



LAST SHIRLEY CONVENTION

Shirley Plantation

JUNE 25, 1994

The Shirley Plantation will be the site of our last Shirley Convention. Several have written asking why. Some of those reasons include: Lack of attendance and, I cannot afford to continue to travel and research. It has been a bigger sacrifice than most of you realize. I just don't have the budget to continue to do this. When I travel, it is at my own expense. No one pays for this...but me. My husband does not give me money for travel. He prefers I don't travel.

For years, I paid for my travel by babysitting my grandchildren. Now, my daughter is not working and I have no income. I have spent money having items printed with the Shirley Coat of Arms so as to generate an income to pay off my credit card from previous travel, and...hoping it would provide extra funds to hire research done for us in places we still need info. The merchandise does not provide enough of an income to do either.

The membership is down too! The reason could be the slow economy or...perhaps the fault lies with me. If I put more energy into the research and information I already have instead of organizing trips...etc., perhaps I can build the membership to generate more funds to continue to hire the needed research to keep our information flowing in. Many of our chartered members have died in the last few years. We miss their continued support. The newer members join for a year or two and then we loose some of them. We need more people who will make a commitment to stay with us to support this work.

I have dedicated myself for 15 years. Some of you have been with me that long, and I appreciate you! Without you, I wouldn't have been able to afford to stay with it this long.

As some of you know, I also have a hearing problem and it continues to get worse each year. It has become to embarrassing to hold meetings and answer questions from the audience. Even talking in a smaller group, I have difficulty hearing everything. So, this too, has been an influence in discontinuing the Shirley gatherings.

I have enclosed a list of Shirley merchandise that would make excellent Christmas presents for someone...a Shirley, on your list. These unique items can't be bought in the store and we could really use the support!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

An open letter to the membership from your editor.



PETER VAN SHIRLEY'S MEDAL OF HONOR

Mr. & Mrs. Orie Shirley of Oregon sent a close up photo of the medal following our write up and photo on the cover page of the Summer 1992 issue of the Shirley NEWS.

Peter was the son of Daniel Shirley born about 1792. Daniel married Anna Flynn in 1818 Berkeley Co. Virginia, now West Virginia.

SCHALLY SPELLING

Lois Wolfson of Fresno California wrote to us that she had purchased a book...**VALENTINE SHIRLEY & RELATED FAMILIES**. "In an old German hymnal I find this inscription in German which, freely translated, says, "This dear little book is to direct the spirits of children to that which is right" signed Valentine Schally". Valentine signed Schally and I found the baptismal record for Valentine Schally with Carl as father, so I assumed he was my Valentine. Valentine's daughter, Elizabeth, stated on the 1880 census that her father was born in Pennsylvania. She also had the Bible which had originally been the property of her mother, Catherine Baer. The Bible had the names "Anna Schally" and Elizabeth Schally" written in it. The Bible became the property of Lida Moore, a descendant of Elizabeth Wilson, and was passed on to James Moore of Oklahoma City Oklahoma.

[This book would be by Henry Rothrock, who was a member of the Shirley Association for several years before he passed away].

ALICE POWERS, A CHARTER MEMBER

We are very sad to learn of the death of Alice Powers. She joined the Shirley Association in 1978. She attended a few Shirley meetings, and was very generous in sharing her Shirley family data.

She descends from Peter Shirley born about 1792 and who lived in Morgan Co. Virginia, now West Virginia.

Alice suspected the Daniel Shirley of Berkeley Co. Virginia, now West Virginia, may have been a brother of her Peter Shirley.

Her Peter Shirley had a son named Daniel. The Daniel Shirley [see left column], had a son Peter.

Alice L. Powers

Alice LaVerne Powers, 56, of Kearneysville, died Wednesday, September 1, 1993 in City Hospital, Martinsburg.

She was the daughter of the late Charles E. and Nellie Faye Morrison Shirley.

She was formerly employed as a registered nurse at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center.

She was a member of the American Nurses Association.

She was a 1955 graduate of Berkeley Springs High School and Washington County Hospital School of Nursing, class of '58.

Survivors include her husband, Noel Roger Powers, at home; one son, Michael Roger Powers of Martinsburg; one daughter, Alisa Michelle Powers of Martinsburg; and one sister, Wanda Moore of Richmond, Va.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 4 from St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. William J. Nolte Jr. officiating.

Interment prayers were in Pleasant View Memory Gardens.

Arrangements were handled by the Brown Funeral Home, Martinsburg where a Christian Wake Service was held.

Memorial contributions to: Oncology Unit, City Hospital, P.O. Box 1418, Martinsburg.

SOUTH CAROLINA SHIRLEYS IN THE CONFEDERATE WAR

Sherley

Richard Artillery, Lucas's Battalion Co. B, Grade: Private
Surrendered at _____ 1865

Shirley

A.N. Infantry, Regiment Orr's Co. K, Grade: Private
District: Anderson S.C., Surrendered at Appomattox

Aaron W. Infantry, Orr's Co. L, age 18 Grade: Private
District: Anderson S.C.

Aaron Y. Infantry, Orr's Regiment Co. L, age 34 Grade: Private
District: Anderson S.C.

B.F. Cavalry, 37th Virginia Regiment Co. B, Grade: Private

B.W. Artillery, Bonneaus's Battery, Grade: Private

Berryman Artillery, 1st Regiment Co. H, Grade: Private

Col. Infantry, 24th Regiment Co. G

David A. Infantry, 3rd Battalion Co. A, age 27
District: Anderson S.C. Surrendered at Greensboro S.C.

E.C. Infantry, 23rd Regiment, Co. F, Grade: Private
District: Chester S.C.

George Infantry, 7th Regiment Co. B, Grade: Private
District: Abbeville S.C. Surrendered at _____ 1865

Hampton Infantry, 7th Regiment Co. G

I.T. Infantry, 1st Regulars Co. E, Grade: Private
District: Greenville S.C.

J.E. Infantry, 1st Regulars Co. B, Grade: Private
District: Anderson S.C.

J.F. Infantry, 1st Regulars Co. B, Grade: 6th Corporal

J. E. Infantry, 7th Battalion Co. A, Grade: Private

J.J. 20th Regiment Co. E, age 33, Grade: 1st Lieutenant
District: Anderson S.C.

J. J. 20th Regiment Co. E, age 18, Grade: Private
District: Abbeville S.C.

J. M. 20th Regiment Co. E, age 33, Grade: Private
District: Anderson S.C.

James Infantry, 19th Regiment Co I, Grade: Private
In Prison at: Rock Island, Wounded at: Missionary
Ridge, November 25, 1863

John Cavalry, 1st Regiment Co. G, Grade: Private
District: Abbeville S.C.

N.A. Infantry, 20th Regiment Co. E, age 30, Grade: Corporal
District: Anderson S.C.

Press. Infantry, Moore's Regiment Co. F, age 17, Grade: Private
District: Anderson S.C. Died of disease at Richmond

Rich Infantry, 7th Battalion Co. C, Grade: Private
On Memory Roll

Richard Infantry, Orr's Regiment Co. L, age 26, Grade: Private
District: Anderson S.C.

Samuel Infantry, 7th Battalion Co. H, Grade: Private

S.W. Infantry, 1st Regulars Co. B, Grade: Private
District: Anderson S.C.

Simeon W. Infantry, 20th Regiment Co. K, age 18, Grade: Private
District: Lexington. Transfers: July 20, 1862

Stephen Infantry, 20th Regiment Co. E, age 33, Grade: Private
District: Anderson S.C. Transfers: To Cavalry

T.F. Infantry, 20th Regiment Co. E, age 18, Grade: Private
District: Abbeville S.C.

T.W. Infantry, 23rd Regiment Co. F, Grade: Corporal
District: Chester S.C. Killed at: Long Island.
Killed himself, accidentally.

Thad Cavalry, 1st Regiment Co. H, Grade: Private

Thomas Artillery, Co. Gist Guard, Grade: Private

Tully Infantry, 3rd Battalion Co. A, age 23, Grade: Private
District: Laurens S.C. Wounded at: Wilderness.
Surrendered at: Greensboro S.C.

W.N. Infantry, Orr's Regiment Co. G, age 18, Grade: Private
District: Abbeville S.C. Died of disease at Richmond 1863

William Infantry, 23rd Regiment Co. F, Grade: Private
District: Chester S.C. Discharged: January 1863

William Infantry, 7th Battalion Co. C, Grade: Private
On Memory Roll

William Infantry, 24th Regiment Co. G

Wm. M. Infantry, Palmetto Sharp Shooters Co. L, Grade: Private
Killed in battle at Seven Pines

SHURLEY

C.P. Infantry, 6th Regiment Co. D, Grade: Private

T.S. Infantry, 12 Regiment Co. H, age 24, Grade: Private
District: York S.C.

Researched in 1991 while at the South Carolina Archives...editor.



I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR—:—And after repeating the oath yesterday, Miss Anne R. Shirley, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Shirley of Chatham became a member of the Women's Reserve of the United States Marine Corps. Ad-

ministering the oath is Capt. Richard M. Holsten, USMCR, officer in charge Marine Recruiting and Induction at the Federal building, Camp I, River, N. C., is Anne's destination clerk in the Chatham draft

Norma Shirley, member of the Shirley Association, sent the news clippings. Anne Shirley is her sister. They descend from Thomas Shirley born about 1795 in England. He was living in Quebec Canada in 1845 when son George Shirley was born.

George was living in Columbia County New York when his son George was born in 1887. He is the father of Anne and Norma Shirley.

Can anyone help on the Quebec Shirleys?

The other clipping is for general knowledge. Maybe you know someone or have someone in your family who served in the Military.

K'hook woman joins search for women in the military

KINDERHOOK—Wendy Allison of Kinderhook has joined the Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation organization as a field representative.

She joins more than 900 field representatives worldwide to search for servicewomen and ensure their service will be recognized and honored in the Women in Military Service Memorial.

Construction of a memorial to honor all women who have served in the armed forces from the Revolutionary War through today and into the future was mandated by Congress in 1986. It will be built at the main entrance to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

The heart of the memorial will be

a computer register featuring the photographs, records of service and memorable stories of the women who have served in our armed forces.

The foundation seeks to register the 400,000 women currently serving on active duty, in the National Guard and in the reserves, the 1.2 million female veterans in the United States and all women who have contributed to the nation's military efforts.

There are an estimated 75,500 female veterans living in New York State.

For information about the memorial or to contact Ms. Allison, write to Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation, Dept. 560, Washington, D.C. 20042-0560, or call (800) 222-2294.



AP Laserphoto

Ray County Coroner Dean Snow walks in the Hardin, Mo., Cemetery Tuesday where the flooding Missouri River washed away more than 700 graves in July. Two months later, 314 graves remain unaccounted for.

Objections heard as memorial lake proposed for cemetery

HARDIN, Mo. (AP) — Hundreds of caskets, burial vaults and human bones — the remains of several generations — may never be recovered from a small lake gouged into a small-town cemetery by summer floods.

Backwaters from the flooded Missouri River surged through the Hardin Cemetery in July, working loose more than 700 of its 1,544 graves, many dated to the 1800s and others unmarked.

The water swept tombstones, vaults, caskets and bones into farm fields, hung them on fences and trees. It deposited some up to 14 miles away.

Two months later, 393 vaults or caskets have been recovered, along with uncounted skeletal remains. Ninety-four individuals known to have been buried in the cemetery have been identified; 314 graves remain unaccounted for.

The river has receded near this western Missouri town of 600, but most of what used to be a nine-acre cemetery is covered by water 12 to 35 feet deep. Searchers believe it harbors the missing remains.

Steve Shirley, president of the local cemetery association, said the group is leaning toward moving what's left of the cemetery and making the flooded area a 'memorial lake.'

"(But) if the government doesn't help pay for it, we're not going to be able to do very much," he said.

Some people want the water

pumped out, including Dean Snow, the Ray County coroner. He and Jerry Brown, an assistant director of the Missouri Funeral Directors Association, believe numerous vaults and caskets lie in about 15 feet of water.

But State Emergency Management Agency officials say pumping out the lake would be difficult because it lies below the water table. They also say it would be costly and could prove fruitless — divers last month couldn't tell what was in the murky water.

The decision whether to pump the water or move the cemetery is up to the cemetery board and SEMA, which is financing the cemetery recovery. It has cost about \$100,000 so far.

"We're trying to go as quickly as possible on this," SEMA director Jerry Uhlmann said last week. "This is a horrible situation, and we're trying to correct it. The biggest problem is there's no place to pump the water out to because there's water everywhere around it. And that area is all level."

Only a small corner of the cemetery survived. Now it drops away 6 feet to a jagged, muddy bank from which vaults and caskets grotesquely protrude. Where the murky water laps at the bank, more dislodged caskets loom just below the surface. Toppled and broken gravestones are everywhere in the mud and water.

The floods washed away the oldest section of the cemetery, including a segregated part where blacks

were buried decades ago. Many of those graves were unmarked.

Searchers find bones in the mud daily, and Snow predicts farmers will be ploughing them up for years to come.

A temporary morgue has been built on the county fairgrounds, and almost 500 families have come to an assistance center for counseling and to provide descriptions of their loved ones, how they were buried and anything that might help identify them, Snow said.

"The emotional situation for families has been more (painful) in the recent burials than in the earlier burials," Snow said. "It's still a shocking fact, but at least they have gotten their first grieving process out of the way."

"Some people have had some humor in it. One (man) came to me and he said, 'Dean, don't get me wrong, I loved my Dad dearly, but I can see humor in this because my Dad never liked to stay put in one place more than three or four years at a time.'"

"He said, 'Let us know when and if you do find Dad.' And his wife piped up and said, 'Yeah, because we want to see just how far he got.' And that is how they're dealing with it."

Overall, the shock seems to have lessened since summer.

"Most of the people I've talked to have come to grips with it," said Shirley, the cemetery association president, whose great-great-grandparents were buried in the flooded area.

Sent by...
Betty Bistline



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WE CHOSE THIS MOTEL TO STAY IN, OF COURSE!

ANNE SHIRLEY, 74, who began her career as child actress Dawn O'Day and gained adult stardom in "Anne of Green Gables," "Stella Dallas" and other movies, died Sunday (July 4, 1993) in Los Angeles of lung cancer.

Miss Shirley, who retired after making "Farewell My Lovely" in 1944, had been ill for several years.

Born Dawn Paris in 1919, Miss Shirley was steered into acting by her mother, said Betty Furness, a long-time friend who, like Miss Shirley, was a teenage actress at RKO studios in the 1930s.

Miss Shirley's credits included "So



Shirley
1944 photo

Big" (1932), "Vigil in the Night" (1941), "West Point Widow" (1941) and "All That Money Can Buy" (1941).

A career watershed came in 1935, when after doing "Anne of Green Gables" she changed her child star name and became Anne Shirley with the success of the movie. "Anne of Windy Poplars" in 1940 was less successful.

She received an Academy Award nomination for best supporting actress for "Stella Dallas" in 1937.

Miss Shirley was married to actor John Payne from 1937 to 1943 and to producer-writer Adrian Scott from 1945 to 1949. Her third husband, screenwriter Charles Lederer, died in 1976. She is survived by a daughter, Julie Anne Payne Towne, and a son, Daniel Davies Lederer.

REPORT ON THE NEW YORK-CANADA TRIP...

My daughter, Delaine, and I, caught a flight on September 11, 1993 from San Jose CA to Boston MA. Since she had never been in the New England states, there were places I wanted her to see on the trip. I took her first to Plimouth colony, (rebuilt Plymouth Colony of old). Then we drove to Canada and visited all of the Anne of Green Gables attractions. From here we went to New York to see the Statue of Liberty and took a tour in the evening, including a ferry ride to Staten Island. The next day we drove to Niagara Falls and did a tour... which was ready to leave when we arrived. We hesitated about going as it would be about 10PM when it returned and we still had a few hours drive to get to Syracuse for the night, (we already had reservations). We got into Syracuse early in the morning...1AM? or later. The next morning we met with a small group of Shirleys. I was pleasantly surprised to see our cousins, Paul and Betty Shirley who drove up from Ohio. Some new to us Shirleys received my letter and decided to come to the meeting. Then I met another family who have been members for sometime. It was a pleasure to see Shirley Garvin again. I didn't realize we had met before but she said she came to meet our coach when we came with a group of Shirleys in 1987 to visit the old Shirley farm in New Hampshire. [I asked her to write something for us about the New York Shirleys and she has. Please find this article in this issue of the NEWS]. Another member at the meeting showed us pictures and a brochure of Fort Ontario and Governor William Shirleys connection to this Fort. We took off after the meeting to visit the Fort as it was about 30 miles away. We continued into Vermont and back thru Massachusetts to Boston and home. It was great to have an opportunity to take this trip together...alone!

Less than a week later, she took me to Hawaii with her family. My son and his wife who just got married this year, went too! My grandson, Michael, finally met his Hawaiian great grandparents. Michael is 1/4 Hawaiian. They loved him! We enjoyed spending some time with them. Now, my travel has ended until 1995 when we go to the Shirley Plantation for our last Shirley Convention! My time will be spent catching up on research sitting here waiting to be organized and put into computer!

ANNE SHIRLEY OF GREEN GABLES, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, CANADA

Report on my research to discover why the author, L.M. Montgomery, choose SHIRLEY as the surname for her character, Anne? The author, Lucy Maud Montgomery was born November 30, 1874, Clifton, Prince Edward Island. Her first book, ANNE OF GREEN GABLES, was published June 1908.

In the Winter 1992-93 issue of the Shirley NEWS page 12, is an article about Anne Shirley and L.M. Montgomery. There are two titles, **COULD THESE BE ANNE SHIRLEY'S ANCESTORS? & WHAT ANNE KNOWS OF HER "ROOTS"**.

The article under the first title refers to my contacting "The Avonlea Traditions Chronicle", a Canadian publication, asking if they knew why L.M. Montgomery, the author, gave Anne, a character in her book, the surname SHIRLEY?

The article under the second title was quoting from the story where Anne Shirley says "I was born in Bolingbroke, Nova Scotia. My father's name was Walter Shirley, and he was a teacher in the Bolingbroke High School. My mother's name was Bertha Shirley. Aren't Walter and Bertha lovely names? I'm so glad my parents had nice names".

I received the following letter from Rea Wilmshurst of Toronto Canada to whom I had been referred to by the editor at Avonlea Traditions Chronicle. Since that conversation, the article had appeared in their publication.

"I've been intending to send you the enclosed ever since the Winter issue of Avonlea Traditions Chronicle came out, but it unfortunately got buried on my desk. I don't know if this Walter Shirley was a member of your clan, but this entry in the Dictionary of Hymology certainly suggests a good reason for L.M.M.'s choosing this name--she was reading or remembering a name in a hymn book".

While on the trip to Prince Edward Island, we visited several of the places referred to in the book, Anne of Green Gables. We visited the L.M. Montgomery museum and although I knew nothing about the author, I think I quickly picked up on the idea of what Rea Wilmshurst expressed. L.M.M. more than likely took the name from this Walter Shirley mentioned in the article.

I learned the author and Anne's life were similar. I was told she often wrote about people and places, based on her personal experiences. L.M. Montgomery married a minister, so she would certainly be familiar with hymnal books. She loved poetry and read a great many books. It would make sense to me that she took a liking to the Walter Shirley name as Rea suggests.

I contacted George Campbell, a cousin of L.M. Montgomery, who owns the museum. I asked him the same question...Why did the author choose SHIRLEY as the surname? Did she know some Shirleys etc.? He said he had thought Shirley was a middle name. He called a college professor who has studied in detail about the life of L.M. Montgomery and she also said she had never really thought about Shirley being a surname. I pointed out that Anne says in the book that her parents were Walter and Bertha SHIRLEY. I also shared with them the information sent to me by Rea Wilmshurst who I think is another college professor in Toronto.

So, this is the only answer we have at this time to my question about Anne's surname.

Who is this Walter Shirley? He was the grandson of the First Earl Ferrer!

Anyone having gone to England with me on our tours were at the church in Shirley Village. If you recall, on the wall was a large monument to Rev. Walter Shirley, the same Walter Shirley in this article.

When I visited Major John Shirley last year, he drove me to the house where Rev. Walter Shirley lived before he passed away on the Isle of Man.

This summer I received a letter from the Chairman of the Shirley Village Church Restoration Fund Committee.

He writes... "Since you last visited England, and our village of Shirley, we discovered that the stonework was beginning to crumble and that dry rot and the dreaded beetle had invaded many of the old timbers. The figure for repair has been estimated to be \$172,000.

Even though Shirley is only a small community, some 200 people, we are determined to raise the money to repair the building and keep it available for future generations. We have been fund raising for two years now and have raised \$147,000. We have used this money to treat the timbers and begin repairs.

this brings me to the reason for contacting you. I am writing to see if you could help us with the project of raising the balance. I have a number of ideas, which are described below:-

- * Could you publicise the Shirley Village Church Restoration Fund by sending copies of this letter to members of the Shirley Association?*
- * Could you act as a point of contact for people in the USA who may wish to involve themselves in our appeal?*
- * Do you think that members of the Association would like to fund raise in the USA for the Shirley Village Church Restoration Fund?*

I apologise for writing a letter such as this and will fully understand if you feel that it is not possible to help. We would not want to offend either by asking or by assuming you may not wish to hear about the problem we face".

Yours sincerely, J. Fletcher, Chairman

When we were at the church last year, we could see the damage as well as the repairs they had begun. So, we do know this is a serious problem for the community. They have done an outstanding job in raising these funds to date. It would be TERRIFIC if our Shirleys would donate to help preserve this church.

SHIRLEY VILLAGE is an important place in the history of the Shirley family!!! IT IS FROM THIS VILLAGE THE SURNAME "SHIRLEY" CAME!

You may send a check to the Shirley Association, 10256 Glencoe Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014 USA. **Make your check payable to: Shirley Village Church Restoration Fund.** We will acknowledge in the next issue of the NEWS the names of the donors and the total collected. PLEASE HELP! Thank you!

ARTICLE SENT BY REA WILMSHURST...

Shirley, Hon. Walter, M.A., fourth s. of the Hon. Laurence Shirley (s. of the 1st Earl Ferrers, and cousin of the Countess of Huntingdon), was b. in 1725. He was a friend of Whitesfield and the Wesleys, and often preached in their chapels. He was for sometime Rector of Loughren, county of Galway. He d. April 7, 1786. A selection of his sermons was published; also two poems in 1761—*Liberty, an Ode*, and *The Judgment*. In 1774 he assisted the Countess of Huntingdon in revising the collection of hymns used in her chapels, and therein a few of his productions are found. In the *Life of Selina, Countess of Huntingdon*, 1839, vol. ii., p. 291, the following note is given on Shirley's hymn-writing:—

"Mr. Shirley was the author of several well-known hymns in Lady Huntingdon's collection, particularly:—

- 'From heaven the loud angelic song began.'
- 'Hark! in the wilderness a cry.'
- 'Flow fast my tears, the cause is great.'
- 'Sweet as the shepherd's tuneful reed.'
- 'Source of light and power divine.'

"There are also some in other collections; and a few little poems scattered in various periodical publications. The lines on the departure of the Missionaries from Lady Huntingdon's College for America, in 1772, under the direction of Mr. Piercy, have been much admired; they were re-published in the *Evangelical Magazine*, in 1796, on the departure of the ship *Duff*, for the South Sea

Islands. . . . He likewise assisted Lady Huntingdon in the Selection of hymns now in use in the congregations in her Connexion."

The Missionary hymn here referred to is:—
"Go, destined vessel, heavenly-freighted, go!"
His hymns now in C. U. include:—

1. *Flow fast, my tears, the cause is great. Good Friday.* Pub. in the Countess of Huntingdon's *Coll.*, circa 1773, p. 294, in 3 st. of 8 l. It is in several modern hymn-books; and especially in America, including Hatfield's *Church H. Bk.*, 1872.

2. *From heaven the loud angelic song began. Ascension.* Also in the C. of Huntingdon's *Coll.*, circa 1773, p. 312, in 7 st. of 4 l. The hymn, "Worthy the Lamb of boundless sway," in Hatfield's *Church H. Bk.*, 1872, and others, is composed of st. ii. and vii.

3. *Hark, in the wilderness a cry. St. John Baptist.* Also in the C. of Huntingdon's *Coll.*, circa 1773, p. 245, in 7 st. of 4 l.

4. *Source of light and power divine. Before Sermon.* Also in the C. of Huntingdon's *Coll.*, circa 1773, p. 231, in 4 st. of 6 l. In Sney's *Songs of G. & G.*, 1872, No. 812, st. i. and iv. are given in an altered form; and the first two lines of the hymn are added as a refrain.

5. *Sweet as the shepherd's tuneful reed. Peace.* Also in the above *Coll.*, circa 1773, p. 126, in 4 st. of 6 l. The hymn, "Peace, troubled soul, whose plaintive moan," in *Laudes Domini*, N. Y., 1884, and others, is composed of st. ii. and iii.

For Shirley's popular recast, "Sweet the moments, rich in blessing," see "While my Jesus I'm possessing." [J. J.]

SHIRLEY CHURCH - SHIRLEY VILLAGE- ENGLAND

The likely origin of the name Shirley is the "Shire Leah", that is a clearing where the shire moot or council met in Anglian Times. The area is still well wooded.

THE DOMESDAY BOOK

The oldest reference to the village seems to be the Domesday Book of 1086. the main entry reads:

The Domesday entry shows that the manor of "Sirelei" was held by various tenants under Henry De Ferrers. A person called "Siward" (Sewallis), was the tenant of several other manors of the Ferrers, the nearest being at Norbury. Siward's second son Fulcher was the first to own lands in the parish of Shirley. It is said that about the year 1130 Fulcher received from the Prior and Convent of Tutbury four oxgang of land in Shirley and a mill at Derby for which he was to pay on Saint John the Baptists day a rental of 10s 8d. Fulcher's son and heir established his residence at Shirley and styled himself "De Shirley", which became the family name. (De meaning of). One of his descendants Sir Robert Shirley was declared Lord Ferrers in 1677. The Shirley's have lived in Shirley throughout recorded history as they do to this day. (The Earl Ferrers son, Lord Tamworth, lives in Shirley).

The Church and the mill mentioned at Shirley in the Domesday Book still exists, although neither can contain much of the original fabric. The mill is now a farm, but the wheelhouse is still clearly visible, and the old millstones incorporated into the pavements and walls of the farmhouse.

THE CHURCH

The Church as it now exists consists of chancel, nave, north and south aisles, south porch and tower. The oldest part of the church may be the chancel arch, now much restored, having completely lost its Norman shape in the restoration of 1842. The Pews through out the Church date from 1842. It is said that there were many well carved oak pews in the Church before 1842. The only remnant of these is to be seen at the east end of the south aisle with the initials C.C. M.C. and the date 1649. Possibly this may have been the pew of the family of Colwich. This family was assigned the site of the dissolved perceptory at Yeaveley in 1559 (in Shirley Parish at that time). They held the land for over a century.

The South Aisle and Chancel

Standing at the back of the Church under the gallery, the next oldest part dates from the first half of the fourteenth century (1300-1350). this is the south aisle on the right, with its windows, the arcade of two bays supported by an octagonal pillar between the aisle and the nave. The chancel with its windows, priests door, buttresses and well moulded wall plate also are of the same date. The architecture is known as the Decorated style of Gothic or early English.

Thousands of couples have exchanged their marriage vows in this church. Think how many babies have been baptised here over so many centuries. The registers begin in 1658. It is a tradition of the Earl Ferrers family (whose family name is Shirley and who still live in the Parish) that their children are baptised here.

The North Aisle

This was only added in 1842, and was built as an imitation of the much older South Aisle. At the east end there is a large monument to Bishop Shirley. he was both Bishop and Vicar of Shirley for many years, and responsible for the restoration. He was elected Bishop of Sodor and Man and Consecrated, but died in 1847 before his enthronement. Another member of the Shirley family is remembered in a mural brass cross erected in 1873 to the memory of the late Canon Shirley of Christ Church, Oxford.

[See photo of the monument to Rev. Walter Shirley at Shirley Church on page 11].



**Monument to Rev. Walter Shirley, Shirley Church
Shirley Village, England.**

The same Walter Shirley whose name may have been used by L.M. Montgomery for her character...Anne SHIRLEY

REPORT ON NEW YORK SHIRLEYS

FROM SHIRLEY GARVIN...

Many years ago, Betty Shirley sent me some notes on Shirley in various places in New England. Among them was a note that John Shirley was born to Ferrers and Ann 1 January 1755. In the same listing was Ferrers married Elizabeth Marshall 28 March 1761. These were from Suffolk County Massachusetts and most of the names concerned Boston.

My ancestor was a David Atwood Shirley in Perry, NY. David Atwood had a son Dudley Graves Shirley who was my great grandfather. Dudley lived on Onondaga Hill, near Syracuse, NY. From his letters, it appeared that Dudley had an uncle of some importance in Syracuse, and who had a store where Dudley sometimes worked. When Dudley was in the Civil War from Company D, 122nd Regt. of the N.Y. Volunteers, he often wrote to this uncle for help when he didn't think he was getting fair treatment. Dudley had only one brother, whose name was Phares, and he died at Andersonville Prison, South Carolina. I later found out that Cornelius had a store in Syracuse, and apparently only had one daughter, so no heirs.

Using these names, I decided that Phares could also be speller Ferrers. I went back to Ferrers and Ann. I found in Gloucester, Massachusetts records that stated that a William Shirley there was also supposed to have been born at sea. More records mention John being born 1 Jan. 1755. William was born 1757.

The records of the John born at sea 1 Jan 1755, seem to indicate that he was a John Henry and called Henry. this family went to Sudbury, Massachusetts and Fryeburg Maine. and later to Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire. William married Annis Maley or Haley and they had sons names John and Phares. Phares is carried don in their line, although sometimes spelled Pharos.

I began to tackle Elizabeth Marshall. it turns out that she was a widow Elizabeth Marshall, and that her maiden name was Soper. They married in 1761, so Ann must have died. Through the Soper records, I found that she married Ferrers Shirley second, in a double wedding with her sister in Boston. Warnings were given for Ferrers and Elizabeth to get out of town. He was a brewer according to various notes. We find that in 1765, they had a son Ferrers or

Phares. It is sometimes even spelled Perez. On 17 August 1776, Elizabeth Shirley married Henry Snow. Phares was 11 years old. Henry Snow was a cabinet maker and they lived near Concord New Hampshire. Henry only survived 2 years and Elizabeth married again to Luke Howell.

Ferrers and Ann were en route from England. One record says they were returning from England. I tend to believe they were living in England. But about this time, there was a group of Shirleys that came from Ireland to Chester, New Hampshire and lived there before moving west to Canada, and Niagara, NY and a place called Suspension Bridge that I cannot presently locate. [WHEN WE VISITED NIAGARA FALLS THEY POINTED TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE...SO IT IS RIGHT NEAR NIAGARA]. in the same census, there was a William McKinney who married a sister Nancy Shirley of the same family of John, (in Bedford). This Goffstown group is well documents, but most of them stayed in the area. The Shirley Association made a visit there at one time. But John and Margaret went to western NY. And frequently when these migrations were made, families went together. So I feel it is possible that at least back in England or Ireland, these families were related. And in Bedford, we now find Phares Shirley marrying Olive Chubbuck in 1789. They had a number of children, all of whom I cannot name. Phares listed himself as a cabinet maker (an art I imagine he learned from his step-father, Henry Snow). All of his children seemed to be cabinet makers, and some of his grand children, too.

The children that I think belonged to Phares and Olive were a possible John, Isaac, Ebenezer, Cornelious, David Atwood, Ezekiel, and possibly Clarissa born 1811. The new Mormon Church records indicate that Clarissa is the daughter of Phares and Olive--but I cannot substantiate that. She could be the daughter of Isaac, too. Isaac and Phares were living near each other in NY in 1820--Isaac in Madison County, town of Madison and Phares in Madison County, town of Eaton, and these towns are adjacent to each other. They then show up in the town of Homer, NY. Phares and Olive are buried in Glenwood cemetery. Phares Shirley died 20 May 1848 aged 82 years 11 months and Olive died Sept 12, or 17, 1860 aged 96 years 3 months. Plus Catharine ages 11 years, Edward G. who died at 1 year and Fannie A. who died at 2, but their dates are in the 1860s so most belong to William or another family. Ebenezer is also buried there with his wife, Sally K. and second wife Abigail Northup. It appears that Ezekiel and William bough the lot in which Phares and Olive are buried, but Ezekiel is not buried there. William and his wife Mary are buried there. Other Shirleys are buried in Cortland, NY.

In Ithaca, NY I found the estate of William Shirley who died 29th Oct. 1897 signed by Atwood Shirley. It says that Atwood Shirley is a brother aged 52 years and residing at Ithaca, NY. It mentions Sidney Shirley, a half-brother aged about 26 years living in Boston, Massachusetts and Frank Shirley, a half brother aged about 22 years and whose place of residence was unknown to Atwood. We found these Shirleys, but the age difference was so great that we weren't completely sure they were half brothers. Sidney and Frank ended up in Woodhull near where Clarissa lived--and so we think that at least Clarissa is related to Isaac. These children, William, Sydney, Frank and Atwood, are listed as being children of Isaac A. Shirley.

I also found an infant (11 years old?) was left to his aunt Ella Pierce in Ithaca, NY by his mother Nancy Shirley. But Earl also died, and it mentions that he was nephew of Sarah Cotton of Ithaca. She may be a Shirley also.

It appears that we have another migration of Shirley across the US--not just in the south, although they may be related. We have a whole descendency from a Walter Shirley in England who was supposed to have died young in the charts. His brother was a Ferrers Shirley who also died young in the charts. His brother was a Ferrers Shirley who also died young. Betty Shirley indicated that Walter might have committed some crime and was hurried out of the country and declared dead. Perhaps Ferrers went with him! At any rate--we have a line from Ferrers and Ann that moved to New Hampshire and then to NY.

I feel that the Thomas Shirley of Pat and Paul Shirley of Messena, NY may also fit into this family. Their migration from Boston through White River Junction, NY follows the same line and the names are consistent with other research.

There are many other NY names that I think may fit in with this family. Some of John's (born 1 Jan 1755) children and grandchildren ended up in Western NY. And going even further back--there are some Alexanders that seem to be related to Thomas of Ireland group that went to Phelps, NY. They are probably all related.

I enjoyed the reunion in Syracuse. We were a small group but we talked excitedly for 4 hours. It has spurred me on to do more research.

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