

CHAPTER 4 WILDA SHELTON/EATON/BROWN STORY



Wilda (born Jan 28 1902), says her daughter Lorane, “could ride a horse better than any man. She did trick riding at the Rodeo with her brother Gerald, and that was when that kind of thing was just not allowed. She could kill a rabbit at 50 paces by hitting it between the eyes with a stone. Her parents were away for months at a time, but never worried because Wilda would take care of them. Wilda could live in the wilderness, knew how to catch a fish with some string and bent wire; and knew the names of all the trees and bushes, and all the herbal remedies for things.”

Wilda lived in tents when he worked for Railroad or picked apples after she took up with Brownie. When she was a teenager, she went up with grandpa at the forest service. She would prop her leg up on the saddle and roll up a cigarette with one hand. Valla could do that too. When they worked in the forest, they did not have a telephone, but could shinny up the pole and make a phone call using a clip on phone thing; she was a switchboard operator at one time. He dad had a livery stable in Goldendale when he quit wheat ranching.

Sheltons and Tuttle were likely to have been Presbyterians; Eatons were Baptist. Renee Flansburg was 11 when Wilda died around 1973; her parents divorced when she was 8. She had angina for years.



Wilda Eaton
holding Lorane



Wilda Shelton Eaton
Lorane Joyce Eaton

Lorane Joyce Eaton's Mother: Wilda Shelton Eaton (born Jan 28 1902)



Wilda Eaton



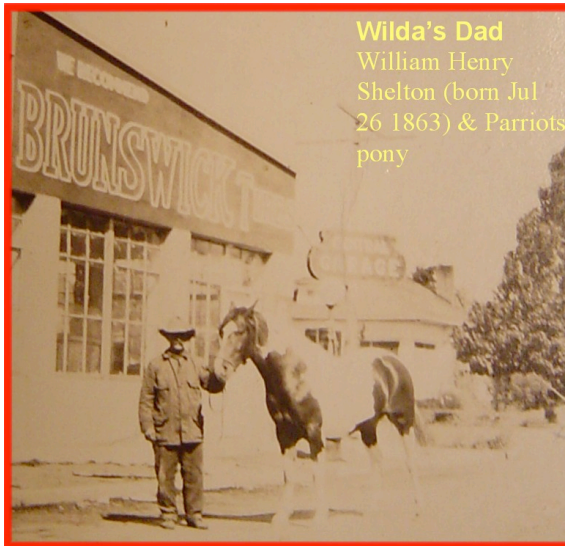
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He and his wife Virginia came to WN in covered wagon on the Oregon Trail in 1897; they were wheat farmers; one child (Henry Wayne) died on the trail.

The largest migration along the Oregon Trail took place in the 1840's with travel continuing until the transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869. William and Virginia Tuttle could not afford the train, so they did the 2,000 trek by wagon in 1897.



Wilda's Dad
 William Henry
 Shelton (born Jul
 26 1863) & Parriots
 pony



Wilda's dad, William H. Shtelton,
 holding Lorane at age 5 months

They quit wheat farming, and William started and owned the first livery stable in Goldendale, WN. In the photo above you can see William has shot a few pheasants or ducks for supper (Virginia is pointing to them). Wilda could get hers with a rock; Wilda was also a very good shot.

Wilda's Father William Henry Shelton; his father Caleb Shelton and mother Margaret Dismore.



**Ray Eaton &
 Wilda's brother
 Gerald**

**Wilda with parents: Virginia Tuttle/Shelton
 (holding Lorane Joyce) &
 William Henry Shelton (with pipe)**

Wilda's Mother Virginia Tuttle (born 13 Mar 1863 in Wayne County Iowa; died Oct 11 1944); her father Abraham Tuttle (born in North Carolina, died Jan 12 1883) and mother Lucinda Davis (lived in Bull Run Virginia; had 13 children [Abraham, Lewis born Jan 10 1846, Trlitha, William T., born Sep 29 1847, Augustus born Oct 3 1849, Gilford, Noah, Miranda, Rebecca born Jun 25 1852, Sarah A. born May 17 1855, Mary A. born Sep 11 1857, Gatsy E. born May 5 1860, Virginia born Mar 13 1863; James H born Jun 30 1865, ALSO Carry E Barker born July 9 1874, Abraham Tuttle died Jan 12 1883, Lusinda Tuttle died Feb 15 1884; Rebecca Barker died Aug 9 1874 ...] ; records are available); Lucinda Davis' mother is Delilah McGee from Ireland; Father of Lucinda Davis was Thomepram Davis, from England. Abraham Tuttle's father was Benjamin Tuttle and his

mother Gatsy E. Fox (born 1790 in Cook County, North Carolina; died 1886, at 116 years old).

Story: **A Tuttle came on the Mayflower**, so it is said; they have a family crest (hearsay from Wilda). I (David) did some checking, and found a list of names of descendents of the Mayflower voyage; In the Allerton line: (Cushman, Waterman, Pratt, Sturtevant, Vaughn, Hawkes, Tuttle, Phelps) there is a Tuttle.ⁱⁱ Wilda later married Raymond Eaton, and there was a Francis Eaton on that same ship with his wife Sarah, and son Samuel (Eaton lines in first three generation also includes Canedy and Ramsdell).

Wilda's sisters:

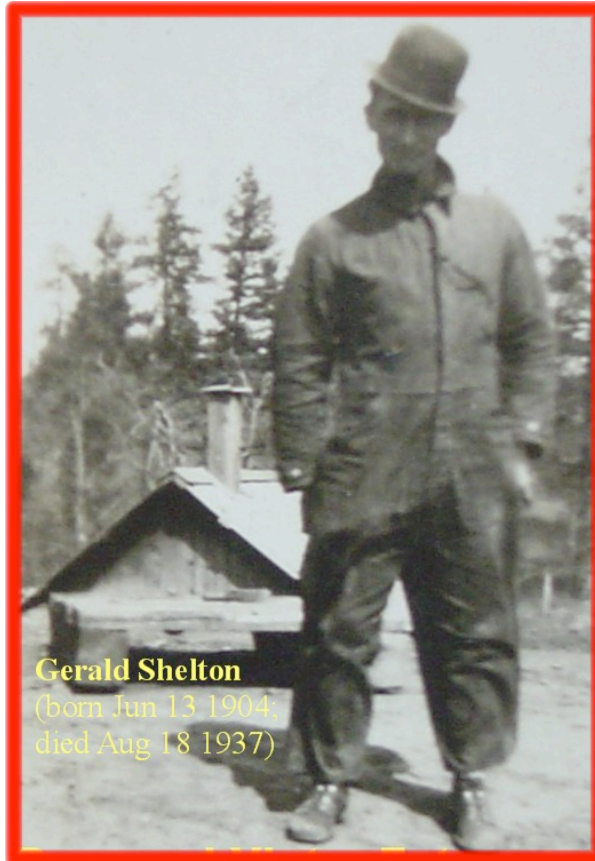
Pearl Shelton (born Jul 31 1869 in Chariton in Lucas county Iowa; died Nov 22 1954); married Herman Miller (Oct 21, 1908): child: Lucille who married Charles Greathouse (no children)

Lillie Shelton (born Jul 5 1893 in Chariton Iowa) married Monroe Drury and then married James Crawford; children Denton, Edwin, Eleanor, Warren, Mildred, Gloria, & Henry

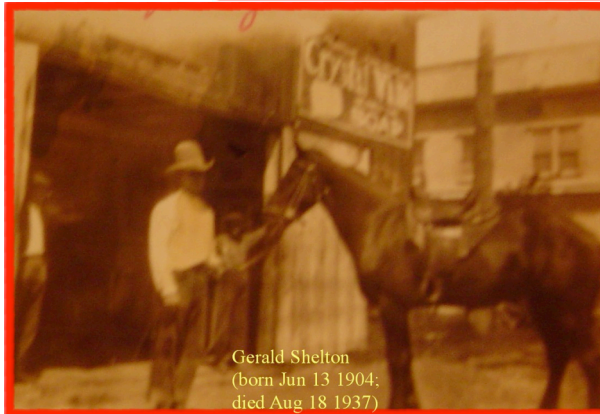
Wilda's Brothers:

Henry Wayne Shelton (born Jan 16 1897 and died Feb 1897) died during the covered wagon journey from Iowa to WN over Chisholm Trail

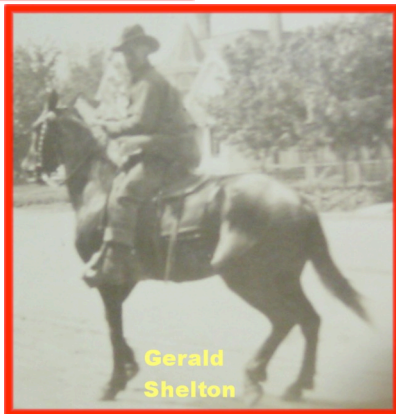
Kassin Shelton (born Dec 12 1889; died May 17 1962) married Ora Saxton; children Virginia, James, Marjorie, Joseph



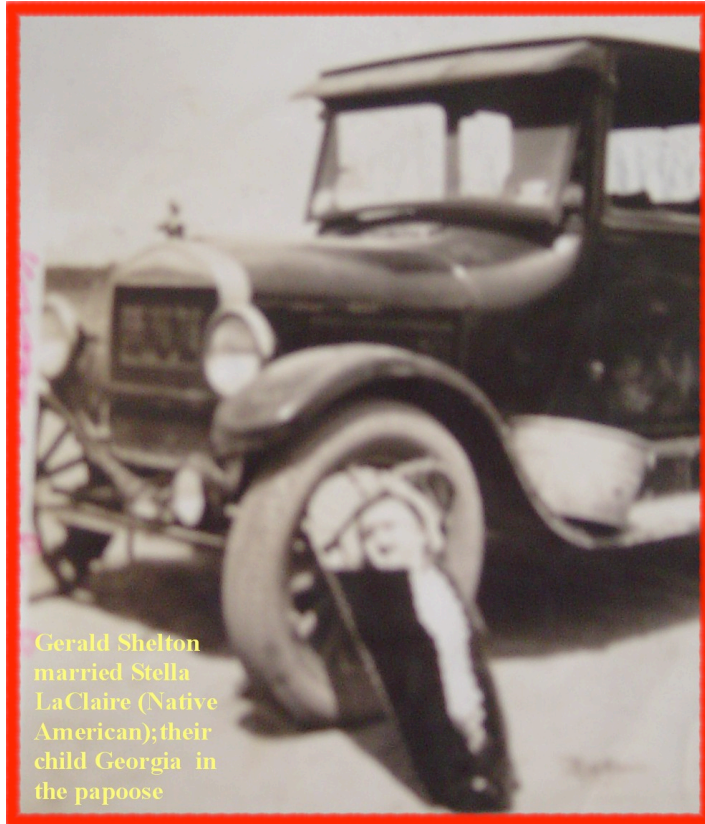
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Georgia Shelton;
daughter of
Gerald & Stella
LaClaire

Gerald Shelton (born Jun 13 1904; died Aug 18 1937) married (or may have) Stella LaClaire (Native American); children Georgia (or Georgie) & perhaps a Darlene; Gerald worked in circus and Rodeos; he as an alcoholic; was beaten by the police, and died in the Toppenish jail, WN; story is threw him in so many times they got tired and just beat him to death).

Wilda and Ray were married - Married Raymond Eaton *about* Jan 1 1920 at Baptist Parsonage in Goldendale WN at age 16, and had Lorane 7yrs later. One was Baptist and the other Presbyterian.

ⁱ Oregon Trail <http://www.isu.edu/~trinmich/Sites.html>

ⁱⁱ Mayflower descendents Tuttle - http://www.sail1620.org/joinus_passenger_list.shtml