

## MARY ANN SHIRLEY AND FRANCIS MARION WILLIS GIFFIN

Mary Ann Shirley was born about 1841, the daughter of John Shirley and Frances (possibly Meadows). Mary A. was probably born in Cape Girardeau County as the family is in the 1840 & 1850 censuses there. Her father, John, died about 1846. Her mother appears as head of the family in 1850.

By 1860 Frances Shirley and her daughters had moved to Miller County, MO where she remarried to John J. Jarrett in 1852. Her daughter, Jemima, my ancestor married John Jarrett's son, David. Mary Shirley is listed as Mary Airhart as she had married in 1859 to James W. Airhart/Ahart and had an unnamed baby. However, James Airhart is not living with Mary and her baby.

In 1860 Willis M. Giffin age 27, b. IL is living in Miller County with a wife, Amanda M. age 34 and children Sarah E age 12, Joseph H age 9 and John H age 4. He had married Amanda Melvina White in Benton County, MO in 1859. The above children surely belong to her.

A Marion Giffin from Miller County enlisted in Co F, 43rd Enrolled Missouri Militia. He applied for a pension in 1891, # 1011560.

In 1870 there is a Willis Giffin living next door to the Jarretts in Miller County, MO with a "wife" Mary A. and children: William M. age 10, James age 7, Harriet, age 3, and twins, David A. age 4/12 and Carroll W age 4/12. Both were born in February. William could be an Airhart.

In 1880, Miller County, MO there is Mary Ahart age 39, William M. age 20, Harriette age 12, Carroll W age 9, John W age 7, and Joseph age 3. Note that the children were Giffins in 1870 and Aharts in 1880.

In September of 1870 in Miller County W.M. Giffin sued his wife Amanda for divorce. (Miller County Circuit Court, Volume B p. 796.) In April of 1871 Mary Ann Ahart sued James Ahart for divorce. (Volume C, p. 56) Both cases were continued until November of 1872 when both cases were dropped by the plaintiffs.

In 1880 "Maryan" Giffin, a male, is living in Benton County with James B. age 18. Findagrave has a record for him as being buried in the Bird Cemetery, Benton County, MO, having died in 1891.

So, I believe that the children of Francis Marion Willis Giffin and Mary Ann Shirley were:

### **James B. Giffin**

b. abt1863 d. 1893 Benton County, MO. He married Mary Antwiler and had 4 children: Charles Marion Giffin, b. 1883-4; Emma b. Nov 1885; Dena b. Feb 1890; Stella M. b. Sep 1891.

**Harriett Giffin**

I could not find any information on her after the 1880 census.

**Carroll W. Giffin aka Charles W. Giffin**

b. 1870 died 1948 Douglas County, MO. His death certificate says he was born at Iberia, MO; father: Marion Giffin and mother: Meadows.

**John Willis Giffin**

b. 1872 died 1954 in White County, AR. His social security application says his father was Marion Giffin and mother, Mary A. Shirley.

**Joseph Giffin**

b. 25 May 1877 died 16 Sep 1931 Carroll County, AR. His death certificate says his father was Tom Giffin and mother, Elizabeth Shirley. He married Laura Bell Shirley, the daughter of Thomas P. Shirley and Elizabeth Keel(e), his first cousin. Thomas was a brother to Mary Ann Shirley.

DNA Proof

Gretta Bolien is a cousin to me. My 2nd great grandmother was Jemima/Jamima Shirley b. 1837 d. 1909, and Jemima is a great grandmother to Gretta. Jemima Shirley married David Jarrett. (Crane Family Bible.) Jemima is a sister to Mary Ann Shirley who co-habited with Francis Marion Willis Giffin.

Gretta and I share DNA with the following DNA matches on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com):

	Descendant of	cM shared with Gretta	with Alice
Calikalua98	Charles W. Giffin	29	14
majoad1957	John Willis Giffin	32	14
Tiffany Northrup	Joseph Giffin & L.B. Shirley	35	77
Wayne Goad	John Willis Giffin	186	41
missy060168	John Willis Giffin	71	60
Marion Willis	John Willis Giffin	137	91

## SHIRLEY FAMILY

John Shirley x Francis (possibly MEADOWS)  
1790-1846            1800-aft 1880

They left South Carolina for Tennessee in the 1826. In 1840 they are in Cape Girardeau County, MO. John died there.

Children:

William P. Shirley            1820-1906

Thomas P. Shirley            1825-after 1900 m. Elizabeth Keel(e)

Louisa Shirley                1833-1910 m. Bollinger, Humphrey, Fike

John Anderson Shirley      1834-1917

Jemima                         1837-1909 m. David Jarrett

Jane                             1839

Mary Ann                      1841-after 1880 m. Airhart/Ahart and lived with Giffin

There may be a child named Edward Shirley as he married Elizabeth Green in Cape Girardeau County in 1841.



