

JOHN SHIRLEY of STAUNTON HAROLD

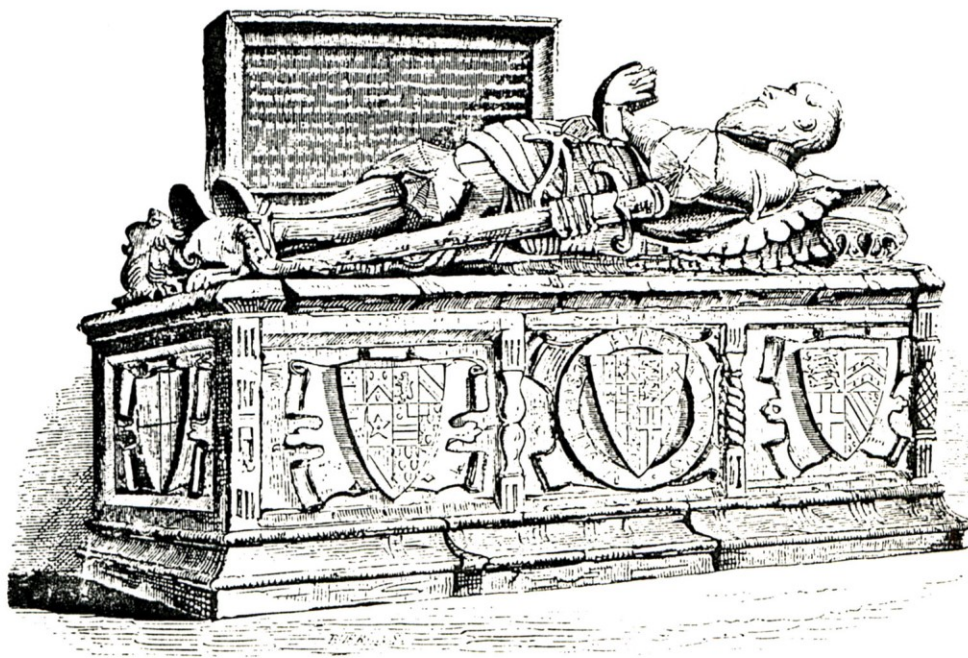
John Shirley, esq. the eldest son of Francis Shirley, was born at Staunton Harold in 1535 and "in his youth instructed," as we are assured by his grandson Sir Thomas Shirley, "in all manner of good literature, virtue, and military discipline, by the most knowing and excellent masters of his time, in which he profitted so much, that he drew admiration from all that ever saw him, who all praised him for the sweet candour of his life, and rare acuteness of his wit."

In 1588 he married Jane, the only daughter of Thomas Astwell, in the county of Northampton, esq. By this alliance several manors came to the Shirleys,

viz.. Astwell in the county of Northampton, South Newington in the county of Oxford, Dorsington in the county of Gloucester, and St. Botulph's Bridge in the county of Huntingdon.

SONS

1. George who succeeded his grandfather as head of the family.
2. Ralph, intended for the Church, but died without taking orders. His name appears at the English College at Rome in the year 1582. He was of Stretton, in Staffordshire when his brother George granted him an annuity of 9 pounds out of the manor of Sileby, in Leicestershire. *[By coincidence, your editor ran accross the article on the following page. It must be the same Ralph].* (cont. 2nd column page 2).



TOMB OF JOHN SHIRLEY, ESQ. IN BREDON CHURCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

RALPH SHIRLEY of ENGLAND

[the following is extracted from the Annual Letters of the England Mission for the year 1583].

Ralph Shirley died at the English College, Rome. He was born of respectable parents, who, after a long resistance to the Holy Spirit, was at last by the Grace of God brought over to the Catholic religion.

Having come to Rheims from England at the instigation of a Catholic kinsman, he was often solicited by Dr. Allen to join the true Church, and although he strove to reject these counsels with great obstinacy of mind, still they always left some sting conscience, which goaded him day and night so that failing to silence these, he gave himself up to pleasure, seeking by this means to distract his mind from unpleasant thoughts.

At last, apprehensive of being converted to the truth, he set off for Paris to meet an English gentleman, whom he took to be a heretic (for so he had been slyly persuaded by a Catholic), but finding that the person he was in search of belonged to the Society whose members he loathed as an omen of evil, he resolved in the heat of anger to go and visit Beza at Geneva. Providence, however, so contrived that, at the very time he wished to set out on his journey he was seized with a violent attack of fever, which obliged him to keep to his bed for several days; and during this time, being charitably visited by an English gentleman and a priest, who was one of our Society, he was by them brought into the bosom of the Catholic Church, and having recovered from his illness, he resolved to give up all thought of Geneva and go on to Rome.

Meanwhile, letters were brought from a Protestant relation of the youth to the Queen's Ambassador, begging him either to keep the young man in Paris or to send him in safe custody to Geneva. This having come to the knowledge of a heretic who happened to meet the youth, and who found him already prepared to start for Rome, he endeavoured to detain him at all hazards. But, Shirley, seeing the great danger there was in delay, and thinking of no other way of setting himself free, drew his dagger and threatened to stab the other on the spot unless he desisted; then, putting spurs to his horse, he set

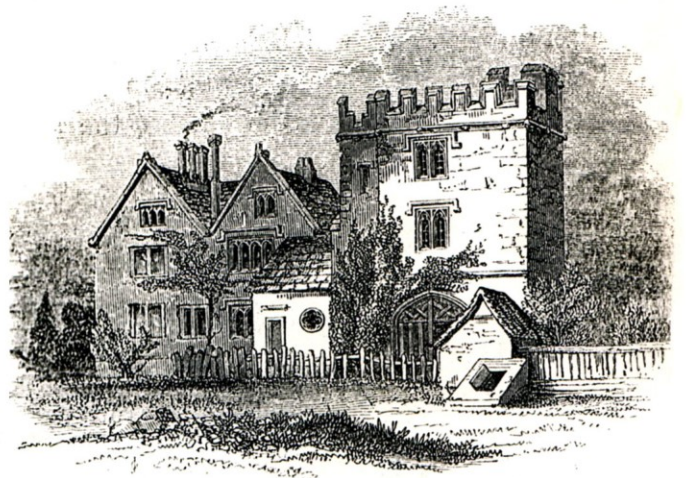
off for Rome at full speed.

After his reception into the English College, he gave remarkable proofs of every virtue during the course of his life, and in his last illness.

His conversion he himself was wont to set down to the merits of St. Augustine, towards whom, even from his childhood, although bred and born among heretics, he had always felt moved with a special devotion.

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3. John Shirley, entered Trinity College, Oxford, in April 1582. He was of the Inner Temple, as appears by a deed dated May 27, 1590, whereby he assigned to his brother George the site of the manor of Brailesford, and died in the wars in Flanders of a shot in the knee, received in the services of the King of Spain.
4. Thomas Shirley, entered Gloucester Hall, Oxford, Dec. 20, 1587. In 1591 he appears to have been in the service of the Earl of Essex. He was afterwards of Gray's Inn, and was living in 1602, as appears by a deed of January 16, 1602, whereby he released to his brother George lands in Brailesford upon the settling of Shirley upon him for a term of years. He died in England, s.p. His arms, quartered with Braose, were remaining in the south window of the hall of Gray's Inn in Dugdale's time.



ASTWELL HOUSE, 1834.

GEORGE SHIRLEY, SON OF FIRST
EARL FERRERS AND ANCESTORY OF
MAJOR JOHN SHIRLEY OF ETTINGTON

The Hon. George Shirley was a page to Queen Anne, afterwards he was Capt. 1st Regt. of Foot Guards and Comptroller of the Household of Queen Charlotte.

He was born Oct. 23, 1705 and died Oct. 22, 1787. Married Mary Sturt.

children

1. George born Nov. 6, 1750 d. 1793
2. Selina born June 22, 1752 d. 1832
3. Mary born May 10, 1754 d. 1822
4. Evelyn born Dec. 17, 1756 d. 1810 married Phillis Byam July 3, 1781

sons

- (1). Henry Robert R.N. born March 27, 1789 died 1808
- (2). Charles born Nov. 15, 1792 died 1855 married Anne Charlotte Bridgeman
- (3). William born March 23, 1794 died 1850
- (4). Frederick born June 15, 1797 died Sept 19, 1797
- (5). James (Rev). born Jan 15, 1802 died 1870. Married Catherine Louisa Dolphin. James was the Rector of Frettenham, Norfolk.
- (6). Horatio (Sir) K.C.B. General in the Army, Col. Connaught Rangers 1874-89, served in the Crimean War and commanded a brigade at the final attack on the Redan, Knight of the Legion of Honour. Born Dec. 3, 1805 died 1879
- (7). Arthur George Sewallis (Rev) M.A. born July 20, 1810 married 1st. Georgiana Emily Cookson. He was the Vicar of Stinsford, Dorset from 1837-1879.
 - A. Sewallis b. 1843 d. 1898 m. Christina Williams. South African C.S.
 - B. Robert b. 1844 d. 1869 Lieut. 2nd. Reg.
 - C. Francis John b. 1847 d. 1931
 - D. Mary Selina b. 1848 d. unmarried

Arthur married 2nd Mary Beadon, widow of Francis Jackson.

- E. Arthur Horatio, Capt. R.N. born June 25, 1854. d. 1934. married Katherine Shirley, daughter of Evelyn Phillip Shirley (his cousin). He served in Niger expedition (1886) at Suakin (1888)

2nd in command of the Naval Brigade at Gernaisah (Egyptian Medal and Khedive's Star), J.P. Devon.

- F. George b. and d. 1855
- G. William (Rev). b. 1856 married Alice Louise Pryor. He was Rector of Bursledon, Hants. 1908-1920, and of Turnerspudde with Affpudde, Dorchester 1901-1907.

H. Charles Henry b. 1857 d. 1858

- (8). Evelyn John born April 26, 1788 died Dec. 31, 1856. Married Eliza Stanhope Aug, 16, 1810. He was of Ettington and Lough Fea, D.L.C., M.P. for co. Monaghan Ireland 1826-30 and South Warwickshire 1836-1849.

sons

- A. Arthur born Feb 8, 1813 d. 1877 married Christine Wardrop, M.D. Arthur was a Major General in the Army in Turkish Contingent.
- B. Walter Devereux born July 20, 1829 d. 1908. Married Anna Faucette. He was a Major in Monahan Military.
- C. Evelyn Philip born Jan. 22, 1812 d. Sept. 19, 1882. Married Mary Clara Elizabeth Lechmere. He was of Ettington, Houndshell, Warwick, and Worcs. and Lough Fea, co. Monahan, Ireland, D.L., and J.P., High Sheriff, Warwick 1867, M.P. for South Warwick 1853-1865, and formerly (from 1841-1847) for Monaghan, LL.D. Dublin. He was a gentleman of high literary and antiquarian tastes and a writer of considerablity. [*Author of Stemmata Shirleiana*].
 - (a) Sewallis Evelyn b. July 15, 1844 d. March 7, 1904. Married Emily Jeane Macdonald Sept 23, 1884. He was of Ettington, Warwick and of Lough Fea and Shirley House, co. Monaghan, Ireland. J.P. Warwick, D.L. and J.P. co. Monaghan, High Sheriff 1884, M.P. co. Monaghan 1868 thru 1880.
 1. Evelyn Charles b. Feb 27, 1889. He was of Ettington, Warwick, and Lough Fea, Carrickmacross co.,

Monaghan Ireland, D.L. and J.P. co.
Monaghan, High Sheriff 1914, Lord of
the Manor of Ettington, Joint Master
Meath Foxhounds 1934-40, Major Warwick-
shire Yeo. served as Lt.-Col. (General
List) 1940-1945.
He married Kathleen Mary Phillis Cardew.

son

John Evelyn b. Nov. 11, 1922.
married Judith Dugdale Jan 17, 1952
He is a Major, 60th Rifles, K.R.R.C.
They are the present owners of Ettington,
the original seat of the Shirley family,
and of the Shirley estate, Lough Lea,
Carrickmacross, co. Monaghan, Ireland.
Their son Philip is next in line to
inherit Ettington.

LOUGH FEA ESTATE

Lough Fea, the Lake of the Rushes, so
called from the margin of rushes which
fringe its shores, gives name to the
manorial residence of the SHIRLEY family
near the town of Carrickmacross in the
Barony of Farney and County of Monaghan
in Ireland.

The house is built on a rising ground,
surrounded by well-wooded hill, in the
Townland of Duehatty, or "The black town"
not far from a place of some antiquity
which had been in former times the seat
of a gentleman's family, who held their
lands under the Shirley Family, as
"Middleman," a position no longer to be
found on the Shirley Estate.

The building was begun by the late Evelyn
John Shirley, Esq. in the year 1825. Its
style is Elizabethan, selected as well-
suited to the surrounding scenery, and to
and estate granted by Queen Elizabeth to
Walter Devereux, the first Earl of Essex,
in the year 1576, the Husband of her
cousin Lettice Knollys.

[Walter, Earl of Essex, married Lettice,
daughter of Sir Francis Knollys, by
Katherine, daughter of William, Lord
Huntington, and Mary Boleyn, daughter of
Thomas Boleyn, Earl of Wiltshire, sister of
Queen Anne, the mother of Queen Elizabeth].

Lough Fea House is erected entirely of
free-stone found on the Estate, and some-
thing after the manner of a College; on
the right is the Great Hall, on the left
the Chapel, in front the principal living
rooms; over the entrance porch are the
arms of Shirley with the quarterings of

Basset of Drayton, Broase, Devereux,
Platagenet, and Ferrers, and the date
1838.

The ceiling in the Library is taken from
that of "The Brown Room" at Wiston in
Sussex, the ancient seat of the Shirleys
of that place.

Some of the Irish antiquities preserved
in the Hall is a very large caldron or
vessel made of six plates of beaten
bronze, riveted together with pins, and
ornamented with sharp points of the same
metal, sixty inches in circumference at
the widest part, by eleven and a half in
height, which was discovered twelve feet
below the surface of the Bog of Lisdromturk
in the Barony of Farney, in the year 1834.
Here also may be seen the standards of the
Farney yeomanry of 1798.

[picture of Lough Fea on page 6 of 3rd
edition, Dec. 1987, SHIRLEY NEWS
INTERNATIONAL].

A TRUE STORY !!!

In the December 1987 issue of the Inter-
national Shirley NEWS, one of our members
ran an ad asking for help...see page 3.
Her name is Ann Nosov from Canada.

A few weeks ago I received a letter from
Ann...My Dear Betty, In the Dec. 1987
issue, you published my request for any
information regarding my great, great,
great grandparents, John and Deborah
Shirley who were living in Carlow about
1800. Well...A couple of weeks ago I had
a letter from a member, Ivan Shirley from
Dublin, enclosing a copy of John's will
made out in 1836. It was like finding a
gold mine!! It named four generations,
so I'm back now to 1761, and that's a
record for Irish research. The will had
been found in an old drawer in Ivan's
father's farm house.

Well...the story doesn't stop here!
I called Ann and asked her to please
send the copy of the will etc. She did
and also enclosed the following letter
written in 1951 to Ann's uncle Billy.
At the time her uncle Billy or anyone
else in the family had no idea what
this gentleman was writing about.

The letter is written by REV.P.W.N.Shirley
April 26, 1951. (He was an Archdeacon).

Dear Sir,

You and I are probably third or fourth cousins, and presuming on our kinship, I should be glad if you could give me some information about our family.

What I want to know particularly is the name of the Shirley who, towards the end of the 17 hundreds married as his second wife, the daughter of a Dublin lawyer. Also the lady's name (Christian and surname).

You are descended from the second marriage and I am the great grandson of the first marriage. My grandfather's name was Paul and the names I want particularly are my great grandfather's (father of Paul) and his two wives.

Garnaman, near Thomastown and Kells in Co. Kilkenny are descended of the Shirley who married the Dublin lady, and whose name, with her husband's, I want.

Garnaman, by the way, was Shirley property at one time, but it was not in possession of a Shirley for some years until it was bought by a Shirley (a descendant of the Knockabrunna Shirley) who was Coroner of South Kilkenny and whose grandson lives there now.

What I am particularly interested in is the name of the husband of the Dublin lady and if possible the name of this man's father.

I shall be most grateful for any information you can give me.

Yours very faithfully,

P.W.N. Shirley

The story continues!!!!

The Shirleys at Garnaman House are also members of the International Shirley Assoc. I recently received a letter stating that Mr. Shirley had passed away last year after they had become members. They still continue to be interested in our work and have not only renewed the membership but the son is now also a member.

I have written all involved and am hoping to hear if Ivan Shirley and the Shirleys at Garnaman House have met...or if they already know one another, etc. Now... this find helps Earle Shirley who had the ad under Ann Nosovs in the Dec. 1987 NEWS. He too has been sent this information. I am hoping this will encourage a family reunion over there in May 1989. I know Ann Nosov from Canada plans on a trip to Ireland then.

Well...once again the story doesn't stop here!!!

About 2 months ago, I received a 24 page booklet written in 1851 about Lough Fea estate in Ireland...[some of this info was written in this issue about Lough Fea]. It was sent by one of our members in England. Written on the front page is...

To the Rev P.W.N. Shirley in 1927
from R.G.S.K.

Now...what do you think of that???
What a co-incidence!!!

I looked up Ann Nosov's letter of Dec. 16th 1982 when she first wrote to me...

Dear Miss. Shirley,

My maiden name was Shirley and I was born in Ireland in a small isolated area of Counties Carlow and Kilkenny that was home to so many generations of Shirley families. All were farmers, and although tenant farmers as was the custom at the time, they seem to have been a hardworking, thrifty folk with fair sized land holdings.

I have traced my particular line to about 1800 but beyond that the records are so sketchy that I doubt if I will ever be able to fill it in.

Two quotes from different publications state..."In the county of Kilkenny there is a still existing family of Shirley, said to be descended from a certain William Shirley who accompanied King William III to Ireland and settled in county of Wexford".

From *Stemmata Shirleiana* by E.P. Shirley page 338 published 1841.

"There is no precise explanation of the motivation behind the post 1798 settlement of Protestant Wexfordians that settled on Coolcullen hill, and gave their name to "Protestant Road". They integrated widely because of the cures which the Marshall, Dalys, Griffins, Shirley Watchorns etc., practiced and which attracted hundreds until drugs took over in the 1950s."

From the magazine "Deenside" 1982, article by Tom Lyng.

Ann Nosov

Ann became a member of the National Shirley Assoc. in the USA. I advised her we would only be writing about the Shirleys of early America and their desc. She said she realized it but was

Interested in the name of Shirley. She even came to Williamsburg, Virginia in 1987 to our Shirley Convention to meet us.

In a letter from Ann dated Sept 22, 1988.. she was refering to the Shirleys in IrelandFortunately, the Shirleys in Carlow and Kilkenny were farmers. They were tenant farmers as were all their neighbours. It wasn't till the end of the 1800's and the beginning of this century that they had the opportunity to buy their farms with the help of the Irish Land Commission and the break up of the big estates. The Shirleys had long leases and their farms with rights of renewal, and for some reason were most delegant in registering all these leases, sub-leases, agreements, etc. at the Registry of Deeds, Dublin, although it wasn't legally necessary to do so. The registry was set up in 1708, and everything registered there is in tact, and their search room is open to the public. Most of the early information I have on the Shirleys was obtained there.

The earliest document I have so far discovered, that places the Shirleys in Kilkenny, is a lease dated May 9, 1761, in which JOHN SHIRLEY of CROAN, leases 398 acres of the lands of Bellmount, Co. Kilkenny, from the Rev. Arthur Webb and his son Arthur Webb. Esq. This lease was renewed in 1764. In 1766, a lease was made whereby John Shirley of Croan leased the lands of Bellmount to THOMAS SHIRLEY. Now whether this John was Thomas' father, or brother, I don't know. More than likely John was the father. Why I say this is because the custom in Ireland at that time was to name the first born son after the paternal grandfather, and according to the postscript to the will, John of Knockabrannar was the eldest son of Thomas.

This 1766 lease was never registered, but it must have been an important one for the family, as I have six subsequent ones relating back to it, the last one dated 1893.

The Parish registers for Old Leighlin church were destroyed by fire, but a notebook survives which covers the years 1781-1811. I've enclosed these on a separate sheet of paper.

John was living in Belmont in 1794, according to one lease. On Jan 22, 1801, he leased 104 acres in Knockabrannar from Edward Groome, Esq. and this is where he and Deborah lived. (Knockabranner and Bellmont are about three miles apart). [Ann's uncle Billy lived in Knockabrannar in 1951].

JOHN SHIRLEY b. _____ d. _____
married Deborah _____.

No record has so far been found of when John was born, was married, or when he died. Deborah's tombstone is in the Shirley plot in Old Leighlin church yard, and reads: "Erected by Sarah O'Neill of Ballinakill the memory of her beloved mother Deborah Shirley of Knockabranna who dept. this life March 25th 1845 aged 72". Perhaps the reason John's name is not on the tombstone is because he is buried with his first wife (if he had a first wife) in some other Parish.

1. Thomas m. Catherine. No known facts. He was dead at the time of the will of 1836.
2. Mary m. John Walters July 27, 1801 in Old Leighlin church.
3. Anne m. George Willoughby May 31, 1803
4. Abraham
5. John (of Bracken).
[His daughter Euphemia married John Shirley of Knockabranna, son of Annesley. They are Ann's Great Grandparents].
6. Paul In 1847, Paul lived in Coon East on a farm of 172 acres.
7. Margaret m. James Butler.
In 1805, John Shirley of Knockabrannar leased 13 acres in Belmont to Edward Butler of coonfile. The lease was for a term of forty two years, or for the life of James Butler, the eldest son of Edmund Butler the lessee.
8. James
9. Annesley m. Elizabeth Walters
[Their daughter, Deborah, married John, son of John, above...#5].
10. Robert
11. Edward
12. Sarah m. John O'Neill

This has been very exciting working with Ann and following the happenings that have surfaced since Dec. 1987 NEWS. At times I felt it was better than the soap operas on television! See what we can do as a world wide network of Shirleys working to help one another??? This could happen to you! SEND YOUR INFO AND STORIES!

1836 WILL OF JOHN SHIRLEY OF IRELAND

The last will and Testament of John Shirley Knockabrannar in Parish of Old Leighlin drawn up at my request October the 6th of 1836.

I John Shirley being in perfect possession of all my faculties and now wishing to make a final settlement of all my earthly affairs do of my own free will and choice make the following divisions of all my property and wish that same should remain unchanged and binding on all concerned and I John Shirley do will and bequeath to my wife Deborah Shirley and my Son Abraham Shirley my farm which I now hold in Knockabrannar together with all my stock in cattle and all other property that may be thereon at my death to be equally possessed and held by same Deborah Shirley my wife and same Abraham Shirley my son, I further will that if my wife Deborah Shirley should at any further time wish to separate or live distinct from same Abraham my son, that she Deborah Shirley be entitled to half of whatever stock and of all other property within and without, which at time of separation may exist. And also I will that she Deborah Shirley shall at such separation be entitled to half of my present farm in Knockabrannar. I further will that after the death of my wife Deborah Shirley that all the stock and other property then existing together with the whole of my farm be the sole and property and possession of my son Abraham Shirley. I further will that my wife Deborah Shirley and my son Abraham Shirley pay conjointly the annual of four pounds to Catherine Shirley widow of my son Thomas Shirley, and that same sum of four pounds be paid to same Catherine Shirley during the existence of the present lease. I further will that my son Ansley Shirley and Catherine Shirley widow of my son Thomas Shirley should hold undisturbed their present farms in the same manner as they now hold and possess them. I further will and bequeath to my son Abraham Shirley the profit rent now arising from Kilfoyle's farm in Coon, being eight pounds ten shillings annually to be possessed by same Abraham Shirley during the continuance of same forever. I further will that Paul Shirley my son the present occupier of same farm in Coon is not to be disturbed from its possession by my son Abraham Shirley or any person representing him provided the annyal interest of eight pounds ten shillings be paid regularly. I further will and bequeath to my son John

Shirley of Brackin the whole interest in and arising from my farm near Mount Melick known by name of Bog Farm. I further will and bequeath to John Shirley son of Ansley Shirley the sum of twenty pounds to be paid by my son John Shirley out of the Bog Farm in four different and equal payments, six months intervening between each payment. I further will and bequeath to my son Ansley Shirley all the interest arising from the Gowrawn farm in Coon also known by the name of John Bradley's farm. I further will that when the interest of my son John Shirley shall cease in the Bog farm the life thereof having fallen, that same John Shirley shall have equal share with my son Ansley Shirley in the interest arising from the Gowrawn Alias Bradley farm in Coon, this only to commence its interest when interest in the Bog farm ceases. I further will and bequeath to my daughter Margaret wife of James Butler the sum of ten pounds to be paid same Margaret by my son Ansley Shirley at the expiration of one year from the day of my death. I further will and bequeath to me son James Shirley of Ridge the annual interest arising from the holdings of Martin Kealey, John Tales, Michael Connors and Patrick Walshe, to be possessed and enjoyed by same James Shirley as long as same interest continues. I further will that if my son Abraham Shirley now unmarried should take as wife a person who is member of the Church of Rome that no part of the property herein by me bequeathed to him shall be his. That such an act shall disentitle him to the possession of any part of my property and the property thus forfeited be equally divided between my sons Paul Shirley.- I John Shirley being in possession of all my faculties and understanding unimpaired, and directing every and all distributions of property as herein expressed I sign this as my last will and testament.

Oct 6th 1836

his

John X Shirley

mark

Witness present

Mirtin Kealey

Thomas Morak

Robert Baker

[A copy of John Shirleys will, eldest son of Thomas Shirley in lease of 1766].



ANN NOSOV of CANADA at SHIRLEY CONVENTION
in Williamsburg, Virginia 1987



Member, GRAHAM SHIRLEYS FAMILY GATHERING, DAVIDSON
PARK, SYDNEY AUSTRALIA, MARCH 27, 1988...*Nice looking
group of Shirleys! I'm looking forward to meeting you!*

Interesting Facts About
SHIRLEY PLANTATION AND
the CARTER & SHIRLEYS.

[from: Shirley's in Maryland
and Virginia 1600's and 1700's
by Betty Shirley].

The Shirley Plantation was established in 1613 by Lord Delaware West, son-in-law of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder of Wiston in Sussex, England.

Colonel Edward Hill came into possession of the Shirley Plantation in 1660 and it remained in the Hill family until the third Edward Hill gave it to his daughter, Elizabeth, when she married John Carter, son of King Carter, and Shirley has remained in the Carter family since 1723.

Edward Hill I was granted 450 acres in Charles City County, Virginia for personal adventure and transportation of 8 people. He was commissioned in 1645 by Governor Berkeley to travel to Maryland and demand the return of certain Virginians who had taken up land illegally.

Apparently, Hill and Governor Calvert of Maryland had an agreement to protect Lord Baltimore's interest in the colony while the Governor hurried to Virginia on business. Hill was to be compensated for his services and Gov. Calvert signed a commission to Capt. Hill "deputing and appointing him Gov. of the Province of Maryland" in his absence.

Hill was not immediately compensated after his return to Virginia. He waited for his money which was slow in coming. Suddenly, Gov. Calvert died and the executor of his estate, Margaret Brent, settled the debt promptly.

In 1647, Edward Hill lived at Westover and by 1655, a deed for 60 acres of land in Charles City County refers to him as Edward Hill of Shirley Hundred. In 1660, Colonel Edward Hill patented 416 acres within the boundaries of Shirley Hundred, including the site on which the present mansion now stands.

Edward Hill II inherited the Shirley Plantation when his father died in 1663. Lord Culpeper stated he knew Edward Hill since his youth. Edward Hill II married Tabitha Custis, widow of General John Custis of Arlington, Virginia.

Edward Hill III inherited the Shirley Plantation when his father died in 1700. He married Elizabeth Williams. He had a cricket court on his lawn at Shirley where Governor Spotswood played cricket as well as other notables of the day.

Edward Hill III was the father of Elizabeth Hill who married John Carter, son of King Carter. Edward Hill gave Shirley Plantation to Elizabeth as a wedding present.

*Charles Carter, son of Eliz. Hill and John Carter, was the father of 23 children. One of these children was Ann Carter born in 1773. She married Lightfoot Harry Lee.

Lee was a widower with several children. He was twice Ann Carter's age and her father was not much in favor of this romance.

Thomas Jefferson had offered an ambassadorship to Lee to France but Lee declined the appointment and this apparently smoothed the way to the marriage as the wedding took place at "Shirley".

Their fourth son was ROBERT E. LEE who was born January 19, 1807. He later became the famous General Robert E. Lee.

The father of King Carter was John Carter who with his brother, Thomas Carter, emigrated to America about 1649 and settled in upper Norfolk County Virginia. (Thomas Carter married Katherine Dale, daughter of Edward Dale).

John Carter married 5 times, the fifth being to Elizabeth Shirley, a spinster of Gloucester Co. Virginia.

John Carter's fourth wife was the mother of King Carter. Thus, Elizabeth Shirley was the step mother of King Carter who's son married Eliz. Hill and they inherited Shirley Plantation!

Margaret Brent and her brother, Giles Brent came from England to Maryland in 1638. By 1651, they migrated to what is now known as Northumberland Co. Va. They had become weary of the bickerings of the Puritans of Maryland. They brought into Northumberland Co. many Marylanders upon whose headrights a great amount of land was granted, being more than 15,000 acres.

In Westmoreland Co. Va. 1660, Giles Brent signs as witness with Robert Sherley.

*Charles Carter married Anne Butler Moore, daughter of Ann Catherine Spotswood and Colonel Bernard Moore. (Ann was the daughter of Governor Spotswood of Virginia).

from Northumberland Co. order books...

1666-1678 page 20

Sept. 8, 1668, Charles Shirley, servitude to Captain Edward Lyster, is adjudged by ye court to be 16 years of age and ordered to serve his said Master according to law.

1678-1698 page 322

January 20, 1685 Jane Shirley, servant to Mr. Peter Presley, Jr., having a bastard child in ye time of her service- it is ordered that she serve her said master for her said offence according to act and her punishment remitted, her said master paying ye fine, and the said Mr. Presley bring Joseph Walker (who ye said wence hath sworne is ye father of ye sd. child) to ye next court.

from Virginia Colonial Abstracts- Series 2 Vol. 1 Northumberland Co. Va.

1678-1713 Lindsay O. Duvall
pg. 98. Sept. 27, 1704

Certificate to George Eskridge for 1000 acres land for transporting Archebald Shirsly (among many others).

pg. 104 March 21, 1705 Cerificate to George Eskridge for 1,050 acres land for transporting Jane Shirley (among others).

DANIEL SHIRLEY b. March 24, 1717 in St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland County Virginia. He died there 1768.

He was the son of John Shirley who died about 1738 Northumberland Co. and John appears to be the son of Thomas Shirley who died in 1696 in Northumberland Co. Va.

Children of Daniel...

1. John b. Aug. 16, 1741
2. James b. Aug. 22, 1745
3. Richard b. July 12, 1746
4. Judith b. Sept. 6, 1751
5. Daniel b. May 1, 1754 to Dan. & Martha
6. Jane b. Jan 4, 1758 to Dan. & Martha

from Northumberland Co. Order bk 1767-70

pg. 315 Nov. 14, 1768 Ellis Harcum, William Harcum and John Wornom by the Court appointed to settle Thomas Reid's account of his Administration of the estate of DANIEL SHURLEY, dec'd, and possess Lishey Shurley, the widow, with her part there of, and also with George Shurley's part.

She first giving Bond with security to pay a proportionable part of the debts that may come against the said estate, and make report thereof to the County.

Ibid.

pg. 317 Nov. 14, 1768 Judith Shurley, orphan of Daniel Shurley, dec'd, made choice of Richard Rice for her Guardian who is approved by the court; He, the said Richard, together with John Rout and Neddy Barnes, his security, having entered into and acknowledged Bond for the estate of the said orphan in penalty of 100 pounds.

from Northumberland Co. record bk. #12 1783-1785 page 7

Will of Elizabeth Rice of Northumberland Co.

To son Charles Rice, my tract of land whereon I now live, to him and and the lawfully begotten heirs of his body, And he giving his sister ELISHEY SHURLEY, a home on the said land during her widowhood.

wit. Wm. Penly Rice Exors. Friend, Wm.
Elishey Shurley Thomas, Sr. and son,
James Shurley Charles Rice
Wm. Bearcroft

Northumberland Co. order book 1743-1749

page 518 Sept 1749 The land given to Elizabeth, wife of John Reaves' by her father, Edward Sanders, dec'd., divided according to the will of the said John Reaves between his two daughters. DANIEL SHIRLEY and Elizabeth Pew receiving their parts.

Northumberland Co. Record Book #8 1770-72

pg. 255 March 11, 1771 I, John Sheirley of Northumberland Co. do owe and stand justly indebted unto Elisha Harcum in the just sum of 200 pounds current money of Virginia; and that whereas the said John Shearley has bargained and sold unto Elisha Harcum one tract of land containing 100 acres, the said land lying in the said county of Northumberland and in St. Stephen's Parish on the north side of Great Wiccomico River near the ferry for which the said Elisha Harcum is to pay 80 pounds current money in two different payments. Now the said Elisha Harcum shall appoint and make a true and just title to the same and pay all costs that shall arise from the same.

wit; Thomas Gill
Simon White

John Shirley
Recorded June 10, 1771

Northumberland Co. Va. Record bk. #13

1785-1787 page 243 May 15, 1786

John Shearly of Norfolk Co. to John Coles of Northumberland Co. for the sum of 150 pounds current money of the state - 100 acres land lying in the Parish of St. Stephens Parishon Great Wiccomoco River near Taylor's Ferry, bounded at a corner cedar post of Elizabeth Keeve and a line of Moses Taylor, thence along Royston Betts' line. thence along the said Coles, thence beginning, including the quantity of 100 acres and if not that quantity, to be made up to the said Cole's out of Captain Sanders' patent which was first granted, with all houses, gardens, orchards, ou: buildings, etc...

John Sharley X

Wit: Thomas Betts
John Cottrell
Cuthbert Harcym
John Webb

NOTE:

This appears to be John Shirley, son of Daniel.

In the special Tax list of Virginia 1782-1787, John and Daniel Shirley are listed in Norfolk Co. Va.

Daniel is listed with 5 people in the district from Edmond's Hill to Princess Anne and Carolina lines as far as the Northwest River.

Could they be.....the sons of Daniel Shurley who died in Northumberland Co. in 1768?

Daniel Shurley of Norfolk Co. Va. was living in the adjoining county of Princess Anne as of 1814. His will reveals he still owned a large tract of land in Norfolk Co. Va.

THIS DANIEL SHURLEY WAS THE GREAT GRANDFATHER OF O. HENRY.

JOHN SHURLEY b. ca. 1671 and d. 1738 in Northumberland Co. Va. His children on the St. Stephens Parish records are:

1. Ann b. July 31, 1706
 2. John b. Sept 24, 1708
 3. Grace b. Feb 17, 1710
 4. Joseph b. _____
 5. Elizabeth b. _____
 6. Daniel b. Mar 24, 1717
- (cont.)

7. Newman b. FEB 11, 1719

8. Argaland b. Apr 17, 1721

9. Mary b. Aug 1, 1722

JOHN SHURLEY's Will...Northumberland bk p. 7

To my son John Shurley and lawfully begotten heirs of his body - my home plantation.

To my son Daniel Shurley and the lawfully begotten heirs of his body - all my lands at the Coach Road adjoining to the lands of my brother, Richard Shurley, dec'd.

To my son John Shurley-one feather bed and furniture.

To my son Daniel Shurley-one feather bed and furniture.

To my son Argaland Shurley- one feather bed and furniture. To my son Joseph- same...

To my daughter Grace- one feather bed and furniture.

To my daughter Elizabeth-one feather bed and furniture.

The rest of my estate to be divided equally between the above children.

Executor: Son, John Shurley

Wit. John Foushee

Will written Jan 17, 1737

Probated April 10, 1738

Note: No wife mentioned. Also the only sons mentioned are John (who died in 1742), Daniel, Argaland and Joseph. The other sons must have died before their father.

Ibid. page 29 May 4, 1738 appraisment of the estate of John Shirley, dec'd granted by the court by request of John Shirley, Jr., Exor.

Recorded May 8, 1738

Included live stock, furniture, violin, tools etc..

Appraisers: James Farned, Edward Barnes and Robert Clark, Jr.

John Shurley, Jr. will recorded in book 1738-43 of Northumberland Co. Va. page 169

To my wife Betty Shirly and the child she is now with- all my movable estate of any kind whatsoever to be equally divided and if the child should die - its part to go to my brother Archland Shirly.

Wit: Peter Beacroft W.W. Mar 30, 1742

Susan Greenstead W.P. Apr 12, 1742

Robert Clark, Jr.

Note from researcher:

At the probate, Susan Greenstead is listed as Susanna Shirley.

Ibid. Cont....

STAFFORDSHIRE SHIRLEYS

Charles Shirley born ca. 1828 Bucknall
died June 26, 1860 Bagnall, Stafford.
Married Alice Williamson.

Children

1. Sarah Ann b. Feb. 26, 1844 Bucknall
m. William AVerill
2. Olive b. Jan 3, 1846
3. Hannah b. Feb. 13, 1848
4. Joseph b. April 2, 1850
d. June 6, 1928 Hanley, Staff.
m. Lavinia Harvey

Children

- (1). Mary Eliz. b. May 25, 1875
Abbey Hulton, Staff.
m. Frederic Shipley May 4, 1898
 - (2). Sarah Ann b. ca. 1877
 - (3). Annie b. April 25, 1880 d. 1911
m. George Wm. Charlesworth
 - (4). Harry b. Aug 14, 1882 Hanley
 - (5). Alice b. Feb 15, 1884 Hanley
 - (6). Alfred b. May 17, 1886 Hanley
m. Edith Fletcher
 - (7). Charles b. Sept 19, 1888 Hanley
m. Eliz. Blair Crabtree
 - (8). Joseph b. July 4, 1891 Hanley
m. Grace McKenzie
 - (9). Olive b. March 10, 1893
m. Charles C. Peck
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5. William b. ca. 1852
 6. Charles b. ca. 1853

From your editor...

This issue is late and I apologize for that! However, you will see that I have enclosed the current issue also, catching up and now having everything done currently. Most of the mail has been answered except for about a half dozen letters and they will have an answer on the way pronto!

Thank you for your patience during our first year of being an International organization. It has taken some time to get the records and a system established and it is taking some time to sort of

get familiar with the shires/counties (I have a hard time calling these area shires...in the USA we call them counties). Then you add the hundreds of or maybe I should say thousands of villages and towns and Parish Churches to this... It leaves me light headed sometimes. It is more difficult to get familiarized with than I thought. I AM working on it. And...I am referring to England! Ireland is another matter. I am just starting to study the maps and try to get the first stage covered in learning the larger vicinities. I am doing pretty good with New Zealand...and OK with Australia and OK with Canada. But it is most difficult.

Please read about my travel plans in the SIXTH EDITION OF THE NEWS! Yes, I am making plans to travel in 1989 and I am coming to New Zealand, Australia and to England!

Have you enjoyed the Shirleys News??? Do you enjoy the old stories about the Shirleys? The photographs? The whole thing in general? What have you sent about your branch of the Shirleys? NOTHING!!! Shame! Now you go in there this week and start putting something together and send me! WE NEED MORE MATERIAL AS I HAVE SAID SEVERAL TIMES! To you who have been good...We thank you! I'll be waiting to hear from the rest of you SOON!

Have you shared your Shirley NEWS with your family? Please let your Shirley relatives know about the NEWS and encourage them to join this Association! We need the financial backing! This I am quite serious about. The more funds coming in will help accumulate a few extra dollars...or pounds, and we can get more research done and...write more letters to those in the other countries encouraging their participation in the Association. We must reach more people. Our funds are very limited...very very limited as we have not built up enough membership to have left over funds for these extra purposes. By my coming to these other countries, it is my hope that you will promote my visit and we can get more members. Their information could have family info that ties to your branch of the family. It can help us as we work to build this large net work of Shirleys. THANK YOU!!!

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