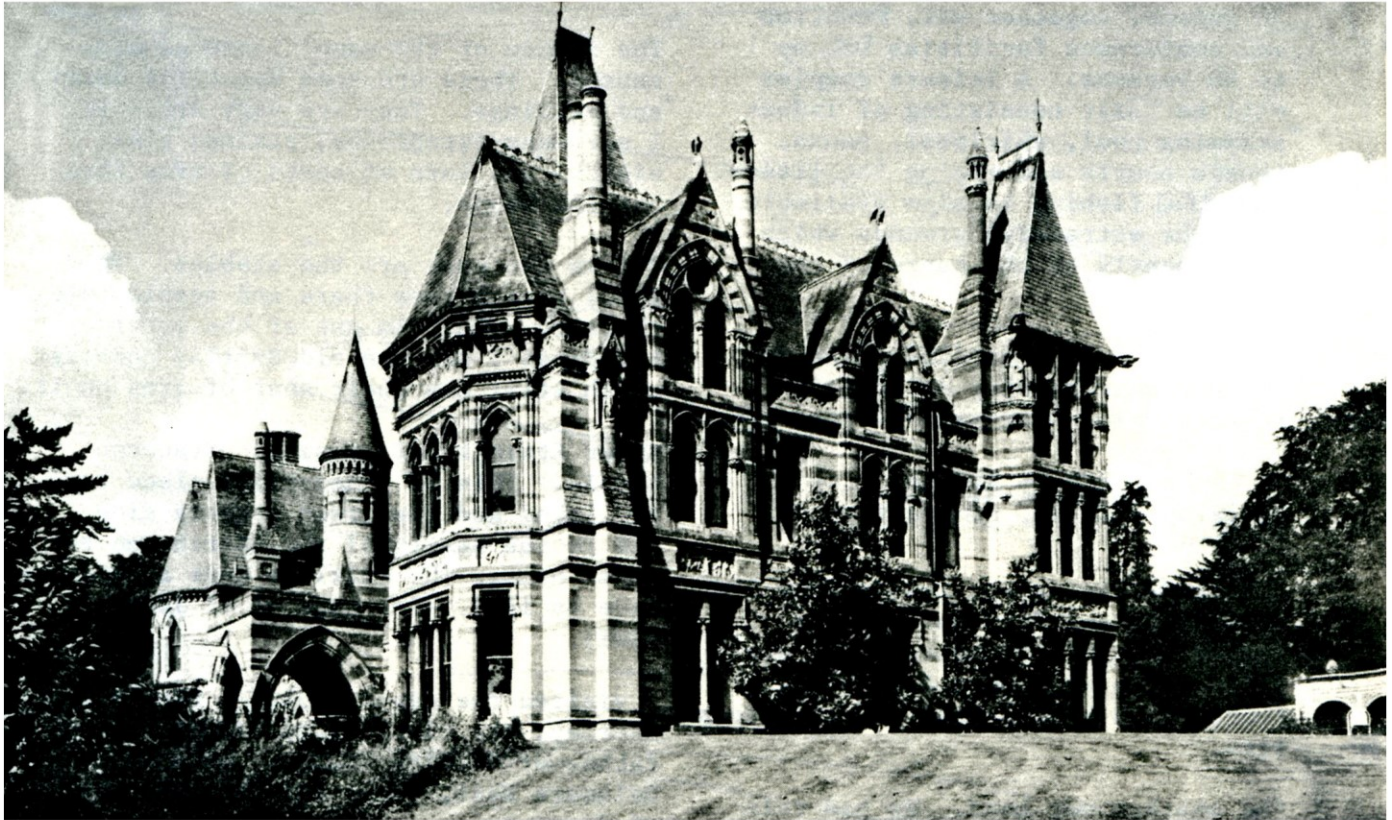




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Ettington Park, Warwickshire. Photograph by permission of Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England)

Ettington Park is situated 6 miles Southeast of Stratford-Upon-Avon and is accessible from the Oxford-Stratford road. The house forms part of the Ettington estate which has been owned by the Shirley family before the Domesday Book.

According to tradition a house was first built around the central courtyard and survived intact until the early 16th century. This was converted to form part of the present structure in 1677 with further substantial

extensions in 1740 and 1767. The library dates from 1820.

The south and west fronts of Ettington Park were completely remodelled in the mid-19th Century to give its present appearance. The noted antiquarian Evelyn Philip Shirley MP rebuilt the house in the gothic style designed by Pritchard and embellished the house with scores of statues and friezes illustrating incidents from the long history of the Shirley family. This factor makes Ettington one of the finest Victorian houses in the country and it is of almost unique architectural

and historic interest.

Ettington is being restored to its original splendour and will create the atmosphere of a Victorian country house. It is intended to both preserve a part of the nation's heritage and create a soundly based commercial operation.

Ettington is being transformed into a 5 Star Hotel, providing 42 double/twin bedrooms and 7 suites, all with en-suite bathrooms. An a la Carte Restaurant seating 70 guests, together with function and conference facilities for up to 80 persons. A leisure complex will be built consisting of indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, tennis courts and riding facilities. Plentiful fishing is also available from the attractive grounds which slope gently to the banks of the River Stour.

This will be a beautiful place for our 900 year Shirley celebration!

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MY TRIP TO ENGLAND

by Betty Shirley, your editor.

I left San Francisco Tuesday May 29th at 5:30 PM and flew non-stop to London England (9½ hours). It was 11:30 AM on Wed. when I arrived. London is 8 hours ahead of California time.

The weather was good. We had rain at night several times and by morning it would clear about the time we had breakfast and was ready to travel.

I traveled about 1800 miles in the country side and it is so beautiful. I spent 12 days of the 14 I was in England working on the places to include in our 1986 tour of England. I found more Shirley related places still standing than I ever dreamed I'd find. I knew of Ettington and Staunton Harold. I found much more. The thing that impressed me is how well preserved all of this Shirley history is over there. We are talking of several hundred years and the buildings and monuments still standing and readable. It amazed me!!!

The first full day I was in England, I visited Ettington Park. I was given a guided tour. I did not get to go up stairs because of the construction. I also did not get to see in the Chapel as the keys couldn't be found while I was there. I did go to the top (almost) of the tower. Just before reaching the top the bats flew out at us. I suggested we not disturb them and I turned and went back down the narrow dark circular stairs. We only had a flashlight and the bats brushed by me while my guide had a few land on his back. I stayed very calm... Ha! The tower is very old and dangerous and is posted as unsafe.

The inside of the manor house is most unusual. There are some beautiful doors and ceilings. They are very artistic. I saw many fireplaces, stained glass windows and lots of coats of arms thru out the house.

Out in the back are the stables. They still have horses there and people come there to ride. In one of the outer buildings I saw the old Shirley carriage which still has their coat of arms on it.

After Ettington I visited Staunton Harold. This is a beautiful place too! Two lakes and the green country side add to the beauty of the church and the manor house. The Shirleys were established here by 1423. (See page 11 of Jan '84 NEWS).

I visited the manor house Sir Thomas Sherley, the Elder owned. He was the father of Cacia Sherley, wife of Lord Delaware West, First colonial governor of Virginia.

Another Shirley house was the one Governor William Shirley of Massachusetts lived when he left it to come to America.

I visited old Parish churches the Shirleys either attended or owned from as far back as the 1300/1400's. I saw very old statues and monuments of Shirleys from hundreds of years ago also. I want to reserve my comments on the details of these places as I want those of you who go to be as surprised as I at how well they have been preserved and just what they really look like etc.

I urge those of you who can make the trip to do so. You won't be sorry!!!

I should point out that the Shirley related places mentioned are no longer in the Shirley family. Only Ettington Park.

I did not get to go to Ireland to visit the other Shirley estate. I will see if it is going to be possible to include this in our 1986 trip. We will probably make it an additional tour to be added to the 1986 celebration should anyone care to stay on and make the trip to Ireland. There would be an additional charge. I know some are thinking of extending their trip and going on to France and Germany etc.

Another place I would like to include in our 1986 tour is a visit to George Washingtons ancestral home. It is open to tourist. I did not have time to visit this place.

I did check out the facilities for researching at the Gen. Society in London, the public records office and the British Museum library. I visited all 3 places and talked with those in charge at these places and told them of our 1986 trip. I am sure some of you will want to stay and do some reasearch whether on Shirleys or one of your other lines.

I learned of a huge pedigree chart half the size of a tennis court written in the 1600's of the Shirley family. I did not see it either. This will have to be arranged well in advance if we are to include this in our tour. There are no promises we can have it brought out for our review. We will work on it as I would like to see this too!

I visited the village of Shirley. This is a small village. It has a Shirley post office, a pub and a church. If there were other buildings, I did not see them. There were several homes.

On Tuesday, June 5th, I had lunch with the Earl of Ferrers and the Countess at the House of Parliment in London. I asked about the title of Earl of Ferrers and why it was given to the Shirley family. Here is the answer to my question and some of you have asked me this in the past.

When Robert Shirley built Staunton Harold and refused to supply an army for Oliver Cromwell, he was sent to the Tower of London where he died at age 27.

King Charles, 2nd, wrote a letter to Sir Robert Shirleys widow and promised to take care of her and all of Sir Robert Shirleys relations. Thus the title of Earl of Ferrers was given this family of Shirleys when Charles returned to power. (see p. 9, Oct '83 NEWS).

The Earl of Ferrers serves in the House of Lords. House of Lords is through heritiy and the House of Commons by election. (You might compare this to our Senate and Congress).

The last couple of days I spent on tours. I joined one going to Stratford Upon-Avon. We were there one half day and the rest of the day I spent at Warwick Castle. (You'll never confuse Castles and Manor houses again!). The other day I spent on a tour of London seeing the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, St Pauls Cathedral, Buckingham Palace and etc.

To sum up my impression of England and my trip is to say it was terrific!!! I discovered another line of Shirleys just before I left and was unable to follow through by going to visit the manor house. There were some other areas near where we visited that was on our list to check out. We ran out of time and there is still much to be done to finalize the exact places we will be going. I have a pretty good idea of the basic and obvious areas but we may add more. Therefore, I SHALL BE RETURNING TO ENGLAND again next year to continue working on our plans for the 1986 Shirley Celebration. IF IT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER FINANCIALLY AND YOUR HEALTH IS STABLE YOU SHOULD go to England in 1986.

Here are some things to consider if you are thinking about going with us to England.

AGE: We ask that children be 12 yrs. of age and older.

PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS: This would be of concern to our senior citizens who may question if they can handle the trip. Stairs would be something I am sure you are wondering about and standing or walking to much.

While visiting the Shirley places, I thought about this. I do not think there is any place you would have any problem. We will pace our tours to accomodate senior citizens. (The one I was on in London would have been to much for older people. We could hardly keep up with the guide). As far as climbing alot of stairs... If you can step up into the bus, I think you can handle any place I saw. The tour of London may be more of a problem in this area. You do have one average flight of stairs to climb to see the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London. There is some time spent in standing and moving slowly at Westminster Abbey. I think it took us about an hour to get through here. It is pretty crowded. Bus loads arrive to tour the Abbey. IF we come to a place you don't feel you can navigate, you could wait for us nearby on a park bench or on the bus.

I saw a 90 year old on one of the tours. So age will not have anything to do with whether you can go or not.

If there are any further questions on this, please write me.

TRANSPORTATION:

You will be picked up at the air port and taken to your hotel and you will be taken back to the air port for your return flight home unless you plan to stay on in England or elsewhere on your own.

We will tour by air conditioned buses. They have very large windows and are regular touring buses and are comfortable.

ACCOMODATIONS:

First-class hotel accomdations throughtout England. Each hotel is selected for its comfort, food and location.

HOW LONG?

We are planning the 1986 trip based on 10 days. We may extend the trip on an optional basis... such as going on to Ireland for a couple of days at an additional price. This would not put a financial strain on those who could not afford financially to stay longer. Then there may be those who could not be gone from their job longer than the 10 days. A decision on this will be made in the future.

COST?

It is impossible to give an exact price on this this far in advance. Here is why we can't give you an exact amount.

There will be some changes in air fare, hotel and food prices in a 2 year period. There is the uncertainty of the value of the dollar at that time. Right now, the dollar is holding up pretty good. It cost me anywhere from \$1.40 to \$1.50 to purchase 1 pound of English money. Each day it changes by 4 or 5 cents, up and down. If it will hold at this rate and if there isn't to big of a jump in air fare and hotel costs, the estimated costs of the 10 day trip would be around \$1850/1950 per person. This would include Air transportation to London and return from New York/JFK (possibily other air ports who fly directly such as San Francisco). Hotel accomodations, full English breakfasts and dinner except in London. The first evening in London will be a "Get-Acquainted" banquet and this is included. Lunches on tour will not be covered as you may split up and eat in various pubs etc. It gives you a chance to try a few things on your own.

There will be many other things included but am not able to go into some of this at this time. I am sure you can understand that this is just to give you a general idea so you may begin to plan. You should allow for extras. I took about 500 pounds along for miscellanous things such as SHOPPING...Ha! for kids and grandkids keepsakes. I wished I had more I could have taken. There are China reject shops where you can buy china at about 20% savings on wedgewood etc. They will ship it home for you.

There are some very nice things over there. I wasn't prepared for shopping. Just the keepsakes. I had someother things I paid for which was not included under shopping expenses. Don't want you to think I spent \$500 pound shopping! I wished!

This is the only detailed accounting of my trip or information on the 1986 trip to be printed in the NEWS. If you want to be on the mailing list and receive additional info and keep informed, send \$5.00 to help cover the additional costs to print and mail it.

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or call: 408-255-8511 *preferred.
(both my phones at home).

I will be happy to answer any questions should you have any. Just write me or call.

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The following is some information about some of the Shirley places I visited. This is of general interest whether you plan to go to England or not.

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STAUNTON HAROLD SHIRLEYS

The Shirleys, directly descended from one Saswalo living at the time of the Norman Conquest, were established at Staunton Harold by 1423 when Ralph Sherley of Ettington married Margaret Staunton, heiress of Staunton Harold. Ralph Sherley's great, great, great, great grandson, Sir Robert Shirley, built Staunton Harold Church in 1653 only a few yards to the south of the Hall.

Sir Robert's early death in the Tower prevented him undertaking major changes to the Hall, and it was left to his second son, created Baron Ferrers in 1677 and Earl Ferrers in 1711, to build a new 5-bay wing onto the rambling medieval house.

The Shirleys continued in the eighteenth century to produce a line of remarkable eccentrics. The 4th Earl's constitutional violence of temper' induced him to murder his steward, for which he was executed at Tyburn in 1760. The 5th Earl of Ferrers, formerly Admiral Washington Shirley, is largely responsible for the present appearance of the Hall. It was he who in 1763 extended the main east front of the house with its central pedimented stone section and flanking red brick wings, and who also built the 'Lion Court' on the south with its recessed facade crowned by a huge

stone Medicean lion.

Sir Robert's faith and his audacity incensed Cromwell, who announced that if a man could afford to build so splendid a church he could certainly provide the money to raise a regiment of soldiers. This Sir Robert, an ardent Royalist, refused to do, and he was accordingly sent to the Tower, where he had already been imprisoned on six occasions. He died in the Tower at the age of Twenty-seven, providing a sum in his will for the distressed orthodox clergy and for those who had lost their estates in the King's service.

One of the few churches to be erected between the outbreak of the Civil War and the Restoration, its plan and general appearance are striking proof of the continuity and vitality of the Gothic building tradition in the middle of the seventeenth century.

The interior of the church has seen little change since Sir Robert's time. Its chief glory is the magnificent carved woodwork which survives in its entirety-- pulpit, lectern, box-pews, paneling and screens. Access to the nave from the west tower is through a screen of purely Jacobean character. The screen supports the organ loft, with an English-built organ that is probably one of the earliest examples to have survived in original condition.

During the seventeenth century the separation of the sexes was observed during the church services and at Staunton Harold this custom has been preserved, men sitting in the pews on the south of the aisles and women in the pews on the north.

The lectern, on which lies a folio Prayer Book of 1762, and the pulpit are contemporary with the church. The pulpit retains its original cushions and hangings, of the same purple velvet as those on the altar.

The chancel, which is relatively low, is separated from the church by a depressed arch which is spanned by a splendid wrought-iron grille, incorporating the Shirley arms.

The organ is of the greatest importance from a historical point of view. Scholars and musicians from all over the world visit it and some important gramophone recordings have been made on it.

WISTON HOUSE

The Manor of Wiston appears in Domesday Book under the name of "Wistanestun". It was then in the possession of William de Broase who, as one of the most powerful members of William the Conqueror's retinue, had received, among other gifts, wide areas of the county of Sussex as a reward for his services to the King.

When, in the middle of the 15th century, a descendant of William's, John de Braose, whose grave, covered with a splendid brass, is in the church next to Wiston House, died without a male heir, Wiston passed through marriage into the hands of the Shirley family. *[The grandfather of Ralph Shirley who married Margaret Staunton was Sir Hugh Shirley and he married Beatrice de Braose]*. The mediaeval manor house of the de Braoses no longer suiting 16th century tastes, Sir Robert Shirley had a more modern one built in 1576.

Although the Shirley family had been rich enough to have had the 1576 house built, they found themselves in financial difficulties as a result of their having supported the King during the Civil War (1642-1649). In consequence, they were forced to sell Wiston, the only time the estate has ever been sold since it was given to William de Braose. The purchaser was Sir John Fagge (1629-1701). In the mid-18th century it passed through marriage into the hands of the present owners, the Gorings. Hence since the days of William de Braose, only four families have owned, and lived on, the Wiston estate.

In the chapel next to Wiston House is also where Sir Thomas Shirley elder, father-in-law of Lord Delaware West (first colonial governor of Virginia), is buried.

In Search of Ancestry

Taken from a book, TRACING YOUR BRITISH ANCESTORS by Gerald Hamilton Edwards. [I met him and spent a delightful evening at his home discussing Shirleys, etc]

It is disappointing that no man living

today can prove satisfactorily a male descent from someone who fought at the famous Battle of Hastings. There are however a few families which can prove their pedigree beyond reasonable doubt to a holder of land in England at the time of the Domesday. The Derbyshire family of Shirley are among those which have the rare distinction of being able to prove such a descent and Major John Shirley still owns the manor of Ettington in Warwickshire which his ancestor in the male line, Sewal, Sasualo owned in 1086. This is probably a unique distinction. East Quantockshead in Somerset has been held since that time by only families, the Paynells from 1086 to about 1200, and from that time by the Lutterell family, whose ancestor married the Paynel heiress.

[Gerald Hamilton Edwards did not know about me until the evening we met. He is a writer of many books. He is active in genealogy and has quite a library in his apartment. He is in his 80's now. The above was one paragraph in his book written in 1969 and I found it quite interesting that indeed...the 900 year Shirley Celebration is really an unusual occasion. No other family can boast of the original estate still being in the family nor do they have a chance to celebrate a 900 year ownership].

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from SUSSEX AND THE U.S.A. by D. McLean

In addition to De La Warr (Delaware), Culpeper and Howard of Effingham, Sussex sent to America two other governors, William Shirley and Thomas Gage, who, if opinions still differ widely concerning them, exhibited none of the rapacity of Culpeper and Howard.

Wm. Shirley ruled over Massachusetts from 1741 to 1749, and again from 1753 to 1756. The Shirleys were people of importance in England at a date from which few noble families are able to trace a descent. When Norman William conquered England, Sasualo, their ancestor, held lands in several counties and it was a sign of his importance that the Conqueror left him some of them.

A descendant of his, Sir Hugh Shirley, married Beatrice, the De Braose heiress. You may still see the scanty remains of the De Braose castle at Bramber, in Sussex. The Conqueror granted to

De Braose the whole Rape of Bramber, and his descendant who married Sir Hugh Shirley brought to him the manor of Wiston. It was in the great Elizabethan house at Wiston that William Penn enjoyed the hospitality of Sir John Fagg, when Penn was helping Algernon Sidney in the Bramber election. The Shirleys, ruined in fortune and somewhat shaky in reputation, had been obliged to sell Wiston to the Faggs.

The Sussex branch of the Shirleys produced men of note and daring, confidants of kings, explorers in strange realms. Of them all none can claim such a place in our interest as the famous brothers, sons of Sir Thomas Shirley, of Wiston, from whose brother Anthony, the Massachusetts governor was directly descended.

The William Shirley who became gov. of Mass. claimed descent from another William, of Wiston, who had two sons, Sir Thomas, who succeeded to Wiston, and Anthony. Their mother, on the death of Sir William married again, one Richard Elrington, who held the manor of Preston. At his death his wife deeded the Preston estate to Anthony Shirley younger son of her first husband, and ancestor of our governor. It was at the ancient manor house at Preston that Gov. William Shirley was born on Dec. 2, 1694. He went to Great Ote Hall later, for his father married Eliz. Godman, the Ote Hall heiress.

Great Ote Hall was built, or at least enlarged, by the Godman family in 1600.

When William Shirley left Sussex to take up his American appointment he evidently had no intention of returning, for he sold the Ote Hall estate to one Francis Warden, a member of an old Cuckfield family. But Francis Warden being unmarried and without issue, determined to repay kindness which he had received at the hands of the governor, and, in his will, left the estate to Thomas Shirley, his son. This Thomas Shirley, who became a baronet, sold the estate to William Turner, in the latter part of the 18th century.

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from your editor...

I apologize for using so much space in this issue of the NEWS to tell you about the English Shirleys. I hope all of you have enjoyed this special issue. It was not my intent to feature so much on the England trip. After I went and learned so much, it was impossible to not share it with you and there was a lot to share. More I wished I could share but space and consideration of some who may not be interested as I, will not allow. I am bursting inside with excitement and now my desire is to make some fantastic connections of the early American Shirleys and the English Shirleys. We have already as of yesterday began working on this thru as outside source. It would give the 1986 trip much more meaning.

For you who have not been able to tie in to the early Va./Pa/Md. Shirleys, WE ARE GOING TO BE WORKING HARD TO SOLVE A LOT OF YOUR LINEAGE PROBLEMS THIS NEXT YEAR. We will ask everyone to please help in a grand push to accomplish this. I will in the next few issues be asking for all of you to please read a list of later Shirleys who we can't seem to find the ancestor to. They very well could be in your own branch. Location of their people near yours could be a clue and you can check your files to see IF they are there and write us, we can begin to get some solutions to these mysteries.

I want to encourage you who are the ones who cannot tie in with any main branch yet, DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED! Do not feel you aren't apart of this England bunch, and therefore have little interest in England Shirleys. Most of you will be of this group of Shirleys.

I am not going to explain why I feel so strong on this. I will say...while I was in England I came across information which is on a branch we haven't explored yet and there are other names which lead me to think this could be the branch some of the earliest Shirleys in America came from. When I research this month in Va. Md PA area, I will keep in mind what I found in England and I will have a report on this either next issue or the following issue. It maybe I find nothing to tie in to this new branch but that is what I want to explore next month researching.



OLD DOOR IN ETTINGTON
MANOR HOUSE

RIGHT: OLD SHIRLEY CARRIAGE
WITH COAT OF ARMS ON IT.

TOP: CARVINGS LIKE THIS AROUND
THE OUTSIDE OF ETTINGTON MANOR
HOUSE. EACH TELLS A STORY OF
THE EARLY SHIRLEYS

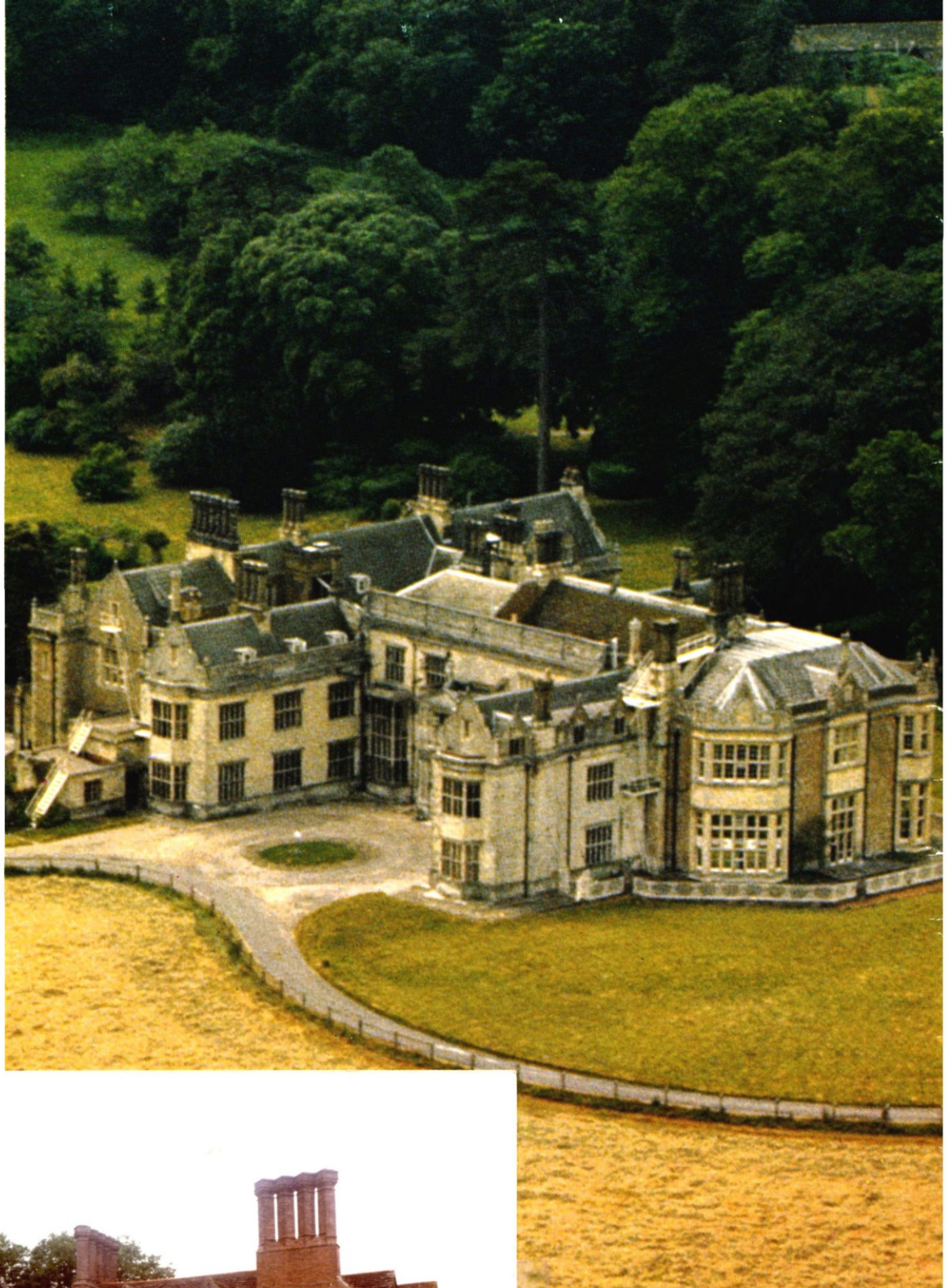




The Church and Hall, seen from across the lake, in 1906



STAUNTON HAROLD



above: WISTON PLACE
in
Sussex Co. England

right: OTE HALL
Sussex Co. England

WALTER SHIRLEY BRANCH

Joseph Shirley b. Dec 20, 1825
Chillicothe, Ohio (son of Lawrence
and Eliz. Haines Shirley. Lawrence
was a son of Walter Jr. b. 1728)
[See Apr '80 NEWS page 8]

Joseph Shirley married Nancy Striker
Sept 30, 1849 in Miami Co. Ind.
Married second, Delilah Ann Army

James Lawrence Shirley, son of Joseph,
was born Oct 16, 1850 Miami Co. Ind
married Mary E. (Engel) Bowman, a
widow.

Their daughter was Laura May Shirley
who was the mother of member Ruth
Dannettelle from whom this material
and photo was sent.

(In Photo below) *standing...*

1. James Laurence Shirley 1850-1922
2. William Robinson 1852-1916
3. Annetta Bennet 1872-1939
4. Laura Robinson
5. Lucy Shirley 1865-1918
6. Charles Shirley 1861-1940
7. Lillie Shirley Huston 1883-1974
8. Maggie Pearl Shirley Shue 1880-1945
9. William Bennet 1872-1952
10. Andrew Shirley 1852- ?
(seated l. to R. in middle row)

Adelia Shirley Robinson 1855-1923
Delialah Army Shirley, 2nd w.of...
JOSEPH SHIRLEY 1825 - 1910

11. Laura Shirley Pearce 1890-1914
12. Walter Bennet
13. Elzie Bennet
14. Joe and Henry Shirley
15. Omer and Otto Shirley

CASS COUNTY INDIANA.....

[material sent by Henry Rothrock]

SHIRLEY

Joseph A. m. Melinda J. Wilson
April 18, 1874

Delilah m. John W. Murphy Apr 16, 1850
Charles W. m. Lucy L. Army Dec 19,
1883 (Charles b. May 5, 1861)

Henry W. m. Flossie B. Keener
January 20, 1902 (he b. July 7, 1889)

Oliver M. m. Nora A. White Dec 6, 1890

Noah m. Emma A. Black May 26, 1894

Omer m. E.F. Dietrich Nov 9, 1910
(he b. Dec 8, 1884)

Otto E. m. Anna Reid Sept 25, 1909
(he b. June 1886)

from...History of Cass Co. Indiana
by Helms:

Linnie J. Wilson b. Aug 8, 1953
m. Andrew SHIRLEY. She was the
daughter of Charles B. Wilson
and the granddaughter of Andrew
Wilson b. ca. 1812 of Virginia.

Linnie Wilson and Andrew Shirley
MAY be the same as Joseph A. Shirley
and Melinda J. Wilson who married
April 18, 1874.

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The above seems to be the group in
the column across the page. This
was not planned. REALLY it wasn't.
I had this happen one other time.

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JOHN MARSHALL SHIRLEY

(Son of Jonathon Shirley b. May 28, 1795 and Eleanor Sharpe...Jonathon being the son of John Shirley, Jr., son of John Shirley and Elizabeth Barmore).

[See p. 4, April 1983 NEWS]

John Marshall Shirley b. Feb. 29, 1816 in Abbeyville Co. S.C. He died February 26, 1863, at Crystal Springs, Mississippi. He married Eleanor Black November 13, 1834. In 1844 they settled in Carroll County Mississippi. In 1846, to Choctaw County Miss. they to Copieah Co. Mississippi in 1858. Later Matilda and her children moved to Texas.

John Marshall was raised in a good Baptist home. In 1835 he joined the the Methodist Church with his wife. He was appointed class leader the same year. When he moved to Choctaw Co Miss. in 1846, he rode 20 miles horseback to get a Methodist preacher, REv. Duskin, to form a church in the community. The charter members of the church consisted of five members. This church grew to be a large church. They named in BETHEL.

Their children:

1. Robert Alexander b. Oct. 7, 1836 in Abbeyville Co. S.C.
m. 1st. Carrie Rumph Dec. 26, 1865 she died 1867.
m. 2nd. F.E. Strain Dec. 24, 1870 at Garner, Texas.
They had one adopted girl, Minda. Robert at age 24 went out with the First Mississippi Volunteers and served his country faithfully during the four years of the Civil War. He served most of the time in Virginia.
2. Mary Eleanor b. June 17, 1829
m. J.M. Coalson Apr. 9, 1856
They lived in Parker Co. Texas.
3. Joseph Johnathon b. May 24, 1841 in Anderson Co. S.C.d. July 25, 1910.
m. Catherine B. Chilton June 22, 1871.
He graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1871. He served in four battles of Shiloh, Coffeyville, Miss. and Vicksburg. He was a minister. This family settled in Alvin Texas.

children:

- (1). Robert Chilton b. Apr 22, 1872
m. Nettie Bullington

- (2). Marshall b.& d. June 29, 1874
- (3). Joseph Watson b. June 28, 1875
m. Ovie Hood June 1902
- (4). Mary E. b. June 19, 1878
m. Albert Arledge
- (5). Julia b. Sept 1881
- (6). Ventie b. July 3, 1885
m. Barcus Brown June 1907

4. Elizabeth Matilda b. June 16, 1844 d. June 12, 1900 Ranger, Tex.
m. Charles B. Potts July 1865 in Crystall, Mississippi.
5. Martha Capers b. Aug 18, 1846 in Carroll Co. Mississippi.
m. J.G. Leach Jan 22, 1868.
They lived in Parker Co. Texas.
6. Adelaide Celestia b. Feb 13, 1850 in Choctaw Co. Mississippi.
m. Robert Guild West Nov 8, 1870 in Parker Co. Texas. She was a teacher.
7. Alice Ann Black b. Mar 12, 1852 in Choctaw Co. Mississippi.
d. Aug 31, 1910 Fort Worth, Texas
m. 1st. Thomas J. Blackburn July 21, 1870
m. 2nd. George Boone Oct 18, 1882
8. Augusta Letitia b. Mar 30, 1855 Choctaw Co. Mississippi.
m. Rev. William Jones Moore Dec. 19, 1876 Granbury, Texas.
(She kept records of the Jonathon Shirley family of which we are indebted to her for her work in preserving her family data).

See photo's in this issue of John Marshall and wife, Eleanor and their children.

[Information on John Marshall Shirley taken from Ethel Updike book and from Tracy King book...no longer in print.]

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CAN ANYONE TELL ME ABOUT THE FOLLOWING?

Passenger Ship Search...

NAME: Shirley-Sherley

SHIP NAME: "Duke of Bedford"

SHIP MASTER COMMANDER: Richard Jefferys

DATE: Sept 14, 1751

TIME CROSSING: 5-10 weeks

Do you know this Shirleys first name and where did this ship land & from where? I'd appreciate the answer!



JOHN MARSHALL SHIRLEY



MATILDA ELEANOR SHIRLEY



THE CHILDREN OF JOHN MARSHALL AND MATILDA ELEANOR SHIRLEY
From left to right, standing: Mrs. Leach, Mrs. West, Mrs. Eoon, Mrs. Moore.
Sitting: Rev. R.A. Shirley, Mrs. Coalson, Rev. J.J. Shirley, Mrs. Potts.

WANT ADS

Will correspond with anyone doing research on SHIRLEY family from Carlow and Kilkenny Counties in Ireland.

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Looking for my elusive John Efferson Shirley. He was born May 1862 in Tenn. married January 6, 1897 to Mettie Stovall. He died May 1902 in Burnett, Texas and was buried Lexington, I.T. (Indian Terr.) The 1900 census says his parents were also born in Tenn.

Beth Shirley
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Dallas, Texas 75234

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Descendants of BENJAMIN SHIRLEY and ELIZABETH HUGHES will be meeting to celebrate the 89th Birthday of Stella Mae Belle Shirley Blackmon (daughter of Jordan Shirley of Grand Saline, Texas area) in Vernon, Texas on Saturday, August 11, 1984. Those who would like to attend this B'THDAY CELEBRATION should write for more info.

Mrs. G.F. Gaa
Six Wildwood Lane
O'Fallon, Ill. 62269

(see Apr. '82 NEWS p. 3&4).

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO ENGLAND IN 1986???

The American branch of the SHIRLEY family have been invited to attend the 900 year CELEBRATION of continual ownership of ETTINGTON PARK, the original estate of the Shirley family.

A mailing list for you who are interested in updates on the trip has been initiated. The COST to be on this list is \$5.00 and this is just to cover additional postage and printing etc.

SEND TO: Betty Shirley
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I will be mailing the first packet of info when I return from Va. trip, where I am doing some more research on the earliest Shirleys in Va./Md./Pa. areas. I would have already sent this packet to you who have signed up but am waiting for something I have ordered to enclose with the packet and it will not be here until I get back from Va. I leave July 17 and return Aug 1. Give me a few days to catch my breath. Thank you!

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NOTE:

from your editor...

I will be in Winchester, Virginia July 21st (Sat. Eve). I am coming to the area to research more on the very earliest Shirleys of VA./Pa./Md./W.VA. I thought some of you who do not live to far away from the area MIGHT like to drive over to Winchester and spend an evening with me and I will show you the pictures I took in ENGLAND and tell you about it. I have reserved a room at the AIKEN STEAK HOUSE, 1801 Dominion Ave. Winchester, Va. 703-665-4400 (Shirley Edmonds). If you want to join us there please call her and add your name. Dinner starts at \$5.95 for 10 oz. steak. If staying over night call Travel Lodge 703-665-0685. (\$42 for 2 people). Sorry for the short notice. Just thought of it. See some of you in Va.!