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CHARLES BURCHELL SHIRLEY

Doctor Charles Burchell Shirley was born September 14, 1848 Alexandria, Virginia. His father was Charles who was a son of Ephraim Shirley born ca. 1784 in Jefferson Co. Va. and his father was Jarvis who was a son of Walter Shirley b. ca. 1690 England according to family tradition.

In the picture above, Dr. Shirley's wife, Augusta, is standing on the porch and their daughter can be seen standing behind the buggy. Her name

Marguerite and she was the youngest daughter.

Dr. Shirley's father had begun life at historic Harper's Ferry, but lived in Alexander, Virginia during the greater part of his life. He followed government work for a great many years, having early in his career been stationed at Washington D.C., the national capital, Always retaining a great interest for him, which was in later years passed on to his son. Of the eleven children born to Charles and Sarah, the eldest was Charles B.

The private schools of Alexandria provided the educational advantages which fortune, vouchsafed to the boy Charles Shirley. Having completed his studies of a general nature, he went to the capital city in the District of Columbia, where he was engaged as a bookkeeper for many years. But his gifts and his tendencies were scientific and professional and the time came when he laid aside the activities toward which chance had pointed the way, and entered upon those to which his interests and ambition called him.

Still in his young manhood, but at that period of it in which vigor and poise have attained their truest balance for study. Charles B. Shirley entered in medical school in 1876. Three years later, he was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine and immediately entered upon the profession in which he has become such a signal of success. The scene of Dr. Shirley's early practice was the city of Washington, where he attained both prosperity and popularity in his chosen field.

After seven years of professional activity in the city of Washington, Dr. Shirley determined on a change of climate for the sake of Mrs. Shirley's health. Silver City, New Mexico, met the demands for a dryer air and there the doctor and his family were located from 1886 until 1891. In that city also his skill as a physician met with gratifying demand for his services and Dr. Shirley endeared himself to both patients and citizens in general, to a remarkable degree. In the last mentioned year he made a second and final change of residence and professional location. Coming to the infant city of Weiser, Idaho, which then contained six buildings, he established his permanent home. The third physician to take up practice in his community, he demonstrated a superior ability by his ever growing importance to the town and his prominence through out the state.

Dr. Shirley is, of course an active spirit in the medical societies of this section of the country, being leader in

both the "All-State" and the Southern Idaho organizations and having been one of the organizers of the later. Fraternal Societies also claim his membership and by their exponents he is mentioned with rare enthusiasm. He is connected with the Ancient Order of the United Workman of which he was one of the organizers in Silver City. He was Knight of Pythias of high rank, having passed all chairs of that organization and holding exceptionally superior office of Grand Chancellor of the state body of the same. He was one of the charter members in Weiser, where he has shown the greatest devotion and loyalty of his Myrtle Lodge #26 of this order. To him is given chief credit for the erection of Castle Hall, built by the lodge in 1903 and 1904, and knowledged as surpassing in architectural beauty any other lodge home of the Knights of Pythias in the Northwest. His zeal and enthusiasm in this society has lead to his being affectionately called, by his official brother Knights, "the Grand Old Man of our lodge."

Dr. Shirley has long marched under the Republican banner, to which he has ever been loyal in supporting its principals. In religious affiliation he and his family are connected with the Episcopal church.

Taken from the book "The History of Idaho"

Sent by: Francis & Eliza Crabtree

BOOK TO COMMEMORATE
10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION

*Composed of the 40 issues of the
SHIRLEY NEWS
from July 1978 to April 1988
Hard cover, 8½" x 11", 480 pages
partially indexed. \$ 55.00*

I am pleased to report that this book has received many compliments and is helpful to our newer members particularly. The pages are all uniform, the partial index computer print out is a terrific way to look back thru the past issues. THANK YOU FOR THE ORDERS!!! and kind words

ENGLISH ESTATES OF AMERICAN COLONISTS1610 - 1699 by Peter Wilson Coldham

Ralph Shurley of White Chapel, Middlesex
England who died in Virginia.

Adm. to relict Elizabeth Shurley
Nov. 1694.

1700 - 1799

William Shirley of Eaton, Buckinghamshire
England who died in Virginia on ship
JAMES.

Adm. to relict Catherine Shirley Feb 1708.

William Shirley of Virginia, bachelor.
Probate to Edward Bottehurst

William Shirley, secretary to General
Edward Braddock who died in America,
bachelor.

Adm. to father William Shirley, Jan 1757.
[Governor William Shirley's son].

1800 - 1858

Thomas Frederick Shirley, formerly of
Carlisle Lane, Westminster Road, Surrey,
England, died with his wife Hannah and
children Emma and Hannah, as passengers
on American ship "Charles Bartlett" when
she was run down on passage to New York
by steam ship "Europa".
Limited adm. to Joseph Eugene Shirley
Sept. 1849.

[information sent by Florence Hodges]

ANNOUNCING . . .

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL
SHIRLEY CONVENTION

May 13th, 1989

at

Staunton Harold in England

Staunton Harold is the ancestral home of the branch
of Shirleys who have bore the title of Earl Ferrers
since the 1600's to present. Shirleys of England and
other countries plan on attending this convention.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND TRIP
PLANNED IN OCTOBER 1989 TO
MEET SHIRLEYS AND VISIT POINTS
OF INTEREST

Write requesting further information

UPCOMING . . .

Shirley Heritage Tour of England

May 9th - May 20th, 1989

- Stay at Ettington Park, the original estate of the Shirley family, now a 5 star hotel
- Visit Stratford Upon Avon, see a performance in the Shakespear Theatre, and enjoy a river cruise down the river Avon
- Follow the path of the Pilgrims visiting places like Lincoln and Boston
- The Famous Sherwood Forest
- Staunton Harold and it's church, the only church built during Oliver Cromwells time by Robert Shirley who died in the Tower of London where he was imprisoned for building the church
- Attend the one day *International Shirley Convention* meeting Shirleys from other countries
- Former manor homes and villages of the ancestral Shirleys including those in the Sussex area
- Windsor Castle
- Stonehenge
- And much more

Price: \$1,961 plus air fare

I am working on the air fare arrangements at the present time. I have been quoted \$468 N.Y. to London and return.

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.....Please write for our reservation application form and trip details.

I have personally talked to the people in Isfield, Shirley Village, the gal at Chartley Castle Tea House and etc. and they are excited to hear we are coming over again and will be glad to help again in hosting our visit to their area.

I have talked with the Countess to see if the Earl Ferrer and their family can join us at Staunton Harold for our FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION and they hope to be able to do so on May 13th. There were no other dates open on his date book for the month of May. They will be out of the country the latter part of May. They really do want to be with us!!! He says he has very little time to himself since he returned to active service in the House of Parliment.

We hope they can be with us.



* The Shirley family is recorded in 1086 at Ettington Park in England. We begin the story with some highlights about this great family and follow the Shirleys to America acquainting you with their early history as well as given localities they resided in the 1700-1800 era.

You can share the highlights of the 900th Anniversary celebration in 1986 at Ettington Park, an occasion attended by Major John Shirley (the present owner), The Queens Representative, and the mayor of Stratford Upon Avon, just to name a few, plus over 100 Shirley descendants from the U.S.A.

THE SHIRLEY HERITAGE CASSETTE

This cassette was offered some months ago and the orders were slow. Soon after, I became involved with the South Carolina project and did not get the cassette made at that time. I either returned the money or asked for more time to get the tape made.

At last, I began the script writing, hired a professional narrator and arranged with a recording studio to use their facilities and the tape was recorded about 2 weeks before Thanksgiving. I sat and listened to the tape several times and wasn't satisfied and decided to add some to it and change a couple of the sequences into a different order. To make a long story shorter, the sound man messed up and as a result alot of background noise was audible on my finished master tape. By this time we were getting into the Christmas season and I put it aside to deal with after Christmas. I did however continue to find a company to run the tapes and design the insert for the cassette box and shrink wrap.

Immediately after New Years Day, I made arrangements to get the cassette corrected and now it is ready to go. The colored inserts and the tape in final package form will be ready for me to pick up in one week.

In the meantime I was also working on a nice brochure...we never have had a professional one done. I am enclosing one in the next issue of the NEWS. I hope you like it. These two items have been costly to do and the Association did not have funds for doing this. I have borrowed money from an outside source to finance this project.

The purpose for this project is

To mail a professional looking brochure to SHIRLEYS in each state offering them an opportunity to learn about their SHIRLEY heritage. There are companies mailing out to these Shirleys advertising a book which says it will tell them about their Shirley heritage and yet, as we all know, it doesn't!

By offering a cassette tape and at a price which is affordable to most, and with a brochure which tells them more about the Shirleys than these books do that they have ordered, we think we can get their interest.

I shall begin mailing per state to SHIRLEYS listed in that state and the names I have of those who have contacted us in the past whose last name is not SHIRLEY and who are not now active members. We hope to generate alot of interest with this project. We need new information and to build the Association.

YOUR help would be greatly appreciated! I have had members in the past who said...Do you need some extra funds? I wasn't involved in a special project at the time. Now... my answer to you who have asked, YES! I really could use some extra funds for the postage for the mailing costs of these brochures. Some may just want to send some stamps...that would be GREAT!!!

I have spent for Augusta Co. Va. research lately and would like to do some more research soon, but again, we do not have funds for alot of research. By buying tapes and encouraging family members to join the Association, we can accumulate additional funds for these purposes. These cassette tapes will make great gifts for family members who you have been trying to interest in the Shirley heritage. Your help will be appreciated!!!

Writ of Summons in the Case of Shubel
Starnes vs. John Shirley.....

LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

To John, Aaron, Beverly, Lydia, Jane,
Easter, Polly, Sarah, Hulda and Edy --
legal heirs and legal representatives
of Rebecca Shirley who died Intestate.

Greeting: You are hereby required to
appear at the Court of Ordinary to be
holden at Laurens Court House for said
District on the 6th day of June 1825 to
show cause, if any of you can, why the
the real estate of Rebecca Shirley
deceased containing ninety-six acres
more or less, situate in the District
and State aforesaid being part of a
four hundred grant to Richard Shirley
bounded by land of Jacob Newanger,
Beverly Shirley and Shubel Starnes,
should not be divided or sold attaining
the same in equal proportion to the
said John Shirley, Aaron Shirley, Beverly
Shirley, Lydia Shirley, Jane Shirley,
Elizabeth Shirley, Easter Shirley,
Polly married to Graham Elmore, Sarah
married to William Mc Pherson, Rebecca
married to Elijah Elmore, Hulda married
to George Elmore and Edy Wright, widow.

Given under my hand and seal the 2nd day
of May 1825.

David Anderson
Ordinary, Laurens District

Appeared in

THE BOWDON BULLETIN
Friday, November 21, 1913

GRANDMA SHIRLEY, CENTENARIAN

Mrs. Annie E. Shirley celebrated her
100th birthday last Saturday at the home
of her daughter, Mrs. J.B. Woodward, five
miles west of Bowdon, and just over the
line in Alabama.

Mrs. Shirley demonstrated her spinning
abilities on an old fashioned spinning
wheel which had been in the family 150
years. She is yet quite active and can
get about as well as most women about the
age of sixty.

Something over a year ago, Mrs. Shirley
was taken real sick, and it was remarked
by someone sitting up with her, that

they wondered if she would live to be
a hundred years old, and she spoke up
and said yes, she wasn't ready to give
up yet.

She was formerly Annie Elizabeth Milton,
born in Darlington District, South
Carolina on Nov 15, 1813, and married
at the age of twenty-five. Her husband
died in 1847, but to them were born
three children, two sons and one daughter.

The two sons, John and Robert Shirley,
served in the Civil War, being killed
in the battles around Richmond. Judge
Thomson, who knew them during the war,
speaks of them as gallant soldiers and
were a credit to the Southern cause.

Sent by....Catherine Poteat, desc. of
John and Rebecca Shirley of Laurens Co. SC.

Bowdon is in Carroll County Georgia.

*A Reproduction of One of the
Rare Glass Treatments of the 19th Century
Handmade in the Fine Fenton Tradition*

Burmese was the name given this lovely glass
treatment in 1885 by its creator Frederick Shirley,
of the Mt. Washington Glass Company in
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Produced only for a very limited number of years,
legend states that the name was provided by
Queen Victoria who, upon receipt of a gift
of this glass, was said to have exclaimed that the
rich tones of blushing pink reminded her of a
Burmese sunset.

Queen Victoria was so delighted with Burmese
glass that she ordered several additional items
which, in turn, influenced Thomas Webb & Sons,
a famous English glassmaker, to purchase a license
to produce the treatment in England. These pieces
are known as Queen's Burmese. Both the original
Burmese and Queen's Burmese are among the
rarest and most prized pieces collected
by glass connoisseurs.

Enamored with the soft translucent beauty of
Burmese, Fenton Glass chemist Charles W. Goe
experimented with innumerable formula variations
over a period of many years until he found just the
right formula to faithfully reproduce the delicate
blushing loveliness of the original Burmese
treatment.

Fenton is extraordinarily proud to offer once again
to the American public Burmese Glass; one of the
finest examples of America's wonderful heritage
in hand glass craftsmanship.

Fenton
THE FENTON ART GLASS COMPANY
WILLIAMSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA 26187

THE ALMSHOUSE

Among the old houses worthy of mention is that of James Shirley, Sr., who was granted additional lot No. 13 in the year 1730. He was a native of Ireland, but of Scotch origin, and came to America with a large family, only three of his sons, however, came to Chester with him. They were John, Capt. James and Thomas. Shortly after they took up the grant, they built a two and one-half story house of 12 rooms and a large barn. James Shirley, Sr., passed away in 1754 at the age of 105.

The property remained in the Shirley family until 1822, when the town purchased it for use as an Almshouse. The price paid for the farm including the stock, tools, furniture, etc., being \$3,426.39. After this transaction the homestead of the Shirleys became a haven of refuge for the poor, the infirm and the mildly insane. Numerous pathetic, weird and humorous anecdotes are to the present time told of those poor unfortunates. The town made many repairs and added several rooms, making a total of eighteen and a sheep barn and carriage house were also added.

The paupers were cared for by overseers, who were engaged by the Selectmen for a term of one year. Many of them served for several terms and lived on the place with their families.

About 1869 "Town Settlements," as such places were called, were abolished and the "Poor Farm" was sold at auction and in time became the home of Samuel Morse, who for many years carried on extensive farming and lumbering operations. One day Mr. Morse, repairing clapboards on the house, found beneath them a mute testimonial of the hazards braved by James Shirley and his three stalwart sons, in the form of an Indian tomahawk. Whether these sturdy men took Indian attacks as a matter of course, or whether the tomahawk came to be there by some absent-minded, but harmless cause is a matter of speculation, for tradition has handed down no stories of Indian attacks upon this house.

About 1884 the house was purchased by Clark B. Hall, who combined it with the Hall estate, which it adjoined. When Mr. Hall's home in Hall's Village was destroyed by fire in 1883, he bought property in Manchester and moved there with his family, but retained his property in Chester and for many years used the old "Poor Farm" as a summer home. It is at present the residence of his son, Wm. C. Hall, who has done much to reclaim its simple colonial architecture. Much of the original building is still in a state of perfect preservation, and one feature that has been much admired by many people, is the heavy hewn beams that are exposed in one of the principal rooms.

From: HISTORY OF CHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE

from your editor...

Submitted by: BERNICE HOOK

See July 1979 page 10

SHIRLEY NEWS

SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWS. WITH WORKING ON THE CASSETTE AUDIO TAPE PRODUCTION, THE BROCHURE AND FINALIZING THE ENGLAND TRIP DETAILS, I FELL BEHIND. IT ALSO WAS A COLD DEC. FOR US AND MY HEATER WAS BROKEN IN MY OFFICE. IT IS NOW REPAIRED AND FEELS GOOD!!

Mr. J. C. Shirley Dies at his Home After Lingerig Illness

(JOSHUA C. SHIRLEY 1856-1927, Lavonia, Franklin Co. Ga.)

Mr. Joshua Cornelius Shirey died at his home last Friday April 30th at 2 o'clock after being confined to his home for several weeks. Mr. Shirley was born Sept., 30, 1856. he married Katherine Black Jan., 21, 1879. There were seven children born to this union. three of them being at his bedside when he passed away:—Ernest, from Washington, D. C., Arthur, from Miami Fla., Mrs. Charlie Nelms, of Hartwell, Guy a son in Texas could not be with him; Mrs. John Burton was sick at her home in Anderson, S. C. and could not be at her father's bedside. Two children, Mrs. Annie Lizzie Holbrook and little Beulah Shirley preceded him to the grave several years ago,

He was one of the most prominent citizens of Lavonia, he was a man of sterling worth, with his high conception of the things that elevate the morals of a community and always advocated his ideas along the line of right thinking, right living and trying to impress upon these with whom he came in contact the truth he believed in so much and advocated so strongly. He joined the Baptist church at Shoal Creek in 1883, later moving his membership to the Lavonia Baptist Church and taught the young men's class. He often stood in church and expressed his love to his fine class of young men; he loved the work: he loved men and lived a christian life before these boys. He prayed that they might be led by the holy spirit: he studied the Bible day after day and prepared his Sunday School lessons and did his best to lead men to Christ.

He was a good man. I have never heard him speak a harm word of any one. He would always say "There's some good in the worst of us." I have heard him say so many times: "It makes me happy to think there's a place of rest for christian people." He expressed his wishes a week before going that he wanted to go home and he would look up as if he could see Heaven and say: "I want to go home." We hated to give this good man up and yet we know he is at rest. He was a kind father and a good husband. He had a happy home. he loved his wife dearly, but he had expressed his wishes to go home first: he said his wife could bear it better than he could;—that he couldn't bear the thoughts of being

left alone. He knew his time was short when he had to go to bed and said to his wife: "Put my clothes away—I will not ever need them again," and when we tried to give him medicine he would say "I don't want it, it's not going to do any good. I won't be here long." We wish we had more men like him. We speak for all the people in our town in expressing the sorrow which comes to us as this christian man is taken from our fellowship. May his devoted wife and children be comforted in the assurance that he awaits them on the other shore, and as we sorrow that he is no more with us in the flesh let us be enheartened to our very best efforts and take up the torch and carry on the blessed work of our Lord and Savior.

The funeral took place at 11 o'clock, Saturday morning, May 1, at the Lavonia Baptist church, Rev. Geo. C. Steed, his pastor, conducting the services in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

Mr. Shirley is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katherin Black Shirley, and five children—Ernest, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. John P. Burton, of Anderson, S. C.; Arthur, of Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Charlie Nelms, Hartwell; Guy of Bernard, Texas; a large number of grandchildren and great-grand-children.

Weldon and Thomas, funeral directors of Lavonia, were in charge.

—His neighbor, Mrs. L. E. Fisher.

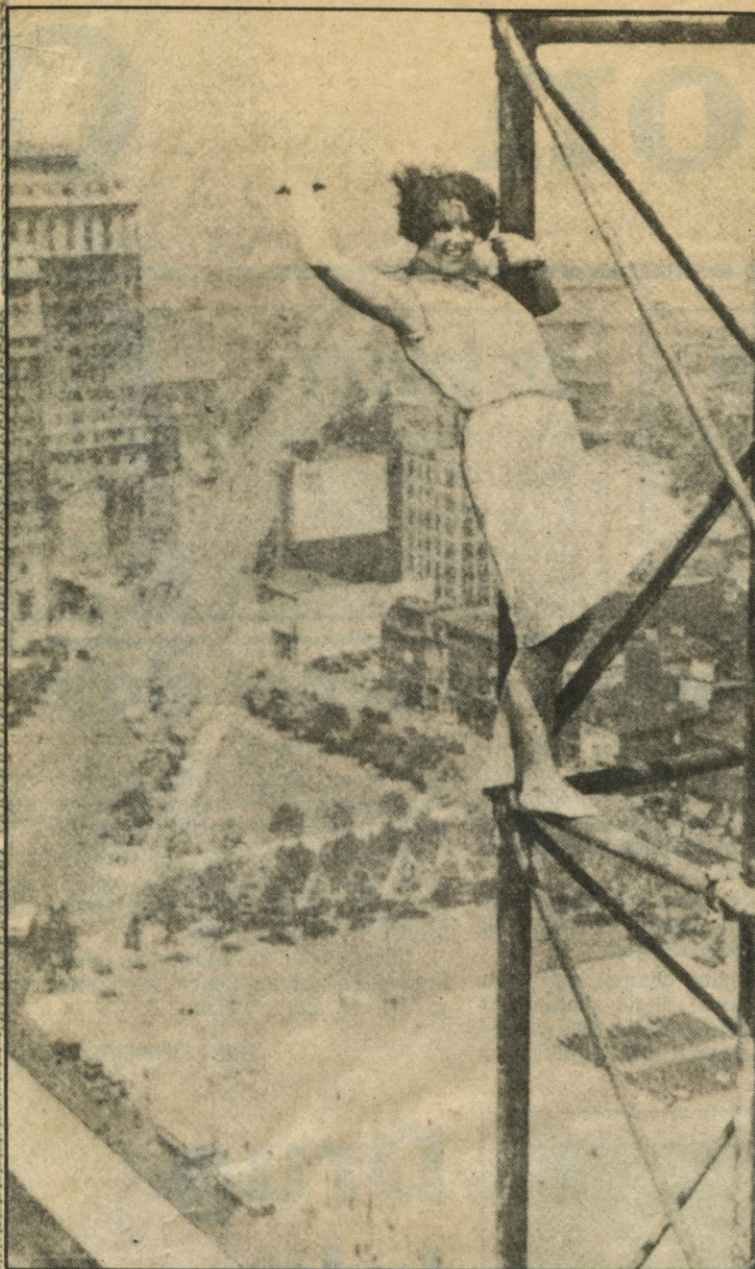
A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for their numerous expressions of love and sympathy in the passing of our dear husband and father, Mr. J. C. Shirley. We thank every one for the beautiful floral offerings. Especially do we thank Dr. Cornog and Dr. Stewart Brown.

Mrs. J. C. Shirley, and Children,

Joshua was the son of Bottom Ben Shirley who was the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Hughes Shirley.

Clipping sent by:
Jean Conselyea



News-Press file photo

Standing on scaffolding hundreds of feet above the ground was one of the many stunts Vivian Hinternhoff pulled as a reporter for a Philadelphia newspaper.

Ex-stuntwoman Hinternhoff, 89, dies at Beach

By TOM BUTLER
News-Press Staff Writer

Vivian Hinternhoff, who climbed skyscrapers, wrecked houses and drove almost any kind of strange vehicle as a reporter for the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, died Friday in her home at 240 Dakota St., Fort Myers Beach.

Hinternhoff, who was 89, was one of the "stunt reporters" of the 1920s. Stunt reporters were newspaper writers who would try anything to write an adventuresome account. As Vivian Shirley of the Ledger, Hinternhoff became famous for such stunts as climbing skyscrapers and diving to the bottom of the Delaware River.



Fort Myers Beach resident Ginni Brown, one of Hinternhoff's two daughters, said Hinternhoff had a zest for adventure that kept her from being afraid while she went on such adventures as climbing the steelwork on the Drake House, a Philadelphia skyscraper.

"Somebody asked her afterward if she was frightened and she said 'I didn't have my glasses, I couldn't see six inches.' That was mother," Brown said.

Memorial services are scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday at St. Rafael's Episcopal Church at 5601 Williams Drive, Fort Myers Beach. Brown asked that, instead of flowers, people contribute to either the Fort Myers Beach Rescue Squad or St. Rafael's.

Hinternhoff was born March 3, 1898 in Lynchburg, Va. Her stunts for the Ledger were tamed in 1932 when government officials told the paper's management that her stunts were endangering the paper's insurance. She left the paper in 1933, wrote freelance articles and worked for the federal government.

Hinternhoff first visited Fort Myers in 1937 and bought a house in Fort Myers Beach in 1947. Until 1982 she wrote for the Beach Bulletin.

Hinternhoff also wrote a still-unpublished novel titled "Death on the Island" about a Florida beach resident who commits murder with the help of a school of piranha.

She is survived by two daughters, Brown and Betzi Abram of Fort Myers Beach, and a stepdaughter, Mary Hinternhoff Sugioka of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Newspaper clipping sent by:

ALAN LAMB

It would be interesting to learn why she chose the name of Vivian SHIRLEY. Anyone out there want to make contact with her children or...and let us know?

MEMBERSHIP TO THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION remains at \$15 per year.

Thank you for your continued support!!!

SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION
10256 Glencoe Drive
Cupertino, Ca. 95014
(408) 255-8511

This check to the rush of speculation and the progress of settlement and improvement, continued until 1766. In that year and the one succeeding it, a great many applications were made, warrants issued and surveys returned. By the close of 1767, all the good lands in the valleys and river bottoms had been taken up.

It was in the latter year that the town of Huntingdon was laid out. Its founder was William Smith, D.D., an Episcopal clergyman, and a gentleman of learning and ability. While Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, to which position he was elected in 1755, he made a trip to England for the purpose of soliciting funds in aid of that institution, and received a liberal donation from the Countess of Huntingdon, in honor of whom he named the town. It is proper that we should know something of the life and character of this estimable lady.

Selina Shirley was born August 24th, 1707. She and her two sisters, one of whom was older and the other younger than herself, were the daughters and heiresses of Washington Shirley, second Earl of Ferrars. At the age of twenty-one she married Theophilus Hastings, ninth Earl of Huntingdon, a nobleman distinguished for his piety, from whom she took the title by which she is known in history. The deaths of four of her children at early ages, and of her husband in 1746, made a deep impression upon her mind and intensified her religious predilections. She adopted the doctrines of and attached herself to the Calvinistic Methodists, of whom George Whitefield, who, with Wesley, was effecting a great revival, was the founder and leader. She was so zealous in advancing the principles she had espoused, and her wealth enabled her to exert such a vast influence, that a branch of Whitefield's followers became known as "The Countess of Huntingdon's Connection." She made that eminent preacher one of her chaplains, and he, in return, appointed her by will, sole proprietrix of his possessions in the province of Georgia, America, where she organized a mission. In her own country she built chapels, maintained ministers, and, for the education of the latter, and with the assistance of other persons of opulence, many of whom were members of her own family, established a college at Trevaeca, in South Wales. For the support of this institution she made liberal contributions during her lifetime, and at her death created a trust. She provided in like manner for her chapels. The college was removed after her demise, to Cheshunt, in Herts, where it still exists. She also donated large sums to young itinerant preachers, and to private charity. Her death occurred June 17, 1791. The number of her chapels was then sixty-four. She bequeathed them to four persons, in trust for their care and management. They have increased in number until there are now nearly twice as many as when she died.

EMMA SHIRLEY of Shenandoah Co. Va. married John A. Brumback (born Jan. 21, 1850).

They lived in Page Co. Virginia.

Children:

1. Harry Brumback, lived New Orleans.
2. Homer Brumback
3. Virgil Brumback
4. Mary Brumback
5. Carl Brumback

From book...

BRUMBACH FAMILIES

"Among those who were settlers" (of Houston Twp. formed in 1842, then part of Woodberry Twp. Bedford Co. Pa.) "prior to the beginning of the Revolution were Jacob and Conrad Brumbaugh, William and John Shirley and....."

submitted by: Alice Powers

OF FRANKLIN COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

ROBERT SHIRLEY

Born 1735, probably in Penna., mar. Susan Baker, b. 1742. He served in the Rev. War, and in 1792, came from the Conococheague Valley, and settled on Black-leg creek, near Sattsburg. He died 1834, aged 99 years, his wife Susan dying in 1843, at 101 years. They had issue John; Robert; Thomas; Jane; Joseph; Ann. Several of the sons lived to a great age. Under the 1790 Census for Franklin Co., Penna. the family of Robert Shirley shows 1 man, 4 boys, 3 females. Caldwell's Hist. Indiana Co., Penna. p. 436.

THOMAS SHIRLEY

Served under Capt. Samuel Patton 1780-81-82. He is also shown as Sergt., in Penna. Militia, aged 84 years in 1834. John Irwin of Hamilton Twp., sold a tract of 63 acres to Thos. Shirley, and in 1775, he obtained a warrant for it, which he conveyed to John Deeds. In 1796 Thos. Shirley appears as a taxable in Peters Twp., a mason, and Robert Shirley is also shown. In 1803, a letter was addressed to Thos. Shirley at Chambersburg. Penna. Arch. 3rd Ser. Vol. 13, p. 530. 5th Ser. Vol. 6, p. 278, 287, 312.

FRANKLIN COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

SHIRLEY — DEED'S MILL

The writer uncovered a shred of tradition concerning a mill in the present J. C. Reed meadow where the Old Loudon Road crosses Dennis Creek.

Mr. Russell Hill added enough information to lend substance to this clue. There was a mill in this meadow and part of the old mill pond was discernable in the meadow. There was once another small bridge across the road between the main bridge and the house. This bridge crossed the tail race. This tail race rejoined Dennis Creek in the meadow below the bridge near where a tree stood a few years ago.

This land was probably first John Brigham land of 1748 or earlier. The warrant date is 1762. John Irwin bought this land from Brigham and moved here in 1760 or 1762. (Records of this land may be seen in Deed Book 1, page 539. Irwin land was the Chestnut or Frank Dice, Paul McCleary land.)

John Irwin sold 63 acres to Thomas Shirley in 1775. Shirley sold to John Deeds and Deeds sold to George Cryder in 1794. Tax records show that John Deeds was being taxed on a grist mill in 1791 and George Cryder is credited with a grist mill in 1807.

The writer is not certain whether Shirley or Deeds built the mill. Shirley lived here as late as 1786 or later and Deeds owned it in 1791. Dates indicate that Shirley may have built it.

How long the Criders operated the mill after 1807 is debatable since the writer has found no evidence of Christian Crider running the mill

SHIRLEY. Thomas Shirley (1750-1834) bought 63 acres from John Irwin in 1775. He sold to John Deeds and Deeds sold to George Cryder in 1794. Thomas Shirley on the 1782 and 1786 tax lists of Hamilton. He was probably living in Peters Township in 1796. *Franklin*

Thomas Shirley was a Sergeant in the Pennsylvania Militia. He served in 1780-1781 and 1782 under Captain Samuel Patton.

The Shirley-Deeds land was on Dennis Creek and the Loudon Road.

There was a grist mill here (J. C. Reed farm). Thomas Shirley may have built this mill.

DEEDS. John Deeds bought from Thomas Shirley. Shirley received a warrant for this land in 1775. It was part of the earlier John Irwin, David Brigham land which was taken up prior to 1748. Deeds sold to George Cryder in 1794.



THOMAS SHIRLEYS Warrant of Feb. 14, 1775

In Phillips Co. Arkansas... George Shirley can be found and his records say he was born in Franklin Co. Pa. in 1797. He was in the War of 1812.

Joseph Shirle b. ca. 1743
m. Barbara Kaufman Mar. 2, 1761

Children

1. Elizabeth Shirle b. 1762
m. John Long
2. John Shirle m. Betty Betzner
3. Barbara Shirle m. Jacob Hauser
4. Casper Shirle
5. Frederick Shirle
6. Christ Shirle m. Anna Lehma
7. Joseph Shirle m. Betty Betzner
8. Abe Shirle m. Christina Boroma
9. Jobe Shirle m. Sophia Palmer
10. Peter Shirle m. Catherine Crawl
11. Magalena Shirle m. George Seller

[THIS FAMILY in FRANKLIN CO. PA]

WESTMORELAND CO. PENNSYLVANIA

JOSEPH SHIRLEY was born 1815 and was a farmer of means and influence. He married Sarah Jane Stout.

Children

1. Hilrey
2. Labinna
3. Catharine m. William Williams
4. Amanda m. Mr. Fredrick
5. Sherman
6. Anna J. m. David Campbell
7. William C.
8. Lizzie

William C. Shirley was born in 1871 near Greensburg, and was educated in his native place. His early life was spent in agricultural pursuits, but for the last ten years he has been successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber. His mill is operated by steam and is of twenty-horse power. When it running at full capacity he employs ten men. In 1897 he moved to Hillville and purchased his present residence. Mr. Shirley married Bertha Obourn in 1893 and they are the parents of one child, Ondiene.

HISTORY OF INDIANA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

THOMAS ELGIN SHIRLEY, educator, who resides on the homestead farm in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Brushvalley township, this county, Dec. 26, 1887, son of David and Eliza (Douthitt) Shirley.

Robert Shirley, the founder of the family in Indiana county, was born in eastern Pennsylvania in 1735, and was married there to Susan Baker, who was of German descent and was born in 1742. Robert Shirley served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In 1792 he came to Indiana county, from the Conococheague valley, and located in Conemaugh township, on Blacklegs creek, about two miles from Saltsburg. He became a farmer, and lived in that section until he was ninety-nine years of age, dying in 1834. His widow survived to be 101 years of age, her death occurring in 1843, and their eldest son, John, lived to the age of 103, all of the six children attaining old age. They were: John, who married Elizabeth Taiser; Robert; Thomas; Jane,

who married a Mr. Mullen, and moved to the West; Joseph, who married Catherine Fulmer; and Ann, who married William Bash.

Thomas Shirley, son of Robert, was born during the Revolutionary war, in 1776, and was a young man when he accompanied his parents to Conemaugh township, where he subsequently followed agricultural life until he retired. He died in 1875, at the age of ninety-nine years. He married Mary Miller, who was born in 1787, and died in 1875, at the age of eighty-seven years. Their children were as follows: Margaret, born in 1809, was married to John Lampkin and (second) a Mr. Altman; Barbara, born in 1811, married Jacob Long; Robert, born in 1813, married Eliza Kelly; Christopher, born in 1815, is mentioned below; Susan, born in 1818, married Ezekiel Gray; John, born in 1821, married Ella Rosborough, as his first wife, his second being a widow named Marshall; Thomas, born in 1825, married Ellen Fairman; and Mathias, born in 1829, married Rachel Longwell.

NOTE: The Shirleys of Indiana, Westmoreland and Armstrong Co. Pa. are of the same branch.... Robert Shirley and Susan Baker.

Christopher Shirley, son of Thomas, was born in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, in 1815, and passed a quiet, busy life on his farm there, where he died in 1900. He married Mary Douthett, and they had seven children, namely: Thomas, who lives at Ontario, San Bernardino Co., Cal.; James P., who lives at Connellsville, Pa.; George, who resides at Clarksburg, Pa.; Anna, who lives at Collinsville, Pa.; Martha, who married Elgin Rhea; Margaret, who married John Walton; and David.

David Shirley, son of Christopher, was born Dec. 20, 1856, in Conemaugh township, and was reared and educated there. He followed farming and also lumbering, in different sections of Indiana county, being a farmer in Conemaugh, Washington and Brushvalley townships prior to moving to Center township, where he bought seventy-seven acres of land, known as the C. A. Smith farm, and there he is still interested in farming and stock raising. He was married Oct. 4, 1883, to Eliza Douthitt, daughter of Samuel Douthitt, of Homer City, Indiana Co., Pa., and they have the following children: Orville Earl, who taught school for some time in Indiana county, and is now a clerk in the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C.; Roy Walton, who resides in southern California; Thomas Elgin; Effie Ann, who is engaged in the millinery business at Oil City, Pa.; and Mary Olive, David Blair and Emma Belle, all of whom reside at home. David Shirley and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church. He is one of the representative citizens of Center township, one whose influence is beneficial in all directions, and as such he is hearty in the support he gives to the Prohibition party.

Thomas Elgin Shirley, third son of David Shirley, attended the public schools in White and Center townships and later studied at the State normal school at Indiana, Pa. After thus thoroughly preparing for his chosen profession he began to teach school, in 1907 becoming the teacher of District No. 10 school, in Center township, and proved so satisfactory that he was retained during 1908. In 1909 he became the teacher at Brush Hollow, and then accepted the position of principal of the Risinger school, at North Homer, where he has been located since 1910. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

JOHN TRUBY SHIRLEY, of Freeport, Armstrong county, a resident of that borough since 1894, is engaged in business in Pittsburgh as a broker, being a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange. Mr. Shirley is of old Pennsylvania stock. His maternal grandfather, Christofer Iman, lived at Elders Ridge, Indiana county, where he was engaged at farming. He was one of the progressive men of his time, especially interested in the question of public education.

John R. Shirley, father of John T. Shirley, conducted the "Shirley House" at Freeport for some time. He married Rachel Iman.

John T. Shirley was born in Armstrong county, Pa., near Bradys Bend, and the family removing later to Butler he received his education at that place. When about fourteen years old he entered the Union army for service in the Civil war, joining Company H, 78th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Captain Jack of Butler and Colonel Sirwell of Kittanning. He served three years and two months, at the end of that period going home to Butler, where he clerked in a store for some time. Later he was at Freeport, following the hotel business with his father in the conduct of the "Shirley House" until Oct. 19, 1869, when he married, and moved to Parker, this county. He had a hardware store at that place, and was engaged in the oil business during the great excitement, opening a hardware store at Karns City, Butler county. In 1878 he went to Bradford, Pa., for two years, during which time he was engaged as an oil producer. Thence he went to Warren, Pa., where he was engaged in the same line for fifteen years, in 1894 coming to Freeport, as previously stated. He has since followed the brokerage business, having headquarters at Pittsburgh.

On Oct. 19, 1869, Mr. Shirley married Martha A. Moorhead, and they have had four children, all of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Shirley was born at Freeport, in the house where she now resides, daughter of William Moorhead, and granddaughter of David Moorhead.

The Next . . .

National Shirley Convention
June 24th & 25th 1989
Holiday Inn
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

YORK COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

1810 Census

George b. before 1765
Stephen b. before 1765

1820 Census

Widow Shirley
James Shirley

Family tradition in one branch of the Shirleys state... In 1731, three brothers came from England to Mass. This was stated in an old family Bible of Alice Powers great Aunt. The brothers were, William, John and Peter. There is a gap of a generation or two and a Shirley who was married to a Miss. 'Youngblood' were the parents of ...

1. John Shirley b. 1788 Pa.
m. Christine Youst
2. Peter Shirley b. 1792 Pa.
m. Elizabeth Zeilor in 1823 in
Frederick Co. Va.
3. Mary m. Adam Stinebaude

Alice Powers has just learned that her great great grandfather, Peter b. 1792, married 2nd, Barthania Ambrose and on the marriage certificate....his parents were listed as John and Mary Shirley of York Co. Pa.

The letter in which the material is found about this family of Shirleys can be found in the Jan. 1979 issue of the SHIRLEY NEWS on page 9, 10 & 11. This letter was found in the old Bible.

In the letter it states that someday in Pa. we became mixed up with the Dutch and traces of German blood still flow in our veins.

In 1822, grandfather Shirley and his wife came from the vicinity of York Pa. to Va. They bought a large amount of land near Siler, Va. ...known as Timber Ridge District, about 4 miles from Berkeley Springs, Morgan Co. ... then, Virginia. ...statement contained in old letter.

NOTE: This could very easily be the explanation why the statement is made now and again about some of the Shirleys being GERMAN. They could have German Grandmothers or mothers, etc.