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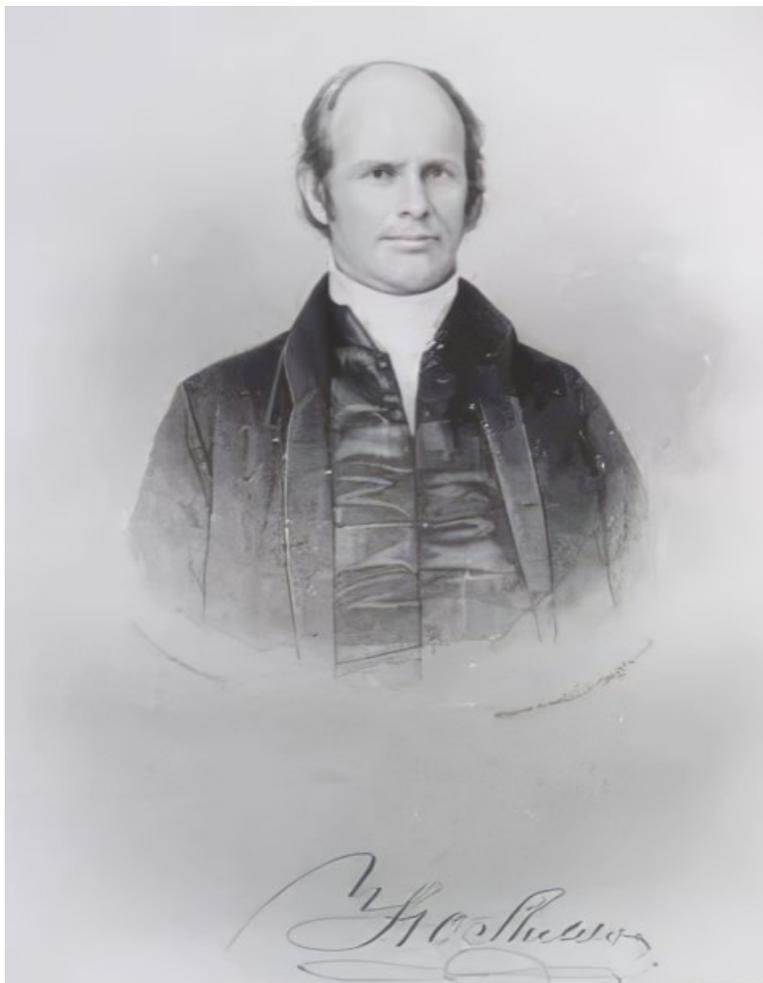
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Henry Olcott Sheldon (1799 – 1882) S5124

The Lakeside Heritage Society of Lakeside, Ohio is preparing a publication for Lakeside's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Dean Fick, the Vice-President of the society, reached out recently to ask if they can use HO's picture in their publication. We said "of course"! They will credit our organization in their publication, and we will include their publication in our list of Sheldon related items. We are excited to be a part of this community's history.

Rev. Henry O. Sheldon was the first preacher at Lakeside, Ohio in 1873. The Lakeside Heritage Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Ohio corporation. Any profits earned from sale of the book will be used to safely archive and preserve material about Lakeside's history.

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As a general repository for Sheldon Family lineage, history, and heritage in the U.S.A., SFA serves as a central source of information and study for Sheldon lineage researchers. By means of this publication, members are informed of discoveries in Sheldon lineage research, and dates and locale of the annual reunion and meeting.

Information in this publication is obtained by research in major libraries and repositories of public records, by correspondence with Sheldon descendants and members, and independent researchers' submissions of articles. The editor reserves the right to edit, or excerpt submitted articles to fit space requirements of each issue. Articles should be of general interest to members. Pieces too long for the quarterly may be serialized or considered by the publication sales department to make them available to members. Since it is not possible for SFA to vouch for the accuracy of the content or opinion, the reader should understand that SFA in no way implies blanket verification and certification.

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We encourage any member to submit articles for publication. To submit articles, or information for an article, please submit through our website: <https://sheldonfamily.org/submit-an-article/>

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## Editor's Corner

By Jim Berrie

This is the first newsletter of the Sheldon Family Association's **84<sup>th</sup>** year! That's a long time for any organization to remain in existence. The SFA has always been about the history behind the pioneering Sheldons (and name variants) that have immigrated to various places. This year, the database administrator/research team is focusing on adding descendants of Godfrey (S4). We have a timely article in this newsletter about Henry Laurens Sheldon who immigrated to Hawaii in 1846 from Boston. Henry was a Godfrey (S4) descendant.

There will be a call for SFA members to step up and serve on the SFA Board of Directors soon. The Board needs to fill several officer positions, along with Directors At Large. If you've ever wondered what it is like to serve on a board, now is your chance! The experience gained serving on a non-profit board could even help your career or lead to other unique volunteer opportunities.

SFA members can review past [SFAQs here](#). We encourage any member to submit articles for publication.

## President's Message

By Michael B Sheldon

I wanted to bring you up to date on the latest activities of the Sheldon Family Association.

Since the Annual meeting in Salem, Massachusetts, the Board of Directors has met twice via Zoom. The first was October 30th, and the most recent was January 8th. In between times, the Board members and Administrators have been staying busy.

Here are some highlights:

- The membership database (Ancestry Tree) continues to grow with new names and improved data every week. In the past year, more than 1400 names have been added.
- Our membership remains stable at 300 +/- 2.
- The year-end finances were sound. In essence, expenditures were less than income, with one exception that I will amplify on in a moment. The excess was/will be used to help continue making charitable donations to support organizations and projects that impact Sheldon history. Last year it was the [Henry Sheldon Museum](#) in Middlebury, VT. This year the SFA will be chipping in to support the repair of a long-forgotten Sheldon grave site. Last year, a successful effort to control expenses was made by reducing our website costs, research costs, and publications costs. We managed to be close to breakeven on the Annual meeting costs, though we did lose a bit because of the bus transportation we used.
- The amplification mentioned above is about the litigation we are still adamantly pursuing. It is based on a simple premise: Our society's records belong to the society and not to any one person. Any person who does the data entry, research and record keeping does so on behalf of the society and not for themselves. Is it wrong to simply ask that the officer doing the finances, record research and membership data return to the society its digital files also known as client files? It is disheartening that this process now approaching two years is taking so long when it could be done within minutes. There is no doubt this slow process is being done with intent. But the Board's resolve is undaunted because we all firmly believe we are in the right.
- Plans for the next SFA reunion and Annual meeting are quickly coming together. The dates are August 2nd through August 5th. It will be held in Fort Wayne Indiana at the site we held the Board meeting two years ago. The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) is a tremendous genealogy research facility. We, in collaboration with ACPL are offering the opportunity for members to come see, touch and be truly inspired by the great work done by many including Henry Olcott Sheldon, Rose Sheldon Newton, and E. Hortense Sheldon. There are handwritten letters and notes going back for generations. The library itself has magnificent records about many things such as the great migration westward and other great family record repositories. The difference between the ACPL and the library in Salt Lake is the focus. ACPL is much more invested with family records and family history. The hotel location and rates will be available very soon, but start planning for this event, and bring your ball glove because one night we will spend time together at a ballgame.
- We appointed a new member to the team. Her name is Lauren Sheldon, and she took on the role of Social Media Administrator. Lauren is full of energy and ideas so if you haven't gotten onto the social media sites, try to do so. It is a great way to stay in communication with cousins and keep up with the activities.
- We are starting the process of seeking nominations for Officers and Directors. You will see more from Wende Warren on this matter. Speaking for myself, I will be remaining on the Board as a Director. I have several items I want to devote more time to such as the ACPL records and making SFA a charitable organization. I am very pleased to have served as President for the last 4 years, but the time has come for new blood. I also have some personal commitments closer to home that will take up a fair bit of my time.
- Finally, the SFA Board has started discussions (mostly ideas to date) on how to address the issue of its relationship with the Sheldon FTDNA study. It should be noted that SFA in collaboration with FTDNA began this study about 15 years ago and since then devoted people, time, money (in the thousands of dollars) and print space on our various communication channels to promote participation in the study. Regretfully that is not the situation today because the current study administrators purposely exclude SFA leadership from participating in discussions on the direction of the study or the use of data.

*Respectfully submitted, Michael B Sheldon, President, Sheldon Family Association*

## Introducing Lauren Sheldon – Social Media Chairperson

If you use social media, you may have noticed Lauren Sheldon working on our Facebook page, Facebook group, and Instagram and Twitter accounts. Lauren has experience with growing social media followers to her own social media accounts. Please welcome her and visit the SFA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)!

“Hi everyone! My name is Lauren Sheldon and I am from Elsmere, Delaware where my Sheldon family has lived for almost 100 years! I am new to the Sheldon Family Association and will be assisting as the Social Media Chairperson. For work I am a Client Service Manager for a tech company. A few of my hobbies are pageants, volunteering and cheerleading! I am very involved in my local community and serve on the Board of Elections for the Town of Elsmere along with also serving on the Board of Directors for a non-profit, all adult cheerleading team called Philly Cheer Elite. Our mission is to cheer and raise funds for the local community! I am new to researching my family history and have fallen in love with learning more about my Sheldon ancestors. If you have any questions, please let me know and I look forward to being a part of the SFA!”

## Henry Laurens Sheldon of Hawaii: Printer, Writer, Newspaperman, Legislator, Judge

Written by William Remus

Henry Laurens Sheldon was born in 1824 in Newport, Rhode Island and was the son of Ephraim Sheldon and Nancy Kendar. The puritan ancestors of these Sheldons were originally from Bakewell, Derbyshire, England and arrived in New England in the mid sixteen hundreds.

Henry arrived in Honolulu, Hawaii, aboard the schooner “Kamehameha III” on March 8, 1846 from Boston; the schooner was a newly built Royal Yacht and it was being delivered to King Kamehameha. Sheldon left Hawaii briefly for California in 1848 for the Gold Rush. When he returned toward the end of that year, he founded the newspaper The Honolulu Times, which later came under the ownership of John Graves Munn. Henry Sheldon married Hannah Hoolaikahiluona Munn (1832-1880), daughter of John Graves Munn and his wife Kahoukolu in 1849; Henry and his wife had eight children. Their many children and all successive generations were mixtures of Sheldons, Hawaiians, and Asian ancestry.



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Sheldon went on to be involved in a number of newspapers in the kingdom (*Hawaii didn't officially become a state until 1959 but was annexed by the USA in 1898*). He also represented Kona, Hawaii Island, in the state legislature and served as a judge in the Kona District. In later years, he moved to Kohala and was engaged in the practice of law.

His wife Hannah predeceased him on September 6, 1880. He died in Kohala. His remains arrived in Honolulu aboard the ship Likelike on Sunday, November 14, 1883. He was laid to rest at Oahu Cemetery (known at the time as Nuuanu Cemetery) in Honolulu.

*Database Administrator note: To date, Henry Laurens Sheldon has 350 descendants in the SFA database! Our research focus this year is the Godfrey (S4) line, which Henry Laurens Sheldon is a descendant of. Currently there are about 8000 descendants of Godfrey (S4) in our database. We expect to add around 400 more by the end of 2023.*

## The 2023 Sheldon Family Association Annual Meeting and Reunion

The 2023 Sheldon Family Association Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held in Fort Wayne, IN from August 2nd through August 5<sup>th</sup> this year.

Event details will follow but we have reserved a block of rooms for this event at a much discounted \$149.00 +tax per night (includes free breakfast and free parking). You can make reservations now at the following link:

<https://group.hamptoninn.com/cj86bd> If you prefer to make reservations by phone, please call the hotel directly at (260) 247-6915. Be sure to mention that you are part of the Sheldon Family Association group block to get the \$149 rate.

Hampton Inn and Suites, Fort Wayne Downtown, 223 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802



The SFA is selling 15 oz. coffee mugs with the Sheldon family Coat of Arms. Don't wait to order them, there is a limited amount available! Order them for \$25 through the SFA website, [sheldonfamily.org](http://sheldonfamily.org). Log into your profile first to get the discount, otherwise mugs are \$30. Shipping is included.

## The Five Progenitor Trees Available to Members Online

Don't forget that this valuable resource is available to you online on our website. You can search for any name that would be an ancestor of one of the five progenitors or choose one of the five trees and just browse their tree.

**Search tip: Less is more!** When searching for one individual name, put in less information in the search boxes. Too much information may come back with zero names. This is because sometimes a name is spelled a little different, or we may not have a middle name in the database while you put in a middle name in the search fields. Play around with the search boxes in order to find the name you are looking for.

**Remember... living people will not show up in the tree. This is to protect your personal information.**

Find the trees here: <https://sheldonfamily.org/sfa-family-tree-database/> You must be signed into your profile in order to view the trees.

## THE FIVE COLONIAL SHELDONS

<b>S0004</b>	<b>Godfrey Sheldon</b>	<b>Scarborough, ME</b>
<b>S0005</b>	<b>Isaac Sheldon</b>	<b>Windsor, CT</b>
<b>S0008</b>	<b>John Sheldon</b>	<b>Providence, RI</b>
<b>S0013</b>	<b>John Sheldon</b>	<b>South Kingstown, RI</b>
<b>S0022</b>	<b>Richard Sheldon</b>	<b>NJ &amp; New York City, NY</b>



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