

## How the Town of Shively got its Name.

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Among those who came ~~next~~ there were two brothers Christian and Jacob Shively. They came from the Pennsylvania Dutch Settlements around York and Lancaster Pennsylvania, where they are served in the Revolutionary War. Tradition has it that their flat boat was attacked by Indians and the young wife of Jacob was killed near Limestone ( now Maysville ) Kentucky.

The Jefferson County Records show that in 1780, they purchased 1000 acres of land, facing Man's Lick and established their home on Mill Creek. This acreage included most of the present Town of Shively. These brothers established a Mill on Mill Creek, about where the Seventh and Eighteenth Street Roads met, the former site of the Bank of St Helen's Building.

Jacob seems to have died soon after this or have moved to Ohio, as there are no records of any of his descendents, to be found. <sup>county, Ky</sup> more recent investigation seem to indicate that Jacob purchased property on Rolling Fork River and his descendents Christian lived until 1826 and was the father of several children. may be located in Taylor and Green Cos

His son Henry ~~born~~ 1789 built a log house, where Hardy's Funeral Home now stands. Henry and his son, whose name was also Christian died on the same day in 1847 and were buried at the same time in the garden near the house.

This was the beginning of the family burying grounds in which various descendents are interred. The early burying grounds of the family were on Man's Lick Road, on the site of Nichols Hospital. When this hospital was established, the remains that could be located were re-interred in the Shively Cemetery. Recently a monument has been placed in the center of the ~~main~~ cemetery in memory of these early pioneers.

Two sons of Henry Shively were outstanding citizens of this community around 1890. William Henry served as deputy sheriff of the county for some 25 years and James Phillip ( Bud ) was magistrate of the district for a period of years. Their homes adjoined on the west side of Highway and the House that William built in 1854 still stands.

When a Post Office was established, in this part of the County about 1900, it was named Shively Kentucky, in honor of this pioneer family and when the Town of Shively was established, this name was continued as the Town of Shively.

The above was written by Rev Harry R. Short a grandson of William Shively.

Places and names about Shively Kentucky.

About 1800 two brothers, John and Stephen Jones came from the Village of Twnygwndwn, Cardiganshire Wales, via Pittsburg and settled in this part of Jefferson County. John Jones' farm included the territory of the present Shively Park. He was a tanner and established a tannery on Mill Creek between what is now Dixie Highway and the Seventh Street Road.

Stephen's property included the site of the Butler High School. Stephen was a shoemaker and made shoes from the leather tanned in John's tannery.

Eliza Jones, the daughter of Stephen married George Crum, she inherited the home place and she and her husband lived there until their deaths about 1900. The present Crum's Lane takes its name from this Mr George Crum, who was a prominent Citizen of this community.

Another daughter of Stephen Jones married James Lewis, their home was on the site of the present Lewiston SubDivision.

A third daughter married William Henry Shively, who in 1854 built the Old Shively Home, which is still standing across Dixie Highway from the Watterson Express way, this will likely be torn away to make room for the extension of the Expressway.

Maria Shively, a daughter of Henry Shively and Sister of William Henry married Judge Simion A Garr, she inherited the acreage at the end of the present Garr's Lane and from this Garr's lane got its name.

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CITY Shively COUNTY Jefferson STATE Kentucky ZIP 40216

Is the town a county seat? no

Date established settled circa 1780 incorporated as a city in 1938

By whom named \_\_\_\_\_

For whom or what named Christian William Shively early settler

Birth and death dates, if known, and if pertinent: will probated Feb. 1826

His or her profession in life (use other pages or back if needed)

farmer and miller. Christian and Jacob Shively, brothers, arrived ca. 1780.

If named for a location, a natural feature, etc., please give details

Pronunciation, if different from usual ones Shivē - lee

Other information (use back of the page or other sheets if needed).  
If there is someone else, such as a school official, historian, newspaper  
editor, who can supply information, please send the request along to that  
person. If there is a history of the city, please list it. If the  
Chamber of Commerce or some other organization can supply information,  
etc., please include them or let me know how they can be contacted.

See: History of the Ohio Falls Cities and Their Counties (Cleveland, Ohio,  
1882) reprint Evansville, Indiana, 1966. Vol. II, pp. 45-46.

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