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Sherbondy Family
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This past summer while Mom was visiting a college friend in Shreve, Ohio, George and I delved into the records of Wayne County, Ohio in Wooster. The results were surprising. We found that Abraham J. Sherbondy had another sister: Mary. Mary married Adam Roseborough on March 4, 1824 near Wooster. Her husband's family was Presbyterian and the Rev. Samuel Irvine married them at Seceder Presbyterian. Adam's father came from Ireland and his mother from Pennsylvania. They had come to Wayne, County, Ohio about 1821 when they bought a land grant. Mary may have died shortly thereafter. Irene Hardman, from Rockville, Maryland, who has been working on the Roseborough family thinks Adam may have married a Mary Overholtz on April 1, 1835, but there is some doubt about it. She thinks that Adam and Mary Sherbondy had seven children, a daughter [no name], George, Israel, Rebecca, Johnson, and Mary. Johnson was Adam's mother's maiden name. There are records that Adam remarried in 1857 to Mrs. Elizabeth Williamson in Iowa and again in 1863 to Mrs Hetta Partree, also in Iowa.

Mary's and Abraham J.'s father, George (Johann Georg) Sherbondy, died at the early age of 48 in 1817 on the farm in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Some time later, Abraham went east to Granville township, Mifflin County where he and his wife Lavina Swain had a farm and where their first son, George M. was born in 1823. Their other children may have been born there also: Clarissa (b.abt. 1830), Rachell (b. abt. 1832), Richard Copeland (b. May 7, 1833), John W. (b. abt. 1834/36), Christina (b. abt. 1838) and Abraham M. (b. abt 1840). Back in Westmoreland County, his oldest brother John married Catherine and stayed there on a farm, perhaps the family farm. His sister Charlotte married George Hohenshell and they also stayed in Westmoreland County as did his younger brother George and his wife Elizabeth.

Mary, their mother, however, struck out west to the frontier area of Wayne County, Ohio. She had land because she paid chattle tax in 1826. In the 1830 census she is listed as well; and in 1832 she paid tax on 1 cow. Probably her land had been acquired by her husband.

Wayne township in Wayne county, Ohio, was named for General Wayne. The township was one of the last ones organized, on October 12, 1816. ¹ Wayne township was famous for its mills. The township was settled principally by Pennsylvanians; it had good soils and was near a good market, Wooster.²

Not far from Wayne township, George's brother Melchior and some of his sons were living on farms known as Sherbondy Hill, now a part of Akron. In Wayne township, George's land, near Wooster, was probably inherited by his wife and children when he died intestate in 1817. In 1834 all of the children, except Abraham, sold their share of the land to their mother for the sum of \$50. According to the title deed, John and Catherine, George and Elizabeth, and George and Charlotte [Sherbondy] Hohenshell were living in Westmoreland County while Mary [Sherbondy] Roseborough and her husband Adam, Catharine Sherbondy, Joseph Sherbondy and Israel Sherbondy were residing in Wayne County. The following year, 1835, Abraham and his wife "Levaina", residing in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, sold their share for \$5 to Mary Sherbondy, his mother.

These transactions not only pinpoint where Mary Sherbondy and her children were living at that time but also gives us a list of the brothers and sisters that includes Mary for the first time and definitely connects Abraham to Mary as her son. We can be quite sure now, that Abraham J.'s parents were George and Mary.

In 1838 Israel Sherbondy bought some land near Wooster from William Gibson and his wife Jane. He was 25 and he may have married Mary Pickard by then. In the 1840 census Mary Sherbondy [mother] and Israel Sherbondy [son] are listed. On the 1841 chattle tax list, Israel was assessed 2 cattle. In 1844 Mary Sherbondy was assessed 1 cow and Israel 4 cattle. In 1845 Mary was assessed for 2 cattle and Israel for 1 horse and 2 cattle.

In 1847 Mary sold some land to Reazin Glass for \$300. This may have been the moment when she pulled up stakes in Wooster and went to Warsaw, Indiana (Kosciusko County). Her daughter Catherine went with her and they are listed together on the 1850 census for that county. Israel and his wife and children (George W., Mary, Minerva, Catherine, Eleanor or Ellen,

¹ Arthur Gossard, "Beautiful Wayne County and its Early History", found at public library Wayne County, Wooster.

² J.A. Caldwell, Atlas of Wayne County and the City of Wooster, Ohio. Sunbury, Ohio, 1873.

Sarah J. and Charlotta) also moved to the Warsaw area and Israel is listed as a farmer in the 1850 census. The mother, Mary, died at age 81 on July 16, 1855 and is buried in the Franklin Cemetery near Silver Lake. Her tombstone is still there on the edge of the bluff where the cemetery is located.

In the 1860 census Israel and Mary, his wife, are listed as farmers with their children Mary, George, Eleanor, Sarah, and Charlotte. Mary, Israel's daughter, had married Joel W. Hawley in Kosciusko County on September 21, 1856 but he must have died because she was living with her parents for the census. She remarried on May 22, 1865 to Samuel Parke.

Abraham J. Sherbondy and his wife, Lavina, and children (George, Clarissa, Rachell, Richard Copeland, John W., Christina, and Abraham M.) must have come to Fort Wayne, Indiana about the same time that his mother and brother, Israel left Wooster, Ohio and went to Kosciusko County, Indiana. Abraham is last found on the tax list in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania in 1844 and they figure on the 1850 census for Allen County, Indiana as farmers, but they soon became involved in opportunities that the new railroads offered in Fort Wayne and northern Indiana.

Abraham J. and his son Abraham M. bought a lot on West Street, Fort Wayne, in 1865. The Sherbondys appear in the Fort Wayne Directory for 1866-67. Abraham [M.] is listed as a laborer for the [Pittsburgh,] Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Co. He lived on the east side of West Street between Pritchard and P. His brother John lived with him and was a fireman for the same railway. In the next directory, for 1868-69, Abraham M. still lived there and worked for the same railroad but there is no mention of John.

Abraham married Lusannah Richardson Miner on April 23, 1868. Their first son was born in 1869, William H[arrison] Sherbondy. Abraham's mother, Lavina, died in November of the same year in Fort Wayne. There is no record of her burial. In the 1870-71 directory Abraham M. is listed as a carpenter living on the east side of West between Pritchard and Noel. His second child, Alice Mary was born in 1870 and died (or was buried) on January 11, 1871. On that day, for \$16, Abraham bought lots #91 and #92 in section S at Lindenwood cemetery to bury his daughter.

On January 7, 1871, Abraham J. Sherbondy bought a piece of land in Fort Wayne from James and Matilda Chase located on the northside of the California Road. He paid \$400 for three acres. In the 1872 directory Abraham M. is listed as a fireman for the Pittsburgh Railway, and he was boarding on

the east side of West between Pritchard and Chicago Streets. His father Abraham J., was the owner of the home apparently. He was a constable. In 1872 Abraham M.'s third child was born, Edward M.

In the 1873 directory the Sherbondys were living at 92 Hanna St. Abraham M. was a carpenter and boarded with his father. In the 1874 directory only Abraham M. is listed. He was still a carpenter and resided at 92 Hanna. In the 1875 directory Abraham M. is a carpenter residing on the east side of Fairfield south of Colerick. In the 1876 directory he is a carpenter residing at 54 Williams St. His son George S. was born about 1875 and his next son, Frank Pearl, was born on June 20, 1875. My Uncle Bill remembers that his father, Frank Pearl, said he was born in a log cabin, which might have been the house on Williams St. This street ran from Lafayette west to Fairfield Avenue, the fourth street south of the T W & W Railway.

For the 1877 directory Abraham J. is listed once again as a collector. He boarded with Abraham M., who was a carpenter and resided on the west side of Metz south of Taylor street. For the 1878 directory they had moved to 394 Broadway. Abraham M. is still a carpenter and his father boarded with him. They were not listed in the 1879 directory. In the 1880 directory only Abraham M. is listed. He was a carpenter and resided on the south side of Taylor west of Metz. Abraham J., his father, was listed in the Indiana census as living with Abraham M. in 1880. He died later that year, but there is no mention of where he is buried. He was about 80 years old.

Abraham M.'s last child, Clara Edith, was born on October 1, 1881. She was always known as Tottie because she was very short. The Abraham M. Sherbondys were living on Taylor St. in the 1882 directory their residence is given as 199 Taylor. Abraham worked as a carpenter for the P, FW and C Railway. In the 1883 directory they lived at 439 Broadway.

Abraham M. died on May 15, 1884 at about 44 years of age. He was buried in Lindenwood with his daughter. In the 1885 directory his widow Lusannah R. Sherbondy continued to live at 439 S. Broadway and their eldest, William H. is listed as a laborer and living with her. In the 1887 directory, Lusannah is listed as janitor of the Miner Street School and lived at 12 Miner St. There is also listed a Thomas Sherbondy, who was a boilermaker for the W, St. L & P Railway. I do not know who he is. Maybe it was an error for Wm. H. In the next directory, for 1888, Wm. H. is a blacksmith for the Penn Co and boarded with his mother at 160 DeWald. In the 1889 directory the

mother is listed as residing at 240 W. DeWald but her sons Edward, laborer, and Wm. H, laborer, with Penn Co., are listed as boarding at 160 De Wald. In the 1890 directory Lusanna continued at 240 W DeWald, and her sons boarded with her. Wm. H. was a dynamo man for Penn Co., Edward was a laborer for Fort Wayne Electric Co., and George L. was a machine hand.

Lusannah Sherbondy was received by baptism into the First Baptist Church in Fort Wayne on Febraury 21, 1890. Later, on April 25, Frank was also received by baptism; and on May 2, Clara was also. In the 1891 directory they all are living at 144 W. De Wald. Wm. H. is an electrician with Penn Co., Edward M. is a cabinetmaker for Fort Wayne Organ Company and George L, is a winder. Edward was baptised into the First Baptist Church on June 5, 1892.

In this directory the mother's name is clearly Lusannah. I have just received information from a distant Richardson cousin that confirms Uncle Bill's assertion that her name was indeed Lusanna and not Susanna. She found the birth record of Lusanna Richardson Hamilton, who was Lusanna Richardson Miner's great grandmother. It seems likey that she was named for her. Lusanna Richardson Hamilton's son also clearly stated that his mother's name was Lusanna in a statement he made about her death list. Her name was often transcribed by others as Susannah, a problem that her great granddaughter also had. The handwritten uppercase "L" and "S" are easily confused, especially since Lusanna is not as common a name as Susanna. Lusanna Richardson Miner Sherbondy's marriage record makes a different error and calls her Rosanna, although the first letter looks as if it had been written over in an attempt to change it.

On July 23, 1895 William H. married Augusta L. Stephan ("Gustie"). In the 1895 directory Lusannah and her four sons are listed as living with her at 144 W. DeWald. Wm. H. was electrician for the Penn Co., Edward was fireman for the Wabash Railroad, George L. was a caller for the Wabash Railroad, and Frank P. was an apprentice. For the publication of the 1896 directory William H. had moved to 177 Taylor. He continued to be an electrician for Penn Co. His first child, Esther, was born on July 15, 1896. His brothers are listed with the same occupations and they lived with their mother, Lusannah, at the same house. She died there on May 24, 1896 and was buried in Lindenwood with her husband and daughter. She was only 50. Abraham M. and Lusannah R. [Miner] Sherbondy died young and worked very hard to raise their family. Their children lived much longer.

In the 1897 directory only William H. and Edward M. are mentioned. William was an electrician for Penn Co and continued to live at 177 Taylor St. Edward M. continued to be a fireman for the Wabash Railroad and boarded at 78 Douglas Avenue. George may have left Fort Wayne by then. At some time he married Edna and lived in Crestline, Ohio. For the 1898 directory Frank is listed as a laborer for the Penn Co. and boarded at 78 Douglas Avenue where his brother Edward, the fireman for the Wabash, also boarded. The 1899 directory lists William H.'s house at 22 Savilla Avenue. He was still an electrician for Penn Co. and his sister Clara E. boarded with him. Edward and Frank boarded at 78 Douglas Avenue, Edward still fireman for the Wabash RR and Frank P. a laborer for the Penn Co. William's second daughter, Estella, was born on January 8, 1900.

In the 1900 Indiana census Edward was a boarder with John C. Schmoll in Peru Indiana, at 125 W. 7th St. On April 24, 1901 Edward M. married Ida Madary in Fulton county (or Miami County) Indiana. In the 1901 directory only Clara and William are listed, still at Savilla Avenue. In the 1902 directory Edward and Ida must have moved to Fort Wayne because Edward is listed as an engineer with the Wabash RR and their home is 316 Douglas Avenue. William is listed as usual but his home says 922 Savilla Ave.

Frank Pearl married Anna Sophia Gerke on September 23, 1903. Sophie was listed in the 1903 directory as forewoman for FM Smaltz & Co and boarded at 2319 Gay Street. Frank wasn't listed in the directory. Clara boarded at 1013 Nelson with her brother William. Clara married Arthur Clyde Richard on June 14, 1904. In the 1903 directory Edward continued with the same occupation and residence. In the 1909 directory William is listed as electrical insprector for the Penn Co and his home is 1013 Nelson. George is station engineer for the Penn Co, and lives at 1128 St. Joe Boulevard. I haven't researched the city directories after 1909 yet, but hope to do so the next time I am in Fort Wayne.

Abraham M. Sherbondy and Lusannah R. Sherbondy's children, with the exception of Alice Mary who died an infant, survived them and lived long lives. Edward M. died in Fulton County Indiana in 1935 and is buried in Fulton Cemetery. The eldest, William H. passed away on September 18, 1953 and was buried in Lindenwood near his parents and infant sister. His wife, Gustie, died shortly thereafter in 1955 and is buried with him.

Frank Pearl Sherbondy died next, at home at Maple Place, Fort Wayne on January 20, 1948. He is buried at Lindenwood. His wife, Sophie, died in the Lutheran Home in Kendallville, Indiana on April 13, 1954.

Tottie (Clara Edith Sherbondy) Richard died on August 25, 1949 and was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Her husband Arthur Clyde Richard died on eptember 22, 1962.

George S. Sherbondy also died in 1949 in Crestline, Ohio.

Genealogical Record of the Descendants of George and Mary Sherbondy

I. George Sherbondy (Nov. 15, 1769 in Hamilton Twp. Northampton County, Pennsylvania -1817 in South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania). Married Mary A. (November 5, 1774 - July 16, 1855). She died in Kosciusko County, Indiana.

A. Susanna (b. April 13, 1796 in Westmoreland, PA). Probably died before 1834.

B. John (b. September 18, 1797 in Westmoreland Co.) Married Catherine (b. abt. 1799).

1. Mary (b. Jan. 5, 1821 near Smithton, PA). Married John Stevenson?
2. Susanna (b. April 2, 1823, Smithton).
3. Deborah (b. october 10, 1825, Smithton).
4. Carolina (b. May 15, 1828).
5. Cardelia (b. May 15, 1828).
6. Sarah Jane (b. December 8, 1832).
7. John Lormer (b. July 15, 1835)
8. George Washington (b. August 10, 1836).
9. Henry Huston (b. August 10, 1836).
10. Cyrus (b. abt. 1837).
11. Joseph Urias (b. January 26, 1838).
12. Catherine (b. abt. 1842).
13. Rosanna (b. abt. 1844).

14. Hariette Adaline (b. March 16, 1847, Mount Pleasant, PA).
Married Abraham Jacob Morrow.
- C. Charlotte (November 1, 1798). Married George Hohenshell.
- D. Abraham J. (Jacob?) (October 30, 1800 - 1880). Married Lavina Swain.
1. George M. (1823-1886). Married Margaret Bell in 1841.
Married Priscilla Aukerman on February 24, 1849. Buried
in Cuba, Kansas.
 2. Clarissa (b. abt. 1830).
 3. Rachell (b. abt. 1832). Married Silas French in Allen County,
Indiana on September 24, 1854.
 4. Richard Copeland (May 7, 1833-May 15, 1900). Married Lavina
Frisby on March 24, 1861. Buried in Rose Valley
Cemetery, Mitchell County, Kansas.
 5. John W. (b. abt. 1834/36). Married Sarah Singer in Whitley
County, Indiana on December 28, 1862).
 6. Christina (b. abt. 1838). Married John H. Cratzer in Allen
County, Indiana on November 25, 1858.
 7. Abraham M. (abt. 1840 - May 15, 1884). Married Lusanna
Richardson Miner on April 23, 1868. Buried in
Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
 - a. William Henry (abt. 1869-September 18, 1953). Married
Augusta L. Stephan on July 23, 1895. Buried in
Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
 - b. Alice Mary (1870-January 11, 1871). Buried in
Lindenwood Cemetery.
 - c. Edward M. (1872-1935). Married Ida Madary on April
24, 1901. Buried in Fulton Cemetery, Fulton
County, Indiana.
 - d. George S. (abt. 1875 - abt.1949). Married Edna. Died
in Crestline, Ohio.

- e. Frank Pearl (June 20, 1875 - January 20, 1948). Married Anna Sophia Gerke on September 23, 1903. Buried in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- f. Clara Edith (October 1, 1881 - August 25, 1949). Married Arthur Clyde Richard. Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

E. Mary. Married Adam Rosenborough on March 5, 1824 in Wayne County, Ohio.

- 1. boy born 1824
- 2. William (b. 1826)
- 3. George (b. 1829)
- 4. Israel (1831- October 22, 1863). Married Elizabeth McCully January 29, 1852.
- 5. Rebecca (b. 1834)
- 6. Johnson (b. 1837)
- 7. Mary (b. 1839)

F. George (May 4, 1805-December 14, 1857). Married Elizabeth Smith on April 1, 1830.

- 1. Mary Sue Magdalena (b. May 1, 1831).
- 2. Joseph William (November 11, 1832). Married Catherine Shirey in 1899.
- 3. Barbara Anna Jemima (b. March 9, 1833).
- 4. Hetty Teresa (b. November 10, 1836).
- 5. Elizabeth (b. November 5, 1838).
- 6. Marbella Susanna (February 18, 1841).
- 7. Charlotta (b. October 27, 1843).
- 8. Louisa R. Married John Shellenberger on December 24, 1867.
- 9. Elmyra Amelia (d. 1923).

G. Catherine (January 12, 1807 - April 2, 1878). Buried in Silver Lake Cemetery, Kosciusko County, Indiana.

H. Joseph (b. abt. 1812). Married Mary Smith on May 29, 1834.

1. Ezra (b. August 29, 1838, Salem, Westmoreland County, PA).
2. Barbara Anna (b. August 30, 1840, Salem).
3. Maria Eluiza (b. December 23, 1843, in Salem).
4. George (b. June 24, 1847 in Salem).

I. Israel (July 10, 1813 - February 25, 1892). Buried at Silver Lake Cemetery, Kosciusko County, Indiana. Married Mary Pickard.

1. George W. (b. abt. 1837 in Wayne County, Ohio). Married Mary.
2. Mary (b. abt. 1839 in Ohio. Married Joel W. Hawley on September 21, 1856 in Kosciusko County, Indiana. Married Samuel Parke on May 22, 1865 in Kosciusko County.
3. Minerva (b. abt. 1840 in Ohio). Married Henry Callahan in Kosciusko County on February 5, 1857.
4. Catharine (b. abt. 1841 in Ohio). Married Jesse Callahan on June 18, 1857 in Kosciusko County. Married Oreston Turner on March 19, 1882.
5. Eleanor or Ellen (b. abt. 1842 in Ohio.)
6. Sarah J. (b. abt 1843 in Ohio). Married Mark R. Wright on January 8, 1865. Buried in Silver Lake Cemetery, Kosciusko County, Indiana.
7. Charlotta (b. abt. 1846 in Indiana).

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