



# FOLLOW UP ON THE SCHALLY/SHALLY ARTICLE IN SUMMER 1991 ISSUE OF SHIRLEY NEWS page 10!

From your editor...

I have been studying and working on this project for several days. I will attempt to write a summary of my study for the purpose of exposing some possible connections that could be enlightening for those who are working on these four branches of the Shirleys. I would encourage you to do some further study of your own.

On page 10 of the Summer 1991 issue of the Shirley NEWS, we asked if it were possible that Valentine, (wife Catherine Baer), Michael, (wife Katy Franz), Peter, (great grandfather of Belle Starr), Luke, (of Greene Co. Tennessee), were the children of Carl Shalle born 1700 Palatinate Germany. He arrived on the "Robert and Alice" in 1739 from Germany and lived in Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania. He had five sons, Johann Michael born 1732 Germany, Lucas born 1736 Germany, Johann Adam born 1739 Germany, Johann Peter born 1741 Lancaster County Pennsylvania, and Johann Valentine born 1743 Lancaster County Pennsylvania.

I have been studying the early Valentine Shirley info, paying close attention to the wife, Catherine Baer's, family. Her parents were Jacob Bar Jr., born Nov 15, 1724 Bern Switzerland and <u>Ann Barbara Mueller</u>. They moved to Rockingham County Virginia and Jacob was an elder in the Reformed church in Elkton, (Rockingham Co.), VA.

Jacob Bar Jr. was the son of Jacob Bar, Sr. born 1683 Hausen Switzerland. His brother, Hansely Bar b. 1682 Hausen was living in 1709 in Palatinate. Another brother, Hans Jagely Bar b. 1677 Hausen died in 1759 Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania.

<u>Ann Barbara Mueller</u> was the daughter of Adam Mueller born Nov. 17, 1703 Schreisheim Germany and he died Elkton, Rockingham County Virginia in 1783. He lived briefly in Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania before moving to VA.

Note: Carl Shally was born in Palatinate and the Bar/Baer family was there also and both are found in Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania.

In past issues of the Shirley NEWS we have already mentioned a possible relationship between Valentine, Peter and Michael Shirley. The three families lived in Augusta County Virginia in the latter 1700's. Michael and Peter went to Kentucky. Land was sold by one of Michael's children to one of Peter's children in Madison County Kentucky where they both lived.

In 1797 a suit was filed against Peter Scholley of Augusta Co. VA about ownership of a bay mare. The depositions in this suit show a Sally Argenbright living in Peter's house. Valentine's sister-in-law, Ann Baer, married George Argenbright and they had a daughter Sally who married George Ehrman in Rockingham Co. Va in 1802.

The wife of Michael Shirley was Katherine (Katy) Franz of Swiss

descent. Their grandson, George A.T, Shirley married Cornelia Baer, niece of the wife of Valentine Shirley.

I cannot give any proof that Valentine, Michael and Peter are related, but the circumstantial evidence suggests it.

Now...let's look at Lookabe (Lucas?) Shirley of Greene County Tennessee. His will is written under the name of Lookabe Shawley in 1792. He appears to have come from Pennsylvania as his son, George, was born in Pennsylvania and the family spoke German according to the descendants. Lookabe Shawley also had a son Adam. I said sometime ago that the name Adam suggested to me a relationship to the Valentine line since Valentine had a son Adam and this was the only early mention of this name that I knew of in the Shirley family. I also said that in Augusta Co. VA there was an Adam who I thought was to old to be Valentine's son, Adam, and mentioned that perhaps he was Valentine's brother. Carl Shally did have a son Adam. So, it could be this is the Adam if Carl is Valentine's father.

Valentine's son, John Shirley, lived in Grainger County Tennessee which is only a county away from Greene County.

Now to follow these Shirleys/Shallys alittle further...Adam Shirley son of Lookabe Shawley of Greene Co. Tennessee was the father of Martha Shirley who married Jacob Barnhart. (Barnhart came from Germany to PA then to Tennessee and Jacob's mother was a Huber/Hoover and they were also from Germany to PA to TN and a name connected to the Baer name in PA). Martha Shirley Barnhart and her father, Adam Shirley, moved to Miller County Missouri.

According to a letter from one of our former members, her ancestor was Frances Shirley, a widow, who married John J. Jarrett. (Frances was the widow of John Shirley of White County Tennessee). She wrote that the Jarretts were neighbors of Martha Barnhart in the 1860 census of Miller Co. Missouri. (Could there be a relationship between the Shirleys of White County Tennessee and those of Greene County Tennessee?). Frances Shirley's maiden name was MEADOWS. She lists her birthplace as South Carolina. We find the Shirley and Meadows names appearing together in Spartanburg Co. SC. (see Fall 1990 issue of the Shirley NEWS page 6 & 7).

Another connection that I should add in here comes from the April/May 1987 Shirley NEWS page 3, SWAFFORD AND SHIRLEYS OF TENNESSEE. Aaron Swafford born 1812 married Elizabeth Shirley. In 1840 they are to be found in Bledsoe County Tennessee and by 1860 they are in Miller County Missouri. Aaron's brother, James C. Swafford married Marie Ellen Shirley. They are living in Bledsoe Co. TN in 1850, moved to White Co. Tennessee where they lived until the early part of the Civil War, and then they moved to Ray County Missouri.

Michael and Katy Franz Shirley had a son, George who was born in 1770, living in Cooper County Missouri in the 1850 census as is Frederic Shirley born 1785 who is the son of Lookabe Shawley of Greene County Tennessee.

I have been studying the people of Switzerland and Germany who came to Lancaster County Pennsylvania in 1700's. I have talked

to those whom I consider to be very knowledgeable about these areas and I have been reading several books so that I may get a real feel for these people, their movements and relationships. I feel very strong that the 4 branches of the Shirleys are really those listed above and are Shally, Schally etc. It has taken alot for me to say this. I have not arrived at this statement without alot of study and thought. But the truth is what we are after! We would have it no other way. The circumstantial evidence and family connections are there. It cannot be denied and must be taken into consideration as you work these lines of Shirleys.

I have learned quite a bit about the Swiss coming into Germany and the reasons etc. in the early 1700's. Some came direct from Switzerland to Pennsylvania while others went to Germany first and then to Pennsylvania. I recommend getting some books and learning about this if you descend from one of the 4 branches mentioned above.

To our International members... I realize you may have difficulty following this, but a large number of Shirley Association members descend from these 4 Shirleys. The reason for this kind of an article is to point out possible connections since we can produce no proof. These families have been researched for years. Records have been difficult to find. With this information about the possibility of these four branches of Shirleys being from Germany with a spelling of Shally and variant similar spellings, they appear to have a connection. Certainly it is worth alittle time and space if it would help those researching these lines, to find the truth as to their own ancestry. It could even be that it would involve other branches of early Shirleys as well.

The question in my mind is, if these people are Shally etc., are they **not** Shirleys, or... are they Shirleys from England originally who went to Germany to live at some point of time in history?

Editors commentary using census records, material sent by Gere Fletcher including copies she sent of articles written by Jean Best on the Bar/Baer families, and material from past issues of the NEWS where the credits are given.

If you have any comments or further information to share with us about this, we would really appreciate hearing from you.

I have some space here so I'll add some info I've been learning from the books I've just read. The persecuted Mennonites of Zurich were invited to Alsace and Kraichgau about 1648. In 1662 they were granted freedom of worship, but were charged a head tax. By Treaty of Ryswick (1697) their privileges began to dwindle and taxes soar by 1706. By 1710 relief was sought from Holland and the Mennonites re-emigrated this time to Groningenm, Sappemeer and Kampen, Holland and the first settlement in Lancaster County Pennsylvania followed. [This was the Pfalz that was the bridge of the founding fathers of Lancaster County PA from Switzerland to America]. In 1716 Karl Philip took over and the exodus from the Pfalz really began in earnest. There were 30,000 Palatines in America within six decades.

### REPORT ON THE ARKANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS TRIP!

Barbara and I flew from San Jose California Thursday October 3, at 6:30 AM and arrived in Dallas Texas at noon. We drove a rented car to Little Rock Arkansas for the Shirley meeting the next day which was Friday. Following the meeting, we drove to Oklahoma City for a meeting on Saturday. We got caught in a storm for a brief time, but made it by 1 AM. It was hard to get up that morning, but we did it anyway. Following that meeting we left for Dallas and arrived Saturday evening and stayed with one of our Shirley Association members who went to England with us in 1986. On Sunday, we had another meeting and the next morning we flew home to San Jose, arriving about noon.

Yes, it was a fast trip, and we enjoyed meeting each and everyone of those who attended the meetings. We always meet new people, members whom we have never met and it is nice to see those whom we have met before. We appreciate the family info and photos you bring. Thank you for coming! If you were unable to attend, we hope we will meet you another time.

While we were in the Dallas Texas area, I decided that I wanted to try and locate SCYENE as this is where Belle Starr and her family lived when they left Missouri in about 1864.

What we learned is, the old school house no longer stands and there is nothing other than the name of the road named Scyene. We asked in the local city offices about a town of Scyene and most were very surprised to learn their area had been a town by another name. Eventually we found the exact location and talked to a lady who lived about 5 houses from where the old school house had stood. She was in her 80's and had lived here all of her life. She said her grandparents had been acquainted with the Shirleys and showed us where the house had been. It is bare land in an industrial area now.

We did not have time to see if we could find where Belle Starrs father, John Shirley is buried. It would be nice if somebody living in the area could spend a little research time on this for us!

This concludes my report on the October trip! My next planned trip will be to England in 1992. Would you like to go to England with me this summer? We have had a good reply to our invitation to go to England and have put together a plan that I hope will please everyone who is interested in going.

Please find the England tour schedule enclosed. Perhaps you can let other family members know as they just might enjoy a trip to the early Shirley ancestral homes as well as visiting England. This is a **family** trip and not like any tour you would book from your travel agent.

It's been great fun talking by phone to our friends at Isfield Village, Shirley Village and Chartley Castle, etc. They have all expressed how delighted they are to hear we are coming back for another visit. I have heard from some of the Shirleys who have met us at various places on previous trips and they are planning to be with us again, too! PACK YOUR BAGS, LET'S GO!

### BARREN COUNTY KENTUCKY SHIRLEYS IN INDIANA

[Martin Shirley son of Thomas and Hannah Dale Shirley, son of Thomas and Mollie Grubbs Shirley]. See p. 11 April 1984 NEWS.

Martin Shirley was born Aug 20, 1811 in Kentucky. He was living in Hendricks County Indiana in the 1850 census. Martin was married three times. His sons were: Levi, William T. and Elijah.

Levi Shirley was born about 1844 and died in 1929. He was married 4 times. The following article is about his son, Benjamin Thomas Shirley born in 1866.



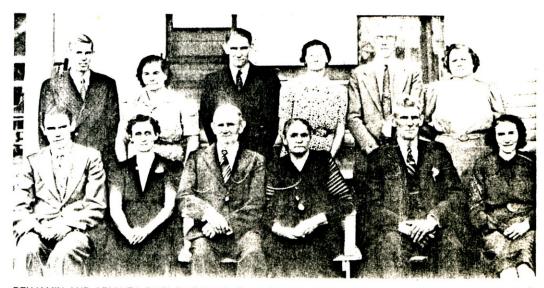
BENJAMIN AND ARMINTA SHIRLEY FAMILY. Front Row: Arminta Bell (Smith) Shirley, Levi (Pete) Harold, Beulah, Maxine, and Benjamin Thomas Shirley. Behind Chair: Charles Edward. Middle Row: Carrah Opal, Rayburn Harley, Clara Ona, Bert Willis. Back Row: Nancy Margaret, Carl Clyde, Minnie Agnus, 1918.

# BENJAMIN AND ARMINTA SHIRLEY

Benjamin Thomas Shirley (1/10/1866-12/26/1954) was born to Levi (1844-9/8/1929) and Nancy A. (Smith) Shirley (died 1866). Benjamin married Arminta Bell (Smith) 9/18/1886. His occupation was farming practically his entire life in Boone Co. and about two years in Orange Co. Ind.

The old-fashioned family is not altogether a thing of the past. The photo is of Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Shirley, of Harrison Twp. and their ten children whose ages range from three to thirty. This photo was in the Lebanon Pioneer, March 7, 1918. Mrs. Shirley says to the Pioneer that she is mighty proud of her family, notwithstanding the fact that the bearing and rearing of ten children has meant much hardship and sacrifice, that she had not been able in her own strength, but has leaned heavily on the grace of God.

The ten children, five boys and five girls, were born in a log cabin on 40 acres. The youngest was one year old when they built and moved in the new



BENJAMIN AND ARMINTA SHIRLEY FAMILY. **Front Row:** Levi (Pete) Shirley, Opal (Shirley) Yost, Benjamin Shirley, Arminta Shirley, Bert Shirley, Beulah (Shirley) Baker. **Back Row:** Carl Shirley, Margaret (Shirley) Nunnally, Edward Shirley, Ona (Shirley) Bradley, Rev. Harley Shirley, Minnie (Shirley) Dillon, c/a 1938-39.

house. The log cabin was moved up to the road and used as a barn. The house is still standing in good repair but the barn is gone.

The ten children are Bert, Harley, Opal, Ona, Carl, Nancy Margaret (my mother), Minnie, Edward, Beulah, Levi (Pete).

Arminta Bell Smith was the daughter of Jacob T. and Margaret Ellen Smith. She was born two miles northeast of Fayette, Ind., Jan. 18, 1870. They belonged to the Regular Baptist Church at Fayette. Benjamin was born on the site of the store that stood at Shepherdsville, Ind., Perry Twp. They are both buried in Mt. Tabor Cemetery at Fayette. They lived to have a 50th wedding anniversary in their home. They had 48 grandchildren living. Submitted by Mrs. Ralph Kouns

# JOHN AND GERTRUDE SHIRLEY

I, Gertrude (West) Shirley, was born in Lebanon, IN on Aug. 30, 1906, the daughter of Arthur West (4-26-1876/11-26-1949) and Florence Ann (Hedge) West (11-1-1868/2-27-10-43). On November 24, 1923 I married John B. Shirley (4-28-1904/11-14-1958) son of Thomas and Mary Belle (Huffman) Shirley. We had six children, all born in Lebanon. They are Albert Lee (11-29-1924), Florence Belle (9-2-26), Everett Eugene (9-10-28), Marjorie Ann (5-16-30/10-11-31), Mary Lou (3-13-32) and Wilma Jane (4-3-38).

# LEVI AND MABLE SHIRLEY

Levi was the 10th child of Benjamin (1-10-1866/12-26-54) and Arminta Belle Smith Shirley (1-18-1870-1941). He was born 4 miles west of Fayette, Harrison Township in a log cabin on farm formerly cleared and owned by his grandfather Levi Shirley. He lived there until the age of two. when his father built a home on the north end of the farm. He had 4 brothers and 5 sisters. They are Bert, Carl, Harley, Edward, Ona Bradley, Opal Yost, Margaret Nunnally, Beulah Baker and Minnie Dillon. Of the family Minnie, Beulah and Levi remain. He went to school at No. 6, 7, 8 and graduated from Pinnell with the class of 1933. He



Levi and Mable Shirley

spent 1 year in CCC Camp at Henryville, In. It was hard for a young person, as it was the depression years. On May 10, 1937 he was married to Mable Marie Huckleberry, daughter of Alva and Nola Harvey Huckleberry at the home of Rev. Ernest Essex. They lived with Levi's parents until the following March. Their first home was in Pittsboro. When Levi's mother died in 1941, they returned to his father's home. He worked for W.J. Holliday Steel for 8 years. He moved to Wisconsin, where he had purchased a farm in 1949. Levi retired in 1974 and Mable in 1978. They are the parents of Margo Rosalie (7-13-38), Carolyn Sue (9-22-40), Peter Micheal (7-8-43), Patsy Anne (4-25-47), Marea Kafhleen (8-18-52) and Sheri Leanne (2-22-58).

They are the proud grandparents of 19 grandchildren. Submitted by Mable Shirley

### FROM YOUR EDITOR ....



Jonathon Coady Rodebaugh born Nov 13, 1991

Well, here he is...
my new grandson! He is
doing great. We see him
everyday and love watching
him as he grows and learns
new things...

# etween 1/46 and 1/47, William Shirley (Pl. III), the The Shirley-Eustis Poyal governor of the Poyal governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, built a country house on thirty, three acres in bucolic Roxbury, an hour's ride out across Boston Neck from his official restigence in the port of Boston Peter Harrison (1716-1775) of Newport, Rhode Island, sometimes called "the first Massachusetts

BY JOHN BRADFORD HERMANSON

American architect, designed Shirley's church, King's Chapel, and may have had a hand in the design of Shirley's house as well. The engraving

of 1776 in Plate I shows the house on a knoll overlooking South Bay, an inlet of Boston Harbor now mostly filled in. A sketch in Ezra Stiles's diary done in 1763 (Fig. 2) gives additional details about the front, or west, façade: five bays are separated by four pairs of monumental Doric pilasters and two single pilasters flank the rusticated front entrance. On the garden, or east, side, four single pilasters divide the façade into three equal parts, the central section composed of a two-story Palladian window over a door that opens into the great hall (see Pl. XIV). The pilasters on both façades were originally capped by a Doric frieze (since removed) surmounted by a balustraded hipped roof with a hexagonal cupola. The original pennant-shaped weather vane, now replaced by a replica, is in the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. On two sides of the house were formal gardens, terraces, and water gardens in the William and Mary style.<sup>3</sup>

After he was made governor of the Bahamas in 1761, Shirley sold his Roxbury house to his son-in-law Eliakim Hutchinson, but he returned in 1769 to live out his last two years in a house which was no longer his in a world that was no longer his either. "Where the devil this brace of Adamses came from I know

not," he complained.4

The old Georgian mansion was remodeled during the Federal period, probably first by Giles Alexander (1751-1816), the wealthy owner of Long Wharf in Boston, just prior to his short-lived marriage to Susannah

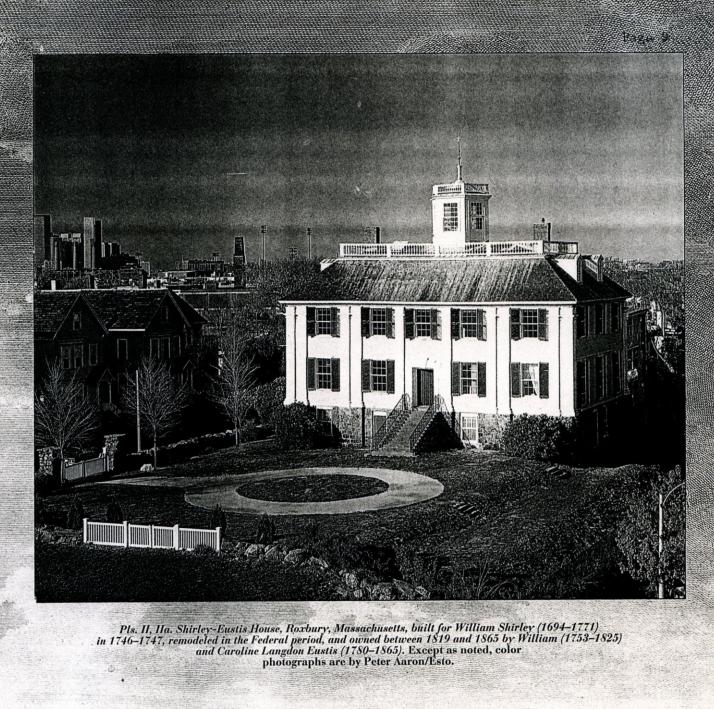
Fowle in 1797. A handsome staircase was constructed in the great hall (Pl. XIV) up to what had been a free-standing musicians' gallery in Shirley's time. The string inlay on the banisters may be the work of Giles's brother, the cabinetmaker William Alexander, or one of William's sons, James or Giles.<sup>5</sup>

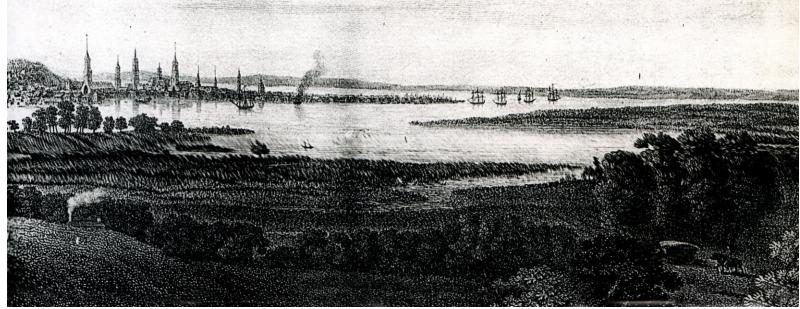


Pl. 1. A View of Boston taken on the Road to Dorchester, by James Newton (1748–1804) after a watercolor by William Pierrie (w. 1768– 1776), published by J. F. W. Des Barres in Atlantic Neptune, London, 1776. Hand-colored engraving, 21½ by 28 inches. The Shirley-Eustis House is in the left middle ground.

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### RALPH SHERLEY, ESQ. OF WISTON IN SUSSEX ENGLAND

Ralph Sherley, Esq. of Wiston was the founder of the Sherleys in Sussex. He was the son of Ralph Sherley of Ettington and Shirley, by Elizabeth Blount, his second wife. He succeeded to the family property, both in Sussex and Buckinghamshire, on the death of his father in the year 1466.

Ralph Sherley and his wife, Joan Bellingham were the parents of two sons and five daughters.

- 1. Richard, the elder son, continued the direct descent of the Sherleys of Sussex. He served as Shefiff of the counties of Surrey and Sussex in 1515, and again in 1525. He died about 1540 and part of Sir Richard Sherley's monument can be seen in the Chapel at Wiston Manor. He married Alma Shelley and they were the parents of four sons and six daughters.
  - (1) William Shirley of Wiston who married Mary Isley and they were the parents of two sons (and one daughter).
    - A. Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder ...father of the three brothers, Sir Robert, Sir Anthony and Sir Thomas the Younger, and Cecilia who married Lord Delaware West (first Colonal Governor of Virginia), and Jane who married John Shurley of Isfield Village (John Shurley's brother, George, being Lord Chief Justice of Iroland) of Ireland).
    - B. Anthony Sherley married Barbara Walsingham. They lived at PRESTON MANOR in Sussex. (Ancestor of Governor William Shirley of Massachusetts).
  - (2) Thomas (nothing known)(3) Edward (same)(4) Richard (same)

## 2. Thomas Sherley of West Grinstead

### SHERLEYS OF WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX ENGLAND

The founder of the West Grinstead branch of the family was <a href="Thomas Sherley">Thomas Sherley</a>, second son of Ralph Sherley of Wiston, who inherited by his father's will "all the lands and tenements in Hunderuge (Hunderidge), Charleruge (Chartridge), Botley, (Hamlets of Chesham), Chesham Leicester and Chesham Woburn, in the county of Buckingham, How Court (in the parish of Lancing) and all lands and tenements purchased by the said Ralph Sherley in Wiston, Beding, Lancing, Broadwater, and Worthing, in the county of Sussex."

Thomas Sherley of "the Marle" in West Grinstead, esq. married Elizabeth, eldest daughter and coheir of Marmaduke Gorge, Gorges, alias Russell, of Horsington, South Cheriton, and Hatherley in the parish of Maperton, in the county of Somerset.

### They had two sons (& six daughters)

1. Francis Sherley, esq. Lord of the Manor of West Grinstead, died in March, 1577, "seized of Bodington, Howe Court, and West Grinstead in Sussex, and of Hatherley, in county of Somerset.

In 1555, Francis represented the borough of New Shoreham in Parliament, and was sheriff of the counties of Surrey and Sussex in 1574. Little else has been preserved concerning him.

He married Barbara Blount. They had 5 sons (& 4 daughters)

- 1555 will proved 1607 (last male heir of this (1) Thomas family).
- (2) Richard 1558 d. before 1564 (3) Francis d. 1559 (4) William d. 1568 (5) Richard d. 1614
- 2. William, NO INFO! (was living in 1557 when he proved his mother's will).

Info taken from Stemmata Shirleiana

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON

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1636, Dec. 20,

Beard, William, in his will names "my estate here in Virginia"; "my poor dear sister in Rye, Dorothy Beard." Towards a new church in James City five hundred weight of tobacco. "My wicked wife Margaret."

Chill, Mr. Alexander, merchant at Billingsgate in London, executor.

Crowe, Thomas, estate of.
Docke . . . my sister in Rye.
Kempe, Mr., the King's secretarie, "my nest of boxes."
Mones, Lawrence, Joves and Ellizabeth.

Barker, Mr. William.
Swan, Mr. William
Sherly, Mr. Edward, to be overseers.
Baryhard, Thomas, and

Locke, Thomas, are witnesses Proved at London 27, Oct. 1646, by Alexander Chill.

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### SHIRLEY PATENTS

The following patents were applied for in Great Britain by Shirleys during the period 1617 to 1900, the latter date being the last index checked.

2839/1861	Daniel Hartwell Shirley of Boston USA Improvements in the construction of dinner plates
2841/1861	Daniel Hartwell Shirley of Boston USA Improvements in skates
4871/1877	William Shirley of Newington Causeway, Surrey An improved device for guiding and holding or retaining the cords used for raising and lowering venetian and other blinds
1947/1878	William Shirley of Newington Causeway, Surrey An improved device for securing or retaining the cords of venetian and other blinds
6717/1885 AB/Void	<pre>S. Shirley and J.W. Nettleton Legging or gaiter</pre>
7600/1885 AB/Void	S. Shirley Commodes
8023/1886	Frederick Stacey Shirley of Bedford, Bristol County, State of Massachusetts, USA Improvements in the manufacture of glass and articles therefrom
10850/1887 AB/Void	A.J. Shirley Switch for electric lighting circuits
4090/1888 AB/Void	A.W. Shirley Stopper for poison, etc. bottles
13189/1890 AB/Void	Arthur William Shirley of 55 Farrington Rd., London, E.C. Menthol plasters or leaves
16614/1890 AB/Void	A.W. Shirley and another Applying embrocations etc.
1111/1892	A.W. Shirley Holder for menthol, etc.
199764/1892	Arthur William Shirley of 55 Farrington Rd., London E.C. and Edgar Horst, 3 Ellen Cottages, Huddlestone Rd., Forest Gate. Druggists' Corrugated teething ring and baby soother
23252/1892 AB/Void	F. Shirley Window sash fasteners
23253/1893 AB/Void [AB=Abandoned] Info from Eliz	F. Shirley Shoeing horses [continued next issue] Zabeth Estbergs of Australia