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Levi Shinn was the <u>founder and first settler</u> of the community of Shinnston, in what is now northern Harrison County, West Virginia. He was born in 1748, near Burlington, New Jersey, and in 1772 he and a younger brother moved to the valley of the West Fork of Monongahela River, in the colony of Virginia. Here he and his brother acquired lands, but they returned to New Jersey until <u>1778</u>, when Levi came once again to the Shinnston area, and there built the log house which stands today.

Shinn was of the Quaker faith, and he used his influence to encourage local settlers to ramain on their lands and tend their crops even during the troubled times of Indian wars and the Revolution. His religion prevented his bearing arms during the Revolutionary War, but he was a supporter of the new nation in the years of its formation.

He became an extensive property owner in Harrison County, and near his home he established what may have been the first grist mill in the county. This structure, along with settlers' cabins that grew up around it, became the nucleus for the present village of Shinnston.

Levi Shinn led the quiet life of a pioneer; he did not seek public office, nor did he covet honors and fame. His major interests were in the development and preservation of his properties, which he passed on to his children. The present log structure remained in family hands for several generations. It is believed by local historians to be the oldest standing home in the county.

In 1972 the active Shinnston Historical Association acquired the Levi Shinn House for the purposes of preserving it as an historical landmark, and of using it as headquarters for their activities.



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