

SHADE OF DOUBLETOP

This is the name of the home of Thomas and Zachariah Shirley who were the twin sons of James and Judith Garriott.

(see page 8 of July '80 News)
Shade of Doubletop is on the southwest side of Route 670 about one mile from Syria in Madison Co. Va.

The Shirley's began accumulating land before 1799 and became one of the largest landowners ever residing in Madison County with landholdings of approximately 50,000 acres. Information gathered by Evelyn Tunison for a WPA project in 1937 states that "the tax records in 1851 show that the estate of Thomas Shirley, deceased, amounted to 48,933 acres of land. Taxes paid on the land, including the fee bill and interest, amounted to \$101.22½. Chancery suits in settling the Shirley estate were not settled until 1906. These suits are considered to be the most famous law suits in the history of Virginia. There are bundles and bundles of his papers in the Madison County Clerk's Office along with plats of his land." It is said there were more squatters on the Shirley land than anywhere else in the state of Virginia.

Thomas Shirley is buried about three miles south of the home. In accordance with his request, he was buried under a huge cedar tree and his

grave covered with a large pile of rocks. The spot can be located today.

The Shirley's owned a great number of distilleries, scattered through the surrounding mountains. Whiskey was marketed in Fredericksburg, driven there by teams of oxen. On the return trip, the wagons would be loaded to their fullest capacity with merchandise to be distributed among the poor mountaineers. It is said the output from these distilleries was so large that teams were kept on the road to and from Fredericksburg. Extra fine liquor was hauled to Philadelphia. Wagons returning Fredericksburg brought the first bananas to Madison County, and also the first goats ever seen in this part of the state came in on Shirley wagons.

Zachariah Shirley's will, dated December 1825, probated January, 1826, left his property to his brother, Thomas. There is also mention of two sons, Zachariah and James, and of a brother, Joshua. Additional Shirley genealogy can not be located. Thomas Shirley died before the Civil War, but the property was in litigation for years. It is said Tom Shirley owned so much personal property it took all of ten days to sell it. For many years farmers referred to tools that were bought from "Old Tom Shirley's Sale."

George Kite purchased the Shirley home and mill in a suit of Shirley vs. Shirley, 1870.

Constructed of hand-hewn timbers on a rock foundation, the house has two large rock chimney's with brick stems and eight fireplaces. Original rooms numbered however, the addition of four rooms over the years make the present structure L-shaped. Several shedrooms seem to be relatively new additions and can be entered only from the rooms to which they are connected. Mantels throughout the home are plain and the hearths are large.

Hand-hewn beams are visible in the basement. Walls nearly two feet thick. This basement once served as a kitchen and dining room. Partitions have been removed making one large room with a fireplace at each end. A porch spans the front and side, covering approximately 35 feet. This porch connects the springhouse to the main house.

Built of stone, the springhouse was used to store dairy products until recent years. It now has a concrete floor and the milk boxes have been removed.

Behind the main house is a building with basement and two stories (originally there were three stories). The basement has thick stone walls and a low ceiling with exposed unhewn logs. This area was once used as a meathouse. Above are two stories, each with one large room. This building appears to be as old as the springhouse, and was possibly used for servant quarters.

West of the home approximately 300 feet is a stone lined root cellar dug into the ground under what is now being used as a roadway. It measures three feet wide, four feet long, and six feet tall. Near the river in the front yard stands the old schoolhouse. Approximately 16 feet by 12½ feet, the schoolhouse had a blackboard which is said to have covered one half of all the wall space. There is a chair rail with vertical paneling below.

Across the yard from the schoolhouse is the carriage house which has been enlarged from its original size. Beside the carriage house is a square concrete room used by the family as a greenhouse.

An old mill near the house is in good condition although it has not been used for years.

The Shirley home stands in a grove of large maple trees with tall boxwood lining the front walkway. A bridge across the river is the only access. No exact construction date can be established, but it is surmised that the home dates to the early 1800's.

Made of hand-hewn timbers, the structure was three stories high. The old wood overshot was replaced with a steel one some time before the Civil War. The mill wheel is possibly not the original. Corn meal was ground on the ground level; flour on the second story; and the third story (now removed) was for storage. The mill stones, larger than average, were hauled from Pennsylvania by oxen. These stones are still in place.



GRUBB FAMILY

John Grubb arrived from England on the ship Kent in 1677 at Burlington, New Jersey and from there he went to Grubbs Landing in New Castle County, Delaware. John Grubb Jr. was born Nov. 1, 1684 Brandywine Hundred, Delaware married Rachel Buckley. Their son Richard Grubbs had two sons who married into the Hughes family.

NOTE: Could be related families of those found in Augusta Co. Va. records 1751-1752.
(see April '79 "News" p.10)





Debbie and Delaine
Betty and Guy Shirley
(your editor)

Identified Shirley lines living
in Illinois 1830-1850

Arge/Argeland from Kentucky
(see Apr.'79 p.8)

Logan County

Moses and Nancy/Dale from Barren
Co. Ky.

Jefferson County
Hamilton County

Thomas b. ca. 1760 S.C.
(see Oct.'80 p.2)
Jackson County
Clinton County
Fayette County

Valentine line
(see Apr.'80 p.10)
Clay County
Laurence County
Richland County

NOTE: Can you help us identify
any other Shirley's living in
other counties in Illinois
1830-1850????????????????????

JOHN SHIRLEY'S WILL

(brother of Thomas)

Adair County, Kentucky
March 19, 1838.

I John Shirley being now
old and _____ in body but sound
in mind and memory make this
my last will and testament
revoking all other wills for-
merly made.

Item the first: I lend
to my wife Frances Shirley
my estate both real, and per-
sonal during her _____ after
my just debts are paid and
at her death it _____ will that my
three negroes be freed, John,
Henry, and _____. And the
balance of my estate be sold
and Betsey Bailey have two
hundred dollars and the remain-
der be equally divided amongst
all my children, Viz: George
Sherley, John W. Shirley,
Nancy W. Coleman, Polly Rogers
and Betsey Bailey. I leave
Joseph Coleman and George
Shirley my Executors to this
my last will and testament. In
witness, whereof I have here in
set my hand and seal the date
above written.

John Shirley

Witnessed:

William C. Pool
Andrew Hipkins
John S. Coleman
Samuel M. Asberry

(see July 1979 "News" page 6)

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IRELAND SHIRLEYS

Sir George Shurley was
Chief Justice of Ireland. He
died in 1646 and buried at
Isfield, England

William Shurley accompanied
King William III to Ireland
and settled in the county of
Wexford.

OHIO SHIRLEY'S

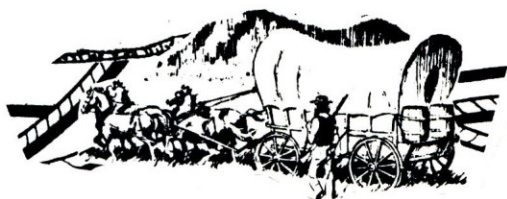
"Walter Line" (see p.3 July '79 &
p.8 Apr.'80)

The Shirleys were among the first settlers at Charloe. Robert Shirley Sr. came from Ross Co. Ohio to Defiance Co. Ohio in 1821 with his family and located in one of the old block houses at Ft. Winchester.

Ft. Winchester was located about 200 yards south of Ft. Defiance. At that time it was still in good condition. There were no roads through this wilderness. Just indian trails. It took the Shirleys three weeks to come from Ross Co. to Defiance in a covered wagon. One had to go ahead of the team with an axe to clear the old trail of brush and fallen timbers to get through with their cattle and covered wagons. There was a trading post at Ft. Winchester where the Indians from Charloe would come to exchange their coon, otter, beaver, and deerhides also honey, beeswax, ginseng (?) and wild berries for provisions and calico. They became acquainted with the Indians who were of a friendly nature and the land of the old Oquanoxa reserve was available to white men. During the early 1830's, Shirley moved up to the Auglaize River across from Charloe where he took up some land from the government and built a log cabin for his family. About 1840 he built a large two story brick house. The bricks were hand-made from clay at the rear of his farm.

Robert's wife was Sarah (Hudson) Shirley.

INFORMATION: from the files of Robert Shisler and sent by Ruth Dannettelle.



WALTER SHIRLEY born Apr.27, 1690
Staunton Harold England.

(see p.3 July '79 "News")

Helen Post, a descendant of Walter Shirley wrote to the Vicar of Staunton Harold England requesting a search of the Registers.

"We have been through the registers for the appropriate period and while Walter Shirley's birth on May 27, 1690 is there, there is no other entry up to 1726. This is of course a negative argument, what it shows is that he was neither married nor buried at Staunton Harold, and he could have died elsewhere."

NOTE: The April 27 date was taken from the book "Story of Smithfield."

It is not correct. The May 27 date is correct as printed in the register of births and in the book "Stemmata Shirleiana" by Evelyn Philip Shirley.

PRINCE WM. CO. VA.

order book 1759-1761 Vol. 20 pg.44
Richard Hailey vs. John Shurey

YORK CO. VA.

Feb. 28, 1673/4 inquisitions or
escheated land signed Richard
Sherley
Vol. 20 p. 177

ISLE OF WRIGHT CO. VA.

Court of Feb. 9, 1693/4
Judgement granted John Bell against
executors in trust of last will and
testament of Ralph Sherley deceased
for 455 lbs. of tobacco due by
account exhibited. Vol, 12 p.129

ELIZABETH CITY CO. VA.

March 7, 1667/8
Inquisition on escheated land
signed Thomas Shirley
Vol. 19 p. 129

(See October 1980 "News" p.4 & 5 regarding early Tenn. records.)

The John Shirley is Valentine's son (see April '80 "News" p.10). John was born August 2, 1776. He married Ann Scott Oct.1, 1803 in Rockingham Co. Va. In 1810 Census John is in Grainger Co. Tenn. John and Ann signed affidavits in Grainger Co, Tenn. in August 1814 in settlement of Valentine's estate. John was back in Augusta Co. Va. in Nov. 1814, participating in the auction of Valentines personal property.

John made numerous land transactions in Grainger Co. Tenn. including lots in Rutledge (County seat) and land outside. The first one in 1809 and the last in 1828.

Balser Shirley appears earlier in Augusta Co. Va and then in Grainger Co, Tenn. He may have been a cousin of John.

According to deeds in 1798 and 1802 Patrick Shirley was in Grainger Co. Tenn. also. He was a resident of Knox Co. Tenn. and the Registrar of Deeds listed him as Shirley. However, the name is clearly written Shirkey on both deeds. By 1813 Patrick had died and Balser Shirley owned the 253 acres on Richland Creek.

INFORMATION sent by Henry Shirley
Rothrock

NOTE: Patrick Shirley was also in Augusta Co. Va. before coming to Tenn.



Valentine Shirley (Con't)

"Enos began improving the farm. He planted a new orchard. In April 1861 War was declared and Enos joined at once and went into training, despite his wife's pleading. All she could do, was do as she had done before. She now had four children to look after.

"After the war Enos came home and planned and built a new house. The new house was finally finished, a nice substantial building for those days. A real stove graced the new kitchen. A stepstone was a great improvement over the fireplace, for one thing it took less wood. In one corner stood the big wooden loom and the small spinning wheel with a place left for the eating table.

"After the war people continued to go west to California, Kansas, Nebraska -- in fact, to every nook and corner of the West. Farmers especially wished to seek new land. The Homestead Act made the new farms a possibility. Then a certain number of minors, labors, all were needed to build a new empire.

"Enos had had the urge to go West since the close of the war. Susan believed in staying with her home. Then the fearful stories of Indian atrocities served to keep Enos farming in Indiana a few years.

"For some years a boy, Tom Wilshire, had been working for Enos. In the fall of 1874 Enos and Tom went West for land. They found free land to be taken in Mitchell Co., Logan Twp., Kansas. The family started for Kansas May 2, 1875."

VIRGINIA MARRIAGES

ABLEMARLE COUNTY

John m. Susanna Gardner
December 10, 1793

Jean m. John Wood
April 19, 1791

AUGUSTA COUNTY

Frances m. James Runkle
May 26, 1796

Balser m. Catherine Peters
April 26, 1808

Elizabeth m. Samuel Parson
December 26, 1787

BERKELEY COUNTY, VA. (Now W.Va.)

Daniel m. Nancy Flinn
May 31, 1818

Elizabeth m. William Johnston
May 2, 1792

James m. Ruth Frier
March 5, 1793 (Walter's line)

John m. Ann Smithey
February 7, 1785 (Walter's son)

Walter m. Elizabeth Stanford
May 10, 1794

William m. Charlotte Godman
December 30, 1801

William m. Nancy Mayers
October 10, 1811

CAROLINE COUNTY

Thomas m. Molly Yates
April 5, 1788

CULPEPER COUNTY VA.

James m. Judith Garriott
1754

James m. Mary McMekin
October 9, 1781

Mary m. Michael Wilhoit
1756

Nancy/Judith m. James Ewell
May 23, 1779

HENRICO COUNTY VA.

Mary m. John Harris
August 27, 1795

LOUDON COUNTY

Isaac m. Elama Rady
November 7, 1819

LOUISA COUNTY

Barshaba m. Wm. McGehee
March 9, 1808

MADISON COUNTY

Wm. m. Elizabeth Clore
January 12, 1796

PENDLETON COUNTY VA. (W.Va.)

Catherine m. John Cunningham
May 16, 1833

Ingebo m. Abrham M. Wilson
November 12, 1843

Sarah m. Jacob Hedrick
March 26, 1835

John m. Elizabeth Ann Buckley
December 3, 1830

Peter m. Ingabo Erwin
April 16, 1837

MIDDLESEX COUNTY VA.

Ann m. John Williams
February 17, 1708

Anne m. Richard Moulson
January 19, 1720

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY VA.

Argeland m. Bethathland Kirtley
July 23, 1791

Daniel m. Ann E.C. Brinkley
March 18, 1844

George m. Sarah Ann Rice
January 4, 1792

George H. m. Elizabeth P. Elmore
December 9, 1844

Robert m. Elizabeth Rice
January 8, 1838

William m. Elizabeth Sullivant
October 24, 1789

Polly m. John Lewis
December 21, 1819

Sally m. John Headley
January 3, 1816

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY VA.

Elizabeth m. Samuel Patterson
December 26, 1787

Mary m. James Gardner
October 7, 1788

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY VA.

Catherine m. John Baughman
June 1, 1778

Mary m. William McGuire
February 23, 1778

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY VA.

Nancy m. Thomas Coleman
December 27, 1804

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Elizabeth m. Peter Davis
July 29, 1813

MARYLAND CENSUS1790-St. Mary's Co.

Bennet Shirley
Joshua Shirley
Ignatius Shirley

1800-Baltimore County

Thomas Sherley

St. Marys County

Ignatius Shirley

1810 St. Marys County

Ignatius Shirley

Please note: He married Mary Norris
Nov. 1775 in Maryland. In 1820
find him in Berkley Co. Va. (now W.Va)

? Township

J. Sherley

1820 Washington County

Joseph Shirley

Baltimore County

Thomas Shirley

St. Marys County

Richard Shurley

1830 Frederick County

Alexander Shirley
Thomas C. Shirley

Anne County

Catharine Shirley

Washington County

Widow Shirley

1840 St. Marys County

Washington Sherley

Frederick County

John Shirley

Carroll County

Richard Shirley

BARREN COUNTY KY.

William Savage and wife
conveyed house and corner lot
to Paul Shirley Nov. 30, 1835.
(The Va. magazine of hist. and
Bio. Oct. 1942 issue)

S.C. & ALABAMA SHIRLEY'S

(con't from April 1980 p.3 "News")

Young Shirley was born in 1822 in South Carolina and in Northport, Tuscaloosa County Alabama. Benjamin Franklin was their first child born in 1849. Two years later a baby girl was born, Laresa Ann. Rebecca died 16 days after the birth and the baby died at age 1 month.

In 1860 Census we find him listed as a Blacksmith living perhaps with a brother, Lewis Shirley, listed as a wagon maker. Also living by them is an old man by the name Eli Shirley and his wife Elizabeth. This could very easily be his father and mother. Nine years later, Young married Nancy Lou South in 1860 in Northport, Alabama. In 1861 Samantha was born. Two years later Nancy died Leaving Young a widower again.

Young was a soldier in the Civil War being in a camp of instruction at Talladega, Alabama in July 1864. In October of the same year he died of Dropsy. He was 42 yrs.

Benjamin Franklin Shirley was raised by an Uncle. He lived for sometime in Lee County, Mississippi. This is where he met and married Martha Humphries. Their son Lando once said that his father was out walking in the country when he came to a house where Martha lived. He made up his mind that this was the girl he wanted to marry and later he did. She was part Osage Indian. They lived in Lee County, in 1879 and Williamson County, Texas in 1822. In 1889 Martha died.

In 1890 Benjamin married Naomi Landrum.

Benjamin was a member of the Methodist Church. His one great aim and purpose was to live the Christian life. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge. He died Monday Aug. 9, 1926 after a few weeks of illness.

(INFORMATION sent by: Sue O'dell)

TUSC. COUNTY ALABAMA SHIRLEY'S

(Taken from Letter of Jan. 21, 1981 from Geneal Black)

Listed in the Estate settlement of Eli Shirley born 1797 Laurens co. S.C. and living in Tusc. Co. Ala. in 1850 Census is as follows:

Robert Shirley
Little Berry Shirley
B.L. (Benjamin) Shirley
S.V. (Biard's son) Shirley
Sarah E. Hocut (dau of Biard)
Davis Shirley
James E. Glenn Shirley
John Lewis Shirley
William W. Watson (???)

signers of the estate settlement

Moses Shirley b. ca. 1780 N.C.
d. Nov.27,1861
Hamilton Co.Ill.
m. Nancy Dale Dec.3,1798
Warren Co. Ky.

CHILDREN

John
Mary "Polly" m. Simms
Millie m. Henry Irvin
Moses
Eliza m. John W. Lane
Sarah m.
Isaac lived Shelby Co. Ill.
1830/40 & Linn Co. Mo. 1850
Elizabeth m. Alfred Moore
Nancy m. John Hall
Tilman liv. Jefferson Co. Ill. 1850

INFORMATION: From Edna Curtis



Globe, Arizona
May 25, 1909

Hon. Richard Yates
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Gov.,

I have your kind favor in regard to Yates Family History, and replying thereto will say that I have written all the members of the family some years ago and all gave me the statement from my mother when I was a child and about 12 years ago she wrote for me all her recollections as to family history. This was corroborated by Dr. Paul C. Yates, also Dr. W.V. Yates and others. All of this came from my grandfather, John Marshall Yates. This version was this: that the first Yates to come to this country was an officer in the British Army. Dr. Paul Yates in a letter to me Aug. 12th, 1899, said he was a Lieut., and that he had lost an arm in the war with Norway and that he settled in Maryland. Dr. Will Yates wrote me about same time that his recollections were that the first Yates to come over was an officer in the British Army who had lost an arm in the service. All of the above state that the first emigrant had two sons, one had twenty sons and that our ancestor came from this one, so it is very likely that Dr. Michael Yates was a grandson of the first Yates. My grandfather, as all of his descendants say, gave them this version of the early history of the Yates in America, and I have not the slightest doubt but that this version is mainly correct and if we could make any research in the family archives or could get on the right track in Maryland, no doubt we could find data that would be interesting.

In the family for the last hundred years there has been many named Warfield, so that it is very likely true that the first George Yates who came to America was a retired army officer, or who by his wounds was incapacitated for service and no doubt this George Yates was the same who married Rachel Warfield, and this I believe is true family history as grandfather Yates always said that his family came from Maryland, and then Dr. Michael Yates who married Martha Marshall came from Maryland and was very likely the grandson of the first emigrant.

Last year while I was in Virginia I tried to locate the archives of old St. Margaret Church in Caroline Co., but it seems that they were destroyed as I could get no trace of them.

I tried to find out if Martha Marshall was a sister or aunt of Chief Justice John Marshall; she was one or the other, but so far no light has been shed on the subject. It seems strange that the Marshall family and so many of them were prominent, that there is so little we know. Tom Marshall, the father of John Marshall, was a prominent officer of the Revolution, and after he settled in Ky. at a place called Buckpond and this property is still in the family. Maybe if one had access to its archives, if they have any, a good deal of light might be thrown on the subject.

I feel sure, however, if you can get any information from Maryland that you will find that I am correct and that our first ancestor came to Maryland more than two hundred years ago.

Thank you for the information contained in your recent letter.

Yours sincerely
(Signed) George W.P. Hunt



NOTE: Mr. George William Paul Hunt, writer of the above letter, was governor of Arizona from 1912 to 1920, from 1922 to 1928 and from 1930 to 1932. He died in 1934. He was the son of Sarah Elizabeth Yates Hunt, daughter of John Marshall Yates, son of John (and Ann Coleman) Yates, son of Doctor Michael Yates. He gives here the tradition in his family according to his grandfather, John Marshall Yates, who was born in 1796, and who would, therefore, have heard it from those generations close to George Yates, of Caroline, our earliest known Virginia ancestor. This would seem to be the best possible evidence that this George of Caroline (mentioned in the eill of his grandson, Doctor George Yates, Culpeper, 1788) was identical with George 111, son of George 11 and his wife Rachel Warfield Yates. George Yates m. Mary (Wells) Stockett, said to be the daughter of Dr. Richard Wells, and was the widow of Capt. Thomas Stockett Sr. all of Maryland.

NOTE: Ancestors of Molly Yates who married Thomas Shirley and Frances Yates who married John Shirley (See July 1979 News. P.6)

information sent by;
Dorothy Thrawley

HENRY SHIRLEY

"Fitzwilliam Shirley, his elder brother, was sent by the King as governor of the Colony of Massachusetts. Henry (my grandfather) came over expecting to go back after a vacation and enter an institution of learning. Mixing with the Boston people, he became convinced that the struggle for liberty was right and he joined the army as private. He was promoted, (he was 18 yrs. old when he enlisted) wounded in an encounter, was taken prisoner and confined on that horrible prison ship in Boston

Harbor where the crueltys were revolting. His youth and vigor stood him while they died all around him, was exchanged and at the end of the war. -With others, took up a tract of land north of Mass. line in New Hampshire. I don't know how they acquired it for I have no dates - of course it was legitimate. They named it Fitzwilliam which it retains to this day. Grandpa settled there. He married a Mary Bogle of titled parentage (Scotch), had a large farm and larger family. Henry, the oldest, stayed at home, the others went each their ways. Aunt Shore married and went to Pennsylvania, afterwards to Roxbury, Mass. Mary married Peter Brigham and lived in Boston. Warren and Selma came to Boston to visit their Sister Mary. They were the two youngest of Grandpa's children. Ebenezer Fobes was in business with Peter Brigham in a livery stable. He and the fair Selma quickly fell in love and were married.

Selma Shirley was born Oct. 31, 1793. She married Ebenezer Fobes March 28, 1816 Boston, Mass.

CHILDREN

1. Ebenezer Fobes b. Jan.12, 1817
2. Sophia Fobes b. Apr.14, 1818
d. young
3. Catherine B. Fobes b. Jan.31,1820
4. Mary S. Fobes b. Oct.6, 1827
m. William Carlisle
5. Daniel Fobes b. Nov.9,1829

Selma died at the birth of Daniel.

Grandpa (Henry) Shirley had a pension as long as he lived. He drove up to Keene, some 8 miles, the week before he died for his pension money. He was a nice looking old man. He had marks of war. A sabre cut high on his forehead, bullet holes in his legs as marks of valor.

(Taken from a letter written in 1909 by Catharine Fobes, granddaughter of Henry Shirley, to her niece Henrietta Carlisle.)

INFORMATION sent by member
Joy (Carlisle) Bixby

JAMES WALLACE SHIRLEY was born in Pennsylvania June 16, 1811. He was a poor boy, could neither read nor write when bound out to learn "the arts and mysteries of tailoring" in 1826. He completed his indenture in 1833. Married Sarah Olive Mills May 2 1833. (She was the daughter of Roswell Mills, one of the men who was empowered to bind out the poor boys and girls of that time in Ohio.)

He worked at his trade, was in the state militia, was a member of the O. legislature, printed the Somerset Post for two years, bought a tavern or hotel in 1850, had it four years, was an insurance man a while. (I think J.W. was a man who accomplished a lot when you consider it was without any family help.)

He died in 1873.

J.W. and S.O. ad four children:

1. Elvira Rachel
2. Martha Jane(died 11 mo.)
3. Benjamin Stone
4. Emily Victoria (died 1 mo.)

This, both B.S. and J.W. Shirley's histories are taken from SCHUYLER COUNTY printed in (first) 1888 again in 1972. (My husband was born in 1898 so he could not have been in the 1888)
It was authorized by Swanson and Ford.

BENJAMIN STONE SHIRLEY is the son of Jas. W. and Sarah Olive Mills Shirley. He was born at Somerset, Ohio, June 17, 1838, and received his education there, and a year at an academy in Ohio. Then became clerk of The Carror House for two years. He then worked in a saw-mill, later buying the mill. Mr. Shirley served in Co. E 17th Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a second lieutenant. When his term of office expired he enlisted in the 114th Ohio and was drill master, served as second sergeant, first lieutenant, for a time having command of his company. He saw

much hard service in the south, was taken prisoner in 1864, being afterwards exchanged. After the war he again engaged in milling. He came to Schuyler County in 1868, and has lived here most of the intervening time. He bought land for railroads in town and was occupied at the time he named Winterset, Iowa. Because the winter was so long the railroad men thot winter would never end. (While working for the R.R. and buying land near Fort Dodge he became acquainted with Miss Sarah Emily Wilcox, and married her in 1870)
From 1868 to 1870 he lived in Des Moines, Ia. Mr. Shirley was married to Annie Spencer in Jan. of 1868. She died in April of 1868. Mr. Shirley married Sarah Emily Wilcox in Sept. 1870
Their children are:

Clara Viola (died at 6 mo) James Wallace, Julius Wilcox, Roswell Mills, Laura De Ida, Raymond Ransome, Arthur Blaine, Benjamin Stone Jr. , Ralph Harrison, Mabel Edna and Paul Wilbur. Since 1900 Mr. Shirley has been a Justice of the Peace.

DR. GEORGE A. SHIRLEY physician and surgeon, was born in Franklin County, Missouri, January 25, 1845. His parents Carter T. and Elizabeth (Cook) Shirley were natives of Kentucky. They married in 1835 and four years later moved to Macon Co. Mo. where they lived until 1872, with the exception of a few years spent Franklin Co. Then they moved to Saline Co. where they since lived. He served as sergeant Major in the 2nd Mo. state Militia during the late war.

Daniel Shirley and Elizabeth of Barren County Kentucky were the parents of Carter T. Shirley.

The Dr. was reared at home and received a limited common school education. In 1864 he enlisted in Co. B 41st Mo. Inf. and was on duty in Tenn. and Mo. He married Mattie Barnett of Pendleton, Ky. after he was discharged from the army in 1865. In 1870 he began studying medicine with Dr. P.G.H. Barnett. In 1871-72 he attended the Keokuk Medical College, then began to practice at Willmathsville, Mo. until 1879 when he moved to Greentop, MO. Later he moved to Queen City, and practiced there.

WANT ADS

Need parents of both William Shirley
b. ca. 1797 Ky.(?) and Nancy.
Their marriage date and place,
(Indiana ca. 1830/42) They both
died in Carroll Co. Mo. William
before Feb. 1849 and Nancy ca.
1860/70. They had several children.
Among them Elizabeth Powers my
gr. gr. grandmother.

Shirley Bowles
2218 Hillcrest Drive
Jamesville, Wisconsin 53545

WANTED: Location of grave of
Lawrence Vance Shirley native of
Miami Co. Ind. born 1785 Frederick
Co. Va. Can find no record of him
after he applied for his bounty
land in Iroquios Co. Ill.
in 1857.

Helen Post
2618 Houston Place
Leesburg, Fla. 32748

Desire information on John Shirley
Lewis Co, Ky. 1810. Fayette Co.
Ind. 1820 Hancock Co. Ind. 1830, Died
Marshall Co. Ind. 1843.
Wife Elizabeth died 1846. Son,
Ambrose Shepard Shirley, married
Philena Perrin in Fayette Co.
Ind. in 1819.

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C O R R E C T I O N S

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Picture is of;
Lucy Ann Briggs.



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