

Notes on the Descendants of John Shawn (1711-1783)

1. John Shawhan (Shawn). “John Shawhan, born 1711 married wife Elizabeth, born 1716, and had John, Jr., born 1732.”¹

1711. Kent Co., Md. Birth of John. There was no minister at Shrewsbury Parish in 1711, the year of John’s birth.²
1732. Birth of John Jr.

1750. “Every fall and spring there were races in Chestertown The Chestertown races were particularly celebrated, and on this course Maryland and Virginia often contended together, as also did the gentlemen breeders of Kent, Queen Anne’s and Talbot counties.”³

1766. State of His Lordship’s Manor lists John Shahawn as lessee and Elizabeth and John Jr. as occupants. Their ages are listed respectively as 51, 50, and 27

1774. “The brigantine Geddes arrived in Chestertown with a small lot of dutiable tea for some of the neighboring counties. The inhabitants assembled in town meeting May 13, and held indignation meetings and threw the tea overboard. This same day the tea was thrown overboard in Boston Harbor.”⁴

Sept. 1774. Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia.

1 Aug 1783. Will of John Shahawn.⁵

“...I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife, Elizabeth, all the profits of my plantation negroes and stock that are leased to my son, Joseph, also all the Household furniture during her life, the rents of the land to be paid annually to her...” “I give and bequeath to my grandson, Charles, negro boy Jerry.”

“I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth, after the death of her mother, negro boy Jake during her life, and after her death my will is that her son John Blackiston shall have him.” “I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Avis, (after the death of her mother) negro Wench Nan and her child Jonas.” “My will is that my son, Daniel shall have one Shilling sterling and no more of my estate.” “My will is that my household furniture and stock be equally divided, after the death of my wife, between my son Joseph, my daughters Elizabeth and Avis and my son Shadrack’s children.” “I give and bequeath unto my son, Joseph, negro Wench Dark, and all my land after the decease of his mother.” “Lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint my son, Joseph whole and sole executor of this my last will and Testament...”

John’s wife, Elizabeth and son, Daniel were still alive in 1783, based on mention in John’s will.

Sep 3 Treaty of Paris officially ends war of revolution.

15 Oct 1783. “Then came William Maxwell, jr., Joseph Stavely and William Stuart the subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of John Shahawn late of Kent Co. deceased...”⁶

28 Oct 1783. Inventory of John Shahawn. Witnesses: Samuel Tibbett, Douglas McClain, Wm. Briscoe, and Isaac Briscoe.⁷

2. John Shawn Jr.

1732. Born on 13 Sep 1732 in Kent Co., MD.⁸

1774. John died in Kent Co., MD. in 1774; he was 41.

26 Feb 1774. Inventory of goods and chattles of John Shawen Jun. appraised at £11. Aves Shahon listed as kin, J. Maxwell and Isaac Spencer as creditors. Elizabeth Blackston, John Gilbert and Hezekiah Cooper among the appraisers.⁹ John Shehawn as administrator.

8 Mar 1775. “Then came John Shewhanon, admr of John Shehawn Jr...”¹⁰

4. Joseph Shawn (Shawhan).

1745. Born in 1745.

The first reference to Joseph is found in the September 1767 will of his uncle, Darby, Jr. (son of Darby Shawhan and Sarah Meeks). The second is his uncle Dennis’s November lawsuit against Joseph for costs of caring for Darby during the last six months of Darby’s life.

The suit indicates Joseph was living outside Kent Co., Maryland. Joseph’s oldest uncle, Daniel and wife, Jennet, had left the Eastern Shore in 1740 after selling Shad’s Hole to Joseph’s father, John. Joseph’s uncle Edward Dyer, husband to his aunt Sarah, had died in 1747 and his uncle David had died in 1766.

Joseph served in the First Battalion of the 32nd Maryland Militia during the American Revolution.¹¹

Joseph’s name continues to appear in various court documents until his death in 1808. According to the terms of his father’s will, Joseph inherited Shad’s Hole upon the death of his mother, Elizabeth. Joseph sold 130 acres of Shad’s Hole to Samuel Shawn in 1800. Samuel in turn sold to Edward Sims in 1804.

Charles Shawn, grandson of John, sold 110 acres of Shad’s Hole to Edward Sims in 1808. Under what terms Charles acquired this property remains unknown.

The surname of Joseph's wife, the year of their marriage, and Joseph's age upon death remain unknown.

1767. "Joseph Shawhan, late of Kent County...."

18 Sept. 1767. Will of Darby Shawhan, Jr., dated this date, left his estate to "Joseph, son of my brother, John."¹²

3 Nov 1767- Lawsuit of Dennis Shehawn vs David Shawhan's executors. "Joseph Shawhan, late of Kent County, executor... money due me for caring for Darby Shawhan ...6 months board and doctor bill...6 months board of boy...6 months pasture of mare...1 gallon of rum (4 shillings)...an amount of £30 now due me."¹³

1768. Estate (Kent County) of Darby Shawhan, Jr. administered by Joseph Shawhan. Appraised by Jona Turner and John March. Nearest of kin: John and Shadrack Shawn. Estate valued at £710. Darby died at the home of his brother, Dennis.¹⁴

1 Aug 1783. Last Will and Testament written by John Shahawn, son of Darby and Sarah. Listed: wife, Elizabeth; son, Joseph; grandson, Charles; daughter Elizabeth and her son John Blackiston; daughter, Avis; son, Daniel; children of son, Shadrack. Also listed negros named Dark, Jake, Jerry, Nan and her child Jonas.¹⁵

A further accounting in 1783 lists Joseph Shawhan as administrator. "money due from Isaac Shawhan...money due from Elizabeth Shawhan...legacy left to daughter Avis and daughter Elizabeth."¹⁶

1784. Five men crossed the Chesapeake Bay on the ice.

25 October 1785. Deposition of Joseph Shinton, Dorchester County, aged about 78, concerning his grandson, Joseph Shehawn, born May 13, 1755.¹⁷

1787. Joseph Shawhan of Gilbert Semans.¹⁸

11 Oct 1800. Joseph Shawn, Newcastle Co., Delaware, sold 130 acres of Shad's Hole, Kent County, to Samuel Shawn (son of Joseph) of Kent County for £250. In this deed was the phrase: "I reserve the graveyard on this land." Witnesses: John Thomas, W. Thomas.¹⁹

1807

2 Nov 1800. Joseph Shawen of Newcastle County, Delaware writes his will. One daughter, Margaret Sprowl is to receive "the northwest end of my farm beginning at a white oak standing in the lane near the house, it being a corner on ___ tree between a farm belonging to the heirs of John Harwood, deceased, and running a westerly course to a marked black oak in the line of John Allston's land." If Margaret Sprowl's child leaves no lawfull issue, the land is to return to the nearest of kin in the Shawan family.

Another daughter, Mary Howland is given "two acres of land to her and her heirs for ever to be lade off in a square platt on a ridge nearly against the house on the aforesaid Harwoods land and binding on the road."

"I give and bequeath unto Avers Shawan and Sary Shawan the remainder of my land to them and their heirs forever and to be divided equally between them by each of them paying Mary Howland the sum of seven dollars per year for the term of fifteen years after my decease."

Joseph's son Samuel Shawan received one dollar.

The remainder of Joseph's assets were divided equally among Margaret Sprowl, Avers Shawan and Sary Shawan. Margaret Sprowl and Avers Shawan were appointed executrixes of the will. Witnesses: Richard Keys, Thomas Allston, Reuben Maree.²⁰

1808. Joseph died in New Castle Co., De. in 1808; he was 63.

8 January 1808. Witnesses testify before Nehemiah Tilton in Newcastle Co., Delaware as to the will of Joseph Shawn.

13 May 1808 - Charles Shawn, Queen Anne's County, sold to Edward Sims, Kent County, for 250#, 110 acres called Shad's Hole "being the same that formerly belonged to John Shawn or John Shahawn, deceased, the grandfather of the said Charles Shawn...hath lately become entitled to being all the lands that the said John Shawn died possessed of or entitled to in Kent County which he devised by his last Will and Testament on or about 1st August 1783 after the death of his wife and son, Joseph, now deceased for life as by will proven in Kent County. Witness: William Parrott. Elizabeth Shawn, wife of said Charles, gives her consent."²¹

5. Charles C. Shawn.

1783. Kent Co. deed 13 May 1808, (BC5/267) mentions SHADS HOLE (110 acres) willed by John to grandson Charles "on or about 1 August 1783 after the death of his wife and son, Joseph." Note Kent Co. deed 11 October 1800 (TW1/465) in which Joseph sells SHAD'S HOLE (130 acres) to Samuel. This suggests Joseph still alive in 1800. Perhaps the reference to Joseph was meant to refer to John?

12 August 1799. Queen Annes Co. Deed.²² Charles Shawn purchases from James Meeds and wife, Ann, part of tract CUMBERWELL adjacent to CONTENTION. 100 acres for 525 pounds current money. Witnesses: Samuel Thomas, Joseph Thompson.²³

13 May 1808. Kent Co. Deed. (BC5/267). Charles Shawn of Queen Anne's Co., to Edward Simms, Kent Co., 250 pounds current money for 110 acres, tract in Kent Co., SHADS HOLE, being the same that formerly belonged to John Shawn, deceased, the grandfather of the said Charles Shawn...hath lately become entitled to being all the lands that the said John Shawn died possessed of or entitled to in Kent Co. which he devised by his last will and testament on or about 1st August 1783 after the death of his wife and son, Joseph, now deceased Witnesses: William Parrott. Elizabeth Shawn, wife of said Charles, gives her consent.

17 June 1811. Queen Annes Co. Deed. (JB#1/60). Charles Shawn, Queen Anne's Co., purchases from Samuel Shawn, Queen Annes Co., all that part of NEVILL'S ADDITION, 10 acres for \$20.00, adjacent part sold to Samuel Chaplin. Witnesses: Robert Stevens, Joseph Thompson.²⁴

3 August 1812. Queen Annes Co. Deed. (JB#1/409). Charles Shawn was a member and trustee of Dudley's Chapel, Queen Anne's County, along with John Elliott, John Murdock, Joshua Massey, Nathan Dunbracco, James P. Leary, John Bradley, Daniel Smith and Nathan Sparks. They received a deed from the original surviving members and trustees - Thomas Seegar, John Ruth and William Farrell.²⁵

5 February 1813. Deed of manumission. Charles Shawn, Queen Anne's Co., Maryland, frees several slaves on future dates listed in the document:

- Dash (female), December 31, 1815
- Jack, December 31, 1821
- Priss (female), December 31, 1813
- Pery (male), December 31, 1831
- Emory (male), December 31, 1832
- George, December 31, 1834
- ? , December 31, 1837
- Marian, December 31, 1832
- Benjamin, December 31, 1838
- Mary, December 31, 1831

18 June 1814. Queen Annes Co. Deed. (TM3/89). Charles Shawn, Queen Anne's Co., from Vincent Benton of the upper part of Queen Anne's Co., 33-1/3 acres for \$333.33 current money, all that part of CONTENTION on south side Red Lyon Branch. Witnesses: John D. Thompson, Senah Busick. Martha, wife of Vincent Benton, gave her consent.²⁶

May 1, 1815. Complaint by Charles Shawn against William Farrell.

May 19, 1816. Answer of William Farrell the defendant to the Bill of Complaint of Charles Shawn, complainant:

This defendant having to himself now and at all times hereafter all benefit of exception to the many errors and imperfections in the said bill of contained... thereto or to so much there of as the defendant is advised...immaterial for him to make answer unto. He answering saith that he admits and does not deny that the defendant did purchase the land mentioned in the said bill at the rate of five pounds five shillings per acre of James Meeds deceased and that the said James Meeds did convey the said land to the complainant as alleged in said Bill and this defendant believes that the Bond mentioned in the said bill and on which judgement has been obtained by this defendant was payed to the said James Meeds as a security for the payment of part of the purchase money of the said land and this defendant does also believe that the remaining part of the said purchase money has been paid and satisfied. this defendant also admits that a mortgage which had previously been given by the said James Meeds to one Wm. H. Nicholson and then unpaid was still outstanding at the time of the said purchase by the said complainant. This defendant further saith that he admits the death of the said James Meeds then granting of letters of administration of his estate to Ann Meeds who obtained judgement on the said bond against the complainant the death of the said Ann Meeds and the granting of letters of administration....to this defendant and that this defendant revived the said judgement and obtained a ... as stated in the said bill. This defendant for the that since the death of the said James Meeds and since the granting of letters of administration ... to this defendant he has paid off the ... nearly all the ... secured by the said mortgage the balance of which this defendant has not yet paid and is now unable exactly to state because he does not know the precise amount by that he has paid within a very small amount of the ... due on said mortgage and is ready and willing to pay the balance if any when he can ascertain the This defendant further asnwering saith that he cannot admit or deny because he doth not know if there be any deficiency in the alleged quantity of the said land but that he is content that an allowance and ... shall be made to the complainant at the rate of five pounds five shillings per acre for ... acres as shall be found to be deficient and ... that a survey may be ordered by this court to

ascertain whether there be a deficiency and of how much

July 11, 1818. Court order that tract of land named "Camberwell" purchased by Charles Shawn from James Meeds be resurveyed by Ephraim Vansant, surveyor of Queen Anne's County.

5 Aug 1819. Charles C. first married Elizabeth Pryor, daughter of Pryor, in Kent Co., Maryland. Elizabeth Pryor, wife of Charles C. Shawn, is referred to as the widow of John W. Williamson in court documents pertaining to a property named BATH. Elizabeth is listed as "Elizabeth Williams" in 1819 marriage record.²⁷

October 18, 1819. A table of the land purchased by Charles Shawn from James Meeds. A table of that part of Camborwell Charles Shawn has in possession. Submitted by Ephraim Vansant, surveyor of Queen Anne's County.

October 18, 1819. Bill of Equity referring to property called "Camborwell" purchased by Charles Shawn from James Meeds.

25 November 1822. Deed. Vinson Benton, Queen Anne's Co., Maryland, sells property named "Contention" to Charles Shawn, Queen Anne's Co., Maryland, for \$333.33.²⁸

6 Sept 1824. Elizabeth Shawn relinquishes to John Solloway "my right and claim to the administration oof the estate of my late husband Charles."²⁹

14 Sept 1824. Bond of \$5,000 for John Solloway, Samuel McKeene and Thomas Solloway.³⁰

15 Sept 1824. Inventory of personal estate of Charles Shawn. (includes furniture, 1 old gun, sheep shears, vice, basin, bellows, tongs, saddle, 2 spinning wheels, 2 corner cupboards, "a lott of books", salt box; tools: 5 plows, grass sythe, iron wedges, hoes, etc.; food: cabbage garden, 22 hogs, parcel of flax seed, parcel of bacon, 300 bushels of wheat, 2 cart loads of flax, 6 horses, 6 cows, 8 young cattle, 4 calves, 19 sheep. \$95 worth of corn in the field, \$125 worth of corn on the widow's land; list of slaves. total value @ \$2,341. Written 27 Sept 1824.³¹

18 Sept 1824. Sale of personal estate of Charles C. Shawn. (4 page list of appraised value of inventory and sale of items, to whom and how much.³²

27 Dec 1824. First account of John Solloway, administrator. Inventory @ \$2,341. Includes bills, mourning, coffin, payment to David Massey for negros for digging the grave, obituary notice, appraisers, taking wheat to market, taxes, etc.³³

30 Dec 1825. Division of negro property. "said property to contain 8 head of negroes, and there being a widow and 2 heirs at law." "to Elizabeth Shawn, widow..." to John Salloway (of Thomas) and wife, the daughter of the deceased..." "to Mary Elizabeth Shawn, granddaughter of deceased..."³⁴

25 Nov 1826. Second account of John Solloway, administrator. Third account of John Solloway, administrator.³⁵

1828-1830. Eight separate warrants for John Salloway, "why he does not settle the estate of Charles C. Shawn..."³⁶

22 May 1830. Bond of \$1,000 for James Rolph, James Lynch and Emory Williamson. James Lynch renounced his right and title of administration and gave it to James Rolph.³⁷

24 May 1830. Inventory of goods, chattels and personal estate of Elizabeth Shawn. Includes: 2 silk dresses, 2 calico dresses, 2 petticoats, 2 pair shoes, 1 silk bonnet, 3 caps, 1 silk shawl, 1 ratnet coat, 3 pair stockings.³⁸

1830. James Rolph, administrator of the estate (of Elizabeth Pryor Williamson Shawn), seeking to appoint two people "to divide the negro property of said deceased among her several heirs."³⁹

1830. List of sales of goods, chattels and personal estate by James Rolph, administrator. James Rolph and Emory Williamson bought everything. Total appraisement equaled \$1,59.38. Total sales equaled \$205.71.⁴⁰

31 Jul 1830. Division of Negroes. "to James Rolph and Julian his wife, formerly Julian Williamson...to Emory Williamson....to Louis Williamson....to James P. Williamson..."⁴¹

12 Feb 1833. Separate debts. Account of negro hire.⁴²

30 May 1834. Warrant to sheriff re James Rolph. "why he does not settle the estate of Elizabeth Shawn."⁴³

3 October 1834. Court case of James Pryor and Charles C. Shawn and wife, Elizabeth (Pryor/Williamson) against Joshua Massey dismissed with costs.⁴⁴

8 Dec 1835. Account of James Rolph, administrator of the estate.⁴⁵

23 Aug 1836. Distribution of the estate. "to Julian Rolph, daughter of Elizabeth...to Emory Williamson, son....to James E. Williamson, son....to Lewis Williamson, son..."⁴⁶

1836. Queen Anne's County administration account. (TCE 5/280). Elizabeth (Pryor) Williamson Shawn.⁴⁷

6. Samuel James (?) Shawn.

23 March 1804, property deed. Samuel Shawn of Kent Co., MD, sells SHADS HOLE to Edward Sims for 517 pounds, ten shillings, current money.

24 December 1807, bill of sale. Samuel Shawn of Queen Anne's Co., MD, purchases one negro man named Nero from Robert Stevens, executor of estate of Joseph M. Conniken, for 85 pounds.

16 May 1809, Bill of Sale. Archibald Lattimore sells cattle, horse and horse cart to Sam Shawn and William Taylor for ten pounds current money.

17 June 1811. Queen Annes Co. Deed. (JB#1/60). Charles Shawn, Queen Anne's Co., purchases from Samuel Shawn, Queen Annes Co., all that part of NEVILL'S ADDITION, 10 acres for \$20.00, adjacent part sold to Samuel Chaplin. Witnesses: Robert Stevens, Joseph Thompson.⁴⁸

17 June 1811. Queen Anne's County Deeds. (JB1/120). Samuel Shawn, Queen Anne's County, to Samuel Chaplin, Queen Anne's County, for 127 pounds current money, all that part of NEVILL'S ADDITION, 20 acres. Anna Shawn gave her consent. Witnesses: Robert Stevens, Joseph Thompson.⁴⁹

13 August 1811. Samuel Shawn in Queen Anne's Co., Maryland. Queen Annes Co. Deed. Samuel Shawn, Queen Anne's Co., MD, sells 10 acres of Nevills Addition to Charles Shawn for \$20. Deed refers to portion sold by Samuel Shawn to Samuel Chaplin.

13 October 1812. Letter for Samuel Shawn and Charles Shawn remaining at Centreville Post Office.

25 November 1814. Queen Annes Co. Deed. (JB2/431). Samuel Shawn, Queen Anne's Co., MD, to William L. Horton, Queen Anne's Co., MD, 50 pounds current money, part of tract on Kent Island called MARTINS NECK except the dower right of Elizabeth Shawn, adjacent Methodist meeting house, 1 5/8 acres. Witnesses: William Wallis, John D. Thompson.⁵⁰

June 1816. "The record summer of 1816 stands as the most distressing of the nineteenth century. June, 1816, was the coldest ever known in this latitude; frost and ice were common. Almost every green thing was killed; fruit was nearly all destroyed." "Snow fell to the depth of ten inches in Vermont, seven in Maine, three in the interior of New York, and also in Massachusetts." "July was accompanied with frost and ice. One the fifth, ice was formed of the thickness of the common window glass throughout New England, New York, and some parts of Kent County. Corn was nearly all destroyed. August was more cheerless, if possible, than the months which preceded it. Ice was formed half an inch in thickness."⁵¹

22 January 1825. Administration papers for estate of Samuel Shawn list.⁵²

Balance & final distribution: Thomas Hewitt, admin.; Susan Salloway, formerly Susan Shawn, widow of the deceased; Samuel Shawn, son of; Peregrine Shawn, son of; Elizabeth Shawn, daughter of; Emely Ann Shawn, daughter of; Benjamin Shawn, son of; Sarah Ann Shawn, daughter of Samuel Shawn military service, Queen Anne's Co., 35th regiment, Sept. 12-23, 1814.⁵³

6. v. *Emily Shawn, daughter of Samuel James Shawn and Anna Osborn.*

10 May 1823. Bond of \$1500. Samuel Chaplin as guardian.⁵⁴

24 Dec 1825. Bond of \$1500. Thomas Hewitt as guardian.⁵⁵

29 Sept 1827. Accounting for Emeline Shawn, orphan daughter of Samuel Shawn.⁵⁶

23 May 1829. Accounting for Emeline Shawn, aged 11 years in June 1828. Includes costs to Susan Carter for clothing.⁵⁷

Emeline Shawn, aged 12 years in June 1829. Cash paid to John Walters for board.⁵⁸

Emeline Shawn, aged 13. Includes calico and shoes.⁵⁹

Emaline Shawn, aged 14 years in June 1831. Includes cash paid Richard Costin for services in search of Negro Jack, who absconded Sept 1831 as per receipt, and cash paid John Spencer for advertising Negro Jack. Board paid to Samuel Shawn.⁶⁰

Emaline, aged 15 years in June 1832. Includes cash for clothing.⁶¹

On 2 Jun 1836 when Emily Ann was 19, she married James Jones, in Caroline Co., Maryland.

6. i. *Sarah Ann Shawn, daughter of Samuel James Shawn and Susan Conikin.*

18 Mar 1825. "The subscriber having intermarried with Thomas Salloway and wishing him to be appointed guardian to my daughter, Sally Ann Shawn (Sarah Ann) and not being able to attend the court, etc. Signed: Susannah Salloway.⁶²

"find one plantation known by the name of NEVILL'S ADDITION, WHITINGS OUTLET, CUMBERWELL and SMYRNA, containing 210 acres, 170 tillable, and the rest in woods and timber, but much cut over. 1 frame dwelling house, one story, 16'x20', in midling repair, 1 log kitchen 16' square in bad repair, 1 log corn house 8'x12' in good order, 1 log corn house 10'x12' in good order, 1 log meat house 10'x12' in bad repair, 1 granery 8'x16' in bad order, 1 log stable 12'x14' in very bad repair, fending in midling order, garden about 1/4 acre under old post and rail fence nearly down, orchard containing 38 apple trees on the decline, 22 peach trees on the decline, 2 pear, 2 damsin and 3 cherry trees. Annual value of said farm to be \$153/year. Sarah Ann's mother, wife of Thomas Salloway, Jr. has right

of dower, so Sarah's value to be \$17/year."⁶³

19 Mar 1825. Bond of \$1500 for Thomas Salloway, Jr. and Thomas Salloway, Sr.⁶⁴

25 Mar 1826. Sarah Shawn, 4 years old.⁶⁵

25 Mar 1835. Sarah A. Shawn, 13 years old. Includes building of meat house.⁶⁶

25 Mar 1837. Sarah A. Shawn, 15 years old. Includes payments to a Salloway for carpentry work.⁶⁷

25 Mar 1838. Sarah A. Shawn, 16 years old. Includes passage to Baltimore, one month's tuition, straw bonnet, books.⁶⁸

25 Mar 1839. Sarah A. Shawn, 17 years old. Includes passage to Baltimore, muslin, clothing.⁶⁹

25 Mar 1840. Sarah A. Shawn, 18 years old. Thomas Salloway, guardian. Includes bills from W. E. Sudler for clothing.⁷⁰

9 June 1840. "received of Thomas Salloway the sum of \$181.50 being in full of him as guardian for my distributive share of my father's estate, as well as the dividends due from Samuel and Elizabeth, my brother and sister and one negro girl, Harriett, allotted from father's estate."⁷¹

8. Samuel S. Shawn.

16 Feb 1809, born in Maryland.⁷²

10 May 1823. Bond of \$1500. Samuel Chaplin (uncle to Samuel S., husband of Mary Ann Osborne, sister of Anna Osborne, wife of Samuel, deceased) as guardian.⁷³

24 Dec 1825. Bond of \$1500. Thomas Hewitt as guardian.⁷⁴

20 Jan 1827. Accounting for Samuel, orphan son of Samuel Shawn. Includes costs for clothing.⁷⁵

10 May 1828. Accounting for Samuel Shawn, age 19 on 16 Feb 1828. Includes cash paid to Massey West for mending shoes.⁷⁶

16 Feb 1830. Thomas Hewitt, guardian of Samuel Shawn, orphan son of Samuel Shawn, Queen Anne's Co. Young Sam was 21 on 16 Feb 1830. Rent of land from 1 Jan 1829 to 16 Feb 1830. One year's hire of negro Jack. Samuel Chaplin was form guardian. Payments include board and clothing for two negro children.⁷⁷

17 Dec 1830. Samuel S. Shawn of Caroline County, Maryland, son of Samuel Shawn, late of Queen Annes Co., deceased, sells title to parts of several tracts of land called Nevills Additions, Whitons Outlet, Smyrna, Friendship and Camberwell to Thomas S. Salloway of Queen Annes Co. for \$150. Queen Annes Co., MD, Land records, TM#5, pp. 588-590.

17 Dec 1830. Queen Anne's County Deeds. (TM5/588). Samuel S. Shawn, Caroline Co., son of Samuel Shawn, late of Queen Anne's Co., deceased, to Thomas S. Salloway, Queen Anne's Co. - \$150.00 current money - all his undivided right, title, etc. of several tracts - NEVILL'S ADDITION, WHITON'S OUTLET, SMYRNA and FRIENDSHIP and part of CAMBERWELL, all contiguous in upper part of Queen Anne's co., and more fully shown in father's title papers. Witnesses: James Roe, John Scott. Signed by Samuel S. Shawn. Sally Ann, wife of Samuel S. Shawn, gave her consent.⁷⁸

16 Feb 1836. Five men crossed the bay on the ice, and returned.⁷⁹

1850. U.S. Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, 3rd election district. 98/98:⁸⁰

Samuel Shawn, (41), innkeeper

Sally Ann, (40)

Pere, (19)

James H. (15)

Joseph B. (11)

Emily A., (9)

Wm. T., (6)

John Richard, (7/12)

Family #6/6 of Arletts contains: Samuel Shawn, 18, coach maker.⁸¹

1880. Samuel Shawn died.

9. Peregrine G. Shawn.

10 May 1823. Bond of \$1500. Samuel Chaplin as guardian.⁸²

24 Dec 1825. Bond of \$1500. Thomas Hewitt as guardian.⁸³

20 Jan 1827. Accounting for Peregrine, orphan son of Samuel Shawn. Includes costs for clothing.⁸⁴

10 May 1827. Accounting for Peregrine Shawn, aged 17 on 9 Dec 1827. Includes cash paid to William Fallowfield for one month's tuition.⁸⁵

Peregrine Shawn, 19 years old on 9 Dec 1828.⁸⁶

21 Jan 1832. Final accounting for Peregrine Shawn, aged 21 years.

22 February 1832. Queen Anne's County Deeds. (TM6/252). Peregrine Shawn and wife Julian Shawn of Queen Anne's Co. to Thomas S. Solloway, Queen Anne's Co., for \$150.00 current money - all his undivided right, title, etc. of several tracts - NEVILL'S ADDITION, WHITON'S OUTLET, SMYRNA and FRIENDSHIP and part of CAMBERWELL, all contiguous in upper part of Queen Anne's co., and more fully shown in father's title papers, 186 acres in total. Witnesses: Peter C. Swiggett, Gouldsbury Price.⁸⁷

29 Sept 1832. (CVL) Constable's sale at suit of Joseph W. Walls use of Joshua Thompson, against Pere Shawn will be sold at the Beaver dams - 1 black boy named John, 1 negro girl named Caroline; livestock - signed Jas. P. Dudley, constable.⁸⁸

29 Sept 1832. (CVL) Constable's sale at suit of Hawkins H. Boon, Aquilla Starr, James F. Colgan, Ruth Coleman, Francis Loring against Pere Shawn will be sold at the Beaver dams - 1 black boy named John, 1 negro girl named Caroline; livestock - signed Jas. P. Dudley, constable. (p. 26)⁸⁹

1850 U.S. Census⁹⁰

Shawn, Pere, 40, male, carpenter, b. MD

Julian, 38, female, b. MD

William B., 10, b. MD

Catherine Hall, 50, female, black, b. MD, not read/write

Catherine, 7, black, b. MD

Ellen, 6, black, b. MD

10. Elizabeth Shawn.

10 May 1823. Bond of \$1500. Samuel Chaplin as guardian.⁹¹

24 Dec 1825. Bond of \$1500. Thomas Hewitt is guardian for Elizabeth Shawn.⁹²

1 Jan 1827. Accounting for Elizabeth, orphan daughter of Samuel Shawn.⁹³

10 May 1828. Accounting for Elizabeth Shawn, aged 15 on 5 Mar 1828. Includes costs (\$20) paid towards aunt, Mrs. Susan Carter, for clothing for 1827.⁹⁴

23 May 1829. Accounting for Elizabeth Shawn, aged 16 on 5 Mar 1829. Includes Elizabeth's part of Dr. Moore's bill for Negro child's medicine.⁹⁵

11. Benjamin W. Shawn.

Mar 1819. Born.

10 May 1823. Bond of \$1500. Samuel Chaplin as guardian.⁹⁶

24 Dec 1825. Bond of \$1500. Thomas Hewitt as guardian.⁹⁷

29 Sept 1827. Accounting for Benjamin, orphan son of Samuel Shawn.⁹⁸

Mar 1828. Benjamin Shawn, aged 9. Includes clothing from John Walters.⁹⁹

20 Dec 1828. Accounting for Benjamin Shawn. Includes cash paid to John Walters, the ward's uncle (great uncle?, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Walters) for clothing.¹⁰⁰

Mar 1828. Benjamin Shawn, aged 10.¹⁰¹

Mar 1831. Benjamin Shawn, aged 12 years.¹⁰²

10 February 1841. Queen Anne's County Deeds. (JT3/319). Benjamin W. Shawn and wife, Elizabeth W. Shawn of Queen Anne's Co., to Thomas S. Solloway, Queen Anne's Co. - \$150.00 current money - all his undivided right, title, etc. of several tracts - NEVILL'S ADDITION, WHITON'S OUTLET, SMYRNA and FRIENDSHIP and part of CAMBERWELL, all contiguous in upper part of Queen Anne's co., devised to Benjamin W. Shawn by his father, Samuel Shawn.¹⁰³

*1850 U.S. Census*¹⁰⁴

Shawn, Aquilla, 21, male, laborer, b. MD

William, 29, male, manager, b. MD

*1870 U.S. Census*¹⁰⁵

Shawn, Benjamin W., 50, farmer, dwelling #282

Elizabeth, 19, housekeeping

John P., 23, farm laborer

J.J., 14

Emma O., 19, domestic servant, white

Anna, 10, b. Md
Samuel R., 8
James Smith, 23, farm laborer, black, b. VA
Clarance Newnson, 15, farm laborer, black, b. Md
Henry Palmer, 16, domestic servant, black, b. Md

12. Pere G. Shawn.

March 30, 1857 bill of sale. Pere G. Shawn of Queen Anne County, Maryland, sells livestock, crops and farm implements to John A. Shawn of Queen Anne County, Maryland, for \$150.

January 25, 1859, Bill of Sale. Pere Shawn of Queen Anne County, Maryland, sells household items, crops and farm implements to Samuel C. Shawn of Queen Anne County, Maryland, for \$800.

August 4, 1869, Mortgage Bill of Sale. Perry Shawn of Queen Annes County, Maryland, indebted to "my brother Samuel C. Shawn" of Queen Annes County, Maryland in the sum of \$309.40, sells to him misc. household items, crops and farm implements.

Refer to Addendum, page 270, for further information about this family.

13. Samuel Charles Shawn.

*1860 U.S. Census*¹⁰⁶

Shawn, Samuel, 27

Mary, 26

Charles, 4

Emma, 1

24 Apr 1868. A contract was let for the construction of a railroad from near Masseys, by way of Kennedyville, to Chestertown...¹⁰⁷

*1880 U.S. Census*¹⁰⁸

Shawn, Samuel C., 49, farming, b. MD, parents also

Mary J., 44

Charles B., 24, farmer

Samuel D., 19, farmer

Carry J., 15

Mary J., 13, school

Liley G., 10, school

B. Franklin, 4, home

1904. "(Died) Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 27th, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Mollie Walls, Centreville, S. C. Shawn, aged 71 years. By His Children, B, C, M, L"¹⁰⁹

1906. "In memory of my dear father, S. C. Shawn, who died two years ago, December 27, 1904. Dear father, two long, lonely years have passed, Could I call you back? Dear father, I miss you from our home. Asleep in Jesus! A calm and undisturbed repose, father, dear; but never from my heart. I will try to cease my weeping, Although my heart is breaking. By a devoted daughter, L. G. Volz."¹¹⁰

14. James Henry Shawn.

"During the Civil War, James Henry Shawn went to the court house to vote. Union soldiers asked him how he was going to vote. When he answered, they threw him down the stairs." Family story received from Robert B. Shawn of Silversprings, Maryland, 1980.

15. Joseph Benjamin Shawn.

Research: 1880 U.S. Census.¹¹¹

Shawn, Joseph B., 36, farmer

Elizabeth, 30, wife

William A., 4

Charles D., 1

12 Jul 1907. Joseph B. Shawn of near Burrisville, died at the home of his brother, Mr. William T. Shawn, Sunday night of tuberculosis. He was 65 years of age and has been a resident of this county since birth. He is survived by two brothers, Mr. W. T. Shawn of Burrisville, and John R. Shawn, of Wilmington, DE; two sons and one daughter,

Wm. A. Shawn of Wilmington; Elsworth Shawn of Hobessan, DE, and Mrs. John Davis of Wye Island. Funeral services were held in the M.E. Church, Centreville. Interment in Chesterfield Cemetery.¹¹²

16. William T. Shawn.

1870 U.S. Census

Shawn, William, 24, farmer

Martha, 24

Joseph, 28

Sarah Baxter, 18

1880 U.S. Census

Shawn, William T., 34, white, male, farmer

Martha, 34, house

Howard, 10

Harry

Samuel, 72, retired, father

Charles R., 23, laborer

April 1905. Steward and Trustee of the Burrisville Methodist Episcopal Church.

October 1928 "William T. Shawn died at his home on Railroad Avenue, extended, Centreville, Thursday afternoon of general debility. He was born April 6th, 1846, on the Harper Farm, near Centreville, and was a son of the late Samuel Shawn, who was proprietor of the old Shawn Tavern, in Centreville, for many years. Early in life he engaged in farming. About twelve years ago he retired from farming and has since made his home in Centreville.

On December 10, 1868, he married Miss Martha Ann Baxter, of Church Hill, a daughter of the late Samuel Baxter, of this county, and for nearly sixty years they enjoyed a happy companionship. They had two sons, both of whom died several years ago. Member of the Centreville Methodist Episcopal Church. Besides his widow, he is survived by one brother, John Shawn, of Centreville. He leaves a number of nephews and nieces. Interment in Chesterfield Cemetery. The pallbearers will be: I.E. Dolby, Charles M. West, Mordecai T. Gibson, J. Lemuel Roberts, William F. Anthony, C. Hemsley Lane.¹¹³

Centerville (MD) Observer, April 12, 1924: "Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Shawn of Railroad Avenue, Centerville, the immediate family members and a few friends last Sunday for Mr. Shawn's 78th birthday. Mrs. Shawn reached her 78th 3 days before. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Baxter, Miss Marjorie Clendening of Millington, Samuel Baxter of Chestertown, Mr. and Mrs. James Cannon, and Mrs. John Wesley, Miss Kathleen Wesley, Mary T. Earl and Mr. S. Charles Walls of Centerville."

Centerville (MD) Observer, October 1928—Deaths:

"William T. Shawn, one of Centerville's oldest and most highly citizens died at this home on Railroad Avenue, extended, Centerville, Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock. He had been in failing health several months from the effects of general debility.

"The deceased was born April 6th, 1846, on the Harper Farm, near Centerville, and was a son of the late Samuel Shawn, who was of the old Shawn Tavern in Centerville for many years.

"Early in life Mr. Shawn engaged in farming, and for many years he regarded as one of the county's most successful agriculturists. twelve years ago he retired from farming and has since made his home Centerville.

"On December 10, 1868 Mr. Shawn married Miss Martha Ann Baxter, of Church Hill, a daughter of the late Samuel Baxter, of this county and nearly sixty years they have enjoyed a happy companionship. They had sons, both of whom died several years ago.

"Mr. Shawn was a faithful member of the Centerville Methodist Church, and his life was a splendid example of Christian charity.

"Besides his widow he is survived by one brother, John Shawn, of Centerville. He leaves a number of nephews and nieces.

"Funeral services will be held today at 12 o'clock noon, at Methodist Episcopal Church, and will be conducted by Rev. Luther E. Poole. Interment will be in Chesterfield Cemetery.

"The pallbearers will be: L.E. Dolby, Charles M. West, Mordecai T. Gibson, J. Lemuel Roberts, William F. Anthony, C. Hemsley Lane."

18. William Benjamin Shawn. (NOTE: The following article is quoted verbatim from information provided by Mary Cannon Godsey.--REF)

William Benjamin Shawn
1839 - 1894
by Rose T. Lane

William Benjamin Shawn, son of Pere G. and Juliann Coleman Shawn (m. 5, 1830) married Susan Ann Legg in Queen Anne's County, Maryland in (Nov. 10). She was a daughter to Henry C. Legg and Ann Benton Legg. bought a farm at Clucktown in Upper Queen Anne's County known as Addition or Julia's Portion. The little store at the crossroads at Clucktown was made a post office and the name of the area changed to Hope—the name by which it is still known today.

In 1885 Susan Ann inherited a farm on Kent Island after the death of father. They then sold Tully's Addition and relocated to Batt's Neck. this time all eight of their children had been born and three of them died. The children were in order of their birth:

Henry Pere Gwynne (8/30/1865-7/15/1867)
A.C.B. or Anne Cecelia Buena Vista (7/10/1867-6/6/1944)
Evalina Legg (9/5/1868-7/12/1869)
Estella Legg (3/10/1870-10/3/1934)
Julia Etta Coleman (10/5/1871-3/8/1873)
Susan Elizabeth (3/6/1873-12/27/1957)
Lillie Day (2/16/1875-1/31/1922)
John Benjamin (5/18/1878-9/24/1961)

The eldest, ever after referred to in the family as Brother Harry, at twenty three months. According to family tradition he died as a result of having grabbed a fistful of forbidden peas, cramming them his mouth and hastily swallowing them unchewed while a household was vainly trying to force him to give them up. As an aftermath of tragedy, green garden peas were nearly taboo on the menu of any member under school age. Even until over sixty years later when the writer can remember being admonished at least six times during the of a meal to "chew them slowly and thoroughly. I wouldn't want to happen to you what happened to poor brother Harry." Tradition dies in some families!

At the time of poor brother Harry's death "Sister Vista" was 5 days She always maintained the position of eldest (therefore wisest) and a force to be reckoned with for any sibling who dared not follow the straight and very narrow path which she laid out. She was married in mid-thirties to a sailboat captain, Lemuel Bryan. He was a widower her senior by a number of years. There were no children born to her she mothered, directed and issued orders to all the nieces and three generations. Her personal admonitions when she was present and written directives when away were to this writer always reminiscent St. Paul's letters to the Churches of early New Testament times.

After being widowed she secured a position as housemother at Bancroft School in New Jersey, a private school for disabled children. The residents spent the three summer months in Maine at the school's home. She used this annual trek to supply the family with enough needle-stuffed pillows and woolen mill seconds in blanket sizes to the bedding department of an average size store.

"Sis Stella", the next oldest to live past infancy decided after absorbing all the education offered by the local public schools at time, to enroll in a trade school. She, too, was fiercely and determined in her youth to be financially dependent upon no one. went to Owings Mills, Maryland and learned to be a couturier and milliner and later returned to Centerville where she obtained a as private dressmaker and milliner for Mrs. Busted, a leading of the time.

After marriage to Ralph Lane and the subsequent arrival of children gave up her career but continued to use her education to insure that family was always well dressed, usually in her original designs or pictured in magazines or newspapers. She tailored her boys' clothing until they reached the age where they felt they had outgrown such attention but the girls never failed to appreciate the advantage. We could show her a picture or even verbally describe a dress, suit or that we admired and in a very short time, usually after only one the living, breathing object of our desire was ready for wearing.

She also enjoyed raising poultry of all kinds. There still exist goose down comforters which she made by painstakingly picking her geese and saving feathers in one barrel for market and down in for family enjoyment on

cold winter nights to snuggle under the comforters and rest heads upon the pillows.

Next in line to reach adulthood was Susan Elizabeth, apparently a rebellious little scamp from day one. She was the one that kept Vista's" days full of despair of ever being able to keep that one control. She attended Eaton Burnett Business College in Baltimore, stayed after completion of the courses, worked for about two years returned to Kent Island. She married there and had no children. After about ten years the marriage ended in divorce - a previously unheard situation in the family.

She then went to New Jersey and took a job in a mental hospital where continued her education graduating from nursing school in 1911 at 38 years of age. She bought a lot, designed a bungalow and had it acting as her own general contractor.

She had previously caused another stir in the family by adopting the cigarette smoking fad but when she appeared home in knickers and socks eyebrows really went skyward! At about the same time she went New York and worked in King's County Hospital from which she retired supervisor. At this time she returned to her bungalow, purchased a of laying hens and sold eggs.

By now she had divorced her second husband and adopted a Pekinese dog named Ching Lee Sing. This dog had a child's high chair which was up to the table at mealtimes, her bib was tied under her chin and she fed with a silver spoon one tiny spoonful at a time

Dear little "Sister Lizzie" never did figure out why she was to be outrageous or even slightly scandalous. In her opinion it was a matter of being slightly ahead of her time.

Lilly Day, the youngest daughter, was the only child in the family to bear a name not handed down from a previous generation of kin. She was named for the wife of a favorite Methodist minister. She married Nelson. They had seven children, the first two a set of twins. She at a fairly young age. He followed only a few years later.

John Benjamin, the baby of the family (and the petted darling after those girls) grew up assured of his importance in the family picture. He, too, was extremely fond of dogs-a trait which has followed down through the family even to today's generation. He usually had one at side even in earliest childhood photographs.

He married Rosa Chance at a young age, his father having died a few before. They remained on the farm with his mother, the first few of their married life, then they also moved to New Jersey where he studied architecture and residential construction. Following of these courses of study he formed a contracting company and built fine homes in that area.

After the death of his mother he returned to the family farm which he lost during the great depression of the 1930's. He then returned to trade of carpentry and became known locally for his painstaking work with only the quality materials. Owners of lumber yards and building supply firms were said to shudder when he went striding among the of lumber carefully selecting board by board what he wanted and aside twenty lengths of lumber to reach the exact one that he would accept and so on down through the stack. In later years when he was forced to place orders by phone he was known on more than one refuse delivery of a truck load of material because a few pieces were to his liking. Suppliers soon learned to select with as careful an as himself would have the items designated for his jobs. He had no natural children but adopted a great nephew and taught him the trade as well.

September 1, 1894. Centreville Record, OBITUARY: Mr. Benjamin Shawn, one of the most prominent, honored and highly respected citizens of this county, died at his residence on Kent Island at 8:30 a.m., yesterday morning in the 55th year of his age. Mr. Shawn is a descendant of one of the oldest and most respected families of the county, his forefathers having settled here many years ago. They proved a thrifty, honest dealing and very hospitable people - their doors always opened and their table spread with the best the county afforded for all worthy comers. Mr. Shawn died in the faith of the Methodist Protestant Church. Funeral services at the M.P. Church, Stevensville, Kent Island, tomorrow (Sunday) 2nd instant at 10:30 a.m. Interment at the Centreville Cemetery during the afternoon, Reverend George H. Honey officiating. The disease which caused his death was typhoid fever, to which he has been a victim for about three weeks. He leaves many friends to mourn his loss, and all are invited to witness the last rites of an honored, and loved friend and acquaintance. (Photocopy of obituary. Personal Library of Eric Shawn, Oak Grove, OR. See also Irma S. Harper. Reference to Centreville Record in "The Omega Connections, vol. II, L-Z." p. 110)

20. Samuel Thomas Shawn.

Mathews (VA) Journal, Thursday, November 30, 1916: "Mr. Tom Stone is improving after a severe case of la grippe. Mr. (Sam) Shawn is improving. Tom Stone was Sam Stone's brother-in-law. The two lived together in the same house."

Mathews (VA) Journal, January 1932—Deaths: “Samuel T. Shawn. Mr. Samuel T. Shawn, a well known and highly respected citizen of County, died at his home near Hudgins, Va early Tuesday morning, the 19th. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucy Shawn; a daughter, Mrs. I. J. Hodges, of Norfolk, Va, three sons, W.A. Shawn, Norfolk, F.R. and C.L. Shawn of Mathews, Va; two brothers, Wm. M. Shawn, Foster, Va J.H. Shawn, Norfolk, Va; a sister, Mrs. George E. Hunt, Port Haywood, Va. Mr. Shawn was a faithful member of Macedonia Baptist Church where funeral services were held Thursday at 2:30 pm, conducted by his Rev. G. Baldwin, assisted by Rev. A.J. Archar. Interment was made in family cemetery at his old home. The active pallbearers were Frank Dennis, Will Callis, Joe Shackelford, J.R. Sadler, Walter Gwynn, and J. R. Haynes. Honorary, Morris Curfman, Homer Dennis, Marvin Griffith, Lem Hunt, Edgar Hunt, Lennie Shawn, Ira Peters, John Jarivs, Rosser Ben Moughan and Walter Shawn.”

22. Walter M. Shawn. (NOTE: Refer to Addendum, page 273, for further information about this family.-- REF)

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette Journal, October 1996, Glimpses Into the Past Column, 90 Years Ago, Thursday October 11, 1906—From the Mathews Journal: “Capt. Walter M. Shawn of the Thimble Shoal Lighthouse is at home in Mathews with his family for a few days.”

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette Journal, February 5, 1998, Glimpses Into the Past Column, 90 Years Ago, Thursday February 6, 1908—From the Mathews Journal: “Capt. Walter Shawn of the Thimble Shoal Lighthouse rescued Capt. Middleton’s brother from a watery grave during the severe storm on night.”

Gloucester Co. VA, Deed Book 15, page 37, November 22, 1889: “Walter M. Shawn bought a steam powered saw mill from Mr. Corbill \$162.41.”

Mathews Co. VA 1900 Census, June 1900, Piankitank District, sheet 12: “Walter Shawn was listed as the assistant keeper at Wolftrap.”

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette Journal, September 1940—Deaths: “Walter M. Shawn. Mathews- Walter M. Shawn, 78, died at St. Luke’s hospital in Friday September 13. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Shawn, daughters, Mrs. L.C. Thomas of Newport News and Mrs. Stanley Owens of Diggs; a son, L.C. Shawn, Mathews; one sister Mrs. G.E. Hunt of Port Haywood, and a brother, Joseph Shawn of Norfolk.

“Mr. Shawn was engaged in the mercantile business at Foster and was postmaster there for a number of years.

“Funeral services were held on Sunday at 3:30 pm at Forrest Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. Gary Baldwin, assisted by Rev. R.G. Kendrick. Interment was made in Trinity cemetery. Active pallbearers were: Curfman, C.H. Williams, Herbert Williams, Morgan Faulkner, Raymond Shackelford and Homer Dennis.

“He was a member of Macedonia Baptist church and Mathews Council No. Jr. O.U.A.M.

“The fact that he was highly esteemed and had many friends was by the large attendance and the many floral tributes. Relatives and friends from out-of-the county in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Shawn, Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Shawn, W.L. Shawn, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shawn, Allie Shawn, Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mason Hudgins, George R. Diggs, and Mrs. Agnes Coffield, of Norfolk. and Mrs. L.C. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thomas of Newport News, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thomas, Hampton.”

25. Samuel Dey Shawn.

July 3, 1897, Centreville Record, OBITUARY: “Mr. Samuel D. Shawn died suddenly Thursday of last week about 8:30 o’clock at his home on High Street, Chestertown, aged thirty-six years. He had been confined to his room for several days but was not considered in a dangerous condition in the least and on the day of his death, he was considerably improved, so much so that he took a short walk about 6:00pm.

“Returning home, he rested on his bed without undressing and suddenly expired without any premonition and before a physician could be summoned. Dr. Whaland arrived a few minutes afterwards and who had been attending him pronounced death due to apoplexy.

The deceased removed from Price’s Station this county to Edesville, Kent county about four years ago and went to Chestertown first of present year (1897). Since then he has been conducting a livery stable. He was a native of this county and a son(sic: probably grandson) of the late Samuel Shawn, a gentleman well known in this county. He leaves a widow who was a Miss Edsall of New York and five small boys. The funeral services were held the following Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. J. M. Gill. Interment in Church Hill Cemetery.”

25. iv. Raymond Dey Shawn.

1944. *LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT*

"I, Raymond Dey Shawn, now residing at 5315 Hedge Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, do hereby make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void any and all prior wills, codicils, or testamentary dispositions of any kind by me heretofore made, and declaring this only to be my last will and testament.

"First: I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid and satisfied by my Executrix hereinafter named, as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

"Second: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, and wheresoever situate, I give, devise and bequeath to my cousin, Evelyn Anson.

"Third: In the event that my cousin, Evelyn Anson, is not living at the time of my decease, or that we both perish as the result of a common disaster, then and in that event only, I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate unto my brother, George Shawn.

"Fourth, I hereby order and direct my Executrix, hereinafter named, to sell and dispose of any and all real estate, of which I may die seized, at either private or public sale or sales, for the best price or prices that may be obtained therefore, hereby giving and granting unto my said Executrix, the full power and authority to convey the same unto the purchaser or purchasers thereof, by good and sufficient deed or deeds or other assurances in the law, without responsibility on the part of the purchaser or purchasers to see to the proper allocation of the purchase money.

"Fifth and Lastly: I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my cousin, Evelyn Anson, to be the Executrix of this, my last Will and Testament. In the event that my cousin, Evelyn Anson, is unable for any reason or unwilling to serve as executrix, of this my last Will and Testament, then I nominate, constitute and appoint my brother, George Shawn, to be the Executor in her stead; and I expressly order and direct that no bond be required of my said Executrix, for the faithful performance of any of the terms of this, my last Will and Testament, and that no accounting be required or filed as to the distribution of my estate.

"In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four."

Witnesses: Horace A. Melling and Charles H. Dorsett¹¹⁴

1951. *CERTIFICATE OF DEATH* Lists Raymond as widowed. Age 56. Died of suffocation, fumes from an oil furnace burning and smoking in the house.¹¹⁵

25. v. Samuel Charles Shawhan.

Military Service: 77th Regiment, killed, 8 Aug 1918, in France during WWI.

Obituary: "Sergeant Samuel C. Shawn, of the 77th Field artillery, was killed in battle August 8th, somewhere in France. Mrs. Kate Shawn, his mother, who lives in Philadelphia, was notified by the department last week. Sergeant Shawn was a son of Samuel C. and Kate Shawn, born at Price, this county, and was 24 years of age. Besides his mother he is survived by three brothers, all of whom are in active war service: Major Franklin D. Shawn, Quartermaster's department, Washington, D.C.; George W. Shawn, a radio operator at sea, and Sergeant Raymond D. Shawn, with the Signal Corp in France. He was related to a number of persons in Centreville, Mrs. J. E. Wesley being an aunt, S. Charles Walls a cousin, and William T. Shawn a great uncle."

"Sergeant Samuel C. Shawn killed in action on August 8, wrote to his widowed mother, Mrs. Kate Shawn.... Sergeant Shawn was a member of the 77th Field Artillery and was engaged to a young woman in Vermont. He is a nephew of George Edsall, who is in charge of the news bureau of a local morning paper. Sergeant Shawn is one of four brothers in the service. Raymond D. Shawn is a sergeant with the signal corp in France; Major Franklin D. Shawn is in the quartermaster's corps, Washington, D.C. and George W. Shawn is a radio operator at sea....."

38. Charles Leslie Shawn.

Mathews (VA) Journal, Thursday April 27, 1916—Marriages: Shawn – Atherton. “Mr. Charles Leslie Shawn and Miss Clemmie Bell Atherton, the pretty and popular daughter of Mrs. Mary L. Atherton and the late Rennie Atherton, were married at the West Mathews parsonage by Rev. L.D. on Saturday evening. The marriage was a very quiet one, only a few friends being present. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Shawn of Mathews, and is well known young farmer.”

Reflections of Big Daddy
Leslie Shawn
1895-1969
by Mary Cannon Godsey

Charles Leslie Shawn was the third child born to Samuel Thomas and Elizabeth Stone Shawn. Born on 12 February 1895 in Mathews County, in a house that was known as the Shawn homeplace, just off Route 14. grew up with his two brothers and one sister. His parents were Sam and Aunt Bet. Leslie would become my grandfather, and I always knew him as ‘Big Daddy.’

His first wife was Clemmie B. Atherton, whom he married in Mathews. had one son, Charles Vincent Shawn, born 11 November 1918. Clemmie on 27 April 1930.

Mary Virginia Thurston was born to Melvin Thomas and Kate Sherman Thurston on 10 September 1894. Born in the Glebe section of Mathews, the old Retz post office. She was the second child of three. In her late teen-age years she met her first husband, Edwin Anthony Louis. 1913 Mary and Edwin eloped to Ellicott City, Maryland. They were by Rev. J. Edward Synder at Exmore Methodist Church. A daughter was stillborn on 11 July 1914. Edwin was an ensign in the Coast Guard. 1919 Edwin died of leukemia. Mary would become my grandmother, and I knew her as “Ma”.

Leslie and Mary met at a Baptist Church dance in Mathews. They were married on her 37th birthday by Rev. A.J. Authur at the Baptist parsonage. Soon after their marriage they built a house directly off the dirt road from where Mary was born. The white frame two bedroom house has a slate roof, one bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, and a front and back porch. There is a detached garage and tool shed in one. There is an old hen house, brooder house, chicken coop, and barn. Between the house and garage there is a big sycamore tree. beyond the tree there is a well.

Big Daddy always had a large garden. He planted sweet corn, butter beans, snaps, beets, green onions, two kinds of potatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, two kinds of squash, and turnips greens. There also green peppers, asparagus, watermelon and cantaloupe. There were raspberries, and damson, apple, pear and fig trees. I have a picture of Big Daddy watering his strawberry patch. He used to tell me “found” in his cabbage patch.

I can remember being about age 10 or 11 and my birthday was coming was sitting in the kitchen on Ma’s round piano stool watching Big shave at the little old mirror with a white frame. He was using an barber’s razor. (He kept the leather sharpening strap in the pantry) asked him what he wanted more than anything in the world when he was age. He said a bicycle.

He had a lot of patience with me when he took me to the Court House. Mathews to go to the Court House meant you were going to town.) He sat in the car and read the paper while I palled around with my girlfriends on a Saturday morning.

Big Daddy worked for the Mathews Ice Plant. He retired from there in mid 1940’s. He would take my sister and I to the Ice Plant for ice cones, usually double dippers, and usually chocolate and vanilla. It made from ice made right there at the plant, and cream and milk from local cows. (Probably from Mobjack Farm) It is by far the best ice cream I’ve ever had.

It was Big Daddy’s birthday and he was sitting in his living room. I leaned on his knee and asked what he was thinking. He said he was recalling his life history. When I asked where he was, he replied he thinking about his grandmother, Zillah.

Big Daddy like to fox and possum hunt. I remember one hunting trip Ma packed his lunch. (It seemed odd for Ma to pack a lunch, it was something I never saw her do.) I remember an old smelly horn he used call the dogs with. It hung on the back porch.

Ma and Big Daddy had two children. Sylvia Thurston Shawn (my mother) born on 30 May 1933. Charles Thurston Shawn was born on 6 December One time I asked Ma why she gave them both the same middle name. She told me she liked the name a lot, and she knew she would probably have any more children. Besides, it was her maiden name and it was strong.

Eventually Ma and Big Daddy built a wood frame house on the lot next to them. In the early 1960's my parents started to rent it. It was Daddy's job to check the attic for leaks. I remember one particular when his foot slipped between the rafters and came through the my bedroom. He patched it as best he could, and the spot is still visible today.

I remember his brother, Willie, visiting. I was told he lived in Norfolk and I was to be on my best behavior. I never really knew Uncle until I became an adult and got interested in genealogy. What a shame I missed all those years.

One time Uncle Willie was visiting and Arlene (my sister) and were playing in the next room. I recall Uncle Willie saying someone's horse got scared and they drowned in a pond in Gloucester. Maybe a rabbit scared the horse, no one knew for sure. This man was a letter carrier and there were letters floating in the pond. This man's name was Perry and his wife was Zillah (Big Daddy's and Uncle Willie's grandfather).

One time Big Daddy had a heart attack. The doctor put him on Ma's side of the bed. Arlene and I went into whisper to him. He looked as white as the sheets.

One time he and I were collecting eggs in the hen house. All of a he sat down and asked me to run to the house and look on top of the refrigerator for his little white pills. He took one under his and said it was nitroglycerin.

One summer day he cut his hand sharpening the lawn mower blade. It seemed to bleed a lot. He tied a cloth around it and we went to the doctor. It was ok.

Late one evening I was playing with his dog, Wheeler. Big Daddy me for playing with a sleeping dog when he found me bleeding in his bathroom. Wheeler had bitten me just above my knee cap. Big Daddy to keep Wheeler in a pen for a rabies check. I was five or six years at the time, and it left a big impression on me. He also had an old dog named Ike.

Big Daddy was a good cook. He used Water Wheel Southern Corn Meal his corn bread. (It was water-ground, not stone-ground.) He would mix the meal and water and then he spooned some on a hot griddle, and PRESTO! cornbread. I would sit on his lap and he fed me two bites cornbread, one bite fish.

Big Daddy would salt fresh fish so he could have it all winter. I remember Arlene and I would pick grapes so Ma could make grape jelly. Big Daddy said if a few bugs got in with the grapes it was ok, it just make it taste better.

Ma would sew and knit Barbie doll clothes. I always liked to eat over there. They would give me coffee with lots of cream. Big Daddy asked the blessing by saying "Dear Lord, let us be truly thankful for these and all other blessings we receive from Thee. In Christ's name ask. Amen."

Big Daddy was fair complected and usually wore a hat outside. He was overweight, and may have been 5 ft. 9 or 10 in. tall. He had light grayish-blue eyes. When someone asked him how he was feeling he "Oh, fairly good I guess." He wore glasses.

The day President Kennedy was assassinated he was painting the outside of his house. I went over there to watch it on TV. After a while I out the back porch and found my cat. I asked Big Daddy if he knew, said yes, wasn't it terrible. My cat and I went to the tool shed to 'talk' and watched him paint.

Big Daddy never was in the service.

He would put on his Sunday best and go to the (horse) harness racing was behind the Tastee Freeze. I wasn't allowed to go.

Sometime in 1967 Big Daddy made me a bookcase for my room. He painted it white. It was just big enough for my mystery books and plus a few odds and ends that I had that needed a place to go. It sits in my old room.

When I was in the fifth grade I kept a diary. The following excerpts are on Big Daddy.

Aug. 19, 1965 I went to the Court House with Big Daddy.

Feb. 4, 1966 Big Daddy got me 2 scarves. Arlene got 1. My colors white and light blue. Hers is red.

Mar. 16, 1966 Lula and Homer came down. (Lula is Big Daddy's brother's child.)

Mar. 25, 1966 Last night Lyllie Bell gave birth to 2 kittens in Big Daddy's barn.

Apr. 17, 1966 I shucked corn for Big Daddy's chickens.

June 13, 1966 Big Daddy's car broke down. Mr. Hurst took him to the garage. I went with daddy to get the car. (Mr. Hurst was a neighbor friend.)

July 7, 1966 Big Daddy had a slight heart attack. Drs. Shinn and came.

July 31, 1966 Vincent and Beverly came to see Big Daddy. He is much better. (Beverly is Vincent's daughter.)

Aug. 1, 1966 Big Daddy had a slight attack. He is much better.

Aug. 4, 1966 Big Daddy is lots better. Ma had company, two ladies man.

Aug. 8, 1966 Ma and Big Daddy went visiting.

Aug. 12,1966 Big Daddy is lots better.

Aug. 23, 1966 Big Daddy had a check up. He is better.

Big Daddy liked to watch wrestling on TV after supper. The two I remember watching with him were Dusty Rhodes and Swede Hanson. I recall him sitting in the rocking chair and Ma in her easy chair holding hands while they watched TV.

I remember Sunday afternoons on the front porch. Big Daddy would read the paper in the glider, and nap in the gray canvas hammock.

On Monday evening, 29 April 1969, between 6:00 and 7:30 Big Daddy passed away. He had come over to use the telephone (since he and Ma did not have one they used ours.) While he was waiting for the party line to clear he had a heart attack. I found him when I walked through the living room. I had to clear the party line to call the doctor. I laid him down on the sofa and ran to get mama and daddy, who were cutting grass next door. Drs. Shinn and Bowles came. They said they were sorry it happened so fast.

I watched from the kitchen window as they took him away. I silently to myself "Good bye, Big Daddy, I will miss you. I love you." Why couldn't I of said that 30 minutes ago?

Mama and Ma cried for days. Ma did not go to the funeral. Her Daisye, sat with her at home. Ma wanted me to wear the new blue and white striped dress I had just got for my 14th birthday. There were lot of people at the funeral. People brought food to the house. Big Daddy left Arlene and I each a U.S. Savings Bond.

Big Daddy is buried in the Green Cemetery in the Glebe section of Mathews. Ma would put a memorial in the paper on the anniversary of death. It would read "Life is ever Lord of death. And love can lose its own." Ma lived sixteen more years without her husband. She left us 22 May 1985.

38. ii. Charles Thurston.

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette Journal, August 20, 1987, "Glimpses Into the Past Column," Thursday Aug. 28, 1947—from the Gazette-Journal: "A meeting of the Boy Scout Troop No. 112 was held Thursday night at Mathews Court House. Thurston Shawn...passed Tenderfoot tests and now working on Second Class."

Family stories told to me (Mary Cannon Godsey) by Thurston Shawn, December 1995: "In the early days we cooked on a wood cook stove. There was no electricity, we used lamp lights. It was the simple country way of living. We worked hard and ate what we grew."

"Some of the hunting dogs we had were named Jolly, Smiley, Jeff, Wheeler, Rattler, and Hornet."

39. William Aubrey Shawn. (NOTE: Refer to Addendum, page 273, for further information about this family.--REF)

My Memories of Uncle Willie & Aunt Cora

By- Sylvia Shawn Cannon

Leslie was my father. He and Willie were brothers.

When I was young and we received a letter saying Uncle Willie and Cora would be up to see all of us on Sunday there was much excitement as Daddy always looked forward to his visits and would fix the fattest chickens and there was always tons of vegetables in the garden. Mama would cook for two days.

They would bring my brother and me a toy - this was a wonderful treat things were scarce in those days. I remember Daddy and Uncle Willie standing under the big sycamore tree in the back yard talking after dinner. I never knew what they talked about - now I wish I knew. The day was spent talking and playing and then it would be time for them leave for Norfolk, we hugged and kissed them and hoped to see them soon.

Early Memories of Willie

By- Lula Shawn Dennis

My father Floyd and Willie were brothers.

Willie was 6 years old when I was born. He would make rag dolls for me. He would go upstairs and get hair out of the glass hair receiver to make hair for the dolls heads. He put strings on shoe boxes to their beds like a baby carriage so I could carry them up and down the road between his house and mine.

One day I got a dime. Willie wanted it and I wouldn't give it to him. He took it anyway and ran into the orchard

with it. His mother him "William! William! Come bring back that money!" And he did.

There were all kinds of fruit trees in the orchard, apple, pear, and damson. Willie's mother (who was also my grandmother) made damson preserves in old crock pots. She put paper or cloth over the tops of pots and tied it down with string.

When I was little I lived in front of Willie's house. He would come to my house and lay down to swing in the string hammock. He loved to swing. The hammock was inside the house in the hall. Elva was father's my second wife. She loved Willie and would do anything in the world for him.

Last year Willie and I went to a restaurant and he got fish. He loved fish. He got two pieces but only ate one. I knew he could eat that second piece so I asked him why he wouldn't eat it. He said he was saving it for my supper. Willie was always thinking of someone else everything.

Memories of Uncle Willie Shawn
By Mary Cannon Godsey

William Aubrey Shawn went to meet his ancestors at his home in Norfolk, VA on August 25, 1998 at the age of 96. He was born January 16, 1902 Mathews Co. VA to Sam and Betty Stone Shawn. He was a 5th great-grandson to Darby and Sarah Meeks Shawhan.

His maternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth Davis Stone who married in Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania Co. VA on January 14, 1859. Betty was born Elizabeth took her to an ice house for safety during Civil War of Battle of Fredericksburg. After battles were fought the Stone family would go to the fields and find buttons, shoes, bullets other items.

Uncle Willie retired in 1953 from Southern Railroad as captain of Hampton Roads Harbor Fleet after 31 years of service. He had spent several years during World War II on loan to the Navy as a pilot at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. After his retirement from Southern Railroad, returned to the Norfolk Naval Shipyard as a harbor pilot. He retired from there in 1968.

He was a member of Norview Methodist Church and a Mason for 50 years. Members of the Corinthian Lodge No. 266, of which he was a 41 year member, gave Masonic rites. He was also a member of the John Walters Royal Arch Chapter and Khedive Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Besides Mildred, his wife of 27 years and immediate family he is survived by 2 nieces, Lula Shawn Dennis of Yorktown, VA, and Sylvia Shawn Cannon of Mathews Co. VA. A great-niece, Mary Cannon Godsey lives in NC. Nephews include Thurston Shawn of Mathews Co. VA and Vincent Shawn of Richmond, VA.

Uncle Willie took an active interest in the family history. We made numerous family trips to the Eastern Shore of MD to visit long lost cousins. Many good times were had. These are all special, precious memories.

Uncle Willie loved to travel, but he would never fly. He didn't like planes. If he couldn't drive or take a boat he wouldn't go. He loved to go out west to the Black Hills and see the progress that has been the Chief Crazy Horse monument.

One of his favorite stories to tell was the time he was about 8 or 9 years old. He was chopping kindling wood and cut the tip of his off. He ran inside crying to his grandmother, Zillah (Peters) Shawn. She stuck the bleeding finger in the soot box to cauterize it. Uncle Willie kept a black spot on the tip of his finger for the rest of his life.

He would cut black gum tree branches for Zillah. She would use them as a toothbrush. Zillah dipped snuff. She kept it way down in her skirt pockets.

Another story he told was about his father, Sam. When Sam was little would go out to the pasture to bring the cows in. He would stand where the cows had been laying to warm his feet.

When Uncle Willie was little his family worked in a sawmill. They two yoke of oxen. The oxen hauled saw mill logs, pilings and mine props down to the river. Rafts would be made there to haul the logs to Norfolk.

One of Zillah's brothers, Joe Peters, gave Uncle Willie a Civil War and cap six-shooter pistol. It would fire seven shots. Uncle Willie shot it one time in NC. He said it shot ok, but there wasn't much behind it. His neighbor across the street traded it for him for a .38. He never realized the value of his Civil War pistol until years later.

When Uncle Willie was a young man he rolled his own cigarettes with Duke's Mixture, or he would snitch his fathers chewing and smoking tobacco. You could buy two cigarettes for a penny then. Sometimes he smoked very strong Piedmont cigarettes. He also tried Camel, Chesterfield, and Fetema cigarettes. Fetemas had a picture of an Egyptian Princess on the package.

His first car was a 1925 Chevrolet coupe. It only had one seat. In 1926 he had the first Pontiac in Norfolk. It

was a one seater. He traded it in for a 1930 Chrysler Desoto.

Uncle Willie left home at the young age of 14. He went to Norfolk got a job on a boat. He built his house in Norfolk in the early 1940's. He lived there all his adult life. He liked to putter in his work and fix things around the house. He was good at wood working. His rose bushes were beautiful this year. Red roses were his favorite.

Many people will attest to the fact that Uncle Willie never said an unkind word about anyone. What more important legacy could this kind southern gentleman leave behind?

42. Estelle Shawn.

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette Journal: Mrs. Stanley Owens.

"A funeral for Mrs. Estelle Shawn Owens, 87, of Mathews, was held at Saturday in Foster-Faulkner Funeral Home, Mathews. She died October 12, 1988 in Riverside Middle Peninsula Hosptial, Gloucester.

Mrs. Owens, a native of Mathews County, was a member of Central Methodist Church. She was the widow of Stanely Owens.

"Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Shirley O. Shea of Norwich, Conn.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

"The service was conducted by the Rev. Edward Inabinet. Burial was in Mildford Cemetery, Moon.

Pallbearers were Robert C. Collins, Robert G. Records, Charles Shawn, Cecil Green Jr., John Bing and Allen Downs. Honorary pallbearers Michael Records, Ian Collins and Charles B. Records."

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette Journal, November 24, 1988—Letters to the Editor:

Flowers Stolen from Mother's Grave

Editor, Gazette-Journal,

I find it very hard to believe that a person would stoop so low as steal flowers from a grave!

The baskets of fresh flowers and the wreath made of silk flowers sent to my mother (Estelle Shawn Owens) at her death and were very dear to my family and myself.

To say the least I was appalled when someone broke into her house stole her very few possessions including the Shawn Family Bible. One should realize to strip her grave was the proper thing for a person caliber to do.

I do hope that person enjoyed those flowers as much as she enjoyed flowers when she was alive.

The silk arrangement was quite lovely, nice enough for holiday arrangement and enough for a wreath for a door.
Shirley Owens Shea, Daughter
Norwich, Conn.

52. Franklin Denwood Shawn Col.

Many Eastern Shore residents will be interested in the appointment by the war department of Franklin D. Shawn, a Captain quartermaster corps, United States Army. Mr. Shawn, who is but 27 years of age, is the son of the late Samuel D. Shawn and was born at Prides Station, Queen Anne County, April 1885. Upon the death of his father, which occurred at Chestertown, Md., 19 years ago, his mother, who prior to her marriage was Miss Kate Edsall, daughter of Jacob A. and Anna W. Edsall, of Prides, brought her five sons, all small tots, to Philadelphia. Captain Shawn was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the general office, Broad St. Station, as a messenger boy. He studied in the office of superintendent of telegraph. Ten years ago he resigned to accept a position in the war department at Washington and a year ago was transferred to the Schuylkill Arsenal as chief clerk. Two of his brothers both born at Prides Station, are also in the army. Raymond D. Shawn, being connected with the signal corp. stationed at Fort Wood, Bedlow Island, NY, while Samuel C. Shawn is with the Cavalry at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. Both of them will shortly receive their commissions.¹¹⁶

Handwritten note (Marjorie R. Shawn) Frank Shawn was a stamp collector and had a whole study filled with his collection. When Robert Benjamin Shawn came to Oregon in 1951 he had his name painted on the side of his station wagon since he had been in business in Peoria, Illinois. After we were married we drove to Napa to find Uncle Frank. While driving through his neighborhood we met on the street - Bob flagged him down to ask directions. We went to his home for a nice visit, but had no further contact.¹¹⁷

15 Feb 1944

Dear brother George,

Thanks for your letter of January 23rd. Glad to hear that Clarence and his wife and children are well and so very successful. I hope those in the service, as well as yours, will return safely, and soon. Personally, and having spent nearly two years overseas I am completely fed up with this war, as are millions of others, no doubt. As I understand

it now, clarence has three boys, i.e. Clarence, Jr. (discharged on a medical certificate and working in Los Angeles), Ranny (now in the engineers in Italy) and Robert (in the Marines in the Pacific), and two daughters, Agnes and mary, and one granddaughter, who is the daughter (unnamed) of Mary. Am I right, so far? And your George now has four boys. OK. What are their names? And Samuel and Sylvia have how many children and what are their names? Sounds silly, but I cannot remember accurately, but Mabel thinks she does, so I have to have this information to convince her that my memory is at least as good as hers - or is it? What was Clarence Jr's physical defect? Anyway, I hope ___ all of you and the Shawns I have not yet met are well, safe and happy, including Nellie and yourself. Love, Frank.¹¹⁸

1978 OBITUARY. Mabel C. Shawn, 89, a resident of 2021 S. 308th St., Federal Way, died Thursday at her home. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 23, 1888, her early life was spend around Philadelphia. Mrs. Shawn moved to Washington, D.C. after her marriage to Col. Franklin D. Shawn. They lived in many parts of the United States and overseas as they moved with his U.S. Army assignments. Following the death of her husband in 1954, Mrs. Shawn moved to Federal Way from Napa, Calif. in 1956. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. B. (Anne) Wright of Federal Way and Mrs. Margaret B. Lillie of Van Nuys, Calif., a brother, E. Lewis Stapf of Philadelphia, Pa; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Price-Helton Funeral Chapel with interment at Presidio Cemetery, San Francisco, Calif.¹¹⁹

61. Gordon Lee Shawn.

Colonial Dwelling a 'Visual Feast'
By Betty Clark, Special Correspondent
from Queen Anne's Sketchbook

The one-half mile, tree-lined driveway into "Bloomingdale" is a to the visual feast received at the site of this stately colonial dwelling.

Near Queenestown on the body of water known as the Black Wye, the property known as "Bloomingdale" was originally patented, or granted, Capt. Robert Morris by Lord Baltimore in 1665. It was then called "Mount Mill", presumably because of a slight rise in land elevation and the existence of a mill on the property.

The old part of "Bloomingdale" was built in 1695 and the "new" was built is 1792. The original dwelling, a small brick house, was in 1684. It remains standing behind the main house.

Jacobus (later changed to Jacob) Seth acquired the property in 1684. purchased additional adjacent land until the tract totalled almost acres, or two square miles. It has subsequently been partially subdivided, but remained whole or in part in the Seth family for 200 years.

Jacob Seth lived on "Mount Mill" until his death in 1698. He it to his son, John, who died young; so, according to his father's it was inherited by another son, Charles.

Charles died in 1737 and left "Mount Mill" to his four sons, John, Charles, James and Jacob. Jacob bought his brothers' portion of the estate and at his death the entire tract went to Jacob's oldest son Thomas Johnings. Thomas was responsible for the new section being in 1792.

Thomas died in 1820 with no heirs, and the property was sold to Harris. Upon his death, "Mount Mill" became the property of this two daughters, Sallie and Mary.

Mary and Sallie Harris, attractive socialites, changed the name of home to "Bloomingdale".

Sallie survived her sister and bequeathed "Bloomingdale" to her Sevearn Teackle Wallis. In 1892, Wallis sold the property, with a motgage, to his nephew, John Mather Wallis. At the death of his John Mather sold the property, possibly to pay the mortgage. The with improvements was purchased by Hiram S. Dudley in 1898. Dudley's ownership brought the historic site into the twentieth century.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Shawn bought "Blomingdale" in 1952. For years prior to this time, the Shawn family had rented the site from Dudley II and had made it their home.

"Blomingdale", the beautiful home, has a cellar and three storeys. rooms are spacious, light and airy. The old part of the house has low ceilings and wide window sills. The entire house has the floor boards which have been sanded once, according to Mrs. Shawn.

In the hall are lights brought to "Bloomingdale" by Mrs. Shawn from childhood home near Centerville. Gracing the stairway, the banister extended dual posts. "Cobweb" windows, some of them original, adorn main entrance.

The front porch is hectagon shaped. It is believed to be the only its kind in Maryland. Like Monticello, it has plastered arches and a side porch has a unique double arch.

Most of the fireplaces in the house were built in interior walls, is unusual for this area. The mantel in one guest room has "church windows" on each side.

Interior doors vary from 34 1/2 inches to a remarkable 44 inches in width. Exterior walls are as wide as 20 inches. Mrs. Shawn said that when work was being done at the entrance to the old section, bolts, heads of which were four to five inches in diameter, were found.

When asked how she felt about living in an historic site, Mrs. Shawn admitted that it was her husband's idea to buy the farm; she was not enthused about all "the hard work." However, she added "I enjoy it." She "feels very lucky" to be at Bloomingdale. "I must be here for reason or another," she added.

One reason must surely be because she was willing to spend the time impart knowledge of her lovely home, historic "Bloomingdale." For kindness and sharing, we thank her.

Date unknown - Gordon and Corinne Shawn at Bloomingdale.

"On Wye Island near the bridge sits one of the few remaining farmhouses on the island. Like the Bryan house on Bordley Point, where Sam Whitby grew up, it, too, has long been abandoned. The house is used now only as a perch for buzzards. The yard around it can hardly be called a yard - it is overgrown so thick in weeds and brush. Gordon Shawn moved here in 1907, when he was ten years old, and stayed on the island until the Depression. It was then called the Riverton farm, and it included the seventy-acre grove of widely spaced beech, sweetgum, willow, and white oak just behind it - Shawn woods - the largest woods on the island. Gordon's father raised wheat and corn, Guernseys, Holsteins, and a few hogs on the Riverton farm. The Shawns now live on a large farm called 'Bloomingdale,' which is identified along the main highway by a state historical marker. The south wing of Bloomingdale was built in the late 1600s. The 'new part' as the Shawns refer to the main section of the thirteen-foot-ceilinged house, was added in 1792. Gordon Shawn's memories of the trim farms of early Wye Island do not fit well with his impressions of the island today."

OBITUARY

"E. Corinne Shawn of Queenstown died Tuesday, April 26, 1988 at the Memorial Hospital at Easton. She was 81. Born Oct 5, 1906 in Price, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Mary Downs Tarr McCollister. Mrs. Shawn was a member of the Wye of Carmichael United Methodist Church, where she recently retired after teaching many years of Sunday School.

She was a member of the United Methodist Women, a member of the Carmichael Homemakers for over 50 years, a member of the Brigadier Gen. Harry Benson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 69 in Centreville, a County Historical Society; a member of the Coppinge-Coppedge Family Association; and a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

For the past seven years, she had enjoyed painting at the Grasonville Senior Center.

She married Gordon Lee Shawn on Jan. 2, 1932 in Church Hill. Mr. Shawn died July 7, 1980.

She is survived by two daughters, Betty Lee Taylor of King George, VA, and Martha A. Willis of Queenstown; and five grandchildren. A daughter, Gladys Mae Shawn, died April 14, 1956."

78. Sylvia Thurston Shawn.

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette-Journal, June 23, 1994, "Glimpses Into the Past Column," 60 Years Ago, Thursday, June 21, 1934—from the Gloucester-Gazette: "The baby show, with 103 entries under the auspices of the Junior Women's Club, packed the Edgehill Theater here Friday afternoon... The prize was won ...by Sylvia Thurston Shawn who got first place for girls."

Family story told to me by Sylvia Shawn Cannon, December 1995: "My first date with Hoover was to a basketball game in Gloucester Botetourt High School. Mathews was playing Gloucester. He had a '39 Chevrolet. I had to be home at 10:30 pm."

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette Journal, December 1953: "In the presence of a few relatives and friends, Miss Sylvia Shawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Shawn, of Retz, and Herbert Cannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Cannon, of Hallieford, were quietly married on December 20 by the Rev. C.J. Carpenter at the Methodist parsonage at Cobbs Creek."

78. i. Mary Lola Cannon.

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette Journal, December 1956, Photograph Mentioned in Children's Contest: Mathews- Mary Lola Cannon has won honorable mention in the National Photographic Children's Contest. The

contest was sponsored by Nachman's Studios. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Cannon of Mathews, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Shawn of and Mrs. Lola Cannon of Hallieford.

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette Journal, December 27, 1973—Marriages: "Miss Cannon, Kenneth Godsey are Married"

"Miss Mary Lola Cannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cannon of Mathews, and Kenneth Godsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Godsey of New Point were married on Thursday, December 20, 1973 in Westville Church, Mathews. The Rev. John Johnson, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony. Mrs. William E. Walters was pianist. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of white satin trimmed in lace, and her veil of illusion was trimmed in matching lace. Miss Arlene Cannon, sister of the bride was maid of honor. Mr. Godsey served as best man for his son. A reception was held following the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Godsey are residing at Raleigh, NC."

Birmingham (AL) Genealogical Society, Inc. Newsletter, December 1983: "Congratulations to Mary Godsey, second place winner at the October fair. She shared her experiences of 'Persistence Pays Off.'"

Mary was second vice-president of the Birmingham Genealogical in the mid 1980's."

82. Charles D. Shawn.

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette Journal, September 3, 1987, "Glimpses Into the Past Column," 30 Years Ago, Thursday September 5, 1957—from the Gazette-Journal: "Gayle and Shawn announce the grand opening of their new store located Mathews Court House in the Nottingham Shopping Center. The owners are Charles D. Shawn and Herbert R. Gayle who operated as Gayle and Shawn Home Appliances for six years in their former location."

Gloucester-Mathews (VA) Gazette-Journal, November 7, 1996, "Glimpses Into the Past Column," 50 Years Ago, Thursday, November 7, 1946: "Charles D. Shawn and Thomas S. Hunley, Jr. have opened a new store" in the building opposite the Mathews Supply Company. The two young electricians have been operating as the Dependable Electric Co. some time. Now they have a good supply of fixtures which they have display in their new store."

92. Robert Benjamin Shawn.

MILITARY SERVICE 8 Jan 1942; Enlisted USMC (4 yrs), RS CRD Chicago, Illinois. 26 Feb 1942; U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego with fever. 1 Mar 1942; 1st battalion, 9th Marines activated and assigned to 2nd Marine Division. 8 Jul 1942; Promoted to Private First Class, 9th Marines, 2nd Division, C-1-9, Camp Elliott. Aug 1942; Reassigned to Amphibian Corp, PAC Fleet. Sept. 1942; Reassigned to 3rd Marine Division (activated 16 Sept 1942). 16 Jan 1943; Promoted to Corporal, 9th Marines reinforced, 3rd Division, C-1-9, Camp Pendleton. 7 Feb 1943-30 Jun 1943; Auckland, New Zealand. 6 Jul 1943-19 Oct 1943; Landing at Guadalcanal. 1 Nov 1943-28 Dec 1943; Initial landing at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville. Developed asthma. 7 Jan 1944; admitted at field hospital. 16 Apr 1944-15 Jul 1944; U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California. 16 Jul 1944; U.S. Naval Hospital, Colorado. 13 Sept 1944-21 Oct 1944; U.S. Naval Convalescent Hospital, Glenwood Springs, Colorado. 21 Oct 1944; Invalided and discharged under Lt. Col. Mason. I-MAC included the 3rd Marine Division under Major General A. H. Turnage. The 3rd Marines (activated Sept 1942), 9th Marines and a raider regiment were the assault troops.

Newspaper. "Miss Marjorie Rhein Evers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Rhein of Dayton, Ore., became the bride of Robert B. Shawn, son of Mr. And Mrs. C. E. Shawn, Peoria Heights, in a double ring ceremony performed at St. James Catholic Church, McMinnville, Oreg., Wednesday, March 28. The bride chose a blue gabardine suit with beige pink trim and navy blue accessories. Her corsage was a single orchid. Miss Irene Bernards, McMinnville, Ore., was maid of honor in suit and accessories identical with that of the bride except for a corsage of pink roses. Gerald Rhein served as best man and John Rhein as usher. Following a wedding trip through the southwest, the couple will reside in Denver, Colorado."

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