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It is my wish that CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES become a source of "Family Pearls" to all with Christian connections. May this and forthcoming issues provide the answers to subscribers' genealogical questions; may the articles stimulate interest in the Christian family; and may the narratives about their forebears provide pleasure for readers.

Since the vast amount of material collected in almost fifteen years of research must of necessity be rationed and sorted for publication, an attempt has been made to handle it in a way which will fulfill the varied needs and desires of subscribers. Thus, an effort has been made to establish an acceptable length for each article or feature—short enough to cover a variety of subjects, yet long enough to retain cohesion and unity. Since documentation is so valuable in genealogical research, sources are to be published whenever possible. Generally, references will appear within the text or at the end of an article. For serialized versions, however, the references will usually be found following the final installment. The handy 7" x 8½" size has been adopted for its convenience, economy, and ecological benefits.

This initial issue introduces several regular features and some which will appear intermittently. For example, "Notes, Queries, & Footnotes" and "Lines of Descent" are scheduled for each issue. "Christians in the United States Census Records" and similar features are slated to continue until the available statistics have been published. A few other features will appear from time to time as space permits. An index for CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES will be published in a separate volume at the end of each two-year period.

You are invited to submit suggestions, articles, and abstracts for publication. Credit for your contributions will, of course, be given.

Agnes Branch Pearlman, Editor

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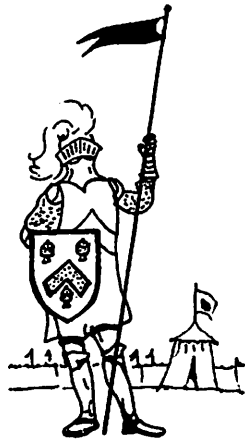
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BLAZON OF CHRISTIAN ARMS



The COAT OF ARMS of the Isle of Man Christians with the family motto is as follows:

ARMS: Azure—a chevron humettée between three covered cups, or.

CREST: A unicorn's head erased, argent, armed and gorged with a collar invected, or.

MOTTO: *Salus per Christum.*

ARMORIAL BEARINGS

Armorial bearings for the name of Christian appear in ancient records and documents, and descriptions are given in Burke's *General Armory* and Fairbain's *Crests of England and Ireland*, among others. Of seven different crests shown as belonging to the Christian families, only three have the unicorn's head; only two, the head erased; and only one (the Isle of Man family) has a collar on the neck.

HERALDIC LANGUAGE

The heraldic description of the Christian family Coat of Arms is written above in the language customarily used by heralds in the twelfth century and carried down virtually unchanged to the present. Translated into standard English, the terms have the following meanings: *Chevron*, two diagonal stripes meeting at angle pointing upward; *humettée*, coupé or cut at ends so as not to reach the edge of the shield; *erased*, depicted with jagged extremities as if torn off; *gorged*, having the neck encircled; and *invected*, edged by convex semicircles or arcs.

HERALDIC COLORS

Traditional meanings are associated with the heraldic colors: *Azure* (blue) stands for truth, loyalty, and fidelity; *or* (represented by gold or yellow) indicates valor; and *argent* (silver sometimes depicted as white), peace and serenity.

HERALDIC ORDINARIES AND CHARGES

Heraldic ordinaries and charges also traditionally signify special characteristics: *Chevron humettée* portrays fortitude; *covered cups* may designate either gifts or trophies; and the *unicorn's head* denotes virtue and strength and is associated with a freedom-loving spirit, making the subject willing to die rather than to be subjugated.

MOTTO

Salus per Christum, the motto for the Christian family arms, has had varied significance for bearers: "Salvation through Christ" occurs in such variations as "Health through Christ," "Welfare through Christ," or "Life through Christ." Other translations have included "Gifts for Christ" and "Gifts for the sake of Christ" as well as "Good wishes through Christ" or "Greetings through Christ."

NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

78-21 Ms. Emily E. Cox
1763 Coit Road, East Cleveland, Ohio 44112:

My sister Linorah and I understand that we are direct descendants of I'lliam Dhone Christian and Fletcher Christian through our mother, Linorah Annie Christian, daughter of William Christian who died on 7 December 1908 at Laxey Glen and who was a son of William Huan Christian, Esq., of the Parish of Bride. Details desired.

78-22 Mr. Norman J. Collister
453-B Heritage Village, Southbury, Connecticut 06488:

I would like to hear from anyone who may have information on the Isle of Man Christians. My grandmother was Susanna Christian, born in 1829 on the Isle of Man, married 9 October 1848 to John Collister in Rushen, Isle of Man. She was the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Perry) Christian. With her husband John Collister, Susanna immigrated to the United States in 1849.

PREVIEWS

In addition to continuation of serialized articles already started, watch for the following and much more:

Abstracts of Vital Records
North Carolina Christian Families
Kentucky Christian Settlers
The Christians and Border Warfare
Biographical Sketches—Fletcher Christian
Some New York Christian Groups
Christians in the Deep South
New England Christians

Send copies of your responses to queries to the Editor so that they may be published as "Notes" or "Footnotes."

What would you like to see in future issues?

NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

78-14 Mrs. Howard E. Carbaugh
7152 Maynard Avenue, Canoga Park 91307:

Would like to correspond with descendant of Dr. William Murray Christian who has evidence of his residence in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Texas between 1820 and 1860.

78-15 Mr. Clyde H. Goddard
Rt. 1, New Boston, Missouri 63557:

Desire to correspond with descendants of John and Mildred (Collier) Christian of New Kent and Charles City Counties, Virginia. John was a Revolutionary War soldier.

78-16 Mr. Robert P. Geyer
12 Nellie Avenue, Piedmont, California 94618:

Interested in the family of my great-grandmother, Catherine Christian of Peel, Isle of Man. She was born in 1813, died in 1899, and had a twin sister, Elizabeth.

78-17 Ms. Helen L. Miles
391 Walnut Street, Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335:

Is there truth in the tradition that fifteen sons of one Milntown proprietor were all placed on farms by their father before the land reform on the Isle of Man? As far as known, this is not my line. My maternal grandfather was Robert Christian of the Rye Hill, Andreas, line; and my grandmother was Ann Quayle of the Connal Quayles of Kirk Michael.

78-18 Mr. William B. Christian
1168 Nicholson Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32207:

I am interested in the ancestry of Thomas and Martha (Lynn) Christian, whose son William Jasper Christian was born 10 December 1839 in Durham, North Carolina.

78-19 Mr. Thomas W. Christian
83430 Papenfus Road, Pleasant Hill, Oregon 97401:

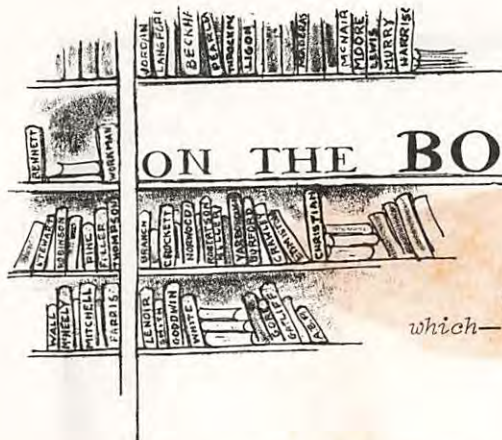
My interest is in the Christian family of the Isle of Man, where my father was born in 1890. He came to America in 1904 and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. Could my family be traced in any way to that of Fletcher Christian?

78-20 Mrs. Margaret Christian
#6, 11391 Seventh Avenue
Richmond, British Columbia, V7E-4J4, Canada:

I should like to hear from any Christians descended from Charles Christian of Peel (born in 1823) and Margaret Corkill (born about 1830).



COAT OF ARMS IN COLOR



ON THE BOOKSHELF

Located in public and private libraries throughout the world are books, articles, and unpublished manuscripts which—if their whereabouts were known—could prove of inestimable value or interest to those desiring more information about their families. A bibliography of works pertaining to the Christians will appear in this section from time to time.

Readers are encouraged to add to the list by sending pertinent details such as authors, titles, etc. as well as location of the material.

The annotated bibliography which follows contains information about the major Christian family books and articles in the library of the editor, Agnes B. Pearlman.

"At Home at Milntown," *Manx Life*, June 1972, pp. 15-18. Illustrated with photographs of home and estate, this article reviews the history of Milntown, one-time seat of the Christian family on the Isle of Man.

Baer, Mabel Van Dyke. "Revolutionary War Pension Applications—Christian," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, June 1963, 51:132-135, September 1963, 51:187-193, and January 1964, 52:40-43. Abstracts of the Revolutionary War pension records on file at the National Archives for those individuals with the surname of Christian appear with pertinent names and dates.

Bailey, Thomas H. *Christian-Skelton History and Genealogy*. Kingsport, Tennessee, 1964. Following a brief recapitulation of the early generations of some Christians on the Isle of Man and in Virginia, the descendants of the Lewis Christian who settled in Hawkins County, Tennessee, are traced and the events of their lives documented.

Beach, Mrs. Hicks. *The Yesterdays Behind the Door*. Liverpool, England, 1956/ reprinted Dallas, Texas, 1973. This detailed and interesting history of the family on the Isle of Man and in England begins with the fourteenth century McCrystyns and ends with twentieth century members of the family.

Burns, Annie Walker. *Christian Family History Records*, Volume I. Washington, D.C., 1964. No additional volumes were published for this reference work containing miscellaneous data on Christians in America and detailed abstracts of the military records of those who served in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and in the Mexican, Indian, and Civil Wars.

NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

78-10 Mrs. Gloria "Kay" Inman
SRA Box 1313, Anchorage, Alaska 99502:

I need proof of parentage of Sally "Sarah" (Christian) Caudill, born circa 1830 in Kentucky. Listed in 1850 Letcher County, Kentucky, census with her husband, William Caudill and two children: Becksey and Nancy. Other children were as follows: #3) Henry, born circa 1851; #4) John, circa 1852; #5) Lucinda, circa 1854; #6) Randolph David, born 25 March 1856, married 16 December 1875 to Martha Stamper, daughter of Ira and Armilla "Millie" (Whitaker) Stamper, died on 8 September 1949; #7) Susanna, born 25 December 1857; #8) Mary Ann, circa 1858; #9) Jane or Mary Jane, born circa 1860, married 4 May 1876 to William Stamper; #10) Lucy Ann, born circa 1865; #11) Martha, circa 1866; #12) Charity or Phoebe, circa 1867; #13) ?Arminda, born on 10 May 1874. The parents, Sally Christian and William Caudill, were married 2 June 1847 in Letcher County, Kentucky, per Letcher County Marriage Book, Volume 1, Page 23.

78-11 Mrs. Charles Davis
6841 Vista Del Sol Drive
Huntington Beach, California 92647:

Am searching for the parents and county of birth for James Christian, born circa 1790 in North Carolina; married Elizabeth _____. He was in South Carolina by 1819, in Alabama by 1822, and in Itawamba County, Mississippi, by 1850. Children so far identified were Eme-line Murphy, John L., Thomas A., and Martha A. E. Sanders. A grandson, James K. Polk Christian, went to Cook County, Texas, in 1891.

78-12 Mrs. Harry Bennett
3544 North Mariposa Street, Fresno, California 93726:

Wish information regarding Robert Christian, died September 1791 in Amherst County, Virginia, and his wife, Mary _____. Were his parents Robert Christian and Lucy Bradley? Who were the parents of Mary _____. Any information on any of these ancestors will be greatly appreciated.

78-13 Mrs. Orrin Lay
Star Rt. Med. Spr., Union, Oregon 97883:

Sara Elizabeth Christian, born 9 August 1849, possibly in Missouri, married George Phillip Mitchell, scout for Gen. Price, C. S. A., about 1872. Did she and parents reside in Pettis County, Missouri? She and husband ran store-post office. Oldest daughters were born in Baxter Springs, Cherokee County, Kansas, then Indian Territory. Her father was Bob Christian, half-sister Alice Sappington, many brothers. Blythe is an associated name. Sara E. Christian died of typhoid 1881-82, Star Springs, Barry County, Missouri. G. P. Mitchell and children moved frequently. Sugar Loaf and Fort Smith mentioned. Need *all* help.

78-5 Mrs. W. L. Bressler
105 Daisy, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566:

Want information concerning Anthony Christian, born circa 1779 in Virginia; married 1798 Sallie Ewing. Both died during 1830's in Cocke County, Tennessee. Their son, Thomas Ewing Christian, was my great-great-grandfather. Will exchange information.

78-6 Mrs. Willie Christian Gaines
Box 117, Winona, Texas 75792:

My grandfather was the son of Anthony and Sarah (Walsh/Walch) Christian of Tennessee. I would like verification that his ancestors were from the Isle of Man. Also, at what date did the Christian family first surface in England?

78-7 Mrs. Harry W. Archer
2232 Cos, Liberty, Texas 77575:

Does anyone have proof which of following two is ancestor of Thomas, John, James, and Charles Christian: Thomas I or William of Virginia? I have proof that the Charles Christian who received Virginia land grant in 1705 married Elizabeth, daughter of John Hunt (died 1731 in Charles City County, Virginia). Who were John Hunt's wife and parents? How were the Hunts and Turners related in 1600's and 1700's.

78-8 Mrs. O. L. Bealmer
708 South Williams, Moberly, Missouri 65270:

John Christian of Hanover County, Virginia, married 23 January 1772 Judith Pate, daughter of Matthew and granddaughter of Jeremiah Pate. Was John descendant of Thomas Christian who, tradition says, came from Isle of Man? John and Judith went to Lexington, Kentucky. A son, Paul, married Mary Sutton and came in 1831 to Randolph County, Missouri. Was Thomas Pate of Audrain County, Missouri, related to Judith? Sarah Ann Pate, daughter of Thomas and Hester () Pate, married in Randolph County in 1872 William Henry Stiles, son of Simeon and Rebecca Ann (Hanna) Stiles. Have data on descendants and will exchange.

78-9 Mrs. Forrest B. Doshier
1501 South Rusk Street, Amarillo, Texas 79102:

Who was the father of Andrew Christian, father of the patriot John Christian who married Judith Pate? Andrew was also father of sons William, Andrew, Peter, and Jacob and of daughter Frances. I would like identity of parents of Catherine Randolph who married John Bourland, patriot of North Carolina. Also, who was the husband of Silvey Goodman of Muhlenburg County, Kentucky, formerly of Sampson County, North Carolina? He would have been of patriot age; and she came to Kentucky a widow.

Christian, Andrew Patterson. *A Brief History of James P. Christian and His Son, the Rev. Byron Christian*. Unpublished manuscript. 1938. As indicated by the title, the history is brief but is supplemented by Bible records and a partial genealogy of a branch of southern West Virginia Christians.

Christian, H. C. *Record of the Families of Gilbert Christian and Moses Fisk*. 1969. This strictly genealogical record contains names and vital dates for the family of the immigrant Gilbert Christian of Augusta County, Virginia, and some of his descendants in Overton County, Tennessee, and elsewhere.

Christian, Sutton, and Nevada Christian. *Lineage of the Christian Family*. Unpublished manuscript. 1972. The authors trace their branch of the family from Thomas Christian, immigrant of Charles City County, Virginia, to those of Warren County, Tennessee. A family-group-type format is used.

Craine, David. *Manannan's Isle*. Douglas, Isle of Man, 1955. This abbreviated account of the role of the Christians on the Isle of Man focuses on those who served as Deemsters.

Doshier, Inez Christian, Shirley Eileen Nelson, and Sharon Nelson McFarlan, compilers. *Christian-Terrill Genealogy*. 1969. The Christian family section of this work traces the descendants of John and Judith (Pate) Christian of Hanover County, Virginia, and of Kentucky.

Ellsberry, Elizabeth Prather, editor. *Christian Bulletin*. 1972. Published for only one year, the twelve monthly issues contain miscellaneous articles, data, queries, and lineages relating to the Christian family.

Goldsborough, Carrie Tarleton, and Anna Goldsborough Fisher, compilers. *Descendants of John Sutton and his Wife Temperance Lane*. Lexington, Kentucky, 1941. Among the Christian descendants covered are those who trace their ancestry to Paul and Mary King (Sutton) Christian of Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri.

Hooker, Ruth Nelms. "Christians of Virginia and Kentucky," *Register of Kentucky State Historical Society*, 47:304-308, 1949. The Christians of Augusta County, Virginia, and some of their Kentucky descendants are the primary subjects of this article.

Hutchinson, William. *History of the County of Cumberland and Some Places Adjacent from the Earliest Accounts to the Present Time*. Carlisle by F. Jollie, 1794. On pages 146 and 147 of this two-volume history is a genealogical table of the Christian family from 1422 to 1800 in England and Isle of Man.

Lamb, James Christian. "The Christian Family," in *Americans of Gentle Birth*, Volume I, pp. 211-255, 1909. Reprinted from *William and Mary Quarterly*, Volumes V, VII, VIII, and XI, First Series. Probably the most commonly used reference for information on the Colonial generations, Lamb's genealogy of the Charles City County, Virginia, line is carried partially forward several generations from the immigrant Thomas Christian.

Lawless, Blanche E. A. *A Family History*, Revised Edition. Astoria, Illinois, 1973. In this record of several families is an account of one line of descent from Gilbert Christian of Augusta County, Virginia, and miscellaneous information on other Christians.

McClanahan, Marshall L. *Thomas Christian of Charles City County, Virginia, and Some of His Descendants*. Unpublished manuscript. 1968. The genealogical account is supplemented with numerous abstracts of land, probate, and vital records for this and additional lines.

Moore, A. W., compiler. *Manx Worthies*. Douglas, Isle of Man, 1901. A subtitle for this work describes its contents: Biographies of Notable Manx Men and Women. Among the many biographies are several for the Christians.

O'Neal, Wayne S. *Anthony Christian Descendants*. Unpublished manuscript. 1967. The line is followed from the Cocke County, Tennessee, settler to descendants in other parts west and south.

Pearlman, Agnes Branch. "The Christian Family," in *The West Virginia Hillbilly*. November 22 and 29 and December 20, 1969, and January 3 and 10, 1970. An account about James Pine Christian of Logan County, West Virginia, and some of his descendants appears in a serialized version.

Pearlman, Agnes Branch. *Index to Bailey's Christian-Skelton History and Genealogy*. Santa Ana, California, 1978. This recently published index provides a ready reference to all individuals mentioned in Bailey's book, which covers descendants of Lewis Christian of Hawkins County, Tennessee.

Riggs, J. R. *The Official Record of Zachariah Riggs and Moses D. Riggs*. Kenova, West Virginia, 1937. Published as a small booklet, the narrative focuses on the families of two Wayne County, West Virginia, Riggs brothers who married two Christian sisters, daughters of Allen, Jr., and Nancy (Cooper) Christian.

White, Kathrine Keogh. "Letters by Christian to Draper," in *The King's Mountain Men*. Dayton, Virginia, 1924. The letters written in 1842 by George Christian to historian Lyman C. Draper throw considerable light on the role of the Augusta County, Virginia, Christians in eighteenth century America. The connections of some of the Gilbert Christian line are also given.

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78-1 Ms. Julia Adkins
308 North Franklin, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858:

Would like information about the parents of Allen Christian, Sr.; born 22 May 1754 in Virginia; died 1835-1843.

78-2 Mrs. Elaine Anderson
Rt. 1, Box 54B, Pomeroy, Washington 99347:

Need ancestors of Allen Christian and Nancy Cooper. Allen, born about 1780 in Prince Edward County, Virginia; married 6 July 1799 in Union, Monroe County, Virginia; died 27 February 1859 in Wayne County, Virginia. Nancy, born about 1785 in Virginia. Allied names: Newton, Walker, Thacker, Ward, Riggs, Newman, Osburn.

78-3 Mr. Kemper B. Riffe
116 Lyons Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521:

Paren Christian, born 26 July 1833 in Logan County, (West) Virginia, the son of James Pine and Anne (Moore) Christian, was quoted in Brock's *Virginia and Virginians* as saying he was related to Davy Crockett. What was the relationship?

78-4 Mrs. G. Funston Bilbrey
308 North Alameda, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220:

Joseph Benjamin Christian, born circa 1823 in Tennessee, died in Cass County, Texas; married Louisa, called Sally, born in Mississippi. Children: Francis Elizabeth, born 1854 Cass County, Texas; Joseph Benjamin, born 1856, married Catherine Smith in Cass County, Texas; Lucinda, born 1858, married Larkin Dycus, also in Cass County, Texas; Emily, born 1862, married Jason Forsythe in Cass County, Texas. I have been unable to find what family in Tennessee my great-grandfather Joseph Benjamin Christian belongs to. Any help will be much appreciated.

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Logan	271	Thomas Christian	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Mathews	138	James P./D. Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Mecklenburg	29	John Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Middlesex	164	Rich. A. Christian	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Montgomery	58	William Christian	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson	99	James Christian	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
New Kent	20	John D. Christian	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
New Kent	20	Edm ^d Christian	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
New Kent	21	Jones R. Christian	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
New Kent	21	Lucy Christian	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
New Kent	21	Arch. H. Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
New Kent	21	John H. Christian	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
New Kent	21	Edm ^d Christian (F.C.P.*)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
New Kent	21	John F. Christian	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Northampton	126	Col W ^m A. Christian	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Northumberland	198	Wm. Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rockbridge	294	Jas. Christian	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tazewell	197	Thomas Christian	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tazewell	197	David Christian	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tazewell	197	Masten Christian	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tazewell	197	John Christian	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tazewell	197	Moses Christian	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Washington	233	Joseph Christo	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
York	426	Elizabeth Christian	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Listed on census as "Manager at Wilton."

†Although situated in Henrico County, the City of Richmond is an independent city.

*F.C.P.: Abbreviation used by enumerator for "Free Colored Person."

NOTE: Census enumerations for every 1830 Virginia county were checked personally by the editor, and all Christians located are listed above. The following entries, however, appeared for households headed by individuals named Christa, Christie, Christy, Cristy, etc.:

Fauquier	427	Henry Cristie	Shenandoah	102	William Christie/Christa
Frederick	45	Robert W. Christy	Spottsylvania	78	Samuel Christy
Madison	16	Abram Kristey/Kristly	Spottsylvania	108	Joseph Christy
Monroe	12	James Cristy	Stafford	38	Thomas Cristie/Christer
Monroe	12	Robert Christy	Stafford	50	Elizabeth Christy
Monongalia	341	William Christy	Washington	233	Joseph Christo
Shenandoah	101	Robert Christie/Christa	Wythe	321	John Christey/Christly

GENERATIONS OF THE DEEMSTERS

PART I

From the fifteenth until the mid-nineteenth century members of each succeeding generation of the Christian family held the post of deemster on the Isle of Man, a self-governing country situated in the Irish Sea roughly equidistant from England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

These judges, known by the Saxon *doomster* or *deemster*, like their early counterparts in Scotland pronounced the doom or sentence on condemned persons. Their power and influence on the Isle far exceeded such limited scope, however, and was second to no one in their domain—ruling, as they did, "side by side with the kings." The reading of the Manx laws passed during the year was carried out by deemsters on Tynwald Hill at St. John's in the middle of the island. Customarily, such new acts were promulgated on old midsummer day, July 5, at the holding of the Tynwald Court, as is still done at present. This open-air assembly is recognized as the oldest parliament in the world with unbroken tradition, dating back more than 1,000 years to its foundation by the Vikings.

William McCristen, born about 1388, is recorded as having been a member of the House of Keys, one of the legislative bodies at the Tynwald Court. He was present in 1422 when the parliamentary assembly was held "Tuesday next after the feast of St. Bartholomew." Skilled in the law, these early Manx "lawmen" could state and interpret the statutes as required. As witness to their position of authority, consent of the deemsters is even today necessary before an act becomes law, and a space is provided on documents for their signatures.

A Christian religious tradition had already been established on Man by Irish missionaries centuries before the Norse legal system was introduced with the Scandinavian invasions beginning about 800 A.D. Whether the male Christian forebears whose descendants took such a prominent role in affairs of church and state were among the prehistoric inhabitants or part of the wave of missionaries who made the island home or were in the permanent settlements of the Danes and Norwegians is not known. One tradition traces their origins to Scotland. If the maternal lines are taken into consideration, it is likely that their heritage has roots in all. Certainly the ties to England were close as numerous documented marriages between the Manx Christians and the families of the northern mainland counties attest.

The office of deemster would seem to have been largely hereditary although sometimes a son would assume office before his father's death, and occasionally a

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nephew or other relative would serve. While some of the Christian judges performed without special distinction, others made significant contributions. It was Deemster John McCristen of the fifth generation of record, for example, who put the Manx laws into writing.

In the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries Milntown, seat of the Christian family deemsters, was regularly used as the meeting place of the Sheading Courts. In many locales, though, the sessions of about two days' duration were held in churches. At each stop the cavalcade of Governor, Receiver, Comptroller, and Water Bailiff riding on circuit with the Deemsters over the rough, uneven bridle paths from one division to another would temporarily deposit their records, which they carried in leather trunks slung in horse-creels. As in later ages, the authorities of the civil and criminal justice system received payment for services rendered. In 1496 the Coroner of Ayre, John McCristen (later Deemster), returned the expenses of his Court at Milntown as amounting to eight shillings and sixpence.

The prefix "Mac," "Mc," or "M'" formed part of the Christian family surname on the Isle of Man until the late sixteenth century, when use of these adjuncts was discontinued throughout "Ellan Vannin" (as the Island is known in the Manx-Gaelic language). Deemster William "McCristen," who died as William "Christian" in 1593, became the first to sign his name "Christian."

Outlined below is the lineage of the early Isle of Man deemsters known by the name of McCristen—spelling of which appears on documents in such variations as MacChristian, McCrysten, M'Christen, McChristian, MacCrysten, M'Chrysten, etc. For the sake of simplicity, the commonly used McCristen will be employed in the following accounts:

Generation I John McCristen, born about 1368, was first of the line thought to have been a deemster and about whom little else is known except for name of son William.

Generation II William McCristen, Deemster, born about 1388, was a member of the House of Keys at the Tynwald Court held on the Isle of Man on the Tuesday after the feast of St. Bartholomew in 1422. He had at least one son, John.

Generation III John McCristen, born about 1410, never served as Deemster as far as the records show. He was seated at Altdale in the parish of St. Trinity on the Isle of Man. Probably died about 1497. A son, John, bore his name.

Generation IV John McCristen, born about 1430, served as Deemster of the country between 1498 and 1511. He was of Altdale when the records list him as *Justiciarius Regis cum Johanne Moore* in 1500, 1502, 1505, and 1509. His death occurred in 1511. Two sons and seven daughters were born to John by an as yet unidentified wife: John McCristen, the elder son, died between 1527 and 1534, married 1) Calyborri Ine Kneale of Mallenlowne and 2) Joan Skillicorne, daughter of Nicholas Skillicorne of Pries Hall, Lancashire, England; Daniel McCristen, the second son, believed by some to have been the ancestor of one of the American lines; one daughter whose given name is not known married a Mr. Garret of Ballabroay in the parish of Kirk Christ; six other daughters about whom nothing more is known at this time.

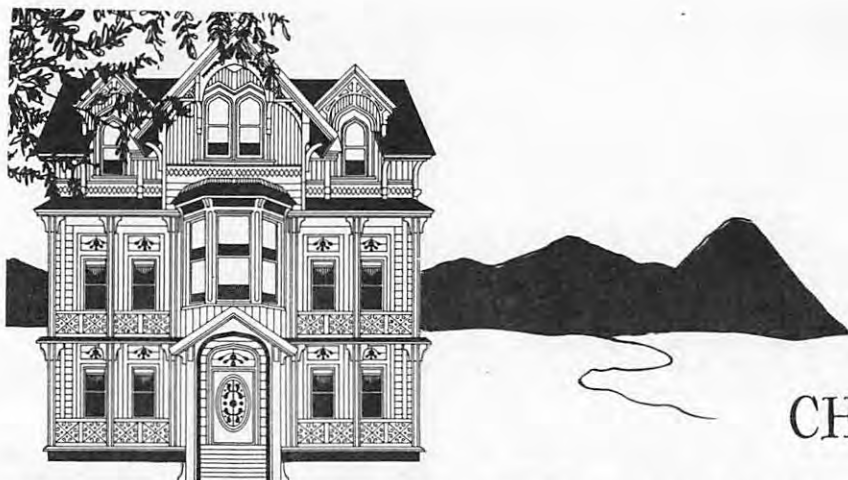
CHRISTIANS IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

1830 VIRGINIA

COUNTY	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	WHITE MALES										WHITE FEMALES										FREE BLACKS	SLAVES					
			0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60			60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	
Accomack	282	Judah Christian (F.N.*)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Amherst	495	Chs. M. Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
Amherst	495	Chs. H. Christian, Sen ^r	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Amherst	496	James D. Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Amherst	496	James W. Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amherst	499	W ^m C. Christian	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Amherst	500	Chs. H. Christian, Jr.	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amherst	509	Westley L. Christian	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amherst	511	Daniel F. Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amherst	512	Drury Christian	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amherst	514	Jno. Christian	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amherst	516	Judith Christian	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	29	0
Amherst	520	Samuel D. Christian	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Amherst	520	Elisha L. Christian	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amherst	527	Mourning Christian	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
Amherst	529	Anthony Christian	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Augusta	72	Robert Christian	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
Augusta	74	John Christian	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Augusta	74	John B. Christian	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Bedford	133	Abner Christian	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0
Buckingham	275	Tho ^s Christian	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buckingham	289	Jonath ⁿ Christian	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
Buckingham	293	George Christian	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0
Buckingham	299	Saml. P. Christian	2	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0
Buckingham	301	Henry A. Christian	1	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Buckingham	301	John Christian	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Campbell	353	William H. B. Christian	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
" Lynchburg ⁺	322	Jn ^o Christian (F.N.*)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Charles City	111	David Christian (F.N.*)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
Charles City	111	Stephen Christian (F.N.*)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
Charles City	111	Henry B. Christian	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0
Charles City	112	Isham Christian (F.N.*)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Charles City	112	Robert W. Christian	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0
Charles City	115	James Christian	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0
Charles City	117	Turner Christian	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0
Charles City	117	William Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
Charles City	118	Eaton Christian	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0
Charles City	118	Tabitha Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Charles City	119	John B. Christian	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0
Charles City	119	William A. Christian	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0
Charles City	120	Jordan Christian	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
Charles City	120	Thomas Christian	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0
Charles City	120	Mourning Christian (F.N.*)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Chesterfield	445	Thomas C. Christian	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Giles	218	Elizabeth Christian	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hanover	203	Turner Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hanover	204	James Christian	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hanover	211	John Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Hanover	234	Jones O. Christian	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
Hanover	225	Aggie Christian (F.N.*)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0

*F.N.: Abbreviation used by enumerator for "Free Negro."

+Although situated in Campbell County, Lynchburg is an independent city.



CHRISTIANS

IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

Census records, so helpful to genealogical researchers, prove an even more valuable aid for family identification and differentiation when all extant entries for a specific surname are readily available for comparison. With this consideration uppermost in mind, the editor will regularly publish Christian family census abstracts in as complete a manner as time and circumstances allow.

The Fifth Census of the United States, taken in 1830, was chosen to begin this feature since the original records are the earliest still relatively intact. Also because of the great interest which has been expressed in that pivotal year and in the southern and midwestern border states of the period, it seemed fitting to start with them. Grouping of states herein is generally geographic rather than alphabetical. The spelling used by the original enumerator has been retained throughout; however, alternate interpretations are given for names which were difficult to decipher.

As for the terminology employed: "White Males" refers to "Free White Males." What are herein called "Free Blacks" were variously referred to in the originals as "colored," "negroes," "mulattoes," or "blacks." Limitations of space and format have prevented a breakdown within these pages of the ages of individuals in households of slaves and free blacks; however, age groupings do appear on the original enumeration.

Footnotes following each state's roster indicate whether or not indexes were the means for locating the households in the state. In any case, every Christian entry found on the original lists was personally checked by the editor; and every attempt has been made to assure the accuracy of the transcriptions appearing here. If errors or omissions have occurred, corrections and additions are invited.

LINES OF DESCENT

NOTE: Line of descent for first three generations is tentative!

CHRISTIAN, Thomas
flourished Charles City
Co., VA c. 1687

CHRISTIAN, Charles
received land grant in
Virginia 1705

CHRISTIAN, Charles
married c. 1759
died Goochland Co., VA
1783-4

HUNT, Elizabeth
d/o John Hunt of Charles
City Co., VA

LEAKE, Mary

CHRISTIAN, Elijah Willis=
born c. 1758-9
Amherst Co., VA
died 1799
Madison Co., GA

BRITT, Elizabeth

CHRISTIAN, George
born 26 Sep. 1762
Goochland Co., VA
mar. 27 Aug. 1782
died 22 Feb. 1831
Wilcox Co., AL

1) WALTON, Martha
born 21 Apr. 1768
Cumberland Co., VA
died 14 Feb. 1811
?Franklin Co., GA

CHRISTIAN, William
died 1846-1850
Harris Co., GA

LOVEJOY, Susanna

CHRISTIAN, Wm. Murray
born 29 Feb. 1792
Milledgeville, Baldwin
Co., GA; mar. 1817
died 1856 Goliad Co., TX

MASSINGALE, Mary
born 27 June 1798
?near Johnson City,
TN; died 1840
FL or LA

CHRISTIAN, Elijah W.
born c. 1813 GA
mar. 1834 Troup Co., GA
died 1852 Union Co., AR

HARDIN, Malinda
born 20 Mar. 1820 GA
died 7 Sep. 1867
Union Co., AR

CHRISTIAN, Martha Sarah
born 13 July 1827
mar. 14 Apr. 1849
died 14 May 1889
Apalachicola, FL

FARLEY, Wm. Augustus
born 25 Dec. 1818
mar. 14 Apr. 1849
died 17 Apr. 1870
lost at sea

CHRISTIAN, Wm. Augustus
born 20 Mar. 1839
Troup Co., GA
mar. 24 Dec. 1858
Union Co., AR
died 3 Feb. 1904 TX

SIMMONS, Martha Elizabeth
born 6 Apr. 1839
died 24 Feb. 1915

FARLEY, Eunice Tabitha
born 1855
died 10 Sep. 1932
Apalachicola, FL

WARREN, Wm. Henry H.
born 7 Oct. 1840
WV; mar. 1874
died 4 Aug. 1906
Apalachicola, FL

CHRISTIAN, William Paul
born 17 Feb. 1871
Urbana, Union Co., AR
mar. 2 Oct. 1906
San Jacinto Co., TX
died 13 Apr. 1921
Weldon, Houston Co., TX

COCHRAN, Carrie E.

WARREN, Shields
born 30 Dec. 1876
Comanche Co., TX
mar. 24 Apr. 1907
Apalachicola, FL
died 7 June 1947
Washington, DC

JOHNSTON, Vera
born 26 Dec. 1885
Houston, Harris
Co., TX
died 1 Oct. 1958
Colorado Springs,
El Paso Co., Colorado

CHRISTIAN, Lynn

ARCHER, Harry W.

WARREN, Elizabeth Kelsey
born 15 Mar. 1909
Apalachicola, Franklin
Co., FL
mar. 23 Apr. 1929
Pt. Moultrie, Sullivans
Island, SC

COMPILER OF RECORD: Mrs. Harry W. Archer
(above left) 2232 Cos
Liberty, Texas 77575

COMPILER OF RECORD: Mrs. Elmer W. Gude
(above right) 224 Calumet Place
San Antonio, Texas 98209

1. Thomas CHRISTIAN = _____
born c. 1636, to Charles City Co., VA 1657
died post 1694
 1. Thomas 1666-73
 2. Charles
 3. James
 4. John
2. (3) James CHRISTIAN = Amy or Anne Macon
born c. 1692, in New Kent & Goochland
Cos., VA, c. 1711, died ante 1752
 1. Judeth
 2. Gideon
 3. Richard
 4. Joel
 5. William
 6. James
3. (35) William CHRISTIAN =1) Miss Collier
born ante 1730, lived Charles City
Co., VA
 1. William
 2. John

=2) Susanna Brown

 1. Anne
 2. William Browne
 3. Henry
 4. Elizabeth
 5. Mary
 6. Susanne
 7. Turner
4. (352) John CHRISTIAN = Mildred Collier
died ante 10 Sep. 1801 New Kent Co., VA
 1. (Dr.) William Collier
 2. Archibald
 3. George
 4. (Col.) John Hunt, born 1 Sep. 1774
 5. Mary
5. (3521) Dr. William Collier CHRISTIAN
born 25 Dec. 1765 = Ann Nancy Bates
New Kent Co., VA, born 14 Feb. 1770
died 12 July 1814 died 3 Sep. 1855
 1. (Dr.) John Fleming, born 4 Feb. 1792
 2. Caroline Metilda, born 21 Sep. 1793
 3. (Dr.) John Collier, born 26 Mar. 1795
 4. Archibald Hunt, born 19 Dec. 1796
6. (35214) Archibald Hunt CHRISTIAN
born 19 Dec. 1796 = Sara Freeman Pierce
New Kent Co., VA, born New Kent Co., VA
died Greensboro, AL
 1. Anne Jordan, born 1837 Greensboro, AL
 2. Betty Wyatt, born 1838 Greensboro, AL
 3. John Fleming, born 1840 Greensboro, AL
 4. Caroline M., born 1842 Greensboro, AL
 5. Mary Warren, born 1844 Greensboro, AL
 6. William Collier, born 1846 Greensboro, AL
 7. Archer Hunt, born 1848 Greensboro, AL
 8. Alexander Campbell, born 1849 Greensboro, AL
 9. Sara Archer, born 1852 Greensboro, AL
7. (352148) Alexander Campbell CHRISTIAN
born 1849 Greensboro, AL = Julia James Jack
died 1911 Corsicana, TX born 3 Mar. 1856
married 1876 died 13 Jan. 1945
Corsicana, TX
 1. Warren Campbell, born 14 May 1877
 2. Archie Hunt, born 21 July 1878
 3. Laura Louise, born 10 Jan. 1881
 4. Mary Julia, born 1 April 1884
 5. Grace Josephine, born 13 Dec. 1886
 6. Lillie, born 3 Jan. 1889
 7. Alexander Campbell, born 1 Nov. 1892
8. (3521481) Warren Campbell CHRISTIAN, Sr.
born 14 May 1877 = Mary Lucy Moore
Greensboro, Hale Co., AL born 18 Sep. 1885
died 15 Nov. 1957 died 10 Aug. 1960
Portales, NM Portales, Roosevelt
Co., NM
married 25 Jan. 1905 Co., NM
 1. Warren Campbell, born 14 Dec. 1905
 2. Archie Hunt, born 15 Feb. 1908
9. (35214812) Archie Hunt CHRISTIAN
born 15 Feb. 1908 = Annie Laurie Laney
Greensboro, Hale Co., AL born 22 Sep. 1908
married 11 June 1939 Kingsland, Llano
Co., TX
 1. Eleanor Ann, born 10 Apr. 1940
 2. John Hunt, born 9 Apr. 1942
 3. Janet Diane, born 5 Dec. 1943
 4. Cynthia Lou, born 29 Jan. 1948
10. (352148122) John Hunt CHRISTIAN
born 9 Apr. 1942 = Jill Diane Dugat
Midland, Midland Co., TX born 31 Oct. 1945
married 30 May 1965 Texas City, Galveston
Co., TX
 1. Robert John, born 18 Dec. 1972 Boulder, CO

COMPILER OF RECORD: Mr. Archie H. Christian
3904 Ridgela Drive
Austin, Texas 78731

Have you sent in your line of descent yet?

In the name of God Amen

I Anthony Christian Sen. of the State of Tennessee and County of Cocke, being weak of body but sound of mind and memory and knowing the mortality of my body that it is appointed unto all men once to die and as touching worldly affairs with which God has blessed me, I do make the following as my last will and testament.

First I give my soul to God who gave it.

2ndly I desire my body to be buried in a plain and decent manner.

3rdly I desire that all the slaves I may die siezed and possessed of be as nearly as possible equally divided in valuation between my two daughters; to wit, Elizabeth Huff, now the wife of Isaiah Huff, and Salah Gillett, now the wife of John Gillett. And in case it so happen that said slaves cannot be equally divided in valuation, then & in such case the heir who may become possessed of more valuable lot shall refund a sufficiency to the heir obtaining the more invaluable lot to make said invaluable lot equal in valuation with the more valuable—and when said slaves may be so divided they shall be considered as belonging to my said two daughters and their heirs forever agreeably to said division.

4thly I give & bequeath unto my son Thomas E. Christian my large house bible.

5thly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter the said Elizabeth Huff one bed coverlet (reddish check^d) the counter panel, viz. one white tuffed and the other two each blue check^d and one stand of laced curtains—also one woman's cloak, one blue check^d frock (patron) and two calico dresses, the same I have publicly designated for her. The balance of my bed clothing and also my beds I desire to be equally divided in valuation between all my other heirs.

6thly Out of all the balance of my estate, the before mentioned entirely excepted, I desire all my just debts and other just charges to be paid, and the residue which may remain after said just debts and other just charges be paid off I desire to be equally divided between all my different heirs.

7thly Having heretofore purchased at sheriff sale several tracts of land formerly the property of James Mason now devised and the said sales my son James Christian was an equal partner with me and paid onehalf for said lands although said lands were bid off in my name, therefore, I wish said James Christian to have the undivided onehalf of said lands being it is already his just right.

8thly I desire that all the other lands that I may die the rightful owner of be sold and further I desire that all the personal property not otherwise disposed of in this will that I may die siezed and possessed of be sold and that the proceeds arising from the sales of said land and personal property and from the collection of debts which may be owing to my estate be disposed of equally to the sixth article of this will.

For my Executors to advertise the sale of said land and other personal property herein required to be sold at the courthouse in Newport and at three or more different public places in said county, twenty days previous to said sales shall be considered sufficient notice of said sales without having the same proclaimed in any public newspaper.

9thly I desire that my son Thomas E. Christian be my Executor of this my last will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this the 8th day of January AD 1838.

Attest

John F. Tower
W^m Huff

(his)

Anthony (x) Christian (Seal)
(mark)

After mature consideration on the particulars of the third article of the before executed will which related to the division, I desire the said astute be amended as follows, viz. At my decease I desire my son James Christian take possession of said slaves & feed and clothe them & keep them free from other costs except Taxes which I desire him to pay until my daughter said Elizabeth Huff or some lawful agent for her may apply for her portion of s^d slaves, then I desire siad slaves to be by him given up agreeably to said division and in case that said Elizabeth Huff or some lawful agent for her does not apply in the period of fifteen months from and after my decease then and in such case I desire said slaves to be divided agreeable to law & that said James Christian keep siad Elizabeth Huffs portion on the terms above described until lawfully demanded to be given up. I also desire that my son James Christian be another executor to this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this the 30th day of January 1839.

Attest

John F. Fowler
James S. Huff

(his)

Anthony (x) Christian (Seal)
(mark)

A true copy from the original entered in will book 23^d March 1839 by W. M'Keoun, Clk
Cocke County Court

Thomas Ewing Christian

born 7 April 1799, Cocke County, Tennessee
 died 18 August 1875, Atchison County, Missouri
 married 2 September 1819, Cocke County, Tennessee
Mary Ann Doughty

born 22 July 1802, Cocke County, Tennessee
 died 14 September 1877, Atchison County, Missouri
 Both are buried in Hunter Cemetery, south of Rock Port, Missouri

Their children were the following:

Preston R. Christian	1820-1903	married	1) Priscilla Boydston 2) Mary Hill
Anthony C. Christian	1822-1895	married	1) Sarah B. Walsh 2) Martha J. Murphy
Thomas Christian	1824-1863	married	Almyra Caroline Mimms
Phineas Christian	1826-1852	married	_____
Elizabeth Christian	1828-1849	married	Sampson Doughty
Lewis Calvin Christian	1830-1910	married	1) Sarah Marie Golden 2) Mrs. Charlotte Squire
James Cannon Houston Christian	1833-1900	married	Mary Ann Tate
Ephriam Christian	1835-1872	married	never
Juliet/Julia A. Christian	1838-1929	married	James Tate
Robert Ewing Christian	1839-1918	married	Mary Jane Holdiway
William Henry Harrison Christian	1842-	married	_____
Priscilla Christian	1846-1846	married	never

On 24 March 1852 Thomas Ewing Christian, in company with other members of the family, started from their home along the Chuckey River near Newport, Tennessee, bound for Atchison County, Missouri. The start had been delayed on account of sickness in the family, so the trip in their Pennsylvania covered wagon was made in easy stages. Stopping at the homes of relatives at different points along the way—in Rocheport and Waverly, for example—the travelers reached their destination 12 June 1852. Thomas Ewing and Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian left numerous descendants in Tennessee and Missouri.

(to be continued)

WEST VIRGINIA'S CHRISTIAN FAMILIES



BY

AGNES BRANCH PEARLMAN

EARLY SETTLERS IN THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES

Since shortly after the Revolutionary War, the lands now located within the bounds of the southern counties of the state of West Virginia have been home to several branches of the Christian family.* For some settlers, the stay was temporary and their presence there made little lasting impression. For others, the hills and valleys of the Appalachian range provided the ideal setting for establishing permanent residences, and to this day their descendants continue a tradition of playing significant roles in the life of their chosen counties.

Typical of those with somewhat limited stays in what was then part of western Virginia were Allen Christian, Sr., and his wife Juda. Their migratory movements were summarized in Allen's Revolutionary pension application and the details substantiated by other documents. Born 22 May 1754 in Cumberland County, Virginia, Allen Christian relocated before 1780 in Prince Edward County, where at least one child was born. After the war, he resided in Bedford County, Virginia, for ten to twelve years. From there he removed to

*Although the major progenitors of the southern West Virginia Christian lines are mentioned in this brief introduction, no attempt has been made to give an account of every Christian who had early fleeting connections in the area.

Giles County (along the tributaries of the New River in that part of the county later incorporated into West Virginia), where he lived for another ten years or so. Next he settled on the Guyandotte and remained there ten to twelve years more before finally moving with two married daughters and other children to Shelby County, Indiana, where he apparently died after September 1842.

As was often the situation with these westward-moving families, one or more members would remain behind while still others would choose a different migratory route. Allen Christian, Jr., who, after marrying Nancy Cooper 6 July 1799 in Monroe County, (West) Virginia, lived briefly near Logan Court House, ultimately established his home in that part of Cabell which became Wayne County. On the other hand, about 1824 Thomas Christian (believed to be the junior Allen's brother) continued from Logan to Perry County, Kentucky, with his wife Margaret "Rebecca" Pine and all their children except the eldest, James Pine Christian, who stayed on the Guyandotte in Logan County, Virginia—later West Virginia. Most of the Christians in Logan and neighboring Wyoming County today trace their ancestry to James P. and Anne (Moore) Christian, whereas Allen and Nancy (Cooper) Christian's descendants generally remained in Wayne or the surrounding counties.

Kanawha County had as an early Christian settler a grandson of the immigrants Gilbert and Margaret (Richardson) Christian. A son of John and Margaret (Wilson) Christian, Robert Christian was born 23 February 1764 in Augusta County, Virginia, and married Mary Houston in September 1789. They were living in Kanawha by about 1800, where most of their daughters were married and where Robert apparently died in August of 1846. They left no offspring carrying the family name, however, since all their children were girls.

Another early settler who left no sons to bear the Christian surname was Ellison Christian who married Sarah Acord 9 November 1808 in Monroe County. How he and an earlier Ellison Christian who died in Greenbrier County in 1794 were related has not yet been determined.

Anthony Christian

born 1779, Powhatan County, Virginia
died 1839, Cocke County, Tennessee
married 1798, Cocke County, Tennessee

Sallie Ewing

born 1779, Powhatan County, Virginia
died 1835, Cocke County, Tennessee
Both buried Cocke County, Tennessee

They had at least the following children:

Thomas Ewing Christian, 1799-1875; married Mary Ann Doughty
James Christian
Elizabeth Christian; married Isaiah Huff
Sarah Christian; married John Gillett



From the collection of Velma Hansen

The Cocke County, Tennessee, home of pioneer Anthony Christian and his wife, the former Sallie Ewing, was situated above Clay Creek. It is pictured here during the dormant season as viewed from the back.

ANTHONY & SALLIE (EWING) CHRISTIAN

AND SOME DESCENDANTS

BY

WAYNE S. O'NEAL

Parentage of my ancestor Anthony Christian, who married Sallie Ewing, has not yet been determined with certainty. Apparently born in Powhatan County, Virginia, about 1779, he could have been the son of the Anthony Christian who served in the Revolutionary War. It is just as likely, however, that he was a nephew or cousin to that patriot.

The earliest reference to an Anthony Christian, as far as I know, is the one found in the Goochland County, Virginia, will of Thomas Christian in 1743. Several years ago a ninety-three-year-old member of the family, since deceased, believed that our ancestor Anthony was the grandson of this early Anthony through his son Anthony; but she furnished no references. It will take a great deal of research to verify if this is indeed our connection.

Already in Cocke County, Tennessee, by the time of their marriage, Anthony and Sallie (Ewing) Christian settled on Clay Creek, where at least four children were born to them.

About the author:

Until his untimely death 4 April 1970, Dr. Wayne S. O'Neal enthusiastically traced the descendants of his ancestors, Anthony and Sallie (Ewing) Christian, through their son Thomas Ewing Christian. This veterinarian's diligent research had resulted in preparation of a preliminary manuscript which he hoped would provide the basis for a more complete genealogy at a later date. In order that his wishes might be at least partially fulfilled, O'Neal's genealogical outline will be published herein and supplemented with photographs and anecdotes as well as with corrections and additions. Contributions for future installments are invited.

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The Old Stone Church yard in Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, became the final resting place of yet another descendant of the immigrant Gilbert Christian. John Brownlee Christian, born 1 September 1784, married first 2 May 1815 Isabella Tate; and as his second wife he wed her cousin Jane Tate, the widow Finley. After John Brownlee Christian's death 9 July 1837, the family apparently left Greenbrier County since there seems to be no further record of them there.

Mercer County's Christian line, as well as that of Summers County, was founded by the John H. Christian born about 1815 in Monroe County to Elizabeth Christian (possibly the former Eliza Armstrong who married James Christian 10 March 1787 in Greenbrier County). John H. Christian's first marriage was in 1831 to "Nellie" Abbott, whose given name appears in records variously as Prunella, Permelia, and Penelope. His second marriage took place on 2 June 1860 to a widow, Martha Farley, identified as the daughter of Priscilla Shields. Children were born to both unions.

Referred to by their distant kin in the other West Virginia counties as "the red-haired Christians," those who found themselves in McDowell County when it was formed from Tazewell County, Virginia, trace their roots to a different Thomas Christian than the one previously mentioned. Born in Virginia about 1770 and orphaned as a child, this Thomas Christian settled in the early nineteenth century in Tazewell County after moving from northeastern Tennessee—where he lived for awhile with Thomas Mastin, who raised him. Thomas Christian had children by at least two marriages, the first to Louisa Harmon and a later one to Mary Altizer, who may have been married previously.

Not only did the borders of Giles and Tazewell Counties encompass land eventually in West Virginia but the boundaries of Fincastle, Montgomery, and Botetourt also extended far into what is today southern West Virginia. Property descriptions in deeds make it apparent that Christians other than those who actually settled there

once owned land along the rivers and creeks flowing into New River from the so-called Montgomery County side. For example, Col. William Christian owned several tracts of land there. By 1782 an Isham Christian owned land described as beginning at Thomas Christian's corner on Brush Creek, a branch of the Bluestone on the water of New River. Like the Thomas Christian later of Tazewell County, Virginia, Isham and Anthony Christian were living in Greene County, Tennessee (then in North Carolina), when they sold some of their property on East River below Five-Mile Fork—land which had been assigned to them by a Thomas Christian, heir-at-law of Nathaniel Christian. It is likely that Nathaniel Christian, for whom estate administration was granted 2 March 1779 in Montgomery County, Virginia, was situated on this property before his death.

Whether temporary or permanent settlers, most of the Virginia Christians moving west of the Blue Ridge in the eighteenth century reputedly had common ancestral roots on the Isle of Man; but their colonial American ancestors often belonged to different branches of the family tree. Regardless of origins, however, anyone making the westward trek along the Guyan during the nineteenth century was likely to take advantage of the hospitality of the Christian "who stayed put."

Formation of the State and Southern Counties—

The state of West Virginia was admitted to the Union on 20 June 1863. Its formation by separation from the mother state resulted in the western counties previously belonging to Virginia becoming part of the new state. The oldest of those counties still found within the bounds of present-day southern West Virginia is GREENBRIER, formed in 1778 from Montgomery County, Virginia. Ten years later (1788) Greenbrier and Montgomery relinquished land to form KANAWHA County. Greenbrier again gave land in 1799 for MONROE County. By 1800 TAZEWEEL County (today still within the state of Virginia) had been formed from Russell and Wythe. During the nineteenth century, formation of new counties continued as population increased: CABELL was formed from Kanawha in 1809; LOGAN, in 1824 from Kanawha, Cabell, and Giles; FAYETTE, in 1831 from Kanawha, Greenbrier, and Logan; MERCER, in 1837 from Giles and Tazewell; WAYNE, in 1842 from Cabell; BOONE, in 1847 from Kanawha, Cabell, and Logan; and in 1850, RALEIGH from Fayette and WYOMING from Logan. Of those counties formed afterwards: McDOWELL was taken in 1858 from Tazewell; LINCOLN, in 1867 from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, and Logan; SUMMERS, in 1871 from Greenbrier, Monroe, and Mercer; and, finally, in 1895 MINGO broke off from Logan.

One must be especially cautious when interpreting descriptive terms used in place of dates. "Ye tenth month" in Old Style dating would have been January; "ye fifth month," August; etc. For Gideon Christian, "Ye sonne of James and Anne Christian," the "eleventh month" of his birth was February 1727-8 and his baptism on "ye New Year's day" took place on March 25. Greater clarity is achieved when the designations "O.S." (for Old Style) and "N.S." (for New Style) are employed in writing about events predating 1752.

Discrepancies in accounts of vital statistics sometimes occur because of misinterpretation of tombstone inscriptions or parish register entries when the abbreviations are expressed by numerals only. Continental residents and genealogists have usually adhered to the order of "day-month-year" whereas that of "month-day-year" gradually became the mode for the colonists. Since usage was mixed, it is sometimes difficult to ascertain whether 6-8-'73 referred to 6 August 1773 or June 8, 1773; or, in addition, whether with the hundreds omitted, 1673 or 1873 was intended for the year. If there were no indications as to the dating form used, other evidence would be required to establish the precise date.

Knowledge of other Colonial customs is desirable for a fuller appreciation of the role some of the Christians played in their new homeland. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the title "Mr." denoted social standing. It is therefore significant that one of the earliest Christian progenitors was referred to as "Mr. Thomas Christian" 21 October 1687 when he patented 1,080 acres of land in Charles City County, Virginia. Only those of gentle birth, including officers of civil and military government, ministers, teachers, and persons of similar rank were honored by the title of "Mr." The ordinary man was addressed as "Goodman," and his wife as "Goodwife." The terms "Esquire" and "Gentleman" denoted much the same respect as "Mr."

Some name suffixes had more connotations than at present. One could not automatically assume, for instance, that a "Senior" was father to the "Junior." He could as easily have been an uncle or even a cousin to the younger man.

Additional English customs and laws prevailing in America's British colonies could be discussed here; however, those dealing with such matters as inheritance, rights of primogeniture, and property transfers will be covered in articles relating to particular Christian families.

Special attention is called to the boundaries of each colony. Because of relatively early westward migration in the south, it is especially important to remember that Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia extended west to the Mississippi.

That every variation in spelling must be considered in tracing Christian ancestry can be illustrated over and over again by those who have abstracted records from the thirteen colonies. A typical example involves the well-known Augusta County, Virginia, brothers for whom Christian's Creek was named. On deeds of 1739 conveying to them Augusta County property (then in Orange County), their name was written "Christyes." In most subsequent records referring to the same men and property Robert, John, and William appear as "Christian."

An understanding of the times makes the non-conventional spelling more comprehensible. It was not a question of illiteracy, as some have assumed; it was simply a case of orthography and punctuation not yet having become standardized. Until the late nineteenth century spelling of names as well as of most words was generally phonetic and often strongly influenced by the national origin of the scribe.

Accustomed as we are to the present practice of beginning the civil or legal year on January 1 and ending with December 31, it is easy to overlook the fact that formerly, in England and her Colonies, the legal year began on Annunciation Day, March 25. The change to January 1 took place in 1752 although it had already been made in Scotland as early as 1600. For clarity "double dating" was oftentimes utilized to express dates between January 1 and March 25. This type notation appeared in St. Peter's Parish Register for the christening date, "February 18, 1738-9," of Ann, daughter of James and Tabitha Christian, who had been born December 14 of 1738.

In 1752 also Great Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar "to the confusion of the people, who demanded to know what happened to the eleven days." Previously the Julian calendar (based on a year about eleven minutes longer than the astronomical year) had been in general use. Another parish register entry for another Ann, "Daughter of William & Susanna Christian Born Feb^{ry} 21 Baptized Mar 13, 1735," illustrates the practical application of the calendrical changes: By today's reckoning, the birth took place on March 4 and the baptism on March 24.

PART I

LOGAN COUNTY'S DISTINGUISHED PROGENITOR

A new sound in a new county! James Pine Christian's clock—the first in Logan County—added to the excitement of citizens already enthused about having their own seat of government. Whereas previously visitors stopping by his upper Guyan Valley inn had been mainly settlers on the move westward, his recently-acquired marvel beckoned the merely curious from miles around. The question of the day: Have you seen Christian and his clock?

Born 16 March 1800 in Monroe County, Virginia, this son of Thomas and Margaret "Rebecca" (Pine) Christian settled early at the mouth of Elk Creek. Following family custom, he took an active part in governmental affairs and served not only on the initial Logan County Court in 1824 but during subsequent sessions as well. It was he who in 1850 administered the oath of office to fourteen justices designated by the Commonwealth of Virginia to organize the Wyoming County government. Before his death 11 December 1891 James P. Christian was the last surviving member of Logan's first court.

Already a planter of considerable means when an agent of Eli Terry brought a horse laden with the renowned clockmaker's wares

In response to numerous requests, "The Christian Family," a serialized article on the Logan County Christians originally appearing in *The West Virginia Hillbilly*, is being republished in *CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES*. The reprint started in this issue has been considerably expanded and revised to reflect the corrections and additions since discovered and to cover branches of the family in other counties.

Although no complete census was compiled during England's rule of America, one can estimate the approximate number of Christian families in the thirteen colonies on the basis of the United States government's recapitulation of its first Federal census. Records indicate that households headed by persons named Christian and Christy, which include numerous variations of spelling, totaled only 149 in 1790. Making allowances for omissions, the total heading households still would probably have been under two hundred. Some of these—and certainly many of their children—could be counted among the third, fourth, or even fifth generation on this side of the Atlantic.

RECAPITULATION OF POPULATION SCHEDULE ABSTRACTED FROM THE U.S. CENSUS OF 1790

Description	Christian, Christain, Christein, Christians, Christen, Christianse, Crestian, Crestiane, Cristian, Cristine	Christie, Christee, Christey, Christy, Criste, Cristee, Cristie, Cristy
Average Size of Family	5.4	5.2
Head of Families	78	71
All Other Members	344	296
Maine	--	--
New Hampshire	--	7
Vermont	--	1
Massachusetts	2	3
Rhode Island	1	--
Connecticut	--	2
New York	19	13
Pennsylvania	11	33
Maryland	3	2
Virginia	31	5
North Carolina	10	4
South Carolina	1	1
Georgia	?	?



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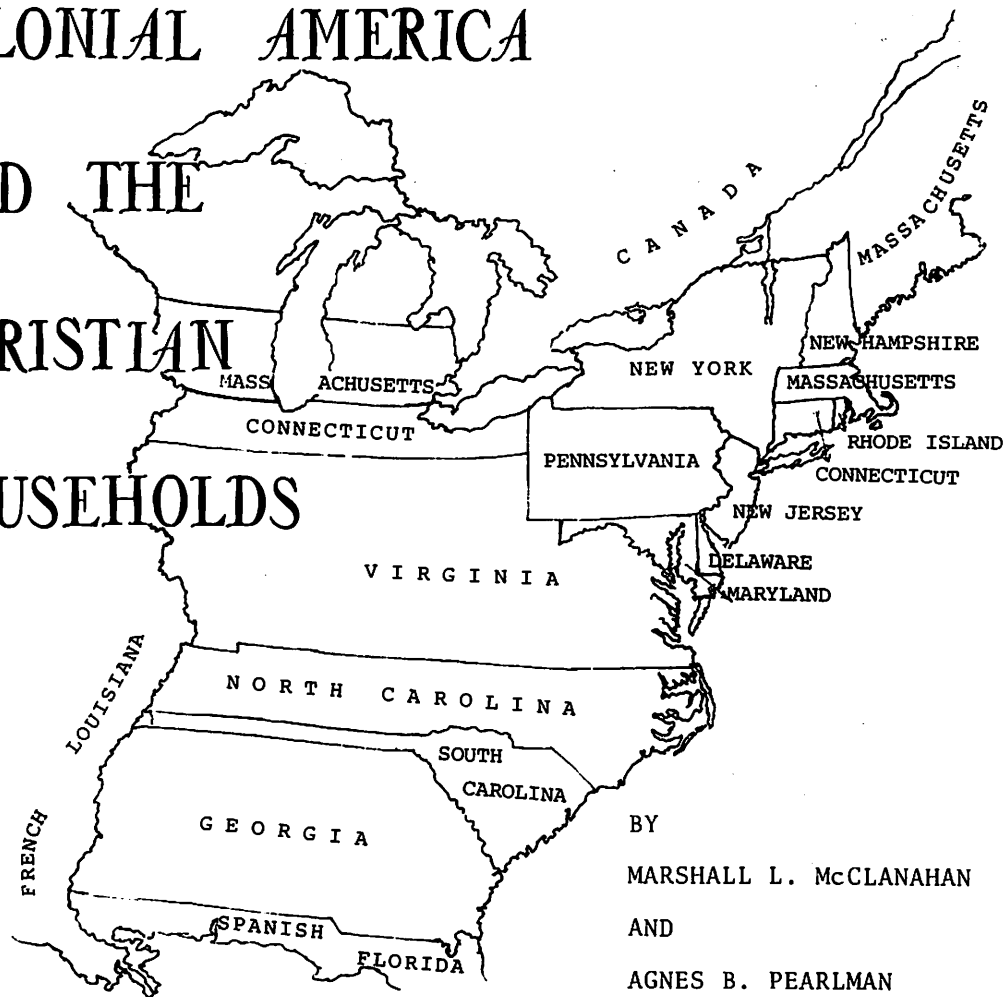
The Honorable James Pine Christian and his wife Anne (Moore) Christian enjoyed as senior citizens the admiration and respect due them for more than fifty years of service to the people of Logan County, West Virginia, during its first half century.

COLONIAL AMERICA

AND THE

CHRISTIAN

HOUSEHOLDS



BY
MARSHALL L. McCLANAHAN
AND
AGNES B. PEARLMAN

Before pursuing research on specific Christian families in colonial America, it is advantageous to determine the number of households with which one is dealing and to familiarize oneself with certain customs and practices insofar as they affect genealogical data. Subjects for exploration and evaluation include spelling practices, calendar usage and dating methods, and significance of titles and abbreviations—to name but a few.

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into the Allegheny hills, the acquisitive Christian determined that one of the timepieces should be his. Capturing his fancy was a shelf model featuring carved posts and splat with a painted glass tablet. This mantelpiece would continue to mark the family's passing moments years beyond Christian's life span. At his death the clock went to his youngest surviving son, Paren, who in turn left it to his youngest son, George Thomas, who in 1908 willed it to his youngest son, George T. Christian, Jr., with the request that his widow "teach him its value as a keep sake." That it has indeed been cherished is evidenced by not-so-mute testimony. It still keeps time in the descendant's home today not far from the site of his great-grandfather's inn.

Sharing the good fortune of James P. Christian's life was "pretty Annie Moore," whom he married 12 March 1826. They managed to maintain on their mountain lands a living style similar to that of the piedmont section of Virginia. As with others of their station, the Christians had slaves as part of their domain. Neighbors were known to comment, however, that they didn't know why "'cause all Daddy Jim ever does is pamper them." They knew, too, that the lady of the house sympathized with the growing abolitionist sentiment. Nonetheless, way of life prevailed and, when the crisis erupted into cannon fire, the sons joined forces with the South.

Seven of the eight children of Judge and Mrs. Christian reached adulthood. The three daughters (Rebecca Jane, Martha Ann, and Sarah Yantee) married into prominent pioneer families. Four sons (Patterson,

Byron, Paren, and Holden) contributed to the cultural, political, and religious development of the area. The mother also provided her share of humanitarian services. Until doctors were more readily available in the latter part of the century, she attended women at the birth of their offspring. There is no record of who acted as midwife when her own babies were born, however. The children's birth dates were carefully noted in the family Bible:

Rebecca Jane Christian, born 1 March 1827; married 1) Grayson White and after his death married 2) Charles Vance.

Patterson Christian, born 26 December 1828; married five or perhaps six times: 1) Mary Ann Mitchell about 1848, 2) L. Jane Steel on 1 March 1884, 3) Phoebe Ellis on 24 August 1884, 4) Mrs. Johnson in May 1893, 5) Mary Jane Johnston 6 July 1896, and 6) Mary J. Martin. The latter two may be the same individual.

Byron Christian, born 25 May 1831; married 1) Elizabeth "Betty" White about 1847 and following her death married 2) Clarissa Trent, the widow of Madison Ellis, on 21 September 1893.

Paren C. Christian, born 26 July 1833; married 19 February 1854 Isabel J. Mitchell.

Clifford Christian, born 5 February 1836; died before 1850 and never married.

James Thomas Holden Christian, born 27 July 1838; married Elizabeth M. "Betty" Canterbury about 1857.

Martha Ann Christian, born 16 July 1841; married Robert Patterson Spratt on 12 February 1857.

Sarah Yantee Christian, born 21 February 1844; married Robert Preston Ellis, called "Doctor," about 1869.

Patterson served like his father as one of the county justices and, in addition, as a deputy sheriff. After his first wife's death about 1882, he remarried several times. Unusual as marriage dissolution was during the nineteenth century, two of his later wives were



NATURALIZATION

CHRISTIANS ON BOSTON NATURALIZATION LISTS IN UNITED STATES ARCHIVES

by

John D. Christian

NAME	PLACE OF ORIGIN	NATURALIZATION DATE
Alexander Christian	Great Britain	1859
Andrew Forest Christian	Scandinavia	1899
Anton Christian	Austria	1890
Charles Christian	Scandinavia	1885
Elijah Christian	Canada	1892
Ferrier V. Christian	Canada	1870
Frank Christian	Great Britain	1885
Frank Christian	Canada	1892
James Christian	France	1829
James C. Christian	Canada	1879
John Christian	Great Britain	1840
John Christian	Scandinavia	1850
Joseph Christian	Russia	1900
Joseph Christian	Portugal	1891
Joseph Christian	Canada	1870
Jules Christian	France	1902
Julius Leonard Christian	Scandinavia	1896
Mitcheal Christial	Canada	1856
Napoleon Christian	Great Britain	1894
Peter Christian	Denmark	1851
Peter R. Christian	Denmark	1884
Rasmus Christian	Denmark	1878
Richard Christian	Great Britain	1838
Richard Christian	Canada	1887
Richard Christian	Canada	1892
Roman Christian	Great Britain	1869
Thomas Christian	Ireland	1853
William T. Christian	Great Britain	1901

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divorcees, and at least Patterson's union to L. Jane Steel ended in divorce.

James Holden was the first of the brothers to die. He gave his life during the Civil War to the cause of the Confederacy. Taken prisoner by the Union forces, he died at Camp Chase in Chillicothe, Ohio. His widow and three young children survived him.

Rebecca Jane's husband, Charles Harrison Vance, joined at the same time as his brother-in-law and was killed in one of the War's final skirmishes—four days after Lee's surrender to Grant.

Paren also enlisted in the Confederate States Army. He first joined the 36th Regiment of Logan Hunters as 2nd Sergeant and later enrolled in the state troops as 2nd Lieutenant. On returning from service he devoted his energies to farming and lumbering and to the educational requirements of the community. Considered one of the leading citizens of the county, he was elected to the Board of Education in 1882 and was subsequently reelected several times. He reputedly sold much of his land to coal companies and at his death 23 July 1900 left sizable inheritances to his children.

Byron helped to provide for the religious needs of the county during a long and active career as an ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife Elizabeth shared her husband's concern for the spiritual and cultural life of the region. Their son, Charles Russell Christian (1860-1889), became known as "The Mountain Bard" and recounted in rhyme the history of the treasured family clock and of those for whom it chimed:

GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

I

Enthroned upon thy ancient mantel-tree
 O king of clocks! thou'rt ever dear to me,
 As with a tireless stroke that scorns at rest,
 Thy ticks and tocks—
 O king of clocks!—
 Cry out aloud to all, "To work is best!"

II

Thou first of clocks that ever told the time
 In grand old Logan! o'er thy throne sublime
 Have more than fifty armed winters rolled
 And yet thy tocks—
 O king of clocks!—
 Are clear and sweet as in the days of old.

III

Immortal fameto Terry and his son,
 Thy valor gives, as standing on thy throne
 Thou mak'st thy impress on the sands of Time;
 Thy ticks and tocks—
 O king of clocks!—
 Preserve their names and make thy throne sublime.

IV

Let others share thy master's hidden gold
 When he shall sleep in Death's eternal fold.
 If I survive I'll only ask for thee!
 Thy ticks and tocks—
 O king of clocks!—
 Were legacy and wealth enough for me!

V

Since first thy race began, one race of men
 Has lived—and died—and turned to dust again;
 And yet thou seem'st in vigor's prime of youth!
 Thy ticks and tocks—
 O king of clocks!—
 Are like the workings of eternal Truth.

VI

Grim War hath swept around thy peaceful throne,
 And hurled into the land of the unknown
 Some of thy household resting now afar;
 And yet thy tocks—
 O king of clocks!—
 Did never halt to curse the murderous War.

PHILIP/FILLIP CHRISTIAN--who at age 24 in 1743 arrived in the colonies aboard the "Loyal Judith" from Rotterdam, last from Cowes.^{18 & 20}

RICHARD CHRISTIAN--one of four score persons transported prior to August 1643 by Capt. Samuel Mathews, whose 4000 acres were located on north side of Rappahannock River.^{10 & 16}

RUDOLFF/RUDOLPH CHRISTIAN--age 45 when he arrived in colonies in September aboard the "Pink Plaisance" from Rotterdam and Cowes.²⁰

SALME CHRISTEN--listed in 1732 among women and children on board ship "Pennsylvania Merchant" from Rotterdam.²⁰

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--was in Elizabeth City, Virginia, in 1623.³

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--on 15 January 1657 patented 100 acres in James City County on north side of James River and east of the Chickahominy River for headrights in transportation of himself and John Wilkinson.¹⁶

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--received 100 acres in James City County, Virginia, on 18 March 1662.¹⁶

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--of Portsmouth, Hampshire, England; aged 19, five years indenture to Maryland. Agent: Peter Simpson of London. Signed 21 November 1729.¹⁴

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--immigrated to Philadelphia about 1760 from French Flanders with his brother Michael.⁶

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--born about 1780 in Ireland, died a widower at 111 years of age 18 July 1891 in Lawrence County, Ohio.¹

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--Isle of Man alien, aged 45, declared 26 November 1846 in Mobile, Alabama, that he had been there twelve years.³

THOMASIN CHRISTIAN--wife of Francis Christian, gave birth to a son in Barbadoes, Parish of St. Michaels, in 1679.¹³

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--among forty persons transported in 1652 by Mrs. Jane Harmen/Harmer, for which she was granted 2000 acres in Northumberland County, Virginia.^{10 & 16}

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--listed as of "the City of Bristol," Northumberland County, Virginia, 27 September 1667.⁶

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--with his brother Michael, came about 1720 to Northampton County, Virginia, from Ireland but originally of Scotland.⁶

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--born in Scotland, immigrated to Oacawana, New York, probably about 1780.⁶

JOHN CHRISTIAN--of the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene in Bermondsea, Surrey County, England, came to Virginia in the "Flying Hart" in 1621 at age 24, settling first in Elizabeth City and then in York, where he held numerous offices.⁴

JOHN CHRISTIAN--born in Ireland in 1752, came to America in 1760. Resided on the Clinch River in Fincastle and afterwards in Washington County, Virginia. After the Revolutionary War he lived in East Tennessee and then removed to Kentucky.³

JOHN WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--aboard the "Snow Good Intent" from Amsterdam, arrived October 1754 in Pennsylvania.²⁰

JONATHAN CHRISTIAN--of parish of Manghold, Isle of Man, came to America about 1655.¹⁵

LUDWIG/LODOWICK CHRISTIAN--qualified after arriving in October 1753 aboard the "Eastern Branch" from Rotterdam and Portsmouth.^{18 & 20}

MAGDALEN CHRISTEN--listed in 1732 among women and children on board ship "Pennsylvania Merchant" from Rotterdam.²⁰

MARG. CATH. CHRISTIAN--one of early settlers (about 1728) in Tulpehocken, Berks and Lebanon Counties, Pennsylvania.¹⁸

MARGARET CHRISTEN--listed in 1732 among women and children on board ship "Pennsylvania Merchant" from Rotterdam.²⁰

MARIA CHRISTEN--listed in 1732 among women and children on board ship "Pennsylvania Merchant" from Rotterdam.²⁰

MICHAEL CHRISTIAN--immigrated to Philadelphia about 1760 from French Flanders with his brother Thomas. He later moved to Virginia.⁶

MICHAEL CHRISTIAN--with brother William came about 1720 to Northampton County, Virginia, from Ireland; but they were originally from Scotland.¹⁷

PAULUS CHRISTIAN--on ship "Phoenix" 28 August 1750 from Rotterdam, last from Cowes.¹⁸

PETER CHRISSTEIN--on ship "Phoenix" 28 September 1751 from Rotterdam and Portsmouth to Pennsylvania.^{18 & 20}

PETER CHRISTIAN--took oath of allegiance to the United States in 1798 in Mississippi.⁹

PETER CHRISTIAN--born about 1810 on the Isle of Man, was living in Chickasaw County, Mississippi, in 1850.⁹



In his home overlooking the Guyandot River, George T. Christian stands in 1969 beside Logan County's first clock. Made about 1820 by Eli Terry of Plymouth, Connecticut, the family heirloom was purchased shortly thereafter by James P. Christian, the present owner's great-grandfather. Inscribed on the back of the clock's face are the following notations:

repaired by D. C. Ross Nov. 29, 1876
 by Ross again Dec. 10, 1877
 R. J. Demsies
 P. G. Woa '78
 repaired by Paren Christian
 Sept. 19, 1879
 oiled by M. Ross May 17, 1880
 repaired by J. H. Floyd 1916
 oiled by Mary Christian Dec. 8, 1917
 repaired by R. E. Good, Elbert,
 W. Va. Aug. 3, 1959.

VII

And now of late thou art again bereft,
 Another faithful friend! yea, thou art left
 To unskilled hands that on thy wants attend;
 And yet thy tocks—
 O king of clocks!—
 Gave but a single day to mourn her end!

VIII

Thou first and last of clocks! when thou art done
 Thy mortal race, and standest on thy throne
 A lifeless thing, my tears thy fall shall weep;
 For with thy tocks—
 O king of clocks!—
 So often hast thou rocked my youth to sleep!

The "faithful friend" the poet mourned was his grandmother Anne (Moore) Christian, who died 13 December 1881. Her husband, who survived her by a decade, was buried alongside his wife in the family cemetery on Elk Creek. His will was admitted to probate 8 February 1892 and was recorded in the records of Logan County, West Virginia:

In the name of God, Amen.

I James P. Christian being old but sound in mind, wishing to dispose of what property God has blessed me with to my six Children.

- First—I give to Paren Christian all the lands I hold on Elk Creek in Logan County, West Virginia, from the lower end of my lands on said Creek, up to the upper end of what is called the little Meadow, opposite the lower end of the Bear Branch field.
- Second—I give to Patterson Christian all the lands I hold on Elk Creek in said County from Paren Christian's line as above described up the Creek to the second drain below the Turkey Pen Field, thence with the Creek to the lower end of the Low Gap Field, then across the ridge to Dingess Run, thence including all the land I hold on the right hand fork from said Dingess Run down to Paren Christian's line.
- Third—I give to Byron Christian all the lands I hold on Elk Creek from the line of Patterson Christian as above described up the Creek including the Low Gap Field running up the Creek to the line between said Byron Christian and Rebecca Vance.
- Fourth—I give to Rebecca Vance all the land I hold on Elk Creek from the line of Byron Christian up to the lines of John Vance. Also Four Hundred Dollars.
- Fifth—I give to Martha Ann Spratt Four Hundred Dollars.
- Sixth—I give to Sarah Y. Ellis a note of Four Hundred Dollars that she owes me.
- Seventh—I give to Burwell T. Christian, Heir of Holden Christian, Twenty-five Dollars.
- Eighth—I give to Chloe Trent, Heir of Holden Christian, Twenty-five Dollars.
- Ninth—I give to Parthena Grimett, Heir of Holden Christian, Twenty-five Dollars.
- Lastly, I appoint Patterson Christian and Paren Christian Administrators.
July 8th AD 1884.

James P. Christian

Witness—W. A. Lee
M. Justice

(to be continued)

HANS GEORG CHRISTEIN--arrived on ship "Phoenix" 25 September 1751 from Rotterdam and Portsmouth to Pennsylvania.¹⁸

HANS JERG CHRISTEIN--appeared at Philadelphia Court House 25 September 1751 and "qualified" after arriving from Rotterdam and Portsmouth aboard "Phoenix."²⁰

HEINRICH CHRISTIAN--a foreigner imported in the ship "Elliot" on 25 October 1748 from Rotterdam, last from Cowes.^{18 & 20}

HENDRICK CHRISTIAN--a man and a boy, both arrived in Pennsylvania from Rotterdam, last from Plymouth, in September 1732 on the "Penn Merchant."^{18 & 20}

ISRAEL CHRISTIAN--reputedly a Dublin merchant born in Ireland, immigrated to Augusta County, Virginia, before 1740.¹²

JERICK CHRISTEN--listed in 1732 among women and children on board ship "Pennsylvania Merchant."²⁰

JOHAN CHRISTIAN--qualified 3 October 1753 after arriving aboard the "Eastern Branch" from Rotterdam and Portsmouth.¹⁸

JOHAN GERG/JURG CHRISTIAN--qualified 3 October 1753 after arriving in America aboard "Eastern Branch" from Rotterdam and Portsmouth.²⁰

JOHAN FRANCIS CHRISTIAN--5 years old, arrived on the brig "Union" 28 June 1792 from Hamburg.²¹

JOHAN WILHELM CHRISTIAN--to Pennsylvania in October 1754 on board "Snow Good Intent" from Amsterdam and Gosport.^{18 & 20}

JOHANN CHRISTIAN--arrived in America board the "Myrtilla" and qualified 21 September 1765.^{18 & 20}

JOHANN MICHAEL CHRISTIAN--arrived in America aboard the "Phoenix" and on 22 November 1752 took the "Usual Qualifications" at Philadelphia Court House.^{18 & 20}

JOHANNES CHRISTIAN--arrived on "Brittania" from Rotterdam and Portsmouth and qualified on 26 October 1767 at Philadelphia Court House in usual ceremonies.^{18 & 20}

JOHN CHRISTIAN--from Isle of Man, heads a list of English Quakers banished between 1660 and 1666. May have settled at Accomac, Virginia.¹⁵

JOHN CHRISTIAN--arrived in the United States in October 1786 aboard the "Nassau."⁶

IMMIGRATION

CHRISTIAN CHRISTIANS--one of six persons transported by William Jacob prior to 25 August 1656, when he was patented 660 acres of Virginia land for same.¹⁶

CONRAD CHRISTIAN--thought to be the name of individual on board ship 21 September 1751 from Rotterdam, last from Cowes.¹⁸

DANIEL CHRISTIAN--second son of fourth Deemster John Christian, emigrated from the Isle of Man in 1655.¹⁵ [Source in error.]

DANIEL R. CHRISTIAN--born in Hanover, Germany, immigrated to Pennsylvania, where in November 1762 his son Daniel R. was born.⁷

EDWARD CHRISTIAN--aged 21, came in 1623 to Elizabeth City, Virginia, in the "Providence."³

ELIZABETH CHRISTIAN--mentioned in colonial records as having resisted her Virginia mistress in 1662.³

EVA CHRISTEN--listed in 1732 among women and children on board ship "Pennsylvania Merchant" from Rotterdam.²⁰

FRANCIS CHRISTIAN--and his wife Thomasin from Barbadoes, Parish of St. Michaels, whose son Mathew was baptized there 16 June 1679.¹³

FRANCIS CHRISTIAN--born in Canada in 1802, married in New York before 1824. He died in California.¹¹

FRIEDERICH CHRISTIAN--a Palatine, arrived in Pennsylvania August 1749 from Rotterdam aboard ship "Elliot."²⁰

FRIEDERICH CHRISTIAN--arrived aboard the "Phoenix" and took "usual Qualifications" 1 October 1754 before Mayor of Philadelphia.^{18 & 20}

GILBERT CHRISTIAN--born in Scotland probably before 1680, removed to Londonderry, Ireland, in 1702, from thence in 1722 to New Castle (now in Delaware) and settling about 1730 at Beverly Manor, then in Orange County, Virginia, but later within the bounds of Augusta County, Virginia.¹⁷

GOTTFRIED/GOTFREY CHRISTIAN--age 36, among Palatines arriving in Pennsylvania from Rotterdam and Deal, England, September 1739 on board "Friendship."^{18 & 20}

HANS CHRISTIAN--from Rotterdam to Pennsylvania in September 1740 on ship "Friendship."²⁰

HANS CHRISTIAN--on ship "Sally" in October 1770 from Rotterdam and Cowes.¹⁸



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

COL. WILLIAM CHRISTIAN

Col. William Christian, whose memory has been perpetuated with the naming of a Christian County in Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri, distinguished himself as a Revolutionary officer, legislator, and frontier fighter.

Born in Augusta County, Virginia, William was raised in a household of means and culture. His mother, the former Elizabeth Stark, revealed through her letters and books that she was a woman of uncommon education. His father, Israel Christian, reputedly a merchant of Dublin, Ireland, before immigrating to America, opened a general store on arrival and became a large landowner in his new homeland. One of the trustees for the town of Staunton in Augusta, Israel gave forty acres for Fincastle's county seat—subsequently named Christiansburg in his honor.

The wedding portions and other gifts presented to their children by Israel and Elizabeth (Stark) Christian attest to the parents' "love and affection" as well as to their great affluence. As far as can be determined from the records, one son and five daughters reached adulthood:

William Christian (the subject of this sketch), born about 1742, was killed near the Falls of the Ohio 9 April 1786; he married Anne Henry, daughter of John and Sarah (Winston) (Syme) Henry, on 18 April 1768.

Anne Christian, born about 1743, died about 1810; married Col. William Fleming about 1763.

Elizabeth Christian, baptized 21 June 1746 at Tinkling Springs Church, Augusta County, Virginia, died before 1784; married Col. William Bowyer before March 1768.

Mary Christian, baptized in January 1747/8, also at Tinkling Springs, married Col. Stephen Trigg as his first wife.

Priscilla Christian, about whom little is known, apparently never married.

Rosanna Christian, said to have been the youngest daughter, married as his second wife the Reverend Caleb Wallace on 10 May 1779 in Botetourt County, Virginia.

Son and daughters alike received sound schooling in Staunton, and William continued his education by entering Patrick Henry's law offices as a student about 1766. His marriage to Patrick's "favorite sister Anne" added familial ties to the professional ties, both of which remained close throughout their lives.

In 1775 Christian was a member of the Committee of Safety and a member of the General State Conventions of March 20 and July 17. In fact, he served as a member of the committee to provide plans for the execution of Henry's famous resolutions of 23 March 1775.

William Christian had already gained a reputation as a brave and efficient officer* when in 1774 he raised more than three hundred volunteers and marched to join Col. Andrew Lewis at the mouth of the great Kanawha. Although arriving too late to participate in what many historians designate as the "first battle of the Revolution," he was present there at Dunmore's treaty with the Indians. In addition, he wrote a letter reporting the events as related to him:

From what I can gather here I cannot describe the bravery of the enemy in the battle. It exceeded every mans expectations. They had men planted on each river to kill our men as they would swim over, making no doubt I think of gaining a complete victory. Those over the Ohio in the time of battle called to the men to "drive the white dogs in." Their Chiefs ran continually along the line exhorting the men to "lye close" and "shoot well," "fight and be strong." At first our men retreated a good ways and until

*Some chroniclers have erroneously attributed to this William Christian the leadership and rank of Captain of a militia company during Braddock's Campaign of 1755. The subject's older cousin Captain William Christian—son of Gilbert and Margaret (Richardson) Christian—headed that company. He also was noted for his contributions to border warfare in the Colonies.



IMMIGRATION

"Immigration," a feature highlighting the arrival in Colonial America and the United States of members of the Christian family, is published at the suggestion of John D. Christian, who furnished many of the entries for this issue. Numbers following each sketch correspond to the references listed at the end.

ANN CHRISTIAN--one of persons transferred before 23 August 1656 by William Jacobs, who received 660 acres in Norfolk County, Virginia.¹⁵

ANN CHRISTIAN--among six persons transported 19 October 1643, for which 400 acres was granted by patent.¹⁵

ANNA CHRISTEN--listed in 1732 among women and children on board ship "Pennsylvania Merchant" from Rotterdam.²⁰

ANNE CHRISTIAN--one of 60 persons transferred by Mr. Henry Corbyn and Mr. Gerrard Fowke before 15 March 1658.¹⁶

BALTZER GEORG CHRISTIAN--came to Pennsylvania on ship "Neptune" on 24 September 1753 from Rotterdam, last stop at Cowes.¹⁸

BUHAND CHRISTIAN--born 24 March 1725 in Denmark, came from the Isle of Man and settled on the Hudson River near Peekskill, New York.⁵

CARL FRIEDRICK DANIEL CHRISTIAN;--listed as a foreigner, imported on ship "Phoenix" in November 1752 from Rotterdam but last from Portsmouth, England.^{18 & 20}

CATHARINE CHRISTEN--listed in 1732 among women and children on board ship "Pennsylvania Merchant" from Rotterdam.²⁰

CAVALERINE/CAVALIERO CHRISTIAN--Master of the ship "Amity," sailed 23 July 1705 from Kecoughton (present Hampton), Virginia, to Liverpool, England; also listed in 1701 as Master at Accomac, Virginia.⁶

CHARLES CRESTIN--one of 29 persons transported before 1 November 1664 by John Bruerton, who received 1456 acres of land in Westmoreland County, Virginia.¹⁶

CHRISTIAN CHRISTEIN--arrived in Pennsylvania on ship "Phoenix" from Rotterdam and Portsmouth in September 1751.^{18 & 20}

What of other Christians and Crocketts who resided in the same area of other Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina counties?

Were the marriages between the Christians and Fontaines or the property transfers between the Christians and Maurys transactions between kin and extensions of earlier family ties? It could be. Davis T. Maury provided much Crockett genealogical information in an 1858 letter subsequently published in *The Huguenot*, Publication No. 7. In addition to birth and marriage records brought from France and Ireland, several of the Crockett lines are carried forward into the nineteenth century. Unfortunately, the answers to our questions are not contained therein.

Perhaps if more could be learned about the Crockett Christian who married Rachel Beavers during the 1840's or 1850's, probably in Tazewell County, Virginia, a more definitive start could be made in reconstructing the family constellation.

If Thomas Christian's wife Rebecca proves not to have been the Crockett tie, did one of their sons or a descendant of one marry into the Crockett family? Or was it one of their daughters who established the first link between the families? I realize that it might have been an entirely different branch of the Christian family but have seen nothing which would substantiate such a conclusion.

Although the solution to this intriguing genealogical challenge still eludes us, it is hoped that through publication of the questions and speculations in articles like this readers may be stimulated to provide additional clues. Does one of you out there already know the answer as to the how, when, or where of the Christian-Crockett connection? If so, let us hear from you.

Agnes Branch Pearlman
Editor

Note: The major references used for the foregoing article are mentioned in the text. Full contents of the 1743 will of Thomas Christian will appear in a future issue.

Articles about other "elusive connections" to the Christian family are invited for publication in forthcoming issues.

new forces were sent out on which the enemy beat back slowly and killed and wounded our men at every advance. Our people at last formed a line, so did the enemy. They made many attempts to break our lines, at length our men made a stand, on which the enemy challenged them to come up and began to shoot. Our men could have forced them away precipitately, but not without great loss, and so concluded to maintain their ground all along the line. Which they did until Sundown, when the enemy were supposed to be all gone. Our people then moved backward scalping the enemy, and bringing in the dead and wounded.

The enemy came over on rafts about six miles up Ohio & set at the same place. They encamped within two miles of this place the night before the battle and killed some of our beeves. They damd our men often for Sons of Bitches, said "Don't you whistle now" (making sport of the fife) and made very merry about a treaty.

The War of the Revolution began only half a year after this battle at Point Pleasant. Again, William Christian took an active role in the struggle. On 18 March 1776 after having been promoted from lieutenant-colonel to the rank of colonel of the First Virginia Regiment, Continental Line, he resigned to accept a commission 1 August 1776 as colonel of the Virginia militia. In that capacity he was "right-hand man" to his brother-in-law Governor Henry and was of direct assistance in quelling disturbances created by the Indians and the Tories, who were allied in their opposition to the colonists.

With orders from the Virginia Council of Defense to organize and lead an expedition against the Cherokee Indians, Christian collected a force of about seventeen hundred militiamen from Virginia and North Carolina and set out to contain the tribe whose raids under Chiefs Dragging Canoe and Oconostoga had terrorized the settlements in the upper Holston and Wautaga River valleys. Serving under him in this campaign was his older cousin William Christian, who had been promoted from Captain to Major.

As the militia mobilized at Long (also called Great) Island, later Kingsport, on the Holston, the Indians retired beyond the French Broad River. The militia followed by way of Chimney Top Mountain and Lick Creek to the French Broad, destroying crops and a few deserted villages with a show of force that overawed the

leaders of the opposition. Without giving battle, the Indians agreed to a truce which was to be followed by a "permanent" treaty of peace the next year. The army returned to Long Island, where they rebuilt Fort Robinson and renamed it Fort Patrick Henry; then disbanded after a three-month bloodless campaign. Christian received the official thanks of the Governor and Council and was appointed one of three commissioners to negotiate the Cherokee treaty which was signed at Long Island 20 July 1777. Unquestionably, his linguistic skills proved an advantage in his dealings.

Soldier and statesman, William Christian—like so many of his Manx forebears—was considered a "born leader of men." From both Fincastle and Botetourt Counties, where he successively resided after moving from Augusta, he was a member of the Virginia Legislature before and after the War. In 1773, 1774, and 1775 he represented Fincastle in the Assembly and during the sessions of 1776 and 1780-83, he represented both counties in the state Senate.

When not on military missions or attending legislative duties, William and Anne (Henry) Christian lived a comfortable life. It was on their Virginia plantation at Dunkard's Bottom on New River that most of their six children were probably born:

Priscilla Christian, "the eldest daughter" born about 1770, died in 1806. She married in the autumn of 1785 as his first wife Col. Alexander Scott Bullitt of Kentucky.

Sarah Winston Christian, called "Sally," was married 6 May 1791 in Prince Edward County, Virginia, to Dr. Walter Warfield, a surgeon in the Revolutionary War with the rank of major. They settled in Lexington, Kentucky.

Elizabeth B. Christian, for whom vital dates are not known, married Richard Dickinson.

Annie H. Christian, still underage in 1789; married Gov. John Pope.

John Henry Christian, born about 1781, died unmarried at age 18 or 19 on 15 November 1800.

Dorothea Dandridge Christian, born 5 June 1783, died on 17 September 1840. She married Dr. James Fishback, born 4 February 1776, died 26 June 1845. Both are buried on Colbyville Pike six miles from Winchester, Kentucky.

Antoine de Sosure Perronette Crocketaigne, born in southern France 10 July 1643, was an officer in the Household Guards of Louis XIV. After his marriage to Louise de Saix, a lady of the French nobility and cousin to General LaFayette's mother, Antoine resigned his commission and became an agent for Maury and Fontaine, who had a monopoly in the wine and ale trade. Whether this was before or after his conversion to the Protestant faith by Mathew Maury is not known; however, when the Huguenots were expelled from France, the Crocketaignes fled to England and then to Ireland, where the Anglican spelling of the surname became standardized.

Of their children, Joseph Louis Crockett was born in Ireland 9 January 1676 and married Mary Stewart in Donegal, Ireland, about 1700. By 1709 they had immigrated to America and settled briefly at the Huguenot settlement in New Rochelle, New York, before moving to Virginia about 1711. Six sons and four daughters were born to this couple. How Davey Crockett's grandfather (reputedly also named David) was related to this group, I do not know. Crossing the Atlantic as did his kinsman's family, Davey's father and grandfather also emigrated from Ireland to the American Colonies—his father possibly born en route. The elder David Crockett and his wife were killed in a 1777 Indian massacre in northeastern Tennessee.

Just as the precise relationships of many early Crocketts remain somewhat obscure, so do the connections between the Christians and the Crocketts. When clues are so scarce, one is tempted to entertain possibilities which would otherwise be dismissed. For example, does the middle initial "C" found among names of descendants of Thomas and Rebecca Christian—as in Anthony C. Christian or David C. Christian—stand for "Crockett"? Or is this just far-fetched conjecture?

Did the Louis Christian who moved to Greene (later Hawkins) County, Tennessee, during the late eighteenth century accompany Crockett cousins there? Was the brief sojourn of the Christians and some Crocketts in Cumberland, Powhatan, and Prince Edward Counties during the period before the Revolutionary War mutually planned?

Crockett articles revealed that David was the fifth child of a family of nine children (six sons and three daughters). Additional review of Crockett material provided hardly anything further of a genealogical nature. I therefore returned to concentration on the Christian lines and hoped that enough pertinent facts would emerge to help in identification of the common ancestor. Still no quick answers. Even headway on the Christian antecedents slowed following several encouraging but limited discoveries.

Quite unexpectedly in the course of pursuing a totally unrelated search a few years later, my attention was arrested by a short section on the Crockett family in Col. Ellery Farmer's *Descendants of Thomas Farmer*. The male given names reminded me of those mentioned in Thomas Christian's 23 October 1743 will, proved in Goochland County, Virginia, on 20 March 1743/4.

Was it merely coincidence that several of Thomas' sons carried names which until that time were unusual in the Christian family—specifically, Anthony, Nathaniel, Jesse, David, and Louis? I believed not. Was it simply coincidental that some of these names were common in the Crockett family—especially Anthony, Nathaniel, David, and Louis? Again, I thought not.

Such a sudden infusion of distinctly different names among the Christians seemed to offer presumptive evidence that the maternal line influenced these particular choices. Was, then, Thomas' "dear and well beloved wife Rebecca" a Crockett before her marriage? Or was her mother perhaps a Crockett? Circumstantial evidence suggests either possibility. In addition to similarity of given names, family associations along with property transfers and migratory patterns in the southern American colonies point to probable ties.

It should not be overlooked that one of the witnesses to Thomas Christian's will was Anthony Bennin, a French Huguenot of Prince William County, Virginia, who might have been kin to Rebecca. Like Bennin, the Crocketts traced their roots to the persecuted Protestants of France.

In August 1785 William and Anne Christian moved with their family from Virginia to Jefferson County, Kentucky, where his land grants amounted to nine thousand acres. The head of house was eagerly welcomed by the harrassed frontier settlers.

Less than a year after locating on Bear Grass Creek near Louisville William Christian was mortally wounded while leading a pursuit party against marauding Wabash Indians. Two versions of his death on 9 April 1786 appeared in Collins' history, but they agree in most essential details. In April of 1786 a body of Indians crossed the Ohio into Kentucky and stole a number of horses on Beargrass. Col. Christian raised a party of men and crossed the river in pursuit, overtaking at least two about a mile north of Jeffersonville, Indiana, where he and one other member of his party were killed.

His death at only forty-three years of age was a great loss to his adopted state. Distinguished for his leadership, valor, intelligence, and patriotism, Col. William Christian had already been mentioned for Governor of the territory. When the state of Kentucky entered the Union in 1792, he was one of the first men to be memorialized through the naming of a county.

William's widow survived her husband less than four years. Sometime before her will was probated 21 June 1790 she had moved back to Virginia and was living in Prince Edward County, where she wrote the will 16 October 1789.

Although William and Anne (Henry) Christian have no descendants bearing the family name, they have numerous lineal descendants through their daughters, who married into the leading families of the new nation.

In the next issue will be texts in full of the last will and testament of the following four individuals who figured in the preceding biographical sketch:

William Christian—Will probated in Jefferson County, Kentucky, in May 1786.
 Anne Christian—Will probated in Prince Edward County, Virginia, 21 June 1790.
 Israel Christian—Will probated in Montgomery County, Virginia, in November 1784.
 Elizabeth Christian—Will probated in Botetourt County, Virginia, 8 September 1789.

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THE CROCKETT TIE

Special genealogical puzzles, stimulating at first but often relegated to oblivion after months or even years with little or no progress, suddenly become more tantalizing than ever when a chance clue opens the possibility of a solution. Such vicissitudes have accompanied my attempts to discover just how the early southern Christian family was related to folk hero Davey Crockett.

Surprisingly, it was not until I began genealogical research almost fifteen years ago that I learned of a Christian-Crockett connection in my own line. In 1888 Volume II of Dr. R. A. Brock's *Virginia and Virginians* offered a biographical sketch of my great-grandfather Paren Christian in which appeared the following quotation concerning his father:

James P. Christian was born in Monroe County, March 16, 1800, died in Logan County, Dec. 11, 1891, and was related to that great and noted man, Hon. David Crockett . . .

No further details! And nothing immediately found in family archives or public records furnished promising leads.

The task of determining the exact relationship between these men would, I thought, be made easier because of the prominent position in frontier affairs of that "great and noted man." Not so. While it was easy enough, of course, to locate numerous historical details and some vital statistics, references to family connections were few and far between.

Born 17 August 1786 in then Greene (later Hawkins) County, Tennessee, the son of John and Rebecca (Hawkins) Crockett, David was slightly older than his contemporary James Pine Christian, the son of Thomas and Margaret "Rebecca" (Pine) Christian. A cursory check of