

<b>Family Group Sheet</b>		Husband's Full Name    John Shirley/Shearley Sr. (Rev'l War)					
	<b>Date of:</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Town County State or Country</b>	<b>Additional Info.</b>	
Information Obtained From:	Birth:	ca. 1725			Spotsylvania Co. VA	John Shirley/Shearley	
Janet Anderson	Marriage:						
Louis H. Gill	Death:	12 January 1795			Spotsylvania Co. VA		
Gary Anderson	Burial:						
Audrey J. Lambert	Places of Residence:						
Lou Hixson	Occupation:				Religion:	Military Record:    Rev'l War	
	Other wives						
John Shirley Sr.	His Father:	John Shirley			His Mother:	Elizabeth Taylor	
DAR #: A204161	Wife's Full Maiden Name    Elizabeth ( <i>possibly Thomas, no proof</i> ).						
	<b>Date of:</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Town County State or Country</b>	<b>Additional Info.</b>	
	Birth:						
	Marriage:						
Compiler:	Death:						
Audrey J. Lambert	Burial:						
Address:    39721 Timberlane Dr.	Places of Residence:						
City:    St. Hts.	Occupation:				Religion:	Military Record:	
State:    MI	Other husbands:						
Date:    28 March 2006	Her Father:				Her Mother:		
<b>Sex:</b>	<b>Children's Full Names:</b>	<b>Date of:</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Town County State or Country</b>	<b>Additional Info.</b>
F	<b>1.</b> Catherine Shirley	Birth:	ca. 1753/1757			Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania Co. VA	William Anderson
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:					b. ca. 1753, Cumberland Co., VA – d. ca. 1795, Cumberland Co., VA
	William Anderson	Death:	September 1833				
		Burial:					
F	<b>2.</b> Dorothy Shirley	Birth:	ca. 1758				
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:	prior to 1788				
	Henry Dodd	Death:					
		Burial:					
M	<b>3.</b> John Shirley Jr. (Rev'l War)	Birth:	April 1760			Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania Co. VA	Frances G. Yates
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:	25 November 1782			Spotsylvania Co. VA	d. 22 Sept. 1843,
	Frances G. Yates	Death:	12 March 1840			Adair Co. KY	Adair Co. Kentucky
		Burial:					Sis/o Molly Yates
M	<b>4.</b> Thomas Shirley (Rev'l War)	Birth:	21 March 1761			Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania Co. VA	Frances G. Yates &
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:	5 April 1788			Caroline Co. VA	Sis/o Frances G. Yates.
	Mary "Molly" Yates	Death:	17 April 1820			Adair Co. KY	b. 17 August 1767
		Burial:					d. 16 July 1839
F	<b>5.</b> Phoebe Thomas Shirley	Birth:	ca. 1763				
	Full Name of Spouse:	Marriage:					
	John Crawford	Death:					
		Burial:					

#### THOMAS SHIRLEY OF SPOTSYLVANIA CO. VA

- Thomas Shirley**, b. ca. 1660 of Spotsylvania Co. VA. On 18 February 1743 Thomas Shirley tithable dismissed as being too feeble to work out his assessment. He wit. A deed 1 July 1743, probably father of John who follows: ref. Tax lists, Deed Bk. Pg. 164.
- John Shirley**, b. ca. 1700 of Spotsylvania Co. VA. He was living there in 1795. His wife was also **Elizabeth**. On 10 September 1785 John Shearley and wife Elizabeth of Spots. Co. to Samuel Luck, 9 a., wit. Thomas Shirley, Francis Hodges. His son, John, was called "John Shirley, Jr." Both sons, John and Thomas, were Patriots. John stated in his oration for pension that "He enlisted from his father's home in Spots. Co., VA, his father hired James Kemp as a substitute for himself."

On March 1788 **John Shirley Sr. to John Shirley, Jr. both of Spots. Co., VA**, 191 a., wit. Thomas Shirley, Christopher Crawford, Dorothy Dood and Thomas Turner. On 12 January 1795 John Shirley, Sr. of Berkeley Parish, Spots., VA to dtr., Dorothy Dodd, wife of Henry Dodd, gift, wit. Thomas Shirley, Marandy Morris and James Crawford. On 27 October 1788 James Crawford, Sr. and John Shirley, Sr., of Spots. Co. VA for love and affection to John Crawford and wife Phoebe, wit. John Shirley, Jr., ref. Spots. Co., VA deeds, p. 391, 416, 424, 478, Service #W8719.

Issue born Berkeley Parish, Spots., Co., VA:

1. **Catherine/Katherine Shirley**, ca. 1753, Berkley Parish, Spots. Co., VA  
d. September 1833 md **William Anderson**
2. **Dorothy Shirley**, ca. 1758, md prior to 1788 Henry Dodd
3. \***John Shirley Jr.**, April 1760 md 25 November 1782 Frances G. Yates
4. \***Thomas Shirley**, 21 March 1761 md 5 April 1788 Molly Yates

\***John Shirley Jr.**, b. April 1760 Berkeley Parish, Spots. Co., VA – d. 12 March 1840 - d. 12 March 1840, Adair Co., KY. On 3 December 1832 John Shirley age of Adair, KY stated he entered service from Spots. Co., VA as a Marine on the “Venture”, went to his father’s home. He served four months in Culpeper Co., continued a citizen of Spots. Co. until 1807 when he migrated to Mercer Co., KY then settled in Adair Co., KY, md 25 November 1782, Frances G. Yates, b. 1759 Caroline Co., VA – d. 22 September 1843, age 84, buried Adair Co., KY, daughter of George and Frances (Lewis) Yates. They were parents of six children, wit. to his Pension application, John Estes, George Y. Shirley and Francis G. Yates, b. 17 July 1778. He submitted a copy of his family Bible to Pension board, ref. Pension File #8719 Spots. Co., VA, Deed Book M, pg. 440 & 444.

Issue born Spotsylvania Co., VA:

1. Nancy W. Shirley, b. ca. 1783, md 1<sup>st</sup>, 27 December 1804 or 1806, Thomas Coleman, md 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11 January 1829, Francis A. Henry.
2. George Yates Shirley, b. ca. 1785, md 18 December 1807, Pamela Coleman.
3. Col. John Warfield Shirley, b. 28 December 1787, md 26 January 1809, Patsy Young, parents of nine children, only two known: Mary Ann Shirley md Edmund Walker and John Warfield Shirley md Jane Walker.
4. Polly E. Shirley, b. 3 October 1790, Spotsylvania Co., VA – d. 23 July 1836, Barren Co., KY md 27 January 1809, Edmund Rogers, b. 5 May 1762, Caroline Co., VA – d.22 August 1843, Barren Co., KY. They had a child named Lavinia Rogers.
5. Benjamin W. Shirley, b. 22 October 1797.
6. Betsey W. Shirley md 18 November 1819, Nimrod Bailey.

\***Thomas Shirley**, b. 21 March 1761, Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania Co., VA - d. at Five p.m. Monday 17 April 1820 Adair Co., KY, md 5 April 1788 Caroline Co., VA, Molly Yates, b. 17 August 1767, Caroline Co., VA – d. 16 July 1839 Adair Co., KY, daughter of Capt. George and Frances (Lewis) Yates. George Yates, 1727 was fourth George from the emigrant to MD, had a brother Dr. Michael Yates. Frances Lewis, b. 1730 Gloucester Co., VA, daughter of Col. John and Frances (Fielding) Lewis. Thomas Shirley enlisted 21 January 1777 in 8<sup>th</sup> VA Reg. 12<sup>th</sup> VA, **fought in the battle of Cowpens, SC**. His name last appears on the muster roll March 1778, Valley Forge. The family settled in Culpeper Co., VA for a while. They probably moved, with his brother John, in 1807 to Adair Co., KY. They had 60 slaves who cut a road through the forest as they traveled. He predicted Adair Co., KY had a great future and died very wealthy, ref. VA Rev. Rec. 8<sup>th</sup> VA Reg., family Bible, Henry Wright Newman, C. M. Shirley. The Civil War divided this family. Nine of his children sided with the North and two with the South.

Issue born Berkeley Parish, Spots., Co., VA or Culpeper Co., VA:

1. Martha “Patsy” Yates Shirley, b. 6 January 1789, md 17 November 1807, Barren Co., KY, Samuel Hodges
2. Paul Yates Shirley, b. 30 August 1790 – d. 16 April 1825, md 6 December 1814, Sarah Caperton Gibson, a son: Admiral Paul Shirley, b. 24 November 1824 – d. 1876, commanded Battleship “Shenandoah” in Civil War, Federal forces & he was the commander of the Constitution, “Old Ironsides”. He was in charge of laying the first trans-Atlantic cable during the Civil War.
3. \*William A. Shirley, b. 29 May 1792, Spotsylvania Co., VA – d. 25 December 1836, md 26 September 1829, Harriet H. Logan, b. 29 November 1803, d/o William Logan, (born 13 October 1767 – d. 24 July 1836) and wife Sarah Haskins.
4. Thomas W. Shirley, b. 9 February 1794, Spotsylvania Co., VA, md 28 November 1819, Patsy Montgomery. He was known for the 7 day clock that he manufactured.
5. \*Frances G. Shirley, b. 6 October 1796, Culpeper Co., VA – d. 1877 buried Marysville, Cooke Co., TX. Married 26 November 1817, Josiah C. Culp. He was born 25 August 1776, Martinsbur, Berkeley Co., WV – d. 9 September 1857, Cooper Co., MO, s/o Euriah Culp.
6. Richard Warner Shirley, b. 25 April 1798, Culpeper Co., VA md 25 November 1817, Polly Yates.
7. James Albert Shirley, b. 1 June 1800, Culpeper Co., VA md 20 April 1826, Barren Co., KY, Frances Giddings.
8. John Mason Shirley, b. 19 February 1802, Culpeper Co., VA, md 16 September 1824, Barren Co., KY, Mary Lee Pool, b. 1804.
9. \*Dr. George Yates Shirley, b. 12 March 1804, Culpeper Co., VA, md 1<sup>st</sup> 17 September 1829, Evaline Garvin in Barren Co., KY – md 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Brown.
10. Mary Ann Shirley, b. 18 December 1808, Adair Co., KY md 26 February 1824, John Snoddy. She md 2<sup>nd</sup>, Edward Turner.
11. Charles Michael Shirley, b. 15 March 1808, Adair Co., KY - d. 29 October 1872, Wilosn Co., KS, md 5 May 1829, Sarah Ann Henderson

\*William A. Shirley, b. 29 May 1792, Berkeley Parish, Spots., Co., VA – d. 25 December 1836, Barren Co., KY, md 26 September 1820, Harriet H. Logan, b. 29 November 1803, Barren Co., KY; ref. Bible Rec., KY Gen. Reg. pg. 40; Federal census 1850 Barren Co., KY.

Issue born Barren Co., KY

1. Amanda Jane Shirley, 28 September 1822, md 1 April 1845, B. F. Cockrill.
2. Mary Anderson Shirley, 22 September 1824, md 8 October 1846, W. B. Morris.
3. William Thomas Shirley, 4 September 1826 – d. 21 January 1875.
4. James Albert Shirley, 8 January 1829, md 16 February 1854, Ann M. Huggins. He md 2<sup>nd</sup>, 31 August 1857, Lucinda Huggins, b. 31 August 1827.
5. Sally Shirley, 28 January 1832, md 14 November 1852, W. S. Jourdon.
6. Nancy Shirley, 1834, md 8 December 1853, H. C. Mitchell.
7. Christopher T. Shirley, 9 May 1837 – d. 1 December 1858, Cornelia S. Garney.

\*Frances G. Shirley, b. 6 October 1796, Spots. Or Culpeper Co., VA – d. 1877, buried Marysville, Cooke Co., TX, md 26 November 1817, Josiah Chaplin Culp, Sr., b. 25 August 1776, Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV – d. 9 September 1857, Cooper Co., MO, son of Euriah Culp. Then name is also spelled Kolb and Kulp, probably from PA, ref. family Bible of Josiah C. Culp, St. Louis Advocate, 21 September 1857; cemetery inscription.

Issue born Barren Co., KY

1. Lucy Ann Culp, 30 September 1818, md Mr. Howard.
2. George Culp, 15 December 1819.
3. James M. Culp, 14 July 1821.
4. Thomas Henry Culp, 2 April 1823 – d. bachelor.
5. \*Josiah Chaplin Culp, Jr., 19 May 1825, md Mildred Field Coy.
6. John M. Culp, 2 March 1827 – d. bachelor.
7. Albert S. Culp, 18 August 1829.
8. \*William McKendree Culp, 5 December 1831, md 17 November 1861, Elizabeth M. Woods.
9. Paul Shirley Culp, 13 February 1834, md Margaret Creel, daughter, Margaret Culp McGee.
10. Martha Jane Culp, 9 August 1836, md John Hemphill.
11. Sarah Ward Culp, 18 Feb. 1839, a spinster, traveled around the horn, voyage took months. She joined her brother Henry, John and Paul Culp. She was the belle of San Francisco, spinster.

\*Josiah Chaplin Culp, Jr., b. 19 May 1825, Barren Co., KY – d. 1863 Civil War, md Mildred Field Coy, b. 1830 Cerulean Springs, KY – d. 1908 Los Vegas, NM, daughter of William and Susan (hall) Coy; ref. Wilma B. Little.

Issue born Sedalia, MO:

1. Josiah Chaplin Culp III, ca. 1851 – d. 1858.
2. Elizabeth Culp, 1853, md William Fouschee.
3. John Culp, 1858, a U. S. Marshall, killed by bandits 1997.
4. George Hart Culp, 7 September 1856 – d. 2 April 1927, md 1882, Mary Lou Savage, b. 7 December 1865, Grayson Co., TX – d. 20 January 1920, daughter of William Newton and Mary Ellen (Auston) Savage, both buried, Gainesville, TX; ref. Wilma Blewett Little.

Issue born Maryville, or Grainesville, TX:

5. \*Ora Culp, 29 September 1883, md 21 June 1904, George Edgar Blewett
6. Iva Culp, md Albert Iheisen.
7. Georgia Culp, 1886 – d. 1957, md Charles Fox Brannon
8. John Weaver Culp, 1888 – d. 1949, md Elizabeth Hennerly.
9. Lee Hart Culp, 1890 – d. 1952, md Emma Belle Pearcy.
10. Grady Henry Culp, 1892 md 1<sup>st</sup> Romania Smith, md 2<sup>nd</sup> Bess McLean Pollard.
11. Yancy Lewis Culp, 1896, md Mildred Dickerman.

\*Ora Culp, b. 29 September 1883, Maryville, Cook Co., TX md 21 June 1904 George Edgar Blewett, b. 9 February 1882, Wise Co., TX, son of George Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Skiles) Blewett.

Issue born:

1. Wilma Blewett, 7 July 1905, Gainesville, TX, md 5 August 1925 Charles Little. Children: Elizabeth Little, 17 September 1926, md 11 March 1945, Robert Dana Prall; Charles Milky Little, 16 January 1934, md 4 September 1954, Carolyn Morris and George Edgar Little, 15 April 1944.
2. Mary Elizabeth Blewett, 23 October 1906, md 1<sup>st</sup> 1935, Marion Scott, md 2<sup>nd</sup> 1950, James W. Burmell.

\*William McKendree Culp, b. 5 December 1831, Barren Co., KY – d. 11 March 1870, Hopeton, Merced Co., CA, md 17 November 1861, Cooper Co., MO, Elizabeth Missouri Woods, b. 7 April 1843, Wash. Co., MO – d. 5 May 1905, Santa Maria, CA, daughter of William Duncan Woods; ref. Lucy Culp, rec. "The San Francisco Spectator", 20 October 1870.

Issue born Grass Valley, Nevada Co., CA:

1. Frances Georgia Culp, 10 September 1862 – d. 28 December 1919, md 25 September 1883, Sterling Oliver Fesler.
2. William Woods Culp, 14 June 1864 – d. 17 June 1938, md 12 March 1910, Cora Scott Sheppard.
3. Margaret Elizabeth Culp, 31 October 1866 – d. 29 January 1949, md John Whaley.
4. Lucy Ann Culp, 26 November 1868 – d. 20 November 1936, md 30 April 1893, Henry Morris.
5. Albert McKendree, 29 December 1869 – d. 5 February 1871.

\*Dr. George Yates Shirley, b. 12 March 1804, Culpeper Co., VA, md 17 September 1829, KY, Evaline Garvin. He md 2<sup>nd</sup> at Jacksonville, IL, Emily Brown, b. Philadelphia, PA.

Issue born Jacksonville, IL:

1. Henry B. Shirley, md Susan E. Peters. Children: Lina G. Shirley, a spinster; three children died in infancy; Frank Shirley md Bernice A. Gray, b. CA. Children: Barbara G. Shirley & Howard Erle Shirley.
  2. Lina G. Shirley, died a spinster.
  3. \*Mary E. Shirley md William E. Bridges.
  4. Edwin Shirley md Anna White of Whittie Hall, IL. Children: Henry (two Evelyn, Anna) & Albert Shirley.
  5. Helen Shirley md W. G. White, brother of Anna.
- Charles Michael Shirley, b. 15 March 1808, Adair Co., KY – d. September 1872 md 5 May 1829, Sarah Ann Henderson.

Issue born:

1. Marcus Porter Shirley. There were several children but the only ones I have names for, are Mary Elizabeth Shirley of Chanute, KS, d. 22 January 1928, and Charles Michael Shirley of Orange, CA.

\*Mary E. Shirley, b. ca. 1840, Jacksonville, IL md William E. Bridges.

Issue born:

1. Helen Frances Bridges, 29 December 1874
2. Emily Shirley Bridges, 6 June 1878.
3. William Lowe Bridges, 2 July 1880
4. Edwin Bethel Bridges, 28 July 1882.
5. Mary Evaline Bridges, 9 December 1885.
6. Anna Chester Bridges, 30 September 1887.
7. George Haynes Bridges, 18 March 1891.
8. Grace Lois Bridges, 16 September 1893.

**Source:** Guilford Courthouse – Nathanael Greene’s Victory in Defeat March 15, 1781 by John Hairr.

Pg. 59 & 62: Little slowed Tarleton down, however, and his aggressive raid soon caught up with Morgan. He drove so close his men enjoyed a hastily abandoned American breakfast. Worried that the British upstart might catch him at a disadvantage, Morgan took up camp and offered him **battle at the Cowpens**, South Carolina, just twenty miles southwest of King’s Mountain. When Tarleton learned that his opponent was waiting in a piece of ground used to graze livestock, he ordered reveille blown early on January 17, 1781. By 3:00 a.m. his men were on the march in search of a victory. The battle ended at 8:00 a.m. It had taken Morgan but sixty minutes to inflict the worst defeat and British army would suffer on an American battlefield.

**Source:** Virginia County Records, Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800: Being Transcriptions, from the Original Files at the County Court House, of Wills, Deeds, Administrator’s and Guardians’ Bonds, Marriage Licenses, and Lists of Revolutionary Pensioners, edited by, William Armstrong Crozier, F. R. S. Member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Virginia Historical Society, the Topsfield Historical Society, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, etc., etc. Published for: The Genealogical Association by: Fox, Duffield & Company, New York.

Pg. 9: **HUBBARD, Thomas**, Spotsylvania Co., D. Mar. 11, 1745, p. Feb. 2, 1747. Wit. John Waller, Junr., **John Shirley**, William Pruit. Ex. Wife Christian. Leg. Son John; son Matthew, my plantation whereon I now live, and 100 acres of land being the part of my tract which joins Thomas Dillard and Daniel Pruit, after the death or marriage of my wife; son Benjamin 100 acres adjoining to John Farish; wife Christian; daughter Anne Hubbard. (Page 450).

Pg. 85: MARRIAGE LICENSES: From “An Account of Ye Governor’s Dues,” Order Book 1: 1746 – July 28, **James Anderson and Margaret Trogs**. (James Anderson, f/o William Anderson who married Catherine Shirley, d/o John & Elizabeth Shirley).

Pg. 192: Dec. 14, 1752. **Benjamin Hubbard** and Mary, his wife, of Spts. Co., to Mary Hall, widow of Robert Hall, Decd., and Robert, John, Ann, Margaret, Elizabeth and Mary, children of the sd. Robert Hall, Decd., of Carolin Co. 15 pounds curr. 100 a. in Spts Co., which was devised the sd. Benjamin by his father, Thomas Hubbard, Decd. Witnesses, Wm. Walker, John Temple (Semple?), Ambrose Foster, **John Shirley**, Jonathan Gibson. Jany. 3, 1753.

Pg. 222: June 12, 1761. **Benjamin Hubbard** of Caroline Co., Gent., and Elizabeth his wife, to Richard Brooke of Spts. Co., Gent. 50 pounds curr. Lot 53 in adj. town of Fredksbg. Witnesses, Rob Jackson, Ths. Lendrum, Jno. Harrison, **John Sherley**, John Miller, junr. Augt. 3, 1761.

Pg. 391: Sept 10, 1785. **John Shearley and Elizabeth, his wife, of Spots. Co.** to Samuel Luck of same county. 10 pounds curr. 146 a. in Spots. Co., etc., etc. Nicho. Payne, **Thomas Shirley**, Francs. Hodges. Novr. 1, 1785. **(Mentions John Shearley/Shirley & his wife of Spots. Co., Elizabeth. Mentions his son Thomas Shirley.)**.

Pg. 424: Oct. 27, 1788. **James Crawford, Senr.**, and **John Sherley, Senr.**, of Spts. Co. for "the natural love and affection they have for **John Crawford and Phebe, his wife**," of same county. Deed of Gift. 70 a. in Spts. Co. and two slaves, etc. Jno. Waller, Thos. Turner, Wm. Arnold, Thomas Hicks, **Jno. Sherley, jr.**; **James Crawford, jr.** April 7, 1789.

Pg. 440: April 5, 1791. **Jno. Shirley, Sr.**, and **Jno Shirley, jr.**, and **Frances his wife**, of Spots. Co. to James Wilson of same co. 45 pounds curr. 60 a. adj. lands of Jas. Crawford, Waller Lewis, Jona. Clark, in Spots. Co., etc., etc. No witnesses. April 5, 1791.

Pg. 447: Jany, 24, 1791. **Thomas Towles** and Mary, his wife, of Spots. Co., to **John Shirley, jr.**, of same county. 145 pounds 264 a. in Spots Co., etc., etc. Witnesses, Nicho. Payne, jas. Crawford, Jno. Coates, Benj. Waller, Thos. Shirley, Zachariah Billingsly. Decr. 6, 1791.

Pg. 467: March 20, 1794. **Henry Johnston** and Agnes, his wife, of Spots. Co. to **John Shirley** of same Co. 158 pounds 8s 280 a. adj. lands of Ambrose Smith, Jas. Smith, Elizabeth Towles, Benj. Reynolds, Waller Lewis, Jas. Gimbo, Ambrose Shackelford's Estate, **Thomas Shirley** and Waller Johnston in Spots Co., etc., etc. Thomas Towles, Peter P. Nunly, John Duerson. April 1, 1794.

Pg. 468: March 15, 1794. **John Shirley, Jr., and Frances, his wife**, of Spots. Co. to **Thomas Shirley** of same co. 158 pounds 8s. curr. 243 a. **where on sd. Jno. Shirley lives in Spots Co.**, etc., etc. Benj. Tompkins, Littleton Pharis, Wm. Aldress. July 1, 1794.

Pg. 468: Jany. 1, 1794. **Thomas Shirley and Molly, his wife**, of Spots. Co. to John Billingsley of same co. 100 pounds curr. 70 a. of land, etc., ect. Thomas Towles, Stapleton Crutchfield, Robert Branham. July 1, 1794.

**Pg. 471: DEED BOOK O, 1794 – 1797: (Shows the relationship of Catherine Shirley, d/o John Shirley, w/o William Anderson).**  
Sept. 13, 1794. **John Shirley, Senr.**, of Spots. Co. to **William Anderson** of Cumberland Co. 35 pounds 1 negro after death of sd. Shirley, etc., etc. **Jno. Shirley, jr.**; **Henry Dodd**, Jas. Crawford. Decr. 2, 1794.

(Spotsylvania Co. VA Deed Book - page 203):

#### **SHIRLEY TO ANDERSON: SPOTSYLVANIA CO. VA DEED BOOK O, pg. 203**

"Know all men by these presents that I, **John Shirley, Sen. of the County of Spotsylvania Co. VA** have this day bargained and sold to **William Anderson of Cumberland Co. VA** one negro woman named Bess for an in consideration of the sum of thirty pounds to me in hand paid by him and said Anderson which negro woman slave I am to have the use of during my life and then to be delivered to the said **William Anderson**, his heirs, executors administrators or assigns and I do hereby warrant and defend the right of the said negro woman slave against the claim or claims of any person or persons whatsoever. Given under my hand this the 13th day of September 1794.

Test: **John Shirley, Jr.**, **Henry Dodd**, James Crawford. **(his mark) John Shirley Sen**

"At a court held for Spotsylvania County December 2nd 1794 this bill of sale from John Shirley Senior to William Anderson was proved by the oath of two witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded."

Pg. 472: Decr. 31, 1794. Henry Johnson and Agnes, his wife, and **John Shirley, jr., and Frances, his wife**. Exchange of lands. Sd. Johnson conveys to sd. **Shirley, jr.**, 193 a. formerly purchased from sd. Shirley, James Wigglesworth, Sr. and Jr., etc., ect. The sd. Shirley conveys to sd. Johnson, 258 a. in Spots. Co., etc., etc. Witnesses, Thomas Towles, Richd. Shackelford, Mary Shackelford. Jany. 6, 1795.

Pg. 477: Decr. 10, 1794. Wm. Buchanan and Mary, his wife, of Spots. Co. to Charles Bennett of same co. 30 pounds 60 a. in Berkely Par., Spots. Co., etc., etc. Jos. Pulliam, Philip Young, **Jno. Shirley, jr.** July 7, 1795.

Pg. 478: Jany 12, 1795. **Jno Shirley, Senr.**, of Berkely Par., Spots. Co. to his daughter, **Dorothy Dood**, wife of **Henry Dood**. Deed of Gift. A negro girl, etc., etc. Witnesses, **Thomas Shirley**, Morady Morris, James Crawford. Sept. 1, 1795.

Pg. 480: Decr. 1, 1795. **Thomas Shirley and Polly, his wife**, of Spots. Co. to Samuel Maxley of same co. 36 pounds 108 a., part of a tract conveyed to sd. Shirley by James Arnold, etc., etc. Decr. 1, 1795.

Pg. 489: Jany. 17, 1796. **John Shilry and Frances, his wife**, of Spots. Co. to Thomas Dillard of same co. 40 pounds curr. 115 a. in Spots. Co., etc., etc. Henry Dodd, Sarah Morriss, Mary Word. Feby. 7, 1797.

Pg. 491: March 30, 1797. **John Crawford and Phebe, his wife**, of Spots. Co. to Thomas Mallery of Louisa Co. 70 pounds curr. 80 a. in Spots Co., etc., etc. Wm. Davenport, Benj. Tompkins, Richd. Carlton, **Jas. Crawford, jr.**; Thos. Dillard, Senr.; **Jas. Crawford, Senr.** April 4, 1797.

[VIRGINIA REVOLUTIONARY PUBLIC CLAIMS, VOLUME III](#), compiled and transcribed by Janice L. Abercrombie and Richard Slatten, Iberian Publishing Company, Athens, Georgia.

Pg. 717: (pg. 3) John Shirley for pr. Cart wheels for carrying cannon 1-16-1797 £

Pg. 855: (pg. 5) John Shirley Oct. 250# beef 2-1-8 £

Pg. 856: (pg. 6) John Shirley June 300# beef 2-10 £

Spotsylvania County Virginia

(Formed in 1720 from Essex, King and Queen and King William Counties).

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DEED BOOK J 1774-1782

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Nov. 17, 1781. **Wm. Dillard** of North Carolina, to **Thomas Dillard** of Spts. Co., Va. #35 specie curr. 100 a. in Spts. Co., bequeathed sd. Wm. Dillard by the last will and testament of his father, Thomas Dillard, decd., and **adjoins lands of** Capt. Nicho. Payne, Jno. Shirley, Jas. Crawford, James Humphreys, Richd. Dillard, and sd. Thomas Dillard. Witnesses, Elisha Dismukes, **Jas. Crawford, Sr.**; **John Shirley**, Moses Morris. April 18, 1782. **(This Deed is dated 18 April 1782....shows the residence of John Shirley, Revolutionary War period).**

[Tax Payers, 1782 - 1787](#)

John Shirley – **(This Tax List shows the residence of John Shirley Sr. during the Revolutionary War period).**

John Shirley Jr. **(This Tax List shows the residence of John Shirley Jr. during the Revolutionary War period).**

Thomas Shirley **(This Tax List shows the residence of Thomas Shirley during the Revolutionary War period).**

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Feb 20, 1783, Richard Dillard of Spots. Co., and Susannah, his wife, to James Hicks of Caroline Co., 150 pounds currency, 150 acres in Spots. Co., whereon Thomas Dillard, deceased lived, etc...Wit: THOMAS SHEARLEY, JOHN SHEARLY, and Joel May.

[Deed book K page 391](#)

Mar 27, 1788 JOHN SHIRLEY SR. to JOHN SHIRLEY JR. both of Spots. Co. 50 pounds currency, 191 acres in Spots. Co., etc... wit; THOMAS SHIRLEY, Christopher Crawford, Dorothy Dodd, and Thomas Turner.

[Deed book M page 424](#)

Oct 27, 1788, James Crawford Sr. and JOHN SHERLEY, SR. of Spots. Co. , for the natural love and affection they have for John Crawford and Phebe, his wife, of same county, deed of gift, 70 acres in Spots. Co., and two slaves, etc. Wit: John Waller, Thomas Turner, William Arnold, Thomas Hicks, JOHN SHIRLEY, JR. and James Crawford Jr.

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Jany. 24, 1791. Thomas Towles and Mary, his wife, of Spots. Co.. to John Shirley, jr., of same county. #145. 264 a. in Spots. Co., etc., etc. Witnesses, Nicho. Payne, Jas. Crawford, Jno. Coates, Benj. Waller, Thos. Shirley, Zachariah Billingsly. Decr. 6, 1791.

[Deed book 1791-94 page 440](#)

April 5, 1791, JOHN SHEARLEY, SR. and JOHN SHEARLEY. JR., and Frances, his wife, of Spots. Co., to James Wilson of same county, 45 pounds currency, 60 acres adjoining Jams Crawford, Waller Lewis, Jona Clark, in Spots. Co., etc... No witnesses.

[Deed book 1791-94 page 444](#)

May 10, 1791, JOHN SHIRLEY, JR. and Frances, his wife, of Spots Co. to Jonathon Clark of same county, 105 pounds currency, 120 acres in Spots. Co., conveyed to said JOHN SHIRLEY, SR. etc...wit: Thomas Turner, Edmund Clark, James Wilson, JOHN SHIRLEY, SR., William Arnold.

[Will book E page 50, Spots. Co. VA](#)

Jan 4, 1792, William Smith, Berkeley Parish, Spots. Co., deceased, Leg. son Oswald Smith and his daughter, Elizabeth Smith; son John Smith and daughter Franky Stubblefield; her husband Col. Harry Stubblefield, and my granddaughter, Catherine Stubblefield, son James Smith, daughter Diana Walker, her husband, James Walker, and their daughter, Polly Walker, daughter Mary Stevens and her husband, John Stevens, and their daughter Ann Smith Stevens, daughter Lucy Smith. Wit: Reuben Massey, Charles Carter, Edward Massey, THOMAS SHIRLEY and Richard Long.

**1792...In a [letter written by Miss Polly Davis](#) to her brother Thomas Davis in Woodford Co. KY, she mentions that there had been an epidemic of dysentery that had taken the lives of several including JOHN SHIRLEY.**

To Mr. Thomas Davis, Woodford County Kentucky

Broadfield, Spotsylvania Virginia November 6th 1792

Dear Brother and Sister,

I received your letter of Aug't 2 which gave me the agreeabel account of yourselves and family's health which I pray God may long continue you. We have lost so many of our Dear Ones in the past five years. Our Dear Mother, bro. Benj'n, little Carter and bro. James. As for myself I thank providence I am in Perfect Health. I had great thought of going out to you in the summer when Mr. Allen's family set out to Kentucky, but my heart faild me and I went over into Stafford and Westmoreland for a month. I stayed 2 weaks in Westmorland at Uncle William Smith's and a day and night with Cousen John And Elizabeth Davis. Cousin John is a bad manager and they had to sell most of the land and all the black people but 8....Grandfather Joseph Carter died in the Spring two years before I was born, that would make it April or May 1751. Grandma Carter you remember. As soon as I can I will go to see Uncle John Carter and Uncle Robert and see if they can give me the Carter record. I think Uncle John use to have the old Bible of mother's grandfather old Major Thomas Carter of Lancaster....Tel Mam' Dora, Rachel and Dick have a fine boy and they call him George Washington. We have had a number of Deaths in the last three months of a Fever and dissentery. Mr. Duvall, Mrs Nich'o Hawkins, [JOHN SHIRLEY](#), Peter Linn and a lot of blacks. We made a pore Crop Tobo. this year, the corp of corn is pretty good. Money seems harder to get hold of than during the War. The people are all stirdup over old John Bagwel whipping his black Wench nearly to death. Such a black hearted rascal oughn't be allowed to have black people. Mr. Wyatt told me the poor things back was cut up like a piece of raw meat. Pray present my compliments to Mr. Allen's Family when you see them. I must confess Id be heartily glad to see you Bro. Tom over here next Summer if I do not set out to Kentucky. god keep and Prosper all of you.

Affect'ly y'r Sister, Polly

Jan 29, 1793, James Arnold and Nancy, his wife, of spots. Co., to THOMAS SHIRLEY, of same county, 22 pounds 8 shillings currency, 108n acres, part of tract conveyed by John Arnold to the said James in Spots. Co etc... Wit: John C. Waller, Clement Boroughs, James Wigglesworth Sr., James Sams and Phillip Young.

Jan 1, 1794 THOMAS SHERLEY and Molly, his wife, of Spots. Co., to John Billingsley of same county, 100 pounds currency, 70 acres of land, etc.... Wit: Thomas Towles, Stapleton Crutchfield, and Robert Branham. ref: Deed book N page 468

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Mar 15, 1794, JOHN SHIRLEY, JR. and Frances, his wife, of Spots. Co., to THOMAS SHIRLEY of same county. 158 pounds 8 shillings currency, 243 acres whereon said JOHN SHIRLEY lives in Spots. Co., etc... Wit: Benjamin Tompkins, Littleton Pharis and William Aldress.

[Deed book 1791-1794 page 467](#)

Mar 20, 1794, Jams Wigglesworth Sr. and his wife, Mary, James Wigglesworth Jr. and his wife, and JOHN SHIRLEY and Frances, his wife, to Henry Johnston. Whereas the Wigglesworth sold to the said SHIRLEY, 193 acres in Spots. Co. and before conveyance there of the said SHIRLEY sold the same to Johnston. This ind. wit: the said Wigglesworth in consideration of 144 pounds 15 shillings currency, to them paid by said SHIRLEY and said SHIRLEY in consideration of 144 pounds 15 shillings to him paid by the said Johnston, they convey the said land to him the said Johnston, etc... Wit: Thomas Towles, P.O. Nunly, and John Duerson.

[Deed book page 471](#)

Sept 13, 1794, JOHN SHIRLEY SR of Spots. Co. to William Anderson of Cumberland co. 35 pounds, 1 Negro after death of said Shirley, etc... wit: JOHN SHIRLEY JR., Henry Dodd, James Crawford.

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Dec 31, 1794, Henry Johnson and Agnes, his wife, and JOHN SHIRLEY JR. and his wife Frances, exchange of lands. Said Johnson conveys to said SHIRLEY JR. 193 acres formerly purchased from said SHIRLEY, James Wiglesworth Sr. and Jr. etc... The said SHIRLEY conveys to said Johnson, 258 acres in Spots. Co., etc... wit: Thomas Towles, Richard Shackelford and Mary Shackelford.

Deeds 1794-1797

Jan. 12, 1795 JOHN SHIRLEY SR. of Berkeley Parish, Spots. Co., to his daughter, Dorothy Dodd, deed of gift, a Negro girl, et. Wit: THOMAS SHIRLEY, Morady Morris and James Crawford.

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Dec 1, 1795 THOMAS SHIRLEY and Polly, his wife, of Spots. Co., to Samuel Maxley of same county, 36 pounds currency, 108 acres part of a tract conveyed to said SHIRLEY by James Arnold, etc...

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Jan 17, 1796 JOHN SHIRLEY and Frances, his wife, of Spots. Co., to Thomas Dillard of same county, 40 pounds currency, 115 acres in Spots, Co., etc... wit: Henry Dodd, Sarah Morris and Mary Ward.

Will book E page 52

April 24, 1797 John Crawfords Will...Leg. sons John, James and William; daughters Elizabeth, Nancy and Polly; etc.. wife Phebe. Wit: Benjamin Mason, Joseph Crawford, Garland Lively and Martin Colton., Ex. my father James Crawford, my wife, Phebe, and THOMAS SHIRLEY.

1798 Dwelling tax, Spots. Co., VA: Owner: John Shirley Occupant: John Shirley; Acres: 193; Situation: Near east north east;out houses/appurtenant: 0

Value per acre: 2.5;Value: 482.5; owner of 1 slave in Berkley Parish (less than 12 years old or over 50 years old)

Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia Book J, pg. 404:October 1, 1834

This Indenture made this 1st day of October 1834 Between William L. CHANDLER and Adeline his wife of the one part, and Uriah H. BRADSHAW of the other part, Witnesseth that the said William L. CHANDLER and Adeline his Wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Four hundred dollars, to him secured to be paid by the said Uriah H. BRADSHAW, have given, granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents, do give, grant, bargain and sell unto the said Uriah H. BRADSHAW, a part of a lot in Fredericksburg, known and designated upon the map or plan of the said town of Fredericksburg as No. 89, and bounded as follows, towit; Beginning at the corner of **Thomas SHIRLEY's** line in Caroline Street, and running thence down said street, twenty seven feet, six inches, to the corner of HENDERSON's line, thence back along HENDERSON's line back along Princess Anne Street one hundred twenty three feet, six inches, thence towards Hawke Street, parallel with Caroline Street, twenty seven feet, six inches, to said **SHIRLEY's** line, thence one hundred and twenty three feet six inches along **SHIRLEY's** line to the beginning - which said piece or parcel of ground was purchased by P. CHANDLER of Beverley R. WELLFORD as will appear by a reference to a deed dated May 5, 1834 - To have and to hold the property hereby Conveyed, and its appurtenances to the Said William H. BRADSHAW {this is the way it's written}, his heirs and assigns forever, for his, and their only proper use and ?? forever - And the said William L. CHANDLER and Adeline his Wife, for themselves and their heirs, hereby Covenant with the said Uriah H. BRADSHAW, his heirs & assigns against the claims and demands of themselves and their heirs, and against all persons claiming by or through them, but against the claim or claims of no other person or persons whatsoever - and it is distinctly understood, by and between the parties hereto, that the said CHANDLER & Wife, do hereby convey only such title as they ?devise? to the said lot under the said deed from the said Beverley R. WELLFORD, and are in no event to be held liable for any defect of title. In Testimony Whereof the parties to these presents, have hereunto set their hands and Seals the day and year first herein written.

William L. CHANDLER

Adeline CHANDLER

Source: Love Letters Volume I, by Jolee Love:

Pg. 1: Introduction: LOVE LETTERS is an effort to show relationships among the Love families and their collateral lines; it is a sequel to LOVE'S VALLEY, published in 1954. It is our hope that a third volume may be published, and the readers are requested to send data and photographs to Jolee Love, 3900 Woodmont Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee 37215. Contributors to this book will be recognized as quotations from their works are made throughout the text.

**Pg. 158: John and Elizabeth Shirley were the parents of Catherine Shirley. John Shirley Jr. was a Revolutionary soldier.**

**Source:** DAR Supplemental #243057 – John Shirley Jr. place of residence during the Revolution was Spotsylvania Co., VA. John Shirley born on April 1760, Spotsylvania Co., VA – died on 12 March 1840, Adair Co., KY md 25 November 1782, Spotsylvania Co., VA Frances Yates born ca. 1759, Spotsylvania Co., VA – died on 22 September 1843, Adair Co., KY. They had a daughter named Polly E. Shirley, b. 3

October 1790, Spotsylvania Co., VA – d. 23 July 1836, Barren Co., KY md 27 January 1809, Edmund Rogers, b. 5 May 1762, Caroline Co., VA – d.22 August 1843, Barren Co., KY. They had a child named Lavinia Rogers.

JOHN SHIRLEY JR. PENSION  
s/o John Shirley Sr. & Elizabeth  
md Frances Yates

DAR PATRIOT INDEX:

**SHIRLEY , John** Birth: [VA](#) 4- -1760 Rank: [Pvt](#) Service: [VA](#) Death: [KY](#) 12 Mar 1840 Patriot Pensioned: Yes Widow Pensioned: No Children Pensioned: No Heirs Pensioned: No Spouse: (1) Frances Yates

REVOLUTIONARY WAR IMAGE:

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE:

Series: M805 – Roll: 735 – Image: 96 – File: W8719 – Page: 1 of 11.

JOHN SHIRLEY: W 8719

Service: VA

Married to Frances Yates

30776: Kentucky:

John Shirley of Adair Co. in the State of Kentucky who was a private in the company commanded by Captain \_\_\_\_\_ of the regt. Commanded by Col. Stubblefield in the Virginia Milit. him for six months.

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky at the rate of 20 Dollars - - Cents per annum to commence of the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension \_\_\_\_ the 27 day of July 1836 and sent to William Owens \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1836 \_\_\_\_100

\_\_\_\_allowance ending 4 Sept

Paid the \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF KENTUCKY, ADAIR COUNTY:

September 1843 personally (sic) appeared before me John H Taylor an acting Justice of the peace in & for the county & state aforesaid Frances Shirley a resident of said county aged eighty four years and who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress past (sic) the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widdows (sic) to wit that she is the widdow (sic) of John Shirley who was a soldier in the war of the revolution & said thinks belonged to the Virginia state troops and who on account of his service as said soldier in said war in said line received a Pension of \$20 for award and to the evidence composing the matter of the application of her said husband for said Pension she refers for such particulars as are \_\_\_\_ in the investigation of her claim. She further declares that she has no Documentary evidence in further support of her claim nor dos (sic) she know of any person now living by whom she can prove her marriage. She further declares that she was married to the said John Shirley on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of November seventeen hundred & eighty two and that her said Husband John Shirley Died on the 12 Day of March 1840. That she was not married to the said John Shirley previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place prior to the first day of January 1794 which was at the time above stated & that she has never since the death of her said Husband \_\_\_\_ married but sill continues his widdow (sic) sworn to and subscribed on the day & year aforesaid before me John H Taylor

Her mark: Frances Shirley

I the forgoing subscribing Justice do hear by certify that I have been well acquainted with & neighbors to the above named John Shirley & Frances his wife & large & respectable family of children I have known them as man & wife for more than twenty years. I knew the said John Shirley to be a pentioner (sic) as above stated & that he died as above stated and the said John Shirley & Frances his wife was honorable & there statements should have full force & credit (sic) I also certify that the said Declarant (sic) is not only unable to appear in open court by reason of age & ability & is sick at this time & is still his unmarried widdow.

Signed: John H Taylor

FAMILY RECORD:

John Shirley and Frances Yates was married November 25<sup>th</sup> AD 1752

Thomas .....CONTINUE THIS RECORD.....

STATE OF KENTUCKY, ADAIR COUNTY COURT 1<sup>st</sup> December Term 1832 on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1832 personally (sic) appears in open court before the worshipful Justices of the County Court for Adair County State of Kentucky now sitting John Shirley aged 72 years last April who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress this 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 that in the latter part of the year 1775 or the early part of 1776 he enlisted in the Marine Service of the united states under Capt Gabriel Jones 1<sup>st</sup> Leut. John Kemp 2<sup>nd</sup> Leut. Peter Stubblefield he enlisted as of in the County of Culpepper state of Virginia marched on immediately to Hobs hole where he went on Board a vessel called and known by the name of Venture from whence he sailed out \_\_\_\_ upon various parts of the Ocean he continued in Constant Service for the ful (sic) term of his enlistment & was Honorably discharged at Hobs hole Virginia by his Capt as soon as he was discharged he immediately enlisted under Capt John Kemp for one year Peter Stub \_\_\_\_ Leut. he marched from Hobs hole when he enlisted to Culpepper County Virginia for the purpose of completing the company there he was kept in service four months then he was marched on to join the main army went on to his fathers in Spotsylvania County Virginia when his father prevailed upon him to stay at home and permit him his said Father to hire a substitute in this applicants place he was a boy and disposed to his fathers request \_\_\_\_ whereupon his father hired James Kemp who was accepted in lew (sic) of this applicant & his Capt then permitted him to remain at home he was afterwards drafted. drafted for three months and entered the service as a private soldier he does not recollect the year but it was the year of \_\_\_\_ defeat in which Battle this applicant was in from Beginning to end and served out his full term here again discharged he was again drafted for three months in the year 1781 and entered the service under Capt Sanders was marched on to Little York at the surrender of Corn Wallis before he reached York was at various points on his way he served his full term for which he was drafted & was discharged. He has lost or mislaid all his discharges so that he does not know where they are he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his services he was Born in Spotsylvania County Virginia he remained in Virginia until the year 1807 when he moved to and settled in the County of Adair State of Kentucky where he now lives he has no register of his Birth but from the information of his parents he was Born in the month of April 1760. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state sworn to and subscribes the Day & year of (blank).

Signed: John Shirley

We John C Estes & George Yates Shirley residents of the County of Adair State of Kentucky hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Shirley who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 72 years of age that he is reputed and believed in this neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and we concur in that opinion sworn to and subscribed the day & year of (blank).

Signed:  
John C Estes  
George Yates Shirley

REV. WAR SECTION:  
21 June 1923  
Mr. Chas. M. Shirley  
104 West Main St., Chanute, Kansas

Sir;

In addition to the military history of the Revolutionary War pensioner, John Shirley, W. 8719, the following data is furnished you: They had six children – Family record shows, John W. Shirley, born Dec. 28, 1787, married Patsey Young Jan. 26, 1809; Benjamin W. Shirley born Oct. 22, 1797; Nancy W. Shirley married Thomas Coleman Dec. 27, 1808 or 1806; George Y. Shirley married Pamela Coleman Dec. 18, 1807; Polley E. Shirely married Edmund Rogers Jan. 27, 1809; Betsey W. Shirley married Nimrod Bailey Nov. 18, 1819; Nancy Shirley married Francis A. Henry Jan. 11, 1829

The Revolutionary War records of this Bureau fail to afford any information in regard to a Thomas Shirley, who was born in Virginia and later moved to Kentucky.

Respectfully, Commissioner

DAR PATRIOT INDEX:

**SHIRLEY, Thomas** Birth: VA 21 Mar 1761 Rank: Pvt Service: VA Death: KY 17 Apr 1820 Patriot Pensioned: No Widow Pensioned: No Children Pensioned: No Heirs Pensioned: No Spouse: (1) Mollie Yates

**Source:** DAR Application #632804 & #554410:

Thomas Shirley, Rev'l War: Enlisted 21 January 1777 in the 8<sup>th</sup> VA Reg. 12 VA & fought in Cowpens, SC battle:

**Thomas Shirley** was a Private in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman. He enlisted Jan 21, 1777 and fought in the battle of Cowpens, South Carolina. His name last appears on the muster roll March 1778, Valley Forge.

About 1805 Thomas prepared to move to Kentucky. He took 60 of his best slaves to cut a road through the forest.

The Civil War divided this family. Nine of his children sided with the North and two with the South.

**[The Will of Catharine Anderson - Will Book 9 page 84: Circuit Court, Cumberland County, Virginia](#)**

In the name of God Amen I **Catharine Anderson of the county of Cumberland** tho weak in body yet perfect in mind doth make this my last will & testament to wit. I give unto **my son Sherley Anderson** one feather bed & furniture which he has now in possession to have and to hold forever. I give also to **my son Sherley Anderson** two thirds of all of my property, consisting of bed & furniture household and kitchen utensils stock of every discription, horse or horses cown oxens hogs and sheap, plantation tools and ox carts, to have and to hold forever two thirds of each and every article specified. Secondly I give unto **my son Caleb Anderson** one feather bed and furniture which he has now in possession to have and to hold forever. I give also to **my son Caleb Anderson** the remaining third of my property mentioned above consisting of beds & furniture house hold and kitchen utensils stock of every description horse or horses cows oxens hogs and sheap plantation tools and ox carts, to have and to hold forever one third of the above specified property. Thirdly I give unto my **son Sherley Anderson** all of the crops of every discription which may be found on my plantation, corn, tobacco, wheat, oats, cotton fodder shucks and straw, and also all of the growing crop be it what it may that may be found on my plantation after my death, to have and to hold forever. I also give unto **Sherley Anderson my son** the hire of my negro man Albert to have and to hold forever. Finally I give unto **my son Shirley** the nett proceeds(after a sufficiency for my support) of all that have been made on my plantation during the time that he has been manager for me & also all that he may make clear of my support by the production of my farm or by the hire of my negroes as long as I may live to have and to hold forever. I appoint **my son Sherley Anderson** my only executor. Given under my hand and seal this the sixth day of March eighteen hundred and thirty. (her mark) **Catharine Anderson** (seal)

Test

**Zachariah Talley**

**William D. Talley**

William Minter

At a Court held for Cumberland County the 28th day of October 1833.

This last will and testament of **Catharine Anderson** dec'd was presented in court and proved by the oaths of **Zachariah Talley** and **William D. Talley** two witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And at a Court held for said County the 25th day of November 1833. On the motion of **Zack Tally** adm'n is granted him on the Estate of **Catharine Anderson** doc'd thereupon he with Joseph Fuqua his security entered into & acknowledged their bond for the purpose in the penalty of Five hundred Dollars conditioned according to law and took the oath required by law. **Shirly Anderson** the Exor named in said will in open Court refusing to qualify.

Teste:

Miller Woodson, C.

A Copy

Teste:

Circuit Court, Cumberland County , Virginia.

**[Cumberland County, VA County Court: 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1805.](#)**

The Answer of **Catherine Anderson widow of Wm Anderson** to \_\_\_\_\_ against her and others in the County Court of Cumberland by **Jackey Tally and Elizabeth his wife which Elizabeth was daughter of said Wm Anderson deceased.**

This defendant saving to herself all benefit of Exceptions to the said \_\_\_\_\_, For answer thereto saith That she hath no objection to a settlement & division of the Estate both real & personal of the said Wm Anderson deceased between The Plaintiffs of the other representatives of said Deceadant and that an account of the same be made according to the prayer of the said Bill. **That the land whereon this deft now lives she claims for life under the Will of her deceased Husband's father James Anderson** that as to any other real Estate of said deceadant she hath no objection to its division with the personal Estate allowing for Dower according to the act of assembly regulating the distribution of Intestates Estates.

This defendant denies all fraud and prays to be \_\_\_\_\_ with her reasonable cost.

The above sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cumberland this 28<sup>th</sup> October 1805.

W.W.

[Circuit Court of Cumberland County, VA Estate of William Anderson Will Book 9 page 337](#)

Dr **The Estate of William Anderson** Dec'd with Nez Ford the admr Cr

To paid Clerk Cumberland tickett \$ 1.00

“paid Land Tax for 1834 .80

“paid Shff. Cumberland serving 14 Sup 8.40  
in Chancery

“paid Geo H Matthew attorney fee in  
Chancy for drawing bill &c for sale and  
division of Estate 10.00

“paid Clerk Cumberland fee a/c 5.00

“Coms in amount of Credits @ 5 p cent 59.73  
84.93

Balance in the hands of the admr. subject 1109.68  
to division amongst the legatees 1194.61

To Joel Anderson 1/10 of \$1109.68 110.96 1/2

“Thomas Anderson Do 110.96 1/2

“Garland Anderson Do 110.96 1/2

“Jno. Anderson Do 110.96 1/2

“**Shirley Anderson** Do 110.96 1/2

“Caleb Anderson Do 110.96 1/2

“Sally Robinson formerly Sally Anderson 110.96 1/2

“James Meador in right of his wife Fanny 110.96 1/2  
late Fanny Anderson

“**Jackey Talley in right of his deceased 110.96 1/2  
wife Elizabeth late Elizabeth Anderson**

“William Rebecca, Catharine & Henrietta

Anderson in right of there dec'd father

William Anderson in equal portions that is  
to Wm Anderson \$27.74

" Rebecca Anderson 27.74

" Catharine Anderson 27.74

“ Henrietta Anderson 27.74 110.96 ½ 1109.64 ½

Cr.

By sale of houshold furniture & c \$ 29.14

“ hire of negros this year pble 25 Decr. 113.80

“Rent of land this year 70.50

“Rent of land for the year 1835 59.75

Off 6 p cent to make \_\_\_ due 3.58

56.17 269.61

Sale of Slaves under a decres of the County

Court of Cumberland by Hez Ford, Commr. For  
the purpose of Division that is

To Joel Anderson Tom about 46 years old 300.00

“Elix Phillips Albert about 26 yrs old 615.00

“Shirley Anderson Lizzy about 50 years

old and very infirm 10.00 925.00

\$1194.61

By balance pr. debit \$1109.68

Cumberland County to wit

The above account presents a true statement of the personal Estate of William Anderson Dec'd which is divided as above stated And as directed by the County Court of Cumberland. Hez Ford admr. & Commissioner Cumberland County Decr. 25th 1834. Sale of the real estate of William Anderson by Hez Ford Commissioner appointed by Decree of the County Court of Cumberland, to sell and divide that is To John Anderson, one

tract of land supposed to contain 125 acres more or less upon A credit of 12 months for the Round Sum of \$506.00.

Commissions for selling off 25.30

Neet amount for division \$480.70

To Joel Anderson 1/10 \$48.07  
"Thos Anderson 1/10 48.07  
"Garland Anderson 1/10 48.07  
"John Anderson 1/10 48.07  
"Shirley Anderson 1/10 48.07  
"Caleb Anderson 1/10 48.07

Estate of William Anderson, cont.

**To the children of William Anderson** in right Of there Dec'd father that is 1/10

To William Anderson \$12. 1 3/4  
"Rebecca Anderson 12. 1 3/4  
"Catharine Anderson 12. 1 3/4  
"Henrietta Anderson 12. 1 3/4

**To the Children of Elizabeth Talley Dec'd Formerly Anderson and late wife of Jackey Talley** that is

To William A. Talley \$6.0 7/8  
"Zachariah Talley 6.0 7/8  
"John P. Talley 6.0 7/8  
"Nelson Talley 6.0 7/8  
"Sarah Talley 6.0 7/8  
"Eliz. Talley 6.0 7/8  
"James Anderson & Frances his wife 6.0 7/8  
"Jonas Robertson & Nancy his wife 6.0 7/8  
48.07

To Salley Robertson late Sally Anderson 48.07

To James Meador and Fanny his wife 48.07

\$480.70

The above statement presents the sale of the Real Estate of William Anderson Dec'd and division amongst the legatees as Ordered and decreed by the County Court of Cumberland by Hez Ford Commr.

Cumberland County To wit.

We the undersigned Legatees of the Estate of William Anderson Dec'd having examined the foregoing a/c of Hez Ford as admr. of Said Estate and also as Comr. Under a Decree of the County Court Of Cumberland for the purpose of making sale and dividing the Estate both real and personal, say that the sales has been made at our instance and in our presence, and that the same was correctly made, and that the preceeding accounts and divisions all in accordance with the decrees aforesaid, and we do further hereby acknowledge the receipt of our full portions of said

Estate made to each of us by said Hez Ford as admr, and commr. Aforesaid that is to say, of the personal estate, the sum of One Hundred and 10 dollars and 96 ½ cents and of the landed or real estate the sum of \$48.07.

Given under our hands this 7th day of Jany. 1835.

Joel Anderson  
Tommas (Frances Marion) Anderson  
Garland Anderson  
Caleb Anderson  
Shurley Anderson  
Jackey Anderson  
Sally Roberson  
John Anderson  
Witness  
Sam'l Hix  
Miller Woodson as to C Anderson  
Creed Haskins as to Shurley Anderson  
Also as to Jackey Talley also as to  
Sally Robertson

At a Court held for Cumberland County the 22nd day of August 1836 This Receipt from Joel Anderson attorney for Thomas Anderson & c To Hez Ford was proved by Sam'l Hix a witness thereto as to Joel Anderson attorney for &c and by Miller Woodson as to Caleb

Anderson and in the Clerks office of said county on the 23d day Of August 1836. This receipt was further proved by Creed Haskins as to **Jackey Talley Shurley Anderson** Sally Robertson & John Anderson and admitted to record. And also a Report and Division Of Estate of William Anderson Dec'd was presented in Court and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste: Tho F. Womack D.C.C.

Circuit Court of Cumberland County, VA

**Source: 1798 Direct Tax, List 2c: Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia:**

A Particular list of all lands, lots, buildings and Wharves, owned possessed, or occupied on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of October 1798, in the Parish of Berkely being within the Spotsylvania Assessment District in the State of Virginia, excepting only such Dwelling Houses as with the out-house appurtenant therto, and the lots which the same are erected, not exceeding two Acres in any case are above the value of one hundred Dollars.

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Name of Occupant</u>	<u>Quantity of Lane in Acres</u>	<u>Situation</u>
#167: <b>Shirley, John</b>	<b>Shirley, John</b>	193	Near East North East

  

<u>Out Houses Appurtenant</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Covering</u>	<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Exempted</u>	<u>Price per Acre</u>	<u>Valuation of Asst Assessor</u>
0	blank	blank	blank	blank	2.5	482.5

**Notes:**

1. It's most likely that **William Anderson & Catherine** were raised & married in Berkley Parish of Spotsylvania Co., VA because her siblings were.
2. **Catherine** was not a witness to any of the legal documents probably because by that time she had married William Anderson and was old enough not to be included. I came across instances during this period & place which indicate that is a grown child had left home, they were for all practical purposes forgotten & left out of wills ect...
3. **John Shirley Jr.** and **Thomas Shirley** moved to Adair Co., KY in 1807.
4. **Shirley Anderson**, s/o William Anderson & Catherine Shirley. He died 4 August 1867, Cumberland Co., VA, md 1<sup>st</sup>, 29 November 1820, Cumberland Co., VA, Elizabeth Anderson – md 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Oslin (Orslin).

INTRODUCTION TO THE EMBREY GRANTOR INDEX FOR FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

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HISTORICAL

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In 1634 the Colony of Virginia was divided into eight Shires, which are to be governed as the Shires in England. The names of the Shires were JAMES CITY, HENRICO, CHARLES CITY, ELIZABETH CITY, WARWICK RIVER, WARROSQUYOAKE, CHARLES RIVER, and ACCOWMACK. (1 Hen 224)

GLOUCESTER and LANCASTER Counties first appear in 1 Hening's Statutes page 371, April 26, 1652. Their bounds are not given.

RAPPAHANNOCK County was formed from the upper part of LANCASTER County in December 1656 (1 Hen 427)

In April 1692 in the fourth year of the reign of William and Mary, RAPPAHANNOCK County was divided, that on the Northside of the RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER to be known as RICHMOND County, and that part on the Southside of the River to be known as ESSEX County, and the records of RAPPAHANNOCK County were ordered to be transferred to ESSEX County. (3 Hen 104)

**SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY was formed from ESSEX, KING WILLIAM and KING & QUEEN Counties in 1720. (4 Hen 7)**

**This new County of SPOTSYLVANIA extended "westward to the river beyond the mountains," which is generally believed to refer to the Shenandoah River.**

ORANGE COUNTY was formed from SPOTSYLVANIA in 1734. (4 Hen 450)

By Patent dated May 2, 1671, Patent Book 6, page 343 in the Land Office of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, a tract of land was granted unto Mr. John Buckner and Mr. Thomas Royston for two thousand acres "in the County of Rappa. on the Southside of the River in the Freshes," the said two thousand acres bounded as follows:

"Beginning at marked four branch pine the uppermost corner tree of devident of land surveyed for Mr. Laurence Smith and bounded on the same S W by S 2 degrees and W 1000 pole, thence N W 320 poles & thence N E by norley 2 degrees and E 1000 pole to the River, and finally by the River side according to its several courses to the first mentioned station."

In February 1727, (4 Hen page 234) an Act was passed for "erecting" the TOWN OF FREDERICKSBURG, and in the Act it was provided that John Robinson, Henry Willis, Augustine Smith, John Taliaferro, Harry Beverly, John Waller, and Jeremiah Clowder, Trustees, should lay out the Town from the fifty acres, parcel of the land belonging to John Royston and Robert Buckner, known as the Lease Land into half acre lots, etc.

This original Town embraced lots 1-64, both inclusive, and later, by an Act of February 1757 the Town was enlarged and extended 92 poles up the river from Lewis Street, and 120 poles down the river from Wolfe Street, and 48 poles on the back line of the Town, "to be bound by parallel lines run from the said river at the extremity of the said additional upper and lower number of poles, and another line run parallel to the back line of the said Town." (7 Hen 314)

After the Revolution the Town limits were extended to the present limits.

#### PERIOD COVERED BY THIS INDEX

It has been the aim that this Index, as to property within the present limits of Fredericksburg, should cover the period from the beginning of the Town in 1727 down to January 1, 1920, and with this in view, deeds recorded at Spotsylvania, when conveying Fredericksburg property, have been abstracted and shown herein. In each instance the words "Recd Spots" are at the end of the description under the column headed "PROPERTY", and the Index is brought down through DEED BOOK 52, page 257, and WILL BOOK J, page 404, in the FREDERICKSBURG Clerk's Office.

#### RECORDS

The Spotsylvania Records Indexed are indicated by the "Recd Spots" as stated above.

The DISTRICT COURT, April 29, 1798-October 15, 1806 and the Superior Court April 29, 1807-October 21, 1811 were contemporary with the Hustings Court and deeds recorded in the DISTRICT and SUPERIOR Courts through their books A to F are indicated by "DC" in the column under "PROPERTY". These come first and are followed by the Hustings Court April 15, 1782-August 9, 1850 and the Corporation Court September 13, 1860 current DEED and WILL Books, in regular sequence, with the Spotsylvania references interspersed chronologically, among the Hustings and Corporation Court records.

The District Court used one Will Book, which is referred to as "W-DC". The Old Circuit Court of Fredericksburg used one Will Book, which is referred to as "WA-CIR".

The HUSTINGS COURT and CORPORATION COURT DEED BOOKS begin with "A" and run through "Z", then "AA" through "OO", and following "OO", by Court Order, took numerical sequence beginning with #48.

The HUSTINGS COURT and CORPORATION COURT WILL BOOKS begin with "A" and run down in alphabetic order.

The HUSTINGS COURT was succeeded by the CORPORATION COURT, but no change was made in the designation of the books.

#### CHRONOLOGY

Attention is called to the early chronology. In England from the 14<sup>th</sup> Century until the Change of Style in 1752, the Legal and Ecclesiastical year began March 25, though it was not uncommon in writing to reckon the year from January.

The change from Julian to Gregorian calendar was affected in England by Act of Parliament in September 1752, September 3<sup>rd</sup> being called September 14<sup>th</sup>, and December 31, 1752 closed that year, January 1, 1753 beginning a new year.

#### EXPLANATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

In "Property" Column, indexing many of the trusts, will be found "DR" or "MR". "DR" stands for what is believed to be a defective marginal release, and "MR" stands for what is believed to be a proper marginal release.

The word "REFERENCE" under the "PROPERTY" column means that the deed, paper, or fact, indexed is referred to in the Book and Page indicated.

"W" before a letter in the "Book" column, like "W-A" means Will Book A.

The Deed Books are lettered and numbered without such designation, as "A" means Deed Book "A".

Under "Kind", "DT" means Deed of Trust, "PART" means partition, "M" refers to a Marriage, B & S, Bargain and Sale, etc.

In indexing FREDERICKSBURG DEVELOPMENT COMPANY deeds, it has been sought to arrange the lots and blocks in numerical sequence, both as to lots and blocks, though very few of the deeds are so written. Many of these deeds were executed by W.S. White, Trustee, but are indexed in the name of the Company.

#### CHURCHES

All Churches are indexed under "Churches", with sub-index referring to the particular denomination.

#### CHIROGRAPHIC DIFFICULTIES

The formations of many of the letters in the early days differed from modern writing, and this fact has led to difficulties.

Some of the Letters are hard to distinguish.

Voss and Vass: Billingsly and Billingsby; Edenton and Edinton, Edington, Edrington, are suggested as difficulties, and it has been sought to group them under predominating spelling of the particular families, and variations indicated by parenthesis.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This INDEX, covering the period indicated in this introduction, was prepared by Order of Judge F. W. Coleman of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, under the supervision of the Court Committee, members of Judge Coleman's Bar; Messrs: B. P. Willis, C. O. Conor Goolrick, William W. Butzner, and while it is not thought to be perfect, it is submitted as an effort to index the property in Fredericksburg.

Alvin T. Embrey

Fredericksburg, Va.

December 1, 1927

#### **WILL OF THOMAS SHIRLEY:**

"I Thomas Shirley of the County of Adair and State of Kentucky being in a low state of health but perfectly in my senses do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Item: It is my will that all my just debts be paid and if the proceeds of the crop now on land should not be enough, such property as can be best spared from off the plantation as appears in the opinion of my Executors hereafter mentioned shall be sold for that purpose.

Item: As I have disposed of some of my property to my eldest children and the younger ones have had none, I will go on to mention which of them have had and to what amount after my daughter Patsey was married to Samuel Hodges. I lent unto them a place to live on also one Negro woman named Nancy, until she the said Negro was delivered of a man child named Solomon. I then gave said Negro and child to my daughter Patsy Hodges which Negroes I rate or value to her at six hundred dollars with other property valued one hundred and fifty dollars which I gave, amounts to \$755.

Item: I gave to my son, Paul Shirley, one Negro man named Ben which I rate to him at six hundred dollars and one young mare at forty five dollars and he has since remitted unto me out what I had given him, three hundred and sixty eight dollars and fifty five cents which leaves a balance which leaves him a balance given him of two hundred and seventy six dollars and forty five cents which amount is all Paul Shirley has had of my estate.

I have given unto my son, William A. Shirley, one Negro woman named Hannah which I rate or value to him at five hundred dollars and one horse and bed at one hundred and sixty dollars and seventy one cents, which leaves four hundred and thirty dollars and twenty three cents which is all William A. Shirley has had of my estate.

I have lent to my son, Thomas W. Shirley, one Negro woman I likely named Delilah for his benefit for his life and at his death it is my will that said Negro together with her increase, should there be any, descent to his children, if any he has, if none, then forsaid Negro and increase to return into my estate, as herefore I rate or value her to Thomas W. Shirley at five hundred dollars as though I had given her to him. The property I have given him, one mare and the bed and furniture valued at ninety five dollars which together with the value of the Negro loaned, amounts to five hundred dollars.

I have lent to my daughter, Frances G. Culp, one your Negro woman named Matilda for her use and benefit her live together with the increase of said Negro if any and at the death of my daughter, Frances, I give unto her children together with her increase of said Negro if any, as before mentioned. I have valued said Negro to my daughter, Frances, at five hundred dollars as though I had given her with other property given her at \$67 whole Amount five hundred sixty seven dollars.

I have given unto my son, Richard W. Shirley, property to the amount of two hundred and ninety dollars the particulars of which may be seen in a memorandum book I have kept and a fate forbids my giving him as parting with any more of my negroes now having lost some and leaving children yet to be raised and educated, I have loaned him a Negro man named Daniel for five weeks or months, then said Negro is to return home. But should it at any time in the opinion of my Executors be in their power to give said R.W. Shirley help first consulting their mother, it is my will that it be so done.

It is my will that James A. Shirley, John M. Shirley, George Y. Shirley, Mary Ann Shirley, Charles Shirley, these my young children having not as yet had any property of my estate, should have each a good horse, a cow and calf and one bed and furniture as they or each of them should marry or become of age. Also that each of them last mentioned, be raised and educated out of my estate.

I do further leave to my daughter, Mary Ann Shirley, a Negro named Abba when Mary may marry or becomes of age for her benefit of her life and then to descend to the heirs of her body, if any, of the now foresaid Negro together with her increase if any, and to be immediately returned into my estate but should said Negro die before Mary should marry or become of age, then for her to obtain a proportional part of my estate as though said Negro had not been lent her and said Negro and said Negro should be valued to Mary when she receives her, agreeable to the value of the others.

I do lend unto my beloved wife, Molly Shirley, the plantation whereon I now live together with all my negroes not herein disposed of, stock of all kind of household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils for and during the time she may remain my widow. But if should she marry, then it is my will that she receive one third of said property during her life, the balance at her marriage to be put into the hands of my estate and the said returned and the negroes hired out annually until the death of my wife, then for all my property to be sold on a credit of twelve months, negroes excepted which are to be valued and drawn for giving the preference of one a piece to the children that has had none at which drawing Uriney and the youngest she may have to go together the whole of the proceeds of my property to be divided at the death of my wife so as to make each and equal taking unto consideration what they had had, Patsy Hodges excepted who it is my will have one hundred dollars less than that of the others as either of them she having received her present portion of my estate or proceeds thereof it is my will that what money may be coming into Frances Culp be retained in the hands of my Executors and given to her or the heirs of her body as they may deem necessary.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my two sons, Paul Shirley and William A. Shirley, my Executors to this my last will and testament given under my hand this 11th day of April 1820.

Test...

Zachariah Perry

George Perry

William Masters

Nancy W. Coleman

Thomas Coleman

Francis Shirley

<http://www.shirleyassociation.com/OldShirleySite/America/>

<http://www.ajlambert.com>

DAR: Audrey June (Denny) Lambert: National Number: 811361

John Shirley Sr. – Ancestor #: A204161 – Accepted 2007.

Service: VA

Rank: Patriotic Service

Birth: (Ante) 1725

Death: (Post) 12 January 1795, Spotsylvania Co., VA

Service Source: Abercrombie & Slatten, VA Rev. Public Claims, Vol. 3, pp. 855-6.

Service Description: Furnished Supplies

Residence: Spotsylvania Co., VA

Spouse: Elizabeth

