

## Hypothesis-Ira 2024

A document dated May 1859 Todd County, Kentucky came to light November 1, 2024 that names Ira Ellis Shelton as the son of B.S. Shelton. That document, which I have filed as “Indenture-Shelton v Shelton transcribed.pdf”, also names the widow and nine other children of B.S Shelton and changes my assumption and hypothesis of parents and siblings of my great great grandfather Ira Ellis Shelton while it seems to confirm his grandparents as Beverly B Shelton 1744-1825 and Ann Coleman 1749-1803.

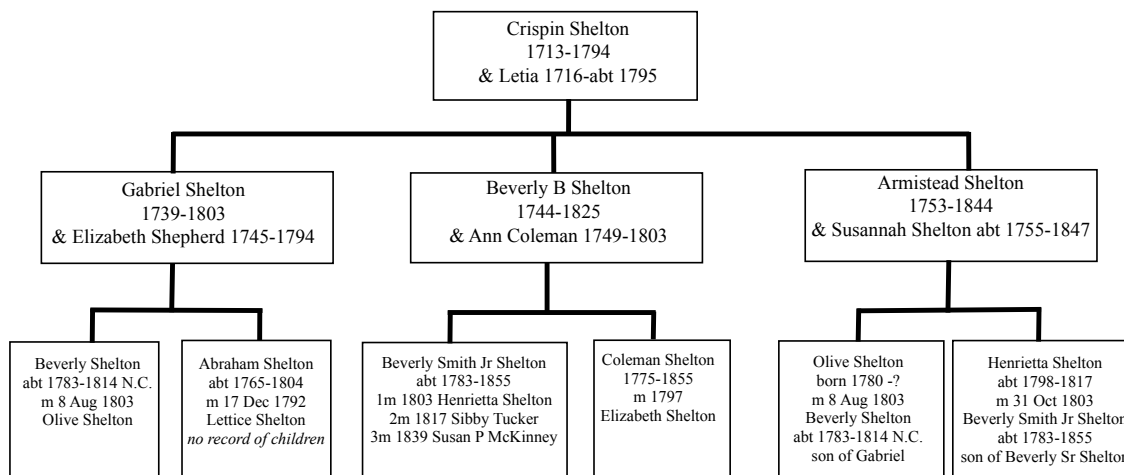
As we began researching B. Smith Shelton we found Pittsylvania, Virginia record of Marriage Bonds that has March 1817 marriage of Beverly S. Shelton and Sibby Tucker by Ira Ellis. This indicates that our Ira Ellis Shelton born about 1820 fits as son of Sibby, but also that he was named for the preacher who married his parents. Same page in that record are marriages of other Shelton, Taylor, and Tucker

Now my assumptions are (1) that Ira Ellis Shelton is the son of B. Smith Shelton who was born about 1783 in Pittsylvania Virginia and died about 1855 in Todd County, Kentucky and his second wife Sibby B Tucker born about 1798 and died about 1895. The widow of B.Smith Shelton named in the document is his third wife Susan Powell? McKinney born about 1800. The marriage of Beverly Smith Shelton and Sibby B Tucker has two entries of the marriage bonds recorded in Pittsylvania, Va. One states March 1817 and the other 15 March 1819, The 1817 bond notes marriage by Ira Ellis, a Pastor of the Methodist Church, born about 1781 in North Carolina and died 1864 Orange County, North Carolina. Very likely our Ira Ellis Shelton was named for this Methodist Pastor.

Also assuming (2) that Ira Ellis Shelton probably didn't know or remember his year of birth and that his grave maker in Lonoke County, Arkansas is not correct, but his birth was instead about 1820 as he indicated in the 1860 Census in Lawrence County, Missouri. 1820 then fits second marriage of B.Smith Shelton with Sibby B Tucker in 1817 and with birth of their other six children from about 1824 to 1837.

Assuming the 1820 birth also leads to a need to study Charles Coleman Shelton 1815 - 1900 of Clay County, Missouri as a half brother rather than full brother.

### Relationship of Beverly Shelton to Beverly Smith Shelton



Refer to (1) Page 28 "Shelton County, A Genealogy of Pittsylvania County's Largest Family"

Armistead & Susannah daughters:

Olive, b 1780 m 8 Aug 1803 Beverly son of Gabriel

Henritta m 31 Oct 1803 Beverley Smith Shelton, Jr, son of Beverly

Refer to (2) Pittsylvania Virginia, compiled marriages Marriage Bonds -Ancestry.com record

8 Aug 1803, Beverly Shelton and Olive Shelton

31 Oct 1803 Beverly Jr Shelton and Ritte Shelton

Refer to (3) Virginia, Select Marriages -Ancestry.com record

31 Oct 1803 Pittsylvania Va, Ritta Shelton, female, father Armistead Shelton, spouse Beverly Shelton

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In May 2020, **my original hypothesis as to the parents of my great great grandfather Ira Ellis Shelton** began with contact from Stan Shelton, (to me as 2C1R) who had done Y-111 test with FTDNA that confirmed he (and hence all descendants of Ira Ellis Shelton) is a descendent of Ralph Shelton Sr of Middlesex Virginia who died about 1733. Stan is a grandson of Oliver Monroe Shelton 1877-1960 and great-grandson Ira Ellis Shelton 1812-1895 and 2nd wife Rachel A Taylor 1838-1900.

*(Stan's Haplogroup Y-DNA: branches from R-M207 R-M269 R-Z381 R-Z304 R-BY46891 R-FTB50910)*

Ira's first wife, Elizabeth Ann T Goodman, and five of their children are buried in Lawrence County, Missouri. Findagrave has 76 Sheltons as buried in Lawrence County, and the 1860 census had over twenty people named Shelton. Two of those had birth dates near Ira's and were also born in Virginia.

To test for DNA matches on Ancestry.com, I *assumed* those two, Moses Hurt Shelton and Henry B Shelton, as brothers with Ira Ellis. This trial quickly gave many DNA matches, multiple ThruLine suggestions, and many more hints about the Shelton family of colonial Pittsylvania County, Virginia than I could have expected.

DNA matches indicate Ira is in this family.

Decendents with DNA ThurLines to AFB - not all are confirmed.

Shelton Ancestor	Relation to AFB	Relation to Ira	# Matches	# matching children
<b>Ira 1812-1895</b>	GG GF	-	47	8
<b>BSmith 1783-1855</b>	3G GF	Father	61	6
<b>Sibby B 1798-1838</b>	3G GM	Mother	60	5
<b>BevB 1744-1825</b>	4G GF	GF	79	6
<b>Crispen 1713-1794</b>	5G GF	G GF	115	10
<b>Proved DNA Matches Shelton</b>	varies up to 4c		282	

*Ira's and Elizabeth's daughter:*

*Penelope Adeline married in 1881 Lawrence County, Missouri with her first cousin Gideon Thompson, son of Moses Hurt Shelton, Ira's brother.*

Ira and Elizabeth had twin girls born 24 April 1853. Their son William Henry Shelton and Roxy had twin girls born 18 Feb 1888. Apparently, Ira's grandfather Beverly Shelton 1744-1825 had a twin sister Jane 1744-1821.

One valuable source for beginning to understanding the Shelton family that I have found so far is **"Shelton County, A Genealogy of Pittsylvania County's Largest Family"** by April Miller, 1994. Published and Printed on demand by Higginson Book Company, Salem, Massachusetts [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) The book is a through, documented study of the records that include Shelton family members in the Pittsylvania County Courthouse in Chatham, Virginia.

Is the abundance of DNA matches a result of large families? or because of intermarriages? I haven't tried to follow all of the descendent of Ralph that died about 1733 Middlesex, Virginia. As of November 2024, some things clarified with new documents, still plenty confusion from inter marriages and same names in multiple generations

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## FamilyTreeDNA Learning Center

How does it affect my results if some of my ancestors married their relatives?

If your ancestors married their relatives, you may appear more closely related to your matches than you actually are. This is not uncommon. If you are part of an endogamous population, such as Ashkenazi Jews, you will likely be more related. Endogamous means that a group intermarried either due to geography or society more often with one another than with other groups. The impact of this on Family Finder results varies. *It depends on how closely related the family members were, the frequency of marriages between your ancestors, and how recently the marriages occurred.*

There are two factors in sharing between genetic cousins with multiple lines of descent from a common ancestor or multiple common ancestral lines. ***The first one is increased overall sharing.***

The amount of increased average sharing is additive. It is calculated by adding together the amounts of expected sharing for each known relationship.

Relationship	Expected Sharing
4th Cousin	0.195%
4th Cousin Once Removed	0.098%
7th Cousin	0.003%

Thus, if you share two lines of descent with a cousin at the 4th cousin level, one line at the 4th cousin once removed level, and one line at the 7th cousin level, your expected sharing would be  $0.195\% + 0.195\% + 0.098\% + 0.003\% = 0.491\%$  rather than the 0.195% of a 4th cousin who is related in only one way. Keep in mind that the expected percentages are averaged. Any one relationship could have significantly more or less sharing.

***The second factor when more than one line of descent in common is many smaller common identical by descent segments rather than the expected levels of some large, medium, and small segments.*** Over time and depending on the degree of intermarriage in the population. These blocks may become common to a significant percentage of the population group.

*John Ellis Martineau*  
1873-1937  
grandson Rachel, 1st Cousin Lola  
28th Governor of Arkansas 1927-28

*Daughter Sarah Hettie Lamb*  
m 1873 Gregory Martineau  
10 Children

*First married 1854 John Q Lamb*  
*who died 1862 Battle of Wilson Creek, Missouri*

*Dennis Woodruff b 1813 and Francis Banks had two daughters that married brothers.*  
*Caroline Mary, born 1839, married 27 Jun 1855 in Monroe County Miss with Mordecai Maud Baldwin*

*Daughter Jenetta Penelope Woodruff 1842-1925*  
*1st married 8 Jan 1858 in Monroe County, Miss with William R Baldwin brother of Mordecai Maud Baldwin. Next on 24 Nov 1897 in Lonoke County, Arkansas, she married Dr William J Bain, After Dr Bain died in 1910, "Nettie" lived with nephew Marion Francis Baldwin 1864-1937 for a while. She is buried Wattensaw Cemetery with Baldwins.*