



From THE VIRGINIA DYNASTIES

"Late in the year 1668 Colonel Carter took his fifth wife, Elizabeth Shirley (?), a widow from Gloucester County. He died June 10, 1669, leaving his new wife about eight months pregnant. Carter's will showed what he thought of the mother of his unborn child and of his progeny by her.

"She was to have f500 (which was part of the marriage contract), a Negro boy, "her" necklace of diamond and pearls and "her own books," and share with Carter's sons John and Robert in the residual personal estate. To these bequests he pointedly added two books from the library (which otherwise went to John and Robert): Byfield's treatise *The Whole Duty of Man* and *David's Tears*, an 'appropriate legacy for a mourning widow.'

"Assuming that her child would be a boy, 'whose name is intended Charles,' and never referring to this future Carter except as 'her son,' he provided for this heir as meagerly as decency would permit. His executors were 'to allow the widow fl2 a year for his education and '[my] son John is to allow my wife's son necessary clothes. Such was his indifference to the estate of a boy who would bear his own name that he provided for the contingency of the widow putting 'her son out [to] apprentice.'

By contrast, he wrote in the will, "my son Robert, in his minority, is to be well educated for the use of his estate . . ." and specified that a man servant be "bought for him . . . not only to teach him his books . . . in Latin and English, and to write, but to preserve him from harm and from doing evil."

"The widow's child was a boy whom she dutifully named Charles, after which he disappeared from the records. He was presumably alive at twenty-one, for John Carter II made provision for him in his will—one-third of the personal estate—though nothing indicated that he claimed his share. Judging by all the later accounts of and from Corotoman, this posthumous son of John Carter I simply vanished. When the Widow Carter and "her son" left the house, where she had lived so briefly as a wife, was also unknown."

SHIRLEY/CARTER OF VA.

John Carter, founder of the American branch of the family, emigrated ca. 1649 and settled in upper Norfolk Co., Va. He became a member of the House of Burgesses in 1649 and a Burgess of Lancaster Co. in 1654. He was born ca. 1624 and died June 10, 1669.

- John m. 1st Jane Glyn
 - 1. George
- m. 2nd Eleanor (Eltonbed) Brocas
- m. 3rd Anne Carter
 - 2. John m. Eliz. Travers
- m. 4th Sarah Ludlow
 - 3. Robert b. 1663, called "King Carter". He was speaker of the House of Burgesses 1659-99, Member of the Council 1699-1732, acting Governor of Va. 1726/27.
- m. 5th Elizabeth Shirley
 - 4. Charles

**Information sent by Dorothy Thrawley
Source: Prominent families in America
with British Ancestry.*

FENCE ERECTED TO PRESERVE OLD FAMILY BURYING GROUND

Article By Louise Ervin

"The family burying ground of the Latimers and Shirleys, both early settlers in the Keowee-Little River communities, has been cleared of trees and brush and a new fence erected in an effort to preserve the 147 year old cemetery.

WILLIAM JAMES Latimer and J. Elmer Branyon along with other relatives, have been the moving spirits that have worked out the details of preserving the burying ground. Branyon, on whose property the cemetery is located, deeded the plot to the Latimer-Shirley descendants and he, along with Latimer, solicited funds for erecting a four foot chainlink fence around the area.

Near the cemetery still stands a portion of the original log cabin where Mastin and Rachel Mc-Adams Shirley with his 12 children lived before moving to Texas in 1850. He was a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Shirley who died in 1824 and 1826 respectively.

Boyce Mitchell, also a descendant of the two families, has gathered the following information concerning some of the persons buried in the cemetery. Buried here is Nathaniel Shirley 1789-1849. His wife was Nancy Grubbs, a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Mitchell Grubbs which is probably one of the 85 graves in the cemetery. As far as is known the oldest grave dates back to 1821.

The Grubbs were parents of 10 children. The father died in 1819, and Elizabeth then married John Shirley, Jr. who was father of 10 children by his first wife and the father of one by his second wife (Stephen Shirley). Stephen married Sallie Major.

For 128 years the graves of Dr. James Latimer (1780-1840) and his wife Catherine Kay (1785-1838) lay unmarked until last year when a marker was erected by their great granddaughter, Mrs. Olive Latimer Burke of Washington D.C. (formerly of Belton).



It is noted that James and Catherine Latimer had 13 children, one of whom (James M.) became the first president of the Savannah Valley Railroad. Their grandson James Asbury Latimer was the Senator from South Carolina who introduced the bill in Congress for Rural Free Delivery, and strangely enough William James Latimer, nephew of James Asbury, was Abbeville County's first rural mail carrier.

To the many descendants of these outstanding pioneers, it seemed fitting that the grave sites be marked and preserved. The cost of the fence was easily raised with a great, great grandson of William Mitchell giving his services as the surveyor of the cemetery plot.

*Article sent by member Mr. R. O. Richey



Member B. O. Richey of Ft. Payne, Ala. Great, great, great grandson of Benjamin Shirley and Elizabeth Hughes

CORRECTIONS

April 1980 "News", page 9 under picture. Cross out the sentence "Great grandson of Samuel Perry Shirley." He was the great grandson of Walter, Jr.

ARTICLE FROM FORD TIMES - OCT. 1979 ISSUEVIRGINIA'S HAUNTED HOUSE HIGHWAY

WILLIAM James Latimer, left, 84, now retired, is a relative of the Latimers buried in the 147 year old grave yard. He and Elmer Branyon, right, 83, have spearheaded the drive to preserve the cemetery containing 85 graves. Latimer, a 1906 graduate of Clemson, has returned to Clemson to spend his retirement years after 45 years service with the Soil Conservation Service in Washington, D. C. Branyon is a retired farmer and lives on the land which his ancestors have owned and farmed for the past 150 years. The Latimer-Shirley Cemetery where his ancestors are buried is located only a few yards from his back door. (Independent Photo By Louise Ervin)

BIBLE RECORDS and MARRIAGES by ACKLEN

SHERLEY, BROWN, BROOKS and TEAT RECORDS from BIBLE of RICHARD CHARLES SHERLEY, owned by Mrs. D. B. Todd (Mary SHERLEY Teat) Etowah, Tenn.

Great-great-grandfather of Richard Charles Sherley. On the front leaf of said Bible appears the following: "Richard Charles SHERLEY, brothers, were born in Scotland, came to Va. in early part of 1700. Settled in Augusta Co., Va. separated, one going to Ky., another to South Carolina. Later James, John, Edmund & William settled in Georgia in the year 1775.

Wm. Stubly SHERLEY jr., son of Wm. SHERLEY, was born 3] Aug. 1757, Washington Co., Ga.; 3 May or June 1799, Jones Co., Ga. Wm. Stubly Sherley married Elizabeth Maxwell 27 Jan. 1780, Washington Co., Ga. Elizabeth M. Sherley, born 7 Feb. 1762, Washington Co., Ga.; died 9 May, 1807.

Richard Charles SHERLEY, son of William and Elizabeth SHERLEY, born 25 Sept. 1781, Jones Co., Ga.; died 10 Oct. 1833. Richard C. Sherley married 5 Aug. 1804, Sarah Brooks, daughter of John Hanna Brooks.

(Con't. on page 5)

"At Shirley, oldest plantation in Va., an ancestor called "Aunt Pratt" has deviled the nine generations occupying the place continuously since the 1700s. Aunt Pratt was one of those problem relatives every family has. No prettier than a mud fence, she nevertheless hung her portrait in her sister's elegant house and made everybody look at it for years. When she moved to England and later died, the picture was stored.

"Then trouble started. A relentless thumping began to sound through the attic floor. The picture inched from its storage spot, it twisted, it toppled over whenever it was turned to the wall. Generations of sleepy children were soothed by their elders explaining, 'That's only Aunt Pratt up there carrying on again.'

"Recently experts discovered another face beneath Aunt Pratt's. Itinerant artists used to furnish portraits pre-painted completely except for the face. Aunt Pratt's features were placed atop someone identified as Cynthia.

"Says C. Hill Carter, owner of Shirley, 'We didn't know we had a Cynthia, but we finally found one in the family tree.'

"The portrait has been touched up and Aunt Pratt restored to Shirley's sitting-room wall. In blue shawl and white dress, she's holding her place once more in a mansion known for strikingly beautiful women. And she hasn't given the Carters another speck of trouble."

**Sent by Ruth Burrell*

Mrs. Mary E. Saxton, St. Louis, Mo., daughter of Major Shirley of Chillicloth, Mo., died June 15, 1858 in Brunswick, Mo. on the way to Chillicloth - detained by high water.

**From: Mo. Pioneers, Vol. XXVI
Sent by Harriett Shirley*

KENTUCKY SHIRLEYS

(Con't. from July 1979 "News")
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John Warfield Shirley

b. Dec. 28, 1787

d. Feb. 27, 1837.

He married Patsy Young, daughter of Philip Young, born June 27, 1788. John was a Colonel in the War of 1812, and lived in Barron County, Ky.

Their Children

1. Merrymon
b. Oct. 30, 1809
d. Dec. 2, 1828
2. Nancy
b. July 13, 1812
d. _____ 1888
3. Lewis
b. January 24, 1814
4. George
b. May 4, 1815
5. Mary
b. May 8, 1820
6. Benjamin
b. Jan. 15, 1822
d. December 6, 1900
7. Norman
b. May 6, 1824
8. Elizabeth F.
b. December 11, 1826
d. November 28, 1828

**Info. sent by Ted Shirley*



TENNESSEE SHIRLEYS

This feature has had to be cancelled for this issue. This is a more difficult group of Shirleys, and because the work to prepare for the Shirley Convention has taken so much of my time recently, I would rather postpone this article and take my time to do a good one. I promise it for the October 1980 issue.



Underwood S., Nannie Huella, Annie Joe, and Mattie Florence, great grandchildren of John Warfield Shirley

MICHAEL SHIRLEY & KITTIE FRANZ

(line con't. from April '79 "News")

Charles Shirley was an early pioneer in Cooper County, Mo. He was a native of Virginia. His son William A. J. Shirley was born on the Shirley homestead in 1835 and died in 1882. Wm. married Harriett Malvina Eller, daughter of David & Martha (Oglesby) Eller. Their son Charles David was a progressive farmer and not content to till his land in a mediocre, hit and miss manner. He kept nothing but the best line stock on his place. He specialized in Angus cattle. He also had pure-bred Shorthorns, pure-bred Poland China hogs, a flock of 100 head of Shropshire sheep on his farm of 336 acres.

**Article sent by Gordon Seyffert
Member Harriett Shirley descends from
this line.*

KENTUCKY SHIRLEYS

Malinda Shirley

b. Nov. 27, 1806 in Allen Co., Kentucky

Her father was Daniel Ezekiel Shirley, born in Virginia. Her mother was Jane Allen, born in North Carolina.

March 6, 1838 in Calloway County, Ky., Malinda married John Gardner Boydston. They moved to Warren Co., Illinois where John died in 1846.

Sept. 23, 1852 Warren Co., Illinois, Malinda married James M. Hodgen. In the spring of 1853 they went to Oregon.

A brief newspaper obituary article about the death of a Hodgen pioneer states they traveled over South Pass route and camped three days at the site of the Whitman Mission near Walla Walla, Wash. From there they were transported by barge or huge raft down the Columbia River to Portland, Oregon. The Oregon Donation Land Claim information reveals the fact that they arrived in Oregon Sept. 20, 1853 and the land claim was settled in June 1854.

**Info. sent by member Eugene Henderson, descendant of Malinda Shirley.*



Melinda Shirley Hodgen
1806 - 1891

Sarah Brooks SHERLEY, born 5 Dec. 1787 died 2 Dec. 1824. (Without doubt, the following paragraph is incorrect.)

Elizabeth SHERLEY, daughter of Richard and Sarah SHERLEY, born 25 April 1897, died March 23, 1866. Buried in Tallapoosa Co. Ala. (She could not have died before she was born. Perhaps the year of her birth was 1807?)

Elizabeth SHERLEY married John Gaillard BROWN, Jones Co., Ga., 19 May 1825. John Gaillard BROWN, born 1 Dec. 1801, Jones Co., Ga., died 7 Jan. 1889, Tallapoosa Co., Ala.

Sarah Jane Brown, daughter of John G. and Elizabeth S. Brown, was born in Jones Co., Ga., 11 Feb. 1831, died 12 March 1890, Tallapoosa Co., Ala.

Sarah Jane Brown married William Francis Teat 24 Dec. 1846, Jones Co., Ga. Wm. Teat was son of John Marshall and Martha Ball Scott Teat.

Wm. Francis Teat, born 25 July 1857, Tuskegee, Ala., married Mary Attaway Noble, 13 Dec. 1882, Jenifer, Ala.

Mary Sherley Teat, born 25 Sept. 1895, Anniston, Ala, married Donald Bain TODD, 27 Jan. 1913, Etawah, Tennessee.

Children of William Stubly SHERLEY and Elizabeth:

Edward SHERLEY
Mahaley Parker
Mary Sherley
Richard Charles
Nathaniel, James Nathen, Samuel - triplets
Elizabeth and William, Jr. - twins b. 1790

Children of Richard and Elizabeth SHERLEY:

Elizabeth, m. John G. Brown
Phoebia, m. Uriah PORTER
Kisire (Kissie), m. George KING
Thomas
Nathaniel
Edward
Aaron

Children of John Gaillard BROWN and Elizabeth Sherley BROWN:

William Richard, b. 20 Mar. 1836
d. 8 Oct. 1856
Benjamin Thomas, b. 25 Jan. 1829
d. 8 Oct. 1856
Charnick Tharp, b. 4 May, 1833
d. 8 June, 1862
Jeremiah, b. 6 Sept. 1835
d. 3 May, 1863

**Information sent by Joyce Rustin*



Back row - left to right

Dr. Raymond Octavius Shirley - son
 Ora Cstelle Shirley Fleming - son
 J. Howell - husband of Toletha Shirley
 Arabella Shirley - daughter
 Justin Shirley - son
 Winnie Marten Shirley - wife of Justin
 James Norman Shirley, Jr. - son
 Tolitha Shirley Howell - daughter
 William Arthur Shirley - son
 Julian Shirley - son

Bottom Row

Lita Howell
 Howell girl
 Bernadine Shirley Ray/Rundzell -
 daughter of William Arthur
 Judy Shirley Traweck - daughter of
 William Arthur

Second row

squatting - Leon Shirley - son
 sitting - Grace Weems
 standing - Howell boy
 sitting - Albert Weems
 standing - Weems boy
 sitting - Nancy Catherine "Dunham"
 Shirley - wife
 sitting - James Norman Shirley -
 husband
 standing - Howell boy
 sitting - Lydia Adams Shirley - wife
 of William Arthur
 sitting - Marietta Camp Shirley -
 first wife of Julian

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ARTICLE FROM
BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL
MEMOIRS OF MISSISSIPPI by

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"J. N. Shirley was born in Lauderdale county, Miss., in April, 1858, the fourth in a family of eight children born to J.P. and Sarah (Martin) Shirley, the former of whom was born in North Carolina (should be Alabama), and the latter in Greene county, Miss. The father was born in Alabama and resided there until he was seventeen years of age, when he came to Mississippi and located in Lauderdale county, where he still lives. Here he was married, and on the plantation on which he is now living he reared his family. He has made planting his chief occupation throughout life, never caring to enter political life, or to hold any public office. J. N. Shirley began the battle of life for himself when sixteen years of age, and when only eighteen years of age was married to Miss Nancy Dunham, of this county, and to them four sons and three daughters have been born: Arabella, Tolitha, Charles (deceased), Arthur, Julian and Justin (twins), and Ora. Although Mr. Shirley commenced to make his own way in the world without a dollar, he has, by energy and strict attention to business, succeeded in getting a fair start in the world. In 1881 he opened a mercantile establishment, and to this calling has given the most of his attention since that time, but has also farmed more or less, and has been engaged in milling a part of the time. He began business in the southeastern part of Lauderdale county, where he remained until 1889, at which time he sold out and moved to his present location, thirteen and a half miles north of Meridian, where he had purchased a plantation of one hundred and twenty acres. On this plantation he opened his store, his stock of goods being worth at least \$3,000, from which he derives an annual income of \$15,000. He is a young man of excellent business qualifications, and thus far has made a success of the enterprises in which he has engaged, when many others would have failed. He is progressive, public-spirited and intelligent, and makes a point of keeping well posted on the general topics of the day, and up with the times in the business affairs of life. By his honorable methods of doing

business and his many amiable and worthy traits of character, he won the respect and esteem of all who know him, and he and his wife are gladly welcome in the highest social circles. He and Mrs. Shirley are members of the Baptist church and he has become liberal in his support of this as well as other churches. He is a patron of education; in fact all worthy enterprises receive his hearty support.

Sent by member George H. Shirley, Jr.

George has found two errors in the story.

John P. Shirley born 1827 Alabama

According to census records, John P. Shirley's father & mother were born in South Carolina.

INDIANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY

"THE PLAGUE OF NEW ELIZABETH"

". . . George Shirley was a storekeeper and former trustee of Union Township. He naturally was one of the town's more prosperous citizens,⁶⁵ and if New Elizabeth had had a social register, his eighteen year old wife, the former Mollie Wilkinson who was reared between Danville and New Elizabeth, surely would have been listed near the top. Being Baptists she and her husband had a good excuse to leave New Elizabeth to attend the Baptist Association's Sunday meeting at Abner's Creek a short distance north of Danville. They went to Danville on Saturday, September 6, and stayed at the fine home of George's brother, John. The ride out to Abner's Creek and back on Sunday was a happy one. New Elizabeth had become a dreary place to live. The Shirleys stayed Sunday night in Danville where the young woman became ill. Danville's best physicians, including Dr. W. J. Hoadley, who was George and John Shirley's brother-in-law, and Dr. Lockhart, watched⁶⁶ her until she died early Monday afternoon. According to the doctors, Mrs. Shirley had a "pretty fair case of cholera,"⁶⁷ one she had brought from New Elizabeth. While the physicians could do nothing for her, they undoubtedly did all they could to make certain that cholera did not spread to other members of the family or to Danville residents.

Mollie Shirley was buried in the graveyard at Abner's Creed—probably at night. She and Dr. Dicks were the only victims of New Elizabeth's epidemic not laid to rest in Vieley's cemetery."

*Article sent by Gordon Seyffert

FROM VA. TO KY.

James Shirley

b. ca. 1739, Orange Co., Va.

m. Judith Garriott

Children

1. Mary

b. April 1, 1755

d. January 21, 1844

m. Tobias Wilhite of Culpeper Co., Va
moved to Mercer Co., Ky. where
they died.2. James, Jr., a bachelor, died intes-
tate, d.s.p.3. John, a bachelor, died intestate,
d.s.p.

4. Nancy

b. March 27, 1759

d. July 19, 1820

m. James Yewell of Culpeper Co. and
moved to Oldham Co., Ky. where
they died.

5. Absolom m. Cassandra _____

6. Elizabeth

m. William Wilhite of Culpeper Co.,
and moved to Oldham Co., Ky.

7. Delilah m. Benjamin Fleshman

8. Bathsheba (Barsheba)

m. William McGehee of Louisa Co., Va.
on March 9, 1808 and died there
d.s.p. in 1838.9. & 10. Zachariah and Thomas, wealthy
twin bachelors. Zachariah died with
will in January 1826 and Thomas,
intestate, in July 1845. The suit in
Madison County to determine the dis-
position of Thomas' estate provides
most of the information on the early
family of James and Judith (Garriott)
Shirley

11. William

b. August 4/5, 1772

d. March 24, 1854

m. January 22, 1796 in Madison Co.
to Elizabeth Clore and moved to
Oldham Co., Ky. where he left will.

12. Joshua

m. Mary Bell of Nelson Co., Ky.

13. Jane

m. James McGehee on August 27, 1801 in
Madison Co., Va. Moved to Louis-
ville, Ky.

Lewis was the "natural born" son of Delilah, who later married Benjamin Fleshman and had 10 children by him. He took his mother's name (father unknown) and later changed the spelling from "i" to "e". He was married first to Elizabeth Harris Broaddus of Louisa Co., Va., by whom he had 11 children, and moved from there to Caswell Co., N.C. about 1818. About 1822 he moved to Kentucky. After his first wife's death he married Pauline Kellar, by whom he had another 6 children, and about 1854 they moved to Collin Co., Texas, where he died April 22, 1867 "in the 87th year of his age" according to a newspaper obituary.

Several members descend from this line. This group will be featured in the next issue.

*Information sent by Swagar Sherley

TRACY KING, AUTHOR OF THE BOOK JOHN SHIRLEY AND HIS DESCENDANTS, PASSED AWAY MARCH 26, 1980. HE WAS 84 YEARS OF AGE AND A MEMBER OF THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION.

FROM HISTORY OF COOPER COUNTY
AND HOWARD COUNTY, MO.

[The following read at a meeting of the citizens on July 4, 1876.]

"Frederick Shurley, the mightiest hunter in all the land around Otterville, in 1827 settled the place now owned by his son Robert Shirley. He was with General Jackson in the Creek War and was present at the memorable battle of Horse Shoe Bend, where the Indians, by the direction of their prophets, had made their last stand. He used to recount, with deep interest, the thrilling incidents connected with this muzzle-to-muzzle contest, in which over half a thousand redskins were sent, by Jackson and Coffee, to their happy hunting grounds.

*sent by Gordon Seyffert

Frederick Shurley born ca. 1785 Va.

"SHIRLEY BROTHERS 1878"

"Just north of the Arkansas line in Ripley County, Missouri in 1883 a Brother James from Tennessee (probably T. W. James from Tipton County, an ex-Methodist preacher who learned the truth in 1865 and gladly obeyed the same. According to records he was still preaching each Lord's day when 82 years old, around 1911), held a meeting at Shirley about seven miles northwest of Doniphan. The meeting resulted in twenty five or thirty baptisms and the establishing of a local church. This was brought about by some brethren who had moved to the community from Bethel congregation on Buffalo Creek, which I believe was in Tennessee. The new church met in the schoolhouse, and when a new schoolhouse was built, the name was changed to Shirley in honor of Brother F. M. Shirley, one of the charter members and an officer of the church. The church never owned a building of its own. It had many Arkansas preachers to aid it. Among others were A. B. Shaver, W. A. Goodwin, R. A. Robbins, Joe Blue and J. Will Henley. It produced and sent out the following preachers who labored much in Arkansas: Herman, Albert, and Silas Shirley, sons of F. M. and Eliza Shirley, charter members; John Kannon, Frank O'Neal and Henry Freeman.

"Brother L. W. Hinson made a report on the Shirley church in the Gospel Advocate of September 7, 1933. It still existed, and he was in a meeting there then. A congregation was established in Doniphan in the early 1930's and the old Shirley congregation was absorbed in it, and the Wilson and Ponder congregations in Ripley County.

"The Shirley brothers preached much in Northeast Arkansas. All three were born in Ripley County, Mo. Albert, the oldest was born in 1878, was educated in the public schools of Missouri, and the Bible School at Kimberlin Heights, Tennessee. He began preaching in 1904. His wife was Ether Harris. In addition to preaching, he taught in the public schools. Herman was born in 1884 and was educated at Ouachita Academy, Maynard, Arkansas; Pocahontas High School, Pocahontas, Arkansas; and Southeastern State Normal, Durant, Oklahoma. He began preaching soon after Albert did, and he also taught school. I have no record of Silas."

**Sent by member Aubrey Williams*

WASHINGTON CO., MISSOURI 1850

Jordan Shirley

b. ca. 1804 Tenn.

m. Atna, b. ca. 1812 Tenn.

Children

1. Mary
b. ca. 1832 Mo.
2. James
b. ca. 1834 Mo.
3. Thomas (J.)
b. ca. 1836 Mo.
4. Andrew
b. ca. 1838 Mo.
5. Wm.
b. ca. 1840 Mo.
6. Catherine
b. ca. 1844 Mo.
7. Francis
b. ca. 1846 Mo.
8. John
b. ca. 1848 Mo.

Thomas, J., b. April 23, 1836 Mo.

Living in Logan Co., Arkansas in 1900.

Francis "Frank" M., b. July 1845 Mo.

Living in Ripley Co., Missouri in 1900.
(father of Herman, Albert & Silas)



Bertie Lorenza Dow Shirley

b. Apr. 23, 1884 Logan Co., Ark.

son of Thomas J., b. April 1836 Mo.

WALTER SHIRLEY BRANCH

(Con't. from July 1979, page 3
and April 1980, page 8 "News")

Jarvis Shirley

- b. 1732
- m. Mary Riley

Children

1. William
m. Nancy
2. Ephraim
m. 1st. Margaret Tomlinson, Aug 1807
m. 2nd. Leodicia Steenrod
He became owner of a large fleet of
packets (boats) operating on the Ohio
River between Pittsburg, Pa. and
Cincinnati, Ohio. He lived near
Wheeling, West Virginia.
3. Elizabeth
m. _____ Smallwood
4. Rebecca
m. _____ Gardner
5. Jarvis, Jr.
m. Mary A. C. Nadenbousch
6. Mary
m. Richard Miller
7. Walter

James

- b. ca. 1735, d. ca. 1785
- m. Mary _____
- He served in French and Indian Wars
under Rutherford, as did Walter and
Jarvis. He lived on the plantation
near Keyes Ferry--now Millville, W. Va.
until 1773. In 1780 he made applica-
tion for land bounty.

Children

1. John
m. Ann Smithley, Feb. 1785 in Va.
Moved to Decatur Twp. Brown Co.,
Ohio & Highland Co., Ohio
2. Robert
b. ca. 1770 Frederick Co., Va.
d. 1836 Defiance Co., Ohio
m. Rachel Gilbert, Jan. 28, 1791
Fredrick Co., Va.

*Members F. P. Van Duzee and Mrs. Prince
descend from Robert.

3. James
b. Feb. 24, 1768
d. Jan. 16, 1840
Lived in Smithfield, Va.--now known
as Middleway, W. Va.
m. 1st. Ruth Frier
m. 2nd. Matilda Vinson

*Members Lucy Otis and Julia Creamer.
Lucy's father was Henry Garnett Shirley,
son of Robert Vinson Shirley and grand-
son of James & Matilda Vinson. The
Henry Shirley Memorial Highway just out-
side of Washington, D.C. was named in
his honor. He was chairman of the
Virginia Highway Commission for many yrs.

4. Timothy
b. 1777
d. 1861
m. Ann Burbage, May 31, 1818.
They moved to Brown Co., Ohio
4. Mary
b. _____
m. Thomas J. Howard
5. Elizabeth
b. _____
m. William Johnston, May 2, 1792, Va.

GEORGIA SHIRLEYS

Many settlers in Virginia and the
Carolinas were attracted to Georgia by the
early land lotteries. Families who had
lived in the territory for at least one
year were permitted to draw for acreages as
large as 400 acres. These lotteries were
held in 1803, 1806, 1819, 1827 and 1832.
(See enclosure with Oct. 1979 "News".)

Shirleys are numerous in Georgia by
1840. There are 37 heads of household
listed in the 1840 census. Some of the
Shirley family lines to come to Georgia
are:

John & Elizabeth (Barmore) Shirley
Benjamin & Elizabeth (Hughes) Shirley
John & Elizabeth (Fields) Shirley

(This article continued next issue.....)

SEE ENCLOSURES FOR MORE GEORGIA SHIRLEY
INFO. SENT BY FLORENCE HODGES..

Jarvis Shirley, b. ca. 1732

Jarvis Shirley's will is recorded in Charles Town, Jefferson County, Virginia, Will Book 3, p. 177.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jarvis Shirley of the county of Jefferson Virginia being of sound and disposing mind but of advanced age and of feeble health knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and publish my last will and testament in manner following to wit:

First: I give and devise to my two sons William Shirley and Ephriam Shirley fifty acres of the tract of land lying in the East side of said tract and to include the house in which I live to commence at a corner of Magnus Tates Land near said home to run with his lines until they intersect the farm of Robert Shirley and thence with said Robert Shirley's line a North corner to the extent of my said tract thence a Westernly course a sufficient extent that by running from thence a straight course or as nearly so as possible to said Magnus Tate's land will make the said fifty acres. To have and to hold the same to said William Shirley and Ephriam Shirley share and share alike their heirs and assigns forever, subject nevertheless to the payment of one hundred pounds to Elizabeth Smallwood and one hundred pounds to Rebecca Gardner as hereinafter devised to my said two daughters.

I give and devise the whole of the residue of my said tract of land on which I now live supposed to be one hundred acres more or less to my two sons Jarvis Shirley Junior and Walter Shirley to be equally divided between them share and share alike to have and to hold the same to them and their heirs forever subject however to the payment of two hundred dollars to my daughter Mary who is somewhere in the western Country.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Smallwood one hundred pounds to be paid her by my two sons William Shirley and Ephriam Shirley and subject the lands above devised to them to the payment of the same.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Gardner one hundred pounds to be paid her by my two sons William and Ephriam Shirley and I subject the land devised them to the payment of the same.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary who intermarried with Richard Miller two hundred dollars to be paid her by my two sons Jarvis Shirley and Walter Shirley and I do subject the land herein devised them to the payment of the same.

I give and bequeath to my two sons Jarvis Shirley Junior and Walter Shirley the whole of my personal estate which is of but little value to be equally divided between them share and share alike to them and their heirs.

I hereby appoint my two sons Jarvis Shirley and Walter Shirley to whom I have devised the personal estate, executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said Jarvis Shirley have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of Dec. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Signed, sealed, published ^{his} Jarvis Shirley
and declared by Jarvis Shirley ^{mark}
the Testator as and for his
last will and Testament and
subscribed by the undersigned
as witness at his request
John Shirley Junior
Walter Shirley
Will Tate

At a Court held for Jefferson County the 28th day of June, 1819

This last will and testament of Jarvis Shirley dec'd was proved by the oath of John Shirley Junior one of the witnesses thereto, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that William Tate of the subscribing witnesses thereto is dead and it being proved by the oath of the said John Shirley Junior that the said will was signed by the said Tate as a witness in his presence and in the presence of the testator the same is ordered to be Recorded.

By the Court
Teste
R. G. Hite

*Sent by Esther Shirley (Mrs. Fountain Shirley)

WANT ADS

Would like information about MARY SHIRLEY

b. ca. 1670
d. ca. 1706/08 Va.
m. Samuel Wheatley, b. 1670 England
and d. 1740 Tyrrell Co., N.C.
He m. 2nd. Mary _____?

They lived Isle of Wight Co., Va.

Mrs. Louise Hall Gary
422 Bala Clara Drive
Greenville, Ala. 36037

Would like to contact descendants of
ISSAC SHIRLEY of Grundy Co., Mo. and
Tipton Co., Ind.

Issac of Grundy Co., Mo. made bounty land
application Feb. 27, 1852. He stated he
was 62 years old and served in Capt. Isaac
Gray's Co., Boswell's Regt., Ky. Militia,
and War of 1812. Isaac made second appli-
cation in Tipton Co., Indiana on April 21,
1855.

Elwood Shirley
318 Larch Lane
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Looking for information on

JOHN SHIRLEY

b. ca. 1810 Tenn. Living in
Jackson Co., Alabama 1850. And
son, JOHN C. SHIRLEY, b. 1843
m. Martha Ann Foshee Aug. 14,
1868, Jackson Co., Ala.

Jean Grigsby
Box 730
Grand Coulee, Wash. 99133

Desire information about the RICHEY FAMILY
before Alexander Richey and his wife Jean
Caldwell came to America from Northern
Ireland in 1729. They came in at New
Castle, Delaware.

B. O. Richey
Rt. 3, Box 748
Ft. Payne, Ala. 35967

*Descends from Benjamin Shirley and
Elizabeth Hughes, daughter Juleny and
husband James W. Richey.

Desire information on JAMES SHIRLEY

b. 1735, West Virginia
d. Barren Co., Ky. prior to July 25, 1801.
m. Mary McMekin, b. Fauquier Co., Va.

Their daughter Melinda Shirley married
Pressley N. Thomas Nov. 29, 1833.

Rita J. Cavender
Wellsville, Kans. 66092

Looking for information on ISAAC SHIRLEY
and wife ELIZABETH FOWLER. Known to have
lived in Green County, Tenn. in 1830 and
in Cole Co., Mo. in 1837.

Joyce Rustin
515 Bernardo Avenue
Morro Bay, Calif. 93442
