



1989 INTERNATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION
SHIRLEYS IN FRONT OF MANOR HOUSE AT
STAUNTON HAROLD

The first International Shirley Convention was held at Staunton Harold, (the ancestral home of the Earl Ferrers family for generations), on May 13, 1989. A group of approximately 100 people attended this special event. They were very interested in learning about the history of the Shirley family.

The day started with registration at 9A.M. By 9:30 everyone had taken their seat and Mr. Oliver of Staunton Harold introduced Betty Shirley. The Shirleys heard the story about the Shirleys starting in 1086 and how the lineages have descended. A large family group chart was on display and used to explain the families through the generations. Also on display was a

large map of England showing where the Shirleys had lived in 1500's & 1600's.

Before the lunch break, each Shirley descendant at the convention stood and introduced themselves and gave the name and location of their earliest Shirley ancestor they knew of. On more than one occasion, someone would ask the one speaking about their ancestor. Later they discovered their connection to that branch of the family. The excitement was really growing when they all began to see the possibilities of meeting other families who might be related to their own.

As each person took their turn telling about their Shirley ancestor, one came to the front of the room...as we had now come to those sitting in the back of the room. He asked everyone to be sure to look him over...he wouldn't mind. He was wearing a T-Shirt with writing on it. As he approached the front of the room...everyone was laughing!!! On the back of his shirt was: YOU COULD BE MY LONG LOST COUSIN, SEE THE OTHER SIDE FOR DETAILS. The front side gave the names of the families he is researching. It was a very clever idea and everyone had fun with this. He was a hit!

Following this everyone went outside to get a group photograph taken in front of the manor house. Then on down for another group photo in front of the church. Just as the group was walking down to the church, the Earl and Countess Ferrers arrived. They are in those pictures, (We don't have them back from England yet).

Lunch was served and after a relaxful visit the afternoon portion of the Shirley convention resumed. The afternoon speakers was the Earl Ferrers and Major John Shirley. The audience was given a chance to ask questions of both gentlemen. A great time was had by all.

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It was great to see their enthusiasm. Several who were not members of the International Shirley convention joined. We all felt a close kindred inspite of the miles difference from England, New Zealand, Australia and U.S.A. They are one terrific group of people.

SHIRLEY TOUR OF ENGLAND

The rest of the tour went very well! The weather was good to us and we had a great time. Wished you could have been with us.

I won't take space here to go into the details but just wanted to mention we had a great time and we would all like to do it again... I think!

IRELAND TRIP!

I, Betty Shirley, went over to Ireland for 4 days following the Shirley tour of England. I must say that I was well treated while there.

We held a meeting just for the Shirleys of Ireland. We expected about 25 people and were pleasantly surprised when about 60 people showed up to hear and learn about the Shirleys.



Was met by a lovely young couple, Ivan and Susan Shirley and Sophie, Ivan's sister. They picked me up at the Dublin airport and drove me to their parents house where a lovely lunch had been prepared by Mrs. Shirley. Many of their family was there. Following lunch, we left immediately so we could arrive on time in Kilkenny where we held the Ireland Shirley meeting. Some had already arrived. I quickly met them and dashed to set up my displays etc. After my talk, we heard from each of them. Several were there who were related to one another and did not know of the other prior to the meeting. Needless to say...I was riding high!!! I thrive on first time family introduction!

I stayed on in Kilkenny and that night we had a horrible thunder storm. Next morning rain was gone and overcast. I went walking alone thru the town. After breakfast I was met by another group of Shirleys and shown around the places their Shirleys had lived nearby. Later, I was taken to a church where Ivan, Susan and Sophie once again met me and I said my good byes to the other lady who I had spent the evening and that morning with. Ivan took me around to see their Shirley places and we met an interesting Shirley living on an OLD back farm in the country. We learned about his Shirleys. What a time I was having!!!

After dinner back at Ivans folks house, we left for Ivans house where I stayed the night. The next morning he took me to the bus and I rode for more than an hour to Carrickmacross. Here I was met by Judith Shirley, wife of Major John Shirley of Ettington Park, England. She took me to their Ireland estate.

The Shirley estate is less than 2 miles from Carrickmacross. We turned into a gate in a long rock wall that fences off the property from the road. The road back to the house is a dirt and rock combination and it is about a mile back to the house. Lovely trees

and greenry as far as you can see. They farm the land and raise cattle. I asked how much property they have and the answer is 950 acres. I learned that they still own one side of the street of Carrickmacross and the other side of the street was inherited by the Essex family...many generations ago. The places of business...and we are talking the main street with various businesses, rent from the Shirleys.

I must admit it was some feeling driving up to the front door of this place I have read about so much. Then to step in through the doors and to actually be in LOUGH FEA! It was like a dream. Judith took me up to my room and invited me down for tea after I had freshened up and caught my breath. Major John Shirley was out with his workman about some farm business.

Judith and I had a nice talk about the estate and its past and the Shirleys. In a little while, John came to greet me. After a bit of conversation, he told me to make myself at home. I asked about taking some pictures and he said "You may take any pictures you wish and look at anything you would like to look at, and go where ever you want to explore".

I asked how many rooms in the house. They did not know as they never had counted them. I thought...I will do this as I browse around. Well...I never got them all counted! I don't know what ones you would or would not count. There were rooms out in back in the stable areas and rooms here and there. I can see why it would be a task to try and figure out how many rooms at Lough Fea.

The sad part about my visit there is to see how fast this lovely old Shirley home is falling into decay. I could visualize how beautiful it was in its prime time.

Judith took me for a walk back behind the house. Several hundred yards away is a tall cross built to the memory of one of the Shirleys a few generations back. We went thru an iron gate and fence to get to it. The gate had the Shirley coat of arms on the top of it.

We walked in another direction across an open field and there was a herd of about 60 deer. We came back and sat on the bench outside the house and watched them. Every morning I could see them from my window.

That evening they had invited dinner guests. Judith prepared the meal and the evening was spent in conversation in the library before retiring for the night.

I went up the stairs to my room in the dark. It is a very long hall way. I was sure if I just followed the wall, I would get there alright. I was so tired and I didn't want to wait for them to show me up. My room was at the very end of the hall. How simple to get there I thought. Finally I thought I had arrived. It was pitch black. I felt a doorjam and this had to be the end room. Well, it wasn't! I found the light switch and it was one room short of mine. Somehow I had gone sideways into a room opposite the wall I was following by the touch and feel method. I never did figure out how I ended up in THAT room. It was a very STRANGE feeling when I flipped on the light. I couldn't figure out how I did it! The next evening...I had my purse and in it I carried a flashlight. So, this experience was not repeated! HA!

Day 2 at Lough Fea! We had breakfast in the kitchen this morning. John and Judith decided to take me on a picnic and had a trip planned out for the day. We left for a place called Flagstaff. It is a hill that sits high overlooking a river. It was quite some sight as we watched a ship pulling in to dock way below. The river comes in from the ocean...which we could see also. I was told that last year (I think it was), several people had been killed on the road just across the river that we could see from Flagstaff.

Next, John and Judith took me to Newry and another town across the border. The streets still have the signs up saying not to leave cars unattended on the main streets of the city. They had had bombings there last year and several had been killed. I was relieved when we returned back to the Shirley estate. I did however enjoy the days outing.

That evening they took me to their country club in Carrickmacross where we met some very nice people for dinner. We had a very pleasant evening.

The next morning I strolled the grounds along to explore and to take picture. I cannot tell you what an experience this was for me.

In the Shirley Chapel I found very old things covered with dust. The Bible on the pulpit was from 1849 I think it was. Shirley coat of arms on everything. Big books, little books, just about everything and everywhere I looked it seemed some little item would have the coat of arms on it.

I saw old Shirley family furniture that was no longer usable and sitting in cob webs and much much more.

The walls are covered with oil painting of Shirleys as well as other people and things. All probably very valuable! The library has hundred and hundreds of books and the most of them have to do with Ireland. They are old and not doubt most of them would be real collector items.

John Shirley brought me 2 scrap books to look at. They were very old themselves. They contained newspaper clippings from the 1800 era. Artist sketches of Ettington at different periods. They were different in appearance than the Ettington we see today. This was before the last remodeling and in another era. There were sketches of many Shirley places we have not seen.

I spent a most fascinating time looking at the various memorabilia that has been saved thru the generations relating to not only Lough Fea but other places in England. Not only Ettington Park but several other locations Shirleys had lived.

The ceiling in the library came from Wiston house.

I learned that Major John and Judith lived at Lough Fea for about 20 years and that they raised their children there. They have a strong attachment to the Ireland estates even though they live on Isle of Man.



(TOP) Front of house (CENTER) Taken from the back of the left side of the house.
(BELOW). Taken from the far right of house looking back at the side of it.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - NEW YORK SHIRLEYS

Phares Shirley married Olive Chubbuck on January 15, 1789 in Bedford, New Hampshire. He died May 20, 1848 at age 82 yrs. 11 mos. in Homer, Cortland Co. New York.

Phares and Olive had 6 children in the 1810 census. The oldest one may have been Isaac and the others maybe Ebenezer Shirley born in 1794, Cornelius in 1798, David Atwood Shirley born 1808 and Ezekiel in 1810. There is another in the age range of Ebenezer and Cornelius. A Clarissa Shirley was born in 1811 who may or may not be the same family.

David Atwood Shirley was born Oct. 8, 1808 in Bedford Co. New Hampshire and died in 1882 in the county home in Varysburg, N.Y. He married Evaline Brant.

Children

1. Elizabeth P. b. Jan 7, 1831 and d. 1890
m. John Conrad and went to Burlington IA.
2. Dubley Graves b. May 16, 1833 Perry, N.Y.
m. 1st Mary Ann Mann
m. 2nd Helen Maria Webb
3. Frances A. b. Dec 2, 1835 d. 1905
m. 1st Enos Frost
m. 2nd Charles Homan
4. Mary K. b. April 25, 1838 d. Oct 10, 1838
5. Phares b. Nov. 20, 1839 d. May 21, 1864
at Andersonville Prison.

Ezekiel Shirley b. ca. 1808 N.H.
m. Sarah Johnson
children as listed in
1850 census of Homer, Cortland Co. NY

1. Olive A. 1829 NY
2. Sarah b. 1829 NY
3. William b. 1836 NY
4. Henry b. 1838 NY
5. Catherine b. 1841 NY
6. Frances b. 1844 NY
7. Ella b. 1848 NY

In 1820 census of Tompkins Co. N.Y.

Isaac Shirley b. ca. 1821 NY
Sarah J. b. ca. 1819 NY
Atwood b. 1846 NY
Jacob P. b. 1848 NY

1880 census Atwood b. ca. 1844 NY
Mary E. b 1852 Sydney 1866 NY
Maud 1870 NY Frank 1870 NY
Eliza 1974 NY

Ebenezer Shirley was in the 1835 census with 5 males including head of house hold. Cornelius is listed with 9 males and 3 females, but from the listing later seen it was for other people not children.

Ebenezer was listed in the Glenwood Cemtery and he died Nov. 14, 1848 and his wife Sally K. d. Feb 14, 1844. He then apparently married Abigail Northrup who d. Oct. 9, 1882 and had a daughter Clara A. or Clarissa A. Shirley.

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If anyone knows anything about the families of Cornelius Shirley b. 1797 d. 1866 Syracuse, NY who lived in Eaton NY, Phelps, NY Homer, NY or David Atwood Shirley b. 1808 who was in Homer NY and Perry NY or Clarissa Shirley Leach who was in Eaton, NY, Woodhull, NY and was born ca. 1811 d. 1886, I'd like to hear from you. I think they are all children of Phares Shirley who was married in 1789 in Bedford N.H. or if you have info about Ezekiel, Ebenezer or Isaac Shirley I would like to hear from you!

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[PLEASE SEE PAGE 12 for details!]

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died Sept 23, 1929

Elder Cemetary

Charles V. Shirley b. Nov 14, 1925

d. July 9, 1937

Silver dale Cemetary

William E. Shirley b. Aug 6, 1910 d?

Bertha Olga Shirley b. Nov 13, 1911

d. Jun 13, 1964

Senath Cemetary

Gertie L. Shirley b. July 26, 1889

d. June 30, 1962

Shelby M. Shirley b. Feb 1886

d. July 27, 1955

Gregory Cemetary

Newton Shirley b. Dec. 26, 1891

d. Feb 8, 1961

(son of Wm. W. & Etta Qualls Shirley)

Ollie Bailey Shirley b. Apr 26, 1895

d. Oct 15, 1945

(dau. of Wm & Sarah Huffman Bailey)

& she was wife of Newton Shirley.

info sent by Mrs. Clint Wallis

John Shirley born about 1768 in Va. married Elizabeth Fields. They were members of the Turkey Creek Baptist Church in South Carolina. They were the parents of:

1. Obediah of Honea Path, South Carolina
2. Nathaniel b. ca. 1806 and went to Texas
3. John Jasper b. ca. 1808
4. Benjamin Emaziah b. 1811

(1). John Franklin b. 1841 S.C.

SEE PHOTO ON RIGHT...

photo sent by Marion Shirley, grandson of John Franklin Shirley.

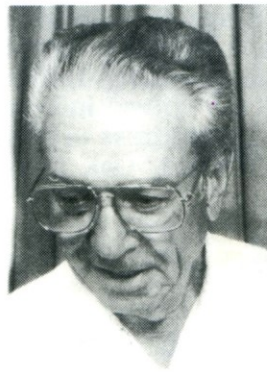
He was in Company G 56 Reg. Ga. Vol.
(This family can be found in Forsyth Co. Georgia census of 1850).

5. Loranzo
6. Elizabeth
7. Armis
8. Ann Catherine

(see Shirley NEWS Apr 1979 page 7 more info)

V.E. Shirley SP

Retired on May 2, 1988: Vance E. Shirley of the Tucson, AZ, office, Southern Pacific Transportation Co., after 46 years of railroading including 43 years as a train dispatcher.



Bro. Shirley was born at Arnegard, ND, on Aug. 31, 1915, and began his railroad career in May 1942, as an operator. He started his training as a train dispatcher and was promoted 26 days later in July

1945. He worked for the Great Northern Railroad for 25 years and 21 years for the Southern Pacific Transportation Co.

Bro. Shirley has been a continuous member of the A.T.D.A. since Feb. 8, 1946, and was awarded the 25 year membership Honor Emblem on June 7, 1971.

sent by Cliff B. Shirley



JOHN FRANKLIN SHIRLEY born 1841 S.C.

SHURLEYS OF GEORGIA, ARK. & TEXAS

from: *The New Encyclopedia of Texas*. Sent by Bobbie Smith.



T. SHURLEY. Perhaps in the history of the great empire of West Texas, no name stands out with greater prominence than that of J. T. Shurley. Mr. Shurley, for more than thirty years, has been one of the foremost ranchers of Sutton County, where he is operating a nineteen-section property in Sutton and Irion counties, and is extensively engaged in raising cattle, sheep, and goats. Until 1924 he operated a thirty-section ranch, but divided a part of this land with his children at that time. He runs an average of forty-five hundred strictly high-grade Rambouillet sheep, with all registered bucks, and shears an average of eight and a half pounds of wool annually, but in 1928 sheared an average of nine pounds of wool per animal. He has an average of five hundred head of high-grade Hereford cattle, with all Hereford registered bulls, and some Jersey milk cows, two of which are thoroughbreds. He also has about three hundred flat lock type Angora goats, from which he shears an average of about seven pounds of mohair yearly. His ranch is one of the best-improved of Sutton County, and he has built more than forty miles of sheep-proof fence in this county alone. He has plenty of water, with rock tanks. He has a home on the ranch. Mr. Shurley was born in Florida, August 16, 1859, and brought to Texas as a child by his parents. His father, R. H. Shurley, was a native of Georgia and for many years engaged in farming and was a merchant-machinist on the river steamers. During the Civil War, he served as a soldier from the South and was badly wounded. He came to Gonzales County, Texas, and settled on the San Marcos river about 1862. Mary Ann (Spears) Shurley, mother of J. T. Shurley, was a native of Arkansas and a member of a well known family. While Mr. Shurley attended such schools as were available during his boyhood, he is in reality a self-educated man. He attended the Spencer School in Gonzales County on Canuke Creek and walked five miles daily to attend this institution of learning, usually during the winter months when little was doing on the farm. He started his career in the world of business as a very poor boy, but with energy, thrift, foresight and business acumen. He began working in a store at fifteen dollars a month, and later spent this money in school. He then rented a farm in Gonzales County on shares, where he remained for a year. Farming, however, did not appeal to him. In 1880, at the age of twenty, he went with Major Harwood, in Gonzales County, drove cattle over the road, and remained with this well known cattleman for about a year. In 1882, he started working for Henry Stevens and drove six thousand head of cattle "up the trail" from the King ranch on the Gulf Coast to Dodge City Kansas, being five months on the trip. On this drive young Shurley passed through Fort Worth, which at that time had a population of about twenty-five hundred. In this work he received for his services forty dollars per month, which at that time was considered really big wages. In 1883, he made his second trip "up the trail" for Henry Stevens to Caldwell, Kansas, requiring three months time for this trip. On his return to Texas he went to work on the ranch of Stevens and Evans (Henry Stevens and his partner). In 1885 he worked six months on the famous ranch of Col. C. C. Slaughter in Borden County, before there was any town in that county. Gus O'Keefe, remembered by the old time cattlemen of West Texas, was foreman of the

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Slaughter ranch at that time. The ranch was located on Tobacco Creek, seventy miles north of Big Spring, Howard County. During the latter part of 1885, Mr. Shurley moved to Mason County, and engaged in farming and cattle raising for himself and also ran the mail and passenger stage from Junction to Mason, to make his expenses until 1889. He then went to Edwards County, where he bought a nine-section ranch, and remained there three years. In 1893 he came to Sutton County where he bought a twelve-section ranch, known as the old Bob Wyatt place. He operated this until January 1st, 1903, when he gave this property to his two oldest sons, but since that time has added many hundreds of acres to his holdings.

Mr. Shurley was married to Mrs. Velma (Lacy) Smith in Sonora, Texas. They have one child: Eugene. By a former marriage at Mason, Texas, November 21, 1886; to Miss Nannie McCallum, a native of Mason County, and a member of one of that county's pioneer families, Mr. Shurley had five children, four of whom are living, ranching in Sutton County. They are: Ira L., Edgar D., Murton G., and Collier F. Shurley. Mr. Shurley has a city home in San Angelo, Texas. Mr. Shurley has a great many trophies reminiscent of bygone days, of Indian raids, and life on the open range, but the most prized of them all is an old muzzle-loading rifle, more than one hundred years old, which was used by his forbears in the Revolutionary War and in the Civil War. He served for a period of eight years as a school trustee of Sutton County and helped build the first school house in this county. He is known as one of the foremost ranchers of this part of the state, and one of Sutton County's most enterprising and public-spirited citizens. The formerly held membership in the Cattle Raisers' Association and the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

In 1850 Census of Muscogee Co. Ga.

Richard H. b. ca. 1821 Ga.

Sophie b. ca. 1824 NC
William b. ca. 1844 Ala
Mary A.E. b. ca. 1846 Ala
John A. b. ca. 1847 Ala

In the family records:

Richard H. Shurley b. ca. 1821 Ga
m. Mary Ann Spears

children

1. William b. ca. 1848
2. Sophie b. Aug 6, 1851 Columbus, Ga.
m. Thomas F. Rainey 1886 Hays Co. Texas
3. Nick b. July 20, 1857 d. 1929
(never married)
4. Jobe Taylor b. Aug. 16, 1859 Florida
m. 1st Nannie McCallum
m. 2nd Velma Smith
5. Charles B. b. ca. 1860 Gonzales Co. Texas
6. California E. b. ca. 1862 " " "

(family info sent by Dr. Jay T. Shurley)

[The following is a transcription of handwritten notes I had collected for some years before my father, Ira, died, and found among his effects after his death].

My father was Job Taylor Shurley, who was born in Florida Aug 16, 1859. He was the son of Richard H. (Dick) Shirley, who was a farmer, a merchant, and also worked as a machinist on river steamers. He was a Confederate soldier from Georgia in the Civil War, receiving a head wound. He carried a bullet in his head until his death many years later. He was reputedly somewhat "addled" by the lead absorbed from the bullet.

Sometime after the Civil War he married a second time to a younger sister of his first wife who's name is unknown. Job's mother was Mary Ann Spears, reputedly born in Ark. The time and date and place of the marriage unknown.

Richard H. and Mary Shurley and children settled in 1862 or 63 in Gonzales Co. Texas. where Job allegedly walked 5 miles daily for 3 years to attend Spencer school for his formal education. He apparently acquired further education on his own.

His first job was for \$15 per month clerking in a general store, saving enough to rent a farm, on shares for one year. He did not like farming.

[To save space some of the info was duplicated in this segment about his work, so will leave it out].

For the last half of 1885, he took a contract to drive the mail and passenger coach (stage line) from Mason to Junction Texas, while living on a small farm and ranch near Streeter, Texas. Here he met and married Nannie Belle McCollum on Nov. 21. 1886. Their first child, Ira, was born Sept 28, 1887 at Streeter, and their second son, Edgar D., was born at Grit Mason Co. Texas.

On moving West from Mason Co., Job, his brother Nick, their sister Callie, briefly farmed near Junction on the Llano River. With Oscar (or Charles?), and Nick, he purchased a 9 section ranch in Edwards Co. in 1889, where he ranched for 3 years. He also purchased a ranch in Sutton Co. known as the Word Ranch. Ira Shurley inherited this ranch.

About 1903 he moved his headquarters to his ranch in Sonora. Edgar inherited this ranch and Merton inherited the headquarters, while Collier inherited yet another from his mother.

Job had meanwhile moved to a home in San Angelo and purchased a 5 section "Spring Creek" ranch at Sherwood or Mertzon, Tom Green Co. Texas.

He married a second time to a widow, Velma Smith, who had four children. By this wife he had two more children, Eugene and Jerry Shurley.

He died in San Angelo in 1931. Gene and Jerry and their mother, Velma, inherited the Word Ranch on Job's death, and the Spring Creek Ranch was given to the four surviving Shurley brothers from the first family as an undivided property.

SHURLEY, JAY TALMADGE, psychiatrist; b. Sonora, Tex., Dec. 20, 1917; s. Ira Lawrence and Jewell LaMargerite (Choate) S.; m. Helen Margaret Loos, June 2, 1945; children: John Lawrence (dec.), Tom Henry, Guy Gibbs, Philip Sherwood; m. Emily Webb Alexander, Jan. 4, 1964; 1 child, John Alexander. Student, San Angelo Jr. Coll., 1934-36; B.A. in Zoology, U. Tex.-Austin, 1940; M.D., U. Tex. Med. Br., Galveston, 1942; candidate in psychoanalysis, Inst. of Phila. Assn. for Psychoanalysis, 1946-51; Diplomate Am. Bd. Psychiatry and Neurology. Rotating intern. Ind. U.-Indpls. Med. Ctr., 1943; Rockefeller fellow in neuropsychiatry dept. mental and nervous disease Inst. for Mental Hygiene Pa. Hosp., Phila., 1944-47; dir. Markle Meml. Unit for Insulin Therapy dept. for mental and nervous disease Pa. Hosp., Phila., 1945-50; pvt. practice medicine specializing in psychiatry and psychoanalysis, Phila., 1947-51, Austin, 1951-52, pvt. practice medicine specializing in psychiatry, San Antonio, 1952-54, Chevy Chase, Md., 1955-57, pvt. practice medicine specializing in psychiatry, psychoanalysis and sleep disorders medicine, Oklahoma City, 1978—; acting chief iab., adult psychiat. investigation, clin. investigations NIMH, NIH, Bethesda, 1955-57; chief psychiatry service and mental hygiene clinic VA Hosp., Oklahoma City, 1957-62; sr. med. investigator in psychiatry, research service, dept. medicine and surgery VA, 1962-76; founder and dir. behavioral scis. labs VA Med. Ctr., Oklahoma City, 1962-78; med. dir. outpatient psychiatry clinics Okla. Meml. Hosp. and Clinics, Okla. Health Scis. Ctr., Oklahoma City, 1978-81; med. dir. Willow View (Psychiat.) Hosp., Oklahoma City, 1985—; prof. psychiatry U. Okla., Oklahoma City, 1957-62, career research prof. psychiatry and behavioral scis., 1962-77, prof. psychiatry and behavioral scis. Coll. of Medicine and Grad. Coll., 1977-81; prof. emeritus psychiatry and behavioral scis. and human ecology U. Okla. Health Scis. Ctr., Oklahoma City, 1981—; adj. prof. human ecology Coll. Health, U. Okla., 1967-81; lectr. in psychiatry Jefferson Med. U., 1946-51, U. Pa., Phila., 1946-51, Phila. Sch. Occupational Therapy, 1946-51; vis. lectr. Sch. Social Work and Sch. Law, U. Tex., Austin, 1951-54; mem. com. on polar research, chmn. panel on biology and medicine Nat. Acad. Scis. (NRC), 1970-74; U.S. rep. Working Group on Biology XII Sci. Com. on Antarctic Research, Canberra and Melbourne, Australia, 1972; U.S. rep. Working Group on Human Biology and Medicine XIII Sci. Com. on Antarctic Research, Jackson Hole, Wyo., 1974; disting. vis. scientist Acad. Scis. USSR, Moscow and Leningrad, 1972; Centennial Yr. vis. prof. dept. psychol. medicine U. Otago, Dunedin, N.Z., 1975; pres. Am. Enuresis Found., Oklahoma City, 1984—; Editor: Relating Environment to Mental Health and Illness: The Eco-psychiatric Data Base, 1979, Symposium on Man on the South Polar Plateau, 1970; contrb. 85 articles to sci. publs. Served as capt. M.C. U.S. Army, 1952-54. Recipient Antarctic Service medal, 1970; honored naming of Shurley Ridge Pensacola Mountains, Antarctica; recipient Disting. Profl. Service Okla. Psychol. Assn., 1972, Sustained Superior Achievement cert. VA, 1974, Fellow Am. Psychiat. Assn. (life), Am. Coll. Psychiatrists (charter), Royal Coll. Psychiatrists (U.K.); mem. AMA, AAAS, Soc. Psychophysiol. Research, Sleep Research Soc., Internat. Soc. Chronobiology, Clin. Sleep Soc., Oklahoma County Med. Assn., Okla. State Med. Assn., Phila. Assn. Psychoanalysis, Houston-Galveston Psychoanalytic Soc., Sigma Xi, Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Alpha Omega Alpha, Democrat, Episcopalian. Clubs: Oklaho-

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A SHIRLEY - A DELONG
Linked in the West

by Margaret A. (Shirley) Coady

A Shirley from New Hampshire and a DeLong from Vermont came together in a common interest--cattle and horses - in the 1860's-1870's.

James Quincy Shirley was born November 14, 1829 in New Hampshire, the son of Robert Moore Shirley. He grew up there. He recieved his education at New London, Merrimack Co. He married first Almira McPherson of Bedford, Merrimack Co. His second wife was a Mrs. Hall. In 1850 he went to California where he engaged in mining and stock raising there and in Idaho, Utah and Oregon. In 1850 he drove the first herd of cattle across the plains from Iowa to San Francisco. He passes away in 1895 at Portland, Multnomah Co. Oregon. (1).

Shirley is shown in the 1880 Cassia Co. Id. census. Shown as James D. Shirley, age 50; cattle dealer; born New Hampshire; living in the Marsh Basin of Cassia County.

The following was found in "Cattle in the Cold Desert" (2); "In 1869, J.G. (sic) Shirley and C.S. Gamble reached the Fort Hall bottoms (southern Bingham Co.) with 3000 head of Texas Cattle. In the mid-1860's Shirley had been one of the ranchers on the Fort Hall bottomland when the U.S. Government bought the land for Indian reservations. In exchange Shirley received six sections of land on the Raft River at the mouth of Cassia Creek in Cassia County. Later in the fall, attracted by the abundant forage, they moved the herd to the Raft River Valley. The next year Shirley and his associates trailed 10,000 more cattle into the Raft River area."

In the April 23, 1896 Marin Journal (Marin Co. California) the following article appeared - headed, "For Relief of DeLong". "We have asked for the reason for the introduction of a bill in Congress for the relief of F.C. DeLong (this DeLong is the only son of Francis DeLong.) The Petaluma Argus (Petaluma Sonoma Co. Ca.) answered thus: During the Civil War Mr. DeLong (the father) and Shirley, now deceased, had a contract with the government to carry mails in Idaho. DeLong and Shirley owned a large tract of land known as Fort Hall Ranch in Southern Idaho, not far from the Utah division line. ...on their ranch DeLong and Shirley had hundreds of horses

used in carrying mails over many routes. ...but at the time there was a terrific outbreak of Indians who swooped down on DeLong and Shirley, drove off all the horses, burned or destroyed the mail coaches and other property... Many horses were killed. Few were recovered.

"The partners have previously made the claim on the government for damages sustained on account of a lack of protection to them as servants of the United States, but Congress has never taken any action on the claim. Such a debt, however, is never outlawed so long as it can be proven, and now it is being presented to the government again." (3).

- (1) Shirley Association
- (2) "Cattle in the Cold Desert" p 46 and 47, by James A. Young and B. Abbot Sparks, Utah State University Press. Courtesy Idaho State Historical Society.
- (3) Data on DeLong from Novato History Museum.

LEWIS F. SHIRLEY

In 1853 eight members of the Shirley family moved to Montgomery County, Arkansas. By the third generation the number of Shirley family residents was over fifty, and the family name had been given to many local landmarks in the area that they settled.

Lewis F. Shirley, the family patriarch, was born in 1814 in North Carolina. He later moved to Alabama and in 1839 married Sarah Ann Mullenix. Their son, (Germa's father) James Wright Shirley, was born in Alabama in 1840. Sarah Ann died in 1842. In August of 1843 Lewis married Mary (Polly) Ann Pattersen and they had a total of eight children. The first four were born in Alabama: Martha Jane, Anne, Mary Ann, and Susan.

In 1852 the entire Shirley family left Alabama in a wagon train and may have traveled with the Mullenix and Fryar families as they all eventually settled in Montgomery County. They settled briefly in east Texas where David Lewis Shirley was born in 1853.

The wagon train then moved north into Montgomery County, Arkansas, helping blaze the trail through the wilderness to a site now just south and west of Oden. Upon coming to a nice spring of water, they decided to settle permanently in the area and built a log house in the place which became known as Shirley Spring at the head of Shirley Creek a few miles south of the Ouachita River southeast of the later community of Huddleston. Shirley Creek flows into the river from the south through land now owned by Edna Gortemiller, and the Shirley Spring area is now part of the Forest Service land.

The growing Shirley family cleared the land and farmed, growing corn, cotton, and wheat. There was a mill in Big Fork where the wheat was ground into flour. Trapping and hunting provided fresh meat. Fishing was plentiful. The cow provided milk and cheese. Fruits and vegetables were dried and hung to be used later. Soaking made them soft again.

Lewis and Polly's three youngest children were born at the Shirley place: Tenna S.E. Elizabeth Georgeann Josephine (1854), Amanda (Mandie) (1859), and Cordeliah (Deliah) (1861).

The oldest son, James Wright, by then in his twenties, was a Union soldier in the Civil War. He was a member of Company D, 4th Arkansas Cavalry and his youngest children received pensions as Civil War orphans at a much later date than most because they were born when he was near seventy years old.

After returning to Montgomery County and the family farm, he married Mary (Polly) Jane Fryar of Oden in 1870. James Wright was a talented musician and violin-maker. He made many fiddles and played throughout the area.

Lewis F. Shirley, the head of the pioneer family, died on December 30, 1874, and was buried in Shirley Cemetery not far from Shirley Spring.

James and Polly Jane had two sons: Lewis Franklin (1874), and Hezzie (1888). Polly Jane died in 1904 and is buried in Shirley Cemetery. James moved just across the county line into Board Camp, Polk County, where at the age of sixty-seven he married Ella Phelps in 1907. They had two children: Helen (Germa) (1909), and William Howard (1911). Germa's nickname resulted from her efforts to say "Charma", the name of a niece who was nine years older than she was.

There were Shirley family members on both sides of the Polk-Montgomery County line and much visiting was done back and forth. The county lines were created and moved without affecting community and family life. The hills and streams of the Ouachitas were considered home.

James Wright Shirley died in 1912 and was buried in Shirley Cemetery near his father. In 1916 Ella Phelps Shirley died and the two young children, Germa and Howard returned to the Shirley Creek area to live with their half-brother, Lewis; his wife, Ella Wilhite; and their thirteen children. Later they went to live with Hezzie and his wife, Bessie Metcalf, and their four children near Poteau, Oklahoma. The family traveled by wagon a full week leading two cows. Germa and Howard slept beside the road.

Most members of the Shirley family married and remained in the Shirley Creek area. Martha Jane married Joe Shirley, a cousin; Anne never married. Mary Ann married Benjamin Brewer and had seven children. Susan married an Ellison and then Bill Goodner. David married Sarah Elizabeth Gaston with whom he had ten children, and then Viola (Oia) Durrough with whom he had three children (twins died in infancy). Tenna married Dr. Stephen C. Bates and had three children. Deliah married Riley Reynolds and had three children.

David Lewis Shirley was a school teacher and a Baptist preacher, preaching at Little Hope Church, south of Waters (now Pine Ridge), and at Sulphur Springs. Susie Shirley Ellison named Little Hope Church when, in its planning stages, she said, "There's little hope this will ever be completed."

After a few years in Oklahoma, young Germa wanted to return home to Montgomery County, and the return trip was made by train. She lived with various family members between Oden and Waters, helping to care for their children, until her marriage to Roy Garrett in 1929. They had five children: Ella Dee, Leroy, Will Ree, Chester Norris, and Shirley. Their family farm is near the Polk-Montgomery County line in the area always considered home--the Ouachita Mountains.

By HELEN "Germa" SHIRLEY GARRETT
as told to KATHRYN MOORE STUCKER

FROM: Montgomery County Ark. "Our Heritage"
Sent by Dorothy Davis

[LEWIS AND SARAH MULLENIX WERE MARRIED
IN TUSCALOOSA CO. ALABAMA IN 1839].

1989 NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION

TULSA, OK.

June 24 & 25th

HOLIDAY INN
1010 N. Garnett

IF! You haven't made your reservations to attend the 7th National Shirley Convention, please do not send them to me at this time. I will not receive them before I leave for Tulsa!

Bring them with you! We will be able to accept them at the door on Friday evening or first thing Saturday morning. I have allowed for additional people.

We will be having a pre-convention get together in the meeting room at 7:30 PM Friday June 23rd.

THIS YEARS CONVENTION IS SPECIAL!

OKLAHOMA WAS CHOSEN AS THE SITE OF THE 7th NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF BELLE STARR ! She was born Myrabel Shirley.

Guest speakers planned for Saturday evening June 24th are Glenn Shirley, author of "Belle Starr and Her Times" and Phillip Steele, author of a brand new book, "Starr Tracks".

Belle Starr was killed in 1889! So many of the Shirleys say she was their cousin. Now, come and find out just how this really is. You will have a chance to ask questions of these two people who have studied her and have spent a great amount of time learning about this subject.

A couple of weeks ago, a film was made of the death of Belle Starr. The scene was re-enacted on the exact location where she was shot. Mr. Steele was involved with this. Belle's great granddaughter and her great great granddaughter were there for the filming.

I talked with them recently. They show an interest in learning about their ancestry.

LET'S GO !!!

TO NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA!

Proposed Trip Itinerary...

Wed	Sept 27	Los Angeles to Auckland NZ
Thur	Sept 28	we loose 24 hours (aprox 14 hr flight)
Fri	Sept 29	arrive Auckland, free time
Sat	Sept 30	SHIRLEY MEETING & free time
Sun	Oct 1	Coach to Waitomo Caves Maori Feast (<u>dinner</u>) Rotorua overnight
Mon	Oct 2	City Tour of Rotorua afternoon flight to Queenstown
Tues	Oct 3	Full day tour, Milford Sound, inc. <u>lunch</u>
Wed	Oct 4	Free day, Oueenstown
Thur	Oct 5	Queenstown to Christchurch
Fri	Oct 6	Fly Christchurch to Sydney
Sat	Oct 7	SHIRLEY MEETING & free time
Sun	Oct 8	Tour of city sights, Koala Park and beaches etc.
Mon	Oct 9	Flight from Sydney to L.A.

PRICE: \$2850

Breakfast included daily, lunch on Oct. 3 on the Milford Sound excursion and dinner Oct 1st at the Maori Feast.

Price is based on 15 people minimum and group departure from Los Angeles directly to Auckland, New Zealand.

Trip may be extended!!! You can stay on in Australia on your own.

Trip additions:

Fly Sydney to Cairns, 3 nights \$385 pp.
or Sydney to Tahiti 3 nights \$225 pp.
or Sydney to Fiji or Hawaii, prices upon request.

NOTE: !!!

Because airline rates increase in Oct. for tourist, some adjustments may be necessary. It is VERY important to get your reservation in at once!!! Flight availablity is limited!!!

Please request your reservation form now! You may want to call me to expedite it....408-255-8511. I will be gone to Tulsa, Ok. June 22 thru 26th.