



LEWIS SHIRLEY, JR. b. 1833  
at his home near  
Cherry Valley, Flora Twp. Boone Co. Illinois

Lewis Shirley, Jr., one of the early settlers now residing in Flora Twp. Boone Co. Illinois, was born in LaPorte County, Indiana, Jan. 12, 1833. He is a son of Lewis Shirley born March 25, 1793 Bedford Co. Pa. He was the son of George Shirley born ca. 1761 and died in 1827, Morgan Co. Ohio.

Lewis Shirley, Sr. removed to Ohio from Pennsylvania about 1810 with his parents. He married Julia Keith in Morgan Co. Ohio in 1814, and unto them were born six children.

Peter; Nancy, wife of Jacob Cline, Lewis (of this sketch), George, who resides near Waterloo, Iowa; Ruhama, wife of William Mervin; and Julia, who married William Witter.

In 1825 Lewis Shirley, Sr. removed from Ohio and settled in La Porte Co. Indiana, where he was one of the early settlers. He located on Doore Prairie and securing a tract of Government land, at once erected the log house in which our subject was born. His son, Adam K. was the first white child born in this county. The father of our subject resided in



Indiana until 1835, then, in company of his wife and children, he made the journey overland with teams to Illinois, and located in Winnebago County before it was organized. Indians were still in the vicinity, and deer, bear and other wild animals were plentiful, and roamed at will over the country. Mr. Shirley selected Government land bor in Cherry Valley Twp. Winnebago Co and in Flora Twp., Boone Co. Illinois. He erected a log house on the former the roof being formed of rived clapboards and for a time the cabin did not even have a floor, and in lieu of a door a blanket was hung across an opening in the wall. There was plenty of water on the farm and Mr. Shirley building a saw and grist mill operated these in addition to carrying on his estate. He resided in Cherry Valley, with the exception of a few years when he was in California, until his decease, December 6, 1872.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Julia Keith: she was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Peter Keith, and departed this life on the home farm in 1837. After her death, Lewis chose for his second wife, Miss. Mary O'Hara, who died in 1887. The seven children of this first marriage were:

1. Silas
2. Mary Ann b. 1819 Morgan Co. Ohio
3. Jane
4. Adam b. 1829 (FIRST WHITE CHILD
5. Lewis, Jr. b. LaPorte Co. Ind)
6. Charles W. b, ca, 1835 Ind.
7. Elizabeth

Lewis Shirley, Jr., was two years of age when brought to Illinois by his parents, and remembers well the incidents of pioneer life here. He attended the first school ever taught in this section, the temple of learning being a log house with slab seat set on common wooden pins for legs. Holes were bored in the walls, pins inserted, and a slab laid on to serve for the larger scholars to write on. When but a mere boy, he used to go to Chicago with his father, the latter leading off with a team, and Lewis Jr following with another. loaded with wheat which sometimes would only bring forty-two cents per bushel.

In 1859, Lewis Jr., went to California, making the entire journey overland with ox teams. At that time there were no

white settlements on the plains, and the buffalo and antelopes were numerous. After five months' travel, he arrived in the Golden State, and for a short time was engaged in mining, then began dealing in wood. He remained there about five years, at the end of which time he returned home and resumed farming. In 1864, Mr Shirley located on the farm which he now owns and occupies, which was a portion of the land which his father entered from the Government. In addition to farming he has engaged quite extensively in the wood business in which undertaking he has been very successful. His estate is one of the finest in the county containing five hundred and seventy-five well improved acres.

November 3, 1861, Miss Leah Ream became the wife of our subject, Lewis Jr. She was a native of the Keystone State, and departed this life February 28, 1876. The second wife of Mr. Shirley, to whom he was married March 14, 1880, was Sophia Z. Smith, a native of Carroll Co. Ohio. Lewis Jr. and Leah were the parents of:

1. Celestia Sophronia
2. Flora F. d age 13 (scarlet fever)
3. Caroline Alice d. 1903
4. Roswell Ream
5. Gertrude d. age 7 (scarlet fever)
6. Delbert Wallace b. 1876 Boone Co Ill

Lewis Jr and Sophia child:

7. James Lewis "Jay" b. Jan 23, 1884



Delbert Wallace Shirley



Delbert Wallace Shirley & Minnie E. Carlson  
on their wedding day, Oct 31, 1901 Ill.

*Material taken from:  
Portrait and Biographical Records  
of Winnebago and Boone Counties  
Illinois.*

*Sent to the NEWS by Mr. and Mrs.  
Delbert Wallace Shirley, Jr. and  
from Russell Keith.*



Delbert and Minnie



James Shirley b. ca. 17\_\_\_\_.  
d. July 23, 1801 Barren Co. Ky  
m. Mary\_\_\_\_.  
children as listed in deed 1799

1. Ezekiel b. ca. 1775 Va.  
d. 1864 Perry, Boone Co. Ind  
m. Dolly Shirley (dau of Arge Shirley).  
children:

(1). Dickinson b. 1796 Scott Co. Ky  
m. Elizabeth Hamrick  
children: (known)

\*\* A. Caleb b. July 17, 1817 Ky.  
d. 1876 Harrison, Boone Co Indiana  
m. Mary (Dale) McReynolds  
July 17, 1837 Boone Co. Ind  
m2nd Eliz. Kenady July 1859  
children:

\*\* (a) James W. Apr 18, 1838  
m. Sarah Bright  
(b) Mathew E. 1840  
m. Ann Weekly  
(c) Henry S. 1842  
m. Mary E. \_\_\_\_  
(d) Jarret June 21, 1845  
m. Harriett Hedge  
(f) Emily 1847  
m. Wm F. Proctor  
(g) Eliza 1849  
(h) Malinda 1849  
(i) William S.  
(j) Jesse B. 1852

B. Ezekiel b. 1822 Scott Co Ky  
m. Juliann Dale Mar 12, 1842  
children:  
(a) Eliz. A 1843  
(b) Melvina P. 1848  
(c) William A 1848  
m. Sarah Vidator 1869  
(d) George C. 1851  
m. Mary Clemments 1871  
(e) Henry 1852  
(f) Mary Jane 1854

C. Jesse B. 1831 Boone Co Ind  
m. 1st Mary Etherington 1854  
m. 2nd Sarah E.  
children:  
(a) Margaret E. 1858  
m. Thomas L Roberts  
(b) Clinton 1861  
(c) Fielding T. 1862  
m. 1st Mary A Belt  
m 2nd Mary Huffman  
(d) Henry E. 1867  
m. Mary B. Long  
(e) Harriett A 1870  
(f) Levi E. 1877

\*\* [see story in this issue]

D. Benjamin  
E. Lydia C. 1834  
F. Louisa 1838

(2). Elias b. 1798 Scott Co Ky  
d. July 29, 1885 Perry, Boone Co Ind  
m. Martha

children: (known)

A. Parmela b. 1828 Ky  
B. Sarah A b. 1831 Ind  
C. Hilda b. 1841 Ind  
D. Jesse Luke 1842 Ind

(3) Elisha b. Feb 11, 1805 Scott Co Ky  
d. Apr 8, 1889 Boone Co. Ind.  
m. 1st

m. 2nd Eliz. Ford Oct 24, 1841  
children:

A. Fanny J 1831 Ind  
B. Pamela 1837 Ind  
C. Mary 1843 Ind  
D. Clarinda 1845 Ind  
E. Johnson 1847 Ind  
F. Nancy A 1849 Ind  
G. Eliza 1852 Ind  
H. David 1859 Ind

(4) Benjamin b. Jan 1811 Scott Co Ky  
d. Jan 1882 Boone Co. Indiana  
m. Lydia A. Hamrick d. 1876  
m. Jane Smith Jan 18, 1877

children: (known)

A. Delila 1831 Ind  
B. Elspa Jane 1838 Ind  
C. Trustin W. 1840 d. Sept 9, 1919  
m. Mary E. Chambers Jan 19, 1860  
children:

(a) Drusilla 1863  
(b) Lewis A 1867 Ind  
m. Mattie R. Caldwell  
m. Ethel M Burns  
(c) Emma B 1870  
m. Thomas F. Caldwell  
(d) Lydie M 1873  
m. Edward J Padgett  
(e) Mamie A 1878 Ind  
m. Ara Dinsmore  
(f) Bessie 1883  
m. Orville Miller  
(g) Lora T 1885 Ind  
m. Audie Silver

D. Doctor J 1844 Ind  
m. Margaret Randal Jan 30, 1868  
children:

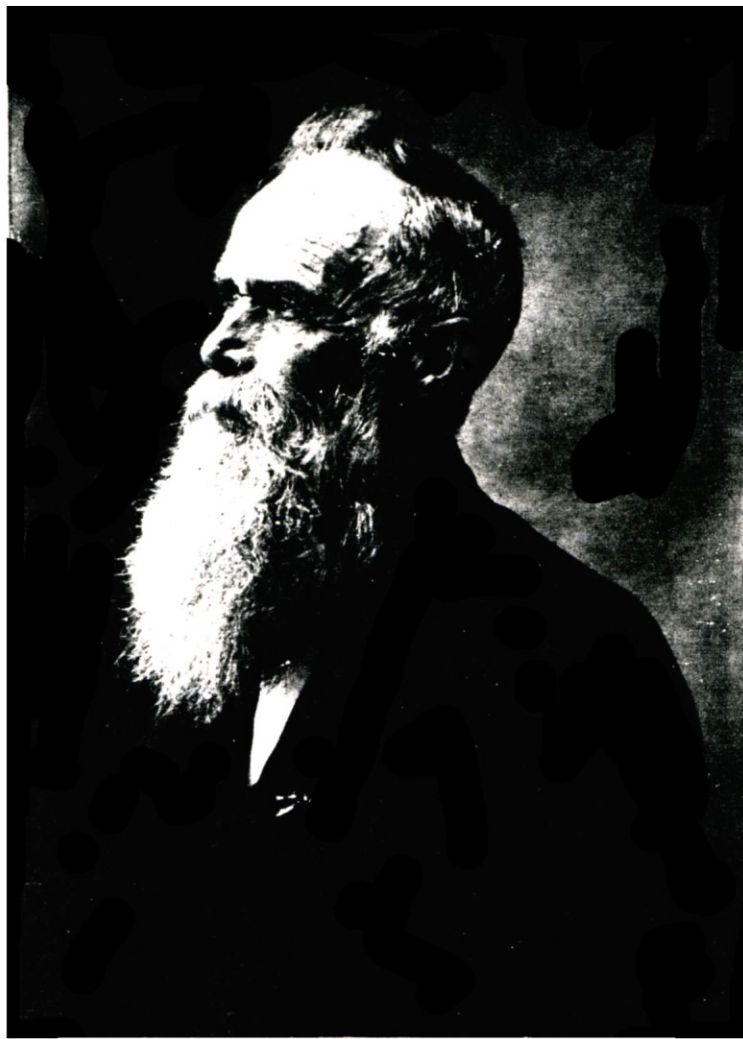
(a) Alva 1863  
(b) Cora E 1870 Ind m. Geo Gleenor  
(c) Della C 1872 m. Wm. Andis  
(d) Effie 2876

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- E. William A. 1848 Ind d. Feb 8, 1890  
Lebanon, Indiana  
m. Sarah E. Willie Oct 8, 1868 Ind  
children:  
(a) Truviller H 1869  
m. Lula M. Minnick  
(b) Annie E. 1873 Ind  
(c) Minnie 1879 Ind  
m. Ernest E. Howard
- (5) Maria  
(6) Amelia
- \*\* (7) James b. Feb 25, 1819 Scott Co Ky  
d. Mar 21, 1902 Perry, Boone Co Ind  
m. Eliz. Poyner Dec 4,  
m. Leannah Smith Mar 25,  
children:  
A. Henry 1841 Ind d Sept 9, 1860  
B. Parmelia Ann 1844 Ind  
C. Edward 1853 d Dec 16, 1910 Ind  
D. Peter C. Aug 17, 1868 Ind d 1925
2. Robert b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. 1813 Barren Co Ky  
m. Eliz. Shirley (dau of Thomas & Mollie  
Shirley...Robt & Eliz were 1st cousins).  
Eliz. married 2nd Daniel Price and went  
to Wisconsin.
- children:  
(1) Mary b. 1806 d. Sept 17, 1858  
m. James Shirley Mar 5, 1825 (son of  
Richard and Nancy Shirley...Mary and  
James were double 2nd cousins).  
(2) James b. July 30, 1803 d. 1893 Hendrick  
Co. Indiana  
m. Deborah Presley Dec 13, 1817 Barren  
Co. Ky.  
[See Jan '80 NEWS page 5]  
children:  
A. Robert  
B. Rebecca  
C. John N  
D. Louisa F.  
E. Francis Marion  
F. George W.  
(3) William b 1805 Barren Co. Ky  
m. Sarah "Sally" Presley  
[See Jan '80 NEWS page 6]  
A. Lucinda 1829 m Franklin Carter  
B. Joseph 1831 m. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Rebecca 1836 m Wm Hunter  
D. Samuel May 10, 1837 m Mahala  
Jane Williams  
E. Sarah Ann  
F. Evaline  
(4) Thomas b 1812 Ky  
m. Martha Piper July 15, 1830  
children:  
A. Robert (see picture p. 6)  
[see picture p. 5, Apr '81 NEWS]  
B. James b. 1834 Ky  
C. Nimrod b. 1836 Ky  
D. William b. 1839 Ky
- \*\* [story on next page...]
- E. Eliz. 1841 m. \_\_\_\_\_ Lobb  
F. Nancy 1843 m. \_\_\_\_\_ Brooks  
G. Newton 1848
- (5) Letticia m. Reuben Shirley (son  
of Richard and Nancy Green Shirley).
3. Jane b. \_\_\_\_\_ m. William Dale  
children: (see p. 9 this issue)  
(1) Nancy Dale m. Alexander Faulkner  
(2) Parmelia Dale m. Robert Smith  
(3) Isaac Dale  
(4) Lavina Dale  
(5) Millie Dale  
(6) Martha Dale  
(7) Jane Dale
4. Caleb b. 1788 S.C. d Oct 1864 Carroll  
Co. Mo.  
m. Phoebe Gibbons Mar 24, 1819 in  
Barren Co. Ky (dau of Francis & Susannah  
Gibbons).  
children:  
(1) Mary J. 1821 Ky m. John Miller  
(2) Malinda 1821 Ky m. Josiah Goodson  
(3) John G. \_\_\_\_\_ d. 1849 Cholorea Epid.  
(4) Henry V. 1829 m. Mary Turnage  
(5) Daniel 1828 m. Sarah Mayes  
(6) Francis Marion Jan 9, 1831 Ind.  
m. Miriam Smith  
[see Apr '81 NEWS p. 2 & pictures]  
(7) Luke 1839 m. Sarah States  
(8) Dovey Ruth 1841 m. Daniel Chapman  
(9) James S July 4, 1847 Carroll Co. Mo  
m. Amanda J. Cochran
5. Malinda 1791 S.C. m. Presley N. Thomas  
Nov 28, 1807 Barren Co. Ky  
children:  
(1) Alexander Thomas m. Eliz Shirley  
(2) Caleb Thomas 1810 m. Susannah Kelly  
(3) Presley Thomas, Jr m Frances Huffman  
(4) William Thomas m. Sookie Hayes  
m. 2nd Katherine Bradley (widow)  
(5) Snookie Thomas  
(6) James Thomas  
(7) Pamela Thomas m. Thomas E. Trent
6. Parmelia Feb 14, 1793 Barren Co. Ky  
d. Nov 25, 1855  
m. David Faulkner June 29, 1825 in  
Barren Co. Ky
7. Jesse b. 1800 Ky m. Jane Witt  
children (1850 census)  
(1) Amanda b. 1827 Tenn  
(2) Virginia b 1835 Ill  
(3) Thomas J b. 1837 Ill  
(4) Caleb W. 1839 Ill

*Material sent on this family from many  
members. Richard Vogt, Geraldine Brown  
Gordon Seyffert, Irene Scott and others.  
We have many members who descend from  
this group and the Thomas and Mollie  
Grubbs Shirley branch...brother of the  
first James in this article.*



ROBERT SHIRLEY son of Thomas & Martha



OLD KY. HOME...Robert Shirley, dau., Medora Ellen, Son-in-law, Tom Hale & Belle Shirley Hale



*From... "A Portrait and Biographical Record of Boone and Clinton Counties of Indiana, 1895".*

James Shirley, of Perry Twp, Boone Co. Ind., was born in Scott Co. Ky., Feb. 25, 1819, a son of Ezekiel and Della (Dolly) Shirley, both parents having been born in N.C. where they married; thence they immigrated to Scott Co. Ky., where Ezekiel engaged in farming until 1831, when he brought his family to Hendricks Co. Ind., and rented land until 1838; then moved to Perry Twp, where his son James, our subject, had entered land, on which he resided until his death in 1864, his wife surviving him until the next year. They were the parents of six children, viz: Dickerson, Elias, Benjamin, Maria, Amelia and James, all deceased with the exception of our subject. The remains of Mr and Mrs Shirley were interred in Mount Tabor Cemetery, both having died in the Baptist faith.

James Shirley worked on the home farm in Hendricks Co., Ind., from 1831 until 1838, when he launched out on his own account, worked hard and earned the money to buy the forty acres in Perry Twp. on which his parents ended their days. He later sold this farm and bought the 80 acres on which he now lives. The first marriage of Mr. Shirley took place in Boone Co., Ind., in 1839 to Elizabeth Poiner, a native of Putman Co. Ind., and daughter of Joseph Poiner, of N.C. The three children of this union, viz: Henry, Parmelia (deceased) and Edward. Mrs Shirley died in 1866. The second marriage of Mr. Shirley took place March 25, 1867 to Mrs. Leaner Smith, who was born in Owen county, Ky., Jan 9, 1830 and was the daughter of John and Betsey (Roberts) Smith, natives of N.C., who both died when Leaner was a child. The first marriage of Leaner was to Daniel Smith, to whom she bore nine children: Louisa, deceased, Albert, Henrietta, Hugh, Willis, George, Charles, Mary and Alice. Daniel Smith died in 1865, and by her marriage with Mr. Shirley she is the mother of one child, Peter, who was born Aug 17, 1868 and was married December 29, 1890 to Lydia Stanfield who was born in Jackson Co. Ind., and is the daughter of Samuel and Janie (Smith) Stanfield.

JAMES W. SHIRLEY is descended, paternally, back to his great-great-grandfather James Shirley, who came to the U.S. in anti-revolutionary times, and settled in Virginia, where he reared a family and became a planter of large means and a man of much more than local prominence. He died in the state of his adoption, and subsequently his son Ezekiel, great grandfather of the subject of this sketch with other members of the family emigrated to Scott Co. Ky., locating not far from Georgetown. Ezekiel Shirley, at an early age of 17 years, married Dulcina Shirley, a distant relative of about the same age, reared a family of 7 children, nearly all of whom lived to the age of maturity and became the heads of families; but all of whom, excepting James, have long since passed from the scenes of their earthly labors.

A son of the foregoing, Dickinson Shirley married Elizabeth Hamrick and reared a family of children, among whom was Caleb Shirley, father of the immediate subject of this mention, whose birth occurred in Scott Co. Ky., on the seventeenth of July, 1817. Caleb, when a lad moved with his parents to Hendricks Co. Ind., married Mary (Dale) McReynolds July 17, 1837 and located in Perry Twp. where he resided until his removal in 1840 to the township of Harrison.

Like his ancestors before him, Caleb Shirley was a tiller of the soil, and on coming to Indiana purchased land in Harrison Twp., making a fine farm, consisting of 160 acres, where he passed the remaining years of his life, dying on the twenty-second day of March, 1876. His wife, who had been a faithful companion and true helpmate for a number of years, preceded her husband to the silent land, having departed March 13, 1859. To Caleb and Mary Shirley were born ten children, whose names are as follows: James W. (whose name introduces this sketch), Mathew E., Henry E., Jarrett S., Emily E., wife of W.F. Proctor, Eliza and Malinda, twins, the latter deceased; William S., deceased; Jessie B and Mary, wife of B.T. Bell. For generations the Shirleys were Baptists, and of that church Caleb and his good wife were devout members. Mr Shirley was a man of exemplary habits, a model citizen and in every walk of life endeavored to adorn his christian profession by living up to the pure teachings of his church. Mrs. Mary Shirley was a native Tennessee and daughter of Squire and Elizabeth Dale, who were born

in the same state, the descendants of old and eminently respected pioneer families. When 18 years of age, Mary was united in marriage to Samuel McReynolds. They had 2 children, Marion McReynolds, deceased, and Samuel McReynolds, who resides in Kansas. Her marriage to Caleb Shirley grew to maturity, and he served, with distinction, in the last war with Great Britain. He was a man of many noble traits of character, and died at the age of 51, leaving, as a precious heritage to his children, a name singularly free from the slightest hint of anything questionable or dishonorable. His wife, a most excellent woman, bright and intelligent beyond the ordinary remained true to her husband's memory, and died after a widowhood of over thirty years.

J.W. Shirley, whose name opens this biography, is a native son of Boone Co. Indiana and dates his birth from the eighteenth day of April 1838. His educational training, like that of the majority of country lads, was obtained in the old fashioned log school-house common to the pioneer period of Indiana; and until his eighteenth year he assisted his father on the farm, thereby learning lessons of industry that proved so valuable to him in subsequent life.

Having selected agriculture as his vocation, he began the same upon his own responsibility, at an early age, on the home farm, and in 1855 took unto himself a helpmate in the person of Sarah Bright to whom he was united in marriage on March 25 of that year. In the meantime, he left the family homestead and bought a part of the place he now owns, in Harrison Twp. his first purchase consisting of 40 acres, to which additions were made at intervals, until eventually he became the possessor of 120 acres, a fine farm upon which he now resides. Mrs. Shirley was born March 22, 1830, the daughter of William R. and Annis (Henderson) Bright. She has borne her husband the following children:

Jasper N., William, Rosella, Caleb E. John L, James M., Theodosia E., and an infant son, deceased.

Mr. Shirley has ever been noted as a warm-hearted, broad-minded man, upright in all his dealings, and a true lover of humanity, to the interests of which the best energies of his religious experience dating from his fourteenth year, at which time he was converted and became a member of the old Mt. Tabor church. Later he took membership with the Mt. Union church, with which he has been identified since 1862, and in 1864 yielded to an inclination of long standing, by entering upon the active work of the ministry. He was formally ordained to the sacred calling in that year, and at once became pastor the Mt. Union church, the duties of which relation, with the exception of one year, he nobly discharged until 1893; his pastoral covering 28 years of active service. He still preaches for neighboring churches and with a spirit of true consecration, expects to devote the remaining years of his life to noble work, which in his hands has been so greatly blessed in leading many to abandon the ways of sin, and seek the true way leading to peace and happiness here and pointing to a more blessed inheritance hereafter. He has also preached in the states of Illinois, Mo., Kansas, Iowa and Ohio. He has (he believes) traveled more miles and preached more sermons, than any minister in Boone Co. Ind., living or dead. His politics, like his religious belief, Mr. Shirley has never changed and in the former he has been and remains a life-long democrat. At one time he held the office of justice of the peace of his twp., aside from which he has never been called to fill official position.

Thus, briefly, is epitomized the life work of one of Boone county's most reputable citizens and it is the wish of his many friends that many years may yet be spared him in which to accomplish still more good in the cause to which his life has been consecrated.

*[Another Shirley branch related to this branch, featured in the Apr '82 NEWS p. 13...Boone Co Ind]*



Jane "Jennie" Shirley b.

(dau of James b 17 m. Mary)  
m. William Dale ( son of Reuben  
Dale and wife Sally Gill).

*[Found this material after typing  
the other lineage of James and  
Mary in this issue of NEWS ...  
This info appears to be more  
complete].*

children:

1. James Dale
2. Mary Dale m. Alexander Faulkner
3. Permelia Dale b. Mar 1, 1810  
Barren Co. Ky d. 1892 Putnam Co  
Missouri  
m. Robert Smith
4. Isaac Dale b. Apr 15, 1812 Ky  
d. Oct 30, 1886  
m. Eliza J. Fancher Dec 23, 1836  
Barren Co. Ky.
5. Leander Dale b. Oct 11, 1814  
m. Wm Montgomery Dec 13, 1837  
Barren Co. Ky
6. Mildred Dale m. Isaac Boyd
7. Malinda J. Dale m Beverly Bradley  
Jan 4, 1841 Barren Co. Ky
8. America E Dale b. Aug 22, 1826  
Barren Co. Ky d. Feb 2, 1877 in  
Harrison Co. Mo  
m. Daniel R. Shirley
9. William Ezekiel Dale b June 30,  
1829 m. Catherine Fuller Mar 9,  
1852 Henry Co Tenn.
10. Angeline Dale
11. Martha Ann Dale
12. Nancy Dale \*

*\*A Nancy Dale married Alexander  
Faulkner Oct 6, 1825 Barren Co. Ky.  
Family records show Mary Dale also  
married Alexander Faulkner.*

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Material came from Kenneth Shirley &  
Alicia Howard from material they  
have collected from various family  
members.

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# CARROLL CO. MISSOURI

William Shirley m. Milcah Howe  
Aug 18, 1813 in Hardin Co. Ky.  
She was the daughter of John and  
Rachel (Pindel) Howe who went from  
Washington Co. Pa. to Fayette Co.  
Pa. then to "The Falls" in Shelby  
Co. Ky 1790. From there they went  
to Hardin Co. Ky and "Howes Valley"  
180-1810. Milcah was born Sept 25,  
1790.

children:

1. Nancy b. May 22, 1814  
m. Zachariah Meyers Oct 13, 1832  
in Perry Co. Ind.
- William m. 2nd Nancy Froman June 4,  
1815 in Perry Co. Ind.
2. Mary Ann m. John W. Shirley  
Jan 25, 1844 DuBois Co. Indiana
3. John b. Aug 13, 1818  
m. Tabith Davis
4. Elizabeth b. June 28, 1822  
m. John Anderson Powers
5. Harriet m. Daniel Short
6. Sarah J.
7. Isaac b. ca. 1833 Ind.

According to deeds in the Carrollton  
recorders office, William and Nancy  
Shirleys property (Carroll Co. Mo)  
was near a small cemetery, Harris  
cemetary. Mrs Virgil Shirley visited  
here and said many stones are miss-  
ing, some piled in a stack.

*Various parts of material sent by  
Elwood Shirley, Shirley Bowles,  
Mary Leighty and Mrs. Virgil Shirley.*

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## MARRIAGES JEFFERSON CO. KY

Amanda m. Christopher Martin  
May 17, 1866  
George S. m. Sally Jane Allen  
Sept 30, 1830  
Melvina m. Edwin Smith  
March 4, 1859  
Susan m. Wm. H. Powell  
June 24, 1862  
Christena m. William Walker  
Sept 6, 1825 (father, Godfrey Shirley)

## MARRIAGES LEWIS CO KY

Elias m. Nancy Gilbert May 19, 1851

## MARRIAGES MASON CO. KY

Tolliver m. Agnes Collins June 5, 1810  
Margaret m. Abraham Welch June 3, 1797  
Maria J. m. Henry Purnell Nov 15, 1835  
(father Armistead Shirley)

THOMAS SHIRLEY b. 17\_\_\_\_ and died \_\_\_\_ 1835 Barren Co. Ky. He married Mary "MOLLIE" Grubbs May 7, 1770

Thomas came from Prince William County, Va. He was in Abbeville Co. South Carolina before coming to Harrison Co. and Scott Co. (adjoining counties), Kentucky.

Treasury Warrant #6917 is granted to Thomas Shearly and Dan Neale \_\_\_\_ of Robert Johnston and George Newman a certain tract or parcel of land containing five hundred acres bearing date of December 9, 1794 lying and being in Scott Co. on the waters of Raven Creek.

In 1798 they were in Barren Co. Ky. Thomas and Mollie helped organize the Dripping Springs Baptist church there in Wisdom.

They built a house which stood until 1885 when it was destroyed by fire.

Thomas and Mollie are buried in two graves near where the house stood. Their graves have rectangular stones but no dates are visible.

children:

1. Richard b. Feb 22, 1771 d. 1846  
m. Nancy Green  
They had a large plantation in Barrens. The land adjoined that of his father. The house was a large 4 storied brick structure having a full basement, main floor, upstairs and attic that went over the entire house. In each end there was a design made of light colored and dark colored bricks, contrasting with the red of the main wall. A great crack came in one of the walls which made it necessary to wreck the house.

In the early days, the first stage to run through this part of the country made a regular stop at the Richard Shirley plantation. The story told was about great stacks of dried pies that were kept ready to serve the travelers and of the great beauty of their youngest daughter, Fanny.

children:

- (1) James b. 1804 Ky.  
m. Mary Shirley (dau of Robert and Elizabeth Shirley. Robert being son of James b. 17\_\_\_\_ and Mary, Elizabeth being dau. of Thomas and Mollie Grubbs Shirley) [*I think this would be double first cousins*]. (Barren Co. Ky)  
children: (in 1850 census)  
A. Martha E. b. ca. 1828 Ky.  
B. Albert E. b. ca. 1831 Ky.  
C. Robert L. b. ca. 1833 Ky.  
D. Lucinda b. ca. 1839 Ky.  
E. Mary J. b. ca. 1841 Ky.  
F. Richard b. ca. 1845 Ky.
- (2) Henry b. \_\_\_\_ d. June 30, 1855  
[*grandfather of James Henderson Shirley...see cover of April '79 NEWS*].
- (3) Gabriel Green "Gabe" d. bef 1846
- (4) George (need info)
- (5) Thomas (need info)
- (6) Reuben b. ca. 1798 Ky.  
m. Lettitia Shirley (dau of Robert and Elizabeth Shirley [*double first cousins?*]).  
More info needed
- (7) Sarah b. ca. (need info)  
m. John Reed
- (8) Elizabeth "Fanny" b. ca. \_\_\_\_  
m. Alexander Thomas (son of Presly N. Thomas and Malinda Shirley, dau. of James b. 17\_\_\_\_ and Mary). *Fanny and Alexander 2nd cousins?*
2. Elizabeth b. May 1782 d. 1830  
m. Robert Shirley (son of James b. 17\_\_\_\_ and Mary [*1st cousins...see children under Robert Shirley which can be found in the James b. 17\_\_\_\_ article*])
3. William b. March 15, 1773 d. 1833  
(didn't marry)
4. Nancy b. Nov 1, 1779  
m. Thomas Smith and are living in Hendricks Co. Ind in 1855. (need info).
5. Thomas, Jr. b. June 15, 1775  
d. Apr 9, 1851  
m. Hannah Dale b. June 1779 (*sister of d. Jan 20, 1859 Reuben Dale m Sally Gill*)  
children:  
(1) Elijah b. Mar 7, 1803 d Apr 1860  
m. Mary "Polly" Harbison June 12, 1828 [*see p. 8 April '81 NEWS*]  
(2) Levi b Jan 7, 1806 d Aug 7, 1833  
m. Nancy Navham 1832

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- (3) Martin b. Aug 20, 1811 Ky  
d. Nov 5, 1865  
(lived Hendricks Co. Ind 1850)  
m. 1st Elizabeth Smith June 4,  
1837 Hendricks Co. Ind  
m. 2nd Malinda Shirley Apr 31  
1842 Boone Co. Ind  
m. 3rd Nancy J. Shirley  
Hendricks Co. Ind  
children:  
A. Dicy b. March 1839 d May 1915  
m. William Ray Wyant Dec 17  
1855 Hendricks Co. Ind  
children:  
(a) James Martin Wyant  
b. March 13, 1861 Boone Co  
m. Missouri I. McCormick  
(b) William Thomas Wyant  
b. May 2, 1862 Boone Co Ind  
m. Mary Olie Harrelson  
(c) Frank Marion Wyant  
b. Aug 15, 1865  
m. Eliza Jane Hamilton  
(d) Mary Ann Wyant  
b. Oct 1872  
m. Harvey Hamilton  
(e) Nellie J. b. 1874  
m. Joseph E. Campbell  
(f) Albert b. Apr 1881 Sullivan  
Co. Missouri  
m. Lola May Yardley  
(g) John Henry Wyant b. 1886 Mo  
m. Zelpha E. Wells  
m. 2nd Anna P. Burkhart  
m. 3rd Clara Hull  
B. Levi b. ca. 1844  
m. Nancy Ann Smith Mar 16, 1865  
in Boone Co. Indiana  
m. 2nd Nancy Jane Roberts  
July 21, 1870 Boone Co. Ind  
m. 3rd Nancy Smith Sept 17, 1893  
Boone Co. Indiana  
m. 4th Elsie Ottinger  
March 8, 1916 Boone Co. Ind.  
C. Hannah E. b. ca. 1847  
m. John C. Dicke Sept 24, 1867  
Boone Co. Indiana  
D. Elijah b. ca. 1854  
m. Annis Susan Bright Dec 24, 1873  
Boone Co. Indiana  
E. William Thomas b. ca. 1856  
m. Margaret E Beamon Dec 22, 1878  
Hendricks Co. Indiana  
(4) John b. Sept 14, 1813 d Mar 16, 1844  
m. Mary J. Hatchett  
(5) Dicey b. April 15, 1815 d Nov 5, 1877  
m. John Pedigo Dec 1834  
(6) William b. Jan 22, 1818  
d. Sept 14, 1898 Kiawatha, Kansas  
m. Mary T. Beesly Oct 13, 1842

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children:

- A. Harriett E Aug 4, 1843  
m. Lile Berryhill 1867  
B. Wm Morris Mar 5, 1848  
m. Armanda Ellis 1880  
C. Charles E Dec 6 1852 Ill  
m. Huldah A Bedker 1893  
*[This family lived in  
Hiawatha, Kansas and later  
went to Colorado].*  
6. Lettice b. ca. 1785 d July 1859  
m. William Cullins 1813 Barren  
Co. Ky.  
7. Sarah b. 1786 d Mar 18, 1831  
Barren Co. Ky.  
m. Isaac Dale, Jr. Sept 2, 1817  
children:  
(1) Purlina Dale b.ca. 1818  
m. William Pedigo  
children 1850 census...  
A. Mary A 1839  
B. Isaac M 1842  
C. George W. 1843  
D. John W. 1846  
E. Sarah E. 1848  
(2) Elizabeth Dale b. ca. 1824  
(3) Sarah Dale b. ca. 1831  
*[This family lived Barren Co.  
Hart Co. and Metcalf Co. Ky  
and Ray Co. Mo].*  
8. Elijah b Oct 1, 1777 d 1807  
9. Fannie b. Oct 1788

*[We would appreciate any additional  
information on this line of  
Shirleys. DO ANY OF YOU HAVE  
THE INFO ON THOMAS SHIRLEY b.17\_\_  
WAR RECORDS???].*  
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MARRIAGES IN MADISON CO KY

Betsey m. Wm Johnson ?May 15, 1822  
Nancy m. Frank Travis Nov 7, 1795  
Sallie m. Philip Phelps Mar 22, 1804  
Charles D. m. Susan C. Thomas  
Oct 30, 1826 (sign. Samuel Thomas)  
Polly m. Honathon Bullock Feb 17, 1824  
Susannah m. Benj. Proctor Mar 8, 1787

MARRIAGES METCALF CO KY

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

MARRIAGES MUHLENBERG CO KY

Urier m. Unity Wells July 17, 1814  
William m. Polly Shepard Sept 22, 1814

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Richard Shirley Jr. b \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Apr 1831 Barren Co. Ky  
 (committed suicide by jumping  
 into a well).  
 m. Elizabeth Dale Aug 17, 1816  
 Barren Co. Ky. (dau of Reuben  
 Dale and Sally Gill).  
 Children:  
 1. Daniel R. b July 8, 1817 Ky  
 d. Apr 11, 1876 Harrison Co. Mo  
 m. America E. Dale (dau of Wm.  
 Dale and Jane "Jennie" Shirley...  
 Jennie was the daughter of  
 James Shirley b. 17\_\_\_\_ and Mary,  
 William Dale brother of Elizabeth  
 Dale who married Richard. *Daniel  
 and America would be 1st cousins*)  
 Children:  
 (1) Buena "Vista" b July 13, 1850  
 m. Ezekiel B. Hobbs  
 (2) Lemuel H. Sept 1851 Mo.  
 d. Aug 31, 1921 Barry Co Mo  
 m. Elizabeth Blevins  
 Children:  
 A. Daniel b ca. 1877 Mo.  
 B. Margaret b. ca. 1878 Mo  
 C. Lemuel L. b. Oct 1881  
 Harrison Co. Mo.  
 m. Sally Lane in Washington  
 Co. Arkansas  
 D. Gertrude b Nov 1885 Kansas  
 E. George b. Dec 1891 Mo  
 (3) Mariah b. Oct 2, 1853  
 (4) Reuben M. b. Sept 29, 1855  
 (5) Sarah R. b. Aug 25, 1857  
 (6) Elizabeth b. Mar 29, 1859  
 (7) Mary A. b Dec 25, 1860  
 (8) George W. b. Dec 12, 1862  
 (9) Rutha J. b Aug 29, 1864  
 (10) Wm. J. b Dec 31, 1866  
 (11) infant son b&d July 17, 1868  
 2. Sarah  
 3. Mariah b. Oct 14, 1821 Barren Co Ky  
 d July 31, 1890 m. Geo A Reeves  
 4. Jemima never married  
 5. America never married  
 6. Amy b Oct 17, 1829 d May 30, 1897  
 m. James J. Dale Mar 7, 1861  
 7. Martha  
 8. Reuben d. young  
 9. Lemuel d. young

*[Richard Shirley, Jr. is thought to be  
 a son of Richard who died in 1796 in  
 Scott Co. Ky.]*

RICHARD SHIRLEY b \_\_\_\_\_ d 1796 Scott Co Ky  
 m. Dorcas \_\_\_\_\_.  
 known children:  
 1. Sarah m. Henry Holsclaw  
 2. Ammey (not married in 1796)  
 3. Susannah b. Oct 1, 1769 Va.  
 d. Apr 29, 1848 Boone Co. Ind.  
 buried Old Mt Taber Cemetary.  
 m. Benjamin Smith b. Sept 15, 1769  
 d. Sept 5, 1853 bur Mt Taber Cem.  
 children:  
 (1) James Smith m. Jane Higdon  
 (2) Menoah Smith m. July Ann \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) Nancy Smith m. Erasmus Amos  
 (4) Benj. Smith m. Lily Cox  
 (5) Aaron Smith m. Frances Thomas  
 (6) Sarah Smith m. Jesse Smith  
 (7) Caleb Smith m. Sina Anderson  
*[their son Wm Robt Smith m.  
 Sarelda Crabb and her mother  
 was Jamima Dale, dau of Reuben  
 Dale and Sally Gill].*  
 (8) Joshua L Smith m. Dolly Helton  
 (9) Susanne Smith m. Joel Smith  
 (10) Milly Smith m. Joseph Helton  
 (11) Eli Smith m. Eliza Anderson  
*[Reuben Dale and Sally Gill info on  
 p. 12 of Apr '79 NEWS].*

Richard Shirley's estate settlement  
 mentions the following names:

Benjamin Smith (son-in-law)  
 Ezekiel Shirley (nephew)  
 Thomas Shirley (brother)  
 Dorcas Shirley (widow)  
 James Shirley (brother)  
 George Moore  
 Henry Holsclaw (son-in-law)  
 Mathias Weldon  
 Michael Hammer  
 James Cullen  
 Amy Shirley (unmarried daughter)

*[Note correction in the statement  
 in past issue of NEWS. George Moore  
 mentioned in estate settlement...  
 not Richard's will].*

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YOUR HELP!!! IS NEEDED IF we are to  
 continue to have stories and pictures  
 for the SHIRLEY NEWS!

We need this particularly on the:  
 GEORGIA SHIRLEYS TENNESSEE SHIRLEYS  
 BARREN AND ADAIR CO KY SHIRLEYS  
 WALTER SHIRLEYS BRANCH & JAMES AND  
 JUDITH GARRIOTT BRANCH & ALABAMA SHIRLEYS  
 TEXAS SHIRLEYS MISSISSIPPI SHIRLEYS...etc.

WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP???