

ANNOUNCING THE 1991 NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION

**JUNE 22 & 23 1991
MANASSAS VIRGINIA**

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WALTER SHIRLEY DESCENDANTS REUNION

**FRIDAY JUNE 21, 1991
HILL TOP HOUSE
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Reunion is for the descendants of Walter Shirley who came to the Shenandoah Valley before 1745. Please bring family photos & memorabilia & invite family members to attend with you. If you would like to help in organizing this event or have any suggestions, please write or call your editor, Betty Shirley.

TIME: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Advanced reservations please! Also include a check for \$10 per person to cover cost of lunch and meeting room cost. Hill Top House is known for great chicken. If you need a place to stay overnight in this area, they have rooms too! Call: 304-535-2132.

LAURENS & SPARTANBURG COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA SHIRLEY REUNION

**FRIDAY JUNE 28 & SAT JUNE 29, 1991
HOLIDAY INN
Clinton South Carolina**

Write for details as to time etc. If you would like to help or have suggestions for this reunion, please contact Betty Shirley. Please bring your family photos and invite other family members. (Clinton is about 9 miles from the town of Laurens). We are making arrangements to have a speaker and guide.

HABERSHAM & RABUN COUNTY GEORGIA GATHERING

SUNDAY JUNE 30 1991

Plans for this gathering are still in the making. Details to time and exact location in this area will be sent upon request, after March 15th.

Write or call:

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REPORT ON RESEARCH TRIP TO KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA, IN JUNE 1990...INCLUDING OPINIONS... [BY YOUR EDITOR]

In the last issue of the NEWS I gave a detailed report on the places my niece, Barbara, and I went and what we did, etc... I also said we had gathered & copied material that stood about 6 inches high plus material we hand copied into our note books. A short time after returning home, I began receiving packages of research from a former member of a group we referred to as the colonial research committee. The group disbanded a few years ago when the head of the committee became seriously ill. The group consisted of a few excellent researchers who were descendants of the Shirleys and related families who had been active in research for years. The committee sent us reports from time to time as to their progress and occasionally some research data.

Recently a former member was looking through their packets of material which included copies of all correspondence between committee members and decided they should be sent to us as they may contain some material we didn't have and may save some money in hiring research in some of the areas. We thank this former member for sharing this material with us. I have found many items of info we did not have in our records and found Shirley data we had just researched on the trip in June 1990. We are pleased to have the material collected in 1990 from YOU, from those we met on our trip who shared their Shirley material, our own research & the data from the early colonial research group!

The question is: WHO'S WHO? and FROM WHERE?

It is my opinion, the Shirleys of St. Mary's County Maryland can be found in Northumberland and Westmoreland County Virginia. It appears to me this group of Shirleys went both inland to such counties as Spotsylvania, Prince William and Fauquier...just to name a few! Yet they also appear to have gone down to Norfolk County area of Virginia from Northumberland county. The same group of Shirleys can be found with descendants in South Carolina. I have followed the inroads and name associations of the other people who lived in and around the Shirleys whose names appear on deeds as witnesses or lived adjoining the Shirley property etc.

Now, to some South Carolina records. From the SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE Volume 74 page 204...

Thomas Shirley owned the sloop, *Betsey*, along with John McClaine and Edward Martin in 1762. Page 223, Thomas Shirley owned the sloop, *Experiment*, along with John Smyth, Robert Smyth and William Price, all merchants of Charleston, in 1771-1773. Page 224, Thomas Shirley and Edward Martin owned the brigantine, *Fanny*, in 1762-1763 in Charleston and also the schooner *Mary* in about 1762-1765. Page 245, Thomas Shirley owned the schooner *Mary* in 1767. Page 269, Thomas Shirley and Edward Martin owned the schooner, *Success*, in 1764 in Charleston. Page 258, Thomas Shirley, a merchant of Charleston, owned the brigantine, *Prince of Wales*, 1770.

Thomas Shirley is listed as a Mariner.

NOTE: Richard Shirley was listed as a worker on the water by the Sheriff of St Mary's County Maryland. (Archives of Maryland, Vol. XXV, f 597).

Richard Shirley as of Dec 7, 1776 was listed in the crew of the Sloop *Molley*, Thomas Conway, Commander. The *MOLLY* was a Sloop under the flag of the State of Maryland for the Defense of the Chesapeake Bay....MD State Papers, 1776, Series D, Box 2, Folder 2, item 6. (Sent by John Shirley of Annapolis, Md).

McCrary - S.C. under Royal Government, 1719-1776: On 22, July 1769 Thomas Sherley was in a list of Charleston inhabitants who held a meeting to protest something to the King.

In 1772 a Thomas Shirley is recorded on a branch of Roberts Creek of North Pacolet River in Fairfield Co. S.C. In 1791 Thomas is in Spartanburg Co. S.C. on Tygar River. William and Elizabeth Shirley are witnesses. Several times Thomas is recorded in deeds with other names as follows: Thomas Price, (he was also a merchant), Richard Cox, John Meadows, Aaron Pinson, John Skiggs, Joseph Wade and Richard Willis in Spartanburg County from 1791-1809.

Thomas Shirley signed as witness with names such as William Shirley and his wife Elizabeth, Ignatius Surley, (sometimes spelled Turley or Twiley), Tobias Bright, Joseph Meadows, Jesse Meadows, Zephniah Pinson.... etc.

Note the name Ignatius Surley. There is only one place we have seen that name...St. Marys County Maryland. I have not seen this name mentioned in any other group of Shirleys anywhere to date. While looking back for a moment at St Mary's Co. MD Shirleys...If this is indeed the Ignatius from there, (see April/May 1990 NEWS page 4 & 5), Bennett Shirley is thought to be a brother of Ignatius. Bennett Shirley served as a private in Capt Benj. Price's company from 1780 to 1782 and in Thomas Mason's company 1782 to 1783. Note the name of Price and Mason. These names appear in South Carolina with the Shirleys.

There was a Thomas Shirley who in 1774 lived near Society Hill in Darlington Co. S.C. They attended the Welsh Neck Baptist Church. If this is the same Thomas I cannot say at this time. (I doubt it). But for the record, thought I should add this here.

On the following pages you will find some examples of records. We have many more records but this will give you an idea of what we found. I hope to put everything we have along with the results of any additional info gathered from our trip to S.C. following the 1991 Shirley Convention in Virginia, into a book. This book should be available in the Fall of 1991.

Before going on to where the Shirleys of Fairfield, Laurens & Spartanburg County went later in the 1800's, let's go back to the first records of Shirleys in South Carolina.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA SURVEY & PLATS 1731-1776

1753	Catherine Sherley	Broad & Saluda Rivers (near present Columbia S.C.)
1756	Casper Shirley	Granville
1767	John Shurley	Craven
1768	Richard Sherley	Berkeley
1768	Robert Sherley	Colleton
1769	Robert Sherley	Granville (Memorial)
1771	George Shirley	Savannah River (nr. 96th Dist)
1772	Thomas Shirley	Craven

BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN NORTH CAROLINA & SOUTH CAROLINA

In the days of the King's rule, the proprietary colonies of NC & SC got into an argument over the boundary line between them. This argument or dispute lasted for years and when it was finally settled, some people who had been living in upper SC now found themselves in lower NC. So any records pertaining to early people in NC & SC should be searched in depositories in both NC & SC.

Today, deeds in Spartanburg Co. SC Courthouse sometimes locate land as in Tryon Co. NC. etc.

The "Old '96 District" of SC has been confusing for many, including myself. The '96 District was formed about 1785 & took in the counties of Abbeville, Edgefield, Laurens, Newberry, Pendleton (now the area of Anderson and Pickens Co.), Union & later Greenville (Washington).

Interesting Tid-bits! (from researcher for colonial group)

John Shirley was on a list of outlaws in about 1766 who roamed the back countries of SC. (from the SC Regulators - Brown, page 185)

Thomas Sherley served in the Cherokee War (1757-1760) under Col. Richard Richardson whose men were mainly from Camden District of Craven County.....(from SC Colonial Soldiers & Patriots)

NOTE: Camden is Camden District which was composed of the counties of York, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Richland, Claremont and Clarendon.

Thomas Sherley, (hunter), was in Col. Richardson and Capt. Leslie's outfit. (from Expedition to Fort Prince George 1759-1760).

1790 South Carolina:

'96 District.....	County	male over 16	& under 16	/females
	Abbeville Co.			
	Argey	1	1	6
	Benjamin	1	1	2
	James	1	3	3
	John	6	4	6
	John	1	1	2
	Richard	2	5	3
Cheraw Dist. of	Darlington Co.....			
	David	1	1	1
Camden Dist. of	Fairfield Co.....			
	Robert	1	2	1
'96.....	Spartanburg Co.			
	Thomas	2	3	5
	William	1	0	5
'96.....	Laurens Co.			
	John	4	1	12
'96.....	Newberry Co.			
	Thadius	1	2	1

(From Jemima Shirley)

1800 South CarolinaAbbeville County

Thomas born before 1755, Liddy born before 1755, Benjamin & Nipper born 1755-1774 and Joshua born 1774-1784

Darlington County

David born 1755-1774

Fairfield County

Robert born before 1755, John & Eli born 1774-1784

Laurens County

John born before 1755, John Jr. & Moses born 1755-1774

Spartanburg County

Thomas born before 1755 and Aaron born 1755-1774

Pendleton County

John born before 1755 and James born 1755-1774

From: Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Hayford, Vol 6 page 235...

William Sherley was born in Spartanburg District SC in 1790, son of William Shirley. His wife was Jane who was born in 1795.

This family moved to Ga. about 1820 and lived a few years in Warren County. About 1828 they moved to South Ga. & settled in Lowndes Co. in the portion detached and made into Echols Co. in 1858. William died in **Echols Co. Ga.** in 1867.

They were the parents of Thomas born 1813 SC who was living in Ware Co. Ga in 1840 & by 1857 he moved to Columbia Co. Florida. Margaret 1815 SC m. Wm. Wetherinton, Amelia (Millie) 1820 SC who married Wm. W. Johnson, Jesse G. 1823 Ga. & died in 1864, C.S. He m. Ann. Pollie 1828 Ga. d. single, William 1831 m. Martha Clemmons. William and his sons, Thomas and Jesse G. took part in the Indian War in this section in 1836-1840.

January 21, 1785 the state of SC granted Thomas Shirley 640 acres of land on 18 Mile Creek in the '96 District. In 1792 **Thomas Shirley sold this land to Bennett Combs who was from St. Mary's County Maryland.** Thomas Shirley moved to Rutherford Co. North Carolina & by 1811 he moved to White Co. TN. He is listed in the 1820 census for White County TN. as born before 1775, 2 males under 10 years. John appears in this census as born between 1774 & 1794 with 2 males under 10 years & 1 between 10 & 16. Isaiah appears as born before 1775 1 male under 10, 1 male between 10 & 16 & 1 between 16 & 26. Champanus Born between 1775 & 1794 with 1 male under 10, 2 between 10 & 16. (Census from Anne Bumpus). **Note:** Tax Payers 1778 Washington Co TN (incl. part of NC), Thomas, John, Edward and Robert Shurley.

from: SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF LOCATIONS NINETY-SIX DISTRICT AND SPARTANBURG DISTRICT 1786-1803 by: Horace E. Gilbert and Rodney Dusterhoft

Nov. 4, 1793, 240 acres to John Meadows in Spartanburg Co., on a small branch of Tygar River bound by lands of WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Andrew Thomson, Charles Burton, James Fearis, Abram Hemlsre, William Meadows, Joel Hemlsre, Aaron Pinson, and Tobias Bright.

Nov. 23, 1798, 306 acres to Andrew Thomson in Spartanburg Co., on the north side of the North Fork of Tygar River, bound by lands of WILLIAM SHERLY, Andrew Thomson, Alberties Bright, and N. Fork of the Tygar River.

Sept. 28, 1801, 600 acres to James Mc Millan in Spartanburg Co. on waters of Pacolet River and Oby Roberts Creek, bound by lands of Mayson, Neighbour, McWilliams, Bullock, Compley, ANDER SHERLY, Taylor, Miligan.....

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

SHURLEY

<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>
Eliz & Wm	Richard Cox	1792	Tygar River
William	James Skeggs	1791	Tygar River
William	John Meadows	1791	Tygar River
Isaac	John Means	1808	Tygar River
Aaron	John Ward	1809	Tract N " "
Thomas	Thomas Price	1809	Ferguson R.
Thomas	Thomas Price	1810	Floyds Crk.

SHIRLEY

John	John Gentury	1826	S. Tygar R
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SPARTANBURG COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA RECORDS

[From various books found in the Court House and Library]

1788 William Shurley, 450 acres on N.Fork of Tygar River....granted by Governor Thomas Pinckney.

1790 Thomas Shirley in census and one son over 16, 3 under 16 years of age. Wife was Millie.

1792 William Shurley, farmer and James Shurley, a yeoman, on Tygar River. In the 1790 census, William has no sons but does have 4 daughters.

1793 William Shurley, a planter, and Elizabeth to John Meadows.

1798 William and Elizabeth Shurley, to Richard Cox. Thomas Shurly and Isaac Philpot are mentioned in this record.

1802 Ignatius Shirley/Turley and Richard Surly/Turly....and it is written this way in the book.

1808 Isaac Shurley...mentions Isaac Crow and John Means.

1809 Thomas Shurley names his granddaughters....Matilda, Abigail and Cynthia WARD.

1809 Aaron Shurley on Tygar River...mentions Frances Ward deceased.

1810 Thomas Shurley, Thomas Price and Robert Shurley ...on Tygar River.

1817 Esther/Hester Shurly

1821 John Shirley...mentions Richard Gentry and widow King.

1826 John Surly/Shurley and Fanny his wife...Tygar River.

NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NAMES ABOVE ARE:

Jonathon Crow
James Nesbitt
Richard Gentry
Samuel Floyd
David Cook
Jesse Meadows
Zephniah Pinson

John Foster
Aaron Pinson
Obediah Edwards
Thomas Wright
James Barnett
Joseph Meadows
and more...

In deed book H page 74, January 21, 1802 ... John Whittmore (Spartanburg) to Thomas Price (same) for 65 Spanish milled dollars sold.....S. side of Fergeson's Creek, borders Allen Gentry, Obediah Gravel, James Southland and Samuel Floyd.

Witnessed by: Ignatious Twiley
Thomas Shirley

Recorded January 27, 1802

DEED BOOK

EDGEFIELD COUNTY S.C.

Pp. 48-51. 19 Oct 1787: WILLIAM DOBEY & NANCY, his wife, to ABSALOM SHEARLY, both of Ninety Six Dist. SC for 50 pounds, sold 250 acres originally granted 7 Aug 1786, being on the head of Couches Branch of Edisto. S/ WILLIAM DOBEY, NANCY (X) DOBEY. Wit: WM. MURPHEY, DANL. RITCHY, RICHARDSON (X) BARTLETT.

Pp. 213-219. 7 Aug 1789: THOMAS MOSELEY to JONATHAN RICHARDSON, both of Edgefield Co. SC for 75 pounds?, 150 acres being part of 547 acres originally granted 2 Oct 1786 unto JOHN HERNDON & conveyed by L&R unto THOMAS MOSELEY, being on Coins fork of Horse Creek adj. JOHN RANDOL. S/ THOMAS (T) MOSELY, PRISCILLA (J) MOSLY. Wit: NATHANIEL (X) SHEARLY, JOAB WOOTAN, who swore by oath 11 Jun 1793 before RICHARD TUTT, J.P. Rcd. 11 Jun 1793.

Pp. 371-374. 18 Sep 1794: ABSOLAM SHIRLEY to EPHRAIM FRANKLIN, both of Edgefield Co. SC for 40 pounds, sold 250 acres originally granted 7 Aug 1786 to WILLIAM DOBY & was assigned by WILLIAM DOOBY to ABSOLAM SHIRLEY, on head of Couches branch of South Edisto River including the plantation the said ABSOLAM SHIRLEY lives at the present date. S/ ABSOLOM (X) SHIRLEY, CLOEY (X) SHIRLEY. Wit: THOMAS FRANKLIN, RICHARD KNOWLES, BENJAMIN SUTTON, who swore by oath 6 Oct 1795 before VAN SWEARENGEN, J.P. Rcd. 13 Oct 1795.

Pp. 400-401. 29 Dec 1794: Bill of Sale: NATHANIEL SHEARLY to DANIEL PARKER, both of Edgefield Co. SC for 7 pounds, sold 4 cows, 1 heffer, 1 calf, 12 head of hogs, 2 beds & furniture, 2 pots, 6 plates, 3 basons & a dish, 1 spinning wheel, 1 bed stid, 1 chest, 1 powdering tub, 2 axes, 2 weeding hoes, 2 pates. S/ NATHANIEL (X) SHEARLY. Wit: PETER HARPER, who swore by oath 29 Dec 1794 before RICHARD TUTT, J.P. Rcd. 29 Dec 1794.

It appears some of the Shirleys of Spartanburg Co. SC. went to White County Tennessee. The Shirleys of White Co. went to Marion Co. TN, Jackson Co. Alabama, Cape Girardeau & Bollinger Co. Missouri, just to name a few of the areas they went to.

[See Oct 1982 NEWS page 11 and April 1983 NEWS page 7 & 8 and other past issues on Tennessee Shirleys]

LAURENS COUNTY SC

Date	grantee	Grantor	Location
<u>SHIRLEY/SHURLEY</u>			
1788	Archibald	*Dolly Walker	Walnut Creek
1812	Robert	Robert Shurley	Raburn Creek
1813	Bevely	Robert Shearly	-----
1831	Bevely	F.B. Walker	-----
1832	Eli	Wm. Middleton	Reedy Creek
(from books C page 53, L page 127 & 253, M page 243)			

* Dolly Walker of Burke County NC to Archibald Shirley of Laurens Co. SC for 5 pounds, 200 acres, part of 300 acre tract to Walker June 5, 1788 on Walnut Creek. Date Dec. 17, 1788.

NOTE: Archibald Shirley proved the will of Greenham Dodson Oct 8, 1776 and it was witnessed by Ajah (?Elijah) Shirley in Fauquier Co. VA. [from Wills & Inventories 1759-1800 page 80].

Archibald Shirley is listed on the 1777 Fauquier County Virginia Rent Rolls with James, Richard and John Shirley.

Sept 10, 1779 Archibald & Susannah joined the Broad Run Baptist Church, Fauquier Co. VA. and Oct of 1783 they were dismissed to go South. [Broad Run Baptist Church is very near the boarder of Prince William and Fauquier Co. VA. Archibald is listed on the 1783 list in Prince William Co. VA. ...1 Tithable, 3 horses, 5 heads of cattle. On the same list: William, Elijah, Richard, George, James & another Richard Shirley/Shurley. Only Richard & George are on the 1784 list].

Arge (Archibald), Thomas, Richard and John Shirley were among the members of the Turkey Creek Baptist Church when it was constituted in 1785 in Abbeville County SC near the Laurens County line.

Arge Shirley went from SC to Scott Co. Kentucky where he appears in the 1805 church records of The Great Crossing Church as well as James, Mary, Richard, Dorcas, Susannah (wife of Arge), William, Margaret and Ezekiel. The former paster of the Turkey Creek Baptist church in SC became the pastor of The Great Crossing Church in Kentucky. (William and Margaret Shirley were from Pennsylvania and part of my husbands Shirleys who were from St. Marys Co. MD originally).

The Shirley Association

To become a member of the Shirley Association, please send the name of your earliest Shirley ancestor, spouse name if you know, aproximate year of birth and most important is the county and state they lived. Enclose a check for \$20. Make check to:

The Shirley Asssociation
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To give some insight as to how the families moved around... take the Norris family of St Marys County MD as an example. They are related to the Shirleys.

John Norris born about 1650 is said to be the youngest son of the immigrant Norris. He married Susanah Heard. (His brother lived in Talbot and Baltimore Co. MD). Their son was...

- John Norris b. ca. 1680 St. Marys Co. MD, married Anne Wheatly
1. John Norris Jr was the father-in-law of IGNATIUS & ROBERT SHIRLEY.
 2. Luke Norris ...some of this family went to Mason Co KY
 3. Marke Norris m. Susannah Greenwell. One of their sons lived in Frederick and Washington Co. MD (where our branch of the Shirleys were in 1760's before going to PA. Our George Shirley born in 1761 married Ruhannah Norris), and a grandson went to Bracken Co. KY
 4. Thomas Norris m. Jane Greenwell and they had a son Ignatius Norris and a grandson Bennett Norris (b. ca. 1749)

NOTE: An interesting point...Bennett Shirley, Bennett Price and Bennett Combs. The Bennetts must be connected in some way. Bennett Combs associated with the Shirleys in SC and Bennett Price in VA. The name Price associated with Shirleys in SC and TN too!

[See the January 1990 NEWS page 9 for additional information about the Shirleys and Turkey Creek Baptist Church].

NOTE: The wife of Richard Shirley who had a royal land grant in 1768 in Berkeley County SC with Robert and Thomas...believed to be his sons, was Mary. Could she be Mary Graham? Richard & Mary Graham Shirley were in the records of Fairfax Co. Virginia 1749-1753 and no mention of them after that date in that county. It says in a family history by Jean Grigsby, Mary Shirley is last listed in the tax records of Loudoun Co. Va in 1763. (see Jan 1989 NEWS page 8).

It is believed by most of the Shirleys who have been doing Shirley research for years that the Richard who had the royal land grant in 1768 in Berkeley Co. SC is the one chr. in 1712 St. Stephens Parish in Northumberland Co. Va. His father was Richard chr. Aug 6, 1669 St Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co. VA and he had a brother John chr. 1671 St. Stephens Parish. Their father was Thomas who died in 1696 Northumberland Co. VA. It has been thought for years that this is the Thomas Shirley who came over on the Thomas & John from Gravesend England in 1635 by those involved in Shirley research before my time.

[It has been my thought that this is the Thomas Shirley who appears in the records of Westmoreland Co. VA in regards to being transported in 1662/63 as is Robert Shirley mentioned 1662/63 Westmoreland Co. VA. Westmoreland & Northumberland are adjoining counties. It has been my opinion this Robert Shirley is the same one who arrived in St. Marys Co. MD in 1634. He does not show up in any further records of that county. The colonial research committee wrote in one of their letters that Robert Shirley went back and forth to England several times. Maybe Thomas did too!....these are opinions only!].

Research data concerning Shirleys in Northumberland Co VA can be found in July 1987 NEWS Pages 6 & 7. Additional reading about the areas of VA & MD in the Oct NEWS pages 1 thru 7.

Back to the Laurens County South Carolina Shirleys... We'll try to trace the descendants of Richard Shirley born 1712 with the Royal land grants in Berkeley Co. SC in 1768. It appears he had three sons, Robert born about 1736 who married Jane, John born

Robert Shirley born about 1736, received a grant in Berkeley Co. SC 1768 on Beaverdam, a branch of Stephens Creek that is now in Edgefield Co. SC. He, his wife Jane, and his mother Mary, sold 350 acres of the original grant in Laurens Co. in 1775. In 1811, Robert Shirley of Fairfield Co. SC sold 150 acres to Robert Shirley...son of John Shirley of Laurens Co. SC. land on Raburn Creek. This was witnessed by Elijah and John Shirley.

Two Known sons of Robert born ca. 1736

1. John b. Jan 10, 1776 m. Mary Gwin Feb 16, 1797
 - (1) Miner 1797
 - (2) Robert 1802 d. 1854
 - (3) Sarah 1807
 - (4) Elijah 1809
 - (5) John 1811
 - (6) Caleb 1814
 - (7) Mary 1816
2. Elijah b. ca. 1768 married Nancy Gwin
(no info)

Back to Richard b. ca. 1712...His next son, **John Shirley** was born Aug 27, 1738 Culpeper Co. Va, according to the descendants of this branch. He also received a land grant on Raburn Creek in Berkeley Co. SC. His wife was Rebecca_____.

March 16, 1816 Letters of Adm. for the estate of John Shirley, deceased, was given to Robert Shirley. Those listed as purchasers at the sale were: David Anderson, Jacob Niswanger, **Birey Shirley**, James McPherson, Samuel Freeman, **John Shirley**, **Robert Shirley**, Thomas Adkins, Wm. McPherson, Jonathon Forgey, James Watson, George Elmore, **George Shirley**, **Aaron Shirley**, **Elizabeth Shirley**, Ebenezer Starnes. Martin Shaw, Ransom Fuller, John Harvey, Wm. West, Wm. Redden. Appraisal of the estate was by: Jacob Niswanger, James McPherson and William Moore.

The heirs and representatives of Rebecca Shirley who died intestate, owning land, being part of the 400 acres granted to one Richard Shirley. May 2, 1825 Laurens Co. SC Will book E page 170.

Moses Shirley, who had conveyed his interest to his nephew Bearley (Beverly) Shirley, Aaron, John, Barnby (?), Lydia, Jane, Elizabeth, Easter Shirley, Polly married to Graham Elmore, Sarah married to Wm. McPherson, Rebecca married to Elijah Elmore, Edy Wright widow of George Wright & Huldry married to George Elmore.

I do not see Robert Shirley who is a son of John and Rebecca, & the adm. of his fathers will. In a book written by Ethel Updike several years ago, she did not list his children. **Robert is in the 1790 & 1800 census of Fairfield Co. SC.**

In the 1790 Census of Laurens Co. SC. John [& Rebecca] are listed with 4 males over 16 & one under 16 and 12 females.

The 1800 Census of Laurens Co. SC is given on a previous page in this report.

The 1810 Census of Laurens Co. SC: (I am listing males only)

Aaron	2 male born 1800-1810, 1 male born 1794-1800, 1 male born 1765-1784.	John Sr.	4 male born 1800-1810 1 male born bef 1765
John Jr.	3 male born 1800-1810 2 male born 1795-1800 1 male born 1765-1784	Robert	3 male born 1800-1810 1 male born 1765-1784
Lydia	1 male born 1800-1810 1 male born 1794-1800		

[1810 Fairfield County SC: John & Elijah]

1820 Laurens Co. SC: (Males in household)

Aaron 3 male born 1810-1820
 1 male born 1804-1810
 1 male born 1802-1804
 1 male born 1794-1802
 1 male born before 1775

Beverly 1 male born 1810-1820
 1 male born 1775-1794

Eli 1 male born 1775-1794

John 2 male born 1810-1820
 2 Male born 1804-1810
 2 male born 1794-1802
 1 male born before 1775

Rebecca 1 male born 1810-1820
 4 male born 1804-1810
 (3 females ages 26-45)
 1 female over 45... Probably Rebecca and the females
 are probably daughters with children living with her.

[1820 Fairfield County SC: John Shirley]

(Only the ages of head of house will be given here)

In 1830 Laurens Co SC:

[List how many people in
 household in 1829 census]

Beverly ... born 1790-1800	8 people
Eliborn 1790-1800	7
Elihuborn 1800-1810	4
Esther born 1790-1800	3
Ezekiah ... born 1800-1810	5 (name is Hezekiah)
George born 1800-1810	3
Jane born 1780-1790	4 (name is given as Jana)
John born 1760-1770	10
Jonathon ...born 1790-1800	..(he is not listed in 1829)
Robert born 1770-1780	9
	3 Wright (not listed in 1830)

In 1840 Laurens Co. SC:

Elihu, George, Wright & John.

[1840 Fairfield Co SC: Elijah, J.W, (2) Johns, & S. Shirley]

In the **1810 census of Pendleton District SC**, (Anderson Co. was formed from part of Pendleton in 1826), **Moses 45+**. There are other Shirleys in the census & most descend from the Abbeville Co. S.C. Shirleys, (John and Richard Shirley)...written about in many previous issues of the NEWS.

Habersham Co. Ga. in 1820: **Moses** born before 1775, **Moses** born 1775-1794 and **Berryman** born 1794-1802.

Habersham Co. Ga in 1830: **Moses** born 1760-1770, **John** born 1800-1810 & **Riley** born 1800-1810.

Habersham Co. GA in 1840:

Aaron ...born 1770-1780
 Aaron ...born 1810-1820
 Moses ...born 1770-1780
 Moses ...born 1800-1810
 Hardy ...born 1810-1820
 Charles..born 1810-1820

Rabun Co. GA in 1840:

Berryman ...born 1790-1800
 Beverly ...born 1820-1825

[Rabun & Habersham Co adjoin]

Moses and Aaron Shirley are the sons of John and Rebecca Shirley as shown in the will of Rebecca in 1825...(Laurens Co. SC.).

In the last issue of the NEWS (July 1990 p. 2), an article was written about Berryman Shirley born in 1795 in SC. and died Alto GA in 1875. In the family history it states Berryman lived in Liberty in the Pendleton District of South Carolina before coming to Georgia.

A large number of Shirleys can be found in Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama. They came from Laurens Co. SC & Habersham/Rabun Co. GA.

In the 1830 census Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama**Joel**

The following list gives the first year found in the land records for: [Shirley]

1831	Jonathon (b. 1807 SC)	1848	Aaron
1832	Eli (b. 1797 SC) Joel (b. 1803 SC)	1849	Zebidee Jeremiah
1834	James Thomas	1854	Wiley Berry Wright
1835	Beverly Lewis	1855	Davis
1836	Robert	1860	Little Berry Robert Lee
1837	Moses		
1839	Rolen [Roland]		

The 1850 Census Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama

[Head of house & aprox. year & state of birth]

Biard 1827 SC, **Davis** 1826 SC, **Eli** 1797 SC, **James** 1810 SC, **Jeremiah** 1812 SC, **Joel** 1803 SC, **Jonathon** 1807 SC, **Lee B.** 1820 SC, **Moses** 1812 SC, **Wiley B.** 1825 SC, **Wright** 1808 SC, **Zebadie** 1826 SC, **Aaron** 1810 SC....and living in this household is **Robert** 1775 SC.

From a book written by our member Mildred Shirley

Their ancestor is Easter Shirley mentioned in the will of Rebecca Shirley, wife of John, of Laurens Co. SC. The name of her husband is unknown. Her children were: Hezikiah Shirley born 1805 SC., a daughter, (name unknown), and Mansfield Shirley. This family moved from Laurens Co. SC to Chambers Co. Alabama in 1833. Hezikiah received a land grant. They settled in a small community called Dudleyville near the Chambers and Tallapoosa County line. I found Mansford (Mansfield) Shirley living in Tallapoosa Co. Alabama in the 1850 census. He was born about 1823 SC. His mother, Ester b. ca. 1790 was living with him.

Shirley Association member, Catherine Poteat, descends from John & Rebecca Shirley of Laurens Co. SC through their daughter Edy who married George Wright III. His mother, Sarah, was the daughter of George Bowman & Mary Hite, who was the granddaughter of Yost Hite of Shenandoah Virginia. [Early researchers will recognize that name].

Edy was born about 1770. Her husband died about 1803. She lived Laurens Co. SC, Fayette and Meriwether Co. Georgia.

The census for Fairfield Co. SC has already been given. There are a few additional bits of information to add here about Shirleys in relation to Fairfield Co. SC.

In the January 1988 NEWS page 9...**Thomas Shirley born about 1760** gave a statement concerning his military service and where he has lived etc. He said he was living in Fairfield Co. SC in 1780 when he entered the service. He had resided in Davidson & McNairy Co. Tennessee, Clinton, Fayette & Jackson Co. Illinois since the Rev. War. In 1850 he was living in Washington Co. Mo. He also says he was born after his father died.

Thaddeus Shurley born about 1757 died York Co. SC Nov 20, 1840. He was 83 years, 3 months & 4 days old. He was a resident of Camden District SC, as shown by the census of 1810. His wife was Elizabeth and she died in York Co. SC in 1846. Their children:

Meredith

Ruth Ann m. Reuben Wright lived Davidson Co. NC, Putnam Co. Ind.

Elizabeth m. Mr. Wherry (Went to Tennessee)

Philemon b. ca. 1791 SC living in York Co. SC 1850 census

James

Elijah Clawson b. ca. 1798 SC, living in York Co. SC in 1850

Nancy m. Mr. Quick

Frances m. Mr. Perry

[Thaddeus, Meredith & Philimon are in the 1830 & 1840 census of York Co. SC].

Meredith Shurley was a school master and taught school in both York and Fairfield Co. SC.

John S. Shurley was a son of Meredith. He owned a plantation in Fairfield County on the road between Winnsboro and Columbia SC.

In the Oct 1980 Shirley NEWS page 5, an article in regards to a petition of the heirs of Championus Shurley, signed in 1808 Edgefield Co. SC by Absalom Shurley, Anna Aldridge and Jonathan Richardson.

Past issues of the NEWS have articles of interest pertaining to material written about in this issue. Here are a few to review.

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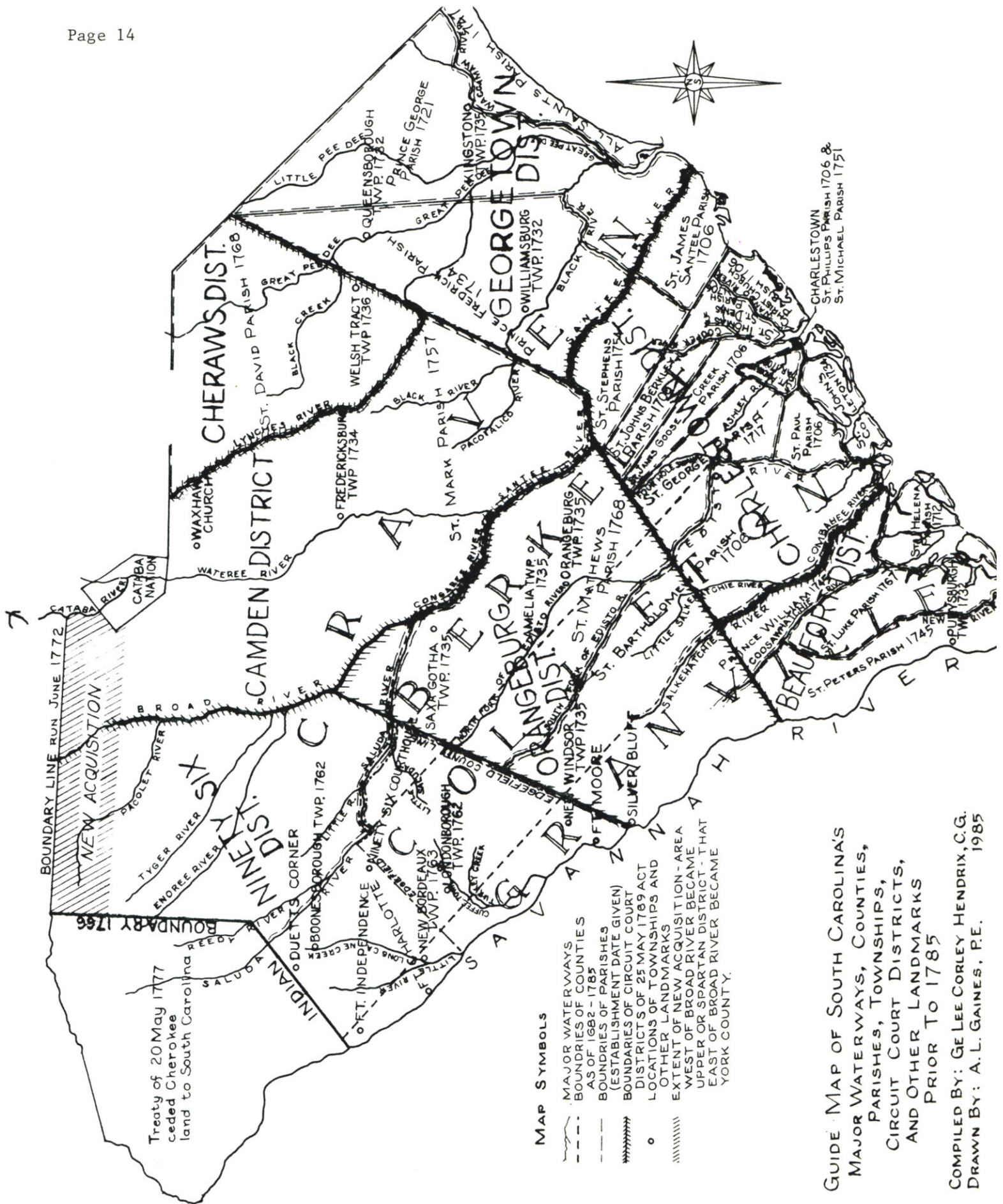
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There are probably others too! I have run out of space for this issue. I have spent days writing this article. I have been asked so many times if I could give some sense of direction about the SC Shirleys. I hope this issue will be of help to you.



GUIDE MAP OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S
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PARISHES, TOWNSHIPS,
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