



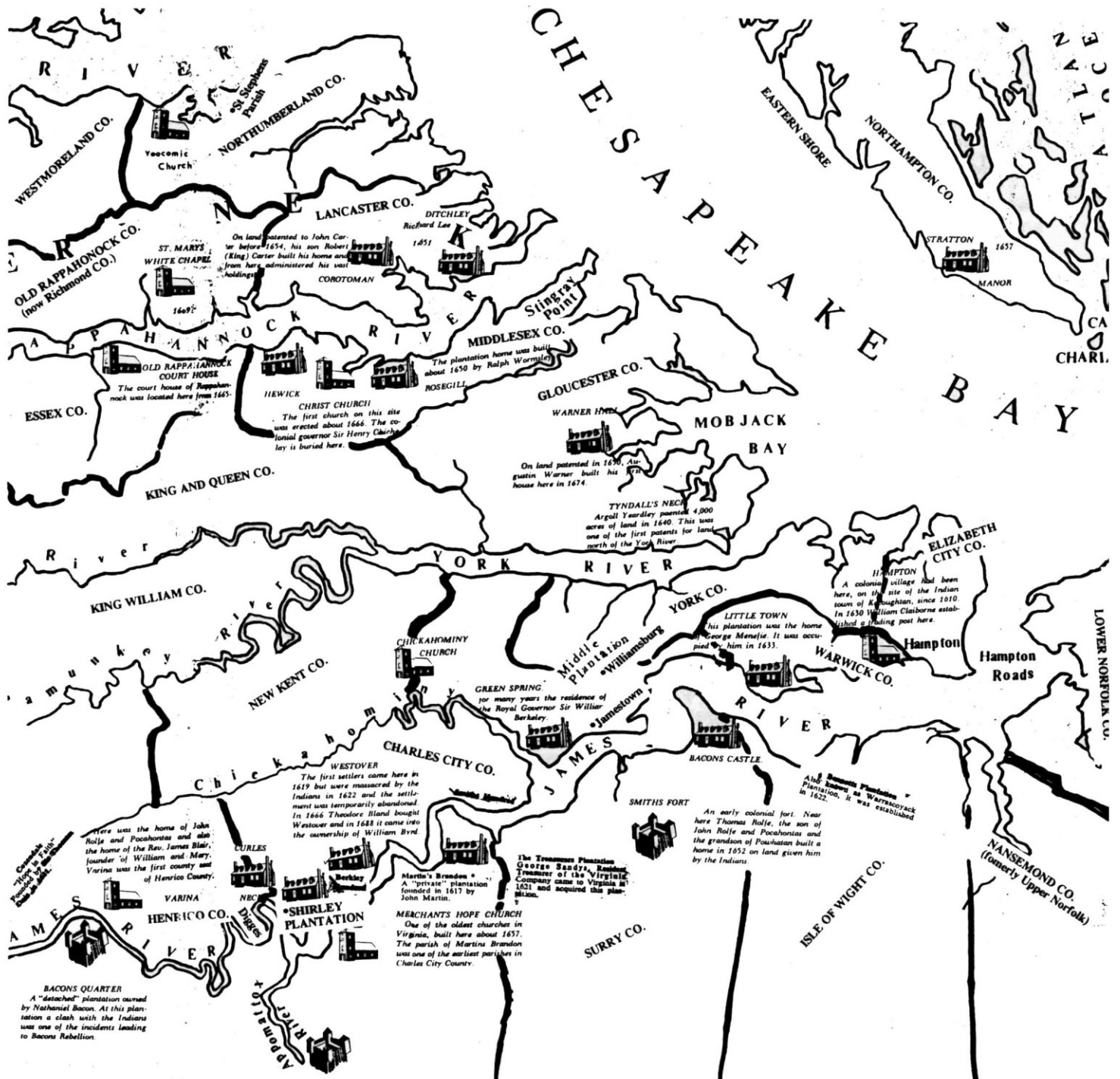
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STUDY OF THE EARLY SHIRLEY'S IN AMERICA AND THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THEM

In the last issue of the NEWS I said, "there certainly appears to be a connection between the Shirleys of Princess Ann County VA and the Shirleys of Northumberland Co. VA."..."Because of the lack of family info and lost or burned county records, the Shirley info that does exist has to be looked at careful and calculated from every direction. We may only be able to submit possible connections because of surname associations of the names appearing on legal documents or those who were neighbors of the Shirleys, etc.".

Over the past several months I have been studying the non-Shirley names appearing with the Shirleys in the early years. I have spent many evenings at the local library looking through books about Virginia families, etc. It wasn't long until I found myself completely engrossed in learning about the real history of Virginia and who came and why! Somehow it seems different from what I remember learning in school. It may be you have forgotten your early Virginia history too! I think a brief review will be of help to understand further comments about the times and the Shirleys in early America.

It was seventeen years after Sir Walter Raleigh tried to establish a colony in America that a group of wealthy gentlemen formed a group called the London Company. The company obtained a charter to settle part of the vast territory called Virginia. ONE OF THOSE GENTLEMEN WAS SIR THOMAS SHERLEY, the elder of Wiston.

To encourage the Englishmen to move to America, the London Company distributed brochures describing an American paradise. Those who braved the voyage soon discovered the reality that it was not so great. The bad water spread dysentery, the Indians attacked, and hunger was always present. By 1609 only a handful of the original Jamestown settlers remained. By June 1610 supplies and morale were so low, they were contemplating returning to England. Just as they prepared to leave, Lord Delaware West, (SON-IN-LAW OF SIR THOMAS SHERLEY, the elder), arrived in Jamestown with additional emigrants and supplies just in time to forestall the abandonment of the colony. He organized expeditions for food, and forwarded strong representations as to the necessity of support for Virginia.

Thomas West, Baron De La War was born in 1577 Hampshire, England. He was in the British Parliament in 1597, and served in the campaigns in the Low Countries and in Ireland. Succeeding his father in the peerage in 1602, he interested himself in the plans for the colonization of Virginia. He became a member of the Council of Virginia in 1609. The next year he was appointed colonial Governor and Captain-General for life. He sailed for Virginia in March 1610, arriving there in June.

In June of 1611 he returned to England and published his "Relation...of the Colony Planted in Virginia", in which he reported favorably on the condition of the colony. He again sailed for Virginia in 1618, but died on the voyage.

[Lord Delaware West was granted land on the James River. At first it was called West and Sherley and then Sherley Plantation in honour of Lord Delaware West's father-in-law, Sir Thomas Shirley, the elder. By 1611 Sherley Plantation is mentioned in records of the area and was inhabited by 1613. The land was regranted after many years to Edward Hill I and inherited by Edward Hill II, III and IV in succession. Edward Hill IV gave it to his daughter, Elizabeth Hill, as a wedding present. She married John Carter, son of King Carter who was the son of the emigrant, John Carter and his second wife, Sarah Ludlow. (More on this later). John and Elizabeth Hill Carter were the parents of Charles Carter who married as his second wife, Ann Butler Moore about 1770. Their daughter, Ann, married "Light Horse Harry Lee" and they were the parents of Robert E. Lee!].

From 1617-1619 in England, Sir Edwin Sandys, Knight, was chosen assistant to Sir Thomas Smith, one of London's "merchant princes". He traveled far and wide promoting Virginia.

His interests in colonization apparently dates from the organization in 1606 of the first London Company, or as it afterwards was called, the Virginia Company. He became a member of the Council of Virginia March 6, 1607. In 1614, Sandys became a member of the East India Company and later the Virginia Company.

In 1619 Sandys was elected to take the place of Sir Thomas Smith and he became the treasurer of the Virginia Company.

It was at this time the Puritans at Leyden in the Netherlands, (Holland), sent messages to consult with Sandys in regard to their settling in Virginia. He was sympathetic toward the Puritans.

Under Sandy's administration of the Virginia Company, the struggling colony now began to really prosper but he was convinced that its ultimate success depended upon the grant to the colonists of a large measure of self government. Under his direction in May 1619 a committee of the Company drew up a form of government for the colony. Governor Francis Yeardley was directed by Sandys to issue writs for the election of a general assembly, and July 30, 1619 the first representative legislature body ever assembled in America met at Jamestown.

King James was greatly displeased by the independent tendencies exhibited by parliament and did not call it together between 1614 and 1621. During this time the meetings of the large and powerful Virginia Company, to which nearly 100 members of parliament belonged, and most of whom were opposed to the court party, served as an open forum for discussion of questions of general political interest. Sandys was looked upon by the King as the leader of the opposition. When the annual election for the treasurer or head of the company approached in 1620, the King sent a messenger forbidding the reelection of Sandys. Sandys withdrew his name.

In October 1623, King James brought suit against the Virginia Company and a subservient court declared the charter of the Virginia Company null and void July 1624. Virginia became a royal colony.

Sir Edwin Sandy died in 1629 and is buried at Northbourne Church in Kent CO. England.

George Sandys, youngest brother of Sir Edwin Sandys, came to Virginia and his plantation was across the James River from Jamestown. In 1621 he became colonial treasurer of the Virginia Company.

Between 1619-1621, about 70 percent of the 3500 Virginia colonist perished because of disease and famine. In 1622 the Indians killed dozens of settlers living at Martin's Hundred, about 15 miles from Sherley Plantation, on the James River near Jamestown.

In 1619, just a few miles from Jamestown, land was patented at "Archers Hope". In the early 1600's some of the names mentioned at Archers Hope were:

Richard Brewster,	had 100 acres by 1626 [Brewster name associated with Plymouth Colony].
Thomas Carter,	100 acres assigned to him for his venture as an old planter was reassigned to Richard Kingsmill as was 100 acres made over to him by Capt. Ralph Hamor.
Wm. Claiborne,	250 acres
Wm. Fairfax,	200 acres. He was killed at Ensign Spencer's house during the massacre.
John Grubb,	100 acres before 1622. He was killed by Indians in 1622.
Wm. Harrison,	before 1626
Sir John Harvey,	before 1633.
Richard Kingsmill,	1625, 200 acres, 300 acres patent 1626, 100 acres formerly assigned Thomas Carter "an old planter", which had been assigned to him by Capt. Ralph Hamor.
Robert Miles,	100 acres 1640.
George Sandys,	100 acres 1624. (Youngest brother of Sir Edwin Sandys)
Wm. Spence,	five people were massacred at his house in 1622 by the Indians.
John Utie,	a grant in 1628. In 1623, John Utie, an ensign, was living at Hog Island with his wife and son, John. In 1629 he was a burgess for the area between Archer's Hope and Martin's Hundred... for Hog Island in the next session. Governor Harvey added him to the Council. In 1630 a resolution of the Council said he and John West (brother of Delaware West) had "seated" the first settlement on the York River and gave each 600 acres.

[There are several other names but I chose these as may appear elsewhere in this issue of the NEWS and you can refer back to their beginnings].

In 1622, Ensign Shirley dead, (James City VA. ??)

In 1623 list of those dead in Virginia in James City is the name of Margaret Shrawley. This could be Shirley.

In 1624, musters of the inhabitants of College Land Virginia, is Daniell Sherley age 30 years. He came on the Bona Nova in 1619 and his name appears of those living in VA Feb 16, 1623.

Dead at Jorden's Journey in 1624, Lydia Sherley (came on the George), Susan Sherley, an infant.

April 12, 1633, a 21 year lease for 50 acres to Daniel Shurley, a planter of the neck of land within the precincts of Charles City. (page 143 EARLY FAMILIES ALONG THE JAMES RIVER by Louise Pledge Heath Foley).

On page 148 reference is made to a 21 year lease by Seth Ward, planter (of Verina) 60 acres in the upper part within the Corporation of Henrico CO. abutting west upon the line of Daniel Sherley....etc.

Headrights were granted to the following people for bringing in Shirleys and may be recorded much later than the actual dates when Shirleys were brought in. Also, headrights were granted for those bringing people over the water ways from other locations such as Maryland etc. from the way I understand it, and not just for bringing people into the colony from England. (Correct me if I'm wrong).

Lt. Thomas Osborne	for Daniel Shurley 1623 (Henrico Co. VA)
Thomas Osborne, Jr.	for Agnes Sherly 1637 (Henrico Co. VA)
John Neale	for Elizabeth Shirley 1636 (Accomack Co. VA)
Capt. Francis Yeardley	for John Sherle 1642/43 (Northampton Co. VA)
Charles Harmer	for John Searley 1643
Henry Southy, Esq.,	for Sarah Sharly 1643
Wm. Warder	for Thomas Shirley 1643 (Norfolk Co. VA)
Major Lewis Burwell	for Wm. Shirley 1652
Henry Walker	for Henry Sherly 1654
Richard Davis	for Jane Sherley 1662 (Lancaster Co. VA)
John Butler	for Thomas Sherley 1663 (Elizabeth City Co. VA)
Wm. Price	for Nicholas Sherley 1664 (Old Rappahonnack, now Richmond Co.)
Daniel White	for Robert Sherley 1662/63 (Westmoreland Co. VA)
Richard Cock & John Beauart	for Robert Shirley 1664 (Henrico Co. VA)
Thomas Ludwell Cavaliers and Raleigh Travers	for William Shirley who made several trips back and forth to England. (From Pioneers by Nugent Vol II page 229) for Samuel Shirley 1668 (Lancaster Co. VA)

[other passengers were transported at the same time as the Shirleys. Because of space I have not included their names].

Headrights in Maryland were for: Francis Shirley in 1637, James Shirley in 1667, Daniel Shirley in 1673 and Joseph Shirley in 1679. There was also Robert Shirley who came over on the Ark and Dove from England to Maryland in 1634/34, and in Virginia, Thomas Shirley who arrived 1635 on the Thomas and John from England.

The following is a partial list of selected non Shirley names living about the middle of 1600's in York and Elizabeth Counties of Virginia along the western boundary of the York River for 25 miles to Skimeno Creek.

Major Lewis Burwell, son of Edward Burwell of Bedford Co. England. His mother married Roger Wingate, esq. treasurer of Virginia.
Col. Edward Digges, (description of him later)
Col. George Ludlow (more later)
Capt John West (brother of Lord Delaware West)
Capt. Ralph Wornely (see Eltonhead) He went to Middlesex Co. VA
George Wyatt
Edward Wyatt (brothers) (more later)
Capt. Wm. Brocas a distinguished member of the Virginia Council (a Shirley descendant)

To follow the movements of the non Shirley named families gave me a better understanding of the pattern of movement from one location to another. I am surprised at how much these people moved around from one area to another under the conditions of the times. By learning about some of these families, I soon found a connection to Shirleys either by relationship, marriage or they were neighbors attending the same parish church, etc. The following is a brief description and history of some of those families.

Allerton

1662 Isaac Allerton (among others) appointed as Justices of Westmoreland County VA, a new county. Signed by John Carter (the immigrant), and Thomas Ludwell. [John Carter married 5th Eliz. Shirley. Thomas Ludwell who received land in 1671 for transporting William Shirley].

____ (see Newton and Dale)

NOTE: Isaac Allerton is a name associated with James Shirley who was the treasurer of the Mayflower! They were involved with Plymouth Colony!

Bennett

Edward Bennett, merchant in London, established the first large plantation in Va. He and his family at different times sent over about 800 immigrants. He was the owner of a large fleet of vessels which traded with Virginia. He was the commissioner of Virginia at the Court of England. He was the first person to advocate the prohibition of the importation of all tobacco to England except Virginia tobacco. His plantation was in Isle of Wight Co. VA. At a meeting of the Virginia Company Oct 24, 1621, the Deputy Governor said, "the first patent was for a gentleman that had deserved singularly well of the company before he was a member there of. And since his admittance he had been att a very great charge for transporting of people to Virginia, namely, Mr. Bennett who now joyns himself in this business with Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Ayers". On Nov 21, 1621 Edward Bennett obtained this patent on the settling of 200 immigrants. His associates were: Thomas Ayers, Thomas Wiseman and Richard Wiseman.

February 1622, Capt Ralph Hamor, a member of the Virginia Council, Capt of the "Seaflower" arrived with 120 settlers. Among the names of the early settlers were: George Harrison, Rev. Wm. Bennett, Robert Bennett, brother of Edward Bennett, and Richard Bennett, nephew of Edward, Mrs. Utie and her son, John Utie. (See Otey/Utie). [Richard Bennett was Governor of Virginia 1652-53 and of Maryland in 1654].

1623 James City, Robert Bennett on list of dead.

In England the Bennett family is recorded as a prolific Wiston family who lived on that estate (estate of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder), in the 16th - 18th centuries.

Sir Thomas Sherley, the younger, married Judith Bennett. [see page 8, Summer 1995 Shirley NEWS].

Berkeley

Sir Wm. Berkeley arrived as the new Governor of Virginia in 1642. He belonged to the Bruton Somerset Co. England family. He married Philipa Frances Culpeper, widow of Samuel Stephens. She remarried Philip Ludwell, (2nd cousin of Gov. Berkeley), a member of the Virginia Council. [Sir Thomas Delaware West was related to the Berkeleys of Berkeley Castle and the Bruton Somerset Co. England Berkeleys]. [See Culpeper].

Brooks (Brocke - Broach)

The Brooks came to York Co. VA in 1634, to New Kent Co. by 1642 and to King and Queen Co. Va in 1670 to 1689. There were 6 generations of John Brooks. The 3rd John married Mary Jones, daughter of Rice Jones and probably lived in old Rappahannock, now Richmond Co. VA. The 4th John mentioned in Caroline Co. VA. The 5th John was an early settler on Roanoke River adjoining John Green about 1725 in Halifax Co. North Carolina. By 1735 he moved to Cape Fear in NC, 1757 Orange Co. NC, 1763 to Hanover Co. NC and Bladen Co. (now Cumberland Co.). The 6th John born about 1720 married Jane May who was the daughter of John May and Jane Williams. Their son John Hannah Brooks was the father of Sarah Brook who married Richard Shirley.

Butler

1653 in Norfolk Co. VA, Robert Butler witnesses will of Daniel Tanner. The will mentions Thomas Shirley and he is to name his child Daniel Shirley. Also mentions land given to Lemuel Mason.

1654 John Butler, headright for bringing in Thomas Sherley.

Carter

John Carter and his brother, Thomas Carter, emigrated to Virginia in 1635 on the Ship Safety. [A Thomas Carter is listed at "Archers Hope" earlier].

Captain Thomas Carter appears in Lancaster Co. VA in 1653. He married Katherine Dale, daughter of Major Edward Dale and his wife, Diana Skipwith, grandniece of the wife of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder. [see Dale and Skipwith].

John Carter was born in 1613, Christ Church, London. He died 1669, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster Co. VA. He married 5 times. His wives were:

1st: Jane Glyn

2nd: Eleanor Brocas, widow of William Brocas (great grandson of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder)

3rd: Ann Carter

4th: Sarah Ludlow, mother of King Carter who was speaker of the House of Burchess in 1659 through 1699, member of the Council 1699-1732, acting Governor of Virginia 1726/27

5th: Elizabeth Shirley, spinster (single lady) of Gloucester Co. VA, who was the mother of a son Charles Carter, born after the death of his father.

John Carter, son of King Carter, married Elizabeth Hill and they received Shirley Plantation as a wedding present from her father. They were the great grandparents of Robert E. Lee!

Elizabeth Carter, daughter of John Carter, the immigrant, married Col. Nathaniel Utie (Otey), brother of John Utie, Jr. (see Otey/Utie)

Conquest

1653, Richard Conquest was a witness to Daniel Tanners will. In the will Thomas Shirley and Lemuel Mason is mentioned.

Jane Conquest married Edward Wyatt. Their son, Edward, married Frances Newton and their daughter, Frances, married Thomas Shirley of Prince William Co. VA. (see Wyatt and Newton).

Culpeper

Lord Culpeper (1600-1660), inherited his fathers share of the Virginia Company and left England in the autumn of 1623. He was first married to Philippa Snelling of West Grinstead in Sussex England. She was the daughter of Sir George Snelling and his wife, Cecilia Sherley, daughter of Thomas Shirley and Philippa Caryll. This Cecilia is a 3rd cousin to Cecilia, daughter of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder, who married Lord Delaware West. The Cecílias are 5th cousins to George Shirley of Ettington who married Frances Berkeley, daughter of Henry Lord Berkeley.

Dale

Major Edward Dale, Gentleman. Probably of the ancient family of Dale of Northampton Co. and London England. He married Diana Skipwith, grandniece of Ann Kempe, wife of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder. They settled on the northside of the Rappahannock River in Lancaster Co. VA. From 1655-1674 he served as Clerk of Lancaster Co. VA, Justice of the Peace for 14 years, two years as a member of the House of Burgess and 4 years as sheriff. He represented Lancaster Co. VA at a meeting with several others...including: Mr. Wm. Presley, Mr. Peter Presley, Major Isaac Allerton, Col. Wm. Travers, Col. Samuel Griffin, Col. George Mason and Mr. Martin Scarlett.

In 1670 Captain Thomas Carter married Katherine Dale, [daughter of Major Edward Dale and Diana Skipwith].

IS THERE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAJOR EDWARD DALE AND SIR THOMAS DALE ???

Sir Thomas Dale was a soldier, colonizer and naval commander. He enlisted when a youth, about 1588, as a soldier in the service of the Netherlands. On June 19, 1606, he was knighted at Richmond, as Sir Thomas Dale of Surrey. The London Company appointed him marshal of VA in 1611 and granted him leave for three years. Before departing for Virginia he married Elizabeth Throckmorton, daughter of Sir

Thomas Throckmorton. In the absence of Gov. Delaware West, he ruled the colony until August when he was relieved by Sir Thomas Gates. Gates left in 1614 and Dale again assumed control. When Dale returned to London in 1616, he brought with him John Rolfe and wife, Pocahontas. On Nov 28, 1617, Dale was appointed commander of a London East India Company and sailed for the East Indies Feb 26, 1618. He died Aug 9, 1619 after 20 days of languishing sickness in Masulipatam India.

Abraham Dale and wife Winifred were married about 1716 North Farnham Parish now in Richmond Co. VA. Their son Reubin Dale was born 1720 and he and his wife, Hannah Phillips, were the parents of Isaac Dale born 1751 North Farnham Parish and died in Barren County Kentucky.

Isaac Dale had several children who married Shirleys, and grandchildren who also married Shirleys who lived in Barren Co. KY and Hamilton Co. Illinois. [see April 1979 page 12, Shirley NEWS and January 1982 page 6].

Digges

Sir Dudley Diggs born 1583, was educated at University College, Oxford England. He was always interested in Virginia. He married Mary Kempe, daughter of Sir Thomas Kempe who was the brother of Ann Kempe, wife of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder. Their son, Col Edward Diggs, entered Grays's Inn in 1637 and immigrated to Virginia about 1650. He purchased a plantation of 1250 acres from Capt John West, (brother of Lord Delaware West), in Hampton Parish, York Co. VA. He was appointed to the Council in 1654 and served as Governor of Virginia 1655-58 when he was sent back to England as an agent for the colony. He was again sworn of the Virginia Council in 1670. He was a promoter of silk manufacturing in the colony. Only four of the names of his 13 children were given. His son, Col. Wm. Diggs, served as sheriff of York Co. VA 1679. William Digges married Eliz. Seawell of Patuxent Maryland, step daughter of the 3rd Lord Baltimore. He moved to Charles Co. Maryland where he died in 1698.

Col. Edward Digges and Samuel Digges were brought to Virginia in 1650 by Col Lewis Burwell, Gentleman. [William Shirley was also brought by Col. Lewis Burwell].

Eltonhead

Richard Eltonhead of Eltonhead, Lancashire Co. England had several children who went to Virginia. His children were:

1. Wm. member of the VA Council
2. Jane m. Cuthbert Fenwick, member of the Maryland Legislature
3. Eleanor m. 1st Capt Wm Brocas, great grandson of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder
m. 2nd Col John Carter
4. Agatha m. 1st Ralph Wornely of Middlesex Co., member of the Virginia Council
m. 2nd Sir Henry Chickley, Governor of Virginia [Son of Sir Thomas Chickley and wife Dorothy Kempe, niece of the wife of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder]
5. Martha m. Edwin Conway of Lancaster Co. Virginia
6. Alice m. 1st Rowland Burnham
m. 2nd Henry Corbin
m. 3rd Henry Cryke (Creek?)

Alice and Henry Corbin's children were:

1. Henry died 2 yrs of age
2. Thomas a London Merchant
3. Gawin
4. Letitia born 1657 Christ Church Parish, Middlesex Co. VA
Her father, Henry Corbin, gave her 2000 acres in Prince William Co. VA known as Leesylvania, home of the Lee family. She married Richard Lee.
5. Alice m. Philip Lightfoot of Charles City VA
6. Winifred m. Col Leroy Griffin of Old Rappahannock. Their son-in-law was Col. Peter Presley
7. Ann m. Col Wm Tayloe
8. Frances m. Edmund Jennings of York Co. VA. In 1713, she died in London England.

Gerrard

Thomas Gerrard settled first in Maryland as early as 1639 and moved to Westmoreland Co. VA with Giles Brent. His manor in St. Mary's Co. Maryland was afterwards occupied by Justinian Gerrard.

Green

Robert Green 1695-1747/48 emigrated to Virginia in 1712. He is descended from Green's Norton in Northampton Co. England. He came to Virginia when he was 17 years old with his uncle, Sir Wm. Duff of Scotland. They settled on the James River. In 1732 Robert received a patent for 120,000 acres along with his uncle and Joist Hite and Robert Mc Kay. (This may later be Kay as Duff was Mc Duff and the Mc seems to have been dropped). His uncle returned to Scotland, leaving Robert Green in charge of their joint venture. The uncle died without children and Robert inherited his uncles interest in Virginia. His possessions were among the largest of early Virginia grants. They were primarily in Prince William, Augusta, Orange, Westmoreland and King George Counties of Virginia. His children lived in Culpeper Co and later of Owen and Scott Co. etc., Kentucky.

Hamor

1614 John Rolfe (married Pocahontas), succeeded Raoph Hamor as Secretary of VA. Colony.

Harmer/Harmer

1622 Charles Harmer came to VA in the "Furtherance" age 24 and located on the eastern shores when the muster was taken in 1624/25. He was the overseer for Lady Dale on her extensive land holdings bordering Old Plantation Creek.

Harrison

Andrew Harrison lived Rappahannock Co. VA in the part that became Richmond Co. They were of Farnham Parish, Richmond Co. in 1686 when he died. His sons were:

1. Andrew d. 1718 St. Marys Parish, Essex Co. VA. Married Eleanor _____ (in 1720 part of Spotsylvania Co. was formed from Essex Co.)

(1). Eliz. m. Thomas Munday

(2). Margaret m. Gabriel Long

(3). Wm. died 1741. Lived Caroline Co. VA

His son, Charles, was of Caroline, Goochland and Albermarle Co. VA

(4). Andrew, lived Goochland, Albermarle Co. VA and later lived in Orange Co. NC that became Caswell County NC. His son, Battille, lived Spotsylvania Co., Brumfield Parish, Culpeper Co. and Amherst Co. VA where he died in 1776. His son Rueben died in Barren Co. Ky in 1824.

2. Robert, lived Richmond and Westmoreland Co. VA [Richard Shirley of 1669 St Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co. VA sold land to Robert Harrison in 1715. Also, George Eskridge received a certificate for the transportation of a Robert Harrison in 1704/05 and Archibald Shirsly and Jane Shirley].

3. John, lived Stafford Co. VA

4. Thomas, lived Stafford Co. VA

5. Wm.

In 1643 Mrs. Harmer in right of Mr. Charles Harmer for transportation of John Harrison and John Searley.

Kempe

Ann Kempe was the wife of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder. Her brother, Sir Thomas Kempe was the father of Mary Kempe who married Sir Dudley Digges. Their son, Edward, went to VA. (see Diggs). Another daughter, Dorothy Kempe, married Sir Thomas Chickley. Their son, Sir Henry Chickley married Agatha Eltonhead (widow of Ralph Wornely of Middlesex Co. VA). Another daughter, Ann Kempe married Sir Henry Skipwith. Their son was Sir Grey Skipwith who also went to Virginia. He was living next to William Shirley in New Kent Co. VA in 1676.

From Cavaliers and Pioneers by Nugent Vol II page 229..."Mr. Richards, 1676 acres, New Kent Co., St. Stephens Parish, April 20, 1682. Beginning at Bestland, nigh head of Robin's branch along Edmond Binns; Mr. William Shirley, and Sir Grey Skipwith; up the Draggon, Sev., to Col. Claibourne 900 acres granted to George Morris.....etc. (Sir Grey Skipwith's sister, Diana Skipwith, married Major Edward Dale and lived Lancaster Co. VA). [NOTE: a William Shirley is overseer for a Mrs. Claiborne in King William Co. VA in the 1820 census].

The father of Ann Kempe, wife of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder, had a sister Emmaline Kempe who married a Mr. Scott. Their daughter Eliz. Scott married Sir Richard Smith, brother of Sir Thomas Smith, the first treasurer of the Virginia Company. Richard and Thomas Smith had a sister, Alice, who married Wm. Harris. Their granddaughter, Dorothy Harris married Robert Kempe and their son, Richard Kempe, was Governor of Virginia and Secretary of State. Thomas, Richard and Alice Smith were first cousins with Mary Golding who married Bartholomew Gosnold, founder of Jamestown Virginia in 1606.

A John and George Kempe appraised Rev. Josias Mackis estate in 1718 in Princess Anne Co. John Shirley is mentioned.

In the Parish records of Christ Church, Middlesex Co. VA, Mr. Richard Kempe and wife Ellianor were having children in 1694-98. At the same time Richard Shirley and his wife, Ann, widow of George Duff, are having children in the same Parish.

Ludlow

Henry Ludlow was from Hill-Deverill, Wiltshire Co. England. He married Jane Moore. George Ludlow was their son. George was the father of Thomas Ludlow who died in 1607. Thomas was the father of Gabriel Ludlow born in 1587 Wiltshire Co. England. Gabriel was the father of Lt. Col. Thomas Ludlow born in 1624 and emigrated to Virginia, settling in York Co. He inherited his uncle George Ludlow's estate in VA. His brother Francis Ludlow born 1626 lived in Lancaster Co. VA. In the probate of his will he mentions Col. John Carter, deceased, and his brother John Ludlow, also deceased. His sister, Sarah Ludlow, was the 4th wife of Col. John Carter, parents of King Carter.

Roger Ludlow, brother of Gabriel, born 1590. In 1630 appointed as assistant by the General Court of Massachusetts for 4 years. He became Deputy Governor in 1634 and removed to Windsor Connecticut where he held public office for many years. In 1654 he went to Virginia and by 1656 he was in Ireland.

Thomas Ludlow, a brother of Gabriel, married Jane Bennett and they had several children.

George Ludlow, a brother of Gabriel, born 1596, died 1646, went to Virginia about 1641. He was Justice of Peace for York Co. VA. and a member of the Council 1642-46. In 1644 he bought the former estate of Gov. Harvey. He left in his will his estate and lands and servants in VA to his nephew, Thomas Ludlow. He also gave him 1/16th part of the ship "MAYFLOWER" which Capt Wm. White is commander. He purchased this from Samuel Harwar of London, a merchant.

Ludwell

A Thomas Ludwell received land in 1671 for transporting 60 people...including Wm. Shirley. It is said Wm. Shirley made several trips to England. From Cavaliers & Pioneers by Nugent Vol II page 92 & 229.

A Thomas and Philip Ludwell were 2nd cousins of Governor Wm. Berkeley. Gov. Berkeleys widow, Philpa Culpeper, widow of Samuel Stephens, married Philip Ludwell. She may have been the daughter of Sir Gerogre Snelling and his wife Caelia Shirley. She would thus be a 3rd cousin of Cecilia Shirley, wife of Lord Delaware West.

Mason

1643 Lemuel Mason mentioned in Daniel Tanners will. He is given all of Daniels estate on the south side of the James River and the residue of his estate to Thomas Shirley for the use of his child provided Thomas names his child Daniel Shirley. Witnessed by Richard Conquest and Robert Butler.

Col. George Mason and his brother, Wm. Mason, were from Gunston Hall in the Parish of Breewood near Wolverhampton in Stafford Co. England. They were good friends with Col. Gerrard Fowke of Breewood Hall, in the same area. NOTE: Robert Shirley, Giles Brent and Father Doughty witnessed a document for

Col. Gerrard Fowke in Westmoreland Co. VA in 1660. His brother, Thomas Fowke, was in England. The Masons sailed from Bristol England to Norfolk VA. Their first home was known as Accohick about 10 miles from Fredericksburg. Later this place became known as Marlborough or Potomac Point. The Fowkes also came over and settled near the Masons at Pasbytanzy. The Brents, another Catholic family, moved to VA from Maryland after a quarrel with the Calverts. They settled on land they called "Richlands" further up Aquia Creek which flowed into the Potomac near the Mason dwelling.

George Mason the II married Mary Fowke, daughter of his fathers friend. He sold his parents place and moved further up the Potomac and in 1696 he acquired over 2000 acres of land between the Potomac and Occoquan Rivers called Dogue's Neck.

Like George Mason II, Gerrard Fowke II moved up the river also. He settled on the Maryland side of the Potomac and named his house Gunston Hall.

George Mason III became a Knight of the "Golden Horse Shoe". He accompanied Gov. Spotswood in 1716 to Virginia's western hills. He was appointed County Lt. of Stafford Co. VA. He moved his family from Virginia across the river to the Maryland side of the Potomac. He owned land on Chickamuxen Creek in Charles Co. MD.

The river seemed no barrier to 18th century Virginians. It was a highway between the planters estates and Mason was as much at home in a boat as he was on shore. However, George Mason III was drowned when his sailboat overturned in a sudden squall. George Mason IV was 10 years old and his mother brought the family back to Virginia.

Newton

John Newton, Jr., son of John Newton Sr., died by 1700 in Westmoreland Co. VA. He married Mary Allerton. They were the parents of William Newton born about 1686 and died 1732. He lived Westmoreland Co. He inherited land in England and had to prove his birth. He called as witnesses: Willoughby Allerton, George Eskridge, Thomas Mc Carty and Thomas Bonam..... He married 1st, Barbara Johnson (daughter of John Johnson, and his wife who was the half sister of John Gerrard. John Gerrard left 50 acres to Wm. and Barbara next to Col. Allerton). He married 2nd, Elizabeth Berryman, daughter of Capt. Benjamin Berryman. [Note: George Eskridge brought Archibald Shirsly to Northumberland Co. VA in 1704].

Allerton Newton, son of John Newton, Jr., inherited 825 acres in Stafford Co. VA from his grandfather, Isaac Allerton, in 1702. (see Allerton).

Joseph Newton, brother of John Newton, Jr., married Sarah Butler, widow of Mr. Butler who had been widow of Mr. Price.

Otey/Utie

Capt. John Utie, Esq. arrived at Hogg Island Virginia in 1619, about 7 miles from Jamestown. In 1623 John Utie, Ensign, was living with his wife and son John at Hogg Island. In 1628 he received a land grant at Archers Hope. In 1629 he was a Burgess for the area between Archers Hope and Martin's hundred. Governor Harvey added him to the Council. In 1630 a resolution of the Council said he and John West, (brother of Lord Delaware West), had "seated" the first settlement on the York River and gave each 600 acres.

He married Ann Longworth in York Co. England in 1616. John Utie died about 1638 and Ann married Richard Bennett, nephew of Edward Bennett. (see Bennett). Richard Bennett became Governor of VA 1652-53 and Governor of Maryland in 1654.

John and Ann Utie were the parents of John Utie born about 1619 London. He was baptized in St. Andrew's Holborn Parish. He repatented his fathers 1250 acres in 1638. In 1639 he assigned 100 acres of land to Thomas Gibson, land which Utie acquired in 1624 and named "Utopia" located at the head of Chippoakes Creek. York Co. VA records show John Utie, Jr. was deceased by 1647.

A John Utie purchased land in New Kent Co. VA in 1654. It appears that he was the son of John Utie, Jr. It would also appear that he was the father of John Otey born about 1660 in James City Co. VA

John Otey married Eliz. Sherley of Bruton Parish, Middle Plantation, now Williamsburg in York Co. VA.

They lived in New Kent Co. VA. Their son Isaac Otey married Frances Armistead, daughter of Gill Armistead of St. Peters Parish, New Kent Co. VA. Their son, John, fought in the Rev. War with the Bedford Co. VA Rifleman.

Col. Nathaniel Utie, son of John and Ann Utie, was a large land owner in Maryland. He married Mary Mapletoft, (grand niece of Nicholas Ferrar), widow of Lawrence Ward. Nathaniel married 2nd Eliz. Carter, daughter of Col. John Carter. (see Carter).

George Utie, son of John and Ann Utie, became a large land owner in Maryland. (His mother Ann Utie, remarried and was the wife of the Governor of Maryland, Richard Bennett).

Presley

Wm. Presley the immigrant may have come to Northumberland Co. VA with Col. John Mottrom from Maryland. He was 2nd Burgess from Northumberland Co. He married Jane ____ ?Newman? Their son Peter Presley, Sr., married Eliz. Thompson, daughter of Richard and Ursula Thompson. [Ursula, widow of Richard Thompson married 2nd Col. John Mottrom and 3rd George Colclough].

Peter Presley, Sr. had children baptized in St. Stephens Parish in Northumberland Co. VA about the same time as the Shirleys. Two of Peter's daughters married into the Neale family, some living in Westmoreland Co., Fairfax Co. VA and Prince George Co. Md.

Sandys

Sir Edwin Sandys, treasurer of the Virginia Company ... (see history review in this issue)

The daughter of Sir Samuel Sandys, brother of Sir Edwin, married Sir Francis Wyatt, Governor of Virginia. (see Wyatt)

Skipwith

Sir Henry Skipwith, Bart. of Prestwold, Leicestershire England, married Ann Kempe, daughter of Sir Thomas Kempe, brother of Anne Kempe who married Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder. Their son, Sir Grey Skipwith lived by William Shirley in New Kent Co. VA in 1676. He settled on the Rappahannock River in Lancaster Co. the part that is now Middlesex Co.

Diana Skipwith, daughter of Sir Henry and Ann Kemp Skipwith, married Major Edward Dale. (see Dale and Carter). She was the grandniece of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder and his wife, Anne Kempe).

Smith

Sir Thomas Smith was one of the "merchant Prince's" of London and treasurer or chief executive officer of the Virginia Company. (see history review section of this issue).

Elizabeth Scott, [1st cousin of Anne Kempe who was married to Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder], married Sir Richard Smith, brother of Sir Thomas Smith, treasurer of the Virginia Company.

Richard Smith transported, 1642/43 by Capt Francis Yearlly (Northampton Co. VA) with John Sherle and others.

IS THERE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CAPT. JOHN SMITH AND SIR THOMAS SMITH ???

Spence

5 people were massacred at the Wm. Spence house in 1622 at Archers Hope.

Ensign Wm. Spence listed in 1623 as living on James Island.

Sarah Spence died by 1627 and Wm. Kempe is mentioned as wanting 500 lbs of tobacco in Sarah's estate or inventory.

In Westmoreland Co. VA (1659), Wm. Spence and Richard Searles, co-partners of land and plantation bought of John Bennett and C. Division.

Alexander Spence, sheriff of Westmoreland Co. VA in 1699.

Tanner

Will of Daniel Tanner of Norfolk Co. VA, dated Nov 17, 1653 recorded Dec 15, 1653.

To: Lemuel Mason all estate on south side of James River and all debts due.

To: Mrs. Anna Mason "for her great paynes and care and love of me" 3600 pounds of tobacco to be paid from estate in hands of Thomas Shirley.

To: Mrs. Eliz. Thelaball 600 pounds of tobacco in Thomas Shirleys hands

To: John Woranam, a heifer

To: James Simonds, the tobacco he owes and 40 pounds due from Jasper Hoskinson

To: Thomas Sherley, the residue of my estate in VA for the use of his child "provided the child be christened and named Daniel".

Exc. Mr. Lemuel Mason

Wit. Richard Conquest and Robert Butler

Overseers: Thomas Sherley and Florentyne Payne

Throckmorton

Wm. Throckmorton was sheriff of Gloucester Co. England. His son, Sir Thomas Throckmorton, was the father of:

Sir Thomas Throckmorton who married Eliz. Berkeley. Their daughter, Eliz., married Sir Thomas Dale, Governor of Virginia.

Ann Throckmorton (sister of Sir Thomas Throckmorton) married Sir Thomas Tracy. She was the sister of Sir Thomas who married Eliz. Berkeley. Their son, Sir John Tracey, married Mary Sherley, daughter of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder. Wm. Tracy, brother of Sir John, married Mary Conway. They sailed from Bristol England to Berkeley Hundred in Virginia in 1620.

Wyatt/ Wiatt

Rev. Hawte Wyatt came to Virginia in 1621 with his brother, Sir Francis Wyatt, Governor of Virginia. He was minister of Jamestown and in 1632 returned to England and was minister of Boxley Parish, Kent Co. England. His children were:

1. Edward Wyatt m. Jane Conquest. He was awarded land by Capt John West, [brother of Lord Delaware West], Capt Wm. Brocas, [a great traveler], and George Ludlow. In 1645 he was administrator on the estate of John Clark, and in 1652 he lived Middle Plantation (Williamsburg).

(1). Conquest Wyatt, patented lands in Gloucester Co. in 1672. He was vestryman of Petsworth Parish in 1690 and sheriff in 1705.

A. Francis Wyatt, vestryman of Petsworth Parish 1710-1728. He had 2, 946 acres in Spotsylvania Co. VA and in 1745 a division of that land by Francis Wyatt, deceased of Gloucester Co. VA.

(a). Francis

(b). Wm. Wyatt, mariner in Liverpool England. In 1747 he conveyed his part of Spotsylvania land.

(c). Edward Wyatt of Gloucester Co. VA. He conveyed his part of the land in Spotsylvania Co. [I think this may be the Edward Wyatt who married Frances Newton. Their daughter married Thomas Shirley and were the parents of: Thomas, Hawte, Edward, Catherine and Conquest Shirley].

(d). Thomas Wyatt m. Sukey Edmundson (daughter of John Edmundson), conveyed part of the land in Spotsylvania Co. VA. Shortly after he removed to Spotsylvania as shown by a deed. He became Justice of the Peace in 1762.

(e). Ann Wyatt m. John Thruston after her fathers death.

- B. Conquest Wyatt, Vestryman Petsworth Parish 1727
- C. John Wyatt, he wrote letters to England.
- D. James Wyatt
- E. Edward Wyatt

(2). Edward Wyatt, vestryman of Petsworth Parish in 1740

(3). Capt John Wyatt

(4). James Wyatt

(5). Francis Wyatt

2. George Wyatt, a cooper, patented land in 1642 and lived Middle Plantation (Williamsburg)

- (1). Henry Wyatt, in 1679 patented land in Henrico on south side Chickahoming. In 1686 he was vestryman of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co. VA.

3. John Wyatt

Sir Francis Wyatt, brother of Rev. Hawte Wyatt, married Margaret Sandy, niece of Sir Edwin Sandy. (see history review). Sir Francis Wyatt/Wiatt was Governor of Virginia.

COMMENTARY:

It would appear with little doubt that the first Shirleys coming to America are connected with the Shirleys of Wiston. Tradition in several branches have claimed this but little has been put forth to make the connection other than Lord Delaware West, (son-in-law of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder), being the first colonial Governor of VA.

As the connections to Sir Thomas Sherley the elder, and his wife, Anne Kempe's family began to surface, I began exploring who of Sir Thomas Sherley's family could have come. Then it occurred to me that we also have to consider his daughter, Jane who married Sir John Shurley of Isfield, Sussex County England family.

There are a few other Shirleys related to Sir Thomas Sherley the elder to be considered. He has three uncles and the author of Stemmata Shirleianna says he has no information about them. Their names were: Thomas, Edward and Richard. Other Shirleys connected to Sir Thomas to be considered would be his 1st cousins of West Grinstead, Sussex Co. or Sir Thomas Sherley the elders nephews (or their children etc.), sons of Sir Anthony of Preston, Great, great, great grandfather of Governor Shirley of Massachusetts, (1741-1756).

The Shirleys and those related to them came to America in the early 1600's. They first settled in and around Jamestown area and over the next 50 years we find them moving up into places like New Kent Co. Gloucester Co and then settling in the area that was known as the nothern neck of Virginia. These no doubt were the sons and daughters of the earlier Shirleys.

There was no Middlesex County until 1673 when it was formed from the part of Lancaster County that was on the south side of the Rappahannock River. The "old" Rappahannock County was changed to Richmond County in 1693. (The present Rappahannock County is not the same!). Westmoreland County was formed from Northumberland County in 1653. This information will be helpful when studying those who came into this area about this time. As an illustration, Col. John Carter died in 1669 Christ Parish Church in what was then Lancaster Co. After 1673 this Parish was in Middlesex Co. since the county was formed from the part that had been Lancaster Co.

As I read the genealogies of the various non Shirley named descendants and followed their movements, it is clear to see that they all moved somewhat in the same directions. It was not uncommon for the older

family members to remain in one area while the sons and daughters moved on to another area. I found the names associated with the early Shirleys in the same areas as we have the Shirleys recorded in 1760-1790's in VA. It would lead me to believe that these families are intermarried and related, moving around together looking for better opportunities.

I'll give a few listings here for the next phase of settlement. The purpose is not to prove the lineage on any non-Shirley named family, but for illustration as a pattern of movement. These are just a few notes I made and given here to help understand what I am trying to explain. Look back at the list for the surname for more indepth info.

NORTHAMPTON CO. VA (formed 1632, original county. However it was first called Accawmack).

Jan 3, 1642/43 Certificate to Capt. Francis Yearly for tranporting many people. Some of the names listed are:

John Sherle, Richard Smith, Thomas Lewis, Thomas Jones, Richard Jones, Suzanne Neal, William Ward, Augustine Moore, Walter Price...etc.

Aug 1643 Mrs. Harmer in right of Mr. Charles Harmer for transporting John Searley & John Harrison.

Oct 30, 1643 Certificate granted Mrs. Anne Littleton in right of her father, Henry Southy, Esq. for transporting Sarah Sharly, Thomas Lewis, and John Rose.

YORK CO. VA (formed 1634, formerly Charles River)

1624 Lt. Col. Thomas Ludlow was here

1634 Brooks family here

1640 George Ludlow was Justice of Peace

1642 George Wyatt patented land here

NOTE: April 23, 1646, an extract from records names Capt. John West, Capt William Brocas, George Ludlow, Capt Richard Townsend, esq. etc. etc... Edward Wiatt, administrator of the estate of John Clarke, deceased. Capt Robert Higginson, appraisal by William Davis and Henry Tyler, land adjacent to Mr. Nicholas Brooke. (Capt Robert Higginson's daughter, Lucy, married Major Lewis Burwell!). [I was looking at the names appearing together not associated together before. Wiatt with Ludlow, Brocas and Burwell etc.].

1650 Col. Edward Digges purchased plantation from Capt. John West, brother of Lord Delaware West

1679 Col. William Digges, sheriff of York Co., moved to Charles Co. Md. He died there in 1698

1680 John Otey married Elizabeth Shirley (or New Kent Co.)

GLOUCESTER CO. VA. (formed in 1651 from York. Co.)

1651 Edward Wyatt (son of Rev. Hawte Wyatt, brother of Sir Francis Wyatt), married Jane Conquest

1658 Edward Wyatt born to Edward Wyatt and Jane Conquest

1668 Elizabeth Shirley (She was from Gloucester Co.), married Col. John Carter (his 5th wife).

1672 Conquest Wyatt (family from York Co.) patented lands here. He was a Vestryman in Petworth Parish Son: Francis Wyatt to Spotsylvania Co. VA

1677 Edward Wyatt born to Conquest Wyatt, (son of Edward Wyatt) and wife, Sallie Pate

1678 Mr. William Shirley gave one pound in 1678Petworth Parish! (Could this be the same William who was a neighbor of Sir Grey Skipwith?)

1706 Edward Wyatt married Francis Newton

NEW KENT CO. VA (formed in 1654 from York & part of James City Counties)

- 1662 Samuel Shirley Certificate to Thomas Brereton Nov 28, 1662 for transportation of Samuel.
- 1680 Eliz. Shirley married John Otey (or York Co). Their son, Isaac Otey, married Frances Armistead, daughter of Gill Armistead of New Kent Co. VA.
- 1681 Elizabeth Otey, land in New Kent Co. Land belonged to Elizabeth Shirley, deceased, by virtue of the will of her father, Richard Shirley and due Elizabeth Otey as being heir of the whole blood to said Elizabeth Shirley, Jr.
- 1682 Mr. William Shirley and Sir Grey Skipwith were neighbors. Sir Grey's sister was Diana and she married Major Edward Dale.
- 1683 Edward Shurly endorsed St. Stephens partition of 1683 by inhabitants of St. Stephens, New Kent. (from Colonial abstracts by Beverly Fleet, Vol II page 450).

NORTHUMBERLAND CO. VA (formed in 1648, Indian District of Chickacoan)

- 1685 Jane Shirley, servant to Mr. Presly, has bastard child by Joseph Walker
- 1688 Charles Shirley, servitude to Edward Lyster
- 1696 Thomas Shirley died
- 1698 George Shirley, surveyor, 1701 sheriff
- Early families mentioned in this time frame are: John Oldham, John Graham, Christopher Neale, and the Presleys. For Shirleys, see section on the Shirleys of Northumberland Co. in this issue of the NEWS.

LANCASTER CO. VA. (formed 1651 from Northumberland and York Counties)

- 1653 Capt. Thomas Carter here. (he married Katherine Dale, great granddaughter of Sir Thomas Kempe, brother in law of Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder).
- 1657 Katherine born to Major Edward Dale and his wife, Diana Skipwith (related to Shirleys in England)
- 1657 Letitia born to Henry Corbin and wife, Alice Eltonhead, Christ Church. Letieia inherited 2000 acres in Prince William Co. VA. She married Richard Lee.
- 1662 Jane Sherley brought here by Richard Davis
- 1662 Martha Norris born to Thomas Norris and wife, Martha Ironmonger
- 1668 Samuel Shirley brought here by Raleigh Travers. Note: Col Wm Travers mentioned under DALE listing.
- 1669 Col. John Carter died Christ Church Parish, Lancaster Co.
- 1669 Charles Carter born to Elizabeth Shirley Carter after the death of her husband, Col John Carter.
- 1669 Thomas Shirley witnesses will of John Nichols
- 1670 Katherine Dale married Col. Thomas Carter
- 1674 Richard Shirley witnesses will of David Myles/ Miles
- 1679 Thomas Shirley on tithable list
- 1679 Samuel Oldham married Hannah Rich

1685 Thomas Searle, poor and impotent, freed from levy

1695 Will of Major Edward Dale

and: Sir Grey Skipwith lived here (he was from New Kent Co. neighbor of Wm. Shirley).

and: Elizabeth, daughter of Col John Carter, married Nanthiel Utie/Otey .

and: Francis Ludlow (his sister married Col. John Carter). His brother, Roger Ludlow, was in Massachusetts in politics, then to Connecticut and Virginia to Ireland. (see Ludlow).

MIDDLESEX CO. (formed in 1673 from Lancaster Co.)

1676 Robert and Jane Price was here

1679 John Williams married Mary Jones

1682 John Williams born to John and Mary Williams

1684 John Williams born to Aaron and Eliz. Williams

1684 John Williams born to Thomas and Eliz. Williams

1686 John Williams married Mary Cordwell

1691 George Duff married Rebecca Nash (she died 1693)

1694 Richard and Elinor Kempe are here. Children born in Christ Church Parish.

1695 George Duff married Ann _____ (he died by 1697). They had a son Abraham Duff in 1696

1698 Ann Duff, widow, married Richard Shirley. He died about 1707/08.

She married John Williams 1708 and died 1717. He married Michael Curles in 1717.

1698 Ann Shirley born to Richard and Ann Shirley, (m. Richard Moulson, son: Wm, lived Amelia Co. VA).

1700 Thomas Shirley born to Richard and Ann Shirley

1703 Richard Shirley born to Richard and Ann Shirley

1704 Margaret Shirley born to Richard and Ann Shirley.

1704 Richard Shirley on Quit rent roll

1707 Judith Shirley born to Richard and Ann Shirley. She died 1727.

1708 John Williams married Anne Shirley, (widow of George Duff), widow of Richard Shirley.

1727 Thomas Shirley died. Will mentions daughter Jane, who married a Mr. Williams

RICHMOND CO. (Old Rappahannock Co. abolished in 1692)

1649 John Oldham and _____

1664 Nicholas Sherley brought here by William Price

1690, ca., John Brook married Rice Jones (family to Caroline County VA and to North Carolina)

1686 Andrew Harrison died Farnham Parish

son: Robert Harrison lived Westmoreland Co. (family members to Caroline Co., Spotsylvania Co., and Culpeper Co. VA.

1702 Arjalon Price born 1702 North Farnham Parish to: Richard Price and wife, Mary.

1704 Thomas Shirley and wife Sara on quit rent rolls

1707 John Oldham and Sarah here as early as 1707

1715 Edward Graham born 1715 North Farnham Parish to Edward and Patience Graham.

1716 John Neale born 1716 North Farnham Parish to Charles and Ann Neale

1716 Abraham Dale married Winifred_____ North Farnham Parish

1720 Reuben Dale born 1720 North Farnham Parish to Abraham and Winifred Dale

1726 Thomas Osborn married Frances Smith, North Farnham Parish

North Farnham Parish records begin in 1663 and this parish was first known as Farnham Parish and covered both the north and south side of the Rappahannock River in old Rappahannock County. In 1684 Farnham was divided into North Farnham and South Farnham. The river served as the dividing line. Old Rappahannock County became defunct in 1692. Two counties were formed from the defunct county. South Farnham Parish fell into Essex County and North Farnham Parish into Richmond Co. Many familiar old family names appear in the church records.

Note: Edward and Patience Graham are listed in North Farnham Parish records above. Edward Graham's will is recorded in Fairfax County VA in 1749/50. His wife Patience and their son, Robert Graham are the executors. Their daughter Mary Graham, married Richard Shirley. They had a daughter who must have been either Mary or Elizabeth that married Wayman Sinclair, sometimes spelled Sinkler or St. Clair. Most of Wayman and Mary? Sinclairs children went to Bedford Co. VA. According to family info, Wayman Sinclair was born about 1708-1714. The birth year for the first child is given as about 1742. Therefore, his wife, Mary ? Shirley would have been born about 1715-1722 era. Thus her father Richard Shirley would probably be born about 1700..?

Researcher says...Two sons of Wayman Sinclair were supposedly bound as coopers in 1765. This record is not in Loudoun records but may be in Prince William Co. since there is not index for that court order book. Also, Edward Graham did not have a land grant in Fairfax Co. VA. His grant mentioned in deed C:133 must have been in the part of Fairfax Co. that became Loudoun Co. in 1757.

WESTMORELAND CO. (formed 1653 from Northumberland Co)

1657 Margaret Brent, sister of Giles Brent, moved here from Maryland. She died 1662/63.

1658 Robert Shirley wit for John Dodman

1659 Richard and Ann Searles patent to Wm. Spence. (Co-partners of land and plantation bought of John Bennett and C. Division).

1660 Robert Shirley witness for will of Christopher Doyle

1660 Robert Shirley witness with Giles Brent for Col. Gerrard Fowke

1662 Daniel White certificate for transportation of Robert Shirley (at an earlier date)

1662 Robert Shirley wit for Wm. and Margaret Overed, land sold to Daniel Hutt, merchant.

NOTE: Widow of John Miles married Wm. Overed. Daniel Hutt, the emigrant, married Temperance Gerrard, she married 2nd John Crabbe. A Frances Gerrard, daughter of Dr. Thomas Gerrard of Wilton, married Capt. Thomas Speke who first appeared in Maryland as early as 1642. She married Valentine Peyton and was the 3rd wife of Col. John Washington, the emigrant.

Col. John Mottrom appointed Capt. Thomas Speke as guardian of his three children. His daughter, Ann Mottrom, married Richard Wright and their son, Major Francis Wright married Ann Washington, only daughter of John Washington, the emigrant.

- 1663 John Butler for transportation of Thomas Shirley
- 1677 Jane, widow of Thomas Butler
- 1678 John Oldham married Rachel Butler
- 1680 John & Jane Berryman, mentions intermarriage with Thomas Butler
- 1680 Wm. Butler married Mrs. Jane Lisson Butler
- 1684 Sarah Butler proved will of John Butler by oaths of John Jones & Charles Quinsenberry
- 1685 Daniel White, Walter Morgan, Wm. Cockrell to appraise estate of Edward May. (May name mentioned under date of 1688 below, and in section for the name of Brock).
- 1685 Elizabeth Walker proved will of her husband, William Walker by oaths of Vincent Cox, Peter Smith, Robert Bennett
- 1685 Wm. Butler married widow of John Ward
- 1687 mentions John Pew
- 1687 mentions Major Thomas Youell as administrator. Mentions Richard Youell and wife Eliz. Pope Youell as securities.
- 1687 Will of Gerrard Peyton, oath of Jospeh Lewis
- 1688 Richard Searles is deceased, mentions Mary May
- 1688 Jane widow of Thomas White, married Thomas Harvey
- 1700 Robert Newton, Jr. died here. He was married to Mary Allerton, daughter of Isaac Allerton son: William Newton had to prove his right for his right to inheritance from his grandfather Allertons will. He called as witnesses: George Eskridge, (he brought in Archebald Shirsly to Northumberland Co. by 1704 and Jane Shirley in 1705).
- 1704 and Jane Shirley in 1705 who appear to have been in the Princess Anne, Norfolk area.
- Thomas Gerrard who settled in Maryland by 1639, came from St. Mary's County Maryland, friends of the Giles Brent family.
- Robert Green inherited lots of land in Westmoreland, King George and Pr. Wm. Counties, from his uncle Duff who died in Scotland. His children lived in Culpeper Co. VA. some going to Scott Co. and other counties in Kentucky.
- William Spence and Richard Searles (wife Ann), co-partners of plantation bought from John Bennett & C. Div.

ORANGE COUNTY VIRGINIA (formed in 1734 from Spotsylvania Co.)

- 1742 William Sharlle was here
- 1751 Richard was here
- 1765 James and Ann Shirley was here
- 1778 James and Ann Shirley, 112 acres of land formerly owned by John Wornley, Gentleman.

Note: Wornley name! Agatha Eltonhead married 1st Ralph Wornley of Middlesex Co. VA. He was associated with Capt. William Brocas great grandson of Sir Thomas Shirley, the elder of England.

CAROLINE COUNTY VIRGINIA (formed in 1727 from Essex, King and Queen and King William Counties).

- 1735 Thomas and Mary Shirley, deed. (Is he the Thomas who died in 1747 Prince William Co. VA?).
 1744 John Shirley purchased 200 acres from William Prewett in Spotsylvania Co. Henry Williams and George Stubblefield were witnesses.

1749 John Shirley proved a will

1749 Mary Shirley witness to the will of William Prewett

1773 John and Elizabeth Shirley witness a deed

CULPEPPER COUNTY (formed in 1748 from Orange County)

1763 James Shirley of Culpeper Co. land from John Jones and Catherine his wife from New Kent Co. VA. 100 acres being part of a larger patent granted William Duff.

1780's James and Judith Garriott Shirley and children were here.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY VA (formed in 1720 from Essex, King and Queen and King William Counties).

1742 witnesses, John Shirley, Wm. WALLER, Ambrose FOSTER

1743 Thomas Shirley dismissed from paying public & county fees

1745 witnesses, John Shirley and John WALLER

1764 JOHN SHIRLEY DIED, Elizabeth adm.

1772 witness, John Shirley (John MASON's will)

1773 witnesses, John and Elizabeth Shirley

1781 witnesses, Thomas Shirley and John WALLER

1791 John Shirley, Sr, John Jr., and Frances his wife sell land

1792 a letter written in 1792 says, John Shirley just died of desentary

1792 witness, Thomas Shirley

1794 Thomas and Mollie Shirley was here

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA (formed 1730/31 from King George and Stafford Counties)

1742 John Shirley, a chain carrier for a surveyor

1753 road to be cut by William Shirleys near Chapmans Mill

1755road by John Shirleys

1757 Thomas Shirley died, wife Mary, administrator, Sarah Shirley witness

1757 William Shirley in suit

1757 John Shirley sued for debt

1757 thru 1761 John Shirley mentioned several times as a juror

1758-1761 listed in Paynes ledger, Dr. John Shirley, William Shirley & wife, Thomas Shirley
1782 tax list Thomas, James and Richard Shirley

1783 tax list William Shirley, 0 tithable.

Elijah, Richard, Archibald, George, James and Richard Shirley, [2 Richards]

1788 Elizabeth Shirley, a poor woman

1788 thru 1799 Esther Shirley on tax list

1792 William Shirley died a blind man, Richard Shirley was his caregiver

1793-1803 somewhere in this time frame, Richard Shirley died

NOTE: A Thomas Shirley m. Anne Wiatt. Their son: Thomas b.ca 1732. His sons were: Edward, Hawyt and Conquest Shirley.

FAIRFAX COUNTY VIRGINIA (formed 1742 from Prince William and Loudoun Counties)

1747 thru 1753 Richard Shirley wife Mary Graham (see Richmond County) .

FAUQUIER COUNTY VIRGINIA (formed 1759 from Prince William Co.)

1769 Richard and John Shirley (not of this county according to sheriff)

1771 John Shirley wit oath of Landon Carter

1774 Thomas and Mary Shirley, indenture of bargain and sale.

1774 Elizabeth Shirley bound to John KELLY

1774 Thomas Shirley receives land from William & Lettice WIATT of Pr. Wm. Co VA
on boundry of John Shirleys land, Kettle Run.

1774 John and James Shirley in will of George NEAVILL

1776 Elijah Shirley

1777 Thomas Shirley gives estate acct of George NEAVILL

1777 tax list Archibald, James, Richard and John Shirley

PRINCE ANNE COUNTY VA (formed 1691 from Lower Norfolk Co.)

1701 John Shirley died here (Is he John Searle transported in 1643 from Northampton Co?)

1703 Rebecca Shirley, land from Edward and Ellinor Trantor.

1716 George Shirley granted liberty to his servant, Peter Tayler, to keep school.
(From Colonial Churches...George C. Mason).

1716 Josiah Mackis who was a minister, died and left John Shirley land in his will.

1718 James Shirley, a single man, 100 acres from Jonathon Godfrey.

1718 Will of John Shirley, Jr., wife, Elinor. To son, John Shirley late of Prince George Co. now of
Princess Anne Co., son, George, daughter, Mary and daughter, Alice Nicholis.

NORFOLK COUNTY VA (formed 1636 from Lower Norfolk)

1650 Thomas Shirley mentioned in the will of Daniel Tanner... to child of Thomas Shirley if named
Daniel Shirley. Exc. Lemuel Mason, and Thomas Shirley, overseer.

- 1690 John Shirley, Sr. granted 450 acres. His wife was Rebecca_____. He died 1701 leaving a son John, (deed shows his mother was Rebecca). John Shirley, Jr. went to Chowan Co. North Carolina and received a land grant.
- 1690 Richard Shirley granted 450 acres
- 1704 John Shirley on quit rent rolls, 800 acres
- 1729 Daniel Shirley, 118 acres of land in Parish of St. Brides from Caleb and Abiah Morgan of Halifax Co. N.C. [This Daniel is an older Daniel than the Daniel of Northumberland Co. son of John Shirley].
- 1771 John and Daniel Shirley, sons of Daniel Shirley b. 1717, of Northumberland Co. came to Norfolk Co. VA.
- 1781 John Shearly signed a petition of inhabitants of Norfolk Co. regarding one of their neighbors who had been accused of siding with the British. (from Collection of State Papers Vol 1 page 693).

KING GEORGE CO. VA (formed 1720 from Richmond and Westmoreland Counties).

- 1795 John Surley, will. The wills were destroyed and all that remains are adminstrations.

JAMES CITY CO. VA

- 1623 Richard Shirley was here
- 1636 Edward Shirley was overseer
- 1642-54 Henry Shirley was here
- 1643 Thomas Shirley was here
- 1671 Richard Shirley died, Elizabeth died 1681

PRINCE GEORGE CO. VA (formed 1700 from Charles City)

- 1705 Jane Shirley trasported by Benjamin Harrison
- 1716 John Shirley, land

KING AND QUEEN CO. VA (formed 1691 from New Kent Co)

- 1683 Edward Shirley name appears on a petition

HENRICO CO. VA

- 1633 Daniel Shirley was here
- 1637 Agnes Shirley was here (was she wife of Daniel?)
- 1664 Robert Shirley was here

ELIZABETH CITY CO. VA

- 1656 Thomas Shirley was here
- 1667 Thomas Shirley died, no heirs in country

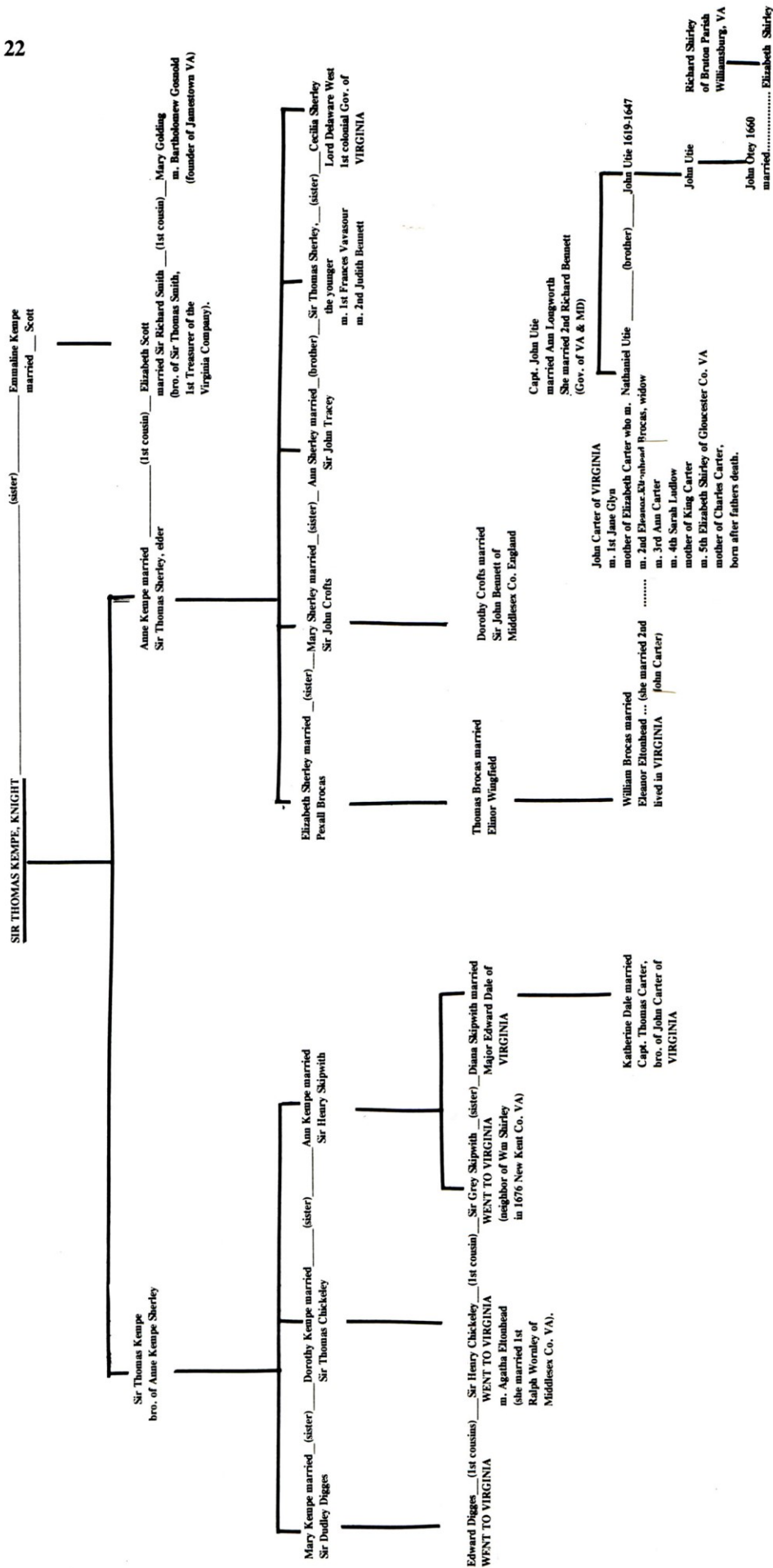
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ISLE OF WIGHT CO. VA

- 1621 Edward Bennett owned plantation here
- 1687 Ralph Shirley and Robert Kae are witnesses
- 1693 will of Ralph Shirley
- 1727 names mentioned as being here were: John and Thomas Shirley, Nicholas Derring, James Sampson, Lawrence Baker, Richard Ward, and Joseph Ward.
- 1755 James Shirley in Newport Vestry Book.



NORTHUMBERLAND CO. VA SHIRLEYS

NOTE: In Virginia Colonial abstracts, Series 2 Vol 1 Northumberland Co. VA, page 98. Sept 27, 1704 a certificate to George Eskridge for transporting Archebald Shirsly among others named. On page 98 of same Vol. a certificate was given on March 21, 1705 for transporting Jane Shirley. [Were they from Princess Anne or Norfolk Co. VA area?]

THOMAS b. ____ d. 1696 (Richard adm.) Was he from Norfolk area? One researcher said Thomas Shirley was brought to Northumberland Co. VA by Will Drumond from the Norfolk area.

(Mr. Drumond left a widow Sarah who was living in James City Co. VA Oct 1679. Mr. Drumond's son was living in North Carolina and was given power of attorney). [My research says John C. Butler brought Thomas here in 1663. Maybe he came twice].

From information in the St. Stephens Parish records and other records of the area, the following children should be the sons of this Thomas.

Sons: There could be others!

1. **Thomas** christened Oct 22, 1666 St Stephens Parish to Thomas. A Thomas was sheriff in 1702 (he has to be the one as his father had died in 1696 and this is the only Thomas that fits).

WHO WERE HIS SONS? WHERE DID HIS FAMILY GO TO LIVE FROM HERE?

One possibility is the Thomas and Sara who was in Richmond Co. in 1704 on the quit rent roll. In 1750 Argeland Shurley was recorded as a witness to the will of George Kirk. An Armsby Sherly was christened May 17, 1754 Farnham Parish in Richmond Co. The Dale family who married numerous times into the Shirley family were also of this Parish.

A Thomas Surley appears on the 1704 quit rent rolls of King and Queen Co. VA!

Could one of these Thomas Shirleys be the one who was dismissed from paying county fees in 1743 (because of age), in Caroline County VA?

2. **Richard** christened Aug 6, 1669 St Stephens Parish to Thomas. In 1690 his land adjoins Robt Luck & John Oldham. (There was a John Oldham in Westmoreland Co. VA and in Richmond Co. VA in 1707). In 1715 he sold land to Robt Harrison. He died in 1727. Appraiser was Richard Oldham. Ann remarried to Nicholis Nowland before 1728. Reference: NORTHUMBERIA COLLECTION, page 63, 79, 111, 284 St Stephens Parish Register. [Robert Harrison family lived Albermarle and Goochland Co. Va and then to Orange Co. NC.].

Sons: Christened in St Stephens Parish Northumberland Co. VA. Were there other children?

- (1). Thomas 1701 (Could he be the father of John Shirley of Spotsylvania Co. VA?).
 - (2). Richard 1705 d.y. ?
 - (3). Richard 1712 [Is he the Richard who sued John Rout in Northumberland in 1732? He'd only be about 20 years of age].
3. **John** ca. 1671 d. 1737/38 Northumberland Co. VA. It appears he was not christened in St. Stephens Parish. He did not mention his wife by name in his will. He referred to his land as being on "Coach Road" adjoining land of his brother, Richard Shirley, deceased. He purchased land in 1711 from John Adams.

Sons:

- (1). John 1708 d. 1742 will mentions wife Betty and unborn child, [Winifred]. No other children mentioned. He was 34 years old.
- (2). James 1712 He is not in his fathers 1738 will. (Was he the James who died Cape Fear North Carolina in 1737? This may be an older James as he left a wife, and named three children, Susannah, Ann and Desminiére in his will). [A James was in Culpeper Co. VA as early as 1763. His wife was Ann and it is not James and Judith Garriot Shirley unless James was married before Judith].
- (3). Joseph 1714 not chr. St Stephens but in fathers will. Where did he go?

NOTE: This date of birth must be incorrect as Joseph is a minor when his father John dies and he is assigned a guardian in 1742. It could be John is John Jr. who dies in 1742 but he doesn't mention children in his will except his wife is with unborn child. That child was a female, Winifred according to the Updike book.

- (4). Daniel 1717 d. 1768, wife Lishey Rice. John Oldham bought land from Daniel Shirley as mentioned in Oldhams will of 1753. From Northumberland Co. order book 1767-70 page 315...Nov 14, 1768 Ellis Harcum, William Harcum and John Wornom by the court appointed to settle Thomas Reid's account of his Administration of the estate of Daniel Shurley, deceased, and posses Lishey Shirley, the widow, with her part there of, and also with George Shurley's part. [Is George his uncle ? or is this another child left out of the records? In 1771 there was a George living on the Savannah River near the 96th District of South Carolina].

page 317, Nov 14, 1768, Judith Shurley, orphan of Daniel Shurley, dec'd, made choice of Richard Rice for her Guardian who is approved by the court;

[NOTE: Richard Rice was twice married. His second wife was Judith Shurley. "I bequeath to my son Thomas Shurley, born before wedlock, my land in Northumberland Co. formerly belonging to Robert Sibbles. Should Thomas die without lawful heir, my desire is that his sister, Ann Rust Shurley should have all of his part of my estate, being born before wedlock."]

From 1783-1785 Northumberland Co. record book #12, page 7. Will of Elizabeth Rice. To my son Charles Rice, my tract of land where on I now live, to him and the lawful begotten heirs of his body. And he giving his sister Elishey Shurley, a home on the said land during her widowhood..... Wit. Wm. P. Rice, Elishey Shirley, James Shurley, Wm. Bearcroft. Exc. friend, Wm. Thomas Sr., and Charles Rice, son.

Sons: [of Daniel born 1717]

- A. John 1741 (was with his brother in Princess Anne Co. VA)
- B. James 1745
- C. Richard 1748
- D. Daniel 1754 died Princess Anne Co. VA, will Oct 22, 1814. His wife was Mary Ann. His exc. was Daniel Shirley. (did this Daniel go to Barren Co. KY?)

children:

- (a). David 1794-1804. In 1820 census of Princess Anne Co.
- (b). Jeanna
- (c). Mary
- (d). Abby 1802 (mother of Henry O.)

- (5). Arge 1721 m. 1st Susannah
m. 2nd Elizabeth

- A. Arge 1756 m. Susannah
- B. John 1774 went to SC?

WHO IS George? He was a surveyor in 1698 and a sheriff in 1701 in Northumberland Co. Is he son #4 ?

WHO WERE HIS SONS AND WHERE DID GEORGE LIVE?

[there was a George who died in 1726 Prince George Co. Maryland. His wife Mary, was the adm. She said she knew of no kin. George and Mary are recorded in Queen Anne Parish of Prince George Co. as having a son, Edward Dec 28, 1719 and Ann Feb 15, 1721. Names mentioned in the estate disbursements were: Wm. Smith, Wm. Proctor, Eliz. Mason, Robert Taylor, Richard Pile, Isaac Hyde, Jane Evans, John Dean and Thomas White. Pr. Geo. Co. MD. accounting book 8 page 508].

1748 Rent Rolls...John, Daniel and John. Who are these two Johns? The Johns above are deceased or to young to be one of these Johns! Daniel is on the 1758-59 rent rolls.

About 1771, John and Daniel Shirley, sons of Daniel chr. in 1717 Northumberland Co. VA., went to Norfolk Co. and can be found there in the 1790 census. The descendants of Henry O., (the short story writer), claim Daniel in the 1790 census of Norfolk Co. as their ancestor.