

The seventh National Shirley Convention was held June 24th and 25th in Tulsa Oklahoma at the Holiday Inn.

Shirley descendants from many states attended this years gathering as we commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the death of Belle Starr.

On Saturday evening, the group was pleasantly suprised by the appearance of Belle herself. She came into the meeting from the back of the

room, walked to the front of of the group taking over the microphone. Belle wanted to meet the two evening speakers who have been writing books about her. Mr. Steele said they killed you again a few weeks ago at the re-enactment of your death. She laughed & said they keep trying to kill me and I just keep coming back.

She spoke to the audience for a couple of minutes about her family and then said she had to hit it on out as we have another engagement. Jim's got my saddle ready.



A CROUP OF SHIRLEY DESCENDANTS AT THE SEVENTH NATIONAL SHIRLEY COVENTION TULSA OKLAHOMA

The audience laughed and applauded as she left with a wave of her hand.

Next, Glenn Shirley, author of many western books, spoke to the group about his findings when he wrote his book on Belle Starr some years ago.

Glenn Shirley has been a member of the Shirley Association since 1982. The next speaker was Phillip Steele. He recently wrote a book on Belle Starr and filmed her story on location in Ft. Smith and at the site of her death.

At the conclusion, both speakers came forward to field questions from the audience.

Several jokes and funny stories were told and everyone seem to enjoy the evening.



Walter Shirley branch (b. 1690)



Barren Co. Kentucky Shirley descendants



Argeland Shirley of S.C. & Kentucky branch.

John & Eliz. Barmore SHIRLEY branch

Another good looking Shirley branch!

Luke Shirley branch & Tennessee Shirleys

A REPORT ON OUR TRIP TO OKLAHOMA !

Six of us flew to Tulsa, rented a van and took off for Ft. Smith Arkansas to stay overnight. The next morning we hurried around for breakfast and took off for Paris Arkansas.

I should explain... 2 of us six were my children, A son, Dale 33 years of age and a daughter, Dorene 30 years of age. This was their first trip to this area.

Paris Arkansas is where my husbands grandfather came to from Athens Co. Ohio in 1869. We were pleased to be able to show the kids where their great grandfather had lived, where he was buried, etc. We stopped into visit cousins who still live there. On the way back to Ft. Smith, we stopped at the widows home of another cousin who had grandpas old Bible. I am happy to say we were able to purchase it from her.

We arrived back in Ft. Smith for lunch so you can see our visit to Paris was a brief one. Time did not allow us to do any more sight seeing in that area.

We visited Judge Parkers court where Belle Starr had been tried and other related places in Ft. Smith, purchased a floral wreath and on to Porum, Ok. We arrived here about 3 pm for a walk out to Belles grave. A gentleman who I had spoke to weeks before by phone was waiting to escort us. The lady who owns the property the grave is located on had so kindly had a path cleared for our coming. (You remember my story in a previous NEWS of several years ago about my visit to the grave). I was much relieved to be able to walk back with no difficulty this time. I never dreamed I would ever be back to the grave again! and...here I was standing there in commemoration of her death. My daughter and son placed the wreath on her grave. (The color of wreath was lavender).

We arrived back in Tulsa about 6:45 pm just in time to check into the hotel, change and get down to the meeting room in time to greet Shirleys. This was the Friday evening pre-convention event. We had a wonderful evening meeting previous convention goers and first timers.

The Convention lasted until Sunday noon this year as I planned a get together of my husbands family (so many of his group live in and around Tulsa), for the afternoon.

Monday morning the six of us got up about 5:30 AM and checked out of the hotel, drove for awhile, stopped at the world's largest McDonalds at Vinta, Ok. (on our way to Carthage Mo) for breakfast.

We arrived early, picked up Ron and headed for Georgia City to see the old barn of John Shirleys (Belle Starr's father) that Ron had found sometime back. What a sight, seeing this old barn and to imagine it still standing. It is not in real great condition inside, but an interesting place to see. I was pleased at how well my video came out of the interior of this old barn. (No one thought I could get any decent video shots. HA!).

We went on down the road a few hundred feet to where the bridge crosses SHIRLEY FORD. (I have added a story from Jasper Co. Mo. along with a photo of this bridge on page 8 of this issue).

We also stopped at a cemetery a few hundred yards on the other side of the old barn to see if there were any Shirleys buried there. We did not find any in the over grown cemetery.

NOTE: I called Ron a couple of nights ago and he has been successful in finding more information about this area. He found a James A. Hunter buried in that cemetery. He was born in 1837 in Monroe Co. Ind. In the library he discovered that James' mother was Mary A. Shirley who married Richard Hunter. Last night Ron called again and had the childrens names and dates of James Hunter etc. He also had made a note from a book in the Carthage library that Mary was an aunt of Belle Starr.

I found the marriage in my records in Green Co. Ind in 1836 of Mary & Richard. Now I am convinced that the John Shirley who married Elizabeth Pennington in Green Co. Ind. May 11, 1837 are the parents of BELLE STARR! This was his third marriage. Also William Shirley of Scott Co. Ky and previously of Bedford Co. Pa. has great grandchild married in Green Co. Ind. 1839.

We visited the Carthage library, it sits on land that had been owned by Belle's bro. Then our time was gone and we had to drive quickly to Tulsa for a 4:00pm flight. We had a great time this summer in Ok. Ark & Mo.







Top: John Shirleys (father of Belle Starr) barn near Carthage Mo. Center: Belle Starr at Shirley Convention (Dorene Woodlief). Lower: L to R: Evelyn Shirley, Dorene Woodlief, Dale, Barbara, Guy & Betty Shirley (your editor), at the grave of Belle Starr in Oklahoma.

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Carthage Press Photo by Marvin VanGilder
Relatives of Myra Belle Shirley -- Belle Starr,
guided by Ron Triplett, far right, pose during a
Carthage visit. Pictured from left are Dale

Shirley, Dorene Woodlief, Betty Shirley, Guy Shirley, Barbara Shirley and Evelyn Shirley. All reside in California.

Shirley family members in visit

Belle Starr's relatives see Carthage

By MARVIN L. VanGILDER Carthage Press Historian

A half-dozen members of the Shirley family, relatives of Carthage's Belle Starr, visited Carthage early this week.

Guided by Ron Triplett, Sarcoxie, the Californians visited The Carthage Press, Carthage Public Library and Carthage Senior High School.

At the latter site they inspected the school bell which summoned Belle to classes here before the Civil War, when she was Myra Belle Shirley and resided at her father's hotel on the north side of the square.

At the library, one of the group, Mrs. Betty Shirley, presented a copy of her genealogical book entitled "Belle Starr and Her Roots" for use as a reference source by local genealogists and historians.

Mrs. Shirley noted that much of what has been published about the family is false or distorted and her work was prepared to help dispel some of the half-truths and fiction

which has been so widely circulated during the last century.

She has traced the family's roots to ancestral sources in the British Isles.

She said the book is not being promoted for general sale but persons with a special interest may purchase copies at \$15. Her address is 10256 Glencoe Dr., Cupertino, Calif. 95014

The visitors, representing the

Shirley Association, came here following attendance at a Shirley convention in Tulsa, Okla., and visits with relatives in Arkansas.

The delegation included Guy and Betty Shirley, Cupertino, Calif.; their son Dale, Cupertino; their daughter Dorene Woodlief, San Jose, Calif.; their neice Barbara Shirley, San Jose, and sister-in-law Evelyn Shirley, Cupertino.

NEW BOOK!

BELLE STARR & HER ROOTS

This book was produced by Betty Shirley, your editor, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the death of Belle Starr. Not only does this book give in detail her ancestory but gives the lineages of related families. Maps are given in the book for careful study of Belle and other families movements as they relocated from one county to another and from state to state. The book contains 45 pages $8\frac{1}{2}$ X 11, red soft vinyl spiral bound and the cost is \$15.



Bell that called Belle Starr to class



arthage Missouri library.

SHIRLEY FORD

In September, 1862, Colonel Ritchie with the Second Indian Territory Home Guard was sent into southwest Missouri counties and was encamped at the old mill near what is now Lakeside Park.

A regiment of Texas soldiers, together with the Livingston Scouts, planned an early morning attack on the red men. At about 4 o'clock on the morning of September 20th, the Texans and the Scouts came to their camping place, but, although the camp fires were burning brightly, they found no Indians; they had quietly retreated to the west. Putting spurs to their horses the Confederates gave chase and overtook the Indian regiment at Shirley Ford on Spring river, where an engagement took place. On the first charge of the Confederates, the Indians began what at first seemed to be, as Colonel Ritchey in his report expressed it, a Bull Run retreat; but his men rallied and, corraling their horses in the brush, dismounted and returned a vigorous fire. A number of times the Confederates charged them, but could not drive their horses into the thick brush. At length Major Livingston proposed to fight them Indian fashion and, in place of a charge from the front, to ride down the main road at full speed and separate the regiment from the wagon train which had been taken across the river to a place of safety. This plan did not meet with the approval of the Texas commander, and in a hasty word-encounter between the Texan and Livingston the latter said: "Colonel, if you will give me command of your regiment for thirty minutes I will capture the whole --- regiment, wagon train and all.?' The Colonel haughtily ordered Livingston and his men to the rear. Livingston, quicktempered and impetuous, said: "Colonel you can take your regiment and go straight to - and I will take my command and go where I please."

This ended the fight and the Texan without exchanging another word wheeled with his regiment to the right and rode off the field, leaving Livingston and his men who, after the last of the Texans were out of sight, moved his command to the south. The Indians were left in possession of the field. The next day on returning to bury his men who had been killed in the engagement, Livingston found that Ritchey and his men had gone west into Kansas.



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material researched, copied and sent to Shirley Association by Gary F. Shirley. THANK YOU!

LORD CULPEPER

Lord Culpeper (1600-1660), inherited his father's share of the VIRGINIA COMPANY and left England in the autumn of 1623. He died in 1660 in England.

Lord Culpeper was first married to Philippa Snelling of West Grinstead in Sussex England. She was the daughter of Sir George Snelling and CAECILIA SHERLEY, daughter of Thomas Sherley and Philippa Caryll. This Caecilia is a 3rd cousin to Cecilia Shirley who married Lord Delaware West, who established colonies in America. They are both 5th cousins to George Shirley of Ettington who married Frances Berkeley, daughter of Henry Lord Berkeley.

Thomas Culpeper of Leeds Castle, 2nd Lord Culpeper, was a large figure in the colonial history of Virginia.

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