



1981 SHIRLEY CONVENTION

JUNE 27 & 28  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY



JOHN & ELIZABETH BARMORE LINE

John Jr. b. ca. 1767 Va. is father of George Shirley

THE FOLLOWING WAS COPIED FROM THE TOMB OF GEORGE AND NELLIE E. SHIRLEY BURIED IN BERWYN CEMETARY NEAR ROME, GA.

GEORGE SHIRLEY  
DIED JUNE 22, 1892  
AGE 96

NELLIE E. SHIRLEY  
DIED MAY 22, 1880  
AGE 82

I copied the following birth information from George Shirleys Bible owned by Mrs. Grace Squier, Living in Rome, Ga.

CHILDREN:

- \* John Williamson Shirley, was born the 30th day of November 1823
- \* Eddy Elizabeth Shirley was born the 10th day of January 1825
- \* Henry Thomas Shirley was born on the 16th day of February 1828
  - m. Cintha J. Bird Feb. 11, 1858
- \* Susan Martha Shirley was born the 20th day of January 1830
  - m. John Johnson Oct. 1, 1846
- \* Nancy Caroline Shirley was born the 13th day of August 1832
  - m. Jonah Peal April 18, 1852
- \* Arena Elender Shirley was born the 16th day of February 1835
  - m. Josirah Peal \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Mary Jane Shirley was born the 6th day of September 1837
  - m. James H. Jackson November 25, 1875
- \* George Francis Marion Shirley was born the 5th day of February 1840  
THIS WAS MY GRANDFATHER.
  - m. Nancy H. Morrow April 24, 1861
- \* Cintha Lucinda Adiline Shirley was born the 17th day of December 1842.
  - m. Reuben A. Cowen April 3, 1863

GEORGE FRANCIS MARION SHIRLEY (GRANDFATHER)  
Born Feb. 5, 1840 Rome, Ga. was Civil War Veteran. Captured at Vicksburg, Miss. July 4, 1863. Released July 12, 1863 under some kind of an agreement. Captured again July 4, 1864 in Georgia. Was sent to Prison in Chattanooga, Tenn. Then released North of Ohio River to remain until the end of the war. Was said to have sworn allegiance to U.S. Government and was listed as Deserter from the Confederate army. When he died he was drawing pension for his war service.

George F.M. Shirley married Nancy H. Morrow first time. Nancy H. was born Sept. 28, 1838 Died Sept. 7, 1885. They had the following children:

- \* Wills Shirley, was a preacher and settled in the earley 1900's in Ohio. He had one son and two daughters. Need information on them.
- \* Leonard Shirley, was a farmer settled in Miss. near Tupelo. Need information on his family.
- \* William H. Shirley settled in Morgan Co. Ala.
- \* Martha Caroline Shirley b. Mar. 5, 1874 d. June 13, 1958 m. James Arthur Brown
- \* Demerise May Shirley b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. 1958
- \* Sally C. Shirley b. May 6, 1866 d. Feb. 18, 1908 m. George W. Smith November 25, 1888
- \* Sue Shirley died Young.

After George F.M. Shirleys first wife Nancy H. died on Sept. 7, 1885 He married her sister Demerise Morrow, Nov. 29, 1885. She died on August 24, 1891. They had two sons.

- \* John Shirley, no dates.
- \* Lewis A. Shirley (My Father) born Aug. 24, 1887 d. Sept. 23, 1980. m. Martha Bentley b. March 18, 1893 d. Jan. 9, 1954.

CHILDREN:

- \* Lester A. Shirley b. Oct. 24, 1911
- \* Lorene Shirley b. Feb. 19, 1918
- \* Curtis George Shirley b. Oct. 9, 1914 d. Jan. 26, 1979
- \* Newlin Shirley b. Nov. 12, 1923
- \* Ivy Dean Shirley b. Sept. 6, 1925.

In early 1900's George F.M. married Puss Holmes. They had two daughters. No further information on third wife or daughters. George F.M. Shirley died Jan. 30, 1917 age 77. (His last two daughters were named Mary and Rennie)

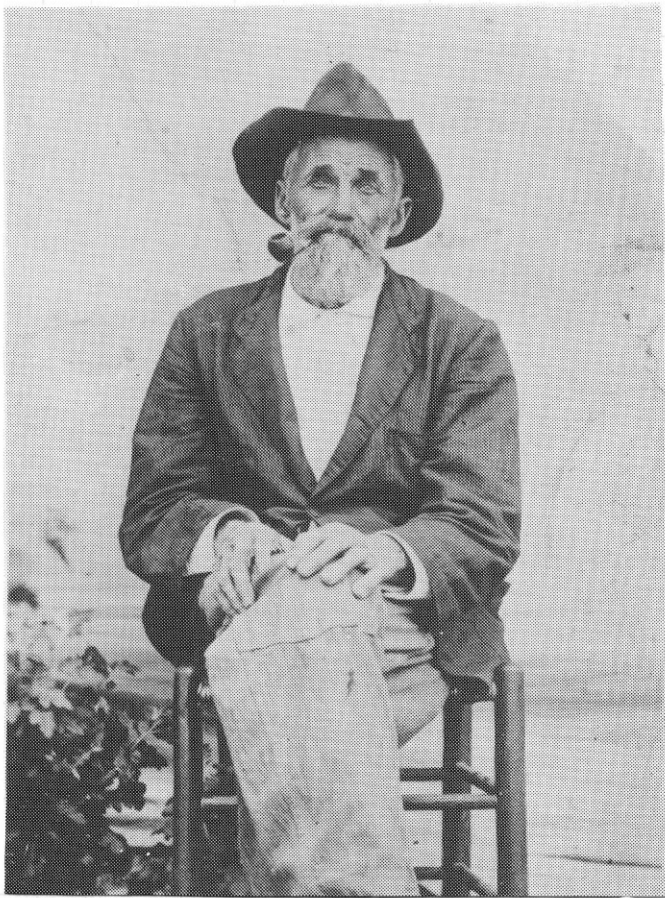
(Pictures and Family information sent by Newlin Shirley)



George Shirley-  
father of George Francis Marion Shirley.



George F.M. Shirley & 1st wife Nancy H. Morrow



George Francis Marion Shirley b. Feb. 5, 1840  
Floyd Co., Ga.



Lewis A. Shirley b. Aug. 24, 1887



Norborne  
Carroll County, Mo.  
Dec. the 8, 1875

Dear Cousin

I Suppose you will be a little astonished at receiving a letter from me it is most likely that you do not know that there is such a being in existence as I am

I am the youngest Son of Caleb Shirley your Fathers Brother I have often heard him speak of you he always thought a great deal of you So he named me James and has often told me that he wished that I would only make a good man as you So thought I would write to you once for I would like to hear from some of my Relations back there in Indiana and have been thinking some of coming out there on a visit and Spend a few months with you. I met a man by the name of Evans that said that he was well acquainted with you and he told me that you was living in a town called Brownsburg.

I will tell you something about the relation Sister Malindia died March the 30 1873 Sister Jane and her family are living in Oregon & Daniel & Henry & Marion & Luke & Davey are living in this county and are all in good health they are all farmers for my part I don't like farming very well I am Clerking in Dry Goods and Clothing Store in this town

The people in this county had the finest crops this year that ever was known the average corn crop was 65 bushels to the acre I expect that will look large to you but it is so corn is worth twenty cents a bushel and sells at that price

Cousin, my brothers and Sisters are all married and I am single with but little prospect of its being any other way

I will close for the present hoping to hear from you soon

Respectfully James S. Shirley

*Note: James S. Shirley was born ca. 1847 Mo. and is the youngest son of Caleb & Pheobe of Carroll Co., Mo. See page 7 #4 of "Early Shirley lineages work book." OR page 6 of April '79 "Shirley News", middle column #5.*

*Letter written to James Shirley of Hendricks Co., Ind. letter should have been addressed, "Dear Uncle."*

*(Letter sent by Walt & Marion Shirley)*

Guy Perry III wrote me that one thing he noticed at the convention is a lot of people seemed not to know about a lot of the basic research material that is available at most major libraries. The best listing of what they are is in Everton Publisher's HANDY BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS. Virginia for example, the list includes such books as Nell M. Nugent's CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS (in at least three volumes--listing original Virginia land grants all the way back), Beverly Fleet's VIRGINIA COLONIAL ABSTRACTS in 31 vols., Clayton Torrence's VIRGINIA WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS (1632-1800), and E.G. Swem's VIRGINIA HISTORICAL INDEX. Anyone researching early Virginia lines should consult these and the other "basic" references first. Even if they aren't in the local library they can be obtained at no cost on an interlibrary loan. That is true, by the way even for the census microfilms. There is an article in one of the recent Genealogical Helper's telling how and where to order them. The Hand Book for Genealogists is a real bargain and every genealogist should have one.

#### Death of an Association Member

Virgil Shirley died May 26, 1981 at age 70. In his last letter to me he told of a complicated gall bladder operation in Jan. and then he had to go back to the hospital in February for more adjustments. (I had called his home during this period and was told to call him at the hospital). He told me how good it was to hear my cheerful voice on the phone during his bout at the hospital. He lost 50 lbs. and was not enjoying the health he had when we met in Virginia at our first "Shirley Convention." He expressed a "hope" he would be able to attend the Kentucky Convention but the "health" problem will decide that. (and it did) He said he was so weak that it was in fact an effort to write.

We will miss Virgil. I called him "Mickey Rooney" as he favored him so much. He was a delightful person. His ancestor was William b. ca. 1806 Ky. and Anna found in 1850 Benton Co., Mo. Census.

Their son Nathan P. is found in 1880 Carroll Co., Mo.

Virgil lived in Hardin, Mo.



The main line of Virginia Shirley's came out of Northumberland County, Virginia. They migrated over to Augusta County, Virginia and counties in between. The old counties were divided several times making the job of researching more difficult to know which of the previous counties would have the needed records.

By following related families, such as inlaws etc - you can obtain further clues as to making sure you're still following the correct group of Shirleys'. They used the names of John, William, Richard, Robert, Thomas and James so much that it becomes confusing and double confusing when you exclude the many changes of counties and their boundaries as before mentioned.

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R E M E M B E R

\*\*ADS ARE FREE\*\*

Limit Approximately 50 words or less to our members.

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Argeland Shirley, b. April 17, 1721, St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland Co. Virginia (name appears as "Ergilian" in the birth record), died sometime after July 23, 1791, when he married his second wife. He married, first, before 1756, Elizabeth Walker, daughter of William and Ruth Walker. She is named in her father's will dated June 3, 1757, probated Feb. 9, 1761, Northumberland Co., Virginia (See Lewis and Booker, p. 84). He married secondly, on July 23, 1791, Behathaland Kirtley, daughter of Chloe Jones. (See Marriage License Bonds of Northumberland Co., Va. (1783-1850), p. 91) He was a witness to the will of Edward Barnes, dated Jan. 4, 1748 (See Lewis and Booker, p. 179) and is named in the will of his father, dated Jan. 17, 1737, and in the will of his brother John Shurley, dated Mar. 30, 1742, as noted above. He is listed on the 1782 tax list for St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co., Va. as Arjalon Sharley with 7 persons in his household. (See 1790 Census of Va. (Reconstructed), p. 39)

Children (all by his first wife, born in Northumberland Co., Va.):

- \*1. Argeland Shirley b. Feb. 20, 1756
  2. Judah Sherley b. Aug. 13, 1770
  3. Ruth Shurley b. Aug. 28, 1771, probably named for Ruth Walkerr
  4. John Shurley b. Aug. 18, 1774
- Argeland and Elizabeth Shirley were probably also the parents of the following Shirleys listed in the Northumberland Co. birth records as parents, since John Shurley left only a daughter, James Shirley probably moved to N.C. or died young, Daniel Shurley went to S.C., Newman Shurley probably died young, and Joseph Shurley would have probably been too old to father the offspring which could be attributed to him:
5. Joy Shurley, mother of a bastard child:
    - a) Sethey Shurley, daughter, b. Feb. 11, 1780.
  6. Peter Shurley, married (1) Milley Lewis-? and, (2) Ann \_\_\_\_\_.
 

Child by (1):

    - a) Sally Lewis Shearilly, b. Apr. 8, 1778 by (2):
    - b) Jeremias Shurley, b. Feb. 11, 1780
    - c) Nancy Shurley, b. Mar. 31, 1782
    - d) Frances An Shurley, b. Mar. 24, 1785
  7. Joseph Shearley, married Mary "Molley"

Children:

- a) John Shearley, b. Sep. 20, 1781
- b) Betsey Shearley, b. Feb. 15, 1789
- c) Genney Shirley, b. Sep. 14, 1790
8. George Shearley, married Sarahann \_\_\_\_\_.
 

Child:

  - a) John Shearley, b. Apr. 15, 1793

Argeland "Arge" Shirley, b. Feb. 20, 1756, St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co., Virginia. It is not known why he left Virginia; however, he was named as the father of an illegitimate child in 1777, and this may have provided an incentive to join his uncle Daniel's family in South Carolina. The name of his first wife is unknown, but she was still alive in 1810. He is listed on the 1790 census for Abbeyville Co., S.C. with a male greater than 16 years (himself), a male less than 16 years (his son Edward), and six females (his wife, and five daughters, Dulcy, Nancy, Polly, Betsy, and Jane) in his household. He moved to Scott Co., Kentucky sometime after 1800, but before 1807. He is listed on the 1810 census for Scott Co. with only himself and his wife in the household, both above 45 years of age. Presumably, all of his children from his first marriage had married by this time. His first wife must have died shortly after 1810, as it appears by his will that he married secondly, a widow, Esther Roach, who survived him at his death in 1818.

(Info sent by Guy Perry III)



Elizabeth City County, Virginia

1656/71 Thomas

Henrico County, Virginia

1633 Daniel (arrived Charles City Co.,  
Va. first in 1633)

1637 Agnes

1664 Robert

Isle of Wright & Surrey County

d. 1694 Ralph - no male heirs (note:  
Henry Balser exec. of will)

James City County, Virginia

1636 Edward (overseer)

1642/54 Henry

1643 Thomas

1652 William

New Kent County

1662 Samuel

Norfolk County

1650 John (will of Daniel Tanner)

1690 Children - John & Richard

Northumberland County

1690 Richard

ca. 1707 brother John

Princess Anne County

d. 1701 John

Rappahannock County, Virginia

1668 Nicholas

Richmond County

1704 Thomas & Sarah

Saint Michaels Parish (?)

1678 William

Somerset County

1664 Joseph

Westmoreland County, Virginia

1663 Thomas

1660 Robert

York County

1673/74 Richard



*Shirley Estate in Ireland*



Open Letter to All Members From Your Editor

Hi!

What a fantastic time we had at the Shirley Convention in Lexington, Ky. June 27 & 28, 1981. We had 105 people from 22 states attend this great get together. If you weren't there you really missed it. I shall not feel depressed anymore about my work on the Shirleys. Sometimes when new material is needed or when our members don't send us information on their lineage, I begin to think they don't care, they just want to find out all they can without sharing their information. I really do feel better - but those of you who haven't sent me the results of your research - please do so, NOW! Thank You.

Friday Evening June 26

Many of the early arrivals met to get acquainted and for those of us who have attended other conventions, to get re-acquainted. The room was so full of people talking like they'd always known each other until you couldn't hear yourself think. I slipped away about 11:00 p.m. to go to my room to finalize my ideas for the meeting the next day. I understand some lingered until mid-night.

Saturday June 27

We all met at 9:00 O'clock but didn't start until 9:30. We began with some recorded medleys of various patriotic music and a poem read by John Wayne entitled (AMERICA) WHY I LOVE HER. Next we gave a list of the very earliest Shirleys' found in early records of America. (We'll include in this issue of the Shirley News.) From a chart shown on an overhead projector onto a screen, I explained how I felt some of the families (main early lines) fit together. (This too is included in this issue of the Shirley News). After lunch we heard briefly from each member as to who they were, where they were from and their lineage and a short story about their people. Everyone seems to find this to be one of the highlights of the convention. After dinner most of us met back for an evening of informal conversation while a few retired early as some arrived only that morning. Again, I retired to my room while some were still enjoying themselves chatting about Shirley ancestors I suppose.

I missed most of these conversations and would have loved to have been sitting in on each group.

Sunday June 28

We resumed at 10:00/10:30 and continued on about where the early Shirleys descendants migrated. We asked Guy Perry III, Elwood Shirley and James Young to share about their extensive research on many of the earlier Shirleys and James Young told us fascinating stories about his ancestors Thomas Shirley and Mollie Grubbs. (More on this later in this letter). The audience then had the opportunity to ask questions of these speakers. This was very interesting to all of us. We then broke for lunch and our official Shirley Convention group picture. After lunch we met again for a wrap up and dismissal. The convention closed with all of our goodbyes and by 4:00 O'clock we were gone.

I have received so many letters from those of you who attended telling me what a great time you had. All I can say to you first timers - "Didn't I tell you what a fantastic experience and a good time you'd have and how no one is a stranger? It's like we all have known each other always."

Well, everyone is hitting me up for another convention and in 2 years, ~~at~~ <sup>both</sup> at the convention and in letters since the convention. As I said, I don't plan on anymore because I am going into the ~~business~~ business I was in before I started my genealogy. However, I will consider another convention in two years in Anderson, South Carolina next to Abbeyville South Carolina. (I'm not promising but will seriously consider it and let you know next year well in advance.) This is close to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for a little excursion before or after convention as well as the vast majority of you had ancestors from this area. Then too, my mother lives in Statesboro, Ga. and I could go on to visit her. Should be another great sight for this occasion, if...



Rev. Leslie Shirley took pictures of us at each table Saturday. There are a few people who we haven't been able to identify. I'm printing those pictures in this issue and ask that you please write to me so I can forward your name to him. I knew each one while there but I've come home & since a little time has elapsed I'm not sure and don't want to give you the wrong name - Ha! I must tell you about one of our members who attended the Shirley Convention. She is Annie Shirley Hill and will be 81 years young Oct. 30. The trip was Annie's early birthday gift from her daughter Shirley Faye who brought her from Ft. Worth Texas. Annie has spent many many years researching the line of Benjamin Shirley and Elizabeth Hughes. Shirley Faye wrote me that she and Annie left Monday after the convention and toured Ky. W. Virginia, Maryland, Washington D.C., Tenn, and Arkansas. They visited the Shirley Plantation and Williamsburg and crossed the Chesapeake Bay etc. Shirley said Annie wasn't nearly as tired as she when they got home. Annie wrote me to tell me how much she enjoyed the Convention. She said she hadn't planned on going on a long trip again and was reconciled to her rocking chair when Shirley Faye insisted she go and that the trip was an early birthday gift. I'm glad to hear they had a great time.

The books about the three Shirley brothers ("Elizabethans Errant" by D.W. Davis - list price \$17.50 now \$3.95) cannot be sent as they cannot fill our order. See enclosed copy of their letter. I have read the copy they sent me and will write up a book review about it. Now, I have the problem of returning money paid for these books. (See later part of this letter about refund).

We have purchased our computer!! Just before the convention, my daughter Doreen met a boy who several years before, went to our church. In the course of their conversation he told her he was working for Apple Computer. She mentioned her mom was interested in buying one. She gave him my phone number and we arranged a meeting. I told him about the Association etc and he offered to get me a computer at his discount. We preceeded to order it etc. and two weeks later we went to pick it up. Instead of the 20% discount he told me, received a 30% discount. We couldn't get the screen at the time. We did get a printer and one disc drive with the computer. He loaned me a screen until we could get one.

The cost of the computer tax included was \$2,094.86. At the convention we expressed our need for \$240.00 for a screen and thru donations there and since we've come home we have purchased a larger one than the one previously talked about, AND for \$200.00. Now we are working towards \$480.00 needed to buy the second disc drive. The second disc drive is for faster search of data stored and to make duplicates of all records for safe keeping. We wish to raise some funds to pay someone to come in and feed all our data into computer and from then on I can record new incoming material and do the searching to answer letters of inquiry etc. I estimate approximately \$500.00-\$700.00 is needed for this. This should take care of our computer needs in the future. Unless it would be expensive computer repairs and servicing. (I hope not!!) Your continued help in this last persuit to have our computer and material in it ready to go will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have already given so much.

The subject of increasing membership fee's came up at the convention. I hesitate to increase them even though postage has gone up and is going up again in the near future. Some of our members are older and retired on fixed incomes. Others would lose interest and think the fee too high. Potential members would think fees too high. Therefore, I am not going to increase fees, even though there was a strong feeling among those attending the convention that we should. We agreed that those who can would send an extra \$5.00 or more to help us with the extra postage and expense. I would like to raise enough money to send letters to about 1200 people listed in Beatrice Baileys' book to let them know of our association. There was a total 1474 names and addresses in her book. I wrote to those listed from Kentucky and all bordering states of Kentucky about the convention. I also sent about 300 letters to newspapers in some states, a month before the convention asking them to plug our convention and the Association. We have heard from some who read about us. Some of those at the convention came because of our letter to them



whose name we took from Beatrice Baileys' book. The purpose to contact new people is to learn more for you from them. Then in return we can help them with information you've shared with us.

Channel 18 in Lexington came to the Convention and interviewed us and took shots of attending and we were on the 11:00 p.m. news Saturday night. They gave us excellent coverage.

Just before the convention I decided to make up a booklet of the early Shirley lineages to be used as a work book, but turned out to be a much larger project than I intended. I ended up, for 10 days before we left, getting about 5-6 hours sleep while co-ordinating the booklet and the Convention material etc.

Anyway, the booklet is type written and includes all the early lineages I know of. Some is what is printed in back issues of the "News", but this way it's all together with room to make notes thru out. It is 60 plus pages as I added some state maps broken into counties at the back for your convenience. It's soft back like the Stemmata Shirleiana booklet I did. This has plastic type covers and I've received compliments on it. Within minutes at the Convention they were all gone. We took orders for more. Several said they were so glad I had put it together as they'd have been lost when we were talking about the various groups at the Convention. We always referred to the page number in the booklet when talking about any Shirley group. These are not completed lineages just early lineages. We shall refer to this booklet in our future Shirley News. The price on this, if you wish to order is \$15.00 plus \$3.00 for postage. We call it EARLY SHIRLEY LINEAGES WORK BOOK.

Now for you who we owe a refund for the "Elizabethans Errant" - you may wish to order EARLY SHIRLEY LINEAGES WORK BOOK. If so, deduct \$5.95 from \$18.00. You may prefer to have your refund as a credit for your membership renewal or donate it to our computer fund or you may wish me to send you the money. Please write me and let me know what you want me to do. All checks were deposited ages ago so I cannot return your check. That would have been more simple.

I might mention that I am experiencing some problems with our mail service. We seem to be having difficulty keeping a regular delivery person. Our Post Office is changing the routes around and want the delivery person to carry mail from P.O. and not use electric mail car they've used for years. Also no lunch time while delivering. Our mail use to be here at 10-11:00 everyday. Last few months it's been here after lunch and even 3:30 sometimes. I get alot of other peoples mail. Wonder if I get all of mine. I have heard from a couple people that their letter was returned to them. If this happens - please send it back to me. I have called the Post Office and complained.

I was quite surprised at the Convention Sunday during our lunch. Ted Shirley asked for everyones attention and preceeded to talk about wanting to do something special for all my work etc etc. re= Shirleys & Convention etc, etc. It seems that some of them were collecting money to present to me during that lunch. They gave me in excess of \$160.00 and instructed me to spend it only on myself, not to put it in the Association expenses or spend it on my family but to buy myself something. What a shock. I never had the slightest idea such a plot was going on. I couldn't think of anything to say and was afraid I'd break down if I did so I just said Thank You. I repeat to all of you who thought it up and carried it out and those who contributed a great BIG THANK YOU!!! I still have most of it. I did spend \$16.00 of it to make a long distance call to England to John Shirley. I hope that's all right. I told him about the Convention and how many were there. He said he finds it amazing there are that many Shirley decendants here in America. I said you've got to be kidding, there are thousands not just a hundred or two. It just about blew his mind. Anyway, I told him how everyone was talking about the trip to England in 1986 and they came and asked me to bring it up during Sundays meeting. I told him I asked how many people were seriously considering making the trip and over half the group raised their hands and how alot have written me saying they want to go. I mentioned that I wouldn't be surprised if 200 people came. He said for sure he'd plan a big Party. So everything is go.



I suggested that I should come over the year before and arrange a tour of all Shirley related places of interest etc. so we can see other past Shirley estates etc. etc. So, I think I'll save the rest of the money towards that and begin to add to it if that's alright. I'm sure I'll make that trip without family so I can move about and take care of business. In fact, I shall prefer being alone. Here's news from England. March 1980, Ettington Park Manor House had a million dollar fire just shortly before it was to open as a hotel. Of course the outside is stone so all was interior damage. It is being restored again and will be ready to open in May of 1982. John was there the week before I called and he said it's coming along fine.

On May 30, 1981 he and his family were staying at their Ireland Estate when the I.R.A. began throwing fire bombs at their bedroom window where he was sleeping. He became quite upset when telling me how "they were trying to kill us." He said the Estate is now guarded by police and special guards.

Our trip was fantastic. "Everyone kept telling me how awful the weather was back there the week or so before." Rain, tornados, floods, etc. I said for a month before that it'll be fine. It will rain out and when it's time the weather will be good. Then the threatened Air Controllers Strike. I never gave it a thought until the last 4 days and then as it got closer I decided I'd better call the airlines to see how it would effect our flight. They said our flight would be cancelled but he could schedule us the next afternoon for Washington D.C. making us a few miles and 14 hours behind our schedule. I was up at 5:00 a.m. Monday morning June 23rd, turned on the radio to news and learned the strike was called off for 30 days. I burst into tears as I had felt so relieved that all our plans would go on schedule after all. We flew out that night and arrived in Baltimore the next morning. We had reserved a medium sized car and when we arrived the rental place said I think we'd better change cars as the one they reserved for us wouldn't hold five of us and luggage.

They gave us a Toyota station wagon. We fit, but barely. I'd think that would be a small car and we wonder what the other supposedly medium car might have been if they didn't think we'd fit. We did get 26 miles to gallon and we put the miles on it. We went to Gettysburg, Pa. and to Bedford Co., Pa. (where our Shirleys were from mid 1700's) by Tuesday night.---Sight seeing and was in Athens Ohio by Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.---Sight seeing some more, met some relatives there Thursday evening and Friday morning headed for Lexington, Ky. arriving there at lunchtime. Sunday at 4:30/left Lexington and went to lower part of Kentucky to spend night so as to get to James Young's on Monday morning. About dinner time Sunday evening we decided to stop at Bardstown to eat. Went in a restaurant there and as I looked over towards the salad bar I seen Ed & Allen Shirley and families who had been at the Convention. (They are from Stephenson, Va.) What a chance meeting. We laughed and said we were following them and learned they had come down to see an outdoor play, "The Stephen Foster Story." We said we had to move on after we ate. They left and as we sat eating decided maybe we should go. It must be pretty good if they'd drive all that way to see it. So we went and they seen us and we laughed and told them we was still following them. Next morning, we visited James Young. Words cannot describe our visit. He is a fantastic person and what treasures he has from the Thomas and Mollie Grubbs family and their decendants. He has some very ambitious plans and wish I lived closer to help him carry them out. He has a lifetime of work to do to succeed in finalizing his dream. He has a good start. In a future issue I'd like to feature him with pictures and stories of his life and his ancestors. You could sit for hours and listen to him. My family will never forget our visit. We left about noon and drove on to Nashville and flew into Memphis to catch a plane to Little Rock. While we waited we took a cab and drove to Elvis Presleys mansion took a couple of pictures hopped back in the cab and back to the airport just in time to catch the plane. That evening we met a houseful of cousins. Our real cousins we'd never seen before but had talked by phone and exchanged many letters. We had a great time. Drove on the next morning to Paris, Ark. and visited a family member, went to graveyard and then site of old homestead of my husbands grandfather.

We left within 2 hours and went to Fort Smith, checked into motel and left for a visit to Judge Parkers hanging court. (This is the only court where Belle Starr was convicted.) We know one of the guards there and spent an hour visiting him and swapping stories about her. The next day we visited Belle Starr's grave. We found it by ourselves. It's on an old dirt road and the gate looks like an old iron bedstead laying down. There is a tiny little path leading back through bushes and vines and trees. I decided I wasn't going back as we were told there was alot of rattle snakes and copper heads back in there. Now what you don't know is there is no one more deathly afraid of any snake than me. I even turn my head when one appears on T.V. etc.

Well, at the last minute, when my husband and brother-in-law started down the path I jumped out of the car and said I'll go but stay with me. I was petrified the whole way. At last we found the grave. It's so isolated back there and nothing like I imagined the area would look like. Took a couple of pictures and then I prayed Oh Lord, please let me get back to the car with out seeing any snakes and he granted my prayer. You think I'm kidding - I'm not!!

We were told later how lucky we were. That evening we arrived at a cousin's house in Clinton, Okla. and we had another reunion there and a nice dinner for all. Stayed up until midnight again. As a matter of fact we never had eight hours of sleep on any one night the whole time we were gone. We visited 10 states in 10 days and stayed 2 days in one state while at Convention. We had a great time and we'll remember this trip forever.

This issue of the "News" is less pages because of the lengthy letter giving details of Convention etc. Back to regular size next issue.

Thank you to all of you who came to Convention. To all who showed hospitality to us and treated us to dinner etc. And for those who gave to our computer and to those who gave to my surprise gift. I really appreciate all of you!

P.S. Sorry the Shirley News is so late but am waiting for Shirley Convention group picture to include with this issue.

P.S. I Guess you've heard about our "Medfly War" We are right smack in the middle of the quarantine area and are now in the process of spraying!

P.S. The large picture from the Convention should be arriving shortly in the mail. It has been delayed due to a mistake at the photographers office. Some employee sold some of the mailers and they had to be re-ordered. Expect them any time now!



### "Genealogy Pox"

#### WARNING! GENEALOGY POX:

Very contagious to adults. Symptoms; continual complaint as the need for names, dates, and places. Patient has blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children.

Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't have mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls. Hides phone bills from spouse. Mumbles to self. Has strange, far-away look in eyes.

#### NO KNOWN CURE!

Treatment: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

REMARKS: The usual nature of this disease is ...the sicker the patient gets, the more he enjoys it.

(Sent by Geraldine Brown)



# WANT ADS

## Black Shirley Family --

Looking for information about Ed & Sue Shirley, parents of James Henry Shirley born 1901 Tompkinsville, Monroe Co., Ky. (father of Vida). Sue died in child birth when Henry was 2 or 3 years old. An older sister Bell raised Henry and his brother. Ed was a brick layer and Bell taught school. Please write:

Vida Shirley Blair  
9813 Hardesty  
Kansas City, Mo. 64137

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WANTED: Information on parents of Nancy Shirley b. 1815 Ky. married David Dickey April 25, 1836 Warren Co., Ky. Died after 1870 Ste. Genevieve Co., Mo. 9 children: William F., Susan E., Leander W., Sarah P., James, Frances A., David Delaware, Elkanah F., Louise. Please write:

Charles Dickey  
1905 Colgate Drive  
Richardson, Texas 75081

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## REPEATED AD FOR HELP!

(Received no replies)

Last issue, Cover page Edmund Shirley House born Jan. 3, 1840 m. Alice Grimes July 26, 1868. He died May 21, 1934 Santa Ana, Orange Co. Calif.

Parents: Henry House & Kitty Shirley  
Please write:

Ida B. House  
2529 4th Street  
Ceres, Calif. 95307

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\*Any information on these people appreciated:

William b. Spartanburg Dist. S.C. 1790  
d. 1867 Echols Co., Ga. Wife Jane  
their son William b. 1831 wife Martha Ann  
Clemons and their son Thomas Bryant b. Mar.  
25, 1856 Ga. d. Jan. 12, 1942 Coral Gables,  
Fla. Wife Alica Mae Woods their dau.  
Loker Mae Shirley b. 1886 m. Pinckney  
Alexander Norwood.

Please write:

Doris K. Brown  
Box 788  
Lake Mary, Fla. 32746

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Information Wanted:

Birth date and place of birth of Catherine Shirley, wife of William Anderson of Cumberland Co., Va. Catherine died in Cumberland Co. in 1833. Parents may have been John & Elizabeth Shirley.

Please write:

Gladys Shawcroft  
P.O. Box 146  
La Jara, Colo. 81140

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Date & place of birth never found by me  
for James Shirley (Judith Garriott). If  
someone can submit documented proof, I will  
gladly pay for it. Also marriage date.

Swager Sherley  
5 Indian Drive  
Old Greenwich, Conn. 06870



Table #1 (Standing L-R)  
M/M E.H. Ashlock, Shirley Faye Hill, daughter of M/M Ted Shirley,  
Dora Shirley (wife of William seated)  
(Seated)  
Annie Hill, M/M Ted Shirley, William Shirley, & Ruth Dannettelle



Table #2 (Standing)  
Alice Wooding, \_\_\_\_\_, A. Elinor Richey, Esther Shirley  
(Seated)  
Audrey Fahrner, Dr. & Mrs. John Tate, Newlin Shirley.





Table #3 (Standing)  
 Richard Vogt, Ethel Richert, James H. Young, M/M Harvey Shirley  
 (Seated)  
 W.H. Stevens, Marion & Walt Shirley, Anne Bumpus, & Guy Perry III



Table #4 (Standing)  
 Kenneth Shirley, Mrs. Elwood Shirley, M/M Vernon Shirley, & David Shirley  
 (Seated)  
 Elwood Shirley, James Thomas Shirley, M/M \_\_\_\_\_, Nancy Shirley  
 (wife of David)





Table #5 (Standing)  
 Robert Cobb, Paula & Lee Shirley, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 (Seated)  
 Elizabeth Cobb, Margaret & Glenn Shirley, Frances & Earl Shirley.



Table #6 Paul & Betty Shirley, Betty (me) daughter Debbie, & my  
 husband Guy Shirley.





Table #7 (Standing)  
 Allen & Ed Shirley, \_\_\_\_\_, & Bernice Hook.  
 (Seated)  
 Dorothy & Evelyn Shirley, David A. & Ruth Shirley, \_\_\_\_\_.



Table #8 (Standing)  
 Geraldine Murry, Lauralynne Powers, Dorothy Thrawley, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Seated)  
 Harriett Shirley, Ruth Witt, Carol, Natalie & Ann Walker.





Table #9 (Standing)  
Leslie & Grace Shirley, Donna & Granville Shirley & Morgan Shirley.  
(Seated)  
Ray & Sarah Shirley, Elsie & William Engle.