

# Ell on Sheldon House near Sibleyville (Site)

## HISTORY SHEET

### General Information

There is no known documentation to substantiate Dorothy Wells Pease's identification. Despite this, it is hereby formally documented to have it on record for use by future cobblestone historians. A 2006 complete renovation does have an ell (wing on the south of the house, as is depicted on historic maps) which could be the cobblestone ell, but now covered over concealing the cobbles beneath.

Name of Structure: Ell on Sheldon House near Sibleyville SH

Location: 15 Plains Rd (per location on spotted map)

Parcel ID: (263689) 221.01-2-11.2

Atlas: 1852, 1858: unlabeled; 1872: "R.T. Sheldon"; 1902: "R.T. & F.A. Sheldon";  
1924: unlabeled  
Unlabeled, but the Sheldon's owned much of the adjacent property<sup>1</sup>

When Built/ Mason: Unknown

When Razed: Possibly extant and integrated into existing house<sup>2</sup>

Why: High probability it is extant

Original Owner: Henry Sheldon

Subsequently: Remained in Sheldon family up until the end of the line with  
Frank Sheldon (d. 1919) or his widow Alice (d. 1950)

Original Use: Customarily ells were kitchens

Subsequently: Unknown

Photographs: No

Description: Location marked on DWP spotted map (although exact footprint cannot  
be directly discerned as dot is far larger than the scale of the map).

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<sup>1</sup> 1902: <http://photo.libraryweb.org/rochimag/rpm/rpm00/rpm00219.jpg> Indicates 144 acres in all directions at this corner as "R.T. & F.A. Sheldon". See Ancestry section below.

<sup>2</sup> Dorothy Wells Pease (DWP), *"The Cobblestone House of Upstate New York"*, 1940-41  
Inventory (pg 16, item 12)

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### Overview

DWP spotted map shows the long side of the semicircle facing onto Rush Lima Rd and writes: "... Sibleyville school", in reference to Mendon Dist 12 SH, and continues: "Nearby is the ell of a house, three rows to the quoin."

Today's parcels map shows the existing house (with an ell on its south end) built in 2006 fronting onto Rush Lima Rd (aka NY 15-A). Property boundaries are such that access is via a narrow strip of driveway on Plains Rd between two houses. Our subject house is set well behind the back yards of those fronting on Plains Rd. This setback is apparent on historic maps with the house appearing to be on Rush Lima Rd.

The properties along Rush Lima road today are precisely as depicted on the old maps (ie houses in same places—nothing missing, nothing extra).

### Research

Real estate records: <https://www.redfin.com/NY/Honeoye-Falls/15-Plains-Rd-14472/home/72513528#property-details>

Sold 2/27/2006 for \$20,000. It was afterwards renovated and listed for sale in 2015; it sold on 5/15/2015 for \$219,000.

15 Plains Road, Mendon, NY 14472. Current Owners: McManus Kathleen

[Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1884 - 0512.PDF](#) (12/4/1884)

Monday, the 1st inst., having been the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Frank E Sheldon, of Honeoye Falls to Miss Allie J Williams, of Henrietta, their many friends made it the occasion of a surprise in the shape of a tin wedding at the residence of Ransom T Sheldon, the groom's father, with whom they have their home. To the many guests present from their own and adjoining towns, and from this city, the evening proved in every respect a delightful one. Among a great variety of appropriate presents, there was a tall tin plug hat of the prevailing style for Mr Sheldon, and a 'love of a bonnet' of the same material for Mrs Sheldon, both being the handiwork of a skilled worker in metals, D.D. Adams, of Honeoye Falls."

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### Sheldon Family Ancestry

#### RANSOM T SHELDON

[Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1902 - 2943.pdf](#) (5/24/1902)

One of Monroe's Oldest — Ransom T. Sheldon, one of the oldest residents of the town of Mendon, died at his home, two miles north of Honeoye Falls, yesterday afternoon, aged 84 years. Mr Sheldon was the last of the family of the late Henry A Sheldon, who, as a young man, settled onto the old Sheldon homestead on the plains. Ransom Sheldon in 1845 married Elizabeth Bond, and immediately they began their life together in the home which he leaves today. For the past Mr Sheldon had been practically helpless from paralytic shock, but happily had suffered little pain. He was always a progressive farmer and a warm advocate of what was for the public good. After a married life of more than half a century Mrs Sheldon died four years ago. Surviving Mr Sheldon are a son, Frank A Sheldon, who lives at the old home, and a daughter, Mrs Frank Hovey of Avon, and two grandchildren, Lucy and Raymond Hovey."

[Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1898 - 0946.pdf](#) (2/2/1898)

Mrs Ransom Sheldon died at her late home on "The Plains", about two miles northwest of Honeoye Falls, at an early hour yesterday morning. She was 74 years of age."

FRANK and ALICE had no children. It is unknown what became of the homestead and property after his (or both of their's) deaths.

[Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1919 - 0851.pdf](#) (9/12/1919)

SHELDON—Thursday, September 11, 1919, Frank A Sheldon, aged 65 years. His wife, Mrs Alice Williams Sheldon survives him. His funeral will be held from his late home, The Plains, on Sunday, September 14th, at 3 o'clock. Services at the grave in Honeoye Falls cemetery in charge of Union Star Lodge F and AM. Kindly omit flowers.

[Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1950 - 3537.pdf](#) (3/21/1950)

Mrs Alice J Sheldon, 97; Gov Clinton Kin

Mrs Alice J Sheldon, 97, of 65 W Main St. Honeoye Falls, died yesterday (Mar 20, 1950). Mrs Sheldon, the widow of Frank Sheldon, was a member of the pioneer New York State family of Cornelius DeWitt. Mrs Sheldon's mother was a niece of the famed Gov. DeWitt Clinton of New York State and the prime mover in the building of the Erie Canal. Mrs Sheldon's parents, Mr and Mrs Judson Williams, were pioneer settlers in the Town of Henrietta. She moved from Henrietta to the Town of Mendon after her marriage Dec 1, 1874, and had lived in the town since. She was a graduate of Livingston Park Seminary. She leaves a nephew, Frank B Little of Rochester. A funeral service will be held at 2:30 PM tomorrow in the Honeoye Falls home. Burial will be in Honeoye Falls Cemetery.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/34519342/abner-sheldon> (1752-1823)

Husband of Rebekah. Father of Electa, Abner, Zelotes, Rebecca, Lucy, Ptolemy, **Henry A.**, William F. and Timothy F. Abner arrived in Mendon, NY in 1801. Two years later he purchased 170 acres of land that earlier had been the site of the Seneca village of Totiakton. On the property was an Indian burial ground. The farm was passed down through the family until 1918. It was sold to a Louis Desman who passed it on to his son Dean Desman. In 1979 Dean had to sell the land to a real estate developer to settle his mother's estate. Large new homes were built on part of the original Totiakton site. Thirty nine acres were donated to the Mendon Foundation, which will forever protect the land from development.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/34522529/henry-a-sheldon> (1792-1864)

Son of Abner & Rebekah. Brother of Electa, Abner, Zelotes, Rebecca, Lucy, Ptolemy, William F. and Timothy F. Sheldon. Served in the War of 1812. Married Eliza Gillett of Mendon, NY in 1816. Father of Louisa, Lucina, Judson F., Charles A., **Ransom. T.**, Laura and Horace W. Sheldon.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/34523276/ransom-t-sheldon> (1818-1902)

Grandson of Abner & Rebekah Sheldon. Son of Henry A. & Eliza (Gillett) Sheldon. Brother of Louisa, Lucina, Judson F., Charles A., Laura and Horace W. Sheldon. Husband of A. Elizabeth Bond. Father of **Frank A. Sheldon** and Estelle (Sheldon) Hovey.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/34522619/frank-a-sheldon> (1853-1919, 66 yrs)

Son of Ransom T. & A. Elizabeth (Bond) Sheldon. Brother of Estelle, who married Frank Hovey. Frank Sheldon was married to Alice J. Williams.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/34521236/alice-j-sheldon> (1853-1950, 97 yrs)

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