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SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina was the eighth state to enter the Union, 1788. More than a hundred years before the first three counties Berkeley, Colleton, and Craven, were established. All were discontinued and the present Berkley county is not the original.

By an act ratified in 1769 the province of S.C. was divided into seven judicial districts: Charleston, Georgetown, Beaufort, Orangeburg, Ninety-Six, Camden, and Cheraws. The first six of these were given the names of the principal towns within their borders and those towns were made the seats of their respective district. Cheraws District derived its name from the fact that the Cheraw Indians had formerly occupied a considerable portion of the land within its borders and after they had gone elsewhere and white settlers moved in, the section was first called "the Cheraws' lands", soon simplified "The Cheraws".

In 1795 Pinckney and Washington Districts were established. Pinckney embraced the present counties of Union and York and a part of Cherokee. Washington embraced the present counties of Greenville, Pickens, Oconee and Anderson.

In 1798 the nine districts then existing were divided up into twenty-four. From Ninety-Six Dist., Abbeville, Edgefield, Newberry, Laurens, and Spartanburg Dist. were formed; from Pinckney Dist., Union, and York Dist. were formed;

from Washington Dist., Pendleton and Greenville Dist. were formed. from Camden Dist., Chester, Lancaster, Fairfield, Kershaw and Sumter Dist were formed; from Cheraws Dist., Chesterfield, Darlington and Marlborough Dist. were formed; Ninety-Six, Washington, Pinckney, Camden and Cheraw were discarded as district names; In 1826 Pendleton Dist. was formed into Pickens and Anderson Dist. and the name Pendleton discarded as a district name.

From the settlement of S.C. in 1671 until 1783 all vital statistics and property records were recorded at Charleston where they are still available at the office of Judge of Probate. Since the Episcopal Church held full sway in the early days of the colony, in 1706 an act was passed making the parishes its legislative units. Regardless of church affiliations, all persons were required to register their vital statistics with the church officers. In 1783 offices of Register of Mesne (legal) Conveyance were authorized in all counties.

The Judge of Probates office in Charleston has records of wills and estates back to 1692. They are recorded in chronological vol. with indexes.

Records of deeds and other estate matters are available from 1719 in Charleston. What few marriage bonds are available from those early days have been printed in the "South Carolina Historical and Genealogical



Magazine." Between 1778 and 1911 no marriage bonds or licenses were required in S.C.

Birth records kept at Charleston are available since 1877 at the City Health Dept. where also are available deaths from 1821 to the present.

The clerk of the Court in the various counties has charge of wills, deed, and land grants.

War service records are in the custody of Adjutant General in Columbia, S.C.

*[Taken from Handy Book for Genealogists...to help you who are coming to S.C. this summer to the SHIRLEY CONVENTION and plan to do some research.*

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Past issues of the NEWS which contain articles about SHIRLEYS in South Carolina are:  
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WHO WERE THE GROUP OF SHIRLEYS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND WHERE WERE THEY FROM... ESPECIALLY IN THE ANDERSON CO. AND ABBEVILLE CO. AREA??? WHERE DID THEY GO FROM HERE???

This column is meant for some of our newer members who are not as knowledgeable as our long time researchers. Since we are holding the SHIRLEY CONVENTION in S.C. we should feature the area in this issue of the NEWS.

The main lines of Shirleys found in the area are:

BENJAMIN b. ca. 1762 Va.  
 d. 1824 Abbeville Co. SC  
 m. Elizabeth Hughes

JOHN b. ca. 1768 Va.  
 d. ca. 1832  
 m. Elizabeth Fields

JOHN b. ca. 1738 of Va.  
 d. ca. 1808 Anderson Co. SC  
 m. Elizabeth Barmore

They were from the Broad Run Baptist Church of Fauquier Co. Virginia and were early members of the Turkey Baptist Church in 1785, Abbeville, S.C.

RICHARD b.  
 d.  
 m. Margaret

They were dismissed from the Broad Run Baptist church 1774 in Fauquier Co. Va. to go to Culpeper Co. Va. In 1785 they were among the charter members of the Turkey Creek Baptist Church near the border of Anderson/Abbeville, S.C.

THOMAS b.  
 d. 1835 Barren Co. Ky.  
 m. Mary "Molly" Grubbs

JAMES b.  
 d. 1801 Barren Co. Ky.  
 m. Mary

RICHARD b.  
 d. 1797 Scotts Co. Ky.  
 m. Dorcas

(may be the same Richard above)

These Shirleys came to South Carolina around 1784 as Thomas Shirley is living on 640 acres of land on the branch of Eighteen Mile Creek on the Old Trading Road to Keowee on June 3, 1784.

James Shirley is living on 300 acres of land on Beaverdam Creek, a branch of Rocky River, June 8, 1784.

The Turkey Creek Baptist Church was constituted on January 29, 1785. The names of ARCHIBALD, RICHARD, THOMAS, JAMES AND JOHN SHIRLEY are found as the early members.

We know they came from Virginia and family tradition says they were from Prince William Co. Va.  
*(following is some records of Shirleys living in Virginia near Pr.Wm.Co.area)*

CAROLINE CO.

(formed 1727 from Essex, King William, and King and Queen Co.)

1735 Thomas and Mary  
1744 John

SPOTSYLVANIA CO.

(formed 1720 from Essex, King William and King and Queen Co.)

1743 Thomas  
1744 John

1773 George and Elizabeth

PRINCE WILLIAM CO.

(formed 1730 from King George and Stafford Co.)

1753 William  
1756 Thomas and Mary Ann  
1757 Richard and Mary  
1757 John and Eliz.  
Richard died here  
1773 William died here  
1782/  
1788 Arge  
Elijah  
George  
James

ORANGE CO.

(formed 1734 from Spotsylvania Co.)

1765 James and Ann

FAUQUIER CO.

(formed 1758 from Prince William Co.)

1769 Richard  
1769 John  
1779 Thomas  
1774 Thomas and Ann Wyatt  
1777 James  
1777 Richard  
1777 Arge

CULPEPER CO.

(formed 1748 from Orange Co.)

1763 James and Judith  
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The descendants of the following Shirleys appear not to have gone to SC.

James & Judith Garriott Shirley  
Valentine Shirley  
Michael & Katy Franz Shirley  
"Walter Shirley"

Thomas & Molly Yates Shirley  
John & Frances Yates Shirley  
Patrick Shirley

(These are the early Virginia Shirley groups not found in SC.)

The Shirleys of Laurens Co. S.C. lived in a settlement called Shirleytown on Raburn Creek near the border of Abbeville Co. S.C.

Richard b. ca. 1712 received a Royal Land grant of 500 acres on Raburn Creek bounded on all sides by vacant land. Indenture, Jan. 10, 1775 between Robert Shirley, son, and his wife Jane and Mary, Robert's mother. (Richard d. 1769/75).

Later, property on Raburn Creek was sold by Robert Shirley of Fairfield Co. to Robert Shirley, son of John of Laurens Co. S.C.

(This written in the April 1982 NEWS page 9).

Richards' descendants can be found in Edgefield and Fairfield Co. S.C.  
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WHERE DID SOME OF THE S.C. SHIRLEYS GO???

They scattered everywhere... by 1850 they were in:

GEORGIA

HABERSHAM, FORSYTH, HALL, PAULDING, COBB, WALKER, RANDOLPH, CLARK, and GORDON Counties.

TENNESSEE

GILES, BLEDSOE, WHITE Counties.

MISSISSIPPI

WAYNE, LOWNDES, OBIBBEKA and CHOCTAW Counties.

ARKANSAS

LAWRENCE and INDEPENDENCE CO.

MISSOURI

CARROLL, COLE and CAPE GIRARDEAU CO.

ALABAMA

FAYETTE, GREEN, HENRY, LAUDERDALE, PIKE, RANDOLPH, ST. CLAIR, TUSCALOOSA Counties.

TEXAS

HUNT County

and probably alot more I have missed. This will give you an idea how they spread. Of course many stayed in South Carolina.

JOHN and ELIZ. BARMORE

JOHN SHIRLEY, JR., first child of John Shirley and Elizabeth Barmore, was born in 1767 in Fauquier Co. Va. He died April 30, 1837, Anderson Co. S.C. John married first Elizabeth (last name unknown). They were members of the "Old Turkey Creek Baptist Church" across the line in Abbeville Co. John, Jr. must have accumulated a sizable acreage of land. On April 8, 1808, he bought 85 acres; on Jan. 10, 1811 150 acres; and on February 7, 1827 he purchased 394½ acres. These transactions are all on record. This last purchase was on Broad Mouth Creek. He was living on this land when he died. John, Jr. was married a second time to Elizabeth Mitchell, the widow of Richard Grubbs. She had one child by John, Jr. and nine by Richard Grubbs. The Richard Grubbs home was on Hen Coop Creek. Elizabeth died January 2, 1854. She and John, Jr. were both buried in Little River Baptist Church Cemetery.

John Jr. and first wife, Elizabeth  
CHILDREN

1. Margaret b. 1788 Va.  
m. Mr. Mullin (no Children)
2. Samuel b. 1789
3. Mary b. 1791  
m. Matthew Bell
4. Frances b. 1793  
m. James Breckeridge
5. Jonathon Travis b. May 28, 1795  
m. Eleanor Sharp  
He moved from S.C. to Walker Co. Georgia, then to Popular Creek, Mississippi. There he died. Most of his children moved into Texas.

CHILDREN:

- \* 1). John Marshall b. 1816  
m. Matilda E. Black
- 2). Robert Clements b. 1817  
m. Elizabeth Posey
- 3). James Barmore b. 1819  
m. Priscilla Foggy
- 4). Susan Eliz. b. 1821  
m. Andrew Tate
- 5). Tabitha Eleanor b. 1823  
m. William Hammontree
- 6). Benjamin Franklin b. 1825  
m. Sarah Mathis

- 7). Henry Tillman b. 1827  
m. Sarah Ann Kite
- 8). Jonathan Travis b. 1829  
m. Rebecca J. Thrailkill
- 9). Nancy Matilda b. 1831  
m. Nathan King

6. Richard D. b. 1797  
m. Mary Blain  
They lived in Green Co. Ala.
7. George b. 1800  
m. Eleanor Sharp  
They settled in Floyd Co. Ga.
8. Elizabeth b. 1801  
m. Joseph Sharp
9. Sarah b. 1803  
m. J.H. Williams
10. Thomas Harrison b. 1805  
m. 1st. Francis B. d. 1816  
m. 2nd. Margaret Mayfield

(John Jr. and Elizabeth Mitchells' child)

11. Stephen F. b. 1822  
m. Sarah Majors  
Owned the Shirley store in Anderson, S.C.  
He was killed at the Battle of Petersburg, VA.

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OLD LETTERS

(sent by James W. Shirley of Ariz.)  
Johnson's Creek Abbeville Dist. SC.  
26th Jan'y 1845

\*Well Marshall and Matilda. I was truly glad to hear that you had arrived safe in Mississippi. I hope that you will continue to be satisfied with your remove. if Carroll County should prove very sickly after you have tried it I would advise you try Texas, as I think our Congress will annex it this session. and you are over half way there. My family and James Young's are very well. I have a touch of Dypsepsia and propose travelling some this summer to recruit my health. if I ever remove and I believe I shall this winter, I will go to the Mountains of Tennessee and raise stock for market. an live on the fat of the land. D.M. Prince is in very bad health and will hardly survive the winter. James Young is now sitting by me and sends his best respects to you all. be sure to write often and fully. Your Brother Jos. F. Black  
(addressed: John M. Shirley  
Shongalo P.O. Carrol Co. Mississippi)



## OLD LETTERS CONT...

To B F Shirley

Dear Benjamin, I must say a word to you. I am pretty well and hope you are doing well. I do think that in a new country you can do better than here. I heard D. Russell say that he knew a man to go to Alabama. He landed with \$5. died worth \$10,000 So take encouragement. There is no news but that D.B. McWhorter is married to Eliz Ervin. Miss Emily Brooks is still single. I am going to school. Your mother says to write her in Marshalls letter and write all about your country She says come home next fall if you can. Wm. and Wesley and mother and all your father's people send their best love and wishes to you all. Now Benjamin there is nothing in this old country thatought to keep a man two hours in it. Write me in the next letter Matilda sends. You have my best respects and wishes. Take care of yourself.

Your friend J. Aug. Black

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The news of the neighborhood is about as follows. The sale took place at uncle J.B.Black's residence on the 10th and 11th and 12th of December. I acted as clerk. Wm P Black is reading medicine. J C Black people are well and he is assistant class leader at Shiloh. Our iterant preachers are Nicholas Tally and Henry M Mood of Charleston. Mr. Mood preached yesterday at Shiloh and is said to be able and as for Tally I need not say as you can judge yourselves. Aunt E Russell and people are well. She still 'holds out' as she said. Aunt E. Black 's people are well. Laney is going to York to go to school. James Young's and Franklin's families are well. JB Shirley says to tell you "howdy" and that is married to Mrs. Man and thinks a little of the West. Aunt Susan Black is living in York.

It has not been long since I received some documents from uncle James A. Black. The relations in York and Columbia were well a few days ago. Mr. Abrams is finding gold with success. Mr. Brook's family well. He is as humble as ever. Aunt P. Burnett's people all well. Although Elizabeth has been very sick. Cousin Hetty has not come home yet. JRB is living at the A. Russell place. Catherine has a fine son and calls him Wm Pickens. Jane Clinkscales is married to LD Merriman. Andrew Tate has moved over to his place in Franklin Co. Ga. He has been here since he moved. Appears pleased. Robert C. Shirley's were well when Mr. Tate left. Martha Killingsworth is gone to Richland District. Ransom Brooks is gone to the Mississippi. Thus ends the news. When you write again inform us how far it is to the Mississippi River, Wheter lime or free stone water and ever thing which you know we would like hear respecting your country.

(along side right side of this page: RCS's wife has a fine daughter and is doing well in Georgia).

(this is part of the letter of 1845 written by J. Black written in very nice handwriting).

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July 9th & 10th

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YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF  
THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND.

KENTUCKY SHIRLEYS

[See April 1979 issue of NEWS p. 6].

CALEB SHIRLEY b.ca. 1788 S.C.  
(son of James and Mary Shirley  
of Barren Co. Ky.).

m. Phoebe Gibbons Mar. 24, 1819  
in Barren Co. Ky.

CHILDREN:

1. Mary Jane b.ca. 1821 Ky.  
m. John A. Miller
2. Melinda b. ca. 1821 Ky.  
m. Josiah Goodson
3. John G. d. 1849 (single)
4. Daniel b. ca. 1826 Ky.  
m. Sarah Mayes
5. Henry V. b. ca. 1829 Ind.  
m. Mary E. Turnidge
6. Francis Marion b.ca. 1831 Ind  
m. Miriam Smith  
(See Apr. 1981 NEWS p. 2)
7. Luke b.ca. 1839 Ind.  
m. Sarah A. States
8. Dovey Ruth b. ca. 1841 Mo.  
m. Daniel Chapman
9. James S. b.ca. 1847 Mo.  
m. Amanda Cochran

HENRY V. b. ca. 1820 Hendricks  
Co. Indiana. Died Oct. 27, 1895  
Leavenworth, Kansas in Old  
Soldiers Home. He married  
Mary E. Turnidge. They home-  
steaded land near the home of  
her father, Wm. Turnidge, in  
Ray Co. Mo. until they separ-  
ated. Mary came west with  
their daughter, Martha.

CHILDREN...

1. Eliza Jane b. 1867 Mo.  
m. J.W. Smith
2. Levena Ann
3. William Kalef
4. Martha Susan b. 1857  
m. Milford Riggs Givens  
(They traveled to Nevada,  
where they lived for three  
years, then migrated to Idaho.  
They pitched camp on the Snake  
River by a hot springs; they  
later filed a homestead on the  
camping ground which later  
proved to be what is now the  
famous Given's Hot Springs).

5. Othello
6. Charles Lee
7. John Granville
8. Ruth (Dovey)
9. Harrison Fletcher
10. Timothy

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HENRY V. SHIRLEY material sent by  
Elizabeth Cuff.

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JAMES SHIRLEY OF CULPEPER CO. VA.

James Shirley of Culpeper co. Va.  
died there intestate prior to April  
22, 1791, the date of the inventory  
of his estate (will Book C, p.438-  
439) in which he is referred to as  
deceased, and the part of the county  
in which he lived became Madison Co.  
in 1792. His appointment as road  
surveyor is recorded in the Culpeper  
County Minute book for 1763-64. His  
wife Judith Garriott, died many years  
later on January 3, 1831, as revealed  
by early records of the now defunct  
but still standing Robinson River  
Baptist Church at Criglersville in  
Madison County. She is also referred  
to as living in the 1825 will of her  
son, Zachariah.

[Care should be taken not to confuse  
or identify without proof, James  
Shirley of Culpeper Co. with James  
Shirleys found in the records of  
Northumberland, Prince William,  
Orange, Louisa, Fauquier and Frederick  
Counties Va., and in those of Berkeley  
and Jefferson Co. of W.VA., which  
were originally Va. Co.'s. In this  
connection the Archives Department  
in Washington has the Revolutionary  
War record of a James Shirley who  
served as a private with foot compan-  
ies of the 10th and 6th Virginia  
Regiments but there is no indication  
of this James Shirley's county of  
residence so that he could have been  
any one of several James Shirleys  
and, so far as is presently known,  
no record has been found which est-  
ablishes James Shirley of Culpeper  
County with the service in the Rev.  
though certain is his descendants in  
their concern to become members of  
the D.A.R., have claimed this on the  
basis of this Archives Depart. record]

From: Swager Sherley, Jr.



TENNESSE SHIRLEYS

JOHN SHIRLEY b. S.C. married a  
Miss Frost.

children;

1. Jesse b. March 18, 1808 in  
White Co. Tenn.  
m. 1st. Miss Brandon  
m. 2nd. Sarah Grayson
2. John Jr. b.ca. 1810  
(see Oct. 1982 NEWS p.11)
3. Paul b.ca. 1812  
m. Sarah
4. (girl)
5. Jackson b. ca. 1818
6. (girl)
7. (boy)
8. Alexander b.ca 1825 m. Samantha
9. James M. b.ca. 1827 m. Mary
10. Houston I. b. ca. 1855  
m. Letitia A.E. Peacock

JESSE b. March 18, 1808 White Co.  
Tenn. d. Aug. 24 1894 Witwell,  
Marion Co. Tenn.

- m. 1st. Miss Brandon
1. Wilson b. ca. 1829  
d. age 56 years, Osage, Mo.  
m. 2nd Sarah Grayson
  2. Martha Jane b. 1836 Marion Co.  
m. Joseph Anderson Tenn.
  3. John b. 1 37 Marion Co. Tenn
  4. William Carroll b. 1840 Marion  
m. Semiramis Andes
  5. Thoms L. b.1842 d. single
  6. Sarah Elizabeth b. 1845 d.y.
  7. Francis Marion "Buck" b.1846  
m. Emma Jean King
  8. Nancy b. 1848  
m. James Smith
  9. James Henry b. 1852 d. single
  10. Christopher Columbus b. 1854  
m. Laura Condra
  11. Jesse L., MD. b. 1858  
m. Sallie Thacker

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The following from: COMPENDIUM OF  
BIOGRAPHY, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHICAL  
SKETCHES OF PROMINENT SETTLERS AND  
REPRESENTING CITIZENS OF PART OF  
THE CUMBERLAND REGION OF TENN.  
Geo.A.Ogle and Co., Publishers,  
Engravers and Book Mfrs...1898.

(this Tenn. material sent by  
Mrs. T.Griffin Shirley).

WILLIAM CARROLL SHIRLEY is a well  
known and honored citizen and  
member of the farming community  
of the Third district, Marion Co.  
Tennessee, and is also the post-  
master at the village of Shirleyton.  
He was born February 18, 1840 in  
the Third district of Marion Co.,  
a son of Jesse and Sarah (Grayson)  
Shirley. The father was born in  
WHITE CO.TENNESSEE, March 18, 1808,  
and died August 24, 1894. Jesse  
Shirley was the son of JOHN SHIRLEY  
who was born in South Carolina and  
married a Miss. Frost. John Shirley  
migrated from his native state to  
White count, Tenn., and in 1818,  
moved from thence to the Sequatchie  
valley. His brother, Thomas, went  
to White Co. at the same time and  
moved with him to the Sequatchie  
valley in 1818. He, Thomas, and  
his son, William, sold goods to the  
Indians where Whitwell now stands,  
and the house they built and occu-  
pied as a residence is still stand-  
ing and in use as such.

John Shirley, our subject's grand-  
father, settled on a farm near  
where Whitwell now stands, and five  
years later he moved to Jackson Co.  
Alabama, where he died in 1845. He  
reared a family of eleven children  
of whom the father of our subject  
was the oldest. His first wife  
bore the maiden name of Brandon,  
and one child, Wilson, was born to  
them. He died in Osage Co. Mo.  
at the age of fifty-six years. The  
mother died in Tenn., and the father  
subsequently married Sarah Grayson,  
who was born in Buhcombe county,NC.  
and died in 1880. They were both  
members of the Methodist Episcopal  
Church, South, and are buried at  
Red Hill. Politically he was a  
Democrat and for eighteen years was  
magistrate and also served for some  
time as chairman of the county  
court. To this union were born ten  
children.

William Carroll was educated in  
public schools, after which he  
taught school in Marion Co. Tenn.  
and Jackson Co. Alabama.

(cont.)

He enlisted in Rice's command and calvary in the Confederate army at Shellmound June 3, 1862. He was wounded in the right arm at the battle of Chickamauga. At the battle of Philadelphia, Tenn. he was wounded in the left arm, breast and shoulder and went to the home of a friend on the Coosa river Ala. and stayed five months until he recovered from his wounds. He then rejoined the army at Dalton, Ga. and was all through the Atlanta campaign. He was wounded in the left hand at Noonday church. He served until the close of the war, surrendered with the army near Whieside, Tenn., and was paroled at Nashville May 27, 1865. He then returned to teaching and married Semieramis Andes.

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WALTER SHIRLEY  
LINEAGE cont.  
from April & July 1980  
issues of NEWS

Walter b. ca. 1690 England and died in Frederick Co. Va. had a son James b. ca. 1735. He lived on his fathers plantation near Keyes Ferry, present town of Millville, W.Va. until 1773. On March 8, 1773 he undertook to break entail of Will by conveying property to Thomas Rutherford. Vol.1 p.515 in deed book, Martinsburg, W.VA. His children scattered widely and knew very little of each other.

Children:

1. John m. Ann Smithley Feb. 1785  
(moved to Highland Co. Ohio)
2. Robert
3. James b. 1768
4. Timothy
5. Mary m. Thomas J. Howard
6. Elizabeth

ROBERT SHIRLEY bca. 1770 Frederick County, Va. (see p. 10 July 1980 NEWS)  
d. 1836 Williams Co. Ohio  
m. Rachel Gilbert Jan. 28, 1791 in Frederick Co. Va.

CHILDREN:

- \*1. Nathan b. Dec. 5, 1791 Fred.Co.Va.  
d. Aug 26, 1871 Paulding Co. Ohio

Nathan married Mary Minear in Ross Co. Ohio and moved to Williams Co. Ohio (now Defiance Co.) ca. 1823.

(They had 13 children)

2. James b. 1799 Fred. Co.VA.  
d. 1850 Defiance Co. Ohio  
m. Eliz. Gilbert  
(they had 7 children)
3. Elias b. Dec. 18, 1800 Fred.Co.  
d. Mar. 21, 1855 Defiance Co.O.  
m.1st Phoebe Hudson  
m.2nd Nancy Fulton(Hoover)  
Gilbert May 19, 1853 Lewis Co Ky.
4. Mary b. ca. 1804 Va.  
m. Thomas Warren
5. Nancy b. ca. 1808 Va. d.17 yrs
6. Robert b ca. 1808 Va.  
m.1st Sarah Hudson  
m. 2nd
7. Ruth b. ca. 1811 Ross Co.Ohio  
m. James Austin
8. John Gilbert b. 1820 Ross Co.O  
(never married)

[The following taken from History of Defiance Co. Ohio...sent by Jack V. Williams].

PIONEER RECOLLECTIONS OF PHILIP SHIRLEY...

We give below an article, dated Feb.26, 1883, from that worthy old pioneer, Philip Shirley of Dupont, Putnam Co. Ohio:

- \*My Father, Nathan Shirley, started from Ross Co. Ohio, March 1, 1825, with sixteen other families among whom were the Tittles, Hammons and other families, and when a wagon would stop all would stop and help repair it, and it was on one of these occasions that I saw two Indians for the first time in full costume. There were several four-horse teams, one of which was my father's and all four, were needed, as sometimes we were axle deep in mud. The company kept some ten men in advance to chop roads around bad places and fallen trees, which made a great distance of unbroken road. At the mouth of the Blanchard River, Thomas McClish had lately sett-



led, who was the last white settler until we arrived near Defiance. At the Little Auglaize at Fort Brown, we were met by several pirogues that carried part of our loads and assisted in crossing Little Auglaize, Blue Creek, Flatrock and Six-Mile Creeks. We passed Occonoxee's Indian town some twelve or fifteen miles south of Fort Defiance, which contained 300 Ottawa Indians, who had a long line of small hewed-log houses, some fifty or more in number and other canvas or elm-bark wig-wams for dwellings, and a few sleeping places fixed some fifteen or twenty feet above ground on four posts set in the ground to avoid mosquitoes. It was a show to immigrants, consisting of Indian men and women and children nearly all naked up to ten or twelve years old, more than a hundred dogs, all in a state of active enjoyment.

One mile south of Defiance, I saw the first herd of deer, some nine in number, bounding by our emigrant train, apparently not much frightened, and seen and remarked by nearly everyone.

On the 1st of April, 1825, we arrived in Fort Defiance, some moving into the Fort, some moving down on the Maumee River. My father moved into grandfathers house, double log (cabins), for a few days; then on my father's farm, later known as the Frazee farm, one mile south of Defiance, for three years; then on my father's farm, six miles south of Defiance, now known as the Town of Newton farm, into his new double log cabin, which was good enough, and used for a dwelling, tavern, church, and Justice's office when my father was elected Justice of the Peace.

In 1840, my father moved into his new two-story frame house just in time for the wedding of his eldest

daughter, Rachel to Shadrach H. Carey, and in 1844 Nathan Shirley's wife died, and father and the family kept house for eight years, giving a dinner to myself and Elizabeth Prowant on the 9th day of October, 1849. My father married to Mrs. Ann P. Hankins about 1852; then sold his farm and bought and made a farm at old Milldam, four miles south of Defiance; then sold and moved to Junction, being one of the proprietors of that town, where he died. He had held the office of County Commissioner in Williams Co. and acted as Colonel of the militia for a number of years. After Paulding County was organized he served as Justice of the Peace, and was an accepted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as class leader and doing other church duties, and being a member for over fifty years, having belonged, together with my mother, to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Ross Co. Ohio. They having raised seven bous and six girls, five of whom are still living, myself in Dupont, Putnam Co; C.D. Shirley, in Clark's Hill, Tippecanoe Co. Indiana, John W. Shirley in Paulding Co; Stephen M. Shirley, in Defiance Co., and Nancy M. Dils, in Defiance Co.

About the year 1827, Robert Shirley, Sr. and my father bought and donated to the Methodist Episcopal Church a town lot, on which the neighbors and minister, Rev. Pattee, built a hewed log church, near where the present church now stands. About the year 1827, Robert Shirley, Sr., moved into his two story hewed-log house on his farm one mile south of Defiance. In the year 1828, Elias Shirley and his wife, Phebe Hudson, settled on their farm, four miles south of Defiance, now known as the Shots farm. Once while Uncle Elias and Aunt Phebe were eating their breakfast, in came a large, rough looking old Indian who said he was buckata (hungry) and pointing down his throat. Uncle told aunt to give him some victuals on a plate (which was good treatment for Indian beggars

and generally well received, but on this occasion the Indian seemed angry and asked to eat at the table which uncle denied him. He ate his meal appearing to be angry, and left in an unthankful manner. About three weeks later, Uncle Elias Shirley was attending a public sale of James Hudson's property, preparatory to moving to Fort Wayne to work at the brick mason trade, and about 11 o'clock, he noticed that same old Indian and a young Indian looking on at the sale and observed the usual mean countenance of the old Indian. The two Indians soon left and went up to Elias Shirley's house, finding his wife and child alone. The old Indian ordered the woman to get the two Indians something to eat and put it on the table. He ordered what to get, and watched her closely while she got it, and the tea and sugar from the bureau drawer, etc. When the meal was got agreeably to order, the two Indians sat down to eat, the old Indian ordering her to get whatever was needed. The young Indian got up from the table first and started out of the house, and when he got to the door, and beckoned the woman to him and told her to make her escape for the old Indian intended to kill her, and the young Indian went up the road. The old Indian finished his meal and went to the window and looked up and down the road, apparently to see if any one was passing, and while so doing the woman took the child and ran toward the river, thinking to wade across the river to Abraham Hudson's farm, but the old Indian overtook her at the river, after running a quarter of a mile. He drew his butcher knife and drove her back to the house and set a chair in the middle of the floor and made her sit down in it, and told her if she got up he would kill her. He then took hold of the child and tried to take it from her. But she was resolved never to let go of it. So they pulled till she thought it was badly hurt. He finally let go of

the child and commenced dancing around her. He soon went to the window again to watch the road. She went out of the house in another direction and got behind a large sugar tree, and feared the child would cry. She saw the old Indian come out of the house and look all around, and then he ran toward the river as before, and she took to the woods and went down the river two or three miles to where the sale was. They were still selling, and she, knowing her safety, and not wishing to interrupt the sale, stood in the thicket of bushes near by quite awhile, until the sale closed, when she appeared and told her story. Her husband, Elias Shirley, took his gun, mounted a horse and rode for his house, followed by his brothers, Nathan, James and Robert and many neighbors, and when they reached the house they found it knee deep in feathers, two feather beds having been ripped open and emptied on the floor. A few gallons of lard had been poured over the feathers. The chairs had been thrown on the fire in the fireplace, and then thrown on the feathers. Medicine bottles were all broken. The bureau had been robbed of its contents, sugar, tea, etc., a large iron kettle had been chopped down to the bottom with Shirley's ax, and all was quiet. Some forty neighbors went in pursuit next day, rationed for an Indian hunt. They went to Occonoxee's village, but the Indian had gone to the woods to hunt. They ate dinner at the village and while there some men drew figure of an Indian on one of their doors with a big heart, and several of the men shot the heart full of holes. The men divided into companies of ten men each and separated, and went up Flatrock Creek, Blue Creek and Little Auglaize River, with orders not to shoot a gun until the Indian was found and then they were to shoot to signal guns until they were all together. One company found the two Indians at their camp on Flatrock Creek, and signaled all together. When Nathan Shirley and Elias Shirley and their company came up to the Indians, the old Indian's head was



all white with feathers, and Elias Shirley begged for a gun to shoot the old Indian, but Nathan and the others refused to give him a gun, and they had the old Indian lodged in jail at Defiance, where he was confined for some time for trial. The young Indian was allowed to go at large, as being only a coward in bad company. The chiefs of Ottqwa nations were called together by their agent and a settlement made by paying Elias Shirley \$100, it being a low estimate of the property destroyed without any compensation for damages. The Indians said this Indian was a bad man and often abused their families and caused them much trouble. They said they were sorry that Shirley was prevented from shooting the Indian, and the Indian was released from the prison with orders never to be seen in that neighborhood, and if he ever came back Shirley was permitted to shoot him. Elias Shirley said he met him once afterward in Defiance, but when they recognized each other the Indian dodged away and he never saw him again. The next summer, when Nathan Shirley and some hands were clearing on his new farm preparatory to moving, Occonoxee, the chief, and Segatchaway (Occonoxee's brother) and some other Indians said to Nathan Shirley: "You are Colonel Shirley, and I am Occonoxee, chief; your men shoot Indian on wigwam door, Indian no like it." Shirley seeing the situation, said: Come to the house; and Shirley took a piece of charcoal and drew a large picture on a board of a white man having a hat on, and a large heart, and said, "Indian, you shoot at it. Several of the Indians took aim and shot through the heart. Then Occonoxee shook hands with Shirley and said, "good friends," and the Indians went away well satisfied.

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# JOHN & ELIZ. BARMORE SHIRLEY

James Shirley, son of John & Elizabeth Barmore Shirley was born in 1769, Fauquier Co. Va. He married Elizabeth Smith. They lived in Anderson Co. SC.

## CHILDREN

1. Sarah b. 1798 ANDERSON CO. SC.  
m. William Erskin
2. Smith b. 1799 ANDERSON CO. SC.  
m. Diademia Smith
3. Aaron b. 1801 ANDERSON CO. SC.  
m. 1st. Margaret Erskin  
m. 2nd. Mary "Polly" Erskin

## CHILDREN

- 1). James Erskin 1831
- 2). Eliza Emily b. 1836  
m. Priestly A. Jones
- 3). Sophia b. 1837  
m. Stephen Ellis Jones
- 4). Margaret b. 1839
- 5). Samuel b. 1844
- 6). Aaron Whitaker b. 1845
- 7). Mary E. b. 1849  
m. Wm. Brewster Moore
- 8). William b. 1851 killed  
accidently prior 1870
4. James b 1803 Anderson Co. SC.  
m. Rebbah Smith

## CHILDREN

- 1). Aaron Yancy b. 1828  
m. 1st. Janie Amick  
m. 2nd. Amanda O. Jones
- 2). James Smith Alonza b. 1830  
m. Fannie Hunter
- 3). Richard Cater b. 1832  
m. Lettice E. Erskine
- 4). John Newton b. 1834  
m. Matilda (Hulda) Jones
- 5). Andrew A. b. 1836  
d. during Civil War
- 6). Rachel E. b. 1838  
m. Lorenzo Dow Harris
- 7). William C. b. 1840  
Killed in Civil War
- 8). Mahala E. b. 1841  
m. 1st. Robert Campbell  
m. 2nd Levi W. Jones
- 9). Benjamin Franklin b. 1843  
m. Mary A. Dobbins
- 10). Anson M. b. 1846  
died young
- 11). Robert A. b. 1848  
m. Matilda Jones
- 12). Helon b. 1851  
m. Wm. B. McDonald
- 13). Sarah C. b. 1852  
m. Joseph N. Wilson

5. Thomas b. 1805
  6. Elizabeth b. 1807  
m. Thomas Erskin
  7. Richard b. 1811  
m.1st. Genny R. Smith  
(dau. of Aaron & Rachel  
[Montgomery] Smith).  
m.2nd Bedelia McConnell
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JOHN & ELIZ. BARMORE SHIRLEY  
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Nipper Shirley b. ca. 1772 Va.  
Son of John and Elizabth Barmore  
Shirley.  
He married Jane Cheeves and  
lived in Anderson Co. SC.  
Nipper died intestate in 1848,  
Anderson Co. SC.

CHILDREN

1. John Nipper b. ca. 1796 SC.  
m. Sarah Weldon  
*They lived Franklin Co. Ga.*
2. Berthena b. 1798 SC.  
m. Elijah Tribble  
*They lived Franklin Co. Ga.*
3. Margaret b. 1800 S.C
4. Thomas b. 1812 SC.  
m. Mary A. \_\_\_\_\_

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WILLIAM SHIRLEY b. ca. 1774 Va.  
Son of John and Elizabth Barmore  
Shirley.  
He married Jemima Gant

CHILDREN

1. Jane b. 1798 SC.  
m. John W. Gant
2. Elizabeth b. 1803  
m. Weldon Pearman
3. Lucy b. 1808 SC.
4. Nancy b. 1810 SC.
5. John Warren b. 1811 SC.  
m. Lucinda Fisher
6. James Gant b. 1816 SC.  
m. Martha Branyon
7. Annie b. 1820 SC.  
m. Jonathon Weldon
8. William, Jr. b. 1821  
m. Rodannah Kay Elgin
9. Jemima b. 1827  
m. James Leighter Fisher

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JOSHUA SHIRLEY b. ca. 1775 VA.  
Son of John and Elizabth Barmore  
Shirley.  
He married 1st. Elizabeth Long  
(dau. of John Reed and Sarah Long,  
son of Gabriel and Mary (Latimer)  
Long.). m. 2nd. Mary \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN

1. Delilah b. ca. 1798 SC.  
m. Washington Wells
2. Lucy b. ca. 1800 SC.  
m. Richard Wood
3. Elizabeth b. ca. 1802 SC.  
m. William Wood
4. John b. ca. 1804 SC.  
m. Miss Wooldrige
5. Elcy b. ca. 1806 SC.  
m. Hampton Funk
6. Lindsay b. ca. 1808  
d. 1829 Abbeville, SC.
7. Amanda b. ca. 1810 SC.  
m.1st. Mr. Wigginton  
m.2nd. John Milford Barmore
8. Harrison b. 1812 SC.  
m. Cynthia Bennett

*(They went to Mississippi)*

9. Gabriel Long b. 1817 SC.  
m. Mary L. Carter
10. Melissa b. 1819 SC.  
m. Joseah Bennett
11. Nimrod b. 1820  
(unmarried)
12. Richard W. b. 1836 Ala.(2nd m.)  
m. Victoria E. Storey
13. Joshua, Jr. b. 1840 Ala(2nd m.)

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ROBERT SHIRLEY b. 1788 Abbeville, SC.  
Son of John and Elizabeth Barmore  
Shirley.

He married Leitresta \_\_\_\_\_.  
*They went to Fayette Co. Ala. by 1850*

CHILDREN

1. Sarah b. ca. 1833 S.C.
2. Leanah b. ca. 1836 S.C.
3. Thomas b. ca. 1838
4. Joseph b. ca. 1840
5. John b. ca. 1842 Miss.
6. David b. ca. 1847 Miss.

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JOHN AND ELIZABETH BARMORE SHIRLEY  
WERE THE PARENTS OF SIX SONS.

JOHN, JR. (see p. 4), JAMES (see  
page 11), NIPPER, WILLIAM, JOSHUA  
and ROBERT (see above for their info)