

Others from Rich Roth of Shakerpedia

- 1) Which Shakers do you know about ?
- 2) How many don't know Shakerpedia ?
- 3) Do you know of the memoirs project ?
- 4) Specific story: Maria Gillet
- 5) Work by Becky at Pleasant hill
- 6) Index and Journal searching
- 7) Join in to help

Which Shakers do you know ?

Mother Ann and Mother's Children
Religious leaders, spiritual leaders
Office/Store managers, interacting with World's People (the Public)
Elder and Eldress
Ministry and Missionaries
Inventors and engineers
and about a few scandals like Mary Dyer or other apostates

Maybe 10% of the over 20,000 names we've documented, even granted some are name variants and, of course, that count includes Winter Shakers and visitors.

Basically the Leaders: each village has a various leaders of each responsibility over it's history: you hear many fascinating stories about various leaders, and probably just did.

In summary: (10 leaders * 10 yrs each position) ~ 100 per village
SO What about the Rest ?

Intro – of me

Anyone not know of shakerpedia ?

Has a mix of historical data, journals and census
AND it runs the same software as Wikipedia.

Which means it is (VERY) open for contributions,
we will revisit later

Memoirs project:

Who knows about this ?

or do you just consider it as the shakerpedia search ?

<https://memoirs.shakerpedia.com/>

Or Find on Shakerpedia top/side menus

Did you know ?

There are over 33,000 entries of almost 17,000 unique names

From over 20 data sources.

All in indexed databases.

It has the usual census records, cemetery, and Village members lists,
as well as many unique Shaker records.

It also has a full set of 12,000 Cathcart Cards from WRHS

The bottom of that page lists and details the data sources.



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This table lists each Shaker community with total populations for their whole history. The numbers are based the larger of the total populations estimated by Andrews (*) vs actual counts in databases on or known to

Community	EDA *	Online	Community	EDA *	Online
E. Division (???)		2			
North Division (???)		1	See Also (???)		41
unknown (???)		24	Enfield, CT (1792-1917)	739	1814
Shaker Station, CT (???)		13	Narcoossee, FL (???)		1
White Oak, GA (1898-1902)		2	West Union, IN (1807-1827)	300	8
Pleasant Hill, KY (1806-1910)	500	2399	South Union, KY (1807-1922)	676	1150
Hancock, MA (1790-1960)	548	2398	Harvard, MA (1792-1918)	200	1868
Savoy, MA (1817-1819)		6	Sharley, MA (1793-1908)	150	859
Tyringham, MA (1792-1875)	241	766	Alfred, ME (1793-1931)	241	619
Ayer, ME (???)		4	Sabbathday Lake, ME (1794-PRESENT)	150	334
Canterbury, NH (1792-1992)	746	1303	Enfield, NH (1793-1923)	511	2310
Shaker Village, NH (???)		6	Groveland, NY (1836-1892)		407
New Lebanon, NY (1787-1947)	3202	5514	Sodus, NY (???)		278
Sodus Bay, NY (1826-1836)	793	2	Sonyea, NY (???)		1
Watervliet, NY (1775-1928)	2668	3418	Kent, OH (???)		1
North Union, OH (1822-1889)	407	412	Shaker Community, OH (???)		1
Shaker Heights, OH (???)		9	Union Village, OH (1805-1912)	873	3958
Watervliet, OH (1806-1900)	127	880	White Water Village, OH (1823-1916)	491	2502
Philadelphia, PA (1858-1896)		38			
Total	13,563	33,382			
Unique Names		27,575			
Known Names		16,816	Identified from WHRS records (reel 123)		

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bios	336	limited	Shaker Image by Pearson and Neal, Biographical notes by Dr. Magda Gabor-Hotchikiss [More info]
census	2603	open	Census: US and State records from various sources https://www.familysearch.org/
enfieldct	115	open	Collected census records for Enfield, CT Shaker Village. Possibly collected by S. Paterwick
findgrave	1567	open	Cemetery records collected at findagrave.com [More info]
harvard	1075	open	Harvard Name index by Roben Campbell [More info]
harcensus	1426	open	Census of Shakers who lived at Hancock Shaker Village [More info]
	open		Hancock database includes names of Shakers who lived at Hancock between the early 1780s and 1960. (more details at the URL)
phill	1451	open	Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill Names list of Shakers
shakerdic	90	limited	The Historical Dictionary of the Shakers by Steven J Paterwick [More info]
	2162	open	Names listed in Shaker Dictionary, detailed references point to pages on Google books
smi_work		limited	Shaker Name Index by Glendyne Wermland [More info]
	160	open	References from Richmond
sofbio		open	The Shakers of Ohio [More info]
	932	open	Vital Statistics of Shaker Members as extracted from "The Shakers of Ohio" by J.P. McLean, typed by Vicki Knox Larson
sqthryobits		open	Manifesto
	317	open	Obituaries from editions of Shaker Manifesto under various names from 1871-1899
sunionky		limited	South Union, KY
tyringham	346	open	Name list of from Tyringham, MA shaker village
	16828	open	Possibly collected by S. Paterwick
whrueel		open	Cutheart Card Index from WPHS [More info]
	648	open	A list of Shaker Names from .. Watervliet, Ohio
wohiochurch		limited	Full title: A list of Shaker Names from the official church records of Watervliet, Ohio 1800-1882 By William T. Mooney
	443	open	Permission to list names only by Martha Boice
wvltcm		open	Watervliet, NY Cemetery Records
wvltscan	440	open	Detailed records from Watervliet, NY Cemetery [More info]
	1982	open	These records are based on the Watervliet Village, NY Cemetery records, enhanced by Betty Shaver to include all references to the individuals from available
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Family and lesser know Shaker's Stories

Many of the Contacts of Shakerpedia are asking about their family

Over some 50+ users,
many from villages,
some of you here today,
and other family researchers

Personal case: (Likely relation of Sharon)

Maria Gillet(t) (one or 2 final 't' but no final e)
listed under such First names as Mariah, Moriah, [Marriah](#)

Shows all:

<https://memoirs.shakerpedia.com/index.php/search/search?key=Gillet%2C+m&startyr=&endyr=&searchtype=reg>

Result of search for Maria

[\[Shakerpedia\]](#) [\[Memoirs\]](#) [\[Filtered Memiors\]](#)

Finding Gillet, m

<input type="text" value="Gillet, m"/>	<input type="button" value="Search (for name)"/>	<input type="button" value="sounds like Search"/>
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[\[Advanced search\]](#)

Photos: [Mt Lebanon](#) [Hancock](#) [Hamilton](#) [Richmond](#)

↑ id ↓	↑ firstname ↓	↑ lastname ↓	↑ village ↓	↑ birthyr ↓	↑ deathyr ↓	↑ sourceid ↓	↑ source ↓	↑ sourcecnt ↓
2792	Maria	Gillet	Watervliet, NY			3182	census	1
2793	Marriah	Gillet	Watervliet, NY			2936	census	1
5254	Lottie Tremper	Gillette	Harvard, MA		1929	1651	findgrave	1
9014	Maria	Gillett	Watervliet, NY		1879	22	sqtrlyobits	1
19603	Maria	Gillet	Watervliet, NY			005698	whrsreel	1
19604	Martha A.	Gillet	Watervliet, NY			005699	whrsreel	1
19605	Mary	Gillet	Watervliet, NY			005700	whrsreel	1
19606	Moriah	Gillett	Watervliet, NY			005701	whrsreel	1
30770	Mariah	Gillett	Watervliet, NY	1799	1879	1193	wvltcem	1
31210	Moriah	Gillett	Watervliet, NY	1799	1879	153	wvltscan	1

Bio of Maria developed

She was Niece of Ethan Allen.

Possible joined Shakers with a child Alpheus Gillet

<https://memoirs.shakerpedia.com/shaver/pages/?set=small&grp=children-full&pg=8&hi=Marriah+Gillet>

Who Ran away at age 14, joined Army at 18:

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QJD5-582V?lang=en>

Somewhat famous because of how she passed on at the age of 80, her death shows up in public obituaries.

<https://www.shakerpedia.com/wiki/File:Maria-Gillett-obit.png>

About her (possible) Son

Gibson, James 17 CF 1864 J Left

Gidley, Elmer 14 WF 1876 J Left '80

Gillet, Alpheus ? NF 1831 J Ran away

Glaney, Maria ? CF 1832 J Mother tried to kidnap

Glaney, Sophronia ? CF 1832 J

Alpheas Gillet

Military • United States, Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1

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Name Alpheas Gillet

Age 18

Military Service Branch Army

Event Type Military Service

Event Date 13 Oct 1834

Event Place Albany, , , United States

Event Place (Original) Albany, , , United States

Line Number 103

Page Number 77

Affiliate Publication Number M233

Affiliate Publication Title Registers of Enlistments in the United States Army, 1798-1914

Microfilm Number 350325



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Document Information

Maria's Obit – April 8, 1879

- 149 years ago

DEATH FROM A SPIDER'S BITE.

From the Albany Times, April 9.

Maria Gillett, aged 80 years, died at the Shakers Saturday evening after a very short illness, produced, it is thought, by the bite of a spider nearly two weeks since. She was a very active, interesting woman ; and one who, in early life, shared with her parents some remarkable experiences among the Indians in the wild portions of this country. She was the grand-niece of Gen. Ethan Allen, her grandfuther being a brother of the hero of Ticonderoga, and served as a Captain under him. It is singular to relate, but she retained the "Allen" mark, having been born with six fingers, the surplus member being removed in her infancy ; and her children of which she reared two, also bore the unmistakable family feature when infants. She has been a staunch and faithful member of the Shaker Community for 50 years, holding many places of trust, and always with honor to herself and from all concerned. Her funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

Details about Maria

For best Details, scroll down to second entry (shown on next slide)

<https://memoirs.shakerpedia.com/index.php/mem/detail/Gillett/Moriah>

Most details came from work of Betty Shaver, reading various journals

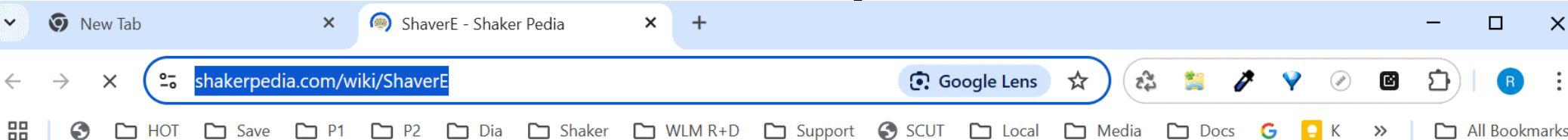
<https://www.shakerpedia.com/wiki/ShaverE>

Note most came from various Shaker journal sources.

A grandniece of Ethan Allen (SHAKER MANIFESTO, May 1879)
20 Sept 1828 Moved to CF. (WR Memb. file)
14 July 1835 Takes over care of little girls. (VB-279)
18 May 1841 She and Abby Messenger had been in charge of
girls. Resigned and moved to meeting room to live. (PAB)
1840-1842 Is one of principal "instruments" who received
inspirational messages, as recorded in seven volumes CM 313-323 in
NYS Archives.
7 Feb 1846 She and Catharine Vedder have finished
painting window sash of new addition to dwelling " a prime and 3
coats of paint.
19 July 1846 To become Elder Sister of CF because of
Polly Vedder's feeble health. (Betsy Harrison to live with her.)
10 Sept 1846 Is taken to Troy to see Widow Pierce who
had written and requested that she come, and i found her sister Mary
had died several days previously, been placed invault, and was
buried today. (Above 3 items from VB-321, CF Journal-DAB)
15 Feb 1856 She is one of three who go to Albany to see
history about taking some girls. (PAB)

17 Dec 1859 Goes to SF to be eldress. (PAB and
VB-310 SF; VB-338 CF)
10 Dec 1860 Came back from SF to CF to live. (PAB
and DAB; VB-338 CF)
21 May 1862 C. Copley, PAB and she attend court in
Greenbush having been subpoenaed in the case of Phebe Freeman.
(VB-338 CF)
5 Apr 1879 Sister Moriah, nearly 80 died. "She got a
sliver in the ball of her thumb (as she thought) which very soon
began to swell and was extremely painful. It continued to swell
until it affected her whole arm, which turned as black as a stove.
That whole side of her body became useless and finally she died.
It is doubtful whether the sliver (if any) was the cause or not."
(David Buckingham's Journal; VB-347 NF)
8 Apr 1879 Her funeral. (VB-326 WF)
Amended 11/13/88
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work of Betty Shaver



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From Shaker Pedia

Elizabeth (Betty) Shaver was a founding member of the Shaker Heritage Society. She spent decades transcribing Shaker manuscripts in the collections of the New York State Archives and other locations and published several articles and booklets about the Watervliet Shaker community.

Betty was a 1940 graduate of Russell Sage College. During World War II, she was a train router at the American Locomotive Company in Schenectady. She also was a homemaker and secretary to the superintendent of the Niskayuna Central School District.

In her retirement, Betty received several awards for her work as a volunteer at the Shaker Heritage Society, Rensselaer County Historical Society, and the New York State Museum.

Search of journals she transcribed at: <http://memoirs.shakerpedia.com/shaver/>

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Village case in the works

Pleasant Hill,
research from Rebecca Soules,
Talk presented for BASSG
And yesterday at Enfield

Places to look

Start by searching,
and then Reading journals for more details

esp searching: Shakerpedia, Hamilton, SDL

<https://memoirs.shakerpedia.com/>

<https://communalsocieties.hamilton.edu/collections/shakers>

The bottom of the Memoirs main page list various sources we included,
Where it says: “Show souce list”

Always looking for more, esp member lists or journals that are searchable (are can be made so)

Might be able to use AI for journal scanning – to allow searching more time effectively.

On a simpler basis to find similar names, Shakerpedia has a matching logarithm called soundex

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Some examples from wikipedia (of course all well known Shakers):

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Shaker_members

Shakerpedia uses same software as wikipedia (called mediawiki)
and this is shows Maria

<https://www.shakerpedia.com/wiki/Category:Family>

And we are waiting for your additions of your stories

Shakers on wikipedia

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(after monday)

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