



ETHEL SPEER UPDIKE BORN OCT 7, 1899 BOWERSVILLE HART CO. GEORGIA

Ethel Updike spent many years researching the Shirleys and related lines and is the author of: CHAMBLEE, FISHER, GRUBBS, HUGHES, ROBINSON, SHIRLEY AND TRIBBLE FAMILIES OF THE SOUTH printed in 1969 (out of print).

NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION JUNE 22 AND 23, 1991 IN MANASSAS VA.

Reservation forms have been included with this issue of the NEWS for members in the USA. The details in regards to time, address, phone numbers, meal and over night arrangements are on this form.

Friday evening 7:30 PM a pre-convention gathering in meeting room at Holiday Inn to get acquainted etc.

Saturday 9:00 AM, all day Convention with speakers, displays and a few surprises!!! A great time for all Shirleys descendants!

Sunday June 23rd, 11 AM, SHIRLEY HOMECOMING DAY at the Broad Run Baptist church in Fauquier County Virginia near the location of the Shirley Convention. We will be going to see the location of the property of the Shirleys in 1770's. Another plan... (the details we are working on as we just learned of this), is a tour of a \$3 Million dollar house just built and located a few miles from where we will be. It is a replica of the SHIRLEY PLANTATION HOUSE. The 13,500 square-foot house includes 10 fireplaces, 14 bathrooms, an elevator, a three-story glass rotunda, media room for movie viewing, health spa, swimming pool and four balconies and porches.

WALTER SHIRLEY DESCENDANTS REUNION JUNE 21, 1991 HARPERS FERRY West Virginia.

Please send a check for \$10 per person for lunch on Saturday. The menu...Chicken dinner! The best! Time of reunion is **9:30AM to 4:00 PM** at the **Hill Top House in Harpers Ferry**. Send the check to Betty Shirley. (Hill Top House has rooms to stay overnight too! Call: 304-535-2132).

LAURENS COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA SHIRLEY REUNION FRIDAY JUNE 28TH AT THE HOLIDAY INN CLINTON S.C., TIME: 1:00 PM

This is a reunion of the descendants of the Laurens, Fairfield and Spartanburg County Shirleys. Those descendants of Habersham & Rabun County Georgia Shirleys would be some who are descended from these South Carolina Roots as would the Tuscaloosa County Alabama Shirleys. We will have a speaker and will be going to the area where the Shirleys had their land in the 1700's. We will break for dinner, (on your own as I did not want to become involved with meal reservations), and continue with an evening event. We will show the video of the 1986 Shirley Celebration at Ettington in England. We won't tell all here, as we like to reserve some surprises.

REUNION IN HART COUNTY GEORGIA, SAT. JUNE 29TH AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 85 VICKERY STREET, LAVONIA GEORGIA. AT 1:00 pm FOR SHIRLEYS OF BENJAMIN & ELIZ. HUGHES. THOSE DESCENDED FROM JOHN & ELIZ. BARMORE AND FROM OBEDIAH SHIRLEY FAMILY ARE INVITED! POTLUCK! BRING FOOD! CONTACT: STEVE SHIRLEY IN BOWERSVILLE GA. 404-245-5886 HOME, 404-356-8080 WORK.

HABERSHAM & RABUN COUNTY GEORGIA SHIRLEYS, SUNDAY JUNE 30TH AT 1:00 pm AT NORTH GEORGIA TECH IN CLARKESVILLE GA. HIGHWAY #197 BRING A WELL FILLED BASKET. FOR INFO CONTACT; ANGIE PRITCHETT AT 404-778-2417 OR CONNY SHIRLEY 404-754-7722 OR 754-9417.

From your editor: I will be looking forward to meeting you at one or more of the above meeting and sharing the Shirley story. I will be bringing some new items with me.

RICHARD & WILLIAM SHIRLEY OF AUGUSTA COUNTY VIRGINIA

Richard Shirley was the father of:

William Stubley Shirley Jr. born ca 1757 (named for his uncle)
married Elizabeth Maxwell in 1780.

Their children:

1. **Richard Charles** b. 1781 died Oct 10, 1833
married 1st Sarah Brooks (six children)
married 2nd Nancy Porter (sister of Uriah Porter)

Children: (all born Jones County Georgia).

- (1). Keziah b. 1805
m. 1st William Clemence (they had a dau, Eliz)
m. 2nd George Compton King, Aug 1826. Moved to
Alabama. (they were the parents of 5 dau and 1 son.
Marriages can be found in Russell & Macon Co. ALA in
the mid 1850's for some of these children).
- (2). Elizabeth April 25, 1807 d. 1866
married John Gaylord Brown in Jones Co. Ga in 1825. They
moved to Alabama.
- (3). Phoebe m. Uriah Porter Dec 12, 1823 Jones Co. GA
lived Russell County Ala.
- (4). Sadie m. William Barnett Hawes. Lived in Alabama.
- (5). **Thomas** 1816 m. Meck White. They lived Alabama.
- (6). **Nathaniel** 1819 moved to Mississippi

(children by Nancy)

- (7). **Edward** d. 1835
- (8). **Aaron** d. in service in C.S.A.

2. **James** 1783
3. **John** 1783
4. **Samuel** 1783 (TRIPLETS)
5. **Edward**
6. Mahaley Parker
7. Mary
8. **William Jr.** 1790
9. Elizabeth 1790 (TWINS)

According to this branch of Shirleys there were five brothers from Ireland who settled in Augusta County Virginia in early 1700's. They became dissatisfied, separated, one going to South Carolina, one to Kentucky. Later James, John, Edmund and William settled in Georgia in the year 1775.

References: LDS Film #288189
Old Shirley Bible
Brooks & Kindred Families by Ida Brooks Kellam/1950

There seems to be some confusion on the above lineage as one member has the descent as: Richard, William Sr. 1732, William Jr. 1757 (of Warren Co. GA), William 1790 SC (of Clinch Co GA).

From Editor: While doing the 1990 Fall issue of the NEWS, I spent a lot of time studying the Shirleys of South Carolina, Georgia & Alabama. This article is a continuation of that study which dealt with Laurens, Fairfield, Spartanburg, York and Edgefield Counties in South Carolina, Habersham and Rabun Counties in Georgia, and Tuscaloosa County Alabama. On page 5 of the Fall 1990 issue of the NEWS, From Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Hayford, Vol 6 page 235...

" William Sherley was born in Spartanburg District South Carolina in 1790, son of William Shirley. The family moved to Warren Co. Georgia ca. 1820....etc."

In Anson County North Carolina I found WILLIAM STOUTLEY (must be Stubley) SHIRLEY, 200 acres July 1, 1758. Could the Richard Shirley who received a Royal Land Grant in 1768 in Berkeley County SC, be the brother or the father of William Stubley Shirley Sr. born 1732 ? Anson County is near the South Carolina border. William Stubley Shirley Jr. appears to have lived in Spartanburg Co. SC. when his son William was born in 1790 according to the lineage given above.

If Richard Shirley of Berkeley County SC is the father or brother of William Stubley Shirley, this would make the Shirleys of Laurens County SC, Habersham & Rabun County Georgia, Tuscaloosa County Alabama closely related to the William Stubley Shirley line who also lived in Georgia.

Let's look at some Georgia records...

INDEX TO HEADRIGHTS AND BOUNTY GRANTS OF GEORGIA 1756-1909

1769	St. Paul	William Shirley
1772	St. George	William Shirley
1787/1790	Burke	Martin Shirley
1794	Richmond Co.	William Shirley

EARLY TAX RECORDS OF GEORGIA BY BLAIR

Warren Co.

Wilkes Co.

1794	Edward	1793	William Shurley
1805	Edward	1793	Edward Shurley
1805	William Shurly Jr		
1805	Richard Shurly		
1818	William Shirley		
1818	Nathan Shirley		

Many settlers in Virginia and the Carolinas were attracted to Georgia by the early land lotteries. Families who had lived in the territory for at least one year were permitted to draw for acreages as large as 400 acres.

Membership in the Shirley Association is \$20 per year.
Send a check to: 10256 Glencoe Dr. Cupertino, CA 95014 USA
For additional info about meetings or Shirleys call:
Betty Shirley at 408-255-8511 evenings, (Pacific time), or weekends, preferred.

1805 Land Lottery of GeorgiaWarren Co.

Edward Sherley
 William Sherley
 William Sherley Jr.
 Richard Sherley

Hancock Co.

James Shirley

Burke Co.

William Shirley

1807 Land Lottery of GeorgiaWilkinson Co.

William Sherley
 William Sherley Jr.

Baldwin Co.

Recardis Sherley
 (Richard)

1820 Land Lottery of GeorgiaIrwin Co.

William Shearly
 William Sharley's Orp.
 Edward Sharley Jr.

Early Co.

James Sherly
 Nathan Shurley
 Edward Sharley, R.S.

Habersham Co.

Nathaniel Sharley

Rabun Co.

Edward Sharley, SR.

Appling Co.

Nathaniel Shearley

Walton Co.

Phillip Shirley

1821 Land Lottery of GeorgiaHenry Co.

William S. Shirley
 James Shurley

Monroe Co.

Richard Sharley
 Eliz. Sharley (widow)

Houston Co.

Wm. S. Shirley

1827 Land Lottery of GeorgiaWashington Co.

William S. Shearley
 Samuel Shirly

Crawford Co.

Nathaniel Shurley

Warren Co.

John W. Sherley

1832 Land Lottery of GeorgiaHabersham Co.

John Sharley
 Abraham Sherley

Clarke Co.

Robert Sharly

Warren Co.

Charles Sharley

NOTE: 1820 Land Lottery above lists Nathaniel for land in Habersham County and Edward Sharley SR in Rabun County. Their names do not appear on the 1820 - 1850 census for those counties. I do not have an 1810 census for GA.

Shirley Association member, Virginia Ferguson, sent the following info about Nathaniel Shurley.... including info on Thomas Shirley 1816 from Harold Harwell.

Thomas Shirley Jan 17, 1816 GA, d. July 2, 1899 Sumter Co. Ala. He was blinded in an accident and thereafter carried the nickname of "Blind Tom".

He married Americus White born 1833 and they had two daughters, Sarah 1849 d. 1851 and Americus 1855 d. 1897, married John Coleman Ezell and their children were born in Choctaw County Alabama. NOTE from editor: In the 1880 census of Sumter Co. ALA a Thomas Shirley b. 1879 Mississippi is living in the household of Thomas and Americus.

Harold Harwell writes that Thomas Shirley's grave is in the Ward cemetery at Ward, Sumter Co. Ala. It is located 39 miles east of Meridian, Lauderdale County Mississippi. He also wrote that he remembers his mother telling of some exploits of Grand Paw Shirley. It seems that some times he would ride his horse through the middle of the house when he came home drunk.

1850 census Sumter County Alabama

Nathaniel Shurley 1821 Georgia
Harriett 1826 Florida
Ellen V. 1849 Alabama

also living in this household are:
James Hall 1833 ALA
John Porter 1836 GA

1860 Census Sumter Co ALA

Thomas Shurley 1816 GA
America 1834 ALA
Dora 1851 ALA
Viola 1856 ALA
?Pelo (female) 1858 ALA
W. T. Porter (overseer)

1860 Pike County Mississippi

N. Shurley 1819 GA
H. 1832 GA
M. (female) 1852

Note: Virginia Ferguson's husband is descended from Dolly.

1870 Lincoln Co. Mississippi

N. Shurley 1819 GA
H.I. 1843 MS
Dolly 1858 MS
Nathaniel 1862 MS
Nettie 1862 MS (Twins)
Florence 1863 MS
Addie 1866 MS
Thomas 1867 MS
Homer 1869 MS

In Jones County Georgia guardianship papers state that Nathaniel was the orphan of Richard Shurley. Signed March 3, 1834 in Jones Co. GA by John G. Brown, Uriah Porter and Barnett Haws.

Note from editor: I have a query from Helen Shurley Allain written in 1978 and sent to me in 1985 by a professional researcher we had hired to do Alabama research. The letter was concerning Dr. Nathaniel J. Shurley her grandfather who settled

in Lincoln County Mississippi about 1850 and died there in 1887. She understood he was born in 1819 and resided and practiced medicine before removing to Mississippi.

Nathaniel Shurley was born 1819 GA died Sept 11, 1887 Liberty, Lincoln County Mississippi. He appears to have married 3 times.

1st Mrs. Harriet V.D.M. Wallace, nee JONES. Harriet divorced Nathaniel in Sumter County MS in 1854. Nathaniel divorced her in 1858 in Lawrence County Mississippi. (A story in itself!)

2nd ? Miss Moore

3rd Henrietta Irene Tynes in 1861

Children by Henrietta: (given by member Yvonne Sutherlin)

1. Florence Lillian Oct 27, 1863 m. Quitman Hall
2. Adaline Estelle Feb 2, 1865
3. Thomas Dalton Apr 1869
4. Homer Clifton June 22, 1869
5. Kate m. Wren Jones
6. James Linfield July 6, 1873
7. Edward M. 1877
8. William Arthur April 29, 1878
9. Eugene Reginald May 14, 1882



Philip and Augusta Shirley with son, Evelyn Robert Shirley christened in July 1990 in the Chapel at Ettington. Major John and Judith Shirley are the proud grandparents. Philip is the eldest son of Major John Shirley and next in line to inherit Ettington Park, the original seat of the Shirley family.

HABERSHAM COUNTY GEORGIA

Records found in the Court House during our visit to Habersham County last year.

Aaron Shirley, resident of Georgia all of his life. Served in Sargeant Company E, 16th Regiment Georgia Volunteers, T.R.R. Cobb's Brigade. His left arm was disabled because of a Smallpox vaccination on left arm. It became infected, reaching such a poisonous condition as to result in loss of the use of this arm. August 1863. Witnesses: William Ivester, A.M. Dawkins & Thomas R. Ivie in 1899 Habersham Co. GA.

B.W. Shirley, born Dec 30, 1837 Habersham County Georgia. Enlisted August 1862, Charleston South Carolina. He was in Company A, Mathew's Artillery South Carolina. He became sick and left the command December 1864. Wit: Moses Franklin in same command.

Bird Shirley, born May 3, 1833 Habersham County Georgia. Enlisted July 1861 Habersham County Georgian. Was in Co. K. 24th Regt. Georgia Volunteers. Captured at Front Royal December 1864 & carried to Elmira New York prison. Released after surrender. Wit: Wm. Ivester in same Brigade.

E.W. Shirley, born March 16, 1841. Enlisted Mar. 4, 1862 Clarksville Georgia. Was in Company A 52nd Ga. Later, Matthew's Artillery. He was in High Point North Carolina April 1865 at time of surrender. Wit: G.W. Shirley & R.S. Dover 1896 Habersham County Georgia.

George W. Shirley, born November 8, 1845 Georgia. Was a Private in Company A, Matthew's Artillery, South Carolina Volunteers. He was wounded Sept 1865 in South Carolina, while holding lanyard ready to fire large canon. When it fired it bursted at the breach, shock knocked applicant down and paralyzed his right arm. He was sent to the hospital until the close of the war. His arm so impaired by shock that he has not been able to use it for labor since. Wit: T.J. Fry, A.P. Anderson & Moses Franklin 1896 Habersham County Georgia.

Hezekiah Shirley, born September 28, 1825 Habersham County Georgia. He enlisted Aug 1862 Habersham County GA. He was in Co. K 24th GA Regiment under Captain E. Fuller. Aug 16, 1864 at Front Royal Virginia he was wounded in the hand and foot. "I was captured at this time and was so badly wounded the Yankees left me and I went into our hospital at Gordonville & from there furloughed home". When asked where he was at the time of the surrender....:I was at home on wounded furlough and never about to return to the army". Wit: S.A. Shirley, same command.

Joel Shirley, citizen of Georgian since Dec 13, 1833. He was in Company E 16th Regt. GA Volunteers Cobb's Brigade, afterwards Wofford's. Dec 11, 1863 Virginia, he was wounded in right ankle joint with piece of shell. He spent four months in hospital and then sent home, remaining there during the remainder of the war. Wit: A.M.Dawkins, Aaron Shirley, Wm. Ivester...same command.

Rolland Shirley, resident of Habersham County GA since March 28, 1840. He was a Private in Company E 16th Regt GA Volunteers in Woffords Brigade. Hw was vaccinated in Frdericksburg Virginia. Gangrene set in, joint became still and he was sent home on furlough which was extended until close of war. Wit: J.W. Woodall, A.F. Herrin & W.H. Cross.

S.A. Shirley, born Aug 3, 1843 Habersham County Georgia. Enlisted Oct 1862 Clarksville, Georgia. He was in Company K GA Regt under Capt. E. Fuller. He was discharged Nov 1863 on account of sickness.

HABERSHAM COUNTY GEORGIA

Deed of Conveyance Recorded December 22, 1827 between John Shirly of Habersham County GA of the one part and Samuel A. Shirley of Habersham County GA of the other part.....

Witnessed by: Berryman Shirly
Moses Shirly

OLD NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Sent by Shirley Association member, Mr. T.L. Shirley. His grandfather and Conny Shirley's grandfather were brothers. Moses Shirley was a brother of Levi Berryman Shirley featured on the cover of Vol 3 # 9 National NEWS.

The articles are about the grandfather, & grandmother of Conny Shirley, also a Shirley Association member. The third article is about the son of Moses & Elizabeth.

**WEALTHY FARMER
SLAIN BY ONE BLOW
OF MURDERER'S AX**

In Bed Asleep, Moses Shirley
Is the Victim of As-
sassin.

9-20-
1910

Cornelia, Ga., Sept. 20.—Moses Shirley, a prominent and wealthy farmer, was killed at his home near Tiger, in Rabun county, last night. Shirley and his wife were in bed asleep. The home was entered and Shirley's head was split wide open with an ax.

The blow upon the head of Mr. Shirley awoke his wife and the murderer then struck at her with a deadly blow, but missed her, the ax going almost thru the bed. The murderer made good his escape. The whole community is very much wrought up.

* * 12-1-54 *

**Granny Shirley
Celebrates 94th
Birthday at Tiger**

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Shirley celebrated her 94th birthday, Dec. 1 at her home in Tiger.

Mrs. Shirley has been living in Rabun County 73 years, coming her as the bride of Moses Shirley to the house made of logs, especially built for the newly weds in the Bethel community.

She is originally from Pickens County near what is now Jasper, Ga. Her husband lived in Rabun County and met his wife while on a job in Pickens County.

After the marriage he came back home and built the house for them, then went back for his bride and brought her to Rabun County with all their belonging on a horse and wagon.

She is the mother of six children, three of whom are living: Miss Susie Shirley, who lives with her, Mrs. Bertha Cannon of Tiger and Mrs. Lula Welborn.

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**One Near Death
Another Burned
In Gasoline Fire**

11-6-1924

Clayton, Ga., November 7.—(Special.)—Jesse Shirley, 25, is believed to have been fatally burned, and Nesbet Mosely, a visitor, was less seriously burned, when the Shirley home was gutted by flames early today. Doctors tonight waged a fight to save Shirley. The Shirley farm is two miles south of Clayton on Stecon creek and is considered one of the most valuable in Rabun county.

Details of the origin of the fire are unknown here, but it is reported that the men were handling some gasoline, which took fire, causing a 50-gallon drum to explode.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY OF OREGON

*Taken from an article appearing in the Eugene Review Vol 1 #45
Saturday Sept 5, 1863. Sent by member, Dale Shirley.*

A JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.- Yesterday morning William Shirley was shot twice and instantly killed by S. Ellsworth, Esq. The facts as presented before the Coroner's inquest strongly justify Mr. Ellsworth in having taken the life of Shirley. Some four years ago Shirley was tried for the crime of perjury in this county, convicted and sentenced to three years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary. Mr. Ellsworth assisted in the prosecution, and against him and some who were parties to the affair, Shirley, after his conviction, made dark threats. He served his full term in the Penitentiary, and on his discharge in June last returned here. Since then he had given Mr. Ellsworth and others against whom he harbored malice ample cause to know that he would seize the first opportunity to make good his threats. It was given in evidence yesterday that a few weeks ago he was rushing upon Mr. Ellsworth, who was at the time seated in a covered buggy. On one or two occasions he too pains to put himself in Mr. Ellsworth's way and apply insolent and threatening language to him. He had since told several persons of his intention to commit personal violence upon that gentleman, and, as he was known to be desperate at times, it was believed he would do so the first fair opportunity. He had been employed for some time in a saddle tree manufactory near Mr. Ellsworth's residence. On Thursday morning, Mr. E. happened near this place. Shirley, armed with a heavy club, attempted his threatened assault, but fellow workman interposed and wrested the weapon from him, and Mr. E. withdrew. during the day he took steps to have Shirley arrested, but the absence from town of an officer frustrated the arrest. Yesterday morning, as Mr. Ellsworth was watering his horse in the mill pond near the residence he saw Shirley coming towards him. He had prepared himself to resist any subsequent attempts upon the part of Shirley to do him violence, yet he preferred to avoid meeting or having trouble with him, and immediately led away his horse and repaired to his dwelling. When just at the gate, Shirley came up within a few yards of him and insultingly addressed him, wanting to know if Mr. E. meant to have him arrested. An affirmative reply was given. Shirley remarked, "this thing may as well be settled now." and menacingly advanced. Mr. Ellsworth drew his pistol, a small four-barreled revolver. Shirley paused a moment, took a sharp look at Mr. Ellsworth, said, "why don't you shoot." and again started to advance. At that instant the first shot was fired, and with the wheel about that Shirley gave the second shot came. The first ball would undoubtedly have caused death in a short time; the second made instant work of it. He fell and with only a groan expired. The Coroner soon took possession of the body and summoned a jury for inquest. The results of the inquest was: "We find that the deceased, William Shirley, came to his death on Friday morning, Sept 4th about 7 O'clock, at or near the gate of S. Ellsworth's residence in Eugene City, Lane County Oregon. Cause two pistol balls-one in the right shoulder, the other in the back near the spinal column; said balls having been fired from a pistol in the hand of S. Ellsworth. We the jurors, find from all the evidence that the killing of the said William Shirley was justifiable homicide on the part of S. Ellsworth, said act having been committed in self-defense.

SIR THOMAS SHIRLEY, THE ANTIQUARIAN & COMPILER OF LARGE PEDIGREE

[The large pedigree is half the size of a tennis court and is the one viewed by American Shirleys in Leicester on the 1986 tour in England].

NOTE: See the International NEWS 1989, 8th edition pages 7 & 8
and National NEWS Vol 3 #6 Oct 1989 pages 6 & 7

ASTWELL HOUSE (visited in 1989 on our tour in England).

John Shirley died in 1570 leaving a son George, who, born in 1559, inherited Staunton Harold in 1571 & Astwell in 1586. George married Frances Berkeley, [daughter of Henry Lord Berkeley]. They were the parents of Sir Thomas Shirley, the Antiquarian.

On May 22, 1622, Sir Thomas Shirley "of Bottle Bridge, in the County of Huntingdon" was Knighted at Whitehall; the Manor of Bottle Bridge, or St. Botolph's Bridge, with those of South Newington in the county of Oxford, Dorsington in the county of Gloucester, & a moiety of the manor of King's Newton in the county of Warwick, having been previously settled on him by his father, Sir George Shirley by deed dated May 20, 1615.

From one of his books, "The Catholique Armourist" & from general tenour of his writings elsewhere, it appears that Sir Thomas Shirley was a Roman Catholic. He was referred to as a Popish Recusant.

His estates in the counties of Huntingdon, Oxford, Gloucester & Warwick had passed from his name & family before the Restoration.

He married Mary Harpur of Rushall in the county of Stafford. They were the parents of:

1. Henry born before 1629
2. George
3. John
4. Francis
5. Thomas
6. Mary
7. Anne

Very little has been preserved concerning them. Their fates have merged in the oblivion which attends the ruined fortunes of the house of Shirley.

In 1678 Robert Lord Ferrers entailed his estates on the failure of his own heirs male, on the heirs male of his great grandfather, Sir George Shirley. Probably, therefore, some descendants of Sir Thomas Shirley were at that time living. It is certain at least that in 1669, one son of Sir Thomas Shirley was living. This appears by a letter in the Bodleian Library from George Seignier to Sancoft, in which he reminds him, on the subject of the church of Staunton Harold, "that the next heir to the estate is a Papist, & then what will become of this fine church without a dowry?"

It appears by several papers that Sir Thomas Shirley mortgaged the manor of Bottle-Bridge. Sir Thomas paid neither principal or interest on this mortgage as he is described as "being beyond the sea." According to William Dugdale, Sir Thomas Shirley was at Mr. Turpins house at Morloix in France in 1643.

Sir Thomas Shirley died 1653-4 and was buried in the hallowed ground at St. Peter's church, Pauls Wharf, close to the College of Arms. The church was burnt in the fire of London and was not rebuilt. The Parish register records his sepulture, Feb 4, 1653-4 Sir Thomas Shirley, Knight, buried.

The probable son of Sir Thomas Shirley petitioned the Protector and possibly it was he who petitioned King Charles II in 1662 for the place of Gentleman Usher to the Queen. He represents that his father Sir Thomas Shirley served the late King as squire of the body & Colonel in the North & that he was plundered himself & imprisoned, as Captain under Sir George Booth. Again he petitions to the King (Dec 29, 1666), under the name of Captain Thomas Shirley, for a foot company in Windsor Castle. He again alludes to his father Sir Thomas Shirley's service in the Wars & stating that he had himself served eleven months without pay in his Majesty's Guard of Cavalry. It is thought it was this Captain Thomas Shirley rather than his elder brother, Henry...of whom we have no further trace after the mention of his name in his fathers petition in Sept 1650, who was regarded as the next Popish heir of the estate in the year 1669.

Sir Thomas Shirley, (the Antiquarian), was the uncle of Robert Shirley who died in the Tower of London for building the church at Staunton Harold during the time of Oliver Cromwell. He was the great uncle of the First Earl Ferrers. Sir Thomas Shirley and Sir Henry Shirley (who married Lady Dorothy Deverux), were brothers.

Info taken from the Stemmata Shirleiana by Evelyn Philip Shirley

WALTER & MARION SHIRLEY FAMILY of INDIANAPOLIA INDIANA

Members of the Shirley Association since 1979

