

Chronological Journey with Our Sherman Family until 1855

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1745	(unk)	Richard born
1777 Jan 3	New Hampshire	Richard enlisted
1780 Jul 31	Portsmouth, Fort Washington, NH	Richard transferred
1780 Dec 17	New Hampshire	Richard discharged
1787 Jun 5	Portsmouth, Rockingham Co, NH	Jacob Haven Sr. born
1787	New Hampshire	Richard appl for pension
1807 Oct 8	New Hampshire	Richard rec'd pension
1808 Apr 25	New Hampshire	Richard pension increase
1809	New Hampshire	Richard died
1809 Mar 15	Orford, Grafton Co, NH	Jacob Haven Sr & Rebec
1809 Dec 14	Orford, Grafton Co, NH	Lucinda born
1810	Orford, Grafton Co, NH	Jacob Haven Sr. on cens

1810 Census - Orford, Grafton Co, New Hampshire.

1810. The chief event this year was "Cold Friday," which occurred Jan. 19. The early part preceding day the weather was mild, but later a cold wind sprang up and the thermometer drop. The next morning the wind blew a gale and the thermometer had fallen fifty degrees. Sanbornton the record was made of twenty-five degrees below zero and several lives were lost. The gale did much damage to timber, and the intense cold caused much suffering, but there were no fatalities in this town. The great wind increased the severity of the weather, piercing the heaviest clothing, and finding a ready entrance to the rude homes of the people. (History of Bristol, Grafton Co, NH, Vol I Annals of the Town - note: Bristol was only about 20 miles from Orford)

1811 Mar 14	Orford, Grafton Co, NH	Jacob H Sr. certifies Methodist
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1811 - Mar 14 - living in Orford, Grafton Co, NH; certified that he "embraces a belief in the Religious tenets of the denomination of Christians called Methodists and does pay for the support the gospel in that order."

1812 Jan 4	Orford, Grafton Co, NH	William Smith born
1814 Feb 13	Orford, Grafton Co, NH	Rebecca Jr born

1814. Monday, Dec. 6, heavy shock of earthquake, continuing forty-five seconds.

1815. Spotted fever prevailed to considerable extent this year and there were many fatalities. People stricken with this disease were frequently carried off within twenty-four hours. Among the fatal cases were four children of John Favor.

1815. The great gale of Sept. 23, which did great damage in the central portion of the state, appears to have visited New Chester and Bridgewater more lightly, though much damage was done to fruit trees and buildings.

1816. Spotted fever again raged. In January, Ephraim Quimby lost six children in five days. All were buried in two graves.

1816. The first months of this year were remarkable for the small amount of snow that fell and the warm weather that prevailed, the summer months as the coldest on record in this state. Snow fell and ice formed every month of the year. June 11, two inches of snow came. So great was the damage done and suffering caused that the year was called "Poverty year." Farmers made heroic efforts to save their crops, and whole nights were spent in feeding huge bonfires near the corn to keep the frost from at least a part; but on the night of Aug. 19, there came a frost that bonfires could not drive away and all the corn in town was killed. There was not enough raised to feed the next year, and provisions of all kinds went to fabulous prices. The next March hay was worth from \$25 to \$30 per ton; corn, \$2 per bushel, and other articles in proportion. Many had no hay at all the latter part of the winter, and could not obtain any, and many cattle died. (History of the Town of Bristol)

1817. This season the crops were plentiful and farmers prospered. The weather was propitious and no frost came till the 29th of September. Sunday morning, Oct. 5, while the people were at church, a heavy earthquake shock was felt. (History of the Town of Bristol)

1818 Feb 14	Orford, Grafton Co, NH	Leverett R born
1818 Mar (aft)	New York	move to New York
1818	Madison Co, New York	Jacob Haven Sr. jailed

1818 - aft Mar, moved to New York. The family fell onto hard times, and Jacob was put in debtor's prison in Madison Co, NY during 1818. To occupy his time in prison, he carved a beautiful wooden box, which is still in the family today. During their sojourn in NY, the family embraced the Catholic faith. (Desc of Jacob Haven Sherman - Linda Stewart)

1820	Sherburne, Chenango Co, NY	Jacob H Sr. on census
1820 Feb	Sherburne, Chenango Co, NY	Jacob H Sr. 1st 4
		children baptized
1820 Jul 4	Madison, Madison Co, NY	Jacob Haven Jr born

1820 Census - Sherburne, Chenango County, New York. 1st four children baptized here: Lucinda, William Smith, Rebecca, and Leverett. Sherburne, New York, is about 15 miles from Lebanon, New York, where Mary stayed until her death. Lebanon is in Madison

Co.

Late 1820s - family left New York

1823 Jun 11	Sherburne, Chenango Co, NY	John T born
1824 Jan 14	New York	Lucinda married
1827 Dec 9	Madison, Madison Co, NY	Richard Hamilton born
1830	Mentor Twp, Geauga Co, Ohio	Jacob H Sr. on census

1830 Census - Mentor Township, Geauga County, Ohio.

Possibly went to Chardon, Geauga Co, Ohio with Aaron Stebbins, brother to Rebecca, or joined him there.

1830 Nov 20	Chardon, Geauga Co, Ohio	Mary H born
1836 (before)	Ohio	William Smith leaves
Ohio for Missouri		
1836 Jun 6	Monroe Co, MO	William Smith married
1840 Jan 12	Iowa	Rebecca Jr m Barnes
1840	Lee Co, Iowa	Jacob H Sr. on census

Willis and Rebecca Sherman Barnes are shown to be living next door.

1840 Aug 8	Lee Co, Iowa	Rebec Barnes 1st child
born		
1842	Springfield, Sangamon Co, IL	Jacob Haven Sr. there
1842 Apr 19	Illinois	Leverett R married
1843	Springfield, Sangamon Co, IL	Leverett R 1st child born
1843 May 11	Springfield, Sangamon Co, IL	Rebecca Barnes 2nd
child born		
1845 Jul 2	Springfield, Sangamon Co, IL	Leverett R 2nd child
born		
1847 Oct 16	St.Louis, St.Louis Co, MO	Rebecca Barnes 3rd
child born		
1848 Jul	St.Louis, St.Louis Co, MO	Leverett R 3rd child
born		
1849 8 Nov	St.Louis, St.Louis Co, MO	John T married
1850		John T 1st child born
1850 Sep 17	St. Ferdinands Twp, St.Louis, MO	Jacob Haven Sr. there
1850 Nov 18	St.Louis, St.Louis Co, MO	Jacob Haven Sr. died
1850 Dec 26	St.Louis, St.Louis Co, MO	Mary H married
1851 Oct 4	St.Louis, St.Louis Co, MO	Mary H died

1852 Jan 21	St.Louis, St.Louis Co, MO	Rebecca Barnes 4th
child born		
1852		John T 2rd child born
1853	Maryland	John T 3rd child born
1853	Chambers Co, Texas	Leverett R rec'd land
1853 Dec 15	St.Louis, St.Louis Co, MO	Jacob Haven, Jr.
married		

Family still in Missouri in December 1853 when Jacob, Jr., married Magdalena Summers there. 1853 Leverett R & his wife Margaret had gone ahead of the family to Chambers Co (then Liberty Co) He received 160 acres of preempted land on Turtle Bay.

1854		John T 4th child born
1854 bef May	Chambers Co, Texas	Arrive in Chambers Co, Texas

1854 Richard & Lothrop and their families arrived by ox-drawn wagons and settled on Turtle Bay.

1855 Rebecca, Jacob Jr, John, William Barnes and their families had joined the others on Turtle Bay. The Turtle Bay community was located near the town of Wallisville. Leverett sold land to his brothers and sister so they could establish themselves in their new home.

summary:

1818 to bef 1830 in Madison Co, and Sherburne, Chenango Co, New York
 1830 in Geauga Co, Ohio
 1840 - Jan to Aug in Lee Co, Iowa
 1842 - 1845 in Springfield, Sangamon Co, Illinois
 1847 - 1853 in St.Louis, St.Louis Co, MO
 1854 - Chambers Co.

ages in 1818 when left NH for NY

Jacob Sr - 31

Rebecca - 31

Lucinda - 9

William Smith - 6

Rebecca - 4

Leverett - newborn

arrived in Madison Co; stayed in New York 7-8 years

travel to Ohio bet 1828 and 1830

ages:

Jacob 42-44

Rebecca 42-44

Lucinda (married, might not have gone)

Wm Sm 16-18

Rebecca 14-16

Leverett 10-12

Jacob Jr 8-10

John T 5-7

Lothrop 3-5

Richard 1-3

1830-40 travel from Ohio to Iowa, through MO where Wm Sm stays and marries in '36

ages:

Jacob 44-54

Rebecca 44-54

Wm Sm 18-28 (stays in MO)

Rebecca 16-26 (marries in Iowa-stays with family)

Leverett 12-22

Jacob Jr 10-20

John T 7-17

Lothrop 5-15

Richard 3-13

Mary H 0-9

40-42 traveled back to IL (must have not liked Iowa) to Springfield

ages:

Jacob 54-56

Rebecca 54-56

Leverett 22-24 (marries in IL)

Jacob, Jr 20-22

John T 17-19

Lothrop 15-17

Richard 13-15

Mary 9-11

Stay in Springfield about 5 years, then move on to St. Louis in 1846 or '47

Ages:

Jacob 61

Rebecca 61

Rebecca, Leverett, Jacob Jr, John T married

Lothrop 22

Richard 20

Mary 16

Stay in St. Louis about 6 years. Jacob Sr died at 63 in Nov of '60; Mary had married about 3 weeks later; she died in Oct of '61; 10 months after marriage - guess - died in childbirth.

In '54 family leaves MO and comes to Chambers Co.

ages:

Rebecca - 67 -

Rebecca Jr has 4 children, ages 14, 11, 7, and 2.

Leverett's children are 11, 9, and 6.

Jacob Haven Jr is newly wed and probably expecting his first child.

John T - not sure. One of his kids gives his birth place as MD in '53. He married in MO; was in Texas for sure in 1860 census.

Lothrop was 29. He married in Aug '55. Wonder if he had a first wife?

Note: Check 1850 MO census for him. Would have been 25. Possibly had another family.

Richard Hamilton - same as with Lothrop. He was 27, married after arriving in Texas.