

Hello Cousins:

I did a sweep of DAR supporting files for known ancestors, their relatives. These files are at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. and are kept separate from the applications themselves, which are microfilm/fiche. Theoretically there is a file for each person used for entry to DAR, but often times they are missing. Gabriel Sheltons had a bit of information, including cemetery records for "some" of his children in Logan and Todd Co. (no information for my Elizabeth who married Charles Coleman Shelton). Among the items there were a copy of Gabriel Shelton's will probated 1803 in Pittsylvania from the Will Book. I will try to type that up soon. It is a copy of a copy of a copy so the letters are therefore blurred, plus alot of it reads like a deed <sigh>.

I did copy the following obituary which I thought would be of interest. I know a couple of the WorldConnect gedcoms suggest that Abraham was a minister; but there is nothing in the obituary to support that. There is also no mention of family. I am not familiar with this particular line at all, but hope this will add to some of your information collections.

Best Regards, Janet (Baugh) Hunter

Obituary of Abraham Montague Shelton, March , 1874.

Source: Supporting Files for Application for DAR Membership for Gabriel Shelton, will proven August 1803, Pittsylvania County.. Abraham Montague Shelton is the son of Gabriel's son Wyatt and Mary Montague.

The name of the newspaper is not on the page with the obituary. At the top is a notation of two daughters (I presume) who died: Lille girl Child Died Sept. 13th 1870; Elsie Harriet June 29, 1871. I understand that he was in Logan Co. KY at his death, but is buried at a Shelton Cemetery in Todd Co. KY.

Died Obituary.

SHELTON - Died at his residence, four miles North of Russellville, KY.,
Wednesday morning, March , 1871, A. M. SHELTON, in the 74th year of his age.

The subject of this notice was born in Pittsylvania county, Virginia, Sept. 5, 1800. While he was yet a child his parents removed with him to Kentucky; and, dying soon after, left him a penniless orphan, consequently he grew to manhood entirely illiterate.

After he became head of a family he learned himself to read. About this time he became a member of the Christian church. From that time until the hour of his death he grew and strengthened in the faith of the gospel, especially during the last years of his life, as he ripened for the grave, he ripened in all the christian graces which adorn those who walk in the counsels of the Divine Master.

His whole life was one of retirement. His general deportment was modest, unpretending, and scrupulously honest. He was a victim to the disease known as Pleuro-pneumonia, of which he suffered for seven weeks, until Wednesday morning, the fourth day of the present month, about three o'clock, when his earthly career was closed. During his illness he suffered much, but endured it all with manly fortitude, retaining his speech and rationality until the very last. Although he talked but little, even to his nearest friends, on the subject of death, yet it was evident he was well aware that his departure was approaching.

But he died in the triumph of faith, having full confidence in his future happiness and glory with his Master, whom he had endeavored to serve so faithfully during his life. It therefore becomes those who are left behind to mourn his loss, to sorrow not as those who have no hope [?] to imitate the noble example he has left them [?] that they may be prepared and cherish the fond hope of meeting him in the better land.