

Where Does SHIRLEY Belong? UNRECORDED JANE BROKE CHAIN

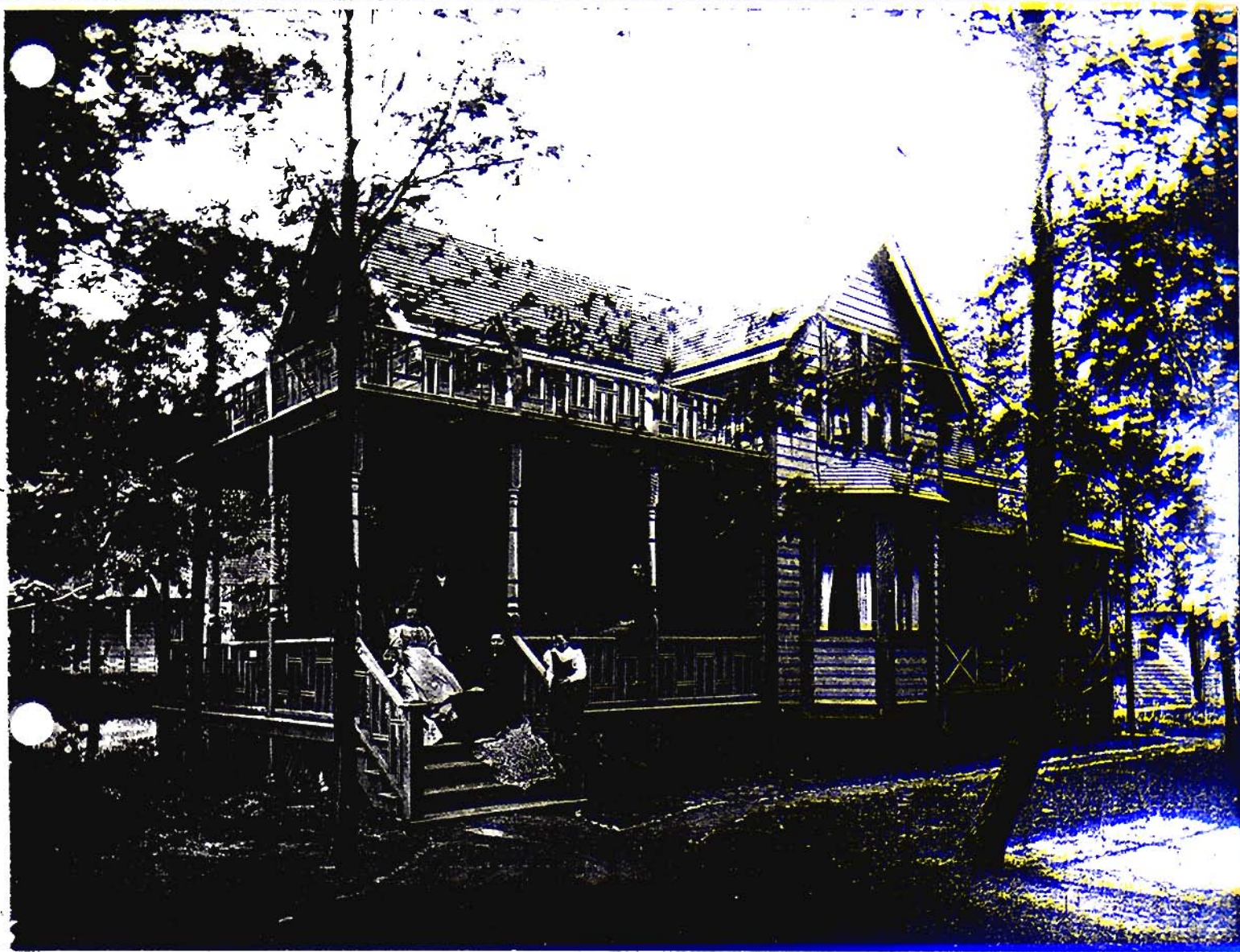
An intriguing Dunham mystery, at least for now, regards the Jane Dunham whose undoubtedly most memorable achievement was becoming the great grandmother of Shirley Temple! Elizabeth Brown, Littleton, CO, provided the information, which came to her in an excerpt from a book on the Lawrence family by Fred Houts. It stated that a Jane Dunham married Reuben S. B. Temple, & they had a son named Francis M. Temple. Francis had a son, George Francis Temple, who became the father of Shirley. With our comprehensive Dunham Index (filling 8 shoeboxes), we thought it wouldn't be too difficult to find Jane Dunham & Reuben Temple, but guess what? They're not in there. Oddly enough, we have very few Jane Dunhams, & those who are recorded did not marry any man named Temple. So this particular Jane slipped by Isaac W. Dunham somehow. Do any of the more recent Dunham researchers know anything about this? Do let DD know, if you should come across this lady!... The name Fred Houts is strangely familiar, but it hasn't been possible to shake the memory out for further examination.

PORTRAITS-TEMPLE, SHIRLEY



SHIRLEY TEMPLE

DUNHAM DISPATCH
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- 100-YEAR-OLD PHOTOGRAPH -

Taken on July 14, 1894 in Lake Bluff, IL, this photo represents the idyllic summer scene that nostalgia likes to imagine -- except that the clothing doesn't look much like summertime wear to modern eyes: Much, much too warm! What is recorded as being a "summer cottage" appears to be a full-fledged house. Perhaps it faced on a lake; perhaps there was no furnace. However, it seems much too large for the COTTAGE designation. The over-dressed vacationers are the family of Samuel E. Dunham (1850-1915)(9)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis S. 8). Samuel himself doesn't appear in the picture (Maybe he took it??). Those who do are: daughter Rosa; Mrs. Dunham; daughter Miriam Dunham Ferriss; daughter Edna (on banister); son-in-law Luther Ferriss (standing); & son Frank Dunham (seated on railing).



TAKEN ALMOST 80 YEARS AGO, this Sept. 1914 photo recalls the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Henry M. Dunham & Sarah (Hillman) Dunham of Coila, NY. Henry N. Dunham (1842-1926) (9) (Deacon John 1, Benijah 2, Rev. Edmund 3, Rev. Jonathan 4, Rev. Jonathan 5, Jonathan 6, Nahum 7, Samuel D. 8) was the great grandfather of Mrs. Dale Gaa, who kindly shared this significant picture. The anniversary celebrants are seated on the left, & beside them is their son, Rev. James H. Dunham (1872-1943). Standing at the back are their daughters: Fanny D. Hunt, Mary D. Carter, & Lydia D. Wood.

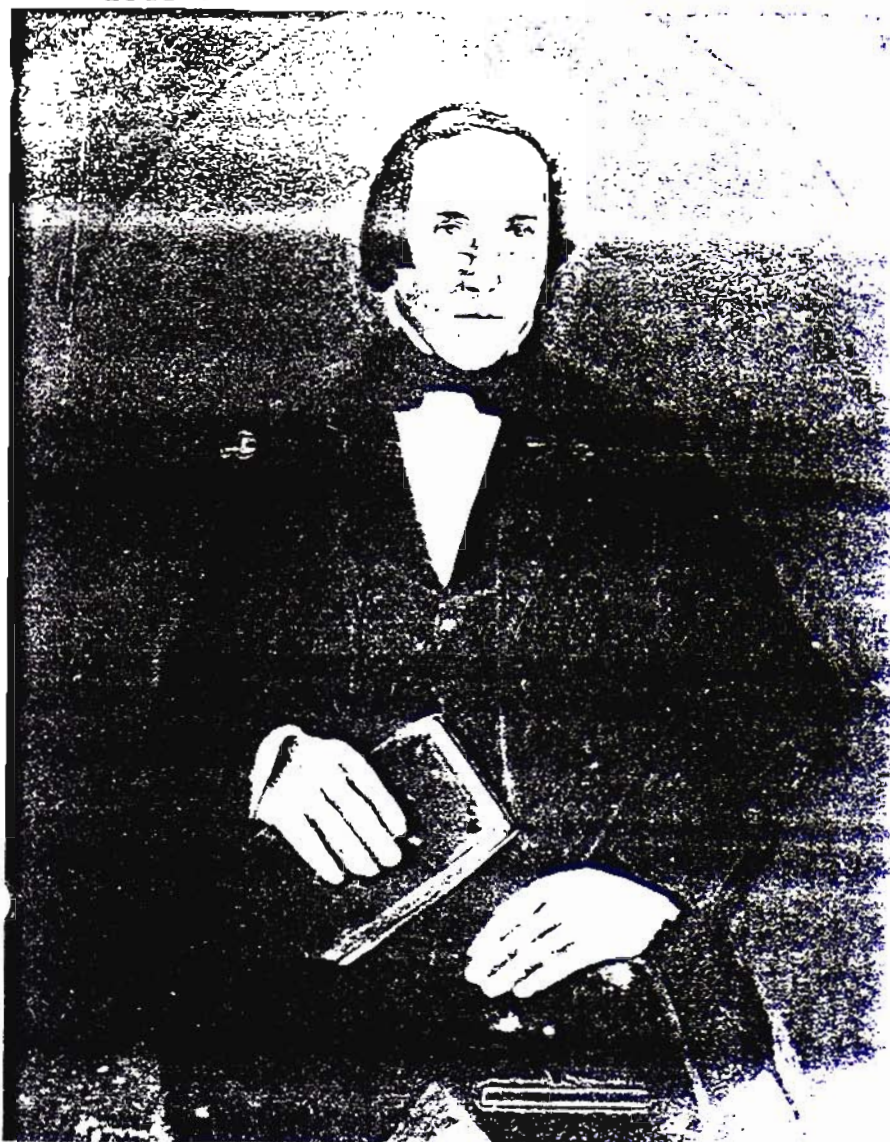
QUERIES MISSING HEIR! From the same branch of the family comes this query from DONNA DUNHAM HAWKS, 25315 Fairbrook Lane, Spring, TX 77373, who is also a great granddaughter of Henry N. & Sarah. Donna needs information on: JONATHAN DUNHAM, b. 1800; d. before 1832. Jonathan was the oldest son of Nahum Dunham (1773-1832) & his 1st wife, Lydia Beebe. Jonathan is mentioned in the 1832 will of his father as having a daughter, but she is not named, nor is his wife. The legacy went unclaimed, so the young woman was mentioned again in the 1849 will of Jonathan's half brother, Samuel. Jonathan's daughter was thought to be living in Newark, Highland Co., Ohio at that time. --- LYDIA DUNHAM (sister of Jonathan, above), born 1805, was also mentioned in her father's will, & again in brother Samuel's will. She was said to be the wife of Jephtha Beebe, thought to live in Franklinville, Cattaraugus, NY. --- JAMES DUNHAM, b. late 1700's, son of Jonathan Dunham (1752-1833), had 3 wives: Thirza McCulloch, Lurany Phelps, & Rebecca Sears. First 2 buried in Washington Co., NY. James & 3rd wife believed to have settled near Chicago, IL. Need dates for James & names of all of his children.

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QUERIES (cont'd) INITIAL RESPONSE: Regarding the mysterious daughter of Jonathan Dunham who left her legacy so long unclaimed, we'd suggest 1st/ a check of the 1830 Ohio census for any Dunham entries in Highland County, & 2nd/ a check of a book that details WOMEN in early Ohio. Your library may have this book on microfilm (the Flint library does). If you can locate this book, note that the page numbers are on the very bottom of each page, way down. The index directs you to the page numbers, but as you read the microfilm, there appear to BE no page numbers!

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DON W. MILTNER, 6731 Sumner St., Lincoln, NE 68506, is searching for the parents of of DAVID B. DUNHAM, b. ca. 1785 in NJ, who married Elizabeth Perry (1790?-1872) in 1807 & settled in Luzerne Co. (Lehman & Jackson twps), PA in the 1820's. David & Elizabeth are buried there in the Huntsville Cemetery. INITIAL RESPONSE: We were disappointed to find no Elizabeth Perry in our Dunham Index. Neither could we find the name SKADDEN. (Don Miltner mentioned that Louisa Dunham, daughter of David & Elizabeth, married Thomas Skadden.) He also mentioned that he had recently been to the area in PA where this family lived, but found no one of the right names living there now, THOUGH THERE WERE A FEW DESCENDANTS. By all means, contact those descendants! They may have only a small amount of information, or they may have an atticful! In either case, they are very much worth tracking down. Also read the 1850 PA census, & follow through any leads in the later census records.



FROM LILLA ANN HAYDEN, Framingham, MA, we have this interesting portrait of William B. Dunham (1820-1879)(4)(Gershom 1, Constant 2, Stephen 3). William, a lifelong resident of Kings Co., Nova Scotia, was said to be an Irish Protestant, so perhaps Gershom Dunham (no b. & d. dates known) was born in Ireland. Then again, perhaps not. We found several Gershoms in the Dunham Index. Some were too young to have had a son born in 1760, as Constant Dunham was. However there was one quite promising Gershom who was the son of another Gershom (d. ca. 1738)(3)(John 1, Rev. Jonathan 2). Gershom, Sr. was evidently a native of Nantucket, born ca. 1700, & quite likely a fisherman. While the IWD (to p. 5)

QUERIES (cont'd from p. 4) book is quite detailed regarding Dunhams of this early period, nothing further is stated about Gershom, Jr. beyond the fact that he had a wife named Mary. If Young Gershom had moved up the coast to Nova Scotia, it might explain IWD's lack of information concerning him. Once in Nova Scotia, Gershom, Jr. could have set about founding the family that eventually included Great Grandson William. This, of course, is simply logical conjecture, & LILLA ANN HAYDEN, 9 Maureen Road, Framingham, MA 01701, would like more than that. Who can help her?

A SATISFYING BREAKTHROUGH

Congratulations go out to Gladys Donham, Houston, TX, who recently found a record of the most elusive ancestor on her Donham line: Dennis (or Denness). This man has played hide & seek with his descendants for a long time, but a new book by Harry C. Peden, Jr. on early Hartford County, MD, pinpoints him in that location with his wife, Dorothy, & his children (all born between 1774 & 1790): John, Timothy, Jonathan, Effie, Phebe, Dorothy, Dennis & Hannah. The senior Dennis was born in New Jersey & died in Warren County, KY. Dennis is recorded as having "served in the militia under Capt. Anderson in 1775, but no further records in Hartford County." The reference for this information indicates that it is from the author's own genealogical collection. We wonder if this means that Mr. Peden might be a descendant of this Dunham family. It could be worthwhile for Gladys to write to him at his Bel Air, MD, home to find out.



NO, THIS ISN'T PIETER, the Goat Boy, from HEIDI; it is Bill Curtis (12)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis S. 8, Rev. Francis B. 9, John H. 10, Dorothy Dunham Curtis 11), seen in a 1942 snapshot taken when he was attending a farm school. The goat at his side was a particular favorite of his, according to his mother, to whom thanks go for this charming picture.

NOTICE

Might you have any military photographs that you could lend DD? We are planning a forthcoming special military issue & would like to have a mixture of photos of Dunhams & Dunham descendants who served their country at different periods in various wars. Good-quality Xeroxes acceptable; all others returned to you.