

# Shumways; Where They Lived, Who They Married, What They Did

The Shumways begin, it is thought, in France, in the region of La Rochelle; again, it is thought that the progenitor was called Pierre Chamoix (Shum-WAH), who came to Massachusetts around 1650. The name quickly became spelled as “Shamway” and “Shumway.” So our Shumway family begins in [Massachusetts](#); moves on to [Portland Prairie, Houston Co., Minnesota](#); then to Lyons, Burt Co., Nebraska; then splits up and goes many different directions. Families intermarried with include Paines, Albees, McNellys, Cass’, Howards, Burnetts and Everetts to name but a few. They were farmers, artists, miners, entrepreneurs, lumber dealers, musicians, neer-do-wells, prospectors, whist players, railroad contractors, surgeons, politicians, Methodists and Mormons, agnostics and skeptics.

Some of the most interesting people (or maybe it’s just that I have more information about them) include [Jeremiah Shumway](#), his sons [Herbert Paine Shumway](#) (my great-grandfather), and [Edgar Edmund Shumway](#); and Jeremiah’s son-in-law [Fremont Everett](#) who wrote so much about the family and family activities.

GO to the [Shumways in Massachusetts](#).