

Lorenzo Sherman, residing on the northeast quarter of section 11, Wayne Township, was born in the State of Vermont in 1811, a son of Shubael and Phoebe Sherman. In 1839, the family removed to Licking County, Ohio, where the parents spent the rest of their days.

Our subject was married in Licking County, Ohio, to Miss Sophia P. Moulton. They have had born to them nine children, of whom seven are living – Warren S., Sophia, Emma, Annie, Celestia, Charles and LeRoy; Reuben, the third child, was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion and died a prisoner at Andersonville and Sarah, the second child, was the wife of Spencer Walters and died in Wayne Township.

Warren S., the eldest son, was born in Licking County, Ohio, April 21, 1842. He enlisted October 9, 1861, in Company B, Seventy-Sixth Ohio Infantry and served with his regiment until July 27, 1862. The first battle in which he participated was at Fort Donelson, and he also took part in the Battle of Shiloh under command of General Lew Wallace. His experience in this battle was so severe that he was obliged to go hospital, where he was confined about two months, when he furloughed at Camp Denison and returned to his home. When his leave of absence had expired he repaired to Camp Chase, Ohio, for the purpose of being examined, which resulted in his discharge on account of disability. He gradually recovered his health and in the spring of 1863, he entered the National Guard and was sworn into the State Service early in 1864, and sent to Martinsburg, Virginia. Two companies of the Guard were sent to North Mountain Station, seven miles from Martinsburg, to guard the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Mr. Sherman, then Second Sergeant, being a member of this force. Here, after three and a half hours of hard fighting a detachment of five regiments of General Early's command, they were compelled to surrender to greatly superior members. They were then taken to Lynchburg, and after being detained there a week, were taken to Danville and thence to the rebel prison pen at Andersonville. Here Mr. Sherman remained until the approach of General Sherman while on his march to the sea, when the prisoners without knowing why, were pushed on ahead of Sherman's Army as far as Savannah, and when Sherman had passed they were sent back to Andersonville. At the close of hostilities Mr. Sherman with other prisoners, was transferred to Jacksonville, Florida, thence by steamer to Annapolis and from there to Columbus, Ohio, where he received his discharge June 2, 1865. He was a prisoner for ten months, lacking four days and for at least seven months of the time was confined at Andersonville. He at one time made his escape with others from Andersonville Hospital, but was captured by hounds when about five miles from the prison. On seeing the dogs approach he had climbed into a small pine tree where he was recaptured. The others were also captured, and all were put into the stocks for a punishment, where they were kept three days and three nights. Considering the terrible sufferings and hardships he underwent, Mr. Sherman came out of Andersonville in fair condition physically, passing through the ordeal better than the majority.

Reuben Sherman, his brother, was with him in the One Hundred and Thirty-Fifth Ohio National Guards, and was taken prisoner at the same time, and died in Andersonville prison October 9, 1864.

Since the war, Warren Sherman has been engaged in farming and has lived several years on his farm in section 11, Wayne Township, where he has sixty acres of choice land. He was married in Wayne Township to Miss Margaret I. Spade, a daughter of William Spade, and they have seven children, three sons and four daughters. Politically he affiliates with the Republican Party.

Lorenzo Sherman, whose name heads this sketch settled on his farm in 1865, which was then almost entirely unimproved. He has prospered in his agricultural pursuits and is now the owner of 100 acres of valuable land, seventy acres being improved and under fine cultivation.