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Kentucky Shirleys

The following Shirley statement was made by James Henderson Shirley, 82 years of age, a g.g. grandson of both Thomas and James Shirley who were brothers. Elizabeth Shirley, daughter of Thomas Shirley, married Robert Shirley, son of James and Mary - Shirley, Elizabeth and Robert being first cousins.

I James Henderson Shirley, being of the age of 82 years, do state that the following information regarding the Shirley genealogy is as it was told to me by my father and mother, George Washington and Sarah Jane (Comer) Shirley; also, my father's sister, Mary Jane Shives, and his brother Richard Shirley. (Comer could have been spelled Coomer, Comber, etc., as the name appears in Kentucky records and cemeteries spelled these ways.) My uncle, Richard Shirley, and his double first cousin, Anderson Shirley, knew the complete line and uncle Richard had a written record as well as the family Bible with all dates. His house burned in 1926, destroying all these. He died shortly afterwards, leaving no written record. Much information given here was also from my father's first cousin, Miss Sarah Reid, who knew many interesting stories and facts of the family in Kentucky and Virginia. All dates given are from family Bibles, Barren Co. Court Records or tombstones.

The exact date our ancestors came from Virginia I am unable to say, but I know it was some time in the year of 1798. The story always was told that my g.g. grandfather and grandmother, Thomas and Mollie (Grubbs) Shirley, helped to organize the Dripping Springs Baptist Church.



Mary "Polly" Shirley b. 1806 Barren Co., Ky., daughter of Robert who was son of James and Mary Shirley. "Polly's" mother was Elizabeth Shirley, daughter of Thomas and Mollie (Grubbs) Shirley. Robert and Elizabeth were 1st cousins.

PHOTO sent by James Harvey Young

Their names do appear first on the church records as joining in 1798, by letter from Virginia. The record is still in possession of the Dripping Springs Baptist Church at Wisdom, Ky. When he left for Ky. Thomas Shirley left 400A of land on Raven Creek in Virginia. Just where Raven Creek is I am unable to say, but my father said our family of Shirleys were in Prince William County, Virginia. I also heard my

father say that some of our family came from Virginia in the party of Rev. Robert Stockton, who organized and was the first minister of the old Dripping Springs Baptist Church.

Thomas Shirley, my g.g. grandfather, married Mollie Grubbs of S. Carolina. I have no record of their birth or death. I do not know whether she lived in South Carolina at the time of her marriage: I have always been told she was reared there. Her father's name I never heard, but her mother was a Stark of Virginia, I believe. I am not positive about this since I know Mollie Grubb's mother or her daughter-in-law, Nancy Green's mother, one was a Stark. It has been so long ago I have forgotten which of the two women's mother was a Stark.

Thomas and Mollie are buried in the family graveyard, near the house they built when they settled in Ky. There are only two graves here. Both have rectangular stones but no dates visible. Nearby is the fine spring which my father and all the family called "granny Shirley Spring." It is still known by the same name throughout the community. Granny Shirley's house was standing until the year of 1885, when it was destroyed by fire. The land has never been out of the Shirley family since Thomas settled there and built this house in 1798. At the same time Thomas came from Virginia, his brother James also took up land in Ky and served under General Washington with whom he attended school. Thomas Shirley and Mollie Grubbs Shirley had one

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BARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY MARRIAGES

Daniel Shirley m. Betsy Howell
March 23 (25) 1805

Delilah Sherley m. Andrew Beard
October 23, 1808

Elizabeth Sherley m. John Dale
April 2, 1804

John W. Sherley m. Patsy Young
January 27, 1809 (??)

Judy Sherley m. Marcus Harding
December 7, 1814

Melinda Sherley m. Thomas Presley
February 10, 1811

Nimrod Sherley m. Susanna Edgar
July 28, 1807

Patsy Sherley m. Samuel Hodges
November 17, 1807

Thomas Sherley m. Polly Carson
February 10, 1811

Richard Shirley m. Elizabeth Dale
August 17, 1816

Sarah Shirley m. Isaac Dale
September 2, 1817

Richard W. Sherley m. Polly Yates
November 25, 1819 (1817?)

Caleb Shirley m. Pheobe Gibson
March 25, 1819

Elijah Shirley m. Mary Harbison
June 12, 1828

Henry Shirley m. Sophia Reed
January 24, 1833

James Shirley m. Deborah Pressley
December 13, 1827

James Shirley m. Louiza Murry
January 9, 1829

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Ruben Shirley m. Letitia Shirley
December 13, 1826

Thomas Shirley m. Martha Piper
July 15, 1830

Wm. A. Shirley m. Harriett Logan
September 26, 1820

Wm. Shirley m. Sarah Pressley
April _____, 1828

James A. Shirley m. Frances Giddings
April 20, 1826

INFORMATION sent by Virginia D. Hutsell.

Benjamin Proctor born c. 1760
Rowan Co., N.C. married Susannah
Shirley. Lived Madison Co., Ky.,
Cooper and Benton Cos., Mo.

Kentucky Shirley Marriages

Adair Co., Kentucky

John W. m. Mary York July 14, 1830;
daughter of Armistead York

John W. m. Martha Jane Walker
July 11, 1839; daughter of
Alexander Walker

Thomas W. m. Patsey Montgomery
Nov. 26, 1819; attest James A.
and John M. Shirley

Francis G. m. Josiah C. Culp
Nov. 22, 1822; attest Thomas
W. Shirley

Polly, m. Edmond Rogers Jan. 19,
1809; attest John W. and
George Shirley

Rebecca m. Ingram Nunn Jan. 17,
1828; attest George Y. Shirley
(return gives Rena Shirley)

Nancy m. Francis Henry Jan. 12,
1829; daughter of John W.
Shirley

Mary Ann m. Edmond Walker Nov. 6,
1831; daughter of John W.
Shirley

Sarah m. Charley Yates April 9,
1807; attest William Tackett

Bennett, Martha A. m. John J.
Lightfoot June 3, 1822;
daughter of Charles Bennett,
deceased, guardian John W.
Shirley. Attest Goodrick
Lightfoot.

INFORMATION sent by Mrs. John
Woznuck.

KENTUCKY MARRIAGES

Margaret Shirley m. Abraham Welch
June 3, 1797 - Mason Co., Ky.
John Durgo signed marriage bond.

Maria Jane Shirley m. Henry W.
Purnell, November 15, 1835, Mason
Co., Ky.
Her father, Armistead, was bondsman.

Tolliver Shirley m. Agness Collins
June 5, 1810
Bond by: Zachariah Preliman

ABOVE INFORMATION sent in by
member Virginia Hutsell.

Anderson, Richard to Nancy Shirley.
Married June 22, 1828 by Rev. Wm.
Thompson. Bond June 19, 1828.
Signed Richard Anderson, Wiley
Shirley. Consent May 15, 1828. My
daughter, Nancy, signed John
Shirley. Gallatin Co., Ky.
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BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY MARRIAGES

Thomas Shirley m. Mary Cartmell
November 9, 1847
mother: Mary E. Cartmell (could
it be Cardwell?)

William Shirley m. Rebecca Bishop
May 20, 1835

William Shirley m. Elizabeth Hogland
January 28, 1841

Malinda Shirley m. James R. Martin
December 6, 1859
(daughter of William Sharley)

William H. Shirley (62) m. Amelia
Gentry (25) November 15, 1860

Annie E. Shirley (21) m. James R.
Spencer February 5, 1870

Emily Shirley (22) m. Rodolphus K.
Bakey (30) May 5, 1868
(daughter of Thomas Shirley)

George Shirley m. Sarah Ann Cardwell
March 22, 1841
(daughter of William Cardwell)

Harriett Shirley m. John Bass
September 17, 1828 (license not ret'd)

John H. Shirley (22) m. Rosella
Cornell (25) January 22, 1868

Mollie Shirley (21) m. G. E. Gaines
(25) April 10, 1864
(daughter of Thomas Shirley)

INFORMATION sent in by Virginia
D. Hutsell.

Washington Shirley and Louisa M.
Dickerson married 28 July 1828,
Bullitt Co., Ky.

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SHIRLEYS IN 1790 CENSUS

Connecticut NONE

Georgia (My search incomplete; their records not alphabetized)
Burke County
 Martin 10 people

Maine
Fryeburgh Township, York County
 Edward 10 people

Maryland
St. Marys County
 Bennet 9 people,
 4 slaves
 Joshua 2 people
 1 slave
 Ignatius 9 people

Massachusetts
Middlesex County
 John 7 people

New Hampshire
Chester Town, Rockingham Co.
 Alexander 5 people
 Hugh 6 people
 James 3 people
 John 6 people
 Samuel 9 people
 Thomas 6 people
 William 5 people

New Jersey
Franklin Township, Bergen Co.
 Louisona

New York NONE

North Carolina
Halifax District, Edgecombe Co.
 Richard 7 people
Dobbs County (1780 Census)
 David

Pennsylvania
Huntington County
 John
 George
 William
Franklin County
 Thomas
 Thomas

Rhode Island NONE

South Carolina
Ninety Six District
 (later known as Laurens Co.)
 Argey 8 people
 Benjamin 4 people
 James 7 people
 John 4 people
Abbeyville County
 John 16 people
 1 slave
 Richard 10 people
Camden District, Fairfield Co.
 Robert 4 people
Cheraw District, ? County
 David 3 people

Vermont NONE

Virginia
Norfolk County
 Daniel 5 people
 John 9 people
Northumberland County
 George 2 people
Pittsylvania County
 Elisha 6 people
Richmond County
 Joseph 2 people
 Peter 6 people

Isaac and William Shearly were in Captain Isaac Grey's Co. of Infantry, 10th Regiment, Kentucky Militia in 1813/14. Probably brothers or cousins.

MAY I HAVE YOUR
 ATTENTION PLEASE !!!

CORRECTIONS:

For Jan. '79 issue, page 9, caption under picture should read: Silas Shirley b. March 19, 1836 Ohio and he is the grandson of George. Silas' father was John, and he was born 1787, Pennsylvania.

Thank you Aubrey Williams

For Oct. '78 issue Re: James Shirley and Judith Garriott. James died interstate in 1791 Culpeper Co. (now Madison Co.) Va. rather than 1815 in Oldham Co., Ky. There was a lawsuit naming Absalom, James & John Shirley as James children, whom are not listed in the article.

Thank you Boyd Powell and Dorothy Thrawley

son and four daughters-----some may have died in infancy-----but these are the only ones who lived to maturity that I know of, and these names were given by cousin Sarah Reid, their great granddaughter---no dates are available except marriage dates that were taken from Barren County Court Records.

Sarah Hane Comer (Comber, Coomber) was born in Wayne Co., Kentucky, near Monticello on March 29, 1845, and died October 7, 1916. Her mother was Jane Seaton who died when Sarah Hane was born----this was her first and only child. Her father was Henderson Comber. He was killed by a run-away wagon and team when Jean was about 3 months old. Jane Seaton's mother was Hannah Seaton. She died at grandma Shirley's home. Jane Seaton's mother and her sister, Sefronney, raised Jane Comber. In 1861 Jane Comber married George Washington Shirley. When he came for her, a couple was with him and he was leading a horse for her. Sefronney Seaton married Joseph Huffacher. Their children were Newton and John Huffacher.



PHOTO: Mattie Jane Shirley (on right) b. 1868, d. age 21 on the day she was to be married. Mary Shirley (on left) was born in 1818 on the Shirley plantation and died there around 1900. She was highly respected and loved by all the family. The story about the picture is, Mattie wouldn't have her picture taken unless Mary sat with her. Mary wouldn't have the picture taken unless she wore the plumed hat Mattie's mother had given her.

Photo sent by James Harvey Young



FORMER FOLSOM INMATE WED AT
JOHNNY CASH HOME

Nashville, Tenn. (AP) - Glen Sherley, ex-convict who became buddies with Johnny Cash, singing star, at Folsom Prison, was married over the weekend at Cash's lakeside home in Nashville.

Sherley, 35, was freed in March from Folsom Prison where he had spent 10 years for armed robbery and second - degree robbery. Cash provided a surprise for Sherley and his bride, Nicki Robbins. He had Sherley's children from a former marriage - Rhonda, 12, and Bruce, 14 - flown in from California. "I can't believe it, I'm so glad to see them," Sherley said.

Sherley first met Cash at Folsom in 1958 when the singer was appearing at the California prison. An official there asked him to take a look at a song written by Sherley.

A few minutes later, much to Sherley's surprise, Cash sang the song, "Greystone Chapel." The event launched Sherley on a song-writing career that led to his singing debut April 10 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Kansas City Times
Kansas City, Missouri
Monday, December 20, 1971 page 10C

INFORMATION sent by Mrs. Francie D. Martin.

CAN ANYONE HELP??

WASHINGTON SHERLEY (Sherly-Shirley-Sharley)

Bullitt Co., Ky. tax records show him as follows:

1834 Salt River: 1 male over 25,
1 horse

1842 1 male over 21, 1 horse, \$25.00

1844 3 children between 5-16 years

1845 3 children

1847 1 child between 5-16yrs of age

These are the only years in which Washington Sherley is listed. He has not been found in any other census anywhere. In 1866 he gave consent for his daughter Susan Sherley to marry Charles Gasser. In the 1880 census for Charles and Susan Gasser, Kentucky was listed as the birthplace for Susan's parents, and France was listed as the birthplace of Charles Gasser's parents.

DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY
ADDITIONAL INFO ON HIM?

HELP! HELP! IS THERE A
SHERLOCK HOLMES OUT THERE??

He served in the war of 1812 with Isaac Shirley...Wm. 1820 - living in Mercer Co., Ky.

ELWOOD SHIRLEY has been of great help to me with large amounts of info on the Kentucky Shirleys. He needs help with his William Shirley b. ca. 1788 who d. 1868, Mercer Co., Ky. Does anyone know what family group William is from? Elwood has had cataract surgery. He has had problems with contact lenses, and now with abrasions and infection he cannot wear the lenses. He writes lengthy letters looking thru a reading glass. I would like to solve this mystery for him -- and we would appreciate any info on this family line.

William Shirley b. ca. 1788
d. 1868, Mercer Co., Kentucky

m. 1st _____

children

1. William Frank Shirley b. _____
m. Mary Ann Campbell 1843 in
Washington Co., Ky. He was in
Athinsville, Mo. April 1889.
2. Elizabeth Shirley b. ca. 1815
m. William Harrison Devine 1834,
Mercer Co., Ky. They were
living in Spencer Co., Indiana
in 1868.

William m. 2nd (widow) Rhoda Evans
Dec. 31, 1822 in Mercer Co., Ky.

their children

3. Nelson Shirley b. Nov. 1, 1823
m. Deborah _____ May 1846 in
Washington Co., Ky. Nelson and
Deborah died in Washington Co.,
Ky in 1871.
4. James M. Shirley b. ca. 1824
m. Caroline Hungate 1846,
Washington Co., Ky. Both died
in Washington Co., Ky - date
unknown.
5. Malinda Shirley b. ca. 1826
m. John L. Merritt in Kentucky.
Living in Missouri in 1868.

6. Joseph W. Shirley b. 1829,
d. 1906 Owen Co., Ky.
m. Mariam Keightley Sept. 11,
1856 Owen Co., Ky. She died
1881 Washington Co., Ky.

Parents of 10 children - first
five died as infants or very
young.

Surviving children

- 1) Ida b. 1866, m. Silas Souder
- 2) John C. b. 1869, m. Eva Rowlett
- 3) Mahala (Dolly) b. 1871
m. Will Denny
- 4) Ray b. 1872, m. Tillie Hillard
(Elwood Shirley's father)
- 5) Thomas H. b. 1876
m. 1st _____ Woods
m. 2nd Gertrude Devine (widow)

He enlisted Oct. 1861 in Owen
Co., Ky. He was elected Lt. on his
second enlistment Nov. 1862. He
was listed Prisoner of War Nov. 1864.
He served in Ky., Va., Tenn., and
N.C. He was with Co. E, 1st bat-
talion mounted Rifles, 3rd Calvary,
Ky volunteers, CSA.

7. Andrew J. Shirley b. 1828
d. 1909 Spencer Co., Ky.
m. Salvisa Owen in 1860
8. Elijah G. Shirley b. 1831
d. 1898 Mercer Co., Ky.
m. Mary Ann Lay in 1852, Mercer
Co., Ky. Elijah was a Baptist
minister and circuit rider.

ELWOOD'S Pedigree chart shows the
following names in his direct
ancestry.

Holbrook, Hillard, Lay, Perkins,
Hooper, Chandler, McCarty,
Williamson, and Westerfield.



Joseph W. Shirley
b. 1829 d. 1806

WE NEED MORE PICTURES OF
OUR MEMBERS AND OF THEIR
ANCESTORS!!!



Meet Me In Virginia!



Shirley Plantation

A VISIT to Shirley Plantation affords a panorama of rare historical continuity. Records mention Shirley as early as 1611 and the estate was inhabited by 1613. The present family has owned the plantation since 1660.

Situated on the plantation highway paralleling the historic James River, Shirley was a well-known center of hospitality 100 years before and during the American Revolution. The Hills and Carters entertained the Byrds, Harrisons, Washington, Jefferson and other prominent Virginians at Shirley where they engaged in lively discussions of the important affairs of that day.

During the Revolution, Shirley was a supply center for the Continental Army. Twice it was a listening post for both sides in the no mans land between the British at City Point (Hopewell) and Lafayette's army at Malvern Hill.

A century later—during the War Between the States—Shirley survived the Peninsular Campaign and the struggle for nearby Richmond, capital of the Southern Confederacy. Ann Hill Carter, wife of "Light Horse Harry" Lee of Stratford and mother of General Robert E. Lee, was born at Shirley. The famous Confederate general—one of the great Americans of all times—spent several years in his mother's home and received part of his schooling there.

This historic estate provides an intimate study of a way of life that is a storied part of America's heritage. A visit to Shirley is a real and meaningful experience.

THE MANSION

The present mansion was begun in 1723 by the third Edward Hill, a man of status in the Virginia Colony, for his daughter, Elizabeth who married John Carter, son of King Carter. It was finished in 1770 and is largely left in its original state. The home is recognized as an architectural treasure. Its graceful carved staircase rises for three stories without visible support, the only one of its kind in America. The superb panelling and elegant carving are tribute to the work of eighteenth-century artisans. Shirley is a kind of family museum filled with exquisite furnishings, crested silver, and memorabilia.

THE PLANTATION

The estate is a busy agricultural community that produces corn, barley, wheat, and soy beans.

A number of interesting original outbuildings help fill out this eighteenth-century scene. All are built in brick of Flemish bond pattern popular two centuries ago. Among them are a large two-story kitchen, an ample smokehouse, intriguing dove cote, an elaborate stable, and two sturdy brick barns.

The early Hills and Carters probably would feel very much at home at Shirley today as Hill Carter, Jr., the present owner, and his family are faithfully carrying on its tradition as the "oldest and loveliest plantation in Virginia."

WANTED!!

INFORMATION ON A BOOK CALLED
NORRIS FAMILY OF MARYLAND AND VA. BY H.A. DAVIS.

DOES ANYONE HAVE MARRIAGE RECORDS FOR SCOTT CO., KY. OR LISTS OF MARRIAGES IN ANY OTHER COUNTIES NOT GIVEN IN THIS ISSUE??

Betty Shirley

HOW ABOUT A TRIP TO VIRGINIA?

I will be going to Va in June or July. The purpose of my trip is to visit the Shirley Plantation on the James River, the Shenandoah Valley, and go up to Bedford Co., Pa where my husband's ancestors were and possibly visit Athens Co. and Morgan Co., Ohio where they moved to from Pa.

Those of you who would like to meet me and other members at Hopewell, Va. in the Holiday Inn for a Shirley get-together, please write me by April 30th -- and if enough are interested I will contact Holiday Inn for reservations of a meeting room and arrange for catering services for lunch or dinner the day we are there. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for my reply as to dates, estimated costs, etc. If you wish overnight accommodations, I will obtain costs. In their brochure it states a rate of \$21-25.00 per night for 2 people.

We could tour the Shirley plantation together and get a group rate. It probably would be the first such group of Shirley descendants to do this. Individual rate at present time is \$2.00 per adult.

I will plan on 2 days in the area. One for the meeting where we can bring pictures and other material and get acquainted. Let's call it a "Shirley convention," and the other day to tour the Shirley plantation and the area around it.

SOUND LIKE A GOOD IDEA?



BOYD POWELL'S family ancestry is a real puzzle.

Elizabeth Shirley b. June 11, 1785 PA, m. Peter Wimmer. Her parents were Robert Shirley and Susan. From Edna Chandler's records she has Elizabeth born in Somerville, Somerset Co., N.J. and Peter Wimmer b. April 17, 1782 New Brunswick, Middlesex Co., N.J. Their son Robert Wimmer b. 1805 in Westmoreland Co., Pa.

We could use some material on Shirleys in New Jersey. CAN ANYONE HELP US?

Betty Shirley

Preview of things to come!

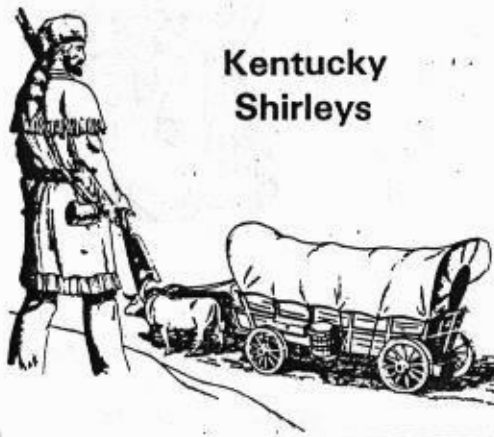
NEXT TWO ISSUES WILL FEATURE

- Walter Shirley b. ca. 1690 England - landed in New Jersey ca. 1726 and migrated to the Shenandoah Valley.
- South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama Shirleys.
- New Hampshire Shirleys from Ireland.
- Kentucky Shirleys (continued).
- Plus a variety of other information.

REMEMBER!

Next issue we begin our classified section. Limit 50 words or less because of space.

We need more pictures of early Shirley ancestors. We will use them when we write about the Shirleys in his/her state or if we feature their family line.



Kentucky Shirleys

Richard Shirley and wife Margaret were dismissed from the Broad Run Baptist church June 12, 1774 in Fauquier Co., Va to Culpeper Co., Va. On Jan. 22, 1785 they were among the Charter members of the Old Turkey Creek Baptist church.

It appears they were the parents of Thomas, James, Richard, Benjamin and John.

Thomas b. ca. 1740, d. 1835 in Barren Co., Kentucky.
m. Mary "Mollie" Grubbs b. d. Oct. 8, 1846. She was of Dutch descent. Her brother, Hensley Grubbs, served in the war with Thomas. Thomas and Mollie came from Prince William Co., Va. They were in Scott Co/ Harrison Co., Ky in 1796 and in Barren Co., Ky. in 1799. In Harrison Co. deed book # 19, page 303, Sept. 13, 1843, mentions Richard, Thomas, James or Jane, Mary and Lettice Shirley, Lettice Cullens and William Cullens. Thomas and his brother James were early pioneers of Barren Co., Ky. They took up grants of land in payment for their service in the American Revolution.

children

1. Richard b. ca. 1770, d. 1846
m. Nancy Green. She was born in Va. Her mother was Sarah Green who paid taxes in Prince William Co., Va. in 1782-1787, and she made her will in Abbeyville Co., S.C. about 1820.
2. Elizabeth b. d. ca. 1830,
m. Robert Shirley (1st cousins)
3. William b. ca. 1770/1780
d. 1840 unmarried.
4. Nancy b. d.
m. Thomas Smith. They were living Hendricks Co., Ind. in 1855.
5. Thomas b. 1775, d. 1851,
m. Hannah Dale

6. Lettice b. d. 1859,
m. William Cullens
7. Sarah b. d. Mar. 18, 1831,
Barren Co., Ky. m. Isaac Dale, Jr. Sept. 2, 1817 by Rev. Daniel Shirley. Isaac Dale was attorney recorded in Harrison Co., Ky. deed book for Robert and Elizabeth Shirley.

In 1798 Thomas Shirley, with Daniel Neale, purchased 2 treasury warrents for a total of 1000 acres in Scott Co., Ky. This land is located now in Harrison Co., Ky. as Harrison Co. was formed from Bourbon & Scott Counties in 1793. The land was sold by the heirs of Thomas, Sr. in 1842/43.

James Shirley b. ca. 1735, d. July 23, 1801 Barren Co., Ky.
m. Mary d. 1835 Barren Co. Ky. Family history says James served under General George Washington and was present at the surrender of Yorktown. He was severely wounded. He also went to school with George Washington when they were kids.

children

(as listed in a deed dated 1799)

1. Ezekiel m. Dolly Shirley,
daughter of Argeland Shirley.
2. Robert m. Elizabeth Shirley
(1st cousins)
3. Jennie m. William Dale
4. Malinda b. ca. 1791 S.C.,
m. Presly N. Thomas.
5. Caleb b. ca. 1798, m. Phoebe
Gibson
6. Parmelia b. Feb. 14, 1793
Barren Co., Ky., d. Nov. 25,
1855, m. David Falkner June 29,
1825.
7. Jessie m. Jane Witt June 28,
1828 in Green Co., Ky. (they
were living in Carroll Co., Mo.
in 1852).

Richard Shirley b. Va., d. 1797
Scott Co., Ky.

m. Dorcas
His estate sale mentions Thomas, James, Ezekiel, Dorcas (his widow) Amey, Benjamin Smith and Henry Holsclaw. His estate settlement names Dorcas (widow), daughter Sarah Shirley - wife of Henry Holsclaw, daughter Susy (Susannah) - wife of Benjamin Smith, daughter Amey (not married). Amount of contra held by Administrator Thomas Shirley indicates possibly 7 or 8 other heirs. There must be some sons. Could it be that in 1797 this family was preparing to move to Barren Co., Ky. and the sons had gone on to Barren Co.?

BENJAMIN SHIRLEY b. ca. 1762 Va.
d. Aug. 1824 Abbeyville Co., S.C.
m. Elizabeth Hughes ca. 1786
Abbeyville Co., S.C. She was the daughter of James and Rachel Hughes. Benjamin was at the surrender of Yorktown. On July 25, 1784 Benjamin purchased 200 acres below the boundary line on Turkey Creek, next to William Robinson, deceased, and James Smith property. On April 22, 1785 he obtained 200 acres on Turkey Creek, next to James Shirley.

Benjamin's family were members of the old Greenvale Presbyterian church.

He died interstate Aug. 1824, Adm. Aug. 20, 1824, Weldon Pearman and James Richey. Bond: Alexander Elgin, John Kay, James Richey, John Seawright and John Shirley. On Sept. 20, 1824 notes due the estate, Douglas Burton, James Cullens, Edward, John and Lankford Hughes, Weldon Pearman, John Shirley, John Wilson. At the sale Oct. 6, 1824, Elizabeth, John Sr., John Jr., Johathon, Mastin, Nathaniel and Obadiah Shirley. Benjamin and Elizabeth are buried in the Greenville Presbyterian Church cemetery in unmarked graves.

Their children born in Abbeyville Co., S.C.

1. Nathaniel b. June 20, 1787
d. July 11, 1849 Typhoid Fever.
m. Nancy Grubbs, daughter of
Richard and Elizabeth (Mitchel)
Grubbs.
- ### children
- 1) Benjamin b. Aug. 28, 1814,
m. Katherine Latimer.
 - 2) Richard b. Sept. 10, 1816,
m. Mary Mattison.
 - 3) William b. Aug. 12, 1818,
never married.
 - 4) John b. Oct. 18, 1821,
m. Martha Armstrong.
 - 5) Elizabeth Louvinia Naqmi
b. February 26, 1823,
m. Reuben Branyon.
 - 6) Frank b. ca. 1825, d. ae. 5yrs
 - 7) George b. Sept. 29, 1827,
m. Elizabeth Elgin.
 - 8) James W. b. 1829,
m. Martha Drucilla Wright
 - 9) Mary Ann b. 1831,
m. 1st Reuben Branyon (spouse
of her sister)
m. 2nd Sanford V. Milford
 - 10) Lethe (Leety) Massena b. Oct.
1834, m. Andrew H. Calaham.
 - 11) Nancy Irene b. Feb. 8, 1836,
d. May 14, 1857.
 - 12) Amaziah Nathaniel b. Aug. 1838,
m. Martina Bond.
2. Letitia (Leety) b. 1789,
d. February 2, 1841.
m. Weldon Pearman Dec. 15, 1806.
 3. James b. ca. 1791.

- 4. Armand b. Aug. 7, 1792, d. Jan. 5, 1874. Buried First Westminister Baptist Church cemetery, Oconee Co., S.C.
 - m. 1st Robert Kay Oct. 9, 1809 (he m. 2nd Ann Grubbs)
 - m. 2nd Jesse Rutledge Oct. 19, 1838. Armand and Robert Kay were parents of 9 children.

JOHN SHIRLEY b. ca. 1768 Va. d. February 2, 1832.
 m. Elizabeth Fields, daughter of Obadiah and Catherine (Burton) Fields. John and Elizabeth and Obadiah Fields were members of the Turkey Creek Baptist church in Abbeyville Co., S.C.



- children
- 1. Obadiah H. b. Aug. 29, 1804 in Abbeyville Co., S.C. (as were all of the children), d. Feb. 18, 1889 Honea Path, S.C.
 - m. Jennie Armstrong Mar. 18, 1824

- children
- 1) Capt. John Jasper b. July 18, 1825; m. Frances Mattison Dec. 20, 1855.
 - 2) James Marion b. Jan. 1, 1828; m. Nancy Cox.
 - 3) Nathaniel Amaziah b. Dec. 9, 1830; m. Lucinda Cox.
 - 4) Isabella E. b. May 5, 1833; m. John Wesley Bigby.
 - 5) Benjamin Franklin b. Mar. 31, 1835, d.y.
 - 6) Archibald Pinckney b. Aug. 3, 1837; m. Laura Sutherland.
 - 7) Martha Jane b. Apr. 4, 1841; m. James A. Bigby.
 - 8) Baby b. June 26, 1844
 - 9) Elizabeth Frances b. Jan. 16, 1846; m. Richard T. Kirkpatrick
 - 10) William Marshall b. Jan. 26, 1851; m. Margaret Majors.
- 2. Nathaniel b. ca. 1806, settled in Texas.
 - 3. John Jasper b. ca. 1808, d. prior to 1832.
 - 4. Benjamin Emaziah b. 1811, m. Susannah

There is still much work to be done on this Shirley group. I have worked hours and hours on this line and I'm still confused. Do we have legal documents or family records giving proof as to the names of the children of Thomas, James, Richard, Argeland, etc. Maybe some of you already sent it and I have overlooked it. I really need some help to straighten out this group for we have many members who descend from this line. Next issue we will expand on this group. Also, will give lineage for Thomas Shirley b. March 21, 1761, married Frances Yates; and John Shirley b. 1760, brother of Thomas. They lived in Adair Co., Ky.

I have loads of information to print -- and I have run out of space.

Will you write me your opinion on this? Should we consider expanding to 6 issues per year so as to print more material so it is available sooner to our members? It seems a long process and we may loose some of our members before we get the right material into their hands. You cannot imagine the info I have stacked up here to be printed...and it is very interesting. Do you like this issue of the Shirley Newsletter? We are able to get more info in it.

If every member could get a family member to subscribe we could double the income and make it more productive. The kitty runs very low after each issue, and I begin to worry if there will be enough funds to cover the costs of the next production. Again, I will say, it is not because I spend the money for other than paper supplies, postage, secretarial typing and printing costs. It just adds up. I'm a homemaker just like you or your wife, and I do the best I can -- and I know you all appreciate it as I've heard from many of you expressing this appreciation.

I would like to hear from every member in regards to this, and if you like the news in this newspaper form, please let me hear from you.

- children
- 1) E.J. b. ca. 1839 (female)
 - 2) John F. b. ca. 1841
 - 3) James R. b. ca. 1843
 - 4) William E. b. ca. 1845
 - 5) Benjamin N. b. ca. 1848
 - 6) Mary S. b. ca. 1850
 - 7) Martha E. b. ca. 1852
 - 8) Obadiah b. ca. 1856
- 5. Loranzo D. (Loving) b. 1813, m. Rebecca. In 1850 he lived near Obadiah Fields in Fayette Co., Alabama. He died in Houston, Texas.

- children born in Fayette Co., Alabama
- 1) Sarah E. b. 1839
 - 2) Madison b. 1842
 - 3) Massoline b. 1845
 - 4) Georgianna b. 1846
 - 5) Tabitha C. b. 1849
- 6. Elizabeth Ann b. ca. 1815, m. Robert Chamblu
 - 7. Armis b. ca. 1817
 - 8. Ann Catherine b. ca. 1822, d. ca. 1846, m. James Christopher Wright, son of John and Drucilla (McAdams) Wright of Va. Ann and James were parents of 9 children.

- 5. Julaney b. April 17, 1794, d. December 2, 1833, m. James W. Richey July 9, 1812, son of James and Elizabeth (Dunn) Richey, Jr. He m. 2nd Margaret Richey, widow of Andrew Seawright and she d. 1835. She was daughter of Robert and Mary (Stewart) Richey. James m. 3rd Nancy Martin, daughter of John & Sarah (Dunn) Martin. Julaney and James had 10 children.
- 6. Letizier Irene b. March 2, 1797, m. John Wilson and they were parents of 10 children.
- 7. John Riley b. March 25, 1798, d. June 14, 1873 Franklin Co., Ga. m. Acemith Kay Nov. 30, 1817.

- children
- 1) Reuben N. b. ca. 1818, m. Isabella
 - 2) John Kay b. ca. 1820, m. Acemith McDade
 - 3) Grace Essie b. ca. 1821
 - 4) Benjamin T. b. Aug. 23, 1826, m. Mary Ann Brock
 - 5) Rosannah Elizabeth b. ca. 1834, m. Francis M. Branyon
 - 6) Thurza Ann b. ca. 1835, m. George W. Thompson
 - 7) Joel Milton b. ca. 1840, d. 1857 a minor
Bond Jan 26, 1857 by John Riley Shirley.
 - 8) James A. b. Dec. 5, 1843, d. May 19, 1919 Fulton Co., Ga.
 - 9) Mary C. b. ca. 1846
 - 10) Riley M. b. ca. 1849
 - 11) Pinkney b. May 31, 1852, m. Rebecca E. Kelly
- 8. Mastin b. 1800
m. 1st Rachel McAdams

- children
- 1) Benjamin Hershel b. ca. 1823, m. Lucinda Brock Dec. 22, 1846.
 - 2) Elizabeth F. b. ca. 1825
 - 3) Sarah C. b. ca. 1827
 - 4) John Franklin b. ca. 1829
 - 5) Margaret J. b. ca. 1830, m. Abner Branyon - they settled in Guntown, Miss.
 - 6) Mary Ann b. ca. 1832
 - 7) Nancy C. b. ca. 1834
 - 8) Nathaniel Newton b. ca. 1836
 - 9) Arminda Letitia b. Feb. 3, 1840, d. April 14, 1914
m. 1st Armstrong Billingsby
m. 2nd Welden Chesley Pearman
January 24, 1868
 - 10) George W. b. ca. 1842
 - 9. Rapady Rhoda b. ca. 1802, m. James Cullens

JOHN SHIRLEY b. ca. 1671 St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co., Virginia

In his will, dated January 17, 1737, probated April 10, 1738, land mentioned as "Coach Road" adjoining the land of my brother, Richard Shirley, deceased. He had another brother, Thomas, christened Feb. 1, 1701 St. Stephens Parish.

John's children

(All born at St. Stephens Parish)

1. Ann christened July 31, 1706
2. John christened Sept. 24, 1708 m. Elizabeth "Betty". His will dated March 30, 1742, probated April 12, 1742, mentions wife Betty, child unborn, brother Argeland and Susannah Shirley. Witnessed by Peter Bearcroft, Susan Greenstreet, and Robert Clark, Jr.
3. Grace christened Feb. 17, 1710
4. James christened Feb. 8, 1712
5. Joseph b. ca. 1714, m. Mary
6. Daniel b. March 24, 1717, d. 1768, m. Martha "Molly."

children

(born St. Stephens Parish)

- 1) John chr. Aug. 16, 1741
 - 2) James " " Aug. 22, 1745
 - 3) Richard chr. July 12, 1748
 - 4) Judith " " Sept. 6, 1751
 - 5) Daniel " " May 1, 1754
 - 6) Jane " " Jan. 4, 1758
7. Newman christened Feb. 11, 1719
8. Argeland " " April 17, 1721 He married Susannah and also Elizabeth.

Argeland & Elizabeth's children

- 1) Argeland chr. Feb. 20, 1756 He married Susannah. He was listed on the tax list of Prince William Co., Va. in 1783. On Jan. 22, 1785, he and Susannah were among the original members who constituted the Old Turkey Creek Baptist church near the line between Abbeyville and Laurens Co., S.C.

Arge married 2nd or 3rd Esther Allen. She was the widow of William Roach, who died in 1809.

They settled in Scott Co., Ky. where his will is of record July 29, 1817, probated July 6, 1818 (Will book D. page 340).

NOTE: There was an Argeland Shirley who married Bethathland Kirtley July 23, 1791 in Northumberland Co., Va.

children

- A. Edward b. ca. 1776
- B. Dolly b. ca. 1778

- C. Nancy b. ca. 1780 m. Mr. Smith
- D. Elizabeth b. ca. 1782 m. Mr. Wright
- E. Jane b. ca. 1790, d. 1840, m. James Perry
- F. William Roach b. Aug. 7, 1814 Scott Co., Ky., d. Aug. 5, 1864

children

(born Georgetown Scott Co., Kentucky)

- a) James William b. Dec. 8, 1835
- b) Martha Noel b. July 19, 1837
- c) John Wesley b. Apr. 28, 1839
- d) Spencer Henry b. Jan. 1, 1841
- e) Oliver Allen b. March 28, 1843
- f) Emily Ann b. Apr. 16, 1845
- g) George Robert b. June 7, 1847
- h) Sarah L. b. Jan. 22, 1850
- i) Charles Alexander b. Mar. 9, 1852
- j) Elias b. Dec. 16, 1854 d. July 26, 1855
- k) Sarah Emily b. Sept. 15, 1856, d. Feb. 4, 1903
- l) Margaret Isabell b. Mar. 7, 1861
- 2) Ruth chr. Aug. 28, 1771
- 3) John " " Aug. 17, 1774
- 4) Hannah chr. Aug. 3, 1777

NOTE: There is a 15 year gap between # 1) and # 2). Either there are more children or # 2), 3), & 4) are listed with wrong Argeland.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY of Alleghany, Pa migrated to Scotts Co., Ky. He fought in the Rev. War.

His will was written Sept. 30, 1799 and probated March 1805 in Scott Co., Ky.

m. Margaret Johnson

children

1. Rebecca
2. William
3. Richard
4. John
5. Sarah
6. Robert

He was in the war of 1812 and wounded in the battle of New Orleans.

m. Elizabeth Cardwell, daughter of William Cardwell who fought in the American Revolution when he was 16 years old; her mother was a Fields.

Robert & Elizabeth's children

- 1) William
- 2) John
- 3) George

- 4) America
- 5) Harriette
- 6) Lewis b. June 16, 1816 in Jefferson Co., Ky. m. 1st Mary E. Miller (her mother was a Zinck). m. 2nd Cora _____

children

- A. Elizabeth b. Dec. 1844 in Bullitt Co., Ky.
- B. George Thomas b. July 4, 1856, Bullitt Co., Ky.
- C. Luella b. March 16, 1861, Jefferson, Ind.
- D. Edward Howard b. Oct. 24, 1863, Jefferson, Ind.
- E. Lewis Kyle b. March 20, 1866, Jefferson, Ind.
- F. Charles Augustes b. Nov. 27, 1869.
- G. James William b. Nov. 1850 Bullitt Co., Ky. d. Dec. 25, 1936 in Dayton, Rhea, Tenn. m. Elizabeth Vandergrift, daughter of Frank Vandergrift & Mary (Houston). Mary Houston Vandergrift's mother was a Hampton.

children

- a) James William b. July 1, 1879 in Dearborne Co., Ind. d. Aug. 23, 1943 m. 1st Elizabeth Nopher m. 2nd Eleanor Lester
- b) Claudia b. Mar 1881 in Dearborne Co., Ind. m. Robert Crane
- c) George Edward b. April 30, 1883 in Dearborne Co., Ind. m. Catharine Schottenberg
- d) Frankie Cleveland b. March 23, 1884 in Dearborne Co., Ind. m. George Scrambling
- e) Hampton Houston b. 1889 in Jefferson Co., Ky.

CREDITS: *Katherine Gray, Hacienda Heights, CA for research. Mabel Shirley, San Jose, CA for contributing it to the Shirley News. (Katherine's father wrote most of this to her.)*

Sgt. James Shurly appears in Captain Benjamin Harrison's Co. stationed at Fort Pitt, (Pittsburg) Pennsylvania of the 13th Va. Reg. in March 1778.

Benjamin Harrison was in Kentucky before Rev. War. He returned East for the war and then back to Kentucky ca. 1782 as Col. Benjamin Harrison. He served in Rev. War in Pennsylvania.

SOUTH CAROLINA SHIRLEYS

JOHN SHIRLEY b.ca. 1738 of the Broad Run Baptist church, Fauquier Co., Va.

They are named as early numbers of the Turkey Creek Baptist church in 1785.

He married Elizabeth Barmore.

children

1. John Jr. b.ca. 1767 m. Elizabeth
2. James b.ca. 1769
3. Rhoda b.ca. 1771 m. Wm. Grubbs
4. Nipper b.ca. 1772 m. Jane Cheeves
5. William b.ca. 1774 m. Jemima Gant
6. Joshua b.ca. 1775 m. Elizabeth Long
7. Polly b. Aug. 14, 1789 m. William Wakefield
8. Sarah b.ca. 1779 m. John Wakefield Jr.
9. Elizabeth b.ca. 1881 m. Hezekiah Wakefield
10. (daughter) b.ca. 1783 m. Thomas Loller
11. Leannah b.ca. 1785
12. Robert b.ca. 1788 m. Leitresta

JOHN JR. b. ca. 1767, m. 2nd Elizabeth (Mitchell-Grubbs) had a son Stephen F. Shirley b. May 15, 1822.
m. Sarah Majors Mar. 31, 1846. Stephen was killed in battle at Petersburg, Dinwiddie Co., Va July 31, 1864. He was a planter and owned and operated the Shirley store in Anderson South Carolina. They were members of Long Branch Baptist church.

children

- 1) Margaret Elizabeth b. Aug. 20, 1847, m. Drury Burford
- 2) Susan Levina b. Feb. 4, 1850 m. Capt. John S. Smith
- 3) Nancy Kennon b. Apr. 6, 1852
- 4) James "Carl" b. Aug. 26, 1854 m. Nancy Alcanza. Parents of our member William Shirley of Atlanta, Ga.
- 5) Hiram Brealzeal b. May 10, 1857, m. Miss. Milford
- 6) Joseph Underwood b. Oct. 18, 1859, m. Mary Clinkscales
- 7) Jefferson Beauregard b. Aug. 25, 1861, m. Martha Jane Mahaffy
- 8) Stephen Lee b. Feb. 22, 1864, a bachelor, owned and managed the "Shirley Store."

Lewis Co., Ky. Will Book D page 246 Will of John Gilbert, made April 8, 1848, probated May 15, 1848. Gives all his land to his wife, Nancy, and to Nancy Fulton Hoover. Jane Hoover to be permitted to live on the farm as long as she is single. "My brother, Nathaniel Gilbert's son, John Gilbert" (It is stated that John Gilbert had not yet married.) Brothers and sisters to share in the estate (Excepting Margaret Hoover and Elizabeth Sherley). "My living brothers and sisters"
Witnesses: James Hoover and Samuel Cox.
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"The Perry Family, Va.-Ky.-Tex."

John Perry was born in Augusta Co., Va. in 1758 and died in Greenbrier Co., Va. in 1832. In 1783 he married Elizabeth McClung. A son, James Perry, was born in 1786 in Greenbrier Co., Va. and moved to Scott Co., Ky. and married Jane Shirley in 1807. Milton Perry, a son of James, was born in Scott Co., Ky. 29 April 1810 and died in Rockdale, Tex. 24 February 1894. He married Isabella Morrow 29 July 1831 in Woodford Co., Ky. She was born there 16 February 1813, a daughter of Samuel Morrow and Ann Walker.

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Jefferson, Joseph, J. Carl and Stephen Lee Shirley.
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SUSAN Shirley Smith, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Sallie) Major Shirley. Susan had a sister, Margaret Buford, who lived in Calhoun Falls and kept a boarding house and five brothers: Hiram, Carl, Stephen, Jeff and Joe. Joe was the father of Thurston Shirley of Townville.

AUGUSTA CO., VA. COURT RECORDS

WILL OF THOMAS SHIRLY OF
CHESTER CO., PA IN 1769

AUGUSTA CO., VA RECORDS

1751/52 Petition of inhabitants of the north side of the South River of Shenandore for a road. About 3 years ago it was ordered to open a road from Caleb Jobs plantation down the south side of the said North River to James McCoy's plantation, which road is not suitable, and prepare a location on north side crossing the river at a place called the Brush Bottom Ford and along the river by Henry Speer's plantation. Among those who pray for survey are Richard Shirley & Thomas Grubs.

Checking Grubbs data in Ethel Updike's book, I see the Grubbs family lived in Augusta Co. and in Fauquier Co., Va in 1762, and in 1769 living in Prince William Co., Va. James Grubbs died in Barren Co., Ky and it was stated he was born in Culpeper Co., Va. The Shirleys lived in the same counties, and the Grubbs and Shirleys intermarried.

A bill binding Ralph Hughes & Richard Sherley (both of Augusta Co) to pay, or cause, etc., unto Mathias Celzar, etc. March 15, 1750/51, Test, Peter Sholl, Samuel Newman.

The Hughes and Shirleys both moved from Va. to Abbeyville Co., S.C. The Hughes and Shirleys also intermarried as did the Shirley and Speer family.

Aug. 21, 1767 Surveyors of highways appointed Patrick Shirley and Wm. Watkins from James Montgomery's at Catawho to the side of Craig's Creek Mountain where John Potts quit clearing

March 23, 1769 Felix Gilbert and Michael Shirley appointed surveyors of the road from Jacob Nicholas' to Hance Magots.

Kentucky references found in (Pg. History of Grundy Co., Mo. 1881 594)
Name: L.P. Shirley, born 1809
wife: Elizabeth Cole
wife: Susannah Burns
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Aug. 19, 1777 Following recommendations: John Givens as Captain; Vice Capt. Laird; Robert Campbell as First Lt.; James Crawford as Second Lt.; Felty Shirley Ensign.

Aug. 20, 1777 Michael Shirley appointed surveyor of highway.

Sept. 1794 Jacob Shearley, infant, by Valentine Sherley, next friend, vs. George Mefford.

Sept. 24, 1791 Samuel Peck and Barbara Sherley, daughter of Valentine Sherley (German); surety, Valentine Shirley (German).

(SOME RECORDS OF DEATHS IN BARREN CO., KY - 1852-1862)

1. James Sherley 4-1860 - age 11 mos. pts.: J. A. Sherley/w/Lucinda
2. Martha A. Shirley (p.ob. Tenn.) 11-18-1859 (age 3) pts. Geo. Shirley w/Eliza
3. Mary W. Shirley (p.ob. Tenn.) 8-14-1859 (age 5) pts. Benj. & M.P. Shirley
4. Sarah T. Shirley (p.ob. Tenn.) 9-23-1859 (age 10) pts. R. Shirley & S.A.
5. Mary Shirley 9-17-1859 (age 48) pts. R. Shirley & E. Shirley
6. Mary (slave) 12-15-1860 (age 42) by Geo. Sherley
7. Mary Matilda 9-2-1855 (age 15) by Zachariah Shorley
8. Medora 11-17-1855 (3 mos) by Wm. F. Shirley
9. Henry Shirley 6-20-1855 (age 55) by Richard Shirley
10. Martha Sherley 8-1860 (age 26) by James & Polly Sherley

BARREN CO., KY. IN WORTHINGTON
SHIRLEY GRAVEYARD - 6 MILES
EAST OF GLASGOW, KENTUCKY

James R. Shirley - Oct. 6, 1859 - November 16, 1893

Martha Shirley - June 19, 1836 - December 6, 1902

Nimrod Shirley - Jan. 18, 1836 - November 4, 1911

INFORMATION sent by Virginia D. Hutsell.

Where as I, Thomas Shirly, of East Cain in the county of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania Yeoman; being weak of body, but of sound mind and memory (thanks to almighty God) do this January 7, 1769, make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say); First I give to my daughter Margaret Kincede the sum of five shillings sterling, likewise I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Lafferty the sum of five shillings sterling. Item to my son Thomas Shirly the sum of five shillings sterling. Item to my daughter Agness Cole the sum of five shillings sterling. All the rest and residue of my Estate shall be remaining after my debts and funeral expenses are discharged both real and personal I give and bequeath to my dear and well-beloved wife, Agness Shirly, whom I also make, constitute and ordain to be the whole Executrix of this my last will and testament; And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other testaments, wills, legacies, Bequeaths and Executors by me in any way before named willed and bequeathed; ratifying and confirming this, and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

Will proved Feb. 24, 1769 in Chester. Will witnessed by William McLain and William McFarlan.



Our member, Conrad Shirley, living Wheaton, Maryland. He descends from Benjamin Shirley and Elizabeth Hughes thru Nathaniel Shirley and Nancy Grubbs line. Benjamin, Conrad's gr. gr. gr. grandfather.

MICHAEL SHIRLEY b. ca. 1740 ?
d. 1784

m. Catherine "Katie" Franz
She was from Pennsylvania, born of German or Swiss emigrants who came to America from France. Her mother died and her father returned to the old country.

Michael enlisted Dec. 1, 1777 in Capt. William Bentley's Co., 3rd Va. Reg't., commanded by Col. John Neville, formerly known at times as Captain Reuben Biscoe's company and Charles West's company, commanded by Col. William Heth, Revolutionary war. His name appears on the company's rolls until Nov. 1779.

As a young colonial soldier, he was stationed at Fort Washington on the Ohio River near Cincinnati, Ohio. Here he met and married Katie Franz. When his stint at the Army Fort was finished, they returned to Pennsylvania. From there they migrated to Augusta County, Virginia where he was a surveyor. They moved on to Kentucky about 1780.

In 1784 Michael was killed by Indians while surveying in old Lincoln Co. Ky. (now known as Madison Co.). His will was probated in 1785, but his land was not disposed of until his son, Charles, was of age.

Katie is listed in the 1800 Madison County Kentucky census. Also living in Madison County are Christian Shirley, b. ca. 1770 Maryland, and Peter Shirley. However, their name is spelled Shurley.

Children

- Mary b. Feb. 17, 1762
m. William McGuire
- Katie, m. 1st _____ Bullock
2nd John Boofman
- Lizzie, m. Thomas McGuire
- George, m. Betsy Lee
- Susan, m. _____ Proctor
- Nancy, m. Frank Travis
- Charles b. 1771, d. 1817
m. Rebecca Collier
- Sallie, m. Phillip Phelps

Charles married Rebecca Collier 1795 in Madison Co. Ky. In the 1810 Kentucky census, Charles was listed in Clay County.

From Land and Property records, it appears Charles sold his land in Kentucky. Whether he moved with his family to Missouri it is not known for sure, but assumed he did as his sister Susannah Proctor and brother George Shirley did. Charles died before 1818. His family then, at least his daughters except Lucy and Nancy, all moved to Clark County, Indiana where his daughters Mary, Rebecca and Lydia were married. Charles' wife, Rebecca, is supposed to be buried near Charlestown, Indiana.

Charles died when his son, Silas C., was about 10 years old. In court records of Howard County, Mo. 1818, Silas was apprenticed out to Joseph Tolly to learn a trade by his guardian Nicholas Proctor, who was a cousin. In the 1840 census (or tax rolls in lieu of census) Silas was in Jasper Co., Texas.

In 1833 Silas' brother George died in Randolph Co., Mo. and Silas was one of the heirs along with his sisters Lucy Foster, Mary Dailey (who lived in Indiana) and Lydia Huckleberry. George never married.

Silas was in Tyler Co., Texas in the 1850 census, and in 1860 he was in Eastland Co., Texas, and in 1870 he was in Bandera Co., Texas where he lived until he died in 1895.

Charles & Rebecca's children

- Nancy b. Aug. 1797, m. Robert Alcorn in 1812 in Clay Co., Ky.
- Mary A. "Polly" b. Nov. 1798, m. David Dailey Aug. 30, 1818 in Clark Co., Ind.
- Lucy b. June 1800, m. _____ Foster.
- Rebecca b. Nov. 1801, m. Aaron Johnson Mar. 24, 1828 in Clark Co., Ind.
- George b. June 1804 (never married)
- Silas C. b. Dec. 11, 1806 in Boonefort, Ky. d. Dec. 30, 1895 Bandera Co., Texas,
m. 1st Mary Mott
m. 2nd Catherine Green

children

- George Franklin b. Jan. 10, 1841.
- Oliver Silas b. Jan. 24, 1844 Jasper Co., Texas,
d. Oct. 4, 1928.
m. 1st Emslee Andress

children

- George Franklin b. Jan 16, 1869
- Oliver Silas b. Apr. 4, 1865
- Katherine Maria Theresa b. Aug. 18, 1868
- Effie Jane b. May 7, 1870
- John William b. May 24, 1872

Oliver m. 2nd Mary Simpson

F. Edward

Oliver m. 3rd Lavina Dunlap,
April 30, 1879.

G. Silas Archibald b. May 4, 1882

H. Albert Elias b. Dec. 26, 1884

I. Henry b. Nov. 3, 1886

J. Wiley b. Oct. 30, 1888

K. Twins Rosa b. Mar. 3, 1892

L. Twins Lillie b. Mar. 3, 1892

- Felix G. b. 1848

Silas C. & Catherine Green's
children

- Lydia b. Oct. 1863

- Jincey Lydia b. 1808, m. James Huckleberry, May 12, 1828 Clark Co., Ind.
- Charles b. 1813
- Seth b. ca. 1815

1800 KENTUCKY CENSUS

SHIRLEYS

Barren Co.

Dorcias (widow of Richard)
James
Moses
Richard
Thomas
Thomas, Sr.

Scott Co.

Ezekiel
William

Madison Co.

Christian b. ca. 1770 Maryland
Peter
Caty (Franz) widow of Michael
Shirley

Clark Co.

Charles

Jefferson Co.

William

Pulaski Co.

George

Mercer Co.

William

PRINCE WILLIAM CO., VA. TAX LIST

1782 - 1787

1st list: James Shirley
Richard Shirley
Thomas Shirley

2nd list: Argibill Shurley
James Shurley
Richard Shurley
William Shurley

John Shirley in Fauquier Co. next to Prince William.

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County Map For The State Of Kentucky



ISAAC M. DALE

born 1751 North Farnham Parish, Richmond Co., Va., died 1820 Barren Co., Ky. married 1st Eleanor
2nd Margaret Frazier 1801
3rd Margaret Gum 1808

children

1. Rueben M. Dale b. Mar. 17, 1774, d. October 2, 1862
m. Sally Gill May 14, 1797 Va. (she was b. Mar. 23, 1773 Ky. Co., Va., d. Oct. 4, 1844 Barren Co., Ky.)

children

- 1) Elizabeth Dale b. July 30, 1799 d. 1860, m. Richard Shirley 1816 (cousin) (he died in 1860? - committed suicide by jumping into a well.)
- 2) Jemima "Jennie" Dale b. Apr. 14, 1802 Barren Co., Ky., d. Dec. 27, 1843 Barren Co., Ky., m. Richard M. Crabb (he b. 1798 d. 1860)
- 3) Abram Dale b. Nov. 2, 1804 Barren Co., Ky., d. Dec. 4, 1896 m. Martha Masters 1837
- 4) Edward Dale b. Oct. 27, 1807 Barren Co., Ky., d. Dec. 3, 1884 m. 1st Patsy Hays Dale Nov. 30, 1829, m. 2nd Sarah Wolcott 1831
- 5) Rebecca Dale b. Apr. 17, 1811 Barren Co., Ky., d. Apr. 27, 1857, m. William C. Anderson Jan. 27, 1831
- 6) Sally F. Dale b. Jan. 15, 1814 m. Samuel B. Anderson Oct. 15, 1832

2. Hannah Dale b. ca. 1778 m. Thomas Shirley
3. Nancy Dale b. ca. 1780 m. Moses Shirley (they moved to Hamilton Co., Ill. in 1850 census)

4. William Dale b. _____ m. Jennie Shirley

children

- 1) Nancy Dale m. Alexander Faulkner 1825
- 2) Parmelia Dale m. Robert Smith 1825
- 3) Isaac Dale
- 4) Lavina Dale
- 5) Millie Dale
- 6) Martha Dale
- 7) Jane Dale
- 8) Angyline Dale
- 9) Ezeckiel Dale
- 10) America E. Dale b. 1826 d. 1877, m. Daniel R. Shirley (cousin)
5. John Dale b. May 5, 1785 m. 1st Elizabeth Shirley Apr. 2, 1804, m. 2nd Nancy Hall
6. Melly or Milly b. _____ m. John? Gar? 1807
7. Elizabeth Dale b. ca. 1788 m. Nimrod Shirley (son of James b. ca. 1735 Barren Co. Ky.)
8. Isaac m. Dale b. ca. 1796 Ky. d. Mar. 5, 1867 Hart Co., Ky. m. 1st Sarah Shirley Sept. 2, 1816 she d. Mar. 18, 1831

- m. 2nd Parthenia Smith she d. 1839 Barren Co., Ky.
- m. 3rd Elizabeth Barton they divorced by 1850
- m. 4th Louisa Hensley ca. 1840 she d. Jan. 30, 1881 Metcalf Co., Ky.

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