andrew Sheldon 1921

Bless you, Julie, for sharing this with your cousins, and for trying to establish a support group! Our best wishes and prayers are with you always!

YOUR COMPUTER AND GENEALOGY

The federal Bureau of Land Management recently made the records of the old General Land Office available online. Included are copies of the original land grants that may have been issued to your forebear in these states: MI, WI, MO, AR, MS, LA, MN, AL, FL, OH, IN.

I have drawn down several of these and, in my opinion, the copy that you get from your very own printer is quite suitable for framing. Imagine! A Christmas gift that you can obtain just for printing it out! A freebie! And a real thrill to the recipient!

(As an alternative, you can send $1.50 to BLM. I tried this and do not recommend it. The copy that I received in the mail was smearable, having been produced by a harried government clerk. Do draw it down yourself if you want good copy!)

Try this for yourself at <http://glorecords.blm.gov>. If you do not succeed under Sheldon, try Sheldon or other spellings variations. If you still do not succeed, let me know and I will try for you.

(No, you cannot get the original thirteen states. Recall, please, that those lands were state, rather than federal, lands.)

Some of the states have also made their own land records available. For Indiana, try: <http://www.state.in.us/icpr/webfile/land/land_off.html>

I understand that Kentucky has done so, too, but I do not have the address.

For Texas land records, try <http://www.glo.state.tx.us>.

Audited Claims of the Republic of Texas 1835 - 1846 are at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/lobby/rc> to access the alphabetical index and an extensive user guide. Enter the top of the frame with the first letter of the last name, but wait for the full letter index to appear before beginning your search. Else risk missing some clue that you need. (But here you will get only reel and frame numbers. Copy what you want and send it to me. I can copy it for you on my day as volunteer at the Texas State Library Genealogy Collection.)

Indeed, you can do a lot of genealogical research with your computer, but do be careful. There is a lot of false information out there as well as the valuable. Ask what proofs are available; then check them thoroughly!

My address is on the cover of this newsletter.

Bruce H. Robertson
OBTAINING VETERANS RECORDS FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

By Steven Sheldon, Box 36, Kimball, MN 55353

If you are researching an ancestor who was in the U. S. Regular Army (officers 1789-1916, enlisted 1789-1912), peacetime or wartime, the National Archives will copy these records for you.
  a. Pension
  b. Bounty Land Warrant Application (for those who served before 1856 only)
  c. Military

Pension Application Files

These files are based on federal (not state) service before WWI. They usually include an official statement of the veteran’s military service, as well as information of a personal nature such as place and date of birth, place and date of marriage, children’s names and birth dates.

Bounty Land Warrant Application Files

These application files are based on Federal (not state) service before 1856. Documents are similar to those in a pension application file, but usually give, in addition, the veteran’s age and state of residence at the time that application was made.

Military service records

These records are based on service in the U. S. Army (officers who served before June 30, 1917 and enlisted men who served before October 31, 1912); Navy (officers who served before 1903 and enlisted men who served before 1886); Marine Corps (officers who served before 1896 and enlisted men who served before 1905; and Confederate Armed Forces (officers and enlisted men, 1861-1865). In addition to persons who served in regular forces raised by the federal government, volunteers fought in various wars chiefly in the federal government’s interest from the Revolutionary War through the Philippine Insurrection, 1775-1902.

Send your request to:

Textual Reference Branch (NNRI)
National Archives & Records Administration
7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D. C. 20408

Ask for NATF Form 80 for each file that you request. After completing and mailing the form, allow at least 8 to 10 weeks response time. The charge at the present time is $10.00 only if they find those records that you request.

IN SEARCH OF SHELDON KIN

Our new associate member, David A. Pettee, is searching for the names of the parents of Mary Sheldon who married Peleg Williams. She is thought to have been born circa 1720 in Providence County, RI, probably in Johnston. Her son, also named Peleg Williams, was born in 1748 in Johnston, RI, and married there on 02 Feb 1771 to Rhoda Winsor. Please advise David A. Pettee, 1214 Kains Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94706, or advise Keith M. Sheldon.

GET WELL WISHES!

After surgery and chemo, special Sheldon family friend Donna Holt Siemiatkoski, 33 Hillcrest Road, Windsor, CT 06095-3310.

DOING BETTER

Shirley Martin is walking on new hip joints and is avoiding metal detectors. Husband, Pepper, is much improved.

Donald C. Sheldon, minus a gall bladder, is up ‘n’ at’ em.

TRAVELING

Rosemary Hogan has gone to France on DAR business.

Immediate Past President Rose Sheldon Newton has gone to Quito, Ecuador, to paint a church! And to plumb it!

QUERIES

If you are reading this in a library for the first time, and if you believe that you may be descended from one of the “... original New England Sheldons”, why not ask your librarian for a five-generation-chart? (Almost any library or stationery shop has these.) Complete as much information as you can and send it to Keith M. Sheldon whose address is on the cover of this newsletter. We will not set your query aside. Your Sheldon cousins welcome you!

SHELDON S. MCLEOD’S ARTICLE

The Genealogical Committee of the Western Reserve Historical Society Bulletin, Volume 17 - Number 1, Spring, 1998, carries an article by our cousin, Sheldon S. McLeod, about the Reverend Henry Olcott Sheldon “...who created what is probably the first major published genealogical listing of a family name.” It is he to whom we Sheldons owe so much for our genealogies because, as he travelled on his circuit rounds, he collected Sheldon information (and gave a lot of it, too): 17,000 names by 1882, leading to today’s “...base of over 66,000 names! Well-written, proud cousin Sheldon S. McLeod!
From a computer presentation by Carl E. Walter, 27 Silver Street, North Granby, CT 06060:

"General Thomas Sheldon was born in Suffield, CT March 3, 1787. He was the first child of Colonel Thomas Sheldon, commander of the 17th Connecticut Regiment in 1781, and later Superintendent of Newgate Prison. His mother was Abiah King Sheldon.

"Thomas Sheldon seems to have grown up in the towns along the Connecticut - Massachusetts border just west of the Connecticut River, and appears to have settled in Westfield, Massachusetts. There he married Lucy Palmer, daughter of a prominent Westfield tavern owner, Gad Palmer, on December 31st, 1812. His occupation is not known, but appears to have been related to agriculture and real estate. Between 1812 and 1838 his name appears in the records of 314 real estate transactions in Hampden County.

"In July 1821 Thomas Sheldon was commissioned Aide de Camp in the 1st Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division of Massachusetts Militia. He was promoted to Brigade Quartermaster in August 1822 and Brigade Major and Inspector in September 1823.

"In the mid-1820’s Thomas Sheldon was one of Westfield’s most ardent advocates of the Hampshire and Hampden Canal. In 1826 he named his eighth child DeWitt - probably after DeWitt Clinton, the New York Governor responsible for construction of the Erie Canal. On September 30, 1826 Thomas Sheldon and Jarvis Hurd, the canal’s Chief Engineer, contracted to build all of the Hampshire and Hampden Canal in Hampden County [Southwick and Westfield].

"In August 1828 Thomas Sheldon was promoted to Brigadier General of the 1st Brigade, and in the following June the Massachusetts General Court elected him to the post of Major General commanding the 4th Infantry Division of the Massachusetts Militia. When Westfield’s first canal boat was launched in November 1829 it was christened ‘General Sheldon’.

"Although Thomas Sheldon and Jarvis Hurd succeeded in finishing the canal to Westfield by 1829 the fact that they accepted nearly worthless canal company stock as payment for a large part of their work forced them to abandon the contract in 1830. The Westfield Times and Newsletter of January 2, 1889 states, “Gen, Thomas Sheldon ... was the leading spirit of the enterprise [the Hampshire and Hampden Canal] in this town [Westfield], it proved his financial ruin, as it did of everyone else who had anything else to do with it.”

"Sometime in the 1830’s General Sheldon migrated to Houston, Texas where he established a mercantile firm known as ‘T. Sheldon & Company’. He died in Houston, then part of the Republic of Texas, on July 30, 1838 at the age of 52. His body was returned for burial in Westfield’s Pine Hill Cemetery.”

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THOMAS SHELDON

The following are from the Telegraph & Texas Register, a Houston newspaper, microfilms of which are to be found at the Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin.

Advertisement of 21 Oct 1837 p 3, col 2:

"NEW STORE"

"Thos Sheldon & Co, have just received, and offer for sale for cash only, a stock of dry goods consisting in part of a large and extensive assortment of ready made clothing, manufactured of the best materials and by experienced workmen, also bleached and unbleached domestic, colored do, calico, gingham, fancy goods &c. The store is kept at No 1, Mercantile Row.

"Houston Oct 19, 1837"

Same date, second advertisement, same page and column:

"Thomas Sheldon & Co"

"Auction and commission merchants, No 1 mercantile row; will receive all sorts of goods to sell on commission; they will also sell property of any description at auction and will establish regular days of sale as soon as ... (illegible)."

30 May 1838 issue: An advertisement appears on behalf of many Houston merchants, stating:
"We the undersigned hereby mutually agree ... " The ad has to with the selling of tickets or scrip. Thomas Sheldon & Co is listed eighth among the signers.

Republic Claims

Among the Audited Claims of the Republic of Texas to be found at the Texas State Library Genealogy Collection are several claims on the part of Thomas Sheldon & Co., having to do with materials (ink, paper, blankets to be given to Comanche Indians, etc.) provided to the Senate and House of the fledgling government then sitting in Houston. There is no signature to compare with a known signature in the hands of Carl E. Walter, 27 Silver St., North Granby, CT 06060, whose computer presentation appears on the preceding page. On May 23, 1837, Private Andrew Moore assigned 640 Acres due him upon discharge from the Texas Army to Thomas Sheldon.

Tax Rolls of Harris County

Thomas Sheldon & Co appears on the 1837 tax roll of Harris County, taxed for "merchandise". I found no entry after 1837.

Texas General Land Office

Lost Book of Harris County reads: "Musgrove Evans by his assignee Thos. Sheldon recd cert one league No. 489 dated 12th Apl 1838. Witness J. A. Southmayd, Jany 2d, 1848." (Note: A Telegraph and Texas Register advertisement for Musgrove Evans to administer an estate, suggests that he, too, was from Houston.) This league of land represents a first class headright in Bastrop County.

Obituary

Telegraph & Texas Register, issue of 4 August 1838, p3 col 3, found at the Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin:
"DIED—In this city, on the 30th of July, (ult) after a short illness, Mr. T. Shelden, of the firm T. Sheldon & Co. The deceased was aged about 52 years,—He was late from Westfield, Massachusetts."

— Bruce H. Robertson, President, Sheldon Family Association, 3402 Mt. Bonnell Drive, Austin, TX 78731-5729, or by phone to 512.459.8225, or via e-mail to ez8tanker@juno.com produced this page, allowing closure of Carl Walter’s last paragraph on the preceding page.
Diodorus Sheldon

Diodorus Sheldon, the most prominent of the old citizens of St. Clair if indeed he may not be called the most prominent citizen who has ever made this place his residence died Thursday morning, May 26, 1892, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years.

"He was born in Hamburg, New York, December 10, 1814, of New England parents. He was left an orphan at the age of ten years. At sixteen years he became a tanner's apprentice and in about five years mastered the business. From that time for a number of years he was engaged in various business enterprises: part of the time foreman in a large tannery in Port Huron, and superintending the construction of a large tannery on the river just above St. Clair. In 1846, he came to St. Clair and built his first tannery, which has been in continuous operation from that time to the present, some of the men now employed having been there over thirty years. He built up and for many years carried on a very extensive brick making establishment. He built and owned the First National bank building and many other principal business places in St. Clair, always giving employment to a large number of men and no panics or business revulsions ever prevented his being on hand with ready cash to pay his men at every pay day. By his sympathy, generosity and uniform kindness he endeared himself to the hearts of his employees. He was several times mayor of St. Clair, and filled, with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents, many positions of public trust. He was married in 1843 to Miss Grace Abernathy, by whom he had four children, two of whom are still living, Mary E., widow of Ludovic King, and Charles, who succeeds to the estate of his father. Mr. Sheldon was not a member of any church, but contributed liberally to the support of all the religious denominations and in a modest and unobtrusive manner was ever ready to relieve cases of distress and to satisfy the various appeals which were made to him on behalf of deserving objects of charity. In 1883, Mr. Sheldon showed signs of failing health and with a view of relieving himself from care he transferred the active management of his business to his son Charles who had already been associated with him in a business capacity for a number of years. Since then he has led a quiet life, retaining his general interest in matters going on about him and enjoying the exercise of all his faculties except that of speech which through paralysis of the vocal organs had been imperfect for three or four years previous to his death.

"Mr. Sheldon was always ready to contribute of his means, his influence and his efforts to every enterprise which promised to benefit the city and probably no man who has ever lived here has done more to benefit the place than he has.

"The funeral services were held at his residence on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. W. G. Stonex officiating, and were attended by nearly all the older and more prominent residents of the place who came to pay the last sad tribute to the memory of a worthy citizen. A strikingly appropriate feature of the funeral services was the presence of his former employees in a body, six of the oldest of them, namely, C. H. Leach, Michael Kelly, John Kelly, F. Winter, Adam Burkhardt and Chris Buechler, acting as bearers. Among those present from out of town were his grandson, Sheldon King, of Detroit, Wm. Abernathy, John Nesbit and Wm. Nesbit, of Sarnia, R. S. Patterson, wife and daughter, and Miss U. King, of Port Huron.

"The remains were laid at rest in the city cemetery."
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 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. S4 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, 31 p. The author discusses the whether there were one or two William Sheldon's 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 S4479x821 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 Melfiaible (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 ... $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 Visititation 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 No. 4 Godfrey Sheldon, The Family of No. 5 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 culmination of two years of research in England. Probably no publication has been 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 Tombstone Inscriptions, Southampton MA & Deerfield MA from 93 Reunion Program — $3.00

33. Work In Progress, By John Plummer, Ongoing English Research concerning S4 Godfrey & S5 Isaac — $5.00

34. Record Book of S/S 1740 Gayler Sheldon & Family, donated by S/S4423x12 Mrs. Wm. Piaget. — $4.00

35. Master Index of all Names in the SFA Newsletter which became the Quarterly, Combined from annual indexes. (1984-1996) — $5.00

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OUR 59TH SHELDON FAMILY REUNION!

The family thanks Marge, Eleanor and Bob for a most wonderful 59th Reunion. The organization was superb!

Rose designed our name badges and the programs.

We had wonderful talks by Lester Smith, Bill Hosley, Carl E. Walter (see pages 481 - 482), and Commander Sal Tarantino of Sheldon's Horse.

Honoring the Sheldon graves at the cemetery was easy because our hosts had marked each one, an effort that must have taken many hours of their time. Our cousin stood outside the gate displaying a beautifully restored WWII jeep and its equipment, plus a similarly restored Model T Ford. Ah, memories of days gone by!

The ladies and gentlemen of the church served a deli — We ate dinner to the sweet voice and music of our cousin, Elizabeth Moana Chang, who is known throughout the Hawaiian Islands as The Voice from the Deep Ocean. Two of our family members even managed to get lucky enough to win her newest CD, "He Leo'o Moana", as door prizes!

Buses took us along Thomas Sheldon's canal and past the Congamond Lakes to see Newgate Prison where Thomas' father was — long ago — in charge. Many of us even made the descent into the old copper mine where the prisoners worked and where they were kept. Grim!

We posed for pictures before a Sheldon home of the 1700's and toured it inside and out.

Finally, we gathered in our usual circle clasping the hands of the Sheldons next to us and sang with Rose's voice to lead us. Then we were off to the winds again, all the while remembering what a grand job had been done by Marge,
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TEXAS COUSINS!
SEE LATER IN THIS ISSUE
FOR THE DETAILS!

Received even as we go to the printer: a fascinating article by John Plummer on the subject of Sheldon genetics and DNA that will appear in the next SFA Quarterly!

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Our Next Reunion: on the publications page

This issue certainly is later than I wanted or expected it to be and I apologize for its lateness. I could have weaseled a bit by making it the January issue, but nonetheless I have retained the December date in order to keep our SFAQ's in proper sequence. The lateness is due to the need to make arrangements in Austin for the forthcoming 60th Reunion. Perhaps last year's standards set by Marjorie, Eleanor and Bob made theirs too tough an act to follow, for there were no volunteers to organize this year's reunion in New England that most Sheldons consider to be "home"...Expect the next issue to be labelled, March 1999.
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TODAY'S FRAUD: IDENTITY THEFT!

Imagine coming to the awakening that someone has taken your identity and -- using it -- has obtained a driver's license in your name, has obtained credit cards in your name, has run through all of your life's savings, put you in debt, and -- perhaps -- has even committed a crime of violence in your name while having assumed your identity!

Our good cousin, Elizabeth Gill, has pointed out that such fraud is ever present and is a thing against which all of us must guard constantly.

During the past calendar quarter, we have reviewed our association's actions to try to be certain that we do not inadvertently hazard your identity. Such is now our policy.

Wayne Nelson, our publications chairman, has reviewed our web site, for example, and has posted a reminder to those who post queries about Sheldens/Sheldons that no identity details (birth date, birth place, marriage date or place, married name, etc.) are to be shown for living descendants.

Similarly, Keith M. Sheldon, our family genealogist, has assured us that we are planning no family publication in the immediate future that might provide such details. When we are ready to publish another work, we will review it carefully beforehand.

The current issue of USAA Magazine notes that, "In 1997, the Secret Service reported $745 million in identity fraud losses." So the threat is very real. The same magazine gives excellent tips for victims. The best of these is, of course, to call the fraud unit of your local police.

Senior citizens are said to be more prone to such scams because we tend to be more trusting. Beware that smooth voice on the phone that asks you to reveal things that you ought not to. That smooth voice was hired just to "con" you.

And thank you, Cousin Elizabeth, for reminding all of us!

THE "GENEALOGICAL HIGH"

At our past couple of reunions, cousins have heard me speak about the "high" you get when you make a genealogical "connection". It lasts for days. I am enjoying one this week!

For the past two years, I have been working on-and-off at trying to index the several hundred names in a genealogical work that came without an index. Having just completed my work and having donated it to the genealogy collection, the name of the riverboat, "Star Light", was fresh in my mind. I was to chance upon it again just a week later.

While doing research to provide an answer to an inquiry about one Sheldon, I chanced upon another in two biographies in the Texas State Library Archives Collection that named Benjamin M. Sheldon, his family and siblings. They also named his father, Captain Stephen Sheldon, as the owner of the "Star Light"! The articles also give Benjamin's mother's name, Georgiana Arnold, and her genealogy traced to General Joe Green of Revolutionary War renown.

Stephen Sheldon and the "Star Light" plied the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. During the Civil War, the boat worked for the federal government carrying cargo and troops.

I hurried home to Keith M. Sheldon's book, "John Sheldon of Providence and a record of his descendants". Yup! Keith had them all right (as 1413, 471 and 1413, 4713 in his numbering system), but blanks and underscoring indicated the uncertainties in the data. The archived documents appear to be of the type created in those days for the purpose of building family reputation in the community (and perhaps family ego), but they give information that was probably (continued next page)
The Henry Sheldon Packet Boat

From an unidentified book which tells that this excursion boat took ladies from Little Rock's Maddox Seminary school on trips on a packet boat on the Arkansas River. (See them lined up on the first floor?) The Seminary came to Little Rock in 1899 from Oxford Mississippi where it was founded in 1855. Photo from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Archives. (Permission use Requested.)

Does anyone know what Henry Sheldon this boat was named for?

Submitted by Pat Koger of Dalton, GA via Rose Sheldon Newton.

(continued from preceding page)

known only to that family, hence are reasonably solid facts upon which Keith can now hang his hat.

Benjamin's wife was Elizabeth Kennedy, daughter of Professor John T. and Sally (Smith) Kennedy of Longview, Texas. She is descended from Joseph F. Smith, a cousin of early Texas Governor Henry Smith.

Furthermore, the documents name Benjamin's sons. Joseph S. Sheldon, born May 31, 1891, and Arnold K. Sheldon, born November 6, 1892. They are a generation that we have not previously had. *And I am hoping that this "new" 92-year-old information will lead me to more!*

Digging in the Sheldon Genealogy Mine means frequent days that yield only sand-and-gravel. *Yet we dig for the excitement of a pay-out in the form of a "find" that sends us soaring: the "genealogical high".*

IN SEARCH OF SHELDON KIN

Seek family of Susan CLERMONT/CLEREMONT who m ca 1686 JOHN SHELDON (b1660 at Narragansett, RI), son of JOHN and SARAH SHELDON.

(In publishing *The Sheldon Magazine* in 1855-57, The Reverend Henry O. Sheldon named her as the spouse of S0023 John Sheldon as shown above, but there is no evidence in the family archives that support this claim. Such evidence is sought as well as an answer to the question of her family.)

Elizabeth S. Gill would like to know the above, and would also like the identity of Sarah, wife of John and the mother of John born 1860. Please write to Elizabeth in my care.

Bruce H. Robertson, address on back page

Please note the date for membership dues on the cover; forward to Secretary-Treasurer.
IN SEARCH OF SHELDON KIN

Lenard (sic) W. (possibly Wales) Sheldon, b May 19, 1836 in New York State. County and twp? Parents? Siblings? Arrived Hill County, TX ca 1873, m Millie Ann Stembridge 1 Jan 1874, removed to Hamilton County, TX.

Bruce H. Robertson, address on back page

Morris Sheldon, b NY. Master blacksmith, age 33 in Indiana 1850 Posey Co., Mt. Vernon Twp. Married Mary Woods (NY?). Descendants possibly named Sheldon, Clark, Lewis, Meister, and probably in Evansville, IN area. Forebears?

Bruce H. Robertson, address on back page

ABOUT S7551 THOMAS SHELDON

The more that we study pps 481-482 of the last issue, the more we realize that there are open ends to his story. Among these are:

What brought Thomas to Houston at that particular time, say, 1837? Possibilities that might be researched are that initial discussions of building what we know today as the Houston Ship Channel seem to have become more organized in that year. Might Thomas, successful canal builder, have hoped to build another? Or might Thomas, Major General of Militia, have seen a possible role in the Republic of Texas Army being organized at that same time? Or, of course, did he simply wish to be the merchant that he is shown to have become? He appears to have had the qualifications for any of these pursuits. Further research is needed.

What became of his wife, Lucy, and their children? While SFA records indicate that her death may have occurred in Houston, Carl E. Walter believes that she may have died in Brooklyn in 1858. Indeed, Brooklyn census records show a Lucy and her family. Is there an obituary in a Brooklyn newspaper after 1850? Or might a close examination of the stones in Westfield's Pine Hill Cemetery reveal the answer? Have we family members in either area who are willing to search? Are you able to help?

Bruce H. Robertson, address on back page

Congratulations, Henry David Pendleton, on your new LIFE membership! We other "lifers" hope that you enjoy yours as much as we enjoy ours. And the association is grateful to you!

The envelope has become separated from the list that follows, so I am unable to say for certain who sent it to me, but my recollection is that it may have been Mary zurBurg. In any case, the list represents a lot of work and it is fitting that we honor these young Sheldons for their service and for their sacrifice. I am trying to work up a similar list of the Sheldons who fought for the South.

Bruce H. Robertson

ROSTER OF OHIO SHELDONS IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION

Vol 1: 3rd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co F SHELDON, Thomas C. Private age 18 entered service 22 Apr 1861 for 3 months mustered out with Co. 18 Aug 1861

7th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co C SHELDON, Henry G. Private age 24 entered service 25 Apr 1861 for 3 months mustered out 20 June 1861; see Co C, 7th OVI, 3 yrs

17th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co E SHELDON, William Private age 20 entered service 27 Apr 1861 for 3 months mustered out with Co. 16 Aug 1861

19th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co F SHELDON, Dwight J Private age 20 entered service 24 Apr 1861 for 3 months mustered out with Co. 30 Aug 1861

19th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co F SHELDON, Harmon F Private age 18 entered service 30 Aug 1861

20th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co B SHELDON, Chauncey H Private, age 19 entered service 18 Apr 1861 for 3 months mustered out with Co. 18 Aug 1861

21st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co K SHELDON, George T Private, age 19 entered service 10 May 1861 for 3 months mustered out with Co. 12 Aug 1861

Vol 2 17th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co C SHELDON, Henry G Private, age 22 entered service 22 Aug 1861 for 3 years discharged 3 Jul 1863 for wounds received at battle of Cross Lanes, Va. 26 Aug 1863

17th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co C SHELDON, Mitchell H Private, age 21 entered service 25 Aug 1862 for 3 years wounded at battle of Ringgold, GA 27 Nov 1863 Transferred to Co B. 5th OVI 31 Oct 1864
20th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co C
SHELDON, Irwin Private age 23
entered service 8 Oct 1862 for 9 months
 discharged 2 May 1863 on Surgeon's certificate
of disability; drafted.

Vol 8 114th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co I
SHELDON, Franklin Private age 19
entered service 25 Oct 1862 for 3 years
Transferred to Co C, 48th OVI 24 Jul 1865

115th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co G
SHELDON, Charles Private age 19
entered service 4 Aug 1862 for 3 years
Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps 2 Mar 1863;
returned to Co 22 Dec 1864,
mustered out with Co 22 June 1865

116th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co G
SHELDON, Hiram C Private age 25
mustered in 18 Oct 1862 for 3 years
Transferred from Co F 1 Nov 1862 to
Co A, 62d OVI 14 Jun 1865

116th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co G
SHELDON, Charles E Private age 16
mustered in 7 Mar 1865 for 1 year.
Transferred to Co G, 62d OVI 14 Jun 1865

118th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co B
SHELDON, Thomas Private age 28
mustered in 1 Aug 1862 for 3 years
Discharged 16 Mar 1863 at Lexington, KY on
Surgeon's certificate of disability.

128th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co A
SHELDON, Henry F Private no age given
entered service 20 May 1863 for 3 years
Died 27 Oct 1863

128th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co D
SHELDON, Edwin A Private age 23
entered service 6 Apr 1863 for 3 years
mustered out with Co 13 Jul 1865

121st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co E
SHELDON, Raymond Private no age given
Died 30 Nov 1862; buried Mill Springs, KY
Died at Columbia, KY.

32d Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co G
SHELDON, John Private no age given
Died 1 Dec 1863; buried at Chattanooga, TN
Died of wounds received at the battle of
Mission Ridge, TN 25 Nov 1863

Vol 5 57th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co F
SHELDON, Manassah Private no age given
Died 18 Feb 1863; buried Vicksburg, MS.
Dies at Young's Point, LA, of disease;
interred in Sec A, grave 258

Vol 6 82d Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co B
SHELDON, Thomas Private no age given
Died 25 Sep 1864; buried in Sec 2, grave 314,
Spring Grove Cemetery.

Vol 7 95th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co K
SHELDON, Eugene Corporal no age given
Died 27 Dec 1864; buried West Jefferson, OH
Died at home in Madison Co., OH

Vol 10 5th Independent Battery, Ohio Vol Light Artillery
SHELDON, John Private no age given
Died 13 Nov 1861; buried Jefferson City, Mo
Interred in Sec 1, grave 31

Vol 9 184th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co A
SHELDON, William Private no age given
Died 17 Dec 1864; buried Nashville, TN
Died of wounds received 30 Nov 1864 in Battle
of Franklin, TN Interred in Sec G, grave 145.

Vol 10 10th Independent Battery, Ohio Vol Light Artillery
SHELDON, Albert G Private no age given
Died 5 Aug 1863; buried at Vicksburg, MS.
Interred in Sec G, grave 1438.

ZOLLINGER-ELLISON SYNDROME

An article on page 479 of the last issue (September, 1998)
mentioned that (S10097x41133) Julie Anne Sheldon
was interested in forming a support group for those who have
this disease which she believes may be inheritable among
those of her line (see the referenced page). A letter from her
states that she has moved to the home of her parents,
and can be reached at 8667 Tamarack, Brighton, MI 48116,
or at her e-mail address: <critter@ISMI.net>

Thanks, Julie, for the update. All of us wish for the very
best for you.

Bruce H. Robertson

In the Next Issue:

On page 469 (March, 1998 issue), we introduced Arad
Sheldon. We have learned a great deal since. We found his
marriage in W. Feliciana Parish of Louisiana, for example,
and found where he moved to a Florida location near his
brother, as well as a Florida land grant to his next of kin.
Yet we also had an inquiry that had led us to other
Arads. My hope is that our Keith M. Sheldon, our family genealogist,
now has enough to straighten these Arads out for us!
Every Name Index to the 1998 S. F. A. Quarterly

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... we are indebted to immediate past President Rose Sheldon Newton who continues to offer me her steadying hand. Thank you, Rose!  

Don't be fooled!  
Halbert's of Bath, Ohio, seems to have come up with a new name with which to sell their less than adequate "genealogical" products. Calling themselves, "The U.S. Information Bureau, NUMA, 3220 N. St., NW, Suite 14, Washington, D. C., they continue to push "Family History Books" that appear to be of little value to the serious genealogist. Be on guard! Save your money!  

Moving? Change of address, please, to A. Keith Sheldon, Secy-Treasurer, address on cover.
1. The Sheldon Magazine ... $4.00 per Volume ... Out of Print. Watch for new Sheldon Genealogy Series.

2. Sheldon Places ... $7.50. by S4779x851 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. Repeat of article in April, 1963 issue of the N.E.G.H.R.

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