

**Moore's Chapel Cemetery
Ohio Historical Marker**

Shaw Cemetery

Below is the history of the Shaw Families as told on the Ohio Historical Marker located in the cemetery.

In 1829, Samuel and Charlotte Hale Shaw came to Bath Township from Bristol, New York. They purchased 145 acres of land where Samuel, a carpenter, built a two-story frame house. They had six children; two died in infancy. Their two year old daughter, Charlotte, was the first to be buried in Shaw Cemetery. They conveyed one-half acre of land to the township for a "burying ground" in 1836.

Samuel died in 1836; Charlotte then married Lyman Doolittle. They had five children; two daughters survived to adulthood. In 1892, Virgil E. and Genevieve Doolittle Shaw sold one acre to Bath Township to expand Shaw Cemetery.

Samuel's parents, Constant and Mercy Pitts Shaw, migrated to Bath Township along with his brothers and their families.

Sylvester and Harriet Parsons Shaw arrived in 1832 in a wagon drawn by oxen, built a log cabin, and became successful farmers. Their grandson, Leon Shaw, was a noted photographer in the late 19th century. His photographs depicting everyday rural life are frequently on display at the Bath Township Museum.

A Methodist Chapel was built in 1879 adjacent to Shaw Cemetery on land given by Romanzo Boughton. It was named in honor of Oliver Moore who donated to the construction cost of the chapel. Shaw Cemetery, as it was known locally, became Moore's Chapel Cemetery. The chapel was sold and dismantled in 1912.

In 1999, Linda Swain donated 7.8 acres and sold 4.5 acres to Bath Township for cemetery expansion.

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Sylvester Pitts and Sarah Shaw Home



Samuel and Lucy Shaw Home



Sylvester and Harriet Shaw Home Today



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**Moore's Chapel Cemetery
in
Bath Township**

Shaw Family Tour

Moore's Chapel Cemetery



- ★ Ohio Historical Marker
- 1. Constant Shaw
- 2. Charlotte Hale Shaw Doolittle
- 3. Orpha Doolittle Shaw
- 4. Eleanor Shaw
- 5. Anna Shaw
- 6. Sylvester Shaw
- 7. Samuel Shaw
- 8. Harriet Boltz Shaw
- 9. Marietta Shaw Willey Ward
- 10. Sarah Rhoda Moody Shaw
- 11. Cora Worden Shaw
- 12. Leon Worden Shaw

Located at
1631 North Hametown Road
(south of Ira Road)
in
Bath Township , Ohio

1. Constant Shaw

Constant Shaw was born in Dighton, Massachusetts in 1778 to Abraham and Rebecca Shaw. He moved to Bristol, New York about 1798 and married Mercy Pitts in 1801 and had 11 children. He saw two of their sons, Samuel and Sylvester and their families, move to Bath Township to begin farming like their father. Prior to 1840, Mercy and Constant followed their sons to Bath to be closer to their children and to continue farming alongside them.

2. Charlotte Doolittle Shaw

Charlotte Hale Shaw Doolittle, and her husband Samuel were the first of the Shaws to settle in Bath Township, arriving in 1829 from Bristol, New York. They donated 1/2 acre of his farm to the township for the cemetery. Their daughter Charlotte was the first to be buried there. Samuel followed in 1836. Charlotte married Lyman Doolittle in 1837. They had five children. Widowed again in 1862, she stayed on the old homestead until her death in 1894.

3. Orpha Doolittle Shaw

Orpha Doolittle Shaw was born to Lyman and Charlotte Doolittle in June 1844. She was the fourth of five children. When she was 21, Orpha married a Civil War veteran, Virgil R. Shaw, and had three sons, Obed, Omar, and Odell. She lived on Shaw land all of her 67 years until 1921. Omar and Odell were also buried at Shaw Cemetery.

4. Eleanor Shaw

Eleanor R. Collins, born 1835 in Auburn, New York, moved to Bath Township in 1850. She married Lorenzo Shaw, son of Samuel and Charlotte Hale Shaw. Lorenzo became one of the two township constables. They had eight children: Clarissa, Lenora, Emmett, Melva, Charles, Nina, Mary, and Terressa. After Lorenzo's death she moved to Barberton and then to Akron where she died in 1911.



Harriet Parsons, Cora Worden, and Constant Shaw



Sarah Moody Shaw



Harriet Parsons Shaw



Lewis and Marietta Willey with Elbin



Charlotte Hale Shaw Doolittle



Sylvester Shaw

5. Anna Shaw

Anna Shaw was born in 1843 to Eleazer Shaw and Mary Wiley Shaw. She married her cousin, Richard Shaw on Sept. 10, 1862 after he had been wounded at Gettysburg during the Civil War and was discharged. He opened a grocery store in the late 1800's and ran it with his brothers. It was called "Richie's." They had seven children: Wilbur, Romeo, Retie, Myrtie Shaw Young, Birchard, Iva Shaw Low, Edith. Anna died on June 29, 1919.



Richie's Grocery Store



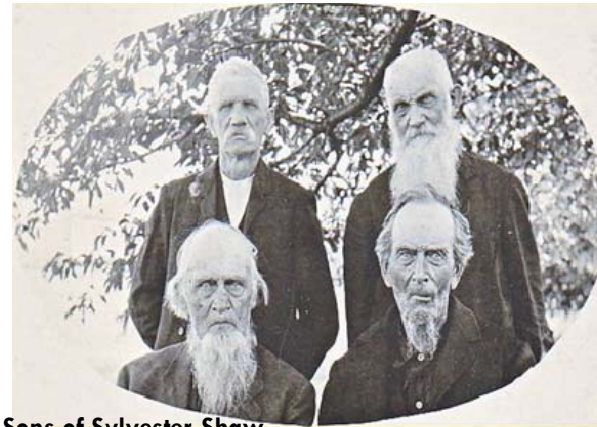
Anna Shaw

6. Sylvester Shaw

Sylvester Shaw was born to Constant and Mercy Pitts Shaw in 1806. He came to Bath in 1832 with his wife Harriet Parsons Shaw by wagon and became successful farmers. His parents soon followed. He died in 1875

7. Samuel Shaw

Samuel Shaw was born to Sylvester and Harriet Shaw in 1837 and lived his entire life in Bath Township. In 1860 he married Lucy Webster and raised two daughters, Loretta and Berdella, while being a successful farmer. Samuel died at the age of 72 in 1909.



Sons of Sylvester Shaw 1900

Top: Samuel, Sylvester Pitts Bottom: William, Constant

8. Harriet Boltz Shaw

Harriet Boltz Shaw married the son of Sylvester and Harriet Parsons Shaw, William, in February 1866. They had four children Gertrude, Janie, Sylvester, and Elmer. She died in February of 1885 at the age of 39.

9. Marietta Shaw Willey Ward

Marietta Shaw was born in Bath on September 26, 1839 to Sylvester Shaw and Harriet Parsons Shaw. She and Lewis R Willey married on April 8, 1860 when she was 20 years old. They made their home on his family farm on State Rd. in Granger Township. They had one son, Elbin. After Lewis was fatally wounded at Petersburg, Virginia in 1865, Marietta married Charles Rawson Ward in 1877 at the age of 37.

10. Sarah Rhoda Moody Shaw

Sylvester Pitts Shaw and Sarah Rhoda Moody Shaw were married March 23, 1856. They had 4 children, Hattie, Durward (both buried at Bath Center), Gilson (has a stone at Bath Center), and Bertha. Sarah died in 1902 just short of her 64th birthday.

11. Cora Worden Shaw

Born Cora Isabelle Worden on Christmas Eve 1852 in Richfield, she grew up with her family in Hinckley Township and learned to be excellent seamstress. Cora married Constant Shaw, son of Sylvester and Harriet Parsons Shaw, when they were both twenty-one years of age. She worked the farm with her husband until April 1915 when she died at the age of 62.

12. Leon Worden Shaw

Leon Shaw was the son of Constant and Cora Worden Shaw. He was an only child and was able to attend Baldwin University in Berea. He enjoyed photographing rural life of the people of Bath Township. Leon married Sadie Mohler of Barberton in 1901. Sadie was a teacher in the Bath Township School District. They had one son, Donald.