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WILLIAM SHERRON

of Cumberland County Pennsylvania

William Sherron was the second eldest son of William Sherran, William's eldest son, John, had died in 1731 in Hempfield Township of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. William is my ancestor. I am now using the spelling of Sherron as this is the way this William's will and other documents are recorded.

William Sherron was probably born in about the 1700 to 1710 time range, which would place his birth in Ulster, Northern Ireland. It is known that several of the other Scotch Irish families that he lived near came from Antrim so it is quite likely that this is the part of Ulster that he was born in.

He lived with his parents, worked the family farm and inherited their farm in Sadsbury in 1742. He had taken out a land Warrant in Philadelphia for lands west of the Susquehanna in Pennsborough Township just before his father's death, so it appears he planned to move west. He probably remained at home as his father was sick and remained there until his death.

He seems to have left there shortly afterwards as he appears in Pennsborough Township as a witness to the will of James Buchanan in March of 1746/7. Pennsborough at the time was in Lancaster County. What was to become Cumberland County in 1750 was divided into two Townships, Pennsborough to the east and Hopewell to the west and from 1729 to 1750 they were included in Lancaster County.

In a 1879 HISTORY OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, by the Reverend Conway Wing, the Sherrans are listed among the first few dozen settlers of the Cumberland Valley and the lands west of the Susquehanna and into the country near the Conodoquinet River. This is a case again where they are listed as *Shannon* instead of *Sharron* as the early handwriting of 'n' and 'r' looked so similar.

William Sherron had obtained a warrant for his lands in Pennsborough on December 22, 1740 from the land offices in Philadelphia. This land was left in his will to his son Hugh and it remained in the Sherron family until 1766. William Sherron lived and farmed this land from the time he arrived in Cumberland until his death in March of 1751/2.

Based on the ages of his children as determined from his will, he was married sometime around 1725 to 1730. This is a tricky time period, he could have been married in Ulster, but more than likely he married shortly after arriving in Lancaster County.

His will states his wife was named Margaret. In the Bancroft volume, it is stated that her full name was Margaret Chambers. I can neither prove nor disprove her maiden name, so I will take the easy way out on this one and assume that it is indeed Margaret Chambers.

The Chambers family was a large and prominent family in the area and it is quite likely that our William married one of the daughters.

William Sherron may well have been married twice. His will mentions his then living wife,

Margaret Sherron. In addition it refers to his three youngest children borne by her. This may simply have been a reference to the fact these were quite young, or it may have meant that the older children were borne by a wife of a previous marriage.

There are very few records of wives dying, unless they survived their husbands and left wills of their own. I cannot answer the question as to whether or not William had one or two wives. Life on the frontier was quite hard and it was very common for widowers to remarry very soon after the death of their wife as a strong female was an essential part of family life in those days.

At any rate, William Sherron wrote his will in the Township of East Pennsborough on November 7, 1750. It is from this will that we are able to guess at the ages and birth dates of his children.

William Sherron died on March 2, 1751/2. Margaret was alive at least through 1758 when she is listed on the tax roll in East Pennsborough as the *Widow Margaret Sherron*. I do not know the exact date of her death. She appears to be living with her son James at the time.

William had the following children who were alive in 1750. There may have been others, but I have no record of them.

The Children of William Sherron

The following is what information I can prove, and what I can make a decent guess at showing, about the lives of the children of William and Margaret Sherron.

Isabel Sherron

His eldest daughter, Isabel, was married and had a son, William Calhoun when they were mentioned in her father's will in 1750.

Samuel Calhoun was another pioneer in the Valley and most likely she married one of his sons. A son of Sam Calhoun, Adam Calhoun, owned property that abutted the James Sherran property in East Pennsborough, and this is very likely the Calhoun that she married.

I estimate that Isabel was born about 1730 in Sadsbury Township, Lancaster County. She was probably married in Pennsborough about the year 1748. I have no more information on her.

James Sherron

His eldest son was James Sherron and by 1750, he had his own farm and was not living at home. This information would indicate that both Isabel and James were probably about twenty, so he would have been born just before 1730 back in Sadsbury, Lancaster County.

It is through this James Sherron that my lineage descends. His life will be covered in the next section.

William Sherron

William was the second oldest son. He was left a legacy similar to that of James, so I assume that he too was married and had his own farm at the time. If so he was probably born about 1732 or thereabouts.

All through the area there were all sorts of William, James and Hugh Sherrons and it is quite hard to properly sort them all out. He did move to Fermanagh Township with his brothers in the late 1750s or early 1760s.

He married, but to whom I am not certain.

It was at the house of this William Sherron (I believe) that the settlers met to determine what roll they were going to take in the American Revolution. The following is taken from a history of the Hamilton Family found in PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGIES by William Henry Egle published in 1896:

"The American Army, December 1776, shattered, disheartened and decreasing daily, were making precipitate retreat across Jersey into Pennsylvania, before the victorious army of Howe and Cornwallis. In this gloomy hour, a meeting of the people was called at the farm of Mr. William Sharron, within a couple of miles of Mr. Hugh McAllister's, near the present town of Mexico, to consult and devise measures to reinforce Washington and the army. All the neighbors below the Narrows met. John Hamilton, of Fermanagh, was made chairman. It was unanimously agreed to raise a company of mounted men. All were young men with younger families, but they did not hesitate. They agreed to march. Hamilton pledged himself to start immediately, then McAllister and Sharron. The former was chosen captain, the latter two, lieutenants, and in two days they were off, more than eighty strong, riding the first day to the mouth of the Swatara, over snow many inches in depth. They reached camp, on the Pennsylvania side, below Trenton, the day after the Hessians were captured."

I have records of active duty of a William Sherron and a William Sharron both from Fermanagh Township that served in the Cumberland County Militia. One was this William and one was James' son William, my ancestor, but I am not certain which was which. Have no fear though, you can get on the DAR or SAR bandwagon with either one.

I believe that this William Sherron was the father of the William Sharon who was born on February 29, 1780 in Fermanagh Township and who married Katherine Eaton in Ohio around 1812. This relationship was made by seeing where the two Williams lived based on deeds and the last date the younger William remained in Mifflin County.

William Sherron's last mention in Fermanagh was when he sold his last lands in 1794.

He may have been the William Sharon in Fayette County in southwestern Pennsylvania in the 1800 census, but I think that man was another family all together, but I am not at all certain.

It is my feeling that William Sherron died shortly afterwards. His son, William, was still young and I have the feeling that he went to live either with his uncle James or his cousin, my William, and headed west with them. My William had left several years earlier, but I am not certain when his father James went to live with them.

The reason I feel this William somehow went to Ohio with my William is that this William married an Eaton girl and so did my William's son, James. The Eatons were living in Ohio at the

time both were married so both men had to be in Jefferson County, Ohio in the 1812 to 1813 time period.

I have no further information on the life of the elder William Sherron. I assume that he died in Fermanagh Township in the early 1790s. He may well have gone to southwestern Pennsylvania with the others and died there in the mid 1790s. I simply do not know.

The following is what I know of the family of William Sherron.

WILLIAM SHARRON

This is the only child I have information about. He went to Jefferson County, Ohio and there married Katherine Eaton.

I will cover his life in the upcoming section on OHIO SHARONS.

Hugh Sherron

Hugh Sherron was probably the youngest son. He inherited the family farm through the will of his father in 1752. The other sons already had their own places by that time. Hugh was probably about the age of sixteen to eighteen so it would indicate that he was born around the years 1732 to 1734. He would have been born in Sadsbury as well.

Hugh married, probably in East Pennsborough Township, Cumberland County. I do not know who his wife was. However, in a recorded list of Indictments in Cumberland County 1750 - 1800, in 1767, Jane Fisher was charged with F & B (Fornication and Bastardy) with Hugh Sharron. This means she was going to have an illegitimate child. It further stated that the *event* took place in mid February at the house of Robert McWhinney of Carlisle. It also stated that Jane was the daughter of Samuel Fisher of Sherman's Valley.

Hugh's son, Hugh, named a son James Fisher Sharon. This leads me to believe that his mother was Jane Fisher. Our Sharons, true to their honor, would have done the right thing by their women. I feel certain that the younger Hugh's mother was Jane Fisher. Young Hugh was born about 1768 so it all ties in rather well.

Jane Fisher married John Cochran 2 February 1768 in Cumberland County, Pa. She had a son by Hugh Sharron and named her child, Hugh also.

Jane's father, Samuel Fisher, died and his will was probated 8 June 1776. In the will he names his children, James, Samuel Jr, Thomas, Elizabeth, Margaret and Jane. He also says that Jane is married to John Cochran. Then he says " with regard to my grandson, Hugh Sharron, who has been brought up at my expense I will and allow that he should be immediately under the control of my wife, Mary, during her natural life and to be of what services he can about the house and around the place and is to be learned to read and write and cast accounts and if his grandmother should die before he reaches twenty one years of age he then falls of course to my son James until he arrives at the above age and my son James shall then give him ten pounds beside his freedom dues."

Hugh later moved to Fermanagh Township, Cumberland County, in what was later to become a part of Juniata County. In 1766, while living in Fermanagh, he sold his father's lands in East

Pennsborough to John Hudson. This deed transaction is noted in the Cumberland County Deeds, Volume 1 Book B Page 6.

As near as I can figure, this Hugh Sherron had at least three sons, Samuel, another Hugh, and William.

Bancroft states that Hugh was the father of Samuel and in a 1886 HISTORY OF THE JUNIATA AND SUSQUEHANNA VALLEYS it was stated,

"The names of Hugh, James, William and Samuel Sharon appear in Fermanagh very early. Of these, Samuel only settled in what is now Fayette Township. He was not a brother of the others, and may have been a cousin."

The following is what I know about the sons of Hugh Sherron And Jane Fisher Sherron. I feel there were probably a few daughters as well, but I have no record of them.

Once again, I use the spelling of the sons' names the way they seem to have spelled them.

HUGH SHARRON

There were two younger Hugh Sharrons in the area at the time of the Revolution. One who married Jane Barnhill and went into Kentucky and one who married Jane Sturgeon and their children went up into Canada after 1800.

This Hugh was the one that married Jane Barnhill. He was the son of Hugh Sharron and Jane Fisher. The other Hugh was James' son.

Hugh named a son James Fisher Sharron which indicates I suppose that he had a good relationship with his uncle who must have raised him after his grandmother died. All the Fishers and Cochrans went to Kentucky sometime after 1788. This Hugh went along with them.

The life of this Hugh Sharron will be covered later in the section on **KENTUCKY SHARONS**.

SAMUEL SHARRON

Samuel was the son of Hugh Sherron and the grandson of William Sherron and Margaret Chambers. He was more than like born on the family farm in East Pennsborough that his father inherited in 1752. He was born sometime around 1753.

Now I have just recently received information from a descendent of Sam who found a gravestone in Brown's Mill on the Cocolamus River. The stone reads "Samuel Sharon Born 1746 - Died 4-13-1813". In another letter she state the death date was 1815. She was going to recheck it out. The stone also listed his wife Mary D. 1800. Now, we know (I think) that Sam married Sarah Russell. Was her name Sarah Mary and was she called Mary? I'm waiting for more info on this. Please stay tuned to your TV sets.

The following is from Hubert Howe Bancroft's work, THE CHRONICLES OF THE BUILDERS OF THE COMMENWEALTH.

Hugh Sharon, the son of James and brother of the first named William, settled north of the Kittatinny or Blue mountains, where he became a highly prominent pioneer. Of

his children we have only the record of his son Samuel. He was a patriot of the revolution, serving as lieutenant of a company of Associators, who were in active service in the New Jersey campaign of 1776. He was also a justice of the peace for many years. His wife was Sarah Russell, and to them were born four sons and three daughters. The eldest son, James Russell Sharon, born in 1775, was a Presbyterian minister of prominence

Samuel, the next brother in age to James Russell, married Sarah Davis, a daughter of Joshua Davis. This family was connected with the Lincolns, Mrs. Davis being a Lincoln, a cousin of President Lincoln's grandfather. Robert, the third brother of James Russell, died young. William, the youngest brother, who married Susan Davis, was a prominent personage. He was elected to the state legislature of Pennsylvania ...

By 1766 Samuel's father had moved to Fermanagh with his brother James and while living in Fermanagh, sold his farm in East Pennsborough to John Hudson.

Samuel appears in the 1769 tax roll in East Pennsborough as a Freeman indicating that he was unmarried. I do not know what he was doing in East Pennsborough as his family was in Fermanagh. He simply may have returned for a visit or come back for a short period for some other reason. I really do not know. Heaven help me but there may have been another Sam Sharon. Things return to normal in 1770.

Samuel appears on the tax roll as a single man in Fermanagh in 1770. He was shown as owning 100 acres in 1771 and 50 acres in 1772. In the 1773 tax list we find that he was in Fermanagh and was listed as a taxable, meaning that he had married by then.

He therefore married Sarah Russell sometime in 1771 or 1772. Their first child, Sarah, was born in 1773.

Samuel appears on the tax lists of Fermanagh throughout the 1770s. He is shown as being in the 7th Battalion of the Cumberland militia with his cousins, Hugh and James in 1780 and in the 6th Battalion in 1781.

While living in Fermanagh before the War he had three Children: Sarah in 1773 who died as a child, James in 1775 and Ann in 1778.

After the Revolution he moved to Fayette Township in what is now in Mifflin County. There he had another Sarah in 1782, Samuel junior in 1785, Robert in 1789 and William in 1792.

Samuel warranted his land in Fayette Township on July 9, 1787 and it was patented on August 22, 1809.

He was a justice of the peace for many years and died in Fayette Township in early 1813. His will was proved in Mifflin County on April 11, 1813. His wife was not mentioned, so Sarah must have died sometime prior to that date.

His farm was held in common by his sons Samuel and William until 1843 when it was split into two parts. Samuel junior retained the mansion house and the northern portion and William held the southern portion and later built his own home on this other part of the original plantation.

The following is what I know about the children of Samuel Sharon and Sarah Russell Sharon.

I am not listing the two children who died as infants. **SARAH** was born in 1773 and **ROBERT** was born in 1789.

Rev. James Russell Sharon

James Russell Sharon was the eldest son and was born in Lost Creek, Fermanagh Township on April 27, 1775. The first part of this history quoted from Bancroft's CHRONICLES, there is a fairly good story about Reverend Sharon there:

The eldest son, James Russell Sharon, born in 1775, was a Presbyterian minister of prominence, and, for a period of almost thirty-six years, ending with his life in 1843, was the pastor of the old Paxtang church, one of the landmarks of Scotch Irish settlement in Pennsylvania. He was a man of eminent piety, was greatly beloved by his congregation, and was universally respected for the purity of his faith and the integrity of his moral character.

The historian of this church quotes the recollections of a friend of the devoted minister, who says: 'The tall lank figure of Mr. Sharon was one of the fixtures and features of Paxtang. His soft, white, delicate skin, blue eyes, dark hair, narrow chest, his soft, weak, but clear voice, hacking cough, etc. marked him as one short for this world. Yet he was punctual in his duties, preached good, sensible sermons, attended all the christenings, marriages, and funerals. With all odds against him, he lived his threescore and ten, and at last was gathered to his fathers, ripe for the harvest, with eternal sunshine on his head.'

James Russell Sharon grew up in Fayette Township and studied to enter the Ministry, and was ordained on April 12, 1806 by the Carlisle Presbytery. In 1807, he became the Pastor of the United Congregations of Derry and Paxton at the old Paxtang Church a few miles east of Harrisburg in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. He was to serve as minister of this church for over 36 years from 1807 until 1842 just before his death. The church remains to this day in Paxtang, a suburb of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

On April 27, 1807, he married Esther Cuthbertson in Franklin County near Chambersburg and headed off to his new duties. Esther was the daughter of James Cuthbertson of 'Cuthbertson's Row' near Chambersburg.

James and Esther had the following children:

MARY SHARON born March 2, 1809. She married R. W. McCoy in Dauphin County on September 11, 1828.

JAMES C. SHARON born June 10, 1810.

MARGARETTA SHARON born May 25, 1811.

JANE C. SHARON born April 5, 1813. She married John C. Work in Dauphin County on April 7, 1834.

SARAH ANN SHARON born July 24, 1814.

LOUISA SHARON born August 6, 1815.

ELIZABETH B. SHARON born December 13, 1817. She married William McMeens in Dauphin County on May 7, 1840. It was at her house in Newberry, Pennsylvania that the Reverend James died in 1843.

HARRIET NEWELL SHARON born May 20, 1820. She married Abraham Smith McCoy, R. W. McCoy's brother, on December 9, 1841 in Dauphin County.

I do not know when Esther Sharon died, but James died at his daughter's home in Newberry, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania on April 18, 1843. He is buried there in the graveyard of the Presbyterian Church.

His stone reads:

Here Rest the Remains of the REV. JAMES SHARON Minister of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Died April 18, 1843, in the 68th year of his age.

Ann Sharon

Ann Sharon, the eldest daughter, was born in February, 1778. She married Joseph Sellers in Fayette Township. They settled at the old Hamilton Mill in Delaware Township.

Sarah Sharon

Sarah was the second child of this name. She was born in July of 1782. She married William Shadden at the Mifflintown Presbyterian Church on December 25, 1807.

Samuel Sharon Jr.

Samuel Sharon was born in Fayette Township on February 23, 1785. He married Sarah (Sally) Davis in Mifflintown on November 10, 1814. Sally was the daughter of Joshua Davis and Sarah Lincoln Davis. Mrs. Davis was the daughter of Mordecai Lincoln who was a cousin of Benjamin Lincoln (from my old hometown of Hingham, Massachusetts) who was the first American ancestor of President Abraham Lincoln.

His sons, William Sharon, Banks W. Sharon and John H. Sharon fought in the Civil War. Afterwards they sold the farm and moved with their families to Davis County, Iowa.

I do not have full information on this family.

In the 1830 census, Sam is shown with Sarah and more kids than he should have had. There is one son under 4, another between 5 and 9, one between 10 and 14 and another between 15 and 20. The first I have a record of is William who wasn't even born yet. Same with the daughters. There is one between 5 and 9 and one between 10 and 15.

In 1840 the family is shown as one son under 4 (but I have both Banks and John in that Category?), two sons between 10 and 14, one son between 15 and 19 and one more in his 20s.

There are now two daughters 5 to 9 and two more 15 to 19. Confusing, yes?

In 1850, I finally get some names: Sam is 61, Sarah 54, Maria 28, Ann 26, William 24, Hutchinson 22, Harriet 19, Louisa 15 and Banks 12.

Well here goes as best I can with the family of Sam junior and Sarah Sharon:

SAMUEL SHARON born around 1814. He married Elizabeth Egley at the Lost Creek Presbyterian Church in Juniata County on January 23, 1841. In the 1850 census he was 36 (listed as 26), Betsy was 30. They had two daughters S. E. (Sarah?) 8 and Ann 1 year old.

D. M. SHARON born about 1819. In the 1850 census of Juniata County he is shown as being 29 and his wife M. H. is 28. There were no children then. He was listed as being an attorney.

MARIA SHARON born in 1822.

ANN SHARON born in 1824.

WILLIAM SHARON was born in 1826. After serving in the Union Army in the Civil War, he moved to Davis County, Iowa.

JOHN HUTCHINSON SHARON was born in 1828. He served in the 126th Pennsylvania Infantry in the Civil War. In 1864 he moved to Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa where he owned a 1000 acre farm some four and a half miles from town. On September 7, 1865 he married Prudence Wann from Muskingum County, Ohio. She died June 7, 1874 and he then married a widow, Mrs. Biddle.

HARIETT SHARON born in 1831.

LOUISA SHARON born in 1835.

BANKS WILSON SHARON was born May 8, 1838. His wife was Mary Zelinda Allen. They were married about 1867. He died in Iowa December 9, 1921, she September 18, 1925.

One daughter married and lived in Juneburg, Pennsylvania, another married and lived in Bloomburg, Pennsylvania according to a printed but vague source.

William Sharon

William Sharon was born on March 2, 1792. He married Susan Davis, Sally's sister, on August 27, 1814. William and Susan built their home on the other half of his father's property.

William became involved in Pennsylvania politics like his father. He served in the Legislature from 1830 to 1834 and again was elected in 1851. William Sharon died in 1858. His wife was still living in 1886 with her son, William W. Sharon, in McAllisterville, Pennsylvania.

As with his brother Samuel, the 1830 and 1840 census reports indicate more children than I have info on. Kids born in the 1815 to 1830 time period may simply have died or married and moved on. In 1850 there are William 58, Susan 56, Eliza 28, Mary 22, Lucinda 20, William 18 and

James 16. These are all I am certain about.

The children I know of are:

A SON born about 1815. He was in the 1830 but not the 1840 census.

SARAH ANN SHARON born about 1817 and who married W. W. Wilson of Philadelphia.

TWO SONS born between 1821 and 1825. In both the 1830 and 1840 but not in the 1850 census returns.

ELIZA SHARON born in 1822.

A SON born between 1825 and 1830. He was listed in 1830 but not in 1840 so he died as a child.

MARY SHARON born in 1828. She married Samuel Adams.

LUCINDA or **LOUISA SHARON** born in 1830. She married Dr. W. W. Moody of Sunbury.

WILLIAM W. SHARON born in 1832. He married a widow, Mary Jacobs.

JAMES M. SHARON born in 1834. He married Cynthia Corbett in McAllisterville on August 27, 1868. James' widow received a Civil War Pension based on his service.

Most of Samuel Sharron's family remained in the McAllisterville area, in Mifflin County for most of the early 1800s.

WILLIAM SHARRON

William is a questionable son. It seems that he was born about 1750 and went to Kentucky with his brother Hugh.

I believe him to be the William Sharon in the 1800 census of Fayette County, Pennsylvania and then in the 1830 census of Scott County, Kentucky.

I have nothing more than these little bits and pieces.

The Other Daughters of William Sherron

William Sherron's Will listed four minor children:

Ann Sherron

Mary Sherron

Elizabeth Sherron

Margaret Sherron

Other than this mention, I have no information on these four daughters.

The next section covers the life and family of William's son **James Sharron** who is in my direct lineage.

JAMES SHARRON

James Sharron (once again you will note a spelling change) was the eldest son of William Sherron and is my great great great great grandfather. Interestingly enough, he is also my great great great great great grandfather as well. My line had two cousins marry in the mid 1800s in Illinois and so he is 4 greats on one line and 5 greats on another. How about that!

Anyway, James was married by 1750 so he was more than likely born about 1727 or 1728. This would establish his birthplace as being in Sadsbury Township, Chester County, now in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He moved with his parents to East Pennsborough in what is now Cumberland County, Pennsylvania and had his own farm in that Township by 1750.

James obviously married, but I have no idea as to who she was. When I first began trying to sort out the early Sharons, I figured that 'my' James was the one who married Elizabeth McCormick, but as you will see later in the Ohio section, this could not be the case. Now I am left with my real James and an unknown many times great grandmother.

James Sharron remained in East Pennsborough for a few years and it was there that his two sons, William and Hugh were born. He may have had daughters, but I have no record of them.

On July 6, 1754 the Albany Purchase acquired what is now Mifflin and Juniata Counties from the Indians. Immediately there was a rush of settlers to the *New Purchase*. In August the new territory was established as Lack Township and in 1767 Fermanagh was created out of this Township. James Sharron and Thomas McCormick were among the first four settlers of this area west of the Tuscarora Mountains. James Sharron received a land grant in 1754 and took his young family to their new home in the wilderness.

The following narration was taken from the HISTORY OF THE SHERRARD FAMILY OF STEUBENVILLE OHIO. This was a quote from an actual conversation that took place on July 5, 1805 in the evening:

"... old James Sharon, the grandfather of Smiley and John Sharon, observed ... when I lived near Carlisle, more than fifty years ago. I took a hired man with me on one occasion and went up Sherman's Valley some distance to take up land by making a tomahawk improvement. After deadening a sufficient number of trees, and blazing or marking the bounds of my land, the next thing was to cut saplings and build a cabin according to law and customs of the times. so at it we went, on the bank of a small creek or large run which made down through the land, and the first stick I attempted to cut down was a small ash."

The following paragraph is taken from a 1886 HISTORY OF THE SUSQUEHANNA AND JUNIATA VALLEYS:

One of the early warrantees to land in Fermanagh was James Sharron, who received his warrant of two hundred and sixty-eight acres of land on the north fork of Lost Creek, September 8, 1755. He conveyed all of this tract to his son Hugh, November 24, 1784. He also took up other tracts of land, one of which was on an order of survey No. 846, dated August 20, 1766. These lands came to sons, Hugh and William Sharon;

they were adjoining lands of John Hamilton, Samuel Bryson, Christian and Conrad Lintner, James Banks, Peter Beale and George Moore. On the 22nd of March, 1788, William and Hugh sold the last tract to James Banks, except a moiety to William Sharon, and years later, when James Banks presented his application for a patent, he was informed his title was not good, and May 30, 1793, he conveyed this moiety, four acres in full, to William Sharon and received his patent." (my note: for all I know we may still own this land as by 1793, William, my ancestor, had married and was then in Westmoreland County in southwestern Pennsylvania.)

"On the 28th day of December, 1785, Hugh Sharon and Abraham Sheridan took out a warrant for one hundred and forty-three acres. This was later patented as Hugh Sharon's 'New Survey.'

The article continues with various sales and mentions that all these lands lay on Lost Creek between Jericho and Cuba Mills and vicinity. When I made my *field trip* to the area in April of 1986, I found these lands and they are pretty much the same today as they were then. The area is still quite rural and farms cover the rolling hills much as they did some two centuries ago.

Lost Creek received its name from the early settler who thought it must have gotten *lost* at some time as it meanders in a southerly direction towards the Juniata River and then starts to head back northwards and joins the river facing upstream.

Please keep in mind that the early references to James, William and Hugh refer to three brothers, all the sons of William Sherron. While James may have gone there first, by the 1760s he was joined by his two brothers.

This is to further muddy up the waters as James had sons named William and Hugh, Hugh had a son named Hugh and William had a son named William. It gets very confusing during the 1770s to 1790s as to who was who was who. Because all these kids were born in the 1750s, they were the right age to join the Militia during the Revolution and none of them married until the mid 1780s after they returned home from service. It is quite possible that one or more other sons never returned home at all, but there are few remaining death records from the Revolution.

There are references in the printed volumes of THE PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES to a David Sharron, George Sharron and Thomas Sharron all serving in the Cumberland Militia during this period. I haven't got the slightest idea to whom they belonged, or whether in fact they survived the war themselves. It's all part of the game where you pay your money and you take your choice. I think they are a part of the overall family, but they might be related to Hugh and those that didn't venture west of Chester County.

After the Revolutionary War, James gave most of his lands to his sons, William and Hugh. I believe that by the late 1780s or early 1790s James had lost his wife. He is listed in the 1790 census as living with one female, but it could have been a daughter as well as a wife. I do not know. He more than likely then moved in with his eldest son, William. William had married Sarah Smiley Whitaker by this time.

Sometime around 1790 James moved with his son William and his wife Sarah to Westmoreland County in southwestern Pennsylvania. The area had been opened up and was being settled almost exclusively by Scotch Irish veterans who took bounty lands there for their war service.

James son Hugh followed soon afterwards to the area after marrying Jane Sturgeon in 1792 or 1793 in Fermanagh. Hugh and Jane sold their property in November of 1793 and moved right

after that.

James continued to live with William and then moved with this family to Rush Run in Jefferson County, Ohio around 1801 or 1802. His cousin James Sherron who married Elizabeth McCormick had gone with his son, also a William, to Jefferson County in 1797.

According to diary-type history of the Sherrard Family of Jefferson County, Ohio, James was still living in Rush Run in 1805. I do not know when James died but it was probably in the 1807 to 1810 time frame. No record of either his death or burial exist today.

James Sharron had two sons that I know of, William and Hugh. He may have had other children, especially daughters three of whom were listed in the 1790 census return, but no records remain.

The Children of James Sharron

The following is what I know of the two sons of James Sharron.

William Sharron

William Sharron was born in East Pennsborough Township of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania in 1753. Although no record is left of his birth, his tombstone in the Old Seceder Cemetery in Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, records his life span as 1753 to 1809.

As a one year old child, he was taken by his parents into the wilds west of the Tuscaroras into what is now Fermanagh Township of Juniata County, Pennsylvania. It was in this area that he grew to manhood and in 1777 joined in the fight to establish his Country's independence.

Although he was nearly twenty-five years old, William was unmarried when he joined the Cumberland County Militia. He held the rank of Private Soldier serving under orders from council dated October 23, 1777. He served under Captain John Elliott in the 4th Battalion, 8th Company of the Cumberland County Militia.

He served several months, was released and was recalled to inactive Militia duty by order of Council dated July 14, 1778. From what I can infer, his company fought in the battles of Monmouth and Brandywine in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. I do not know for how long he served.

After the war, he returned to Fermanagh Township and sometime in the latter 1780s married a young widow, Sarah Whittaker. Sarah was the daughter of George Smiley and the granddaughter of William Smiley. Smiley's Run in Perry County was named after this prominent family.

Sarah had married Samuel Whittaker in the early 1780s. Samuel was a Lieutenant in Colonel Frederick Watt's Company of Militia. This was the same company that her father, George Smiley, was in. Both Smiley and Whittaker were listed as living in Carroll Township, Perry County at the time. Samuel Whittaker was killed in fighting during the revolution leaving Sarah as a young widow. They had no children.

Like many other veterans, William Sharon was offered bounty lands in western Pennsylvania. William and Sarah left for Westmoreland county probably sometime about 1788 when William

sold his lands in Fermanagh.

William's father James accompanied them on the trip to Westmoreland County and later went with them to Ohio where he died sometime after 1805.

It was in Westmoreland County that four sons were born. James, the eldest, was born in 1790, William in 1794, Smiley in 1795 and John in 1797. Due to a later marriage of cousins, two of his sons, Smiley and William, are both my direct ancestors.

New lands were being opened up in the Western Territory, which is now the state of Ohio, and bounty lands were available for those who fought for the Independence of our Nation.

The other James Sherron's son, also William, had gone to what was then Washington County, Ohio in about 1796 or thereabouts. He was one of the very first landowners in Ohio. This other William had recorded his land in the Steubenville land office on August 25, 1797 but was listed as already living in Washington County at the time. My William and his family went into the same Township about the year 1801 or 1802. More will be told about the other William later in the section on the OHIO SHARONS.

William Sharon and his family traveled the short distance to Ohio and set up their new home and farm. From Robert Sherrard's THE SHERRARD FAMILY HISTORY, I find that William, in addition to farming, operated a ferry across the Ohio River. His farm is described by Robert Sherrard as being:

.. three miles from Smithfield and seven miles from Warrenton on the banks of the Ohio River and was situated on a ridge between the waters of Short Creek and Rush Run."

William Sharon remained on this farm until his death in the Spring of 1809. He and his wife Sarah are both buried in the old Seceder Presbyterian Cemetery in Smithfield.

The Official Records of Jefferson County Ohio, Volume 1 of the Inventory of Estates lists,

William Sharron, deceased. Joseph Barkhimer, Thomas Flemming and John Maholn reported. Recorded 20 June 1809.

His stone still remains and reads,

The Grave of William Sharon, Rev. War soldier, unknown 1753 - 1809 died Wells Township.

He was only fifty-six years old at the time. His wife Sarah lived a great deal longer and died in 1857 at the age of 95 as shown on her stone also in the Old Seceder Cemetery.

Sarah's grave is listed as being alongside of her son William's. I therefore assume she moved in with William her son and his wife Susan after her husband's death and remained with them in Smithfield, Ohio for the rest of her life.

The children of William Sharron were these following four sons (note spelling changes):

JAMES SHARON

James was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania in 1790. He married Martha Eaton in Jefferson County, Ohio. His life and his family's life will be told in the OHIO SHARONS section.

WILLIAM SHARON II

William was born in Westmoreland County in 1793. He married Susanna Kirk in Jefferson County, Ohio in 1815. The life of him and his family are in the OHIO SHARONS section.

SMILEY SHARON

Smiley was born in Westmoreland County on June 25, 1795. He married Martha Kithkart in Jefferson County, Ohio in 1827. His and his family's lives are in the OHIO SHARONS section.

JOHN SHARON

John was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania on September 23, 1798. He married Helen Hall in Jefferson County, Ohio in 1832. Their lives are also in the upcoming OHIO SHARONS section.

Hugh Sharron

Hugh Sharron was the younger of James two sons. He would have been born sometime in the 1755 to 1757 time period which would more than likely make his birthplace in Lack Township of Cumberland County. The area is now included in Fermanagh Township, Juniata County; Fermanagh not being formed until 1762.

Like his brother and uncle, Hugh Sharron joined the Cumberland Militia during the revolution. Hugh was with his brother in the 8th Company, 4th Battalion of the Cumberland Militia from Fermanagh Township.

On June 28, 1793, Hugh sold 200 acres of his lands, to Thomas Sturgeon. This was probably when he met and married Jane Sturgeon who became his bride in that year.

Jane Sturgeon was the daughter of Thomas Sturgeon and Margaret Corbett. They moved to Lost Creek Valley from Middle Paxtang in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

On November 19, 1793 he sold his remaining lands, the 143 acres called Hugh Sharron's *New Survey*, to John McClure. His wife Jane also signed the deed as his wife so they were married by that date.

With the money and new bride in hand, Hugh followed his brother William into southwestern Pennsylvania. Hugh lived in Redstone in what became Fayette County after it was split off from Westmoreland County. It was here that he and Jane had their four children.

Hugh Sharron drowned while crossing the Monangahela River in 1807. His widow, Jane,

contacted her brother, Samuel Sturgeon, who lived in the Niagara District of Ontario, Canada. He came to Pennsylvania to take her and the four young children back to Canada with him. They settled in Ontario near Montrose in Welland County.

The children, except Thomas, were married here and I believe Jane Sharon remained there until her death.

The following is what I know about the children of Hugh Sharron and Jane Sturgeon Sharron:

ELIZABETH SHARON

Elizabeth Sharon was the eldest child and was born on September 9, 1794 in Redstone, Pennsylvania. She went to Ontario with her mother and married David Davis on February 16, 1813 in Crowland Township Welland County, Ontario.

David was born on September 20, 1788 and died April 23, 1870. Elizabeth died in Crowland on May 22, 1870. Both are buried in Crowland Township.

They had the following children:

HUGH SHARON DAVIS born in 1814.

JANE DAVIS born 1817 and died 1897. Jane married John McClain Misner in 1836 and they had eleven children:

David Misner 1837-1889. He married Amelia Doar.

Nicholas Misner 1838-1925. He married Helen Mooney in Joliet, Illinois.

Andrew R. Misner 1840-1862.

Elizabeth Ann Misner 1841-1895.

James Harman Misner 1842-1921. He married Elizabeth Ruple.

Frances Alvira Misner born 1844. She married Laurence Montague.

Phoebe Catherine Misner 1847-1865.

Richard Henry Misner 1849-1930. He married a Sarah in Joliet, Illinois.

Elgin Thomas Misner 1851-1893. He married Kate Reilly. He is buried in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Charles C. Misner born in 1853. He married twice. First to Rachel Burns and later to Elmira Happel in 1887.

John Kirby Misner born in 1857. He married Matilda Dell in 1883 and remained on the old homestead at Crowland, Ontario.

SARAH ANN DAVIS, born 1819.

PHOEBE CATHERINE DAVIS, born 1820.

LYDIA DAVIS, born 1823.

WILLIAM R. DAVIS, born 1825.

THOMAS H. DAVIS, born 1828.

JOHN CLARK DAVIS, born 1830.

DAVID HOBSON DAVIS, born 1832.

MARIA DAVIS, born 1836. She married a Bond.

MARY HESTER DAVIS, born 1838. She married a Barney.

HUGH SHARON

Hugh, the eldest son, was born in Fayette County on April 30, 1796. He likewise married in Crowland Township, Welland County, Ontario.

Hugh and his younger brother, Thomas, were too young to enlist for active service, so they helped to transport supplies for the British. In 1814, they were called up for active duty and fought at the battle of Lundy's Lane.

He married Sarah Misener April 6, 1817 after he returned from service in the War of 1812. Following the War, Hugh and his brother Thomas went into the Talbot Settlement in Southwold Township, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada. The brothers were each given 200 acres and built farms along side one another near the Township of Frome, Southwold Township, Elgin County.

They had eight children all born in Southwold. The children were:

ELIZABETH SHARON born in 1818 and died unmarried in 1850.

JANE SHARON born in 1819 and died in 1914. Jane married Amariah Sutton. They had these children:

Henry Sutton a physician in Madock, Ontario.

George Nelson Sutton 1841-1884.

Infant Sutton born and died in 1845.

Olive Sutton 1846-1932.

Mary Jane Sutton

Charlotte Sutton

Clara Sutton 1850-1934. She married Allen Lundy of Niagara.

MARGARET, born and died in 1821.

MARY ANN, born in 1822 and died in 1887. She married Abraham Sells in 1845 and had seven children:

Sarah Elizabeth Sells 1846-1931. She married Henry Kirkley.

Hannibal Sells 1848-1864.

Mary Ann Sells born and died in 1851.

Hugh Sharon Sells 1853-1881.

Louisa Almira Sells 1857-1931. She married Samuel Morrish of Flint, Michigan.

John Sells born and died in 1861.

Frederick Sells 1866-1904. He married Effie McAlpine.

WILLIAM, born and died in 1826.

SARAH, born in 1827 and died in 1889. She married Henry Hunt and had one daughter:

Annie Isabel Hunt 1870-1882.

MARGARET CAROLINE, born in 1830 and died in 1915. She married David J. Wallace and had four children:

Walter Bruce Wallace 1856-1870.

John Irving Wallace 1858-?.

James Sharon Wallace 1863-1891.

Thomas Henry Talbot Wallace 1872-1932. His wife was named Linda. He died in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

HUGH HENRY SHARON, was born in 1833 and died in 1917. He married Hannah McPherson in 1857. They had five children and the family moved to Redlands, California where he died. The children of Hugh and Hannah were:

Sarah Isabel Sharon 1858-1932. She married Charles Banbury of Woodstock, Ontario.

Frederick William Sharon 1861-1902. He married Laura McLain. They moved to Redlands, California where he died.

Hugh Alexander Sharon 1862-1953. He married Esther Owens. He was an electrical engineer in Redlands, California.

Charles Henry Sharon 1864-1956. He married Martha Mary Everett in 1886.

Jennie Mary Sharon 1871-1955. She never married and took care of her parents all her life.

Hugh Sharon died in Southwold in October of 1876. Sarah died there in 1889.

THOMAS SHARON

Thomas Sharon was born on September 20, 1798 at Redstone in Fayette County. He moved to the Talbot Settlement in Southwold, Elgin County, Ontario with his brother Hugh in 1817.

There he met and married Annie Sutton (1798 – 1886), a native of County Wicklow, Ireland. They were married February 24, 1824. Annie was a schoolteacher at Frome. He remained at Frome and farmed the land until his death on January 30, 1888. Both Thomas and Annie are buried at Frome. His son, Frederick continued working the farm until it was sold in 1908.

They had three sons and five daughters:

THOMAS STURGEON SHARON was born March 30, 1825 and died January 30, 1883. He married Charlotte King and after her death in 1854 remarried to Eleanor Priscilla Smith of Talbotville, Ontario. He had 7 children:

Charles Edgerton Sharon born and died in 1856.

Mary Emma Sharon 1858-1934. She was a painter of landscapes and Indians. She married George McMillan in 1914.

Sarah Edith Sharon 1860-1889. She married John W. Dugdale of Montreal, Quebec.

Annie Elizabeth Sharon 1861-1940. She never married.

Alice Ellen Sharon 1864-1939. She married Thomas Boyd of Ottawa, Ontario.

Clara Eva Sharon 1867-1898. She did not marry.

Maurice William Sharon 1875-1940. He was twice married, first to Edna Freek of St. Thomas, Ontario and then Sarah Ann Campbell of Payne's Mills, Ontario in 1913. He was Provincial Architect for Saskatchewan. He moved to British Columbia and died in Vancouver.

JOHN SUTTON SHARON was born September 28, 1827 and died in 1906. He married Jane Sells and had three children.

Thomas Stanley Sharon 1864-1938. He married Wilhelmina Schrah.

William Eugene Floyd Sharon 1865-? He died in Los Angeles.

Frederick John Ainley Sharon 1872-1930. He died in Los Angeles.

MARY JANE SHARON was born August 30, 1828 and died in 1853. She married Joseph Sifton on June 5, 1851. They had one daughter. Mary Jane is buried at Frome.

Sarah Elizabeth Sifton 1852-1934. She married William John Kelly and lived at Lambeth, Ontario.

ELIZABETH ANN SHARON was born June 14, 1830. She married Thomas Humphries in July 1864. They moved to Fingal, Ontario where the family is buried. They had twin girls:

Clara Amelia Frances Humphries born in 1866.

Sarah Anne Eliza Humphries born in 1866 and died in 1931.

SARAH ELLEN SHARON was born October 16, 1831 and died in 1929. She married Frederick John Payne in 1851. They had seven children:

Julia Ann Elizabeth Payne 1831-1929. She married William St. Thomas Smith, an artist.

Cornelius John Payne 1859-? He married Susie McEwan and lived in Clinton, British Columbia.

George Edward Sharon Payne 1862-? He married Elizabeth Amy Hill in 1890. He was an engineer on the Michigan Central Railroad.

Harriet Amelia Ellen Payne 1866-? She married Thomas William Baker in 1901.

Sturgeon Amherst Payne 1866-? He married Evelyn Rapelje of Yarmouth, Ontario.

Alfred Payne 1871-? He married Nora E. Foster in 1893 and they lived in Seattle, Washington.

Clara Arabella Payne 1874-1889.

FREDERICK HUGH AMHERST SHARON was born February 20, 1835 and died in 1925. He married Annie Gregory and lived in Toronto. They had six children.

Clara Sharon who married Thomas Gibson in Toronto.

Hugh Gregory Sharon 1875-1876.

Jessie Sharon lived in Camrose, Alberta.

Herbert Sharon He married Violet Scott and lived in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Kenneth Sharon who was a physician.

Hugh Frederick Sharon He married Meda 'Gypsy' King and was killed in World War I at the Battle of the Somme in 1917.

FRANCES HARRIET SHARON was born May 20, 1836. She married Dougall Graham of London, England. They had two children:

Sharon Graham

Ada Graham who married George Bland and lived in Toronto.

MARGARET CLARISSA SHARON was born August 12, 1841 and died in 1920. She married Dr. William Barber and raised five children:

Clara Barber who married John McCormick of Talbotville.

William Barber

Frederick Barber

Sharon Barber

Floyd Barber

SARAH SHARON

Sarah Sharon was born on January 20, 1801 in Pennsylvania. She married Henry Seger about 1855. The Seger family came from Holland before the American Revolution and settled in Albany, New York.

Sarah died on July 4, 1835 and Henry died in 1844. They had seven children:

PERMELIA SEGER who was born in 1821 and married Luke Ewers.

CATHERINE JANE SEGER 1823-1892. She married John Henderson. Their children were:

John K. Henderson 1857-1937. He married Emma Bender.

Sarah Henderson 1859-?

Jennie Henderson 1863-1913. She married Lewis B. Zavitz.

Margaret Henderson 1868-? She married John Allen Zavitz.

ELIZA ANN SEGER who was born in 1825. She married Henry Ewers.

FRANCIS SHARON SEGER who was born in 1828. He married Phoebe Jane Stringer of Crowland in 1852. Their children were:

Henry A. Seger 1853-1863.

Abner O. Seger 1856-? He married Alice Zavitz in 1883.

HENRY HUGH SEGER was born in 1830.

GARRETT ISAAC SEGER was born in 1833.

DAVID DAVIS SEGER was born in 1835 and died in Leonora, North Dakota in 1933.

The above information on the family of Hugh Sharon has been provided by a descendant,

Margaret Sharon of Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. Her grandfather was the Maurice William Sharon who was a son of Thomas Sturgeon Sharon.

Other Sharons in Pennsylvania

There were several other Sharon families in Western Pennsylvania in 1800. Samuel Sharron in Elizabeth Township of Allegheny County and Hugh Sharron in Beaver County. There was also John Sharon in Westmoreland County and William Sharon in Fayette County.

I really am in trouble with these folks. That is why I am listing them here as I am not certain who they were or exactly who their parents were. I will, however, venture a few guesses, but remember that they are only guesses.

HUGH SHARON of Beaver County

As mentioned in the preceding portion on Hugh Sharron and Jane Barnhill, family tradition was that this family went up into the northwestern part of Pennsylvania, founded the town of Sharon, Pennsylvania and then went south to Kentucky.

I have found *family tradition* to be somewhat less than reliable in many cases, and I am afraid this well may be one of those.

The Hugh Sharron of Sharon, Pennsylvania could be a part one of three families.

1. He could be the Hugh Sharon who married Jane Barnhill and then went down to Redstone in Fayette County.
2. He could be a son of the James Sharon who died here in Beaver County in 1813.
3. He could be from the family of Thomas Sherran of Lancaster County.

It seems to me that the best choice would be to connect him to James Sharon, the skin dresser from Carlisle who left a will and died here in 1813. However, that James never pops up on the Beaver County census reports and was in Carlisle at least through 1796 or so.

Again, this is pure speculation, but there were no other Hughs in the Juniata Valley so he may have come from a different branch altogether.

The town of Bridgewater was originally named Sharon, Pennsylvania and the Sharon Presbyterian Church in Carnot, Pennsylvania was named for this Sharon Family. According to the Sharon, Pennsylvania, newspaper article, there were only fifty-seven families in all of northwestern Pennsylvania in the period before 1800. It is quite reasonable that many things and places were named for these early settlers.

This Hugh Sharron was undoubtedly the father of the Hugh who went across the border into Trumbull County, Ohio in the early 1800s. The father probably went there as well, but died before the 1820 census in Ohio. The son's family is detailed in the next section on OHIO SHARONS.

SAMUEL SHARON of Allegheny County

This family is more than likely out of Lancaster County and might be related to the above Hugh Sharran. They are about the same age, but Sam seems a bit older as he has a larger family.

The 1800 census shows this to be a fairly large young family. Samuel and his wife are both in the 26 to 45 age group and there are four young sons under age 10, one son between 16 and 25 and four young daughters under the age of 16. Outside of this one entry in the 1800 census, no other traces seem to exist at all on this family.

They do not again appear in Pennsylvania and they did not seem to go into Ohio with the other Sharon families.

I have a copy of a letter written by Fred Sharon in which he details his family history. It is not long, so I will quote a little here:

May 1964

What I remember of the Sharon family is very little, our great great grandfather Samuel I think was his name. He came from Kentucky I think. He was married twice had two boys by his first marriage. Peter the oldest. I think he lived near Marengo (in Crawford County, Indiana) and had only one boy as far as I know he was George Sharon. Peter must have died young.

Hugh G., grandfather, died about the year 1847 and left grandma with four little ones: Martha born April 7, 1840, Aaron 1842, David Houston September 15, 1843, Louise 1845.

Great grandfather lived to be 104 years, died near Corydon, Indiana (Harrison County) had one girl Lizzie by the last marriage. She cared for him till he died, was a maiden lady and I never knew what happened to her.

Grandmother married a man named Jackson, he left her with a baby, Amos. Uncle Amos came to Missouri about the year 1906, stayed with father and us worked in the mines but left one day and we've never heard of him, he was a wonder (wanderer?).

Later grandmother married William Spencer with four boys, Tom, Lisha, Wiloughby and Charlie. He accidentally shot himself in the year of 1879 I think.

Grandma and Charlie came to Missouri March 1882 with Houston and family. She was borned September 28, 1817 died June 15, 1887 buried at East View (Missouri).

Aunt Martha married John Flannigan they had twelve children, two died babies. Rebecca, Sarah, Johnnie, Mary, Frances, Lydia and Ida twins, Etta, Mattie, Cora. Cora she the only one now living 82 years old. Etta died Easter Sunday 1964, Charlie Ingram Cora's husband died early in 1964. All lived in Crawford County, Indiana except Lydia died in Illinois.

Aaron married Nancy S., they had one boy George W. They separated and George was raised from four years old by his uncle Houston till married to Mary Hite October 16, 1886.

Aaron went to Kentucky, married and had one boy Everet. His mother died when he was small. Aaron was sent to a sanitarium and Evert was sent to Indiana to relatives, came to Missouri when about 13 made his home with his uncle H.D. till old enough to get work. He married Lottie they had one girl. Evert died in year (nothing written). Lottie lives in Springfield with her daughter Louise Cain who has no children.

Aunt Louise married Lige Pope and they had five children. Children moved to Indianapolis all gone as far as I can find out. She late in years married a man named Nelson, he left her.

David Houston Sharon married 1871 to Elizabeth Ann Loudon. They lived in Harrison County, Indiana near Sharp Mills both members of the Thompson Chapel Methodist church. Had three children: Loretta born December 28, 1874, Fred Albert b. January 5, 1877, Charlie Edward, March 28, 1879.

D. Houston died April 7, 1914 she, grandma, died November 24, 1915.

All of Houston's children are living (in 1964). Etta 89, Fred 87, Charlie 85. Otherwise as far as I can find out Cora Engelman is the only other one of the family now living, she is 82 lives at Milltown Indiana.

This letter plus a few other bits and pieces are all I know about Sam Sharon and his family. So here goes how this family may have looked.

Samuel was born about 1760 and lived to be 104 so he died about 1865. He died most probably in Kentucky or in Harrison County, Indiana.

According to Fred Sharon's letter, he was married twice, probably both times in Pennsylvania. According to Fred there were three children, but according to the 1800 census there were nine children. Fred may have only been aware of the ones that went to Indiana. These are the only ones I can name now:

Peter Sharon

Peter was born in Pennsylvania probably about 1780. He married and had one child (that Fred named). He died near Marengo, Indiana.

GEORGE SHARON

Hugh G. Sharon

Hugh was born in Kentucky about 1810. He married Anna Snider in 1838 and died in Indiana in 1847. They had four children.

Anna married a man named Jackson later and he left her shortly afterwards, they had one child, **Amos Jackson.**

Anna then married William Spencer who had four children himself. He killed himself in 1879, possibly an accident. Children in this family were: **Thomas Spencer, Elisha Spencer, Wiloughby Spencer and Charles Spencer.**

Anna was born September 28, 1817 and died in Missouri on June 15, 1887.

The Sharon children were:

MARTHA SHARON born April 7, 1840. She married John Flanagan and had twelve children as mentioned in Fred Sharon's letter.

AARON SHARON born in 1842. He married a Nancy S, in Indiana who died shortly after their son George, was born. He then moved to Kentucky and married again there and had one other son, Everett. His wife died and he was placed in an institution. The two children were:

George Wesley Sharon born in Indiana in 1867 and died in 1942. He married Mary Hite October 16, 1886.

Everett Sharon born in Kentucky about 1873. He was raised by family in Indiana and then went to Missouri where he married a Lottie. He died there.

DAVID HOUSTON SHARON born September 15, 1843 in Crawford County, Indiana. He married Elizabeth Ann Loudon a daughter of Hugh and Rachel Loudon. They were married in 1871 and lived in Harrison County, Indiana. Houston died April 7, 1914 and Elizabeth died November 24, 1915. Both are buried in Sharps Mills, Indiana. The children were:

Loretta Sharon born December 28, 1874 and was alive in 1964.

Frederick Albert Sharon born January 5, 1877 and alive in 1970 according to a relative in Ft. Wayne.

Charles Edward Sharon born March 28, 1879 and died in 1967. There were two children:

Glen Sharon

John Sharon

LOUISE SHARON was born in 1845. She married Lige Pope and they moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. He died and she was married briefly to a man named Nelson. She and Lige had five children.

JOHN SHARON of Westmoreland County

John was most likely a son of John Sherran of Chester County.

He grew up in Lancaster County and served in the Lancaster Militia in the Revolution. He was in Westmoreland by the early 1780s as he was in a land court case in 1783 when he sued to evict a tenant from his lands. He received a land grant in Westmoreland in 1790.

What else I know of his life has been told earlier.

WILLIAM SHARON of Fayette County

This William Sharon was in German Township of Fayette County in the 1800 census. He is possibly a brother of the above John Sharon. But he could also very well be the William Sharon, son of William Sherron of Juniata County, Pennsylvania whose son, William, went to Ohio and married Katherine Eaton there.

Here is what I feel is my best guess. I think he is the William Sharon who went into Scott County, Kentucky with his brother Hugh. This being the case he would be a son of Hugh Sharron and Jane Fisher. I did list him there, but it was a guess as I just do not know for any certainty at all.

There is a record of a marriage between **WILLIAM SHARREN** and Martha Wood in Garrard County, Kentucky on December 1, 1798. It is my feeling that this William went into Kentucky, married and then returned home to Pennsylvania. It was either him or his father that was listed in the 1800 census of Fayette County.

He then went back to Kentucky with his brother Hugh and was in the 1830 census of Scott County, Kentucky, which indicated he was born before 1780. He was probably born about 1773-1775 in Juniata County, Pennsylvania.

There is a marriage record of a **LOUISE SHARON** and John Hawkins in Trigg (also same record in Christian) County, Kentucky on May 2, 1814. She seems too young to be a daughter so may be a sister. Don't know at all.