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**JOSEPH SHEWMON
ADDRESS, 19 FEBRUARY 1902**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Joseph Shewmon (1843-1909) was born in Preble County, Ohio. In August, 1862 he enlisted in Company H of the 93rd Ohio Regiment. In September, 1863, he was taken prisoner at the Battle of Chickamauga and was interred in several Confederate Prisons including Libby and Andersonville. He later escaped and was mustered out in June, 1865. After the war he moved to Cass County, Indiana, where he was a farmer. In 1868 he married Mary Mahley Shafer and they produced four children.

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 28 January 2020

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The item in this collection is a forty-one-page typed photocopy of Shewmon's address to the G. A. R. (Grand Army of the Republic) Hall at Eldorado, Ohio, 19 February 1902. Shewmon's remarks concentrate on his time as a prisoner of war and the various prison camps in the South where he was held. He goes into detail about the conditions, the need for his and others constant relocations, the hope for being part of the exchange, and finally his escape from a train taking them to Charleston, South Carolina. Prisons mentioned are Libby in Richmond, Virginia, and Andersonville in Georgia.

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