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Jerry Shirley on WNCX

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After Humble Pie drummer Jerry Shirley hammered out the last cymbal shot of a 1972 concert at the Akron Rubber Bowl, he was whisked away from the cheering throng to Akron-Fulton International Airport, where he blasted off into the evening sky in a chartered Lear jet.

When Shirley returned to Northeast Ohio to live in 1988, he was just another passenger on a Greyhound bus.

"I lit'rally had two pennies in me pocket," he recalled the other day. "Ah friend uh mine in New Yo'k loaned me the money to ge' on the bus."

I say, dear boy, not exactly the type of career progress you'd sit down and chart with the school guidance counselor, eh?

Shirley attributes his dire financial straits to a messy divorce. It didn't help, either, that Humble Pie had long since been reduced to a glorified bar band.

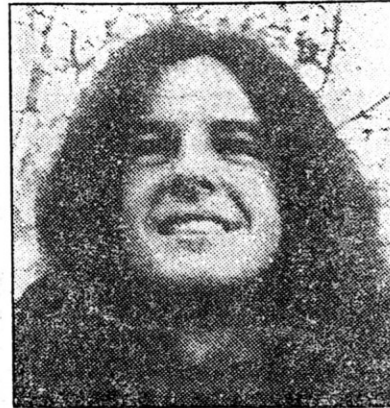
Things were almost to the point where *Thirty Days in the Hole* would have been an improvement. But the 38-year-old native of northern London has rallied faster than a hung-over drunk on a pub crawl. Since returning to Northeast Ohio to be with a woman he met here, he's gained a wife, a steady job and a house in the Cleveland suburb of Willoughby Hills.

If you listen to rock radio, you've undoubtedly heard him. He's the one with the cockney accent who can be found weekday evenings from 6 to 7 and Saturday mornings from 8 to 11 on Cleveland's WNCX (98.5-FM).

It's not just the accent that sets Shirley apart. He also offers an insider's view of the rock music world, much like a retired quarterback providing football insights from the TV broadcasting booth.

During this era of generic disc jockeys, Shirley is a gust of fresh air — even if his station sometimes seems on the verge of suffocating in rock oldies.

Have you ever vowed to hack apart your radio if you hear, say, Pink Floyd's *Time* just one more time? Well, it's amazing how a burned-out tune like that one can come back to



Jerry Shirley

... in 1972 photo

life when the DJ quotes from a recent conversation with his good buddy, Floyd guitarist David Gilmore, or offers an anecdote about how the song was written.

Naturally, Shirley would prefer to be the one still making millions on stage. But you do what you can. Between the radio gig and about 50 local shows a year — playing as the only original member of a re-formed Humble Pie — Shirley is doing right nicely, considering his status of just 18 months ago.

Go back 18 years, though, and it seems like a different life altogether.

The summer of '72 was the peak of Humble Pie's existence. *I Don't Need No Doctor* — a raucous, nine-minute, 20-second marathon of thumping drums and staccato vocals — had become the anthem for party animals nationwide, and many of the 18,000 at the Rubber Bowl that warm July evening came primarily to boogie to the Pie, rather than Black Sabbath, which had top billing. Humble Pie's forte was live performances — as Black Sabbath learned the hard way.

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Jerry Shirley

Thanks largely to the success of Woodstock three summers earlier, it was an era of big outdoor shows with multiple headliners. Shirley and company quickly gained a reputation as chaps you didn't want to follow — especially if you were a studio-oriented group such as Black Sabbath.

Not that Humble Pie did everything right.

Shortly after the band formed, it was invited to Woodstock, the festival that made even lousy bands rich and famous. But Humble Pie's manager — "in his infinite stupidity," as Shirley puts it — declined the invitation, much to the dismay of his players.

Upon receiving the offer, "We went, 'Wow, fabulous,'" Shirley says. "But (the manager) said, 'No, no, no. It's some bull--- thing in a cow field in the middle of nowhere. There will only be a few people there. . . . We want to maintain the supergroup status of the band.'"

What vision.

In spite of such tactical disasters, the band rode into the big time and won over even the most persnickety critics. Rolling Stone magazine, hardly a soft sell, gave Humble Pie's *Rockin' the Fillmore* album a four-star rating.

But the following year, Peter Frampton left the band for a solo career. Later Steve Marriott (previously of Small Faces fame) departed. The critics turned against the Pie. Their popularity crashed. The party was over.

By the time Shirley was riding Greyhounds, he had been in and out of a couple of bands, including an embarrassing re-formation of Badfinger. The spectacular outdoor stadium gigs of the past — he once played to 100,000 screaming fans in London's Hyde Park — had long since given way to dingy nightclubs. And Shirley had grown absolutely sick of life on the road.

Enter Richmond Heights native Cheryl Moore. She met Shirley three years ago at a Badfinger gig at the Sahara in Cleveland, and they hit it off im-

mediately. "We made each other laugh — all night long, as a matter of fact," Shirley tells a reporter, while the woman who became Mrs. Shirley in November rolls her eyes heavenward.

"We got to know each other, fell in love, and" — she interrupts him: "And now we're bored."

They laugh like newlyweds.

Shirley's employer is in a good mood these days, too. Just a week ago WNCX expanded his Saturday show from two hours to three.

The station proceeded with caution when Shirley's agent first approached program director Paul Ingles about putting Shirley on the air. The weeknight show was added only after a trial run on Saturdays. Ingles was understandably leery about dealing with a former big-time rocker, most of whom won't bowl you over with their work ethic.

The nightly *British Invasion* was added "once we had increased our confidence that he could do the job and *would* do the work, and wouldn't just be a lame rock star who showed up and didn't try hard," says Ingles.

Hey, no problem. This guy looks and acts like an insurance salesman. Clean-cut. Pleasant. Bubbly, even. Sure, his Humble Pie mates once set a guy on fire, but that was a long time ago, and the guy, who was crashing their groupie-laden suite at a Detroit hotel, probably deserved it. (He wasn't hurt.)

Shirley has stories galore, some of which can actually be told in family newspapers and on commercial radio stations. And it makes sense for a radio station to tap such a source. But unlike the ex-jocks in TV booths, very few rockers have settled into radio booths.

Former Kent resident Joe Walsh has a once-a-week show at a New York station. Turtles Flo and Eddie have one, too. But that's about it.

Faulty work habits aren't the only problem. As Shirley suggests, many rock stars are crummy conversationalists, mainly because they've never had to develop that skill to be popular.

"It's a very natural progression (from stage to radio), but because it's radio and you can't see the person, there is also a need to project some form of personality through your voice," Shirley notes. "A lot of rock 'n'

rollers are very introverted. I'm lucky in that I've never been shy of being an open-book-type person, to put it mildly."

That's for sure. He could probably sell new taxes to Republicans. What? Oh. Never mind.

Maybe Shirley's appealing, easygoing manner stems in part from his personal roller-coaster ride. Seeing the highest highs and the lowest lows tends to take the edge off. Yes, he did fall out of his chair during a newspaper interview, but we'll get to that in a minute.

Anyway, after all he's been through, Shirley is certainly not about to become rattled during a radio show. And his musical connections also pay off in an ability to gain access to normally inaccessible stars: Earlier this year, through a mutual friend in the business, he got an exclusive interview when Paul McCartney was playing in Indianapolis.

Tune in Shirley's show and you'll hear lots of other uncommon stuff, too. What other Cleveland jock would introduce a commercial by saying, "Time to plug some wares"? Or talk about the show's main sponsor as the company that makes "the dry beer with the real draught taste and no after-dodgy bits"?

Fun stuff. Just like when he fell out of his chair.

Here he is, sitting in the disc jockey lounge at WNCX's shiny new studios in the Halle Building in downtown Cleveland, right in the middle of one of his rambling monologues, when he falls right on his can.

The chair had rollers, he was deep in thought . . . hey, these things happen. And fortunately, at 5 feet 6 inches, he didn't have far to fall.

But Shirley's wife — who had oral surgery the day before and was having a hard time even talking — was reduced to hysterical laughter, endangering her stitches.

Most of the time, though, Shirley manages to stay seated long enough to finish his tales. And those stories are drawing an increasingly avid following.

Recently he was in a parts store, buying a gizmo for a radio. As soon as he opened his mouth, a clerk identified the voice. Shirley was delighted. Drummers, even in big-time groups, don't get much off-stage recognition — certainly not the kind given to singers and lead guitarists.

As Shirley said later to a colleague, "I'm more famous now than when I was famous."

GEORGE SHIRLEY BORN 1853 LONDON DIED AUSTRALIA

[Please see ninth edition page 1 and 2 of the Shirley NEWS and also first edition page 9 for previous information].

Since these articles appeared in the NEWS, further research was undertaken in England by a professional research company and the following is taken from that report.....the results sent to us by ISA member, Graham Shirley of Australia.

One of the unsolved problems that is baffling to this branch is about a statement written on the back of an old picture of the Bluecoat School, London in their possession. "My father George Shirley was educated here through the generosity of his great uncle, Earl Ferrers of Staunton Harold, Leicestershire, from 1861 to 1867".

From the report comes the following...

"We looked for references to George Shirley's school record at Christ's Hospital, where he was thought to have been educated from 1861. Records pertaining to the school and in some cases not even fully cataloged and therefore time consuming to research. Nevertheless the results of our efforts were interesting. We began with the Petitions for Entry. Here we found that John George Shirley petitioned for his son of the 14th March 1861 as a Chemist with a wife and six children. The reason for the petition was John's limited means. Birth and baptism dates were given as 5th September 1853 and the 7th October 1853 respectively. There was also in existence records of the proofs required such as certified statements by the Vicar and Churchwardens that George was the son of John and Ellen and that the parents were indeed married. We also found the following:

14th March 1861....George Shirley son of John George Shirley born the 5th September 1853 admitted from St. Stephen, Paddington, Middlesex.

6th June 1861.....Clothed, The Most Noble The Marquis of Bristol.

21st July 1868.....George Shirley is this day discharged from this Hospital for ever by his Father who resides at No. 2 Westbourne Grove, Bayswater and Will Provide for him.

The name of the Marquis of Bristol was recorded under the sponsorship section in both the Petition and reference to George's being "clothed".

A later report from the research company says..."After due consideration we believe that the Shirley family would be unlikely to have received educational backing from the Marquis of Bristol if they were so closely related to the Earl Ferrers....."

"We have seen from the census returns that John George Shirley was born St Brides in Middlesex about 1821-2 and from his marriage certificate that he was the son of Henry Shirley, gentleman."

SHIRLEY

Census 7 April 1861
 Public Record Office RG 9/2
 Kensington Registration District
 Paddington St. Mary Sub-District
 Enumeration District 11
 Trinity Ecclesiastical District
 Municipal Ward 1
 Paddington

f.153v p.8 no.45
 Westbourne Grove 1

John G Shirley	Head	Mar	39	Chemist & Druggist	London St Brides
Ellen Shirley	Wife	Do	35		Suffolk Burrow
Do Do	Daur	un	13	Scholar	Middlesex Marylebone
Sarah G Do	Do	Do	9	Do	Do Do
George Do	Son	Do	7	Do	Do Do
Stephen Do	Do	Do	5	Do	Islington Tollington Park
Mary G Sandles	Nurse	Do	28	Nurse	Berwick on tweed
Eliza Pickering	Serv	Do	24	Cook	Linconshire Cirby
Elizabeth Nobes	Do	Do	22	House Maid	Sumeretshire Shuscomb

The report goes on to give Henry Shirley b. ca. 1796 married Sarah Mortlock in 1818, & the father of Henry Shirley as Nicholas Shirley who married Rebecca Nettleford in 1785, and his father before him as another Nicholas who married Catherine Swain in 1748.

From your editor.....At this point I looked through my records I have so far, for England. I looked up the St Marylebone Parish records since John George Shirley had three children born there. I not only found these entries, I also found Nicholas and Rebecca Nettleford Shirley in 1787. Their daughter was christened then. The next interesting thing I found in the same Parish in the same time frame...1785, WASHINGTON SHIRLEY 8TH EARL FERRERS & his daughter was christened that year.

Now...where does this leave us? Did the Earl Ferrer help George Shirley? One of the Earl Ferrers was where his family was and certainly could have. There certainly has to be something to this family tradition!

PLEASE DIRECT YOUR INQUIRIES TO:

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PLEASE!!! Send us copies of old photographs of YOUR Shirleys taken 1800's or very early 1900, old letters that give insight into the times or about the family, old wills, etc. We NEED this items to keep the NEWS diversified and interesting. We have nearly exhausted the items in our files and I am appealing for these personal items about YOUR family! We could use some family stories too! Won't you please take the time NOW to look at your treasures and see what you can share with us? Those old photographs CAN be photo copied on Xerox copy machines and are exceptable. We loose from it alittle when we re-copy it again but...it is better than no photo!

OXFORD ENGLAND to NEW YORK

Letter to your editor from Susan Lederer June 30, 1989...

Dear Betty,

Last year, I wrote for information about Elizabeth Shirley, my 3rd great-grandmother. All I knew about her was she was born in England, she married a Thomas Burman and they had a daughter, Caroline, in New York.

You sent me a copy of marriage records for Oxford, England with a couple: THOMAS BURMAN & ELIZABETH SHIRLEY married in 1817. At the time, we both thought the year was too early. It looks like it's closer than we thought possible. I recently received a copy of the BURMAN Family History. It shows Elizabeth Shirley born Jan 11, 1796, married Thomas Burman in 1814. Thomas was born June 4, 1796 in Bloxham, England. They had six children in England, moved to MADISON COUNTY NEW YORK about 1830 and had four more children. Their ninth child was Caroline. It also states Elizabeth Shirley Burman died in 1875 in Wisconsin.

[The Oxford records were sent to me by Brian Mobley who was so generous to copy all of the Oxford records for us. Now you see how your help can assist us to help others so far away. **Thank you Brian.** If YOU have time and can cover a given area copying the Parish records, census, deaths and marriages etc., please know we would welcome YOUR help too! We have two other gentleman who have been very helpful in doing some work for us and I don't want to go without acknowledging that fact.]

FERRERS SHIRLEY of ENGLAND & MASSACHUSETTS

Ferrers Shirley born in England and died about 1775 in Massachusetts. He and his wife, Ann, came to America from England in 1755 and settled in Sudbury Massachusetts. Their son John was born Jan 1, 1755 on the vessel during the voyage. (from History of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire page 711) and from Boston records, they had a son Ferrers born in Boston in 1765. Tradition reports that Ferrers Shirley was a kinsman of Governor Shirley. His name seems to justify conjecture that he was an offshoot of the family of Shirley, Earl Ferrers.

Mrs. Sarah Soper Marshall Choate, daughter of Benjamin Soper Marshall and Ann Baker Oates of Rockport, Massachusetts testified that she was always confident of the tradition and appeals in confirmation to a splendid silk coat, highly ornamented with gold tissue which came to her father, Benjamin Soper Marshall from Ferrers Shirley, his stepfather.

Children by Ferrer Shirley and his first wife, Ann

WILLIAM SHIRLEY born ca. 1750 England. He married 1st Abigail Vickery and they had three sons. It appears they all died including Abigail. William married 2nd Annis Maley in 1777. Their children were:

1. Annis bp. April 26, 1778
2. Anna bp. June 6, 1781
3. Phares b. Nov 19, 1783
4. John b. Oct 29 or Nov 6, 1785 d. 1830 Salem, MA.

5. Sally, Nabby d. Feb 12, 1786
6. Mary d. Mar 30, 1785
7. Peggy June 5, 1791
8. Elizabeth Dec 15, 1799 d. Sept 23, 1803

JOHN SHIRLEY b. Jan 1, 1755, in Boston Massachusetts (born on shipboard enroute from England). He died Nov 23, 1848 Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire.

He married Submit Bogle in May 1780 at Sudbury Massachusetts.

While residing at Sudbury Massachusetts, John Shirley was a Minute-Man in the fall of 1774 in Captain John Nixon's Company and on April 19, 1775 marched on the alarm and served in Captain John Nixon and Captain David Moore's Companies. He was in the battle of Concord and served until May 1775 when he enlisted in Captain Edward Craft's Company and was in the battle of Bunker Hill. He served until March 1776.

January 1, 1777 he went on board the sloop "Elizabeth", Captain Uriah Atkins, and in March was captured by the British and put on the British ship "Phoenix" afterwards transferred to the prison ship "Withy" in New York Harbor and there were 370 people detained on this ship. Several weeks later he with 70 other prisoners was taken off and placed on the British Frigate "Flora", then to the prison whip in Newport Harbor. He was held until Aug 1777 when a cartel arrived and he was exchanged.

John Shirley returned to Sudbury Massachusetts where he remained until 1795 when he moved to Fitzwilliam New Hampshire.

Children of John and Submit...

1. Hannah July 13, 1781 d. 1823
2. William Mar 22, 1783 MA d. 1809
3. Elizabeth "Betsy" Feb 16, 1786 MA
4. Nancy May 29, 1788 MA m. Wm. Shove 1806
5. Mary B., Nov 30, 1790 MA
6. Sophia "Selma" Oct 31, 1793
7. Henry Mar 22, 1796
8. Benjamin Franklin Aug 18, 1798
9. Warren Aug 14, 1801

Ferrers Shirley married second to Elizabeth Soper Mar 28, 1761 Boston Massachusetts. She had married 1st to Zerrubabel Marshall then to Ferrers Shirley.

Child of Ferrers and Elizabeth were:

Phares Shirley b. June 20, 1765 Boston Massachusetts. He died May 20, 1848 in Homer New York and is buried in the Gleenwood Cemetery. His occupation was cabinet maker.

Phares was 11 years old when his father, Ferrers, died. His mother, now a widow for a second time, had three children: Benjamin Soper Marshall, and Mary Soper Marshall and Pares. She then married Henry Snow, a cabinet maker from Boston, and he died in two years. Phares was then 13. His mother married a fourth time to Luke Howell. She died in 1783 when Phares was 18. According to the will of Henry Snow, his stepfather, Phares (Farris) was living in Merrimac in 1778. Jan 15, 1789 he married Olive Chubbuck in Bedford New Hampshire.

Children of Phares and Olive were:

1. John b. 1790 Bedford New Hampshire

2. Isaac b. ca. 1792 Bedford New Hampshire
3. Ebenezer b.ca. 1794 Bedford New Hampshire
d. Nov 14, 1848 Homer, New York
4. son (?)
5. Cornelius April 7,, 1797 Bedford New Hampshire
d. June 11, 1866 Syracuse New York
6. David Atwood Oct 8, 1809 Bedford New Hampshire
d. July 23, 1882 Varysburg New York
m. Evaline Brant April 16, 1830 Hartland Vermont
7. Ezekiel b. ca. 1810 Bedford New Hampshire
m. Susan Johnson of Homer New York Ssept 30, 1827.
8. Clarissa Sept 7, 1811 d. 1886 Woodhull, New York.
m. Ichabod Leach in 1831

{see news paper clippings on Ferrers Shirley from a 1932 Transcript from Boston or New Hampshire in this issue of the NEWS}

Special recognition goes to Shirley Garvin who has been working on the New York Shirleys for me. I sent her what I had on N.Y. Shirleys, census records and etc. I referred several of our members to her who appeared to have ancestors in her area or some connection in some way to her family. This project has been on going for more than a year. We thank descendants of this group, for their family info used in this article.

THE ARTICLE BELOW WAS SENT BY OUR MEMBER JOHN SHIRLEY. CRAIG IS HIS BROTHER AND THEY DESCEND FROM JONATHON SHIRLEY OF TIOGA, NY. SEE THIS ARTICLE ON THE NEXT PAGE. THEIR FATHER WAS EDW. B. SHIRLEY FEB 26, 1930...ON THE LAST LINE OF THE LEFT COLUMN.

Local boy beats the Conservative drum for Vice President Bush

by Neil Driscoll

While all eyes are focusing on the last weeks of the local political campaigns, one former Syracusan's eyes are focusing on next year's and 1988's elections.

Craig Shirley, a former Valley resident and graduate of Corcoran High School, is playing a key role for Republicans in next year's congressional and Senate races and for Vice President George Bush's potential campaign for president in 1988.

Shirley is a political consultant to Bush and a number of conservative political organizations. He describes himself as a "Syracuse boy who has come to Washington to seek fame and fortune, but mostly fortune and work for the Conservative cause."

During the past 10 years, he has worked for Conservative/Republican candidates, causes and organizations including the Republican National Committee and The National Conservative Political Action Committee, the American Conservative Union and Arthur J. Finkelstein and Associates.

Finkelstein, by the way, is the pollster

for Republican mayoral candidate Roy Bernardi's campaign.

One of Shirley's most memorable statements came in 1984 when he explained the difficulty NCPAC had in reaching its financial goals — even though it raised \$14 million.

"Walter Mondale is hard to raise money against because our contributors don't take him seriously. We all would have done better if the presidential race would have been closer," Shirley said a few days prior to the election.

Shirley was in Michigan Wednesday night with Bush in his official capacity as a political consultant to the Political Action Committee, Fund For America's Future.

The PAC's purpose is to help achieve the adoption of President Reagan's programs by electing Republican candidates in 1986. Vice President Bush organized the committee in May and has the title of founder and honorary chairman.

Shirley in the past month has been carrying Bush's banner in the Washington press over the conservative infighting over who is more of a conservative,

George Bush or his potential rival for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988, Rep. Jack Kemp, R-Buffalo.

"I have a soft spot for George Bush because he flew the same plane as my uncle did (in World War II), a TBF-1 Avenger," said Shirley, jokingly explaining his motivation for supporting Bush.

A graduate of Springfield College in Mass., Shirley is the son of the late Edward Shirley, a Syracuse firefighter and conservative political activist who died in 1977.

His father and his mother, Barbara, were charter members of the Conservative Party, joining in 1961.

Shirley describes his family as "a pure political family" since his wife, Zorine, works for the Republican National Committee.

From the October 3, 1985
of the HEARLD-JOURNAL
Syracuse, New York

W., May 4, 1931. I quote from records and publications as follows, leaving the interpretation thereof to you. Ferrers Shirley and wife Ann came to this country from England in 1755 and settled in Sudbury, Mass. Their son John was born Jan. 1, 1755, on the vessel during the voyage. (History of Fitzwilliam, N. H., page 711.) John, son of Ferrers and Ann Shirley, was born Jan. 1, 1755. Ferrers Shirley and Eliza-

beth Marshall were married March 28, 1761. Elizabeth Shirley and Henry Snow were married Aug. 17, 1776. (Boston Record Com. Rep.) The will of Henry Snow, cabinetmaker of Boston, was dated Aug. 28, 1778, and probated Oct. 30, 1778. He gave his property to his wife Elizabeth and on her decease, if any real estate remained, one third was to go to his friend Thomas Phillips of Salem, mariner, one third to Ferris Shirley, an infant about thirteen years of age now living in Merimac, N. H., and the other third to Mary Soaper Marshall. Wife Elizabeth and Nathaniel Coverley were named executors (Suffolk Probate Case No. 16,731). Phares Shirley was married to Olive Chubbuck at Bedford, N. H., Jan. 15, 1789, by Rev. Jacob Burnap. (History of Bedford, N. H., page 738.) The family of Phares Shirley of Bedford, N. H., consisted of one female and one male under sixteen years. (U. S. census for New Hampshire, 1790.)

Elizabeth Soper, born about 1728, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Marshall) Soper, spent her life in Boston, Mass., and had four husbands. Her first husband was Zerubbabel Marshall, probably her first cousin. Their children were: Benjamin Soper Marshall, Feb. 21, 1754, and Mary Soper Marshall, Aug. 9, 1756. Benjamin Soper Marshall married in 1774 Ann Baker Oakes of Rockport, Mass., and had among his ten children Sarah Soper Marshall, Aug. 3, 1777, who married William Choate. Elizabeth Soper married, second, Ferrers Shirley at Boston, March 28, 1761, and they had one child, Ferrers Shirley, born in Boston 1765, who married previous to 1794, the name of his wife being unknown. He was living in 1808, a farmer in Londonderry, N. H., since which time nothing has been heard of him. "Tradition reports that Ferrers Shirley was a kinsman of Governor William Shirley. His name seems to justify the conjecture that he was an offshoot from the family of Shirley, Earl Ferrers. Whether it were so or not, I have no means of determining. I will only observe that Mrs. Sarah Soper (Marshall) Choate, of Rockport, who is now eighty-six years of age, has always made a confident statement of the tradition and appeals in confirmation to a splendid silk coat, highly ornamented with gold tissue which came to her father (Benjamin Soper Marshall) from Ferrers Shirley, his step-father."

Elizabeth Soper's third husband was Henry Snow by whom she had no children and her fourth husband was Luke Howell by whom she had no children. She died March 22, 1783, and the property left her by her third husband little more than paid the debts of the estate. (Condensed from The Giles Memorial, page 356, Vinton, 1804.)

Betsy Shirley, born Feb. 16, 1786, daughter of John and Submit (Bogle) Shirley of Fitzwilliam, N. H., married March 5, 1806, Benjamin Thompson; Holbrook of Swansey, N. H. (Hist. of Fitzwilliam, N. H., p. 711.)

I have not been able to identify Mary Thompson, second wife of Micah Holbrook, from any Worcester County probate, land or vital records. I suspect she was of the family of Benjamin and Martha Thompson whose children are recorded at Bellingham, Mass. In the same records is found the death of Benjamin Thompson of Gloucester (probably R. I.) July 4, 1788, and of his wife Martha Jan. —, 1783.

Benjamin Thompson evidently left a will which is probably on file at Providence, R. I. Some of his heirs conveyed their rights in two tracts of land in Uxbridge, Mass., to Micah Holbrook of Smithfield, R. I., on Oct. 6, 1788. This document contains the following names: Samuel, John, Roger and Ebenezer Thompson of Swansey, N. H.; Joanna, Mary, Martha, Rachel, Elizabeth, Jonathan and Eunice Thompson of Richmond, N. H.; heirs of Timothy Thompson, deceased; David Jillson of Richmond, N. H.; Daniel and Mary Carpenter; Rhoda, Thankful and Sarah Thompson; William and Martha Weeks; Enos and Elizabeth Holbrook of Richmond, N. H.; Jonathan and Anna Thompson. (Worcester Deeds v. 145 p. 337.)

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ANSWERS

1702. 6. SHIRLEY, SNOW, M. C. W., May 4, 1931, Jan. 25, 1932. The other day I picked up two original records which may contribute to the solution of your Shirley puzzle. Both are from Suffolk, Mass., Court records. The first is Case 172087 which is dated July 12, in the 33d. year of King George II (1760), and states that Ferrers Shirley of Boston, brewer, and Michael Sheppard of Boston, gunsmith, give bonds of five pounds each to secure the appearance of Anne Shirley, wife of Ferrers Shirley, at court the first Tuesday in October next to answer, etc.—and in the meantime—that she shall not defame Rebecca Flanagan. (Evidently some backyard quarrel.) This record settles the occupation of Ferrers Shirley and the approximate date of death of Anne Shirley, for Ferrers Shirley married Elizabeth Marshall (Boston records) March 28, 1761.

The second record, Case 90544, is a Boston warning by order of the Selectmen, and on the back of this order is the following: "Nov. 23d., 1771, Ferris Shirley a Bruer to traid, his wife named Elizabeth, his son named William Shirley they are all last living in New York come to town about 14 days ago. They are about having a house of Mr. Weld in Royal Exchange Lane. Warned in his majestys name to depart this town of Boston in 14 days." This record shows that Ferrers Shirley left Boston for a time after his marriage to Elizabeth Marshall. It also provides him with a third son, William, possibly one born in England, son John having been born on the voyage, Jan. 1, 1755, and son Ferrers being born in 1765.

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NOTE THIS CLIPPING WHERE MARKED!

TIOGA COUNTY NEW YORK

Jonathon Shirley born Nov 10, 1812 England of Owego, Tioga County New York names his heirs in his will of 1887.

He left no widow, but he left the following named persons, his children, _____ heirs at law and next of kin, viz: Nathaniel Shirley, Jonathon R. Shirley and your petitioner (Hannah E. Howe), residing in said town of Owego; Edward Shirley and Abbie Dolen residing in Susquehanna Pennsylvania; Charlotte Letts residing at _____ Missaukee Co. Michigan; Mary Ann Jayneresiding at Edgar, Clay Co. Nebraska and Samuel Shirley.

The said Samuel Shirley died in said town of Owego about the 12th day of July 1895, leaving _____ Janet Shirley, his widow, and Andrew L. Shirley, Cora Le Grand, Carrie Shirley, Jennie C. Shirley, Samuel J. Shirley, Abbie Winne, Mary M. Walters, Edwin Shirley, Oscar Shirley, Harry Shirley and Daisy Shirley. his children.proved in 1897.

1850 Census Tioga Co. New York

Jonathon Shirley	1813 England
Mary	1814 England
Mary Ann	1834 England
Abigail	1838 NEW YORK
Samuel	1840 N.Y.
Nathaniel	1842 N.Y.
Jonathon	1844 N.Y.
Ann	1845 N.Y.
William [Edwin/ Edward]	1849 N.Y. (yrs. estimated by age)

In 1855 census Long Island is the birthplace given for Samuel and Nathaniel.

Also note that in 1855 Edwin is the name used and shows him as 7 yrs.

Jonathon and Mary Shirley were married June 12, 1832.

From family records...

Edward William Shirley b. ca. 1847 d. 1935 married Mary Valentine and they were the parents of Edward William b. Aug. 1, 1885 Susquehanna, Pennsylvania. He married Cora Westbrook and were the parents of Ellsworth Westbrook b. Oct. 4, 1907 in Bradford, Pennsylvania. He married Georgia Abbott and they were the parents of Edward B. Shirley b. Feb. 26, 1930 Dorchester, Mass.

WORKED FOR ERIE OVER FIFTY YEARS

Edward W. Shirley of Church street, who will soon observe the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth, has the proud distinction of having served the Erie company fifty years and six months. At one time he had charge of all brass work on locomotives between Jersey City and Hornell. Years ago, Mr. Shirley was police chief in Susquehanna. In the past forty years, over three hundred good friends passed on to the "better world," and Mr. Shirley remembers the name of each and every one of them, and speaks of them with affection, remembering only their good deeds.

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Dr. E. W. Shirley Died Tuesday

Edward W. Shirley, former Chief of Police in Susquehanna, and one of the best known citizens in this section, died Tuesday night at his home in Susquehanna at 8:20 o'clock, at the age of 88 years.

Mr. Shirley was very well known in Forest City, Vandling and Carbondale. For many years he manufactured medicines and tonics which he personally distributed throughout this section. He was a physical giant and of commanding appearance. He became favorably known throughout this section as Dr. Shirley.

Surviving are his wife and two sons, Andrew J., at home; and E. W. Shirley, Jr., of Sayre. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Family records listed the death of Mother: Edeth Shirley died age 55 yrs on Feb. 22, 1840.

Edward B. Shirley before his death wrote several times to England to located this Edith...as well as he traveled to England in 1972. At last she was found

Edith Shirley wife of Jonathon Shirley, labourer. Died Feb. 23, 1840 at Dadford, Stowe, Buckingham Co. England.

MATERIAL SENT BY JOHN SHIRLEY

THANK YOU!

REWLATCH CHAPEL.

The history of Rewlatch chapel begins some 60 or so years before the chapel itself was built, with the conversion of Mrs. Mary Shirley.

An extract from 'A brief history of the rise and progress of Wesleyan Methodism in the Leek Circuit' by the Rev. J.B. Dyson, comments,

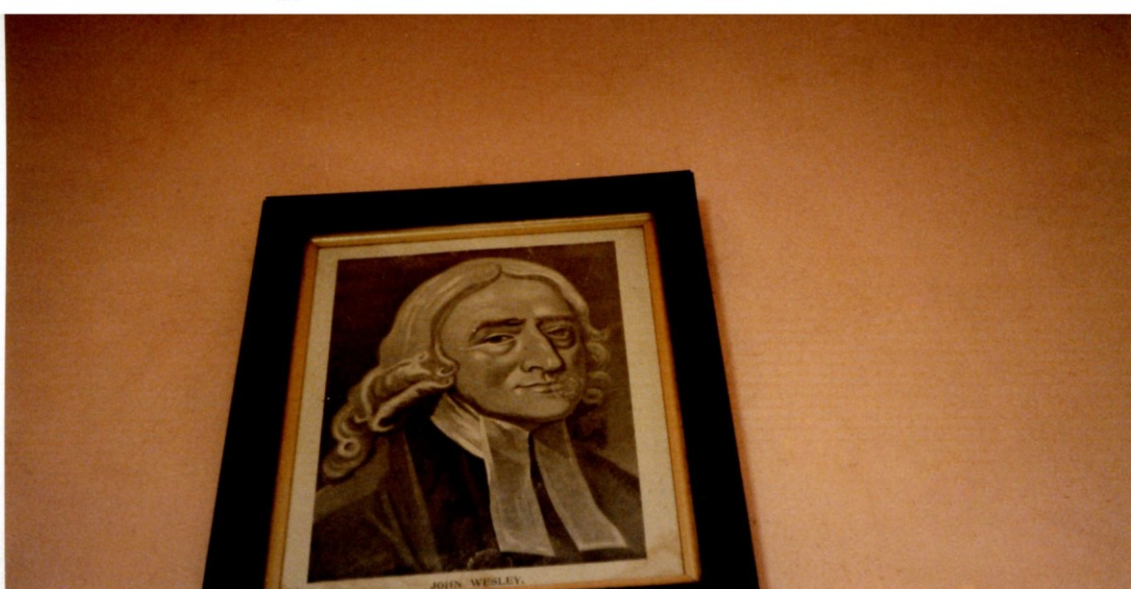
'Mrs. Mary Shirley was the means of carrying Methodism to this place. In 1785 or 6 she heard Mr. Thomas Warwick preach at Longnor. He took his stand on a horse block, which faced the Market Place. The owner of the block objected to its use for such a purpose, but overcome by the kind and benignant manner of the preacher, he suffered him to proceed. It seems a good impression was made on Mrs Shirley's mind and she with her family, began to attend preaching at Brown Hill. Shortly after this, her son Joseph, (late of Waterhouses) united with the society. His example was soon followed by his mother, who invited the preachers to Rewlatch, and fitted up a room in an empty house which stood on the premises, for preaching. A class was formed, consisting of Mrs. Shirley, her son, and two others. Mr. Joseph Shirley was appointed the leader. This was about 1789. An accident caused Mrs. Shirley to be confined to her room for many years, where, for her accommodation and profit, the class used to be regularly met. Her holy and exemplary life was brought to a sudden termination in 1821 in the 78th. year of her age.'

It would seem that numbers at the class meeting grew as more local people were invited and became convinced of the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ - so much so that they, with others, would decide to contribute their financial and practical resources and build a place of worship where they could all meet. The fabric of the chapel and the labour were freely given - we understand that the only bill was one for £100 for wood.

We had a great time visiting the local people here at the Chapel last year. We had a little sing inside also. The Chapel sits out in the country with a few farms nearby.

This information was placed in a folder for placing in the NEWS and I failed to write on the back as to who sent this. I would appreciate hearing from you!

David Bellomy is related to the Shirleys of this area.



TOP: Photo of John Wesley hanging over the door inside Rawlatch Chapel
CENTER: Photo taken inside Chapel during our visit there in 1989
LOWER: Photo of the local Shirleys outside the Chapel.

18 MONTHS OF RESEARCH DESTROYED BY CASUAL LETTER OF STRANGER

Elizabeth Shirley from
Indiana County
not ours

The first letter from Harold Weiss of Baltimore, Maryland to Michael J. Healy, editor of the *Steen Connection*, was a brief note requesting information about the Robert Shirley family of Indiana County, Pennsylvania. In his letter he provided new Shirley information that had been passed on to him by his mother and grandmother. His grandmother was a sister of the Elizabeth Shirley thought to have married Robert Steen.

Healy responded by sending Weiss some of the information he had in his files about the Shirley family. He also asked for additional information about Elizabeth Shirley, and then departed for the records offices, libraries, and graveyards of Northern Ireland.

Arriving in Belfast in the early afternoon of the day before halloween, he went straight to the Registrar's Office on Oxford Street to search out birth, marriage, and death records of Steen ancestors. In the first few minutes of his research he came across the birth record of Mary Jane Steen, second child of Robert and Elizabeth Shirley Steen. The birth of their second child in Ireland raised major questions about the birthplace of Elizabeth Shirley. Although it was possible that Robert Steen had returned to Ireland with his new wife, this new information when added to other knowledge of the Robert Steen family cast doubt on the origin of Elizabeth Shirley Steen.

The Records Were Convincing

The records that established Elizabeth Shirley of Indiana County, Pennsylvania as the wife of Robert Steen were:

- Her death certificate stated that she was born in Pennsylvania, that her father's name was Robert Shirley, and her mother's name was Mary Stewart.
- There was only one Robert Shirley in the entire state in 1850 and 1860 with a daughter named Elizabeth who was the proper age.

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- The 1870, 1880, and 1900 census records also indicate that she was from Pennsylvania.

On the basis of this information, Healy concluded that this was the Elizabeth Shirley that married Robert Steen. An obvious document that would resolve these questions is the marriage record of Robert Steen and Elizabeth Shirley. This important record has been sought without success in the courthouse of Indiana County, the archives of New Jersey, and the Registrar's offices in Limavady and Coleraine, Northern Ireland. The search will continue, but evidence that she was born in Ireland instead of Pennsylvania is becoming more persuasive:

- The name of Robert Shirley's wife on census records and deeds has always been Susannah. The assumption was that she was his second wife and that Mary Stewart, Elizabeth Shirley's mother, had died at an early age.
- Dr. Alexander Steen, first child of Robert and Elizabeth Steen, always claimed Ireland as his birth place. The book on the Steen family by Rev. Moses Steen was written in 1900 and states that Dr. Steen was born there.
- The cemeteries near the Steen farm in Northern Ireland are filled with Shirley's and Stewarts.

Second Letter From Weiss Confirms New Suspicions

The second letter from Harold Weiss was awaiting Healy on his return from Ireland. In that letter Weiss stated that his family's records show that Elizabeth Shirley married a Mr. Uncapher and that she died in 1914. Robert Steen's Elizabeth Shirley did neither, and the 18 months of research, the 5 trips to western Pennsylvania, and all of the information collected will be of greater interest to the Shirley's than the Steens.
