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10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNED MAY 28th 1988

THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION BEGAN 10 YEARS AGO! We have been in contact with litterly thousands of people and have built a great interest in the Shirley family, not only here in the USA but in other parts of the world. We have a great group of people and we would like to invite those of you who can to come to Anderson, South Carolina and help us celebrate this occasion. I have reserved the Braden's Restaurant special event room. We will have door prizes and surprises and look forward to seeing you. Both members and non-members are invited. Reservations preferred and needed before May 25th as I depart to S.C. If later, please call the restaurant at (803) 226-1284...Eric Black or Dave Kiese. We are making plans for special music etc. I hope you will come and help us celebrate this occasion. It's not 900 years, I know!HA!

For overnight accomodations the following hotels and motels are located in Anderson or nearby:

Best Western 3430 N. Main Anderson
800-528-1234

Holiday Inn 3025 N. Main Anderson
800-465-4329

Days Inn Hiway # I-85 & SC #187
800-325-2525

Ramada Inn US Hiway #76 Clemson, SC
803-654-7501

The price range is in the \$40 range.

The menu is Prime Rib, price including tax and gratuties, \$15 per person.

Hope to see you here! TIME: 6:00PM

REPORT ON THE TRIP TO HONEA PATH

The weather was good! The turnout was good! And Shirley Faye Hill and myself enjoyed meeting all the nice people that attended the March 6th meeting at the First Baptist Church of Honea Path.

About 85 people attended this meeting. My thanks to you who came. Some came several hours journey to be there.

I enjoyed meeting Tom Langston, one of the people who has donated this property for our Shirley Museum. He was abit younger than I envisioned. The attorney was much taller than I thought he would be...you always have certain images of people you haven't met. Jim Austin, the other gentleman who is involved in this property donation was unable to be there as he left for a trip to Australia, etc. I will look forward to meeting him on the next trip.

Our hostess, Lydie Thomas, took ill a couple of days before we came and Caroline Scott, sister of our member Sue Henderson, found us another home to stay while we were there.

Our new host and hostess were Dot and Julian Ricketts. Julian is a Shirley descendanton the John and Elizabeth Barmore Shirley line. They were the parents of William b. 1774 and he the father of John Warren Shirley born Oct 5, 1811 and he was the father of Amaziah Marion Shirley b. Nov 18, 1856 Abbeville who was the father of Ellen Genevieve born 1899 who married W.H. Ricketts.

On another page find a story about this family and their home. They were terrific host and hostess! Thanks! Also very involved in our project now.

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Anderson Independent-Mail



Owen L. Riley Jr./Independent-Mail

Cousins Betty Shirley, left, and Shirley Faye Hill stand in front of the 19th-century family home near Honea Path that they are

planning to restore. The two-story log house, dressed over with gray clapboard, was built by Obediah Shirley.

UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE OBEDIAH SHIRLEY HOUSE

The Obediah Shirley House Foundation, Inc. has been issued its certificate of incorporation by the State of South Carolina, and the petition for tax-exemption status is now pending.

Shirley Faye Hill, the Foundations secretary-treasurer, would like for you to know that the Foundation has adopted by-laws which insure that all funds received "be made available for the discharge of its purpose and the operation of the Foundation and its programs". Complete records are being kept in compliance with the IRS regulations, and an annual audit will be conducted.

Because of the tax exempt status needed, I chose to form a Foundation separate from the Shirley Association. You may wonder how the Shirley Association will continue to be involved in this project since I have set it up as a separate organization. As long as I remain the Foundations President, I will consider the two groups as the same. The Foundation was merely a formality to meet the requirements by the donors of this property who wanted a tax write-off.

If you have any other questions about this please contact me...Betty Shirley
10256 Glencoe Dr. Cupertino, Ca. 95014.

SHIRLEY SPECIALTIES

A Cookbook

An amazing, tantalizing collection of
Special and Rare Recipes from Shirley Descendents

Sassafras Tea
WASSAIL
LEATHER BRITCHES
BEANS
Mawma Doss's
Pecan Pie
Nanny's Tipsey
pudding
Hoppin' John
Southern Gumbo
Buche De Noel
(Christmas Log)
Caribou Hot Pot

Imagine.....

249 recipes compiled from Shirleys living in Alaska, Georgia, New Hampshire, Toronto, Canada, Isfield, England, Rhode Island, Nevada, New Jersey- and many other areas.

Imagine.....

The fun of sharing these fascinating foods with your family - and with others as gift books at Christmas and birthdays.

Believe.....

That every dollar earned by the sale of these cookbooks will go to the restoration and maintenance of the Obediah Shirley House in Honea Path, S. C.

Order now at a reduced rate for the first edition and feast on 249 flavorful dishes from your Shirley Heritage.

PRICE: \$7.95 plus \$1.50 for handling

Nick's Hot
Sauce
Beruch
(Polish-German)
Coco-cola Cake
Wildman Potatoes
Irish Barm
Brack
Shirley's
World Famous
Plum Pudding
Hoe Cake
Potato Candy
Syllabub

The above layout done by Shirley Faye Hill. We certainly have some unique sounding recipes. A terrific collection with recipes not found in your average cookbook!

It will be greatly appreciated if you will order one cookbook for yourself and some for gift giving. How about letting other family members know about this cookbook? They may want you to order some for them when you order yours! The purchases of these cookbooks will help us with much needed funds for the Obediah Shirley project. Please send your check to Shirley Association, 10256 Glencoe Dr. Cupertino, Ca. 95014. Thank You!

JOIN US FOR WORK WEEK!

We would like to invite you to join us in Honea Path, SC. for work week of May 28th thru June 3rd. If you can't be there for the entire week, for what period you can lend us a hand. If you are traveling thru this area, stop in and see what we are doing. I can assure you we will be hard at work!

The lovely people of Honea Path have organized and will be supplying food for the WORKERS and the First Baptist Church has opened the old Shirley Hotel for accommodations for the workers. We are most grateful for their acceptance of our presence in their community.

Take a step back in time with Dot



The Ricketts' home was built in 1905.

Entering the fenced gate surrounding Julian and Dot Ricketts' Victorian home in Honea Path, S.C. is like taking a step back in time.

You could easily believe that you had been transported back to the turn of the century if there weren't small clues of modern times scattered throughout the house and yard. After all, no homes were equipped with a microwave oven when the house was built in 1905, and children had three-wheelers then, but not constructed out of plastic.

An Anderson retired Service Foreman, Julian, and his wife Dot began restoring his grandparents' homeplace in the winter of 1986. Because no one had lived in the house for over 15 years, the place was in a state of disrepair.

Although Julian is sure to point out the places that still need his patient attention, he and Dot moved into their "new" home in the summer of 1986, after starting the restoration process the previous winter.

The home is a showplace, by any means. A graceful arch over the front gate welcomes you into the yard and the comfortable wooden chairs and loveseat from days gone by beckon you to come on up and sit a spell.

Restored close to the original design

"I tried to restore the house as close as I could to the original design," said Julian, referring to the beaded board walls in most of the rooms and the 12-foot ceilings throughout the house. "There were some things that I wasn't sure were original, such as the iron fence across the front yard. But I know it's been there as long as I can remember, which is over 60 years."

Because it had been empty for so long, the flooring had to be replaced. Julian, who is quite the handyman, did most of the work, such as installing a duct system. He and his nephew re-wired the house and Julian had the whole house insulated. Like any well-respected gas company employee, Julian and Dot chose to use all natural gas appliances, including the water heater, range, furnace and clothes dryer.

But something about this house and its furnishings really stands out. It's full of family history and a life in the past. Most of the furniture, except for Julian's favorite resting place—his beloved recliner—are antiques which were passed down through their families. There's a gentleman's dresser, complete with a long vertical mirror and countless drawers and compartments to hold everything imaginable.

An oak sideboard with a giant oak-rimmed mirror with tiny bric-a-brac shelves holds an assortment of carnival glass and other treasures of the past. A corner cupboard that originally belonged to Julian's great grandmother has found a nesting place in the corner of the parlor, next to the ornate mantle which holds the pocketwatches of Julian, his father and his grandfather.

Creative energy through the house

There's also a creative energy about the house. The quilting rack used by Julian's grandmother, holds a bold red, blue and white quilt that she made. The entire structure serves as a headboard for a bed and a whiskey barrel is used as the nightstand. A Kennesaw Biscuit crate houses a collection of magazines and the ice tongs Julian used to deliver ice when he was a very young man hold the paper towels in the kitchen.

"We just like making something out of nothing," said Dot, who, with her husband, shares a love of things from the past. "We go to the 'jockey lot' (a flea market) on most Wednesdays and go to a lot of flea market-type places. We pick things up here and there for a couple of dollars," she said, pointing out the valuable carnival glass punch bowl she bought for 50 cents and the oak chest they purchased for five dollars.

"Julian refinished most of the furniture and it looks so nice," said Dot. "We never knew just how talented he was 'til he got started."

Julian retired in 1984

Julian retired from Piedmont in March of 1984 after 35½ years in the gas business. He was an employee of Anderson Gas and Utility before Piedmont bought it in 1959.

"I remember when there were only 500-600 gas customers in Anderson. That was in the days of manufactured gas when sediments in the line turned to tar and would clog up the line. I got calls at all times of the day.

and Julian Ricketts

As an employee of Anderson Gas and Utility, my name was listed under the company's in the phone book. And I had the distinction of being the first name listed, so I was often the one called.

"I guess you could say that I didn't have set hours since I sometimes worked into the night and on weekends. Sunday mornings always seemed to be a favorite time for the gas lines to clog," he said as he chuckled.

"Somedays I miss not working at the gas company. There were an awful lot of nice people there and I enjoyed my work. But it's also nice to be able to do things when I want to and not follow a set schedule."

Hopes to have a mini-museum

Julian's interest in things of the past extends beyond the boundaries of his home. In an old barn out back, Julian has a collection of old gas refrigerators, washer/dryer combinations and assorted heaters.

"One of these days I'm going to make some sort of area to display these things—sort of a mini-museum," said Julian. "People need to remember these things, because there are none being produced today. It's just interesting to me to know about how



Dot and Julian point out the 1925 date crotched into a coverlet made by his grandmother.

things used to be done."

Aside from refinishing furniture on the front porch and in the backyard workshop, Julian and Dot spend a couple of nights a week square-dancing. Julian is also a member of the choir at their church, Honea Path Presbyterian.

And they've always got a good story or riddle to tell to entertain themselves and those who drop by for a visit.

Love for visitors to come by

Like most families, they love for

their children, Robert and Mary Jane, and their four grandchildren to visit. A favorite Sunday afternoon event is a grand meal prepared by Dot and enjoyed by the children, grandchildren and any of Dot and Julian's extensive collection of family and friends.

"We're so proud of our children," said Dot. "Robert is the Assistant Athletic Director in Finance at Clemson University and Mary Jane is a music teacher at the local middle school. But we'd be proud of them if they dug ditches, as long as they're honest."

Dot and Julian seem to have found the secret to a happy and healthy life. They enjoy an occasional lazy afternoon, but they're often on the go.

"We stay busy so we don't get old," said Dot. "Going around with young people keeps us young, too," she said, referring to their recent trip to the Citrus Bowl with several other couples. "We just enjoy life. That's where people fall short, they just don't take time anymore. Being a good neighbor, loving somebody and just taking time out for others. That's what counts in life. And we sure enjoy it." □



The corner cabinet belonged to Julian's great grandmother. The pocket-watches of Julian, his father and grandfather are displayed on the mantle.



VOTES 75TH YEAR—Joe Shirley Sr., of Townville, 95, casts his ballot in Tuesday's primary—75th year he's exercised his electoral privilege. He voted first in 1880, hasn't missed an election since. (Independent photo).

RECALLS HAMPTON ERA

Townville's Joe Shirley, 95, Believes In Casting Ballot

TOWNVILLE, June 23 — Like a lot of other voters, Joe Shirley, Sr., of Townville went to the polls Tuesday, cast his ballot, then stayed to talk awhile with other voters.

UNLIKE OTHERS, though, Mr. Shirley was casting a ballot for at least the 75th time — having voted in every county and state since he first became old enough in 1880.

Now 95 Mr. Shirley recalled some of the campaigns of the past — for benefit of youngsters of 60 or so who couldn't remember them.

Most heated campaign, he recalled, occurred a few years before he was old enough to vote. That was the one in which Wade Hampton and his Red Shirts defeated the carpetbag governor D. H. Chamberlain.

"We had our own ways of getting out the vote in those days," he chuckled as he recalled riding about the countryside with Hampton's Red Shirts, rousting voters out of their homes and encouraging them to go to the polls and vote out the "Yankee carpetbaggers."

A NATIVE OF the Shirley's Store section of Anderson County, he moved to the Townville area about 1870, has lived there ever since, except for "about 20 years in Georgia."

Since 1880, the year he was 21, Mr. Shirley has voted in every election.

"Voting's one privilege I always exercise," he told the younger men around the Townville box, as he cast his ballot.

Newspaper clipping
Dot and Julian Ricketts.

Annie Shirley

Resolutions passed by the Westminster League of the Presbyterian church of Honea Path.

On the morning of June 21st, 1911, Annie Shirley passed from her home in Honea Path to her eternal home in Heaven. When Heaven gained a new soul the Westminster League lost one of its charter members and one of its most faithful co-workers.

We tender our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family, commending them to the care and never failing love of Him in whom she trusted.

Not now but in the coming years,

It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears,

And then, sometime, we'll understand.

Thomasine Brock,
Jeanette Clatworthy,
Frances Shirley,
Committee.

Shirley Funeral

MARTIN, Ga., June 13 —Funeral services for Robert Lee Shirley, 74, who died at his home here last night following an extended illness, will be held from the Martin Baptist Church Thursday at 11 a. m. The Rev. Robert Dowd will conduct the rites, and burial will be in the Martin cemetery.

Pallbearers: Herbert Whitworth, Paul Price, Jack Burroughs, D. L. Shirley, Jr., Henry L. Whitworth and Felton Price.

A native of Lavonia, Mr. Shirley spent all of his life in Franklin and Stephens Counties. He was a son of the late Henry R. and Rhoda Thomas Shirley, a member of the Martin Baptist Church, and the Masonic Lodge at Townville, S. C.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Maggie Farmer Shirley, he is survived by six daughters, including Mrs. M. Smith and Mrs. Mike Altman, of Anderson; four sisters, Mrs. Ann Price, Miss Macie Shirley, and Mrs. Birdie Whitworth, of Lavonia and Mrs. Clio Burroughs of Atlanta; one brother, D. L. Shirley of Atlanta; 12 grandchildren.

The body is at the residence with Weldon Funeral Home in charge.

Miss Koratine Shirley

HONEA PATH — Miss Koratine Shirley, 79, lifelong resident of Honea Path, died in Anderson Memorial Hospital about 5:40 a.m. Monday following a brief illness.

Miss Shirley was a native of Anderson County. She was a daughter of the late James N. and Sula Tribble Shirley, and was a member of Barker's Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors include one brother, H. B. Shirley of Honea Path; three sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Jones of Ware Shoals, Mrs. O. E. Gasaway of Honea Path, and Mrs. J. A. Robinson of Belton; and five half-brothers and sisters: Dr. Jim Shirley of Anderson, Thomas A. Shirley of Greenville, Sloan B. Shirley, Mrs. Furman Mitchell and Mrs. Howard Mitchell, all of Honea Path.

Funeral services will be held from Barker's Creek Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Rev. W. H. Floyd and the Rev. E. B. Bagby will conduct the rites. Burial will follow in the Barker's Creek cemetery.

Pallbearers: James Shirley, James Branyon, Billy Shirley, Charles Mitchell, Sloan Mitchell, and Cowan Robinson.

The body, now at the Pruitt Funeral Home, will be placed in the church at 1:30 p.m., an hour before the services.

Mr. John Shirley, son of Mr. Will Shirley died last Saturday morning at the home of Mr. Johnnie Murdock in Martin township, after an illness of only one day. He had gone to a corn shucking at Mr. Murdock's home on Friday and took suddenly ill. He was given prompt medical attention but never rallied. Mr. Shirley had been ill for some time with a heart affection and this was the cause of his untimely death. He was about 20 years of age and was popular with all who knew him. The interment was at Mt. Bethel church on Sunday afternoon.

KENTUCKY SHIRLEYS

Ann Mary Cockrill was the daughter of Judge Benjamin F. Cockrill and Amanda SHIRLEY of Glasco, Kentucky. He was a Circuit Court Judge and traveled on horseback from one town to another for many years before finally settling down to practice law in his later years in the Glasco area.

Ann Mary Cockrill's Mother, Amanda Shirley Cockrill died when Ann Mary was a little girl. So, Ann Mary lived with her sister, Cora Cockrill Dillion, until she was 13 years old. When she was about 13 her sister, Cora, passed away.

Ann Mary's father placed her in a boarding school for girls, and when she was ready for advanced education, he placed her at Normal College at Bowlinggreen, Kentucky. It was while she was obtaining her education that she met, and subsequently married Professor William Thomas Beams. He was approximately 11½ years older than her.

They were married on March 17, 1885 at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Ann Mary's brother, Eugen Cockrill, and his family lived in Jeffersonville. After their marriage, she and her husband visited there with the family for several weeks.

My Mother was only 16 years old when she married. They had to travel from Green County, Kentucky to Jeffersonville Indiana to get the license. Attended by Minnie Calvin, Papa's niece, riding to Upton, Kentucky, then by train to Louisville, Kentucky. They crossed the Ohio River on a ferry boat to Indiana.

Mama's wedding dress (and her attendants dress) was made of wine colored satin, handmade by a dressmaker. Her coat, hat, gloves and shoes were black. Their traveling suits were of brown alpaca.

I do not know anything of my grandfather's (Benjamin Cockrill) relatives. He died when I was a little girl.

My maternal grandmother was Amanda Shirley.

My maternal great grandmother was Harriett Logan. She married a Mr. Shirley. Harriett was a sister to William G. Logan. He owned vast acres of land in Texas, some of which was never claimed by the heirs. Much of this land was taken up by squatters

years ago and now has yeilded oil. William G. Logan married a lady named Miss. Bell, of Mammoth Cave, Kentucky.

info from Shirley Brooke, granddaughter of Mary Ruth Beams Camp who wrote this for her before she died.

From your editor... the lineage for above!

Thomas Shirley b. Mar 21, 1761 who was married to Mollie Yates were the parents of William A. Shirley b. May 29, 1792 Spotsylvania Co. Va. and he married Harriet H. Logan. They lived in Barren Co. Kentucky.
Children...

1. Amanda Jane b. Sept 28, 1822
married B.F. Cockrill Apr 1, 1845
2. Mary Anderson b. 1824 m. W.B. Morris
3. William T. b. 1826
4. James Albert b. 1829
5. Sally b. 1832 m. W.S. Jourdon
6. Nancy P. b. 1834 m. HC Mitchell
7. Christopher T. b. 1837 m. Cornelia Garney

WALTER SHIRLEY LINE

Henry, Grant Co. West Virginia Sept 4, 1912
To B.F. Shirley, Esq.
Tetart, W. VA.

My dear Sir - Your esteemed favor and very interesting letter of the first received and will say in reply I have it that your grandfathers name was Jarvis Shirley and your grandmothers name Mary Riley, the only sister of Richard Riley who died in child birth when your father was born (Ephram). You say in your letter that your grandfathers name was Samuel Shirley and your great grandfathers name was Walter Shirley. Who could Jarvis have been?

I am glad you giving me so much valuable assistance as it would be impossible for me to do this alone. I am also very glad to get the photographs and if you have any old photographs send them to me and I will have others taken off and return the old pictures to you. If you have any old family relicts you wish to preserve send them to me and I will keep them for the family. Very often we have an old piece of furniture that we would throw away or give away which if very well preserved could be kept as a family relict. Old dishes, pipes, buttons, guns, knife, pictures, clothing or

anything worth keeping. Brother Jesse has an old sword said to be Richard Rileys fathers and some claim he was in the Revolutionary War and carried this sword. I have and old hymn book of Richard Rileys. I will wait to hear from you again. Your letters are very good. Enclosed please find a stamp for reply. Thank you for the pictures you are sending. Give dates when ever possible also places.

Very Sincerely,

R. M. Riley, MD

sent by Paul and Janice Shirley

Picture sent by Gladys Luck...

On the back of this picture it says taken in the spring of 1901/2 and has the name of Mike Scott and Love, Crett, Paudine Love, Bretton and Gene Shirley and some other names Gladys could not read well. Picture was taken in Barren or Metcalf Co. Kentucky. CAN ANYONE IDENTIFY THIS PICTURE AND THOSE IN IT?

From your editor....I have checked the area and the clues in my files would suggest the following group of Shirleys...

In the 1880 census of Metcalf Co. Ky we find Elijah Shirley b. ca. 1803 Ky. He was the son of Thomas And Hannah Dale Shirley. Thomas was the son of Thomas and Mollie Grubb Shirley. Elijah Shirley shows a son William J. b. ca. 1838 Ky. who has a son Eugene in the census. This would be the only person who has a name of Gene at this time that I can see.

Gladys, the interesting thing is that William J. is the brother of your ancestor, Robert. That is probably why you have the picture. You just didn't know who was in the picture and how it relates to your family.

The other interesting thing is... William H. Shirley b. ca. 1848 Ky. son of George b. ca. 1815 who was a son of Col. John Warfield Shirley has a brother in law living in his home in Metcalf Co. in 1880 census... named Edward LOVE. This has to be a large gathering of the Shirley and related families in Metcalf Co. Ky.

Anyone else have any input as to this picture???



Taken in 1901 or 1902 Barren or Metcalf Co. Kentucky

SOME NEWS FROM YOUR EDITOR FROM
HERE AND THERE....

Last week, I entertained our England researcher for a few days. We had some lengthy chats and had a great time talking about Shirleys.

He brought me a newspaper from England the day he left and on the front page was reference to Earl Ferrers. He has returned to the bench in the Upper Chamber in the House of Parliament. The 13th Earl was asked to return as deputy leader of the Lords, and become a Home Office Minister, to boost the front bench on the retirement of Lord Whitelaw.

[for those newer members...The Earl is a Shirley].

Upon my return home from Honea Path on Monday eve. March 7th, I had no idea of what was about to transpire the following day. Tuesday morning, I sat around the kitchen and was taking my time at getting started on the daily chores. About 9:30 AM the phone rang and my oldest daughter was very emotional saying that her husband had just been in another auto accident and he was being rushed to Stanford Hospital. She was concerned about the kids in school and etc..I assured her to rush on to the hospital and we would see about the kids.

Later, my husband and I rushed over to the hospital to find that Greg was in brain surgery and we had a very serious situation here. We waited for hours and the word was not good. He lasted for two days and died. He leaves three children and I spent quite a bit of time with them from the time of the accident until after the funeral. Greg was 31 years old. You who have been thru this know what we are going thru. Realization is not there even yet. You know it in your head, but it is something you just learn to live with over a period of time.

Recently...I spoke to Ethel Updike. She wrote a book in 1969 about a lot of people including the Shirleys of South Carolina area. She is blind and 2 of her sisters live with her. She had not heard about the England Celebration, nor did she know about the Obediah project. She seemed please to to learn about it. I let her know her work has been of great help to me when I was starting this 10 years ago!

That's about it for now...

HELP NEEDED!

Any information concerning Elijah Wiley or Wiley Elijah Shirley b. ca. 1820 Tenn who died in Ark. 1911 would be appreciated! He was my great great grandfather. Thank you!

Ray Montgomery
410 South 1st Ave.
Danville, Ia. 52623

SHIRLEY CEMETARY

Located on Thomas G. Shirley property on the right bank of Long Savannah Creek 1000 feet east of Ooltewah-Snow Hill Road. This cemetery contains 80 graves, several monuments, and the appearance of it is fair. Present access is by private road from County Road to within 300 feet of cemetery, which will be unimpaired by the inundation of the lake area.

- #1-3 Unknown
- #4 J.B. Shirley 1845 to 1902
- #5 Willie S. Shirley 1891 to 1893
- #6 Robert S. Shirley 1879-1880
- #7 Bonnie S. Shirley
- #8 T.G. Shirley 1797 to 1886
- #9-15 unknown
- 16 Mary A. Rawlings 4/7/1820 to 12/5/1843 Consort of A.J. Rawlings
- #17-46 Unknown
- #47 Cordelia Cate June 22, 1850
- #48-80 unknown

Info sent by Ruth Shirley...

From editor...see this family in July 1983 NEWS page 5.

HABERSHAM CO. GEORGIA 1840 CENSUS

Aaron b. 1810-1820
Aaron b. 1770-1780
Charles b. 1813 SC
Moses Sr. b. 1770-1780
Moses Jr.
Hardy b. 1810-1820
John (didn't look up his age)
1850 Habersham Co. heads of household

Aaron b. ca. 1806 S.C.
Aaron (deceased) Lisa wife (he b. 1768 S
Aaron b. ca. 1827 Ga. liv. Fuller family
Berryman b. ca. 1826 Ga.
Beverly b. ca. 1815 Ga.
Charles b. 1813 Ga.
Moses b. 1806 SC
Y.J. b. ca. 1818 SC



DAVIS SHIRLEY FAMILY REUNION IN BRYAN TEXAS 1986

Davis Shirley was born ca. 1826 in Laurens Co. South Carolina. He was the son of Eli Shirley born Sept 1, 1797 of Laurens Co. SC.

Material relating to this branch of the family has been written in several past issues of the NEWS. APR 1980 p.3, JAN 1981 p. 8, APR 1981 p.6, 7, APR 1982 p.9, 10,11 and other articles on Laurens Co. Area Shirleys.

FROM YOUR EDITOR...I PLAN TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON THIS FAMILY AS WELL AS OTHERS IN THIS PENDLETON AND LAURENS CO. AREA WHILE I AM IN HONEA PATH AREA FOR WORK WEEK. HOPE TO FIND SOMETHING FOR A REPORT NEXT ISSUE!

There is an active group working on the Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama Shirley group. They have promised for sometime to share their information. We would appreciate hearing from you. Thank you! Their roots from the above area of S.C.

1820 Habersham Co. Ga. census...

Berryman Shirley b. 1794-1802

Moses Shirley b. 1775-1794

Moses b. before 1775

1830 census.....Habersham Co. Ga.

Riley Shirley b. 1800-1810

John Shirley b. 1800-1810

Moses Shirley b. 1760-1770

Robert Shirley b.ca. 1768 of Raburn Creek or Shirley Town in Laurens Co. SC was the son of John and Rebecca Shirley. John was the son of Richard Shirley born about 1712.

On Oct 5, 1811 Robert Shirley of Fairfield Co. sold 150 acres on Raburn Creek, part of a tract containing 500 acres granted to Richard Shirley Feb 15, 1769, now sell to Robert Shirley son of John Shirley of Laurens Co. SC. Wit. John Shirley, Elijah Shirley. Thus we see that Robert, son of Richard, settled in Fairfield Co. SC. while Robert son of John Shirley remained in Laurens Co. SC.

On Feb 5, 1823 Robert Shirley of Laurens Co. to Beverly Shirley release 60 acres adjoining land of John Shirley, Robert Shirley et al. Robert Shirley was adm. of his fathers estate in 1816.

On Jan 14, 1832 Eli Shirley sold to David Anderson 75 acres East by Beverly Shirley, North by James and Jency Shirley and west by Reedy River, wit. Robert Boyd. signed Eli and Elizabeth Shirley, dower.

On Apr 2, 1827 Aaron Shirley and wife Elizabeth of Laurens Co. sold to David Anderson 84 acres adjoining George Anderson on Raburn Creek.

Beverly and Aaron lived in Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama and then went to Habersham Co. Ga.

FROM...UPDIKE BOOK!

The City of Anderson and Anderson County are located in an area that once was a part of earlier Pendleton District. This early district was made up of the present Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties. Together with the early Greenville District (County), this was the last part of the state to be settled. Thus, Andersonians live in an area that is known as South Carolina's last frontier--a region lying at the foot of a range of the Appalachian Mountains, which are among the oldest in the world. Popularly referred to as the South Carolina Upcountry, this territory belonged to the Cherokee Indians until the Revolutionary War and was never a part of the English Colony. As a part of the once vast Cherokee Indian Nation, it was known as the Cherokee Lowerhills.

The village of Pendleton was too near the new Anderson County line to serve as the seat of government for the new county. The Founding Act passed by the Legislature on December 20, 1826, named a commission of five men to select a site as near the center of the county as possible for the location of the Anderson Court House. The commission decided upon a suitable site for the court house and the village of Anderson in February, 1827, which is the city's founding date.

The City and County of Anderson were named for General Robert Anderson. He was born in 1741 in August County, Virginia, his parents having come to this country from Ireland. As a young man, he came to South Carolina to aid his good friend Andrew Pickens in surveying some land that had been ceded to the English Colony by the Indians.

Anderson returned to Virginia to marry Ann Thompson and brought her back to South Carolina where they settled at Long Canes (Abbeville County). Anderson later moved to the newly opened Upcountry and settled in early Pendleton District near the Seneca River, on the side of the river that became a part of Anderson County when the old district was divided.

The Village of Anderson was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature on December 19, 1833. Until that time, Anderson had no form of municipal government. The Act of Incorporation extended the village limits to a mile within every direction of the court house and set up a government by an Intendant and four Wardens. It scheduled Anderson's first municipal election on the third Monday in January, 1834. Anderson's observance of its sesquicentennial in 1983 was based on the 1833 Act of Incorporation which recognized Anderson as a municipality with powers of self-government. Until the 1880's, the village was known officially as Anderson Courthouse. In 1882, the form of government was changed from Intendant and Wardens to Mayor and City Council, thus signaling the emergence of Anderson as a city.

Anderson County and the City of Anderson have made history in many ways. At the turn of the century, Anderson was given the name "The Electric City" because it was the first town in the South to have an unlimited supply of hydro-electric power available for continuous use. In 1894, William C. Whitner became the president of the newly organized Anderson Water and Light Company. The following year, he successfully transmitted electricity over long distance lines from McFall's grist mill at High Shoals to Anderson, the first such achievement in the South. This opened the way for an industrial revolution in the Southern states. The first little hydro-electric plant at High Shoals on Rocky River, six miles from Anderson, continued to operate until

Portman Shoals power plant on the Seneca River, ten miles from Anderson, was completed by the Anderson Water, Light and Power Company in 1898. The site of the plant was inundated by the waters of Lake Hartwell.

The first cotton gin in the world to be operated by electricity was that of Oliver Bolt in Anderson County during 1897. In addition, one of the earliest cotton mills in Dixie was located at La France in 1838 and has run continuously since that time.

Anderson owes its prosperity to textiles and other industries and diversified farming. In agricultural development, the county has moved steadily forward. It is the largest producer of beef cattle, second in dairying and first in wheat production in the state, and first in cotton production in the Piedmont area.

Anderson County was 150 years old on December 20, 1976, and the City of Anderson was 150 years old on December 19, 1983.

POINTS OF HISTORIC INTEREST IN ANDERSON COUNTY

THE OLD REFORMER - This little brass cannon of English make was brought to Charleston in 1764 by a group of German immigrants who were befriended by the King of England when they were stranded in London. The King outfitted two ships with goods and arms, including the cannon, for the Germans' voyage to the New World. The cannon is believed to have been used in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Some years later, Col. Eliab Moore, a Revolutionary War leader who settled near High Shoals and organized the Fourth Regiment of Militia in which he served as First Colonel, acquired the cannon for use by his artillery company at Howard's Old Field. It was hauled to this area from Hamburg, a now vanished riverport on the Savannah River, by Luke Hanks. It was said the cannon was fired when Governor George McDuffie came to review the militia at annual musters. In later years, Col. John Moore and his brothers James and Sam (Eliab Moore's grandsons) bought a large tract of land belonging to Thomas Dean. While looking over the property, they found the abandoned cannon and had their nephew John Smith haul it to the city of Anderson. The cannon was turned over to Smith's custody since he had served as a sergeant at Fort Moultrie and was well drilled in artillery. Tradition has it that the cannon's voice blazoned the news of the signing of the Ordinance of Secession in 1860. Smith gave it the name "The Old Reformer".

When the Democratic gubernatorial campaign for Wade Hampton opened in Anderson in 1876, John Smith mounted the cannon on his wagon and carried it to political meetings all over the county and surrounding area. On one occasion in Abbeville County while Smith was absent, the cannon was fired loaded with chains and iron spikes. Cuts in the weapon were caused by this. After the campaign, the cannon was abandoned and lay buried in the dirt at the old Anderson depot for a long time. Finally, it was rescued by W. R. Hubbard and placed on his lawn. It remained there until 1905-06 when it was turned over to the Catechee Chapter, D.A.R., and placed near the intersection of North Main and Orr Streets. Eventually it became hazardous to automobile traffic, was removed and again disappeared from sight. It was rescued for a third time during Mayor Foster Fant's first term of office (1920-1922) and at this time it was mounted and placed on the Plaza where it stands today. By this time, its fine carriage had rotted away. The iron from the old support had been used during the Civil War to make ploughshares.

PENDLETON, SOUTH CAROLINA

"A grand center of society and trade, one of the foremost pioneer towns in the South." This was a description of early Pendleton, an Anderson County community born of the American Revolution and carved from the land of the Cherokee Indians.

In existence since April 8, 1790, Pendleton was the pioneer court house seat of the old Pendleton District, now Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties. While a part of Anderson County today, Pendleton was a village thirty-six years before Anderson's founding. Hardy Scotch-Irish settlers first settled here and soon their ruggedness was mixed with the aristocracy of the Low-country, many of whom built massive summer homes in Pendleton.

Pendleton's majestic past is still in the limelight. In the fall of 1970, the entire town and an area extending into Pickens County to Lake Hartwell was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district. Comprising 6,316 acres, it is one of the largest historic districts in the nation.

Some examples of Pendleton's history are listed as:

WOODBURN - This impressive plantation was occupied before 1832 by the Charles Cotesworth Pinckney family and in the following decades other prominent families were associated with it. Today, like Ashtabula, it is operated by the Foundation on the same schedule and there are many fine furnishings in the house.

AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM - Adjoining the grounds of Woodburn, the museum (6,000 square feet) is not an old structure itself, but it displays many artifacts associated with farming in the early days. The emphasis is on heavy equipment like threshers, cotton gins, hay balers, shredders, etc.

HUNTER'S STORE - This 1850 general store building, one of the prominent landmarks in town as it sits on a hill by itself at the main intersection of the downtown area, is now headquarters for the Pendleton District Historical and Recreational Commission. Exhibits, books, arts and crafts, tour information, and extensive research facilities are available.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The County and Town of Anderson were named for General Robert Anderson, a partisan leader in the Revolution.

The Town of Belton was named for Judge Belton O'Neal.

The Town of Honea Path was originally named Honey Path. The town was named for William Honey, early trader and large landowner in the area. It is believed the name was changed to Honea Path because of an error in spelling in a later document where the "y" was so illegible it was mistaken for an "a".

The Town of Iva was originally Cook's Station for Dr. Cook, a prominent local physician, and the post office was named for his daughter Iva. The name Cook was dropped in favor of Iva for both station and post office.

The Town of Pelzer was named for Francis J. Pelzer who was one of the organizers of Pelzer Manufacturing Company.

The Town of Pendleton was named for Judge Henry Pendleton, a Virginian who came to live in South Carolina and made a name for himself as a jurist.

HIGH SHOALS - A historical marker erected on the Belton Highway near the Shoals by the Anderson County Historical Society reads as follows: "High Shoals, 2.9 miles south on Rocky River. Anderson Water, Light and Power Company, organized in 1894 by William C. Whitner, was successful the next year in transmitting electricity over the distance of six miles to Anderson. This achievement was the herald of the Industrial Revolution in the South."

BIG CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH - Located in the Town of Williamston, the Big Creek Baptist Church is noted by a historical marker. It was organized in 1788 by Elder Moses Holland and is the mother church of several others in Anderson County. Soldiers of five wars lie buried in the cemetery.

OLD STONE CHURCH - This church was of Presbyterian denomination and was built by John Rusk, a stonemason by trade and an ancestor of former Secretary of State Dean Rusk. The building replaced an early log church that burned. The foundation was laid in 1797 and the building was completed about 1802 or earlier. Among the founders of the church were General Robert Anderson and General Andrew Pickens, both of whom are buried in the church yard. The wavy lines in the church walls were more than likely caused by the Charleston earthquake in 1886. Many famous men and women from as far back as the American Revolution are buried in the church cemetery.

ANDERSON HISTORIC DISTRICT - There are two historic districts in Anderson. Some of the homes included in the historical residential area are:

Christopher Orr's Tavern, built 1835, served as a hostelry as well as a home. Moved from original location to present location on Manning Street.

The Poppe House on South McDuffie Street was built by a Charlestonian in 1859. Julius Poppe, a native of Leipzig, Germany, and his wife lived there from 1862 to early 20th Century.

The Frierson-Marshall House, also on S. McDuffie Street, is distinguished by its unusual steamboat Victorian trim.

The John P. Sullivan House of rare Chinese Chippendale architecture was built by a Charlestonian as a summer home in 1860.

The Earle-Broyles-Acker House was built by Samuel Girard

Earle of Evergreen Plantation as his town house. It was also known as Evergreen. This house has been enlarged and changed but the core of the house is the original town house built about 1836.

The Chenault-Watkins House, South Main Street, is now the restaurant known as 1109 South Main.

The Caldwell-Johnson-Morris House, built in 1851, is now the restaurant known as Morris Street Tea Room.

Several other homes of historic interest outside the Historic District are the Wilhite-Brown House, the Brock-Brown House, the Prevost-Gibson House, the Hubbard-King House, the Rufus Fant, Sr. House and the Holleman-Rivers-Rice House. Also, there is Miss Frierson's one-room school house on North Main Street which has been restored by Anderson Heritage and is open for tour by appointment.

The Downtown Area is Anderson's second historic district. It includes many historic buildings including the Court House, City Hall, the Sullivan Hardware Building, the Chiquola Hotel Building (now Plaza Apartments), the Blue Ridge Railway Passenger Station, the Bank of Anderson Building, the Masonic Temple, and the G. F. Tolly Furniture Company Building. All of these have permanent markers.