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THE SHEPARDSON FAMILY.

A Record of the Line of Zephaniah Shepardson, Guilford, Vermont.

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T HIS pamphlet gives the ancestry and descendants (in part) of Zephaniah Shepardson (Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel). The records are not complete and the object in printing them at this time is, (1) to secure in printed form copies of the written manuscript so that, should the original be destroyed by fire or otherwise, the result of a considerable amount of effort in securing these records will not be lost, and (2) to stimulate the interest among those connected with the Shepardson family, in the hope that they will add greatly to these records, so that when the Genealogy of the Shepardson Family is printed the record of Zephaniah Shepardson's descendants will be as complete as possible.

Any one possessing Shepardson records and interested in this family is asked to send corrections and additions in the way of relationships, dates, personal record and family history to Francis W. Shepardson, 5592 Kimbark avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who is securing the records of all Shepardsons in America.

The genealogical records so far as at present known are as follows:

1. Daniel Shepardson, blacksmith of Charlestown, Mass., coming from Salem. Admitted to the Church in Charlestown 8 June, 1633 Removed to Malden, where he died 26 July, 1644. His wife was Joanna—, maiden name and date of marriage unknown. She survived her husband and married (2) Thomas Call, Sr. She died 30 January, 1661. Children:

- Lydia Shepardson, bapt. 24 July, 1637; m. (1) Thomas Call, Jr.;
 (2) Thomas Skinner. Child, Joanna Call, b. March, 1660.
- II. Amos Shepardson, b. 1639.
- 2. ili. Daniel Shepardson, bapt. 14 June, 1641.
 - Joanna Shepardson bapt. 13 March, 1642; m. November, 1661, Roger Kennicut of Malden, and later removed to Swanzey. Children, Joanna, Lydia and John.
 - v. RUTH SHEPARDSON, b. ---
- 2. Daniel Shepardson (Daniel¹) succeeded his father as black-smith at Malden. He was a freeman of Middlesex County, Mass., 29 May, 1674, and took the oath of fidelity 15 December, 1674. He married 11 April, 1668, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Call, Sr., and widow of Mr. Samuel Tingley of Malden. He removed to Attleboro where he had fifty acres about half a mile from "Old Town" on the Bay Road. He was long called "old goodman Daniel Shepardson." He came near losing his property at one time, as the Attleboro records indicate. He was selectinan of Attleboro in 1698. He died 3 August, 1723 [one record says 1743]. His wife, Elizabeth, died 21 February, 1715-1716. So far as known his children were:
 - Daniel Shepardson, b. 11 July, 1669; lieutenant in 9th Mass. Regt. against Canada in 1691. He died 11 March, 1691, at Anticosta.
 - 3. ii. John Shepardson, bapt. January, 1671.
 - iii. Elizabeth Shepardson; m. Robert Fuller, 19 January, 1699.
 - iv. Mary Shepardson; m. Joseph Ingraham, 11 April, 1700.
 - v. Joanna Shepardson; m. John Fuller, 22 December, 1701, and d. before 29 June, 1720, when he m. (2) Widow Sarah Follett.
 - vi. NATHANIEL SHEPARDSON, bapt. 28 October, 1680.
 - vii. Jonathan Shepardson, b. 22 July, 1685, d. 15 October, 1685.
- 3. John Shepardson³ (Daniel, Daniel) lived in Attleboro until about 1697, when he moved to Rehoboth. He married 9 April, 1694, Elizabeth Fuller, who was born 12 May, 1678, and baptized 30 May, 1679, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Wilmarth) Fuller of Attleboro. Inventory of his estate was taken 3 December, 1708, showing £64 168 0d.

Children, recorded in Attleboro:

- RUTH SHEPARDSON, b. 14 July, 1695; m. 10 January, 1716-1717, Ephraim Lane, son of John and Sarah Lane. Many descendants In Norton, Mass. She d. 1752.
- ii. MEHITABLE SHEPARDSON, b. 31 January, 1696-7.
- iil. Sarah Shepardson, b. 13 February, 1698-9, d. 28 April, 1699.
- 4. IV. DANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 16 March, 1699-1700.
 - v. Amos Shepardson, b. 30 September, 1704.
 - vl. John Shepardson, bapt. 17 April, 1709.
- 4. Daniel Shepardson' (John. Daniel. Daniel) lived in Attleboro, Mass., and, as his grandfather and great grandfather before him, followed the blacksmith's trade. He was a lleutenant (ensign) in Capt. Geo. Marcy's Fourth Co. of Col. Jos. Dwight's Ninth Mass. Regt., in the expedition to Cape Breton in 1745, where the undisciplined militia of New England took Louisburg from the veteran troops of France (N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg. Vols. 24 and 25). He m. in Attleboro (1) Hannah Richardson, 9 December, 1725. She d. 26 September, 1726, leaving an infant son. He m. (2) Mary Washburn of Taunton, Mass., 9 May, 1728, who survived him. His will, recorded in Taunton, is dated 13 April, 1770, and was presented for probate 11 July, 1770.

Each of the sons m. in Massachusetts and later moved to Guilford In Southern Vermont and became prominent in the early affairs of that town and that part of the state, when it was wrested by Vermont from the control of New York. Children, all recorded in Attleboro:

- Daniel Shepardson, b. 5 September, 1726.
- JOHN SHEPARDSON, b. 16 February, 1729. ii.
- HANNAH SHEPARDSON, b. 29 December, 1730; m. Alexander Balkcorn of Norton, Mass., 17 January, 1750. iii.
- 5. iv. ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON, b. 6 May, 1733.
 - STEPHEN SHEPARDSON, b. 11 August, 1735.
- 5. ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON 5 (Daniel, 4 John, 3 Daniel, 2 Daniel 1) lived in Attleboro until about 1770, when with his three brothers and their families he went to Guilford, Vt. He m. (1) Ruth Hills (b. 1 July, 1733; d. 16 October, 1782), dau. of Samuel and Mary Hills; (2) Damaris, widow of David Church. She d. 28 July, 1797, aged 54 years 10 months; (3) Mrs. Lucinda Chase of Halifax, Vt., 1 June, 1798. She d. "at the Chinesee Country of a fever" 30 September, 1809.

The town records at Guilford, Vt., show that in 1770 Sam'l Curtis deeded Lot 125 in Guilford Township, Windham County, Vt., consisting of 100 acres, to Zephaniah Shepardson, yeoman, of Attleborough, Bristol, Province of Massachusetts Bay, for a consideration of £60. His brother, John Shepardson, was a witness to the above deed.

At the first recorded town meeting of Guilford the record reads:

"May ye 19th, 1772. Then the freeholers and other inhabelts of the Tract of Land called Guildford, in County of Cumberland and Province of New York, met together and by a majority of vots made choyce of:
"1. Samuel Nichol, Esq., Moderator of said meeting.
"2d. John Shepardson, Town Clerk.

"13th. Zephaniah Shepardson, Hezekiah Stowell and John Barney, overseers of poor.

At the town meeting in 1773 he was appointed to the positions of constable, of overseer of highways and of overseer of poor, and in 1776 elected a surveyor of highways. His stock marking is thus recorded:

"Be it remembered that all the cattle, sheep and swine in the town of Guilford that is marked with two square holes one above the other through the right ear, and a cross on the left ear, is Zephaniah Shepardson. Guilford, 25th _______, 1802. WILLIAM BIGELOW, Town Clerk."

Zephaniah Shepardson, with his brothers Daniel and John and their sons, took an active part in the controversy respecting the New Hampshire Grants from 1770 to 1786, Zephaniah and Daniel supporting the New York government, which attempted to retain jurisdiction over Cumberland County (now Windham Co., Vt.), while John, first favoring New York, was afterward equally active in supporting the Vermont government. B. H. Hall, in his "History of Eastern Vermont," gives a full account of the controversy.

Zephaniah was one of about one hundred who received land granted to the "sufferers in opposing" the Government of Vermont by New York State. He received in 1786 a grant of 100 acres and his son Joseph 263 acres in Montgomery County (now Town of Bainbridge, Chenango Co., New York). An entire township was given to the "Vermont sufferers." He, however, did not leave Guilford. His homestead was the original lot 125 in Guilford and his house a frame structure standing high, with hip roof and without ells or additions, was burned in the sixties. The new house replacing it, now (1907) occupied by Charles Shepardson. was erected upon the old foundations. He was called "Lieutenant," and in a deed of Dec. 10, 1793, giving half of Lot 125 in Guilford to his son Jared of Guilford, yeoman, for £260, he is mentioned as "Zephaniah Shepardson, Gentleman." He died in Guilford, 16 October, 1804, "of a billious complaint on thirty-six hours after attacked."

His will, presented for probate in District of Marlboro, Brattleboro, Vt., Nov. 3, 1804, by Lucinda Shepardson, his widow, is curious, though in a form commonly used at that time. It reads as follows:

In the Name of Gad, Amen, the 20th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, I, Zephaniah Shepardson of Guilford, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, Gentlemen, being in a conin the County of Windham and State of Vermont, Gentlemen, being in a considerable state of health in body and mind and memory, thanks be given to God therefore. Therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian manner at the discretion of my executrix, nothing doubting of the word of God that at the general resurrection there shall be a reservation of all things and that when he who is our life shall appear I shall be like him, complete in body and soul preserved and raised by the mighty power of God.

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And as to touching such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, that I have not disposed of heretofore, I now give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form: Imprimis —I give and bequeath to Lucinda Shepardson, my lawful wife, all my cows and all my sheep and other meat stock, my horse and side-saddle, together with my cutter and the tackling thereto belonging, and the one-half of my wearing apparel, together with all my other movables. Items—I give to my son Zephaniah Shepardson, and to my daughter Ruth Barney, and to my son William Shepardson, and to my son Jared Shepardson, and to my daughter Demaris Billings Shepardson, and to my son David Church Shepardson, each of them twelve and one-half cents, together with the one-half of my wearing apparel, equally divided among them, having given each of them their proportion out of my estate heretofore. Item—I give to my beloved grandson, William Shepardson, my saddle on which I ride. My wife, Lucinda Shepardson, likewise I constitute, make and ordain my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former wills, testaments, legacies, bequeaths and executors by me in any ways before named, willed or bequeathed, ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and declared by the said Zephanich Shepardson.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Zephanich Shepardson.

ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Zephaniah Shepardson as his last will and testament in the presence of subscribers, John Slator, William Chaver, Hannah Palmer.

Children, the first five born in Attleboro, Mass.:

- i. ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON, b. 21 March, 1755.
- ii. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON, b. 25 July, 1756.
 - Ruth Shepardson, b. 16 September, 1758; m. John Barney of Gullford, Vt., and had one son William, who d. 6 December, 1809, ili. ford, V age 21.
- JOSEPH SHEPARDSON, b. 27 October, 1760. iv.
- JARED SHEPARDSON, b. 18 July, 1763.
 - Demaris Billings Shepardson, m. at Guilford 30 January, 1806, James Alverson of Halifax, Vt. vi.
 - David Church Shepardson, a blacksmith of Guilford, Vt. He ovland in Bainbridge, N. Y., in 1816, and may have moved there.
- Zephaniah Shepardson (Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, o. Zephanian Shepardon' (Zephanian, Daniel, John, Daniel) was a clock-maker and farmer in Guilford, Vt. He was in the Continental Army, and a journal written by him in 1800 at Guilford recounts his ten months' service. He enlisted January, 1776, at Guilford, for one year, in Capt. Carlisle's company, Col. Bedell's Regt. of the New Hampshire Line, and soon after marched to Chesterfield, N. H.; to Charlestown, N. H.; to Ticonderoga, N. Y.; on the ice to Crown Point; waited until ice was broken up, then by water to Port St. Johns; to Lawrence; by water to South Lawrence; ten miles across South River to Fort Ann; then three miles to the Cedar Falls, where they fortified and scouted under Butterfield until May, 1776. A two days' fight occurred here, and, out of provisions and ammunition, they surrendered 20th May to the British and their allies, the Indians. After ten days a prisoner, plundered of his property, stripped in part of his clothing and "on scanty allowance, two or three ounces of meat and little or no bread but burnt crusts only," he was exchanged and returned to the army. He marched to Aderson; there ill for five weeks with smallpox, and soon after for a number of months with "Camp Ail," when his father hired a substitute in his place, came to camp (Lieut, Col. Wait's under Gen'l Gates) and brought him home to Guilford ill and broken in health. He closed his journal thus:

"I received Continental bills which were of little or no value; the loss of health, the loss of time, the loss of money and the loss of all my property, be the same more or less; now considering these circumstances I candidly think I need a compensation from my country as a merit or restoration."

In the fall of 1777 he served 17 days in Capt. David Stowell's company in Col. William Williams' regt. From June 29th to July 5th, 1777, he was in Capt. Stephen Shepardson's company. He seems to have been a fifer. He was called "Lieutenant." He d. in Guilford, 19 August, 1837. He was m. three times: (1) To Rachel Wilkins, dau. of Daniel and Rachel Wilkins; she d. of quick consumption, 28 September, 1787, aged 32 years 8 months; (2) To Lettice Barney, 10 January, 1788. She was b. 4 January, 1763, of Captain John and Rebecca (Martin) Barney of Guilford, and d. 11 May, 1831. (3) To Sarah (Babcock) Stedman, widow of Philemon. She d. 1 August, 1838, aged 82. There were 15 children, all born in Guilford. At one time the combined age of those living was about 1,200 years.

- RACHEL SHEPARDSON, b. 21 March, 1779; m. Samuel Nichols of Halifax, 11 August, 1799.
- ii. Leonard Shepardson, b. 14 September, 1780, d. 5 August, 1835.
- iii. Darius Shepardson, b. 18 December, 1782, d. 19 November, 1867.
- RUTH SHEPARDSON, b. 16 June, 1785; m. 9 November, 1804, Caleb Cole of Brattleboro, Vt., d. 17 April, 1862. Four children.
- v. Susanna Shepardson, b. 4 June, 1787; m. Millard. Two ch.
- 10. vi. IRA SHEPARDSON, b. 21 October, 1788, d. 7 April, 1870.
- vii. Sally Shepardson, b. 3 July, 1790; lived to old age; unmd.
- 11. viii. Zephaniah Shepardson, b. 20 February, 1792.
- 12. ix. Martin Shepardson, b. 13 February, 1794.
- 13. x. James Shepardson, b. 17 July, 1795.
- 14. xi. Lewis Shepardson, b. 1 September, 1798.
 - xii. SOPHRONA SHEPARDSON, b. 30 July, 1800; m. John Wilcox (bro. of Philena), d. 15 October, 1876, at Guilford. Three ch.
 - xiii. Lurinda Shepardson, b. 17 August, 1802; m. John Bucklin of Guilford, d. 26 March, 1874. No ch.
- 15. xiv. Clark Shepardson, b. 19 August, 1804.
- 16. xv. John Barney Shepardson, b. 5 June, 1808.
- 7. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON Of (Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) was a millwright, mill owner and farmer. He was in the Revolution in the Guilford Company of his uncle, Capt. Stephen Shepardson, in 1777. After the Revolution, with his brothers, Joseph and Jared, he worked in Canada for several seasons, building mills. In 1786 he acquired land in Halifax, Vt., and moved thereto. In 1799 he exchanged his Halifax farm with his brother Jared for the latter's one-hundred-acre farm in Guilford, and occupied the same with his father, to whom he leased half the land and one-third of the buildings. On a trip to Lansingburg, N. Y., he became ill and 18 February, 1804, "died of a consumption and was bro't to Guildford and entired." His estate administered by his wife and son Thaddeus was inventoried 19 June, 1804, at \$2,447, with claims against same of \$989, his farm being listed at \$2,000. The probate records and his tombstone refer to him as "Colonel," but this was evidently his rank in the militia. He m. Grace Fitch, who d. 1 February, 1808, of consumption, aged 48. Four of the children died of consumption. Children:
 - THADDEUS SHEPARDSON, b. 1783, d. 23 December, 1809, at Penobscott, Mass.
- 17. ii. William Shepardson, b. 21 December, 1787.
- 18. iii. REUBEN SHEPARDSON.
 - iv. GRACE (GRATIA) SHEPARDSON, living in 1822.
 - v. Cynthia Shepardson, m. —— Hudson, d. February, 1804, of consumption in the Genesee Country.
 - vi. Charlotte Shepardson, living in 1822.
 - vii. HART SHEPARDSON, b. 19 November, 1796, d. 3 October, 1822.

- 19, viii. Elias Shepardson, mentioned in brother Hart's will of 1822.
 - ix. Polly Shepardson, d. 17 July, 1808, of consumption.
 - X. HENRY SHEPARDSON, b. 1804.
- 8. Joseph Shepardson³ (Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) was a carpenter and worked at that trade more than at farming. He lived in Guilford, Vt., until his third child was b., then moved to Leyden, Mass., from which place he moved to Colerain, Mass., where he d. 2 November, 1821. He served in the Revolutionary war when he was not 17 years old. He was called "Lieutenant." Near the close of the Revolution he went to Boston and enlisted on a privateer, but news of peace arrived before the ship sailed. In 1784 he was one in the attack against the "Vermonters" in Brattleboro, Vt. For his efforts in supporting the "York" government, he, with about one hundred other "Vermont sufferers," received a grant of land in Chenango Co., N. Y. He was a small man, not over five feet seven inches high, but lithe and active.

He m. (1) 25 October, 1787, Zurvier Packer, who was b. 15 September, 1768, dau. of James and Rebecca (Brown) Packer of Guilford. She d. 7 October, 1806, in Leyden, Mass. He m. (2) 15 February, 1807, Lucy Stedman, who was b. 13 September, 1783, dau. of Philemon and Sarah (Babcock) Stedman. He took a great interest in family history and kept careful records of what he could find for the benefit of the future family historian. Children born in Guilford and Leyden:

- 20. i. JARED SHEPARDSON, b. 9 May, 1788.
 - ii. Rebecca Shepardson, b. 3 May, 1790; m. 27 April, 1809, Calvin Weid of Guilford; d. 27 April 1868. Lived in Coventry, N. Y. Seven ch.
 - iii. Zurvier Shepardson, b. 9 March, 1792; m. 5 April, 1810, Benjamin Smith Grinnel of Leyden, Mass. Lived in Leyden, Mass., and Homer, N. Y. Ten ch.
 - iv. JOSEPH SHEPARDSON, b. 22 February, 1794; d. 1842; a carpenter. Lived and died in Dresden, Ohio. Unmd.
 - v. Lucinda Shepardson, b. 12 December, 1795; m. 19 February, 1819, Ezra Babcock, Jr., of Colerain, Mass. Lived in Scott, N. Y. Four ch.
- 21. vi. WILLIAM HENRY SHEPARDSON, b. 17 April, 1797.
- 22. vii. James Packer Shepardson, b. 7 May, 1799.
- 23. viii. Horatio Jefferson Shepardson, b. 28 December, 1800.
 - ix. Salome Shepardson, b. 25 August, 1803; m. 16 December, 1822, Walter Bell, Jr., of Colerain, Mass. Lived in Colerain. Seven ch.
- 9. Jared Shepardson⁶ (Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) a carpenter and millwright and later a farmer, lived in Guilford, Vt., and the adjoining town of Halifax. The Vermont Revolutionary rolls show that he was on the pay rolls of Capt. Comfort Starr's company of militia of the town of Guilford, "who went out into the service of the State of Vermont in the alarm in the month of October, 1780."

Soon after the Revolution he worked with his brothers, Joseph and William in Canada, building mills for the French. One mill they erected had a water wheel and a wind wheel, and was also rigged to run by horse power when both wind and water failed. They built one saw-mill with sixteen saws, two for slabbing the logs, and a gang of fourteen saws in one sash. This was before the days of the Muley or circular saws. He m. 6 December, 1793, Ruth Church (b. 29 September, 1770; d. in Gerry, N. Y., 9 August, 1850, dan. of David Church (Nathanich, Samuel, Richard) and Demaris, whose maiden name was also Church, and who m. (2) Zephaniah Shepardson, father of Jared, as his second wife). Jared bought his father's one-hundred-acre farm in Guilford in 1793, paying £520 for the same. He lived there until 1799, when he sold his Guilford property to his brother William and purchased from him an £5-acre farm in Lot 54 in the Town of

Halifax, which adjoins Guilford on the west, moving there the same year. The town records of Halifax contain this memorandum:

"Halifax, May 2, 1800. To all people to whom these presents shall come—Greeting: Know ye that I, Abner Bemis, of Halifax, being of the sect or denomination of Christians known by the name or appelation as Baptists, do hereby certify that Jared Shepardson is of the same sect or denomination as the subscriber, and that I, the said Abner Bemis, am minister of the same sect or denomination in the Town of Halifax, County of Windham and State of Vermont.

Jared took a trip to Leominster, Mass., and there was suddenly taken ill. It was necessary to have him brought to his home in Halifax, where he d. 6 July, 1810, in his forty-eighth year, of "a consumption," and was there buried. He left no will, but his wife was appointed to administer the estate and made guardian of the five younger children. The inventory dated 29 August, 1810, amounted to \$2,186.10, and contains: "One farm of 117 acres by estimation, \$1,700; one yoke oxen, \$60: 8 cattle. 21 sheep." etc.

His wife possessed more than ordinary ability in her administration of the estate, and the care of her family of small children, as is evidenced by the probate records. In 1817 she moved with her family to Gerry, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., to which place many of her neighbors had removed previously. Children, five recorded in Halifax:

- CLARISSA SHEPARDSON, b. 7 October, 1794, in Guilford; m. before 1811, Selomon Fessenden, d. 6 December, 1868, in Wisconsin. Large family of ch.
- ii. Lucius Shepardson, b. 17 February, 1797, d. 27 March, 1798.
- DEMARIS SHEPARDSON, b. 1 March, 1799, in Guilford; m. 1826, Willard Bucklin, d. 12 March, 1848, in Gerry, N. Y. Ch.: Clinton Bucklin, Charles Bucklin, Julia D. Bucklin, Willard Bucklin.
- lv. Lucius Shepardson, b. 23 September, 1802; d. 29 March, 1803.
- 24. v. JOHN SHEPARDSON, (b. 19 March, 1804, in Halifax, Vt. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON,
- vii. Matilda Shepardson,
 b. 23 June,

 (m. Charles Williams of Rainham, Canada; d. 1847 in upper Canada. Ch.: John T., George R.
 - viil. Lucinda Shepardson.

 | b. 23 June, 1806, in Guilford. | Ti. George R. m. Oren Strong; d. 16 September, 1859, in Kansas. Ch.: Oren Mollister Strong, Matilda Strong, Laura L. Strong, Eleazer Strong.
- 10. Ira Shepardson 7 (Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel) moved to New York State, where he d. 7 April, 1870. Children may have been:
 - i. IRA SHEPARDSON, of New York City (1877).
 - ii. Norris Shepardson, of Belleville, N. Y. (1877); d. about 1905.
 - SALLY SHEPARDSON, of Belleville, N. Y. (1877). (She may have been his sister.)
- 11. ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON (Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) was a carpenter and farmer of Gullford, Vt. He m. (1) Eunice——, who d. 30 July, 1821, aged 24 years 5 months; (2) Mary (Polly), dau. of Joseph and Sabra Perry, b. at Newfane, Vt., d. 5 November, 1868, aged 76 years 8 months. He d. at Gullford, 17 July, 1875, of dropsy. His will of 18 July, 1870, gave his sister, Sophrona Wilcox, all his real and personal property. He had one dau.:
 - i. MARY M. SHEPARDSON, unmd.; d. 28 February, 1860, aged 38 years 10 months.
- 12. MARTIN SHEPARDSON (Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) lived in Guilford, Vt., and d. 27 October, 1871, at Dover, Vt. He m. Sarah Matthews in Somerset, Vt., who d. 1867. Children:

- i. CHARLES SHEPARDSON, unmd. in 1906. Lives with his brother, Clark H.
- ii. Clark H. Shepardson, farmer, of Williamsville, Vt.; married.
- iii. Mary Shepardson, m. ——— Harris; deceased.
- iv. Janette Shepardson, m. —— Cannon. Lives at West Dover, Vt.
- EMMA (EMILINE) SHEPARDSON, d. 23 October, 1864.
- 13. James Shepardson (Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel D was a farmer of Halifax, Vt. He m. Philena Wilcox (sister of John, Stephen and Eunice), who was b. 23 May, 1796, in Halifax; d. 29 May, 1871. He suffered from paralysis his last years, and the week before his death (22 October, 1880) fell, breaking his hip. Children, born in Guilford, Vt.:
 - Janette Thankful Shepardson, b. 27 January, 1833; m. Henry Clark Shepardson, her cousin (see No. 28).
- -11. ORRIN PIER SHEPARDSON, b. 5 August, 1836.
 - NORRIS HENRY SHEPARDSON, b. 10 December, 1838; d. 11 April, 1902, 111. in Halifax; unmd.; a farmer of Halifax.
 - iv. Newell Shepardson, b. 12 December, 1842; d. 26 December, 1843.
- 14. Lewis Shepardson' (Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel), a farmer of Guilford, Vt.; m. 27 February, 1822, Sarah Gibbs, b. 29 June, 1799; d. 23 October, 1873; dau. of Edmund and Phæbe (Preston) Gibbs and sister of Susan Gibbs of Jamaica, Vt., who m. Otis Shepardson (Samuel, John, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, iel1). He d. in Guilford 16 October, 1875. Children:
 - i. Martha Ann Shepardson, b. 22 November, 1823; d. 3 April, 1842.
- 27. ii. HART GIBBS SHEPARDSON, b. 14 May, 1825.
- 28. III. HENRY CLARKE SHEPARDSON, b. 23 January, 1827.
 - MARY REXEVILLE SHEPARDSON, b. 13 July, 1829; m. 27 November, 1851, Hezekiah Fletcher Stone. Lives in Brattleboro, Vt. Ch.: Alpheus Stone, Martha Stone, Harry Stone, Charles Stone. iv.
 - ELLEN MARIA SHEPARDSON, ELMIRA SOPHIA SHEPARDSON, b. 28 Feb., 1832. d. 20 June, 1833.
- 29. vill. LEWIS BARNEY SHEPARDSON, b. 12 October, 1834.
- 15. CLARK SHEPARDSON 7 (Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, 3 Daniel,2 Daniel1) m. 18 December, 1827, in Vermont to Lurinda Franklin and then lived ten years in Massachusetts, moving from there to Milwaukee, Wis. He was originally a blacksmith, but in Milwaukee became a builder and contractor and acquired considerable property. In 1874 he went to the Pacific coast and thereafter spent the winters at San Jose, Cal., and summers at Milwaukee. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding at San Jose in 1877, at which all their children and families were present excepting one son-in-law and two of the six grandchildren. He d. 25 March, 1885, in Milwaukee. Children:
 - i. Hart F. Shepardson, of Almeda, Cal. (1877); deceased.
 - HELEN SHEPARDSON, m. —— Wright. Lived at Oakland, Cal. (1877). ii.
 - MARY SHEPARDSON, m. Milwaukee (1877). - Drake of Drake Bros., druggists in
- JOHN BARNEY SHEPARDSON 7 (Zephaniah, 8 Zephaniah, 5 Daniel, 4 John, Daniel, Daniel, always called "Barney," was a farmer of Guilford, Vt. He m. (1) Lydia Morey in Guilford, Vt., who d. 14 October, 1844, aged 33; (2) in 1847, Prudence Wheeler (b. in Halifax), who m. (2) A. W. Putnam of Guilford. He d. 8 April, 1864, in Guilford. His homestead of 140 acres which he received from his father, was in 1884 occupied by his unmarried dau., Emma. Children:

- ANGELINE SHEPARDSON, b. 16 September, 1834; m. 5 November, 1885, Cushman I. Wilcox of Guilford. Lived and died in Greenfield, Mass. Two ch.
- 30. ii. Lucius Barney Shepardson, b. 22 November, 1837.
 - iii. EDMUND (EDWARD) B. SHEPARDSON, carpenter at Guilford (1884) and foreman in tool shop at Greenfield, Mass. (1905). Married.
 - EMILY (EMMA) A. SHEPARDSON, b. May, 1851; m. Judson Alexander. Both deceased; no ch.
- 17. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON (William, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) lived at Guilford, Vt., and Claremont, N. H. He was m. 15 December, 1808, at Guilford, by the Rev. Jason Chamberlain, to Harriett Cambridge of Guilford. He d. 28 December, 1830, at Claremont, N. H. Children:
- 31. i. William Shepardson, b. 23 June, 1810.
 - MARY SHEPARDSON, b. 4 September, 1811; m. John M. Stuart. Two sons.
- 32. iii. REUBEN SHEPARDSON, b. 18 November, 1813.
- 33. iv. SIMEON SHEPARDSON, b. at Guilford.
 - v. ELIZA SHEPARDSON, b. at Guilford; m. ——— Carlisle. Lived and died at Norwich, Vt.
 - vi. HARRIET SHEPARDSON, d. at Claremont, N. H.
 - vil. Hart Shepardson, d. at Fitchburg, Mass.; m. (1) ——— Brown, (2) Lydia Bartlett. No. ch.
- 34. viii. George D. Shepardson, b. 20 November, 1823.
 - ix. Lucy Shepardson, b. 1825; m. Horace Perry. Two ch.
 - X. CHARLES SHEPARDSON, b. in Claremont, N. H.; d. in Unity, N. H., aged 11 years.
 - xl. GRACE SHEPARDSON, d. in Claremont, N. H.
- 18. REUBEN SHEPARDSON ⁷ (William, ⁶ Zephaniah, ⁶ Daniel, ⁴ John, ⁸ Daniel, ² Daniel, ¹) purchased in 1816 an interest in a blacksmith shop and wool carding business in Guilford, Vt. He sold out in 1818 and moved to Gerry, N. Y., where he bought a farm adjoining his cousin, Plinny Shepardson ⁷ (Samuel, ⁶ John, ⁶ Daniel, ⁴ John, ⁸ Daniel, ² Daniel, ¹), and there lived the remainder of his life. He m. Roxey Phelps. Children:
 - i. Mandron Shepardson, d. when small.
 - ii. Laurilla Shepardson, m. Hiram Sears. Lived in Gerry.
 - iii. Charlotte Shepardson, m. Charles Horton. Lived in Gerry.
- 19. ELIAS SHEPARDSON (William, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel) lived in West Brooksville, Me., where he d. of consumption. He m. Mary Wasson (Masson?). Children (none living in 1906):
 - i. Thaddeus Shepardson, lived in West Brooksville, Me. Had ch.
- 5. ii. Otis Shepardson, lived in West Brooksville, Me.
 - iil. THOMAS SHEPARDSON.
 - iv. LYMAN SHEPARDSON.
 - v. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON.
 - vi. ELIAS HART SHEPARDSON, was a sea captain and died at sea.
 - vii. MARY SHEPARDSON.
 - vlii. EUNICE SHEPARDSON.
 - ix. Grace Shepardson.
 - x. LUCY SHEPARDSON.
- 20. Jared Shepardson (Joseph, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel,

- 1. ZURVIER PACKER SHEPARDSON, b. 9 May, 1813, in Zanesville, Ohio.
- MATILDA SHEPARDSON, b. 9 May, 1813; m. (1) John N. Headley; (2) John Dunn. Seven ch.
- iii. Maria Shepardson, b. about 1817; m. Alonzo Denison. Three ch.
- iv. Susanna Shepardson, b. about 1820; m. (1) Thos. King; (2) Edward Keeler. Two daughters.
- 36. v. Napoleon Bonaparte Shepardson, b. 7 January, 1822.
- 37. vi. JARED JOSEPH SHEPARDSON, b. 24 June, 1824.
- 21. WILLIAM HENRY SHEPARDSON' (Joseph. Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel) lived in Leyden and Colerain, Mass. He m. 23 January, 1823, Mary (Polly) Baker of Leyden, dau. of Benjamin Baker (Benjamin and Mary (Sherman) Baker) and his wife, Hannah Tucker. In October, 1835, with his family, he moved from Colerain to Norwich, Ohio. He d. 31 August, 1846, in Union Co., Iowa. Children, first five born in Colerain, last in Norwich:
- 38. i. WILLIAM HENRY SHEPARDSON, b. 2 December, 1823.
 - MARY ZURVIER SHEPARDSON, b. 20 August, 1826; m. 1852, Jonah M. Parsons; d. about 1904. Three ch.
- 39. iii. Joseph B. Shepardson, b. 25 July, 1828.
 - iv. Lucinda Maria Shepardson, b. 22 June, 1831; unmd.
 - v. SALOME REBECCA SHEPARDSON, b. 4 August, 1834; unmd.
 - vi. Lydia Elizabeth Shepardson, b. 12 March, 1837; m. 1853, James Lambert. Ten ch.
- 22. James Packer Shepardson' (Joseph, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) was a blacksmith, and at an early day went to Ohlo, first to Coshocton Co., but finally located in Lower Sandusky (now Fremont, Marion Co.), where he d. 24 October, 1834. He m. and had one dau, and perhaps more.
- 23. Horatio Jefferson Shepardson (Joseph, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel), a farmer of Colerain, Mass., had previously lived in Guilford and Brattleboro, Vt. He m. 8 February, 1827, Mary Sophia Brown (b. 23 July, 1808, d. 20 May, 1892) of Colerain, dau. of Thomas and Rachel (Franklin) Brown. He and his wife spent their last days at the home of their dau. Sibyl in Greenfield, Mass., where he d. 15 November, 1886. Children, all born at Colerain:
- 40. i. Thomas Jefferson Shepardson, b. 5 November, 1827.
 - SIBYL AMANDA SHEPARDSON, b. 29 June, 1831; m. 5 June, 1849, Alonzo G. Miner of Colerain; d. 25 April, 1892. Lived in Green-field, Mass. Four ch.
 - ESTHER SURVIER SHEPARDSON, b. 18 December, 1832; m. 6 March, 1851, Luther B. Stuart of Colerain; d. 2 October, 1879, in Brattleboro, Vt. One son.
 - Jerusha Ellen Shepardson, b. 3 October, 1835; m. 4 October, 1853, William Martin of Colerain; d. 17 October, 1879. Lived in Colerain. Two daughters.
 - v. Rachel Sophia Shepardson, b. 2 March, 1839; m. (1) 6 September, 1855, Oliver S. Miner of Leyden, Mass.; (2) Orin S. Nash of Sharpsburg, Ill.; d. 6 June, 1877, in Colerain, Mass. Dau. by first and one son by second marriage.
- 24. JOHN SHEPARDSON' (Jared, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) moved from Halifax, Vt., in 1817 with his mother's family to Gerry, N. Y. Here he m. Nancy, dau. of Gilbert Strong of Gerry, and settled upon a farm. Later he moved to West Dunville, Canada, where he d. 20 October, 1840. His widow returned to Gerry and lived with her father until 1843, when she m. (2) Gilbert Sweet. Children born in Gerry, N. Y.:
 - i. Lucy A. Shepardson, b. 23 December, 1828; m. Sydney Putnam of Pine City, Pa., 1852. Ch.: Frank Putnam, Fred Putnam.
 - HANNAH O. SHEPARDSON, b. 13 November, 1831; m. (1) Charles Bucklin of Gerry, N. Y.; (2) James Jones of Allen, Kan., April, 1860. Lives in Admire, Kan.

25. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON' (Jared, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel' Daniel') lived in Halifax, Vt., until thirteen years of age, when his mother moved with her family of small children to Gerry, N. Y. Here he learned the carpenter's trade and also engaged in cutting and collecting logs on the banks of Chautauquu and Cassadaugua Creeks, floating them down the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers to Cincinnati, where they were sold. In the Ohio the logs were floated in rafts, a raft frequently covering an acre of area. In 1838 he went to Cincinnati with logs, going from there by water to St. Louis, where he worked at carpentering for several months before returning to Gerry. His last logging and rafting trip to Cincinnati was in 1844. He m. 14 January, 1829, Hannah Eaton (b. at Waterville, Vt., 23 July, 1807, d. at Sugar Grove, Illinois, 11 November, 1887), dau. of Sylvenus Eaton (Jonathan, Jonathan, John, John, John) and Almira Sloan (Alexander).

In August, 1845, two wagons left Gerry for Illinois. In one was the family of Newton Sterns, a party of four. The second wagon, owned by William Shepardson, contained beside himself, his wife and three children and the family of James Wesson, making a party of eleven. The older members of the party walked. The party passed by way of Erie, Pa., and after a period of six weeks, with a stop of one week for repairs and rest in Indiana and one day mired in the mud on Calumet Flats, within sight of Chicago, reached Naperville, De Kalb County, Illinois, 9 October, 1845, the home of Mr. Thayer, formerly of Gerry. They decided to go no farther west. That winter William Shepardson secured work with the Illinois and Michigan Canal at Lockport, receiving \$1.50 per day for himself and team. The next spring he moved to Paw Paw Township, De Kalb Co., Ill., where he secured a 40-acre tract from the government at \$1.25 per acre, living in a log cabin until 1847, when he moved into his new home. He was a Justice of Peace in 1847 and for several years thereafter; was a supervisor of Paw Paw in 1852 and 1854 and a member of the Illinois Legislature, 1852-4. The records of the Johnson Grove Baptist Church, Clinton Township, De Kalb Co., Ill., for October, 1857, read: "William Shepardson was rec'd a member of the chh by experience, formerly connected with the Methodist." A week or two later his wife was received, and for the next few years he served frequently on committees of the church.

In 1862 he sold his farm, which had increased to 228 acres, to his son, Sylvenus and moved to Aurora, Ill., living until his death in the brick house which he purchased at 204 Galena street. In Aurora he held the offices of Justice of Peace, Notary Public, and also Police Magistrate for many years. In politics he voted for Fremont and was a Republican during the war, but later in life was a Democrat. He d. at Aurora, Ill., 24 July, 1882, of paralysis and was buried in Lake Street Cemetery. Children:

- 11. i. JARED B. SHEPARDSON, b. 4 December, 1830, at Gerry, N. Y.
- 42. ii. Sylvenus Eaton Shepardson, b. 15 August, 1832, at Gerry, N. Y.
 - iii. Helen Emogene Shepardson, b. 22 April, 1840, at Ellicott, N. Y.; m. May, 1873, Dr. Abner R. Bartlett of Aurora, Ill.; d. 5 November, 1873, in Aurora, Ill., and buried in Lake St. Cemetery.
- 26. ORBIN PIER SHEPARDSON ⁸ (James, Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Danial, John, Daniel, Child: Tebruary, 1863, Julia F. Pratt of Manchester, Vt. Child:
 - i. Nellie M. Shepardson, b. 9 August, 1866; d. 23 February, 1879.
- 27. HABT GIBBS SHEPARDSON ⁸ (Lewis, Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) of Guilford, Vt., until 1 May, 1857, when ne emigrated to Minnesota, where he has since lived. Present home, Hastings, Minn. He m. 14 March, 1849, Sarah Starr Franklin, b. 17

August, 1829, dau. of Samuel and Charlotte T. Franklin of Guilford, Vt. Children, born in Guilford:

- CHARLOTTE A. SHEPARDSON, b. 24 December, 1849; m. 27 November, 1870, at Hampton, Minn., John F. Knowles. Ch.: Harvey Knowles, Louisa Knowles, Percy Knowles.
- STELLA L. SHEPARDSON, b. 22 November, 1852; m. 15 October, 1878, at Glencoe, Minn., to James L. Thompson. Lives at Redwood Falls, Minn. One son, Fred J.
- 28. Henry Clark Shepardson (Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) was a carriage manufacturer at Jacksonville, Vt. He m. Janette Thankful Shepardson, his cousin, of Guilford, Vt. (See No. 13i.) He d. 5 June, 1905, at Grafton, Vt. In 1906 his widow moved from Grafton to the home of her dau. Elizabeth at Norfolk, Neb. Children:
 - ELIZABETH ADA SHEPARDSON, b. September, 1860; m. Burr Taft of Brattleboro, Vt. Lives at Norfolk, Neb.
 - ii. Nettie May Shepardson, b. 1862; d. aged 3 years 10 months.
 - III. CLARENCE HENRY SHEPARDSON, b. 4 April, 1866, at Halifax, Vt.; m. Annette Morse of Jacksonville, Vt., a carriage manufacturer at Ware, Mass.; now a lumberman at Bellows Falls, Vt.
- 29. Lewis Barney Shepardson's (Lewis, Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel) lived (1888) in Marlowe, N. H. He m. Margaret Sullivan, who d. 1904. He d. 1901 in Baldwinsville, Mass. Children:
 - NELLIE SHEPARDSON.
- 43. II. HENRY L. SHEPARDSON.
 - iii. Albert Edgar Shepardson, b. in Shrewsbury, Mass.; m. Lizzie Mabel Jones (b. in West Amesbury, Mass.); a grocer at Dover, N. H. (1897).
 - iv. Anna Shepardson.
- 30. LUCIUS BARNEY SHEPARDSON (John, Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel
 - 1. BERTHA SHEPARDSON, b. 30 November, 1865.
 - ii. Helen Louise Shepardson, b. 6 October, 1868.
 - ili. Mary Alice Shepardson, b. 16 April, 1871.
 - Lucia Shepardson, b. 3 September, 1881; B. L. University of California, 1906.
 - v. Florence Shepardson, b. 9 November, 1886.
- 31. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON ⁸ (William, ⁷ William, ⁶ Zephaniah, ⁶ Daniel, ⁴ John, ⁸ Daniel, ¹ Daniel, ¹ Daniel, ¹ Daniel, ¹ Daniel, ¹ Marah Mitchell, who was b. in Brldgewater, Vt., 3 June, 1812, and d. 22 September, 1883. He d. 25 May, 1883. Child:
 - i. Marcella Shepardson, b. 10 November, 1833, in East Bethel, Vt., and living (1906) at Bradford, Vt. Unmd.

 32. Reuben Shepardson* (William, William, Zephaniah, Daniel,
- 32. REGIED SHEPARDSON' (William, William, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, March, 1845, Hannah P. Eastman, and (3) Mrs. Lucy (Ball) McClure. He d. 9 September, 1904, at Claremont, N. H. Children (none by last marriage):
 - EMILY SHEPARDSON, b. 6 February, 1839; m. Bela Graves; d. 30 November, 1872.
 - ii. Francis J. Shepardson, b. 15 July, 1841; d. 6 December, 1868.
 - III. James W. Shepardson, b. 21 January, 1846; d. 11 September, 1847.
 - ELSIE E. SHEPARDSON, b. 10 July, 1848; m. at Claremont, Levi R. Dole. Five ch.
 - v. Mary Eliza Shepardson, b. 10 September, 1850; m. Bela Graves (above). Five ch.

- Luella A. Shepardson, b. 5 April, 1852; m. Henry A. Eaton; d. 13 February, 1906. Son Carl d. May, 1900.
- vii. FRED LEROY SHEPARDSON, b. 9 July, 1854; d. 23 February, 1875.
- viii. Clara Belle Shepardson, b. 9 February, 1856; d. 13 March, 1863. ix. Cora Nell Shepardson, b. 5 March, 1857. Lives at Claremont, N. H.
- SIMEON SHEPARDSON 8 (William, William, Zephaniah, Daniel, 4 John, Daniel, Daniel Daniel Daniel Dived in Claremont, N. H. Children:
 - Frank P. Shepardson, b. 1856 in Newbury, Vt. Moved to California in 1878. An engineer on S. P. R. R. Res. 130 N. Daly St., Los Angeles.
 - EDWARD SHEPARDSON, b. 1860. Lives in Vermont.
- 34. GEORGE D. SHEPARDSON ⁸ (William, ⁷ William, ⁶ Zephaniah, ⁶ Daniel, ⁴ John, ³ Daniel, ² Daniel ¹) m. Electa Copeland. He was a dealer in coffins at Marlowe, N. H., in 1885. Children:
 - i. FELICIA SHEPARDSON, m. G. W. Clyde: no ch.
 - ii. CHARLES V. SHEPARDSON, b. 2 November, 1851.
 - JOSEPHINE SHEPARDSON, b. 22 January, 1853; m. J. W. Kenyon. Two sons.
- 44. iv. EDGAR D. SHEPARDSON, b. 25 February, 1855.
 - v. Cora Shepardson, b. March, 1869; m. Frank Emerson. Three ch.
- 35. Otis Shepardson 8 (Elias, William, Ezephaniah, Daniel, John, 3 Daniel,2 Daniel1) lived all his life in West Brooksville, Me. Children:
 - i. Ernest Shepardson, d. at the home of his sister, Mrs. Adams, San Francisco, Cal.
 - M. P. SHEPARDSON, m. Dr. George C. Adams, a Congregational minister of San Francisco, Cal. Is the last living member of this ii.
- 36. Napoleon Bonaparte Sheperson ⁸ (Jared, Joseph, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, members of this family spell their name Sheperson, as the result of a recruiting officer making a mistake in entering the name upon the descriptive roll when Napoleon Bonaparte enlisted in the Civil War. To avoid trouble with his pension he changed the spelling of his name. In his last years he has become blind. He m. 6 April, 1844, Lanie A. Hollenbeck, in Johnson Co., Iowa. Children:
 - LOUISA SHEPERSON, b. 19 January, 1845; m. 1869, Ofe Usher. Lives in Atlantic, Iowa. Four ch.
 - JARED JOSEPH SHEPERSON, b. 18 January, 1846; m. 1892. One son died young.
 - d. young. m. 1891, Eisie Morgan. A farmer at Koszta, Ia. Has an adopted son, Otis Arleigh iii. HENRY M. SHEPERSON. b. 12 July, { 1850; iv. Joseph Fillmore Sheperson. Sheperson.
 - Jane Shepardson, b. 5 September, 1853; m. about 1880, William Shaw. Lives at Moscow, Idaho. Four ch.
 - MARY SHEPERSON, b. 13 June, 1859; unmd. vi.
 - SARAH S. SHEPERSON, b. 7 October, 1864; m. 1890, Frank McDuff of Atlantic, Iowa. Lives in Clinton, Iowa. Two ch. vii.
- JARED JOSEPH SHEPARDSON 8 (Jared, Joseph, 2 Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, lived near Zanesville, in Muskingum Co., Ohio, until 1840, when he emigrated with his mother's family to Tiffin, Johnson Co., Iowa. He was a farmer at Tiffin until 1903, when he sold out and with his wife made his home with their dau., Mrs. Amanda Miller at Fountainelle, Adair Co., Iowa, at which home he d. 28 May, 1904. He m. 1853, Charlotte Brown (b. 12 February, 1831, in Huntington Co., Pa.), who is still living with her dau. Children, all born on the farm at Tiffin, Iowa:

- SARAH JANE SHEPARDSON, b. 7 July, 1854; m. July, 1873, Wm. H. Emery; d. 18 December, 1877. No ch.
- ii. Matilda Ann Shepardson, b. 15 April, 1856; d. 5 December, 1877.
- HENRY HARRISON SHEPARDSON, b. 17 January, 1858; d. November, 1874.
- iv. Mary Frances Shepardson, b. 14 January, 1860; m. 1 January, 1881, Samuel Kindal. Lives at Anthrum, Iowa. Three ch.
- 45. V. EDWIN NAPOLEON SHEPARDSON, b. 31 October, 1862.
 - vl. George Washington Shepardson, b. 10 April, 1863; m. 24 February, 1887, Elon Robertson. Lives at Bradshaw, Neb. No ch.
 - vii. Cynthia May Shepardson, b. 9 May, 1865; d. 14 May, 1873.
 - vIII. Jared Joseph Shepardson, b. 6 November, 1867; m. 1896, Flossle Speavy. Lives at Tiffin, Iowa. Three daughters and one son who died.
 - AMANDA ELIZABETH SHEPARDSON, b. 1 May, 1869; m. 1892, Oliver Miller. Lives at Fountainelle, Iowa. Two sons.
- 38. WILLIAM HENRY SHEPARDSON 8 (William, Joseph, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Mass., with his father's family in 1835 to Norwich, Huron Co., Ohio, and later to Glenwood, Iowa, where he lived for many years. He was unmarried, and his two sisters, Lucinda and Salome, kept house for him, and a nephew ran his farm. He was much interested in Shepardson genealogy and wrote the Shepardson history (37 pages manuscript) now possessed by Geo. W. Shepardson, Bradshaw, Neb. He d. March, 1904.
- 39. Joseph B. Shepardson (William, Joseph, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) m. (1) 1857, Jane Felch, a widow with three small daughters. She d. 1886, and he m. (2) 1898, Amanda Hardy, a widow with a large family of grown children. By his first marriage he had a dau, who m. James C. Kennedy and has one son, Roy.
- 40. Thomas Jefferson Shepardson's (Horatio, Joseph, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, D
 - CLINTON JOSIAH SHEPARDSON, b. 6 August, 1856; unmd. Lives in Phoenix, Ariz.
 - MARY ELLEN SHEPARDSON, b. 28 December, 1858; unmd. For twenty years has been in the Florence, Mass., silk mills.
- 46. III. FRANK ELSWORTH SHEPARDSON, b. 2 January, 1862.
 - Iv. ARTHUR BURTON SHEPARDSON, b. 24 January, 1869; unind. A prospector and miner in California.
- 41. Jared B. Shepardson's (William, Jared. Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel) lived in Gerry, N. Y., until 1845, when, with his father's family, he moved to Illinois. He attended school at Johnson Grove (Clinton Township) and East Paw Paw, near his father's farm in Paw Paw, DeKalb Co., Ill. In 1862 he moved to Marble Rock, Iowa, where he became engaged in farming. Later, in 1874, with his only brother, Sylvenus, under firm name of Shepardson Bros., he entered upon a general banking business at Marble Rock, dealing also in lumber, coal and real estate. The partnership lasted until 1880, when his brother withdrew, and he has continued the banking business to the present (1907). In 1887 he first went to Colton, Cal., invested in fruit groves and real estate there, and since which time he has gone to California for the winter, returning in summer to Marble

Rock. In 1907 his leg was amoutated as a result of an injury to the He has been elected mayor of Marble Rock for several terms, and in addition has held the following public offices: Postmaster, 1866; Justice of Peace, 1867; County Supervisor, 1870; member Iowa Legislature, 1875-6. Since his first vote for Fremont in 1856 he has been a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Masonic order. He m. 22 July, 1862, Julia D. Bucklin of Gerry, N. Y. Children:

- i. Helen Emogene Shepardson, b. 3 February, 1870; m. 11 June, 1891, to Earl Van Luven of Colton, Cal. (son of Zura Van Luven), at which place she now lives. Ch.: Jared B. Van Luven, b. 7 July, 1892 Donald Van Luven, b. 1 September, 1899.
 ii. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON, b. 17 May, 1872.
 iii. SYLVENUS EATON SHEPARDSON, b. 4 June, 1878; d. 8 September, 1878.
- 42. SYLVENUS SHEPARDSON (William, Jared, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel) lived at Gerry, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., until thirteen years of age, when he moved by wagon with his father's family to Illinois, a six weeks' journey ending at Naperville 9 October, 1845. He lived with a family one mile west of Warrenville for a few weeks and then, his father having secured work on the Illinois and Michigan Canal at Lockport, he went to Romeo near by and lived several months with Mr. Matthews, a civil engineer upon the canal work. In 1846 he rejoined his family, who had taken up some government land at Ross Grove, Paw Paw Township, DeKalb Co., Illinois. In 1850 he, with his brother Jared, spent a winter in the Wisconsin lumber district near Portage. His education was obtained at the district schools at Johnson Grove (Clinton Township) and East Paw Paw, in DeKalb Co., and later he attended for a year the Mt. Morris Seminary in Ogle County. The next three winters, 1859-60-61, were spent in teaching a large district school near Freeport, Ill., his summers being spent upon the Ross Grove farm. In 1862 he purchased this farm from his father, which had increased to 228 acres. He m. the year following and lived upon the farm until 1874, when he rented the same and moved to Marble Rock, Floyd County, Iowa, where he formed a partnership with his brother Jared (as Shepardson Bros.) in the banking business, and was also interested in the lumber, coal and real estate business. This partnership was dissolved in 1880 and he removed to West Park Ave., Aurora, Ill. In 1881 he purchased farm property in Sugar Grove, Kane County, Ill., and in March following moved one and one-half miles north of the village, where he farmed until 1890, when he removed to 204 Galena St., Aurora, Ill., the home place of his father. This time he lived in Aurora until 1902, when he moved back to the old home farm at Ross Grove after an absence of nearly thirty years. Here he lived for sixteen months, when he d. 22 July, 1903, four days after a stroke of apoplexy. He was buried in the Johnson Grove Cemetery, Clinton Township.

At Ross Grove, Paw Paw Township, he was Justice of Peace, 1870-2, also County Supervisor, 1870-2. At Sugar Grove he was president of the school board in 1882 and represented the township as supervisor in 1884-7. He was an extensive reader and traveller. In 1878 he spent the summer in Europe. Was a member of no church. Physically he was of large frame, over six feet in height and weighed about 210 pounds. Politically he was a Republican from his first vote for Fremont in 1856 until 1884, since which time he had always been a pronounced Prohibitionist. His home at Aurora was the usual stopping place for Prohibition workers, state and national, from 1890 to 1902. At the time of his death he owned farm property in Pleasant Grove Township, Floyd County, Iowa, Victor and Paw Paw Townships, De-Kalb County, and Sugar Grove, Kane County, Ill., and city property at Aurora and Earlville, Ill. He m. 14 October, 1863, Lucy Maria Judd (b. 22 September, 1832) of Patterson, N. Y., dau. of Daniel Steele Judd (Leveritt, Noah, John, John, Thomas, Thomas) and Ruth Ursula Stevens (Henry, Eliakim, John, John, Thomas, John). Children, the first seven born at Ross Grove, the last two at Marble Rock:

- WILLIE SHEPARDSON, b. 9 August, 1864; d. 14 September, 1865, at Ross Grove.
- 48. ii. Jared Clayton Shepardson, b. 19 August, 1865.
- 49. lii. Charles Judd Shepardson, b. 2 September, 1866.
 - HARRY SHEPARDSON, b. 30 September, 1867; d. 3 November, 1867, at Ross Grove.
 - v. Phillip Jerome Shepardson, b. 9 November, 1868; d. 1 September, 1870, at Ross Grove.
 - vi. Mary Frances Shepardson, b. 11 September, 1870; d. 20 May, 1903, at Ross Grove, Graduate of Sugar Grove, Ill., Normal School, 1886; attended Northwestern Academy, 1888, and University of Illinois, 1888-9, 1890-92.
- 50. vII. RALPH STEELE SHEPARDSON, b. 2 March, 1873.
- 51. viii. John Eaton Shepardson, b. 21 May, 1875.
- 52. IX. DANIEL JUDD SHEPARDSON, b. 25 February, 1879.
- 43. HENRY L. SHEPARDSON 6 (Lewis, Lewis, Zephaniah, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Hived (1888) at Winchester, N. H., and (1906) at Baldwinsville, Mass. He is interested in box manufacturing. Children:
 - Albert Henry Shepardson, attended Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass., 1902.
 - Winfred Buffem Shepardson, attended Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass., 1902.
- 44. Edgar D. Shepardson' (George, William, William, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel in 1885 was a manufacturer of Boston Chips' at Marlowe, N. H. He m. Etta Robb. Children:
 - i. Rena Maude Shepardson, b. 1880; m. Horace Sanderson.
 - i. Don William Shepardson, b. 1882; d. aged 18 months.
 - iil. Iva May Shepardson, b. 1884; m. Wm. Jenks.
- 45. EDWIN SHEPARDSON (Jared, Jared, Joseph, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Neb., and is a fireman on the U. P. R. R. He m. (1) September, 1881, Josephine Sentman, who d. May, 1882, and (2) 1885, Belle Larimore, who d. February, 1904. Children, all by his second marriage:
 - i. ---- Shepardson.
 - li. (Dau.) SHEPARDSON.
 - lii. JENNY SHEPARDSON.
 - IV. EDNA SHEPARDSON.
 - v. Elmer Shepardson, b. 1894.
 - vl. Hazel Shepardson.
- 46. Frank Elsworth Shepardson' (Thomas, Horatio, Joseph. Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel), formerly a physician in Denver, Col., is at present practicing medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. He m. 28 June, 1893, Ella M. Sommers of Cleveland, Ohio.
- 47. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON® (Jared, William, Jared, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Dived at Marble Rock, Iowa, and Colton and Los Angeles, Cal. His schooling was at the Marble Rock public schools, the Baptist University and the Los Angeles Business College at Los Angeles. He is at present engaged in the banking business with his father at Marble Rock. He m. 9 July, 1898, in Chicago, Ill., Sarah V., dau. of Mrs. Elizabeth Stoliker. Children:
 - 1. JULIA VENNITA SHEPARDSON, b. 13 May, 1900.
 - II. ELIZABETH SHEPARDSON, b. 5 February, 1904.

48. Jared Clayton Shepardson (Sylvenus, William, Jared, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) lived with his parents and attended the public schools at Ross Grove, Ill., Marble Rock, Iowa, Aurora, Ill., and Sugar Grove, Ill. In Aurora he also attended Jennings Seminary. In 1885 he went to West Patterson, Putnam County, N. Y., where he lived for two years with his uncle Charles Judd, employed in his general store and coal and grain business. He returned to Sugar Grove, Ill., in 1888 and soon after, with U. G. Bailey, as Shepardson & Bailey, conducted a general store at Sugar Grove village for three years.

In 1894 he moved to Pleasant Grove, Floyd County, Iowa, upon his father's farm, where he has since been farming. At Sugar Grove he held the offices of town clerk and assistant postmaster, 1888-90, and in Pleasant Grove, highway commissioner, 1899-1902. He was a member of Sugar Grove Cornet Band, 1884; Aurora, Ill., City Club, 1888-95, and Charlemagne Lodge No. 245, Knights of Pythias, Aurora, Ill. In politics he is a Republican.

He m. at Marble Rock, Floyd County, Iowa, 17 January, 1894, Maude Beelar, dau. of Charles F. and Diantha L. (Baltimore) Beelar of Marble Rock, Iowa. Children, all born in Marble Rock, Iowa:

- i. Bessie Shepardson, b. 10 March, 1895; d. 15 October, 1895.
- ii. Dorothy Jane Shepardson, b. 13 July, 1896.
- iii. Sylvenus Phillip Shepardson, b. 16 April, 1901.
- 49. Charles Judd Shepardson (Sylvenus, William, Jared, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel) attended the public schools of Marble Rock, Iowa, Aurora and Sugar Grove, Ill. At Aurora he also attended Jennings Seminary.

In 1890, when his father moved from Sugar Grove to Aurora he remained on the farm until 1895, when he moved to a farm belonging to his father at Earlville, Ill. After his father's death he moved in 1904 to the east 120 acres of the home farm at Ross Grove, Ill., the place of his birth, where he has since been engaged in farming.

He was a member of Sugar Grove Cornet Band, 1884-92, and Sugar Grove Baseball Team, 1890-5. In politics he has been a Republican.

He m. at Sugar Grove, Ill., 17 June, 1891, Charlotte McDole, dau. of Samuel Prescott and Susan (Condee) McDole of Sugar Grove.

50. RALPH STEELE SHEPARDSON® (Sylvenus, William, Jared, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Ross Grove, Ill., Marble Rock, Iowa, Aurora, Ill., Sugar Grove, Ill., and again at Aurora, and received instruction in the public schools of Aurora and Sugar Grove. In 1891-2 he attended the Metropolitan Business College, Chicago, and for several months thereafter was employed in Chicago by the Congregational Publishing Company. In 1902 he entered the preparatory department of the University of Illinois at Urbana, Ill. The year following he entered the School of Architecture of the university, receiving a B. S. degree in 1897. At the university he was a member of the Athletic Association, the Architects' Club, the Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Delta Sigma and Shield and Trident fraternities, and the Mandolin Club, and was manager of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, 1896-7.

In 1897-8 he was a draftsman in Chicago architectural offices; in 1898-9 was architect upon the La Bella Light & Power Co. plant at Goldfield, Col., for L. L. Summers, Consulting Engineer, Chicago, and in 1899-1900 was architect with F. W. Worst, Aurora, Ill. The years 1900-2 were spent in farming with his brother Daniel upon his father's Ross Grove farm. In 1902 he formed partnership with Mr. Worst, under firm name Worst & Shepardson, Coulter Block, Aurora, Ill., for the practice of architecture, in which he has since been engaged. He

was granted license to practice architecture in the State of Illinois in 1899. Was elected a member of the American Institute of Architects, 1907; the Illinois Chapter of the A. I. A., 1907, and the National Geographical Society, 1907.

He m. at Chicago, Ill., 5 June, 1903, Jessie Younge Fox of Champaign, Ill., a member of the faculty in the School of Music at the University of Illinois, dau. of Dr. Daniel Jesse and Mary Wade (Speed) Fox of Kinmundy, Ill.

51. John Eaton Shepardson (Sylvenus, William, Jared, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel) lived in Marble Rock, Iowa, 1875-80; Aurora, Ill., 1880-2; Sugar Grove, Ill., 1882-90; Aurora, Ill., 1898-1902; New York City, 1902-5, and in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, 1905 to date (1907). He attended the public schools of Aurora and Sugar Grove, and in 1890 the West Aurora High School. In the autumn of 1890 he, with his sister Frances, went to the University of Illinois at Urbana, Ill., where he completed the year's course in the Preparatory School, and in September, 1891, entered the university in the School of Civil Engineering, from which he received a Bachelor of Science degree in June, 1895. At the university he was a member of the Athletic Association, the Civil Engineers' Club, and held the Kane County Honorary Scholarship to the university, 1891-5, and also a military scholarship, 1892-5. He also took the course in Military Science and was a captain in the University Battalion.

In 1895 he was employed as draftsman in the office of Alexander & Shaw, Civil Engineers, Chicago, and later attended the Metropolitan Business College, Chicago, for several months. He was mechanical draftsman, 1896-8, with Aurora Boiler Works, Aurora, Ill.; in 1898-9 Assistant City Engineer of Kewanee, Ill., engaged upon sewer construction; in 1899-1902, City Engineer and Superintendent of Water Department of Kewanee. During his connection with the City Engineer's office 20 miles cement and brick walk, 12 miles sanitary sewers, 8 miles water main and 2 miles brick pavement were constructed. He was also Supervisor of Public Lighting, and was Plumbing Inspector of Kewanee, 1899-1902. In 1902 he entered upon graduate work in Bridge and Structural Engineering at Columbia University, New York City, living in Harlem and Brooklyn until 1905, when he joined a field party upon location surveys for the South and Western R. R. in Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina. In 1906 he became Resident Engineer on the S. & W. R. R., on fourteen miles of construction work in the mountains of North Carolina, with headquarters at Peterson, Relief and Huntdale. He was commissioned Captain (brevet) in the Illinois National Guard in 1895, and in February, 1898, was appointed by Brig. Gen. Andrew Welch, Lieutenant of Engineers, Third Brigade, Illinois National Guard. With the entire Illinois National Guard, he was ordered to and for two weeks was stationed at Springfield, Ill., in April, 1598, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, but his company of engineers was not mustered into the government service. He was elected a member of the Illinois Society Civil Engineers and Surveyors, 1899; an associate member American Society of Civil Engineers, 1903, and a member of National Geographic Society, 1907. He belongs to the Masonic order, having taken degrees in Kewanee, Ill., Blue Lodge, 1900; Kewance, Ill., Chapter, 1901; Princeton, Ill., Commandery, 1902; and Chicago, Ill., Mystic Shrine (Medinah Temple), 1902.

52. Daniel Judd Shefardson (Sylvenus," William," Jared, Zephaniah, Daniel, John, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel Rock, Iowa, Aurora, Ill., Sugar Grove, Ill., and again at Aurora. His schooling was obtained in the public schools of Sugar Grove and Aurora, and also at the Aurora Business College in 1896-7.

In 1899-1900 he spent the year in California travel. In 1900-2, in partnership with his brother Ralph, he engaged in farming upon his father's Ross Grove farm, where he has since been located, though the partnership was dissolved in 1902. A year following the death of his father, who had been living with him, 1902-3, his brother Charles moved to and assumed control of the east part of the farm. He was elected school director in Town of Paw Paw in 1907, for three years. He m. in Chicago, Ill., 28 August, 1903, Mabel Edith Stern of Waterman, Ill., dau. of Michael and Cleora (Merritt) Stern. Children, born at Ross Grove, Paw Paw Township, De Kalb Co., Ill.:

- i. Frances Mabel Shepardson, b. 3 July, 1904.
- ii. RALPH DANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 30 April, 1906.

SHEPARDSON LEAFLETS.

Looking forward to a complete genealogy of the Shepardson Family, the following leaflets have been printed:

- 1. The Shepardson Family: A Record of the Early Generations in America. By Francis Wayland Shepardson. 7 pp. February 1, 1907.
- 2. The Shepardson Family: A Record of the Line of Daniel Shepardson, Granville, Ohlo. By Francis Wayland Shepardson. 8 pp. April 1, 1907.
- 3. The Shepardson Family: Beginning with the Sixth Generation in America. By Francis Wayland Shepardson. 8 pp. May 1, 1907.
- 4. The Shepardson Family: A Record of the Line of Samuel Shepardson, Guilford, Vermont. By Francis Wayland Shepardson. 16 pp. August 1, 1907.
- 5. The Shepardson Family: A Record of the Line of Zephaniah Shepardson, Guilford, Vermont. By John Eaton Shepardson. 19 pp. , September 1, 1907.

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