

This is a story that really happened. Sheldon grew up in Benton Township just about four miles north and east of Charlotte, MI. His family moved here in 1858.

He and other young men from Eaton County became caught up in the Civil War, which began in 1861. The pressures on them to 'join up' were followed in the Eaton County Republican, the local newspaper at the time.

Five young men from Eaton Co. responded to the call to join the 6th Michigan Cavalry Regt., and were mustered in together Dec. 22, 1863 at Jackson, MI. They were friends or acquaintances for their names appear in Sheldon's diary, which he kept for the year of 1865.

Included are his daily experiences on the Powder River Expedition for which the 6th Cavalry was "volunteered" at the end of the Civil War, "the "unwilling frontiersmen."

At the end of his service he returned to Charlotte and to his father's home in Benton Twp. He married Mary Ann Weaver, a daughter of Abraham Weaver, a sister to Frederick and Seneca Weaver, who lived just down the road.

After marriage the two became pioneer settlers in Hamilton Twp. Gratiot Co., MI.

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