

right side first,
used the right

foot on the stair
first. To please

God and prepare
for him, lay

straight in bed
at night

SHAKER HOUSE: 4

Work was worship

all labor was
consecrated

a man can show his
religion as much
by measuring onions

as singing Hallelujah.

They spun wool and
cotton flannel grew
seeds for asthma

made circular saws to
help make life

joyous. No ornaments
nothing that was
not needed,

order, the only beauty

SHAKER HOUSE: 5

They studied plants
to see what
the tree liked

when they found
neighbors were
stealing corn,

they planted more.
Some for the

Shakers some
for the thieves.
Some for the
crows they
need to eat, too

SHAKER HOUSE: 6

They bound books,
raised silk worms,
distilled whiskey,
ran hotels, sold
opium. They were
into photography,
sold seeds, grew
the biggest melons,
the biggest
cucumber. Shakers
believed they
were indebted

to God, got up
at 4:30 in summer.
Men did a day's
work before

their first
meal which
always in winter
included apple pie

ONE OF THE LAST LIVING SHAKERS

My mother passed
away when my father
remarried his wife
didn't like us
so he gave us
to the Shakers
we loved them
they took us
in we couldn't
believe we weren't
related by blood