

**SEVERAL BRANCHES OF THE SHELDON FAMILY SETTLED
IN LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO**
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[The author has included only those family members who moved to Lorain County, Ohio. Some of the immediate family members in each family may have decided not to move to Lorain Co., and those children who were born in Lorain Co. are not included in this article. Also, there may be more Sheldons who settled in Lorain Co., Ohio who are yet to be found. -DM]



L. A. Sheldon-Congress

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

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

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

Isaac's (S0080³) second son, Joseph Sheldon (S0307⁴) married (2) Ruth Burdick.

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Check Out Our Website: <http://loraincoogs.org/>



The President's Pen
By
Norm Lewicki



Grampa Albert # 596625001

WHO'S YOUR DADDY?

Did you ever ask yourself that question? Do you really know your daddy? Or for that matter, your grand-daddy? Do you really know who they are? How come nobody ever talked about Grampa Albert? Did you ever wonder how one great-great-grandma, who was a destitute widow, managed to keep her house during the big economic crash? (The answer is at the end of this article)

Most of us don't ask these questions, but doing so can open up some very exciting doors for the genealogist. If you are tired of getting copies of birth certificates, death certificates and wedding certificates you need to be aware of the fact that there are many exciting records out there just waiting for you to find them. There are many family mysteries out there waiting to be solved.

Now you may have compiled an extensive family tree and have fully documented births, deaths, baptisms, marriages and the like. But there is a high probability that you have some member of your family tree that has had some type of experience with the criminal justice system.

Be aware that your ancestor is not always there for criminal or shameful reasons - your ancestor could have committed an old crime that does not exist on the books anymore or been charged with a very minor offense. They could also have had crimes committed against them or served as witnesses. In addition, victims, witnesses and magistrates are also recorded in court records. So no matter why your ancestor is listed in a court or prison document, you can learn a lot about your ancestors through these types of searches.

As an example, a relative of mine was doing research about her grandfather Albert who lived in New York City. She did not know much about Albert, but came across a diary that noted "...Albert left for vacation to Dannemora on July 1st, 1931." Reading further, she saw another note;

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Meetings are held at the North Ridgeville Library, on Bainbridge Rd, east of Route 83, just south of Route 20/Center Ridge Road on the 2nd Monday of every month unless otherwise stated. Time: 6:30 PM - Social, 7:00 PM - Chapter meeting and program. Event schedule is posted on the Chapter website.

October 10- "When Descendants Become Ancestors" - David Kendall

November 14 - "Locating Your Ancestors' Naturalization Records and Learning About the Secrets They Hold" - Presented by Ken Bravo of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland

December 12 - Program to be announced at a later date. Please bring a finger food to share.

Cancellation of LCC-OGS Meetings

If we have to cancel our monthly meeting, due to the weather, please check out our websites and your email for notifications of the closings, also you can contact the North Ridgeville Library at 440-327-8326.

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Lorain County Chapter's mailing list Administrator is John Kolb.

So copy the link below to your browser and add your query or start searching for you surnames.

<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/usa/OH/lorain.html#OHLORAIN>

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LORAIN COUNTY COMPUTER USERS GROUP

Please check out our free programs and classes at www.LCCUG.com

Our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Come to our meetings at our location, **Amherst Church of the Nazarene, 210 Cooper Foster Park Rd.** The doors open at 6:00 PM and the general meeting starts 6:30 PM.

Check our Newsletters at our website for more information on the programs.

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SURNAME LIST FILE

On our website <http://loraincoogs.org/> is a link to our Surname file. In that file is an alphabetical listing of a number of family names that you and your fellow genealogists have been working on. Much of the existing file dates back to the 1990s, there are quite a number of people on that file that are no longer members, there are many non-working email addresses, and inconsistent naming conventions which make it difficult to maintain.

We are looking to bring that list up-to-date with the names you are currently interested in. Will you please take a few minutes to provide us with a current list of the names you are interested in? You can simply reply to the email which brought you The Researcher with the list of names, we will rebuild the file, alphabetize it by the surnames, and associate your name to the various names. We can also associate your email address to the names for other members to contact you, but you must tell us if you **DO NOT** want your email address listed, the default will be to put it with your name. We are going to lock this list in a members only, password protected file.

We will replace the existing file with the new one, the old file will be archived in case we need to look at it in the future.

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"...Albert returned from vacation July 2nd, 1936". Now the family never talked about Grampa Albert, and the only thing in upstate New York in that area, besides trees, lakes, snow and mosquitos, is the penitentiary near Danemora. My relative also suspected that not many companies give their employees five years vacation, so she took a chance and wrote to the prison, which directed her to the New York state **archives** in Albany. She ultimately received copies of his parole photo (a very good one), a transcript of his exit interview, and a list of all the possible relatives with whom he might be staying. This list was a genealogical gold mine as it included addresses, relationships, and names of family members, along with occupations, all of which were required by the parole board. She also found out he was sentenced to 10 years for murder. His crime? He had shot his boss because "...he was not a nice man." Now this is exciting!

In my own research, I had an ancestor that was an undertaker during the depression who would send a bill to his more needy clients that was a lot more than what he charged. He did this so they would not have to pay as much estate tax. In the newspaper article I found (CSU Newspaper Morgue), he stated "...I don't know what all the fuss is about, I am just trying to help these people." An interesting perspective!

So if your research is getting a little stale, try doing some real detective work and revitalize your research. But whatever your motivation is, you owe it to yourself to have access to as much information as possible, for you never know from where that key piece of information is going to come.

To get you started, check out our website for Tom Neel's Presentation '*Sinners Not Saints - An Introduction To Your Ancestor's Dark Side*'. Tom gives an excellent overview of the types of records that can be found and includes selected printed references, Ohio Prison Records, numerous online websites, and a guide to finding county records on line. (loraincoogs.org >Members Only > May 9 "Saints Not Sinners...)

So, for all you Law and Order fans out there, start detecting. If you do find anything, no matter how minor, I would like to hear about it and include it in our next issue of the Researcher. Just click on my name near the bottom of our webpage and send me an email about your adventure.

I look forward to hearing from you!!!

Your President, Norm Lewicki

(I almost forgot - remember great-great-grandma? She ran a boarding house. The problem was her 'boarders' were all male and didn't stay too long. She was convicted of running a house of ill repute.!!!!)

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LINEAGE SOCIETIES

First Families of Lorain County

In 1985, First Families of Lorain County was organized to identify and to celebrate the early pioneers who settled in our county prior to 1851. To become a member of the First Families of Lorain County, you must prove that your ancestor lived in Lorain County prior to 1 Jan 1851.



Settlers of Lorain County

In 2004 the Settlers of Lorain County was formed to identify and honor those early settlers who populated our county between 1851 and 1880. To become a member of the Settlers of Lorain County, you must prove that your ancestor lived in Lorain County between 1 Jan 1851 and 31 Dec 1880.



Century Families of Lorain County

This lineage group will honor your ancestor living in Lorain County between 1 Jan 1881 and 31 Dec of the year 100 years prior to the current year. In 2009, your family would have had to have been in Lorain County in 1909; in 2010, in 1910, etc. We hope you will become a part of this newest lineage group.



Civil War Society of Lorain County

The Civil War Society of Lorain County was formed in 2013 to honor and identify Civil War ancestor(s) and/or collateral relative(s) who served in the Civil War, for the Union or the Confederacy. The ancestor(s) must have, at some point, lived in or served from Lorain County Ohio. Dates of service must be between 12 April 1861 and 18 April 1865. Service is not limited to an Ohio outfit. Squirrel Hunters, spies, those with documented civilian service and female ancestors who served in some capacity (e.g. nurses) are eligible.



Society of the Families of the Old Northwest Territory

Any member of OGS (or non-member) who is a direct descendant of any person who lived in what is now Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin or eastern Minnesota (east of the Mississippi River) between 13 July 1787 and 7 May 1800 (when Indiana Territory was created) or your ancestor lived in what is now Ohio or Michigan between 13 July 1787 and 3 March 1803 (Ohio Statehood) or your ancestor lived in what is now Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin or eastern Minnesota prior to 13 Jul 1787 as a citizen of either France or Great Britain, or as a Native American, you may qualify for this new Society.

Application forms can be found on the Lorain County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society website:

<http://loraincoogs.org/>

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OGS NEWS

OGS Announces New Lineage Society

The Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) is proud to announce the formation of its fifth lineage society, The Society of Families of the Old Northwest Territory (SFONT). This new lineage society will be open to both members and non-members. Applications will be accepted starting on January 1, 2016 with the first induction ceremony to be held during the 2017 annual conference in Sandusky, Ohio. More information can be found [here](#).

Win-Win is Still Available!10

OGS is excited to re-introduce a proven membership program which benefits OGS and OGS chapters as well. Effective immediately, new members to OGS may designate that their local OGS chapter receives a \$5.00 rebate from their new membership application. This does not apply to renewals. Dues are \$35.00 for twelve months for a single membership. Other rates are available [here](#). Download this [form](#) and join now!

More information at ogs.org

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Isaac's (S0080³) third son, Benjamin Sheldon (S309⁴) married Anna Allen.

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

Thomas Sheldon (S0858⁵) had two sons, David Sheldon (S2518⁶) who married Hannah Parks, and Jonathan Sheldon (S2519⁶) who married (2) Mrs. Sarah Haxon.

Their sons were among the earliest Lorain County, Ohio settlers.

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

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

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

and lived in Penfield, Lorain Co., Ohio.

Joseph Sheldon S863⁵ [Thomas S0301⁴, Isaac S0080³, John S0023², John S0013¹] had son Daniel (S2554⁶) who married Phebe Green, begetting Theodoros Sheldon (S 6179⁷) who married Abigail Moor (e). This marriage produced three sons who were to become early Lorain County settlers: Norman Sheldon (S10529⁸), Daniel Sheldon (S10530⁸) and Isaac Sheldon (S10530⁸).

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

The third son of Thomas (S0301⁴), Benjamin Sheldon (S864⁵) married Mary Briggs, producing Jeremiah Sheldon (S2545⁶) who married Susan Johnson/Johnstone of Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah (S2545⁶) and Susan had a son, Benjamin Sheldon (S6161⁷) who married Lovisa Rice and moved to Lorain Co. about 1848 with sons Benjamin Jr. (S6161X4⁸), David (S616X6⁸), and James (S6161x7⁸), and daughters, Sylphina (S6161X2) who married Bradley Woodmansee, and Ann (S6161X5);



Benjamin Sheldon

all of these family members and their families moving to LaGrange, Lorain Co., Ohio in 1848.

James (S6161x7⁸) married Adaline West and lived in Wellington Twp., owning a cheese factory in what was then the 'Cheese Capitol of the World'. Benjamin Jr. (S6161X4⁸) and wife, Lucy C. White along with their son, Hiram, also relocated to LaGrange, Lorain, Ohio. David (S616X6⁸) married Adeline Crandall and removed to Michigan by 1860, as did his sister Ann (S6161X5) and her husband Giles Ripley.



James Sheldon

An older son of Benjamin Sheldon (S864⁵), James Sheldon⁶ (b. 1768) married Hannah Armstrong, producing son Abraham Sheldon⁷ (b. ~1800).

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Abraham (b. ~1800) and wife, Maria, had a son, Abraham⁸ (b. 1846) and the three moved to Russia Twp., Lorain Co., Ohio between 1860 and 1870.

Joseph Sheldon (S307⁴) [Isaac S0080³, John S0023², John S0013¹] had two sons who produced future Lorain County settlers: William (S905⁵) who married Parthena Sherman, and Jonathan Sheldon (S___⁵) who married Abiah Northrop.

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

Jonathan Sheldon (b. c 1770) moved to Richfield, Summit County, Ohio where he died in 1845. His son, Andrew Sheldon (b. c 1799) married Deborah Sarles and settled in Pittsfield Twp. by 1823.

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

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

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

Isaac Sheldon (S0005¹) had a descendant who was among the first settlers of Lorain County, Ohio. Elam Sheldon (S3932⁶) [Silas S1560⁵, Rufus S0555⁴, Jonathan S202³, Jonathan S46², Isaac S0005¹] married Azuba Robinson in New York and brought his bride to Carlisle Twp., Lorain Co, Ohio just outside of the

town of Rawsonville (which became Grafton). His property is called "Sheldon Woods" and is part of the Lorain County park system, and has an adjoining quarry interpretive trail and a picnic area.

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

The Rev. Henry Olcott Sheldon (S5124⁷) [Joseph (S2017⁶), Jonathan (S0654⁵), Benjamin (S0215⁴), Timothy (S0047³), Timothy (S0018²), John (S0008¹)], Author of The Sheldon Magazine, lived in Oberlin, Lorain Co., Ohio for a time. Shortly after the Civil War, in 1867, Henry O. Sheldon (S5124⁷) married his third wife, Pamela Tower Hall, in Oberlin. According to the 1880 U.S. Census, Henry O. Sheldon (S5124⁷) lived at 17 South Professor St., Oberlin, Ohio with his wife Permelia (sic). The Rev. H.O. Sheldon (S5124⁷) passed away 21 December 1882 in Oberlin, and was interred in the Westwood Cemetery, Oberlin.

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

Thank You to all of the many Sheldon Family Members who helped to make Lorain County, Ohio what it is today!

Many thanks to those who inspired and shared the information contained within this article: Dale C. Kellogg (deceased) (Original article "Seven Branches

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of the Sheldon Family Settled in 8 Lorain Co. Townships” 29 Feb 1984); Jeff Sigsworth (Assistance finding Sheldons in Lorain County, see also Summer 1998 *Lorain County Researcher* Sheldon article pp. 36-37); Jim Russell (Contributed information on Ancestors of Elisha, Uriel and Amy Sheldon & proof reading); Jack Sheldon (Contributed information on Ancestors of James Sheldon); Roy Sheldon (Contributed information on Godfrey Sheldon descendants in Lorain Co., Ohio); Rose Sheldon Newton (lineage confirmation, descendants and SFA numbers) and Mike Mohler (proof reading).

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

Here are some the Sheldon Pictures that I could not put into the story. Enjoy



L.A. Sheldon
New Mexico



**SFA Lionel Sheldon—
Signature**



Adaline Sheldon
Married to James

There will be more pictures in the next story on the Sheldon Family.

Lorain County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Banquet

Date: October 22, 2016
Time: 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM
The cost: \$18.00 per person.

Venue:

North Eaton Christian Church
35895 Royalton Road
Grafton, Ohio 44044
(Near the intersection of Rte. 83 and Rte. 82)

Menu:

Pork Tenderloin with apricot glaze

Served with:

- ◆ Salad
- ◆ Cheesy Potatoes
- ◆ Green beans with cranberries
- ◆ Coffee, tea, roll and butter
- ◆ Dessert - cake or pie

Program:

We are hoping that all of our members and their families will participate in helping our Lineage applicants receive their certificates.

Jim Smith will be doing a program on
“Whatzit”

A RootsMagic7 program and book will be raffled off as well as our 50/50 raffle.

Please join us for a pleasant afternoon.

The Census Taker

Author is Darlene Stevens

*Poem was published in the
Genealogy Bulletin #39 page 28.*

Found at :

<http://www.crystallady.com/Genealogy-poems.htm>
on 4/6/2016

CENSUS TAKER



It was the first day of census,
and all through the land;
The pollster was ready... a
black book in hand.

He mounted his horse for a
long dusty ride;
His book and some quills
were tucked close by his side.

A long winding ride down a road barely there;
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up
through the air.

The woman was tired, with lines on her face;
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into
place.

She gave him some water... as they sat at the ta-
ble;
And she answered his questions... the best she
was able.

He asked of her children... Yes, she had quite a
few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
his sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.

She noted each person who lived there with
pride;
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one
inside.

He noted the sex, the color, the age...
The marks from the quill soon filled up the
page.

At the number of children, she nodded her head;
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were
dead.

The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon... or not?

They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd
been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and
such;
They could read some and write some... though
really not much.

When the questions were answered, his job there
was done;
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the
sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God bless you all for another ten years."

Now picture a time warp... its' now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.

We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.

Could they only imagine on that long ago day;
That the entries they made would affect us this
way?

If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning
we feel;
And the searching that makes them so increas-
ingly real.

We can hear if we listen the words they impart;
Through their blood in our veins and their voice
in our heart.

The Elusive Ancestor

by Merrell Kenworthy

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.

He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.

He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.

He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.

And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.

His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.

So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can. I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed; but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.

No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.

To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,

Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bridgett/humor.htm>

SOME HUMOROUS READING – found on Cyndislist.com

This had to be one of my relatives:
In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery:

The children of Israel wanted bread
And the Lord sent them manna,
Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife,
And the Devil sent him Anna.

Don't know what newspaper or date this was posted. Your guess is as good as mine.

REWARD

(\$5,000.00)

Reward for the capture, dead or alive, of one Wm. Wright, better known as

"BILLY THE KID"

Age, 18. Height, 5 feet, 3 inches. Weight, 125 lbs. Light hair, blue eyes and even features. He is the leader of the worst band of desperadoes the Territory has ever had to deal with. The above reward will be paid for his capture or positive proof of his death.

JIM DALTON, Sheriff.

DEAD OR ALIVE!

"BILLY THE KID"

LORAIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

LINEAGE PINS



First Families of Ohio



Century Families of Ohio

Join the OGS Lineage Chairs as they discuss what types of documentation can be acceptable to make a quality application. Learn tricks to make the job easier!



Settlers and Builders of Ohio



Society of Civil War Families of Ohio



Society of the Families of the Old Northwest Territory



Polish Genealogical Society of Greater Cleveland

About Us:

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month (March, April, May, June, September, October, November and December) at St. Mary's PNC Church Parish Hall, 5375 Broadview Rd., Parma, Ohio, 7:30 PM.

If you are interested in tracing your Polish roots, guidance is provided by members through the sharing of knowledge, resources, and a library available to our membership. We also keep a surname research list. This list includes the surnames of our ancestors which our active members are researching. We have occasional guest speakers sharing genealogical information, Polish history, Heritage and traditions. A quarterly newsletter is also provided to members.

We welcome new members!

For additional information please contact:

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