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THE LEVI BERRYMAN SHIRLEY FAMILY OF RABUN CO. GEORGIA

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BERRYMAN SHIRLEY, SR. OF HABERSHAM COUNTY GEORGIA

Berryman Shirley was born March 18, 1795 in South Carolina and died March 3, 1875 Alto, Georgia. He married Susannah Starnes who was born April 8, 1792 and she died July 13, 1877 Alto, GA.

Children:

1. Young Jackson born August 26, 1817
married: 1st. Sarah Ann Jordan (no child. in census)
2nd. Caroline Loggins July 6, 1862
3rd. Mary Elizabeth Morris March 19, 1863
4th. Margaret Elizabeth Crow

children by Mary Elizabeth Morris:

- (1). Martha Elizabeth born June 25, 1864 m. James Cranston Thompson
- (2). male infant
- (3). Young James (Jim) born March 14, 1867
- (4). John Franklin born March 17, 1868
m. 1st Rosa Gailey
2nd. Margaretta Etheline Gailey
- (5). William Beverley born February 13, 1870
m. Pleasant Holley King
- (6). Mary Bashaba born December 27, 1871 m. William Thomas Ivie
- (7). Sara Vesta born Sept 8, 1874
- (8). male infant

children by Margaret E. Crow:

- (9). Margaret Jane born February 9, 1877 m. Alford Gailey
- (10) Young James
- (11) Francis Hettie Ann born June 3, 1881 m. Harwell Gailey

2. Beverley V. born February 14, 1820
m. 1st. Malinda Jones
2nd. Vest Nix

children by Malinda:

- (1). Martha Ann born March 17, 1840, m. James G. Lawrence
- (2). William Beverley born April 9, 1841 m. 1st _____
Hendrix, 2nd _____?
- (3). Lucinda Francis born Feb 16, 1843 m. George Devors
- (4). Leonard Calvin born November 26, 1847 m. Matilda Fords
- (5). Cosby L. born January 20, 1847 m. Mary Wilbanks
- (6). Josiah Starnes born February 1, 1849
m. 1st. Martha Hollingworth
m. 2nd. Sarah Olive Campbell

- (7). Elizabeth M. born June 15, 1851 m. Bud Barnett
- (8). Jackson B. born June 15, 1854 died Oct. 21, 1854

children by Vesta Nix:

- (9). child born dead
- (10) Sarah Mallissa born December 5, 1856 m. John Ford
- (11) Young Jackson born March 14, 1858 m. Mattie Oswalt

- 3. Mary Ann (Polly) born ca. 1822 m. Christopher Smith who was born ca. 1804 in North Carolina.

NO CHILDREN.

- 4. Berryman Jr. born December 19, 1825 died Nov 22, 1864 m. Bashaba Jones July 13, 1844 Rabun County Georgia. She was born April 5, 1824.

Children:

- (1). Willoughby Jasper born June 1850 m. Cynthia Peyton
- (2). Jasper Newton born April 22, 1852 died Nov. 9, 1904 m. Cloma Childers in 1876.
- (3). Levi Berryman born April 21, 1856 d. Oct 28, 1930 m. Rachel Whitmore January 23, 1876. She was born March 6, 1859. Levi Berryman joined the Baptist Church May 18, 1872 and was ordained Deacon July 1883. SEE COVER PHOTO!

Children:

- A. Mary Ida born February 11, 1877 died Oct 18, 1960 married Andrew Cragg. They had 11 children.
- B. William Rufus born December 29, 1878 died May 16, 1950. m. Minnie Johnson. They had 2 children.
- C. Rachel Bashaba born May 30, 1881 died Sept 25, 1881
- D. Nancy Eva born August 9, 1882 died Feb. 11, 1972 m. George Wiley Jarrett.

Children:

- (a). Thelma (deceased)
- (b). Zora (I visited her this summer and she provided the cover photo and some of this material)

- E. Berryman Jessero born April 10, 1884 died Aug 26, 1962 m. Julia Dillard. No Children.
- F. Andrew Raven born January 31, 1888 died April 23, 1952 m. Beatrice Taylor. They had one son.
- G. Cora Elizabeth born February 16, 1890 died Oct. 20, 1978 m. Cellon Powell. They had 3 daughters.
- H. Lewis Dalphus born January 16, 1894 died Sept 6, 1969 m. Ruth Downey. No Children.
- I. Hannah Angeline born May 14, 1895 died May __, 1968 m. Rev. Dock Penland. They had 1 daughter.

- (4). William Andrew born August 25, 18__ m. Mary Jane Thompson
- (5). Mose Lafayette born July 21, 18__ died Sept 20, 1910 m. Lizzie Thompson

- (6). Mary Bashaba born May 28, 1854 died Nov 29, 1933
m. Joseph M. Watts
- (7). Louis Neal born June 17, 1864 died Aug 12, 1916
m. 1st. Sarah Watts Nov 14, 1885
m. 2nd. Sibbie Bynum March 1900

- 5. Mary Lydia born ca. 1824 m. Asberry B. Wadkins
- 6. Elizabeth born ca. 1828 m. Joseph E. Beaty
- 7. Susannah born ca. 1832 m. Benjamin Ellard

Bashaba Jones, wife of Berryman Shirley Jr. and Malinda Jones, wife of Beverley Shirley, were daughters of William Jones one of the earliest settlers of Rabun Co. GA. William Jones married Bashaba Coffee who was a sister to General Ed Coffee, the buyer of land in Rabun Co. He had married Sarah Neville. There were five Coffee brothers who came to this County with him.

Berryman Shirley born Dec. 19, 1825 died of this life Nov 22, 1864 is on an early carved tombstone at Bethel Church cemetery at Tiger (Rabun Co) Georgia. He was in Company E 16 GA Infantry C.S.A. and was severely wounded in the Keenesaw Mt. area. He wanted to see his wife just one more time. He was carried first to his father's house in Habersham County and was moved by his father's slaves to his home at Bethel (in Rabun County) where he died.

In a book written about the history of Rabun County by Dickerson, it says Berryman Shirley Sr. came to Habersham County Georgia from South Carolina. He married a Starnes and her father was a preacher.

THE FOLLOWING WAS WRITTEN ABOUT THE PAST AS REMEMBERED BY
FLETCHER SHIRLEY, NOW 76 YEARS OF AGE.

Fletcher remembers going to Elizabeth Crow's house after she died. Fletcher's mother asked his father why didn't he get some things of Y.J. Shirleys as everyone else had got something and he hadn't gotten anything yet. Fletcher's father hitched up a two horse wagon and he and Fletcher went over.

In the attic there were old beds, chests and one old bed William Shirley wouldn't take because it had ropes for springs and he wasn't going to sleep on it as it was too uncomfortable and he had springs to sleep on. He had slept on that bed when he was a boy. {The bed had probably belonged to Berryman Sr.}.

These are some of the things Fletcher remembers they did get. A box of shoe makers forming lasts, froe, old tools, spinning wheel, two or three malls, chest made from wide poplar lumber boards, couple of meat chests, old churns, jugs (for syrup) barrels, gum barrel about 2 ft. in diameter made from hollowed gum tree, gears, cradle, mowing blades, Berryman Shirley's old quilt frames, cooking utensils, sheep shears, gimlets.

Fletcher has a hatchet from his father who said it was "paps" (Y.J. Shirley), also he has the spinning wheel, quilt frames, shoe lasts, a froe, sheep shears, gimlets, chisels, tools and maybe a cooking utensil that was among the things that W.B. Shirley took from Elizabeth Crow Shirleys house belonging to Y.J. Shirley. They put some of the stuff in the barn and it stayed there for a long time. They used the jugs and churns and stored grain in the gum barrels and meat in the meat chests.

Fletcher has Y.J. Shirleys' long Kentucky muzzle loader rifle

originally a flint lock. Y.J. Shirley being a mechanic (wood and iron) modernized the flint lock to a cap and ball. Reason it was so battered up he had it out in a hollow tree to keep Yankees from finding it after the Civil War. Fletcher personally purchased the rifle from John Shirley eldest son of Y.J. Shirley for \$5.00 about the year 1943.

Fletcher also remembers a side saddle being in the attic. He thought it had a funny horn on it. There were other saddles up there, but Fletcher had never seen one like it and asked his Father about it. His Dad said it was Aunt Polly's side saddle.

WILL OF YOUNG JACKSON SHIRLEY

Habersham County Georgia {1883}

In the name of God Amen. I, Young J. Shirley of said state and county being advanced in age and knowing that I must depart this life deem it right and proper to both respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me. I do therefore make this my last will and testament.

1st Item; I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent Christian like manner, my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for Eternal Salvation through the merits and atonements of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose Religion I have professed, and as I humbly trust enjoyed forty five years.

2nd Item; I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors herein after named and appointed.

3rd Item; I give and bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Margaret E. Shirley for and during her natural life or widowhood parts of lots of land first number one hundred and fifty six in the Tenth District of said County containing sixty acres more or less. 2nd lot number one hundred and sixty five, one hundred and twenty five acres more or less in the Tenth District of said County. 3rd lot number 155, 10 District being 165 acres more or less, having debts to each of these numbers which gives a full description of each lot and number, to live and to be enjoyed by her, equally with my eight heirs to wit, Martha E. Shirley, John F. Shirley, Wm. B. Shirley, Bashaba M. Shirley, Vestah S. Shirley, Margaret J. Shirley, Young J. Shirley Jr., Francis H. Shirley. It is my will and desire that my wife and children remain together and cultivate the lands doing the best you all can for your support and education and live in peace and serve God in the best manner you can.

Item 4; I give and bequeath to my beloved wife for and during her natural life all my household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, smith tools, mechanical tools, wagons and what I possess, one horse Bruit Stock hogs cattle and sheep to be used and enjoyed by her self and my eight heirs as long as they stay together, if any of the boys or girls marries, do the best you can to fit them up for house keeping according to your needs, let them build on the land imbraced in this will and clear for themselves and make their own support without rent provided my wife can, with help from the rest support herself and then, if Elisabeth, in declining age should become weakly and sickly, I want you children to take care of her as a mother. I want her to care for you children as a mother.

Item 5; It is my will and desire at the death of my wife Margaret E. Shirley that the lands and property described in the

foregoing items that is left at her death to be equally divided between my eight heirs named in this will in the following manner. 1st that my executors have the power to choose or select three disinterested men to divide the lands equally between my eight heirs as near as they can and all the rest of the property that remains of my estate equally to each heir. 2nd It is my will that my executor or my executrix have the power to execute or make a deed to each heir the part that is allotted to them by the trustees or men appointed for that purpose. If any of the heirs is not satisfied to live on their part given to them they can sell to some of the rest of the heirs or somebody else.

Item 5; I hereby constitute and appoint my son John F. Shirley my executor and my daughter Martha E. Shirley my executrix of this my last will and testament this March 8th 1883.

Signed sealed declared and published by Young J. Shirley.....

THE BERRYMAN SHIRLEY MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY MR. AND MRS FLETCHER SHIRLEY.

Note: See SHIRLEY NEWS October 1982, page 3 and 4 for more previous Berryman Shirley article. The above is updated and more complete than the earlier article.

DESCENDANTS OF THE HABERSHAM COUNTY GA. SHIRLEYS CAN BE FOUND IN VARIOUS OTHER COUNTIES OF GA. AS WELL AS TUSCALOOSA CO. ALA ETC.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE SHIRLEY NEWS WILL ADDRESS THE LINEAGE BEFORE THEY CAME TO HABERSHAM AND RABUN CO. GA. AND PROVIDE SOME OTHER ENLIGHTENING MATERIAL ON SOUTH CAROLINA SHIRLEYS AND RELATED FAMILIES FROM MATERIAL GATHERED ON MY RECENT TRIP THERE.

A N N O U N C I N G !

S H I R L E Y M E E T I N G

NOVEMBER 3rd, 1990

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

If you live in Arizona or have relatives who do, please either write to the office here in Cupertino for further details or you may contact our host and hostess...Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Joe) Shirley at: 602-840-5808 in late Sept. as they will be back by then from a trip. IN OCTOBER WE WILL BE SENDING A LETTER WITH LOCATION AND DETAILS FOR THIS EVENT TO ANYONE WHO LIVES IN AZ. WHO HAS CORRESPONDED WITH OUR OFFICE, INCLUDING MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT AND THOSE LISTED WITH THE LAST NAME OF SHIRLEY FOUND IN THE TELEPHONE BOOK IN ARIZONA. We were unable to confirm the location by the date this issue of the NEWS went to print.

I might also mention that Hugh Shirley, son of Major John and Judith Shirley who own ETTINGTON in England (the original seat of the Shirley family), will be coming with us to Arizona. He will NOT however be able to be at the Saturday meeting as he will be flying home on Friday, the day before. We do hope to have a gathering the evening before his departure for those who might be interested in meeting him. The location will be in Phoenix AZ. Write or call for detail..as above!

We are bringing Hugh Shirley to view the Grand Canyon and this is how it happens he will be with us in AZ. & it NOW gives us the opportunity to have a meeting there to meet more SHIRLEYS!

KENTUCKY SHIRLEY CONVENTION

The 1990 National SHIRLEY Convention was held in Barren County Kentucky June 9th and 10th. SHIRLEY descendants from several states attended. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves, and, we were told this was the best convention we have had to date.

We are sorry if you were unable to attend! I will give you a report about the convention and the research trip following the convention.

My niece, Barbara, and I left San Jose on Thursday June 7th at 7:00 AM, arriving in Nashville, TN at 3:00 PM. We gathered our luggage, rented a car, (it only had 54 miles on it), and took off for the Archives in Nashville. We stayed until closing and then dashed on to Cave City KY. where we checked into the motel about 9:00 PM. The next morning we were off for a day of adventure. We drove over to Adair County in hopes of locating the graves of Thomas and his brother, John Shirley. These brothers married the Yates sisters and they came from Spotsylvania County VA.

The search was not an easy one. I knew the cemetery was near the town of Mills but I could not find Mills on my road atlas. Eventually we did find it and the next step was to locate the cemetery. After a few attempts, we did find someone who gave us the directions to a private plot where the SHIRLEYS are buried. To get to this cemetery, we had to drive down an old road off of the main one, go across a bridge with no sides, turn up the road to the right and we would see a deserted house and barn. The plot would be behind the barn. Well, we found the barn and discovered we could not just simply go back behind the barn. There was an electric fence about 2 1/2 feet high. We decided to go under the wire and hope for the best. Staring straight at us were several cows. We kept our distance as best we could. We did carry a couple of big sticks for protection in case we ran into snakes! There was a grove of trees just on the other side of the cows. We edged our way near the electric fence as it circled around to the outer edge of the grove. Among the trees we could see the headstones. I photographed each one and also took video pictures. We DID NOT see John or Thomas name on any of these headstones. We did learn later that they were of their family.

From here we went back to the main road and to a house we were told some SHIRLEYS lived. Sure enough, the name SHIRLEY was on the mail box. They invited us in and said they had just returned from Florida that morning. We told them we had just come from that cemetery. We learned this was where his Shirley grandfather and great grandfather had lived. As to where John and Thomas are buried...they did not know. They have heard there is another cemetery where they are but to date have never found it, and they have looked for it in the past. We had to return back to Cave City for the pre-convention gathering, so, we will have to come back to Adair County another time to continue our search for the graves of John and Thomas SHIRLEY.

We had a nice turn out for the SHIRLEY Convention. The morning was spent in presenting the Shirley story, meeting and hearing from those attending and learning about their branch of the SHIRLEYS. The afternoon was devoted to three speakers, one being James Young. Following the afternoon break, we heard from a panel of Shirley descendants who fielded questions on their research etc.

The next day was a beautiful day for our trip to the home of James and Gwin Young. Here we had dinner on the grounds and a tour of their beautiful home. They have so many old photographs of the Shirleys and precious personal things that had belonged to this family along with some fantastic antiques.

We visited the old YOUNG & SHIRLEY store and the Dripping Springs Baptist Church. The church was constituted February 3rd, 1798. Rev. Robert Stockton was the minister. Several Shirleys are in the church records. Everyone went into the church and looked at the original books. James Young felt inspired to go to the piano and started

playing "My Old Kentucky Home". We all found a place to sit and began singing along. Then a request came in for the "Old Rugged Cross"...a song I am sure has been sung many times at this church by the Shirley ancestors. Then another song, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". I don't know about anyone else but it gave me goose bumps. I could only think of those SHIRLEYS of so long ago and what they would think of us sitting here singing these old songs in THEIR church and our quest to learn more about THEM.

We went to places like Granny's Spring near where the old Shirley house had stood at one time. James pointed to the location of the graves of Thomas and Molly Grubbs Shirley. They are not marked with headstones. We talked about the possibility of contacting the descendants of this branch to raise funds to get a headstone made. Not many people will know where the graves are after James is gone. We need to think about this.

We also visited the site where James and Mary McMekin are buried. It was overgrown with weeds about 5 feet high. We did not actually see anything here. A few people did try and stomp and chop some of the weeds and a couple of headstones were discovered. This was our last stop. It was now time for Barbara and I to say good bye. It is always so sad to part. We were having such a good time and to soon it was all over.

Barbara and I headed for Fort Boonesboro in Madison County KY. We drove to the National Park and visited the ruins of the old Fort. Part of the original foundation is still there. We began looking for a stone with the names of Michael, Katy and Charles SHIRLEY written on it. We did not find it that evening. We asked the Park Ranger about it and he said it was a mile away at the site of the reconstructed fort and it wouldn't be open until the next day. I then inquired about any real old cemeteries and he directed us to one less than a mile away. We drove that direction but didn't find it. I suggested we stop at a house we had just passed and ask if they knew about the cemetery and who might be buried in it. The lady there said it was a real old one and it was just about 50 yards up the road. Barbara and I went there and I told her there was no way I was going into THAT CEMETERY. It was almost dark in there and the sun had already gone down. There were weeds and overgrowth, the limbs of the trees hung low and it was too much for me. We started walking back to the car and as we looked up, we saw three gals walking toward us and they were yelling that they decided to come and show us California gals some Kentucky hospitality. I yelled back that we might be crazy but I'm not THAT CRAZY and there was no way I was going in there tonight. The one gal said she wasn't afraid, she'd been in there before and OLD CHARLIE was buried in there. She said she had found his headstone in there one other time. She explained that this person had fallen off the bridge many years ago. They picked up a hefty size stick and took off...and we went with them after all. We were nervous and concerned that if we didn't run into snakes or the like, we surely would get ticks. Glad to say, we did not on any of the above, including the entire trip! We also did not find any SHIRLEYS buried here but what an experience. It is one we won't forget! These gals were a real crack up and a lot of fun. The one kept calling out to Charlie saying, "where are you Charlie". I know you are in here. She finally found the grave she was looking for and the funny thing...his name was not Charlie. We worked our way back to the road. We exchanged names and got directions back to a motel where we spent the night. The next day we went to the new fort. We found the stone with the SHIRLEY names, took pictures of it and visited briefly inside the fort. Then we were off for the Madison Court House a few miles away. We copied several documents and were on the road again by noon.

Our next stop was the Court House in Harrison County KY. This was a longer trip than I had calculated...time wise. We copied material here and left for Scott County Court House which we learned was to close at 4:30 PM. After this, we visited the library and found all sorts of

interesting Shirley references. We had a good many things copied and it was 8:00PM when we left the library. We stopped a few blocks away to have some dinner and then we were back on the road. We had reservations at a motel in Murfreesboro Tennessee and arrived there at midnight. The next morning we called Delman Shirley's room in the motel and asked if he and his sister, Alice Collins, were ready to go to Cannon County to visit their ancestors area. We had made these arrangements at the Shirley Convention. So we had breakfast together with their group and our next stop was the Cannon County TN Court House. I copied a few things here, picked up some maps and we chatted with some of the local people. We then headed across the street to the bank to speak to a gentleman who was involved with the local genealogy group. Just as we were going up the steps, I looked over in the parking space by the curb and saw a \$10 bill! What a streak of luck that was. After this visit we all preceded to the local library for a short check on the local records. Didn't find anything new that I thought I needed and because time was passing pretty fast now, decided to get on the road again for the next stop in Woodbury. We said our good byes to Delman, Alice and group, and dashed to Woodbury to meet Jemima Shirley. She and her late husband, T.G. Shirley, went to England with us in 1986. In fact they were the ones whose picture was in the London newspaper. The picture had been taken during our visit to the Public Records office to see the Shirley Pedigree on display.

Jemima was waiting for us at the Court House as per our plan. We copied things here and then were off to White County TN to see what we could find here. Again, we copied some various things and looked around the area before heading back to Woodbury to get Jemima's car. We then headed for her home in Ringgold Georgia making one stop to visit Paul Shirley in Whitwell, Marion County TN.

We called from a little store on the road to see if they were home. His wife answered the phone and said she would come and get us. Paul was actually at his lodge meeting. We followed her over to the lodge and waited for him. We all got in their car and they took us to see the area where their Shirleys lived, the cemeteries and SHIRLEYTOWN. (I'll run some stories later).

We arrived at Jemima's in Ringgold about midnight, had a snack as we had not had dinner yet. We went to bed about 1:30 AM and up about 7:30 AM. Jemima showed me her research she had collected for years. Fortunately she had a copy machine and said I could copy anything I thought I could use. Well, I did and this took a couple of hours. Jemima fixed breakfast and she and Barbara cleaned up as I stood copying as fast as I could and reading through various books and notes.

Our next stop was a surprise visit to Zora Jarret in Calhoun Georgia. She is a descendant of the Habersham Co. GA SHIRLEYS. She was indeed surprised and she showed us pictures and family information on her family. She allowed us to take her material into town to find a copy machine. We brought her things back to her in about 45 minutes and we were off again for Cornelia Georgia.

We arrived in Cornelia about 3:30 PM and met up with Fletcher and his wife, Vesta Shirley. They helped us find a motel and helped carry our luggage to our room. Fletcher made a call to Conny Shirley who was waiting to get his call saying we had arrived...and we were off to see Conny. We all loaded into his car for a visit to the Rabun County and visited cemeteries etc. Upon arrival back to his house, he and his wife insisted we join them for dinner. She is a GREAT cook! From here we went back to Cornelia where Vesta took their car and went home. Fletcher went in our car and we stopped at some SHIRLEY CEMETERIES and places his family had lived. It was dark when we arrived at Fletcher's home. Vesta got her research out to show me and had been kind enough to have it copied for me before I arrived. We left their house just before midnight and got to the motel, called

home and it was after 1:00 AM before we turned out the lights.

The next morning we spent at the Habersham County Court House where we copied many additional items on other Shirleys. Then from here we headed for Honea Path South Carolina. We arrived for a brief visit with Dot and Julian Ricketts before going on to see Lydie Thomas at Due West. That evening we met with several Shirley descendants at Yoder's Restaurant. It was great to see John and Caroline Scott, Jim and Fran Pinson, Alex and Jean Conselyea, Lillian Shirley, Mary McKeel, and several others who came to the meeting. We were disappointed Jim Austin was not able to make it. We learned he had just been to the doctor that very afternoon and the doctor was considering placing him in the hospital the next day. It appeared he might have a blood clot.

We spent the night with Lydie Thomas and after breakfast the next morning, we were off for the Court House in Laurens County S.C. Here we copied many items and then went to the library. We spent the morning here looking up material and copying various items.

Just a short time before we were ready to leave the library, the librarian approached me and asked if I was Betty Shirley. She said I had a phone call. A gentleman on the other end said he was Ellis Oakes. He apologized for not being able to make the meeting at Yoders but they had just returned from a trip. He invited us over after we finished at the library. We make a brief stop here and then were off for the Spartansburg County Court House and the library to continue our SHIRLEY research. It was after 8:00PM by the time we arrived at Dot and Julian's house in Honea Path where we were spending the night. Dot had dinner ready for us and then we went to Jim Pinson's house as he offered the night before to take us over to see the Obediah Shirley house when we got back from our research expedition. From Obediah's we went for a stop over at Jim Austin's as I was concerned if he had been placed in the hospital. He was at home and we were delighted to have a chance for a visit. He was up and about and the crisis seemed to be over. [Jim went to England with our group last year and we had a great time. He also is the gentleman who gave us the Obediah Shirley house that we were involved with for a period of time]. He and I have become very good friends and I was certainly relieved to find he was making some progress in his condition. I have checked on him a couple of times since I have been home and he is fine now.

We sat up until after 1:00 AM at Dot and Julian's as we had not had much time for visiting yet. The next morning we were up early, re-packed our luggage and put it back into the car. We left Honea Path about 11:00 AM and stopped in Anderson at the library. We lost track of time and suddenly realized we should have left an hour before. We dashed to the car and Barbara drove OVER 70 miles per hour most of the way to Atlanta. We ran and JUST made the flight. Everyone was already seated and they had just made the last call. We arrived in San Jose at 8:30 PM.

The next day I organized the research we had collected and there was a stack of copied papers OVER 6 inches high plus we had a note book each with notes we copied of various items we hadn't photo copied. I think we had a very successful trip! I have come back refreshed in knowing we have more knowledge than ever before on the SHIRLEYS. I am pleased to have so many deeds and other documents in hand.

Another item I am so pleased to have is the church minutes from a few of the churches of the early period attended by SHIRLEYS.

NOW...BACK TO THE CONVENTION! Several of those attending asked where we were going to have the one next year. I said I had not planned on having one next year and they were disappointed and urged me to do one. So...I have decided to do it.

The 1991 NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION will be held in
Prince William County Virginia June 22 & 23rd.

WALTER SHIRLEY REUNION OF DESCENDANTS! FRIDAY JUNE 22, 1991
Berkeley County Virginia (day before the convention).

LAURENS COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA SHIRLEY DESCENDANTS REUNION
will be held June 29, 1991 in Laurens County.

Details will be announced in the next issue of the NEWS. Please
begin making plans now to attend...and PLEASE PASS THE WORD to
other Shirleys and family members. Thanks!

A N N O U N C I N G

1992 PLANS FOR TOUR TO ENGLAND.

Several of you have asked if I would consider taking another
group to England. The answer is YES! IF we get enough people
who want to go in May 1992, I will be happy to organize another
tour for you. Write me if you are interested!

from your editor: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND MY LIBRARY OF BOOKS OF
COUNTY HISTORIES, MARRIAGES, WILLS, ETC. If you have books such
as these you no longer need I could be interested in buying them
from you. Please send a list of those you have and their price.
Thank you! I have been collecting a few here and there on my
travels for sometime and now I would really like to have more.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW LOOK FOR THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWS?

I hope you have!and have you checked my spelling? I think
you will notice fewer errors or maybe no errors at all! The
reason for all of this is...I BOUGHT A NEW COMPUTER! I hope this
will improve the quality in the appearance of the NEWS and make
it easier to read.

As many of you know, I never did learn how to use the first
computer. It was just to complicated for ME to learn. I hired a
young man to input all of the data I had at the time. We ran it
out and indexed etc. This is what I have worked from for
sometime. NOW...I decided I must do something about learning
computers as I need to input more material and data from my last
several trips. Of course we have received much more family data
from those who we have corresponded with since that time.

I have spent the last few weeks trying to become familiar with
the touch and some of the systems etc. I had half of the NEWS
typed several weeks ago and decided to do it all over on the
computer and surprise everyone!

NOW...I am going to have to figure out some fund raising ideas
to help me pay for it...(I charged it!). That is not all, I want
to get a scanner later. This will copy the documents, pages from
books and etc. and I can store in the computer. Then another
item I would like to get eventually is...a lap computer. This is
a small item of about 5 pounds and compact to take traveling

with me. I can copy material from books, family records at meetings, photographs etc. This would have been so useful last year in Ireland, Australia and New Zealand as well as in England. So many times I have seen material on Shirleys at places where there were no copy machines. Modern technology can be useful in genealogy and I would like to do the best job I can for the Shirleys and preserving their data.

A Fund Raiser for the Computer.....I will appreciate your help!

1991 SHIRLEY CALENDAR

The calendar will be ready for mailing as of October 15th 1990. The price including mailing costs...\$12.00. Included on the calendar will be Shirley related photos and dates, past & present. It will make a nice Christmas gift too!

NOTE: CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS.... *Hugh Shirley, son of Major John Shirley of Ettington in England (the original seat of the Shirleys), will be visiting me and I am planning an OPEN HOUSE for any of you who would like to come and meet him the latter part of October 1990. Write me: Betty Shirley 10256 Glencoe Dr. Cupertino, CA 95014 or call (408) 255-8511 for day and time.*

THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP WILL INCREASE TO \$20 PER YEAR AS OF JANUARY 1ST, 1991.

Our costs have continued to increase these last 12 years and I have avoided making any increases. I now have no choice. Postage has increased several times as well as copy costs. I have tried to absorb it and we have not had funds left over for research for sometime now. We would like to activate some research projects again.

ANNOUNCING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SHIRLEY NEWS QUARTERLY.

As of January 1st, 1991, there will be one Shirley NEWS. It will contain information on Shirleys both in the USA and other countries. Trying to do 8 issues of the NEWS per year has been to much of an undertaking on my part. I am trying to improve the quality of communication from my office to you both through the NEWS and by mail. It is my desire to upgrade everything including ..techniques etc. This is one of the reasons I chose to purchase a new computer and desire to get a scanner and a lap computer sometime in the near future...when I can afford it.

I have some other plans such as printing additional books. I printed one on the early records of Maryland (1600-1700). Now I would like to do one each on the South Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee Shirleys. I think most of our members are aware I printed the 1850 and 1880 census of SHIRLEYS several years ago. I hope to be able to add a 1900 census book to this list very soon.

I do want to thank the many members who have continued to support the Association through these 12 years. We now begin the 13th year. Without your financial support and letters of encouragement, this work would have had to be abandoned along time ago. I have enjoyed your phone calls, letters, traveling, meeting so many of you at our conventions. It has been my life (when not involved in my children's lives...HA!) for 13 years now...I am including the first year when I was doing my husbands research.

Thank you for staying with me through the good times and the bad! I really appreciate all of you!



1990 NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION IN BARREN CO. KY.



LEVI BERRYMAN & RACHAEL SHIRLEY



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