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1985 SHIRLEY Convention picture
Indianapolis, Indiana

The Shirley Association held their 5th Convention June 29th and 30th at Indianapolis, Indiana. Walter and Marion Shirley were this years host and hostess.

More than 80 persons attended from all over the United States, representing many family branches of the Shirley family who came to America as early as the 1600's.

Many of the guests were attending their first convention while others had attended previous ones in Virginia, California, Kentucky and South Carolina.

The weather was good, not too hot or too cold. No rain and everyone was in good spirits and had a great time!

Betty Shirley and Jim Bolles shared stories and pictures of their travels in England planning the 1986 Shirley Celebration. They had just returned from England 2 weeks before convention.

REPORT ON 1985 TRIP TO ENGLAND

by Betty Shirley, editor...

I left from San Francisco May 27th and the flight was 9½ hours to London airport. I was met there by Jim Bolles and his wife. I traveled with them for one week finalizing the plan for our BIG trip next year. I traveled another week alone.

There may be some who have not heard about the 1986 Celebration which we, Shirley Association members and family, have been invited to. The reason for the celebration is because the Shirley family still own the original land recorded in the Domesday Book. It was inherited thru the direct male line for 900 years as of next year! No other family has this distinction.

I shall be taking over approximately 200 people June 16th, 1986. If you would like to go with us, write to me for information. There are 2 packages and possibly three available. One is from June 16th arriving back in states on the 28th. The other package would be 2 days longer. etc...details later.

Now...back to my trip...

Our first stop was at Ettington, the original seat of the Shirleys where we will be holding the celebration. Last year when I was there, I found it all torn up as the workmen were restoring the old manor house into a hotel. I have been concerned all year that when I seen it next time it would be to fancy and may have lost the Shirley history. Well, the place is FANTASTIC! The hotel people are to be commended for their part in preserving the Shirley history in the old manor house. The fireplace in the main entrance room has the coat of arms in place and beautifully restored. It was this way thru out the house, or should I say hotel. The hotel opened May 16th, and I was there May 28th, just a few days after the opening.

The indoor swimming pool is beautiful! The landscaping is well done. It is a first class hotel. Food is good! I give it an EXCELLENT rating!!!

Special discounts are being arranged for our members who may be traveling in England other than when we are going. I get calls asking how to find this place as they are

going this year on business etc. We want to have the discounts for you whenever you go. 1987 or 2000.

I met with John Shirley, present owner of Ettington, and his wife and son. I was their guest for dinner following an afternoon session planning the festivities for next years celebration at Ettington. The date was May 31st. We sat in the main sitting room (see photo) along with the hotel manager, Jim Bolles and his wife, and another gentleman who will be taking care of the publicity.

Some very special things have been planned which will ensure a most memorable day.

One of our members called me to say that last year he met some people in the town of SHIRLEY, ENGLAND who would be interested in talking about the possibility of the American Shirleys stopping in their town while we are there next year. I contacted them from Ettington and we arranged a meeting for the next morning about 9:30 AM. When the Bolles and I arrived, several people were there to talk to us about entertaining our group next year. They are very enthusiastic about our coming.

There are three villages we will be visiting. They each have Shirley history. Special events are being organized by the local people in our honor.

I stayed in one of the villages for 2 days with a local family. They took me around and was very helpful to me.

I was the guest of the Earl Ferrers for the week-end of June 9th. I attended church services with him at the Norwich Cathdral and after services we attended a party at one of the members homes. A large estate home. About 6:00 pm the Earl and his wife were scheduled for a tennis party and I was included in the invitation. It was super meeting so many nice people.

The Earl Ferrers and his family were super hosts. I enjoyed my visit with them. My room was dreamy. They live in a beautiful estate home. They have redone the house and the grounds just before they moved in last year. They inherited the estate from his wife's parents. The Earl has beautiful paintings of his ancestors.

There were portraits of Charles II and James II given to the first Earl Ferrers by Charles II. Family portraits included Robert and Katharine Shirley, Washington Shirley, 2nd Earl Ferrers, and many others of this era. The Earl showed me the Bible which Robert Shirley had with him when he died at the Tower of London Nov. 28, 1656. Also the original letter that Charles II wrote to Robert's widow.

My visit with the Earl and his family is one I will always remember.

I spent a few days in London where I did more Shirley research and made some new discoveries on some of the lines we have been working on. If I could afford to go over and stay for awhile, I could learn alot more. I am thankful for what I have learned...But we are never satisfied as there is usually more waiting for us to discover.

I met with our researcher while in England. He will be our speaker next year...about our second night in England. A very knowledgable man.

Well, there is much more, but I think I have given you the highlights.

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HERE IS AN UPDATE ON 1986 TRIP!

The Ireland package C is no longer offered. We will not be able to go over as John Shirley feels it unsafe and he is not able to receive us at the Ireland Shirley Estate.

We are waiting for confirmation on substituting a visit to Norwich and a visit to the Earls home. He will be writing me in response to my letter. He had asked about including his home. I was hesitant as it is quite a distance from the other places. But it was suggested we include it in place of the Ireland trip. We will be in contact with those who have deposits for the England trip as this progresses.

Just a reminder ...2nd payment is due on England trip!

We will be writing those going, in Sept with more details etc...There has been too much to do since I returned home. Mr. Bolles and I will send info about travel company and etc.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO GERALD FINN

I, Betty Shirley, was presented at the Shirley Convention with a beautiful document prepared by Gerald and it was signed by those attending the convention. I didn't even see you all signing it! Sneaky!!! It says the following:

*A Tribute to
Betty Shirley*

whose talents industry and integrity have made the Shirley Association a successful reality. Her organizational ability is of a superior order. Her interesting Shirley News is well written and put together. Tireless research by her into the past has revealed much that we are justly proud of. The skillful manner with which she established the friendly relationship with the distinguished Shirley family of England was worthy of a diplomat.

In recognition of her unique gifts which we have benefited from. We present to her this statement of our high esteem and appreciation.

*Indianapolis, Indiana
June 30, 1985*

3 rows of signatures...

Thank you Gerald and all of you involved in this. It is now hanging in my office. The colors are Red and blue and gold. It has the flags and coat of arms as it appears at the top of the NEWS at the top of the document in the colors mentioned.

THANK YOU!

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REPORT ON MEETINGS HELD AT
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA, NORTHPORT, ALABAMA,
MERIDIAN & JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE AND HARTSBURG, ILLINOIS.

My niece, Barbara Shirley, and myself met alot more Shirleys after the convention in Indiana. Geneal Black who was the person I called on the phone to ask if she would help me organize a meeting in Tuscaloosa, Ala area did a splendid job. There were about 125 people at a pot luck dinner at the Macedonia United Methodist Church in Northport, Alabama. We visited three cemeteries in the area, past Shirley homes, and met Marvin Harper and many other nice people.

Thank you to Geneal and to you who came to meet me and hear about the Shirleys and the England history. I really enjoyed it. Wished we would have had more time to get acquainted. Time just flew! (cont.)

We met about 75 people in Jackson, Miss. I certainly picked the right lady to help me organize a meeting here. She is Anna Husbands and the people in Jackson was a super bunch. A photographer came to take pictures and he brought a cake to celebrate this occassion. That impressed me. He had read in a Jackson newspaper that the Shirleys were having this meeting and called Anna and asked if he could take the groups pictures. People came from Arkansas, and several from Mobile, Alabama, and the others were from various places in Mississippi. It was good to meet you all and thank you for coming!

We had smaller meetings in Anderson, SC. and our thanks to Jean Conselya for her help. Thank you to this group for coming. I did meet a lady there who had decided not to go with her husband to Philadelphia on a business trip. They go every year I believe she said. Instead she wanted to attend the meeting in Anderson. After the meeting, she approached me and said she didn't know alot about her ancestors and wondered if I would know anything about her Shirley branch. In a couple of minutes, she knew back three generations further than when she came. (I believe I told this story right!) She was thrilled she had stayed for the Shirley meeting in Anderson.

We met a small group in Meridan, Miss. and also a small group in Memphis, Tenn. We have more time to spend personally with the smaller groups. We also had no one helping us to arrange meetings in Meridan and Memphis. Thank you to you who did come.

I met a charming gentleman in Memphis who had received a letter from us about the meeting. He has quite a sense of humor. He told me he had relatives in Jackson area that would have attended that meeting but they thought it was a scam. He said he pointed out to them that I said in the letter I mailed out announcing the meeting, that it was not a scam. He said he told them he was going to attend and now he will be back to them with the story of what we are seriously doing. He is an attorney and has served as a missionary in Africa I believe he said.

Another couple that attended the meeting in Memphis, was Perry Shirley family from

Texas. They were in the area on vacation and arranged to stop in for the meeting. Crazy thing is the next morning we ran into them at Elvis Presley mansion.

My niece, Barbara, and I visited Vicksburg Mississippi and the Shirley house that is preserved in the Park. It is the only house in the Park area. I spent some time getting alot of information about the place and the family of Civil war times.

We also visited with James Young again in Kentucky. He said he felt so bad that he could not attend the convention. But we had a nice visit. James showed me around to many of the old places I had not had the time to go and see when I was there a few years ago. We visited Granny Springs and the old homesights of the Shirley and Grubbs family in Barren Co. Ky. (you will find this branch in many past issues of the NEWS...but one in particular is the Cover of April 1979 issue and cover of January 1982). After leaving James Young, we visited another graveyard and this was the area and graves of Thomas and Hannah Grubbs Shirley branch of Shirleys. Their son, Elijah and wife Mary are buried here along with many other Shirleys.

There are so many places we visited and data we recorded but there is not space to cover it all here. One other place I will mention is in Indiana. We visited the Mt. Tabor Baptist church in the Hendricks and Boone Co. area. It sits close to the border of these two counties. It was only about 10 miles I would guess from the Shirleys of Hendricks Co. to the Shirleys of Boone Co. We visited White Lick church and the cemeteries there also. I video taped most everyplace we visited. Some of the old places are ready to be torn down in some areas. Now we will have these places preserved for future generations to see.

As you can see we covered alot of miles, seen alot of places and visited alot of people. I hope you can understand why I have fallen behind in getting this issue of the NEWS done and in the mail. Also why you perhaps haven't received a reply to your letter. I have had so much mail come in since I left for England. During the 2 weeks I was home before the convention, I was unable to find the time to answer even one letter! I worked until 1:00AM and had to leave for the airport at 6:15AM. I had alot to prepare and ship for meetings.

Looking over our travels I just realized I have said nothing about our meeting in Logan Co. Illinois... Hartsburg. We met with a nice size group there. This group is descended from the Argeland Shirley group from Kentucky. (Argeland was born 1700's in Maryland and died in Scotts Co. Ky early 1800's).

When we arrived, the folks were sitting in the church waiting for us to arrive. We were running about an hour late. We couldn't find where the group decided to meet for lunch. We went to their homes and no one there. Finally one of the ladies husbands returned home and told us where the meeting was. Everything turned out fine. We had a nice visit and Mr. Shirley Payne took us to the old church, graveyard and the old homestead. I can't say just how many were at this meeting. Didn't even take any pictures. I hope someone else did! I would like some copies if you did! Thank you to those of you who organized this meeting and to you who came to meet us!

YOU WILL PLEASE NOTE ON THE BACK OF THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWS, DATES OF MORE MEETINGS HERE IN CALIFORNIA. Please write to your relatives who live near one of the locations and encourage them to attend one of the meetings. To you who live near one of these locations... PLEASE COME AS I WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU! Bring your families...brothers and sisters, parents, cousins etc...

We will be showing video of the manor in England where we will be for the big celebration next year. We will have some slides and will share with you about the visit and the Shirleys of England and where the American Shirleys fit into the branches of the English Shirleys. Some you can learn in this issue of the NEWS. It is more clear when explained in person. We welcome the opportunity to meet new people and also to meet our members.

Please make every effort to attend one of these meetings. I am making this 3 day trip just for YOU! who live down there. Come and learn about our England trip next year. You may want to consider going with us. We have over 100 reserved now. So...space will become limited soon.

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INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT UPPER SPOTSYLVANIA, VA. AND SCOTT CO. KY.

(I learned the following from a member of the Stamping ground Baptist church in Scott Co. Ky. who has written a book on the church history).

One Sunday morning in September 1781, the entire congregation of the Upper Spotsylvania Virginia Baptist Church gathered to start the trip. The church members, officers, pastor and followers to the number of five or six hundred persons, set out taking their church records, communion service and pulpit Bible, with Lewis Craig as their pastor. They traveled three weeks and came to an area where they were advised not to go farther at that time because Kentucky and the road to it were infested with hostile Indians. After much delay, they crossed the Cumberland Gap about the first of December. They finally reached the Kentucky settlements. At Gilberts Creek in Gerrard County they built their homes and established their church.

The members of the Gilbert's Creek Church did not long remain there, but many of them moved on to South Elkhorn Great Crossing.

In 1785 Lewis Craig and sixteen others constituted the Baptist Church at Great Crossing (then called Big Crossing, where the old Buffalo Trail crossed North Elkhorn Creek). The following year Elijah Craig (brother of Lewis Craig) settled on land now occupied by the City of Georgetown, and was soon called to be the pastor of the Big Crossings church.

About five years later, a new preacher moved into the neighborhood. He was Joseph Reding and soon became so popular that he was asked to be the pastor of Big Crossing church. Craig was not happy and trouble sprang up and then finally settled for a time. Later Craig went down the road and took some of the old members with him and started another church.

Joseph Reding is the preacher who constituted the Turkey Creek Baptist Church in Anderson Abbeville Co. area of South Carolina. [see Oct '79 NEWS p.3/4. The Shirleys who were in Great Crossing church...James and Mary, Richard and Dorcas, Arge and Susannah, William and Margaret, Ezekiel.

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SOME RESEARCH RESULTS!

Our researcher found the following information for us...

NEW TO US EARLY GROUP!!!

From the probate records of KENT CO. DELAWARE:

Roger Shurley. Will made Dec. 7, 1694
Heirs: wife Elizabeth; sons, John, Richard; daus. Noami, Elizabeth, Mary. Exec'rs, wife Elizabeth and son John. Wits., John Robinson, Stephen Simons, Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Newell. Probated Feb. 12, 1694/95.

other records in Kent Co. Delaware...
SHIRLEY

Richard wit will of Eliz. Hogben 1703/4
William wit will of John Hamilton 1740
William wit will of Harman Burkeloo '48
William wit will of Spencer Cole 1756
John, sherriff made exec. against land in 1698
Elizabeth (widow) be paid 1701
John, sued by John Dubrois 1697
Richard (and his heirs mentioned) 1703
Richard sworn for jury duty 1705
Richard on jury 1700
Roger land exchange 1693
Richard and Rebeccah (wife) land 1706
William land 1742, 1754, 1757
Ephraim land with Benj. Reason 1761

[William died in 1758 leaving his wife Keziah who married Benj. Reason.]

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According to our researcher, this Shirley family seems to have left the area about 1761.
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Note...

On page 9 of the October 1984 issue of the NEWS, second column, John Shurley refers to his father as Roger Shurley. I have found no other 'Roger' Shirleys mentioned anywhere in the records of the census etc. in America before 1880 census. I would venture to say that the Kent Co. Delaware Roger must be a desc. of Roger Shurley of Isfield England. He would be a grandson or of this general era perhaps. It can't be the same Roger. It has to be about 2 generations down.

Another interesting thought...In Va. a land grant was allowed to Henry Walker for transportation of Henry Shirley from England. John of Isfield refers to his grandfather as Walker in that Oct.'84

issue of the NEWS. Henry Shirley according to Nell Nugent, page 298, was living in James City Co. Va. in 1654. There was a Henry living in Isfield the right age to be the one transported by Walker to America.

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WHAT ENGLAND BRANCHES OF THE SHIRLEYS DO THE AMERICAN SHIRLEYS DESCEND FROM ???

In my opinion, the Isfield, Wiston and Preston Shirley families are the ancestors of the American Shirley descendants! I have arrived at the conclusion strickly on my own. After studying the Shirleys of those areas in England and the earliest branches in America, there is so many reasons why these 3 English branches must be the ancestors of the American early Shirleys.

I am including a page with this issue of the NEWS showing the three branches. The emphasis should be on the first 2 columns...the Isfield group and the Wiston group. You will note a line drawn from the John Shurley of Isfield to his wife Jane Sherley of Wiston. You will also notethat Jane is a sister to the wife of Lord Delaware West who was the first colonial governor of Virginia and who originally was the owner of Shirley Plantation in Va. (which is still open to the public to visit). This would bring the Isfield and Wiston branch of this generation together as one large family because of the marriage. I should also point out these girls, Cecelia and Jane Sherley were the sisters of the three famous Shirley brothers who were legends in their own time. (They served as ambassadors, secret agents, and were world travelers).

Because of the debts of this generation of Shirleys, Thomas of Wiston, this family lost Wiston and the family scattered. Thomas died on Isle of Wight and some of the others went to Ireland.

The question I wondered about was why did they go to Ireland? Then I realized the following:

John Shurley who married Jane Sherley of Wiston had a brother George Shurley who was the Lord Chief of Ireland. (When George died in 1647, his body was returned to Isfield and buried in the chapel of the Isfield church).

George Shurley was the father of a Robert and a Thomas Shurley. Are they the Robert and Thomas Shirley found in Westmoreland Co. Va. in 1660/63? Is this Robert the one who sailed on the Ark and the Dove and arrived in Maryland in 1634? Is this the Thomas that sailed from Gravesend, England and sailed on the Thomas & John in 1635? The ages are right!

Because the Wiston branch lost their estate, it seems reasonable to me they would be inclined to go to the new world. It also makes sense to me that they would encourage others to go with them or come over after they had arrived and decided to stay.

Let's review some of the things mentioned in earlier articles in past issues of the NEWS.

In January 1984, page 2, you will read of a James Shirley who was the treasurer of the Merchants Adventurers who financed the MAYFLOWER. This James was of the Wiston branch. Letters from James to those in Mass. were to the new Plymouth Colony and that is what is now Bristol Co. Mass.

In our first two issues of the NEWS you will read about Gov. Wm. Shirley who descended from the Preston branch in England. He was in Boston, Mass. and did business with the Irish community of New Hampshire. We had Shirleys from Ireland living in New Hampshire. See...July '79 issue page 10. (There are more articles in other issues too!). One of the Ireland Shirleys from New Hampshire is living in Sudbury, Mass near Boston at the same time as Gov. Shirley.

In the April 1985 issue of the NEWS page 7, you will find top of col. 2 about a John Shirley who is the son of FENNERS SHIRLEY. If you will note on the enclosed page with the three English branches of the family, the first column...Isfield branch, Roger had a grandson Edward Shurley who married Joanne FENNERS. A will from England of this branch mentions several people of the Fenners family. One of the Shirleys chose it for a first name of their son...perhaps the wife of a Shirley whose maiden name was Fenners. They often gave their sons their maiden name as a first name in the early days.

Down in Norfolk Co. and Princess Ann Co of Va. you find the ancestors of Henry O., the short story writer who descends from the Shirley family of Wiston according to his biographer.

In my research in England, I found a conveyance with John of Isfield, Thomas of Wiston, and Anthony of Presson on the same document.

There is much more but just want to point out a few things to get you to visualize in your mind how this can be. If you will look along the coast line of the United states in the 1600's thru mid 1700's at the locations of where the Shirleys can be found. Just concentrate on the Shirleys of this era. We get to lost with the later generations and become confused! Where did they live on the eastern border of this country? Get your maps out and follow along!!!

Fenners Shirley found in 1755 Fryburg, Maine and Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire later.

James Shirley from Ireland who arrived in America about 1730 and settled in Chester, New Hampshire. (See another page enclosed with this issue on this Ireland family... read it closely!).

William Shirley descended from the Preston group of Shirleys was governor of Mass. 1741-1756. Lived in Boston.

New Plymouth people of Bristol Co. Mass. financed by company that James Shirley of England (from the Wiston branch), was treasurer of. (There is a story about this all of its own...someday perhaps we can print it... space is the problem!).

Robert Sherley arrived on Ark and Dove in Maryland in 1634.

Kent Co. Delaware, Roger Shurley family as early as 1693.

Northumberland Co. Va. Thomas Shirley died there in 1696. Is of record in the St. Stephens Parish in Northumberland Co. as early as 1666. (Is he the Thomas of Westmoreland Co. in 1663...adjoining county?).

For more info on Va. Shirleys in mid 1700's and earlier... refer to Oct. 1984 issue of the NEWS page 4.

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In the next issue we will continue on with the early Shirley research.

Learn where Roger Shurley came from before he lived in Kent Co. Delaware.

Continued research results on Maryland! We welcome any new information you may have learned. Please share it with us! We have been sharing with you!

Thank you!

SUSSEX CO. ENGLAND SHIRLEY BRANCHES

SHIRLEY'S of ISFIELD

SHIRLEY'S of WISTON
(Lord Delaware's in-laws)

SHIRLEY'S of PRESTON

Roger of Longfield

m. _____

- 1. John b. d. 1527
m. _____ Goring

- (1). John [both died during their father lifetime]
- (2). William their father lifetime]
- (3). Edward b. d. 1558
(inherited fathers estate)
m. Joanne FENNERS

- A. John b. d. 1611
- B. Thomas b. d. 1579
m. Anne Pelham

- (a). John b. d. Apr 25, 1631
m. JANE SHERLEY of WISTON
m. Dorothy Goring

- (b) George b. 1569 d. 1647
bur. at Isfield
[was LORD CHIEF OF IRELAND]

m. _____

- * 1. Thomas
- * 2. Robert
- 3. Arthur
(last in the area)

- C. Joane
- D. Bridget

Sir Thomas the Elder (bur. ch. Wiston)bro., Anthony Shirley
m. Anne Kempe

- 1. Sir Thomas the Younger 1564
m. 1st Frances Vavasour
m. 2nd Judith Bennet

- (1). Henry... (play mentioned him d. 1627, as a martyred soldier)
- (2). Thomas (Knight) 1597
m. Anne Blundell

- A. Sackville b. 1629
- B. Thomas, M.D. 1638 d. 1678
m. Hannah Harflett
m. Eliz. Baskett

- (a). Thomas
- (b). Richard

- (3). John
- (4). Hugh
- (5). Thomas d. Jan 1657
- (6). Robert
- (7). Richard

- 2. Anthony 1565 (alive in 1636)
m. Frances Vernon

- 3. Robert d. 1628 Persia
m. Teresia Khan

- (1) Henry d. infancy (?)

- 4. Jane
m. JOHN SHURLEY of Isfield
[SEE ISFIELD]

- 5. Cecilia
m. THOMAS DELAWARE WEST
(1st colonial Gov. of Virginia)
SHIRLEY PLANTATION...

- 1. Thomas
m. Jane Essex
m. 2 more times

- (1). Thomas 1599
m. Eliz. Stapley

- A. Anthony
m. Anne Onslow

- (a). Richard d. 1692
m. Judith Bateman

- 1. Richard d. 1705
- 2. Anthony 1683 d 94

- B. Thomas 1635

- C. Drew 1637 d 1707

- m. Mary Martin

- (a). Thomas d 1718

- m. Eliz

[CHIDDINGLY]

- 1. Thomas 1717 d 1737

- D. William 1638

- m. _____ Oglander

- (a). William 1701

- m. Eliz. Godman

- (dau of John at Ote Hall)

- 1. William 1694 d. 1771 OTE HALL
m. Frances Barker (Gov of Mass.)

- (1). William

- (2). John

- (3). Thomas 1727

- m. Anna Western

- A. Thomas Western 1770 d 1794

- B. William Warder 1772 d. 1815

- 2. John d. infancy

* Is this the Thomas who sailed on the Thomas and John arriving in America about 1635?

* Is this the Robert who sailed on the Ark and Dove and arrived in Maryland in 1634?

[More information on the Isfield Shirleys has been learned by Betty Shirley when she researched in England on her recent trip in May/June 1985. Many more children are listed for George Shirley who was Lord Chief of Ireland. She knows where this branch of Shirleys lived before Isfield and the names of earlier ancestors of this branch].

James b. ca. 1649 d. 1754 Chester, N.H. (came to America ca. 1730)
 m. 1st Mary Wilson ca. 1687 d. 1708
 m. 2nd. Anna _____ ca. 1709

1. John b. 1688 Ireland d. 1768 Chester, N.H.
 m. 1st Janet Glenn ca. 1715
 m. 2nd Mary, widow of Archibald Miller
 (1). Ann b. ca. 1716 Ireland m. Robert Wilson
 (2). James b. ca. 1718 Ireland d. 1749 Boston, Mass
 m. _____
 A. James
 (3). Mary b. ca. 1720 Ireland d. 1792 Chester, N.H.
 m. James Wilson
 (4). Martha b. ca. 1722 d. 1815 Goffstown, N.H.
 m. Alexander Gilchrist
 (5). John b. ca. 1724 (lived Roxbury, Maa.)
 (6). Jane b. ca. 1726 m. Robert McMurphy
 (7). Deacon Thomas b. ca. 1728 d. 1808 Goffstown, N.H.
 m. Margaret Shirley (dau of Capt James and Janet (Shirley), Shirley!
 (8) Daniel b. ca. 1730
2. James b. ca. 1690 Ireland died 1700
3. Thomas b. 1692 Ireland died 1701
4. Hugh b. 1694 Ireland d. _____.
5. Robert b. 1696 died _____.
6. Henry b. 1698 died _____. In 1733 he went from Boston to Jamaica
 in the Brigatine SARAH
7. James b. Dec. 1700 died 1796 Chester, N.H.
 m. Janet Shirley in 1726 Ireland. They first lived in Brookline, Mass.
 In 1734 moved to Chester, N.H.
 (1). James
 (2). Margaret m. Deacon Thomas Shirley (son of John b. 1688)
 (3). Agnes m. John McNair
 (4). John b. ca. 1735 Chester, N.H. died 1826 Warren Co. Pa
 m. Hannah Stevens
 (5). Hugh
 (6). William m. Mary Morrison in 1788
8. Thomas b. ca. 1710 d. 1776
 m. _____
 (1). John (no info) (4). James
 (2). Samuel b. ca. 1740 (5). Thomas
 (3). Alexander (6). Anna

Samuel b. ca. 1740 d. 1806 lived Chester and Auburn, N.H.
 m. 1st Margaret Graham d. 1792
 m. 2nd Anna Hazard Oct 1793
 m. 3rd Eliz McDuffie

1. Anna b. Aug 25, 1775 d. Nov 29, 1860 m. Daniel McDuffie
2. Mary b. Sept 8, 1777
3. John b. May 25, 1779
4. John b. May 25, 1781 d. Feb 6, 1851 m. Joanna Gale
 (1). John Major b. 1831 N.H. a lawyer in Andover, N.H.
5. Elizabeth b. Aug 25, 1783
6. James b. Aug 23, 1787 Chester, N.H. d. June 26, 1851
 m. Ann Seaman Dec 14, 1815
 (1). John b. Aug 26, 1818 d. Apr 18, 1900
 m. Betsy Jones Conklin Dec 3, 1843
 A. Hannah Reeve b. Feb 4, 1846 Long Island, N.Y.
 B. John Lewis b. Feb 25, 1848 d. Sept 5, 1906
 C. Annie Seaman b. Mar 20, 1851
 D. George Vernon b. Oct 27, 1853

[some of the above information supplied from Bernice Hook]

THREE FAMOUS SHIRLEY BROTHERS OF ENGLAND

The three Shirley brothers, Thomas, Anthony and Robert of Wiston Manor, were famed for their enterprises in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I and King James I. Anthony fought in the Low Countries at the battle of Zutphen, took possession of Jamaica during an expedition to the West Indies, traveled to Persia, was made a Persian prince and employed by the Shah as an ambassador to the Princes of Europe. Not returning to Persia, he went to Spain, he died, having held the appointment of Admiral of the Levant Seas.

Robert had accompanied his brother to Persia and fought against the Turks. He married a Circassian princess, and like his brother was sent as ambassador to Europe, arriving in England in 1611, where he was received by King James I. On a later visit in 1623 he and his wife sat for their portraits by Vandyck. These now hang in the Petworth House. Robert eventually fell into disfavour with the Shah and died soon after returning to Persia.

The eldest son, Thomas, had been content to stay quietly at Wiston, but in 1603, fired by his brothers' fame, he sailed on a crusade, but was captured while attempting to take one of the Greek islands. He was eventually ransomed for an enormous sum of money, returned to England on foot, only to be imprisoned, and on his release retired to the Isle of Wight overwhelmed with debt. The family's continued loyalty to King Charles I during the Civil War completed their downfall, and Wiston passed out of their possession.

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BOOK AVAILABLE ON THE THREE SHIRLEY BROTHERS

The story is quite interesting as you read the details about the adventurers of these Shirley brothers.

Mr. D.W. Davies has authored many books & it was while he was working on some of his other works in Europe that he became interested in the Shirley brothers. Their names kept appearing in so many records of various countries and he decided to see just who they were and why they were in so many records. He wrote a book on them after much travel into several countries looking into old documents and getting their

story. This book was written in 1966. Title...ELIZABETHANS ERRANT. It covers the Wiston story very well. The book covers 337 pages. Mr. Davies has passed away and his wife has given me permission to reprint the book. We have done this in soft cover and you may order this book for \$15 from: Betty Shirley, 10256 Glencoe Dr., Cupertino, Ca. 95014.

(I will add here some of the material from his acknowledgement page).

The Three Shirley brothers ranged widely over the earth, and the records and documents of escapades are to be found in a great many places. As a consequence, this book may possibly contain the longest list of services rendered of any work extant.

The manuscripts and printed materials that were unearthed help to explain some Shirley adventures that have seemed improbable or inexplicable. The connection of Sir Thomas Shirley the elder with the lands of Norwich Cathedral, for example, has been clothed in mystery. Actually there is no mystery. The documents in the case have been printed, a fact I discovered only after I had transcribed the original manuscripts, which are in the British Museum.

The journey of Anthony and Robert to Persia appears to be without reason or motive until one connects it with the Earl of Essex' interest in the Dutch voyage of Cornelis de Houtman. The sojourn of Sir Anthony at Venice has been spoken of as his period of unemployment, but the manuscripts in Venetian archives gathered at the time of his trial and Spanish manuscripts, chiefly those containing information by Sir Anthony's servant, Pagliarini, show that, far from enjoying a period of unemployment, Sir Anthony was at this time the secret agent of King James, the Emperor, and King of Spain, and possibly drew stipends from all three at the same time. Sir Anthony's sojourn in Spain, a span of more than twenty years, has usually been disposed of in a few pages or paragraphs. By utilizing the hundreds of documents concerning Shirley in the Archivo General de Simancas, I have been able to give a fairly full account of Sir Anthony's last days.

It is customarily assumed that Wiston, the ancestral estate, passed from the Sherleys to the Faggs and Gorings. The uncalendared & unpublished Shirley manuscripts in the Cranfield collection make it clear, however, that the Shirley estates were owned by the crown, by Robert Carr, Earl of Somerset, relatives of the Wiston Sherleys, and etc.... (Buy the book to finish and learn more)



Sitting room in Ettington Hotel. This is the couch I sat on during our meeting, planning the details of the days festivities next year at Ettington, the original seat of the Shirley family. It will be the 900th year of continued ownership, the property never leaving the ownership of the family and being inherited thru the direct male line.

Ettington was refurbished and opened as a hotel May 16, 1985. This photo taken May 31, 1985.

The 900th year Celebration will be a memorable event. Fireworks will climax the big celebration.

If you would like to know how you can be a part of this event, Write.....Betty Shirley, editor.

Right picture...

John Shirley, owner of Ettington, and Betty Shirley standing in front of the fireplace in the main entrance area of the Ettington Hotel.

In the background, see the Shirley coats of arms. One is the very old one and the one on the right is the one used now by this Shirley family.



Betty Shirley at the Leicester records section of the Museum looking at Shirley records!



Top picture...House built by James Shirley early Tuscaloosa, Alabama builder in 1840's. Now owned by our Association member, Marvin Harper.

Center picture of left...Shirley desc. Geraldine Shirley of New Albany, Indiana. She is from the Christian b. 1773 Md. branch of Shirleys. We stopped for a short visit with her on our way to Ky.

Below...Mt. Tabor Baptist Church in Boone Co. Indiana. (some of the Shirleys came from Kentucky came here in 1800's)

Below, left picture...Perry Shirley family from Texas who attended the Memphis Tenn. meeting. We caught them by surprise at Elvis Presley's house next morning as you can tell by expressions.



Perry Shirley family...Surprise! We caught you in action! Bet you didn't expect to see us again!



Geneal Black 'organizer' of our meeting in Northport, Ala.

BUCKS CO. PENNSYLVANIA

Oathes of allegiance...

ROBERT HIRLEY, SR. June 4, 1778 in Springfield Twp.

ROBERT SHIRLEY, JR. Aug 25, 1778 in Sprinfield Twp.

From 1775-1784 Robert Shirley appears in Springfield Twp.

In Durham Twp. Robert Shirley appears in the 1779-1782 records.

Bucks Co. deeds...

Know all men that we John Sherley of Springfield Twp....Cordwainer and wife Hannah Sherley-one of the daus. of Philip Trapp late of same, desceased...for 24 £ paid by John Ziford of said Twp. John and Hannah Sherley release and sell all right in estate of Philip Trapp.

JOHN SHIRLEY (signed)

HANNAH SHIRLEY (her mark)

Nov. 14, 1791 recorded Feb 25, 1793

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Bucks Co. deeds...

Know all men that I Robert Shirley of Bartkey Co. Va. (should be Berkeley) who married Rachel Gilbert daughter of Nathan Gilbert, deceased in the county and state aforesaid, who died poseded of an expectancy at the death of Elizabeth Gilbert, his grandmother which was in the hands of Joseph Hart of Bucks Co. As it appears by the (Bartley county) records of the state of Virginia and which Morses Hunter signed-cerifying the will of Nathan Gilbert...gave his daughter Rachel Gilbert the ectpectancy aforesaid.

I, Robert Shirely, received this day of Andrew Long, Esq. who was appointed guardian of Rachel Gilbert at Orphans Court in Bucks Co. 1789- the sum of 22 £ 19shillings 10pence plus 12 £ 6 shillings the increase since the death of Elizabeth Gilbert....Dec 24, 1792 signed Robert Shirley and registered in Bucks May 7, 1793.

WHO ARE THESE SHIRLEYS OF BUCKS CO. PA.?

The John Sherley and wife Hannah are of the New Hampshire group. See enclosed chart of Ireland/New Hampshire Shirleys. Follow from the James Shirley who came to America about 1730. His son John b. 1688 Ireland was the father of John Shirley b. 1724 and he is the father of John of Bucks Co. Pa. This is same John in Northampton Co. Pa in 1783.

The Robert Shirley of Bucks Co. Pa. who married Rachel Gilbert is of the Walter Shirley branch of Berkeley Co. Va. Robert is the son of James Shirley who was the son Walter Shirley who married Dorcas Avis. We call this our WALTER SHIRLEY line.

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ELIZA SHIRLEY

Pioneer [first] officer to the Salvation Army in America. The work opened October 5, 1879 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Amos Shirley was her father and he was born in 1841 in or around Derby, England. He died Aug 10, 1884 at Asbury Park, New Jersey and is now buried at the Kensico Cemetery Salvation Army Plot, New York, N.Y.

Annie Shirley, his wife, was born in Foleshill England. Eliza was their only child. She was born Oct. 9, 1862 in or around Coventry--- could be Derby. She married Phillip Symmonds of Cardiff Wales on a return assignment in Great Britain. He died in 1896 and is buried in a small cemetery in Ellison Bay, Wisconsin. Eliza died Sept. 18, 1932 at Racine, Wisconsin and is buried in the Salvation Plot in Glenoak Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.

THE ABOVE AND PHOTO FROM THE GRANDAUGHTER OF ELIZA SHIRLEY, Mrs. Crowell, which she sent to me while I was still in England this year.

Announcements

ATTENTION!!!

Schedule of meeting in California!
Please come and meet me. We want to meet our members and those who are not members. Those of you who live in other states and have relatives living near any of the following locations, won't you please write and encourage them to attend one of the meetings nearest them???

I will be showing pictures of my England trips and sharing the Shirley story. Come and tell us about your Shirleys! Bring old photos & your Shirley pedigree charts if you have them prepared. Bring me a copy I can take home for my records! Thanks!

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

Thurs. Oct. 3rd Conference Room
7:30 p.m. TRAVELODGE MOTEL
888 Broadway
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BRENTWOOD, CA. Holiday Inn
170 N. Church Lane
Fri. Oct 4th
dinner meeting (Sunset Blvd. exit
6:30-9:00 pm from San Diego free-
Dinner-\$11.85 way I-405.
(tax/tip included) RESERVATIONS PLEASE!
(write to address below)
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ONTARIO, CA. Red Lion Inn
222 No. Vineyard Ave.
Sat. Oct 5th (nr. airport)
1:00-3:00 pm
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ORANGE, CA. Hotel Concord
(formerly Holiday Inn)
3737 West Chapman Ave.
Sat. Oct 5th
6:30-9:00 pm
Dinner- \$11.00 RESERVATIONS PLEASE!
(tax/tip included)
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Please write to me...Betty Shirley
for reservations. 10256 Glencoe Dr.
Cupertino, Ca. 95014

I have to guarentee a certain number and must know a week in advance at the latest! Otherwise I will personally have to pay for the difference. Please send a check for the meetins with dinner...Brentwood and Orange Ca. meetings. The other meeting are no meals. Sorry! I am looking forward to meeting alot of you ...so please come!!!

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Sat. Oct 12th, 1985 Holiday Inn
12:00-3:00 pm 1355 No. 4th st.
lunch \$9.75 RESERVATIONS PLEASE!
(tax/tip included)
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Dr. FRANKLIN R. SHIRLEY of North Carolina Association member Franklin Shirley died Feb. 26th, 1985. He was the gentleman who read the description for me about Ettington while I showed the slides at the South Carolina convention. He also is the one who passed the hat for a collection to present to me at the same convention. He and his wife attended the Kentucky convention also. He'll be missed!

Franklin Shirley was a former mayor of Wiston-Salem, North Carolina. He was the founding chairman and professor in the department of speech at Wake Forest University and director of the Wake Forest debate team. He was a charter member of Wake Forest Baptist church where he was a deacon and former chairman of the board.