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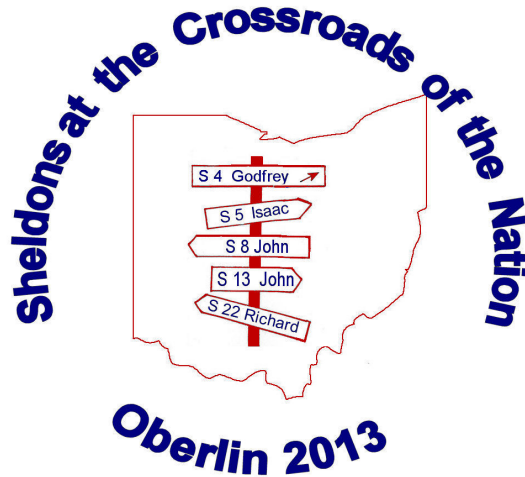
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SFA is having a reunion at Oberlin OH on August 2-4, 2013. In addition, a Strategic Planning Session on where SFA is headed in the future will be held in Oberlin on August 1.

Oberlin is a 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 1.108-1,110 (inside back cover) and also available on the SFA Web. at <http://sheldonfamily.org/>

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT-JULY 2013

Jeanne A Jeffries

Annual Meeting and Reunion in Oberlin OH will be an opportunity to visit the place where H O Sheldon preached and gathered Sheldon Family information. We will meet cousins from central United States as Reunion rotates from East to Mid America to West. Deb Mohler and Brian Wilbert have wonderful plans for us.

Rose Sheldon Newton will share information about the Genealogy and history as well as plans for the 75th Anniversary of incorporation of the Sheldon Family Association. Marvin Parsons will be able to update members on the progress of the conversion of the database from an award winning 1985 software to modern technology.

Especially important will be the Strategy Planning Session on August 1 where professional facilitators will lead the Board and Members in discussion of key issues facing our association. This will result in an action plan for the next ten years. Your president is hopeful that we can discover methods to appeal to new members. The results of the survey will guide the discussions. Perhaps some of the attendees will join committees. Volunteers are the heart and soul of these family associations. There are many ways to help us.

Jeanne and Peter Jeffries represented the Sheldon Family Association at the New England Regional Genealogical Conference in April 2013 and met other family association representatives. Common issues are where to hold reunions, how to hold down costs,, how to further the genealogical research and how to involve members. We are grateful for the participants in the survey, since we want to serve **our** members.

Electronically, we are delighted with Bob Halstead and the effort he has devoted to the Sheldon Family website at <http://sheldonfamily.org/>. It has pictures! And members are commenting on the Facebook page: Sheldon Family Association. The Quarterly appeared on the web site and in e mail. Paper copies are still available to those who request them.

An alert gave notice to those whose dues expire in August of 2013. Please take note if you are in that category. We want all our members and we care about your opinion.

Please note that page numbering in the SFA Quarterly skips from page 999 to 1,100 due to a software issue.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Jeanne A Jeffries President

When members were asked to respond to a survey about the Association they responded! We continue to receive survey forms and the number of responses is over 140 in June. That is excellent feedback.

Members indicated that the database of Sheldon Genealogy is very important and they are eager for the newer versions. They are concerned about technology and genealogy. Efforts to increase membership as well as the financial stability are important issues.

On August 1, as part of the Annual Meeting and Reunion in Oberlin, there will be a day long session to discuss these and other issues. The professional facilitators are very impressed with Sheldon Association Members. The Board is pleased to hear from members and looks forward to member participation.

SHELDON ELECTRONIC SFA QUARTERLY

By Editor SFA Quarterly-Jim Russell

Electronic SFAQ went live in April. The current issue of SFAQ can be found online by accessing the SFA Website at <http://sheldonfamily.org/> and then the SFA Quarterly site on links on the left side. Starting with the July issue, the current issue will replace the prior issue and the older edition moved to archives. Paper copies will no longer be issued after July unless requested.

SFAQ is currently posted on the SFA website, sent by email and submitted to the printer approximately 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. With our current publisher, we can still use bulk mail if mailing drops below 200 by sharing with others, but it may involve a further delay.

In other words, SFAQ is available much faster on the SFA Website or by email. 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.

Several members have responded that they want availability if they forget to download before the online issue is changed. Eventually, SFA is hoping to provide member access to an archive of all SFA Quarterlies, Until then, if you email me that you forgot to download, I can send a copy by email. (There will be a delay while I confirm that you are a member.) For those who opt to receive a mailed copy, we have the option

of using larger print, and deleting photos. Many of our members are elderly, and we wish to meet their needs. Please let us know what you prefer.

Paper Copies will cease with the October 2013 SFAQ unless you request otherwise. If you wish to continue with paper copies, please contact Barbara Gomez before October. Contact information is on the front cover.

Another issue that needs to be addressed with electronic SFAQ is when dues are due. This has been addressed on the back page of SFA Quarterly, but cannot be addressed in electronic format.

The SFA Quarterly itself has been changing in format, partially because the Head Genealogist and SFA Quarterly functions were separated when I assumed the function of Editor of SFA Quarterly. I am also trying to find articles that appeal to more members. Your feedback on what you want to see matters. I will have further updates on what you want with Strategic Action meeting in August, but you can also contact me directly.

SFA Quarterly and particularly Electronic SFA Quarterly are very important for SFA survival. Please support us on this issue.

Jim Russell, Editor SFAQ

DNA REPORT-JULY 2013

Peter F Jeffries MD
Project Administrator



FTDNA tests a portion of the chromosome which is made up of segments or alleles. They compare the segments to other peoples segments in the database of many millions of people who have tested.

The mtDNA is mitochondrial DNA which is located in a separate part of the cell called mitochondria. This DNA is inherited from the mother. So, your mtDNA is the same as your mother's and her mother's and so on.

- * Matching on HVR1 means that you have a 50% chance of sharing a common maternal ancestor within the last fifty-two generations. That is about 1,300 years.
- * Matching on HVR1 and HVR2 means that you have a 50% chance of sharing a common maternal ancestor within the last twenty-eight generations. That is about 700 years.
- * Matching on the Mitochondrial DNA Full Genomic Sequence test brings your matches into more recent times.

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It means that you have a 50% chance of sharing a common maternal ancestor within the last 5 generations. That is about 125 years. To make any sense out of the report, you need to use the "paper" genealogy and compare from one generation to the next with the other person's "paper" genealogy.

It is possible that you will find a common female ancestor. The experts we have met all indicate that mtDNA is still not well understood.

LOOKING FOR RUFUS SHELDON

By Jeanne Jeffries, July 2013



On the 1850 census there is a Rufus Sheldon, age 2, in Reading MA. He is a child in a family headed by Samuel Sheldon age 30. Susan H is listed as wife, and children F Warren Flint 14, George F Sheldon 7, Columbia Sheldon 4 and Julia Sheldon 1. Samuel was born in Massachusetts and Susan was born in New Hampshire, while the children were all born in Massachusetts.

States took census between the years of the Federal Census in the fifth year of the decade. In 1855, this family is in North Reading. Warren has left, Columbia is called Roania C and a Joseph A is added 4 years old. Rufus is 7.

The family is found in Reading MA again in 1860 and Rufus spelling is Reufus. His death is found in Concord NH in 1863 when he is listed as a soldier at age 15. His death is due to typhoid fever.

Tracing the line is difficult. There is no record of the marriage of Samuel and Susan. In 1870, Susan is with son George and his wife Hattie and their daughter Blanche in Bradford, Essex MA. In 1880, Susan is with daughter Rosana and her husband Charles Hammett in Somerville MA. There is a death record for Susan K Frost Sheldon in 1892 in which she is described as divorced. The record says she is the daughter of Thomas Frost and Betsy Butters.

Samuel is perhaps in Windham Rockingham NH with son Charles A Sheldon according to a census entry on the 1900 census. His death is unknown and requires more research. At this time, his parents are obscure.

Perhaps a male descendant could provide DNA information.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Wayne Nelson & Wendy Black

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for election at the 2013 Sheldon Family Association meeting in Oberlin, Ohio:

Treasurer – Barbara Gomez;
Recording Secretary – Linda Williams;
Webmaster – Robert Halstead;
Director at Large – Alberta Dunn.

MEET BOB HALSTEAD

Nominee For Webmaster

I have been a member (S2525x1 {10}511(w) of the Sheldon Family Association since 2010. The Northampton conference was my second meeting. We had also attended the Grand Rapids meeting but had to miss other meetings due to conflicts in our schedule.

I first heard about the Association from Peggy Jones who I had worked with writing a story about my Grandfather Louis Sheldon and about his sister Cora Sheldon Deichen), This started me on genealogy research. Since then I have been assisting a cousin with some work on the Halstead family.

I was born in Laramie Wyoming but only lived there for a few months until my parents moved to Minnesota. They eventually moved onto a farm owned by Louis Sheldon (S2525x1 {10}4. I moved to Dayton Ohio during September 1957 and have since remained in this area .

My career, prior to retirement, was in Insurance. I worked for an insurance company in St Paul MN for several years and then accepted a position in an insurance agency in Dayton Ohio where I worked for 47 years.

Belonging to the Association has been a very good experience. I look forward to making whatever contribution I can in the future.

Note from SFAQ Editor: Bob Halstead has been running the SFA Website at <http://sheldonfamily.org/> for months. If you haven't visited the SFA Website recently, you will be amazed at the changes. The SFA Bylaws now require the Webmaster to be a member of the Board.

DEATH OF RUTH E. SHELDON

Wife Of Former Genealogist

Contributed by Rose Newton

Word was received from Keith of the passing of Ruth following complications from a broken hip. Ruth will be remembered for her pleasant company during many SFA Reunions during Keith's tenure as SFA Genealogist. Ruth was great company on way several reunions as I would leave Fort Wayne and pick up Keith and Ruth and head up the Interstate for family reunions in the east. My last good visit with Ruth was on the way home from planning the

Sheldon reunion with the Hubert and Oese Robinson Museum in Ohio. We stopped and picked up SFA files and Keith gave me "lessons" on the changes in the database Bret had made when Mark retired. This was during the Cleveland Black out. Ruth was always a gracious host and loving friend to those who were blessed to know her. Family surrounded Keith during this time and Keith is recovering from a back injury and says he is doing fine. His address follows for those who wish to send greetings: Keith M. Sheldon 23918 Wolf Road, Bay Village OH 44140

SHELDON RUTH E. SHELDON (nee Thomas) age 87. Beloved wife of Keith. Dear mother of Ann Mezger (Roger), Jane Baile (Henri), Robert Sheldon, Mary Hyatt (Rob), Laura Olevitch (Sanford) and Margaret Kukura (Jack). Loving grandmother of 12, great-grandmother of 2. Sister of Charles Thomas. Mass of Christian Burial to be held Wednesday, May 29 at 10:30 am at St. Raphael Church, 525 Dover Center Road, Bay Village. Friends may call from 6:00- 8:00 pm Tuesday at JENKINS FUNERAL CHAPEL, 2914 DOVER CENTER ROAD, WESTLAKE. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44119.- ref: The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, OH May 26, 2013

SEEKING INFO ON ANCESTORS OF JOHN HARRISON SHELDON

Per Rose, Mike Green is looking for two John Sheldons that she cannot match to Database. His GGG Grandfather John Harrison Sheldon was born 1840 in NY and lived in Seward, Schoharie CO, NY before removing to Mundy MI in the late 1840s. He served in Civil War in 6th Michigan Calvary, and died 1925 in Flint, Genesee Co., MI. Mike is seeking information on John Harrison Sheldon's ancestors.

John Harrison Sheldon's father was John Sheldon, born abt 1807 in New York, lived in Seward NY, and died in Genesee Co, MI in 1888. His wife was Charlotte Estes, b. abt. 1819 in New York and died in 1888 in Genesee Co, MI.

John Harrison Sheldon's grandfather was John Sheldon, born abt. 1775 in Scotland, and died abt.1840 (possibly in Schoharie Co., His wife was Anna Harrison, b. abt. 1775 in Scotland, and died abt. 1862 in Seward, Schoharie Co., NY

If any one is related to these New York/Michigan Sheldons please write Mike Green jmgreen635@gmail.com.

We have one John Sheldon S4099 (I) but other data shows that he does not fit. These Sheldons seem to be from the unknown Sheldons that came via Scotland we have in the Unknown Sheldon Connection files. Rose Newton

SHELDON SOLDIERS UNIDENTIFIED VIET NAM CASUALTIES

Rose Sheldon Newton

These soldiers records were misfiled under the Genealogist who found them instead of the Unknown Sheldon File where they will be filed after this article as I have found no family connection for them.

Sheldon, Edward Clarence Sgt. E5 IDNo 11419791

Branch: US Army
Born: 11/29/46 Casualty Date: 3/25/68
Service Years: 3 Age 21
Home of Record: Milton, VT
Religion: Methodist
Body Recovered
Casualty type: Hostile, Died Gun, Small Arms Fire, Ground Casualty
Province: South Vietnam, Thua Thien

Sheldon, Leroy Ellsworth Sgt.

Branch: US Army
Born: 11/23/45 Tour Date: 3/5/68
Casualty Date: 3/24/69 Service Years: 1
Age: 23 State: Nebraska
Religion: Methodist
Disposition: Body Recovered
Casualty Type: Non-Hostile, Died Other, Vehicle Loss, Crash, Ground Casualty
Country: South Vietnam, Thua Thein Province

Sheldon, Kimball Hayes Sp4

Birthdate: 4/29/47 Tour date: 1/26/70
Service Years: 1 Casualty Date: 3/31/70
Age: 22
Home of Record: Boca Raton, FL
Religion: Methodist
Marital Status: Single
Disposition: Body Recovered
Casualty Type: Hostile, Died, Air Loss, Crash-Land, Helicopter Crew
Country: South Vietnam, Kien Hoa Province

Sheldon, William Charles E 3

ID No: B531596
Component: Regular
Rank: SN
Birthdate: 3/21/49 Tour Date: 3/15/68
Casualty Date: 5/5/68
Disposition: Body Recovered, Hostile, Died, Artillery, Rocket, Mortar, Ground Casualty
Country: South Vietnam, Quang Province

Primary



Secondary Sources:



Recognizing the Differences

By Margery Graham, C.G.R.S.

Speaker at 97 S.F.A. Reunion, Fort Wayne

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

BIRTH RECORDS.

MARRIAGE RECORDS.

DEATH RECORDS.

CENSUS RECORDS, including Federal and State censuses.

The soundex is only an index to the census and therefore not an official document or primary source. **5. PROBATE**

RECORDS, including wills, estates (testate/with a will; intestate/without a will), guardianships, name changes. **6.**

COURT RECORDS, including civil, criminal, divorce and naturalization records. These are found in either the Circuit or Superior Court where the event occurred. **7. LAND, PLAT & DEED RECORDS.** Buying and selling property may show residency, marital relationship and/or heirs. **8. TAX**

RECORDS. 9. MILITARY RECORDS, including service and pension records. **10. CHURCH RECORDS,** may include birth, marriage, death and burial information. **11.**

MORTUARY RECORDS. 12. BURIAL PERMITS. 13.

CEMETERY RECORDS, actual records of a church and/or cemetery official.

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

You'll want to build your family history on a foundation of

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

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

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

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

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

A list of Secondary sources include the following:

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

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

Handy Clip Out Reference guide:

Primary Sources:
Created at time of event

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

Handy Clip Out Reference guide:

Secondary Sources:
Records that lead to primary sources

- Bible Records
- Obituaries & Newspaper Clippings
- Family Histories & Genealogies
- County Histories
- Portrait & Bio Histories
- City County Directories
- Personal Papers / Manuscripts
- Tombstone Inscriptions
- Atlases & Gazetteers.

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LOCATING ANCESTORS ON THE INTERNET
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Contributed by Wendy Black

The Internet is an excellent tool for genealogical research when used in conjunction with consulting original records, print sources, and employing proper research techniques. The benefits to genealogists are:

1. The ability to search the genealogical holdings of major repositories or libraries in areas where the ancestors resided.
2. The ability to search a repository's holdings online may facilitate planning for onsite research in anticipation of a visit to that repository.
3. The Internet usually contains significant information on local, state, national and/or ethnic historical/genealogical societies, and family associations throughout the U.S. and abroad.
4. Websites such as Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Cyndi's List, Family Search, Rootsweb, etc., offer access to message boards and other information-sharing sites where genealogists can network with other genealogists, share findings and photographs, and submit queries.

The dramatic increase in online resources has attracted many beginners to the field of genealogical research. Experienced genealogists have benefited because of new and improved research tools and faster communication. Sites such as Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition, Fold3, Heritage Quest, and Family Search, just to name a few, have enabled researchers to locate records in a timely manner. Researchers are also benefitting from an increased number of digitized

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images, thus making the information-gathering process more accurate and timely. Many websites offer tutorials in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions section (FAQ). These pages usually provide research tips and information on formulating search strategies.

While the Internet offers many opportunities for research, there are limitations and caveats. The Internet should not be considered the main option for genealogical research. Researchers will never locate every fact about their ancestors online. There is no one website or database containing all types of genealogical records. Many record types have never appeared on any online databases, and never will. Information found online carries no guarantee whatsoever that it is accurate, thoroughly researched or properly documented. The Internet is not a new reason that researchers sometimes collect questionable or undocumented information. False pedigrees, family myths and research errors were a part of genealogy long before the Internet. The difference is that the undocumented information is easily located and duplicated online. BLM 4/6/2013



**Rev. Brian Wilbert & Deb Mohler
SFA Hosts at Oberlin**

ROOMS AT OBERLIN INN

On June 28, Jeanne Jeffries released the rooms not claimed at Oberlin Inn. Otherwise SFA would be liable for payment on vacant rooms. At that point in time 17 rooms had been picked up out of 35.

Reservations at the group rate will be honored but on first come basis. In other words, Oberlin will continue to offer the SFA discount rate as long as rooms are available.

SFA needs at least twenty reservations at Oberlin Inn in order to avoid paying the fees for the meeting rooms. If you plan to come, please make your reservations soon.

JOHN MERCER: FRIDAY NIGHT REUNION SPEAKER

A graduate of Rocky River Ohio High School and Bethany College in West Virginia, John Mercer is a seasoned high school history teacher with the Olmsted Falls, Ohio school system. He not only teaches a general social studies course but also offers classes in government and law, American wars, U.S. Government and politics. John is a true student of the American Civil War and is completing a PH. D. in history from Kent State University. His presentation to the Sheldon Family Association 74th Reunion is titled "Giles Waldo Shurtleff: Leadership in the Cause of Freedom" and is taken in part from his doctoral dissertation about this civil war Brigadier General from Oberlin, Ohio whose command eventually included the 127th OVI, later re-named the 5th United States Colored Troops. John is married to Ruth and they have two grown sons, Jacob and Samuel. John is also an active member and lay leader in the Episcopal Church. Among other non-history related interests John enjoys music, boating and baseball though he does have an interest in the history of baseball announcers especially those connected with the Cleveland Indians.

MARGARET CHEYNEY: SATURDAY NIGHT REUNION SPEAKER

Margaret Lance Cheney is currently the Vice President of Administration for the Ohio Genealogical Society. She also serves as their Education Chair and is the head judge for First Families of Ohio. She has been actively involved in the Lorain County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society serving in many capacities. And has also been president of the Medina County Genealogical Society, OGS.

Margaret has serves as Lineage Chair for both Lorain and Medina County Genealogical Chapters of the Ohio Genealogical Society. She has been 1st Vice-President of OGS. Organizing 'Century Families of Ohio', Margaret has been chair several years.

Margaret Cheney has presented talks at various Ohio Genealogical Society Conferences, Workshops, Chapter Meetings and Banquets.

Her love for genealogy shows through her talks as she lectures on a wide variety of topics. She has been the delegate to Federation of Genealogical Societies for the Lorain County Chapter OGS. She has written numerous articles for Ohio Genealogical Society publications.

A spouse, mother and grandmother, the Cheney's live in Elyria, Ohio. Margaret and her husband, Ralph, will be married for 53 years in November.

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

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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” at

<http://sheldonfamily.org/> or check out <http://www.visitloraincounty.com/>

**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

Friday August 2nd

- Breakfast on your own
8:00-1:00 Registration in 3rd Floor Lobby
9:00 Welcome! Introductions, General Reunion Agenda
9:15-10:00 A round of "short talks": (9:15) Sheldon's of Lorain Co. Ohio; (9:30) Sheldon DNA Project; (9:45) Sheldon Woods/Quarry Project; (9:57) SFA Database Conversion Project
10:00 Break
10:10 Family Group Table Discussions
11:15-12:00 Another round of "short talks": (11:15) Migration Routes Through Ohio; (11:30) Wellington-Oberlin Slave Rescue; (11:45) Lionel Sheldon, Lawyer, Civil War Captain & Politician
Noon Details of Coming Activities & Lunch on your own
1:00-4:00 "On Your Own" Walking Tours Around Oberlin to following options:
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: 1:30 Informal Wine Tour of local northern Ohio wineries
OR: 1:30-5:30 Display Room (in the Tappen Room); Genealogy Assistance
4:30 "A Presentation of H.O. Sheldon" by Rose Newton at Westwood Cemetery
5:00 Social Hour,
6:00 Dinner and presentation at Oberlin's Presti's Restaurant
Guest Speaker: Mr. John Mercer (Oberlin's Civil War General Giles Shurtliff)

Saturday August 3rd

- Breakfast on your own & Registration
9:00 Plenary Gathering
9:30 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: 9:00-5:00 Display Room (in the Tappen Room); Genealogy Assistance
OR: On your own
Noon Lunch at "Berry's Restaurant", Norwalk
1:00 Depart for Milan Ohio for a visit to the Thomas Edison Birthplace and the Milan Historical Museum.
4:00 Depart for Oberlin
5:00 Social Hour
6:00 Annual Meeting, Banquet in the Oberlin Inn Dining Room
Guest Speaker: Margaret Cheyney at the Oberlin Inn "Letters from the Boys".

Sunday August 4th

- Informal Breakfast on your own/with Sheldon cousins
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 (on your own)

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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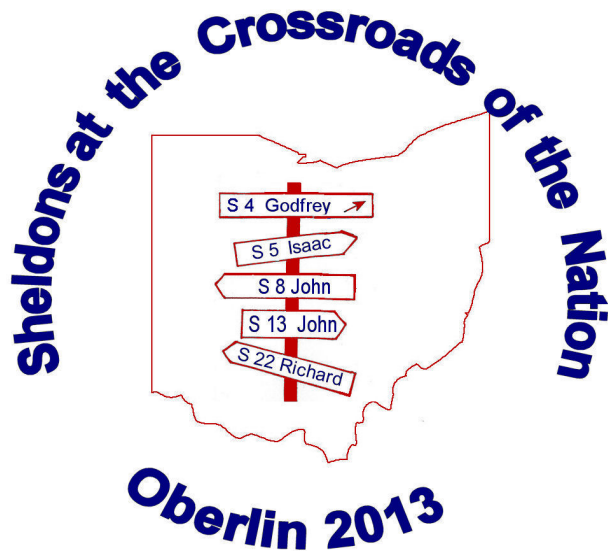
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Genealogist listed on front page & inside cover



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