

Announcing.

SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

Due to worldwide interest in the SHIRLEY name, and to our Shirley Association, SHIRLEY NEWS INTERNATIONAL will be initiated April 1987.

Shirley News International is for those who desire to know more about the Shirleys of England and elsewhere.

Shirleys not only came to America but also to Canada, Australia, New Zealand, as well as they can be found in Ireland, Scotland and Wales. I know they also went to South Africa. So, Shirleys can be found world wide.

You may wonder why we decided to print an International Shirley News??? We have heard from Shirley descendants living in many of the countries mentioned. There was interest in joining our Shirley Association. Since there is no Shirley Association in these countries, we have decided to expand to include everyone. We are still working with the same group of people, only we are doing it on a larger scale.

Our Shirley NEWS covers mostly news about the American Shirleys from colonial times to present. An international news will be of more interest to them and to our own members who have developed an interest in the Shirleys in England and for those who went to England for the Celebration in 1986.

The SHIRLEY NEWS that you now receive will continue as we have in the past with info on American Shirleys. We will return to the format of material we originally printed before the interest in the England trip.

SHIRLEY NEWS INTERNATIONAL will cover Shirley information about those in England from 1086 to present, stories, pictures of family members and data from research in progress.

Also included will be material about Shirleys in Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the other countries. It will indeed be an international NEWS.

This will fill the need for those who were interested in our Association who lived in the states. Their ancestors came over later (1800's) and I could not encourage them to join as I didn't think we could be of any help or that our NEWS would hold that much interest unless they were interested in Shirleys in general. I did mention that we would be in touch at a later time when we expanded to include England and these other countries.

To belong to the SHIRLEY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION and receive 4 issues of Shirley International NEWS, the fees will be as follows:

United States:	\$15
United Kingdom:	10 pounds
Australia:	10 Australian dollars
Canada:	12 Canadian dollars
New Zealand:	9 New Zealand dollars

You may send personal checks or bank drafts. YOU DON'T NEED TO CHANGE TO AMERICAN DOLLARS.

Please spread the word...your editor

GEORGIA THROUGH TWO CENTURIES
VOLUME 3
LEWIS HISTORICAL PUB. CO., INC.

ca 1960

Page 848: WILMER HUBERT SHIRLEY:

After spending 30 years in the Hartwell textile mills and working up through every job to that of overseer, which he held for the last 13 years of his employment, Wilmer Hubert Shirley entered a new field, Law Enforcement, and after a period as Deputy Sheriff of Stephens County was elected Sheriff in 1952 which job he still holds.

He was born in Habersham County of the State of Georgia on Nov. 4, 1908. Parents were William W. and Mattie (Franklin) Shirley. Both parents were also natives of Habersham Co. This is an old family in this section of Georgia, one that traces its ancestry to the ante bellum years in this section of the country. The family moved to the Toccoa area while he was quite young.

Anderson, S. C. was the site of his marriage on Nov. 22, 1926 to Jewell Ward, daughter of Job Adolphus and Fannie Lou (Cheek) Ward.

HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY, GEORGIA
MARRIAGES

SHIRLEY, Malinda to Seaborn Gentry
August 6 1839

SHIRLEY, Elizabeth to Lion S. House
March 8, 1842
By: J. M. Wilson

SHIRLEY, Mary to Andrew I. Medlin
April 13, 1845
By: James T. Findley

HOUSE, John H. to Armenia H. Medley
August 14, 1840

HOUSE, John to Mary Bell
Nov. 17, 1849

Note: Frances Hill Green
says Elizabeth Shirley wed
Siron House, son of Memory
House.

FROM: JEMIMA R. SHIRLEY
RINGGOLD. GEORGIA

INDEX 1820 CENSUS OF STATE OF GEORGIA

SHERLY, Aaron	Jones Co.
Edward	"
Elizabeth	"
SHURLEY, Edward	"
Nathaniel	"
SHIRLEY, Benjamin	Habersham Co.
Moses	"
Robert	Jackson Co
William	"
James	Washington
William	Warren Co.
SHURLEY, Nathan	"
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JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, PROBATE MINUT

BOOK A, PAGE 118:

WILLIAM CAMERON, deceased. Heirs:
Hugh B. CAMERON, John CAMERON, Nathan COLLINS in right of his wife Matilda COLLINS in right of her minor heirs, Daniel and Jefferson COLLINS (Daniel resides in Lowndes County, Miss. and Jefferson in this state). James McDUFF in right of his wife, Sarah (formerly Sarah CAMERON) for her heirs Parle and Elizabeth McDUFF, who reside in "Bearstrop" County, Texas; John GRAY in right of wife Mary (formerly Mary CAMERON): John O'NEAL in right of wife, Margaret O'NEAL, (formerly Margaret CAMERON); Alexander SHERLY in right of wife BAMANALTRA; and Susan CAMERON.
October 16, 1856

1850 CENSUS - JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

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SHERLEY, JOHN	40		
MARY	30	KY	
MARY	10	ALA	
SARAH	9	"	
JOHN	7	"	
LYDIA	5	"	
MAHALA	3	"	
LUCINDA	1	"	
HUDDLESTON, MAHALA	65	KY	
LYDIA	35	KY	idi

BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF THE
AMERICAN CONGRESS 1773-1961
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PRINTING
OFFICE, 1961

SHERLEY, Joseph Swager, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Louisville, Jefferson County, Ky., Nov. 28, 1871; attended the public schools; was graduated from the Louisville High School in 1889 and from the law department of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1891; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Louisville, Ky., elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1903 - March 3, 1919); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1918 to the Sixty-sixth Congress; Director of the division of finance of the United States Railroad Administration from April 1919 to September 1920, when he resigned; resumed the practice of law in Washington, D. C.; died while on a visit in Louisville, Ky., February 13, 1941; interment in Cave Hill Cemetery.

EARLY RECORDS OF WILKES CO., GA.

FIRST MARRIAGE BOOK 1806 - 1820

James Shirley to
Harriett L. Walsworth
June 26, 1820 (Page 159)

RETURNS OF ADMINISTRATORS AND GUARDIANS

Page 273: ROBERT TOOMBS, DEC'D.

Return for 1821. Paid William Fanning, H. L. Shirley and Samuel Barnett tuition.

Page 365: WILLIAM M. KAIN, DEC'D.
Eugenia Kain, Adm. Board paid E. Starr for Elizabeth and Amanda Kain, and tuition to Daniel Mercer. Tuition to James Shirley for John, William, Patrick and Jane Cain in 1821. Paid James Shirley tuition for Elizabeth, Amanda, John, William and Patrick 1822.

returns for 1822. Paid James Shirley tuition for Elizabeth, Amanda, John, William and Patrick.

See SHIRLEY NEWS #19 Jan/Feb 1983, and
SHIRLEY NEWS Vol. 1 No. 5, July 1979



MIKE PELLET AND DEBBIE SHIRLEY
AT
CLIFTON-FORD HOTEL, LONDON, ENGLAND



KATHERINE CHRISTIAN, JAMES W. SHIRLEY,
AND JOSEPH CHILTON SHIRLEY

at the
CLIFTON-FORD HOTEL, LONDON, ENGLAND

Submitted by: Jemima R. Shirley
Ringgold, GA.



"You learn when you look back," says Bill Moyers, "that although there is trouble in the world, there is also honor." Above, Moyers talks with students following his speech.

Bill Moyers was deputy director of the Peace Corps under President John F. Kennedy and press secretary in the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson. After leaving the Johnson White House, he became publisher of *Newsday* and under his leadership the Long Island daily newspaper won 33 major awards including two Pulitzer Prizes.

He is perhaps best known as a commentator for CBS News, and as the producer of several documentaries for the Public Broadcasting System.

"Everyone knows Bill Moyers," Chancellor William H. Danforth said in his introduction to Moyers' appearance in Graham Chapel on September 10 as part of the Washington University Assembly Series. "Everyone here has, as I have, watched him on television and appreciated his wise comments and his fair presentation. We have seen how his experience as a journalist and public servant influences his approach to the issues."

As a young man, Moyers received a degree from the Southwestern Theological Seminary, where he trained to be a Baptist preacher. Forsaking that road, he went on to study at the University of Texas at Austin, and later, at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Throughout his career as a print and broadcast journalist, he has remained dedicated to an essentially moral vision. Here, in remarks excerpted from a more lengthy speech, Moyers, with a preacher's instinct for rhetoric, presents a case for our remaining intimately tied to the events that precede us.

As a journalist I'm engaged in a continuing course in adult education at somebody else's expense. And I've learned in my work that the values of a society are derived from its connectedness to history. If history dies, we lose our sense of the past being alive.

But you learn when you look back that although there is trouble in the world, there is also honor. And people of conscience, and moments of such great beauty and vision that they transcend the struggle. And you learn that nothing you are likely to face in your generation, not even the existence of nuclear weapons, requires more courage of you than was required of your parents and grandparents.

When I finished my graduate study at the University of Edinburgh, my wife and I, 30 years ago, roamed through the ruins of many of the old churches and cathedrals of England and Scotland. There, beginning to fade and peel the side of the ruins of a church, a little plaque that stopped me like the onrush of a train. I wrote what it said, and remember it to this day: "In the year 1653, when all things sacred in the kingdom had either profaned or demolished, this church was built by Sir Richard Sh who whose singular duty it was to do the best of things in the worst of time. So may we all. □"

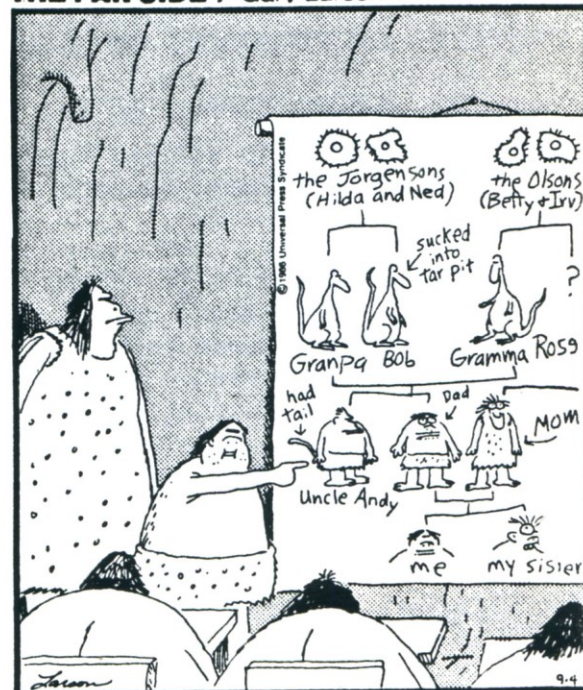
The above are paragraphs taken from a speech print in the WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE Autumn 1986.

The article was sent by member: Fehl Shirley

I wrote Bill Moyers and commented on his memory of 30 years for this church and the writing. I sent him a post card of Staunton Harold and also mentioned it was Sir Robert Shirley not Richard.

I also sent him material about our historical visit to England June 1986.

THE FAR SIDE / Gary Larson



Dirk brings his family tree to class

ARMSTRONG FAMILY

James Armstrong married Jean _____. In his will dated 1758, he left land to the children of his brother, John Armstrong. A deed of 1768 mentions that these same children have migrated to Rowan Co. North Carolina.

Family tradition says, the Armstrong family came from Lancaster Co. Pa. to Culpeper Co. Va. and then about 1760 to North Carolina and South Carolina. The Brysons went with them from Pa.

Children of Mr. Armstrong were:

1. Catherine Armstrong b. ca. 1785 SC (never married)
2. James Armstrong b. July 17, 1777
3. John Armstrong b. ca. 1765 married Isabella Bryson of Buncombe County, N.C. [daughter of William and Elizabeth (Countryman) Bryson who married in Lancaster Co. Pa. or Cecil Co. Maryland. William Bryson was the son of Miss Holmes (of the Oliver Windell Holmes family) and William Bryson].

Children

- (1). James Armstrong b. May 22, 1795 married Elizabeth Cowan
- (2). William Armstrong b. June 29, '97 married Elizabeth Robinson
- (3). Archibald Armstrong b. Jan 1, '99 married Mary Ann Bryson
- (4). John Armstrong b. ca. 1800 (never married)
- (5) Jennie Armstrong b. Jan 19, 1807 married Obediah H. SHIRLEY
- (6). Andrew Armstrong b. Jan 28, 1808 married Elizabeth Pearman
- (7). Elizabeth Armstrong b. Oct 5, 1810 married William Cowan
- (8). Isabella Armstrong b. June 11, 1805 married Stephen Kay

NOTE: Lancaster Co. Pa before boundary dispute was Cecil Co. Maryland. (I failed to note where I got this material...Sorry!)

VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL, WASH. DCSHIRLEY'S

- Carl Douglas Shirley b. Mar. 15, 1944
from High Point, North Carolina
d. July 7, 1969
- Carl Eugene Shirley b. Oct. 6, 1946
from Louisville, Kentucky
d. March 18, 1968
- Dale Edward Shirley b. June 29, 1948
from Stilwell, Oklahoma
d. March 11, 1968
- Donald Lee Shirley b. Oct 10, 1945
from Ridgely, Tennessee
d. March 9, 1969
- Harold Gene Shirley b. Jan. 15, 1934
from Cottondale, Florida
d. Feb. 6, 1968



Gertrude Shirley Smith b. June 19, 1872
Cass Co. Indiana.
Ellen Shirley Bell b. Dec. 13, 1858 Ind.
William H. Shirley b. May 3, 1868 Plymouth,
Marshall Co. Indiana.

(left to Right)

All children of Andrew Jackson Shirley,
son of Adam Shirley who was the son of
Valentine Shirley b. ca. 1751 of Virginia.

[see April 1980 NEWS page 10].

Photo send by Peg Coady

GEORGE SHIRLEY

A story about George Shirley has been appearing in many newspapers and magazines of late. February 13, 1987 George will be a guest on the TODAY Show & People magazine is featuring a story about him in the week of Jan. 27th issue.

Producers in Los Angeles are interested in movie rights to his story and George is involved in negotiations.

Briefly, George was a school teacher in Salinas, California. He wanted to help the children of farm labors who wanted a better education. George is quoted as saying, "Education has always been the ticket out of poverty in America".

In the article it refers to forty-six year old Shirley is proof of that. He was first in a family of poor farmers in Tennessee to graduate from high school, let alone college (Indiana University) and law school (University of Denver).

George Shirley has helped these kids to get into Universities by writing letters of recommendation, assisting in filing of tax forms, transcripts from the schools migrant kids have attended etc...to be included in their financial aid applications.

George is descended from Putnam Co. Tennessee in the 1880's.

[There is much more to his story. We only mentioned the content of what the story is about and brought this story to your attention so you may watch the TODAY SHOW or read it in Peoples Magazine and get the complete story].

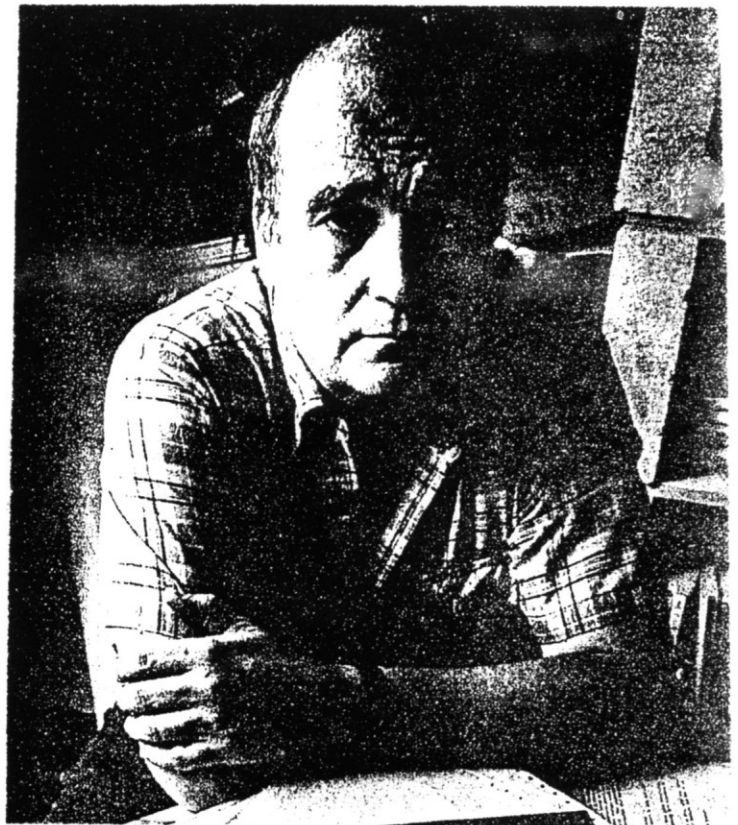
MARRIAGE RECORDS OF
Baltimore City & Co. Md.

Thomas Shirley m. Sarah Harris Feb 18, 1797
Thomas Fisher m. Eliz. Yates Nov 14, 1799

Westmoreland County, Va.

Elizabeth Shirley m. Dave Peter July 29, 1813
William Shirley m. Cole Merchant Dec 24, 1793

from: Ethel Lee Wilson



George Shirley

Spotsylvania Co. Va.

Anna Shirley b. ca. 1750 Va. d. 1813 Fayette
County, Kentucky.

married John Mason, Sr. Nov. 16, 1768 Va.
children

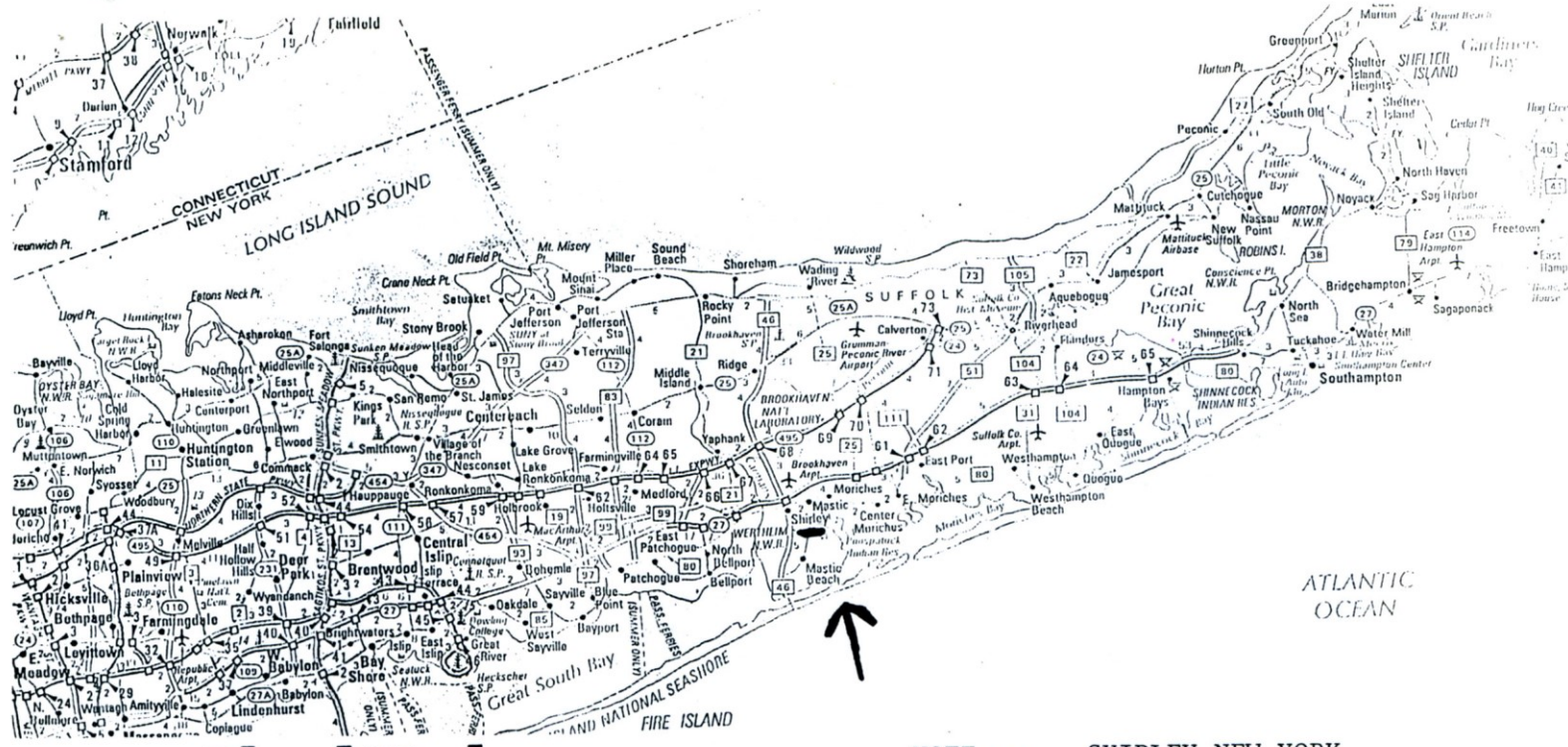
1. (Col.) James Mason b. 1769 m. Eliz Fishback
2. Mary Mason b. 1771 m. George Hunt
3. Nancy Mason b. 1773 d. 1794
4. (Capt) John Mason, Jr. b. 1776 m. Eliz Henry
5. Peter Mason b. 1778 m. Eliz Grant
6. Eliz. Armstrong Mason b. 1781 d. 1783
7. Sarah T. Mason b. 1783 m. James Grant
8. William Baynham Mason b. 1787

John Mason was a Lt. and Mary Shirley was the daughter of John Shirley.

[Is Anna Shirley a sister to John Shirley and Thomas Shirley who married the Yates girls and went to Adair Co. Ky.??? Their father was John Shirley and of Spots. Co. Va. No mention of Anna has been made in these branches' family information].

info from: Frank Wilson, Jr.





Floyd Harbor beats Shirley, townsfolk say

Associated Press

SHIRLEY, N.Y. — Residents of this Long Island hamlet like where they live, but some don't like the name. They say they want one with a little more pizzazz — one that's in step with their community's new prosperity.

Instead of Shirley, they want to name the community after — Floyd.

To the Committee to Rename Shirley, "Floyd Harbor" has the right ring — never mind that the community has no harbor.

"For years, people have been down on Shirley, and a change of name will help," said Tony Disimio, a bar owner who is circulating petitions.

Schools Superintendent Nicholas Poulis said residents brought up the issue of changing the community's name at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting in response to rising population and property values.

Various names were suggested, including "New Hampton" and "Brookhampton," but a 12-year-old girl who suggested "Floyd Harbor" may have launched the most popular name, he said.

It would be named after William Floyd, a signer of the Declaration of Independence who already is the namesake of a highway and the local school district. Shirley is named after Walter T. Shirley, who amassed a fortune developing the community.

But there is resistance to the name change among those who find the idea pretentious.

NOTE.... SHIRLEY NEW YORK

Can you believe they want to change the name of the town of SHIRLEY because it isn't good enough? They want a new image!

I have contacted the media and suggested what they need is an education in the history of the SHIRLEY family. If prestige is what they are looking for...how about the treasurer of the company that financed the Mayflower who was a Shirley. What about Eliza Shirley who started the Salvation Army in America. Then there is Gov. Wm. Shirley who gave George Washington the command of the Continental Army. The list goes on. I think these people are rather impressive too! So...why should maps and all the other changes involved in changing a name occur when the old name is just as good as any new name they might come up with. If a new image is needed, what about a publicity campaign to promote what the Shirley name represents. A history of family with a proud heritage of more than 900 years.

If you would like to see the name preserved, it has been suggested a letter write in campaign might be of help and it should be sent to the following people immediately as there is to be a town vote on Feb. 9th.

I have contacted the T.V. News in their area and they called and want to do a story on the change and the Shirleys. Will report next issue of the NEWS.

Write to: Henrietta Acampora, Brookhaven Town Supervisor, 205 So. Ocean Ave. Patchogue, N.Y. 11772



L to R

Chester, George Wilson, (father), George (Gus), Mary Ella, (mother), Mary, Harvey, and Nathaniel Guy Shirley

CAMPBELL CO. GEORGIA

Riley Shirley b. ca. 1803 S.C.
m. Mat Allen

Known children

David A. b. 1828 Ga.
Elizabeth b. 1833 Ga.
Abner M. b. 1835 Ga.
Parmelia b. 1836 Ga.
Sarah Ann b. 1838 Ga.
William F. b. 1840 Ga.

DAVID A. b. 1828 Ga.
m. 1st. _____ Brock
m. 2nd Frances Allen Yancy

Children

as listed in 1880
census of Douglas Co. Ga.

Henry B. b. 1862 Ga.
Nancy A. b. 1865 Ga.
Joel T. b. 1870 Ga.
Alfred N. b. 1872 Ga.
George W. b. 1874 Ga.
Moses M. b. 1876 Ga.

George Wilson Shirley b. 1874 Ga.
m. Mary Ella Payne

children

Mary b. 1895
Oliver C. b. 1899
George (Gus) b. 1899
Harvey b. 1901
Nathaniel G. b. 1903
Robert b. 1906
Angie b. 1909
Nathan b. 1911

In the late 1800's, George Wilson Shirley and three of his brothers went to Texas. George was a produce Dealer in Winnsboro, and worked the cotton gin, getting up at 4:30 in the morning.

Members from this branch of the Shirley are:

Bronzie Dixon	William A. Shirley
Wayne Shirley	Jean Daniels
Euretta Shirley	Janet Burks
Lester Shirley	Dale Shirley
	Terry Shirley
	Ruben Shirley

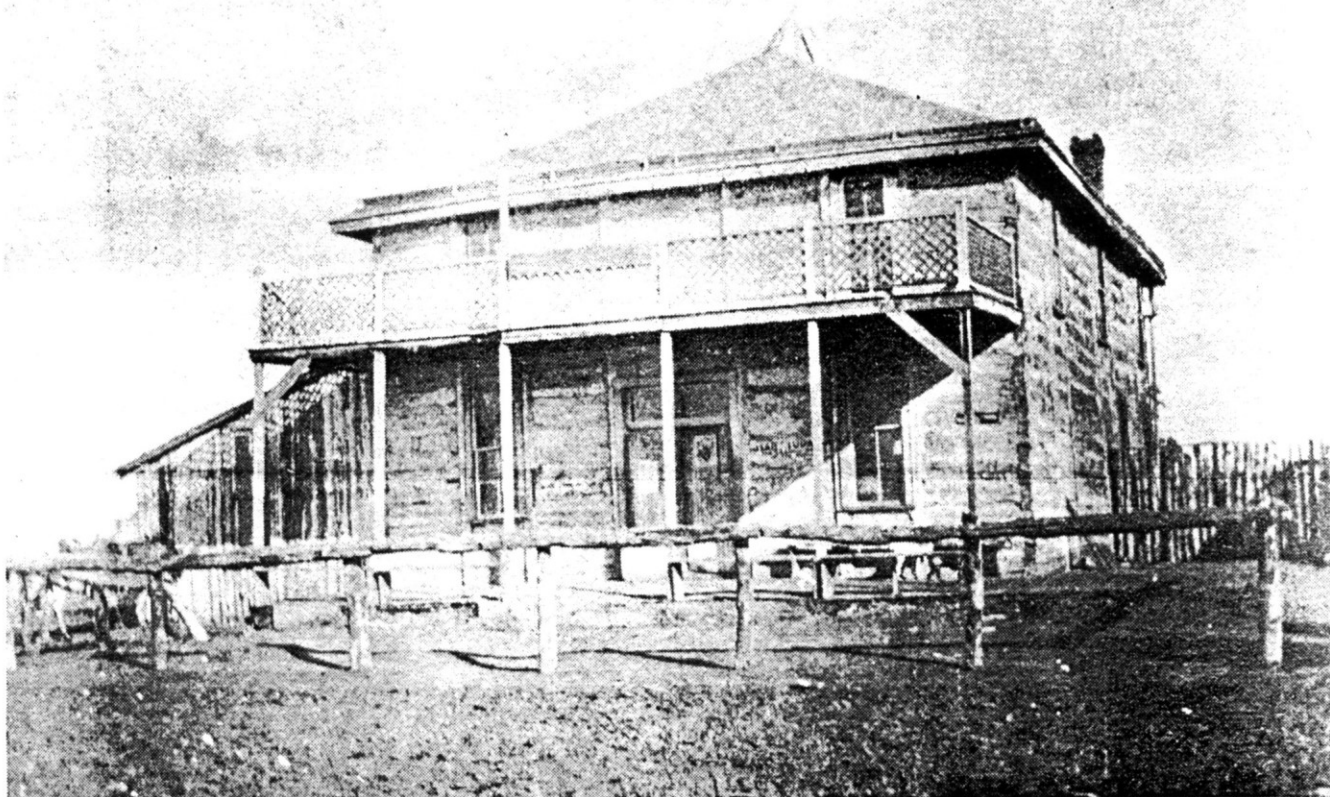


PHOTO FURNISHED BY: Anadarko Philomathic Museum

SHIRLEY'S TRADING POST

In 1875, the Government desired to establish a post office at the Agency, then called, "Shirley Trading Post", located just north of Washita River. Mr. William Shirley was the only white man, at this time, permanently located in this section. He was the first white Government Interpreter for the Indians and formerly a trader from New Orleans. He first came to the Indians as a trader in 1856. He moved with the tribes here, as interpreter, in August 1859. He married Habunista, a Nadarko Indian maiden, daughter of the old Chief Tomas, in 1867. Their only child, a son named Harry Edwards Shirley was born May 3rd, 1869. Habunista died in 1873. The first Agency established in 1859 near present site of Anadarko. (1901 History of Anadarko, O.T.)

The above picture is from a calendar given to me at our Oklahoma City meeting of Oct, 1986 by Vivan Shirley Williams who is the granddaughter of William and the daughter of Harry Edwards Shirley.

William Shirley came from Ireland and landed at New Orleans and migrated west to Texas.

The above picture is Shirley's trading post in Oklahoma Territory.

Harry Edwards Shirley was born
Anadarko, Oklahoma then
Oklahoma Territory.

Anadarko is in Caddo County, Ok.



Rev. V.E. Shirley

Virgil E. Shirley b. Mar. 12, 1869 at Hoopston, Illinois. At age 9 he went with his parents to Nebraska where they took up residence near Spring Ranch. He was a minister in Colorado and very involved helping to organize relief work during the depression. (where is Hoopston and Spring Ranch...? Co.)

[see Jan 1983 NEWS page 11 for info
on the Shirley branch mentioned
in this article].

John Polland b. 1762 Somerset Co. N.J.
d. 1839 Carter Co. Tenn.
m. _____

children

Katy Polland m. David C. Moody
Samuel Polland
Moses Polland
John Polland
Elizabeth Polland m. George Shirley
m. 2nd Jeremiah Evans
Jemima Polland m. Berry
Anna Polland m. Nave
Mary (Polly) Polland m. _____ Shawley
Jacob Polland
Jonathan Polland

John b. 1726 lived Berkely Co. Va.
They were Quakers. [from Ruth White].

George Shirley is the son of
Adam and Margaret Shirley (Shawley).
George was born in Penn.

JOSEPH NORRIS b. Jan 11, 1729 Washington
County Maryland. Married Mary Moody.
He died March 18, 1813 Huntington Co. Pa.

children

Eliz. Norris b. 1750
Eleanor Norris b. 1752 m. Adam Metcalf
John Norris b. 1754
William Norris b. 1756
Ruha Norris b. 1758
Mary Norris b. 1760 Peter Waggoner
Lydia Norris b. 1761 m. John Carry
Sarah Norris b. 1763 m. David Jackson
Nancy Norris b. 1766 m. Hugh Johnston
Ruhanna Norris b. 1767 m. George Shirley*
Jane Norris b. 1772 m. Wm. Enyeart
Joseph Norris b. 1774

info from: Maurine Struthers

[*ancestors of your editors husband].

Note the name MOODY listed above in both
of these Pennsylvania families!

Mentioning name associations...I just
noticed that Joseph Norris Jr. had a
daughter Catherine who married Andrew GRUBB
and another daughter who married Abraham
GRUBB.

SHIRLEY

Agnes m. Abijan S, Frederick May 27, 1841
Amanda m. Christopher Martin May 17, 1866
Christina m. Wm. Walker Sept 6, 1825
George S. m. Sally Jane Allen Sept 30, 1830
Lucy m. Wm. Foster June 22, 1819
Martha S. m. Staphen Ormsby Feb 1, 1831
Mary Ann m. Alfred Nerr Dec 7, 1830
Melvina m. Edwin F. Smith Mar 14, 1859
Sally m. Hohn Jones Sept 8, 1808
Susan m. Wm. N. Powell June 24, 1862
Susanna m. Benj. Proctor Mar. 8, 1787

Lewis Co. Ky

Elias m. Nancy Gilbert May 19, 1851

Metcalf Co. Ky

Benjamin m. Kate Hand Jan 9, 1861
Merryman m. Laurah E. Grinstead Dec 18, 1867
W.H. m. Annie Love Dec 22, 1869

Oldham Co. Ky.

Margaret Catherine m. Jessie C. Yager
Feb 2, 1854
Andrew Elias m. Nanie Whitlock June 24, 1862
Lawrence m. Laurida Overstreet Nov 9, 1826
Albert Gallatin m. Rebecca Shirley
Jan 23, 1856
Mary Eliza m. Thomas H. Haydon July 27, 1853
Margaret m. John Fields Mar 19, 1833
Lucy m. Evan Garriott Oct 10, 1837
Thomas Wright m. Eliz. M. Shirley Feb 13,
1851
Henrietta B. m. John McDonald Oct 14, 1868

Washington Co. Ky

Elijah m. Jane Phelps Aug 28, 1872
George W. m. Nancy Hayes Oct 14, 1869
Georgeann m. Thomas Royalty Jr. Dec 24, 1874
John M. m. Nancy E. Lay Sept 23, 1868
John W. m. Mildred A. Royalty Sept 17, 1868
Michael . Nancy Payne Jan 6, 1797
Sarah Ann m. James J Eesley Aug 29, 1874
Stephen m. _____ Brown Nov 6, 1873
William F. m. Mary Campbell Nov 2, 1843
Zach m. Mary J. Vessells Dec 23, 1869

Shelby Co. Ky.

George Waller m. Eliz. Harrington Jan 21,
1838

Owen Co. Ky

Daniel m. Mary Razor _____ 1843
Uriah H. m. Eliz. Steger Nov 16, 1836
info from IGI microfilm...and members.

SHIRLEY'S OF MAINE

[Note last issue of NEWS p.4].
from your editor...

For sometime I have known the information about Edward Shirley b. ca. 1743 Burton-On Trent, Eng. It was one of the early records I had found when I first began my interest in the Shirleys about 9 years ago. I only printed this info last issue because we had heard from descendants of this branch and they had furnished additional family history from the point my material left off... Edward and his children.

Looking through some research that has come from England these last few months, I came across the mother of Edward Shirley, Barbara Philpot. CAN YOU IMAGINE THE THRILL FOR ME! I couldn't believe it!!! I have never found Shirley's living in America in the records of Shirley's in England. (I hope this is just the first fine!!! and that there will be many more in the future!). I must tell you what I found as I sat here digging further and further back.

After jotting down notes and working backwards on dates etc...this is what we have.

Edward Shirley married Barbara Philpot
Feb. 7, 1743 Lichfield, Stafford Co.
England.

children I found so far
Mary chr. Dec. 27, 1744 Tamworth Twp.
Anne chr. Dec. 27, 1744 Tamworth Twp
Stafford Co. Eng.
Edward chr. June 29, 1746 (same)

(I wonder how the mother, Barbara Philpot's name was preserved and not Edward's father...Edward?)

Looking for the father's birth, I found Edwardus Shirley chr. June 12, 1720 to Edwardi and Mariae Shirley in Lichfield. Continuing to look for this Edwardi...I found myself in the Kent Co. England records, and this is what I found.

[Are these names in Latin?](cont. above)
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NOTE...I have hired a part time secretary to help me in the office 1 day per week. Would like to increase to 2 days soon! This is very helpful.

Ricus Sherley married Vrsula Pettit
Feb. 6, 1571
m. Maria Woorde Oct. 13, 1575
(the following children chr. to Rici,
mother name not given, Rici perhaps
married before Vrsula..?)
Birchington, Kent Co. England

Johes chr. Jan 15, 1565 Rici
Johes chr. Mar 29, 1568 Rici
Maria chr Aug 15, 1566 Rici
Ricus chr July 3, 1583 Rici
Augustinus chr. July 10, 1580 Rici
Edwardus chr. July 7, 1594 Rici
Ricus chr. May 20, 1598 Rici

[What is the difference here in
Rici...Ricus and Edwardi and Edwardus?]

Edwardi and Marie Shirley's children
listed in Burton on Trent were:

Edward June 12, 1720
Gulielmus July 3, 1726
Johannes May 21, 1722
Richardus Oct. 26, 1723



THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Christmas cards received from the following people in England wishing the Association members a Merry Christmas and remembering the wonderful visit of 1986.

Earl and Lady Ferrers
Major John Shirley
and several of the ones we met in London
and other locations on our visit.

The Earl Ferrers does not think he will be able to attend this years convention. He is very sorry! Another time...perhaps!

Mr. Bellomy, a Shirley descendant, has spent a great amount of time in researching for me in England. I receive a large package about every week or two and have for some time now. He is a remarkable person to donate so much time on our behalf.

I asked him to see what he could find out about WALTER SHIRLEY who tradition has said was a son of Sir Robert Shirley. No evidence can be found to date. The article in the last issue of the NEWS p. 2 was sent along with other data. We cannot find anything to substantiate the material about Walter Shirley being the son as of this date. If something is discovered, we will print in the following issue after discovery. So we cannot prove or disprove at this time.

SHIRLEY CONVENTION

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

June 20-21, 1987

Patrick Henry Inn

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single or double occupancy.

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or write: P.O. Drawer S. Williamsburg
Virginia 23187

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arrive early or stay longer.

A block of 50 rooms have been reserved
for us and you will be making resev.
from this group of rooms. The cutoff
date for reservations is May 25th. All
rooms will be released but will continue
to honor rates after that date upon room
availability.

It is my suggestion for those who have not been to Williamsburg and Jamestown area
that you arrive on Wed. afternoon or evening, tour Jamestown on Thursday and Williams-
burg on Friday. The reason I suggest Williamsburg on Friday is that Colonial Williams-
burg is walking distance from the Patrick Henry Inn. They said you just walk across
their parking lot to the restored village. There are all kinds of little shops nearby.

The rates are the best I could get for the location. If transportation is needed from
Richmond, Va. airport, arrangements will be made for pick up times by us as it is
about 45 miles from Williamsburg.

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Give the Shirley Association account number

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10256 Glencoe Dr.
Cupertino, Ca. 95014
(408) 255-8511 (calls welcomed)

SHIRLEY AMERICAN HISTORICAL TRIP!

MONDAY June 22-30th, 1987

Departing Williamsburg, Va. Monday morning, flying to Boston, Mass., an evening at
Governor Shirleys mansion and dinner. Visit Re-constructed Plymouth Colony and the
Mayflower. Journey to Goffstown, New Hampshire to see the home of the Shirleys from
Ireland in which 6 generations of Shirley have lived. See the Statue of Liberty and
the sights of New York City and a Broadway play. Step into the past as we visit where
Washington crossed the Delaware, Philadelphia where this year they celebrate the bi-
centennial of the Constitution of the United States and on to Valley Forge and Gettysburg.
Sunday, enjoy the dinner on the grounds at BROAD RUN Baptist church in Fauquier Co. Va.
from where the South Carolina and many Ky. Shirley's ancestors attended in 1700's. See
Shenendoah Valley and Harpers Ferry and the land of Walter Shirley of Berkley Co. Va.
in 1700's. Tour Mt. Vernon, home of George Washington. Visit St. Stephens Parish in
Northumberland Co. Va. where Shirleys are of record in 1600's. We will arrive back in
Williamsburg Tuesday evening. For further details and application, write to the
above address. Cost of trip estimated \$950 from Williamsburg back to Williamsburg.

By Mark Herrmann

COMPARED WITH other signs less than a half-mile away — Shirley Plaza, Shirley Commons, Shirley Feed, Shirley Motel and Shirley 100% Brushless Car Wash — the lettering on the post office wall comes up short. It reads "SH RLEY."

Not so fast with that new "I."

Instead, throw out the remaining letters and consider an entirely new name. Brookhampton, perhaps. Or New Hampton. Or the current favorite — Floyd Harbor.

Spurred by business leaders and residents, a drive is under way to change the name of the community of low-cost homes that Walter T. Shirley developed and named after himself 34 years ago.

Those in favor say a new name represents a fresh start for a resurgent community that has survived small plots of land on crowded blocks, parking lots strewn with litter and the sort of vandalism that defaced the post office wall. "With all the development going on here, I think people want to change the image and get a prettier name," said Thomas Neppell III, who moved to Shirley from neighboring Mastic Beach a few years ago. Neppell is a member of the "Rename Shirley" committee formed this summer by the Chamber of Commerce of the Mastics and Shirley.

Surely they jest, say those who want Shirley to stay Shirley.

For them, anything short of putting the "I" back on the post office wall would be a breach of faith with history. "There's nothing wrong with the name," said 31-year-old Shirley native Stan Prekurat. "My family knew Mr. Shirley personally and had only nice things to say about him." Prekurat is organizing a "Keep Shirley Shirley" campaign.

The search for a new identity is the latest sign of changing times in this unincorporated community on Brookhaven's South Shore, whose founder called it the "Town of Flowers" when he advertised his first models 40 years ago. Shirley's population has almost tripled since 1970 — soaring from 6,678 to 18,381 in 1984, according to Long Island Lighting Co. estimates.

The population surge coupled contemporary growing pains such as water-quality problems, foreclosures, unkempt shopping centers and swarming teenagers with more traditional shore-front difficulties such as rampant gypsy moths and swarming mosquitos.

But a pattern of climbing property values — homes that originally cost \$4,000 sell for \$60,000 — along with rising waterfront condominiums at the foot of William Floyd Parkway, point to economic growth in Shirley and Mastic Beach.

People who say they want to promote their community's good name by changing it formally kicked off their campaign with a cocktail party at the Brookhaven Towne House recently. About 50 people attended. And the name they dropped most often was Floyd Harbor.

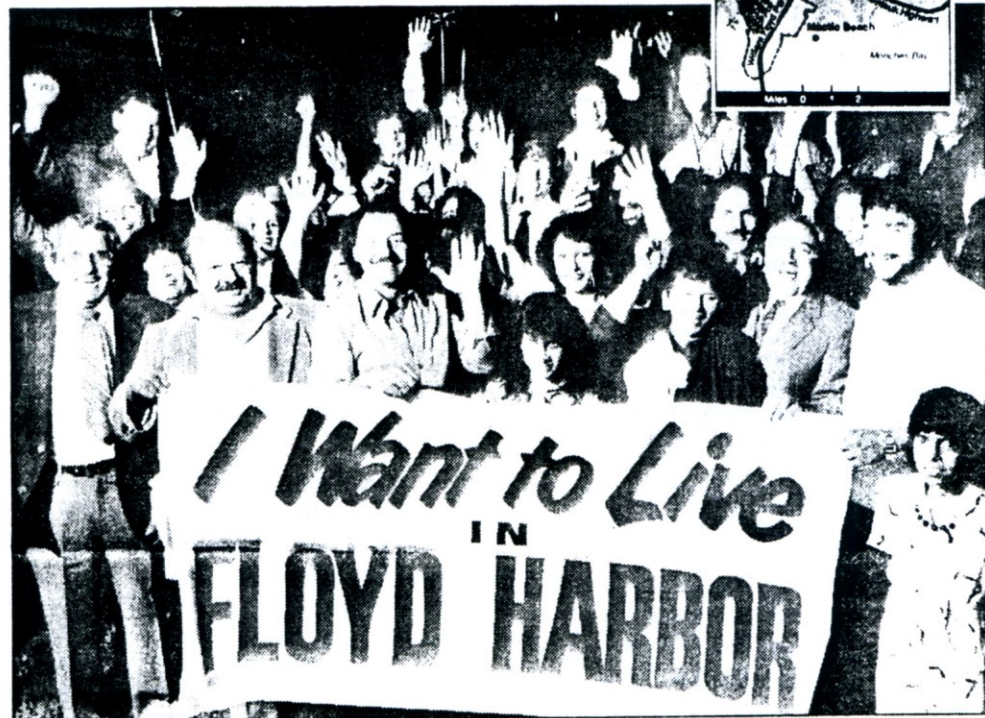
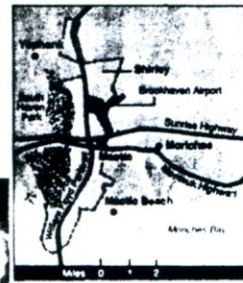
The new designation would honor William Floyd, a native son of nearby Mastic Beach who signed the Declaration of Independence, whose name is already affixed to a parkway, a school district and a dry cleaner. The proposal has the backing of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the Mastics and Shirley, as well as Jennifer Reichert, a 12-year-old girl who suggested the name during a poll conducted by a weekly newspaper. Jennifer felt that sentiment for a change stemmed from more than progress. "Maybe it's because Shirley is a plain name," she said.

The movement began last spring with a casual comment from a classified advertiser in the Moriches Bay

COMMUNITIES

What's in a Name?

For life-long Shirley residents, it's everything, especially when there's a drive to rename their town



Supporters of changing the name of Shirley to Floyd Harbor demonstrating last week

Tide. The ad buyer told a staffer at the weekly paper that he heard about an effort to change the name of Shirley to "Brookhampton."

John B. Cummings, the Tide's editor and publisher, said he had not heard the same rumor, but he forwarded it to directors of the chamber of commerce. "They loved it immediately," he said.

About 70 percent of the 384 people who responded to a subsequent Tide straw poll voted in favor of renaming Shirley. Chamber directors were influenced most strongly by a letter from Reichert, a lifelong Shirley resident and then a seventh-grader at William Pata Junior High School.

Her suggestion set off a door-to-door petition campaign. According to attorney George Lasch, chairman of the Committee to Rename Shirley, the signatures are being collected to gauge public support for the proposal.

Formal approval of the name switch must come from the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, an agency of the Department of the Interior. Donald J. Orth, the board's executive secretary, said: "They can make a formal request to the board, but the board will not decide on it until it gets evidence from a local political entity, presumably the county government."

At least Jennifer's mother, Barbara Reichert, is impressed by the effort so far. "We never thought it would get to the petition stage," she said.

At least a few people wish it never had.

"If that is done, I think Walter T. Shirley would turn over in his grave," said Alfred Parr, former property manager for the developer. "He was one of the sweetest guys in the whole damn world."

Nicholas Bouhouris, president of the Mastic Beach Property Owners Association and former "official builder" for Shirley, added: "Mr. Shirley is turning in his grave already."

Walter T. Shirley Jr., who lives in Manhattan, heard from Bouhouris about the name-change movement. "I think it's absurd," Shirley said. "I understand that some people out there want to upgrade the image and attract some new business. I don't know how changing a name can do that."

CRITICSSAY developers are promoting the proposal in order to raise property values and accommodate the new condo crowd. "It's snob appeal. Those people aren't even in their homes yet and already they want to change the name. The name is fine for me," Prekurat said.

Shirley, a showman and buck private turned real estate magnate who died 23 years ago, first visited the woodlands west of Mastic during World War I, when he was stationed at Camp Upton in Yaphank before being shipped overseas. He came back to Suffolk in the late 1930s and started buying and selling small tracts of land.

He called the development Mastic Acres and promoted it as "The Town of

Flowers . . . Where the Country Meets the Sea . . . Gateway to the Atlantic Ocean." He offered a quarter acre for \$99 and a 24-by-26-foot Cape Cod house for \$3,700.

A short, dapper man who parted his dark hair in the middle, he was a former vaudevillian who was friendly with Ed Sullivan, George Burns, Gracie Allen, Milton Berle, Jack Benny and other performers.

In 1952, he donated a parcel of land and agreed to build a post office in exchange for the postal service's consent to rename Mastic Acres in his honor.

Shirley's name change might just come up at a village board meeting in quite a different neck of the woods.

"This will be a very interesting thing to talk about at our next meeting," said Carol Swiggett, a trustee in Lloyd Harbor, an affluent village in the Town of Huntington.

Lloyd Harbor Mayor Richardson Pratt Jr. was not alarmed. "Floyd lived out there, Lloyd lived here," he said. "I don't think people are going to get confused between one and another."

Shirley Postmaster Gesidio Buzzeo, a resident of the community in which he works, said there would be no confusion between the communities in sorting mail as long as the 11967 zip code remains unchanged.

For now, though, the missing "I" leaves him in l-mbo.

"I don't know if I ought to replace it, if they're just going to change the name," Buzzeo said. "It's \$70 a letter." / 11

BROOKHAVEN ALMANAC

But Shirley You Jest

It was a Shirley who founded the Salvation Army. A Shirley served as colonial governor in Massachusetts and a Shirley was martyred for his religious beliefs during Oliver Cromwell's reign in England. The Virginia birthplace of Robert E. Lee was the Shirley plantation.

"The name is no slouch," said Betty Shirley of Cupertino, Calif., who spends much of her time studying and publicizing bits of Shirley-related information.

As founder of the Shirley Association — a national organization that attracts 350 people to its convention every other year — Betty Shirley is prepared to support those seeking to halt a proposed name change for the hamlet of Shirley.

"All they have to do is pay for my airline flight," she said. "I'll come and lay the story out for them."

She said a Florida resident who belongs to the Shirley Association heard about a movement to rename Shirley

"Floyd Harbor." The member wrote to Betty Shirley, who then got in touch with Stan Prekurat, organizer of the Keep Shirley Shirley Committee.

Betty Shirley said that Walter T. Shirley — the late developer who named the Long Island community for himself — had famous surname-sakes.

For instance, Eliza Shirley organized the Salvation Army. William Shirley was governor of Massachusetts from 1741-56. Robert Shirley was executed in the Tower of London for having built a church during Cromwell's sectarian reign in the 1600s. His son, also named Robert, later married Lady Elizabeth Washington, George's great aunt. Cecelia, the daughter of Sir Thomas Shirley the Elder, and her husband named their Virginia estate the Shirley plantation. And Lee was later born there.

Of course, Shirley and her association of Shirleys are grateful that Belle Starr discarded her maiden name — Myra Belle Shirley — before she joined the infamous James gang.

— Mark Herrmann

TIDE

Thursday, October 30, 1986

Illinois Shirley Favors Her Name

A colorful resident of Rock Island, Illinois has jumped into the running debate about whether Shirley should be renamed Floyd Harbor.

She is Shirley Barrett, who is known in Illinois as a collector of more than 2,000 letters, autographs and pictures of well-known people. She has been in contact with entertainment stars, military figures, astronauts, heads of state and politicians. Most recently she was instrumental in launching a nationwide search for a look alike for the Statue of Liberty. Ah, Shirley loves to write letters!

She wrote one to The TIDE this week, indicating that our Shirley is known somehow to Illinois' Shirley. In it she says:

"My name is Shirley. I

read that some residents don't like the name Shirley for your town and are trying to change it. I think Shirley has more than pizzazz, and the name can be very interesting.

"Shirley gets around you know? This Shirley has traveled the world and never left home. Letters are my Magic Carpet around the world. I have been in touch with the most famous, the poor, lonely, those in prison, those in the military, those who are interesting. I love being in touch and many know me just as Shirley! I am known for my will-power, faith, compassion, different and exciting interest. Allow me to bring a spark of stardust to your town."

"To Shirley from Shirley, with Love."

These Newspaper clippings I have been waiting for for 2 months. They came today and I quickly run these off for you to get some idea of the battle with in the town and community. There are some 30 or more pages of clippings...several on a page. I have them from the Chicago Tribune, New York Tribune and many New York newspapers. To many to included in the issue of the NEWS. I also received more addresses to address letters to and will include here. I know some of you are very talented in letter writing and some of us will do it just to have a voice in the controversy.

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'Keep Shirley Shirley' group meeting Oct. 20

By Michael Graca

Whats in a name? Usually the question is rhetorical, but in Shirley, residents are grouping on opposite sides of the fence over

a proposed name change for the hamlet.

The proposed change—from Shirley to Floyd Harbor—has engendered an organization to oppose the name change, cardboard signs tacked to telephone poles designed to boost "Shirley" pride, and a spate of angry letters-to-the-editor in local papers.

The "Keep Shirley Shirley" movement is, of course, leading the opposition. Next Monday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m., the newly-formed organization will hold a meeting of residents who would like to keep Shirley, Shirley, at the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library

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local stores.

"I'm no expert on public opinion, but there does seem to be a positive response," said George Lasch, a member of the chamber of commerce. "If in fact...there doesn't seem to be significant support for the name change, the name will stay 'Shirley.'"

Fred Towle, a Shirley resident and a leader of the opposition to Floyd Harbor, also has said that he would "have no problem if the people want the name change" although he is personally against it.

He is also calling for an end to the charges and rumors, some of which he considers libelous, that are circulating both sides of the fence. "We hope to restore a spirit of residents working together...I would expect both groups to work together after the issue is settled," said Towle.

But Towle said the chamber of commerce should hold a vote to determine just where the citizens of Shirley stand on the issue. The petitions and ballots the chamber is circulating only allow for a positive response, he explained. "As far as I'm concerned, at this point it's all a whitewash."

[I never made the statement about Belle Starr mentioned the above article!!!].

* More important ones to write to.

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