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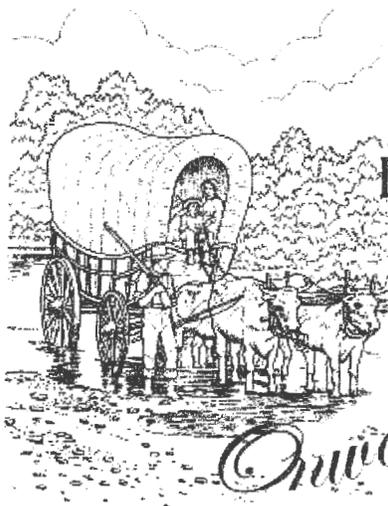
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Please include your Sheldon lineage.

**Renewals and Dues:** Secretary  
listed on the front cover.

*Sidney Roby Cont. from p 910*

You will see my ancestors, and his in Rupert Vermont at the same time.

S7633x42 Sidney Roby Sheldon b. Greenville, MI,  
S7633x4 Charles Sheldon b. NY Mills, NY, S7633 Stephen  
Smith Sheldon b.1803 Rupert, VT, S3176 Squire David  
Sheldon b.1780 Rupert, VT, S1121 Hon. David Sheldon b.  
1756 Suffield, CT, S0398 Dea. John Sheldon b.1724  
Suffield, CT, S0117 Thomas Sheldon b. 1688  
Northampton, MA, S0036 Dea. Thomas Sheldon b.1661  
Northampton, MA, S0005 Isaac Sheldon b. 1629 England.

The whole Point of this article is that when you go to a location **CHECK OUT REPOSITORIES** in the area around where your ancestors lived. Look right. City, County, History Societies, possibilities etc..

**S.F.A. Presidents Report**

By Jeanne Arnold Jeffries



We are now in the count down phase for the Sheldon Family Association Annual Meeting and Reunion. Registrations are arriving for hotel rooms and for the meeting. Committees are preparing reports for the Board Meeting on Thursday August 3 at 4 pm.. **A registration table will open early in the afternoon.** Any member is welcome at the Board meeting as are interested nonmembers.

We shall consider the plans for publishing information about the Godfrey line which includes a discussion of the computer data base and possible changes. Bylaws were discussed and revised at the 2010 meeting and need to be approved. In keeping with requests from members, we shall plan for the 2012 annual meeting which should rotate to the East. A Sheldon descendant of Northampton has offered to host a meeting in 2012. There is also interest in a meeting in Oberlin OH or Fort Wayne IN. We bid goodbye to board members Helen Reed, Kim Nelson and who have served faithfully and also served as reunion hosts. New board members will be elected. Comments will be welcomed. We review the comments received on the Questionnaire and try to implement them.

Indeed, we added Short Talks in 2011 to respond to members requests for more information. This year we have 6 Short talks in 2 days by members. Reunion host Bing Sheldon will tell us about Portland OR. We also will have a hour for sharing Sheldon stories about different lines. **Have you made your plans yet? Do you have something to share? Do you have an artifact for a "Show and Tell"?** Or do you know some topic that would be interesting? I hope to meet you in Portland Oregon!

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# Sidney Roby Sheldon Records Seattle Library

Years ago, researching my great grand father Charles Sheldon of Rupert VT, brother Marson who "went west", I wrote to SFA attender Grace Johnson who lived in Seattle and researched Sheldons she sent a photocopy of the hand written lineage chart, with photos, of Sidney Roby Sheldon's research chart. He descends from progenitor S0005Isaac Sheldon. Remembering that chart, I went to SFA files and found a copy of that chart of Sidney also sent to Keith M. Sheldon by member Janice Baumbach his descendant.. On the internet you find several references to Sidney and his famous line: Following are a FEW excerpts that you might enjoy.

S7633x42 (I) Sidney Roby Sheldon of Seattle records in Seattle and SFA Files.

Sidney Sheldon was an engineer, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, who taught at Nanyang University (known by several other names as well) in Shanghai, China, from 1910 to 1927. In addition to his teaching work, he made many consultation trips into the interior of China to inspect various installations.

His wife, Eunice Fife Sheldon, was the daughter of Elmer E. and Mary Theaker Fife, Presbyterian missionaries to India. The Fifes first arrived in India in 1889, to serve with the Punjab Mission. Elmer Fife founded what was later to be known as Gordon Christian College in Rawal-Pindi in 1893. He and his family then returned to the United States, where he served as pastor of churches in Lincoln, Nebraska and Boise, Idaho, before returning to India in 1904. Elmer Fife served as principal of several Christian schools in Dehra Dun, Mussoorie and Ludhiana during his missionary career.

Sidney R. Sheldon's papers comprise files of teaching materials, letters and documents from his years at Nanyang University in Shanghai. This institution was variously known as Imperial Polytechnic College, government Institute of Technology, Nanyang College and Nanyang University. The latter name appears most often and is used in the finding aid.

The collection ends with a section of miscellany, including documents and published pieces by Eunice Fife Sheldon,

pamphlets regarding the Masonic Lodge of China, a thesis by Sidney R. Sheldon and two others regarding incandescent lamps (at the University of Wisconsin), an autobiography of Sheldon on microfilm and Sheldon's scrapbook.

Two boxes of photographs of the Sheldon, Fife, and related families, plus some pictures of Nanyang College, have been removed to the Photograph Collection for preservation reasons.

A series of maps from Sheldon's trips in Alaska and British Columbia as a young man are included at the end of the collection; many have been cut in strips, probably for easier handling while traveling, and some are in poor repair. An 1867 map of the Johnstone and Broughton Straits and Queen Charlotte Sound is probably the oldest of the group.

Guide to the Sheldon and Fife Family Papers 1818-1936 at <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/ark:/80444/xv30794>

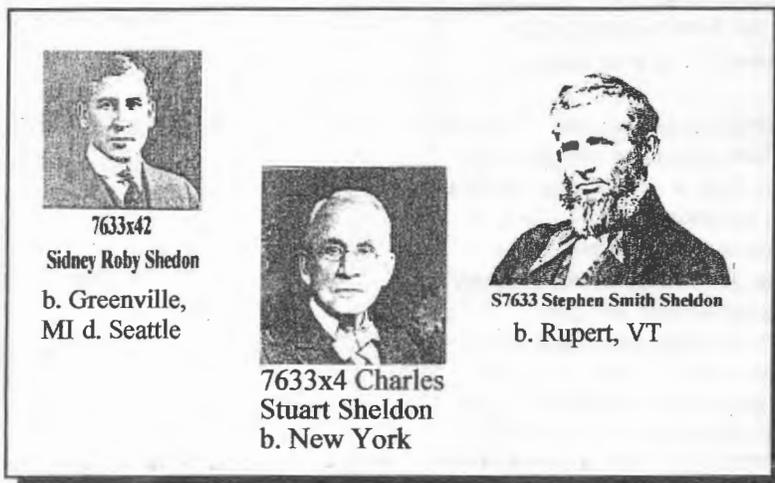
Summary: The Sheldon and Fife families were joined by the marriage of Sidney R. Sheldon and Eunice M. Fife in 1916. Sidney Sheldon was an engineer, and Eunice Fife was the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries to India. The collection

contains genealogical materials, correspondence, diaries, India mission materials, sermons, Nanyang University (Shanghai, China) documents, and maps. Of particular interest is a collection of letters written by David W. Hutchison, a Union soldier during the U.S. Civil War who served under General Grant. The letter of notification of his death is included. **Repository:** University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections & University Archives 1299 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1299 URL: <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/index.html>

Copy of Sidney Roby Sheldon lineage chart is in SFA Files and member 7633x423 Janice Sheldon Bumbach has updated SFA over the years. His collection is in the Seattle Library.

SFA President John Sheldon of Nevada included some of this family in his report of Sheldon's of Note at a reunion some years ago also.

AND, I have found descendants of Marson - living in Florida! and his tombstone "out west". For a picture of a family migration, review Sidney's family locations. *Continued on left p.909*



2 Boxes of Pictures in the Sheldon Fife Papers

By: Rose Sheldon Newton

**DNA Project**  
by **Peter F. Jeffries**  
Project Administrator



Since only male DNA can reveal the Y DNA from the Y Chromosome, women who wish to be tested for DNA use the Mitochondrial DNA test. A separate but similar procedure is followed in the testing. This looks at a special DNA found in the Mitochondria of the cell. FTDNA Sheldon Project members who choose the MtDNA test are then compared to all other individuals in the FTDNA data base whose MtDNA has been tested no matter what their last name is and no matter whether male or female.

Specifically, the MtDNA shows maternal line connections. A match with another person means that they share a common ancestor from the past. This could be back any where from 5 - 10 generations on a standard pedigree chart. The test does not name the individual shared. However, FTDNA provides the contact information for individuals who share the MtDNA type. There are, of course, many different types of MtDNA. Depending on the SNP sequence, FTDNA can identify a possible country of origin since there are 128,244 MtDNA records in the data base since it started in 2000.. DNA is not a substitute for traditional genealogical research. It can add to our knowledge and perhaps help discover new connections. Possibly someone who has been researching has a bit of information that leads to a Eureka moment. Contact me at arnjeff@myfairpoint.net if you have questions. I will try to answer them.



**Meet your Board Members**  
**Alberta Sheldon Dunn**

Born and raised in Rochester, New York, I then attended college at SUNY Geneseo where I received both Bachelor and Masters degrees in Library Science. For 36 years, I was a Library Media Specialist in a nearby school working mainly with grades 6 - 12. While at college, I met and married my husband Bill who is now deceased. My daughter Dianne and son Bill are both married giving me 6 grandchildren between them. In addition to genealogy, my special interests are local history and tourism, reading and gardening. In the late 1960's, I began tracing my Sheldon roots back to progenitor Isaac Sheldon, a pursuit I have continued for many years. A brief membership in SFA at that time helped me along but a busy life caused me to fall by the wayside for a while then rejoin in the late 1990's upon my retirement. I first attended an SFA Reunion in 2004 in Granville, Ohio and enjoyed it. In 2009, I hosted the Reunion in Geneseo, New York where I really had the opportunity to get to know some of the organization's leaders. I

also attended at Grand Rapids in 2010 enjoying more personal contact with members. As a Board member, I hope to be able to give back to the SFA in some valuable way yet to be determined.

**Reunion Schedule**  
**SHELDON SHORT TALKS**

We will continue the concept of Short talks at the 72nd meeting of the Sheldon Family Association in Portland OR. Each talk is 10 minutes and 5 minutes for questions.

Before daily activities.

Friday August 5 2011

9:00 am Sheldon Progenitors  
Wayne E Newton

9:15am Searching Best Libraries  
Jeanne A Jeffries

9:30 am All about Portland  
Bing Sheldon

9:45 am Today's events  
Coordinators

Saturday August 6 2011

9:00 am More About Sheldon Families  
Ruth Watson

9:15 am Find A Grave  
Jeanne & Peter F Jeffries

9:30 am DNA for Non Scientists  
Peter F Jeffries MD

9:45 am Today's events  
Coordinators

***Come to Reunion! Get registered today.  
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# A Mystery Solved

## Grandpa's Wooden Canteen from the War of 1812

By new SFA member Peggy Sendak, a retired teacher. Antiques should be appreciated and treasured, not only for their beauty and uniqueness, but also for their history. Over the years, I have inherited many family heirlooms. One day, I decided to start documenting their history for the sake of posterity and my children. I've often thought if an heirloom could talk, what a story it could tell. Thus, my five-year search to learn the story of this old wooden canteen.

I knew this much: My grandfather got it from his father. Everyone in the family had always said that it was used in the War of 1812, but no one seemed to know who actually carried it. My mission was to find this mystery man, if he even existed.

Hoping to learn something about the canteen, I started out by sending photos of it to experts I found on the Internet. One fellow told me to keep it in the family and never sell it. Another told me that canteens were often passed down in families and used in different wars. I learned all about Civil War canteens from a third. J. Slemmer, whose name is stamped into the side of this early-19th-century canteen, was a cooper who also made canteens for the military.

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This was all interesting stuff, but nothing led me any closer to solving the mystery, and for a while I dropped the quest. Several years went by until my curiosity resurfaced. I began again by researching the engraved name, J SLEMMER, on the canteen. All I came up with was a Civil War general by the name of Adam J. Slemmer. I corresponded with a descendant of the general named Bill, but he and I soon hit a brick wall. Bill suggested I join Ancestry.com. I took his advice and researched my grandfather's surname—nothing.

Now I was really obsessed with finding this mystery man. Perhaps the canteen was a fake. My husband kept joking that maybe Grandpa found it in an old barn like the guys on "American Pickers." I thought about traveling to the nearest "Antiques Roadshow" for authentication. Then I discovered Collectors Weekly. I was about to post it as an Unsolved Mystery on Show & Tell when I happened to enter one more name in my family tree on Ancestry.com. Another leaf appeared.

Since joining Ancestry.com, I had read dozens, maybe even hundreds, of these hints, but this one was different. It was a War of

1812 Service Record. Imagine my excitement! It appears that my third great-grandfather Ichabod Sheldon was mustered into the New York Militia between 1812 and 1815. Census records showed that he lived in southern Indiana near my grandfather's father when he was a child. I'm assuming Ichabod gave the canteen to his grandson, Cassius, who then gave it to my grandfather. It's also very possible that Cassius used it in the Civil War. Anyway, that's the story that will be told to future generations. Regardless of its history, the canteen will always be cherished by me, and hopefully in another 200 years by one of my descendants.

### Postscript

I recently purchased a book about army and militia canteens and learned that Jacob Slemmer was a Pennsylvania cooper who made military canteens from 1791 to 1821. So, J SLEMMER is not the soldier who I thought owned the canteen, but the cooper who made it! Slemmer's canteens were regulation style wood-drum canteens. Photos in the book authenticate my heirloom.

By the way, Jacob Slemmer is the grandfather, times eight, of Bill, the descendant of General Adam Slemmer mentioned earlier. Bill was thrilled to hear of my discovery—to him it was "the find of the century." He knew that his ancestor was a cedar cooper, but no one in his family knew he made canteens for the military. He said he was not surprised since Jacob was a Revolutionary War veteran. Bill sent the results of my research to all of his family connections on Ancestry.com.



In addition, I have recently discovered that Ichabod Sheldon (S2679) was buried in Old Scipio Cemetery in Jennings County, Indiana. A volunteer named Charlotte at Find a Grave sent me photos of his headstone. Charlotte said she had quite a hike through cornfields to find the old cemetery! Her photographs of Ichabod's headstone helped me find closure to my story. Ichabod's headstone puts a face (or at least a reality) on my ancestor, and, perhaps ironically, brings my mystery man to life.

Five-and-a-half years later, my mission is over. My heirloom has done quite a lot of talking over the past few months.

S2679Ichabod,S0891  
George,S0305John,S0080Isaac,S  
0023 John, S0013 (W) John  
Sheldon of South Kingtown, RI  
Welcome cousin! Great Research!



SFA member Peggy Sendak

**Barber Sheldon's Bible Found,***How SFA Files Grow*

Reporters: Marjorie Julian, Jeanne Jeffries, Bruce Robertson, Rose Newton

**Jeanne wrote:**

A note from Marjorie Julian of Fayetteville NY on Genealogy, she reports a Bible with the name Barber Sheldon (born Aug 8 1841) of Otego NY that she purchased at auction or flea market. It lists a marriage Jan 27 1863 with a Rosetta Luther (born May 18 1842). Their child is listed as Fanny M Sheldon born May 22 1878. She married Ellis Reed West Laurens Sept 24 1915 in Otego. The other names are probably relatives. I find them on the census in Otego. They indicate birthplaces for each and for parents in RI. Daughter Fanny M is listed as Fairchild in 1900. It may be that more research is needed. Perhaps you recognize this family.

**Rose researched SFA database:**

I found several Barber Sheldons:

**S6567** Barber Niles Sheldon s/o Ichabod Sheldon and Mary Niles. Children: George, Tracy, Elizabeth.

**S6561** Barber Sheldon b. 1851 loc. Unk. s/o George Niles and Huldah Davis. Children: Malindaa date, loc unk.

**S8426** Barber Sheldon b. 1805 no loc. s/o William Sheldon Esther Gavitt. Pocatuc RI mentioned as address. Children: None listed. Search Spouse File: No Ellis Reed. Next search for Fanny/Fannie Sheldon. Did not find. Next: search for a Spouse Rosetta Luther and found a spouse Rosette Luther, daughter of Samuel Luther and Sallie Burdick. Rosette is married to **S6446x7** Benjamin B. Sheldon and the marriage date matches! We open up the bio-notes file and read the following:

**S6446x7**, Benjamin "Barber" SHELDON: According to a map of Otego Township, 1904, in the Otsdawa section, S.S. & B.B. Sheldons lived nearby, as across the street. A cemetery lies a short distance from the home of B.B.S. (EBS)

**Marriage Notice in Onenta Harold:** 2/4/1863 :At the Otsdawa, Jan 27 by Rev. E.C. Hodge, Mr Barker B. (?) Sheldon to Miss Roseta Luther both of Otego. **Reported By Bruce Robertson** 3 Mar 2005. (Note Bruce says he remembers that the Otsdawa was a Hotel.)

Looking again at Benjamin B.Sheldon—he has a daughter Francis with middle name "Fannie" in the middle name slot. The quotation marks caused the name Fannie NOT to be found. So now it reads Francis Fannie Sheldon and a comment states:aka Fannie. This Francis has a husband \_\_\_\_\_ Fairchild. Bingo! Benjamin B. Is Benjamin Barber Sheldon.

*S6446x7 Benjamin Barber Sheldon, S6446 Henry Sheldon and Mary Knowles, S0878 James and Hannah Beard,S0304 Isaac Sheldon and Sarah James, S0080 Isaac Sheldon and Susanna*

*Potter, S0023 John and S0013 John Sheldon (W)*

(Not to be confused with the other **S10808** Benjamin Barber Sheldon was b.1831 in RI.) Therefore with data in Marjorie Julians Bible we can likely update this family group! Thanks cousins!



Meanwhile.. a Gentleman Robert Sheldon Ward, living a few blocks away from me in Fort Wayne, called while we were at the Doctors, then came to the door a few minutes later. He is descended from a **John Sheldon b. 1807 in NY** (Seward, Schoharie NY 1840 Census shows his earlier family) who later died in Flint, Genesse Michigan, John married a Charlotte Estes. Robert has this genealogy printed and spiral bound for SFA. This John Sheldon descends from a John Sheldon whose will shows these Sheldons were born in Scotland. John's father First Name Unknown married Annie \_\_\_\_\_. Could these possibly related to the Sheldons who came to see me from Ohio... Whose family was b. Scotland?

AND...William Albert Sheldon, "Willie" came to reunion in Genesee, NY. His ancestor William A. Sheldon married Sally \_\_\_\_\_. Did you know that Sally is a nick-name for Sarah? Their son Latham Calvin Sheldon 8y2mo died in Norwich, McKean Co. NY. In October 1859. They next show up in Norwich Co PA 1860 Census, then Conewango, Chautaugua Co. NY where Sally seems to have died 16 Oct 1894 age 71 and William has not since been found in subsequent records. Jeanne and Rose and Willie are still looking!

In NY,MI, CA, OR, WY and NH Cousins are planning you a wonderful reunion in Portland.The beat goes on! Jeanne is still looking for Rufus Sheldons... It is called S.F.A. team work!

**Trying to connect Albert and Luther Sheldon**

A researcher sent me this article some time ago, and the names sound like they will connect with one of the Pardon Sheldons of early Providence..so far they do not.. I have seen these biographies off and on for several years. We need to find his connection. Anyone have any ideas?

**SHELDON, Albert B.** source: 1883 History of St. Clair County MO, National Historical Co., pg: 1163

--- **ALBERT B. SHELDON** was born December 27, 1816, near Hartford, Connecticut, his parents being **Pardon and Nancy Sheldon, nee Mann**, both of whom were born near Providence, Rhode Island, in the year 1780. They had three sons and three daughters. Pardon died June 18, 1822, in Connecticut, and his widow departed this life in 1836 in Rhode Island. *Continued 914*

In 1837, leaving the state of his birth, Albert B. Sheldon went to St. Louis, Missouri, and was occupied for a time in traveling through Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and the Cherokee Nation in the interest of a clock business. Subsequently, with Nicholas Campbell, he purchased a stock of general merchandise and took it as far as Boonville, then going in search of a suitable location. Upon reaching Fairfield, in Benton County, they opened up a business in a log structure erected for the purpose on August 20,

1837. In December of that year Mr. S. received an appointment as postmaster. He continued this trade for three years, and on December 25, 1839, Miss Eliza Gardner, of St. Clair County, who was born September 10, 1822, in Marion County, Missouri, became his wife. Her father, James Gardner, was among the oldest pioneers of this county. He was originally from Georgia, but emigrated to Tennessee in an early day, going thence to Marion County, Missouri, and later to this county in 1833, before it was organized. He, together with Crow and Crutchfield, located the town of Osceola, erecting the first store above the government trading post, conducted by Bishop and Hogle. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have had nine children, six sons and three daughters, of whom there are living: William P., married a Miss Seaby, of Osceola; Luther W., married Anna White, of Monroe City; Thomas J., born September 15, 1853, and Marietta, born December 15, 1855, (wife of Dr. Nathaniel Wright, of this county. After his marriage Mr. S. purchased eighty acres of land on King's Prairie, but eight years later sold it and bought 120 acres in Polk Township. He has since then been a large land owner, but now has only 160 acres, upon which he resides. He and his wife have been members of the Christian Church for thirty-five years. His political views are Democratic and he has served as magistrate in this township.

#### **SHELDON, Luther W.**

source: 1883 History of St. Clair County MO, National Historical Co., pg: 1164 — LUTHER W. SHELDON was born January 23, 1845, in St. Clair County, Missouri, and was the son of Albert B. and Eliza (Gardner) Sheldon, who had been married December 25, 1839. The former was born near Hartford, Connecticut, December 27, 1816, and the latter was born December 10, 1822, and of the original family of nine children - six sons and three daughters - four children survive: William P., Thomas J., Marietta and Luther W. The last named son married Miss Anna E. White, of Marion County, Missouri and they have had five children. William Albert, born September 9, 1871; Shelby W., born January 9, 1873; Bessie and Byron (twins), born September 2, 1877, (both died in early infancy); and Hattie May, born May 14, 1879. In 1868 Mr. Sheldon purchased seventy-five acres of land on section 8, of this township, and subsequently bought eighty acres adjoining. He has since been actively engaged in farming and stock raising and is one of the model farmers of Polk Township. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity at Osceola and is also connected with the M. E. Church, South, while his wife belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church, at Osceola. Politically he is a Democrat.



#### **Jack LaVerne Sheldon Sr.**

With much of his family at his bedside, Jack LaVerne Sheldon, Sr., peacefully passed away in Mesa, Arizona, the evening of June 6, 2011. He was born in Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, on December 19, 1925, son of Vernon Burr Sheldon (1890 - 1927) and Nellie Anne Page (1890 - 1973) also of Michigan. He is a descendant of John S0013, through Benjamin F. Sheldon (1791 - 1870), S6161. His g-grandfather David F. Sheldon moved his family to Michigan in the 1850's settling first in Clinton County, and later in Eaton County where they owned and operated a Sheldon Mill.



1943 Navy  
Enlistment

December 7, 1946, he married Velma "Bonnie" Carolyn Shuster in Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and together they had six children, all of whom are living. He is a grand- and great-grandfather to many. During the early part of his life he was raised on the (maternal) Page family farm near Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, in 1959, they moved to Owosso where he earned the nickname "Sarnoff" while pursuing his talents as a television technician during the 1960's.



In 1971, he moved his family westward to Mesa, Arizona, to care for his mother in her last years, staying the remainder of his life. He is known for his sharp sense of humor, love for his family, and for his persistent promotion of his hobby as an amateur radio operator.



He is preceded by his parents, his sister Dorothy Lucille Sheldon (b/d 1922), half-siblings John David Sheldon (1910 - 2002), Ruth Eileen (Sheldon) Lewandowski (1913 - 1962), and Helen Sheldon (b/d 1916).

Interestingly, he not only descends from John S0013, but his family also descends from other documented volumes of genealogy, including the Descendants of Elder John Crandall of South Kingstown, Rhode Island (twice), Benjamin Burr of Hartford, Connecticut, and the Genealogy of Captain John Johnson. His gg-grandfather, Benjamin F. Sheldon (S6161) was a Veteran of the War of 1812, as well as gg-grandfathers Nathaniel Johnson (LaGrange, Lorain County, Ohio) and Cornelius Austin (noted third white settler of Walled Lake, Oakland County, Michigan).

**Make your reservations today!  
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## Oregon/Washington Sheldon Miscellaney

Note: Knowing I must research from home while Jim needs care, here are a few items of Sheldon interest that may be of interest. Not many cemeteries are transcribed, but here is some data from some that are.

### Sheldon Graves in Willamette National Cemetery

Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Shelden, Helen N, b. 04/28/1901, d. 10/02/1960, Plot: A 3043, bur. 10/05/1960, \*

Shelden, Robert P, b. 11/10/1893, d. 04/24/1951, CMM US NAVY, Plot: A 3044, bur. 04/27/1951, \*

Sheldon, Cheryl Lynne, b. 12/15/1954, d. 07/21/1956, Reconstruction Aide, CPL US ARMY, Res: Portland, OR, Plot: G 0 1283, bur. 07/25/1956

Sheldon, Edward E, b. 08/17/1932, d. 02/05/2000, US Marine Corps, CPL, Res: Portland, OR, Plot: G 0 1282, bur. 02/10/2000

Sheldon, Eldridge O, b. 07/31/1908, d. 10/18/1993, US Army Air Corps, LTCOL, Res: Milton, WA, Plot: X 0 1927, bur. 10/21/1993

Sheldon, Ernest M, b. 10/27/1906, d. 02/02/1989, Plot: WMCI R12 N612, bur. 02/08/1989, \*

Sheldon, Joeine C, b. 10/28/1929, d. 11/24/1994, Res: Gresham, OR, Plot: X 0 752, bur. 11/29/1994

Sheldon, Sophie, b. 12/22/1896, d. 01/08/1956, Plot: A 3278, bur. 01/12/1956, \*

Sheldon, Thomas E, b. 06/30/1918, d. 11/19/1991, PFC USA, Plot: V 3769, bur. 11/22/1991, \*

Sheldon, Veri F, b. 02/10/1901, d. 09/01/1974, T/5 1258TH SCSU 1 WAC DET ARMY, Plot: L 2637, bur. 09/04/1974, \*

Sheldon, Walter Oliver, b. 02/07/1893, d. 04/07/1951, FIREMAN 1/C USN, Plot: A 3279, bur. 04/12/1951, \*

Sheldon, William D, b. 05/01/1930, d. 05/12/1974, PFC USAF, Plot: L 2382, bur. 05/16/1974, \*

Sheldon, William L, b. 02/05/1909, d. 06/06/1970, NAVY, Plot: U 2333, bur. 06/10/1970, \*

Sheldon, William P, d. 02/10/1975, Plot: L 2382, bur. 02/14/1975, Also many Shelton names in these transcriptions

### Eagle Point National Cemetery

Eagle Point, Jackson County, Oregon

Sheldon, Jay C, b. 04/29/1904, d. 01/16/1993, PVT USA, Plot: AA 233D, bur. 03/22/1993, \*

Sheldon, Lyle L, b. 08/07/1921, d. 06/29/1993, PFC USA, Plot: B 54, bur. 08/23/1993, \*

Sheldon, Olive, b. 01/22/1916, d. 02/06/1990, US Army, CPL, Res: Prineville, OR, Plot: AA 0 260, bur. 02/16/1990

Shelton, Roy Allen, b. 07/26/1917, d. 02/09/1988, PRC US NAVY, Plot: A 1693-A, bur. 08/04/1988, \*

### Hillside Cemetery

Hillside, Washington County, Oregon

Sheldon, Frank G., b. 1861, d. 1894, Father

Sheldon, Homer I., b. 1890, d. 1972, Father, Liveryman & Mechanic

Sheldon, Ida B., b. 1904, d. 1977, Mother, Artist & Seamstress

Seattle Area Cemeteries

### Forest Lawn Cemetery, Seattle,

#### King County, Washington

Sheldon Edmund Richard 1885 1967

John E. 1909 1984

Irene L. 1914 1995 wo John E.

Marie Othelig 1887 1968 wo Edmund R.

### Arts program to take over

#### Sheldon Jackson College

From: .seattlepresbytery.org

After more than 130 years, the story of Sheldon Jackson College, a Presbyterian-affiliated college in Sitka, Alaska, seems to be coming to an end. On Feb. 1, the college's Board of Trustees will transfer ownership of the core campus to the Sitka Fine Arts Camp, which has used the campus for decades. "In keeping with the mission of \*Sheldon Jackson and the college, the trustees are very happy to have found an organization that is willing and able to continue the educational legacy," said Shirley Holloway, chairwoman of the board, in a press release.

SJC was founded in 1878 by Presbyterian missionary Sheldon Jackson. The oldest education institution in Alaska, it first served Tlingit Indian children, and later focused on all Alaska natives. The school suspended operations in 2007 after increasing operational costs, decreasing enrollment and millions of dollars of debt made it financially insolvent.

The upcoming transfer was made possible after SJC sold three properties — the college library, apartments and a beachfront lot — in December. With those proceeds and money previously raised from the sale of other non-core campus property the school owned, SJC was able to pay back \$4.2 million of the \$4.6 million it owed to Alaska Growth Capital, its largest creditor. Alaska Growth Capital agree to write off the rest of the loan and released the campus, said John Holst, SJC's executive manager. SJC still has to pay off about \$600,000 in unsecured debts.

*The fine arts camp plans to keep the Sheldon Jackson name attached to the property, a move that many on the Board of Trustees were happy to see.*

"We feel so blessed. It's been a long, hard journey," Holloway said. "I feel so happy that that gorgeous campus will still be there and that young people will still be on that campus continuing to learn and grow." Founded in 1973, the Sitka Fine Arts Camp hosts 500 students who come to learn about visual arts, music, dance, theater, writing and Alaska Native arts. It has used the campus for 25 years, but has never had a permanent home, said Roger Schmidt, executive director of the camp. The camp will work to revitalize the campus along with other community groups,

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*Sheldon Jackson college cont.*

including the Sitka Sound Science Center, the Sitka Summer Music Festival and the Sheldon Jackson Museum. Schmidt said he hopes the campus will be a "spark plug" for Sitka's cultural life. The camp starts at the beginning of June, and the next few months will be dedicated to fixing up buildings that have fallen into disrepair since SJC closed. Schmidt said the camp will eventually need to raise millions of dollars to renovate the campus.

There are over 800 Sheldon names and addresses in the state of Washington, they have to have ancestors somewhere!

\*S4445 Sheldon Jackson was a well known Presbyterian missionary in the RockyMountains and Alaska. Numerous biographies about him and over 8,000 of his letters and papers were filed in the Department of History of the Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia as late as 1953. For more information about him see:"Sheldon Jackson, A Pioneer in the New West" published in 1898 by the Womens's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church and the Dictionary of American Religious Biography by Henry Warner Bowden published by the Greenwood Press, Westport, CT & London, England. Also see biographic notes in the Sheldon Family Associaton Genealogy System's record of S7473x63 Philo Burt Sheldon concerning the one time possession of H. O. Sheldon's genealogical manuscripts by Sheldon Jackson. S8972x341 Keith M. Sheldon 06-11-1994

Sheldon Jackson was called "the Bishop of all beyond" in one report and as such was covered by the Seattle Presbyetry. He also was the first to bring Reindeer to Alaska for food for the natives. S4479x851 Rose Sheldon Newton The photo of the Sheldon Jackson chapel in Colorado was discovered by Ruth Watson.

**Sheldon Jackson Memorial Chapel, Fairplay, Colorado.** Aug 11 1872/ Dr. Sheldon Jackson eminent Pioneer Missionary, organized the Presbyterian Church in Fairplay, with 8 members. 2 years later he built this chapel. Ruth Watson reported this photo and it's history.



**Through a glass darkly..**

I Corinthians 13:12

**Reviewing S005 Isaac Sheldon's time**



History of the town of Dorchester For the Antiquarian Society 1859. By E. Clapp Jr. p. 98 "Isaac Shelden was in Dorchester 1634. He removed to Windsor as early as 1640 from thence to Northampton, MA."

--- from Timeline of progenitors by Rose Sheldon Newton -- reunion hand-out--

1639 - Corbin Collection Vol II part II NEGHS Northampton Early Families- says "Isaac came from Eng with Rev. Hewitt to Windsor

CT this year." (He would have been 10yr) Finally the reference for this statement! From Sheldon Craddock of NV!

1640 - an 1859 History of Dorchester says Isaac in Dorchester in 1634- rem to Windsor, CT as early as 1640" ref: Charlotte Alling Hunt - Isaac Sheldon of Windsor, CT NE Hist Gen Gen of CT Isaac Sheldon was a wheelwright. Ref: *Deerfield Homelots*. Families. This is from Isaac Sheldon's bio notes.

One of our genealogy heroes Librarian Elise Bernier Feeley has a theory that some of the church people may have raised Isaac and cared for his parents money since he had money to purchase a home when he became of age..

Settled in 1633, Windsor holds the title as the first English settlement in Connecticut. Windsor was an attractive area to other English settlers, and in 1636, a large group from Dorchester, Massachusetts came to settle in Windsor. After some hostility between them and the earlier Plymouth settlers, a large area of land was bought by the Dorchester settlers, which they named Dorchester. This area was concentrated north of the Plymouth settlement, in what is now the Palisado Green area. [www.windsorct.org/winrev/maps.htm](http://www.windsorct.org/winrev/maps.htm)

**The oldest legible gravestone in the U.S. is that of Rev. Ephraim Huit**, dated 1644 and located in Palisado Cemetery in Windsor, Connecticut. It was previously thought to be that of Sara Tefft, dated 1642, located in Occupessatuxet Cove, Warwick, Rhode Island. However, historians have now proved misinterpretation of the Tefft headstone date.



The Rev. Ephraim Huit was settled in Windsor, in 1639, as the colleague of the Rev. Mr. Warham, and died in 1644. Cotton Mather mentions him among the ministers that left the mother country after having entered the sacred office. His will is recorded in the office of the Secretary of State,

Connecticut, by which it appears that he left four daughters -Susanna, Mercy, Lydia, and Mary, to whom, with his widow, he left a handsome estate, real and personal. He had one son, who died before his father. [http://www.ctmuseumquest.com/?page\\_id=6807](http://www.ctmuseumquest.com/?page_id=6807)

**Huitts Church:**

Built in 1794, the present building is the fourth for this congregation, but the parish itself is the oldest in the New World, having been "gathered" in England in 1630. The First Church burial ground contains the grave sites of some of Windsor's earliest settlers. It is home to the oldest legible gravestone in Connecticut, which is the gravestone of Reverend Ephraim Huit who died in 1644.

And..we saw some table stone tombstones like this in England where Sheldons were buried.....Do not give up..more will come forth!



## Outline of Activities each day of SFA Portland Oregon reunion

**THURS: 4-5:30PM SFA BOARD MEETING AT HOTEL** (All are welcome) Those arriving on Thursday are invited to a group dinner with board members at a nearby restaurant. We each pay our own tab.

**FRIDAY: 9-10AM: Mini topics: 15 minutes each.**

10-11AM: Short talks: Members of each Sheldon line can meet together to share and learn.

1PM: 1 Hour Walking Tour with professional guide:some of downtown Portland's Historic Sites.

4PM: Bing Sheldon, our Portland host will conduct a talk & tour of his architectural offices nearby and tell us about his planned project: "The Sheldon", Oregon's 1<sup>st</sup> co-op senior housing bldg.

6:30PM: Buffet Dinner & Speaker James Russell on the Oregon Trail\*\*(short bio below)

**SAT: 9-11AM: Mini topics and Short talks: same time frame as on Friday but with different topics.**

12 NOON: bus trip to Fort Vancouver for 4-5 hrs. (see registration form for cost)

6:30PM: Banquet & Speaker Chet Orloff, previously director of Oregon Historical Society

**SUN: Frequently SFA members gather in small groups together for breakfast nearby or in hotel.**

11 AM check-out

\*\*James Russell was born on the Canadian border of Maine and his parents migrated to Wyoming in 1971. He married Susan Sheldon in 1974. Fascinated by genealogy and history for over 50 yrs, Jim spent his career as a controller for a uranium mining company in WY, San Francisco, Washington, D.C. and now retired in Casper, WY. Susan and Jim live within sight of Emigrant Gap very near the Oregon Trail. \*\*

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### TRANSPORTATION FROM THE PORTLAND AIRPORT: FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Inside the airport go to MAX station (light rail system)

Board the MAX red line to City Center & Beaverton TC

Get off at Lloyd Center/NE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave MAX Station (about 25 min. ride)

Walk 1/10th mile NW to Doubletree Hotel-Lloyd Center (at 1000 NE Multnomah St)

Cost: Adults \$2.35/Youth \$1.50/Honored Citizen \$1.00

Honored Citizens have valid ID proving they are over 65 or if under 65 have a verifiable handicap.

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### FORT VANCOUVER BUS TOUR

Fort Vancouver was located on the Columbia River and became the main supply depot and administrative headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company's activities West of the Rocky Mountains. There was a trading post, stockade and a small village surrounded the Fort.

The reconstructed Fort now offers 3 video presentations, a museum and gift shop. There is a restaurant within one of the historic buildings. There are self-guided as well as guided tours and 5 cultural demonstrations are usually available: blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, kitchen, bake house and garden. The weekend we will be there a special historic weapons program will be held demonstrating the actual small and large weapons used to defend the Fort. The times are not available yet but I am hoping we will get to enjoy this demo in the afternoon.

Among the 1½ million artifacts at the Fort, the Spode china collection, largest in the US was collected from their rubbish pit and totally reconstructed.

Please be aware that the fort has paved roads or pathways and is level for walking. Only 2 buildings have more than one step to enter. They do have 1 wheelchair to loan out. If you intend to see the majority of the fort and village walking will be involved. A docent told me that the inside of the fort is about the length of 2 football fields. If you only see the museum, restaurant, and gift shop there will be much less walking.

Website: [www.nps.gov/fova](http://www.nps.gov/fova) There is a \$3 per person/\$5 per family entrance fee/Several National Park Passes are honored but they do not sell passes at this location.

# 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sheldon Family Association Reunion - Registration Form

August 4-7, 2011

Doubletree Hotel, Portland, Oregon



Please return this form as soon as possible with payment for all activities in which you would like to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at [lmhkw@umich.edu](mailto:lmhkw@umich.edu) or 1.734.649.1246. If you reach my voicemail, please leave your name, number and a brief message. **\*\* Please note deadlines for hotel registration at special reunion rates and bus tour deadline.\*\***

Make checks out to "Sheldon Family Association." Mail the completed form and your check to:  
**Linda M. Williams, 3013 Lakehaven Ct, Ann Arbor, MI 48105-2501**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Doubletree Hotel, Portland, Oregon. The special reunion rate is **\$109=Std/\$119=premium** single or double occupancy. This rate includes an \$18/per day parking fee. Please make your own reservation by calling 1-800-996-0510. Ask for "Sheldon Family Gathering". **\*\*Deadline for special reunion rate: \*\*July 5, 2011\*\*.**

Complete the form below so that we can make your name badge. Complete a line for each individual who will be attending the reunion with you.

NAME	TOWN	ST	S NUM   Isaac, J John 8 Godfrey W John 13, W. G John8
Example: Rose Sheldon Newton	Fort Wayne	IN	S 4479x851 (I)

*If you don't know your number or ancestral line and you are a member, write "Unknown;" we will find it if you are a member. If you are not yet a member, we'll sign you up! Welcome cousin!*

Events	Cost Per Person	How Many	Total
Saturday bus tour/ Fort Vancouver /12-5p	\$20/ <b>Deadline July 5<sup>th</sup>**</b> <i>(minumum 25 persons)</i>		
Friday Walking Tour 1pm Historic Sites Downtown	Cost undetermined now Approximately \$15.00		We will contact you if you are interested
Approx:1 hour level walk		Your Phone #	
Friday Buffet	\$48.40 - Adult <small>(price includes tax &amp; tip)</small>	\$17.00 - Child (under 12) <small>(price includes tax &amp; tip)</small>	
	\$48.40 x _____ =a	\$17 x _____ =b	a+b=\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$46.36 - Adult <small>(price includes tax &amp; tip)</small>	\$17.00 - Child (under 12) <small>(price includes tax &amp; tip)</small>	
Choice #1 Steak	How many adult _____ =a	How many children _____ =b	a+b=\$ _____
Choice #2 Salmon+shrimp	How many adult _____ =a	How many children _____ =b	a+b=\$ _____
Choice #3 Portabella mushroom (vegetarian)	How many adult _____ =a	How many children _____ =b	a+b=\$ _____
<i>Any special dietary requests?</i>			
SFA Reg Fee and meals pay Linda Williams above <small>Helps defray expenses for badges, programs, speakers, etc</small>	\$15 @1 per family		\$15.00
<b>Grand Total for your check</b> (Add all amounts in the total column)			\$ _____

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