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SMALL HISTORY OF THE SHERBONDY FAMILY
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In the memorable year of 1812, John Sherbondy and his brother George Sherbondy, then residents of West Moreland County, in the south-western part of the State of Pennsylvania, were drafted to serve for our Country in the war declared against Great Britain. After a short service, possibly for some valorous deed or for his military ability, John was appointed Captain of a small company, whose boat lay along Lake Erie, between the points now designated as Erie, Pa. and Sandusky, Ohio.

At the close of the war, Capt. John was detailed to guard prisoners to Marietta to exchange them, and thus traversing what is now known to us as "Sherbondy Hill", took a fancy to the lay of the surrounding country, ascertained the price of land, and in 1816, in company with his father, Melcha, purchased a tract of land, comprising of 368 acres. The spring following they packed their household goods and other belongings in a large Pennsylvania Wagon and started from West Moreland to Ohio. The moving party was composed of John Sherbondy, Roseann, his wife and three children, Ephriam, Uriah and Levi, and George Sherbondy, his second wife Hettie (his having been married just prior to leaving Pa.) and his one child David. With them came a colored boy, about 19 years of age, who drove and cared for our team the entire distance. The trip was a lengthy, tedious one, not taken with as great rapidity as persons travel nowadays, it having taken two days to travel from Canton to the Perkins Farm, a distance of Twenty miles.

The first morning after arriving here the party drove to the spring where the old house of George Sherbondy now stands, the goods were enloaded on the ground, a dam built across the Cuyahoga River at Middlebury, now East Akron, where they hewed, sawed, and purchased lumber with which to build a shanty to live in, posts about six feet high were driven into the ground and sided up; maple trees were cut and the bark peeled off with which to make a roof; lumber was made into tables and benches and this is a slight description of the place the two families resided in until late in the summer, when the neighbors of this Summit and Coventry Townships erected a log house into which they moved, remaining there through the winter. In the spring of 1818 the tract of land was divided, and John built a house on his portion, the west end of it. The second fall the families moved here, Melchia Sherbondy their father and Squire Tarrh, Hetty Sherbondy's father, came here. The spring of 1819 found George returning to Pennsylvania for his sheep and colt.

About two years after the foregoing events, a cousin of John and George, David Sherbondy by name, came here and paid them a visit. After that very little news was had from the east until about the year 1830, the time boats commenced running from Akron to Cleveland, Then a cousin came and wanted John to go to Pa. and move Melchia Sherbondy the father and Peter Sherbondy and Robert Richie here. He went, taking with him three teams and removed the families here, into two vacant houses on the farm of George Sherbondy. A nice new log house was built on George's land for Melchia Sherbondy, where he resided until the death of his wife, Mary, in 1846, after which he lived with George until the time of his decease, Dec. 15, 1850 at the age of 83 years 10 months. John Sherbondy died Nov. 19, 1867 at the age of 76 years. His wife, Roseann, having preceded him Aug 19, 1852, at the age of 60 years. The children of this couple are named as follows: Ephriam, the eldest, born 1812, aged 83 years; Uriah Sherbondy; Levi Sherbondy; Sarah Smith, deceased; Reuben Sherbondy; John Sherbondy; Ann Bunker, deceased; Homer Sherbondy, residing in the West. George Sherbondy passed from this earth Oct. 9, 1870, aged 78 years, his wife having died the previous May at the age of 73. Their children are named as follows: David Sherbondy, by his first wife; Maryann Callender; Celina Sherbondy, Hamilton Sherbondy; his second wifes child Peter Sherbondy died July 24, 1870 at the age of 73 years; his wife Mary died Aug. 13, 1873 aged 59 years.

His descendants are as follows: Melchior Sherbondy, deceased; Ellen Brown, deceased; Wesley Sherbondy; Easther Hawkins; Peter Sherbondy; John Sherbondy; by his first wife; Hiram Sherbondy; Harrison Sherbondy; Henry Sherbondy; George Shorbondy; Emily Sherbondy by his second wife.

I have tried to give you as correct a record of our ancestry as was obtainable, and tried to make it as acceptable as possible without going into further details.