

Processing Fairfield County Archival Collections - Fairfield Heritage Association

OHRAB Re-Grant Final Report, January 2014 Andrea Brookover, Executive Director

As the Fairfield Heritage Association's (FHA) archival processing project unfolded, it became obvious that there was much more to do than we anticipated when we applied for the OHRAB grant. Collection arrangement and staffing were our two biggest challenges over the course of the grant period, which was shortened since we were awarded on the second round of grants, receiving the award in August. Our estimations of the size of the collection were fairly accurate, so the supplies we ordered from Gaylord with the grant funds will be sufficient for processing the entire collection. However, we found that creating appropriate collections based on provenance and original order was much more difficult. Very few donor records for the archival collections exist, and in some cases, it was virtually impossible to determine where records came from. As noted in the grant application, there was a small portion of FHA's holdings that had been semi-processed several years ago, but some of these one-folder "collections" did not contain archival document, but rather photocopies more appropriate for educational file. In some cases, previous staff and volunteers had broken up the semi-processed collections, so we had to reconstruct the original order based on earlier finding aids, pulling files that had all been part of the same collection upon acquisition from multiple locations in the office and museums. Often, staff had to assess whether it was more important to retain what may or may not have been original order, or to arrange files based on researcher accessibility. It was an interesting case study in archival methodology and practice.

A list of collections processed to date is attached (Attachment A), as is the finding aid for the nationally significant Sherman Family Papers (Attachments B). There are only a few collections left to complete, one of these being the FHA institutional records, which will be a

rather large collection when finished. Many parts of it are already arranged; namely the board minutes, permanent financials, and early institutional history files. We also have yet to print box labels, as we are still finishing the arrangement of boxes on available shelving (see Attachment C).

Fall is a busy season for FHA, so staff had to really dedicate time to processing outside of daily operational responsibilities. In addition to the Office Manager and Assistant, an intern was also involved in this project from October through December, and she processed three collections during her internship. Staff and intern time totaled approximately 175 hours on the funded part of the project. Since PastPerfect was not acquired due to the reduced grant award, the Office Manager was involved in arrangement and processing rather than PastPerfect cataloging. Finding aids have been saved as pdf files, so we will still be able to post them on our website for public accessibility by the summer of 2014.

There are many wonderful outcomes of this project so far. As described in the mid-term report, we discovered a section of an 1820s ledger recording tuition payments for the Lancaster Academy. That find led to an article by volunteer museum director Joyce Harvey for our quarterly newsletter last fall (see Attachment D). Shortly thereafter, we found another section of this ledger in the Sherman House museum, which had been separated from the above mentioned section several years ago, so now the two are back together as a collection. Other documents in the archive reveal that we have an amazing record of lawyers and law practices in early Lancaster, which enable us to paint a more thorough picture of the livelihood that brought so many early settlers Fairfield County, including Charles Sherman, Thomas Ewing and William Medill. As many of these men, particularly those named above, were players in national history, the implications of making these collections publically accessible will be great.

FHA ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

MS #	Collection Name	Boxes
1	Roi De Lancy Papers <i>in progress</i>	~10 boxes, 1 OV
2	Effinger Family Papers <i>in progress</i>	~6 boxes, 1 OV
3	Charles D. Martin Papers	1 box; 1 partial OV
4	Sherman Family Papers	1 box
5	"Picturesque Lancaster, Past and Present"	1 folder
6	John Middleton School Notebook	1 folder
7	Jack Stover Notebook	1 folder
8	The Fairfielder Magazine	1 box
9	The Red Brick House publication	1 folder
10	Macracken Family Papers <i>in progress</i>	1 box
11	<i>(not assigned)</i>	
12	<i>(not assigned)</i>	
13	Mirage Yearbooks	1 box
14	The World's Greatest War publication	1 item in OV 1
15	Robert Donovan Letter	1 folder
16	John T. Brasee Papers	2 boxes
17	Michael Augustus Daugherty Memorial Book	1 folder
18	Tobias Glass Plate Negative	1/2 box
19	Civil War Manuscripts	1 box
20	FHA Records <i>in progress</i>	~15 boxes
21	<i>(not assigned)</i>	
22	Samuel Arnold Tanyard Ledgers	1 box
23	George Beck Account Book	1 folder
24	Fairfield County Court Record	1 book folder
25	Fairfield County Jail Register	1 OV

45 boxes completed 12/31/13

Sherman Family Papers
MS 4
1785 - 1937

Extent: .5 linear feet

Collection Scope and Content

The Sherman Family Papers consists of the following series (files are arranged chronologically within each series):

Series I: Correspondence

This series consists of correspondence between Sherman family members, including the Ewing family (W.T. Sherman's in-laws) and the Effinger family. Content includes W.T. Sherman's life as a student at the US Military Academy at West Point and letters from Senator John Sherman while in office.

Series II: Photographs

This series consists of mostly paper photographs of Sherman and Ewing family members, dating largely between the 1850s and 1900. Includes carte de visites (CDV), cabinet cards and prints of engravings.

Series III: Political and Legal Documents

This series consists of legal documents dating back 1785, including a Litchfield County, Connecticut deposition signed in 1785 by Daniel Sherman, great-grandfather of General W.T. and Senator John Sherman, and documents illustrating the career of Judge Charles Sherman. Items also from the Senator's tenure in Congress.

Series IV: Military Documents

This series consists of military documents from the career of General W.T. Sherman, including General Orders from the American Civil War.

Series V: News Clippings

This series consists of photocopies of and original news clippings featuring family members. All of these items are on display in the Sherman House Museum.

Series VI: Memorials

This series consists of tributes that were written to memorialize a particular Sherman family member after death, including Judge Charles and General W.T. Sherman.

Series VII: Miscellaneous

This series consists of items that do not fit one of the above series, including an autograph book, receipts and signed checks.

Pages 5 through 8 of this finding aid include an Exhibition List of those items in this collection that are on display in the Sherman House Museum as of January 2014.

History

Charles and Mary Hoyt Sherman left their home in Connecticut, arriving in the frontier town of Lancaster in 1811. Charles set up a law practice in town and by 1823 had been elected a Judge on the Ohio Supreme Court. They had eleven children, all of whom lived into adulthood. Their sixth child, William Tecumseh, was born February 8, 1820 and named after the great Shawnee chief. He is best remembered for his leadership during the Civil War, particularly during his March to the Sea in 1864, and as Commanding General of the Army from 1869 to 1883. Younger brother John passed the Ohio Bar at age 21 and entered into politics in 1854. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate, and was appointed Secretary of State by President William McKinley in 1897. Two Acts of Congress still bear his name, the Sherman Antitrust Act and the Sherman Silver Standard Act. The Sherman House Museum is the birthplace of General William Tecumseh Sherman and his younger brother U.S. Senator John Sherman.

The home that Charles and Mary Sherman raised their children in is now the Sherman House Museum, which was deeded to the Fairfield Heritage Association in 1982. The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Civil War Discovery Trail and has been a memorial to the Sherman family since 1951.

Restrictions

No restrictions.

Provenance

Records have been donated or purchased over many years. Several items have been accessioned individually as noted in the Contents List (ex. "Acc. # _____") and the Exhibition List.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Andrea Brookover in January 2014.

Contents List

Series I: Correspondence (*see Exhibitions List for additional items*)

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	1	Note from WT Sherman to Secretary of the Treasury (Acc. # S-11871)	no date
	2	Letters from WT Sherman to Michael Effinger (Acc. # S-08781, S-08782, S-08783)	1836; 1838
	3	Letter from Philemon Beecher Ewing to Michael Effinger (Acc. # S-08785)	1838
	4	Letters from WT Sherman to Philemon Beecher Ewing	1838; 1840
	5	Letter from WT Sherman to Lancaster Gazette "Carrier Boy" (Acc. # S-95537)	1865
	6	Letter from WT Sherman to Michael Effinger (Acc. # S-08784)	1866
	7	Notes and signatures of Senator John Sherman (Acc. # S-89353, S-00574, S-09805, S-10851, S-11870)	c. 1883-1894

Series II: Photographs (*see Exhibitions List for additional items*)

1	8	Photographs of Margaret (Maggie) Reese Reber and Julia Reese, daughters of Mary Elizabeth Sherman and William J. Reese (Acc. # S-82176, S-82177)	no date
	9	CDV photographs of Kate E. Willock, daughter of Julie Sherman (sister of WT Sherman) and John Gibbie Willock	no date
	10	CDV photograph of Thomas Ewing	c. 1860s
	11	CDV photographs of WT Sherman (Acc. # S-04651, S-08794, S-09808)	c. 1860s
	12	Portrait of WT Sherman in civilian attire (Acc. # S-06716)	c. 1860s
	13	Lithograph print of WT Sherman (Johnson, Fry & Co. publishers) (Acc. # S-05705)	c. 1864
	14	CDV photograph of William J. Reese (Acc. # S-82175)	c. 1870s

(Series II: Photographs cont'd)

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	15	Photographs of WT Sherman (copies of original)	c. 1880s
	16	Photograph of Rachel Sherman in WT Sherman NYC parlor (<i>Acc. # S-82161</i>)	c. 1890
	17	Copy of photo of John Sherman "in his library at Washington DC"	c. 1895
	18	Photograph of Philemon Tecumseh Sherman (<i>Acc. # S-82141</i>)	c. 1905

Series III: Political and Legal Documents (see Exhibitions List for additional items)

1	19	Deposition signed by Daniel Sherman (<i>Acc. # S-05706</i>)	1785
	20	Court summons, Knox County, Ohio (Charles Sherman, attorney for plaintiff) (<i>Acc. # S-07775</i>)	1820
	21	"Speech of Hon. John Sherman of Ohio, delivered in the US Senate" (<i>Acc. # S-08786</i>)	1866

Series IV: Military Documents (see Exhibitions List for additional items)

1	22	General Orders No. 349, WT Sherman appointment to command Army of the Tennessee (<i>Acc. # S-04631</i>)	1863
	23	General Orders No. 1, WT Sherman assumes command of Military Division of Mississippi (<i>Acc. # S-07772</i>)	1864
	24	"Address of General WT Sherman to the Graduating Class of The Michigan Military Academy" (reproduction)	1879

Series V: News Clippings - See Exhibitions List for all items in this series

Series VI: Memorials (see Exhibitions List for additional items)

1	25	"Sketch of the Life of Judge Charles R. Sherman", by William J. Reese	1872
	26	"Tribute of the Ohio Society of NY to the Memory of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman"	1891

Series VII: Miscellaneous

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	27	Copper plate engraved for WT Sherman dinner invitation (Acc. # S-94514)	no date
	28	Book plate with WT Sherman calling cards	no date
	29	Postage stamps with WT Sherman portrait	1895; 1937

Exhibition List

These items are currently on display at the Sherman House Museum (Jan. 2014)

Series #	Accession #	Description	Date(s)
I	S-82142-ABC	Three cards, W.T. Sherman, one to Mrs. Sherman	
I	S-82145-1-3	Three letters From W.T. Sherman, from West Point	
I	S-82154-A&B	Copy of letter from Khedive of Egypt accompanying wedding gift to Maria Sherman Fitch, newspaper picture and description of gift	
I	S-88350	Letter from General Sherman	
I	S-89360	Letter, Thomas Ewing	1838
I	S-98557	Signature of Charles R. Sherman-1818	1818
I	S-04627	Wedding announcement of Rachel Sherman by Mr. & Mrs. John Sherman	1891
I	S-05705	Picture, engraved, Gen. Sherman	
I	S-06725	Wedding Invitation-Rachel Sherman to Paul Thorndyke	
I	S-08791	Secretary of State John Sherman's autograph	
I	S-09801	Letter, from John Sherman to "Ewing"	1867
I	S-11870	Letter written by John Sherman May 11, 1894 regarding Silver Purchase Act	1894
I	S-12906	Invitation to Rachael Sherman	
I	S-12907	Note to Rachael Sherman	
I	S-13915	Note from Lizzie Sherman to Mrs. Anderson	1889
I	S-13917	Letter, to Col. Lyman Brookline from Gen. W.T. Sherman	1876
I	S-13920	Document by John Sherman, March 4, 1879	1879
I, II	S-96539	Combination of an autographed picture and letter from John Sherman	
II	S-82133	Photograph of W.T. Sherman	
II	S-82136	Photograph of Eleanor Sherman Fitch	
II	S-82137	Photograph of Thomas Sherman	1925
II	S-82138	Photograph of Thomas Sherman	

Series #	Accession #	Description	Date(s)
II	S-82140	Photo of Philemon Tecumseh Sherman	1888
II	S-82152	Photograph of 4 daughters of W.T. and Ellen Ewing Sherman	1873
II	S-82156	Photograph of John Sherman	1885
II	S-82157	Framed St. Mary's Church of W.T. S. children baptized at the church	
II	S-82158	Photograph of W.T. Sherman	
II	S-82160	Photograph of the funeral of W.T. Sherman in St. Louis	1891
II	S-82162	Photo of W.T. Sherman soon after the Civil War	
II	S-82163	Photo of Ellen Ewing Sherman	
II	S-82164	Photo of Elizabeth Stoddard, paternal grandmother of W.T. Sherman	
II	S-82165	Photo of W.T. Sherman	1890
II	S-82166	Photo of W.T. Sherman	1890
II	S-82167-A&B	Two small photos of W.T. Sherman	
II	S-82168-A&B	Two identical photos of W.T. Sherman and Thomas Ewing Sherman-Age 9	
II	S-82171-A&B	Glass negative and portrait of Gen. Sherman	
II	S-82172	Large photo of summer home of John Sherman in Mansfield, OH	
II	S-82173	Close-up view of Sherman family reunion in Mansfield	1888
II	S-82174	Photo of Elizabeth Sherman Reese-sister of Wm. T.	
II	S-82178	Photo of Hoyt Sherman-brother of Wm. T.	
II	S-82179	Photo of John Sherman holding grandson	
II	S-82180	Photo of Cecilia Stewart Sherman, wife of John	1897
II	S-82181	Photo of Mary Sherman, adopted daughter of John	
II	S-82182	Photo of son-in-law of John Sherman	
II	S-82183	Photo of John Sherman	
II	S-82206	Picture of Charles Sherman	
II	S-83144	Color photo of William T. Sherman's tombstone	1891
II	S-84179	Photo of William T. Sherman and others with Indians in a tent, seated	
II	S-84180	Photo of Wm. T. Sherman and others with one Indian, all standing	
II	S-84181	Photo of Major General Hugh Boyle Ewing	
II	S-84182	Photo autographed by General Sherman	
II	S-88337	Letter from W.T. Sherman	1832
II	S-88338	Letter from Mary H. Sherman	1836
II	S-88344	Photo of portrait of Thomas Ewing-1867-No. 1	
II	S-88345	Photo of portrait of Thomas Ewing-No. 2	
II	S-88346	Photo of portrait of Thomas Ewing- 1849-No. 3	
II	S-88347	Photo of portrait of Thomas Ewing-1861-No. 4	

Series #	Accession #	Description	Date(s)
II	S-88348	Copy of photo of Thomas Ewing-no date-No. 5	
II	S-88349	Copy of Photo of Ewing House-late '60's	
II	S-91409	Lithograph of Gen. Sherman on horseback	
II	S-92416-A&B	Sketch of Gen. Sherman in his fly tent	1864
II	S-93498	Photo of Gen. Sherman's funeral procession in St. Louis.	
II	S-98552	Framed photo of General Sherman on his horse-Sam	
II	S-02621	Lithograph of General Sherman, framed, autographed	
II	S-04632	Lithograph, General Sherman on Horse, framed, oak	
II	S-05694	Print of Roger Sherman	
II	S-06718	Picture of General Sherman from the Lancaster EG 150th	
II	S-06720	Picture of General Sherman, lithograph	
II	S-06728	Picture of General Sherman	
II	S-06729	Picture of General Sherman	
II	S-06733	Picture, General Sherman, Currier & Ives	
II	S-06734	Picture, General Sherman, border of Atlanta battle scene	
II	S-06735	Picture, formal portrait General Sherman	
II	S-06739	Picture, Charles Sherman, reproduced from book "Fighting Prophet"	
II	S-06740	Picture, General Sherman on horseback, from newspaper	
II	S-06742	Picture, Charles Sherman-Photocopy of miniature	
II	S-09808	Picture, General Sherman	
II	S-09824	Picture of General Sherman-announcing general's death	
II	S-11868	Group picture of Thomas Jr., Philemon, Hugh and Charles Ewing	
II	S-11869	Photo of Ellen Ewing Sherman 4" x 6"	1872
II	S-11873	Photo of Brig. General Hugh Ewing in uniform	
II	S-11874	Photo of Hugh Ewing and Philemon Ewing	
II	S-11875	Photo of Charles Ewing and Thomas Ewing Jr.	
II	S-11876	Photo of Maria Ewing and Minnie Sherman Fitch	
II	S-11877	Photo of Mrs. Hugh Ewing (Henrietta Young) and daughter Marie	
II	S-11878	Photo of Marie Ewing in costume	
II	S-11879	Photo of Henrietta Young Ewing	
II	S-11880	Photo of Father Hugh Ewing	
II	S-11881	Photo of Hugh and Henrietta Ewing in later years	
II	S-11882	Photo of Marie Ewing Montgomery	
II	S-11883	Photo of Marie Ewing Montgomery	
II	S-13919	Lithograph of General Sherman, standing	1868
II	S-13921	Print, General Sherman	

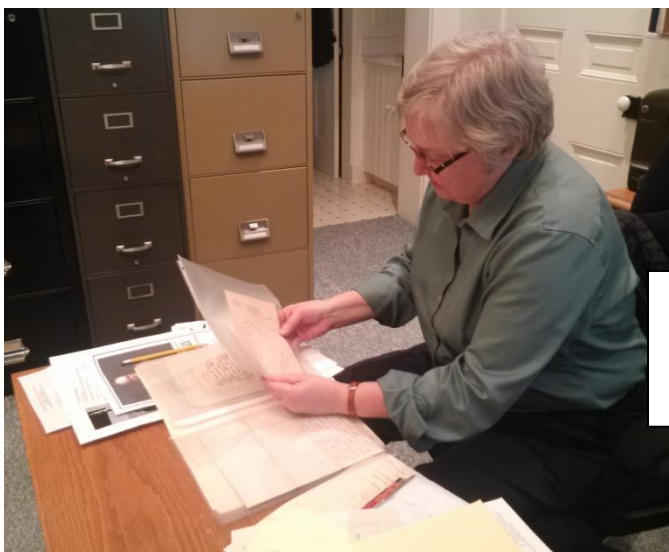
Series #	Accession #	Description	Date(s)
III	S-05692	"Taft-Sherman" campaign poster-framed with mat & glass	1908
III	S-05693	Two postcards- from Taft & Sherman campaign, and campaign button/pin	1908
III	S-08787	Speech, printed copy by John Sherman, "Reply to the President's Message"	1888
III	S-09804	Document, to Treasury Dept., signed by John Sherman	1878
III	S-09806	Legal Document, guardianship bond executed by Charles Taylor Sherman	1853
IV	S-82151	Certificate of Membership in Associated Veterans of the Mexican War for W.T. Sherman	1942
IV	S-83145-A&B	Program and case of address to the graduating class at West Point	1869
IV	S-06741	Certificate, WT Sherman, member of Assn. Veterans of Mexican War	
V	S-82134	Newsprint of Testimonial to Maj. Gen. W.T. Sherman	
V	S-82153-A&B	Newspaper sketch of picture at wedding of Maria Ewing Sherman, & photocopy of wedding invitations	
V	S-82218	Photocopy of Lebanon, Ohio newspaper with Charles Sherman's obituary	
V	S-08788	"Puck" newspaper, cartoon character of John Sherman Nov. 30, 1887	1887
V	S-09826	Harper's Weekly, cover page, featuring General Sherman	1864
VI	S-07780	Memorial for General W. T. Sherman by MOLLUS	
VI	S-08793	Book "In Memoriam for General W. T. Sherman" NY State Assembly	1892
VI	S-08800	Memorial Album for Gen. William T. Sherman	1891
VII	S-82135	Autograph book of Maria Ewing	
VII	S-82139	Card - Philemon Tecumseh Sherman	
VII	S-82146	Receipt from Thomas Ewing	1822
VII	S-82169-2	Checks signed by W.T. Sherman 1871 & 1873	
VII	S-82219	Certificate for National Historic Landmark of John Sherman's birthplace	
VII	S-83146	Cookbook-"Breakfast, Luncheon and Tea" owner- Elizabeth Sherman Reese	1875
VII	S-91402	Photocopy of sketch of Gen. Wm. T. Sherman	
VII	S-95536	Charles and Mary Sherman's family Bible-family records	
VII	S-96538	Sherman Family Tree	
VII	S-06738	Testimonial, to General Sherman	



**One unit of shelving in the
FHA office with OHRAB
funded archival boxes**



**Binders of FHA board minutes
arranged and ready to be
transferred to archival boxes**



**Office Manager Mary
Lawrence processing the
Roi De Lancy Papers, MS 1**

School Bill of Lancaster Academy, for the quarter ending in July 1828 - Taught by Joel S. Parsons

<i>Names</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Whole</i>	<i>at 2.50 Am^{ts}</i>
+ John Wright +	1/4	62 ^{1/2}	paid
C. R. Sherman	1/4	3.12 ^{1/2}	
+ T. Ewing +	1/4	75	paid
John Noble	3/8	93 ^{1/2}	paid
+ Dr. J. Incey +			
+ Saml. Effinger +	1/2	1.25	paid
+ G. Steinman +	1/4	75	paid
+ F. A. Shaeffer +	3/4	1.87 ^{1/2}	paid
- A. Youngkin +	1/4	62 ^{1/2}	paid
+ Robt. Cissna +	1/4	62 ^{1/2}	paid
+ W. Weaver	3/4	1.87 ^{1/2}	paid
Wm B. Peck	1/2	1.25	

This is a portion of the "School Bill of Lancaster Academy for the quarter ending in July 1828," which was kept by Samuel Effinger. The tuition was for classes taught by Joel S. Parsons. The parents listed here and their occupations, where known, were

- ◆ John Wright, printer;
- ◆ Charles R. Sherman, attorney and Ohio Supreme Court judge;
- ◆ Thomas E. Ewing, attorney;
- ◆ John Noble, tailor and hotel landlord;
- ◆ John Sweyer, hotel landlord;
- ◆ Samuel Effinger, tinner & copersmith;
- ◆ Gottlieb Steinman, baker and hotel landlord;
- ◆ Frederick Shaeffer, tailor and hotel landlord;
- ◆ A. Youngkin, tailor;
- ◆ Robert Cissna;
- ◆ Adam Weaver, justice of the peace and sheriff
- ◆ William B. Peck, hatter.

Academy days in Lancaster

School bells have begun to ring, and the students and staff working in the FHA office have made wonderful discoveries as they catalog documents in the organization's files. This story springs from a folder of financial records for the Lancaster Academy covering 1828-30. The documents, which were from FHA's Effinger Collection, led us to research the history of two early academies in Lancaster — and two influential teachers, the brothers Samuel L. and John Mark Howe.

Lloyd Lewis wrote in *Sherman: Fighting Prophet* (p.25): "In 1820 there came another touch of civilization [to Lancaster] to make men forget that it had been but three years since the last bear and the last panther had been killed within the city limits. A brick academy was erected to supplant the log schoolhouses, Thomas Ewing and Philemon Beecher footing much of the bill."

Built on part of Lot 2 in Square 8, this "Brick Academy" stood on the south side of W. Wheeling at about the location of the FNB drive-through bank today.

Charles Goslin said in *Crossroads and Fence Corners* that Thomas Ewing Sr., Charles R. Sherman, Hugh Boyle and Elnathan Scofield were promoters of this academy. Professor

Stephen Whittlesey was the first principal.

Samuel Effinger was the "collector" of tuition fees paid by parents (or guardians) to the Lancaster Academy at least during the 1828-1830 period. Some of the payments he made to teachers on behalf of the academy were also recorded. There are over 90 individual parents/guardians listed for making payments. The list is a who's who of Lancaster in the late 1820s. Of special interest to FHA members are the names of Samuel F. Maccracken and Judge Charles R. Sherman.

Samuel and Sarah Maccracken's sons James (b1818) and John (b1820) would have been old enough to attend for a few years. James would have turned 12 in 1830, and John would have turned 10 years old.

Charles and Mary Sherman's children Charles (b1811), Mary Elizabeth (b1812), James (b1814), Amelia (b1816), Julia (b1818), W. T. (b1820), Lampson (b1821) and John (b1823) would also have been old enough to attend before 1830. When Charles Sherman died in 1829, his son William Tecumseh was 9. Son John was 6 and in the primary grade at the academy. (Records from the sessions ending in May and July of 1828

indicate he had not paid the tuition owed, perhaps a sign of the judge's serious financial troubles. As of July, his bill was up to \$3.12½.)

Early School Memories

William T. Sherman in his *Memoirs* (1891, p.14) writes about the family following his father's death in 1829:

I continued at the Academy in Lancaster, which was the best in the place; indeed, as good a school as any in Ohio. We studied all the common branches of knowledge, including Latin, Greek, and French. At first the school was kept by Mr. [Joel] Parsons; he was succeeded by Mr. Brown, and he by two brothers, Samuel and Mark How [Howe]. These were all excellent teachers, and we made good progress, first at the old academy and afterward at a new school-house, built by Samuel How, in the orchard of Hugh Boyle, Esq. [Thomas Ewing's father-in-law.]

When the family was split up after the judge's death, John Sherman went to live in Mt. Vernon in 1831 and returned to Lancaster in 1835 at 12 years of age. Lloyd Lewis in *Sherman: Fighting Prophet* (p.46) wrote about the "incorrigible" John Sherman and said Samuel Howe whipped him the most.

Hugh Ewing described a thrashing: "Sam kept bundles of sprouts, five to six feet in length, for whipping boys. John Sherman grew weary of being whipped and once rebelled, and when Howe came rushing at him, whip in hand, John hit him in the chest with an ink stand, soiling his linen. Howe proceeded to break whip after whip over John's back and legs until his arm grew weary. Philemon and John's brother, William, said at supper that night that John would be laid up for at least a week. But at dancing school, an hour after supper, there was John swinging down the center in high glee, arms and legs flying inelegantly right and left, his face beaming with excitement and pleasure."

In *Recollections of John Sherman* (1896, p.26), the man who grew up to be a U.S. senator described himself this way: "I was regarded as a wild, reckless lad, eager in controversy and ready to fight."

When I entered the school [Samuel] Howe was the regulator, teacher and dominie. He was the supreme autocrat, from who there was no appeal. All the boys respected him, for he certainly was a good teacher, but they did not like his domineering way. ... He called me to the blackboard and directed me to demonstrate some problem in my lesson of Euclid. I went, and, as I believed, had made the drawing and demonstrated the problem. He said I had not, that I had failed to refer to a corollary. ... Some discussion arose, when, with the ferule in his hand, he directed me to hold out mine. I did so, but as he struck my right hand, I hit him with all the force I could command with my left. ... The result was that I was expelled from the school, but by the intercession of my mother, and Mrs. Reese ... I was restored, and during my two years with Mr. Howe I had no other contention with him.

Brothers John Mark and Samuel L. Howe came to Lancaster sometime before 1830. Ohio University records show that John M. Howe received a "bachelor's degree" in 1831 and a "master's degree" in 1835. The old Lancaster Academy closed sometime before 1830, and the building was sold to Dr. John M. Bigelow. Samuel built a new academy building.

One teacher's job interview

John T. Brasee, a prominent 19th century Lancaster attorney and state senator, describes in his autobiography how he was hired to teach at Lancaster Academy in 1824. At the time, Brasee was a student at Ohio University.

In January, 1824, Mr. Thomas Ewing was desirous of employing a competent teacher to take charge of the academy at Lancaster, and I agreed with him to teach the academy for six months for \$200. Having obtained from the faculty leave of absence for that time, I accompanied Mr. Ewing to Lancaster, and stopped at John Noble's hotel. The evening afterward I was invited into the parlor of the hotel to meet the Trustees of the academy, and I found there Mr. Ewing, Judge Scofield, John Noble, Samuel F. Maccracken, David Reese and others. Mr. Ewing took from his pocket a pocket edition of Horace and turned to one of his odes, which he requested me to read to him. This I did with fear and trembling, but when it was done he remarked that that was satisfactory. After informing me about their academy, and what they expected of me, the meeting adjourned with the understanding that I was to enter upon my duties the next day. They informed me that their institution had two departments, one for classical and advanced scholars, and the other for the young scholars; that it was in charge of a man by the name of Conger, over whom I was expected to keep constant supervision.

I accordingly entered upon my duties the next day, and continued without intermission until my six months expired, which brought me to August, 1824, when the commencement at Athens took place. I returned there and graduated with my class, having declined to be further employed by the Trustees.

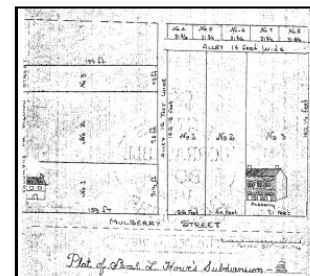
Howe's Academy

May 30, 1830, was the date the first public school in Lancaster opened. Hugh Boyle owned property in Square 10 including the lot on the northeast corner of Columbus and Mulberry and lots 2, 3 and 4 going east along the north side of Mulberry Street to Center Alley. Boyle sold part of lot 2 and lots 3 and 4 to Samuel Howe. Samuel built a new two-story frame building on lot 4 along the alley around 1830.

This private school was known as Howe's Academy.

When the *Daily Eagle* (Oct. 14, 1903) published the recollections of Theodore W. Tallmadge, a schoolmate of W. T. Sherman, he described it this way:

"The academy was the only building in a plot of ground of four acres which had been previously a farm orchard, and the trees of large size remained. The fruit was, of course, never permitted to ripen. The grass plot offered splendid opportunity for the games and athletic exercises in which the general was also prominent. Especially on Saturdays, the weekly holiday, did the boys make the walking ring in that neighborhood. It was common for the older boys to be



permitted to study their lessons in the orchard and for them to make convenient seats in the limbs of the trees. This is mentioned that the thousands of admirers of the general from his after life may imagine him developing his great talents in such a position.

John Sherman remembered the orchard in his *Recollections* (p.28) this way:

The academy was in a large square, the greater part of which was an orchard of apple trees. Mr. Howe lived on the corner of the square, some distance from the academy. The boys were forbidden to climb the trees to shake down the fruit, but were quite welcome to the fruit on the ground.

Howe brothers

John Mark (b1802) and Samuel Luke (b1807) were born in Vermont to Curtis and Sybil Howe. This family with six children moved to a farm south of Granville, Ohio, in 1818. As mentioned above, John Mark received two degrees from Ohio University, married Mary West, and had three children born in Ohio: Converse (b1838); Fanny (b1841); and Mary (b1843). John Mark was a principal and taught at the McIntire Academy in Zanesville. The 1840 and 1850 Federal Census show the family living there.

John Mark left for California in 1851. He continued to teach and became principal of the first high school in Sacramento, California. He died in Virginia City, Nevada, Sept. 3, 1878, at 75 years of age, and was buried in Sacramento.

Samuel attended Ohio University, and several sources say he paid for his education by "manual labor." He married Charlotte Perrin in 1829, and their first child, Oscar Pomeroy, was born in Lancaster on Jan. 22, 1830. A busy man, Samuel was teaching, building a new academy and writing a textbook, *The Philotaxian Grammar, Being a Concise and Lucid Guide to a Knowledge of the English Language*. Wright and Moeller published the book in Lancaster in 1838.

Samuel and Charlotte would have four more children while living in Lancaster: Elizabeth (b1832); Warrington (b1835); Edward (b1838); and Hayward Howard (b1840). It appears they were living in Licking County when they sold some Lancaster property in 1841 and then moved to Henry County, Iowa. Samuel sold his last Lancaster property to Daniel Kutz on May 16, 1846.

Samuel's son W. P. Howe wrote:

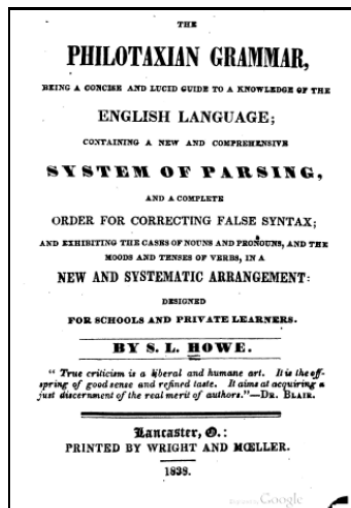
My father's first visit to the beautiful country lying west of the Mississippi was in 1839. ... He was so delighted with the country that he determined to make it his future home, and after the election of General Harrison he moved his family from Ohio, and located in Henry County, Iowa Territory. ... At the time of removal he was well situated in Ohio. ... But could not resist the fascination presented by the beautiful Eden beyond the Great Father of Waters. And so, at a great loss of money and putting aside the most flourishing prospects he turned his face toward the western world. We made the removal from Ohio in two-horse wagons, filled with

household goods. Among other things were several barrels of the choicest apples, which proved a perfect godsend during the hard winter that followed. The journey was about 700 miles and occupied several weeks. Late in November 1841, we located in the boundless prairie some three miles east of Mt. Pleasant.

Samuel farmed and taught school in a small log cabin on his farm. His son described him as an "active and fearless abolitionist." From 1842 to about the beginning of the Civil War, Samuel took charge of a stop on the underground railroad.

During the spring and summer of 1845, my father completed what was esteemed at that time a very handsome and commodious academic building consisting of basement and three upper stories all large and well adapted for the purpose of dwelling and schoolroom combined. The academy was indeed a perfect delight and would accommodate easily the neighborhood of [one] hundred pupils. ... In 1848 he became a stockholder in the only abolitionist paper in the great-west. It was called the Iowa Freeman. ... In 1849, the paper was removed to Mt. Pleasant where my father bought it and published it. At the same time he still conducted the school with all that marvelous ability and energy for which he was noted.

In the border ruffian conflict in Kansas, two of his sons stood side by side with the old John Brown in 1856, in this the approaching struggle before the great rebellion of 1861. When the Civil War broke out, my father sent three sons and two sons-in-law to the Union Army and from the spring of 1861 to the 21st of Jul 1865 there was always a member of the family at the front, maintaining the honor of the old flag and the integrity of the nation.



Copies of Samuel L. Howe's book are listed online for \$75. But a scanned copy may be downloaded for free by searching for the title under Google Books.

Friend and benefactor

Samuel L. Howe died Feb. 15, 1877. His obituary appeared in *The New York Times* (2-28-1877) and ended with these words: "He was uncompromising in his views, and was generally recognized as the leader of the Free Soil Party in Iowa. In 1856 he sold his paper, and since that time has devoted himself wholly to teaching. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, especially by his pupils, who regarded him as their friend and benefactor."

After his father's death, Warrington Howe wrote to W. T. Sherman. Sherman's response was printed in the *Burlington [Iowa] Daily Hawk-Eye* (5-20-1877):

I regret extremely that in my perambulations of this large country, in late years, I never had the chance to meet your father, which I wanted to do. And now, though forty long and eventful years have passed since I left his school at Lancaster, Ohio, I can recall his personal appearance to mind as clearly as though it were yesterday.

I have always borne willing testimony to his skill and merits as a teacher, and I am sure the thorough modes of instruction in arithmetic and grammar pursued by him

prepared me for easy admission to West Point, and for a respectable standing in my class. ... I beg you will convey to your mother the assurance of my great respect and sympathy in her affliction. I recall her also to memory, a young mother, living in the house of 'Pap' Boyle, close by the schoolhouse built by Mr. Howe in the old orchard, and it is hard for me to realize that she is now a widow and a grandmother. I feel

sure, however, that Mr. Howe has left behind him hundreds and thousands that revere his memory, and will perpetuate it by deeds and virtue, which his example and precept suggested.

Truly your friend. W. T. Sherman.

— JOYCE HARVEY

A student's exercise book

Among the FHA's files is an exercise book that appears to belong to John S. Middleton from Jan. 18, 1827 (top right). So far, we have no information on John or where he studied, but this book was devoted to geometry. Many of the calculations were extensive. The exercise at top left asks the student to determine how a grinding stone might be used equally by seven men. Some of the exercises related to particular trades, such as Bricklayers Work (bottom right) and Carpenters and Joiners Work (bottom left). As you can see, John found time to doodle, slipping a snake into his work.

Seven men bought a grinding stone of 6 inches in diameter each, paying 1/4 part of the price what part of the diameter must each grind down for his share. The pt = 44 1/2 cts

$7 : 6 :: 60 = 52.5494$
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 $7 : 1 : 60 = 43.2143$

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 $60 : 43.2143 = 1.3786$

W. T. Sherman

John S. Middleton, January 18, 1827



Carpenters and Joiners Work

Carpenters and Joiners work is that of flooring, partitioning, roofing &c and is measured by the square of 100 feet

Examples

A floor is 23 feet 6 inches long and 17 feet 7 inches broad how many squares will it contain? Floor 23 sq and 84 sq ft 71...

A partition is 11 feet 7 inches long and 11 feet 8 inches broad how many squares will it contain? This is 10 sq and 56 sq ft

Bricklayers Work

Bricklayers compute or value their work at the rate of a brick and a half thick and if a wall be more or less than this standard it must be reduced to it as follows

Rule

Multiply the superficial content of the wall in feet by the number of half bricks in the thickness and 3/4 of that product will be the content required

Note In America bricklayers work is generally reckoned by the 100

Examples

How many square rods there in a wall 50 1/2 feet long 14 feet 4 inches high and 8 1/2 brick thick. Ans 5 104.84

$50 \frac{1}{2} = 101$
 $14 \frac{2}{3} = 44$
 $101 \times 44 = 4444$
 $4444 \times \frac{3}{4} = 3333$