

Catherine is 2nd wife

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Subject: Re: Catherine Shibondi Betts
To: Jeffrey D. Sherbondy

To the best of my research I believe that Catherine Sherbondy was the second wife of Andrew Betts and I haven't checked that part of the Clough website but did make it clear in my research that Andrew had to have married Catherine Sherbondy second. His first wife was also a Catherine and that's where the confusion comes in. We have no surname for the first Catherine who I believe is the mother of his children.

West Shenango
1879 Atlas-----The initial settlement was made in 1800 by Andrew Betts and his son John, Thomas Lowry and Benjamin Snodgrass came also in 1800 from Ireland. In 1801 Jeremiah Yokes located, and the year following Robert Finch located in the northern part.

'Our Country and It's People" A History of Crawford Co. excerpt
-West Shenago Twp- A clean rushing brook ran through the old farm, and the first Andrew in the dawn of century made a dam, and erected a noisy mill and a still house and kept a tavern in which he married 'Miss Shibondi'.

So I agree with what you had from the correspondent in the 80s. I do think that Andrew Betts' daughter Mary Catherine Betts born 1785 married John Sherbondy born abt 1780 son of Maria Catherina and Jean Cherpantier. Obviously they wouldn't have married if Mary Catherine was a Sherbondy.

Sincerely,
Marlene