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THE publication by the Director of the United States Census of a series of documents showing the "Heads of Families at the First Census, 1790" gives the genealogist a new starting point. The Shepardsons at the time of Washington's presidency lived in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire. There was an Elisha Shepperson in St. Paul's Parish, Hanover county, Virginia, whose family consisted of five individuals. It is as yet undetermined whether he was related to the New England line which, while of common stock, is mentioned in the "Heads of Families" under Shepardson, Sheppardson, Shipperson, Shepherdson and Shephenson. In these volumes the members of a family are grouped in the following order: 1—Free white males of 16 years and upward, including heads of families. 2—Free white males under 16 years. 3—Free white females, including heads of families. 4—All other free persons. 5—Slaves. No Shepardson owned a slave so that item 5 is eliminated along with item 4, which related to free negroes.

In this leaflet the geography of the Shepardson family in 1790 is first indicated. The names are arranged alphabetically by states and numbered for convenience, although the correct chronology is thereby sometimes disturbed. The total numbers of males and females are given. Then such infor-

mation as is available is given of each of the families listed, this sometimes including records after 1790, when the "family" as listed includes the head only, marriage coming later. With a few exceptions of people who have come directly from England since 1790, all American Shepardsons probably are direct descendants of these families. The possibility of some of the name being included with other families with which they may have been living at the time of course remains.

Geography of the Shepardson Family in 1790.

MASSACHUSETTS SHEPARDSONS.

1—Abigail Shepardson of Mansfield.....	1 m; 2 f
2—Amos Shepardson of Attleboro.....	2 m; 2 f
3—Amos Shepardson of Milford	5 m; 3 f
(Name spelled Shephenson in the list.)	
4—Isaac Shepardson of Wrentham.....	3 m; 2 f
5—Jonathan Shepardson of Royalston.....	4 m; 7 f
6—Jonathan Shepardson of Warwick.....	1 m; 2 f
7—Nathaniel Shepardson of Wrentham.....	2 m; 2 f
8—Zebediah Shepardson of Rehoboth.....	1 m; 5 f
Total in Massachusetts—	19 m, 25 f.....44

RHODE ISLAND SHEPARDSONS.

9—Mary Shepardson of Providence.....	2 m; 4 f
10—Nathaniel Shepardson of Cumberland.....	2 m; 4 f
Total in Rhode Island—	4 m, 8 f.....12

CONNECTICUT SHEPARDSONS.

11—John Shepardson of East Haddam.....	1 m; 1 f
12—William Shepardson of East Haddam.....	3 m; 5 f
Total in Connecticut—	4 m, 6 f.....10

VERMONT SHEPARDSONS.

13—Alfred Shepardson of Guilford	1 m
14—Ancel Shepardson of Middletown.....	4 m; 2 f
(Name listed as Anselon Shipperson.)	
15—Daniel Shepardson of Guilford.....	2 m; 2 f
16—Jared Shepardson of Guilford	1 m
(Name spelled Jerard.)	
17—John Shepardson of Guilford.....	1 m; 1 f

18—Noah Shepardson of Guilford.....	3 m; 3 f
19—Samuel Shepardson of Guilford	4 m; 3 f
20—Stephen Shepardson of Guilford	1 m; 4 f
21—Stephen Shepardson, Jr. of Guilford.....	4 m; 2 f
22—William Shepardson of Halifax.....	6 m; 4 f
23—Zephaniah Shepardson of Guilford	4 m; 4 f
24—Zephaniah Shepardson, Jr. of Guilford	4 m; 5 f
Total in Vermont—	35 m, 30 f.....65

NEW HAMPSHIRE SHEPARDSONS.

25—Amos Shepardson of Hinsdale.....	3 m; 1 f
Total in New Hampshire	4

The name Shepardson does not appear in any other of the published "Heads of Families" in 1790. The total membership of the family, therefore, in that year was one hundred and thirty-five, of whom sixty-five were males and seventy were females. They were grouped in twenty-five families, ranging in size from one member to eleven, this largest family being that of Jonathan Shepardson of Royalston, Massachusetts. Two families had one member, two had two, two had three, four had four, two had five, six had six, one had seven, three had eight, and one each had nine, ten and eleven. Eleven of these families were in or near Guilford, Vermont. The five members of the Virginia Shepperson family are not included in this summary. They are not distinguished by sex in the Virginia list.

Early Shepardson Families. For convenience in reference such records as are available (1912) regarding early American Shepardsons are given in introduction to the study of the "Heads of Families in 1790." These records are to take precedence over those published in previous leaflets.

1. DANIEL SHEPARDSON, blacksmith of Charlestown, Mass., coming from Salem. Admitted to the Church in Charleston 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. The inventory of his estate, taken on "the 25th of the third month 1647," showed £49, 17s, 0d. They may have had children, Amos and Ruth born in 1639, but if so these did not live as they are not mentioned in the father's will. There is the added evidence of the record, "If his wife and 3 children dyed hee gave mee Incr: Nowell his house plot at the same time before the same witnesses."

SHEPARDSON.

- i. LYDIA SHEPARDSON, bapt. 24 July, 1637; m. (1) Thomas Call, Jr., son of Thomas Call named above. (2) Thomas Skinner. Child, Joanna Call, b. March, 1660.
- ii. DANIEL SHEPARDSON, bapt. 14 June, 1641.
- iii. JOANNA SHEPARDSON, bapt. 13, March, 1642; m. November, 1661, Roger Kennicut of Malden, and later removed to Swanzey. Children, Joanna, Lydia and John.

2. DANIEL SHEPARDSON (*Daniel*¹) succeeded his father as blacksmith 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., named above, and widow of Mr. Samuel Tingley of Malden. (See footnote.) She was baptized 21 February, 1640-1. He moved to Attleboro where he purchased the company share owned by Elizabeth, Hannah and Lydia Winchester. 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 selectman of Attleboro in 1698. He died 3 August, 1743 [one record says 1723.] His wife, Elizabeth, died February, 1715-1716. The two ch. last named are recorded in Rehoboth. So far as known his children were:

- i. DANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 11 July, 1669; lieutenant in 9th Mass. Regt. against Canada in 1691. He died 11 March, 1691, at Anticosta. No trace of any family.
3. ii. JOHN SHEPARDSON, bapt. January, 1671.
- iii. ELIZABETH SHEPARDSON; m. Robert Fuller, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Wilmarth) Fuller, 19 January, 1699.
- iv. MARY SHEPARDSON; m. Joseph Ingraham, 11 April, 1700.
- v. JOANNA SHEPARDSON; m. 22 December, 1701, John Fuller, son of John and Abigail (Titus) Fuller. She d. 17 August, 1719, and he m. (2) 29 June, 1720, widow Sarah (Fuller) Föllett, dau. of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Wilmarth) Fuller, his first cousin.
4. vi. NATHANIEL SHEPARDSON, bapt. 28 October, 1680.
- vii. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON, b. 22 July, 1685, d. 15 October, 1685.

3. JOHN SHEPARDSON³ (*Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) lived in Attleboro, Mass., 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 16s 0d.

Children, recorded in Attleboro:

- i. 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.
- iii. SARAH SHEPARDSON, b. 13 February, 1698-9, d. 28 April, 1699.
5. iv. DANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 16 March, 1699-1700.
6. v. AMOS SHEPARDSON, b. 30 September, 1704.
7. vi. JOHN SHEPARDSON, bapt. 17 April, 1709.

This Samuel Tingley is supposed to have been the son of Palmer Tingle (spelling Tingley later), who came in the ship *Planter* in 1635. He is supposed to have married, 1635-1640, Anna Fosdick, daughter of Stephen Fosdick of Charlestown, 1635. She was born 1615 and died 1681. Her second husband was James Barrett of Charlestown (seven children). Samuel Tingley was born before 1643 and married 20 September, 1663, Elizabeth Call, daughter of Thomas and Bennett (——) Call. They had two sons, Samuel, b. Feb. 1665-6, d. 1714, and Thomas, b. July, 1667, d. 23 September, 1724. Over 9,000 descendants are listed in "The Tingley Family," a volume of 894 pp., published in 1910 by Raymon M. Tingley of Herrick Center, Pa. Marrying as her second husband Daniel Shepardson, she became also the ancestress of all American Shepardsons.

4. NATHANIEL SHEPARDSON (*Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) may have moved from Attleboro, Mass., to Rehoboth, where two of his children were baptized, although all are recorded in Attleboro. His wife was Mary ——. From similarity of names and some other circumstances, he may be the one referred to on page 236 of "Hinman's Connecticut Settlers" as "Nathaniel Shippason, widow Mary, of Hebron, estate £207. He died 1718. The children returned to the old family home after the father's death if these families are identical. The Hinman record mentions "Jonathan, Nathaniel, John, Elizabeth, Mary, Mercy, Joanna and others." Among these "others" was Amos, whose name is found elsewhere. The children whose dates are given are recorded in Attleboro, Ch.:

8. i. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON, b. 20 September, 1706.
- ii. NATHANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 26 March, 1708. No further record.
- iii. ELIZABETH SHEPARDSON. }
- iv. MARY SHEPARDSON, } b. May 12, 1710.
9. v. JOHN SHEPARDSON, b. 25 June, 1712.
- vi. MARY SHEPARDSON.
- vii. JOANNA SHEPARDSON.
10. viii. AMOS SHEPARDSON.

5. DANIEL SHEPARDSON (*John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) lived in Attleboro, Mass., and, as his grandfather and great grandfather before him, followed the blacksmith's trade. He was a lieutenant (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 Richardsen, 9 December, 1725. She d. 26 September, 1726, leaving an infant son. He m. (2) Mary Washburn of Taunton, Mass., 9 May, 1728. His will, dated 13 April, 1770, was probated 11 June, 1770. His sons moved to Guilford, Vt. Children recorded in Attleboro were:

11. i. DANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 5 September, 1726.
12. ii. JOHN SHEPARDSON, b. 16 February, 1729.
- iii. HANNAH SHEPARDSON, b. 29 December, 1730; m. 17 January, 1750, Alexander Balkcorn (or Balcom) of Norton, Mass.
13. iv. ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON, b. 6 May, 1733.
14. v. STEPHEN SHEPARDSON, b. 11 August, 1735.

6. AMOS SHEPARDSON (*John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) married Margaret Pidge 30 March, 1732. He d. in Attleboro in his 92d year. His will was presented for probate 1 December, 1795. Inventory of his estate taken 5 April, 1796, showed \$868.85. The boys of the family generally followed the sea. Children recorded in Attleboro:

15. i. AMOS SHEPARDSON, b. 5 May, 1735.
16. ii. ZEBEDIAH SHEPARDSON, b. 17 November, 1737, d. Seekonk, Mass.
17. iii. ELIJAH SHEPARDSON, b. 8 May, 1741.
- iv. NOAH SHEPARDSON, b. 3 April, 1745 (not mentioned in his father's will).
- v. OLIVE SHEPARDSON, b. 30 June, 1752; m. John Macomber of Rehoboth, Mass., 10 April, 1777.
- vi. ARAUNAH SHEPARDSON, b. 7 August, 1756, drowned at sea.

Perhaps also

- vii. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON, a ship captain, wrecked between Liverpool and Boston.

7. JOHN SHEPARDSON (*John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) married Abigail Richardson, b. 18 April, 1709, dau. of William and Rebecca (Vinton) Richardson. She d. 30 November, 1730. The "Richardson Memorial"

says she m. John Shepard, which is probably an error since the fact of m. to John Shepardson seems trustworthy, and since her sister Hannah m. Daniel Shepardson. There is no trace of this family except a memorandum of about 1880, "has descendants in the Lake Champlain region." He may have been the one whose estate was divided at Middletown, Conn., 29 May, 1749.

8. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON (*Nathaniel*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) moved from Attleboro, Mass., to Templeton, Mass., where he died in 1790. The Systematic History Fund "Vital Records of Templeton" shows no trace of this family. He married, 9 May, 1730, Abigail Fuller, who was born 6, July, 1704, daughter of John and Joanna (Shepardson) Fuller, and the children whose dates are given below are recorded in Attleboro. The Attleboro records show no other Jonathan of this generation who might be confused with this line, but Joseph Shepardson, who gathered extensive notes about the family, all of which were destroyed by fire before publication, reports that Jonathan's wife, "Merriam, died in 1771 very aged," and says children were Jonathan, born 3 January, 1735, Nathaniel and Joanna. As he is a direct descendant of this line and collected his notes more than fifty years ago when his grandfather, b. in 1775, was alive and living on the next farm, his record must be trusted. The name Abigail (or Nabby) is found in this family for several generations. A second marriage to "Merriam" might explain this uncertainty. Children:

18. i. NATHANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 18 June, 1731.
- ii. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON, b. 21 May, 1732, d. early.
19. iii. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON, b. 19 January, 1734, perhaps d. early and name given to son b. 3 January, 1735.
- iv. ABIGAIL SHEPARDSON, b. 17 April, 1736, d. 2 December, 1753.
- v. MARY SHEPARDSON, b. 10 October, 1743, d. 30 March, 1745.
- vi. MARY SHEPARDSON, b. 1 May, 1746, d. 31 March, 1752.
- vii. JOANNA SHEPARDSON, m. 6 December, 1781, John Christianmellow, one of Burgoyne's soldiers, who dropped out at Templeton, Mass.

9. JOHN SHEPARDSON (*Nathaniel*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) moved from Attleboro, Mass., to Ash Swamp, Conn., later called East Haddam. He m. Hepsibah Lord, dau. of Sergt. William Lord of East Haddam, signing an agreement regarding the estate of the latter 29 October, 1736. The order of the children is not known and there may have been others besides the ones named. His family in 1790 is noted as 1 m. and 1 f. He d. at the age of 105. Children:

- i. OTIS SHEPARDSON, no trace.
- ii. DANIEL SHEPARDSON, d. without ch. A Revolutionary soldier.
20. iii. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON, descendants at East Hamilton, N. Y.
- iv. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON, descendants at Smyrna, N. Y.
- v. HEPSIBAH SHEPARDSON, m. John Mitchell 4 January, 1758.
- vi. ISAAC SHEPARDSON, no trace.
- vii. HANNAH SHEPARDSON, m. 3 November, 1788, John Mobs (?) of East Haddam.
- viii. ABIGAIL SHEPARDSON.
- ix. MOLLY SHEPARDSON.
21. x. ANCEL SHEPARDSON, b. 14 January, 1759.

Shepardson Families in 1790 (as arranged alphabetically and numbered above).

(Family 1.) ABIGAIL SHEPARDSON of Mansfield, Mass., was the daughter of Jonathan and Abigail (Morse) Pratt. On 14 August, 1755, she was married by Rev. Ebenezer White of Norton, North Precinct Parish

(later called Mansfield) to AMOS SHEPARDSON (*Amos*,⁴ *John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹). They had five children, four recorded in Norton and one in Mansfield. The records show their names in a number of land transactions. On 15 January, 1773, they receipted for £29 4s 11d as her share of her father's estate. He marched on 19 April, 1775, in Capt. Abial Clap's 3d Company of the Bristol county militia on the Lexington alarm. He enlisted in 1776 in the company of Capt. John Dean of Mansfield for service in Rhode Island. In 1780 he was at Claverack, N. Y., in the Mansfield Company of Capt. Benjamin Bates. His name is inscribed on the Mansfield tablet of Revolutionary soldiers. He was rated on the assessor's roll of 1781 and 1783 for real estate, £85 15s 0d. There was trouble in the family, and he dropped out of sight. His wife d. 10 March, 1808. Children:

- i. MATILDA SHEPARDSON, b. 1 February, 1760; m. Lemuel White of Mansfield; 2 s. and 2 d.
- ii. MARGARET SHEPARDSON, b. 22 March, 1762; m. 14 February, 1789, Asa Fillebrown of Mansfield; 1 ch., Noah Fillebrown.
- iii. ABIGAIL SHEPARDSON, b. 1 March, 1765, d. unmd. 29 April, 1845.
- iv. ADAH SHEPARDSON, b. 9 December, 1767; m. 10 November, 1792, James Perry of Easton.
- v. NOAH SHEPARDSON, b. 2 May, 1770.

It is possible that the unhappy Amos Shepardson, after leaving home and family went to New Hampshire, where he married Rebecca Whitcomb, daughter of Thomas and Anne (Whitney) Whitcomb, who lived awhile in Deerfield, N. H., before settling in Norridgewock, Maine. They lived in Hinsdale, N. H. (See Family 25) before moving to Northfield, Mass., about 1793. The birth dates of the first two children mentioned below indicate that they and the father and mother might make the 3 m. and 1 f. ascribed to the Hinsdale family in 1790. A tradition says that Amos Shepardson had eleven children by his two wives, although only ten names are known. In 1820 he moved from Northfield to "New York State" where he is supposed to have died at Hague. The names of children by the second wife are similar to those in his father's family (See Family 2). Children:

- i. AMOS SHEPARDSON, b. 1787, had one son, Charles, of Warwick, Mass.
- ii. ELIJAH SHEPARDSON, b. 1789.
- iii. ARAUNAH SHEPARDSON, b. 1791.
- iv. ZEBEDIAH SHEPARDSON, b. 1793.
- v. OLIVE SHEPARDSON, b. 1795; m. Elijah Kendall, 15 April, 1814.

(Family 2.) AMOS SHEPARDSON of Attleboro, Mass. (See No. 6 under "Early Shepardson Families" above.)

(Family 3.) AMOS SHEPARDSON of Milford, Mass., may have been a son of Amos Shepardson (See No. 10 p. 5 above), or a son of Elijah Shepardson, son of Amos (See Family 9 below) although no records are available in 1912 to show this. Whatever his origin, however, Amos Shepardson enlisted in the Revolutionary army from Mansfield, Mass., and later from Mendon. He probably was the one who served in the Company of Capt. Israel Threw of Norton in April and May, 1777, in the Rhode Island campaign. He m. at Medway (or Milford), Mass., about 1 October, 1778, Hannah Norcross, dau. of Peter and Johanna (Morse) Norcross. He lived later in Florida, Mass., where he is said to have died, although no records are available to show that fact or to indicate the names of his four sons and two daughters supposedly in his family in 1790. So far as known his children were:

- i. LOUIS SHEPARDSON, b. about 1781, d. 17 October, 1858.
- ii. LOVETT SHEPARDSON, b. 24 March, 1792, in Milford, Mass.
- iii. NABBY SHEPARDSON.
- iv. JOHANNA SHEPARDSON.

(Family 4.) 24. ISAAC SHEPARDSON (*Nathaniel*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Nathaniel*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) lived in Wrentham, Mass., near Cumberland, R. I. He committed suicide by hanging 9 April, 1816, supposedly being insane. He was buried in Cumberland. His family records are faulty, but it is known that he had children:

- i. NATHANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 5 October, 1784; m. four times; d. Bridgewater, Mass.; twelve ch.
- ii. SALLY SHEPARDSON, m. ——— Wood, Seekonk, Mass.; two ch.
- iii. AARON SHEPARDSON, d. Wrentham, Mass.; one dau.
- iv. JAMES SHEPARDSON, d. Franklin, Mass.; four ch.
- v. LUCY SHEPARDSON, m. ——— Bartlett; three ch.
- vi. JOHN SHEPARDSON, seven ch.
- vii. ISAAC SHEPARDSON, d. Wrentham, Mass.; eight ch.
- viii. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON, eight ch.
- ix. LYDIA SHEPARDSON, m. ——— Chamberlain; five ch.

(Family 5.) 19. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON (*Jonathan*,⁴ *Nathaniel*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) married 4 March, 1756, in Attleboro, Mass., Miriam Follett. In the Attleboro records, Book 1, p. 158, where this marriage by Rev. Habijah Weld is mentioned, she is called "Mrs. Follett." In Book 1, p. 46, two children are named of "Jonathan Shepardson, Jr., and Miriam who before marriage was Follett," the date of one of these in the record being incorrect. She may have been a widow or the "Mrs." being a mistake, she may have been the Miriam Follett who was dau. of Isaac and Sarah (Carpenter) Follett. They were m. 1 June, 1727, and their third child, Miriam, would fit in so far as age is concerned with Jonathan Shepardson's wife, as she was b. 11 February, 1733-4. Probably about 1765 the family moved to Templeton, Mass., and again in 1790 to Royalston, Mass. Jonathan and his wife both died the same day 3 December, 1804. Their grandson, Daniel, son of Daniel, was the founder of Shepardson College, the women's department of Denison University at Granville, Ohio. Children:

22. i. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON, b. 23 April, 1758.
- ii. REBECCA SHEPARDSON, b. 20 November, 1759, d. early.
- iii. MIRIAM SHEPARDSON, b. 1 September, 1761.
- iv. JOANNA SHEPARDSON, b. 22 February, 1765.
- v. RACHEL SHEPARDSON, b. 6 February, 1767, d. 1 August, 1844; unmd.
- vi. REBECCA SHEPARDSON, b. 28 May, 1769; m. Jabez Pratt, 23 July, 1797.
- vii. ABIGAIL SHEPARDSON }
- viii. ISAAC SHEPARDSON } born 1 June, 1771; Abigail m. ——— Higgins.
- ix. JOHN SHEPARDSON, b. 23 October, 1773.
- x. DANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 6 October, 1775.

(Family 6.) 22. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON (*Jonathan*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Nathaniel*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) was the eldest son of Family 5. He settled in Warwick, Mass., which adjoins Royalston. His name does not appear in a list of property owners in Warwick in 1798, but he was a witness to his father's will which was dated 19 October, 1799, and in which he is mentioned as "my son Jonathan of Warwick." In Blake's History of Warwick the death of "Mr. Jno. Shepardson" on 18 June, 1817, is noted. This may refer to him or it may be a son. Name of wife not known. Children:

- i. LUCY SHEPARDSON, b. 1788, d. 18 June, 1857.
- ii. POLLY SHEPARDSON.
- iii. SALLY SHEPARDSON.
- iv. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON, b. about 1792; m. 29 September, 1817, Hannah Delvee, who d. 4 October, 1866, aged 70.
- v. ISAAC SHEPARDSON.
- vi. JOHN SHEPARDSON (?), d. 18 June, 1817.

(Family 7.) 23. NATHANIEL SHEPARDSON (*Nathaniel*,⁵ *Jonathan*,⁴ *Nathaniel*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) of Cumberland, R. I., was m. by Job Simmons, J. P., of Attleboro, Mass., 30 December, 1778, to Betty Sweetland of Attleboro. He d. 8 June, 1827. She d. September, 1833, in her 76th year. They and their children are buried in Cumberland, R. I., but they lived over the state line in Wrentham, Mass. Tombstone records indicate the following children:

- i. ESTHER SHEPARDSON, b. 3 June, —, d. 22 November, 1870.
- ii. EDWARD SHEPARDSON.
- iii. FREDERICK SHEPARDSON.
- iv. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON.
- v. JONATHAN SHEPARDSON, b. 11 October, 1802, d. 31 March, 1871.

(Family 8.) 16. ZEBEDIAH SHEPARDSON (*Amos*,⁴ *John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) b. 17 November, 1737; m. Deborah Cook, int. pub. in Norton, Mass., 7 August, 1762. He is called "Captain" in record of his death in Rehoboth, Mass., 12 May, 1810. He was probably the one mentioned in the Mass. Revolutionary rolls who was commissioned as commander of the schooner "Resolution," a privateer, 20 July, 1778. Zebulon Shepardson, 1st Lieut. on same vessel, may have been his son. No record of children except two daughters named in his will.

- i. NANCY SHEPARDSON, "eldest dau.", m. 22 June, 1795, Simeon Cobb of Taunton.
- ii. ELONA SHEPARDSON, b. 2 December, 1767, Providence, R. I. She m. (1) Daniel Hodges of Norton, Mass., 12 March, 1787. He was b. 9 June, 1763, in Norton, and d. January, 1789, in Hardwick. They had a dau., Elona Hodges, b. in Rehoboth, 22 April, 1789, who m. at Rehoboth 30 July, 1810, Lee Leonard of Taunton, son of Jonathan and Joanna (Lee) Leonard. Several children (see "Hodges Genealogy"). She m. (2) 7 February, 1791, Caleb Abell, town clerk of Rehoboth.

(Family 9.) MARY SHEPARDSON of Providence, R. I., was the widow of Elijah Shepardson (No. 17 above). He probably followed the sea as he is called "Captain" in record of his d. at Seekonk, 9 November, 1787, of "mole on the throat." The census record of 1790 shows that the family consisted of two males and three females not counting the mother. The will of Amos Shepardson, probated 1 December 1795, mentions "heirs of Elijah." One of these was:

- i. MEHITABLE SHEPARDSON, who m. Richard Bowen, 1797.
- ii. AMOS SHEPARDSON (?).

(Family 10.) NATHANIEL SHEPARDSON (*Jonathan*,⁴ *Nathaniel*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) lived at Arnold's Mills in Cumberland, R. I. He was "admitted to freedom" on the first Wednesday in May, 1759. He was a member of the state legislature for several terms and was prominent in Revolutionary times. He was known as "Squire Shepardson." He d. 23 April, 1817. He m. (1) Sarah —, who died 11 March, 1773, and (2) Elizabeth —. Children:

23. i. NATHANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 22 March, 1758.
- ii. MARY SHEPARDSON.
- iii. ELIZABETH SHEPARDSON, b. 18 April, 1762.
24. iv. ISAAC SHEPARDSON, b. 25 July, 1764, d. 9 April, 1816.
- v. LUCY SHEPARDSON, b. 4 February, 1766.
- vi. CHLOE SHEPARDSON, b. 27 April, 1768; m. Otis Jillson, 3 April, 1796. He was b. 5 July, 1768; he d. December, 1839; she d. 7 October, 1853, in Wrentham. No ch.
- vii. OLIVE SHEPARDSON, b. 29 May, 1771.
- viii. SABRA SHEPARDSON, b. 22 July, 1774.
- ix. OTIS SHEPARDSON, b. 20 April, 1776, d. 6 July, 1817.
- x. HANNAH SHEPARDSON, b. 21 August, 1778.
- xi. NANCY SHEPARDSON, b. 21 August, 1781.

(Family 11.) JOHN SHEPARDSON of East Haddam, Conn. See No. 9 under "Early Shepardson Families."

(Family 12.) 20. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON (*John,⁴ Nathaniel,³ Daniel,² Daniel¹*) of East Haddam, Conn. His children's names are unknown but there is reason to believe that two of them were:

- i. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON, m. Eda Cook, 25 November, 1791; had nine ch.; moved to East Hamilton, N. Y., where he d. 30 May, 1852.
- ii. DANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. in 1772, d. 27 July, 1869.

(Family 13.) 27. ALFRED SHEPARDSON (*John,⁵ Daniel,⁴ John,³ Daniel,² Daniel¹*) m. 27 June, 1796, Dolly Bullock in Guilford, Vt., and lived there until February, 1816, when he moved with his family to what is now Afton, N. Y. He d. there in 1819. Children:

- i. SALLY SHEPARDSON, b. 4 October, 1798.
- ii. CLARISSA SHEPARDSON, b. 13 July, 1800.
- iii. ZADOC SHEPARDSON, b. 3 April, 1805.
- iv. DOLLY SHEPARDSON, b. 16 April, 1807.
- v. ALFRED SHEPARDSON, b. 24 November, 1809.
- vi. SIMEON SHEPARDSON.

(Family 14.) 21. ANCEL SHEPARDSON (*John,⁴ Nathaniel,³ Daniel,² Daniel¹*) removed from East Haddam, Conn., to Middletown, Rutland County, Vermont. He m. 25 July, 1782, Charlotte Colgrove, who was b. 20 February, 1762, and d. 23 February, 1850. He died 9 February, 1840. They lived in Fairfax, Franklin County, Vt., for many years. Their son and grandson, each named Daniel, lived in Granville, Ohio, where each served as deacon in the Baptist church and trustee of Denison University for many years. Children:

- i. CLARISSA SHEPARDSON, b. 27 January, 1783, d. August, 1830, Granville, Ohio.
- ii. ASA SHEPARDSON, b. 12 December, 1784, d. 14 August, 1842, in Delaware County, Ohio.
- iii. DANIEL SHEPARDSON, b. 27 September, 1787, d. November, 1866, Granville, Ohio.
- iv. DAVID SHEPARDSON, b. 25 October, 1790, d. 15 December, 1791.
- v. ANCEL SHEPARDSON, b. 10 July, 1793, d. 21 March, 1875, Fairfax, Vt.
- vi. JOEL SHEPARDSON, b. 28 June, 1796, d. 25 December, 1850, in Vermont.
- vii. LORINDA SHEPARDSON, b. 23 April, 1800.
- viii. CALISTA SHEPARDSON, b. 10 February, 1806, d. 13 August, 1861, Alexandria, Ohio.

(Family 15.) 12. DANIEL SHEPARDSON (*Daniel,⁴ John,³ Daniel,² Daniel¹*) moved from Attleboro, Mass., to Guilford, Vermont. He m. 12 November, 1753, Mary Peck, dau. of Hezekiah Peck of Attleboro. Children:

25. i. NOAH SHEPARDSON, b. 4 August, 1756.
- ii. OZIAH SHEPARDSON, b. 30 March, 1757, d. 5 February, 1758.
- iii. ENOCH SHEPARDSON, b. 21 April, 1759.
- iv. HANNAH SHEPARDSON, b. 8 May, 1765.

(Family 16.) 31. JARED SHEPARDSON (*Zephaniah,⁵ Daniel,⁴ John,³ Daniel,² Daniel¹*) m. in December, 1793, Ruth Church, b. 29 September, 1770, dau. of David and Damaris (—) Church. He d. in Halifax, Vt., 6 July, 1810, of consumption. His wid. d. in Gerry, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., 9 August, 1850. Extensive records of this line have been collected by John Eaton Shepardson and published as Shepardson Leaflet No. 5. Children:

- i. CLARISSA SHEPARDSON, b. 7 October, 1794, d. 6 December, 1868; m. Solomon Fessenden.

- ii. LUCIUS SHEPARDSON, b. 17 February, 1797, d. 27 March, 1798.
- iii. DAMARIS SHEPARDSON, b. 1 March, 1799, d. 12 March, 1848; m. Willard Buchlin.
- iv. LUCIUS SHEPARDSON, b. 23 September, 1802, d. 29 March, 1803.
- v. JOHN SHEPARDSON, {
- vi. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON, { b. 19 March, 1804.
- vii. MATILDA SHEPARDSON, { b. 23 June, 1806, d. 19 August, 1847;
m. Charles Williams.
- viii. LUCINDA SHEPARDSON, { b. 23 June, 1806, d. 16 September, 1859;
m. Oren Strong.

(Family 17.) 13. JOHN SHEPARDSON (*Daniel*,⁴ *John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) m. at Norton, Mass., 17 January, 1754, Anna Blanchard, dau. of Stephen and Abigail (Pratt) Blanchard. After 1768 he removed from Attleboro to Guilford, Vt., of which town he was one of the founders. He was made town clerk in 1772. He was very influential in the movement to make Vermont a separate state. He bore the title "Major." He was a member of the Council in Vermont for several years and was also Judge of the Supreme Court. He d. of consumption 3 January, 1802, in Brattleboro. His wife d. of old age 1 January, 1817, then 87. According to a court record they had eleven children, but names of some are unknown. The first five are recorded in Attleboro:

- i. JOHN SHEPARDSON, b. 25 August, 1754, d. 23 August, 1771.
- 26. ii. SAMUEL SHEPARDSON, b. 10 February, 1757.
- iii. LOUISE SHEPARDSON (or Lois (?)), b. 15 January, 1760; m. Simeon Forbes.
- iv. SETH SHEPARDSON, b. 10 August, 1762.
- 27. v. ALFRED SHEPARDSON, b. 26 April, 1768.
- vi. JETHENAL SHEPARDSON (name given by a descendant as stated by her mother).
- vii. EZRA SHEPARDSON, d. at Palmyra, N. Y., 29 August, 1819, aged 33.
- viii. ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON (mentioned as living a half mile south of his brother Samuel and credited with sons, Lewis, Martin and Noah. There must be confusion with son of *Zephaniah*⁵).
- ix. — SHEPARDSON.
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(Family 18.) 26. NOAH SHEPARDSON (*Daniel*,⁵ *Daniel*,⁴ *John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) removed from Attleboro, Mass., to Guilford, Vt. His wife was Hannah —. He was made fence viewer 12 March, 1792. With his cousins Joseph and Nathaniel he was in an attack against the "Vermonters" at Brattleboro, Vt., in 1784. He received 30 acres of land in Bainbridge, Chenango county, N. Y., as part of that granted in 1786 to the sufferers who opposed the government of Vermont by New York state. Known children:

- i. ENOCH SHEPARDSON, b. 22 October, 1778.
- ii. NOAH SHEPARDSON, b. 1782, d. 23 May, 1867.

(Family 19.) 27. SAMUEL SHEPARDSON (*John*,⁵ *Daniel*,⁴ *John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) m. 1 May, 1779, Anna Barney, dau. of John Barney. She was b. in Rehoboth, Mass., 9 February, 1761. He lived in Guilford, Vt., dying on the farm his father occupied before him, 28 February, 1813, after an illness of eight days from spotted fever. He was a freeman and town clerk of Guilford, 25 March, 1782-3. In 1784 was guide of Vermont troops under command of Stephen R. Bradley, who suppressed disorder in Guilford; moderator of town meeting, 1794; constable in 1790, 1797, 1801; was called "Captain" in 1795; was collector in 1784, 1790, 1795; district clerk district No. 14 in 1810; member of Vermont Council, 1803-1808; register of probate in 1806; presidential elector in 1808, casting his vote for James Madison. He was called "Major" at the time of his death, this probably being a militia title.

He was a large man physically, weighing 285 pounds, tall, well-proportioned and very active for a man of his size, as family traditions indicate. His widow spent her last years with her daughter, Anna Barney, dying in Lorain county, Ohio, near the mouth of Black river, 22 June, 1852. (See Shepardson Leaflet No. 4 for a record of his descendants.) Children:

- i. CHLOE SHEPARDSON, b. 10 January, 1781.
- ii. ANNA SHEPARDSON, b. 6 October, 1782, d. 3 November, 1782.
- iii. ANNA SHEPARDSON, b. 30 May, 1784.
- iv. JOHN SHEPARDSON, b. 7 December, 1786.
- v. SAMUEL SHEPARDSON, b. 9 March, 1789.
- vi. OTIS SHEPARDSON, b. 5 July, 1791.
- vii. ELIJAH SHEPARDSON, b. 6 November, 1793.
- viii. PLINY SHEPARDSON, b. 15 July, 1796.
- ix. SOPHIA SHEPARDSON, b. 20 August, 1798.
- x. PARMELIA SHEPARDSON, b. 19 March, 1801.

(Family 20.) 15. STEPHEN SHEPARDSON (*Daniel*,⁴ *John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) m. 15 March, 1759, Lucy Fisher of Attleboro, Mass., int. pub. in Norton 17 February, 1759. He moved to Guilford, Vt., where he was constable in 1774 and commissioner of highways in 1776. He was captain of a company in the Revolutionary war, which was commissioned 26 February, 1776. The Guilford records show him to have been a man of considerable wealth and refer to him as "Stephen Shepardson, gentleman." He may have had other children besides the following, the first six of whom are recorded in Attleboro:

- i. EZRA SHEPARDSON, b. 3 August, 1759.
28. ii. STEPHEN SHEPARDSON, b. 17 May, 1761.
- iii. LUCY SHEPARDSON, b. 7 March, 1763; m. Mathew Horton of Guilford.
- iv. MARY SHEPARDSON, b. 11 May, 1765; m. Esau Thayer, Marlboro, Vt.
- v. SARAH SHEPARDSON, b. 5 October, 1769; m. Lemuel Lines of Guilford.
- vi. PEDDY SHEPARDSON, b. 15 November, 1771, d. 2 December, 1838; m. Robinson Perkins, Fitzwilliam, N. H.
- vii. — SHEPARDSON, m. George Smith, Palmyra, N. Y.
- viii. NANCY SHEPARDSON, m. William Robertson of Vermont.
- ix. LORA SHEPARDSON, d. young.

(Family 21.) 28. STEPHEN SHEPARDSON, JR. (*Stephen*,⁵ *Daniel*,⁴ *John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) m. and moved from Guilford, Vt., to Coleraine, Mass., where he d. 11 April, 1806. The Guilford records of 1793 refer to him as "Stephen Shepardson of Colrain, Hampshire Co., Mass., Yeoman," while those of 17 December, 1800, mention him as "of Guilford, formerly of Colrain." "Heads of Families in 1790" credits him to Guilford and makes his family 4 m. and 2 f. One of his children was:

- i. STEPHEN SHEPARDSON.

(Family 22.) 30. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON (*Zephaniah*,⁵ *Daniel*,⁴ *John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) 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 Guilford 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:

- i. THADDEUS SHEPARDSON, b. 1783, d. 23 December, 1809, at Penobscott, Mass.
- ii. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON, b. 21 December, 1787.
- 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.
- viii. ELIAS SHEPARDSON, mentioned in his brother Hart's will of 1822.
- ix. POLLY SHEPARDSON, d. 17 July, 1808, of consumption.
- x. HENRY SHEPARDSON, b. 1804.

(Family 23.) 14. ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON (*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. He d. 16 October, 1804. Many interesting facts connected with him are to be found in "A Record of the Line of Zephaniah Shepardson of Guilford, Vermont." (Shepardson Leaflet, No. 5, 1907.) Children:

29. i. ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON, b. 21 March, 1755.
30. ii. WILLIAM SHEPARDSON, b. 25 July, 1756.
- iii. RUTH SHEPARDSON, b. 16 September, 1758; m. John Barney of Guilford, Vt., and had one son William, who d. 6 December, 1809, age 21.
- iv. JOSEPH SHEPARDSON, b. 27 October, 1760.
31. v. JARED SHEPARDSON, b. 18 July, 1763.
- vi. DEMARIS BILLINGS SHEPARDSON, m. at Guilford 30 January, 1806, James Alverson of Halifax, Vt.
- vii. DAVID CHURCH SHEPARDSON, a blacksmith of Guilford, Vt. He owned land in Bainbridge, N. Y., in 1816, and may have moved there.

(Family 24.) 29. ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON (*Zephaniah*,⁵ *Daniel*,⁴ *John*,³ *Daniel*,² *Daniel*¹) was a clockmaker and farmer in Guilford, Vermont. He was in Capt. Daniel Calisco's company of Col. Bedell's regt. in 1776. 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.

- i. 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.
- iv. 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.
- vi. IRA SHEPARDSON, b. 21 October, 1788, d. 7 April, 1870.
- vii. SALLY SHEPARDSON, b. 3 July, 1790; lived to old age; unmd.
- viii. ZEPHANIAH SHEPARDSON, b. 20 February, 1792.
- ix. MARTIN SHEPARDSON, b. 13 February, 1794.
- x. JAMES SHEPARDSON, b. 17 July, 1795.
- 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.
- xiv. CLARK SHEPARDSON, b. 19 August, 1804.
- xv. JOHN BARNEY SHEPARDSON, b. 5 June, 1808.

(Family 25.) AMOS SHEPARDSON of Hinsdale, New Hampshire. See notes under Family 1.

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, Ohio. 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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