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## The Completed Ebenezer Sheldon “Deed House”

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Figure 1: The Newly Restored Ebenezer Sheldon Deed House

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Figure 2: Interior of the Deed House

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## **What to See and Do in Aurora, Ohio**

Michelle Masson

The SFA Annual Reunion is going to be taking place in Aurora, Ohio this August. I certainly hope that you are all registered for the event!

The fun things to do around the area of our Hotel, The Aurora Inn, are numerous and interesting. I have narrowed them down to three main activities for the group to enjoy! The first one is the Aurora Farms Premium Outlets. This is in a beautiful setting around a water pond. There are many stores to choose from, including the Cleveland local Malley's Chocolates. I cannot wait to visit that one, and spend a small fortune! The Liberty Park Nature Center is the next on my list. This will be a short walk outdoors to the nature center which has almost 4,000 square feet of space filled with animals and displays that will enrich our idea of the nature in and around Aurora. Amongst many others, I wanted to highlight the Secret Garden Antique Mall. This is very close to our hotel; only nine minutes away. They house about 3,000 square feet of antiques and collectibles for us to view and purchase. There are different vendors in this mall so the shopping will be eclectic. The Mad Jack's restaurant is very close by, and the 1815 Tavern, which we will be dining on Tuesday evening, is right there as well.

On Tuesday, as a group, we have been invited by the town of Aurora for lunch. We will meet at the library, which is the location of the Aurora Historical Society. We will also be meeting and hearing from Mayor Womer Benjamin. We will have time to peruse the library, and then visit the original church that our ancestors helped create, and first attended. The cemetery is located on the grounds and will be a neat place to view some of our ancestor's resting places. And the main reason for holding our reunion in Aurora: a visit to the newly restored Ebenezer Sheldon Deed House. These sights are all within walking distance of each other.

If you would like to see pictures or any other sites in and around our reunion location of Aurora, Ohio please visit the web site:

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g29946-Activities-Aurora\\_Ohio.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g29946-Activities-Aurora_Ohio.html)

## **Century Homes in Aurora, Ohio**

Michelle Masson

The C.R. Harmon and Sons Store building at 182 Chillicothe Road in Aurora, Ohio was built by the son of our very own ancestor Ebenezer Sheldon. Ebenezer Sheldon II erected the building circa 1838-1840 and it was his family home. He also ran a general store in the building. His heirs sold the house to the Harmon family and they turned it into a general store. This store sold goods and merchandise until the 1940's. After the General store, Chet Edwards purchased the building and it became an Interior Design store. It is no longer an operating store building; however we will be dining at the restaurant right next door to this buildings location, the 1815 Tavern.

The Spring Hill Farm location, an area near the Chagrin River used to hold four homes built by the Sheldons. This was the original location of the Deed House. One home was the Albert Russell Sheldon House built in 1845 by Ebenezer's grandson; it is on the century homes list. Albert's wife and children enjoyed the home and farm, as Albert died in 1856. The city of Aurora has purchased the land to conserve the river watershed. There are a few trails there now and it would be used as a park. We can visit this site while we are in town! Another century home in Aurora is one that was built in 1838. This was purchased by Ebenezer Sheldon, Jr. The complete list of century homes in Aurora is located on the Aurora Historical Society's web site:

<http://aurorahistorical.org/archives/century-homes/>

## More on B. O. Sheldon

We have received another interesting bit of information from our comrade in research, Harry Wilkins. Mr. Wilkins works with the Fremont County Iowa Historical Society, and they were working on a research project on Benjamin Olcott Sheldon (S9760 J). He has been generous in sharing with us. Please enjoy this letter from Benjamin to his sister-in-law Imogene. Imogene was the wife of Benjamin's brother Edward Thompson Sheldon. This was originally printed in the 28 Aug 1919 Tabor Beacon Newspaper, Ben is short for Benjamin, and we know that B. O. Sheldon is Benjamin Olcott Sheldon so we speculate that the writer of the intro for the Tabor Beacon newspaper confused the letter writer with the, possibly, brother who handed it to him? On another note: The newspaper writer states below that the comparison of this letter with the letters he has reviewed from the "boys in World War is interesting" meaning he has compared letters sent home from both the Civil and the First World War.

### FROM THE FRONT LETTER OF CIVIL WAR DATE IS FULL OF HISTORICAL INTEREST FOR READERS

B.O. Sheldon hands us the following letter, written by his brother Ben to the home folks while he was serving in the Union army in 1863. Its comparison with the letters written by the boys in World War is interesting.

In Front of Vicksburg, in  
La. Jan. 26, 1863

Dear Sister Imogene;

I received your very welcome letter dated the 5th on the 24<sup>th</sup> at night. I received one from sister Ruth in Indiana and one from sister Julia in Ohio at the same time, although they all bore different dates. They were the first that I have received since we left Helena except one from Columbus, Ky., written by Ned on the 5<sup>th</sup> also, probably at the same time you was writing to me. I received Ned's on the 18<sup>th</sup> while we were lying at Napoleon.

So the miniature arrived safely. Well, that's all right, but, I don't know what to say about the comments made upon it. It's a pity if a man (or rather boy) can't wear a little down on his face way down here in this God-forsaken country where there isn't any inducements for removing it, without having it called whiskers.

By the way, it strikes me quite perpendicularly that Miss Julia Cumings is in debt to me in the way of an epistle as I wrote to her last. Please hint as much to her privately.

You say you suppose we have plenty of papers. In that you are mistaken. We get no papers at all now.

We don't know much about the working of the proclamation down here, as the slaves have all or nearly all run off.

Well! I had to stop just here and go and draw rations, and now I'll try and write a little more. Perhaps I had better commence with the time when we left Helena and give a general synopsis of our travels up to the present time. We left Helena on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December, 1862, on board the John J. Roe, and arrived at the mouth of the Yazoo on the 25<sup>th</sup> at night.

There are some very pretty villages and some pretty plantations on both banks of the Mississippi. In some places nothing is to be seen but cottonwoods and sand bars, at other places the trees are covered with Spanish moss which looks quite nice. There are also some very pretty islands all along the river. Napoleon is a small When we charged we went just at the mouth of the Arkansas and about 20 or 30 rods from the bank. It has one or two hotels and a few groceries, etc., and is withal rather an inferior looking place. There are several landing places along the river that are quite pretty.

We ascended the Yazoo a short distance on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December and landed and camped overt night. The next day we went on board again and went up farther and landed and marched two miles, then camped

for the night. The next day we formed line of battle and marched about 14 miles, then halted and lay on our arms all day as we were supporting a battery and there was no infantry engaged in our division this day. There were two men of our regiment killed and three wounded who were acting as pioneers and clearing the road for the battery. There was a good deal of infantry engaged on the other side of a bayou to our right. We were between two bayous and we found that they converged so as to form a pass so narrow as to allow only a platoon of eight men to pass at once, and this was in direct range of their batteries and sharpshooters, therefore at night we retired to the boats and dropped down the river below the bayou and in the morning went to reinforce the division on our right that were engaged pretty hotly the day before. We lay on our arms during the forenoon and until 2 o'clock when we were charged. In the forenoon we were in range of their guns but there was a narrow strip of timber between us and them and we were sheltered by an old levee. The rebel forces were on walnut ridge and the part that we were attacking was quite high and was covered on the sides and around the base with batteries and along the base was a double line of breastworks and rifle pits. Just before coming to the first of these we had to cross a slough in a hollow. From these the batteries and infantry together had driven them the day before. When we charged we went on double quick for a quarter of a mile and then through this slough and over the first breastworks under a galling cross-fire of shell from the rebel batteries both to the right and left ahead of us. After getting inside of the first works about 300 yards we halted and went to ring as we were unsupported and could go no further without either being all killed or taken prisoners. After continuing our fire about half an hour in an exposed position right in front of the rebels and they behind breastworks and having better guns than we, we were ordered to fall back which we did with a loss of about 720 men in the regiment killed and wounded, few being killed, most of them wounded. Our company had 11 wounded and none killed, out of 25 who went in.

I ate my Christmas dinner on the Mississippi on board the John J. Roe. It consisted of hardtack, cheese and coffee. Somewhat different from my Christmas of a year before. I spent it at Rolla. In the forenoon I went out and visited some of my Ohio friends three miles from Rolla. In the afternoon I had an oyster dinner and at night a good supper at the private house, and at nine o'clock or half-past I received a stab which laid me up for some time. My new years this year I spent on the bank of the Yazoo, and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January we turned up the Mississippi.

The Yazoo is a very pretty stream the water being quite clear. The banks are mostly covered with trees quite close to the water. Almost half of the trees in this region are covered with Spanish moss. I have a specimen in my pocket which I guess I'll send you in this letter. This moss hangs in festoons from the branches of trees. This specimen which is enclosed is a very small portion, but it is all just like this. Well, enough of this. We started up the Mississippi on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and proceeded up very slowly, taking on a great deal of wood as we went for future use.

We arrived at the mouth of the White river on the 8<sup>th</sup>. On the 9<sup>th</sup> we started up White river and crossed into the Arkansas through the cutoff, then proceeded up the Arkansas to within three miles of Arkansas Post, where we arrived just at night and lay on the boat until morning when we were disembarked, formed line of battle and then proceeded to cross a swamp which we succeeded in doing about noon and in about two hours we were ordered to cross back again which took us until night of 27<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime the gun boats and some infantry of another division had been engaged on our left and had driven the rebels from their breastworks into the fort. After getting a little coffee and hard tack we started again and crossing their first works which were about a mile and a half from the fort (this we found after we had taken the fort.) We struck into a swamp and marched steady all night through mud and water up half way to the knee and stopped at 5:00 o'clock in the morning, when we found that we were in their rear so that they could not get away. The batteries did not get up until after 10:00 o'clock the roads were so bad. We were in line of battle all day, moving about from point to point and supporting batteries but we were not directly engaged this day, and about 4 p.m. General Churchill hoisted the white flag and surrendered. We took about 7,000 prisoners and more than that number of arms.

Our gunboats broke the muzzles off two of their large casemated siege guns in the fort, and made sad havoc in the trenches. Our riflemen and batteries together killed nearly every battery horse that the rebels had, from five to eight were lying around every gun and caisson dead.

This was on the 11<sup>th</sup> and that night after the surrender my head ached so bad for want of rest and I was so tired that I felt as if I was very nearly played out. Added to this I had had a bad cold a day or two and it was increasing all the time and every time I coughed it seemed as if it would tear my shoulder off. The next night, the 12<sup>th</sup>, I had a hard chill and fever all night, and in three days I could with difficulty speak above a whisper. I am now alright again however, with the exception that I don't feel quite as strong as usual.

We left Arkansas Post on the 15<sup>th</sup> and dropped down to Napoleon where we lay two or three days and then started for Vicksburg again. We landed on the Louisiana side about two miles below the mouth of the Yazoo and five miles above Vicksburg on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. After dark we took up our line of march and oh! Such roads they were! So bad we got four miles by midnight. It rained nearly all night too. Our wagons got up with our tents and cooking utensils during the next night. We are now about five miles below Vicksburg on the Louisiana side. Our troops are at work all the time digging a canal or cutoff across the peninsula where it is only a mile and a quarter across. The water in it now is about three feet deep.

Some of our troops are up the Yazoo, some above Vicksburg and two divisions of us below.

But I might be wearying your patience by writing so long an epistle and so I will close.

Give my respects to Martha Morrison and tell her I will write one of these times when I get time. Also give my respects to your folks and any who may care to enquire.

With love for yourself, I am your brother. BEN

B.S. SHELDON

P.S. E.S. Hill sends respects and G.A. Torrence says he has not forgotten you. We left A.M. Gaston on the boat sick.

## QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

In the April issue we asked if anyone had any published authors in the family. Once again our response was very interesting. Marjorie Allen wrote this lovely submission to the Quarterly in answer to our Question! We hope that you will enjoy it as much as we did.

### **The Writing Bug- A Family Cultural Romance- Or Is It Genetic?**

By Marjorie Allen

I grew up in a family with the expectation that someday I would be a writer... or failing that (and it would be a failing of that) certainly I would manifest talent in one artistic field or another. But I am somewhat of a rebel. I have therefore succeeded in thwarting the family's cultural romantic expectation and have published no books. In fact I clearly remember the day, already in my 50s when I accepted the realization with a great deal of relief that I didn't have to! The weight of the family cultural "should" fell away and I was finally free from that burdensome expectation. But is there some deeper storytelling romance that lurks in my DNA, which pulses in my very blood?

My mother, Mary Anne Howard Amsbary was a descendant of Isaac Sheldon by his second wife, Mehitable Gunn. Isaac Sheldon and Mehitable Gunn's only child, Jonathan was the grandfather of Eunice Sheldon. Eunice married Phineas Norton who descended from a line of carpenters. Their grandson, Corodon, was hired as a schoolteacher for the village of New Paltz. It was said that until Corodon came, that the members of the Huguenot and Dutch village were so insistent on the education of their children that they raised their own village school teachers since their founding in the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century.

*"History of New Paltz, New York & its Old Families, 1678 to 1820."*

"Our first definitive knowledge concerning the school and its teachers is derived from Jacob Wynkoop, mainly, and dates back to 1833. Corodon Norton was then teaching the school and continued for a time afterwards, probably two or three years. He was, perhaps, the only Yankee schoolmaster New Paltz ever had. Mr. Norton was a native of Massachusetts. He continued to reside in the village all his life. He was the father of Henry Norton." P162

Corodon's grandson was George Freer Norton; my great grandfather was a school teacher, a school principal, an optometrist and a naturalist. Beyond his educational and medical accomplishments, George Norton had a great love of a particular flower- the blue fringed gentian. In 1923 George wrote about it at length for the Journal of the New York Botanic Garden. In that publication he described how he gathered and cultivated the seed of that flower and distributed it widely in his area of New York State. He also offered to send seed to anyone else in the world who wanted to propagate the flower in their own locale. The requests grew each year and by 1937, George and his wife Mary Grace were preparing seed packets for 2,500 people across the globe from France to Australia and the Philippines. Writing again for the New York Botanic Garden, George reluctantly had to discontinue his offer.



George's daughter, Marjorie Norton married Nathaniel R. Howard who became the editor of the Cleveland News after years of writing newspaper articles for the Plain Dealer. Marjorie and Nathaniel's two daughters, my mother, Mary Anne and my aunt Marjorie both became authors. My mother was the first, as a young woman, to choose writing as her career. (My Aunt was off being a model for the Paris Vogue, getting her doctorate in French Literature and marrying a Bohemian abstract artist, James Johnson.)

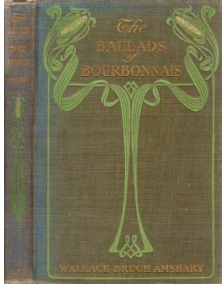
My mother, Mary Anne got a job at World Publishing in Cleveland in the mid 1940's. One of her first projects was to edit a book called *50 Short Shorts*- a compilation of very short stories by 50 different contemporary writers. Then, when the author of a new series of books for teenage girls writing under the name of Kay Lyttleton suddenly died after the first book of the series was published, my mother stepped in and wrote the rest of the books under the same name- a total of four. The series was about Jean Craig who moved to New York, found romance, became a nurse and then became a graduate nurse. After the series ended, Mom decided to write a novel of her own called *Caesar's Angel*, a story taking place against the background of the Cleveland Mafia. She had married in the meantime and became quite busy raising us, writing only occasionally, which I will mention later.

Mom's sister, my wonderful Aunt Marjorie did not publish until years after she retired from teaching French at a private school near Cleveland. She had so many stories to tell from her adventurous life, and she told them, along with her own observations in her two novels; *The Sweet Ballads of Charles Aznavour*, published in 2003, referencing the years she lived in France and *Tales from Grenney Lane and Other Stories*, published 2010, based on her life in Cleveland. She also published a book of her poetry which she had been writing for years, called *Mad Mother Moon* in 2004. Marjorie Johnson was giving poetry and book readings through her late eighties.



Before I return to my mom, I have to mention my father's family because the evidence is strong that he also was descended from Isaac Sheldon, but not by his second wife like my mother, but by his first wife, Mary Woodford, through their son, Captain John Sheldon.

Captain John Sheldon's daughter, Hannah married Nathaniel Clarke. Nathaniel's granddaughter, Freedom married Jonathan Bascom. Jonathan's daughter or granddaughter, Freedom Bascom married Hamlet Amsbary. Hamlet moved from New York to Illinois with his wife and several children. Hamlet's grandson, Wallace Bruce Amsbary, my great, great uncle, was a noted author and speaker around the Midwest.



Wallace Bruce Amsbary published two books; *The Ballad of Bourbonnais* in 1904 and 21 years later in 1925, *M'sieu Robin*. Both books were in the form of poetry and written in French Canadian dialect. They told tales of the French Canadian community in the Midwest in the 19th and early 20th century. Calling himself a professional lecturer in general literature, he travelled extensively, giving lectures throughout the Midwest and even ventured both to some eastern cities and occasionally out west. Recordings were made of at least one of his poems. He wrote his memoirs, giving his descendants several colorful stories about our mutual ancestors. One of the poems in the book *M'sieu Robin*, Wallace wrote about his 4 year old grand nephew, my father, George

Amsbary.

My mother married George Amsbary, teacher, editor and publisher. My father went to Harvard graduate school on the GI Bill and got a job teaching English at the University of Illinois. He was interested in childhood education and soon got a job with Science Research Associates, helping create learning tools for children. Eventually he was hired by Field Enterprises, the publisher of World Book Encyclopedia, to revamp their children's encyclopedia called Childcraft. It was to be called the Rainbow Edition. He took it out of its alphabetic format and arranged the books by topic instead, so that children could easily find what interested them. He worked with famous people of the time like John Glenn and Norman Cousins for various articles. He also had the brilliant idea of using pictures spanning both the pages that you see in an open book so that the child's imagination is not cut off by an arbitrary page of writing. Almost all children's books since then have been laid out this way. During that time, he frequently came to us, his children and asked advice from our point of view. Also during that time he commissioned historical stories about famous people like Mozart and Beethoven from my mother. It felt like all of us were involved in the production of this wonderful new children's encyclopedia. Even dinnertime was encyclopedic!



My terrific brother, Jonathan Amsbary became a professor of Communication at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He has co-authored three text books for his field as well as a biography of the early life of John Wayne which has just gone to press. Early on, he began expressing his lighter (darker?) side with 2 vampire novels, *Cyberblood* and *Kit* published in 1998 and 2000 respectively. Each is a great adventuresome read!

I have published two poems- one in the literary journal at Shimer College and one in a book called *Timeless Voices*. I also wrote many articles- one for the Albuquerque Journal and several for my Buddhist organ newspaper, *The World Tribune*, relating experiences of people I interviewed. I have attempted fiction- I have two almost finished manuscripts that have lain on my shelf for years. But what I really love to do is a little bit different.

I have researched my family tree for almost thirty years. I have opened several lines to the past. For me, the lines to the past open when the life lived by my ancestor can be felt and stories can be told. Then my life becomes greater than me- a life of continuity. And I want to honor those lives that led to mine as best I can. Also after being enthralled by my grandfather's newspaper plant as a child, now I want to put it all together. I want to find and write the story and then to make the book and make it beautiful.



So that is what I do. I research the stories and edit them into one interesting tale that hopefully brings my ancestor to life. Then I compile them into booklets following the family lines in that branch of the tree. In the center I make a descendant chart of that branch. I make these book sets for my children, grandchildren and close cousins, so they will always have the stories of their lineage. I put the relative I am making the books for, that person's lineage; in pictures as far back as I have them. The books are also personalized to the recipient on the cover page. I print and staple them and align the edges. Then I make a box for all the related books. So I guess even though I have never published a book through anyone else, I have published a whole lot of them on my own.



As for creative writing- every once in awhile I just have to sit down and write something that happened in my life either yesterday or many years ago- or maybe just my opinion about something.... So, is writing genetic? Who knows? All I know is that, apparently, from the time the two wives of Isaac Sheldon finally got together in the form of my parents, there really was no choice!

## **MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS**

Sue Sheldon

We currently have 340 Active members in SFA; 212 Annual Members and 128 Life Members. In addition, we have 38 who are recently lapsed and we are hopeful they will renew this year. Our biggest group is the Inactive Members who joined sometime between 1992 - 2015 and have not been active in the last two years. We have started sending out postcards to this group to encourage them to come back to us and are happy to report that 22 people from the first mailing have rejoined! We will continue this mailing until we reach them all.

On another note, we have gone back to the August renewal date for everyone in SFA. It was too time-consuming to process renewals all throughout the year, so beginning in August of 2017, your Annual memberships will always be due in August. If you have any questions about your dues or membership, contact me at [sue.sheldon@gmail.com](mailto:sue.sheldon@gmail.com).

## **DATABASE DRAWER**

Sue Sheldon

We currently have 126,249 people in our SFA Database. All these Sheldons are contained in six separate trees. We would love to get current descendency information from all members to make sure our database is up to date. Please contact me if you would like to update your line.

Also, if you would like lineage reports sent to you or have any other questions regarding your place in our database, please contact me at [sue.sheldon@gmail.com](mailto:sue.sheldon@gmail.com).

**SHELDON FAMILY ASSOCIATION**  
**2017 ANNUAL REUNION**  
**FINAL SCHEDULE**  
Aurora, Ohio

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 13 2017</b>	<b>Opening Day!</b> Dinner-Reservation at Aurora Inn; off the menu
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 14 2017</b>	<b>Get Acquainted Day!</b> 9 am Meet Cousins and Set up displays 12 noon Lunch at Inn restaurant or venture elsewhere 1 pm Registration begins 2 pm Pool and or Sauna time Explore Area; Free time 6:30 pm Dinner at Inn
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 15 2017</b>	<b>Downtown Aurora Day!</b> 9 am Short Talks 10 am ATTENTION! Open Board Meeting 11:30am Leave for Library 12 noon Lunch at Library, provided by the Aurora Historical Society 2 pm Ebenezer Deed House and town tour, Library, Church Meet the Mayor; speak about Aurora 5:30 pm Dinner at 1815 Tavern, reservation for the group 7:30 pm Speaker: guest from the AHS 8 pm Pool/Sauna time
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 16 2017</b>	<b>Adventure Day!</b> 9 am Take tour bus, visit the Sheldon Homestead: Spring Hill Farm 10 am Shopping at the Outlet Mall or Liberty Park indoor museum 12 noon Lunch at or around the outlet mall or Bongiorno's by Liberty Park 1 -3 pm Continue shopping, or choose your own adventure 3 pm Lineage Tables: Bring something to share 4 pm Annual Business Meeting & Voting Announce 2018 location 5 pm Annual Group Photo and Cocktail hour 6 pm Banquet dinner at Inn 7:30 pm Speaker: Special Guest John Kudley, regarding Aurora history and the Sheldon's, Special Guest Mayor Womer Benjamin Pool/Sauna time
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 17 2017</b>	<b>Farewell!</b> AM Breakfast with cousins 9 am Goodbye: Safe Journey 9:30 am Conference Committee Review

## 78th Annual Sheldon Family Association Reunion—Registration Form

**Sunday, August 13 through Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the Aurora Inn, Aurora, Ohio**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Aurora Inn, Aurora, Ohio. The special reunion rate is \$99.00 + tax for King bed or \$109.00 for two Queen beds. Please make your own room reservation: call (330) 562-0767 and ask for the “Sheldon Family Reunion” group room-block. Also note: **deadline for hotel registration at special reunion rates is: August 1, 2017.**

If transportation from the airport or train station will be a problem for you, contact Michelle Masson at [michmarsh35@gmail.com](mailto:michmarsh35@gmail.com) to see how we may help with ground transportation.

If you prefer to register and pay for reunion online, please go to the SFA webpage at [www.sheldonfamily.org](http://www.sheldonfamily.org). If you do not wish to register online, please submit this form with information on each person in your group attending the reunion along with your payment for all activities in which you wish to participate as soon as possible. The form accommodates information for two persons. *(For additional participants, please use additional forms.)* Remember to note the number of participants in the “Number” Column for each option. If you have any questions on completing the form please contact Alberta Dunn at [bertd02@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bertd02@rochester.rr.com) or phone (585) 243-2281.

- Complete the form so that we can make your name badge and accurate meal arrangements.
- Write a single check for all your group’s meals and activities to “Sheldon Family Association.” Mail completed form(s) and your check for the combined total to: Alberta Dunn, 18 Oak Street, Geneseo, NY 14454.
- Please supply your preferred contact information (email and/or phone number) below in case we need to contact you quickly.
- 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!
- 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: Alberta Dunn		Geneseo	NY	#S8209x371 (I)
Your e-mail address	Your cell phone	Your emergency contact person with a phone number		

Number	Day and Meal	Location	Meal Price	Amount
	Sunday Dinner	Aurora Inn	Menu	
	Monday Lunch	Aurora Inn	Menu	
	Monday Dinner	Aurora Inn	Menu	
	Tuesday Lunch	Library Conference Room	Provided	-----
	Tuesday Dinner	1815 Tavern	Menu	
	Wednesday Lunch	Restaurant TBA	Menu	
	Wednesday Dinner	Aurora Inn Banquet Beef ____ Chicken ____	\$50.00	
	Registration fee	(One per family)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Grand Total of items in final column				

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Dues Renewal/Membership Form

Indicate Category:

\_\_\_ Annual Membership \$15.00

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Sheldon No.: (if known) S# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Wish to receive SFA Newsletter by Email? YES or NO**

Membership term renews in **August** each year

**Send Dues and Address Changes to:**

**Dale Sheldon, PO Box 2428**

**Frazier Park CA, 93225**

*New Members please access Sheldon Family Association at:*

<http://sheldonfamily.org/membership.htm>

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**S0022 Richard Sheldon,  
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