

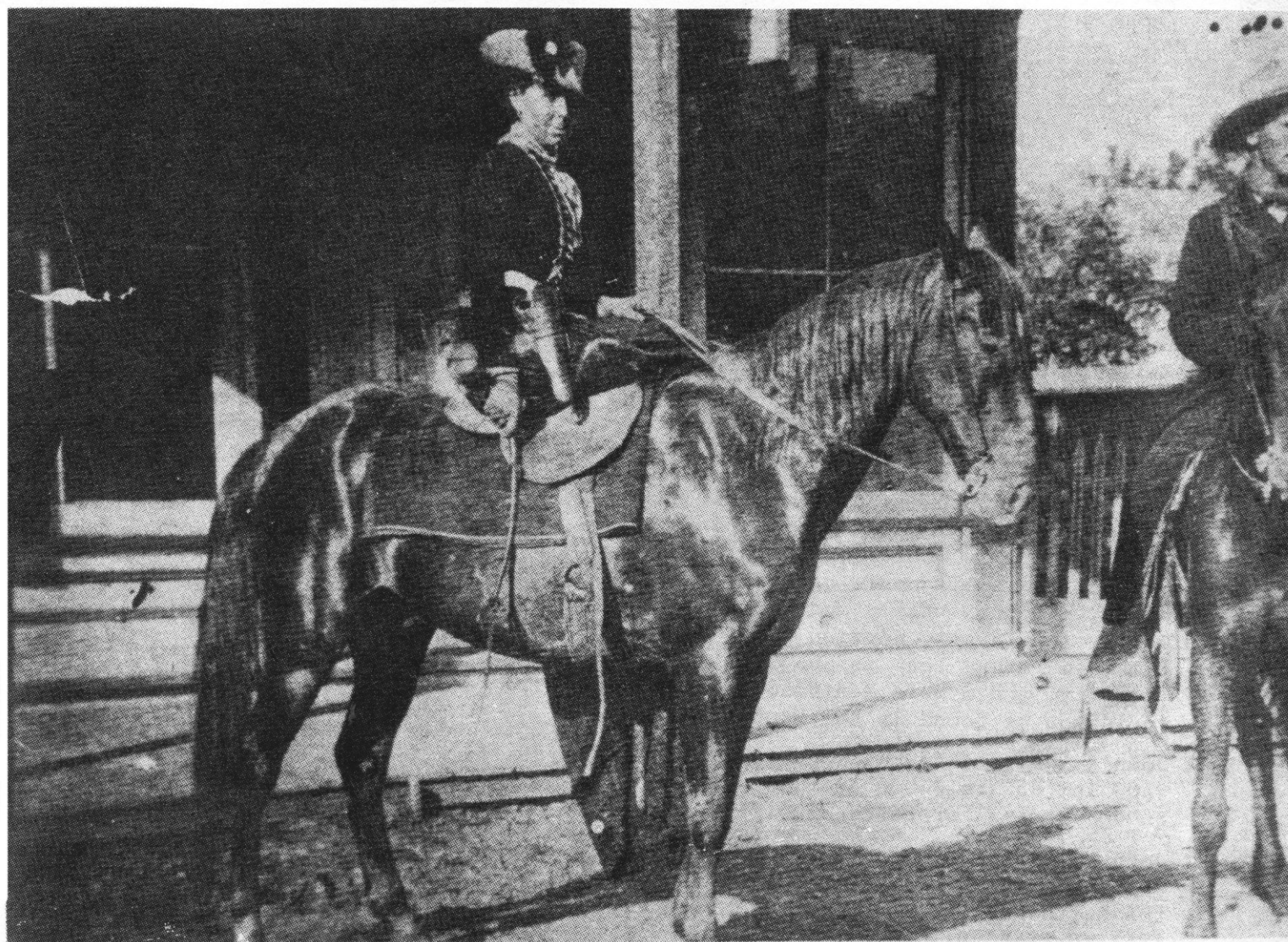


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## BELLE STARR <sup>AND</sup> HER ROOTS





## Belle Starr

### WHEN AND WHERE WAS SHE BORN ???

The author of many books and magazine articles have guessed at where they THINK she was born and when. They suggest she mis-represented the year because of her vanity, etc....

Belle Starr was born February 5, 1848 near Medoc (later called Georgia City) in Jasper County Mo. She was named Myra in the census of 1850.

October Federal census of Jasper Co. Mo.

John	54 yrs (b.1796)	Va.	Farmer
Eliza	34 yrs	Va.	
Charlotte	12 yrs	Indiana	
John A.M.	8 yrs	Mo.	
<u>Myra</u>	<u>2 yrs (b.1848)</u>	Mo.	
Benton	9months	Mo.	

### HER HALF BROTHER PRESTON ALSO LIVING IN JASPER CO. MO. 1850 CENSUS:

Preston b. 1826 Indiana  
 Mary A. b. 1830 Indiana  
 Christian T. b. 1848 Mo.  
 John F. b. 1849 Mo.

NOTE: Preston had a child born just about the same time as Belle was born.

On June 30, 1848 John was granted a patent on 800 acres southeast of Medoc. On March 16, 1850 he sold 160 acres to David Martin for \$700. In June 1851 John bought two quarter-acre lots from John and Malinda Richardson located in the town of Carthage. In 1856 John sold his farm to George W. Broome. On March 29, 1861 George advertises this same farm in the Carthage Southwest News... "600 acres of Spring River bottom land, situated in Jasper Co. about three miles northwest of Sherwood, and on one of the most beautiful streams in the west. There is 100 acres in cultivation, has on it a small apple orchard, dwelling house, kitchen, stable and c., has a good well. The larger portion of it is heavily timbered; stone coal is abundant in the vicinity, and a more desirable stock farm could not be found in the Southwest."

John's real estate holdings increased from \$600 in 1850 to \$4000 real estate and \$6000 personal property in 1860.

John kept hotel in Carthage which included a livery stable and a blacksmith shop. In the Carthage Southwest News of March 29, 1861 carried this advertisement:

CARTHAGE HOTEL  
 NORTHSIDE PUBLIC SQUARE  
 JOHN SHIRLEY, PROPRIETOR  
 HORSES AND HACKS FOR HIRE  
 A GOOD STABLE ATTACHED

. . . . .

[From the Dec. 8, 1979 issue of the CARTHAGE PRESS written by Marvin L. VanGilder, historian].

The North side of the square in 1861 was owned entirely by the Shirley family, although it is apparent from other sources that a portion of it may have been occupied perhaps on rental or lease basis, by others.

John Shirley, the former miller and whose household included teen-aged Myra Belle Shirley, the future Belle Starr, owned Lots 19, 20, 21, 23, and 24, while A.M. Shirley had title to Lot 22.

Testimony of several pioneers places the Carthage House Hotel and Saloon operated by Shirley, along with his stables and corrals on the north side, with a blacksmith shop situated at or near the north-east corner of Main and Third, site of today's Smith's Town and Country store.

Hornback also credited John Shirley with ownership of Lots 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, and 96, covering the entire block due north of his northside of the square holdings and reaching to Central Avenue. Clearly Shirley was the dominate real estate owner of ante-bellum Carthage.

His property also included Lots 132 and 133, embracing the area bounded by Sixth, Seventh, Lincoln and Fulton Streets. Other reports indicate the Shirley family owned a residence in that vicinity at one time.

Shirley's real estate was evaluated at a total of \$1,230 for tax purposes. It is worth recording that Lot 132 was 200x200 feet, Lot 133 was 200x285 feet and all the others measured 50x200 feet.

A.M. Shirley also owned Lot 114 on Garrison Avenue from Sixth to Seventh Street, site of today's Carthage Public Library.



WHERE DID JOHN SHIRLEY LIVE BEFORE  
COMING TO JASPER CO. MO. ???

Again, writers who have not done their homework have guessed at this. Some not being familiar with researching genealogy didn't know that IA. was the abbreviation for Indiana...not Iowa in those days, (I fell into the same trap).

Most writers think John was from Washington Co. Mo. before coming to Jasper Co. Mo. They refer to several Shirleys living there. The Group of Shirleys living in Washington Co. Mo. was a Jonathon Shirley in the 1830 & 1840 census. In 1850, Jordan Shirley, son of Thomas b. 1760/61 in South Carolina, was living in Washington Co. Mo. (see Oct. '1980 NEWS page 2).

Where John Shirley lived before he came to Jasper Co. Mo.? I found a clue in a booklet "Patrons of Atlas 1876" for Jasper Co. Mo. On page 3, Preston Shirley (half brother of Belle Starr) stated he came to Jasper Co. in 1839, and he was born in Floyd County Indiana.

Checking the census records for Floyd Co. Indiana, I found John Shirley in the 1820 and 1830 census. He was in Harrison Co. Ind. 1810 census...Floyd Co. formed from Harrison Co. and Clark Co. in 1819.

MISC. REFERENCES OF RECORDS  
IN JASPER CO. MO.

Marriage book 1819-1837 page 53  
John Shirley...Deed book A page 456,  
Feb 19, 1819.  
John Shirley and wife, Nancy. Deed book  
B page 220. January 7, 1823  
John Shirley and wife, Frances, June 26,  
1835.... same land purchased by John  
Shirley Oct. 7, 1829. Deed book G.  
page 604.

John Shirley and wife, Frances, of Floyd  
Co. Indiana of the first part and Mason C.  
Finch of second part, sell for \$3000...  
land in Clark Co. ...N.E. one-quarter  
of Section 34, Township 2, South of Range  
6 E. Same tract purchased by said John  
Shirley of David Worth by deed bearing  
date of October 7, 1829. Recorded on  
February 4, 1830, deed bk. D page 234-35.  
(Found in Book g page 604...June 26, 1835).

JOHN SHIRLEY b. 1796 Va. d.1876

Tex.

m. 1st. Nancy Fowler April 6, 1818 in  
Clark Co. Indiana  
m. 2nd. Fannie Munnick May 15, 1829  
Floyd Co. Indiana  
m. 3rd. Eliza ?

known children:

FINLEY b.

PRESTON b. ca. 1826 Floyd Co. Indiana  
m. Arbella Chelson May 26, 1847 in  
Jasper Co. Mo. (by Mark Robertson, a  
Methodist Minister).

known Children:

1). Christian T. b. ca. 1848 Mo.  
2). John F. b. ca. 1849 Mo.

CHARLOTTE AMANDA b. ca. 1828 Indiana

m. Jesse B. Thompson January 13, 1847  
in Jasper Co. Mo. (by Joseph Thompson,  
Justice of the Peace).

JOHN A. b. ca. 1842 Mo.

MYRA "BELLE STARR" b. Feb. 5, 1848 Jasper  
Co. Mo. d. February 3, 1889 Oklahoma.  
m. John C. Reed/Read November 1, 1866  
in Collin County, Texas (by Rev. S.M.  
Wilkins).

children:

1). Rosie Lee "PEARL" b. Sept 1868 Mo.  
2). James Edwin b. February 22, 1871 CA.

EDWIN BENTON b. ca. 1850 Mo.  
d. ca. 1863 Mo.

MANSFIELD b. ca. 1852 Mo.

CRAVENS b. ca. 1858 Mo.

HERE IS THE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY.....

WHO WAS THE FATHER OF JOHN SHIRLEY ?

Again, so much mis-information on this.  
There were so many John Shirleys and the  
story has been passed all through the  
Shirleys that "BELLE STARR WAS A COUSIN  
OF OURS!!! In many cases this is true.  
How the line fits into each branch has  
been wrong in almost every situation that  
has come to my attention.

Our branch knew she was a cousin too.  
It was passed down that Belle Starr  
was a first cousin of Silas Shirley  
(my husbands grandfather...b. 1836 Morgan  
Co. Ohio). I researched this and found  
this in error. We knew she came to visit



grandpa Silas when he was living in Paris Arkansas. There must have been a relationship, but first cousin was not correct. This has been about the same story in the other groups of Shirleys. I have been told Belle's father was the brother of their ancestor etc.... Yet this was wrong when I checked their lineage.

WHO IS THE FATHER OF JOHN SHIRLEY ?

Christian Shirley who you will find in the census with John in Floyd Co. Indiana.

CHRISTIAN N. SHIRLEY b. Feb 12, 1773 in Maryland, d. Dec. 12, 1858 Floyd Co. Indiana. He is buried on the Woods farm near Edwardsville, Indiana.  
m. Roseanna Canote, November 28, 1796. She was born July 27, 1776 Maryland and died January 9, 1861. She was the daughter of John Canote.

Children:

JOHN b. ca. 1796 Va. d. 1876 Syrene, Texas  
m. 1st. Nancy Fowler April 6, 1818 in Clark Co. Indiana  
m. 2nd. Fannie Minnick May 15, 1829 in Floyd Co. Indiana  
m. 3rd. Eliza ?

[CHILDREN LISTED PREVIOUS PAGE]

HENRY b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. before 1850  
m. Malinda Russell May 16, 1833 Floyd Co. Indiana (date the licence issued)

Children:

- 1). Wilford H.
- 2). Mary C.

ELIZABETH b. ca. 1805 Ky.  
m. Oliver Holmes December 2, 1823

Children:

- 1). William HOLMES
- 2). Elizabeth HOLMES
- 3). Preston HOLMES
- 4). Washington HOLMES
- 5). Lafayette HOLMES
- 6). Sarah HOLMES
- 7). Emily HOLMES

DENTON b. July 4, 1813 Indiana  
died April 6, 1890  
m. Rebecca Monohon Dec. 29/30, 1845

Children:

- 1). Julia Ann (census say Lulu Ann)
- 2). Christian

ANDERSON b. ca. 1815 Indiana  
d. February 28, 1903  
m. Nancy Coates January 6, 1839 or Nov. 31, 1838...two dates given.

Children:

- 1). Elizabeth C.
- 2). Parmelia Ann

[From your editor: I was told by one of our members that there should be more than one source for new discoveries. ....If you recall I have written an article about who I thought Belle Starrs father was. I don't think anyone took me serious. I have said for sometime that Eliza was too young to be the mother of Preston. I suggested the possibilities he might be a half brother.

Several months ago I received a long distance call from some Shirleys who said they would like to come and visit me. We made the arrangements and had a great time looking at material they brought as well as some we have here. I noticed a partial letter and began reading it. I knew who the people were that it was written about. I asked them where this letter came from. They said it came from their 93 year old Aunt who received it many years ago. Part of the letter was missing...particularly the last page with the name of the writer. But the material it was talking about told me I was getting closer to the true story about John Shirley.

The following is what was in the partial letter....]

"I am trying to trace the ancestry of John Shirley said to have been born in Maryland in the late 1790's for he was a widower with 2 sons Finley and Preston when he married Frances Minnick who was 24 years old at this time. They were married in Floyd Co. Indiana and lived several years on what was then called THE KNOB, a bluff on the Indiana side of the Ohio River. John Shirley had a sister that was married to a cousin of Oliver Wendle Holmes a Captain of a steamer that burned up on one of its trips. He went down with his vessel. His daughter married a man by the name of Howard. They lived at the time I heard of them on Guthrea at New Albany, Indiana. They are all gone now. John Shirley left his family in Indiana taking his 2 sons and emigrated to Carthage Mo. later going to Dallas, Texas. This was before the Civil War. Other information of his history I never learned. My neice a great granddaughter of Shirley is anxious to learn or trace her ancestry to the William Shirley who was Governor of Mass. before the Revolutionary War."

[I found this letter to be very interesting! ]



NOTE: The dates of birth and death of Christian and Roseanna Shirley were sent me by Roberta Owens who is not a Shirley descendant. Some of her material was from the records of Mrs. Arthur Payne along time genealogist of the area. The Will of Christian Shirley was sent to me several years ago by Geraldine Shirley. The Date of marriage and Roseanna's last name and the name of Christian's father was sent to me by Henry Rothrock. The article dated Dec. 8, 1979 from the Carthage Press was sent by Reuben L. Shirley. The partial letter came from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shirley. The material taken from "History of the Ohio Falls Cities, were copied and sent me by Betty C. Menges.

[The material sent by Roberta Owens from Mrs. Arthur Payne files would be considered another source for substantiating new material. Thus we have three sources... Parcial letter, Floyd Co. Indiana records, Mrs. Paynes records which include a chart. There were some errors however, which I have corrected. John was not born in Maryland. The son of Henry...Wilford, was written down twice..once as a son of Christian. Both Wilfords were recorded as born in 1830's. Since Roseanna would have been in her 60's and because Wilford does not show up in their household in the census...It is obvious this was a mistake by the person who compiled it. There is a FRANCES SHIRLEY m. Denton Sheets Sept. 28, 1843. I'm not sure where she fits in. She is listed as a daughter, but she is not in the will of Christian Shirley. Maybe she like John was not included. I do not know if Frances died or if John and her separated. Could it be this Frances marrying Denton Sheets? I have heard a story somewhere about this but it is so vague that I cannot say this for sure. Perhaps this is the reason he left Floyd Co. Pure... SPECULATION on my part. I do hear alot of stories from here and there...].



[The following from "History of the Ohio Falls Cities and Their Counties" by L.A. Williams & Co. page 88....1823].

The following list of names of the subscribers to the fund for building the first court-house is given as much for the names of the old citizens of New Albany and a desire for their preservation, as to show the manner in which such things were done in the early days of the County's history:

John Shirley....cash \$6.00 (This sum was a good sized amount in 1823 and many of the men listed gave that amount in work such as labor, hauling or carpenter work, etc. This was when the county seat was moved from Corydon, Indiana to New Albany where it has remained.)

John Shirley was a pioneer in Lafayette Township, Floyd Co. Indiana immediately after 1805. (page 307).

Jake Miller kept the first tavern on the "old road" in the direction of Mooresville. His stand was at the foot of the knobs, on the opposite side from the site of the village. John Shirley's tavern was the next, located at the top of the knobs. (page 312).

#### Newspaper article.... Belle Starr's Mother dies.

DALLAS, TEXAS, January 7, 1894...

Mrs. Eliza Shirley died last night in the 78 year of her age and was buried today. A native of Louisville, Ky., she married John Shirley and they settled in Carthage, Mo., where six children, four boys and two girls were born to them. All of the children except the oldest and youngest, turned desperadoes and died with their boots on. The most noted and last to die in this manner was Belle Starr. The Shirley family removed from Missouri to Dallas County in about 1865 and shortly after their arrival Belle at the age of 16 eloped with the bandit Jim Reed, who the following year was killed in a fight with the officers near Paris. A few months after this the widow laid aside her weeds





and married another bandit, Sam Starr. But the honeymoon was scarcely over when Sam was slain at a dance in the Choctaw nation. After this event Belle was much with John Starr, a brother to her late husband.

Late one evening in 1891, Belle took a horseback ride near Eufaula, Indian Territory. As she rode alone, contemplating the gorgeous fall sunset, a whiff of smoke issued from the branches of a cedar tree. The crack of a rifle followed and Belle, trembling a moment in her saddle, fell to the ground dead. Nobody knows who fired the fatal shot. Ed Shirley, a noted horse thief, was shot off his horse near Dallas in 1868. Manfred, another brother, was killed in a fight with the officers in the Indian Territory a year later. Allison was killed in southwestern Missouri during the war. Mrs. Shirley has for several years lived upon the charity of the Methodist Church, of which she was a member. She was regarded as a pattern of Piety.

*[From Ottawa Journal & Triumph, Ottawa (Franklin Co.) Kansas, January 11, 1894 page 1 column 2*

*Copied from...Newspaper Microfilm Prints Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka Kansas. Reel #617. Sent by ..... (I failed to write down who sent this. Please write and tell me. SORRY!) ]*

I don't know where the writer of this article received his material from, but some adjustments are necessary. Belle was 18 years old when she married Jim Reed in 1866. Jim was killed in August of 1874. Belle married Sam Starr June 5, 1880 in the Cherokee Nation. Record of this marriage found in Cherokee Volume 1-B page 297. (Material taken from the Glenn Shirley book).

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NOW THE NEXT QUESTION IS WHERE DID CHRISTIAN SHIRLEY COME FROM TO IND.?

Records in Jeffersonville, Indiana Land Office...certificate 446, Oct. 19, 1810 Christian Shirley of Madison Co. Ky. N.W. Section 1 Township 5 S Range 5 E 152 acres. In file of Lands applied for September 20, 1810.

In the 1800 census of Madison Co. Ky. we find Christian Shirley, Peter Shirley, and Katy Shirley (widow of Michael Shirley). Several of Michaels and Katy Franz Shirley's children were married in Madison Co. Ky. in 1787-1805. (Michael lineage in EARLY SHIRLEY LINEAGES, page 39).

NEXT QUESTION...WHO IS THE FATHER OF CHRISTIAN SHIRLEY ?

*[The answer to this question came from Henry Rothrock].*

CHRISTIAN SHIRLEY is the son of PETER Shirley. Peter Shirley lived in Washington Co. Maryland in 1785.

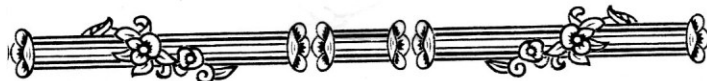
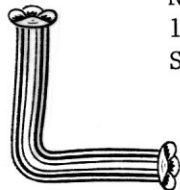
In court file #458 in Augusta Co. Va. in 1797, a suit by John Canote Jr. vs. Peter Shirley about ownership of a bay mare. Christian and Roseanna Canote were married Nov. 28, 1796. Shirley was spelled Sholley in the suit.

Also mentioned were Peter's son, Balser and a daughter, Mary (Molly).

Son, Jonathon b. 1774 Maryland was the administrator of Peter's estate in 1841 in Augusta Co. Va. Jonathon paid in 1841 money to Jacob Shirley (probably another son of Peters). Frances Shirley, daughter of Peters, married James Runkle in Augusta Va. May 26, 1796. These can be found in Madison Co. Ky. In 1799 Peter Shirley bought land in Madison Co. Ky. 1800/01 Peter sold land to Jonathon and wife Nancy. Later Jonathon sold the land to James Runkle. They all returned to Augusta Co. Va. (Christian Shirley bought land in Madison Co. Ky from William McQuire and wife Mary...daughter of Michael and Katy Franz Shirley, Deed book D page 635. [This info came from ELWOOD SHIRLEY]. Christian went to Indiana.

In 1797 court suit John Canote Jr. vs. Peter Shirley...a Sally Argenbright gave a deposition in the suit. She was living in Peter Shirleys home. (Valentine Shirleys wife, Catherine Baer, had a sister Ann who married George Argenbright).

Since Maryland is the area that so many of the families came from that married those early Shirleys of Va. & S.C., more time needs to be spent researching it.





## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

Christian Shirley

I, Christian Shirley of Floyd County Indiana, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament. First, I give and bequeath to my son Denton Shirley the West half of the North west quarter of section on of township three South of the Base line in Range five east of the second principal were d'van of the lands directed to be sold at Jeffersonville, and lying and being in said Floyd County, Indiana. The said quarter section to be divided by a North and South line between said Denton and his brother Anderson, said Anderson now having or being entitled to the legal title of the East half thereof. Second, I do also hereby give and bequeath to my said son Denton Shirley a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in said county of Floyd and said State of Indiana and on a branch of Bartons Creek being a fork of Indian Creek, containing eight acres more or less, and being the south-east corner of the North-east quarter of section two, of township three South of the Base line in Range five East of the Meridian line, and bounded as follows, to-wit. Beginning at the original quarter section Post on the North and South line which divides the first and second section in said Township when Elijah Creswell, Christian Shirley, and John Bowman and Jeremiah Crook all corner, thence with the said line North forty poles to a sugar tree corner, thence West thirty two poles to a corner Elm, thence South forty poles stake, sugar tree and hickory pinters, thence East thirty two poles including the Spring now used by me to the beginning corner post, with the appurtenances (?) belonging to each tract of land.

It is also my will and desire that for and in consideration of the above bequest he, the said Denton Shirley, at my decease shall pay to my daughter Elizabeth Holmes, or her heirs, the wife of Oliver Holmes the sum of two hundred dollars.

In witness whereof I, the said Christian Shirley have hereto set my hand and seal, this 29 th day of December in the year of our Lord onethousand eight hundred and forty five.

Christian Shirley

Signed by the above named Christian Shirley as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of us.

C. Nunemacher

H. Collins

[John Shirley, Belle Starr's father, is not named in the will].

NOTE: John Shirley, settlement of estate Lot #4, Plat 234 6-22/100 acres. Deed book 12, page 388(?) or page 188. October 27, 1865. (Floyd Co. Indiana).

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TRACY KING received a letter in 1979 from a Winston Robinson of Dallas, Texas in which he gives alittle more on John Shirley after he moved to Dallas Co. Tex. "John Shirley and family came to Scyene, a small comunity twelve miles east of the court house of Dallas County in about 1865. John owned the Hotel, Tavern and Livery stable. [Note: John kept hotel, tavern and livery stables in Floyd Co., Iniana, Jasper Co. Mo., and Scyene, Dallas Co. Texas].

[Also sent to me from Tracy King was an article sent to him by the Genenalogical Society in Grandprairry, Texas.

SCYENE, DALLAS CO., TEXAS

"Scyene is a Dallas County 'ghost town that saw its demise after the arrival of the Texas and Pacific Railroad in the middle 1870's.

Until a few years ago the town was identifiable by a grad school, church and homes, located between Buckner Blvd. and Mesquite on Hiway 352. It was named for the Egyptian town that dates back some two hundred years, B.C., Scyene meaning "key" or "opening".

Scyene connected the east to the west through Dallas and was a popular overnight stopping place for the wagon-trains drawn by oxen and bringing products from Marshall and Shreveport on their way to Dallas.

The third Post Office in the County was at Scyene, also several stores, taverns,



delivery stables, school-church buildings, the fourth Masonic Lodge, Justice of the Peace Court and a race track. It was also the home of a few outlaws and the stopping place of many more.

The Texas and Pacific Railroad by-passed Scuene and built their depot a few miles to the East, and the town of Mesquite came into being.

Sam A. Fisher from Lancaster brought the John A. Leonard survey to the south and moved there in 1853/54, and it was Fisher who gave it the name of "Scyene". It was first called "White Rock" and then "Praire Creek". The first Post Office was established in 1848, with James J. Beeman, Postmaster.

From about 1865 until 1871, Scyene was rather wild, with the arrival of John Shirley and wife, with daughter Myra Belle. Shirley was from Missouri and opened a tavern. Before long, he was visited by the Youngers and other outlaws. Racing and gambling took over until the Younger brothers fatally wounded Deputy Nichols in a gun battle in 1871. The Youngers were slain a few years later and Scyene began to tame.

*[Now we have this community's view of their area in the days of Belle Starr when she lived in their community.]*

#### WHAT HAPPENED TO BELLE STARR'S CHILDREN ?

Rosie Lee was best known as PEARL. Pearl married William Harrison, brother of her best friend, Mabel Harrison. The marriage ended in a divorce.

Pearl eventually ended up in Ft. Smith Arkansas where she opened a "boarding house" in the red-light district. It was a house of prostitution. Some years later she was told to leave Ft. Smith.

In 1924 Pearl was in Douglas, Arizona. She died there July 6, 1925. The cause of death according to the report was by hardening of the arteries and a stroke. The records state she was 59 years old at her death. The name on the certificate is Rosa Reed. Her father listed on the Death Certificate is Reed. Pearl is buried in the Calvary cemetery at Douglas, Arizona.

JAMES EDWIN REED was in trouble several times. On July 11, 1889 a jury found him guilty of receiving stolen property. Judge Parker sentenced him to five years in the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

Pearl saved enough money from her new line of work...to hire two good attorneys to help her brother. She hired DuVal and Cravens who succeeded in persuading the PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES to grant a pardon in 1893.

In 1894 Ed offered his services and was employed on the Katy Railroad as a guard. He was stationed at Wagoner as a deputy marshal. In 1895 he was killed while trying to make an arrest.

James Edwin "Eddie" was married to Jennie Cochran, a school teacher from Claremore.

*[To learn more about Belle Starr and her family, I do recommend the new book... "Belle Starr and Her Times" by Glenn Shirley. Glenn is a member of the Shirley Association. I have received many letters and some phone calls about the book. Since so many Shirleys got burned on the Beatrice Bailey book, they want advice on future purchases. This new book I can say is a good one. It is the Best one so far. The only one problem in the book is the lineage of Belle Starr on page 32 and 33. I have talked to Glenn about this. It is what he was told years ago.]*

#### FROM YOUR EDITOR:

I hope you will enjoy this issue on Belle Starr. I have decided not to write a book about her since Glenn Shirley has done such a fine job on his. He asked me to wait and read his before I undertook this effort. I had planned to go to Oklahoma and Texas and on up to Mo. to read through old Newspapers and court records for myself. I just never felt Belle was as bad as all the writers made her out to be. Glenn shows how true this is. Her death never caught the attention in the Newspapers that a person with her "notoriety" would have. Her "popularity" came to light after her death by the need to sell magazines.



# Daniel Shirley of Augusta co. Va. and Vigo Co. Ind.

[material sent by Peg Coady]

## DANIEL IS THE SON OF JONATHON SHIRLEY

Daniel Shirley b. ca. 1800 d. 1874 Vigo Co. Indiana. He married Elizabeth Funkhouser October 13, 1824 in Augusta Co. Va.

### Children:

1. Melvina b. ca. 1832 Va.
2. Daniel R. b. ca. 1834 Va.
3. Isaac b. ca. 1836 Indiana m. Ida Shores
4. Elizabeth b. ca. 1837 Indiana
5. Jacob b. ca. 1846 Indiana
7. Melissa C. b. ca. \_\_\_\_ m. 2nd \_\_\_\_ Duck

## DANIEL R. SHIRLEY b. ca. 1834 Va.

m. 1st. Sarah Hull

She was the daughter of David and Polly (Cale) Hull.

m. 2nd Nancy (Braden) Koonce Oct. 24, 1889 in Edgar Co. Illinois.

### Children:

1. Edsall D. b. ca. 1859 Indiana  
m. Sarah "Sally" Smith

### Children:

- 1). Carl
- 2). Ethel
- 3). Vida
- 4). Estella
- 5). Alden D.
2. Laura E. b. ca. 1861 Indiana
3. Dilla "Dillie" b. ca. 1863 Indiana
4. Corea "Cory" J. b. ca. 1865 Indiana
5. William R. b. ca. b. ca. 1872 Indiana
6. Maude E. b. ca. 1875 Indiana

[from: Funkhouser Genealogy-Shenandoah and Augusta Co. VA." by Charlotte Cooper Zentenhorst].

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Mrs. Mary E. Saxton, wife of George Shirley of S. Louis, daughter of Major Shirley of Chillicothe, Mo. died June 15, 1858 in Brunswick, Mo. She died in Brunswick on her way to Chillicothe but had been detained by high water.

[FROM "MO. PIONEERS" VOL. 26]

## SHIRLEY CONVENTION !!!

JULY 9 & 10th  
1983

ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Start making your plans now to join us at the 4th SHIRLEY CONVENTION.

We will be at the HOLIDAY INN in Anderson. The following gives the price for your overnight accommodations, per night.

ROOM TYPE	1 person	2 people
Standard (2 double beds)	\$37.00	\$43.00
Economy King	\$35.00	\$41.00
King Leisure	\$39.00	\$45.00

Please call and make your own room reservations, or write...

Gene Brinson (general mgr.)  
Holiday Inn  
3025 N. Main St.  
Anderson, S.C. 29621

Phone: 803/ 226-6051

We will make the arrangements for Saturday Lunch and Saturday dinner, and Sunday Lunch.... (Three meals).

You are on your own for Friday evening (for you early arrivals) and Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. They have restaurant in the hotel. I was told the cook has been there for 16 years and the food is good....

PRICE per person for the Convention and the three meals are...

\$3.00 per person / \$5.00 per couple (For misc. expenses not included in meals).

Saturday Lunch \$4.95 per person  
Saturday Dinner \$5.95 per person  
Sunday Lunch \$4.95 per person

This money you will send to me as we are responsible for paying this to the hotel. (Must be paid in full 2 weeks before the convention).

SEE YOU THERE !!!



COOPER COUNTY, MO. SHIRLEY'S

CHARLES David Shirley b. ca. 1806 Ky.

[Probably a son of George Shirley and Betsy Lee, married Dec. 20, 1797 in Lincoln Co. Ky. George was the son of Michael and Katy Franz Shirley]. married Susan C. Thomas October 10, 1826 in Madison Co. Ky.

Children:

1. George A.T. b. August 25, 1828 Ky./Mo.  
m. Cornelia Ann Baer Oct. 23, 1853

Children:

- 1). Samira J. b. August 6, 1855 d. 1922
- 2). Virginia C. b. May 7, 1859 d. 1926
- 3). Charles Henry b. April 29, 1861 d. 1926  
m. Mary Ann Davis Dec. 15, 1886

Children:

- A. Harry Lee b. Nov 27, 1887
- B. Avis Mae b. Sept 13, 1889
- C. Adell E. b. July 21, 1891
- D. Clarence Everette b. Sept. 25, 1893
- E. Una b. Sept. 21, 1895
- F. Henry Wilbur b. August 3, 1897
- G. Nelle Beatrice b. Jan. 13, 1900
- H. Mary V. Cartherine b. Jan. 9, 1904
- 4). Annie Laura b. Aug. 23, 1863
- 5). Arthusa b. May 15, 1865 d. 1857
- 6). John W. b. May 10, 1867 d. 1958
- 7). Emmet Lee b. March 4, 1869 d. 1947
- 8). Andrew Cole b. Jan. 11, 1872 d. 1920
- 9). Elmer b. Oct. 17, 1873 d. 1922

[George A.T. died July 26, 1890. Cornelia Baer was born April 6, 1830 d. Oct. 6, 1902]

2. Charles b. ca. 1832 Mo.
3. Syrles b. \_\_\_ m. Matty Scott

Children:

- 1). Leslie b. \_\_\_ d. young
- 2). Edward b. \_\_\_ lived Boonville, Mo.
- 3). Augustus b. \_\_\_ lived Chicago, Ill

4. Symyra b. \_\_\_ d. young
5. William A.J. b. ca. 1835 d. May 3, 1881  
m. Harriet Melvina Eller May 3, 1871

Children:

- 1). Charles David b. March 2, 1872  
d. May 5, 1945  
m. Grace Chamberlin Sept. 25, 1912

Children:

- A. Charles David
- B. Harriett Elizabeth  
(Shirley Association member)
- 2). Florence b. May 7, 1874 d. Jan. 29, 1958  
m. Albert Chamberlin Nov. 27, 1895

Children:

- A. Mildred

- 3). William Aubrey b. July 22, 1876  
m. Nell Harness Dec. 10, 1919

Children:

- A. George William
- 4). Harry Lee b. Sept. 27, 1878  
m. Myrtle Allee Dec. 16, 1903

Children:

- A. Le Allee
- B. Clyde Nicholas
- 5). Susan Martha b. Mar. 28, 1881  
d. April 23, 1968

CHARLES DAVID SHIRLEY was an early pioneer in Cooper Co, Mo. settling on Clarks Fork sometime in the 1820's. His son, William A.J. b. ca. 1835 was born on the Shirley homestead. He married Harriett Eller who was born Dec. 24, 1850, on a farm near Boonville. She was the daughter of David and Martha (Oglesby) Eller. David was born in Mo. in 1822 and was killed by bushwhackers during the Civil War. He was the son of Jacob Eller, who was one of the first pioneers to settle in Cooper Co. Mo. and he was a native of N.C.

William Andrew Jackson Shirley and his wife, Harriett Eller, lived on the Shirley home place for a few years then sold it and moved to the Eller place, finally settling on the homestead of 120 acres in Palestine Township.

William and Harriett's son, Charles David Shirley b. 1872 and married Grace Chamberlin, attended the Stony Point School and also the Concord School. After his district school days he studied at Hooper Insitute in Clarks Fork Township. He always followed farming. He purchased his first tract of 116 acres in the fall of 1900, and placed all of the needed improvements on the place. He rented his present farm for two years prior to its purchase in 1905. The farm which Mr. Shirley owns is one of the oldest settled places in Cooper County, known as the Oglesby farm. This tract was entered as Government land by his grandfather Oglesby, who gave the farm to Thomas Oglesby, an uncle of Charles David Shirley, and from whom the present owner purchased it.

David was a democrat and a Baptist as were his forefathers.







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Which line of Shirleys does George Shirley who married Cornelia A. Baer belong to? She was born ca 1828 and her father was Henry Baer b. ca. 1797. Cornelia's grandfather, b. ca. 1756, was a brother of Catherine Baer who was married to Valentine Shirley.

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Desire name of the wife of James Smith, son of Benjamin Smith and Susannah Shirley. Susannah was the daughter of Richard Shirley and Dorcus \_\_\_\_\_. The daughter of James Smith, Elizabeth Smith, married June 4, 1837 (where in Indiana?) Martin Shirley born 1812 in Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas Shirley and Hannah Dale.

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Need all information on EDWARD SHIRLEY who lived perhaps in Athens Co. Ohio or Hancock Co. Ohio. He was born in Morgan Co., West Virginia probably ca. 1820. Believed to be the son of Daniel and Anna (Flynn) Shirley who were married in Berkeley Co. W.Va. Daniel and family (including sons Edward, William and Daniel 11) emigrated to Ohio around 1832. It is believed Edward remained in Ohio when the rest of the family moved on to Iowa about 1850.

Also need information on MARGARET Shirley, believed to be daughter of same Daniel and Anna (Flynn) Shirley. Probably b. ca. 1821/23 in Morgan Co. W.VA. She may have gone to California.

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WOULD ANY DESCENDANTS OF MICHAEL WYSONG, AND MARGARET SHIRLEY, DAUGHTER OF WALTER SHIRLEY, JR. OF FREDERICK CO. VIRGINIA PLEASE CONTACT ME ?

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