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SFA is having a reunion at Oberlin OH on August 2-4, 2013. In addition, a Strategic Planning Session on where SFA is headed in the future will be held in Oberlin on August 1.

Oberlin is crossroads for SFA because it was home of the founder, H. O. Sheldon. It is also significant that SFA is at the Crossroads as we decide how we move into the future. Reunion attendance for this very important.

Reunion information is included Pages 996-998 (inside back cover) and also available on the SFA Web. <http://sheldonfamily.org/v2/>

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President's Report-April 2013

Jeanne A Jeffries

STRATEGIC PLANNING

What is your vision for the future of Sheldon Family Association? The Board and members will hold a Strategy Planning Session in Oberlin OH as part of the Annual Meeting and Reunion. Members will receive an invitation to respond to a survey to help with this session. The session will occur from 8:30 am until 4:15 pm with two experienced facilitators. Board members and interested members will arrive in Oberlin on July 31 in order to participate in the discussions on August 1. We expect to have "A Look at the Present with an Eye to the Future".

Please respond to the survey referenced in the next article.

PROGRESS REPORT ABOUT THE SHELDON FAMILY ASSOCIATION DATA BASE CONVERSION

Genealogy information is stored in an Award winning Database Software created by Mark Sheldon. Sheldon Family Association genealogists have carefully collected and entered the information in this custom database. In order to have the information available for Sheldon purposes, it needs to be converted to a current software. With the able talents of Marvin Parsons, the Computer Committee have made progress on this project. The Committee met in Ft Wayne to discuss the progress.

PROGRESS REPORT ON ELECTRONIC SFAQ

As President, I want to assure you and the rest of the members that Sheldon Family Association will not force electronic distribution of the Quarterly on members. There is consensus in the Board on the agreement that paper copies will be available and distributed to members who for one reason or other are unwilling or unable to receive an electronic version."

Costs of mailing and printing are rising and the Board with the assistance of Editor James Russell has explored the possibility of posting the Quarterly on a website. The plan will involve a posting of the current Quarterly on the Sheldon Family web site. After 3 months, it will be retired and replaced with the new current issue. During this trial period, the Quarterly will also be sent to members by e mail if we have the e mail address. Paper copies will continue for April and July. Members may request continued paper by US Mail after July for the October and January issues by contacting Barbara Gomez (address on cover)..

If members can receive the Quarterly in an electronic form, there will be savings for the Association. That is one reason for the repeated requests for e mail addresses.

WE NEED YOUR E MAIL ADDRESS!

A member wrote regarding a request for e mail address: I am not on the Internet at this time; I had problems with a virus; we live in a rural area; there is access at a public library but....

From time to time we would like to send you a message. We will not clutter your in box, but we want to keep you up to date above all,

Strategic Planning

A Look at the Present with an Eye to the Future

Bob Fagan and Associates is pleased to conduct a strategic planning session "A Look at the Present with an Eye to the Future" on August 1st for the Sheldon Family Association as part of its annual reunion in Oberlin, Ohio.

The purpose of this highly interactive session is to enable the Sheldon Family Association in identifying key issue areas and establishing clear goals and strategies which meet identified present and future challenges.

As part of the process, we worked with the SFA Board to develop a survey that we hope you will complete. You may access the survey online via the URL below. We also arranged to send a copy to those members more comfortable with paper.

The online URL is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6QFW9QH>

We greatly appreciate your responses by June 14.

We encourage your candor in completing this important survey. All responses will be anonymous to the SFA Board (your name will NOT be used, responses will only be in the aggregate and not associated with any member). Whether or not you attend the annual conference, YOU, as a member of SFA, have the special insight to provide valuable input in determining priorities as SFA moves forward in developing concrete goals and action steps.

We also encourage all interested SFA members to attend this session. Strategic Planning is not a one-time event but rather a complex, ongoing process; it requires a serious investment of both time and energy. It is a disciplined effort to produce thoughtful, fundamental decisions and actions that shape and guide what an organization is, what it does, and why it does it. We welcome your participation and input.

Thank you.

Judy Roberts and Bob Fagan

Sheldon Electronic SFAQ

By Editor SFA Quarterly-Jim Russell

Electronic SFAQ has gone live. The current issue of SFAQ can be found online by accessing the SFA Website at <http://sheldonfamily.org/v2/> and then the SFA Quarterly site on links on the left side. In the future, the current issue will be replaced and the older edition moved to archives. For those who have provided email addresses, you will also receive a notification of the posting plus an attached copy of SFAQ. July issue will be posted by July 15.

SFAQ is currently sent to the printer on the 15th of Jan, Apr, Jul and Oct. However, the publisher may take 1-2 weeks to print and mail. Printed copies may be delayed further as we drop below the bulk mail limits.

In other words, SFAQ is available faster on the SFA website. Furthermore, copies of SFAQ received online may eventually be in color and may include articles we cannot include in bulk mail because of limited space for bulk mail. There will be a definite advantage to going with online SFAQ.

We ask you to access your electronic copy, whether received by SFA website or email. If you are comfortable with this approach, please contact Barbara Gomez (email and address are on the cover). We will remove you from mailing list but retain you on email list. SFAQ will continue posting current copies. However, SFA doesn't want to force you to change until you are ready.

If you wish to continue with paper copies, please contact Barbara Gomez between July and October. Electronic SFA is very important for SFA survival. Please support us on this issue.

Jim Russell, Editor SFAQ

DNA Report-April 2013

**Peter F Jeffries MD
Project Administrator**



To date, 40 participants have submitted test kits to FTDNA. This includes 11 for mtDNA testing which is the mitochondrial DNA from the X chromosome.

The Sheldon Family Results from testing at FTDNA:

There are 11 mtDNA participants, 4 share similar haplogroups.

Regarding the 29 YDNA participants, there are 3 haplogroups.

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Comparing the paper genealogy with the DNA results, there appears to be an overlap between the members of the John 13 of South Kingstowne RI line and the members of the Isaac of Windsor CT and Northampton MA line. This suggests that they share a common ancestor. There are few descendants in the project from Godfrey or John 8 of Providence. However, there is possible sharing between the 2 lines. No descendants of Richard have joined the project.

Looking For Rufus-April 2013

Jeanne A Jeffries



Rufus as a name in the Sheldon Family occurs in both the Isaac line and the John 8 line. In the process of following Rufus in census from 1790 to 1900, the name Rufus recurs as a child is named presumably after the father or grandfather. Thus, the name recurs in generation after generation.

There are a few Rufus Sheldons who cannot be connected to either of these Sheldon lines. One example is Rufus Sheldon who is found on the 1910 census in Hartley O'Brien Iowa with his father Joseph O Sheldon and mother Lulu B. There are other children: Joseph 6 and Lulu 10/12. On the 1910 census, the father's birthplace is listed as Iowa with a child Ruffus age 2 (note the spelling). In 1920, this Rufus appears in Hartley Iowa at 18 with his parents and siblings. A search for Joseph O Sheldon in 1870 census finds him as a one month old twin in the family of Iram Sheldon born in NY and living in Iowa. With Iram are wife Catharine 30, Ohio birth Ohio, Son William 8, Francis 6, Sarah A 5, Nelson 3 and twins James A and Joseph A 1/12 all born in Iowa, Orange township, Clinton.

In 1930 Rufus M Sheldon is found in Long Beach Los Angeles CA with wife Margaret. In 1940 with wife Margaret, children Charles 9, Elizabeth 6 and James 2 in Hartley, Brian County Iowa. Birth records of children show that the mother is Margaret K Anderson.

Find A Grave reveals Rufus, died July 30 1981 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Cherokee IA. In the same cemetery is Margaret who died in 1898.

On FindAGrave Iram S. Sheldon died June 12 1871. There is a list of children and parents Samuel Sheldon and Emma Vickery. Census shows Samuel in Liberty Clinton IA in 1870 and in Adair County 1880 with a wife Emma. He states that he was born in Canada, his father was born in Vermont and his mother was born in Massachusetts. Samuel's wife Emma was born in NY as were her parents. Their graves are in Old Union Cemetery in Adair County IA. Posted on FindAGrave is the information that Samuels' father was Steven Sheldon. Here the trail is obscured.

Notes on GenForum from martha swaim indicate that Steven or Stephen Sheldon and Sarah Sheldon were in Ontario Canada and that is the birth place of Samuel. It is certainly true as mentioned by Jack Sheldon Jr. that many colonists migrated to Canada before and after the American Revolution for various reasons. With the suggestion that Stephen was born in Vermont, it seems likely that this is another in the lineage of Isaac of Northampton and Windsor. However, the link is broken and more research is needed. Details of other descendants of Stephen, Samuel and Iram are available.

Perhaps a male descendant could provide DNA information.

A Search for the lineage of Sarah, wife of John of South Kingston



Paper read at the Sheldon Family Association Meeting, August 2012
By Margaret Brosius Jones, Ph.D.

Searching the 17th century for an elusive ancestor can be a journey of many detours, many false hopes and an uncertain destination. Such was my experience as I sought to discover the surname of my nine times great-grandmother, Sarah Sheldon, the wife of John Sheldon of South Kingston, or John 13. The blank after her name on a lineage chart has always been a challenge for her descendants, some of whom have proposed that her maiden name might have been Palmer. Why Palmer? It is known that Sarah's grandson, Isaac Sheldon, named a son, Palmer, and this has fueled speculation, causing some to think Isaac may have named a son to honor his grandmother.

Not knowing where else to begin a search, I, too, began to look for a Sarah Palmer.

What do we know about Sarah who became Sarah Sheldon? We know that in 1660, she was John 13' wife, a new mother, and living in Newport RI. If we assume that she was about 18-20 years old when she married, that would make her birth date about 1640-42. The next place we find Sarah is in South Kingstown, a widow who, presumably after her husband died, (sometime between December 1696 and August 1704), was sharing a home with her son, John, Jr. and his family. When Sarah's son, John, Jr., wrote his will in 1704, he admonished his eldest son, also named John, to "in a special manner take care of and provide for my honored mother, Sarah Sheldon."

Although in his will, Sarah's son, John, didn't mention his wife, Susan, she must have survived him because there is a record of her dying years later, in 1723, in the home of her

daughter, Elizabeth Sheldon Sunderland. Thus, after John's death, the Sheldon household consisted of two women and six children ranging in age from 21 to seven years. Sarah's grandson, John, married in 1706; Isaac, the younger grandson didn't marry until 1708. Sarah was probably about 66 years old at the time of Isaac's marriage. She could have lived to rock many of his ten children, all of whom were given family names, except for Palmer. Did Isaac and his wife, Susanna, name this child for a beloved neighbor or did they name him to honor his grandmother? Could this name be our one available clue as to Sarah Sheldon's heritage?

I began my search by looking for the Palmer family name in Rhode Island and in Plymouth Colony. Assuming that Sarah was about 18 in 1660, when her son John was born, I needed to find a Sarah Palmer born about 1642, give or take a year or two. Quickly, I learned that there were many potential Palmer fathers living in early 17th century Massachusetts and Rhode Island. William Palmer, the Pilgrim who arrived on the Fortune, had a daughter named Sarah, but she died in 1633. Some say Walter Palmer and his wife Frances, had a daughter, Sarah, born in 1634, but her mother died the following year and Sarah disappeared from record. There was a Sarah Palmer born in 1640 in Plymouth, but she married Peter Goulding. Sarah was a popular name; by the 1660's there were many named Sarah who were born too late to be our Sarah, including a Sarah Palmer born in Little Compton, not far from Newport, Rhode Island.

However, as I was looking for a Sarah Palmer, born about 1640 and living in Newport, RI about 1660, I kept finding names of Palmer men living in Newport in this period. Knowing that people moved in family groups, I wondered if Sarah might be the sister of any of these men. There was Henry Palmer, but he arrived in Newport in 1667....too late. There was a Lt. Henry Palmer who moved to Newport between 1640 and 1645....too early.

Then there was George Palmer who was born about 1638, in Warwick, Rhode Island, the son of George Palmer, a wine cooper. (The father, George Palmer, was on a list of inhabitants of Warwick prior to 1648.) A George Palmer, probably, son George, was admitted as a Freeman in Warwick in 1654. We don't know when young George moved to Narragansett, but he purchased land in 1660 and his name was listed as a resident on the Fones record in 1663. That same year, when he was 25 years old, his name appeared on the list of those on Pettaquamscutt. (The Pettaquamscutt Treaty which drew a north-south line on Narragansett was agreed upon the year before, in 1657.) George Palmer married Bethia Mowry in 1662 and in 1663, their daughter, Hannah, was born in South Kingston.

About this same time, John Sheldon was also in Rhode Island; his presence was first recorded in 1652. (He witnessed a

covenant between Peter Easton and Henry Stevens.) Could it be that George Palmer had a younger sister named Sarah who accompanied him to Newport and who subsequently met John Sheldon?

Both families were on Narragansett prior to King Phillips' War, both fled to Aquidneck Island during the years of King Philip's War....1675-76. We know this because both men signed the famous 1779 petition to King James asking him to settle the boundary dispute between Rhode Island and Connecticut. In this petition they made mention of how poorly they were treated on Aquidneck Island (Rhode Island) while seeking refuge from Indian burning and pillaging. In fact on the list of 45 names on that petition, there are only two names separating the names of George Palmer and John Sheldon. These two men must have known each other. Could they have been brothers-in-law? After the Indian threat ended, both returned to their land on the mainland. John Sheldon had purchased land in what came to be called South Kingston; George Palmer had settled nearby on the Mattatuxett River in Rochester, the name of which in 1689, was changed to Kingstown. In other words the two families lived within a mile or two of each other.

George Palmer died in 1686, but his widow, Bethia Mowry, continued to live on their land. On May 23, 1686, John Sheldon, Jr. along with three other men, all his contemporaries, petitioned to set up a partnership to build a grist mill with an attached fulling mill "on land now in the possession of Bethia Palmer, widow of George Palmer, late deceased." The partnership to build the mill was approved on Sept. 17, 1688.

Working from the shaky premise that Sarah Sheldon was born Sarah Palmer, these connections between the Sheldon and Palmer families could be said to support the position that Sarah's surname might have been Palmer. George Palmer was obviously a neighbor and friend; possibly he was Sarah Sheldon's brother. At the very least, we may have solved the mystery of Isaac Sheldon's son, Palmer's name; he was surely named for George Palmer. And then to add an addendum: a late discovery was to find that Isaac's older brother, John, who, although he named his first son, John, named his second son.... George.

The only way to ever prove a relationship between George and Sarah would be either to find the will of George's father, George Palmer of Warwick, in which he named his son and daughter, or to find birth records for George and Sarah. The search for Sarah Sheldon's patrimony continues.

H. O. SHELDON JOURNAL TRANSCRIPTION

Kristie Bilger, Director and Curator of the Firelands Museum in Norwalk, Ohio has informed us that the Journals and Memoirs of Henry O. Sheldon have been transcribed and are available for sale. H.O. Sheldon was an itinerant minister, traveling from town to town throughout the Midwest. While doing so, he collected the names and vital information of the Sheldons he met, publishing the information in *The Sheldon Magazine* starting in 1857. His journals are housed in the Firelands Museum. The transcription is 735 pages.

The costs for the re-printed materials are \$40.00 for the book, plus tax and any shipping; the CD is \$5.00 plus tax and any shipping. Printing of the books takes a few weeks and payment will be needed in advance. If you would like your copies ready by the time you visit in August please get all requests and payments to be Kristie by July 1, 2013.

To order, please contact Kristie Bilger, Director, Firelands Museum, 4 Case Ave., Norwalk, Ohio 44857-1404
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SEVERAL BRANCHES OF THE SHELDON FAMILY SETTLED IN LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

By Deb Mohler S10203 X 51131 (W)

[The author has included only those family members who moved to Lorain County, Ohio. Some of the immediate family members in each family may have decided not to move to Lorain Co., and those children who were born in Lorain Co. are not included in this article. Also, there may be more Sheldons who settled in Lorain Co., Ohio who are yet to be found. -DM]



After the War of 1812, the Ohio lands of the Western Reserve had opened up for settlers. Members of the Sheldon Clan were among those who found the fertile farmlands of North Central Ohio a prime place to plant their crops and rear their families. Several branches of the SHELDON Family settled in Lorain County, Ohio. While most of the Sheldons settling in the townships of Lorain County were descendants of John Sheldon (S0013¹) through John Sheldon (S0023²) and his son, Isaac Sheldon (S0080³), there were also descendants of Isaac Sheldon (S0005¹), John Sheldon (S0008¹) and Godfrey Sheldon (S0004¹).

Three sons of Isaac Sheldon (S0080³) [John S0023², John S0013¹] produced several descendants to tame the Ohio wilderness in the 1800's.

Isaac's (S0080³) first son, Thomas Sheldon (S0301⁴) and his wife, Harriet Winters, had several children among them were Thomas (S0858⁵) who married Lucy Spalding, Joseph (S863⁵) who married Ruth Aiken (various spellings), and Benjamin (S864⁵) who married Mary Briggs. Isaac's (S0080³) second son, Joseph Sheldon (S0307⁴) married (2) Ruth Burdick. Isaac's (S0080³) third son, Benjamin Sheldon (S309⁴) married Anna Allen.

All three of Isaac (S0080³) Sheldon's sons moved from the colony of Rhode Island to the eastern part of the colony of New York by the mid 1700's.

Thomas Sheldon (S0858⁵) had two sons, David Sheldon (S2518⁶) who married Hannah Parks, and Jonathan Sheldon (S2519⁶) who married (2) Mrs. Sarah Haxon. Their sons were among the earliest Lorain County, Ohio settlers.

David (S2518⁶) Sheldon's son, Abijah (S6034⁷) said goodbye to his two eldest sons, Harris (S10203⁸) and Richard (S10204⁸), as they left on foot for the Ohio lands on Christmas Eve in 1834 from Coventry, Chenago Co., New York. Abijah and his new wife Fanny (Abijah's first wife, Rachel Harris, d. 1832), along with most of Abijah's other children soon followed: Hannah (S10201⁸) who married William Kales AND had a tavern in LaPorte, Lorain Co., Ohio; Egbert (S10207⁸) who married Cornelia Cahoon and settled in Ridgeville Twp., Lorain Co., Ohio; Eliza (S10205⁸) who married Lawrence B. Freemire (later moving to Michigan). Harris Robert Sheldon (S10203⁸) settled in Pittsfield Twp, Lorain Co., Ohio and married Nancy Webster. Richard (S10204⁸) became an architect in Columbus, Ohio and married Mary Louisa Huntington. Abijah (S6034⁷) Sheldon settled in LaPorte, Lorain Co., Ohio and became the postmaster.

Jonathan Sheldon (S2519⁶) also had two sons and a daughter who were among the first settlers in Lorain Co. Elisha (S6058⁷) who married Sally Peters, arriving in Ohio in 1834, settling in Penfield Township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and Uriel (S6060⁷) who married Selena Serage and eventually settled on a farm just east of Wellington, Lorain, Ohio. Daughter, Amy Sheldon (S6057⁷) who married Beri Andrews lived in Penfield, Lorain, Ohio.

Another of Jonathan's (S2519⁶) descendants was also among Lorain County's early inhabitants. According to the book, *Lorain County, Ohio* (1894) by Beers, Ida Sheldon (b. 1854), daughter of Abijah Sheldon (S6056) [son of Jonathan (S2519⁶) and (1) Amy Briggs] and Jane Kiff, moved from Cortland Co., New York at the age of seven to live with her aunt, Amy Sheldon (S6057⁷). Ida later married Jay Hart and lived in Penfield, Lorain Co., Ohio.

Joseph Sheldon S863⁵ [Thomas S0301⁴, Isaac S0080³, John S0023², John S0013¹] had son Daniel (S2554⁶) who married Phebe Green, begetting Theodorus Sheldon (S6179⁷) who married Abigail Moor(e). This marriage produced three sons who were to become early Lorain County settlers: Norman Sheldon (S10529⁸), Daniel Sheldon (S10530⁸) and Isaac Sheldon (S10530⁸).

Norman (S10529⁸ and wife Priscilla Austin settled in Sheffield Twp.; Daniel (S10530⁸) married Harriet Mitchell, living briefly in Avon Twp., but moved on to Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio; Isaac (S10530⁸) married Hannah M. Burlingame and settled in Avon Twp. Isaac (S10530⁸) became an advocate in this area to grow grapes for wine production.

The third son of Thomas (S0301⁴), Benjamin Sheldon (S864⁵) married Mary Briggs, producing Jeremiah Sheldon (S2545⁶) who married Susan Johnson/Johnstone of Pennsylvania. Jeremiah (S2545⁶) and Susan had a son, Benjamin Sheldon (S6161⁷) who married Lovisa Rice and moved to Lorain Co. about 1848 with sons Benjamin Jr. (S6161X4⁸), David (S616X6⁸), and James (S6161x7⁸), and daughters, Sylphina (S6161X2) who married Bradley Woodmansee, and Ann (S6161X5); all of these family members and their families moving to LaGrange, Lorain Co., Ohio in 1848. James (S6161x7⁸) married Adaline West and lived in Wellington Twp., owning a cheese factory in what was then the 'Cheese Capitol of the World'. Benjamin Jr. (S6161X4⁸) and wife, Lucy C. White along with their son, Hiram, also relocated to LaGrange, Lorain, Ohio. David (S616X6⁸) married Adeline Crandall and removed to Michigan by 1860, as did his sister Ann (S6161X5) and her husband Giles Ripley.

An older son of Benjamin Sheldon (S864⁵), James Sheldon⁶ (b. 1768) married Hannah Armstrong, producing son Abraham Sheldon⁷ (b. ~1800). Abraham (b. ~1800) and wife, Maria, had a son, Abraham⁸ (b. 1846) and the three moved to Russia Twp., Lorain Co., Ohio between 1860 and 1870.

Joseph Sheldon (S307⁴) [Isaac S0080³, John S0023², John S0013¹] had two sons who produced future Lorain County settlers: William (S905⁵) who married Parthena Sherman, and Jonathan Sheldon⁵ who married Abiah Northrop.

William (S905⁵) and Parthena had a son, William (S2717⁶) who married Roxanna Baker and moved to Lorain County, Ohio about 1835, settling in the Grafton area. Along with them came children: Parthena Sheldon (S6579⁷) who eventually married Leonard Wight. They moved to Michigan by 1860.

Jonathan Sheldon (b. c 1770) moved to Richfield, Summit

County, Ohio where he died in 1845. His son, Andrew Sheldon (b. c 1799) married Deborah Sarles and settled in Pittsfield Twp. by 1823.

Benjamin Sheldon (S309⁴) [Isaac S80³, John S23², John S13¹] married Anna Allen, had son William Sheldon (S911⁵) who married Abigail Udall. This union produced Allen Sheldon (S2755⁶) who married Anna Marie des les Dernier/Deslesdernier (various spellings). The couple had several children: Lionel A. (S6784⁷), John (b. c 1828), Freeman (b. c 1831) who were born in New York, moving Westward to Lorain Co., Ohio in 1834. They also settled in LaGrange Twp. Lionel (S6784⁷) became an Oberlin College graduate, local lawyer and judge, Civil War Captain Ohio Volunteer Infantry 42nd Regiment and eventually Brigadier General, Congressman from Louisiana, Governor of New Mexico Territory, was active with the railroads, and a fruit grower in California. He maintained property in LaGrange, Lorain Co., Ohio until the early 1900's.

The rest is history for the descendants of John Sheldon (S13) who were among the first settlers in Lorain Co, Ohio.

But, wait! There were more Sheldons who headed West to settle Lorain County, Ohio!

Isaac Sheldon (S0005¹) had a descendant who was among the first settlers of Lorain County, Ohio. Elam Sheldon (S3932⁶) [Silas S1560⁵, Rufus S0555⁴, Jonathan S202³, Jonathan S46², Isaac S0005¹] married Azuba Robinson in New York and brought his bride to Carlisle Twp., Lorain Co, Ohio just outside of the town of Rawsonville (which became Grafton). His property is called "Sheldon Woods" and is part of the Lorain County park system, and has an adjoining quarry interpretive trail and a picnic area.

Julius⁷ Sheldon [Fernando⁶, Silas S1560⁵, Rufus S0555⁴, Jonathan S202³, Jonathan S46², Isaac S0005¹] moved to Ohio from Indiana, living in Carlisle Twp., Lorain Co., Ohio from 1850 to 1855 with his uncle, Elam Sheldon (S3932⁶). Julius⁷ Sheldon married Elam's (S3932⁶) daughter, Mary⁷ Sheldon. Julius was a surgeon with the 45th Ohio Volunteer Mounted Infantry during the Civil War, seeing action in Kentucky and Tennessee where he was taken prisoner, working in a rebel hospital after the battle at Chicamauga. After the war he and his family settled in Kansas.

The Rev. Henry Olcott Sheldon (S5124⁷) [Joseph (S2017⁶), Jonathan (S0654⁵), Benjamin (S0215⁴), Timothy (S0047³), Timothy (S0018²), John (S0008¹)], Author of The Sheldon Magazine, lived in Oberlin, Lorain Co., Ohio for a time. Shortly after the Civil War, in 1867, Henry O. Sheldon

(S5124⁷) married his third wife, Pamela Tower Hall, in Oberlin. According to the 1880 U.S. Census, Henry O. Sheldon (S5124⁷) lived at 17 South Professor St., Oberlin, Ohio

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with his wife Permelia (sic). The Rev. H.O. Sheldon (S5124⁷) passed away 21 December 1882 in Oberlin, and was interred in the Westwood Cemetery, Oberlin.

The most recent Sheldon families to settle in Lorain County, Ohio were found to be linked to Godfrey Sheldon (S0004¹) through DNA testing. Arriving in 1910 from Coshocton County, Ohio was Dallas J. Sheldon b. 1886 and wife Elsie Cooper who settled in Wellington Twp. Lorain Co., Ohio. In 1911, Dallas' brother, Thomas J. Sheldon b. 1883 and wife Idella Hawkins settled in nearby Brighton Twp. By 1918, a third brother, Carl R. Sheldon b. 1896 had moved to Lorain County, but had moved on to Cuyahoga County by 1930. The Sheldon ancestral lineage of these three men is: William Putnam Sheldon (1856-1939) and Hattie Hammontree, son of William Sheldon (1815-1902) and Hester Smith, son of Thomas Sheldon (1789-1871) and Huldah Tharp.

Thank You to all of the many Sheldon Family Members who helped to make Lorain County, Ohio what it is today! While the majority of Sheldons that settled in Lorain County, Ohio did so in the 1830's, descendants of John Sheldon (S0008¹) of Providence Rhode Island settled in Huron County, just 20 miles west of what was to become Oberlin, Ohio, in the early 1820's. John Sheldon's (S0008) descendant, Rufus Sheldon, was among the first settlers in the southeastern part of Huron County, Ohio!

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Migrations of Our Ancestors

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Migration is an important concept in genealogical research. While our ancestors had fewer options for transportation than exist today, it was a common occurrence for many to move multiple times in their lifetime for numerous reasons. This makes locating them an interesting challenge. One of the most beneficial strategies is to

investigate what is known in the research field as Old Settler Organization Records.

Organizations of this nature flourished in the 19th century. They tended to be composed of settlers who moved into a particular area or region and stayed permanently or for an extended period of time. Old Settler Organizations were very popular into frontier areas where settlers were looking for any type of stable social environment to help counteract the uncertainty of daily life. Many had endured the numerous hardships and loss of life that commonly occurred on the frontier. These common experiences often resulted in emotional bonds developing with their fellow settlers.

As westward migration opened up to a more diverse population, many of these "early settlers" began to resent new people coming into the area. One of the trigger issues that historians cite to describe this feeling was that many early settlers were born in the United States, whereas the newcomers tended to be immigrants or "big city" people who never contributed to the original settlement.

This resentment led to the creation of many organizations throughout the frontier with strict membership requirements. The key requirement was often based on proving residence tied to a specific date. These dates may have reflected the formation of the county, year that formal statehood was granted, or a local/regional event or time period. Some groups were highly organized with by-laws, application forms, elected officers, etc. Others were more socially oriented and less structured.

From the standpoint of locating surviving records, many of these groups are known by names such as Pioneer or Founders Societies, Old Settlers Society, or the name of an ethnic group followed by the phrase "historical society" of a given county or state. Good sources for locating contact information for these groups include newspapers, county histories, local or regional genealogical societies, state or county historical societies, or Googling the terms "pioneer" or "founders society", plus the name of the state or county.

Repositories for these old records may include state archives, historical museums, and local public and private libraries in the area or region. Don't forget to check FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> since the Family History Library has microfilmed many of these surviving society records over the years.

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HOW TO GET TO OBERLIN

Fly into Cleveland Hopkins Airport (CLE), about ½ hr. drive from Oberlin

OR Fly into Akron-Canton Airport (CAK), about 1 ½ hr. drive from Oberlin

Transportation Available from Cleveland Hopkins Airport to Oberlin (2012 list)

A 2 Point B 440-775-7222 a2pointb@oberlin.net; www.oberlintransportation.com

Airport Oberlin Shuttle 877-251-5701

Westside Town Car 440-647-4500 or 216-789-9600

Anytime Taxi 440-574-1639

Cleveland Express 866-828-1832 or 216-661-9105

Hopkins Limousine Service 800-543-9912 or 216-267-8282

Train: Amtrak Stations

Elyria: This unstaffed station in Elyria is half an hour from Oberlin.

Location: 410 E. River Road, Elyria OH 44035 Taxis are on call.

Cleveland:

Station Building (with waiting room); 200 Cleveland Memorial Shoreway, Cleveland, OH 44114

Sandusky: Platform with Shelter; 1200 North Depot Street at Shelby Street, Sandusky, OH 44870

Bus Service:

Greyhound: The Cleveland Greyhound station is about 40 minutes from Oberlin.

Location: 1465 Chester Ave., Cleveland OH 44114 Phone: (216) 781-0520

MegaBus: Cleveland, Ohio, Tower City—Cleveland's downtown stop location for departures and arrivals is adjacent to the entrance to Tower City at West Huron Road and West 3rd Street.

By Car: Follow Toll road I-80 (a.k.a. the Ohio Turnpike) to Exit 140 for Oberlin. Then take Ohio Route 58 South about 6 miles to Obberlin. Free onsite parking at the Oberlin Inn behind the Inn.

Campgrounds:

Schaun Acres Campground, 51390 State Route 303, Oberlin, OH 44074

440-775-7122 schaunacres@yahoo.com

Findley State Park, 25381 State Route 58, Wellington, Ohio 44090-9208

Phone: 440-647-4490 Reservations: 866-644-6727

OTHER THINGS TO SEE AND DO FOR SHELDONS AND GUESTS

Are you wondering what else there is to see and do during your visit to Northern Ohio?

The 'Wild Side' of you might enjoy Cedar Point Amusement Park and the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame. For those who love Sports and the Out-of-doors there is Pro Football Hall of Fame, Indians and the Lake Erie Crushers Professional Baseball; visit one of the many area parks to swim, fish, hike, bike, and picnic. Interested in History and Genealogy Research? Every county and almost every township has a Historical Society. Many of the Libraries have Genealogy Sections, including Oberlin Public Library, Elyria Library, and the Library at Lorain County Historical Society. The Ohio Genealogy Society's library is in Mansfield, just an hour away. There is a Native American Museum near Vermillion. The First Ladies' Museum/Library is in Canton, OH, and there are several Presidential Centers and Homes around the state. See SFA Website for links. Do you enjoy Art? The Oberlin College Art Museum is next door to the Oberlin Inn. Well worth the visit! There are several small art shops around town, too. The Cleveland Art Museum is just an hour away. Love to Garden? There are several Public Gardens to visit in the area and Garden Centers. Have you always wanted to visit the heart of Ohio Amish Country? It's just an hour away. And there are Amish who live near the Oberlin area, often selling their pies and breads from their buggies in nearby LaGrange and Wellington. For the oenophiles, there are several Wineries in the area. And if you enjoy hand crafted beers, you'll find several Breweries in Cleveland. Enjoy Shopping? Downtown Oberlin offers many quaint shops: Bookstores, Antique, Art and Specialty Shops. For those who prefer shopping centers and malls, try Great Northern Shopping Center and Mall in North Olmsted. There is an Outlet Mall near Lodi. Lorain Community Music Theater presents "Annie" at the Stocker Center Aug. 2-4. Sat. 8/3: Light House Tours in Lorain at the Black River Landing. The Oberlin Family Fun Fair will be on Sat Aug 3rd 10-4 Classic car show, sidewalk sales, children's activities, entertainment, Hands-on history fun, lawn games, etc. On Sunday, 8/4: Frank Lloyd Wright House Tour in Oberlin 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

For even more info, see our extensive lists with links on the SFA website. Click on "Annual Reunion"

http://sheldonfamily.org/v2/2013_OH_Mtg/2013%20Meeting.htm or check out <http://www.visitloraincounty.com/>

**DRAFT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 74th SFA FAMILY REUNION
OBERLIN, OHIO, Ohio - AUGUST 1-4, 2013**

Thursday August 1st

- 8:30 a.m. All Day Strategic Planning Session
4:30 p.m. Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Old fashioned BBQ, Picnic and Garden Party at Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall and Chapel Grove (a five - seven minute walk from the Oberlin Inn or a two minute car ride)

Friday August 2nd

- Breakfast on your own
Registration
9:00 a.m. A round of "short talks"
10 a.m. Family Lineage Groups
11 a.m. Another round of "short talks"
Noon Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m. Walking Tours Around Oberlin to:
Oberlin College Library Archives (A Repository of H O Sheldon's papers)
Oberlin Heritage Center (Abolitionist/Anti-Slavery in Oberlin) \$6.00 entrance fee
Oberlin Cemetery (Grave of H. O. Sheldon)
Oberlin City Library Genealogy Room
Oberlin Art Museum (Free)
OR: Visit the Hickories (Lorain County Historical Society) and genealogy library. \$5.00 admission fee to the museum, \$5.00 admission fee to the library.
OR: Informal Wine Tour of local northern Ohio wineries
5:00 p.m. Social Hour
6:00 p.m. Dinner and presentation at Oberlin's Prestis Restaurant
Guest Speaker: Mr. John Mercer (Oberlin's Civil War General Giles Shurtliff)
7:30 p.m. Display Room Open

Saturday August 3rd

- Breakfast on your own
Registration
9:00 a.m. Plenary Gathering
9:30 a.m. Depart for Norwalk, Ohio for a visit to the Firelands Historical Society
(Repository for HO Sheldon's diaries and papers).
OR: Oberlin Family Fun Day; classic car show, sidewalk sales, etc.
OR: On your own
Noon Lunch at Norwalk's "Berry's Restaruant"
1:00 p.m. Depart for Milan Ohio for a visit to the Thomas Edison Birthplace and
the Milan Historical Museum.
4:00 p.m. Depart for Oberlin
5:00 p.m. Social Hour
6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting, Banquet and Speaker the Oberlin Inn.
8:00 p.m. Display Room open.

Sunday August 4th

- Informal Breakfast with Sheldon cousins (on your own)
Things to do on your way out of town:
(all of these venues have Sunday hours...)
Tour Oberlin's Frank Lloyd Wright house (on your own)
OR Cedar Point Amusement Park (on your own)
OR Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (on your own)
OR Hale Farm & Village-an outdoor living history museum featuring life and crafts from the mid-1800s. It includes farm animals, pastures, gardens, and historic houses with historical interpreters dressed in period costume

74th Annual Sheldon Family Association Reunion - Registration Form

August 2-4, 2013 - Oberlin Inn Hotel, Oberlin, Ohio

Please complete a separate form for each person in your group attending the reunion along with your payment for all activities in which you would like to participate and send them as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at LMHKW@umich.edu or 1.734.649.1248. If you reach my voicemail, please leave your name, number and a brief message.

Please note: deadline hotel registration deadline at special reunion rates and sign up for group tour is: **June 1, 2013**

- A block of rooms has been reserved at the Oberlin Inn, Oberlin, Ohio. The special reunion rate is **\$89.95** + tax for single or double occupancy.
- Please make your own room reservation by calling **1-800-376-4173** or **1-440-775-1111**. Ask for "Sheldon Family Association group" room-block.
- Complete the form below so that we can make your name badge and accurate meal arrangements. Remember to complete a form for each individual who will be attending the reunion with you.
- Write a single check for all your group's meals and activities to "Sheldon Family Association." Mail the completed form(s) and your check for the combined total to: Linda M. Williams, 3013 Lakehaven Ct, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
- If you wish to register for the reunion and pay for it on-line, please go to the SFA reunion registration webpage at: http://sheldonfamily.org/v2/2013_OH_Mtg/2013%20Meeting.htm

NOTE: If someone in your party requires special physical or food accommodations, please see note below. Also, please note your preferred contact information (email and/or phone number) in the section below in the event we need to contact you quickly.

REFUND POLICY: Please consult the Sheldon Family Association website (reunion page) for our complete refund policy

Your Name	Town	State	Sheldon # * with ancestral line Initial I-Isaac, G-Godfrey, J-John, W-William, R-Richard
Example: Rose Newton	Fort Wayne	IN	S 4479x851 (I)
Your Smart Phone (cell phone) number	Your e-mail address	Your emergency contact person with a phone number	

* If you are a member and don't know your number or ancestral line, write "unknown." We will find it and note it on the form for you. If you are not yet a member, we'll sign you up! Welcome cousin!

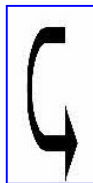
Ck Here	Day	Location	Price of meal	Enter \$ amt
	Thursday boxed lunch for strategic plan meeting	Oberlin Inn	\$8.00	\$
	Thursday informal reception & boxed picnic dinner	Christ Church Chapel Grove	\$8.00	\$
	Friday lunch	Free time – no planned group meal		
	Friday Italian buffet price includes tax & tip	Presti's restaurant-Oberlin	\$24.00 (alcohol - cash bar)	\$
	Saturday caravan tour Firelands Museum	Norwalk	\$4.00	\$
	Saturday lunch – Berry's restaurant, Norwalk a. Mandarin Walnut Chicken Salad (comes with a muffin) b. Lake Erie Perch Sandwich (comes with French Fries or a salad) c. Grilled Reuben Sandwich (comes with French Fries or a salad) d. Garden Burger (veggie burger) platter (with soup, salad and chips)		\$15.00 (includes beverage, tax, and tip) Please note your choice: a, b, c, or d	\$
	Saturday caravan tour Edison Museum	Milan	\$4.00	\$
	Saturday caravan tour Milan Historical Museum	Milan	\$4.00	\$
	Saturday dinner entrées Chardonnay Chicken	Oberlin Inn	Prices include tax & tip \$25.00	\$
	Prime Rib of Beef		\$29.00	\$
	Grilled Vegetable Plate		\$25.00	\$
	Family registration fee	(one per family)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Grand Total of items in final column				

Please note any physical or food needs accommodation on the reverse of this form or, if the information is extensive, add an additional sheet to your form.

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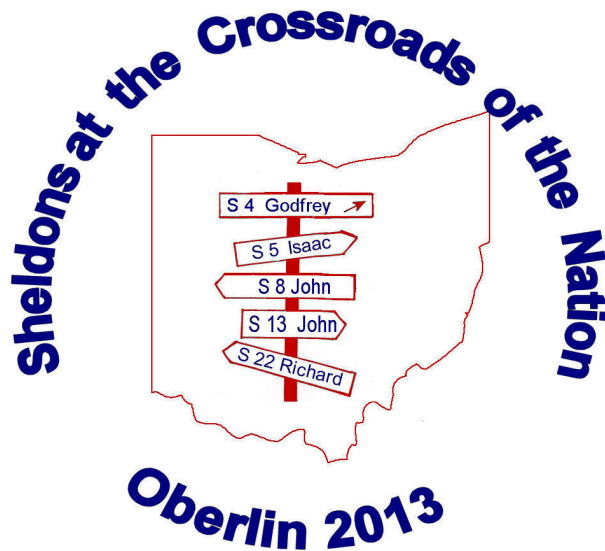
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