



SHIRLEYS OF VIRGINIA, S.C. & KY.

RICHARD SHIRLEY, the elder, b. ca. 1713
Augusta Co. Va. d. 1783 Pr. William
Co. Virginia. Married ca. 1737 to
Margaret Preston b. ca. 1720 Ireland
d. prior 1783 Pr. William Co. Va.

children

John b. ca. 1738 m. Eliz. Barmore
Richard b. ca. 1740 m. Dorcas
James b. ca. 1742 m. Mary McMekin
Thomas b. ca. 1746 m. Mollie Grubbs

RICHARD b. ca. 1740 d. 1797 Scott Co. Ky.
m. Dorcas ca. 1761.

children

1. Benjamin 1762 Pr. Wm. Co. Va.
m. Elizabeth Hughes (lived S.C.)
2. Margaret 1763 Pr. Wm. Co. Va.
3. Thomas 1765 Pr. Wm. Co. Va.
4. Sarah 1766 Pr. Wm. Co. Va.
5. John 1768 Pr. Wm. Co. Va.
m. Elizabeth Fields (lived S.C.)
6. Susannah 1769 Pr. Wm Co. Va.
m. Benjamin Smith
7. Ezekiel 1773 Pr. Wm Co. Va.
8. Amey 1775

Our Shirleys lived just over the Prince William line from Chapmans Mills. They belonged to the Broad Run Baptist Church in Chapmans Mill. The road from Haymarket over to Marshall is now Virginia state route #55. The road from Middleburg to White Plains is now Virginia Route #17. Fauquier and Alexander Pike on on U.S. Rout 29-24.

Benjamin 1762 and Elizabeth Hughes Shirley were the parents of Nathaniel Shirley who married Nancy Grubbs.

Nathaniel Shirley, Dr. James Latimer and his wife, Catherine Kay, Our link to President Jimmy Carter are buried in a private cemetery on the old Elmer Branyon farm on Rt. #89.

A log cabin built by Nathaniels brother, Mastin ca. 1820 still stands beside the cemetery.

Nathaniel Shirleys wife, Nancy, is in Little River Church Cemetery. President Jimmy Carters grandfather, Rev. James Kay, brother to our Catherine Kay, is also buried there.

Info from Conrad Shirley and Jean Conselya.

I wrote to President Jimmy Carter and invited him to work week after sharing this information with him. I had read he enjoys working on old buildings etc. The following is the reply:

Thank you for your recent letter inviting President and Mrs. Carter to attend the Shirley Anniversary Celebration and to help with the restoration of Obediah Shirley's house.

As much as they appreciate your offering them this opportunity, it will not be possible for President Carter or Mrs. Carter to join you. Regrettably, their schedules are so heavy that they are unable to accept additional commitments.

*President and Mrs. Carter asked that I express their gratitude for your fine invitation and send their best wishes.
signed by their director
of scheduling.*

At least it was an interesting idea! Wouldn't it have been nice to have the President helping us and interested in the Shirleys?

FUTURE TRIPS, MEETINGS ETC.

YES! I am still interested in going to England for our International Shirley Convention in May and am in negotiations with the land agent who handled our trip while we were in England. We will not be going thru the company who was our middle persons. This should help in keeping the cost down. I was slow to get going on the England trip because of the high rate of money exchange. But I have been assured there are a few ways to help in this situation and this is where we are. I have listed an itinerary and will be waiting for a price quote. Unfortunately it has not come in time for this issue of the NEWS. You see... England is in the middle of a postal Strike! and there is no incoming or outgoing mail right now. So..since it is not very long until the next issue, the details will be given in that issue. There is always the telephone or Skypak, a private mail company. We will have a report for you then!

I recieved several letters and a couple of phone calls in a matter of a week about travel plans. So...I know you are getting the traveling bug again... me too!!!

AUSTRALIA: NZ? Yes...I am back on this too! I had to give up these plans before particaly because a trip was necessary to Honea Path, S.C. at that time to prepare for work week and lack of time to work on Australia among other things. I have been actively working on this trip for sometime in the fall of 1989. I MAY consider taking a few travelers with me. I should go on my own first but I have already received a few requests to go. So....if you are seriously interested in going with me to New Zealand aprox. Fall of 1989 (? Oct early Nov) which is their spring...(Sept-Nov.).

NOTE FROM EDITOR...

Just a mention to all of you who have been so kind to write concerning the loss of our son-in-law. I was deeply moved by such a response (many cards and letters) Thank you!!! Many have asked how my daughter is doing. She is doing well. I made a point of spending alot of time with all of my grandchildren this summer. I had ball games...3 different leagues... to attend after coming home from work week. This is one of the reasons for such

a delay in getting out this issue of the NEWS. I put my family first this time! I rarely spend this much time as I seem to always be busy answering mail or researching or getting out the NEWS. I hope you will forgive me for the tardiness in publishing this issue. This will the problems about the Obediah house and my finally resigning are the contributing reasons for this delay. But... now the children (8 of them) are back in school and everyone is busy and I am back at work in the office.

I must admit I questioned for sometime if I should just give up the Shirley NEWS and just kick back. I have been doing this for 10 years now. I miss out on many things even though I have and do enjoy doing all of this Shirley work. The part that is more difficult is getting out the Shirley NEWS. It seemed to me to be a good stopping point...10 years! But... stepping back and looking at it and thinking about many of the letters in the past and some sitting here right now...I decided I would continue on. So...here we are in the middle of getting out another issue of the NEWS. I think it has been just a state of depression. I just need a good trip! Some ladies like a new hat or to move the furniture around...me it is another trip! HA! I just read in the paper yesterday...Pan to London Oct. 16 thru Dec 7, 1988. I was ready... HA! but that is out. Wished they would have these kind of offers when we are really ready to go.

Recieved a nice letter from the Countess (Earl Ferrers wife)....She read in the Internation NEWS about my son-in-law and wrote. She says the Earl is working more than 12 hours aday at his new post.

I will refrain from so much input in the next issue of the NEWS and give more SHIRLEY data. Sorry!

We could use some more pictures and old letters and new material from you who are doing research.

Our International Association is doing well.

We have thousands of names of Shirleys in our file not including the USA.

I will be working on the mail now... so If I still owe you a letter, expect an answer soon!

Thanks for your patience!

LETTER FROM STAUNTON HALL IN ENGLAND

It was a great pleasure showing David Bellamy around the Hall a few weeks ago to enable him to take a few photographs prior to his visit to California. I expect you will have seen the results by now and I trust you were impressed with the sympathetic way in which the repair and restoration work is being carried out. So splendid family homes such as Staunton Harold Hall are badly treated when being adapted for new uses. However I can assure that in this case the careful attention to detail and work in association with English Heritage has resulted in a truly first class job. It has created, as described by Lady Ryder, "a home for the living".

The present Earl Ferrers in addition to his appointment in the House of Lords, is Chairman of the Royal Commission of Historical Monuments, and as a Patron of our Appeal takes, as you can imagine a real interest in what is happening here.

Without wishing to repeat what David may have said to you I can say this project which is Group Captain Cheshire and Lady Ryder's first combined major venture in Britain, is seen by many as one of the most imaginative and comprehensive undertakings ever embarked upon, using a Grade I building, for such a range of uses associated with the relief of supporters both at home and overseas.

To achieve this we have to raise approx. 1,000,000 pounds with the majority of this coming from the voluntary sector. You will see from the enclosed brochure which incidentally was made possible by the generosity of a group of supporters, that one of the ways in which we tackle our fund raising is to encourage the formation of support groups. These work as an independent body, usually with their own committee, holding the money they raise in their own account and transferring sums from time to time to the main appeal account via this office.

I hope you do not think it too impertinent of me to ask if you would be interested or able to form such a group. Obviously most of our groups are interested in the Hall as they live within a radius of twenty miles or so, although we do have some further afield than this.

I realise that this is very much a long shot but with your close association with the Shirley Family I thought you may like to be invited to help us. Apart from anything else it would give a tremendous boost to our local supporters, and people who will eventually benefit from the work here, to think that such interest was being shown by people so far away.

We produce a newsletter about four times a year and whatever your decision I would be pleased to send you a copy if you would like to receive it.

I seem to recall that David mentioned that your Association was involved with helping with the restoration of other Shirley Homes so I will, of course, quite understand if you feel unable to help us. However, I will keep my fingers crossed for we still have a long way to go to reach our goal.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
John Oliver
(Co-ordinator)

Well, what do you think Shirleys? Shall we raise funds for this project too?

I would like to help especially since this was the ancestral home of Earl Ferrers and you remember how gracious he was to us while we were in England!

Remember, this WAS his home, it no longer belongs to his family. But...the Shirley history is still preserved there.

I have not responded to this letter yet!

After working to raise funds for what I thought would be our NATIONAL Shirley Museum here in the states, and it has not materialized, I don't want to rush our group into something they are not ready to do. I MUST hear from some of you if you are interested in making a donation.

David Bellamy did visit me just before I came to Honea Path for work week. He spent a few days here in my home. He brought me over a photo album of fantastic pictures he took at Staunton Harold showing the restoration work. He took them from every location in the Hall. A lot were of areas I have never seen when I was there. Should I offer these to raise funds or??? Suggestions please!

I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO HELP!

WALTER SHIRLEY LINE...

The following letter sent by Alabeth Wooding.

Summit Point, Jefferson Co. W.VA.
January 10, 1912

Mr. R.B. Shirley:
Dear Sir:

Your letter received. I am always glad to hear anything about the Shirley family. Wish I could give you full particulars about my ancestors, but my father died when I was a mere boy. Thinking then, more about my dog and gun, than family history. Such few facts, as have been impressed on me by some venerable relative, I will gladly tell you.

We read in history, in the reign of Edward the Confessor, the Shirleys bore the Christian name of Sewallus, which is still borne today by the Earl Ferrers, the head of the house. The Ferrers peerage came into the Shirley family through the marriage of Sir Henry Shirley, of Chartley Park, to Lady Dorothy Derereus, [should be Devereux], Earl of Essex, who was likewise Lord Ferrers. On the death of Lord Essex, his barony of Ferrers, fell into abeyance, whence it was called by Charles II in favor of Sir Robert Shirley of Chartley Hall, grandson of the Lady Dorothy Devereux, mentioned above. Subsequently King Charles advanced him to the dignities of Viscount Tamworth and Earl Ferrers. The widow of the fourth Earl of Ferrers, married Lord Frederick Campbell brother of the Duke of Argyll. Now, while I am not related to the Campbell family, I remember, some of the old Campbell portraits used to hang in my fathers home. I have been told the first Shirley, who came to America, was Sir Walter Shirley, who came over with a hunting party and settled in the region of the James River. Now here my record is dim. As far as I know my grandfather, James Shirley, had the following children: JAMES, ROBERT, TIMOTHY, and MARY PATIENCE. Mary must have married a Mr. Howard, as my fathers niece Mary Howard lived with him.

Following the tide of migration ever westward, the three Shirley brothers journeyed from the tide water region to the Shenandoah Valley and settled near a little village named Smithfield, afterwards nicknamed Wizard Cliff.

Timothy joined the army during the war of 1812. He afterwards migrated to Mo. Little

has been heard from him, as in those days, correspondence was a laborious and expensive task.

Robert, for whom I am named, moved to Kentucky. My father, named James, was born in 1768, he married twice. By his first wife, Ruth, he had two children, James and Mary. James married a Miss. Mary Grantham and their children were: WALTER, JOHN JAMES, RUTH and MARGARET, all dead but John who lives in Smithfield, now Middleway.

Mary Shirley married William Hurst, their children were: John, James, Ruth, Stephen and Elizabeth. John and his children still live in Jefferson County. My father's second wife was Matilda Vinson of Montgomery County Indiana. They had four children: ROBERT VINSON, GEORGE WILLIAM, THOMAS LEE and ELIZABETH. Thomas and Elizabeth are dead.

I was born in 1825, my brother a year and half later. He lived in Charletown W.VA. Although we are both well advanced in years, all our faculties are spared us, and we enjoy good health and happiness.

If you should ever happen in this part of the world, I would be glad to have you come to see me we will talk over all we know about the Shirleys. I understand the Earl Ferrers coat of arms, and history of the Shirley family from its origin in 1779, can be obtained from Martin and Allardyce, Cor. Frankford Ave. and Orthodox St., Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.

Wishing you much happiness and prosperity during the coming year.

Very truly yours,
R.B. Shirley

WALTER SHIRLEY on April 6, 1854 married E. Sophia Bosley, the youngest daughter of Amon Bosley, in Baltimore. The minister was the Rev. Cyrus Waters. Walter was from Jefferson County, Va. From...Index Baltimore Sun Marriages and Deaths, 1851-1860 4/12/54 page 2. (See exhibit 49).

This material sent by John B. Shirley found during research efforts in Md. this past year.

The R. B. Shirley is for Robert Bob Shirley. He is Robert Vinson Shirley.

WALTER SHIRLEY GROUP

This material from Iris Selnack.

DAVID SHIRLEY b. 1801-02 Jefferson Co. Va. Died Jan. 26, 1873. Death records state he was son of John Shirley and lived at Duffields.

He married Caroline McKnight Feb. 21, 1828.

Known Child

1. John J. of Shepherdstown b. 1831 Died July 22, 1896. Buried Methodist Cemetary, Uvilla. He married Ann E. Hosier. He worked as a Railroad hand.

Known Child

(1) Cora born Aug 4, 1857 m. James Miller Dec 10, 1879 Jefferson Co. Va.

In the 1850 census in Jefferson Co. Va. I found the following:

David b. ca. 1802 Va.

Caroline b. ca. 1802 Va

John J. b. ca. 1831 Va.

William T. b. ca. 1836 Va.

Lorina J. b. ca. 1838 Va.

Eliza b. ca. 1842 Va.

Mary W. KNIGHT b. ca. 1769 Va.

Perhaps the name of Mary was Mc Knight it could be I misread the census writing...which is easy to do.

Note: Family history says this David is the son of Walter Shirley Jr. Yet David, husband of Caroline, death records record him as a son of John.

Can anyone help???

*See page 8 of April 1983 NEWS...
The following info sent by Georgia Christine... granddaughter of Manco Shirley.*

WALTER SHIRLEY BRANCH...

Walter (1), James (2) Robert (3) Elias (4)

ELIAS SHIRLEY, great grandson of Walter, born Dec. 18, 1800 Frederick Co. Va.

Died March 21, 1855 Defiance Co. Ohio

m. 1st. Phoebe Hudson

m. 2nd. Nancy Fulton (Hoover)

Son...

GEORGE WASHINGTON b. Dec. 18, 1827

d. Feb 5, 1898

m. 1st Sarah Emily Harris

children

1. Horatio b. ____ d. ____

m. Belle ____

Horatio was an attorney and settled in Oklahoma Territory. Family legend is he was responsible for moving the

Capitol of Oklahoma from Tulsa to Okla. City.

2. Ella m. Edward Wells

3. James m. Ida

children

(1) Robert died during WWI

(2) Anna She was a bookkeeper for Armour in Omaha, Neb.

James wife died and these children were cared for by family members. James was an amateur magician of some repute.

George Washington Shirley married 2nd Lucy Nelson Hutchinson

4. Delta b. 1868 d. 1884 Peru, Neb.

5. Manco b. 1870 d. 1955 Sparks, Nevada

6. Lee b. 1872...he was a mind reader and played the violin.

7. Robert b. 1875 Peru, Neb.

Left home and went to Texas. Nothing more heard from him.

Back issues of the Shirley NEWS

We have just completed 10 years of the Shirley NEWS. In commemoration of this occasion, The Shirley Association offers ALL BACK ISSUES OF THE NEWS BOUND IN BOOK FORM WITH HARD COVER for preservation for years to come.

To order book: Send \$50 plus \$3 for shipping and handling to:

Shirley Association
10256 Glencoe Dr.
Cupertino, Ca. 95014

Note: This book would make a nice Christmas or Birthday gift!

[40 issues of the NEWS].

To become a member of the Shirley Assoc. Write to the above address. Membership is still \$15 per year and you will receive 4 issues of the NEWS during the year. Do send the name of your earliest Shirley ancestor with county and state of residence and time frame.

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE COOKBOOKS!

This is your last chance to purchase the Obediah Shirley Cook Book thru the Shirley Association! If you are interested in these for gift giving during the holidays, now is the time to order. Cost is \$9.45, incl. cost of mailing. Order from above address. Checks same name.

REPORT ON WORK WEEK AT OBEDIAHS HOUSE!

Work week was a success! Much credit goes to two young Shirley men who came from California to work on this project. Dale and Nathan Shirley. You on the trip to England will remember these two young fellows. Dale is my son and Nathan is Barbaras (my niece who travels with me to so many of the meetings and conventions), son.

Large boulders were walked from the field across from Obediahs house by Dale and Nathan to help secure the foundation after getting it leveled. This was no small task! It was they who did most of the work in sheeting the two story building preparing it for new roofing. All of the workers agreed they were the key help in getting the more difficult work accomplished.

But, there were others who were very devoted to this project and worked very hard too! Nathans father, Lee, and Dales father and my husband, Guy. Guys sisters husband was very helpful and isn't even a member of the Shirley Association. He, James Massey, came with us not knowing what he could do to help. But he soon found areas he could work. His wife Mildred helped Dot Ricketts with the clean up and meal preparations since it was with the Ricketts our California gang stayed. Julian Ricketts was over at Obediahs working with the rest of the Shirleys. These lovely people stayed down the street at a relatives home at night so we could stay at their home. There were 8 of us from California. Barbara and I helped when we could and the rest of the time was spent selling raffle tickets in front of BI-Lo Grocery store in Honea Path to raise funds for this project. Also we did some cemetary hopping...even after dark!!!

Tom Shirley from Ft. Worth, Texas bought a new travel trailer and truck and made the trip to work on Obediahs house. He brought tools and was helpful in keeping things together for us. He is a fantastic person! He worked where he could doing what he could. He is a bit limited since having a heart attack last year. You did good Tom!

Another group who came from Texas was Pat and Leo Norman. Pat is a sister to Shirley Faye Hill who also came to work on Obediahs house. Leo and Pat have

been members of the Shirley Association since Jan 1981. This was the first time I have really spent any time with them. They are very dedicated to the restoration of this house as this is Pats ancestors house. Leo is a very hard worker and we enjoyed their company.

Another person came the first morning to take some pictures of Obediahs before we leveled the house. His name? John Shirley and he is from Anderson, S.C. He thought we were going to level it...tear it down. Well, he took his pictures and stayed the rest of the day working with us. The next day he was back and everyday we were there, so was John. He descends from the Pa. Shirley family in the Armstrong and Indiana Co. Pa. area. I asked him what he was doing down here with the S.C. Shirleys.

At our 10th Anniversary dinner, I met another one of our members for the first time. Her name is Gloria Shirley from North Carolina. She descends from the Benjamin and Eliz. Hughes Shirley family. She came just to meet us and get acquainted with the Shirleys and see what she could learn about her ancestry. She knew almost nothing at all. She has been a member of the Shirley Assoc. for alittle over two years. She told me how we had helped her when she wrote seeking any kind of information past her...?father? I think she said. It was good to hear we had been of help. I don't retain who we've helped...just knowing we continue to be of help is good to know.

On Sunday, May 29th the First Baptist church had their homecoming. What a time we had with all the food and good company.

On Monday, Dale, Nathan and Lee returned to California to their jobs. Another group of Shirleys, Obediah descendants, spent the next few days working on the house. We stripped some walls of old wall paper and removed thousands of nails from all over the walls, raked up the old black roofing and many people did not look white anymore. It was a messey job.

Several churches in the area provided food for the workers during work week. This gave us a chance to meet some of the local people as they stayed and served us and we had a time of fellowship with them.

Honea Path is a great little community. Visit sometime when you are in the area. Do stop and ask for directions to Obediahs house and see for yourself the success to date of the restoration efforts on this fine old Shirley home.





Upper Left: James Massey, John Shirley, Nathan Shirley and kneeling is Julian Ricketts.

Above: Mary Keith Oakes, Carol Scott of New Jersey, Ellis Oakes and Marcia Hyde of Berkeley, Calif. (Obediah desc. This was Marcias first trip back to S.C. Her father, Joe Anderson, from Southern California flew in for the Shirley get together also). [Joe not pictured].



Above: Guy, Dale and Nathan removing the old roofing from the Obediah house.

Right: Anniversary Cake celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Shirley Association

Dinner at Bradens restaurant, Anderson, South Carolina





Dinner Sat. evening
May 28, 1988 celebrating
the SHIRLEY ASSOCIATIONS
tenth Anniversary!

Gentleman at far right
is Jim Austin who donated
the Obediah Shirley house
and one acre of land.

In the background are
several of those attending
the dinner.

The group was entertained
by a recently formed group
of Sweet Adaline Singers.

Right: Nathan and
Dale Shirley from
California and Gloria
Shirley from North
Carolina.

Picture taken at the
10th Anniversary
dinner.

Below: A happy group
of Shirleys attending
the 10th Anniversary
Dinner in Anderson,
South Carolina.



A drawing was held for door
prizes for those attending
the Anniversary dinner.

Winners are:

Alex Conselya: Book about
the Three Shirley Brother
Gloria Shirley: Video of
Ettington Celebration 198
Jim Austin: Shirley Coat of
Arms pin.

Mrs. Franklin Shirley: 100
Shirley Crest labels.



Left: Group of SHIRLEYS in front of the old Shirley Hotel built by a son of Obediah Shirley. Picture taken in Honea Path, S.C. on Sunday May 29, 1988 on Homecoming Sunday at the First Baptist Church.



Right: Dinner on the grounds of the First Baptist Church in Honea Path, S.C. May 29, 1988. This property adjoins the old Shirley Hotel. The church has purchased this old Shirley property. It has not been decided just how the church plans to use the facilities.



Left: Barbara Shirley sitting in front of BI LO Grocery store in Honea Path selling raffle tickets and SHIRLEY Cook Books.

BETTY SHIRLEY RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF
OBEDIAH SHIRLEY HOUSE FOUNDATION, INC.

It is with much regret and sadness that I, Betty Shirley, must resign as President.

To me the Shirley Association has always been first and foremost and shall continue to be. I feel a responsibility to make decisions that would be best on behalf of the Association.

The board of Directors who also serve as the officers of the Foundation and myself have had some differences of opinions in regards to this project. After careful consideration (including a 4 hour long distance call), I decided it would be in the best interest of the Shirley Assoc. and myself to let the Obediah Shirley family continue with the business of restoring their ancestors house.

In a registered letter of Aug. 20th, 1988, I found statements and recommendations which I did not feel comfortable with...considering this was to have been the site of the SHIRLEY ASSOC. NATIONAL SHIRLEY MUSEUM for ALL branches of the Shirley family.

The message contained in this letter was that the board did agree with my recommendations of expanding the Board of Directors. My recommendations of 5 male Shirleys representing 5 different Shirley branches of the Shirley family was being rejected. I had given their names and why I recommended them.

A new group of names was presented to me and I was TOLD these would be asked unless I could show acceptable reasons why they should not be added....and I had 14 days to reply.

My reasons why I could not agree are: With the new list of people, should they accept, would bring the number of Board members to 5 from the Obediah family and the other person is a Judge in the area and is a non-Shirley. In my opinion the concept of a National Shirley Museum for ALL branches should have a Board with representation from several branches. Otherwise it gives the image of being an Obediah Shirley family and community museum. This is how I see it and think the people currently recommended would be a great asset to the project. It will not serve as a NATIONAL SHIRLEY MUSEUM from my point of view at this time and under these circumstances.

As President, I have had no input about this project since the March 1988 trip to Honea Path. How can a President function when they are not informed and requests for information go unanswered?

When I was in Honea Path community, I learned that the idea of the Foundation was being promoted as a completely separate organization and had nothing to do with the Shirley Association. In the newspaper write-ups locally, the name of the Shirley Association was never mentioned. This bothered me as it was this body of people who actually saved this house from immediate destruction! It was to the Shirley Assoc. this property was being offered IF we would agree to restore it etc. and give the donors a tax write-off.

The tax exempt status has not yet been determined. The Shirley Association was to be used as the influential subject for the determining factor. I trust the Foundation can qualify on their own. Otherwise, the property will revert back to the donors. We certainly don't want to see this happen. In this case we may have to re-evaluate this situation.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR SHIRLEY ASSOC. MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS TO THIS PROJECT! INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE SENT IN RECIPES AND PURCHASED COOKBOOKS...THANK YOU!

If you gave your donation with the National project in mind and are very disappointed to the point you would like your donation refunded...you should write to the Foundation so stating this fact. On the other hand, you may feel you have helped to save an old Shirley house from destruction and will be content with this idea. I cannot tell you how to react. All I can say is that I am sorry this has not worked out as I had envisioned.

I shall continue to be supportive of this project as I would of any other Shirley project. I wish them success and we would like to have some updates on this house from time to time.

If you are in the vicinity, be sure to go by and see this house and other locations belonging to Shirleys.

If you have any questions, I will answer them upon request. You may write or call...408-255-8511.

From your editor...

We have lost 4 members of the Shirley Association since April this year.

The first was Harriett E. Shirley of Kansas City, Mo. She died April 22. Cause of her death...cancer. Her brother died in Feb. also from cancer. The branch of Shirleys they descend is from Michael and Katy Franz Shirley.

Granville Shirley died in May... he also had cancer.

In a letter from Donna, his wife, she writes:

Dear Betty,

Thank you for your comforting letter. I had sent a notice to you in care of the restaurant where you held the banquet in Anderson, S.C. but I presume it did not reach you.

There is no way I can express our gratitude for the enrich ment of friends, relatives, knowledge and travel you have brought into our lives by your founding and work with the "Shirley Association". I hope you will forgive us for omitting it in the obituary along with another; Fellow of the Institute for Development of Educational Activities, both of which were very important to Granville. The upheaval of separation leaves one omitting very important details!

Our England trip and the tour last year [Boston, New York, etc...] were really memorable for Granville. He thought you did a terrific job with both of them!

He came to feel that the times of the earlier ancestral Shirleys along with their qualities of tenacity, survivalship and wide scope of innate abilities were to be highly appreciated. I think he himself summed it up best in a resume for a church news letter. He wrote: "After two hundred years of hard work, privation, keeping the faith, and family loyalties, this generation emerged into the twentieth century a stalwart people"

So you see Betty, you just can't always know what a great impact you have had on many of us and all I can say is "Thank you" for your hard work and what it has meant to us.

(I hope Donna won't mind my using this letter in the NEWS. I can't begin to

Veteran Berkeley Educator Granville Shirley Dies

MARTINSBURG (W.VA.) JOURNAL MAY 12, 1988
Granville Van Shirley

SHIRLEY, GRANVILLE VAN, prominent educator, churchman, farmer, Navy veteran and summer camp director, died Monday morning following a lifelong residency in Berkeley County.

Born April 12, 1910, he was the son of the late Van I. Shirley and Bessie Adams Shirley.

He was a teacher and school principal in Berkeley County for 47 years.

He began teaching at the age of 18 in 1928 in one-room schools, known as Rabbit's Den and McCubbin in the Back Creek Valley. He then taught at Bunker Hill Grade School.

In 1936, he became principal at Pikeside Grade School after earning his degrees.

Following service in World War II in the U.S. Navy as Educational Services Officer in Dutch Harbor, Aleutian Islands, Alaska, he returned to Pikeside School. He moved to John Street Grade School, Martinsburg in 1949. Later he became the first principal of Martinsburg South Junior High School. Continuing a pursuit of Educational Curriculum Excellence, he initiated the first Open School Concept at Valley View Elementary at Darkesville. He ended his educational career there.

Shirley was a member of Inwood United Methodist Church, he served on the Board of Trustees. He was a youth Sunday school teacher for more than 30 years and layman and Sunday school superintendent.

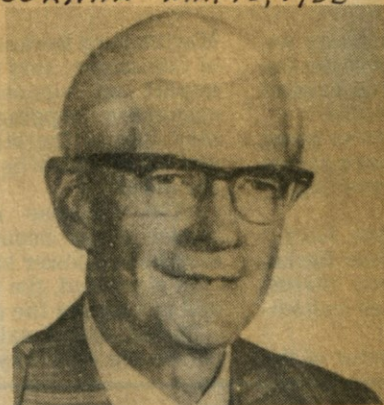
From 1941 through 1978, he was swimming and waterfront director at Camp Shaw-Mi-Del-Eca on the Greenbrier River, near White Sulphur Springs.

He was a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America for several years in Inwood.

He received his bachelor's degree from Shepherd College and his masters degree from West Virginia University.

He was past president of the Shepherd College Emeritus Club, past president of the Eastern Panhandle Heart Association and vice president of the Berkeley County Historical Association.

He was a member of the Tri-County Older Group Club, Berkeley County Education As-



GRANVILLE SHIRLEY
Started teaching in 1928

sociation, West Virginia Education Association, the National Education Association, the West Virginia Parent Teachers Association and the West Virginia and Berkeley County Retired School Employees Association.

He farmed for many years as an avocation.

He dedicated many years to educational excellence and was honored by the Bunker Hill-Musselman Alumni Association in May of 1987.

Surviving are his wife, Donna Lee Staub Shirley, at home; two sons, D. Lynn Shirley, of Los Altos, Calif., and G. Scott Shirley, of Morgantown; two daughters, Sherry Anne Bryant, of Wayland, Mass., and Silva Lee Thomas, of Fletcher, Ohio; seven grandchildren; three brothers, Ray L. Shirley, of Gainesville, Fla., Leslie O. Shirley, of Lutz, Fla., and Edgar L. Shirley, of Winter Garden, Fla.; two sisters, Elsie S. Engle, of Nitro, W.Va., and Marjorie S. Perrault, of Winchester; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Conrad D. Shirley.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Inwood United Methodist Church with the Rev. John E. Wright, the Rev. Leslie O. Shirley and the Rev. James H. Legg officiating. Burial will be in Gerrardstown Presbyterian Cemetery.

Friends will be received at Kogelschatz Funeral Home 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to Inwood United Methodist Church; Camp Frame 4-H Scholarship Fund; Boys Club of Martinsburg or Boys Scouts of America.

-Saturday, July 9, 1988

T. Griffin Shirley

RINGGOLD, Ga. — Services for T. Griffin Shirley will be Sunday at 4 p.m. in the chapel of Wallis-Stewart Guardian Funeral Home, Ringgold, with the Rev. Robert Partridge officiating.

Burial will be in New Boynton Cemetery with full Masonic services. Active pallbearers will be O.C. Dietz, Jimmy Shirley, William F. Shirley Jr., Raymond Monger, Ed Reed, Henry Kellerhals, Randy Cochran and Ron Turner. Honorary pallbearers will be the Chattanooga Mudslingers, a four-wheel drive club.

Mr. Shirley of Ringgold died Friday in a local hospital. He was 69.

A member of Boynton United Methodist Church, Mr. Shirley was also a member of Quitman Lodge 106 F&AM and Alhambra Shrine Temple.

He was a 32nd degree mason in the Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death by a son, Alan P. Shirley.

Survivors include his wife, Jemima Reed Shirley; a son, T. Griffin Shirley III, Ringgold, Ga.; and three brothers, Robert, Fred and J.F. Shirley, all of Ringgold.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

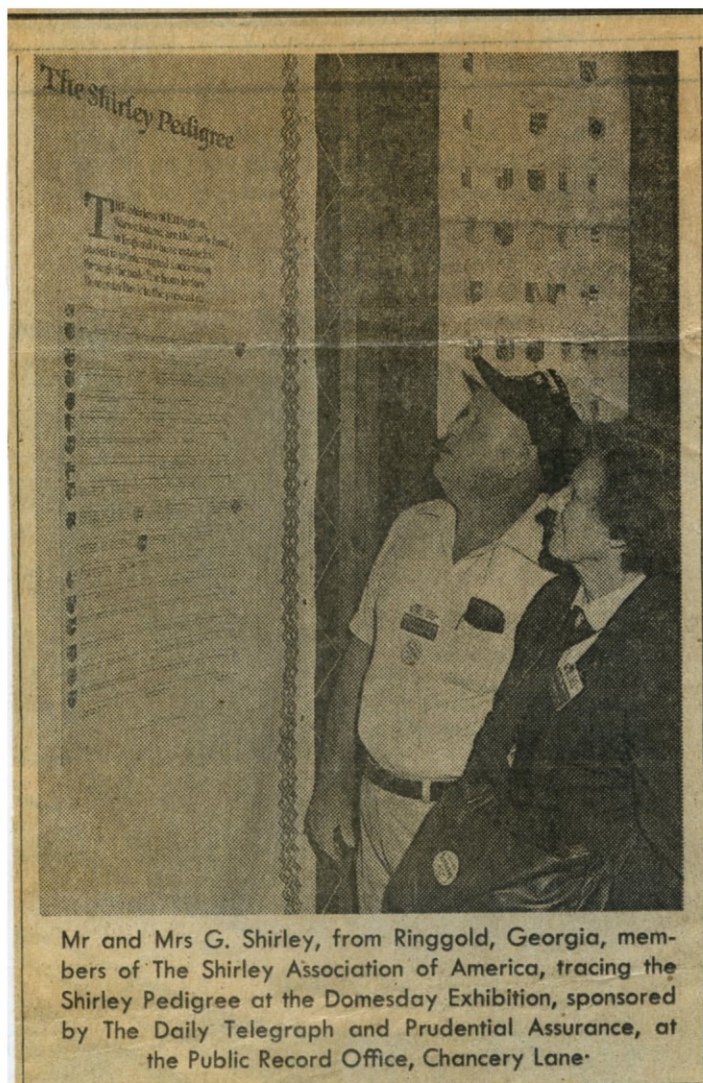
David Shirley and his wife Ruth traveled to England in 1985 as they could not go with us on the 1986 tour. The picture of David is taken in the Library at Ettington.

David is descended from the Patrick Shirley branch ... (page 2, Oct '82 and p. 3 of July 1987 NEWS).

Each of these have attended Shirley Conventions and are known by many of you. I know you will feel their loss as I have. These all have been faithful members for many years. I just can't believe we lost so many in such a short amount of time.

When I spoke with the wives, they all assured me they would keep active in the Shirley research of their husbands Shirleys.

If you know any of the above people or they are from your branch, a note would be nice. They'll be in our thoughts & prayer.



Mr and Mrs G. Shirley, from Ringgold, Georgia, members of The Shirley Association of America, tracing the Shirley Pedigree at the Domesday Exhibition, sponsored by The Daily Telegraph and Prudential Assurance, at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane.

tell you how it lifted my spirits. I have been in a deep depression lately).

Granville Shirleys branch of the Shirleys from Morgan Co. W. Virginia area. His first Shirley ancestor was Peter Shirley born ca. 1792 in Pa. and his wife was Elizabeth Zeilor.

T.G. Shirley died of a heart attack on July 8th. He and Jemima were on our 1986 England trip.

I called Jemima and she too said what a great time Griffin had had on the England trip and the tone of her conversation similar to Donnas. Another Shirley to be missed!

T.G. Shirley is from the Thomas Shirley born about 1755 S.C. died ca. 1835 Tenn. and Margaret was Thomas' wife. His son Thomas Jr. born 1797 North Carolina and died 1886, Snowhill, Hamilton Co. Tenn. (page 5 July 1983 NEWS).

THE DALES & SHIRLEYS

Recently while working on this line I came across a few bits and pieces:

In the list of Isaac Dales children it says Elizabeth Dale married Nimrod Shirley, son of James Shirley.

A descendant of Jane Shirley who married William Dale (brother of Nancy Dale who married Moses Shirley) says Jane is the daughter of James Shirley and wife Mary McMekin and that MARY IS THE 2ND WIFE OF JAMES.

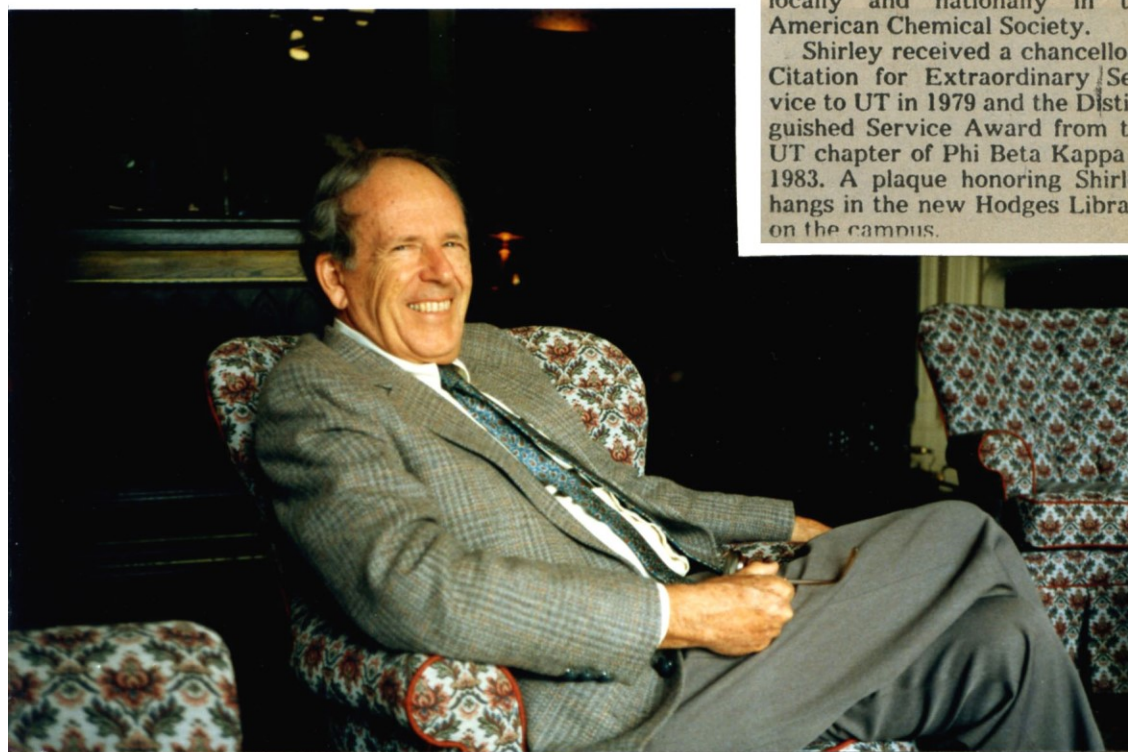
Another correspondent has Nancy Eliz. Dale born 1779 in Shenandoah Co. Va. as daughter of Isaac Dale and Margaret Tillman.

Any comments would be appreciated from this group of Shirleys!

John Beals sent me a letter asking about a letter he just received from the Dale Library asking for Dale info and promoting a book sale on the Dale Family. I placed a call to Dr. Donald Dale and we chatted for about 45 min.

This is a sincere group and one I think I can recommend to any Shirley-Dale connections....

If you would like more information write me, at the Association address.



David Shirley, former head of UT chemistry branch, dies

Dr. David A. Shirley, head of the University of Tennessee's chemistry department in Knoxville from 1962 until his retirement in 1979, died of cancer Thursday morning at UT Hospital.

Shirley, 69, was a Knoxville native. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from UT. He had been a member of the UT faculty for 26 years and was nationally recognized for research in organic chemistry.

Shirley earned his doctorate from Iowa State University in 1943, and was a research chemist for Du Pont. Before joining the UT faculty in 1953, he was a professor at Tulane University in New Orleans.

"The department moved tremendously under Dr. Shirley's leadership," said Dr. Gleb Mamantov, who succeeded Shirley as department head in 1979. "He was an outstanding administrator and an extremely good organic chemist who was nationally recognized in the field."

"Most importantly, he was quite a human being," Mamantov said.

During Shirley's tenure, the chemistry department grew from a relatively small unit to a department with more than 30 full-time professors and thousands of dollars in research contracts, Mamantov said.

Shirley wrote two books and had more than 75 scientific articles published. He also was active locally and nationally in the American Chemical Society.

Shirley received a chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Service to UT in 1979 and the Distinguished Service Award from the UT chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in 1983. A plaque honoring Shirley hangs in the new Hodges Library on the campus.



1979 photo

Dr. David A. Shirley

Shirley was recognized by "Who's Who in America" and made this philosophical observation in the book:

"I view life as an opportunity for a creative and perhaps triumphant effort by an individual against the underlying matrix of tragedy into which we are all born. Among the most lasting of these efforts are our creations in the arts, in literature and in the sciences, but also important is our recognition that in the striving for our goals and in the lessening of our own pain, we should not add to the burden of others."

After his retirement, Shirley contributed money to a fund bearing his name which supports work done by graduate students and young faculty members in the chemistry department.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Mann's Heritage Chapel.

David Shirley (right) in Library, Ettington Hotel England in 1985.

He was born Sept 15, 1918 and died Aug. 25, 1988. He had cancer.