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SHELDON, HORACE FULLER

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Horace Fuller Sheldon was born in Canada in 1841. He received his education and grew to manhood in Canada, and in the spring of 1868 he came to Minnesota and settled in Paynesville, Stearns County. It was here that he followed his trade as a blacksmith for a while. He then took a homestead of eighty acres in Section seven of Paynesville township.

In 1870, Horace F. Sheldon was united in marriage to Harriet McKinstry daughter of William and Sallie Marie (Cole) McKinstry. They were married at St. Anthony, now the city of Minneapolis.

Harriet (McKinstry) Sheldon was born in Allepheny County, New York, on October 7, 1842. She had come to Minnesota with her parents in 1867, and they had lived in Paynesville for two years before moving to Minneapolis. Later they lived in Becker County.

After their marriage, Horace and Harriet (McKinstry) Sheldon made their home on their farm in Section 7 of Paynesville township and continued to live there the rest of their lives. As the years passed, Horace made many improvements on the buildings and on the land. He increased his holdings from the original eighty acres to about two hundred acres.

Horace F. and Harriet (McKinstry) Sheldon were the parents of seven children and they are: Edith M.; William A.; Cora; Merton L.; James L.; Horace F.; and Lester H.;

All the children received their education in the schools of the village of Paynesville with the exception of Lester, who, when he was ten years old, attended the North Town District school number 171.

Edith M. Sheldon was born May 10, 1871. She is married to Allie E. Nunn, and they have five children, who are:

Horace A.; Dorothy; Edith; and twins Margaret and Mildred. The latter twin passed away when but a young girl. Allie and Edith (Sheldon) Nunn live on a farm near Milfred, Delaware.

William A. Sheldon was born July 8, 1872 and he was united in marriage to Frances Herter. They have four children, and they are: Arthur; Mary; Herbert; and Dorothea. They live in Boseman, Montana, where William is employed.

Cora A. Sheldon was born July 24, 1874. She taught school several years. She married R. W. Deichen, and they have two children, Howard and Ruth. They live at Newport, Minnesota, near St. Paul.

Merton L. Sheldon was born September 23, 1876 and he was united in marriage to Anna Paasche. They have three children, who are: Dorothy Merton; and Florence. They live at Blanchard, North Dakota. James L. Sheldon was born on July 9, 1878. He was married to Augusta Wood and they have four children, who are: Haze; Alice; Helen and Lois. They live at Waseca, Minnesota.

Horace F. Sheldon was born April 23, 1880. He was united in marriage to Helen Olsen on November 17, 1920 at Willmar, Minnesota. They have two daughters, Clary H.; and Carmen E. Horace lives on the home farm in Section 7 of Paynesville township. He is a member of the town board of District 171.

Lester H. Sheldon was born July 22, 1883. He married Edith Fetter and they had two children, a daughter, Allene, and a son Warren, who is deceased. Edith(Fetter) Sheldon passed away in 1927 and burial was made in the Paynesville Cemetery. Their son, Warren, was buried at Nashua, Montana, where Lester and his daughter Allene are living now. During the years that he spent building up his farm, the elder Horace Sheldon

helped in the construction of the first Methodist Church in the village of Paynesville. He was an active member of the church and was always willing to do all he could.

Horace F. Sheldon, Sr. made his home on the farm until the time of his death which occurred in 1927. His wife, Harriet (McKinstry) Sheldon preceded her husband in death by five years. She died at her home in 1922. They were laid to rest in the Paynesville cemetery. At the time of this writing, all seven Horace Sheldon's Sr's. children are living.

Interviewed: Horace F. Sheldon
Date: October 20, 1937
By: Clarence Chisholm

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LEGAL RECORDS TAKEN FROM THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FOR THE HORACE FULLER SHELDON BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK Z PAGE 17 LINE 453

Horace Fuller Sheldon, born in Canada September 19, 1841

Son of Horace Fuller Sheldon

Died March 21, 1927

Age 85 years 6 months and 2 days

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK P. PAGE 7580

Richard W. Deichen and Cora Sheldon

Married at Paynesville July 20, 1898

By: Rev. Leon S. Koch

Witnesses: W. A. Sheldon and L. J. Sheldon

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK Q. PAGE 8374

Albert E. Nunn and Edith M. Sheldon, married at Paynesville June 12, 1901.

By: Rev. Leon S. Koch

Witnesses: L. J. McKinstry and L. J. Sheldon

SHELDON, HORACE FULLER

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTION

Name, Albert Nunn, is correct as stated in the legal records.

Re-interviewed: H. F. Sheldon
Date: March 14, 1938
By: Clarence Chisholm