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Letter from the Editor

Please forgive the fact that this issue has gone to press late this year. I came down with the flu, that put me out of commission for quite a while. Then came the COVID-19 pandemic, which gave me a scare, thankfully, I haven't gotten it yet and I hope that you all are healthy, too. While the world is on hold, we can still communicate through electronics. Remember when we all thought that electronics were going to be so bad for us? Sometimes they are, we stay on them too long. However, now we can see each other over the computer. If you haven't been able to see your family and friends over the internet it would be a great time to sit down behind one of those screens and figure out how! Just type in (internet communication) and you will get all sorts of things to read. We can also make the words bigger on the screen, too. Facebook has a way to call other members via video chat! So, please do not sit at home and wonder if your family still looks the same!

There is a neat book review in this issue regarding James Sheldon who resided in Remsen, NY. One can find more information on the subject by searching the web, as I have, there is a good picture of his house in two of the previous issues of SFAQ and also in another book, *Around Remsen And Steuben*, by Megan Plete Postol. Ms. Postol mentions that our ancestor, James, "is credited with bringing many settlers to the region..." I do not wish to complete that quote so you can look up the reference on your own. Have fun researching!

Take care,
Michelle Masson

President's Update Michael Sheldon, Isaac 5

Hello Fellow Members!

I hope everyone is doing the elbow tap, washing their hands frequently, staying healthy and getting all your spring chores at home done.

I live in Florida and all public spaces are closed. The Florida Keys are open only to residents and all folks flying in from the Northeast (NY, CT and NJ) are being tested as they get off the planes and must go into self-quarantine for 2 weeks. So, I understand things are far from normal.

The SFA board had its second conference call in February. It was business as usual. Finances good, web activities were normal, membership good. There was a change in leadership that required us to appoint a new Secretary for the SFA. Nancy Olsen has accepted and was appointed. With her change we then appointed Charles Olsen as the Team 2 leader.

We did act on two items:

As an organization we rejoined the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Shortly after joining this organization announced that it is undergoing a merger with another organization of its type. In the end, it will be a great resource for the SFA leadership to learn the better practices of other organizations like SFA. It also offers the opportunity to collaborate with societies that also track Sheldons.

The second item was the purchase of Directors and Officers insurance. While our leaders are protected by the Good Faith laws of Maine for nonprofit organizations, we still have exposure of our personal assets and might also have to bear legal costs. Since our bylaws are clear in that SFA must provide indemnification for its volunteer officers and committee member, we decided to accept the cost and get the D&O insurance which mitigates those risks.

We have our next Board call in May. As we approach that meeting, I will be working on some Bylaws house cleaning issues that need to be done and will be presented to the membership in September. I am hoping to see progress from our teams on our web, database and meeting activities. I will report what I can to you this summer.

As regards to the annual meeting, currently the plan is to stay on course with our annual general membership meeting. My hope is that we will be well past this crisis with people back to work, but ever more yearning to reconnect with "family" and take some time to relieve ourselves of the stress. New England is a great place for all of that. I will keep you informed.

May April showers bring beautiful May flowers and return harmony to your lives.

Shirley Bemis Martin

July 27, 1928 – October 20, 2019

Shirley Bemis Martin was a very active member of SFA. She served on the board of directors from 1988 to 1991, was vice president from 1992 to 1996 and served on the Board again from 2002 until 2010. She was on the Sheldon British Heritage Tour in 1993. She was usually accompanied by her daughter, Kim Nelson, and sometimes grandchildren. (Kim was very careful when introducing herself by adding that she and I were not related!)

I checked my photo album of past SFA meetings for a nice photo of Shirley. The attached is the best I could find. Shirley is on the right, Rose on the left. This photo was taken at the 1995 annual meeting in Norton, Virginia.

Shirley was fun to be around. She had a bubbly personality and an easy laugh. Another one of the “old timers” is gone.

Wayne Nelson



GENEALOGY RESEARCH IN BOSTON

For those interested in doing genealogical research in Boston, the primary location is **New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)**, located at 99-101 Newbury Street. Holdings include US Censuses, vital records for New England towns, and 1000s of New England genealogies. It is possible to get to NEHGS from our hotel in Quincy using the "T" subway system. Start at the North Quincy station (1/2 mile from the hotel) and take the Red Line north toward Alewife, transferring to the Green line at Park Street and get off at Copley station and then walk 4 minutes to the library. Travel time is about 35 minutes.

A second recommend source is the **Boston Public Library**, 700 Boylston Street, is only a three-minute walk from Copley Station, in the other direction from NEHGS. The Library is open 9 AM to 9 PM, Monday -Thursday and 9 AM to 5 PM, Fri & Sat.

Additional genealogy resources, as listed on the holmespubliclibrary.org website

Boston City Archives - Voter registrations for Boston, census, tax and teacher records

Boston College: Irish Genealogy and Family History Resources - Irish American resources

Family History Centers- 2 locations, 379 Gardner St, Hingham, 617-749-9835

and 400 Cross Road, North Dartmouth, 508-994-8215

Jewish Cemetery Assoc of Massachusetts -records for 62 Boston area Jewish cemeteries

Massachusetts Archives - Vital records for all of MA to 1910, Mass. Census 1855 and 1865, Passenger lists for port of Boston, Military records (1643-1781), records of Plymouth County

Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics - Birth, marriage and death records from 1911.

Plymouth County Registry of Deeds and Probate - Probate and land records

State Library of Massachusetts - Military history, newspapers, other Mass. info.

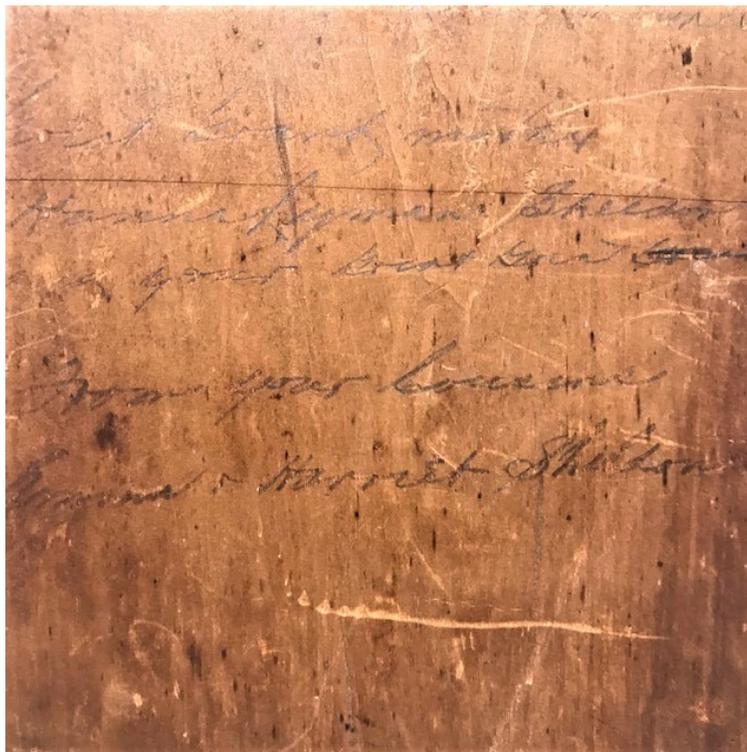
Irish Ancestral Research Assoc (TIARA) - organization interested in Irish research

Mirror with Family History

John Caldwell

My grandmother, known as Lou, short for Louise, Camilla Louise Sheldon Beltramini, scratched down in pencil a list of a few Sheldon relatives on an old 10X14 inch mirror that my mother, Carolyn Louise Beltramini Caldwell had in our home growing up. I have a vague recollection that the mirror might have been a wedding present to my Mom. But that could be a figment of my imagination, which has always been an active part of many of my stories. (According to my wife, not according to me.)

My mother was about to put the mirror in her estate sale after my father passed on. But I thought it was a nice convenient size, so I asked for it. It was then, back in 1981 that Mom told me it had some names of our Sheldon relatives written in pencil on the back side. Since then it has been hanging on various walls of my homes as we moved around Ohio. I considered the mirror to be special, even as it became more fragile after several crashes when a nail would loosen, or a wire would fray. I tried a few times to read the faded penciled letters but had little success. I never gave it much thought.



For some reason, maybe it was the wire was becoming loose, I took a more detailed look at the writings recently. I had been wondering on and off about Louise's father, a Henry T Sheldon and I thought maybe the mirror could give some names to help track him down. I am not technically adept and have shied away from genealogy studies. I used my cell phone camera to try and enlarge the writing. I came up with six lines.

1. Your mother, Louise Sheldon Beltramini
2. Great Grandmother
3. Hanna Layman (maybe Laymann) Sheldon
4. Your Great Great Grandmother
5. From your cousins
6. ??five or six letters?? (I can't read them) & Harriet Sheldon.

I texted my sister, Ann Sheldon Caldwell Carpenter, and she looked at the texted photo and saw the Harriett name which I couldn't decipher at first. She is on Ancestry.com. But she had only looked up our Beltramini roots. We didn't know how these names related to the Sheldon family.

I didn't know how to find out anything more. I googled Henry T. Sheldon. Not much came up there. I googled Sheldon and in rummaging around I stumbled on the Sheldon Family Association. I found your name, Sue Sheldon, with a number to contact for Sheldon family questions. I texted you to see if you could find a Henry T. Sheldon with some tentative dates and you found him. You linked him back to Isaac Sheldon by three lines!

Two Family Stories

Part one

Michael Sheldon

I write this story because genealogy and history are addicting and educational. It takes you down roads of things forgotten and things anew. I write about this because I find it comforting to tread in places where there are family footsteps, sweat, investment and soul.

This story starts with.... Who would have known?

I met my spouse in Maine. I knew she was from Florence, now a section of Northampton, Massachusetts. But it was not until a few years later that I learned that Isaac's (5) tomb is in the Bridge Street Cemetery just a few miles from her home. The cemetery is just a stone's throw from his original Northampton homestead now called Sheldon Field.

The Story of Sheldon Field in Northampton, Massachusetts

It all began when my mother-in-law sent me a newspaper article that she cut out of the Northampton Gazette, the local newspaper. It was dated 12 Dec 1998. It described the pending sale of Sheldon Field to the City of Northampton. The sale was contingent upon continuation of requirements made back on May 8, 1948, when the land was leased to the City of Northampton for One Dollar (\$1.00) per year for 97 1/2 years. The lease was signed by a Theodore Sheldon (S1521x61) of Winnetka, Cook, Illinois. Theodore was a 7th generation male descendent of Isaac (5). The homestead property had passed down thru probate to Theodore (Jr) as a part of a direct inheritance father to son chain spanning 240 plus years.

The lease's contingencies stipulated that the city could only use the property for recreational purposes and that the property be called Sheldon Playground ...later Field and that a marker be dedicated to the history of the property. My wife recalls as a child going to Sheldon Field for sports activities.

Time passes, life gets in the way, so I had forgotten about this article until a couple of months ago. I discovered it in my genealogy file of "to do stuff." I decided, now that I have the time, to explore my progenitor's homestead story. The learning curve has been steep because I am still a novice at research. But I have been able to find the actual lease and the subsequent sales transaction through city records which are on-line. These records provide some information about the history of ownership regarding the field. It states that the land was part of a purchase made by the 60 original founders of Northampton from the Indians. Isaac made purchases and acquired his land when he came to Northampton in 1654/5 up into the mid 1660s. Acquisition was either through marriage or in payment for work he did as an early and founding leader of the Northampton community. Subsequently, from that point the deed for this portion of his land was passed down thru the 7 generations of males. (Isaac, Ebenezer, Elias, Isaac, the Reverend George, Theodore to.... (well, you see below). Interestingly, all recipients after Isaac (5) was passed from father to the youngest son. I wonder if this is a clue about Isaac. It changed after the 7th generation for reasons explained below.

I will, however, make a digression here because it adds more color to the story.

The Rev. George W. Sheldon (S1521) was born in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1813 and died in Princeton, New Jersey in 1881. His vocation was that of a Presbyterian minister. He studied at Williams College and studied his theology at the Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts. He was ordained in 1841 and shortly, thereafter he went to preach at the Dorchester (hmmmm, coincidence?) Church, St. George Parish in South Carolina. He was there for 8 years. Following that, as recorded in the Princeton Alumni Weekly, he went to Plainfield, New Jersey for a short time and then returned to the family home in Northampton. In 1860 he returned to New Jersey, but this time to nearby Princeton where he was on the faculty of the college. He was a theology researcher, writer and a speaker of note. He wrote a prolific number of articles and books including some on the movement of people from Dorchester, MA to South Carolina and Georgia (hmmmmmm?) where they created new churches. He also wrote on the history of Williams College, as well as, the early history of Northampton, MA (again coincidence?).

The Rev. George's father Isaac (S534) died in 1862. As part of Isaac's will for the Rev. George to keep the land and house, he had to live in the Northampton house. Records about the history of Northampton indicate this was a big Greek Revival styled house built in 1835. George faced a dilemma as he did not want to return because he was quite the respected individual at Princeton. Nevertheless, he must have really loved the house, thus he kept his word to live in it **IN PRINCETON**. In 1866, he had the house disassembled and shipped by "flatboat" down the Connecticut River past New York and up the Delaware and Raritan Rivers to Princeton (had to have been big \$\$\$). By 1868 the house was reassembled on 10 Mercer Street in Princeton where it remains to this day. In 1929, the house was donated to the University by the very philanthropic Edward Wright Sheldon. The house is now known as Sheldon House. The University used it as housing for unmarried male faculty up until the late 1990's when the House was bought by the Bonner Foundation who did extensive renovations and still occupy it today. You can visit it if you like.

But let's get back to the homestead! The now vacant Northampton homestead property continued to be handed down from father to son. The Rev. George died in 1905. He had 5 sons and 3 daughters. One son (S1521x7) died at the age of 9. His other 4 sons were all Princeton grads and prominent citizens. He passed (based on the research of Rose Newton and Fred Sheldon and published in pamphlets from the Bonner Foundation and the SFAQ) the homestead on to his youngest son Edward Wright (S1521x8) born 1858. Edward W was a very prominent successful lawyer, businessman, philanthropist and active part of the Princeton University leadership. At one point he was its President. He died in 1934 and had no male heirs. Therefore, I am led to believe based on an obituary type article found in the Princeton Alumni Weekly that at the time of his death Edward was survived in life by three nephews and six nieces. In other words, he had no living brothers. A review of the documents about the lease to the City of Northampton suggest that the land passed from Edward W to Theodore Jr (S1521x61). Theodore Jr was the oldest son of Theodore Sr (S1521x6) who was Edward W's closest brother in birth with male heirs. Why this chain of thought because it is Theodore Jr. (S1521x61) and his spouse who signed the 97-year lease. At his passing in 1969, Theodore Jr also had no male heir. So once again the ownership shifts sideways with it going to a cousin... Edward Wright II (S3894x21). How do we deduce that? The article sent to me taken from the Northampton Gazette states that it was an Edward R. Sheldon III of Renton, WA, that contacted the city of Northampton about the Sheldon Field lease. The SFA records find no Edward R III anywhere, but we do find an Edward Wright II that died in July 1997 in Cody Wyoming. His youngest son is an Edward Wright III. I think it is he who reached out to the city in June 1997, perhaps as a dying request of his father. According to the deed filed in Northampton when it was sold the property to the city for \$6500 on 2 Jun 1999, it was an Edward Sheldon III that signed with an address care of his brother in Washington state.

And so, the story ends for Sheldon Field as owned by the Sheldon family for 344 years. It just gives me chills to know that bit of history and I will again walk that earth this summer as my wife's family gathers annually in Northampton.

Genealogy Summary

It was said the land was purchased from the Indians by the original settlers of Northampton.

Isaac actually purchased his first lands on 2 Sep 1655 and continued to acquire property into the 1660s that included the area of Sheldon Field.

The land was then passed from father to son 7 times. A review of the multiple records shows the lineage to be:

Isaac (S5) 1629-1708 made the original purchase/acquisition

Ebenezer (S44) 1677-1755 youngest son of Mehitable and Isaac

Elias (S199) 1721-1793 youngest son of Mary and Ebenezer

Isaac (S534) 1774- 1862 youngest son of Catherine and Elias

Rev. George (S1521) 1813-1881 youngest son on Dorcas and Isaac

Edward Wright (S1521x8) 1858-1934 youngest son of Rev. George and Martha Lyman. At the time of his death there were no living brothers. There were three nephews that were living, and it passed to Theodore Jr.

Theodore Jr (S1521x61) was the son of Theodore Sr (S1521x6). Theodore Jr 1883-1969 is the one who signed the 97-year lease and was the oldest male child by Theodore Sr. and Mary Randolph. Senior was the oldest brother by birth to Edward died in 1905. Junior married Margaret Lewis who cosigned the lease documents. Junior had 2 daughters and no sons.

Upon Junior's death the property passed to his closest living male relative, a 1st cousin once removed **Edward Wright Sheldon II (S3894x21)**. Edward II died in 1977.

So, it was **Edward Wright (not R) Sheldon III (S3894 x212)**, again the youngest son who contacted the city who acquired the land from II and in 1999 sold the property to Northampton after 340 years of Sheldon possession.

In summary while it was not father son all the way back to Isaac, Edward Wright III can be traced back directly to the Rev. George who traces back directly to Isaac (5).

So, if you are of Isaac descent and go to the annual meeting, there are three places to visit in Northampton for sure. Sheldon Field, Isaac's tomb and the many grave sites in the Bridge Street Cemetery.

An English Connection?

Michael Sheldon

Just wanted to bring you up to date on an interesting item.

A couple of months ago, a gentleman by the name of David hailing from the great state of Michigan reached out by snail mail to Jim Russell. He found Jim's name in an SFAQ he had. Jim was, at that time, the editor for the SFAQ. This person was wanting to know if SFA had an "English/UK" branch. He wanted to provide them with his lifetime of research on his Sheldon family.

David is 85. He has had a passion for genealogy for quite some time. Regretfully, David has had some health issues and he can no longer pursue his passion with any regularity. His wife is around to help, but basically, he figures he is at a point where he cannot really continue. Ergo, the desire to share his life's work. He is also the only remaining survivor of his generation as all his sibs have passed on.

Here is the thing. His grandfather was born in Kates Hill, Dudley, England in 1860 and immigrated to this country in the early 1880s settling in Muskegon, MI. He married here in the US and raised a family. David, a grandson was born in Grand Rapids.

David has been back to England several times to do researching with the goal of studying his English roots. Surprise, surprise, you know where he went? Derbyshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire! So here we have a person not connected to the progenitor Colonials, yet he traces himself to the areas we know or suspect the Colonials to be from.

David thinks he has traced his family back to the days of William the Conqueror. Enough said there. It was really at that point his research consumed our interest!

Jim contacted Sue and me. Both of us reached out to David immediately. We have exchanged a number of emails with him. He has sent his entire file to Sue with much of it digitized. She has posted his research in a Google share file and we will open that file to those on the Board **only** at this time. Be aware this file is very big with hundreds of pages. He has also shared with us his 23 & Me results which we have sent on to Kelly. I convened an Executive Committee and we agreed that we would send him one of our FTDNA kits. He has agreed to take the test and to share his results with our FTDNA study.

Not surprising his haplogroup does not match any of our US progenitor lines. However, Kelly feels if you take the lineage back further than our progenitors, there may be a connection to Group B. Whoa!

Sue did an incredible job of uploading his non-digitized (handwritten or typed) data which outlines much of his family tree and his digitized data into the google file. She has also entered some of the family tree information into the SFA file.

But with the highs also come lows. There was a time David approached SFA to join but was rejected because he did not descend from a colonial. That will always be true, but it is unquestioned that he descends from the English Sheldons and may be affiliated to one of our colonial lines.

Imagine if we had invited him in those many years ago where we might be today.

To me this only reinforces that you just never know where the next gem or the next key nugget to our history and lineage will come from. I hope we can finally agree that SFA is not an exclusive club of just some Sheldons.

Ahhh! One other thing. As I scanned through his data an interesting name comes in a booklet that Ruth and others examined way back when. It is called "The History of Beoley". It mentions that Ralph II, one of the Lord of the Manor(s) that is buried in Beoley had a "nephew" who grew up alongside his son Edward. As these two boys became of age Ralph realized that issues were arising. He kept Edward in England and sent his "nephew" Marmaduke to the Virginia colonies. Read in the text about "The Legend of the Silver Plate." The story goes on to say the Marmaduke created a home in Virginia balled Beoley Grove. In doing a Google search another name pops up "Major Marmaduke Sheldon." Still working on those names, but any help is appreciated!

Here is the point. We have two vectors that should open our eyes and brains. One is David who is very likely related/connected back to our ancestral Sheldons in Beoley, yet not through our New England ancestors. Secondly, his work and SFAs have commonality as exhibited in his research about the history of the English ancestors and that not all came thru New England but to other regions as well... Virginia ... Georgia. I also ran across some interesting reading from Ken Sheldon in his Sheldon Chronicles that points to another common area to us and David and that is the area of Regis Rowley, England.

Enjoy looking at his stuff. Contact Sue if you want have access. When the time comes and we have his FTDNA results, we will make the announcement to the Membership and a wider circle.

A Book Review

Libby Wilson

I have recently been in contact with Pat Hill, author of the newly published book, [On Sheldon Hill, Remsen Place Names, Stories and History.](#)

She described the book to me in this way; "My book "On Sheldon Hill, Remsen Place Names, Stories and History" was titled such because of 2 short stories my dad once told me. I consider Sheldon Hill a place name and it is so named because of James Sheldon who first settled at that locality. James Sheldon was an agent for the John Brown Tract. He welcomed settlers to this area and supplied them with tools and all needed to get started with their farms. In 1809 he built a large stone house on the Commons Road in Remsen and it is a beautiful home yet today.

In 2016 ancestors of James Sheldon held a reunion at the Sheldon farm in Remsen. Relatives came from several states to attend. I guess their reunion was held in Utica which is 30 miles south of Remsen and the visit to the Sheldon estate was a stop during the reunion. They also visited Fairchild Cemetery in Remsen where James Sheldon is buried.

My book doesn't include much about James Sheldon except for him owning the property and the 2 stories my dad told which are unrelated to the Sheldon family. The book contains a substantial amount of history about my small community of Remsen. You may buy a copy of my book through me. The price is \$23 and that includes postage."

Pat Hill's email is overthehill@frontier.com



Sheldon Family Association Lapel Pin

The attractive SFA lapel pin is approximately 3/4-inch-wide and 1 inch long. The background is teal blue. The top says, "Sheldon Family Association", the Sheldon logo is in the center and the ribbon at the bottom carries the letters SFA. Show off your heritage and wear this pin with pride!

The cost of this pin is \$10.00 (including postage).

<https://sheldonfamily.org/marketplace/merchandise/99-sheldon-family-association-lapel-pin>

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<https://sheldonfamily.org/marketplace/publications>

Reunion Schedule, Boston 2020 Best Western Adams Inn, Quincy, MA

Wednesday, Sept 16 Hotel \$109

Arrive, free day to research or sightsee No SFA activities planned

Thursday, Sept. 17 Hotel \$109

Board Meeting 12-4 Welcome reception, pm - Adams Pub, located in the hotel

Friday, Sept 18 Hotel \$159

Annual meeting 8-noon

lunch on your own

Tour Adams Historic Park, (entrance fee unknown at this time as the park is closed for the winter)

dinner on your own

Saturday, Sept 19 Hotel \$159

Group to Plymouth leave by 8am, entrance fee TBA

Group dinner location TBA

Sunday, Sept 20 Hotel \$101

No SFA activities planned

Hotel information for the 2020 SFA Reunion, Quincy, Massachusetts

We will be meeting at the Best Western Adams Inn, 29 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02171. We have a block of rooms under the group name Sheldon Family Association beginning Wednesday, Sept 16 thru Sunday, Sept 20, 2020. Room rates are \$109 for Wednesday and Thursday nights, \$159 for Friday and Saturday nights and \$101 for Sunday night. Make your reservations before August 16 to get these group rates! Call 617-328-1500x4, to reserve your room. Includes laundry facilities, free breakfast, free parking and free wi-fi. Be sure to mention that you are with the Sheldon Family Association!

To view more information about the hotel, please go to <https://www.bwadamsinn.com/>. You can also find more information here about the Quincy area, local transportation and the onsite restaurant, Adams Pub.

Transportation

The hotel will provide transportation to and from Logan Airport (Boston) and the hotel for \$5.00 per person one way. Simply call the hotel after you pick up your luggage to make arrangements for the shuttle. 617-328-1500 x 1.

There are lots of rental car options located near in Quincy, which avoids the extra taxes that airport rentals charge. There are two Enterprise rental locations near the hotel, and they will bring the car to the hotel, making it super easy. Call to make a reservation at Enterprise at 781-471-9333 or 617-376-0429.

Public transportation is also an option for getting to Boston if you want to sightsee, walk the Freedom Trail, search for the best lobster roll in town, or do research at the New England Historic Genealogical Library. The Boston train system is called the "T" and the North Quincy Station on the Red Line is the nearest stop to our hotel, about 1/2 mile away. If you are a smartphone user, you can download the "Boston T" app and plan your routes and monitor train schedules online.

For more information about Quincy, Massachusetts, visit <https://www.discoverquincy.com/>



Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor

With this commemorative stamp, the Postal Service marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the *Mayflower* in Plymouth Harbor. The stamp's image is based on artwork of watercolor, acrylic and gouache, a method of painting that uses opaque pigments ground in water and thickened to a glue-like consistency. The painting was digitally refined to convey a scene of desolate beauty at the end of the Pilgrims' long journey to an unfamiliar world. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp with original art by Greg Harlin. The stamps can be purchased through the USPS.

<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2019/1022-usps-unveils-2020-stamps.htm>

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___ 5-Year Annual Membership - \$80.00

___ Life Membership - \$300.00 once

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