



REUBIN ADDISON COWAN and CINTHA LUCINDA ADALINE SHIRLEY

Cintha Shirley was born December 17, 1843 GA. and married Reubin Cowan April 3, 1863.

Cintha Shirley was the daughter of George Shirley of Rome Georgia who was the son of John Shirley Jr. His parents was John and Elizabeth Barmore Shirley.

See the July 1981 issue of the Shirley NEWS page 2 and 3 for family info and photos.

Picture and info sent by: Paul J. Cowan

REPORT ON MY JULY/AUGUST TRIP TO ENGLAND AND IRELAND

By your editor...

To all of you who were unable to make the trip to England this summer...I would like to share some of the happenings. You missed a great trip! We had a good trip to many of the places we have visited before. But, as usual, I included a few new stops.

Our group visited Sherwood Forest (Robin Hood country), Oxford, lunched at Chartley across from Chartley Castle ruins. Here we met the **EARL OF SHREWSBURY** and his son, **VISCOUNT TAMWORTH**. This was arranged by our hostess, Sarah, and was a complete surprise to us. We visited Staunton Harold, Breedon on the Hill, Shirley Village and here we had a delicious lunch on the Shirley farm. Sylvia was our hostess and it was so nice of her to open her home to us. From here we went to Stratford upon Avon.

I must tell you a story about what happened at Stratford upon Avon. I pre-arranged for tickets to the Shakespeare Theater before we went to England. We arrived in Stratford on Friday afternoon just in time for a bit of shopping, a hurried dinner, and then to the Shakespeare Theater. I told the group I wasn't going with them, but I walked them there as it was across the street and thru the park from our hotel. I have been there several times and I really needed to study for the Shirley gathering scheduled for the next day at Ettington. I asked my room-mate to ring me from downstairs when she got back from the play so I would know she was back and would open the door...(we had only one key and I had it).

About 10:30? PM the phone rang and she said "have I got news for you!" I thought...what? What could have happened that was so exciting? She rushed in and said, "you are never going to believe who was there! Prince Charles! and your niece got to shake hands with him". (For those of you who know my sister-in-law, Evelyn Shirley, it was her daughter, Verla). Unfortunately, I don't think anyone got a picture as they left the camera in the hotel. I laughingly told the group that when I plan a trip, I include as much as I can to make it exciting, even Prince Charles....HA!

We had a great time at Ettington! We visited and dined with the other Shirleys who came to share the day with us. Major John Shirley had already told me he would not be able to be with us that he would see if Philip, his son, would meet with us. Philip, (who will be the next Lord of the Manor of Ettington), his wife and son, spent most of the day with us. I welcomed the opportunity to meet her and see his son who is next in line after his father to be Lord of the Manor of Ettington. To my surprise, Hugh Shirley, also son of Major John Shirley, came too! I was in shock! (Hugh came a couple of years ago and visited with us in California for two weeks). I wasn't expecting to see him until the following week when I would be visiting him and his parents on Isle of Man.

The following day, Sunday, we departed for a long ride to Isfield Village. This was to be a special day for the church.

The Bishop was coming to dedicate the new alter in the SHURLEY CHAPEL. It was suggested that it would be nice if we could work out our schedule to be there for this special occasion.

On Sunday evening, we dined in a very old former residence of the Shirleys of Wiston. The history of this house is fascinating and I will print it in the next issue of the NEWS with pictures. We had a fantastic meal and our host and hostess were so friendly. It was the first time I had met them.

The following day, Monday, we met our guide, Janet, who showed us around Wiston. We had lunch at Wiston...a first for us, and then we were off to Plymouth where we took the coach on the ferry to Isle of Wight. Janet spent a couple of days with us. I had hired her to go over several weeks ahead of our coming and research the Shirleys and to go with us when we came, so she could show us around. (Thomas Shirley the younger of Wiston went to Isle of Wight after he lost Wiston. Some of his children were born on Isle of Wight).

The next day it was back to London, dinner at the Hatfield house for a medieval feast. The following day was a free day for everyone.

I used this free day to meet Henry Shurley. He has been a member since 1987. He picked me up at the hotel and took me to the area his ancestors lived and what a time I had seeing the places I have only looked at on the map. We wrote about his line of Shirleys in the International NEWS seventh edition in 1989 pages 7 and 8. (You may not have this if you were not a member of the INTERNATIONAL NEWS at that time).

Henry Shurley and I had a most unusual experience that day. He told me he planned to take me to lunch at a pub in the village where his Shirley ancestor was married, Waltham St. Lawrence. He said the pub is usually busy and I want to get there just as it opens. Henry also said that this place was known for buying your drinks by the pound. I laughed and said because you pay for it with the pound...the British pound (money). That was not the answer. When we got to the pub, we were a few minutes early. He turned to me and said, "you see this fenced in area in the center of the village? This is the pound where they kept any loose livestock that came into the village in the old days. You can buy your drinks by the pound!"

I got out of the car, took my video camera to the pound area to take pictures of the village. I spanned the village quickly as there was only the church, the pub, and about five or six houses on the circle. Behind that was farmland, as I recall. I couldn't have taken 20 seconds worth of film. I turned to walk over to Henry who was about 50 feet away, and he was talking to some gentleman. As I approached, I seen Henry giving this person his drivers license. I didn't think to much of it until the man looked at me and asked why I was taking pictures that no pictures were to be taken in this area. I looked around quickly and said I didn't see anything posted. He asked for some identification. I realized this must be an officer. He didn't have a badge on and I had no clue he was. I offered my passport and he starred at it several minutes. I thought sure he was going to ask for my film. He didn't! Thank goodness! I glanced

over towards one of the houses and there was another man dressed in short sleeved white shirt and dark pants. He was standing at attention and starring over at us. Henry told the man that his ancestors were married in this church and he brought me here to see the church. He explained that I travel various countries and places documenting the Shirleys. The man said we could carry on, take pictures of the church but could not take pictures in the direction of the two houses behind him...where the other man was standing.

We went into the pub for lunch as it was open by this time. There was no one in there and no one came to eat while we were there. Two men did come in and stand at the bar having a drink. I kept asking Henry what that was all about. He said he didn't know but it was the first time he has had to show identification in his 60 some years. I couldn't get him to ask the waitress about the situation. He said it was better not to raise their backs. Just before we left, Henry excused himself (to go to the restroom). I asked him if he trusted me to stay there alone. You know I fighting hard not to go over and ask what this is about. He smiled. I assured him I didn't ask. After we got in the car I asked Henry Shurley if he noticed anything unusual about the two guys at the bar. I told him they had a radio or telephone sitting by them. They kept looking our way but sort of out the window that was above our heads. They were looking at the house where the man had been standing earlier. I know they were security or undercover police.

Much later, Henry said he had been thinking about this situation. He said there was only one thing it good be. Either Princess Di or Fergy was in that house. No one else would merit that kind of security in such an out of the way place.

Since I have been home, Henry visited the village. There were no security or police around and the pub was busy as usual. The gardeners were working where the man had stood looking at us.

I spent the following day researching in London. I worked feverishly until I couldn't work anymore that day. I took a cap back to the hotel. The next day I left for Isle of Man to spend a few days with Major John Shirley, his wife Judith, and Hugh. They drove me around the island and showed me many places of interest. We had some good meals together and I enjoyed this very much. I spent some time looking at scrap books and other Shirley materials John has at his home. I took pictures of some items and had Hugh copy a few things for me and he sent them to me later.

I left early Sunday morning, July 26th, and flew to Dublin Ireland where I was to stay with Ivan Shirley and his wife. Unfortunately, Ivan's mother-in-law passed away and the funeral was the day before I arrived. Ivan and his parents and brothers and sisters got together and paid for me a hotel to stay, close to where I wanted to research in Dublin. I really appreciated this as they didn't know how low on funds I was and I would never have told them. My research was costing me much more than I had allowed for.

We had our Shirley gathering on Sunday afternoon. It was so nice to see everyone. I visited with Anne Nosov's mother and family.

(Anne lives in Canada). They told me Anne's husband had passed away. (Anne and her husband were at our June 1991 Shirley Convention in Manassas Virginia). Anne's sister, Betty, and I spent some time talking and she said she was going to visit Anne in Canada August 28th. I just got a letter from Anne saying that Betty died of liver cancer August 19th, one week after it had been diagnosed. I really liked her, and she was so friendly. I am still in shock. It happened so suddenly! Poor Anne, what a summer it has been for her and her family.

I spent Monday and Tuesday researching the records in Dublin and flew back to London Tuesday evening. I stayed in the home of another Shirley family who had attended the gathering at Ettington a few days earlier. Jo had offered to pick me up at the airport in London if I needed her to. I was a little uncertain of my schedule at that time. I called her from Ireland to see if she could find a bed and breakfast place for me to stay as I didn't have time to find one before I left for Isle of Man. She said that I could stay with her if I wanted. I was very pleased to accept as I had decided I would sleep in the airport that night. Jo and her husband, Chris Shirley, figured out my schedule for taking the tube into London and where to get off at the records office etc. I did one more day of Shirley research just before I came home.

I thank all of you who helped me and who came to the meetings.

What a trip! I felt a little sad to think it was probably my last trip to England. I brought home lots of Shirley data and associated people who I have been interested to learn about in England,...such as the Wiseman and Norris family, etc.

I will print various things in future issues of the NEWS. It will take quite a bit of time to organize the data.

I hope you have enjoyed the report on my trip!

NOTE: When I got home, I was tired! I go thru the same thing after any of my trips. You gear up for the trip and then have to gear down when you get back home. About a week after I came home I received a notice of curbside garbage pick-up. They do this twice a year. I decided I was going to take a couple of weeks and sort thru every box in the house, and storage areas too! We have lived in the same house for 36 years! There is clean and then there is clean, but I must admit I have never completely cleaned and sorted all the boxes of odd and ends and old mail and receipts and....you know! Two weeks? HA! I just thought it would be two weeks! It ended up six weeks! I had a yard sale to get rid of things I wasn't throwing away.

Then the political talks began on TV, then the debates and I must have watched every talk show, every spin doctor...as they say, and I couldn't get my mind off of the election. I have never been so politically involved. My husband kept asking why I was so involved with it when I never have been before? I don't know! But the spell is broken now that the election is over. It is going to be hard getting use to saying...President Clinton!

But, at last I am back to work! I will work on the mail as soon as the NEWS is in the mail.

SOME NEWS ITEMS.....

ANDREW SHIRLEY, youngest son of the Earl Ferrer, was married in October 1992 in the Staunton Harold Church. Our congratulations!

FRED YOUNG, drummer for the KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS was also married in October 1992. The wedding took place at the home of Mr and Mrs James Young, his parents. James is descended from the Barren County Kentucky Shirleys. Our congratulations!

WALTER SHIRLEY of Indianapolis Indiana, died October 5, 1992. [Cardiac arrest]. Marion, called to let me know. They have been members of the Shirley Association since 1979, and were our host and hostess for the 1985 Shirley Convention in Indianapolis. Walter and Marion attended the Kentucky Shirley Convention in 1990. (Marion went to England with us in 1986). Walter descends from the Barren County Kentucky Shirleys.

AUBREY WILLIAMS of Little Rock Arkansas, died August 22, 1992. He had an unoperative brain tumor. Aubrey descends from the Bedford/Huntington County Pennsylvania Shirleys. [He was a close cousin of your editors husband. Barbara and I visited with him a year ago when we held meetings in Little Rock]. Aubrey has been a member of the Shirley Association since 1979.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

I would like to call attention to our **SHIRLEY MERCHANDISE** that you may want to consider giving to a SHIRLEY on your Christmas list! The shirts, jackets and pin or necklaces would make an excellent gift! [We could use the financial help!] I still have the costs of this merchandise on my credit card and the interest is adding up.

If you place an order soon, I will get it in the mail the next day after I receive the order. If I am out of the correct size, etc. I will write back immediately, sending your check back or issue a new one if you have ordered other merchandise that I do have. Thank you in advance!

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION IS OPEN TO ANYONE WITH SHIRLEY ANCESTORS WHO LIVED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AT ANYTIME!

To join the Shirley Association, please send a check for \$20 if you reside in the USA. For UK members it is Twelve British pounds, and \$22 US currency elsewhere, for a one year membership.

You will receive 4 issues of the Shirley NEWS. Please send info about your earliest Shirley ancestor. I must have some clues to be able to help you. I need their name, county and state they were born or lived and approximate time they were there. Their spouses name would be helpful too!

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CANADIAN SHIRLEYS

The Shirley population in Canada is not as large as it is in the United States. It appears many of those in Canada are descended from the Shirleys of Ireland, primarily, Kilkenny and Carlow Counties.

[Refer to the 1992 Summer issue Shirley NEWS page 3 and 4, the third edition of Shirley NEWS INTERNATIONAL page 3-5 the sixth edition of Shirley NEWS INTERNATIONAL page 4-7 the eighth edition of Shirley NEWS INTERNATIONAL page 9-12].

There was a **JAMES SHIRLEY** born Dec 21, 1784 Bellmouf House, Parish of Moth Hill, County Kilkenny, Ireland. He married Nancy Berry Dollaway. They were in **New Brunswick Canada** by 1826.

Mary Barnett (who I met in Washington in June 1992) said James borrowed money on his land to build a ship, Rising Sun, to take lumber to England. The ship and lumber burned before he sailed.

Mary said James Shirley received a land grant in **Amherst Nova Scotia**.

Frederick Shirley wrote me in 1987 that his grandfather was Clifford Shirley and they lived in **Fortune Bay, Newfoundland**. Frederick still lives there but the others had moved away to **Nova Scotia**, some to Boston and also Sydney. (I don't know where this family originates).

Mrs. Mackrell wrote that her great grandfather was Thomas Shirley, a sea Captain from England who settled in **English Harbor West, Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, Canada**.

The **James Shirley** who came from Ireland to America about 1730 and settled in New Hampshire had great grandchildren who were born in Canada about 1836. They were in **Melbourne and New Brunswick**.

There are settlements of Shirleys at Shirley's Bay, Ontario near Ottawa, on Calumet Island, P.Q. and Douglas Ontario according to info in the booklet given to me at the Washington Shirley meeting this summer.

From your editor...

Our member, Don Shirley of **Sask. Canada** went on the trip to England with us this summer. He descends from the County Carlow Ireland Shirleys. He had never been to Ireland as his family has been in Canada several generations. I suggested he go to Ireland after we completed our tour of England and visit County Carlow and come to our Shirley meeting in Dublin. He did and I am pleased he was able to meet several Shirleys at the meeting who lived in that area.

Don said, he and his friend Kathy, took a cab to visit the old church where his ancestors, William Shirley and Elizabeth Kidd were married Dec. 15, 1806. The cab driver was very friendly and gave them a tour of the area with commentary. I'm sure Don will cherish this trip. He said it was a trip of a life time.



Shirley's Career Turns Toward Films

Local ventriloquist and Jefferson County native Mike Shirley has signed a two-year, non-exclusive contract with Sharf Talent Management of Staten Island, N.Y., an agency that has booked thousands of persons in commercials, print ads, soap operas, T.V., and movies, and has rubbed elbows with such celebrities as Robert Urich, Merv Grif-

fin, and Pierce Brosnan. After he submitted his portfolio, Shirley was asked to visit New York February 3 for an interview. Company President Adele Sharf, impressed by Shirley's talents, asked Shirley to sign the agreement allowing Sharf to act as personal manager in Shirley's new career in films.

SENT BY: Julia Creamer of West Virginia

We'd like to know more about him. Can anyone tell us what branch of the Shirleys he descends?

REPORT ON GERMAN RESEARCH ON SURNAME SCHALLY/SHALLY ETC.

I received a letter from my researcher in Germany who said the following:

"I checked the records of Marienthal Palatinate and only could find the marriage record of 1719 which you already have. The Thierwasen records (Rockenhausen and Ernsthausen) do only go back to 1690. Also the Marienthal records go back to 1694.

Therefore, I cannot prove if this ancestor was born there or when. There are two possibilities. Either he was born before 1690 or he was born in another village. Maybe Switzerland. There is no surname Schally or similar spelling living in Rockenhausen now".

I received the following from one of our readers...

From VA Genealogy Vol V Reprint... about von **Scholley**

Curt Leopold v. Boyneburg gen. Hohenstein, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel Jost, was born at Reichensachsen ca. August 18, 1609. About 1629/30 he married Sabine Sibylle v. Boyneburg gen Hohenstein, daughter of his first cousin, Jost Christoph, by his first wife, Sibylle von **Scholley**.

Sibylle von **Scholley** was descended from a family which first appeared in the documents in the Mark of Brandenburg (in the eastern part of the Empire) 1402. Henning van **Scholley** migrated westward to Hessen about 1500, became a chamberlain to Landgrave Philipp the Magnanimous and a colonel in the army, and was present at Worms in 1521 when Martin Luther made his courageous defense before Emperor Charles V and the princes and prelates of Germany. Henning's son, Colonel Otto George von **Scholley** (1526?-1583), Commandant of the Kassel Fortress, married for his second wife, Sibylle Knoblauch zu Hatzback, from whose family was descended the illustrious German writer, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. They had three children, of whom Philipp von **Scholley** (1576-1657) was President of the Old Hessian Knighthood, and Sabine (1579-1642) was the wife of Jost Christoph v. Boyneburg gen. Hohenstein, as stated above.

From editor:

I suggest going to the library and getting this book for continued reading if the Schally etc. name is of special interest to you. A couple of paragraphs down from the above material, states Karl Wilhelm Rubenkam (1701-1748), the third son of Philipp, married Barbara Rittenhouse, great granddaughter of Wilhem Rittinghausen (1644-1708), the founder of the American papermaking industry and the first minister of the Mennonite Church in America. Jacob, son of Karl and Barbara, migrated to Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. He served in the Revolutionary War in the 8th Virginia Regiment..[A **James Shirley** also served in the 8th Virginia Regiment].

Thank you Jere for sending us information on the von Scholley name. This could be a form of the name Schalley. The areas mentioned are the same for both spellings.

WARD FAMILY

From Genealogy of Virginia families Vol. V Th-y

The earliest recorded mention of Seth Ward is as follows: By order of Court 11 Feby. 1632 that all such planters or persons whatsoever who shall have no land due unto them by adventure or otherwise, should have certain quantity granted unto them by lease for 21 years, therefore under this provision, to Seath Ward, of Varina, in the upper parts, planter, three score acres of land in the upper parts in corporation of Henrico; adjoining **DANIEL SHERLEY**, Powhatan's Three, Three mile swamp. Dated May 30, 1634.

[Daniel Sherley came over as a servant of Thomas Osborne in the Bona Nova in 1619 from England].

A marriage between the Shirleys and Wards took place before 1805 as Thomas Shurley in Spartanburg County South Carolina mentions his grand-daughters, Matilda, Abigail and Cynthia WARD and Frances WARD was deceased in an 1809 legal document. I presume Frances was Frances Shirley WARD, mother of the three girls.

SHIRLEYS OF IOWA, OHIO AND NEBRASKA

From: History of the State of Nebraska, 1882
Sent by: Gary Shirley

Sutton, Clay County Nebraska

William Shirley built and run the first hotel. He came from Lincoln Nebraska Dec 7, 1871 and built the hotel in February 1872.

John W. Shirley, broker and loan agent, was born in Hancock County Ohio March 14, 1833, and resided on a farm until sixteen years of age, when he went to California, where he resided for twenty-two years, during which period he was engaged in mining in that State and Arizona, and was also for eight years engaged in the cultivation of hops. He came to Sutton, Nebraska, in October 1874 and at once established himself in this business; in connection with this in 1877, he built an elevator, and for two years conducted a grain business. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1876, and re-elected in 1878 and 1881. He was married in California to Mary Powers in 1860. She died in 1871 leaving two children, Howard and Annie. Mr. Shirley married again at Sutton Nebraska in October 1876 to Mary B. Detwiller, a native of Virginia; they have three children, John M., George and Marril.

[The above Shirleys appear to belong to Daniel Shirley [who married Nancy Flynn] group from Morgan County West Virginia].

ADAMS COUNTY NEBRASKA

SAMUEL J. SHIRLEY, Postmaster, news depot, etc., was born in Cedar County Iowa February 21, 1843. At six years of age he removed with his parents to Le Claire, Scott County Iowa and resided with them until fifteen years of age, when he went to

Warren County Illinois and resided with his brother. On July 31, 1862, he enlisted in the eighty-third Illinois Infantry, Company C, service three years. he was wounded in the left wrist at Fort Donelson Febr. 3, 1863, and again at Budd's Creek, Tennessee, October 28m 1863, by a rifle bullet passing through both cheeks. When discharged he held the rank of First Duty Sergeant. After the war, he went to Benton County, Iowa, whence he was engaged in farming until he came to Juniata, and was for a year engaged in conducting a restaurant. In the fall of 1874, was elected Justice of the Peace, and held the office for about four years, and during the last two years of that period also resided on and attended to his farm. He now owns some 240 acres in the county. Mr. Shirley was appointed postmaster at this place in Oct. 1881, and entered upon his duties November 1' also opened news depot at that time. He was one of the organizers of Company F, First Regiment Nebraska National Guards and was appointed Regimental Quartermaster on staff of Col. l.W. Colby in June 1881. Mr. Shirley was married in Benton County Iowa June 20, 1877 Abby Carr, a native of Providence, Rhode Island. That have five children, Lena, Louie, Lily, Burt and Edith.

[Samuel J. Shirley is the son of Ambrose Shirley].

BARREN COUNTY KENTUCKY

Sarah "Sally" Shirley born ca. 1819 married Samuel Rennick July 18, 1819 Glasgow, KY. He was the son of James Wright Rennich born ca. 1776 in Fauquier Co. VA and Margaret "Peggy" Lattimore born 1781 Scotland. **[Who was Sarah Shirley's parents?]**

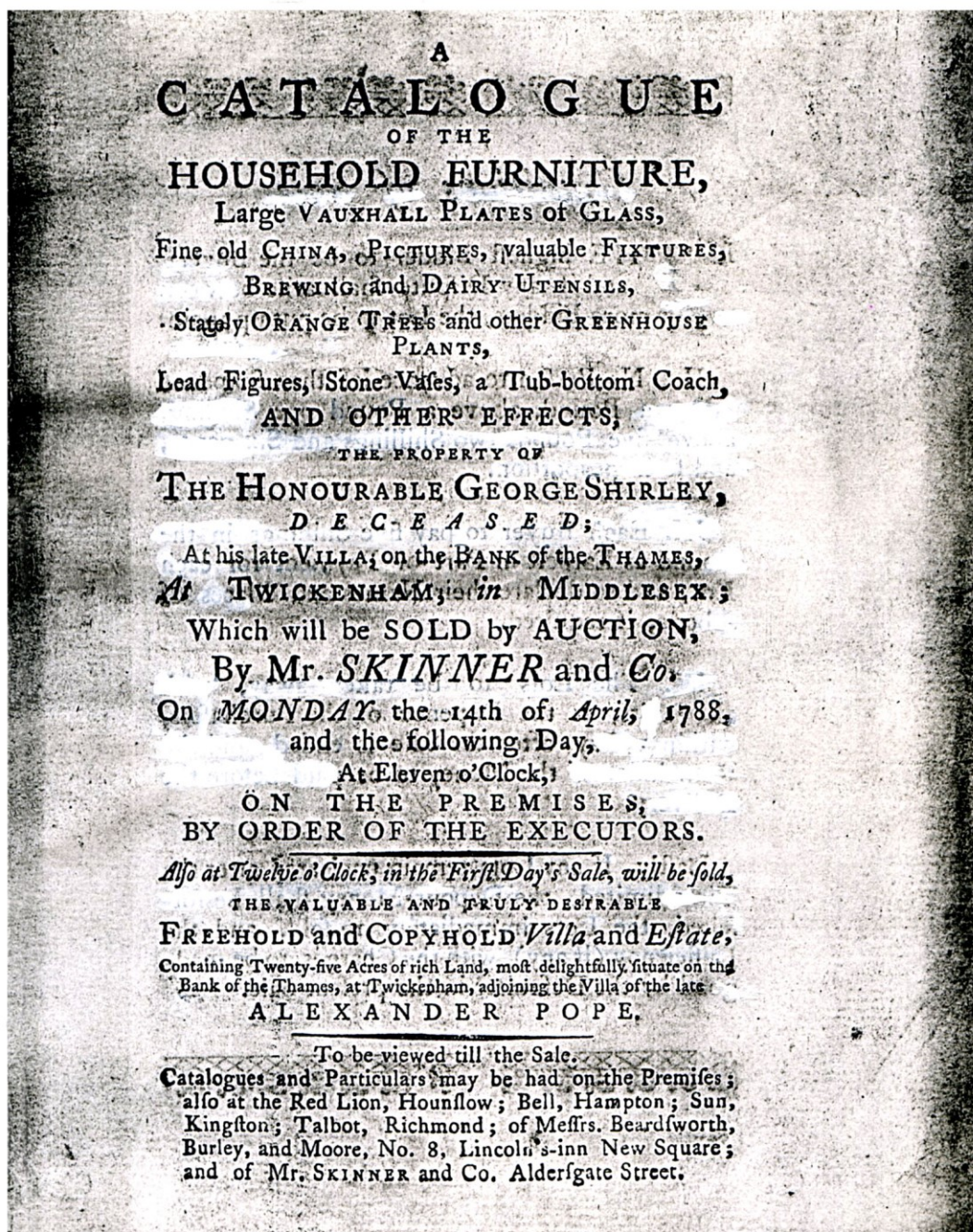
MILLER COUNTY MISSOURI SHIRLEYS

Sent by Elsie Goodyear...

The story of my father's maternal grandfather, William Shirley's murder was mentioned in great grandmother Elizabeth Clark Shirley Hampton's obituary in 1923. She was estimated to be 107 years old at her death. Quoting from an interview held before her last illness, Quote: "She married twice, both of her husbands being murdered. Her first husband, William Shirley was murdered by a drunken man. He was executed for his crime." The family story relates that he was playing horse shoes with a group of friends, one of them was drunk, a fight ensued and William was stabbed to death.

Elizabeth lived with us when I was small. I remember her showing the blood-stained shirt he was wearing when he was killed. She kept it wrapped in paper in her trunk.

Elizabeth was a young widow, with two small children, Martha Jane and Elizabeth, and lived in Miller Co. Missouri during the War between the states. She fell in love with a young soldier, they were to be married, but he was killed in a battle. A few months later she bore his daughter. A short while later William's parents abducted Martha Jane and moved away from the area. They felt Elizabeth had disgraced the family. She did not see her daughter again for 40/45 years. When they met Martha Jane had ten children, including my father, and most of them were grown.



From your editor...

The Honourable George Shirley was son of Robert Shirley, first Earl Ferrer. He served as a Page to Queen Anne.

He and his wife, Mary Sturt, lived at Ettington and TWICKENHAM in MIDDLESEX.

Poppy Ward of New Zealand shows William Rolfe Shirley was born ca 1853 Twickenham, Middlesex. His father, also William Rolfe Shirley, was born in 1824 Staines, Middlesex. In 1861 census, this William Rolfe Shirley was listed as a veterinary surgeon and in the 1871 census he is shown as a dealer in horses.

Poppy descends from William Rolfe Shirley. Her family lineage with story can be found in the third edition of the INTERNATIONAL SHIRLEY NEWS page 1 and 2.