



EMBLEY P. SHIRLEY
(son of Edmond Shirley)

Embley P. Shirley born June 1, 1809 in Kentucky. He died June 22, 1866 in Howard County, Indiana. He married 1st. Mary I. Hitt Feb. 8, 1836. She died January 3, 1855 and he married 2nd. Mariah A. Lisher Young.

Embley P. Shirley was the son of Edmond Shirley who was the son of Argeland Shirley and Susannah who were members of the Turkey Creek Baptist church in Abbeville Co. South Carolina.



"MORT" SHIRLEY & son HAROLD SHIRLEY
(Mort is son of Embley P. Shirley)

Children of Embley P. Shirley.

1. Betsey Ann b. May 27, 1839 Ky.
m. Willis B Helton
2. William Jackson b. July 2, 1842
d. in 1862, Civil War
3. Eliza Elvessa b. Mar. 9, 1845
4. Samuel Henry b. Aug 13, 1847
m. Mary E. Booker
(See Apr '82 NEWS p. 13 & 14)
5. James Taylor b. Mar 14, 1849 Ind
6. Everetta b. July 4, 185

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Children of Embley and his
2nd wife, Maria Lisher Young.

7. Eva m. William King
8. Laura m. Elijah Hendricks
9. Oliver Perry Morton "MORT"
b. May 7, 1865 Indiana
m. 1st. Alice Newton
m. 2nd. Rachel Garner Dec 19, 1890

*("MORT" is the father of our member
Harold Shirley of Indiana who is
87 years old and his wife, Helen,
who sent us this material, is 84.
They have been married 66 years.
I am looking forward to meeting
them in Indianapolis at the Shirley
Convention this summer!).*

LAST WILL & TESTIMENT OF EDMUND SHIRLEY

*(Edmund Shirley, son of Argeland Shirley
who was born in Maryland in 1700's.)*

I, Edmund Shirley, of Boone County, in the state of Indiana, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time made heretofore. First that my daughter, ARAVINA AMANDA MALVINA have all the household and kitchen furniture which I am possessed of at my death. Also, that said daughter have possession of all my Real Estate for one year from the first of the next March after my decease, free of rent. Also, that all my other personal property not heretofore herein named shall be sold by my executors at my decease, and the money equally divided among my children, viz: PRESLEY, EMBLEY P., DANIEL, WILLIAM, MILETUS, DR. J., BARTLETT, JAMES S. and my daughter A.A.M. Swaggert. Also that all Real Estate of which I am possessed at my decease shall be sold by my Executor. (After the time aforesaid which my daughter, aforesaid is to have the use of it). and the money equally divided among my children before named. And I hereby make and ordain my sons Daniel and William Shirley my executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I here unto set my hand and seal this 17th day of September 1856. signed, EDMUND SHIRLEY

Signed and sealed in presence of Joseph Helton and H. Sapham (?) Boone Co. Ind

info sent by Helen Shirley.

EDMUND SHIRLEY b. March 29, 1783 in Culpeper Co. Virginia. He died Jan. 2, 1860 in Boone Co. Indiana. He married Philadelphia Perry Mar 12, 1804 in Kentucky.

Children

1. James S. b. June 4, 1805 d. 1828
2. Preseley Dickinson b. Jan 27, 1807
m. Lucinda Cox Jan 26, 1830
(They went to Randolph Co. Mo)
3. Embley P. b. June 1, 1809
m. 1st Mary I. Hitt
m. 2nd Maria Lisher Young
4. Daniel b. Mar 2, 1811 d. Jan 1901
m. Susan Coyl Marion Co Ind
5. William b. May 20, 1813 Ky. d. 1880
m. Alley I. Kise
6. Miletus b. Aug 10, 1815 Ky. d. 1887
in Webster Co. Nebraska
m. Irene Johnson
7. Doctor J. b. Oct 27, 1817 Scott Co Ky
died Howard Co. Indiana
m. Waitzel Seward Aug 11, 1849
8. Bartlett b. 1819 m. Polly Duese
9. Polly Susan b. May 13, 1828
m. Trustor Woollen
10. Avarine Amanda Malvina b. May 9, 1825
d. Oct 9, 1826
11. James S. b. Aug 13, 1828 Ky.
m. Priscilla Carter Dec 20, 1849 in
Hendricks Co. Indiana
12. Avarina A.M. b. July 20, 1830 d. 1889
m. William T. Swigert

info sent by Helen Shirley.

See p. 7 of Jan 1980 NEWS and Apr '82
page 13 of the NEWS for this family.

Misc. Shirley names early Records.....

EDWARD SHIRLEY b. ca. 1743 in Burton, Devonshire on River Trent was impressed in the British service and came to America about the time of the Revolutionary War. He sympathized with the colonists and deserted. He went to Fryeburg, Maine.

He later moved to Dumbarton, New Hampshire about 1772. Several years later he moved back to Fryeburg, Maine.

FENNERS SHIRLEY and wife Ann, came to America in 1755. They settled at Sudbury, Mass.

They had a son, John, who married Submit Bogle in 1780 in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire.

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SHIRLEY CONVENTION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
June 28, 29 & 30th

HOLIDAY INN
Speedway-West
6330 Debonair Lane
Indianapolis, Indiana
46224

(317) 293-3220

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Saturday " DINNER
SUNDAY June 30, LUNCH

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The meal reservations will be made thru
me. I am responsible for collecting for
the meals and paying the caterer.

To make meal reservations, write to
me requesting a reservation form.
This will tell how many in your group
and how many meals, etc... Send no
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form. When returning the reservation,
please enclose a check for the meals.

The meal reservation form will give the
menu for each of the above meals.

*This Holiday Inn is 4 miles from the
Weir Cook Airport. The Holiday Inn will
pick you up in a shuttle bus free of
charge.*

Thanks to Marion and Walter Shirley for
contacting the Holiday Inn for us and
sending me the information we needed!

We will be meeting in smaller groups
too! Smaller meeting rooms will be
available as well as our large meeting
room. MORE ON THIS NEXT ISSUE!

Several have written expressing how
pleased they were with our selection
of Indianapolis, Indiana for this our
5th SHIRLEY CONVENTION.

Indianapolis is in Marion Co. Ind.
There were so many Shirleys who came
from Kentucky to Indiana. Boone Co.,
Hendricks Co., Marion Co. and other
counties surrounding Marion Co. were
invaded by the Shirley clan of Kentucky.
They were from different branches too!
(Could be one eventually!!!).

People from all over the U.S. whose
"Roots" are from Indiana area can now
come and visit other Shirleys who still
live here or visit cemeteries, court
houses, etc....

I know several people I would like to
visit while I am there. I am looking
forward especially to visiting with
Harold and Helen Shirley. They have
been married 66 years. I have never met
them. (I have never been to Indianapolis
either.) They have been members of the
Shirley Association since Feb, 1980.

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The last Shirley Convention was held in
Anderson, South Carolina. About 150
people attended from all over the U.S.
So make your plans early to attend.

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I will be going to England again the
last of May and first part of June. I
will get back just in time to catch my
breath and then leave to be at the
Shirley Convention in Indianapolis.
I will have lots to tell and pictures
to show everyone there. It will be our
last chance before the trip to England
in 1986 to really talk about the Shirley
ancestry. I am hoping to have learned
a great deal thru our research being
done both in England and early America.
I would like to go over what we have
learned at this convention so as to
have a good understanding how the places
we visit and the Shirleys we talk about
relate to us.

I would like to say...Preparations are
being made for a special celebration
at Ettington. It looks promising that
some people of some importance will be
attending. I am not at liberty to say
who. I wouldn't want to blow our chances
to have some rather important and well
recognized people there to help us
celebrate 900 years of continual owner-
ship of the original estate of the Shirleys

NOTES FROM ENGLISH RECORDS--

Andrews vs. Sherley-Feb 15, 1640

Orators Richard Andrewes and John Beauchamp, Cittizens and Marchants of London. Whereas in 1625, 1626 and 1627, there was a treaty between you Orators and one James Sherley, Cittizen and Goldsmith of London, concerning their mixing together to mainteyn a trade and adventure with the Gov'ner and the rest of the p'terners of Plymouth plantacon in New England. It was agreed that they and each of them should adventure and putt into stock to the purpose aforesaid the sum of 1000 pounds or thereabouts apeece and that the said James Sherley should receive and dispose thereof in the said trade and adventure and should be sole factor and agent in the said trade. Orator Richard Anderewes paid James Sherly 1136 pounds for his share, and John Beauchamp paid 1127 pounds ... as his share. James Sherley pretendeth that hee did alsoe add the some of 1190 pounds for his share. James Sherley refuses to produce accounts and to show the profits of the adventure, so a writ of subpena is asked against James Sherley.

March 30, 1641. The answer of James Sherley defendant to bill of complaint of Richard Andrewes and John Beauchamp. That Richard Andrewes liveth at Rotterham in Holland and has been made a party to this suit without his consent That the said compts and this debt were at sevall times sollicitied and drawn into this adventure at the earnest p'swasion of one Isacke Allerton, agent for the planters of Plymouth in New England, to whome they gave authority. Object to obtain accounts. A copy of an account was deliuered to Edward Winslowe a planter who became agent in the room of Isaacke Allerton March 1631. He is ready to give an account to the planters. Bonds to Mr. Robert Hudson, Mr. Battell, Mr. Frost, and Peter Bullteele.

Same James Sherley as written in the Jan '84 NEWS page 2. He was the treasurer of the Merchants Adventurers who financed the Mayflower.

Info sent by Helen Post.

Maria Gaa sent about 15 pages from: *The Pilgrims* by Francis Dillon (DOUBLEDAY) It is about the Pilgrims and James Sherley and I recommend finding it at library.

MILITARY RECORDS

DANIEL SHIRLEY age 31, Company A 6th Cavalry. Residence, Ozark, Mo. Born in Virginia. He enlisted Nov. 6th, 1862 and mustered out Nov. 6th, 1862. He transferred to Co. M. and mustered out Oct 17th, 1865, Sioux City, Iowa. Termination of 3 years service.

JOHN S. SHIRLEY age 21, Council Bluffs. Born in Mo. and enlisted Sept. 8th, 1862. Mustered out Sept 8th, 1862. Taken prisoner June 22, 1863 Bear Creek, Miss. Wounded April 16th, 1865 in Columbus, Ga. Mustered out June 17th, 1865 Nashville, Tennessee. 15th Clavery Co. D.

RALPH SHIRLEY age 38, Andrew. Born in Virginia and enlisted Aug 23, 1862 and mustered out Aug 23, 1862. Mustered out July 13, 1865 Nashville, Tennessee, 2nd Cavalry Co. M.

FRANCIS M. SHIRLEY Cedar Co. Iowa. Born in Iowa and enlisted Aug 15, 1863 and mustered out same day. Mustered out August 13, 1865 from Macon, Georgia, 8th Cavalry, Co. C.

PETER V. SHIRLEY, Ozark. Born Ohio and enlisted July 7th, 1862 as wagoner. He mustered out August 30, 1862. Wounded July 22, 1864. Mustered out June 6th, 1865 Washington D.C. 26th Cavalry Co. A.

JOHN SHIRLEY, age 19. 15th Infantry Co. D. Ottuma. Born Ireland. enlisted Oct. 25, 1861 and mustered out Nov 1, 1861. Mustered out November 30, 1864 Chattanooga, Tennessee. End of term.

JOSEPH SHIRLEY (veteran) Wapello. Born Ireland age 30. Enlisted July 11, 1861 and musters July 24, 1861. Wounded in arm April 6th, 1862 Shiloh, Tenn. Re-enlisted and remustered Jan 5, 1864. Mustered out July 12, 1865 Louisville, Ky. 7th Infantry Co. F.

info sent by Esther Shirley

TAKEN FROM MILITARY RECORDS IN DES MOINES IOWA.....Can anyone else send some of these Military records you have found??? We'd like to run some more of this kind of information for our readers

Many of you have all kinds of info you have found thru your own research. Please share some of it with us!!! Dig in your files and see what you can do to help!!!



ALBERT M. SHIRLEY

James Shirley b. ___ d. bef. 1858
 m. Matilda Bell
 she married 2nd Joseph Pellett
 (They are living in Kosciusko Co.
 Indiana in 1880 census).
 known child...

Albert M. b. April 15, 1843 Knox Co. Ohio
 (that portion annexed into Morrow Co Ohio)

He served in the Union Army in the Civil War and wounded. He was inducted in Indianapolis and discharged at Louisville Kentucky. Albert was hit by a train and died Dec 2, 1867 in Indiana. He and his mother are buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Kosciusko Co. Indiana.

He married Mary Margaret Plummer Jan 1, 1866. Child

Alwilda Jane m. Leroy Glanville Haines
 Oct 1, 1888. m 2nd Mr. Huffer.

CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHO THIS JAMES SHIRLEY IS ???

info sent by Jane Norman

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Next Issue.....

Report on research we are having done for us. Most of the preliminary work is being done within the next 6 weeks.

More information on Shirley Convention such as speakers, etc..... program schedule.



MARY MARGARET PLUMMER

Gordon Seyffert found some information in regards to an item we run in the Vol 1 #12 pg. 4 of the SHIRLEY NEWS.

(This is for you who are researching other families as well as Shirleys in this area).

The Mary Price who left a will in 1726 in Northumberland Co. Va. could not have been a daughter of Thomas Shirley. She was Mary Garner who married:

- 1st George Courtner (died before 1682)
- 2nd John Lewis (died about 1697)
- 3rd Richard Price ca 1697 (died 1709/10)

The latter's son Arjalon was first of Richmond Co. Va. and then Orange Co. Va. moving between 1739 and 1754. He died leaving 7 children...

1. Arjalon Jr. was in Hampshire Co 1783
2. Elizabeth m. Nicholas Green
 (son of Robert Green of Fauquier Co Va)

I don't have the other names

The name of Arjalon continues at least 2 more generations but with out a tie to the Shirleys. The Lewis and Green lines similarly fail to yeild connections.

SOURCES: Julia Price Reedy, OUR FAMILY OF YESTER YEAR (1981 private)

Daniel Reid Long, Jr., JOHN LEWIS "THE LOST PIONEER" (1971 private)

Va. Genealogist, Vol 17 (1973) 27 (1983).

CLARK CO. GEORGIA

William Shirley b. ca. 1818 S.C.
m. Adeline Evans Apr 17, 1833 in
Franklin Co Ga.

Their son, Clark Alexander b. Aug 31,
1833 Clark Co. Ga. was the father of:

ALEXANDER HENRY "Alec" b. ca. 1862 Ga
m. 1st Katherine McCarron
m. 2nd Fannie Davis

children

1. Inis
2. Clifton
3. Birdie
4. Edward
5. Clark (UNCLE CLARK)

(children by Fannie)

6. Kathleen
7. Eileen
8. Walter
9. Hal

*The following is from a letter written
by Mildred Shirley, wife of Clyde
Linden Shirley who is the son of Edward.*

Alexander Henry Shirley worked for the
railroad in Montgomery, Ala for a short
time. He left his family when Clark was
a baby and married a Fannie Davis. They
went to Arkansas to live.

Edward remembers working in the textile
mill by the time he was 8 years old. He
had to stand on a box to reach the work.

Alexander and his second family lived in
and around Little Rock. He worked for
the railroad.

In 1924, Alexander returned to Montgo-
mery to see his first children. It was
then he told them of his life in Ark.

Uncle Clark, the youngest of the first
family, recalls some of the stories
today. He is 84 years old and in
reasonably good health. He was told
about a town of Shirley in Ark. being
named for his father, Alexander.

We made a trip to Oklahoma in 1980 and
on our back to Alabama we decided to go
through Shirley and look around. The
population was 336. There were no
Shirleys in town and none buried there.

We met Mr. and Mrs Otto McKinney who
were the proprietors of the food store
and the Variey store and had been for
50 years. Mrs McKinney told us there

was a railroad there and the depot
and a saw mill just as our Uncle
Clark had told us. He had never
seen the place but just recalled
what his father had told him in
1924.

There had been no contact between
the two sets of children of Alex-
ander Henry Shirley. We knew they
had lived in Little Rock. So
after leaving Shirley, Ark., we
went on home through Little Rock,
where we copied all the Shirleys
listed in the telephone book.
After going over the list of names
with uncle Clark, we decided to
write a letter to a HAL SHIRLEY
listed in Little Rock. We told
him in the letter who uncle Clark
was. We wondered if we could make
contact with the younger family.
Uncle Clark had corresponded with
Kathleen, the oldest child, many
years ago.

When Hal got the letter, he picked
up the telephone and called uncle
Clark and talked with him. We
determined he was the son of Hal,
the half brother of Uncle Clark.
Hal Shirley. Sr. was deceased. So
was Walter but Kathleen and Eileen
were living in nursing homes.

Kathleen had to talk to uncle Clark
when she learned from Hal that He
could call Uncle Clark for her. She
was so thrilled as was uncle Clark.
They had never seen each other or
spoken over the telephone before.
She was 80 and Uncle Clark was 82.

We immediately set up a meeting and
took uncle Clark out to see her.

We met Hal's mother, who invited us
to dinner with Hal and his family.
We also met Walter's daughter.
They were all so nice to us and we
will always be thankful for having the
privilege of meeting these relatives.

Kathleen was blind for 22 years as
the result of a mastoid operation.
She died in 1982 (2 yrs after we
were there). Hal's mother died
from a heart attack.

We are so glad we made contact when
we did.

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"Papa"
Alexander Henry Shirley



daughter-Birdie Shirley Waller



Edward Alexander Shirley Son



Kathleen S. Scarbrough Clark L. Shirley
Half brother and sister



Clark Linden Shirley Son
Eunice Arnold Shirley Wife

Eileen is in a nursing home in San Antonio. We wrote her but received no response. We do not know her physical condition. She was a musician and her baby grand piano was taken to the nursing home we understand. Perhaps yet....if we get out that way. Life is full of surprises and this was a delightful story we were glad we had a little part in... making a dream come true.

We brought Uncle Clark with us to the Shirley Convention in Anderson, South Carolina in 1983. We came back through Athens, Georgia to look into our history. We truly enjoyed the convention and felt very privileged to be among so many SHIRLEYS from some 26 states. I feel it will be through the Shirley Association that we will finally connect with the South Carolina people.

Uncle Clark had throat surgery before the Shirley Convention in Anderson. Four weeks ago he had heart failure and in a matter of an hour was in the hospital and received a pace maker and is now doing great!

Note: See page 6 of Jan 1984 issue of the NEWS for a story on the Town of SHIRLEY, ARK.

From your editor!

I was very touched with this story. It expresses what can be done when you are searching for your ancestors as well as their descendants. I have tried to get this point across to our members that by joining the Association and receiving the names of others who are descended from your branch, you can then arrange to meet them at the Shirley Convention or travel to where they live. It can be a terrific experience meeting those you have never met before and exchange stories, photos and see the family resemblances.

I have enjoyed bringing people together, and although I didn't have anything to do with this reunion, we have brought people together like this through this work.

I know of others who have done this and it is a lot of fun.

I urge you to reach out, even if it is a family rift of long standing. Make the first move and see if you can't bring the family back together.

In Ohio a few years ago, I was able to tell two people who knew each other and lived in the same town that they were first cousins. That was a shock to them!

Another experience was in Arkansas a few years ago where an elderly gentleman who lived in the same town with his cousin didn't know how they were related. Again they were first cousins, once removed.

I have heard of others we have brought together through our Association. This is very exciting to me to know we are making a difference to you, our members.

I received a letter from one of our members who said she didn't think she could go to England. She was concerned about being 79 years old by the time our trip to England is planned. She would like to go. I wrote her back and encouraged to work towards it. If she feels good, there is no reason to give up and stay at home because you think you are getting to old. I just got a letter back and she thanked me for the encouragement and said "I am going to work toward going on the big event of my lifetime, the Lord willing".

I know there some we just haven't been able to help. All I can say is to hang in there. We are trying!!!

WE SAID IN THE LAST ISSUE WE ARE GOING TO BE MAKING A BIG PUSH FORWARD IN TRYING TO CONNECT THE SHIRLEYS TOGETHER BEFORE GOING TO ENGLAND AND ETC.

We are in the process of hiring some professional help in the states where the most help is needed. We also have some other connections which are doing some work for us. In the next few months we should have some new information. I am excited to see what we come up with for you... our members.

WE COULD USE SOME FAMILY INFO AND STORIES AND PHOTOS FOR THE "SHIRLEY NEWS"

CAN YOU HELP ???

A
SHIRLEY FAMILY
From
TENNESSESSE TO ARKANSAS

Eli Wiley Shirley born October 11, 1820
in Tennesse. Died Jan 24, 1911 Ark.
married Mary Ann Emerson.

Children

1. James Reid b. Nov 6, 1841 Hardin Co
Tennesse.
- m. Nancy Eliz. Atkins

Children

- (1) William Wiley b. ca. 1868 Ark.
m. Belle Sanders
- (2) Harvey
- (3) Mary F. b. ca. 1873 Ark.
m. Billy Shuffield
- (4) James Riley b. ca. 1876 Ark
m. 1st Mesa Wade
2nd Nancy Brady
- (5) Emily b. ca. 1879 Ark.
m. Ben Whitfield
- (6) Melissa
m. Gent Wade

Info sent by Minnie Cupit and
Jean Horrocks.

*ELI WILEY AND MARY ANN are residents
of Dallas Co. Ark. in 1850.*

*JAMES REID AND NANCY are residents of
Calhoun Co. Ark in 1880.*
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BARREN CO. KENTUCKY

*Daniel Shirley &C vs Shirley &C
Case # 781 Barren Co. Ky JUNE 17, 1834*

To the Honorable the Judge of the Barren
Circuit Court in chancery sitting: Daniel
Shirley and Sarah Shirley infants who sue
by their next of friend Reuben Dale, state
that on ___ day of ___ their father Richard
Shirley, Jr. departed this life intestate
owing and possessing a tract of land con-
taining 207 acres, deed from JD Dizram(?)
and wife to Richard Shirley, copy filed
herewith as part of this bill. They
that the said Richard Shirley Jr. owned
no other land.

They state that Richard Shirley Jr died
leaving a wife Elizabeth Shirley, Daniel
Shirley, Sarah Shirley, Maria Shirley,
Jemima Shirley, Martha Shirley, America
Shirley, Reuben Shirley, Elizabeth Shirley
and Lemuel Shirley, his children and heirs.

They state that since the death of their
father, Jemima, America, Reuben and
_____ ? (prob. Lemuel) have also departed

this life without issue or without
ever being married, leaving the rest
Daniel, Sarah, Maria, Martha and
Elizabeth, all of whom are infants.

They state that the tract of land is
not worth more than 150 pounds. They
further state that their mother,
Elizabeth Shirley has refused to have
dower allotted to her in the land.

They therefore pray your Honor to
command that Elizabeth Shirley, Maria,
Martha and Elizabeth (child) be made
defendants to this bill.....and that
said land be sold upon such terms that
your Honor will think most advisable
for the interest of all concerned, the
proceeds to divided among the heirs of
Richard Shirley Jr., deceased.

DECREE- This Day the cause came on to be
heard on the bill, and it appearing to
the satisfaction of the Court that pro-
cess was served on Elizabeth Shirley,
who did not answer previous to the 10th
day of the last June term - it is order-
ed that the tract of land mentioned in
the bill be sold to the highest bidder,
and further that Bartlett L. Graves be
appointed Commissioner to make said
sale, and report to the next court.

In obedience to the order of the Barren
Circuit Court on the suit Daniel Shirley
&C vs Elizabeth Shirley &C, the under-
signed reports that he had paid off the
following debts against the estate of
Richard Shirley, deceased.

Richard Garrett, fee bill, JW Evans on
note, Henry Shirley on note and he,
Dale, holds notes on Shirley, all of
which said receipts and notes are here
filed.

signed, Reuben Dale

*Info sent by Betty Wallace and copied
for her by Gladys B. Wilson.*
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RICHARD SHIRLEY, JR committed suicide.
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CORRECTION !!!! July 1983 NEWS
page 3, 1st P.

Oscar Vann returned to DeKalb, Ala. ca.
1922. William Preston DID NOT return
to Alabama, he stayed in Texas and
he is buried in Hopkins County.

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SORRY.....RONNIE. THANK YOU FOR THE
CORRECTION!

JEFFERSON CO. VIRGINIA

*Relinquishment of dower right by
PATIENCE SHIRLEY to Michael Wysong
Deed book 9, p.473*

This indenture made this 9th day of November 1814 between Patience Shirley, widow of Robert Shirley, deceased, of the one part, and Michael Wysong, both of the county of Jefferson, Virginia;

Witnesseth that the said Patience for and in consideration of one hundred dollars in hand paid by the said Wysong at or upon the receipt of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said Wysong all her dower and right and interest in that portion of a tract of land in the said county of Jefferson near Charlestown, late the property of Robert Shirley, Dec'd, which belongs to Walter Shirley one of the heirs of the said Robert, hereby meaning and intending that one fifth part of said original tract (to wit) that portion of the whole to which the said Walter is entitled to shall not be encumbered with my said dower right thereto;

And I do hereby covenant with the said Wysong that my said dower right in the said proportion is now at this time free from all encumbrances and charges whatsoever;

In testimony wherof I have herunto set my hand and seal the day and date first written.

x her mark

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

John Wilson
Joseph Stanford
Elizabeth Shirley
Elizabeth French

Info sent by Jack Williams.

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This Robert Shirley (wife Patience) was the son of Walter Shirley who was born in 1690 in England and came to America ca 1726 landing in New Jersey. By 1742 he had migrated to Shenandoah Valley in Virginia.

Robert Shirley's children we know... Walter, Robert, Jr., John and Elizabeth "Betsy".

CAMDEN DIST. SOUTH CAROLINA

Petition of ABSOLOM SHIRLEY who joined Captain Nutwell's Company, Jackson's Creek Militia and did duty under him from June 13, 1780 until the Congaree Fort surrendered, at which time he was made prisoner and sent to Charlestown. He afterwards joined Lord Rawdon and went with him to to NINETY-SIX; he has kept constantly with the army doing his duty until they came to the Quarter House. His captain is now dead. He has not received any pay but for the last three months duty and he is taking this means to request payment for the first six months duty, as other companies have received their pay.

[Pay abstract Nr 56, Colonel John Phillips' Regiment, Jackson's Creek Militia, Camden District, SC. Captain Nutwell's Company, 6-months pay, June 13, December 12, 1780.

NR	Rank	Name	Remarks
1	Sergeant	Shirley, Absolom].

Taken from Volume 1, Loyalists in the Southern Campaign.

(Also in same book...)

In Lt.Colonel Thomas Brown's Company Kings Rangers, Savannah, Ga. 1781/82.

James Shirley and Martin Shirley.

Info sent by Lester Shirley.

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BOOK FOR SALE.....

Sue Henderson, descendant of Obediah Shirley b. ca. 1804, has written a book on the descendants. Send \$8 for book plus \$2 for postage to: Sue Henderson, 2209 Pigeon Point Rd., Beaufort, SC 29902.

This group was written about in our April 1979 issue of the NEWS, page 7 and October 1981 issue, page 7.

This family from Abbeville and Honea Path South Carolina.

The book is soft cover and 69 pages.

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MARY SHIRLEY MCGUIRE

The Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter Texas Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Plano, Texas, Dec. 5, 1975.

This chapter was named for a patriot who suffered much for the American cause. Mary SHIRLEY McGuire was born February 17, 1762, and was the eldest daughter of MICHAEL SHIRLEY a Lieutenant in the Continental Army, and his wife Kittie Franz. As a young woman, Mary helped mold bullets at the battle of Saratoga. On February 23, 1778, she married William McGuire in Rockingham Co. Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. William was a Lieutenant of the First Artillery, Virginia Regiment when he, Mary, and their young son, Bennie, were captured and carried to Cananda as prisoners of the British. During their imprisonment, another child was born to them whom they named Thomas. When they were released from prison, they endured many hardships during the bitter Canadian winter. Trying to find their way home, they wandered through deep snow and frozen countryside. During this time, they lost their elder child, Bennie, to the freezing cold. The McGuires had stopped for the night at a Canadian graveyard. The parents tried to prevent the children from freezing by lying between the graves, and covering themselves with their scanty blankets. The mother placed the tiny baby inside her clothing and buttoned her coat over to save it. Bennie, however died that night and was buried in a shallow grave the parents were able to scratch out in this unknown, foreign soil. With broken hearts, they had to leave his little body there.

The McGuire family migrated to Tennessee from Shelby Co. Kentucky, about 1813. They had the following children: Thomas, Cornelius, William 11, John, Katie, Polly, Sallie and Elizabeth.

Info sent by: Roberta DuPont.

THOMAS MCGUIRE

*[From Shelbyville Times Gazette]
1819 - 1969*

Thomas McGuire, the son of Lieutenant William McGuire of Revolution fame, built and managed one of the first nurseries in this part of Tennessee. It is said that the first fruit trees planted in Bedford County were propagated by Thomas McGuire. The home he built and lived in on the northwest side of Horse Mountain where the nursery covered a large portion of the hill, still stands in a good state of preservation.

[Bedford County is in Tennessee. This Thomas McGuire was the grandson of MICHAEL AND KITTIE FRANZ SHIRLEY].

Sent by Roberta Du Pont.

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ALABAMA SHIRLEY'S

Doctor JAMES SPALDING SHIRLEY born Sept 12, 1837.

He was a medical doctor who rode horseback to see his patients in China Grove, Alabama *[What Co. is this in ???]*.

CHILDREN

1. William Henry b. ca. 1860 Ala.
m. Mary Emma (she d. age 74)

children

- (1) Willie Hill (dau)
- (2) James Spalding died Montgomery, Ala
m. Lucille Clanton

children

- A. James
 - B. Lucille
 - C. Mary Lillian
 - (3) Jack did age 20 yrs.
 - (4) Orene m. Mr. Clark & went to Texas
 - (5) Emma
2. Emma b. ca. 1863 Ala
 3. James b. ca. 1871 Ala
 4. Orene
 5. Austin
 6. Susan

James and Lucille are in Bullock Co. Ala in 1880 census. DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS FAMILY??? Please WRITE me!!!

WANT ADS

Would like to find someone living near Charlestown, W.VA. Court house who I could hire to get copies of records for me from time to time.

Please write: Jack V. Williams
2912 Idaho St.
Bakersfield, Ca. 93305

Mary Shirley married Wm McGire Feb 28, 1778. A son, Thomas was born in 1781 while they were prisoners of war in Canada. Thomas McGuire married Ann Lee Oct 3, 1805 in Madison Co. Ky. They had 9 children, the first 8 all girls. The 9th was a boy. The seventh girl, Lucinda, was my gr gr grandmother, who married David Simeon George.

Thomas died 1861 and Ann died in 1872. They are both buried in Charleston Cem. Delta Co. Texas. Family history passed down from generation says Ann Lee was related to General Robert E. Lee. HOW?? Ann and Tomas marriage record is signed by William Lee. Was he Ann's father???

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HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING
about
GOING TO ENGLAND WITH US 1986?

This is the last time we will be telling you about the England mailing list. After March 1st, 1985 the mailing list will be discontinued as by that time all who are on the list will be notified that as of March 1st, we will begin taking deposits for the trip. The first 200 reservations are all we can plan on taking with us. If there are more than 200, we will have a waiting list for cancelations. Less than half of those going will be able to stay at Ettington Park Hotel.

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NEW RESEARCH BEING DONE

From your editor.....

In the last 6 weeks, I have been busy carrying out my promise that we are going to make a push forward to learn about some of the Shirleys whom we have not been able to plug into a main branch. We are also trying to learn additional information about the very early Shirleys when they first came to America and find the ancestors of the South Carolina and Kentucky groups. We need to find the parents of John Shirley who married Eliz. Barmore and others who we don't seem to be able to go further back on...and some of you have been at this stand still for several years. We also want desperately to try and establish the first Shirleys in America with the Shirley family of England. This would make our trip so much more meaningful for all of us if we could get even an idea how we are related to the English Shirleys.

I have hired several professional people to research in the records they are familar with in their own area. I have corresponded with them and I think I have some good people working for me. I have already received some new to me information and it deals with a will of 1698 here in America. I have asked to have more work done on this area and it may have something to do with the above. I will report on some of this further in the next issue of the NEWS. Any donations toward this expense would be apreciated!!!