

SHIRLEY FAMILY

A brief sketch of this family was published in *Fayette Facts*, Vol. 10 No. 1 page 99. More information has become available since 1981 so we are expanding on the family on this sketch.

George SHIRLEY was born September 15, 1778 in Pennsylvania and died October 10, 1824 Carter Co., Tennessee. He married Elizabeth POLAND, she born October 5, 1783 Loudoun Co., Virginia and died October 12, 1858 in Seminary Twp.

In the late 1820's several families from Carter Co., TN came to Fayette County and settled near what is now Ramsey in Fayette County. In the group were the PUGH and NAVE families, Moses and John POLAND and their widowed sister, Elizabeth SHIRLEY.

Elizabeth POLAND SHIRLEY married 2) Jeremiah EVANS September 11, 1830 in Fayette County and moved to Seminary Township where Jeremiah, a widower, had entered land early. Jeremiah's first wife, Mary LARRIMORE died February 17, 1824 and the Evans Family Cemetery was begun around her grave.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND ELIZABETH POLAND SHIRLEY

1. Louisiana SHIRLEY b October 20, 1805 married John LOOKINGBILL

- A. John Henry LOOKINGBILL m 30 Jul 1847 Catherine Elizabeth LITTLE. When they applied for their marriage license, John LOOKINGBILL swore that John Henry was free to deal for himself. John Henry and Catherine later moved to Bourbon Co, Kansas circa 1869.
- B. Moses P. LOOKINGBILL born 1832
- C. Frederick LOOKINGBILL born 1834 TN died 17 May 1857 age 23y 4m 1day, bu Pleasant Mound Cem
- D. Elizabeth LOOKINGBILL born 1835 IL
- E. Margaret E. LOOKINGBILL born 5 Jul 1836 Ramsey, Fayette Co., IL d 1 Apr 1923 Macon Co., IL bu Westside Cem. m 7 Sep 1881 Fayette Co., IL Elmer BACON he b 1816 Center Co., PA d 1906. An obit for Margaret was published in the *Ramsey News Journal* 20 Apr 1923. Elmer was the son of Eleazar and Bersheba BENTLEY BACON.

2. Luke SHIRLEY born December 2, 1807, no further information



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3. John SHIRLEY born January 15, 1810 Carter Co., TN died March 11, 1885. He married Semira CARR, she born 1825 KY and was dead before 1870. John SHIRLEY was a prominent citizen of the county, held a number of offices and was a representative in the lower house of the state legislature.

John Shirley



John estate was filed in Fayette County, Box 232 Pack 8.

- A. Margaret Susan SHIRLEY born 1845 died 1930 m May 21, 1872 John W. BINGAMAN died January 11, 1879, age 42 years 26 days Fayette Co., IL. He was the son of Henry BINGAMAN. John's estate was probated in Fayette County, and filed in Box 123 pack 2. His widow relinquished her right to administer the estate in favor of her father, John SHIRLEY. Both Margaret and John are buried in Evans Cem.

- 1) Roscoe A. BINGAMAN b 1872 Bear Grove Twp., Fayette Co., IL m February 21, 1893 at Hagarstown, Emma FUNK she b 1877 Bear Grove Twp., dau of James T. and Elizabeth DENTON FUNK.
- 2) Fines F. BINGAMAN died April 18, 1875 age 2 months 2 days buried Evans Cem.
- 3) Daisy A. BINGAMAN died March 16, 1877 age 1 years 8 days buried Evans Cem.
- 4) John F. BINGAMAN died March 17, 1878 age 1 month 28 days

- B. Sarah C. SHIRLEY b 1849 IL m February 20, 1870 Henry A. BINGAMAN he b 1850 PA the son of Henry and Johannah BINGAMAN.

- 1) Clyde BINGAMAN

- C. Luke L. SHIRLEY b 1851 IL

- D. Martha A. SHIRLEY born October 7, 1854 Seminary Twp., died September 21, 1943 married February 16, 1881, John Akin WELCH, he born 1853 died 1934, both buried in Welch Cem. John was the son of Martin and Lucy SMITH WELCH. Martin Welch was County Clerk of Fayette Co.

- 1) William Charles WELCH b 1894 d 1963 m Gertrude MILLER

- a. Charles Marvin WELCH married Frances JENKINS of Honey Island, TX. He is a veteran of the Navy, WWII.

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- E. Angeline C. (Anna) SHIRLEY b 29 Jul 1858 d 30 Dec 1925 m November 2, 1881, Fayette Co., IL Lewis E. MITCHELL b 27 Aug 1857 Fayette Co., IL d 5 Apr 1901 both bu South Hill Cem., Vandalia.

Lewis was a school teacher and farmer until 1896 when he was elected Fayette County Clerk. He was re-elected and died 6 months into his 2nd term. Following his death in 1901 his widow, Anna m 2) _____ ROBBINS. Our photo of Lewis in from the 1904 Historical Souvenir of Vandalia, page 104. Anna's obituary does not name her second husband.



Lewis Mitchell

- 1) Lewis Marvin MITCHELL b 9 Nov 1886 d 4 Jan 1902 bu South Hill Cem. with his parents.
 - 2) Delia M. MITCHELL, never married, lived in Vandalia.
 - 3) Child died infancy
4. Frederick SHIRLEY b December 11, 1811, died young
5. Margaret Hoover SHIRLEY born December 3, 1813 Carter Co., TN m Andrew Jackson HICKERSON . They moved to Plumas Co., CA. Several Fayette County families moved to Plumas Co., including that of James Byron EVANS.
- A. Susan Jane HICKERSON b February 1, 1838 died 1924 Taylorsville, Plumas Co., CA m 1856 in Fayette Co., IL Richard THOMPSON he born November 16, 1835 Yorkshire, England and died November 19, 1907 Plumas Co., CA. His father, Richard THOMPSON was an early settler of Seminary Township, Fayette County, IL.
- B. Finis William Lee Davidson Ewing HICKERSON born January 2, 1840 Fayette Co., IL m there, Julia SNYDER she born April 3, 1842 in Vandalia. Julia was the daughter of Ernst Colonist, Henry SNYDER and Nancy CORBET who came to Vandalia in 1820 from Hanover, Germany. For more information on the SNYDER family see *Fayette Facts*, Vol. 15 #3 pp 39-41. For additional data on the HICKERSON line see *Fayette Facts*, Vol. 11 #3 pp 75-78.
- 1) Illinois A. 'Noi' HICKERSON b 19 Jul 1866 Plumas Co., CA m 29 Dec 1884 Ft. Bidwell, CA, Arthur D. BRUCE, a soldier, he b Boston, MA.
 - 2) Hattie May HICKERSON b 2 May 1868 Plumas Co., CA d 31 May 1955 both bu Ft. Bidwell Cem. m 13 Dec 1893 Ft. Bidwell, R. Grant ADDAMS b 9 Apr 1866 d 31 Jul 1928.

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- 3) Wesley M. HICKERSON b 28 Mar 1870 Plumas Co., d 1898 unm bu Ft. Bidwell, CA
- 4) Mary Margaret HICKERSON b 4 Oct 1871 Plumas Co., CA m 1) 31 Aug 1898 Pardon BROWN, they later div. and she m 2) Peter POST who was b 1852 NH. They li in Lakeview, OR.
- 5) Andrew Jackson HICKERSON b 1 Apr 1873 Plumas Co. CA d 16 Feb 1948 m Retta GIBSON she b 1886 d 1968. Both are bu in Ft. Bidwell Cem.
- 6) Jessie Estelle HICKERSON b 29 Sep 1874 Plumas Co., CA m Henry WOLF - they li San Luis Obispo Co., CA.
- 7) Herbert L. HICKERSON b 22 Dec 1878 Plumas Co., CA died young bu Ft. Bidwell, CA.
- 8) Finis Henry HICKERSON b 9 Jul 1881 Ft. Bidwell, d there 1943 m Iva (Eva) MINIGGIOLI, later div., no ch.
- 9) Walter Leon HICKERSON b 5 June 1882 Ft. Bidwell d 1949 m Ruby PETERSON dau of Peter PETERSON, the first white settler of Modoc County. She was b 1886 d 1964.
- 10) Lloyd C. HICKERSON b 2 Aug 1883 Ft. Bidwell d 13 Jul 1948 Lakeview, OR m 20 Nov 1912 Lora E. DUKE.
- 11) Mildred D. HICKERSON b/d 17 Jul 1885 Ft. Bidwell, CA.

C. Lydia Elizabeth HICKERSON born November 30, 1841 d 1925 Greenville, CA married at the Hickerson Ranch, November 22, 1861 George Augustus LEE he a native of Illinois and died 1883 Pioche City, CA. It is believed that George A. LEE was the youngest son of Lemuel LEE who built a mill on the Kaskaskia River at Vandalia very early.

In 1849 or 1850, Lemuel with the Tuttle boys, Solomon and Samuel and son George A. LEE headed to the California Gold Fields. Lemuel died of cholera on the way out and was buried in Colorado.

D. Mahala Ann HICKERSON born January 25, 1844 died 1925 Greenville, CA. She married there in 1862, Joseph PECK, they lived Greenville, CA.

E. Harriet Charlotte HICKERSON born July 19, 1846 died 1925 Los Angeles, CA married at Greenville, CA February 28, 1868 Henry T. FIRMSTONE he born April 29, 1832 died 1900 San Francisco, CA.

F. John Akins HICKERSON born December 21, 1848, died San Jose, CA m in Greenville, CA, Roxanne SCOTT she born 1853 in a covered wagon in Wyoming Territory died 1922, San Jose, CA.

G. Mary Illinois HICKERSON born January 12, 1853 died September 22, 1854.