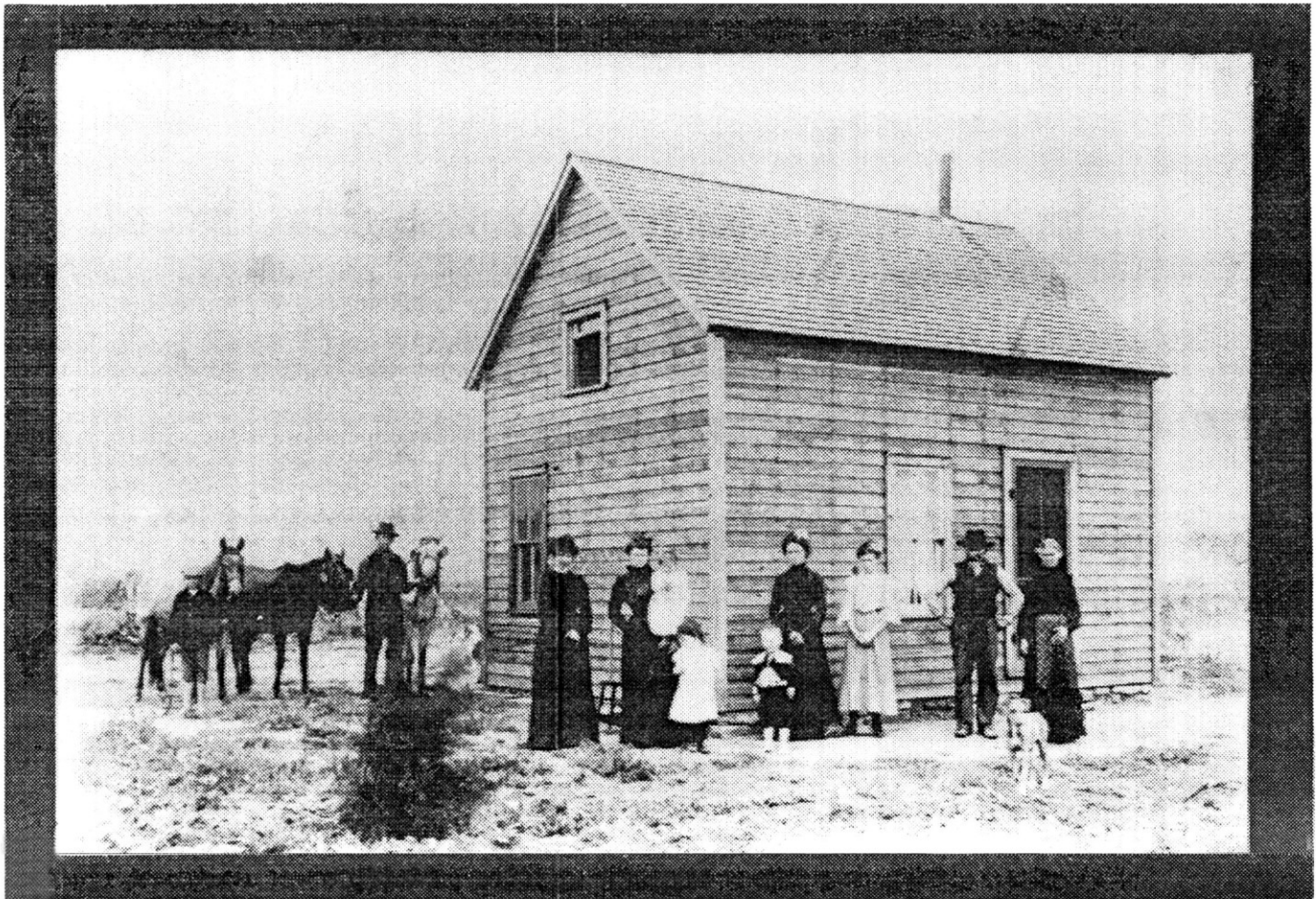




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L to R: Floyd, Emery Ella, Lenna (holding child, Henry), Maggie and Hollice Doss, Cora Bertha, Harrison and Louisa Shirley. Harrison and Louisa Shirley homesteaded this place near Woodward, Oklahoma. Picture taken early 1900's and sent by member Betty Wallace.

Harrison Shirley is descended from Richard Shirley, Jr. of Barren Co. Kentucky.

Richard Shirley, Jr. born Aug. 17, 1816 Barren Co. Ky. Died from hanging himself. He married Elizabeth Dale. Their children were: Daniel R., Sarah, Mariah, Jemima, Martha Ann, America, Amy Elizabeth, Reuben, Lemuel.

Martha Ann is the mother of James HARRISON Shirley who married Louisa Still. Martha Ann was also the mother of Mary, Laura E. and Elizabeth Jane. Martha Ann never married according to Betty Wallace.

Additional information on this branch of the Shirley family would be greatly appreciated by your editor and those descended from this family. The BIG question is...Is Richard, Jr the son of Richard Shirley and his wife Dorcas? Or is he called Jr. because he had an uncle who was Richard and he was referred to as Jr. to show he was the younger generation?

SHIRLEY CONVENTION PLANS FOR KENTUCKY

Reservations are arriving almost everyday now as the time approaches for the 8th National SHIRLEY CONVENTION in Cave City (Barren County) Kentucky June 9th, 1990.

It is important to make your reservations in advance so we may give the caterers a fairly accurate accounting of people to prepare meals for...especially at James Youngs place on Sunday, June 10th. I depart for Kentucky on June 7th AM. I suggest mailing those reservations before June 1st so I may receive them before I leave. Otherwise, a phone call by June 6th for last minute reservations.

We have several first time conventioners coming. People from Kentucky, Tenn., Ind. Mo., Ohio, Ala., Fla., Colorado, Calif. & New Mexico have already made their reservations.

This year we are adding something different to the Convention. The afternoon will be centered around a panel of knowledgeable Shirley researchers. Have your questions ready. There will be speakers and new people to meet. Spread the word to your other family members. Write to those on your list of other members who belong to your branch and arrange to meet them in Kentucky.

This year we will concentrate on the Shirleys of Kentucky, South Carolina and Virginia...with emphasis on Ky. Shirley lines. Please bring old photos, old letters and other items about your Shirleys.

Sunday will be a very SPECIAL TREAT! A very rare opportunity for SHIRLEYS to gather together at the old farm sites of those early Shirleys who came to Barren Co. Ky. in late 1700's. James Young will be our leader and he is very knowledgeable about his ancestors...the Shirleys of Barren Co. Ky. He knows where the places are they lived and can tell you many many stories about these people. He has many personal items that belonged to them. DON'T MISS THIS ONE TIME ONLY OPPORTUNITY to be a part of this special time in Barren Co. Ky.

THE SOUTHERN STATES SHIRLEY TOUR HAS BEEN CANCELLED! Sorry!

For overnight Convention accommodations, call Days Inn 502-773-2151. Ask for special rates for Shirley Convention.

I will be visiting and researching in Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina following the Convention.

If you would like to meet up with us (my niece, Barbara and myself), let me know....drop me a note or call me.

We will be visiting with Tenn. Shirleys and sightseeing their ancestors area in Tennessee on June 12th (Tues.). A group from New Mexico descended from these Tenn. Shirleys will be visiting here also. The area for this group is primarily the Cannon and Warren Co. Tenn. area.

June 13th we will meet up with Jemima Shirley at White Co. Tenn. This is the family her husband descended from. I will be very interested in this Tennessee visit as I always get a better insight into the Shirleys by visiting the area and learning all I can about those who lived there.

June 14th & 15th we will be visiting the Honea Path area of South Carolina. We will also be in Laurens County S.C. to do Shirley research...an area I have desperately wanted to research in for sometime now.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET US IN SOUTH CAROLINA for a bit of chit chat ?

I have reserved a room at YODER'S DUTCH KITCHEN in Abbeville, S.C. This is mighty good eatin' I can assure you. I'm looking forward to coming back here again!!! We have some very good ^{*}friends in this area and we all want to get together. We would like for those of you who would like to come to do so. No advance reservations are necessary! Just be there! Time: 6:30 PM Thurs. June 14. I'll look forward to seeing you and all the gang who I have already talked to by phone. [* SHIRLEY FRIENDS...]

In Kentucky I will be trying to locate the grave sites of Old Thomas Shirley of Adair Co. and his brother John. They served in the Revolutionary War. These Shirleys married the Yates girls.

Convention data; Friday eve. 7:30 refreshments at the Cave City Convention Center, Sat. 9 AM SHIRLEY CONVENTION. Sun. Meet at Convention Center to go to James Youngs by Caravan.

DANIEL

1633 50 acres Charles City Co. Va.

EDWARD

1636 overseerer James City Co. Va.
1683 St. Stephens Parish petition
King & Queen Co. Va.

FRANCIS

1637 Land office Patent Record MARYLAND

GEORGE

1699 Surveyor Northumberland Co. Va.

HENRY

1642 - 1654 Was in James City Co. Va.

JAMES

1667 Land Office Patent Record MARYLAND

JOHN

1642 Was in Northampton Co. Va.
1671 Christened St. Stephens Parish
Northumberland Co. Va.
1690 Granted 450 acres Norfolk Co. Va.

JOSEPH

1679 Patent Records Somerset Co. MARYLAND

NICHOLAS

1664 Transported to Va. by William Price
1668 356 acres Old Rappahannock Co. Va.

RALPH

1693 Deceased...Isle of Wight Va.

RICHARD

1623 Was in James City Co. Va.
1669 Christened St. Stephens Parish
Northumberland Co. Va.
1671 Died Bruton Parish James City Co. Va.
1673 Inquisition on escheated land York Co.
Virginia
1663 born, Christ Church Middlesex Co. Va.
1690 Was in Northumberland Co. Va.
1690 Granted 450 acres Norfolk Co. Va.
1693-- 1695 Preogative Court
1696 Petition to probate will of Thomas of
Northumberland Co. Va.

ROBERT

1633 Land Office Patent Record MARYLAND
1660--1661 Court Records Charles County
MARYLAND
1664 Transported by John Beauchamp (Va.)
1664 was in Henrico Co. Va.
1674 Witnessed will of David Myles
Lancaster Co. Va.

SAMUEL

1662 Transported by Thomas Brereton (Va.)
1662 Was in New Kent Co. Va.
date ? Early...Transported by Raleigh
Travers, Lancaster Co. Va.

THOMAS

1643 Transported to Va. by Wm. Warden
1643 Was in James City Co. Va.
1650 mentioned in will of Daniel Turner
Norfolk Co. Va.
1656 Was in Elizabeth City, Va.
1663 Transported by John Butler
Westmoreland Co. Va.
1661 signed on escheated land Elizabeth
City, Va.
1666 Was at St. Stephens Parish in
Northumberland Co. Va.
(sons chr. Thomas 1666, Richard
1669 St. Stephens Parish).
1669 Witnessed will of John Nichols
in Lancaster Co. Va.
1671 Jury finds he had no heirs, he died
leaving 200 acres (100 of which
originally had been granted Edward
Hill of Shirley Plantation).
1675 chr. 1675 Middlesex Co. Va. (son
of Richard).
1689 Court Petition, by oath of Thomas
Shirley of Northumberland Co. Va.

WILLIAM

1652 Was in James City Co. Va.
1678 Gave one pound to church in
Glouster Co. Va. to purchase
cushions, communion table cloth
and other appurtenances.

THE ABOVE SHIRLEY MATERIAL REFERS TO
THOSE I HAVE ACCUMULATED FROM VARIOUS
SOURCES FOR THE 1600's! Each name
could represent more than one person
by that name. As you can see there
are quite a few Shirleys in America
in 1600's. I have given the earliest
date for the name mentioned in a given
area of Va. or Md.

[Material sent by new member Ed Duggan]

Those marked "St.Fr./St. Inigoes" are Jesuit sacramental records; they appear in (1). "The Jesuit Missions of St. Mary's Co" Edwin Warfield Beitzell, available from the St. Mary's Co. Historical Society, Leonardtown, Md., and (2). "Catholic Families of Southern Maryland," Timothy J. O'Rourke, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore. It appears these comprise what remains of Catholic sacramental records for the Colonial Period. The original records are housed in Georgetown University.

Before 1707 Richard Shirley married Catherine Miles Wiseman. She was the widow of John Wiseman and the daughter of Francis Miles. *[Note on a separate page in this issue of the NEWS on the list of the SHIRLEYS of 1600's under ROBERT SHIRLEY 1674...he witnesses the will of a David Myles, Lancaster Co. Va.]*

Nov. 19, 1737 Will of Richard Shirley proved; wife, Sarah; sons, Richard, George, William, John. (Did Richard stay and Geo. Wm & John go to Antietum, Washington Co, Md?)
July 5, 1747 Will of Richard (Jr.) proved; wife unnamed; son Robert; Land located Western Branch flows into head of St. Mary's River. (Thomas Norris is witness).

Feb. 1, 1761 Mary Sherley, Godmother of Mary Jane Drury, St. Joseph's (Morodnza)

June 14, 1767 Eleanor Sherley, Godmother of Pyke Infant, St. Fr. X. Newtown, (Compton)

May 27, 1770 Mary Shirley, Godmother of Henrietta Greenwell, St. Fr. X., St. Inigoes

July 12, 1772 Mary Shirley Godmother of Matthew Booth, St. Fr. X., St. Inigoes

Nov. 25, 1775 Ignatius Shirley married Mary Norris, St. Fr. X., St. Inigoes

1776 George, Ignatius and Robert Shirley listed St. Mary's Co. Militia

Aug. 24, 1778 George Shirley, Pvt. 3rd Reg. Maryland line, died

Nov. 24, 1788 Joshua Shirley Godfather M'Lean Baby, St. Fr. X., St. Inigoes

Jan. 5, 1789 Ben (Bennet) Shirley Godfather Stone Baby, St. Fr. X., St. Inigoes

1789 Robert CHIRLEY voted Federalist, St. Mary's Co.

Aug. 29, 1790 Benedict and Mary Shirley's Slave Baptized

1790 Ignatius Shurly carried as Federalist, St. Mary's Co. Voter list

Census 1790 Bennett 1 m 16+ 7 F, 1 other and 4 slaves
Joshua 1 m 16+ 1 F, 1 slave
Ignatius 1 m 16+ 4 m und 16 and 4 F

Sept. 26, 1790 Anastasia Sherley Bapt., daughter of Benedict and Mary, St. Fr.

March 4, 1792 George Shirley Bapt., son of Joshua and Catherine, St. Fr. X.

Nov. 25, 1792 Bened. Sherley's slave Bapt. St. Fr. X., Inigoes

May 15, 1793 Bennett Shirley married Susanna Peake, St. Mary's Co. Md.

1794 Richard Shearley, Bennet Sheirly, Ignatius Sheirly and John Sheirly listed as members of the St. Mary's Co. Militia

March 27, 1794 Benedict Shirleys slave Baptized

May, 28, 1794 Elizabeth Sherley Godmother Mary Vaughan, St. Fr. X. St. I.

Feb. 26, 1801 Mary Shirley Norris died, daughter of Richard and Tracy (should be Grace not Tracy). Age 60, wife of Thomas Norris

Census 1800

Bennett Shyrley 1M 26-45, 2M 10-16
1F 10-16, 2F 16-20
2F 20-30, 2F 30-45
Ignatius Shirley 1M 45+, 2M 16-20
1M 10-16, 1F 10-16
2M 16-20, 2F 30-45

[Some of this branch then left and went to Fredrick Co. Md. near Emmitsburg].

continued.....

St. Mary's Co. Maryland cont...

[THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN YOUR EDITOR AND ED DUGGAN, A NEW MEMBER].

Genealogical research in St. Mary's Co. suffers from a sparcity of records. Fires twice destroyed court house records and burned those of a key Parish Church. Other records were destroyed deliberately by the Puritans who gained control at one period of the colonial Maryland government. Yet traces of a Shirley presence can be found.

I belong to the St. Mary's Co. Historical Society and they have nothing on the Shirleys.

Many of the old Jesuit Sacramental records also were lost to a fire. They were stored at St. Thomas Manor which, I think, is just over the border from St. Mary's in Charles County. Fire destroyed many of those records in 1850. The pastor at St. Ignatius, the parish at St. Thomas, refused to let me look at remaining records, saying that Cardinal Hickey didn't permit church records to be used for genealogical purposes. I'd almost given up on tracing the Shirleys when I saw your item in the "Genealogical Helper".

I'm not terribly interested in proving descent from British nobility; but I do want, if possible, to prove the long-held tradition of Grandmother's family of descent from the original settlers of Maryland. I grew up in Pennsylvania, but that Maryland ancestry was a matter of some pride. It's never been proved.

Among old letters and photos given to me by my paternal grandmother is a daguerreotype of her paternal grandmother, Henrietta Warthon, nee Shirley. A letter dated in 1852, telling Great Grandfather of Henrietta's death, once contained a lock of her hair. It was red, like Grandmother's. She is buried in the old Mountain Cemetery near Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg [Fredrick Co.] Md.

Her tombstone bears the information that Henrietta was born in St. Mary's County, Md., that she was 66 when she died and that she was the mother of three sons and one daughter. In the same cemetery are buried her brother John Shirley who died in 1863 and a Richard Shirley, possibly John's son, who was buried March 6, 1822.

In addition to the brother, Henrietta had at

least three sisters, one of whom, Elizabeth, was Mrs. John Dabelstein. The others were Sisters Mary Clare and Mary Magdalen Shirley, nuns trained in their vocations by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Clare died in 1846 and is buried in the cemetery at St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg. Magdalen Ann Shirley was born about 1801 and died in the 1870's, buried in New York.

Growing up I often heard my grandmother and her sister, grandaunt Ida Kephart, refer to their grandaunt "Betsy Dabelstein". She and John Dabelstein were married at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Frederick (City) in 1821. According to Aunt Ida, John Dabelstein became a judge in Cumberland, Md.

Based on militia, voting and census records of the later 18th century, Robert Shirley's sons can be identified as Ignatius, Bennet, George and Joshua. George died in the Revolution. The other three headed households in St. Mary's Co. in the 1790 census. Joshua, however, soon left St. Mary's Co. He is not among the Shirley whose names appear on the 1794 St. Mary's Co. militia roster. Ignatius and Bennett are on that list. So are two other male Shirleys, Richard and John, whom I believe to have been sons of Ignatius Shirley, and who migrated later to Frederick Co. Md.

In a letter dated in the 1850-60's reference is made to Lizzie Shirley's brother "Nace" who went to New Jersey, fathered three children and died "without his poor mother knowing if he were in his church or not."

I believe Ignatius Shirley was the father of my great great grandmother, Henrietta Warthon, nee Shirley, but can't prove it.

2nd LETTER FROM ED TO YOUR EDITOR

April 2, 1990

I'll never be able to thank you enough for the data you sent, I've read it, reread it and read it again; and I believe our line can be traced back to the first Richard Shirley (of the 1737 will) and the the Norris family's immigrant progenitor, Thomas. Since I don't recall mentioning the name NORRIS when I first wrote you, I'm amazed that you sent precisely what I needed. You must be clairvoyant.

Thomas, son of John and Ann Wheatley Norris, Tom's daughter probably by Ann Heard, was born in 1756. She has to be the Mary Norris who married Ignatius Shirley, almost surely a son of Robert, in November 1775. I have long felt, based on an analysis of the 1790 and 1800 St. Mary's County census and what I know of Great Great Grandmother's siblings that Ignatius and Mary Norris Shirley were her parents.

You asked for my thoughts about the John Shirley [the ancestor of your editors husband] born in 1728, being a son or grandson of Richard Shirley of the 1737 will. I think son. Those three younger sons were, I believe, a good bit younger than their half brother, Richard. Since John was the last named in the will, he likely was the youngest. That he was nine years old in 1737 doesn't seem too young to me. Because the will gives the leased land first to the widow and to the boys at her death. I tend to feel they were all three minors. Remember, the widow was young enough to remarry.

The key phrase in that will is "land held under lease." That says to me that the home plantation, owned property, was entailed to the eldest son, Richard. I'd bet those three younger boys ended up with next to no inheritance. No wonder they headed for the wilds of Frederick Co. Md.

3rd LETTER FROM ED DUGGAN

Your letters provide not only facts but food for thought in lucullan proportions. The response to my questions on the religions of the 17th century Shirleys and possible emigrants almost overwhelmed me.

I think your fix on Isfield and Wiston for their origins is dead-on target.

The Wiston family [of England] appears to be the best ancestral bet for our oldest Maryland line. Given names, probable dates of birth and timely financial ruin match up with early traces in Maryland. The household of Sir Thomas Shirley the Younger seems particularly fitted to dovetail with our Marylanders. The second wife was Judith BENNET and the cadets were Robert and Richard. We have Roberts, Richards and, in the 1790 and 1800 censuses, even a BENNET SHIRLEY in St. Mary's Co. Maryland in the century after the Wiston family's economic collapse. It's almost circumstantially close enough to claim them.

? Is John b. 1728, my husbands ancestor, the John mentioned in Richard's will 1737 St. Mary Co. Maryland? He would be 9 years old!

One confusing item still remains about Mary Norris Shirley. When she died, the record says she was the daughter of Thomas Norris, but a John Norris claims Ignatius Shirley as his son-in-law.

From your editor.....

You may recall my husbands ancestor is George Shirley b. 1761 Pa. (& John 1728) married Ruhannah Norris. She was the daughter of Joseph Norris B. 1729 in Washington County Maryland.

[The following taken from the NORRIS NEXUS]

According to one descendant (Racer, 1913), Joseph's father was John Norris and had at least two children, Joseph and John Norris, Jr.; A later, unknown author begins the genealogy of this family with Joseph Norris and he maintains that the Norris family was of English origin and settled in Maryland where it is said that the first one recorded in the State Archives is Thomas Norris in 1642. Although not directly asserted, the implication is that Joseph Norris was a descendent of the earliest Norris colonists in Maryland.

Joseph Norris, Sr. was born Jan. 11, 1728/29 in or near Sharpsburg in present day Washington County, Maryland, but which at that time was Baltimore County.

Racer thinks John Norris was of Scotch-Irish descent (i.e., of a family of Scots transplanted to Ireland by the English at some point, probably in the seventeenth century).

Editors comments..... I am sure that you can tell by my past statements, articles etc. that I believe the St. Mary County Maryland Shirleys play a key role in the Shirley family of the colonial period. I believe they will tie in with the Shirleys of Northumberland Co. Va. as well as from all appearances, my husbands family who are first found in Antietam, Washington County Maryland before going to Bedford/Huntington Co. Pennsylvania.

I will rest the St. Mary family group for awhile and concentrate elsewhere. I think my points have been made!

Fauquier Flashbacks

50 years ago
July 6, 1938

Warrenton's grand old man, J.W. Shirley, jailor, is one reason Fauquier County celebrates the early July holiday. Mr. Shirley's natal day is July 3rd and this year he celebrated his 81st birthday at a family party at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rector. "Pete" Shirley as he is affectionately called, is as well known as any man in Northern Virginia, and is "part and parcel" of Fauquier County.

INDIANA SHIRLEYS FROM BARREN CO. KY.

Francis W. Shirley, Grandson of James and Mary (McMeekin) Shirley of Barren Co. Ky.

B. E. Shirley was born at Pittsborough in Hendricks County, Indiana, May 22, 1875. His father, Francis W. Shirley, died at Indianapolis in 1915, and his mother, Emily W. (Leake) Shirley, resides in that city. Many generations back Mr. Shirley's forefathers came from England and settled in Kentucky, and from that state have radiated into many others. The family vocation has been very largely agricultural in the past.

Until he was twenty-one years of age Mr. Shirley remained at home, attending school in Lincoln Township until he was sixteen, after which he was his father's main helper on the home farm. In the meanwhile his brother, A. E. Shirley, had started in the hardware business at Lizton in Hendricks County, and he became his brother's clerk and continued with him four years, during which time he gained a pretty thorough knowledge of the hardware business. In 1899 the family moved to Indianapolis, A. E. Shirley transferring his mercantile interests to that city, and B. E. Shirley continued in his employ for eight more years. He then became contract man for the Citizens Gas Company, and continued until that company was amalgamated in the Indianapolis Gas Company.

In 1912 Mr. Shirley became connected with the Pearson Piano Company of Indianapolis in the capacity of salesman, and through his fidelity to the company and his ability in salesmanship came into closer relations and in 1915 was sent to open a branch store at Anderson. This he successfully accomplished and has made it a center for musical circles in the city and adjacent towns, his territory taking in five counties. Mr. Shirley handles only first class musical instruments and these include pianos, piano players, phonographs and small instruments, designing to satisfy even critical and fastidious patrons who may have had musical training in other countries as well as his own. He is universally considered an able, honorable and upright business man.

Mr. Shirley was married in 1900 to Miss Laura M. Hayes, who is a daughter of Aaron and Maria (Spies) Hayes, of Marietta, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley have three children, one daughter and two sons, namely; Lillian Ruth, who was born in 1902; Elbert Aaron, who was born in 1904; and Edwin Hayes, who was born in 1912. Mr. Shirley and family belong to the First Presbyterian Church at Anderson.

While Mr. Shirley has always taken an intelligent interest in public matters and wherever he has lived has lent his influence in the favor of good Government and civic progress, he has never felt the necessity of formally uniting with any particular political party, believing that his own judgment and knowledge of men gained through his many years of business experience will usually lead him aright when he comes to casting a vote. In fraternal matters, however, he has been very prominent for years in the Knights of Pythias. While residing in Indianapolis he united with Arrow Lodge of that city and has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge and since coming to Anderson has identified himself with Banner Lodge, in which he has passed all the chairs. He belongs also to the Travelers Protective Association.



Newspaper clippings sent by
Alan Lamb.

Richard L. Shirley clipping
from St. Louis, Mo. Mar. 15 '89
Central West End Journal.

MARSHALL CO. INDIANA SHIRLEYS

From Mason & Lewis Co. Ky. 1790 & early 1800's.

Phillip "Lowery" Shirley born Sept 20, 1846 died Jan 1, 1918, buried Oronoque, Kansas. He married Lydia Jane Seaver born July 17, 1851, died 1928, Norton, Kansas.

Children:

1. Arvilla Luella b. Dec 16, 1873 Inwood, IN.
2. William Monroe b. 1875 d. 1942
3. James Arthur b. ca. 1877
4. Ivah F. b. ca. 1879 (listed in census)
5. Owen Delbert b. 1882
6. Fred Ernest b. 1887 d. 1972 bur. Frankfort Kansas
7. Mabel Ann b. Nov. 7, 1890 Pawnee City Neb. died Jan. 27, 1982, buried Norton, KS.

The Shirley family moved from Inwood, Marshall County Indiana, by covered wagon to St. Louis Missouri, from there to Clifton, KS., and then to Lodan, KS, Pawnee City, Nebraska, Norcatur, KS, and settled in Norton, KS.

When Mabel was a child, the family lived east of Norton, across from the State Sanitorium, in a stone house. This house was torn down in 1971. Mabel attended the Pleasant Valley School, aka/Frog Pond, which was taught by Edith Miller Voeller, who later became Arvill's sister-in-law.

The family apparently moved from this address to the Gleason place, five miles north and one mile east of Norton, and from this place to the Sheeley farm, which was in a draw, with the house being a dugout in the west bank of the draw. The boys were old enough at this time to start out on their own. This was about April 1907.

During this time Jim Shirley may have been batching with Charlie Guthrie, who later became the husband of Mabel.

MORE INFORMATION ON THIS LINEAGE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SHIRLEY ASSOC. IF THIS IS YOUR BRANCH.

Info sent by a John Shirley who is not desc. from this branch but had received this from someone sometime back.

Note: The name Phillip in family records is Philemon. He is the grandson of John Ambrose Shirley who can be found in 1790 Mason Co. Ky.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Captain John and Evelyn Shirley of Annapolis Maryland will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on June 22, 1990. If you would like to send a card, their address is: 1223 Van Buren Dr. Annapolis Maryland 21403.

They have attended Shirley Conventions, went to England with us in 1986 and in 1989 and to Australia and New Zealand with us in 1989 also.

They celebrated some of the past anniversaries on the road with us. Now it is the big one and many of you have become acquainted with John and Evelyn through the years & past anniversaries.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JOHN AND EVELYN! Sorry we can't all be there to share in this special day!



JOHN & EVELYN SHIRLEY in 1989

(picture taken Queenstown, New Zealand)

John is descended from the John Ambrose Shirley branch of Mason Co. Ky. who went to Indiana. His son Ambrose Sheppard Shirley b. 1798, his son Francis Marion b. 1845, his son, George Ambrose b. 1872, father of Capt. John Shirley.

SHIRLEYS IN INDIAN TERRITORY (OK. 1800's)

[On page 9 Jan/Feb 1987 NEWS find another Shirley, William, who was in the same area and both of these Shirleys came from Ireland. I wonder if they are related...brothers?]

Material sent by June Thompson...

Dr. John Shirley, a native of Ireland, went to Texas after his marriage to Jane Patilla of Dardanelle, Arkansas, and was employed as a U.S. Government physician at Fort Concho, Texas, and thence came to Fort Arbuckle, Indian Territory where he also served the Wichita Agency Indians near Fort Cobb. He later engaged in the trading business with government contracts both at Fort Cobb and Fort Sill after that post was established in 1869, subsequently making his home at Cherokee Town on the Washita River. At this site about 2½ miles S.E. of present Pauls Valley, Garvin County, Dr. Shirley erected the first bridge on the Washita. When the first post office was established at Cherokee Town on August 17, 1874, he was appointed the postmaster.

He died suddenly of promaine poisoning at Anadarko, Indian Territory, and was buried at Phantom Hill, near Pauls Valley.

His daughter Kate, who married R. Fryrear, a cattleman in this vicinity, died in Oklahoma City in 1956 where she had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Nora Agnes Eggleston for the past several years.

FROM PIONEER HISTORY....Interviews were done with local people in the 1930's. Here are a few statements from some of those interviewed.

Mr. Everet Baker of Pauls Valley recalls he stayed at Pauls Valley a short while and I went to Anadarko, OK. stayed there about 3 years. I was working for WILLIAM SHIRLEY who owned a trading post there. I did general work for him. I helped bale the first hay that was put up around there. Mr. Shirley owned a Buckeye Bailer and a Buckeye mowing machine. We hauled it to Fort Sill and sold the hay to the government.

I remember one Saturday at noon a Comanche Indian named Queena Vida, who was a friend of Mr. Shirley came and told him that the Kiowa Indians were going to raid us that night and take our mules and horses. Mr. Shirley sent me up on a hill to watch for the Indians and they started loading up at sundown. We left there and at 11 o'clock

we were 20 miles from there, crossing the Washita River at Black Beaver Ranch near Anadarko, OK. We had 40 mules and horses and eight wagons. This ranch was known as Shirley Trading Post.

At Cherokee Town crossing, Wynnewood there was an old cotton wood log store that belonged to Dr. John Shirley.

INTERVIEW WITH MAURICE ANDERSON IN 1937.

I have heard my father say he settled at old Cherokee Town right after the Civil War, and there was one store at Cherokee Town at that time. A Mr. Shirley owned this store, and it was a trading post for the Indians and negroes living in this part of the country.

The Government issued beef to the Indians and the Indians were camped on the Washita River south and north of Cherokee Town. Mr. Shirley said he saw as many as five hundred Indians on one camp ground.

The negroes living around here then raised small patches of corn, but I have heard him say that the Indians did not raise anything to eat. They would go on buffalo hunts, three or four hundred of them, and be gone sometimes fifteen days. When they came back he said they would have several ponies loaded down with buffalo and deer hides. They would trade these hides to Mr. Shirley who owned the store for merchandise which they wanted. He said the Comanche Indians did most of the going away to hunt. There were lots of the Cherokee Indians living around on the prairies, east of Cherokee Town.

Mr. Shirley has said that the Cherokee Indians didn't wear lots of beads like the Comanche and Kiowa Indians.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. R.S. DORCHESTER

There was a bridge across the Washita River near Cherokee Town which had been built by Dr. Shirley. Dr. Shirley had secured a Chickasaw permit in 1864 and established himself as a trader and rancher at Cherokee Town. He had removed there after leaving Fort Cobb, where he went with the Texas Reserve Indians in 1854. After the Civil War he sent his four older daughters to Fort Smith to attend school.

In 1875, a few months before Dr. Shirley

died, I married one of his daughters. We were married in Fort Smith.

The bridge fell in and afterwards Dr. Shirley's brother, an engineer from Mexico, came up there while I was there and drew plans for us and we put a good bridge in there. A toll charge of fifty cents was made.

LAUDERDALE CO. MISSISSIPPI

John Pinckney & William Washington Shirley

[Letter sent by member George N. Shirley, Jr. from family member written to George N.]

I talked to Aunt Betty Reynolds (the only living member of my father's family), and she told me that John Pinckney and William Washington WERE brothers. She said W.W. and his family often spent nights with them on their trips to Meridan. She said Pink stayed with her family much of the time during his last years. She thinks he died about the year of her birth, 1895, because her family talked about him teaching her brother, Grady, to box when Grady was about three of four years old and he was four years older than she was. So I think we can safely list John Pinckney's birth about 1827 and his death about 1895. She said Pink and Sarah Shirley are both buried in the Martin Cemetery, but doesn't know the exact location. While I am on the subject of cemeteries: She told me that your great-grandfather, James Norman Shirley, once owned a store at Whynot near the location of Bethany Baptist Church - which, incedentally, was partially destroyed by fire recently. His oldest child, named Charlie, is buried there. The cemetery was enlarged recently, but the gravesite was in the southwest corner of the old cemetery. I asked her about the location of Shirley Field, or Hill, and she said she knew it as "The Wade Place." Her family lived there for awhile. The present owner is John Chatham, and his house is across the road from the old homesite. I asked about the J.B. Shirley on the 1860 census (Lauderdale co.) and she never heard of him. She said Sarah's father was named Daniel Martin, but that she also had a brother whose name was Daniel so I guess the age would be the determining factor. She knew about Nancy that you mentioned. She said that Nacy married a Griffis and had lived near Chunky, Miss., but she knew little else. She said that two of Pink's boys went to Texas and stayed, John and Benjamin, and that her family had stayed in Texas awhile after the turn of the century. She remembered that

they came back to Miss. soon after her tenth birthday (1905), and lived at Increase (now Causeyville). I went with my father to visit their home-place in Texas in 1936, and we visited a man named Allen Shirley, one of John's boys, who lived near Lufkin in east Texas. Daddy visited some other relatives, but I was fifteen then and more interested in hunting so I learned very little about that portion of the family.....

[See July 1980 NEWS page 6 & 7 for more info on this branch of Shirleys].

GREEN COUNTY ALABAMA SHIRLEYS

Richard b. ca. 1798 S.C. who is believed to be the son of John Shirley, Jr. who is the son of John and Eliz. Barmore Shirley of South Carolina...is listed in the 1850 census of Green Co. AL.

George N. Shirley, Jr. sent the following information about Bethel Baptist Church. The location of the church is just across the Green Co. border in Ralph, Alabama (Tuscaloosa County).

ON MAY 10, 1834, THIRTY-TWO MEN AND WOMEN, FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GRANTS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, JOINED HANDS IN THE WORK OF THE MASTER BY CONSTITUTING A CHURCH, NOW KNOWN AS THE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

The following ministers conducted the service: Rev. Robert Marsh, Rev. Mede White, Rev. Thomas NORRIS, and Rev. Job Wilson. Worship services continued to be held in the Buck Creek School House until 1836, when a church building was erected at the summit of Bethel Hill near the site of the present building. The church was renamed BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

CHARTER MEMBERS

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| James M. Garner | Benjamin Neal, Sr. |
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| Francis Leavell | John Reeder |
| Richard Leavell | Catherine Reeder |
| Mary Leavell | <u>Richard Shirley</u> |
| Robert Leavell | <u>Mary Shirley</u> |
| Mary Massey | Mary Thompson |
| Francis Neal | Phebe Thompson |
| Jesse Neal | Andrew Vernon |
| Edith Neal | Nancy Vernon |
| Thomas L. Neal | |
| Lucinda Neal | |



Former Valley Resident Meets President Reagan Former Valley resident and Corcoran High School graduate, Craig Shirley, met recently with President Reagan at a black tie reception in the Nation's Capitol. Shirley, 28, is the son of former Syracuse Firefighter Edward Shirley (deceased) and Barbara S. Eckert of Rochester. Shirley recently formed his own public relations consulting firm whose current clients include Vice President Bush, pollster Arthur Finkelstein, the Republican National Committee and the National Conservative Foundation among others. Shirley is married to the former Zorine Bhappu of Arizona. The couple just recently had their first child, a baby boy named Mathew McGiveron Shirley.

Local boy beats the Conservative drum for Vice President Bush

by Neil Driscoll

While all eyes are focusing on the last weeks of the local political campaigns, one former Syracusan's eyes are focusing on next year's and 1988's elections.

Craig Shirley, a former Valley resident and graduate of Corcoran High School, is playing a key role for Republicans in next year's congressional and Senate races and for Vice President George Bush's potential campaign for president in 1988.

Shirley is a political consultant to Bush and a number of conservative political organizations. He describes himself as a "Syracuse boy who has come to Washington to seek fame and fortune, but mostly fortune and work for the Conservative cause."

During the past 10 years, he has worked for Conservative/Republican candidates, causes and organizations including the Republican National Committee and The National Conservative Political Action Committee, the American Conservative Union and Arthur J. Finkelstein and Associates.

Finkelstein, by the way, is the pollster

for Republican mayoral candidate Roy Bernardi's campaign.

One of Shirley's most memorable statements came in 1984 when he explained the difficulty NCPAC had in reaching its financial goals — even though it raised \$14 million.

"Walter Mondale is hard to raise money against because our contributors don't take him seriously. We all would have done better if the presidential race would have been closer," Shirley said a few days prior to the election.

Shirley was in Michigan Wednesday night with Bush in his official capacity as a political consultant to the Political Action Committee, Fund For America's Future.

The PAC's purpose is to help achieve the adoption of President Reagan's programs by electing Republican candidates in 1986. Vice President Bush organized the committee in May and has the title of founder and honorary chairman.

Shirley in the past month has been carrying Bush's banner in the Washington press over the conservative infighting over who is more of a conservative,

George Bush or his potential rival for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988, Rep. Jack Kemp, R-Buffalo.

"I have a soft spot for George Bush because he flew the same plane as my uncle did (in World War II), a TBF-1 Avenger," said Shirley, jokingly explaining his motivation for supporting Bush.

A graduate of Springfield College in Mass., Shirley is the son of the late Edward Shirley, a Syracuse firefighter and conservative political activist who died in 1977.

His father and his mother, Barbara, were charter members of the Conservative Party, joining in 1961.

Shirley describes his family as "a pure political family" since his wife, Zorine, works for the Republican National Committee.

Top article from Nov. 11 '85
ONONDAGA VALLEY NEWS (N.Y.)
Lower article from Oct. 3, '8
HERALD-JOURNAL Syracuse N.Y.
Sent by Carig's brother,
John Shirley, member of the
Shirley Association.

ISAAC SHIRLEY 1785-1859)

Married Catherine Hendrickson
Sept. 22, 1811 Washington Co. Ky.

They were the parents of 12 children
(See April 1982 NEWS page 17 for this
lineage).

Their daughter Elizabeth born Nov. 14, 1817
in Shelby County Indiana. She married Daniel
McAtee on Jan. 2, 1834, in a Baptist
ceremony. They lived in Indiana until
1838-39, when they moved to Grundy Co. Mo.

Eliz. died April 30, 1886 and Daniel died
3 yrs. earlier on Jan. 29, 1883. Both are
buried in Coon Creek Cemetary (Union Bapt.
Church), Madison Twp. of Grundy Co. Mo.

They were the parents of 9 children: McATEE

1. Margaret Jane Dec 1, 1834 d. 1907
m. 1st Obadiah Hudson
2nd Solomon T. Cole
2. Mary Ann Feb 21, 1837 d. 1907
m. Joel Jefferson Long
3. Melissa b. ca. 1839 m. Richard Hudson
4. James H. b. ca. 1841 no info
5. William Abner Oct 22, 1842 d. 1919
m. Dicy Harper
6. Rose Ann b. ca. 1847 d. 1879
m. J.A. Hunter
7. Nancy Eliz. July 20, 1849 d. 1934
m. John W. Hughes
Eli Fanning
8. Eliza M. b. ca. 1852 d. bef. 1881
m. John Burnett
9. Daniel S. McAtee 1854 d. 1932

Note: Margaret Jane and Melissa married
the Hudson brothers.

SUBMITTED BY DOROTHY BOWLIN

She is interested in more material on her
branch and especially interested in info
regarding the parents of Isaac Shirley.
Her address is: 20136 Pierce Rd., Saratoga,
California 95070.

My 3rd great grandmother was Sarah Shirley
who married Mason Grover. Their names were
found on the birth certificate of my gggrand-
mother, Sarah Grover who married Wm. P. Huston.

Sarah Shirley Grover lived in New York,
Canada, New Hampshire and possibly Maine in
the late 1700's.

I do not have dates or places of
birth, death, marriage or how many
children she had other than her
daughter, Sarah Grover.

Can anyone help me?

Carol J. Gamino
5226 103 Ave. SE
Olympia, WA. 98503

Hardin Shirley married Cassandra Moore
1832 in Shelby Co. Ind. In the 1840's
he became the guardian of Jessie H.
Watkins b. Franklin Co. Ind 1846. WHO
are Jesse's parents? I would like to
correspond with anyone who have Shirley'
who married Moore and Watkins spouses.

Macie Williams
739 Newberry
Richardson, Texas 75080

If anyone has the LOOKINGBILL family
name prior to 1830, please notify
Anne S. Bumpus.

If anyone finds the name LUKE ABE SHALL'
SHAWLEY, SHIRLEY in Pa., Md., or Va.
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(later becomes Choctaw Co.)

MOSES SHIRLEY head of household.

Then a few lines down...looks like
HELEN SHIRLEY. This is not listed in
the index. George N. Shirley, Jr.,
discovered this and wonders if she
was the mother a large family? What
do you think?

Shirley Moses

Shirley Grover