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A Note from the Editor

Thank you for reading our Quarterly, the SFA does appreciate all comments we receive regarding articles and information you have gleaned from doing so.

It is with great sadness that we must say goodbye to one of our valuable members in this issue. Jeanne was our past President, and a very dear friend and “cousin” to us all.

There are many details of the annual reunion and meeting being held in August throughout this issue; please contact us if you have any questions.

Our current President, Betty Shelden Knopf, has written the Tribute to Teachers article and here included in this issue is part two. There are three parts, so you will want to dedicate some reading time to the next issue, as well.

Michelle Masson

In Memoriam

Jeanne Arnold Jeffries

October 24, 1935 - May 24, 2018

By Wayne Nelson and Sue Sheldon



Jeanne Arnold Jeffries has been a guiding light of the Sheldon Family Association for almost 20 years.

She was elected to the Sheldon Family Association Board of Directors at the 1998 Annual Meeting in Connecticut and served on the Board through 2009. In 2010 at the Annual Meeting in Michigan she was elected President and remained in that position until 2016, subsequently serving on the Board as Past President.

Jeanne was well known for her gently persistent efforts to speed up meetings. She would typically begin by announcing the allotted time for each agenda item, then if someone began to verbally wander off-topic, she would kindly but firmly bring them back to the matter at hand. The only

exception to this rule was when meaningful on-topic discussion went over the allotted time. Only then would she keep her peace and let the ideas flow. She was one of our more effective presidents in this regard.

Jeanne and her husband, Peter, hosted the 2002 Annual Meeting in Rhode Island. True to form, Jeanne made sure the meetings and tours were run with precision, resulting in the scheduled events starting and ending on time. Another of Jeanne's welcome traits was her attention to detail, shown by her insistence

on the proper placement of name tags (on the upper-right chest) so when you shook hands with someone you could move your glance up their arm and readily see their name tag. Makes sense – a quality Jeanne had in spades.

Jeanne and Peter co-chaired the Association's DNA Committee for several years. As medical doctors, they were able to properly interpret results, and they provided many useful insights to those who needed help understanding their results.

At the 2007 Rhode Island meeting, during a fundraising auction where a Sheldon-themed quilt handmade by Patricia Long was offered for bid, Jeanne hustled around the room encouraging bidders to show their commitment by upping their bids. Her good-natured prodding and cajoling was certainly responsible for large portion of the money raised by that event.

Jeanne was almost solely responsible for getting SFA to incorporate 21st century technology. Although not an IT guru herself, she recognized the need for the Association to make more and better use of technology; and she knew how to find those who could make that happen. Under her Presidency, the

Access database used for descendants of five progenitors was converted to a Gedcom file and can now be used with any genealogy software program. This also made it possible to upload the trees to Ancestry to aid the Genealogy Committee with their research – a huge step forward for SFA.

Another aspect of Jeanne's leadership was her belief in the importance of communication. This was key in Jeanne's mind, and she coordinated the use of technology for Board meetings. Prior to her leadership, SFA had just one opportunity to meet – at the annual meeting. This meant that communication amongst Board members the rest of the year was sorely lacking. With Jeanne's guidance, the Board began with conference calling – audio only – and progressed to video calls using Skype. Board meetings are now held monthly via Skype; another very meaningful advance, thanks to Jeanne.

She also made it possible for anyone who could not attend an annual meeting in person to join in by using Skype to attend "digitally" by using a webcam and a computer with Internet access. A number of those who were not able to attend in person have taken advantage of this option.

Also, under Jeanne's direction, our 75 years of archived materials was turned over to the Allen County Public Library for scanning and safekeeping – another milestone for SFA.

This recounting of Jeanne Jeffries' achievements could go on even longer, for she embraced SFA and its members as her extended family and devoted much of her personal time to them.

But we will stop for now, recalling what Eleanor Roosevelt once said:
"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."

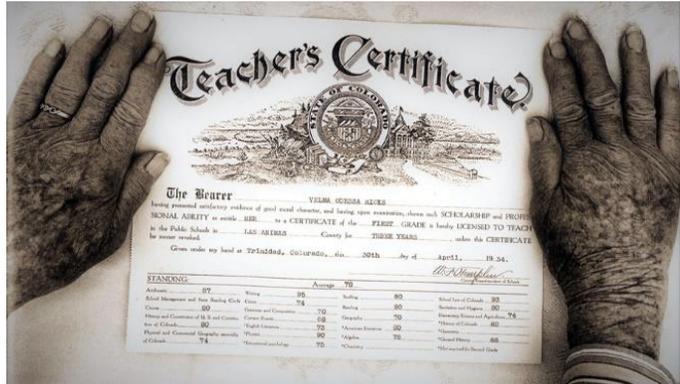
Jeanne Jeffries effectively used both during her time with us.

Jeanne will be greatly missed by the SFA and by the individual members whose lives were touched by her.

A Tribute to American Teachers: Thank You Odessa Hicks Shelden (part 2)

Betty Shelden Knopf, Ed. D.

According to Stratton (1982), while most parents were not themselves well educated, they recognized that education was vital to the advancement of their families and the betterment of their communities, and soon an impromptu form of schooling was under way. If the mother was literate, she took on the responsibility of instructing her children using the family cabin as the classroom. Despite the



obvious lack of school supplies and reading materials, the mother taught the basic skills to her own children and maybe neighboring youngsters. She taught them the alphabet and the basics of reading often using the family Bible. In the cabin classroom, the hard dirt floor usually served as the blackboard and a long-pointed stick was used to scratch out letters and arithmetic tables. The children were made to memorize grammar rules and recite history dates.

1 Odessa Hicks Shelden holding her Certificate, photo used with permission



In developing prairie communities organizing a local school was left up to the settlers. It often took several years before families were able to provide funding to support a teacher and build a school. The construction of a schoolhouse and the hiring of a teacher depended entirely upon the settlers pooling of their own limited resources and overcoming cultural reluctances. These reluctances included hiring women to work outside the home and believing the only way to control older boys was by beating them. At first, the neighborhood schoolhouse was often no more than an abandoned dugout or sod cabin. To compensate for the lack of textbooks and supplies, the student brought to school whatever material they could find at home. They came to class carrying an assortment of their own books, slates, rulers, tablets or pencils. Students came to class for a time for learning and time away from their chores. According to Russell Freedman in his book Children of the West (1983), since some children lived miles away from the nearest school, they might not attend classes at all until they were half grown. It was not uncommon

to find youngsters twelve or fourteen years old who were just starting school for the first time. In addition, according to Freedman (1983), discipline in the classroom was not usually a serious problem for

female teachers as in those days women were respected because they were women. A male teacher may have to earn the respect of older students as older boys had developed habits of the frontiersmen and were not used to schoolroom discipline.

Generally, the class structure was informal, even if the discipline was strict. The school terms were usually short, lasting only a few months at a time. Although most students were interested in their studies, they attended only as their farm chores and the weather permitted. The curriculum, usually ungraded, was left largely to the discretion of the teacher herself. Reading, grammar, penmanship, and spelling always consumed a large portion of class time, with basic arithmetic skills in constant review. According to Wiles and Bondi (1989), prior to the 1880s, there was no formal conception of the "common school experience" for all students. The curricula of the elementary and secondary schools, both public and private, were varied.

At this time, the teaching profession was open to both men and women who met the basic qualifications of a minimal education. In practice, however, it was women who filled the ranks of the profession. With salaries invariably low, most communities lacked the funds to attract many men. Women, on the other hand, lacked other profession opportunities and were eager to accept these positions.

Since public funds were initially insufficient to pay the teachers' salaries, the early community school was usually managed on a subscription basis. The local teacher taught for whatever salary she could get. Sometimes a teacher accepted a contract for a specific amount of money for a specific amount of times but sometimes a teacher was paid on a per pupil per month basis. In order to supplement a generally subsistence salary, the teacher regularly "boarded around" at the homes of her students, residing for the longest period in the homes with the most children.

For the frontier teacher, life on the job was far from easy. Many young women were unhappy at their posts, and many, teaching for only a few years, were simply biding time until they married. But there were also those whose fierce love of teaching helped them withstand the difficulties.

Freedman, Russell. Children of the Wild West, 1983. Scholastic Inc., by arrangement with Clarion Books, a division of Houghton Mifflin Company, New York, New York.

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400th Anniversary of the Mayflower Landing (Part 2)

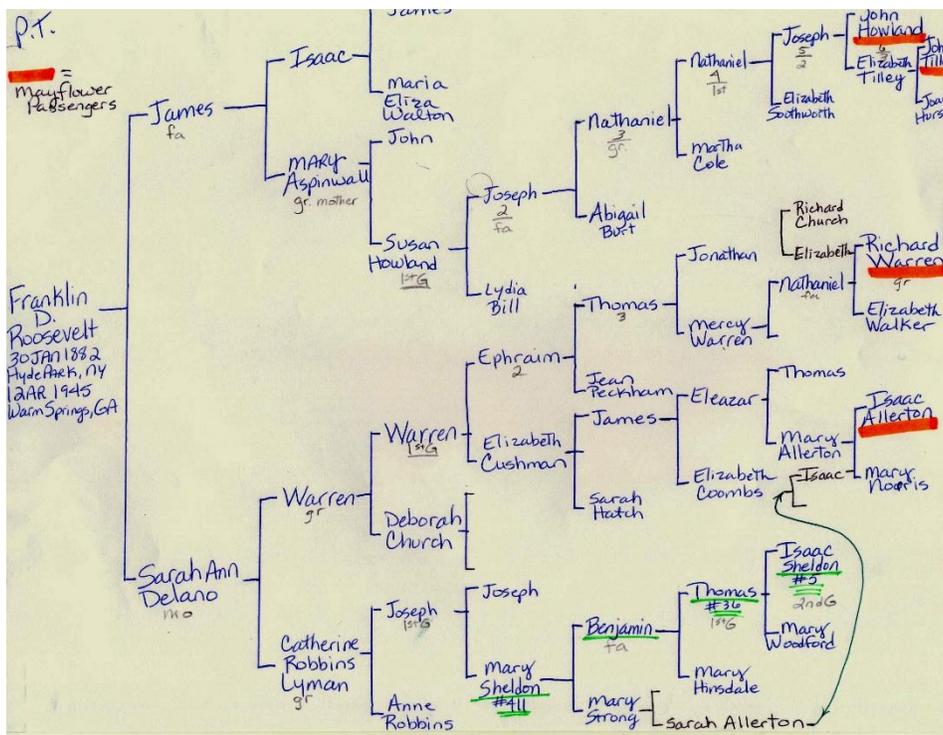
Michelle Masson

In the last issue we discussed the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower crossing and how some of the original passengers are Sheldon ancestors. It turns out that the Sheldon's have several ancestors who arrived in America on board the Mayflower. The list I have been given includes: Thomas Rogers (article by Michael Youmans in the January 2018 issue), Richard Warren, John Howland, John Tilley, William Bradford and William Brewster.

Another cousin has sent me information regarding his connections to Mayflower passengers. Jim Russell shared that he has found five people on his family tree who travelled on the Mayflower. They are: William Bradford, John Alden, William Brewster (through daughters Mary and Love), William Mullins (through daughters Alice and Priscilla) and Richard Warren.

In my research I have found that four of the worldly travelers were ancestors of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Isaac Sheldon (S0005) is Joseph Lyman's second great grandfather and Joseph Lyman is Sarah Delano's first great grandfather. Sarah even has her very own Sheldon number!

John Howland married John Tilley's daughter Elizabeth Tilley. John Howland is the third great grandfather of



FDR's great grandmother Susan Howland.

Richard Warren is Mercy Warren's grandfather, and she is Sarah Delano's (FDR's mom) third great grandmother.

Isaac Allerton's daughter married Thomas Cushman, their son Eleazar's son James had daughter Elizabeth and she married Ephraim Delano, Sarah's first great grandfather.

This is just installment number two, be on the

lookout for the next one! I do look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts and ideas and connections to Mayflower passengers! Send me information via the USPS, email, or the SFA website. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is planning a big celebration for the year 2020, check out their website for further details:

Sheldon DNA Information

Michelle Masson

Most of us know the name of the first Sheldon to come to America, the progenitor line, from which we are descended. However, we now have many more people testing their DNA to help conclude their understanding of where and who they are from. The Sheldon Family Association (SFA) is currently working with Family Tree DNA (ft DNA) on a project of categorizing DNA results into three main groups. When one submits a DNA sample through ft DNA they file the results in a matter in which one can see how their DNA matches to others. This has made it possible for SFA member and DNA “expert” Kelly Wheaton to find some interesting things regarding our Sheldon ancestors. I tend to refer to Kelly as the expert because she has taught me so many things, she has worked with her Wheaton line to find out some remarkably interesting stories. Please feel free to visit this or any other of the many websites to find out more: <http://www.yourgeneticgenealogist.com/2013/08/kelly-wheatons-beginners-guide-to.html>

Group A consists of all those tested who match to Godfrey, John (S0008) and Richard. Group A now has a subgroup of John (8), as it has been found that he is not directly matched to Godfrey and Richard. The SFA is currently searching for a male member of one of these two lines (Godfrey or Richard) to test the BIG-Y DNA test to make some verifications.

Group B consists of those related to Isaac and John (S0013) where each line is a subgroup. These two are matches, however we like to keep their individual lines separate. They are closely related. The DNA results reveal whether the match is close or farther in their genealogical descent. By matching certain numbers in each person’s DNA who test, whether they are close relations or not, we can derive how close Isaac and John are related. Many of the results are from descendants of each main group member. We can first decide which main group each member is and then how closely they are related.

Group C involves those related to each other, but not yet connected to one of the above-mentioned lines. There are also ten Sheldon’s who have tested at ft DNA who are not matches to each other or to any of the above-mentioned lines.

Kelly has taken on the Genetic Genealogy role for the Sheldon Family. She describes DNA test results as a street with addresses on either side. Moms addresses are on one side of the street and Dads are on the other. Each person’s test results are an address along one or the other side of the street. She has written sixteen lessons for the “Beginners Guide to Genealogy” with a wealth of information. Look there for deeper insight into the information addressed here.

Daily Schedule Salt Lake City Reunion

Sunday (Sept 30) Arrivals all day. Meet at 6 PM in hotel lobby if you wish to join others to go to dinner. Board Meeting at hotel at 7:30 PM.

Monday (Oct 1) Breakfast on your own. Seminar 8:30 AM at hotel. Then at 9:30 researchers go to library. Non-researchers meet in hotel lobby to plan activity together or in small groups. Banquet and Annual Meeting of Members at 6:30 PM at the Lion House. Meet in lobby 6:00 PM to walk together.

Tuesday (Oct 2) Breakfast on your own. Seminar 8:30 AM at hotel. At 9:30 researchers go to library. Others meet in lobby to plan their day. Meet 5:30 PM in lobby if you wish to join others to go to dinner. Evening walk around Temple Square.

Wednesday (Oct 3) Breakfast on your own. Seminar 8:30 AM at hotel. At 9:30 researchers to library while others meet in lobby to plan their day together or separately as they wish. Meet 5:30 PM in lobby to join others for dinner if you wish. Evening tour of LDS Conference Center.

Thursday (Oct4) Breakfast on your own. NO Seminar today. At 9:30 meet others in lobby to plan sightseeing, shopping etc. together or in smaller groups. Meet in lobby at 5:30 if you wish to eat with others. Rehearsal of Mormon Tabernacle Choir at 7 PM.

Friday (Oct5) No meetings. Check out and return home (or stay longer if you want).

Sheldon Family Association Annual Meeting 2018

Board Agenda

1. Minutes of the SFA Board Meeting held in 2017
2. Minutes of the SFA General Membership held in 2017
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Membership Report
5. DNA Committee Report
6. Nomination Report
7. Bylaw Revision Report
8. SFA Quarterly Report
9. Reunion update and proposal

Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Moments of Remembrance
2. President's Remarks
3. Minutes from 2017 meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Approval of Slate of Officers

6. Approval of Revised Bylaws
7. Transaction of other business
8. Reunion photograph

79th Annual Sheldon Family Association Reunion – Registration Form

Sunday, September 30 through Thursday, October 4, 2018 at Salt Lake City

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Plaza Hotel in Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah. The special reunion rate is \$91.00 + 12.60% tax for a standard room and \$101+ 12.60% tax for a deluxe room. Please make your own reservation by calling (800) 366-3684 or (801) 521-0130. Say you are with the Sheldon reunion group. **Deadline for reservations at this rate is August 30, 2018.**

A hotel shuttle is available to pick you up at the airport before 10 PM. Call hotel desk to make arrangements. No shuttle to the train station but several cabs are available at the station. If you drive, hotel parking is \$8.00 per day.

Our banquet will be a buffet including both steak and salmon, two salads, potato, vegetable, rolls/butter, and 2 dessert choices. Beverages: sparkling white grape juice and water. **
Mormons do not serve (or consume) tea, coffee or alcohol.

You may register online at sheldonfamily.org or by completing this form and sending it with your check to Alberta Dunn, 18 Oak Street, Geneseo, NY 14454. The form accommodates two people, but you may make extra copies for additional people. Please indicate number of persons attending each activity.

- Complete Form
- Enclose check made out to Sheldon Family Association to cover activities as indicated
- Supply contact information as requested so we can contact you quickly if necessary.
- SFA Refund Policy is posted on sheldonfamily.org. Hotel refund policy is cancellation 72 hours before arrival date.

Name _____ Phone _____

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| NUMBER | ACTIVITY | LOCATION | COST | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|--------|-------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Monday seminar | Hotel | None | |
| | Monday Banquet | Lion House | \$45.00 each | |
| | Tuesday Seminar | Hotel | none | |
| | Wednesday Seminar | Hotel | None | |

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|--|----------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| | Registration Fee | One per family | \$15.00 | \$15.00 |
| | Grand Total included | | | |

**Salt Lake City for Non-Researchers
Or part time ones**

Alberta Dunn

Whether you are a history buff, a garden lover, an art lover, an animal lover, or an avid shopper, Salt Lake City has something to entertain you while the others research each day. In one area of the city known as the Foothill Cultural District, you can visit 9 different venues including Utah's Hogle Zoo, this is the Place Heritage Park, Red Butte Gardens, Natural History Museum, Fort Douglas Museum, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Tracy Aviary, the Tower at Rice Eccles Stadium, and the University Guest House. At City Sights Tours located at 369 East 900 South, you can take daily tours of varying lengths and prices to see these sights and more. Another option is to purchase a SLC Connect Pass at 90 SW Temple. This pay once pass lets you visit 13 of the city's attractions for a bit lower price. As noted in the reunion daily schedule published in the last issue, you may want to connect with others in the hotel lobby each morning to plan your day together or in smaller groups.

Two places that might be of special interest are Art at the Main, located in the Salt Lake City Library and the Abravanel Hall. The first has many forms of art available at reasonable prices. The Hall is the city's concert hall with a 4-story lobby that gives stunning views of the city. In it is located a 27-foot-tall Olympic Tower Statue by famous glass artist Dale Chihuly.

Maybe you wish to shop for the day instead of sightseeing. If so, there are 2 large malls (City Creek Center and the Gateway Mall) to keep you busy. Both are in walking distance from the Plaza Hotel. Each features unique stores plus some restaurants for lunch or dinner. One store that caught my eye was called Cabin Fever which features eclectic and idiosyncratic gifts for all occasions. Doesn't that sound like a fun place to visit?

One other specialized museum that looked kind of interesting is called Classic Cars International. It is located at 355 West 700 South. Open 9 – 4 daily, but no weekend hours. The price is very reasonable too.

**Important Reunion
Reminders**

Save for reference

Plaza Hotel

122 West South Temple

(800) 366-3684 or (801) 521-0130

Rate for standard room is \$91 + 12.60% tax. Rate for deluxe room is \$101 + 12.60% tax. Say you are with the Sheldon group. Cutoff date for rooms to be booked at this price is August 30.

You must also send in your registration form and payment no later than September 15. Send paper forms to Alberta Dunn, 18 Oak St., Geneseo, NY 14454. You may also register on our website at sheldonfamily.org.

~~It is important to note these dates as we must turn in numbers for the banquet at least a week~~

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Sheldon Family Association

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Name _____

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Shelton, WA 98584

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

Five Colonial Sheldons

**S0004 Godfrey Sheldon
Scarborough, ME**

**S0005 Isaac Sheldon
Windsor, CT**

**S0008 John Sheldon
Providence, RI**

**S0013 John Sheldon
South Kingstown, RI**

**S0022 Richard Sheldon,
NJ & NY City**