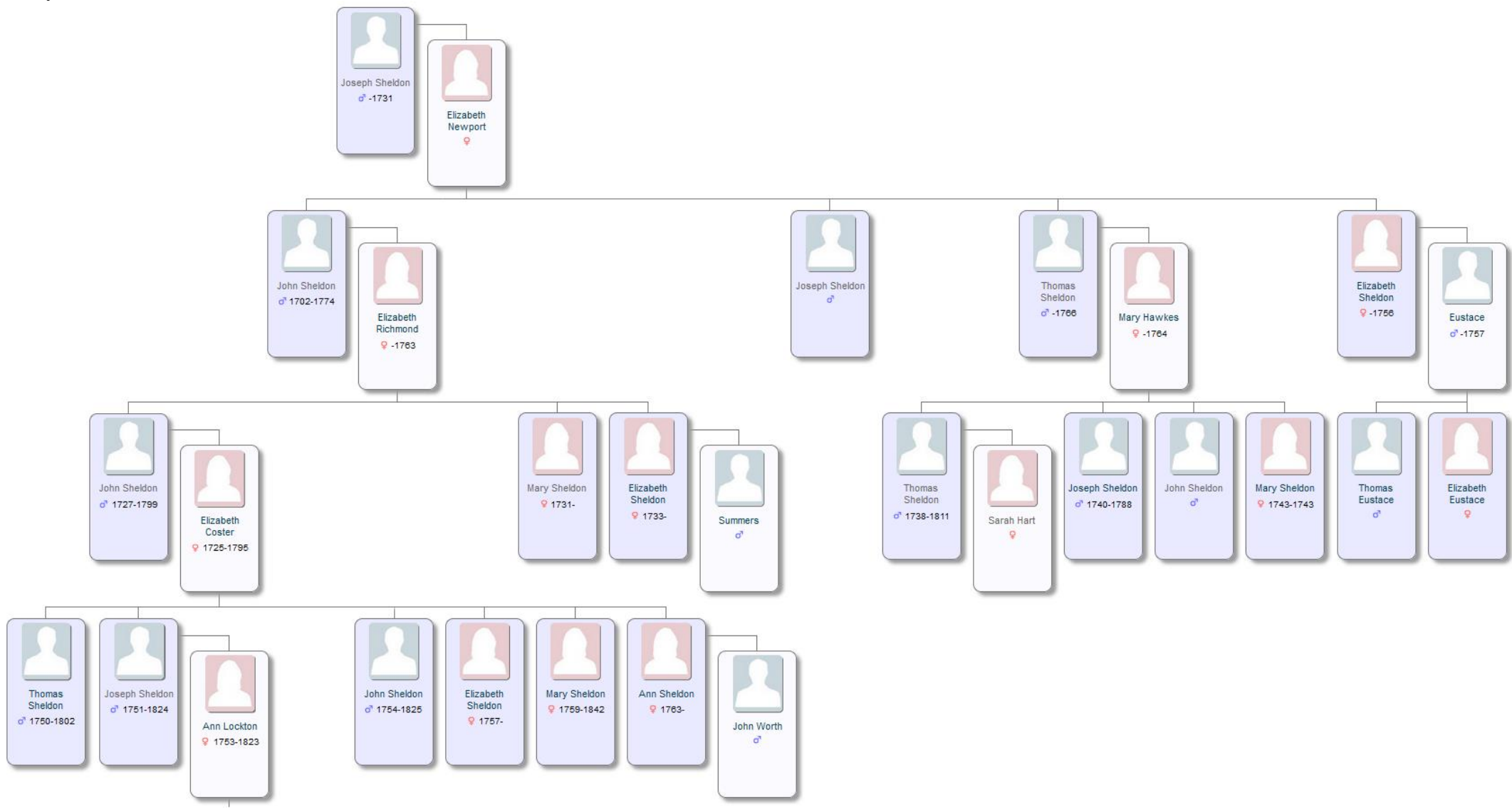


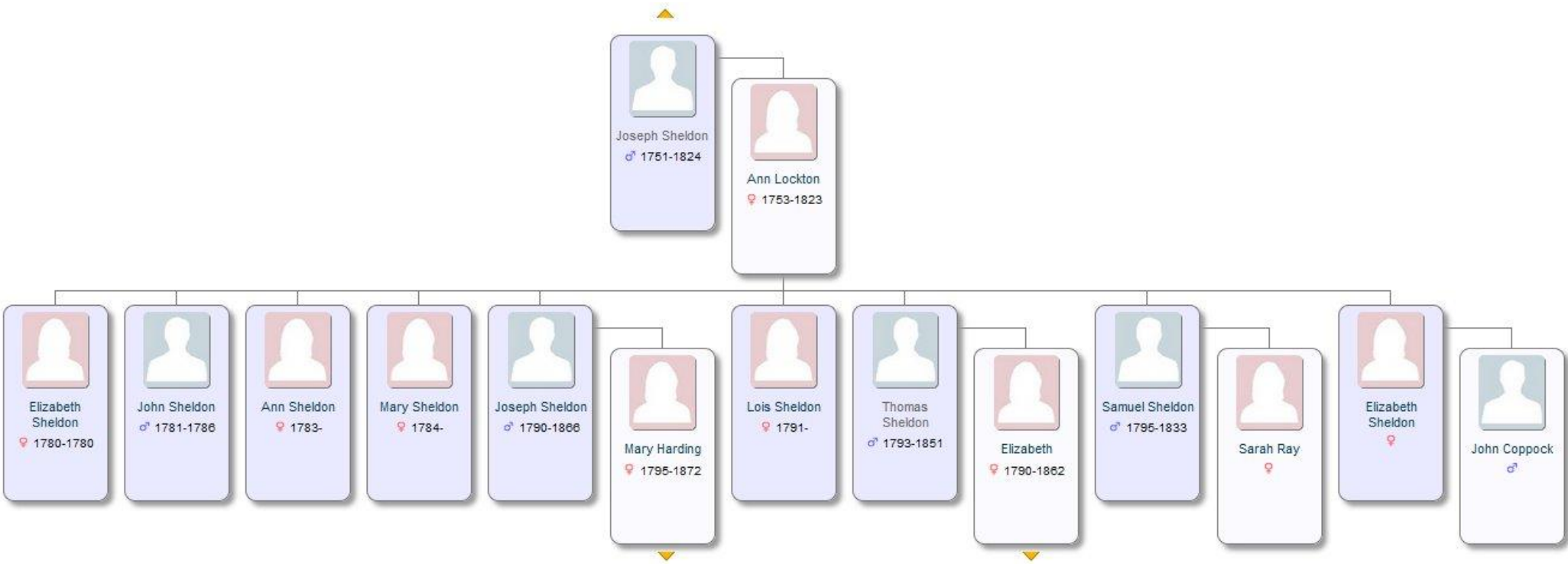
**Sheldon family**

The family trees start with Joseph Sheldon, died 1731, and there are 102 direct descendants.  
Family tree 1 covers four generations to the great-grandson Joseph, born 1751 who married Ann Lockton. Their descendants are shown on family tree 2.  
Family Tree 1



Family tree 2

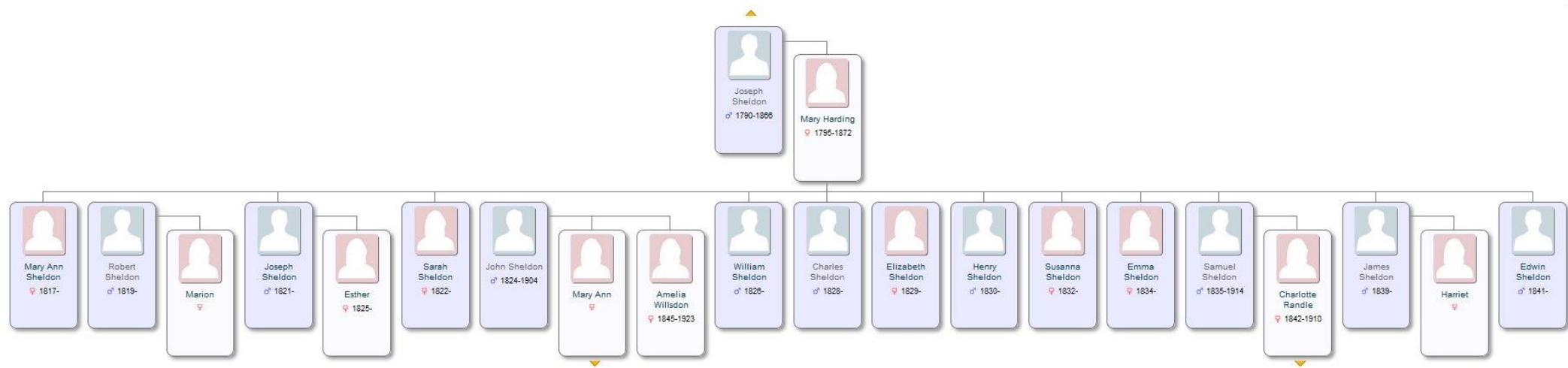
The descendants of Joseph Sheldon and Ann Lockton's, shown in family tree 1, are shown in this tree



Joseph Sheldon and Mary Harding's descendants are shown in family tree 3  
Thomas Sheldon and Elizabeth's descendants are shown in family tree 4

Family tree 3

The descendants of Joseph Sheldon and Mary Harding from family tree 2, are shown below

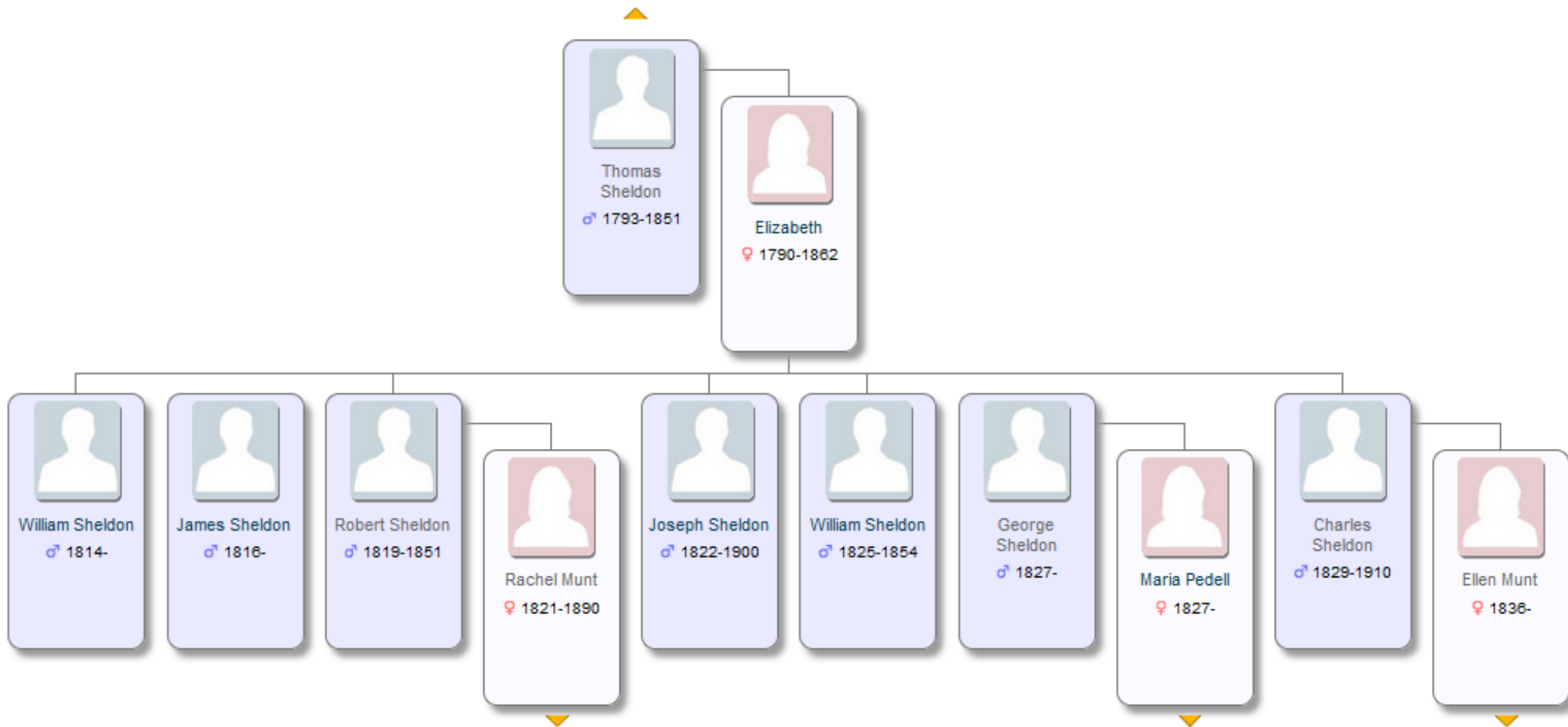


John Sheldon and Mary Ann descendants are shown in family tree 5

Samuel Sheldon and Charlotte descendants in family tree 6

Family tree 4

The descendants of Thomas Sheldon and Elizabeth, from family tree 2, are shown below



Thomas was a blacksmith, as was his son Charles (1828-1910). His mother was a cook for the vicar of Wheatley. They lived in the Crown Tap for a while, and Charles may have also been a publican (not recorded in the archive database). By 1900, the business had moved to The Old Forge House in the High Street, with the forge at the top of the garden in Church Road.

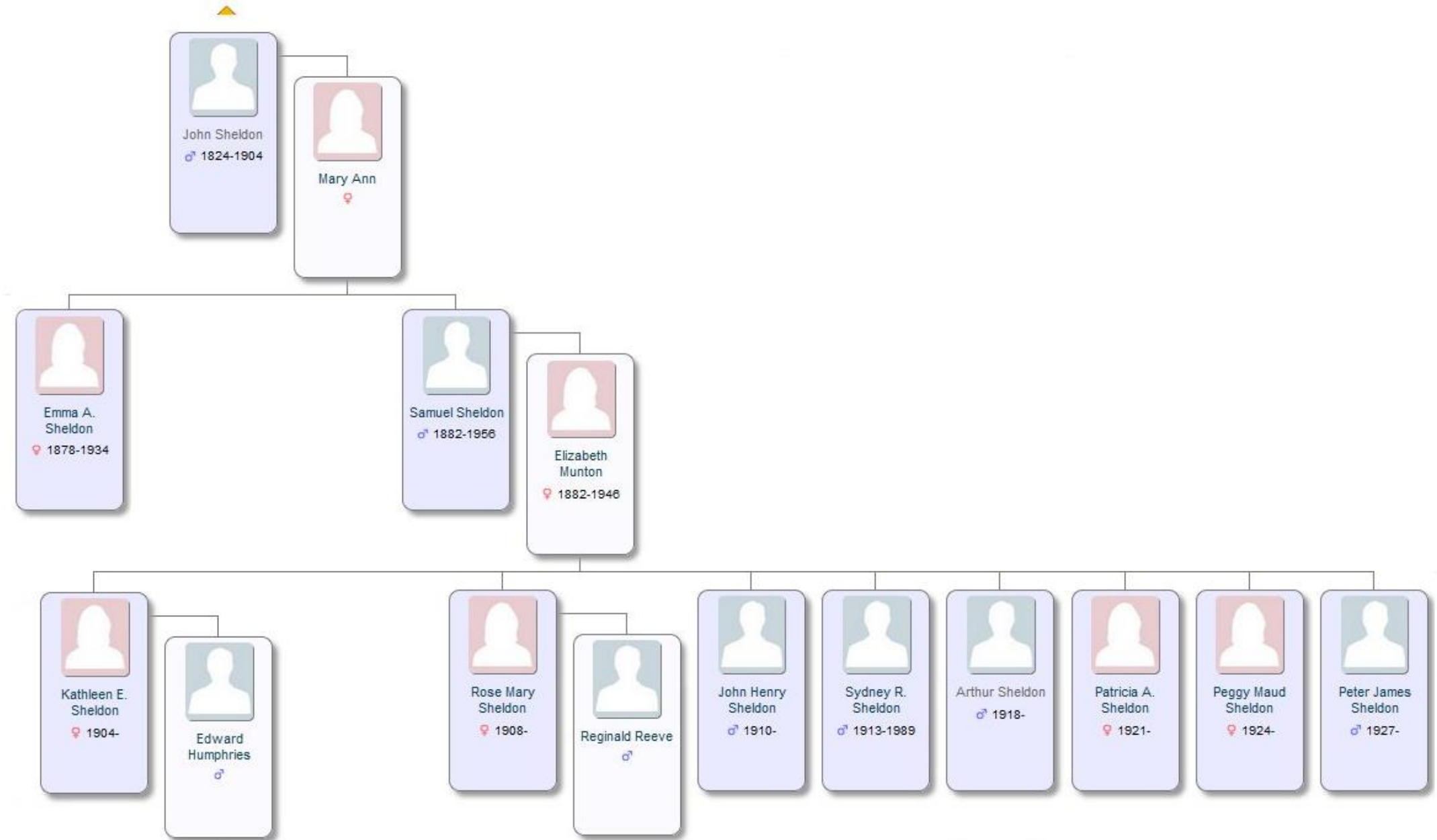
Robert Sheldon and Rachel Munt’s descendants are shown in family tree 7

George Sheldon and Maria Pedell’s descendants in family tree 8

Charles Sheldon and Ellen Munt’s descendants are shown in family tree 9

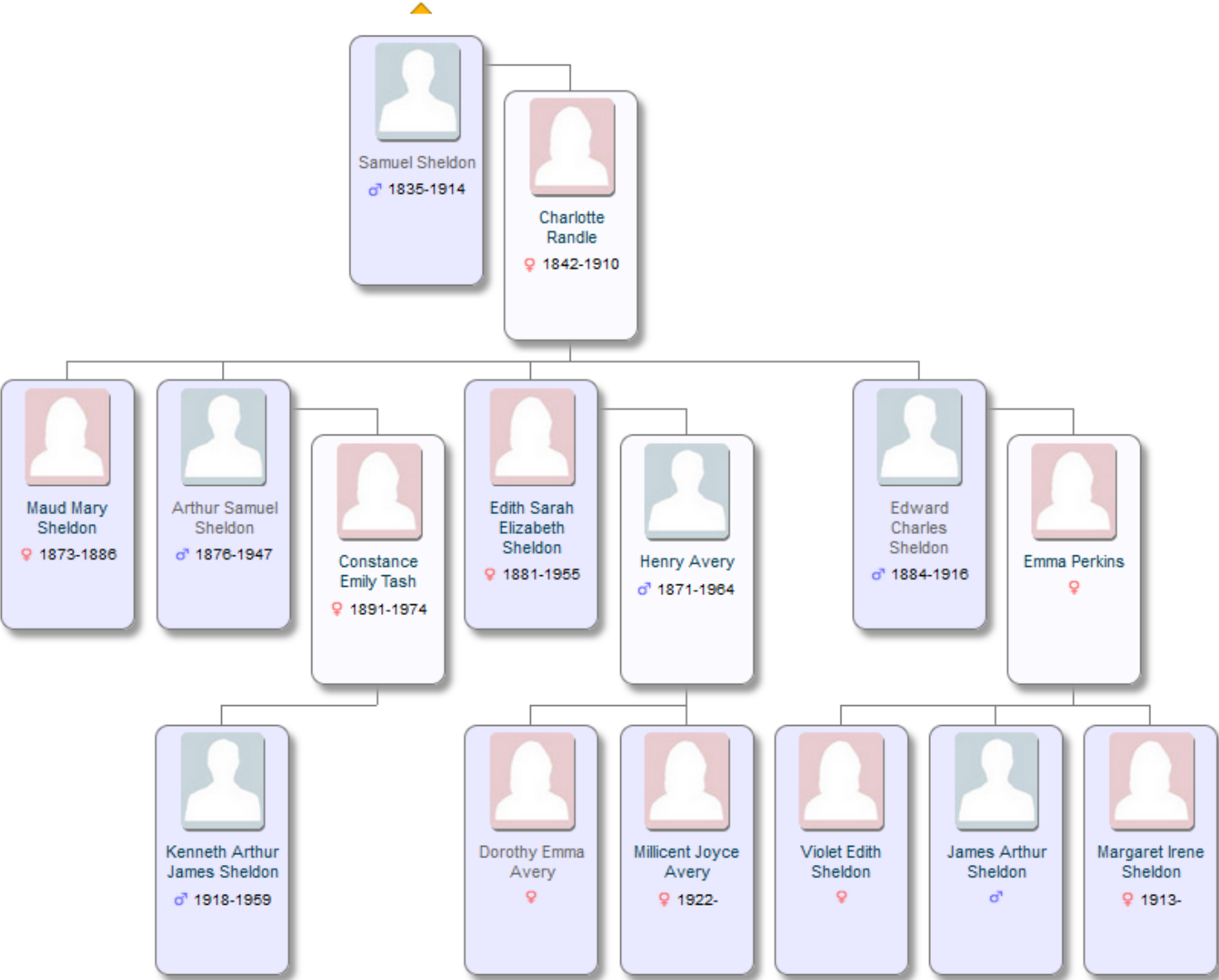
Family tree 5

The descendants of John Sheldon and Mary Ann, from family tree 3, are shown below



Family tree 6

The descendants of Samuel Sheldon and Charlotte Randle, from family tree 3, are shown below



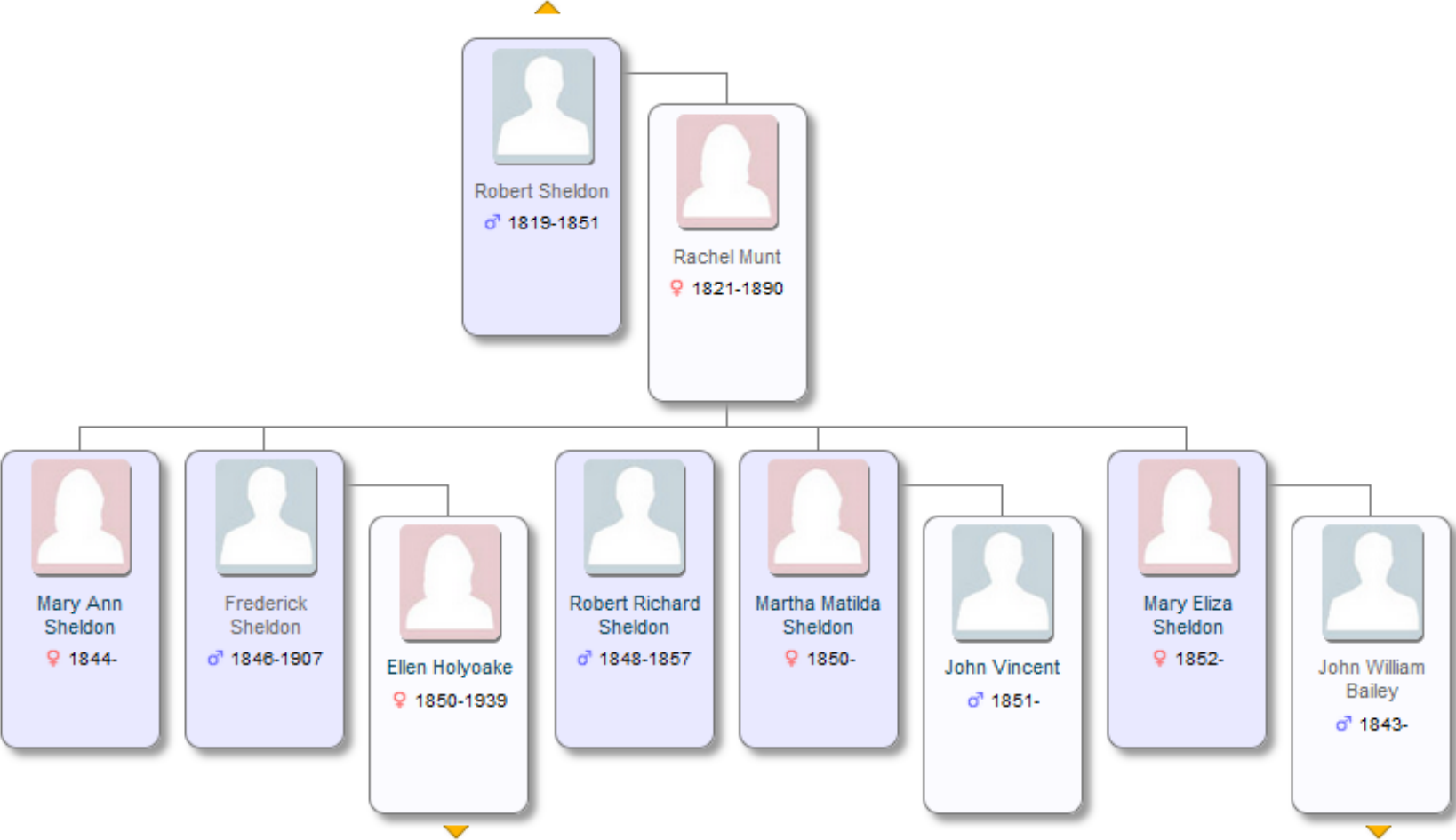
Arthur Samuel Sheldon was born in 1876 and lived with his parents, Samuel and Charlotte, in Church Road. In 1891, he was a teacher of the first year at the school and is shown, standing left, in the school photo in 1893. With Rees Leyshon seated right.





Family tree 7

The descendants of Robert Sheldon and Rachel Munt, from family tree 4, are shown below



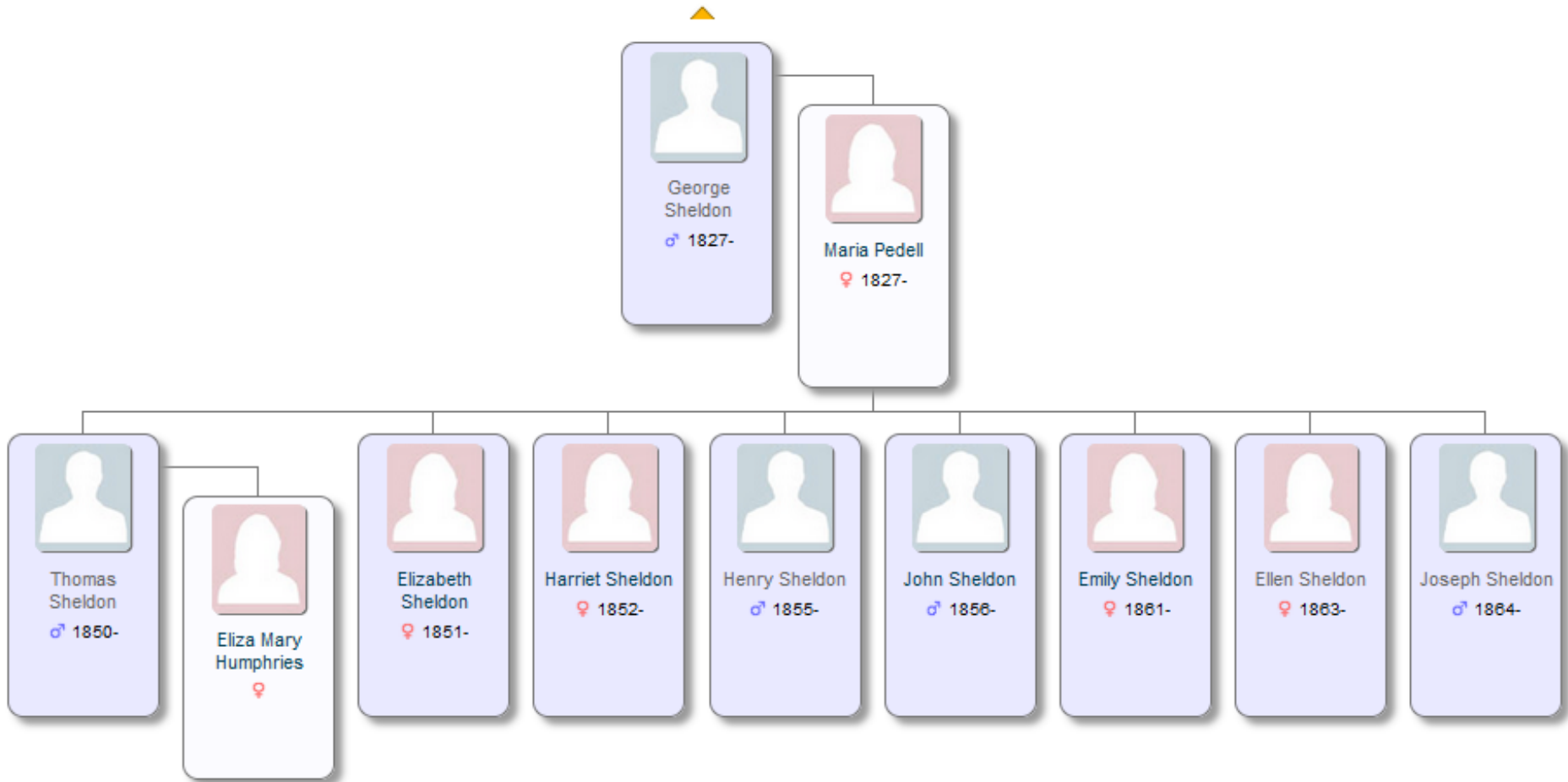
Robert Sheldon was recorded as a blacksmith in Kelly’s Directory of 1847. His son, Frederick, was variously recorded as a Master Blacksmith, a farrier and an ironmonger. His younger son, Robert Richard Sheldon, died at the age of 11.

Frederick Sheldon and Ellen Holyoake’s descendants are shown in family tree 10



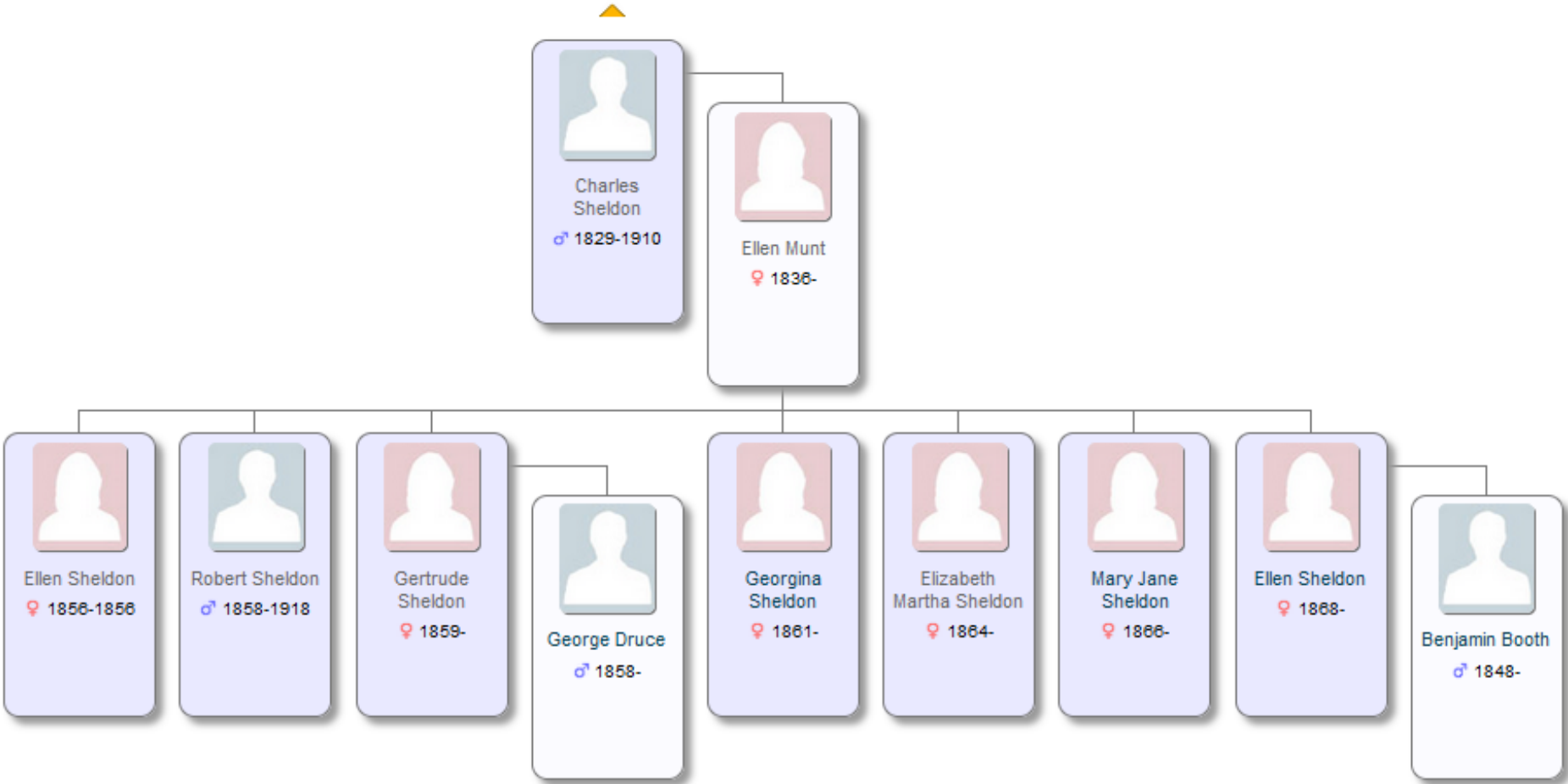
Family tree 8

The descendants of George Sheldon and Maria Pedell, from family tree 4, are shown below



Family tree 9

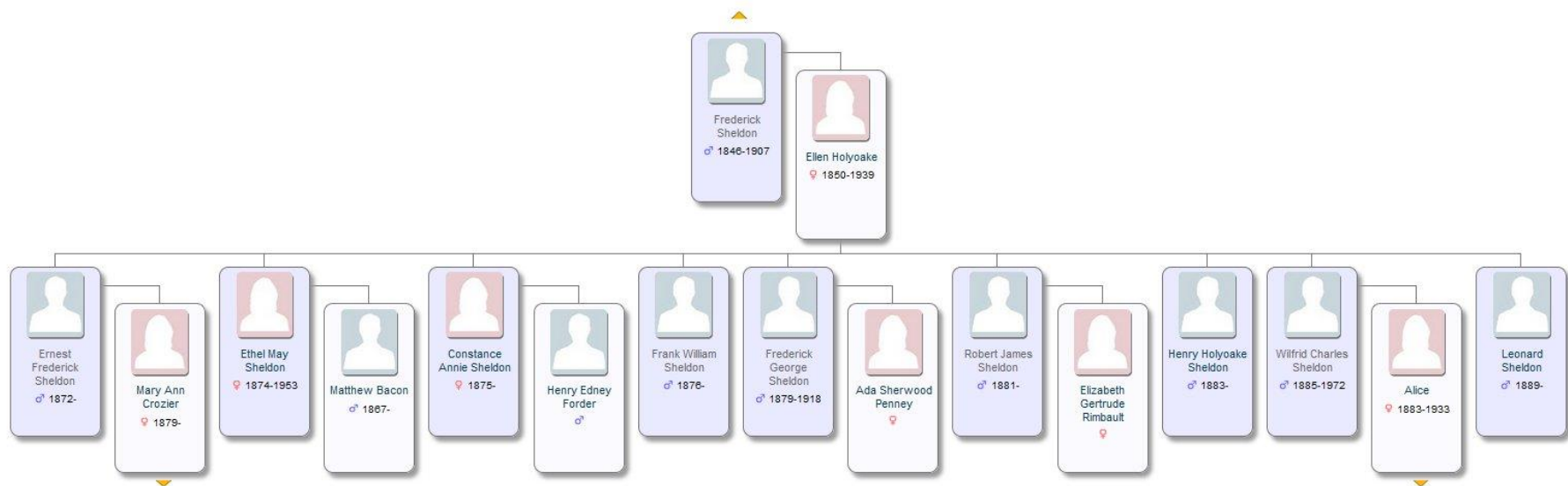
The descendants of Charles Sheldon and Ellen Munt, from family tree 4, are shown below



In 1897, Charles conveyed the blacksmith business to his son Robert.

Family tree 10

The descendants of Frederick Sheldon and Ellen Holyoake, from family tree 7, are shown below



In 1891, Ernest Frederick Sheldon and Mary Ann (see family tree below) were living at the Old Forge house on High Street. It appears that he also owned Sheppey Cottage, which he sold to Tom Parsons of Wayside in 1907. In 1911, he was a cycle agent living on Church Road, and later a motor agent. He was a Special Constable in September 1914. He married Mary Ann ‘Mildred’ Crozier, born in Headington. The Oxford Chronicle of 12 November 1914 reported that he had enlisted under Lord Derby's Scheme, by which a volunteer could sign on but defer the service until called upon. He was 40 years old when he was enlisted in the Army Service Corps in 1915, as Ernest Frederick Sheldon of Crown Road. His Regimental No. was 137748. In April 1917 Ernest's garden was dug (as an ‘absent soldier’) and vegetable seeds were planted by Wheatley Elementary school's Gardening Class. His son remembered that Ernest had ‘served in Greece’, i.e. in Salonika, the Allied base for the war against Bulgaria, which was allied to Turkey and Central Powers.

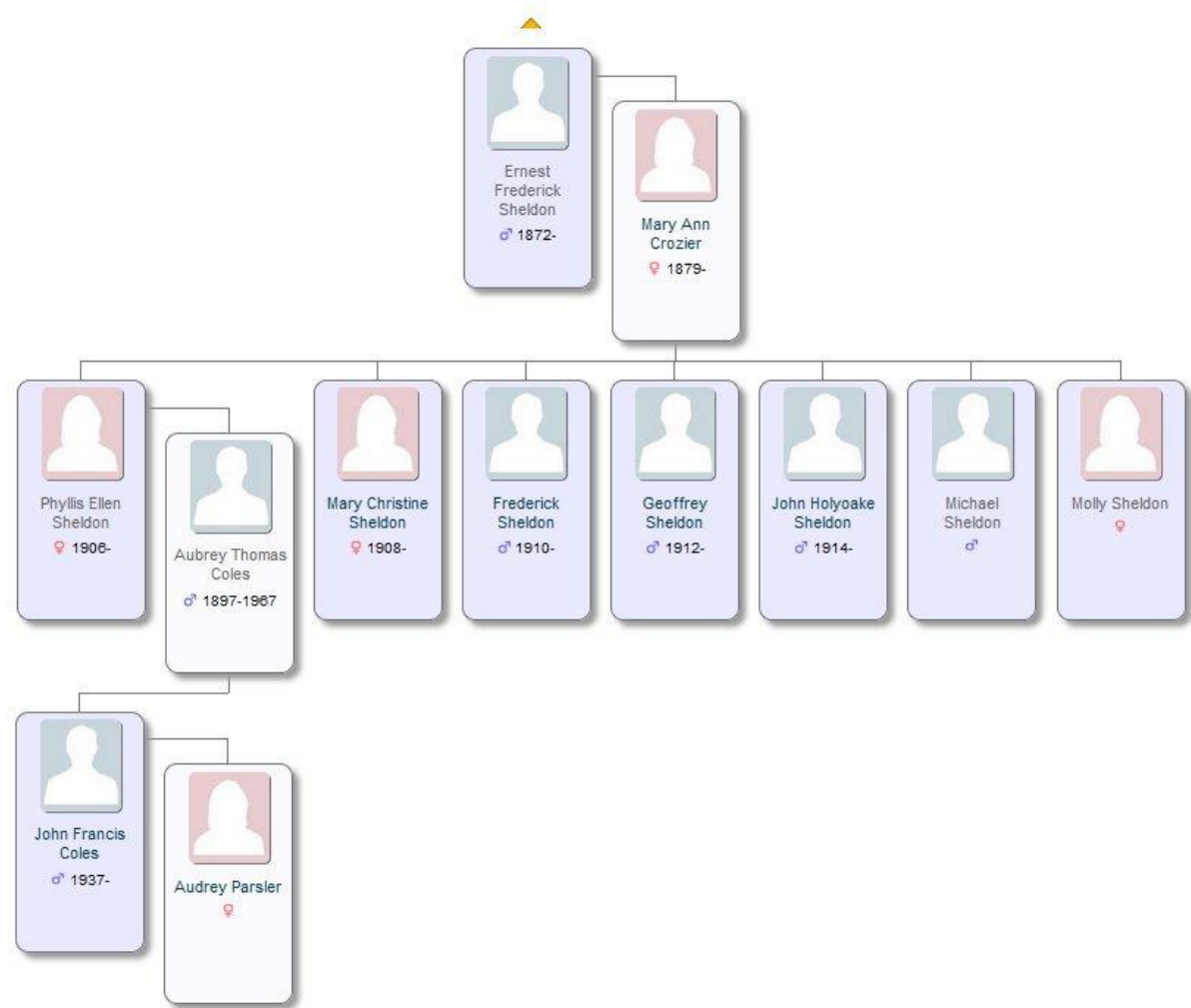
Frank Sheldon was a clerk in the Civil Service in 1911.

Frederick George Sheldon was killed in the First World War. He had served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and died near Baghdad on 18 June 1918.

Robert James Sheldon, born in Wheatley in 1881, was married by 1911 to Elizabeth Gertrude Rimbault. They were living at 108 Murray Road, Rugby, Warwickshire. Clerk in the Post Office. There is a record of an R.J Sheldon serving as a Sapper with the Royal Engineers in 1919. It would appear that he turned his back on following his father’s footsteps into the blacksmith business.

Ernest and Mary Ann’s descendants are shown in family tree 11  
Wilfred Charles Sheldon and Alice’s descendants are shown in family tree 12

This tree continues from family tree 10 with Ernest Frederick Sheldon (family Tree 11), and then Wilfrid Charles Sheldon (family Tree 12)  
Family Tree 11



## Family Tree 12

Wilfred Charles Sheldon and Alice's descendants



From the foregoing and the two trees which follow, it can be seen that there appear not to have been other male descendants other than Wilfrid (1886-1972) to carry on the business, which he did until 1947 when he sold the forge (photo above) to Mr Harris. He has left behind many reminiscences held in records 1048, 2304, 2499 and 2625.



Although not within the genealogical archive, Clifford John Druce (1886-1978) wrote about his memories of his Grandfather, Charles Sheldon, in a booklet 'Recollections of Childhood in Garsington 1890s - 1930s' published by the Garsington Local History Group in 1995.

My mother (Gertrude) was the eldest daughter of Charles Sheldon of Wheatley, another blacksmith. His visits were a joy and an excitement arriving in a trap drawn by a sleek, well-fed pony. He was knowledgeable about animals both wild and tame. His house at Wheatley was called Cromwell House, the legend being that the oak panelling in one room had come from Holton House with which Ireton, if not Cromwell had some connection.

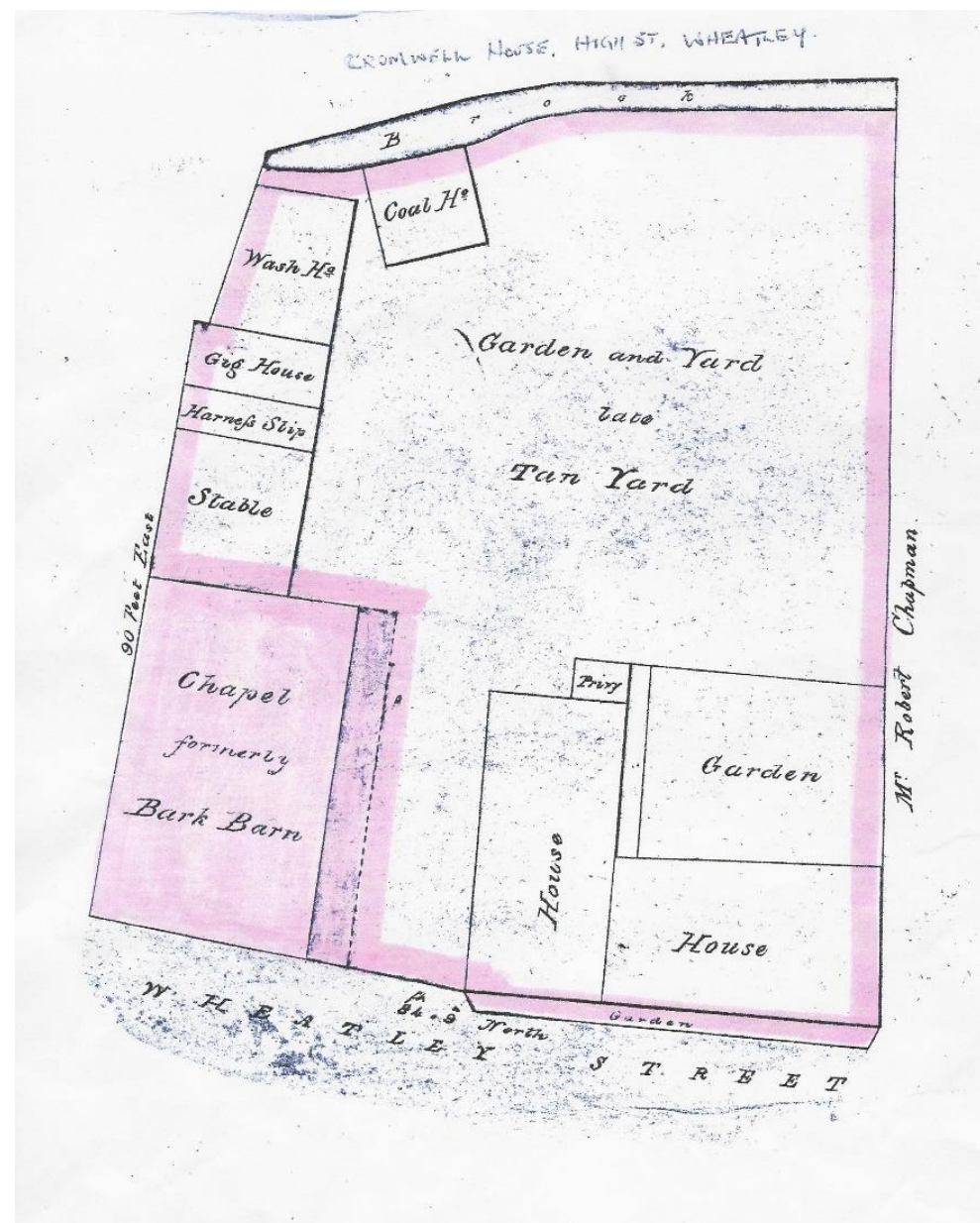
It would be logical for Robert, the only son of Charles, to take over the blacksmith business and he was, indeed, listed as a blacksmith in the 1901 census. The genealogical record shows that he had then emigrated to Canada where he served with the Canadian Army Medical Corps, which came to Britain as the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1914. He died on 26 November 1918, aged 60. Unfortunately, the record in 'They Were a Wall' is confused about his dates.

With Robert being killed in the war, and with the other children only being daughters, there was no male from this line to take on the blacksmith business.

### Cromwell House

This was sold by Mr James Kirkpatrick - butler of Merton College in 1852 to Mr James Slater for private housing, with the plan showing the extent of the property outlined in pink

Later, in October 1883, Mr James Slater (Tailor) sold this on to Mr Charles Sheldon (Blacksmith) for £270. He passed this down the family in August 1897 to his son Robert, in consideration of his love and affection.



To complete the study of the 107 Sheldons, there are four other Sheldons, either unrelated to any of the above or who have not been linked.  
Family Tree 13

