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# Fragile Paradise

THE DISCOVERY OF  
 FLETCHER CHRISTIAN  
 BOUNTY MUTINEER



GLYNN CHRISTIAN



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When Glynn Christian was nine years old, he was astonished to discover that Fletcher Christian, the same Fletcher Christian played by Clark Gable in the movie *Mutiny on the Bounty*, was his great-great-great-great-grandfather.

Ever since then, Glynn has been on a life-long quest for the real Fletcher Christian. It is a search that eventually would take him from his New Zealand home to England, several times around the world, and then to isolated Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific, where descendants of Fletcher and his crew live today in ways similar to those of their mutinous forebears.

In order to understand Fletcher better, Glynn Christian had to seek out the entire Christian family background, as well as learn the social and political history of eighteenth-century England and of Tahiti after its discovery by Captain Cook. Not only did he have to find out exactly how the Royal Navy operated, how serious mutiny was, and what daily life was like on the king's ships, but he also had to know whether William Bligh was as cruel and tyrannical as legend had made him out to be.

He next had to ferret out what was known and what was unknown about Pitcairn Island's history and settlement. He read everything available on the mutiny and its aftermath, but it wasn't good enough. So he searched out new material — in book shops, in libraries around the world, and in the logs and journals of nineteenth-century sailors who traveled the

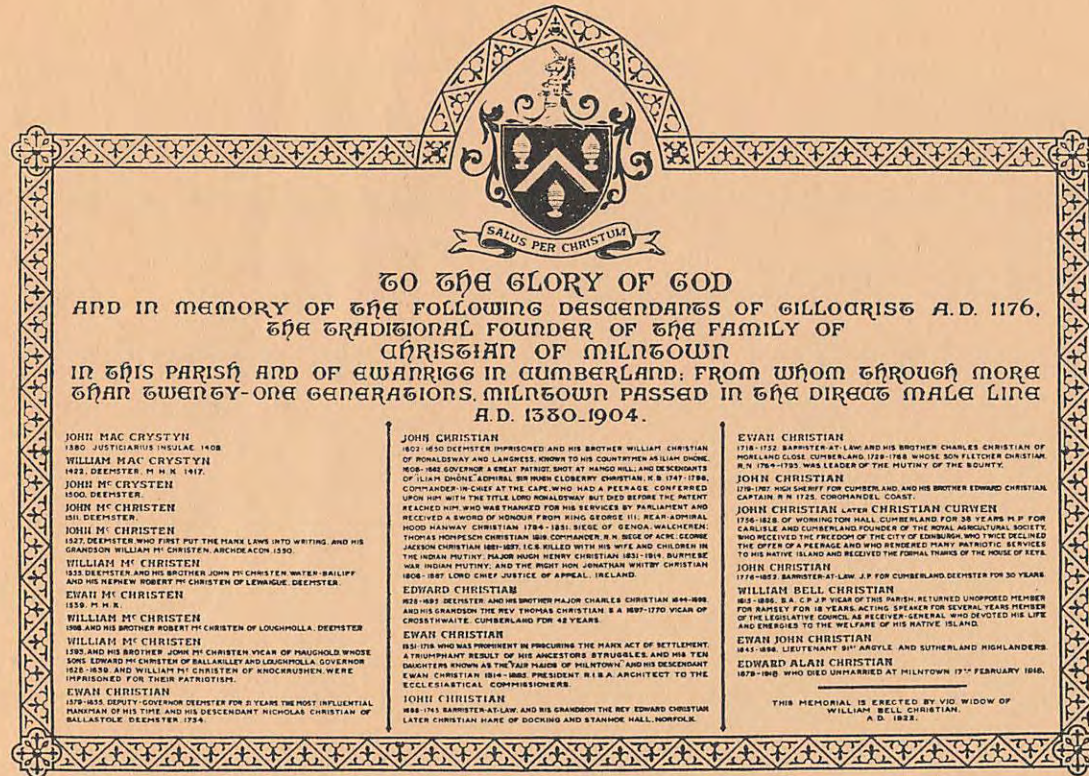
South Seas. He even looked under the grand piano in a family mansion — and discovered a five-hundred-page history of his family dating back to 1380.

Moreover, he had to dispel the persistent myths that had grown up around Fletcher over the years: that it was the love of a woman which drove him to mutiny; that there was a homosexual relationship between Christian and Bligh; that Fletcher had somehow escaped from Pitcairn to England, where he became the inspiration for Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

And, finally, Glynn Christian had to sail to Pitcairn himself, still one of the world's most inaccessible places, to get the feel of the island, to meet his cousins for the first time, to see at first hand the living result of that one burning moment when Fletcher Christian, cutlass drawn, had burst into the captain's cabin and announced: "Bligh, you are my prisoner."

The story of the mutiny on the *Bounty* is one of the most popular in the world. Though at heart it was a struggle between two men, there has never been a serious biography of Fletcher Christian. He was neither the simple, good-hearted fellow of the Clark Gable movie role, nor was he the prancing, tortured dandy Marlon Brando later portrayed.

*Fragile Paradise* not only pieces together the puzzle of this complex man who stood up to Captain Bligh; it also details Glynn Christian's own adventures in the search for his celebrated ancestor, and — in the end — for himself.



On Sunday, 15 October 1922, a large plaque was dedicated by the Vicar in Lezayre Church on the Isle of Man and erected near the church's pulpit. The above reproduction is from the collection of Frank Asbury Christian.

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# FAMILY PEARLS

## GLYNN CHRISTIAN'S 'FRAGILE PARADISE'

Book lovers and history buffs alike should enjoy reading *Fragile Paradise* and having the beautifully bound, illustrated first edition in their personal libraries. The author's extensive research and descriptive powers have resulted in a fascinating, unique biography of Fletcher Christian, mutineer aboard HMS *Bounty*.

I was enthralled by Glynn Christian's discoveries as well as his narrative and unhesitatingly declare *Fragile Paradise* an armchair adventurer's delight. For those of us who have Christian lineage, Glynn's story has the added significance of revealing much about "a member of the family."

Broadcaster, author, and restaurateur, Glynn Christian is a fellow of the Royal Geographic Society, which endorsed his *Bounty* research trip as the Sir John Barrow Commemorative Expedition. We thank him for sharing his experiences with the world.

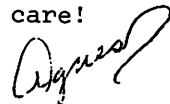
## THE PITCAIRN ISLAND FUND

Glynn Christian has now embarked on another international undertaking through founding of The Pitcairn Island Fund. Individuals interested in learning more about this charitable foundation or in contributing should contact him at Garden Flat, 42 Chepstow Villas, London W. 11, England.

Collectors or philanthropists may wish to acquire copy of a leather-bound, limited edition of *Fragile Paradise* with a hand-autographed message from Prince Philip in each. Receipts from the sale will benefit the Pitcairn Island Colony founded almost two hundred years ago by Fletcher Christian. Glynn sent this message:

I am appealing to everyone who has ever been excited by or interested in the *Bounty* story, everyone who has ever seen one of the films or read one of the books, to make some donation. I really hope that the Christians—whether closely related or not—will specially aid with helping these people and this island that has almost no tools with which to help itself.

Let's let our kinsmen on Pitcairn know that we care!



Agnes Branch Pearlman, Editor  
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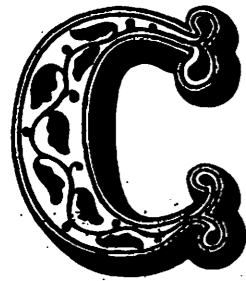
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# SEALS AND MONOGRAMS

. . . and he shall affix his seal.

Traditionally, the impression of a monogram, figure, or other image was made on wax, wafer, or in the substance of the paper or parchment of a document itself. Such seals were at one time used in lieu of signatures to authenticate documents, being annexed directly or by ribbons, cards, strips of parchments, or the like. Official papers may still carry seals.

## MONOGRAM DESIGN

The monogram (Greek for single letter) originally appeared as just that—a cypher consisting of a single letter. Therefore, the initial letter of the surname would generally suffice for representation of a family name; in the case of Christian, a "C," or of Kristen, a "K." Greek and Latin forms at one time were commonly applied to the signature or seal. Part of that most famous sacred form of the Christian monogram has been found on some family records; that is, an "X" as in "X<sup>n</sup>" or "Xian." (The monogram of Christ is composed of the Greek χ [*Chi*] and ρ [*Rho*], the first letters of *Χριστός* [*Christos*].)



Now, the symbol for a name usually appears as a design or mark consisting of two or more letters intertwined together. The letters thus interlaced may be either all the letters of a name or the initial letters of the given names and surname of a person. The examples below employ initials only.



## MONOGRAM USAGE

Monograms are often used on seals, ornamental pins, rings (especially signet rings), buttons, and by painters, engravers, etc., to distinguish their works. A monogram could serve as a replacement for an heraldic device in a seal or as a substitute for a signature. At times a monogram makes its appearance in conjunction with the crest, shield, or motto from the coat of arms.



Customs in the use of monograms and seals have varied in place and time. Throughout the western world during the middle ages and renaissance, for example, every great personage, every possessor of fine taste, every artist, had his monogram. Today, individuals usually limit their use of a monogram to mass-produced note-paper and specially printed wedding invitations. Original designs, though, are still prevalent among the logos and corporate seals of large companies.

## Footnote to Volume No. V, page 401

From Vivian H. Johnson:

Add another son to the list of children of Hamilton and Melvina (Christian) Shope; namely, James Shope, born 13 October 1887 in Elizabeth Township, Lawrence County, Ohio. He apparently died quite young.

## Footnote to Volume No. VII, pages 530-529

From Vivian H. Johnson, who supplements her original data with the following:

page 534—(1.b) Charles James Hammond Hammond married 1) LaDonna Johnston about 1949, by whom the following two children were born:

1. Steve Hammond, born 15 Mar. 1950
2. Cathy Hammond, born 2 Feb. 1953

Charles James Hammond married 2) Sylvia Ames about 1975.

page 534—(2.b) Verle Martin Howard is still living; it was his wife Isabelle (Yost) Howard who died about 1964 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

page 534—(3) Darah Melvina Hammond married Elmer Hilton at Cumberland Gap, TN.

page 534—(3.a.2) John & Debbie (Kearney) Hilton also have a daughter, Kathlene Hilton, born 9 Nov. 1979 Union Co., NJ, where their son Daniel was also born.

page 534—(3.b) Joe Rice Johnson, Jr., was born 25 Jan. 1921.

page 535—(3.b.1) Jose Rice Johnson, III, married Jill Witt 26 Aug. 1972.

page 536—Amos Clark Shope was born 6 Mar. 1886, per Birth Register, Lawrence Co., OH  
page 536—Add another child, James Shope, born 13 Oct. 1887 to Hamilton and Melvina (Christian) Shope family, per Lawrence Co., OH, Birth Register. (See above.)

## Footnote to Volume No. VII, page 550

From James M. Christian:

Since publication of the January 1982 issue of *Christian Family Chronicles*, information has been received that identifies the Rufus Christian shown as a son of Isaac and Mildred (White) Christian actually to be Rufus Christian, son of Rufus and Mary (Oglesby) Christian. If this revised identification proves to be correct, then it is likely that Rufus' wife, Serena Elizabeth Christian, was the child of Isaac and Mildred (White) Christian. Research is now underway to clarify any discrepancies.

## DOCUMENT POOL

Mrs. Maxine Marshall, Certified Genealogical Record Searcher, 1067 Richmond Avenue, Marion, Ohio 43302, will gladly share any of the following documents with other Christian descendants.

Pension File for Revolutionary War Service:

Allen Christian--Virginia Service, Claim S-32170

Robert Christian--Virginia Service, Claim S-9177

Bible Records from Revolutionary War Pension Files:

John Christian--from Kentucky, File W-18894

Walter Christian--from Virginia, File W6669

William Christian--File R-1934

Zachariah Christian--from New York, File 0568

Estate Papers, including Death Certificate

Allen Christian, Jr., died Wayne County, (West) Virginia, 27 Feb. 1859

Marriage Certificate & Bond from Monroe County, (West) Virginia

Allen Christian, Jr., & Nancy Cooper--6 July 1799

NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

William Clarence and Addie (Sorrell) Christian had four children:

1. Paul Edward Christian, born 26 Jan. 1919 Wellston, Jackson Co., OH; married \_\_\_\_\_ Fout.
2. Vernon Christian, born Wellston, Jackson Co., OH.
3. William Ray Christian, born Wellston, Jackson Co., OH.
4. Kenneth Christian, born Wellston, Jackson Co., OH.

Footnote to Volume No. V, page 401, & Volume No. VI, page 493

From Wilma L. Coats:

Effie Green, daughter of John A. and Lucinda (Christian) Green, and her husband Frank J. Lands had at least two children: A son, Kenneth Lands, was once mayor of Athens, Ohio; and a daughter Eileen Lands married Eddie Lindscott. Both children were living in Athens in 1979.

Footnote to Volume No. V, page 402

From Wilma L. Coats:

Abby Christian, daughter of Joseph S. and Sarah (Green) Christian, and husband Colonel Locke had a son Dana Locke, born about 1930-1940.

Footnote to Volume No. V, page 402

From Wilma L. Coats:

Mrs. Helen (Christian) Buechler of Columbus, Ohio, provided following names of the grandchildren of David Christian by both his marriages: 1) Hannah Justice and 2) Emma Willis. Mrs. Buechler herself is one of those grandchildren through James and Verdie (Clark) Christian.

Progeny of David by Hannah (Justice) Christian:

Charles W. Christian married Bethel Hollingshead and had issue: Delbert, Marie, David, Charles, Alonza, Jimmy, Cordella, and Martha.

Emma Christian married Roy Patterson and had issue: Elmer; Willy; Lawrence; John; Willie and Millie, twins; and Walter and Pearl, twins.

Susan Christian married Hoyt Heightland and had issue: Hanna, Ray, Lucy, Irene, and George.

James Christian married Verdie Clark and had issue: Helen, James Walter, Lewis David, William, Keith, and Biddie Gail.

William Christian had a daughter by his second marriage to Mrs. Goodfellow: Mary Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Baloo.

No further information on other children except that Margaret Christian is included among progeny of David by first wife.

Progeny of David by Emma (Willis) Christian:

Ethel Christian married Gilbert Johnson and had issue: Irene, Dow, Roger, and Elizabeth Ann.

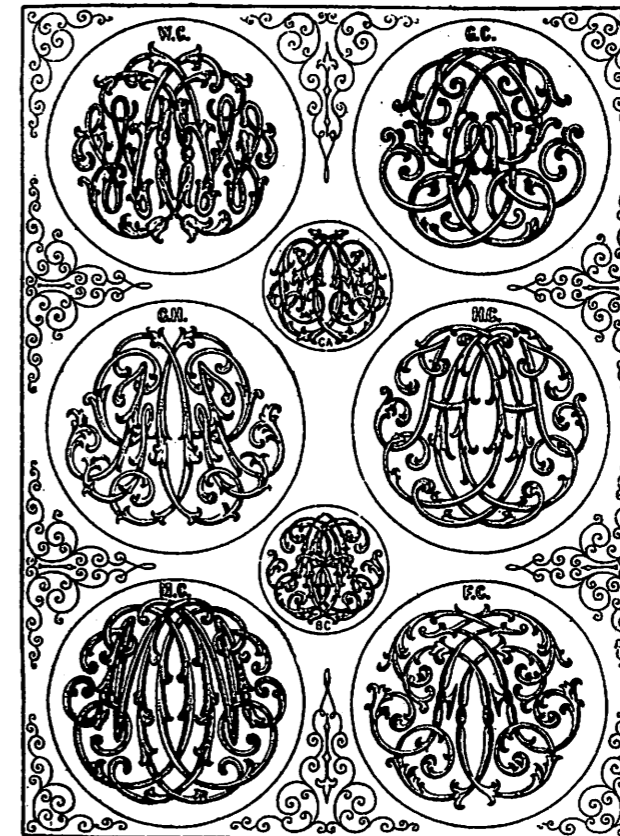
Agnes Christian married Joseph Mind/Mino and had issue: Dwight, Jean, Charles, Joseph, Patrick, Rosalee, and Bernadine.

Neither Elizabeth nor Gerald had issue.

No further information on Roseann.

With the exception of Elizabeth, all the children of David Christian (1859-1922) by both marriages had died before May 1979.

NOTE: For vital statistics and other details about the above-mentioned individuals, see Volume No. V.



TYPICAL STYLES OF MONOGRAMS

# CHRISTIANS IN THE ARTS

## LIZZIE CHRISTIAN

### ARTIST

An accomplished nineteenth century artist, Ida Lizzie Christian had a life cut short by death following childbirth. She was born in Shelby County, Missouri, 28 February 1855 to William B. Christian and his wife, Maria Antoinette Karen Strachan.



*From the collection of Thacker Cole*

"MAY QUEEN"

The original oil painting from which the above black and white rendering is reproduced remains a favorite of relatives. The present owner, a great-grand niece, is herself an artist. Lizzie began painting at an early age and while still in her teens produced "May Queen"—a work which reveals her natural talent.

## NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

### Footnote to Volume No. V, page 400

From Maxine Marshall:

Information received in 1980 from William Clarence Christian, grandson of William and Eliza Annie (Jones) Christian, corrects and/or supplements the data originally published about their family. A few children were omitted from that list—the informant's father being among those overlooked. (Combined list below has an asterisk appearing beside names on W. C. Christian's list.) William Christian's first wife, Eliza Annie Jones was reputedly the "eldest daughter" of A. M. Jones; and his second wife, the "youngest Jones daughter," who may have been a widow when she married William. One of five families to go from Lawrence County, Ohio, to Tennessee in a boxcar during the late 1800's, the Christians had returned to Lawrence County by about 1900. (Families of Pancake, Jacob Souders, and Jake Snead were three of five.)

Progeny of William Christian by first wife, Eliza Annie Jones:

1. \*Alexander Christian, the "oldest son" born 21 July 1872 Lawrence Co., Ohio, died in Wellston, Jackson Co., Ohio; married Sarah Souders, born 11 Feb. 1877 Lawrence Co., Ohio, d/o Jacob and Ann Souders. (See issue below.)
2. Abigail "Abbie" Christian, married \_\_\_\_\_ Richardson.
3. \*Nancy "Nannie" Christian, born 2 Dec. 1875 Lawrence Co., Ohio; married \_\_\_\_\_ Coagland and moved to Oklahoma.
4. \*Fannie Christian.
5. \*David "Dave" Christian, married Cornelia Neikirk at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee.
6. \*John Christian.
7. \*Will Christian, born 23 Aug. 1883 Lawrence Co., Ohio.
8. \*Ann Christian.
9. Louella Christian.
10. \*Sis Christian (may be one of others above).

Progeny of William Christian by second wife, \_\_\_\_\_ Jones or \_\_\_\_\_ (Jones) Duncan:

11. \*George Christian, who reputedly went to the Illinois coal fields and changed his name.
12. \*Joseph "Joe" Christian, the taxi driver killed by customers who attempted to rob him (see footnote of Volume No. V article).
13. \*Minnie Christian.
14. \*May Christian.

Alexander Christian (first son shown above) was a cattle driver. He never attended school, but his mother taught him to write his name. Alexander and Sarah (Souders) Christian lived in Tennessee and Harlan County, Kentucky, as well as in Ohio during their years of marriage. They had seven children:

1. William Clarence Christian, born 17 Aug. 1896 Cumberland Gap, TN, died 1 Aug. 1981 Marion, Ohio; married 1) Addie Sorrell in Wellston, Jackson Co., OH; and after her death in 1941 married 2) Kathryn (Miller) Humphries, whose husband had left her with twelve children. (See issue by first wife following.)
2. Edward Christian, born 1898-9 Cumberland Gap, TN, died 1918 at age 20 when struck by lightning while picking flowers for Memorial Day.
3. Alexander Christian, born in Wellston, Jackson Co., OH; married Helen \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Charles Christian, born in Wellston, Jackson Co., OH.
5. Millard Christian, born in Wellston, Jackson Co., OH.
6. Ralph Christian, married Betty Conger; still living in Wellston, OH, in 1980.
7. Sarah Florence Christian, born 11 Aug. 1905 Wellston, Jackson Co., OH; married Arthur Messer.

Footnote to Volume No. V, page 332

From Vera Jones in "1970's File" of Editor:

Nicholas Christian was allegedly a well-known Tory during the Revolutionary War. He lived in Montgomery County, North Carolina, across the river from the neighborhood where Christopher Christian resided. These Christian families had several close ties to the family of John Wilson, who in 1762 purchased 200 acres on Clark's Creek—property then in Anson, later Montgomery County, on which Wilson built his home and a sawmill. Among his issue was Joseph Wilson, who before his death in 1846 referred to a daughter as Johanna Christian. Joseph Wilson's son, John Pritchard Wilson, married in 1827 Judith Allen, whose mother is thought to have been a Christian. During the 1770's when the Christians arrived in the vicinity, there also appeared a Mark Allen, whose home property adjoined that of Christopher Christian.

Footnote to Volume No. V, page 361

From John E. Gilbert:

The family Bible of Robert Preston "Doctor" and Sarah Yantee (Christian) Ellis provides the birth dates of their children; obituaries provide miscellaneous data:

Edward Robertson Ellis, M. D., born 24 May 1871; married 14 March 1892

Etta C. Fry, daughter of Ed and E. (Wilburn) Fry.

Ira J. McGinnis Ellis, born 3 November 1873; married 19 June 1895 Lodoska "Doska" Ferrell.

James L. Ellis, born 28 July 1876; of Mansfield, Ohio, in 1926 and of Jacksonville, Florida, in 1953.

Lulu Ellis, born 29 March 1879; married Harry A. Ewing. She was of Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 1953.

Lenoir "Nora" Ellis, born 4 January 1882; married Samuel Allen. Living in Morehead, Kentucky, during early 1970's.

Joseph Peck Ellis, born 19 November 1884; married Lena White. (See Footnote below.)

Millard French Ellis, born 27 May 1887; married Pansey Mahone 14 November 1914 in Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Of Denver, Colorado, in 1953.

George T. Ellis, born 3 December 1890; married in Lawrence County, Ohio, 3 July 1919 Anna Green/Gwinn (surname obscured by ink blot in Bible). Of Logan, West Virginia, in 1926; of Milton, West Virginia, in 1953.

Footnote to Volume No. V, page 361

From Manya L. McCallister:

Joseph Peck Ellis, son of Robert Preston "Doctor" and Sarah Yantee (Christian) Ellis, was born 19 November 1884 in Mingo County, West Virginia; he died 4 December 1953 in Lincoln County, West Virginia. Joseph married Lena White, born 12 December 1894 at Peck's Mill, Logan County, West Virginia, died 29 May 1982 at West Hamlin, Lincoln County, West Virginia, daughter of Albert Pendleton and Martha (White) White.

Footnote to Volume No. V, page 399

From Wilma L. Coats:

According to two of his children, James Edward Christian, son of Amos Burgess and Mary (Shay) Christian, was not a minister of the gospel as reported previously. See elsewhere in this issue for list of his children.

As a young woman, Lizzie Christian studied art in New York, and among her better-known paintings is "The Storm."

Miss Christian's marriage to Tom B. Coin in 1887 was performed by the Reverend William Norman. She and her new-born daughter died 9 May 1888, and she was buried with the baby in her arms at Frankfurt Cemetery near Dallas, Collin County, Texas.

Although Lizzie Christian left no progeny, her works endure; and the kind of artistic talent with which she was endowed has passed down through the descendants of her sister, Eva Matilda Christian, who married James Reed Meason. Lizzie's niece, Clara Nell Meason (still alert and in good health at 95), was an artist, as is Thacker Cole, the great-grand niece previously mentioned (born Bobbie Nell Thacker—first married to a Cole and later to a Howze). A promising artist in the next generation is 15-year-old David Mays Alkire, Jr., some of whose paintings appeared during May in a Slidell, Louisiana, art show. David is a son of Thacker Cole's sister, Peggy Ann (Thacker) Alkire,\* whose line of descent follows.

CHRISTIAN, Charles Hunt	=	WYLEY, Dolly Ann
s/o James & Mary (Christian) Christian		d/o William & Mary (Harwood) Wyley
born 6 July 1795 Albemarle Co., VA		born 27 Feb. 1796 Rockingham Co., VA
married 24 Dec. 1816 Ohio Co., KY		died 31 July 1885 Shelby Co., MO
died 4 July 1885 Shelby Co., MO		

CHRISTIAN, William B.	=	STRACHAN, Maria Antoinette Karen
born 30 Jan. 1832 Rolls Co., MO		d/o David Ritzema & Maria M. (Young) Strachan
married 14 Mar. 1854 Shelby Co., MO		born 3 Apr. 1835 Kings Co., NY
died Mar. 1862 ?near Hannibal, MO		died 2 Jan. 1925 Motley Co., TX

CHRISTIAN, Eva Matilda	=	MEASON, James Reed
born 8 Mar. 1857 Shelby Co., MO		born 31 Dec. 1855 Missouri
married 24 Dec. 1877		died 30 Aug. 1936 Gregg Co., TX
died c. 1945 Big Sandy, TX		

MEASON, Clara Nell	=	STANLEY, Owen Levi
born 27 Nov. 1886 Collin Co., TX		born 1885
first married 1 Aug. 1905		died 1918, buried near Gilmer, TX
married secondly a Mr. Hazel		

STANLEY, Clara Maud	=	THACKER, Robert Morgan
born 19 July 1911 Texas		born 1909 Texas
married 1929 Texas		

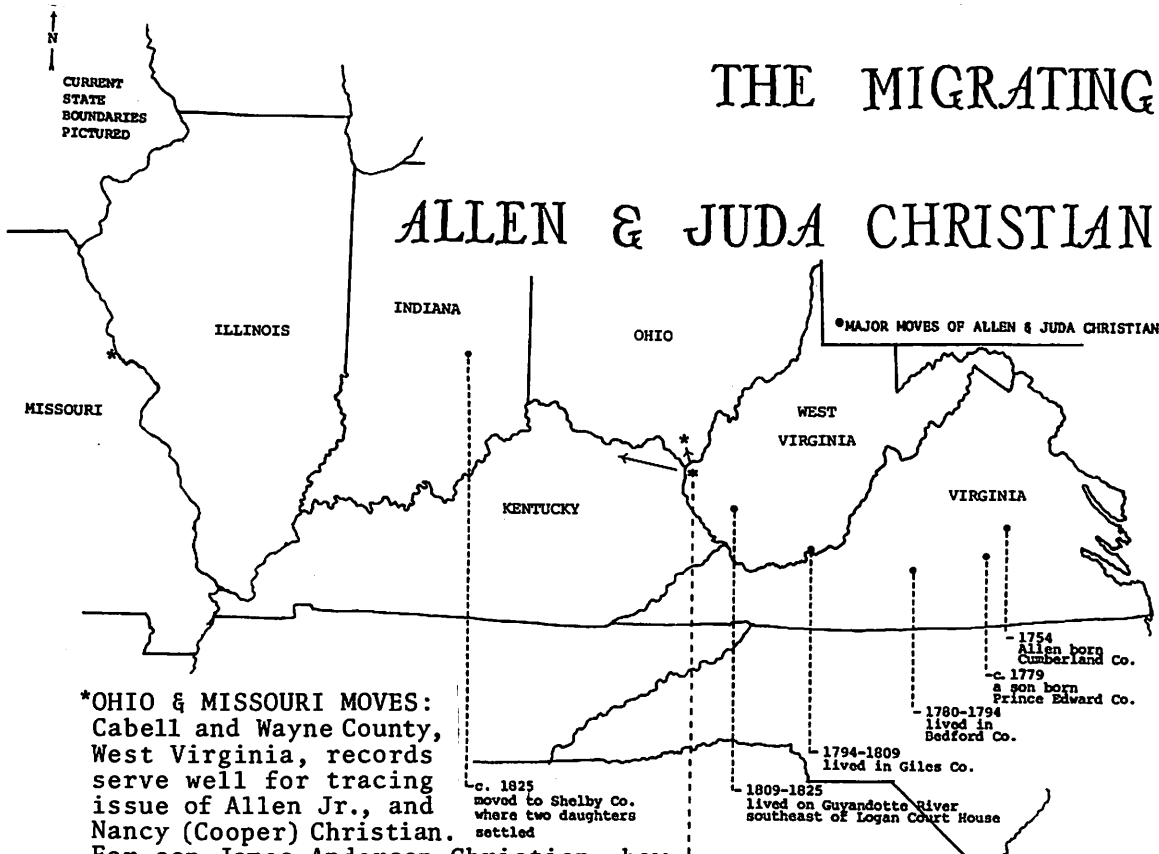
THACKER, Peggy Ann	=	ALKIRE, David Mays
born 26 Apr. 1932 Mineola, Wood Co., TX		born 31 July 1927 Oklahoma
married 3 Nov. 1962 Wichita Falls, TX		

\*Information for the biographical sketch of Lizzie Christian was provided by Peggy (Thacker) Alkire, the great-grand niece whose pedigree appears above. Birth dates of Peggy's siblings are: Bobbie Nell (Thacker)(Cole) Howze, 5 Dec. 1929; Robert Reed Thacker, 23 Oct. 1933; Billie Sue (Thacker) Hardy, 11 Nov. 1936; and Vicki Aileen (Thacker) Baily, 5 Jan. 1950.

# TIES OF

## THE MIGRATING

### ALLEN & JUDA CHRISTIAN



\*OHIO & MISSOURI MOVES: Cabell and Wayne County, West Virginia, records serve well for tracing issue of Allen Jr., and Nancy (Cooper) Christian. For son James Anderson Christian, however, one must turn to the neighboring state of Ohio; and for their older son Jasonias Christian, to Lincoln County, Missouri.

---WAYNE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, HOME TO ALLEN CHRISTIAN, JR., & FAMILY  
(continued from Volume No. VII)

#### FAMILIES OF THE THIRD GENERATION

Although parentage of Nancy Cooper (wife of Allen Christian, Jr.) has yet to be determined by descendants, it seems certain that several children owe their given names to their maternal connections.

The 1810 Giles County, Virginia, Federal Census has a "Jackonias" Cooper as the head of household; and records in Greenbrier and Monroe County during the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century show

#### NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

member of the Highway Board for nearly thirty years. He was, in fact, a most painstaking and useful official and an excellent lawyer. He practically resigned all his public duties in 1867. He had a most placid and kindly disposition, with the courtly manners of the old school, and he was distinguished by his great knowledge of insular affairs. These qualifications rendered him a charming and interesting companion to the very last, notwithstanding his great age."

- I-2. CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN married Deemster John Frisell Crellin at Kirk Michael on 21 November 1786. Deemster Crellin was born in 1764 and died 21 June 1816; he was High Bailiff of Ramsey. His grandmother was Margery Christian, baptized 19 August 1708, the eldest daughter of Deemster Nicholas Christian of Ballastole, Kirk Maughold. Margery married John Frissell 3 January 1834 at Kirk Braddan. John was at the time Attorney General, born 1701, died 1786, buried at Ballure, Ramsey. Margery and John's daughter, Margaret Frissell, married Rev. John Crellin, Vicar General and Rector of Ballaugh. It was their son John Frisell Crellin who became Deemster and married Charlotte Christian.

The following additional information is available about #I-1-B-a John Murray Christian (born 25 March 1831, baptized 5 January 1837). He married Eleanor Kelly at Kirk Andreas 9 April 1863; and they had issue baptized at Kirk Andreas:

I-1-B-a-i.	JOHN CHRISTIAN	bap. 8 May 1863
I-1-B-a-ii.	THOMAS CHRISTIAN	bap. 18 Dec. 1864
I-1-B-a-iii.	ELLEN JANE CHRISTIAN	bap. 29 Mar. 1867
I-1-B-a-iv.	ANNA LOUISA CHRISTIAN	bap. 16 Aug. 1868
I-1-B-a-v.	DAVID MURRAY CHRISTIAN	bap. 18 Aug. 1869
I-1-B-a-vi.	CATHERINE CHRISTIAN	bap. 7 Dec. 1871

#### Footnote to Volume No. VI, page 462

From Roger J. Christian:

Since the availability of the 1881 census, I've been able to check identity of the fourth wife of William Christian (1824-1887). Previously shown as Elizabeth Christian, she was actually Elizabeth Christian Quiggin (Christian being the second of her given names), daughter of John Quiggin, Farmer of Douglas. William and Elizabeth (Quiggin) Christian resided at Smeale, Kirk Andreas, after their marriage 11 May 1873 at St. Barnabas's Church, Douglas.

#### Footnote to Volume No. II, page 76

From Frank Asbury Christian:

The publication date for *The Leake Family and Connecting Lines* was 1932. It was published by The Shenandoah Press.

#### Footnote to Volume No. VI, inside front cover

From Margaretta Tate Stewart:

Another entry can be added to the list, "A Place Called Christian, U.S.A."; that is, Christian, California, located outside Bakersfield, Kern County.

#### Editor's Note:

Readers are invited to submit additions to the above-mentioned list as well as to "Other Places Called Christian" outside the United States.



## Footnote to Volume No. V, page 415

From Roger J. Christian:

With reference to Query 81-2 from Mrs. Ethel Robb, the following lineage is submitted.

I. THOMAS CHRISTIAN, name of wife not known, had at least two children:

I-1. THOMAS CHRISTIAN, Captain, married Mrs. Eunice Anne Oates, alias Murray, on 3 February 1795 at Kirk Malew. She was the heiress of J. J. Murray of Ronaldsway. Her first husband was William Oates of Santan, and there was no issue from this first marriage.

Thomas and Eunice (Murray) (Oates) Christian had issue:

I-1-A. THOMAS CHRISTIAN, baptized 6 December 1795 at Kirk Malew.

I-1-B. JOHN MURRAY CHRISTIAN, born circa 1798. (According to the 1851 census he was aged 53 years old.) Of Ballachurry, he married at Kirk Michael 23 January 1830 Mary Anne Brew, born circa 1814. They had issue of eleven children, one of whom is the person to whom Mrs. Robb referred as David Watson Christian rather than David Walter Christian (as he is listed in the Isle of Man records). All children were baptized at Kirk Andreas.

I-1-B-a. JOHN MURRAY CHRISTIAN born 25 Mar. 1831 - bap. 5 Jan. 1837

I-1-B-b. THOMAS MURRAY CHRISTIAN born 13 Oct. 1832 - bap. 5 Jan. 1837

I-1-B-c. DAVID WALTER CHRISTIAN born 9 May 1834 - bap. 5 Jan. 1837

I-1-B-d. MARY ANNE CHRISTIAN born 15 Jan. 1836 - bap. 5 Jan. 1837

I-1-B-e. SUSAN MARGARET CHRISTIAN bap. 8 Apr. 1839

I-1-B-f. MATILDA CHRISTIAN bap. 18 Mar. 1841

I-1-B-g. WILLIAM WATSON CHRISTIAN bap. 25 Dec. 1842

I-1-B-h. FREDERICK MURRAY CHRISTIAN bap. 20 July 1844

I-1-B-i. NATHANIEL CHRISTIAN bap. 25 Apr. 1846

I-1-B-j. ANN LOUISA CHRISTIAN bap. 15 May 1848

I-1-B-k. JAMES HENRY CHRISTIAN bap. 8 Feb. 1852

I-1-C. WILLIAM WATSON CHRISTIAN, baptized 2 February 1799 at Ramsey, was the subject of the following sketch taken from *Manx Worthies* by A. W. Moore.

"William Watson Christian (b. 1799, d. 1893), the youngest son of Thomas Christian, of Ballachurry, Andreas, a member of the House of Keys and Captain in the Royal Manx Fencibles, and Eunice Ann, eldest daughter and heiress of John James Murray, of Ronaldsway, was born in Ramsey and educated at Whitehaven, Cumberland. He was called to the Manx Bar in 1820, and was a member of the House of Keys from 1829 to 1848. In this latter year he was appointed governor's secretary and Clerk to the Council, and he held these offices till 1851 when he became water-bailiff, with a seat in the Council. In 1852, the water-bailiff was appointed coroner for the holding of inquests for the whole island, and so he performed these duties till they were transferred to the high-bailiffs in 1866. Between 1845 and 1867, he was captain of the parish of Andreas, and it may be noted as remarkable that he was the only captain of the parish in the present century who has had a lieutenant under him. In 1858, he was made a magistrate, and, in addition to these various functions, he performed those of a

the presence of a Col. Alexander Cooper as well as a Francis Cooper, James Cooper, Jesse Cooper, and Thomas Cooper. Of these, only the name of Jesse is not repeated among the sons of Allen and Nancy Christian. (See Volume No. VII for complete list of their issue.)

## THE FAMILY OF SPENCER CHRISTIAN

Spencer Christian, the eldest child of Allen and Nancy (Cooper) Christian, was born about 1802 in Virginia—probably that part then in Monroe County. He was married 7 January 1834 in Kanawha County, (West) Virginia, by William Adkins to Elizabeth Carrow, born about 1813 in North Carolina. They were still living in 1870. Information on their line extends only to nine children and their spouses.

Alexander Christian, born about 1836 in Logan County, (West) Virginia; married in Catlettsburg, Boyd County, Kentucky, 21 January 1864 Malinda Yelley/Eally/Elly, born about 1848, daughter of George and Lucy (Harmon) Yelley/Eally/Elly. She married 2) William Cody Payne.

Susanna Christian, born about 1838 in that part of Virginia which later became West Virginia.

Thomas Christian, born about 1840 in Kanawha County, (West) Virginia; married twice in Wayne County, (West) Virginia: 1) on 12 August 1859 to Elizabeth Yelley/Eally/Elly, also a daughter of George and Lucy; 2) on 2 December 1865 to Rebecca Bartrum, born about 1843 to Charles and Cynthia Bartrum.

James Allen Christian, born about 1842, also married twice in Wayne County, West Virginia: 1) on 11 May 1873 to Elizabeth (Dean) Workman, daughter of Joseph and E. Dean, and 2) to Elizabeth E. Colegrove, daughter of John F. and Roxy A. (Hastings) Colegrove. He died in Wayne County 18 August 1932, and his second wife died in Kentucky 21 March 1940.

Nancy J. Christian, born about 1845 in Hanover, Virginia (apparently the town in what became Wyoming County, West Virginia), married in Wayne County 1 April 1859 William Adams, born about 1834 in Tazewell County, Virginia, son of C. and F. Adams.

Edward/?Everett Christian, born about 1847 in Wayne County, married there 24 July 1875 Rebecca Workman, born about 1858, daughter of P. and E. Workman.

Harrison Christian, born about 1849 in Wayne County, married 1) in Wayne County 28 July 1869 Rachel Lewis, born about 1844, and 2) 6 June 1874 Emily "Emma" Workman.

Anthony Christian, born about 1852 in Wayne County, was a widower when he married there 12 November 1880 Louisa C. Sisson, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Sisson. Name of first wife and place of their marriage is not known.

John Henry Christian, born 4 April 1855 at Christian's Ridge, Wayne County, (West) Virginia. No further information about him has been obtained.

## THE FAMILY OF THOMAS FRANCIS CHRISTIAN

Referred to simply as Thomas Christian in most of the records of Cabell and Wayne Counties, Thomas Francis Christian was born about 1804 in what was then Monroe County but as a young child moved with his parents to what ultimately became Logan County, where he married about 1825 Mary "Polly" Newton, born about 1804, a daughter of Thomas and Lucy Newton. About 1833 the Christians moved to what was later known as "Holderby Farm" in then Cabell County but finally settled at Elija's Creek near Prichard, Wayne County, West Virginia. Thomas Christian died 20 September 1847, leaving eight children and his widow, who died 7 November 1883.

A son, born between 1825 and 1830, apparently preceeded his father in death. Certainly, all indications are that he did not reach adulthood.

William Christian, born about 1829, is apparently the one who had a wife named Liza A. Nothing more is known about him.

Thomas Newton Christian, called "Newton" in his grandfather's estate papers, was born 27 March 1831. He was married in Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky, 15 October 1851 to Martha Hatton, born 27 March 1827 in what later became Wayne County, daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth (McGinnis) Hatton. They had six children.

Frederick Seburn Christian, born 31 January 1834 in what was then Cabell County, married twice: 1) in Wayne County 21 April 1856 to Mary Ann Daniels, born 15 June 1839, died 25 May 1880, daughter of William and Martha (Ward) Daniels; he married 2) on 15 February 1882 Mary Ann Stump, born about 1858 in Tazewell County, Virginia, daughter of William and Rachel Stump. Eleven children were born to the first wife and seven, to the second.

Andrew Perry Christian, born about 1836 in Cabell County, married in Wayne County 6 November 1861 Elizabeth F. Smith, born about 1840 in Cabell County, the daughter of R. G. and M. Smith. They apparently had only one child.

Nancy Ann Christian, born about 1839, may have been the Ann Christian who married Napoleon "Poli" Toney, son of William and Jane Toney.

James Albert Christian, born about 1842 in Cabell County, married in Wayne County 23 May 1872 Elizabeth A. Teel, born about 1852, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Teel.

Isaac Quincy Christian, born about 1845, about whom there is no further information.

George W. Christian, born about 1848, about whom there is no further information.

(See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. II, pages 93 and 94, for several lines of descent. Also, watch for further information on descendants in forthcoming issue.)

82-19 Dr. Louis Koenig  
Route 10, Box 108, San Antonio, Texas 78258

The following are listed as students at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia, in the years shown:

1772	Michael Christian, Northampton County
1810	Warren Christian, Charles City County
1825/6	William Christian
1837/8	William A. Christian, Charles City County
1841/2	Gideon Christian, R. T. Lacy, guardian, New Kent County
1843/4	Benjamin L. Christian, R. T. Lacy, guardian, New Kent Co.
1843/4	William Christian, son of Major E. Christian, Richmond
1844/5	E. Christian, son of Major Christian, Richmond

Can anyone identify these Christians for me? Judged by other William and Mary students, the birth dates of these would be about 20 years prior to the year of attendance.

82-20 Mr. Roger J. Christian  
"Croit-y-Keeil," Port Grenaugh, Santon, Isle of Man

I request information on the descendants of John Edward Christian and Eleanor Kneale, his wife. He emigrated from the Isle of Man to the United States of America in 1891. On 17 March 1903 the couple married in Napa County, California, where he had bought a ranch on the Sonoma Road, five miles southwest of Napa, several years before and where she had arrived only days before. John Edward Christian was baptized 25 February 1855 at Kirk Bride, the son of William and Margaret (Crowe) Christian of Ballabeg, Kirk Bride. Where and when did he die? Eleanor (Kneale) Christian was born on the Isle of Man in 1860. Where and when did she die? (Note: I have learned that this was not the John Edward Christian who married Margaret Jane Hudson.) [Editor's Note: See Footnote to Volume No. VII, page 541, below for further details.]

Footnote to Volume No. VII, page 541

From Roger J. Christian:

It has been determined that the John Edward Christian who married Eleanor "Ellen" Kneale 17 March 1903 in Napa County, California, was indeed the son of William Christian and his second wife Margaret (nee Crowe). The John Edward Christian who married Margaret Jane Hudson 16 September 1880 at Kirk Patrick was a school teacher of Cronk-y-Voddy, being the son of Patrick Christian. In addition to these two John Edward Christians, there were the following two:

John Edward Christian, baptized 28 September 1856, son of Nicholas and Catherine (nee Kneal) Christian, at Kirk Bride

John Edward Christian, baptized 30 July 1854, son of William and Eliza (nee Cown) Christian, at Kirk Maughold.

Information about these four contemporaries carrying the same name is invited.

82-14 Mrs. Arleen Fagan Marks  
31 Sea Colony Drive, Santa Monica, California 90405

I am interested in learning more about the connections of Thomas B. Christian, who married in Tazewell County, Virginia, 3 January 1864 as his second wife Elizabeth Whitt, widow of John Bird Brewster and daughter of Milburn and Mahala (Harmon) Whitt. When and where were Milburn and Mahala married? What of their birth and death data? Who were their parents?

82-15 Ms. Bonnie Vance  
P. O. Box 18, Sarah Ann, West Virginia 25644

Who were the parents of the Masten Christian who married about 1881 Dollie Messer, born about 1864 in Wayne County, West Virginia? Masten died 11 June 1932 and was buried at Varney, Mingo County, West Virginia. He had a sister named Mahulda. Other details about his family are invited.

82-16 Mrs. James C. Rushing  
89 Bellwood, Northport, Alabama 35476

Although I have gathered much information about my Christian line during years of research, I am still trying to learn the identity of the parents of my progenitor, James Christian. He was born 10 June 1800 and died 12 December 1841 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Name of his first wife is needed. His second wife was Mary "Polly" Washington, alias Mary Howell. Can anyone offer clues?

82-17 Mr. Vernon C. Christian  
532 North Lincoln, Burbank, California 92506

The following questions and data supplement information in Query 82-2 in *Christian Family Chronicles*, January 1982: Who were the parents of Thomas Isaac Christian, born 1837 somewhere in Tennessee? He married Emaline Beck 1859 in Bloomfield, Missouri, and served in the Union Army 1862-1865 with the Missouri State Militia Cavalry. Two brothers of Thomas were said to have been members of Quantrill's Raiders during the Civil War. Who were they? Thomas died on his homestead in Boone County, Arkansas, in 1885. Any information provided will be greatly appreciated.

82-18 Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

Any reader making new discoveries on his Christian family connections is invited to send the new-found information to me in order that my files will be more complete. The data would then be available for sharing with interested subscribers or other correspondents. Credit to contributor would be given for any material used for publication in a future issue of *Christian Family Chronicles*.

## THE FAMILY OF JASONIAS CHRISTIAN

Jasonias Christian, whose name is listed as "Neas" in the documents related to distribution of his father's estate, migrated farther west than any of his generation in the family. Born about 1806 in Monroe County, then in the state of Virginia, he had shortly thereafter accompanied his parents to Logan County, (West) Virginia. His first marriage undoubtedly took place there about 1824, but record of the event (which would have revealed bride's name) probably was destroyed during the Civil War when the Courthouse was burned by Union troops. His second marriage was to Susan Barbour 4 April 1834 in Cabell County, (West) Virginia, which at the time included area later in Wayne. His third marriage 27 August 1851 in Lincoln County, Missouri, was to a widow, Susan A. Dernal, believed to have been the daughter of William Gibson. Five children are known to have been born of the first marriage of Jasonias Christian:

Two sons, born between 1824 and 1827, about whom nothing more is known.

Hiram Christian, born 15 September 1825 in Logan County, died 9 December 1896 in Fullbright, Red River County, Texas; married in Lincoln County, Missouri, on 26 February 1852 Nancy J. Dernal, daughter of his father's third wife, Susan (?Gibson) Dernal. Hiram and Nancy Christian had eight children, all born in Lincoln County.

Eliza A. Christian, born about 1830 in that part of Virginia which became West Virginia, was still single in 1880.

Julia A. Christian, born about 1832 in (West) Virginia, married John Eastin 4 July 1853 in Lincoln County, Missouri.

Jasonias and his second wife, Susan (Barbour) Christian, had five children, about whom little is known:

Nancy Jane Christian, born about 1835 in (West) Virginia.

Charles W. Christian, born about 1836 in Missouri; may have married Mary Dernal.

Andrew J. "Jack" Christian, born about 1843 in Missouri.

Susan E. Christian, born about 1844 in Missouri.

Julia Elizabeth Christian, born about 1847 in Missouri.

Two children were born to Jasonias Christian and his third wife, also named Susan:

John Henry Christian, born about 1852 to 1856 in Missouri.

Cyrenia/Surenia Ellen Christian, born about 1856 in Missouri; married in Pike County, Missouri 15 December 1872 John H. Evans.

(See forthcoming issue for photographs, letters, additional biographical data, etc.)

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A line of descent from Jasonias Christian and his first wife:

CHRISTIAN, Allen  
born 23 May 1754  
Cumberland Co., VA  
died 1835-1843  
Shelby Co., IN

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\_\_\_\_\_, Judah S.  
born c. 1760

CHRISTIAN, Allen  
born c. 1780  
Prince Edward Co., VA  
mar. 6 July 1799  
Monroe Co., (W) VA  
died 27 Feb. 1859  
Wayne Co., (W) VA

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COOPER, Nancy  
born c. 1785  
Virginia  
died post 1859  
probably Wayne Co., (W) VA

CHRISTIAN, Jasonias "Neas"  
born c. 1806 Monroe Co., (W) VA  
mar. 1) c. 1824 ?Logan Co., (W) VA  
mar. 2) 4 Apr. 1834 Cabell Co., (W) VA  
mar. 3) 27 Aug. 1851 Lincoln Co., MO  
died probably in MO

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1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) BARBOUR, Susan  
3) ?GIBSON, Susan  
(widow DERNAL)

CHRISTIAN, Hiram  
born 15 Sep. 1825 Logan Co., (W) VA  
Logan Co., (W) VA  
mar. 26 Feb. 1852  
Lincoln Co., MO  
died 9 Dec. 1896  
Fullbright, Red River Co., TX

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DERNAL, Nancy J.  
born 2 May 1834  
Kentucky  
died 18 Dec. 1892  
Silex, Lincoln Co., MO

CHRISTIAN, William Nicholas "Bill"  
born 24 Oct. 1859  
Lincoln Co., MO  
mar. 1 Apr. 1883  
Silex, Lincoln Co., MO  
died 3 Mar. 1946  
Collingsworth Co., TX

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MCKINSEY, Mary Lucinda "Mollie"  
born 17 Nov. 1864  
Silex, Lincoln Co., MO  
died 14 Dec. 1958  
Childress, Childress Co., TX

CHRISTIAN, Esther Merle  
born 2 Nov. 1898  
Fullbright, Red River Co., TX  
mar. 11 June 1918  
Wood Co., TX  
died 18 June 1978  
Tyler, Smith Co., TX

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HENRY, Earl Everett  
born 18 Dec. 1896  
Dalton, Whitfield Co., GA  
died 1962  
Graham, Young Co., TX

HENRY, Mary Wynelle  
born 13 Mar. 1919  
Winsboro, Wood Co., TX  
mar. 30 Oct. 1933  
Mangurn, Greer Co., OK

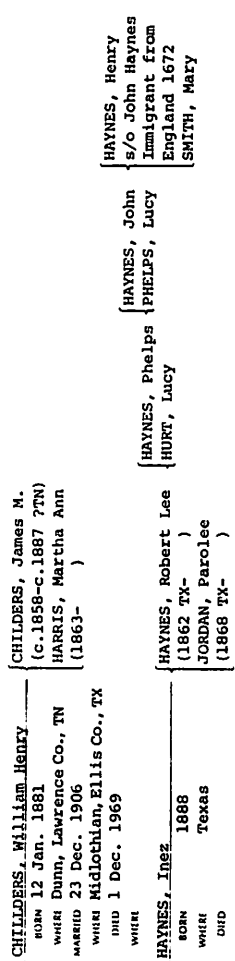
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CHILLDERS, Luel Virgal  
born 22 July 1912  
Thalia, Foard Co., TX

CHILLDERS, Patricia Ann  
born 15 June 1943  
Amarillo, Potter Co., TX  
married 1) 17 June 1960  
married 2) 26 Feb. 1979

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1) COCHRAN, Harold Glenn  
2) FRANKS, Edward Howard



COMPILER OF RECORD:  
Mrs. Wynelle Childress  
4000 Julie Drive  
Amarillo, Texas 79109  
and  
Mrs. Pat Franks  
2708 Tolosa  
Dallas, Texas 75228

82-12 Mrs. Faye W. Smith  
6994 Devotion Lane, Sacramento, California 95823

In D. A. R. records parentage of the Anthony Christian, born 1779, who married Sallie Ewing is shown as another Anthony Christian (born 1760 in Powhatan County, Virginia, died on or after 1796 in Cocke County, Tennessee) and first wife Rebecca Prosser. Does anyone have proof or source for above conclusion?  
[Editor's Note: According to Powhatan County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds, an Anthony Christian married 25 May 1795 Rebecca Prosser, born 3 November 1768, daughter of George Prosser. Her birth and marriage dates were much too late to have made her the mother of young Anthony.]

82-13 Mrs. Jane R. Kellam  
2 Brownson Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

I have been able to trace my mother's family back to the period of the Revolutionary War, in which my great-great-grandfather William Christian served. He was the son of Richard Christian, reputedly born on the Isle of Man, who died in Phillipstown, Dutchess County, New York, between 1800 and 1810. Richard had at least three other children: Gabriel, born 15 Apr. 1773, married Lurama Chapman; Richard, Jr., and John. Can anyone offer more information about Richard Christian, his wife, and family? My lineage follows:

- William Christian = Phebe Oakley  
born in Peekskill, Dutchess Co., NY born 1751  
married 17 Apr. 1782 Dutchess Co., NY died 1844  
died 15 Apr. 1810 Dutchess Co., NY
- Elias Christian = 1) Miss Connely  
born 7 Feb. 1788 Phillipstown, NY 2) Hannah More  
died 11 Feb. 1870 Delaware Co., NY born post 1803 Columbia Co., NY
- Elias Christian = Matilda Jane Coon  
born 26 July 1832 Prattsville, NY d/o Robert & Sarah (Fischer) Coon  
married 9 Sep. 1852 born 29 May 1836 Sullivan Co., NY  
died 29 July 1906 Handcock, NY died 12 July 1922 Walton, Delaware Co., NY
- Byron Elias Christian = Zida Ann Fitch  
born 19 May 1860 Handcock, NY c/o Phillip & Lydia Jane (Bush) Fitch  
married 24 Nov. 1889 Cannonsville, NY born 18 July 1870 Cannonsville, NY  
died 28 Aug. 1943 Johnson City, NY died 26 Nov. 1942 Johnson City, NY
- Hazel Fitch Christian = David Arnold Rishell  
born 30 Sep. 1896 Delaware Co., NY s/o David Burket & Mary (Tiger) Rishell  
married 4 Aug. 1923 Johnson City, NY born 5 Mar. 1895 Punxstane, PA  
died 9 Oct. 1969 Monticello, NY
- Mildred Jane Rishell = Arthur Duane Kellam  
born 9 Dec. 1927 Binghamton, NY s/o Arthur & Martina (Monroe) Kellam  
married 24 June 1950 Binghamton, NY born 14 Jan. 1929 Binghamton, Broome Co., NY



## NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

*Miscellaneous notes and formal queries will be published in each issue on request of a subscriber and, as space permits, on request of any correspondent. Because the purpose of this section is to enable the reader to offer as well as to search for clues to family connections, there is no limit on the length of entries which relate to the Christian family. Footnotes include responses and corrections to previous queries as well as additional information and references for past articles.*

82-9 Mr. Robert W. Lebo  
P. O. Box 578, Duncan, Oklahoma 73534

I am searching for proof of parentage of the Lucy Christian (born about 1745 Goochland County, Virginia, died after 1801 Elbert County, Georgia) who married in Amherst County, Virginia, about 1769 Thomas Ridgeway (born about 1743 Goochland County, Virginia, died July 1801 Elbert County, Georgia), son of Samuel Ridgeway and second wife Mary Bellamy. Were Lucy's parents Robert and Lucy (Bradley) Christian, who are known to have had a daughter named Lucy?

82-10 Mrs. Edna Mae Russell  
1225 St. Matthew, Florissant, Missouri 63031

Does anyone know what happened to Peter Christian, son of Peter L. Christian? Peter L. Christian, born 1805-1810 to John F. and Judith Christian—about the time his parents moved from Amherst to Henry County, Virginia—was in Morgan County, Missouri, 27 May 1839, when he was described in a sister's letter as "very low." He apparently died shortly thereafter. Papers of administration for John F. Christian filed in 1849 in Moniteau County, Missouri, mention the grandson Peter, record of whom has not been found elsewhere. Who was the wife of Peter L. Christian? Did she survive her husband?

82-11 Mrs. H. H. Seyferth  
50 Yankee Point Drive, Carmel, California 93923

My great-grandmother was Mary Ellen (St. John) Curd, born 10 November 1847 in Hawkins County, Tennessee, died 19 September 1933 in Stoddard County, Missouri. Her parents were James St. John and Percilla/Priscilla Christian—the latter born about 1827 to Lewis and Mary (Cavin) Christian of Hawkins County, Tennessee. I am interested in learning more about the early generations and would like to locate a copy of T. H. Bailey's *Christian-Skelton History & Genealogy* for purchase.

## TIES OF THE MIGRATING ALLEN & JUDA CHRISTIAN

### THE FAMILY OF ALEXANDER CHRISTIAN

Alexander Christian, the son of Allen and Nancy (Cooper) Christian born about 1808 in Monroe County, (West) Virginia, died 30 August 1878 in Wayne County, West Virginia. He married 1) in 1833 Elizabeth P. Newton, daughter of Thomas and Lucy Newton, and 2) on 3 October 1876 Lucy Harmon, the widow of George Eally/Yelley/Elly. Children were born only of the first marriage:

Jane Christian, born about 1834, married a Mr. Skaggs.

Henry Christian, born about 1836 in what was then Cabell County, Virginia, married in Wayne County, (West) Virginia, 12 March 1857 Rebecca Osburn. They had eight children born in Wayne County.

Sylas Christian, born about 1838 in Cabell County, died 3 February 1924 in Wayne County; married there 9 January 1857 Mary "Polly" Osburn, born about 1835, the daughter of Thomas and Millie (Dean) Osburn. They had at least five children.

Andrewville Christian, also known as Anderville Christian, was born about 1840 in Wayne County, died there 9 October 1921. He was married in Wayne County 4 April 1867 to Mary J. Osburn, born about 1851 in Floyd County, Kentucky, the daughter of Leander Osburn and wife: either Elizabeth Yates or Elizabeth Lycan. They had ten children.

Margaret "Peggy" Christian, born about 1842, married in Wayne County 3 December 1868 Isaac M. Luster or Lester.

Anderson Christian, born about 1844, is thought to have been the one who married still another Mary Osburn 13 October 1864 in Lawrence County, Kentucky. Children were born to this union.

(See forthcoming issue for further information and line of descent.)

### THE FAMILY OF ALLEN S. CHRISTIAN

Allen S. Christian, whose name appears as Alden Christian on the Cabell County, West Virginia, Marriage Register, was born about 1814 while his parents were still living along the Guyandotte River above Logan Courthouse. He married Sarah Thacker 27 October 1836, and by 1850 seven children had been born to them:

Emeline Christian, born about 1838.

Amanda Christian, born about 1840.

William J. Christian, born about 1841.

Louisa/Lueise J. Christian, born about 1843.

Hannah C. Christian, born about 1845.

Eli Christian, born about 1847.

Mindie Christian, born about 1849.

## TIES OF THE MIGRATING ALLEN & JUDA CHRISTIAN

### THE FAMILY OF JAMES ANDERSON CHRISTIAN

James Anderson Christian was born 19 January 1825 in Logan County, (West) Virginia, the youngest son of Allen and Nancy (Cooper) Christian. He was called Anderson by family members, but his name usually appears on records as James A. Christian. A Baptist by religion, he was a volunteer in the Cavalry of Company I, 45th Kentucky Regiment during the Civil War. His marriage to Theresa Thacker, daughter of Reuben and Permelia (Murphy) Thacker, took place in Burlington, Lawrence County, Ohio, 6 June 1848. He died 17 September 1894 of heart failure in Somsonville, Jackson County, Ohio, leaving his widow and nine children:

Eliza A. Christian, born in 1849 in Wayne County.

Reuben A. Christian, born 11 August 1852 in Wayne County, died 15 March 1911, in Jackson County, Ohio; married in Lawrence County, Ohio, 4 December 1875 Sarah Jane Coleman, daughter of John and Edith (Mulet) Coleman.

Nancy A./Nancy Jane Christian, born 5 February 1854 in Wayne County, married in Lawrence County, Ohio, 23 December 1875 Jacob Coleman, child of John and Edith (Mulet) Coleman also.

Allen Christian, born 15 May 1856 in Wayne County, died 1924; married about 1893 Matilda "Till" Jenkins, born July 1873.

Permelia F. Christian, born about 1859.

Margaret I. Christian, born about 1861.

Mary C./O. "Sis" Christian, born about 1864, married a Mr. Canter.

William Christian, born March 1870, married 1) Laura Bowman and 2) Alice Iams.

Emmazettes "Emma" Christian, born about 1874, married Alfred Clifford Miller.

(See forthcoming issue for photographs and additional biographical data, etc.)

### THE FAMILY OF ELIZABETH (CHRISTIAN) RIGG

Elizabeth Christian was born 13 May 1819 while her parents were still living in that part of Giles which became Logan County, West Virginia. Called "Rebecca" in a family record written in 1937, she died in Wayne County 23 February 1907. Her marriage to Zachariah Rigg 30 August 1840 is registered in Lawrence County, Ohio (located just across the Ohio River from Wayne County). They settled on Buffalo Creek in Wayne County, where they lived the remainder of their lives. To this union were born thirteen children, names as follows:

Nancy Rigg	Harvey Rigg	William Rigg	Mose D. Rigg
Isabella Rigg	Martha Rigg	Solomon Rigg	Perry J. Rigg
Sarah Rigg	John Rigg	Elizabeth Rigg	Matilda Emaline Rigg
			Virginia Rigg



## IN THE COURTS OF JUSTICE

*Christians appear in numerous civil court records, and genealogical researchers usually make full use of the probate and land entries—plus certain miscellaneous records—in order to reconstruct details of the lives of their subjects. Perhaps because of the unpleasant circumstances surrounding unlawful events, however, the criminal court records are often overlooked or even avoided. The following abstracts about Christian victims and perpetrators of crimes will begin to fill the void.*

ANTHONY CHRISTIAN—1767 in South Carolina: At Court of General Sessions of the Peace-Ozer and Termerier Assize and General Goal Delivery, which opened on the 18th past and ended the 25th, the following were capitally convicted, viz: Antonio Christian, of murder. Christian was hanged the 31st instant. The others were pardoned by His Majesty. (From the *South Carolina Gazette* Death Notices, Monday, April 13, 1767. —data provided by Diane Browning)

JOHN CHRISTIAN—1769 of Bridgetown, Barbados: Peter, Negro slave of John Christian of Bridgetown, Barbados, age about 40, who was shipped by his master to Philadelphia on the brig, "Peggy" with William Jenkins, master, became a runaway and now in custody of Peter Hankinson, jailer at Trenton, New Jersey. (From *The Pennsylvania Chronicle* 30 October 1769 in *Genealogical Data from The Pennsylvania Chronicle 1767-1774* by Kenneth Scott published in Washington, D. C., 1971. —data provided from the Editor's abstracts)

NANCY CHRISTIAN—1817 in Maury County, Tennessee: On 2 February 1817 Nancy Christian, spinster, "not having the fear of God before her eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil, with force and arms upon the body of a male child, without name by baptism, there just before of her own body delivered and born alive and then and there being feloniously, willfully and of malice aforethought did make an assault" and so beat, abuse, and ill treat said male child . . . and so expose him to the inclemency of the weather . . . that she did kill and murder said male child. " . . . on her confessing and acknowledging that she was delivered of a bastard child in a secreted place and left the child in the same way the 1st of February 1817," a jury of twelve women, one of whom was a midwife, found her guilty of said charge. She was in jail for 78 days. (From abstracts of Tennessee Court Records. —data provided by Les Tucker)

THOMAS CHRISTIAN—1793 in Sumner County, Tennessee: On October 8 the Sheriff of said county was allowed payment from fine of "Thomas Christian and Betsy Strain for fornication." (From abstract of Sumner County, Tennessee, Court Minutes. —data provided by Juanita Halstead)

Paul Christian moved to Fayette County, Kentucky, with his parents in 1787 and resided there until September of 1831. It was then that he migrated with his family to Randolph County, Missouri, where he died 22 July 1851. On 2 May 1799 he had married Mary King "Polly" Sutton (born 6 July 1784, died 23 March 1877), daughter of Robert and Caroline (Coleman) Sutton. Twelve children were born to Paul and Polly:

Virginia Christian, born May 22, 1800. [Died 28 August 1841.]	married John Marshall Yates 8 May 1818
John B. Christian, born April 29, 1802, and departed this life on Saturday, 12 o'clock at night, February 19, 1803.	never married
Napoleon Bonaparte Christian, born April 28, 1804. [Died 1 Sep. 1869.]	married Martha Coleman "Patsey" Swetnam
Robert Sutton Christian, born November 30, 1806. [Died young.]	never married
Caroline Coleman Christian, born June 23, 1809.	married George Swetnam
Thomas Coleman Christian, born March 17, at 3 o'clock in the morning, 1812	married Elizabeth Jones 8 January 1843
Sarah Tinsley Christian, born October 27, 1814.	married 1) Mark Kirkpatrick married 2) James Owens
William Sutton Christian, born February 2, 1817.	married Mary Elizabeth Terrill
Mary King Christian, born October 27, 1820.	
Paul Jones Christian, born January 1, 1823.	
Gustave Bower Christian, born July 2, 1824, and departed this life the same month.	never married
George Richard ["Rit"] Christian, born June 20, 1828, in Scott County, Kentucky; died January 7, 1909, Jack County, Texas.	married Maria Louisa Terrill 9 August 1866 in Moberly, Missouri—daughter of James and Eliza Ann (Crisler) Terrill born 23 Sep. 1840, died 7 Jan. 1909

Vital statistics below for children of Rit and Louisa Christian were abstracted from CHRISTIAN-TERRILL GENEALOGY, compiled by Inez Christian Doshier, Shirley Eileen Nelson, and Sharon Nelson McFarlan about 1969.

Paul Christian (5 July 1867 - 4 June 1944) m. 1) Nora Carter and 2) Sara J. Plemmons  
 James Terrill Christian (23 Oct. 1868 - 28 Mar. 1950) m. Georgia Elviria Jones  
 William Sutton Christian (4 Oct. 1870 - 24 Oct. 1941) m. Annie J. Pietzsch  
 Benjamin Coleman Christian (14 Sep. 1871 - 22 Nov. 1950) m. 1) Beatrice Twyman 2) Lucia Hendrix  
 Robert Sutton Christian (16 Jan. 1873 - 23 Oct. 1895) never married  
 Ernest Hugh Christian (16 July 1874 - 20 Sep. 1952) m. Mary Ellen Newton  
 Mary King Christian (20 Dec. 1875 - )  
 Eliza Ann "Ela" Christian (4 Aug. 1877 - ) m. Harvey Marks  
 Walter Lacy Christian (6 July 1879 - infant) never married  
 Thomas Terrill Christian (20 Dec. 1881 - ) m. Jennie Brown Sublette

James and Georgia (Jones) Christian had four children, among whom was Inez Christian, born 16 December 1903, who married Forrest Brooks Doshier.

## THE FAMILY OF NANCY ANN (CHRISTIAN) RIGG

Nancy Ann Christian, youngest of the children of Allen and Nancy (Cooper) Christian, was born about 1827 in Logan County and was carried on her mother's lap while they rode a small horse during the family's move to the north of Four Pole Creek in then Cabell County. She died in Wayne County, West Virginia in January 1882. According to the family record of one of her sons, she married Moses D. Rigg 8 February 1848. Twelve children were born to their union:

T. J. Rigg, born 17 November 1849, died 29 June 1926.  
 Jaconias Rigg, born 3 December 1851, died 1852.  
 Leander Rigg, born 13 October 1853.  
 Silas Rigg, born 20 November 1854.  
 Harvey Rigg, born 5 June 1856.  
 Zacheriah Rigg, born 12 May 1858.  
 Allen Rigg, born 4 June 1860.  
 Martha Rigg, born 7 September 1862.  
 James R. Rigg, born 1 June 1864, who provided the vital data in 1937.  
 Sarah Francis Rigg, born 3 October 1866.  
 Cintha Rigg, born 3 February 1869.  
 Wayne Rigg, born 4 September 1871.

Their religious affiliations were summarized by J. R. Rigg in his family record:

T. J. Rigg was converted at Getaway, Ohio, in 1866 and joined the Proctorville Missionary Baptist Church, and was baptized in the Ohio River by the Rev. Greer. He then went into the ministry and preached 55 years. . . . Leander Rigg joined the Greenbrier Baptist Church [in Wayne County, West Virginia] January 4th 1872 and was baptized by Rev. Allen Billups. Harvey Rigg joined the Greenbrier Baptist Church November 30th 1873 and was baptized by the Rev. W. T. Ball. Silas and Zack Rigg joined the Greenbrier Baptist Church January 23rd 1876 and were baptized by Rev. Lewis Bartram. Allen and Martha Rigg joined the Church December 1878 and were baptized by Rev. Allen Billups. J. R. Rigg also joined the Greenbrier Baptist Church January 6th 1880 and was baptized by Rev. W. T. Ball. Francis Rigg joined the church January 1882 and was baptized by Rev. W. T. Ball. Cintha Rigg joined the Denver Baptist Church, Johnson County, Kentucky, and was baptized by Rev. T. J. Rigg in 1883. Wayne Rigg joined the Greenbrier Baptist Church in December 1884 and was baptized by Rev. Sadler.

(For lines of descent from the Rigg family, see Volume No. II, page 95, and Volume No. VI, page 492. Also, see next page for details on the Rigg brothers' ancestry.)

*(to be continued)*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In addition to personnel in the Cabell and Wayne County, West Virginia, Records' Offices, the editor is indebted to several descendants of Allen, Jr., and Nancy (Cooper) Christian for sharing information and photographs for this series. Among them are: Julia E. Adkins, Elaine Anderson, the late Ella Virginia Bond, Diane Browning, Wynelle Childers, Homer F. Dean, Pat Franks, Dale Christian Jackson, Maxine Marshall, Lowell McKinster, Carole Slaybough, and Betty Tuite. Corrections and additions are invited for the next installment.

## THE CHRISTIANS' RIGG CONNECTIONS

THOMAS &amp; ELIZABETH (COPIN) RIGG AND THEIR FAMILY

By Homer F. Dean

Thomas Rigg, born 1790-1794, is presumed to be the one who appears in the 1820 Greenup County, Kentucky, Federal Census as born 1775-1794 and in the 1830 Wabash County, Illinois, as born 1790-1800. He does not appear in an 1810 census as head of household and at that time was probably still in the home of his parents in Wood County, Virginia. Benjamin Riggs headed a household there that year; and persons by the name of Rigg in the personal property tax lists between 1804 and 1816 for Wood County (now part of West Virginia) are Benjamin, Charles, James, Jeremiah, Samuel, Thomas, and Townley. The surname of this family appears as Rigg and Riggs, but for this line is most consistently spelled Rigg.

Thomas Rigg served in the War of 1812. He joined as a Private in the 5th Regiment of Virginia Militia in Captain Henry Stead's Company in Wood County, (West) Virginia, on 30 August 1814 and was discharged at Norfolk, Virginia, on 22 February 1815. (Bounty Land Warrant 17,022-80-55.)

Thomas Rigg was married 8 September 1816 in Wood County, (West) Virginia, to Elizabeth Copin (also spelled Copen) by Reese Wolfe, a Methodist minister (Wood County, West Virginia, marriage records). Persons by the name of Copin in the personal property tax lists there in 1816 are Joshua, Thompson, and Zaccheus. Significantly, a Joshua Copin was married the same day as Thomas and Elizabeth by the same minister. Joshua's death record in Wood County, West Virginia, gives his birth place as Prince William County, Virginia, the son of William Copin.

By 1820 Thomas and Elizabeth (Copin) Rigg were in Greenup County, Kentucky. On 20 December 1824 Thomas purchased 100 acres of land in Greenup County on the East Fork of Little Sandy River, on Grayson's line, for \$100.00 from the heirs of Stephen Jones. This land was sold to Hartwell C. Eastham for \$150.00 on 2 October 1827 with Elizabeth signing her dower release 5 November 1827. Apparently shortly thereafter, the family moved to Wabash County, Illinois.

Thomas Rigg died probably between 1830 and 1832, but certainly by 22 September 1832 (Wabash Deed Book E, page 307) in Wabash County, Illinois. His widow filed two affidavits for bounty land which show two different death dates: 1828 on the 21 December 1850 document and 1831 on the 11 April 1855 document—the latter date undoubtedly the correct one if Thomas Rigg is the same as the one listed in the 1830 census.

Elizabeth Copin was born probably about 1790 or slightly later. The 1850 Edwards County, Illinois, census gives her birthplace as Virginia and age as 50 (born c. 1799); her bounty land affidavits give her age as 58 on 21 December 1850 (that is, born c. 1792) and as 65 on 11 April 1855 (born c. 1790). Elizabeth married secondly Richard Wheeler in Wabash County, Illinois, prior to 13 February 1837 (consent on son Silas's marriage record in Edwards County, Illinois, as Elizabeth Wheeler). Richard Wheeler died about 1842 according to Elizabeth's bounty land affidavit. It was as Elizabeth Wheeler that she appeared with the family of her daughter Rebecca (Mrs. James McKinzie) in the 1850 census. She was still alive 11 April 1855 but does not appear in the 1860 censuses for either Wabash or Edwards Counties, Illinois. Following her application for land warrant (#16857) according to an act of 28 September 1850, she was allowed 80 acres 13 September 1851 (issued at Albion, Edwards County, Illinois, 9 October 1851, Volume 92, page 225).

At least seven children were born to Thomas and Elizabeth (Copin) Rigg:

Anna Rigg, born ?1810-1820 (Greenup Co., KY, census 1820), died unmarried in Wabash Co., IL, between 22 September 1832 and April 1842 (Wabash Co., IL, Deed Book E, page 312).

Silas W. Rigg, born 1810-1820 (Edwards Co., IL, census 1840), married 13 February 1837 Ruthana M. Eastwood (Edwards Co., IL, Book A, page 64). He does not appear in the 1850 census for Illinois.

Zachariah A. Rigg, born 10 January 1821 at Flatwoods, near Catlettsburg, KY (Rigg family history by J. R. Riggs, 1937), married in Lawrence Co., OH, 30 August 1840 Elizabeth Christian (Marriage records, Volume 1-3, page 334). He died 12 April 1900 in Wayne Co., WV (Birth and death dates from tombstone in Smith Cemetery at Buffalo, WV).

Sarah C. Rigg, born 1825 in Kentucky (Edwards Co., IL, census 1850), married in Edwards Co., IL, 13 October 1842 Jeremiah Clodfelter (Marriage Book A., page 119). He was born c. 1818 in North Carolina.

In 1850 their children were George, 6; Franklin, 4; Mary, 3; and Edwin, 1; all born in Illinois.

Moses Rigg, born 5 July 1827 at Durbin Creek, Kentucky (Rigg family history booklet), married 8 February 1848 Nancy Christian (Rigg booklet). He died 1887 and is buried next to wife on the Otis Ball Farm, Joel's Branch, Wayne Co., WV.

Rebecca B. Rigg, born 1830 in Illinois (Edwards Co., IL, census 1850), married in Edwards Co., IL, 4 September 1845 James McKenzie/McKinzie (Marriage Book B., page 14). He was born 1823 in Virginia; and in 1850 their children were Moses, 4, and Enoch, 2, both born in Illinois.

John Rigg, for whom no birth, marriage, or death record is available, sold his share of land from his father's estate 13 July 1844 in Wabash County, Illinois. He may be the John Rigg in the 1850 census there aged 23 with 18-year-old wife Mary J. and daughter Frances A., born 1850. There were many Rigg families in this area, and this John of the census may well be of another family.

All of the children listed above are named as heirs of Thomas Rigg in Wabash County, Illinois, Deed Book E, page 307 on 22 September 1832.

## CHRISTIANS REVISITED

*In order to present as many lines as possible in this publication, the editor occasionally utilizes this section to republish data from other articles and books.*

## HANOVER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ORIGINS

PARENTAL ANCESTORS OF THE JAMES TERRILL CHRISTIAN FAMILY by Inez Christian Doshier, published in Amarillo, Texas, in 1979 (available from the author at 1501 South Rusk Street, Amarillo, Texas 79102), has chapters not only on her Christian line but on allied lines as well. These include the families of Terrill, Jones, Sutton, Coleman, Pate, Lacy, Willis, Crisler, and Garr/Gaar. Reproduced below are abstracts from the old day book of John Christian (c. 1750-1792). This day book, now in the possession of Richard Christian of Jacksboro, Texas, dates back to 1770 and contains family records for three generations and business accounts for John Christian's store and tavern.

John Christian was married to his wife, Judith,  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1772. [He died January 20, 1792.]

Mathew Pate, father of Judith Christian, departed this life  
the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1780. Ann Pate, daughter of Mathew and his wife Jean,  
departed this life the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1782.

Children of John and Judith ChristianMarriages of John and Judith Christian's Children

Paul Christian, son, was born the morning  
of October 16, 1772.

Paul Christian . . . Mary King Sutton

Betsey Christian, daughter, was born  
January 11, 1775.

Betsey Christian . . William Bacon

Ann Christian, daughter, was born  
May 7, 1777.

Ann Christian . . . Tom Longdon

Martha Christian, daughter, was born the  
6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1780.

Martha Christian . . Gilbert Shores

Mary Christian, daughter, was born the  
19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1782.

Mary Christian . . . James Collins

Sarah Christian, a daughter, was born  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 1785.

Sarah Christian . . Col. Jesse Jones

Hugh C. Christian, son, was born at  
Redstone, old fort in the state of  
Pennsylvania, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
January, 1788—died young.

Hugh Christian . . . Died young

Jane Christian, daughter, was born the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1791.

Jane Christian . . . Presley Oliver

Entries in the day book for the next Christian generation show that Paul Christian was born in St. Paul's Parish in the County of Hanover, State of Virginia, while his father was operating "Merry Oaks," a tavern.



THE GILBERT CHRISTIAN LINE

At Court held for Augusta County August the 17<sup>th</sup> 1779

This Last Will and Testament of William Christian dec'd was proved by the Oaths of William Anderson and William Scott two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded (and George Moffett Gent. one of the Executors therein named having refused to take upon him the burden of the Execution of the said Will, on Motion of John Christian the other Executor therein named who made Oath According to Law Certificate for Obtaining a Probate thereof in due form is Granted him he having with Security entered into and Acknowledged their bond According to Law

Test

Richard Madison C Au Cur

The recorded will of William Christian differs from the original document in more details than the usual minor discrepancies between spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and abbreviations. Significantly, the original is signed simply "W Christian" and has signature of "Patt Campbell" as a witness whereas the recorded copy shows testator signing "William Christian" and lists "Patt Christian" as one of the witnesses. Both copies contain ambiguous wording in naming executors to the will. It is not clear whether (as Chalkley and others have assumed) William named his two brothers, Robert and John Christian, along with a nephew, Capt. George Moffett; as executors or whether (as literal reading of content would demand and interpretation of court minutes would substantiate) William named two nephews as executors: his brother Robert's son, John Christian, and his sister Mary's son, George Moffett. The original and recorded copies conform in all other major respects.

The original will executed by Robert Christian and the one executed by John Christian were not available to the editor for comparison with the recorded copies reproduced herein.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE

The records of Augusta County, Virginia, attest to the active participation of the Christians in the cause of Independence. Many furnished supplies and gave assistance to the troops while numerous kinsmen joined the armed forces.

Several of the name first served under "Captain Christian" [presumably the Captain William Christian who wrote the foregoing will and was renowned for his exploits in the French and Indian War]. Later "Captain Long" assumed command, and the 1781-82 records show the following in his company:

John Christian  
Gill. Christian  
Gilbert Christian  
W. Christian  
Robert Christian  
Robert Christian, Lieutenant  
John Christian

The difficulty of distinguishing between fathers, sons, uncles, nephews, and cousins who carry identical names poses obvious but not insoluble problems. The task is further complicated by the necessity to separate the false assumptions so prevalent in the files of the national patriotic societies from the facts so often overlooked in the public records.

Because of his prominence and close association with Patrick Henry, Col. William Christian—son of Israel and Elizabeth (Stark) Christian—has sometimes been "chosen" as the father of sons who were, in fact, descendants of Gilbert Christian. Col. Christian's only son, John Henry Christian, died unmarried and childless. [See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. I, for "Biographical Sketch" and "Footnotes" in Volume No. VII for information on this William Christian.]

Documents which shed light on the connections and service of these Augusta County patriots will be reproduced or abstracted in the next installment of this series.

(to be continued)

THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B"

AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

BY

EDNA MAE RUSSELL

(continued from Volume No. VII)

*For this installment of "The Amherst, Virginia, John Christian 'B' and His Far-Flung Descendants," James L. Christian relinquishes authorship to Edna Mae Russell so that she may present the account relating to her branch of the family. Mrs. Russell indicates that she owes her inspiration and drive for preparing this article to meeting her cousin James, who is responsible for the previous chapters on their widely scattered connections. On a visit with her she found his interest and enthusiasm "contagious" and hopes that their efforts will serve posterity.*

—The Editor

DEDICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

To my mother, Ida Olla (Christian) Allee, who instilled in me a love for and loyalty to family, this record is dedicated. She and I were encouraged by the writings of James C. Lamb and inspired by Col. J. B. Christian's beginning research on our branch of the family to continue their endeavors. I have compiled my notes for publication in these pages with the awareness that the older generation will soon be gone and the younger ones might otherwise have little or no knowledge of their past.

I've spent numberless hours researching, as have other descendants of John and Judith (Leake) Christian: Loy Flick and Carmen Mistler, Lucille Brewster, Judith Miller, Ethel McDonald, Clara Harmon, and, of course, James L. Christian. Each has contributed in a special way from a store of memories handed down by word of mouth or through personal papers. I am also indebted to Helen Carver, who sent vital statistics on the John Christian "B" family copied from a family Bible during the early part of the century by Col. Christian; to Frank Asbury Christian, whose line goes back to an earlier common ancestor; and to Agnes Branch Pearlman who, as editor and publisher of *Christian Family Chronicles*, helped us to locate cousins all over the United States.

I look forward to the new contacts that might result from publication of this chapter in the history of our Christian family.

About the author:

*A retired school teacher, Edna Mae Russell has never ceased to desire knowledge. Overcoming numerous obstacles in her pursuit of a degree in education, Mrs. Russell demonstrated the kind of perseverance so typical of her Christian ancestors. A variety of part-time and summer jobs enabled her to save for the schooling so essential to achieving her goals—stenographer, delivery truck driver, clerk for governmental agencies, restaurant worker, as well as caring for children, running harness races at the state fair, even recording histories of county churches and schools for one Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. Always, though, teaching has been her true vocation and traveling, her major avocation. In spite of serious bouts with angina, cancer, and diabetes during the past ten years, Edna Russell has retained her love of study and travel and her delight in family research.*

THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B" AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

John F. Christian was born at noon 20 May 1776 in Amherst County, Virginia, to John and Judith (Leake) Christian. He married a cousin in Virginia, according to information passed on to his grandchildren. At least two of his great-granddaughters recall that they were told his wife's name was Judith Ann Ford. As yet, no document has been found that would confirm such identity, but family letters do show that she was called Judy.

HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, SOJOURN

Although John F. and Judy (?Ford) Christian eventually moved to Missouri (as did their eleven children\*), they first migrated from Amherst to Henry County, Virginia, about 1819. It may be inferred from the 1820 and 1830 census records that they had a few additional children who died in childhood.

Of the surviving issue, the first four—Judith, Betsy Ann, Polly, and Peter—married during the family's twenty-year stay in Henry County and had children of their own there. Thus, when members of the family gathered early in 1839 for the trek to Missouri by covered wagon, their assemblage was a sizable one. In the Christian family alone, there were (in addition to the groups mentioned above) seven other children who accompanied their parents: John James "Jack," Hannah, Samuel Marshall, Joseph Hiram, William Preston, Wade Woodson, and Martha Jane. Exactly why the elders decided to make the move to the banks of the Moreau is not revealed in letters\* still in possession of descendants, but numerous family traditions are verified by the contents of early correspondence between the Christian connections.

IN MISSOURI

The wagon train reached what was then Morgan County, Missouri, 22 April 1839. All arrived safely but all were not well. What is now known as "The Old Christian Cemetery" located in rural Moniteau County southwest of California, Missouri, soon became the resting place of several of the new settlers beginning with Peter L. Christian, who had developed a fatal fever during the journey. He left a son, also named Peter; but his later whereabouts are unknown and his mother has not yet been identified.

By the end of 1846 John and Judy (?Ford) Christian had also been laid to rest in the family cemetery, and by the spring of 1849 three of their daughters had joined them in death. The status of the family at that time can be deduced from the affidavit signed by son John James "Jack" Christian for probate records:

\*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. V, page 350, for family group record of John F. and Judith (?Ford) Christian. See also page 352 for discussion of possible Christian-Leake-Ford connections.

+Previous installments of this article in Volume Nos. IV, V, VI, and VII include copies of nineteenth century letters exchanged between family members. Genealogical and biographical data contained therein supplement information in this chapter.

THE GILBERT CHRISTIAN LINE

Sworn before us May 17 1783  
Elijah McClenanahan  
David Henderson

At a Court held for Augusta County May 20 1783

This last Will & Testament of Jn<sup>o</sup> Christian Dec<sup>d</sup> being produced in Court together with the Dedimus & deposition of one of the Witnesses thereto and another of them being dead and the third not appearing and the Will being made Twentyfive Years ago and the testator having had five Children since the Court are of Opinion that the same ought not to be Established wherupon the motion of Gilbert Christian the son of the deceased it appearing to the Court the Widow having refused to take upon her the Burthen of the same who made Oath According to law Certificate for obtaining Letters of Administration of the said Estate is Granted him he having with Securities enterd into and Acknowledged their Bond according to Law

Teste  
R Madison

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM CHRISTIAN

Dated: 25 September 1776  
Proved: 17 August 1779

In the name of God Amen I William Christian of Augusta County being in perfect halth and memory of mind do constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament and Desires that it may be received by all as such first of all I recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian decent manner nothing doubting but I shall receive the same at the General resurrection Secondly I appoint Constitute and Ordain my Brother Roberts John Christian and Captain George Moffett my true and Lawfull Executors. Thirdly I will and Bequeath unto my son Patrick Christian the plantation whereon he now lives Containing two hundred Sixty and Nine Acres to him his Heirs or assigns with all the Clear land on it and the Appurtenances thereof it being part of a tract Containing Sixteen hundred and Fourteen acres whereof five hundred thirty Eight Acres was laid off for my share, Together with forty Acres of land opposite to said Patrick Christians place it being part of a tract of land Containing one hundred and eighty acres of land which I will and bequeath unto William Christian (son to Patrick) to his heirs or Assigns, Thirdly the remainder of the five Hundred and Thirty Eight Acres of land that I live on and the remainder of the one hundred and eighty Acres of land that is on the south side of Christians Creek after the forty Acres is taken out of it for Patricks son William I will and bequeath unto my son Gilbert Christian to his heirs or Assigns only my Wife Mary Christian is to have the two tracts of land that is mentioned for my son Gilbert during her life & all my stock and the two Negroes and all my household Plenishing and is to have a peaceable living in the House and a sufficient maintainance till her Death only my legal Debts is to be paid out of my estate and at her decease the land and all the stock household plenishing and the Negroe Man named Dick and the Negroe wench Named Linny my son Gilbert is to have all, further the Three Thousand acres of Land which is my Just wright by his Majestys Proclamation in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty three, and I have the Governors Promise for, but Empower my Executors at my decease to apply to Convention for said Land and if my heirs is allowed said Land I will and bequeath to my three Daughters Viz, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Mary one thousand Acres and to be divided equally among them and the two Thousand to be divided equally between my two sons Patrick and Gilbert Christian and If said Gilbert should die without Issue all the Land stock Negroes and his Proportion that is left him by me Patrick Christian shall be heir of all only said Patrick Christian is to pay each of my daughters Fifty Pounds if he chooses or to Deliver up said Gilberts part except the Land Viz Negroes, Stock Household Plenishing and this Will to be my Last Will and Testament and all other Will and Testaments to be Void and of none Effect and this to remain in full force and Virtue the day and year first above Written.

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged  
in Presents of  
William Anderson  
Patt Campbell  
William Scott

W Christian (Seal)

THE GILBERT CHRISTIAN LINE

At a Court held for Augusta County on Tuesday Dec<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1794

The last Will and Testament of Robert Christian dec'd was presented in Court and proved by the oaths of Patrick Christian and Gilbert Christian Two of the Witnesses thereto and is ordered to be Recorded. And on the Motion of John Christian and Robert Christian the executors therein Named who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form they having entered into Bond with Security according to Law

Teste  
Jacob Kinney CAC

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN CHRISTIAN

Dated: 7 January 1754  
Recorded: 20 May 1783

In the name of God Amen the Seventh day of January in the Year of Our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and fifty four I John Christian of Augusta County and Colony of Virginia Gen<sup>t</sup> being verry sick & weak in body but in perfect mind & Memory thanks be to Almighty god therfor, Calling unto mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is apointed for all men once to Die do make & Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally & first of all I give and Recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that Gave it & for my body I recommend it To the earth to be Buried in a Christian like & decent manner and form First of all I leave to my well beloved Wife Margret one small bay meare Called Doll branded on the Neare Shoulder with flower of Deluce & I.C. & her saddle, Imprimus I give and bequeath to my eldest Son Robert the one half of my Land which I now possess including the Improvements and also one Large Bible and the Other half of my land to my son William. Imprimus if the Chield now in my Wifes womb be a meal & lives to the Years Maturity that it shall hav an Equal proportion of the Real Estate and if a female a Childs part of the Personal Estate & if any of the Male Heirs die before they Come to the Years of Maturity that then their part shall descend Equally to the rest of the Males & so on to the femals & I constitute and appoint my Brothers Robert & William Christian to be my Executors of this my last Will & this and no other I do acknowledge to be my last Will & testament

Signed Seald published pronounced )  
& declared by the said Jn<sup>o</sup> Christian )  
as his last Will & Testament )  
in the presence of us the subscribers )

John Christian

Jacob VanLaer  
Israel Christian  
Robert Moffett

The CommonWealth of Virginia to Elijah McClenahan & David Henderson—  
Gentlemen Greetings know yea that We trusting to your fidelity and provident Circumspection in deligently Examining Jacob VanLear of Augusta County & Israel Christian of \_\_\_\_\_ County whether the said John Christian dec<sup>d</sup> [did] Sign Seal publish pronounce and De'lver the Writing annexed as his Last Will & Testament & Whether he was in his perfect Sence and Memory We Command you that at Such Certain days & places as you shall appoint You assemble yourselves & aforesaid yon Call & Cause to Come and Diligently Examin on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God and their Examination you shall send Certified Inclosing to us this Writ In Witness wherof I have hereunto set my Name of

fixed the Seal  
of the County this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1783 & in the Seventh  
Year of the CommonWealth

(LS)

R Madison

Pursuant to an order of Court bearing date May 4<sup>th</sup> 1783 to us directed the Deponent Jacob Vanlere Sen<sup>f</sup> being of Seventy eight years of age after first being duly Sworn and Examined deposed & saith that as to the Will of John Christian decaest to which this Annext he the deponent at this Time Remembers nothing this deponent further Sayeth that he Cannot see & Consequently can give no Testimony concerning his name as an Evidenee to said Will & further this deponent sayeth not —

THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B" AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

State of Missouri )  
County of Moniteau )<sup>SS</sup>

I John J. Christian do swear to the best of my knowledge and belief that all the heirs of John Christian Deceased live in the County of Moniteau aforesaid and that their names are as follows, to wit: The heirs of Judith F. Hickman Deceased, heirs of Elizabeth A Hickman Deceased, Polly Allison wife of Rob<sup>t</sup> Allison, Peter Christian heir of Peter L. Christian Deceased, John J. Christian, heirs of Hannah Wood Dec<sup>d</sup> Samuel M. Christian, W<sup>m</sup> P. Christian, Joseph H. Christian, Waid W. Christian and Martha J. Christian — That the said John Christian died intestate & that I will make a perfect inventory of and faithfully Administer all the Estate of the Deceased and pay the debts as far as the assets will extend and the Law direct and account for and pay ~~off~~ all asset which shall come to his possession or knowledge So help me God  
John J. Christian

sworn to & subscribed  
before me the undersigned  
Clerk this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1849  
W<sup>m</sup> S. Howard Clerk

The young ones among the heirs whose parents had died were cared for by aunts and uncles. Woodson and Hiram lived on the Christian homestead and helped rear their sister Elizabeth's children. Nearby Martha Jane lived with her brother Jack on his farm and cared for Hannah's three girls, eventually marrying her brother-in-law Joseph Woods, father of the girls.

Of Robert and Polly (Christian) Allison's "houseful of children," most came to be buried in the Old Christian Cemetery. Son Drew and daughter Elizabeth "Lizzie," however, lie in the Latham Cemetery, where carved stones mark their graves. Drew Allison had married Isabel "Belle" Clark, and their children were victims of fever, tuberculosis, or cholera. Lizzie Allison had married Isaac Large; however, they had no children. The Allison homestead, entered in 1837, was across Moreau Creek just west of the Christian cemetery; but the dwelling was later moved east across the creek.

According to records, at one time the Christian farm consisted of an entire section (640 acres). The holdings—near Latham—extended from Old Latham Road on the south to the Old Christian Cemetery on the North. The Christian house originally had two large rooms upstairs and two large ones downstairs. It was enlarged through the years so that, as it now stands, the front of the present house is the old home.

Providing an education for both sons and daughters was important to John and Judith (?Ford) Christian. Their girls were taught to read and write, as were the boys. It has been said that Sam attended William and Mary College before their move from Virginia; and it's possible that Jack went, too. Records for that period at the College were destroyed, so proof for their attendance is lacking. Following the move to Missouri, at least two of the brothers actively engaged in the teaching profession; another became a judge. Following the custom for the period, all maintained farms.

FAMILIES OF THE BROTHERS

There is no record of marriage for Wade Woodson Christian, and it is assumed he was single when he died at the age of thirty-three in June 1856.

THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B" AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

Unless John James Christian had an early marriage unknown to descendants, he did not marry until middle age, when he chose a very young girl as his bride. Jack first homesteaded a portion of his own acreage in 1839, and shortly after arrival he built on it with bricks made by slaves. Toward the close of 1842 he established a woolen mill at Old California by installing a carding machine. Administrator of his father's estate, he was the son who became a judge. His family record follows:

HUSBAND		CHRISTIAN, John James "Jack" (Judge)				Father	CHRISTIAN, John F.		
Born		25 Dec. 1809 Lynchburg, Virginia				Mother	?FORD, Judith Ann		
Flourished									
Married		29 Nov. 1855 Moniteau County, Missouri							
Died		6 Feb. 1877 ?Moniteau County, Missouri							
Buried									
Other Marriages		possibly earlier marriage							
WIFE		DAVIS, Savilla Ellen				Father			
Born		c. 1839		Missouri				Mother	
Flourished									
Died		1872		Missouri					
Buried									
Other Marriages									
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN/CITY	COUNTY/PROVINCE	STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	CHRISTIAN	Born	c.		1856		Moniteau	Missouri	
F	Judith	Married							
		Died							
2	CHRISTIAN	Born	c.		1858	California	Moniteau	Missouri	1) CARNES, John
F	Sarah Ann	Married							2) HARPER, John
		Died				Linn Creek		Missouri	
3	CHRISTIAN	Born	c.		1859	California	Moniteau	Missouri	LAUDE, Gus
F	Kate	Married							
		Died				Colton		California	
4	CHRISTIAN	Born	c.		1861	California	Moniteau	Missouri	PARSONS,
F	Lucy	Married							
		Died							
5	CHRISTIAN	Born	1	Jan.	1863			Missouri	YOUNGHAM, William
F	Mary Elizabeth	Married			1884			Missouri	
		Died	6	June	1893	Brady	Lincoln	Nebraska	
6	CHRISTIAN	Born			1864			Missouri	none
M		Married							
		Died			1864				
7	CHRISTIAN	Born	24	May	1866			Missouri	
M	Robert "Bob"	Married							
		Died							
8	CHRISTIAN	Born	9	Feb.	1868			Missouri	
F	Ellen	Married							
		Died							
9	CHRISTIAN	Born	30	Aug.	1870	California	Moniteau	Missouri	1) STBLEY, Lucille
M	John Buffalo (Col.)	Married							2) RAY, (Mrs.) Evelyn
		Died	21	Apr.	1938	Fort Sam Houston		Texas	
10	CHRISTIAN	Born			c. 1872				DUNHAM, Lisa
M	Samuel Marshall	Married				California	Moniteau	Missouri	
		Died							

Samuel Marshall Christian, school teacher and farmer, married twice. His wives were sisters. Biographical details will appear in next issue; family group follows:

# THE GILBERT CHRISTIAN LINE

(continued from Volume No. VI)

## WILLS OF THE THREE BROTHERS

Each of the three sons of Gilbert Christian (G1) wrote wills which were recorded in Augusta County, Virginia, during the eighteenth century. For the benefit of descendants interested in more than the abstracts appearing in the last chapter of this series, the texts herein are published in full—those of Robert Christian (G1.1) and John Christian (G1.2) from the recorded copy and that of William Christian (G1.3) from the original.

### LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBERT CHRISTIAN

Dated: 2 June 1789  
Proved: 16 December 1794

In the Name of God Amen the Second day of June 1789 I Robert Christian of the County of Augusta and State of Virginia: being in perfect mind and memory calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed unto all Men onst to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament: that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul unto the hands of God who Gave it & as to my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Like & decent Manner—at the discretion of my executors not doubting but that I shall Receive the Same again at the General Ressurrection and as touching my Worldly Estate Goods worldly wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this Life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:  
Imprimus it is my Will and I do order that in the first place all my Just debts and funeral charges be paid and Satisfyed. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Christian the plantation whereon he now Lives Bounded agreeable to the division Lately made by P Buchanan: Likewise one Negro Boy named Cobe also half of the Wagon Irons: with Insumentons as hereafter mentioned. Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Robert Christian the Plantation whereon I now Live Bounded agreeable to the Late division Likewise all the horse beasts Except Two Coalts, Named Fon and Shangy: also all the horned cattle except three to be hereafter to be disposed: also all the Sheep and hogs on the plantation except one Ewe and Lamb, also the household & kitchen furniture and farming Utensels: also the half of the Irons of the said waggen: I also give him a Negro Girl named Dolley with her issue Except her first child which I bequeath to my GrandDaughter Isabellay Christian daughter to John proved as hereafter Mentioned: Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Jacob Christian in case he is living the sum of fifty pounds in property which I will order to be paid by John [and] Robert out of the Legacies Left them each an equall part Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Patterson which I allow her to give to her daughter Ezabelle: the sum of five pounds to be paid by John [and] Robert: either in Cash or property out of their Legacys equally between them. Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Margaret Anderson four Breeding Sows to be given out of the Hogs on the plantation: Item I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Isabella Bratten the sum of five pounds to be paid by John [and] Robert in property out of their Legacy, equally Item I will that the Two Coalts Fon and Shangy be sold at publick Vendue to pay the debts & the surplus I order be equally divided between my Sons John and Robert I Likewise will that my Son Robert pay my daughter Margaret Anderson the Sum of Seven pounds ten Shillings (which I owe her) out of a Bond on Henry Surak. It<sup>m</sup> I give to my daughter in Law Rachell Christian my Spice Mortar My Sons John & Robert I constitute and appoint my sole executors of this my Last will and Testament and I do hereby dis-anull & Revoke all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacys and Executions by me in any ways heretofore made willed or bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament  
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the day & year as above

Signed Sealed published pronounced & )  
declared by the said Robert Christian )  
as his Last Will & Testament in )  
presence of us )  
Patrick Christian W<sup>m</sup> Christian )  
G Christian JF )

Robert Christian

(Seal)

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THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B" AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

Robert Edward CHRISTIAN = Lillian Penn LYELL  
 s/o John Q. & Sallie J. (Blackwood) Christian  
 born 1871 Marion County, Missouri  
 married near Hunnewell, Shelby County, Missouri  
 died 23 March 1930  
 Hannibal, Marion County, Missouri  
 buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Hannibal, Missouri  
 This couple had two children:

Margaret Anne CHRISTIAN 24 June 1898-28 Aug. 1957 = Dr. Carl Frier SHEPARD 16 Jan. 1917  
 Sara Catherine Christian 1906- Spring 1918 = none

Dr. Carl Frier and Margaret Anne (Christian) Shepard had only one child:  
 Shirley Jane SHEPARD, born 14 July 1918 Hannibal, Marion County, Missouri; married  
 7 Sep. 1940 to William Robert WOLFE of Elmhurst, Illinois; had three children:  
 Robert Frier WOLFE, born 14 Sep. 1941 Chicago, Cook County, Illinois  
 James Keith WOLFE, born 7 Aug. 1943 Batavia, Kane County, Illinois;  
 married 9 Apr. 1968 to Bonnie Ellen Werner of Warsaw, Kosciusko County,  
 Indiana  
 Janet Brunelle WOLFE, born 18 Oct. 1944 Aurora, Kane County, Illinois;  
 married 18 June 1966 to Dean Catlin KAUL of Glendale, Milwaukee County,  
 Wisconsin

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard moved to Mequon, Wisconsin.

Sarah Elizabeth CHRISTIAN = Charles R. FEELY  
 d/o John Q. & Sallie J. (Blackwood) Christian of Shelbyville, Shelby County, Missouri  
 born 25 June 1872 Marion County, Missouri  
 died 29 December 1903 at childbirth  
 Shelbyville, Shelby County, Missouri  
 buried Andrew Chapel, Marion County, Missouri  
 Charles R. and Sarah Elizabeth (Christian) Feely had one son:

Donovan FEELY ?Dec. 1903-as adult, moved to Detroit, Michigan, and later "East"

After the death of his first wife, Charles R. Feely, who died 11 November 1953, married secondly  
 Mrs. Ellis Gaines; and they had three children:  
 Eunice FEELY  
 Glenn FEELY  
 Mabel FEELY

Samuel CHRISTIAN = Daisy Augustine LOCKYER  
 s/o John Q. & Sallie J. (Blackwood) Christian of Hunnewell, Shelby County, Missouri  
 born 30 April 1875 Marion County, Missouri born 14 October 1881  
 married 10 May 1905 died 1 August 1966  
 died 30 March 1952  
 Chicago, Cook County, Illinois  
 buried at Hunnewell, Shelby County, Missouri

Samuel and Daisy Augustine (Lockyer) Christian had three children:

Helen Agnes CHRISTIAN 22 Aug. 1906 = Clifford Royal MAGEE 5 May 1928  
 Francis Elizabeth CHRISTIAN 18 Oct. 1907 = John NEID 11 Apr. 1942  
 Robert Carleton CHRISTIAN 9 Sep. 1909 = Bernardine Agnes WOZNIAK 27 Jan. 1940

Robert Carleton and Bernardine Agnes (Wozniak) Christian had two children, namely:  
 Thomas Gilbert CHRISTIAN, born 23 Oct. 1940 Chicago, Cook County, Illinois  
 Carroll Lynn CHRISTIAN, born 30 Aug. 1944 Chicago, Cook County, Illinois; married  
 15 Feb. 1969 to Glenn Earl TREKA of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Since the genealogical information about the descendants of John Quincy and  
 Sallie Johnston (Blackwood) Christian was provided to me about ten years ago, the  
 preceding data should not be considered complete.

(to be continued)

HUSBAND		<u>CHRISTIAN, Samuel Marshall</u>				Father	CHRISTIAN, John F.		
Born		7 Mar. 1817 Amherst County, Virginia				Mother	?FORD, Judith Ann		
Married 1)		19 Aug. 1858 California, Moniteau County, Missouri (eight miles southwest)							
Died		19 Dec. 1894 California, Moniteau County, Missouri (eight miles southwest)							
Buried		Old Christian Cemetery about eight miles south of California, Missouri							
Other Marriages		2) SMITH, Clarinda Adeline							
WIFE		1) SMITH, Elizabeth C.				Father	SMITH, Miller		
Born		26 Feb. 1831 Tennessee				Mother	MILLER, Mary A./Martha		
Flourished									
Died		28 Aug. 1863 California, Moniteau County, Missouri							
Buried		Old Christian Cemetery about eight miles south of California, Missouri							
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN/CITY	COUNTY/PROVINCE	STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	CHRISTIAN	Born	20	Mar.	1860	California	Moniteau	Missouri	none
F	Mary C.	Married							
		Died	5	Aug.	1861	California	Moniteau	Missouri	
2	CHRISTIAN	Born	11	Aug.	1861	California	Moniteau	Missouri	WENDLETON, Martha
M	John Miller	Married							
		Died	3	Sep.	1884	Holden	Johnson	Missouri	
3	CHRISTIAN	Born	27	Aug.	1863	California	Moniteau	Missouri	none
M	William	Married							
		Died	18	Sep.	1863	California	Moniteau	Missouri	
			(twin)						
4	CHRISTIAN	Born	27	Aug.	1863	California	Moniteau	Missouri	none
M	Joseph	Married							
		Died	16	Dec.	1863	California	Moniteau	Missouri	

HUSBAND		<u>CHRISTIAN, Samuel Marshall</u>				Father	CHRISTIAN, John F.		
Born		7 Mar. 1817 Amherst County, Virginia				Mother	?FORD, Judith Ann		
Married 2)		10 Mar. 1865 California, Moniteau County, Missouri							
Died		19 Dec. 1894 California, Moniteau County, Missouri							
Buried		Old Christian Cemetery about eight miles south of California, Missouri							
Other Marriages		1) SMITH, Elizabeth C.							
WIFE		2) SMITH, Clarinda Adeline				Father	SMITH, Miller		
Born		14 Mar. 1832 Tennessee				Mother	MILLER, Mary A./Martha		
Flourished									
Died		25 May 1924 California, Moniteau County, Missouri							
Buried		Flag Spring Cemetery about three miles southwest of California, MO							
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN/CITY	COUNTY/PROVINCE	STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	CHRISTIAN	Born	25	Feb.	1866	California	Moniteau	Missouri	HILL, Sallie Virginia
M	James Redmon	Married							
		Died	26	Oct.	1887	California	Moniteau	Missouri	
2	CHRISTIAN	Born	13	Nov.	1868	California	Moniteau	Missouri	MEDLIN, James N.
F	Judith Ann	Married							
		Died	29	Jan.	1891	California	Moniteau	Missouri	
		Died	16	Nov.	1948	Tipton	Moniteau	Missouri	
3	CHRISTIAN	Born	9	May	1869	California	Moniteau	Missouri	none
M	Columbus	Married							
		Died	8	Oct.	1875	California	Moniteau	Missouri	
4	CHRISTIAN	Born	6	Dec.	1870	California	Moniteau	Missouri	ALLEE, Robert Logan
F	Ida Olla	Married							
		Died	21	May	1949	California	Moniteau	Missouri	
5	CHRISTIAN	Born	12	Apr.	1872	California	Moniteau	Missouri	none
M	Samuel Marshall	Married							
		Died	30	July	1887	California	Moniteau	Missouri	
6	CHRISTIAN	Born	17	Jan.	1874	California	Moniteau	Missouri	FOSTER, Ora May
M	Andrew Leake	Married							
		Died	3	Feb.	1897	California	Moniteau	Missouri	
		Died	26	May	1945	Watonga	Blaine	Oklahoma	

THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B" AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS.

Joseph Hiram Christian married a relative of his sisters' Hickman spouses. Following marriage the bride and groom remained for a brief period in Moniteau County but soon moved to Johnson County, near Holden, Missouri. Their family record, insofar as it is known, follows:

HUSBAND		CHRISTIAN, Joseph Hiram		Father	CHRISTIAN, John F.
Born		12 Mar. 1818 Lynchburg, Virginia		Mother	?FORD, Judith Ann
Flourished					
Married		6 Sep. 1848 Moniteau County, Missouri			
Died		1878			
Buried		Roberts Cemetery, Holden, Johnson County, Missouri			
Other Marriages					
WIFE		KETCHUM, Nancy Jane		Father	KETCHUM, David
Born		14 Feb. 1828 Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky		Mother	HICKMAN, Martha B.
Flourished					
Died		Aug. 1904			
Buried		La Cygne, Linn County, Kansas			
Other Marriages					
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	TOWN/CITY COUNTY/PROVINCE STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	CHRISTIAN	Born	1849	Missouri	none
M	John D.	Married			
		Died	young		
2	CHRISTIAN	Born	1850	Missouri	PHILLIP, Wm. H.
F	Judith	Married			
		Died	1873		
3	CHRISTIAN	Born	5 Nov. 1852	Missouri	
F	Sarah Ann	Married			
		Died	Sep. 1872		
4	CHRISTIAN	Born	1855	Missouri	
?		Married			
		Died			
5	CHRISTIAN	Born	1858	Missouri	KENDALL, John H.
F	Mary E.	Married	1 Dec. 1881		
		Died			
6	CHRISTIAN	Born	30 Aug. 1860	Holden Johnson Missouri	LAWRENCE, Mary B.
M	Samuel M.	Married			
		Died			
7	CHRISTIAN	Born	6 Sep. 1863	Missouri	GROVER, Sam
F	Nancy E.	Married	7 Dec. 1879		
		Died	8 Aug. 1942		
8	CHRISTIAN	Born	1865	Missouri	HALL, Leonidas M.
F	Louise	Married	30 Aug. 1882		
		Died			
9	CHRISTIAN	Born	1867	Missouri	
?		Married			
		Died			
10	CHRISTIAN	Born	20 Feb. 1869	Missouri	MADOUSE, Wm. Herbert
F	Emily Alice	Married			
		Died			
11	CHRISTIAN	Born	5 June 1870	Missouri	BATMAN, Marie Alice
M	Joseph William	Married	19 Aug. 1894		
		Died	26 Dec. 1946		

William Preston Christian, a school teacher and farmer like his brother, moved with his wife sometime between 1868 and 1880 to Texas, where he died. His widow later

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Joseph CHRISTIAN = Anna C. RIEMERT  
s/o John Q. & Sallie J. (Blackwood) Christian = of Iola, Allen County, Kansas  
born 20 September 1859 died 16 November 1941  
Marion County, Missouri  
died 15 February 1897 Marion County, Missouri  
buried Andrew Chapel, Marion County, Missouri

They had two children born in Shelbina, Shelby County, Missouri; namely:

Broadus John Albert CHRISTIAN 21 Apr. 1895-19 Apr. 1944 = Lillian Ethel BRADSHAW 15 June 1916  
Basil Manly CHRISTIAN 30 Sep. 1897-31 July 1898 = none

Broadus John Albert and Lillian Ethel (Bradshaw) Christian had four children born on Route 2, Monroe City, Marion County, Missouri:

Carol Ione CHRISTIAN, born 5 Sep. 1917, died 7 Apr. 1969 Flint, Genessee County, Michigan; married 26 Feb. 1940 Clare WASHBURN; had issue:

John Robert WASHBURN, born 24 Jan. 1947 in Flint, Michigan

Joseph Owen CHRISTIAN, born 22 Mar. 1921, married 19 July 1947 Beatrice Elizabeth DUNPHY of Providence, Rhode Island; had issue:

Jo Ann Elizabeth CHRISTIAN, born 24 June 1948 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; married 31 Aug. 1968 David W. LEAF in Glastonbury, Connecticut

Zuzanna CHRISTIAN, born 7 July 1952 in Rhode Island

Mary Beth CHRISTIAN, born 23 Apr. 1923, married John Charles McFARLAND of Peoria, Illinois  
Anna Belle CHRISTIAN, born 15 Oct. 1924, married 16 Feb. 1943 Gerald Francis BUCKMAN; had five children:

Gerald Francis BUCKMAN, born 16 Nov. 1943, married 21 Nov. 1964 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, to Mary Ann FELECIA; had issue:

Kimberly Ann BUCKMAN, born 19 Mar. 1967 in Peoria, Illinois

Bradley Alan BUCKMAN, born 14 Jan. 1970 in Orlando, Florida

Janaan Lea BUCKMAN, born 16 Jan. 1949, married 8 Feb. 1970 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, to William Aubrey NEVINS  
no known issue

Michael Christian BUCKMAN, born 26 Apr. 1947 in Peoria, Peoria County, IL

Gina Marie BUCKMAN, born 29 July 1949 in Peoria, Peoria County, IL

Lisa Joan BUCKMAN, born 17 July 1959 in Peoria, Peoria County, IL

Mary McKamie CHRISTIAN = 1) Joel Robert HORD

d/o John Q. & Sallie J. (Blackwood) Christian = born 5 May 1861 Monroe County, Missouri  
born 23 May 1868 Marion County, Missouri died 21 July 1905 Clarence, Shelby County, Missouri

married 1) 4 October 1888

southwest of Paris, Monroe County, Missouri

married 2) 2 September 1930 = 2) Joseph Stover KERN

died 14 October 1945 St. Louis, Missouri

buried Andrew Chapel, Marion County, Missouri buried in St. Jude's Cemetery, Monroe City, MO  
Joel Robert and Mary McKamie (Christian) Hord had four children; she had no issue of second union:

Ruby Mae HORD 30 Aug. 1889-7 Dec. 1919 = Emmet Owen HALLOCK 6 Sep. 1911

Frankie Lucile HORD 9 Feb. 1894 = 1) Marion Elizabeth O'DELL 11 Oct. 1930

John Robert HORD 11 Oct. 1899 = 2) Ruth (HOSFORD) FOULKE 17 July 1945

Harold Christian HORD 4 Feb. 1905 = 1) Mary Regina MAJOR 2 Oct. 1925

= 2) Grace (DEY) WHITE 6 May 1945

= 3) Ruey Anne (MIDDLETON) SHAW 1 June 1947

John Robert and Ruth (Hosford)(Foulke) Hord had two children, namely:

Joel Robert HORD, born 8 Sep. 1946 Highland Park, Wayne County, Michigan, but lived in

Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan; married 23 Aug. 1969 to Cheryl Anne ENGLE of Bad

Ax, Huron County, Michigan

Christy Jo HORD, born 13 Dec. 1948 in Highland Park, Michigan, but of Royal Oak, MI;

died 15 June 1970 in Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan

The first wife of John Robert Hord was born 16 May 1903 and died 6 Jan. 1941. His second marriage ended in divorce, as did the first two marriages of his brother, Harold Christian Hord. The husband of their sister, Emmet Owen Hallock, was born 17 July 1881 and died 24 Mar. 1952.

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## MISSOURI TRANSPLANTS

BY

AUDREY WHALEY

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Of the ten children of John Quincy and Sallie Johnston (Blackwood) Christian, six had progeny. Several of their grandchildren provided the following data about these six and their descendants. (See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. II, page 140, and Volume No. III, page 218, for ancestry and vital statistics; also see Volume No. VI, page 458, for biographical details.)

Estella Johnston CHRISTIAN = Dr. Robert Aiken TERRILL

d/o John Q. & Sallie J. (Blackwood) Christian  
born 16 July 1856 Marion County, Missouri

married 15 July 1877  
died 15 January 1935

Warren, Marion County, Missouri

buried Andrew Chapel, Marion County, Missouri

They had five children born in Marion County, Missouri; namely:

Anna Johnston TERRILL	25 Aug. 1879-	= Henry Francis WAGNER	20 Oct. 1909
Howard Aiken TERRILL	13 Jan. 1881-21 Nov. 1939	= Gertrude MELVIN	21 Nov. 1919
Mattie Henderson TERRILL	28 Aug. 1883-24 Oct. 1963	= James W. SAUNDERS	28 Oct. 1906
Clarence Christian TERRILL	26 Aug. 1886-17 June 1907	= none	
Grace Truman TERRILL	9 Dec. 1890-14 June 1932	= Herbert Neil OLSON	23 Dec. 1917

Henry Francis and Anna Johnston (Terrill) Wagner had three children, all born in Warren, Marion County, Missouri:

Russell Francis WAGNER, born 15 Apr. 1911, married Elfa PALMER in June 1940; had issue:  
Richard Francis WAGNER, born 23 Mar. 1941, married Carol \_\_\_\_\_; had issue:  
Debra Sue WAGNER, born 28 Feb. 1959 in Hannibal, Marion Co., MO  
Richard Francis WAGNER, born 12 Nov. 1965, also in Hannibal, MO  
Larry Wayne WAGNER, born 29 Dec. 1947, married Susan McKAY of Hull, IL; issue:  
Brenda Sue WAGNER, born 3 July 1968  
Becky Ann WAGNER

Velma Adalene WAGNER, born 17 May 1912, married Everett Martien ELY 1 Sep. 1944; issue:  
Henriette Ann ELY, born 23 Sep. 1946 in Glendale, Los Angeles Co., California;  
married 1 July 1967 Kenneth Ronald CIANFRINI of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo Co., California  
John Martien ELY, born 24 Aug. 1949 in Glendale, Los Angeles Co., California  
Melvin Dayle WAGNER, born 3 July 1921, married 5 Apr. 1950 Shirley Virginia BLEIGH; issue:  
Linda Jean WAGNER, born 14 Sep. 1952 in Texas  
Ronald Dayle WAGNER, born 27 Apr. 1955 in Texas

Howard Aiken and Gertrude (Melvin) Terrill had one child—possibly in Portland, Oregon:  
Robert Guy TERRILL, born 24 June 1925, married 3 Feb. 1952 Wilma Jane SCHILLERSTROM

Herbert Neil and Grace Truman (Terrill) Olson had one son:  
Herbert Lynn OLSON, born 1 Oct. 1919, married 25 Nov. 1942 June Bobe FASSELL; had issue:  
Jon Conrad OLSON, born 13 Oct. 1943 in St. Louis, Missouri  
Lance Terrill OLSON, born 15 Aug. 1945 in St. Louis, MO; married 3 Sep. 1966  
to Shirley Ann CRONE of Angola, Steuben County, Indiana; had issue:  
Lance Thomas OLSON, born 24 Mar. 1968 in Angola, Indiana.

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moved to Oklahoma, as did two daughters and a son. Most of the other children remained in Texas after migrating there from Missouri. (The vital statistics in the family record below contain data submitted to the editor by Doris M. Christian, Loy Flick, and Gay Scally, whose lines of descent will appear in the next issue.)

HUSBAND		CHRISTIAN, William Preston		Father	CHRISTIAN, John F.				
Born		c. 1821 ?Henry County, Virginia		Mother	?FORD, Judith Ann				
Flourished									
Married		19 Apr. 1848 Moniteau County, Missouri							
Died		1877-1880 Savoy, Fannin County, Texas							
Buried		Coonstown Cemetery, Fannin County, Texas							
Other Marriages									
WIFE		KELLY, Nancy Ann		Father	KELLY, ?John				
Born		9 Dec. 1828 Franklin County, Tennessee		Mother	COWAN,				
Flourished									
Died		21 Aug. 1925 Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma							
Buried		22 Aug. 1925 Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma							
Other Marriages									
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN/CITY	COUNTY/PROVINCE	STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	CHRISTIAN	Born	30	Mar.	1849		Moniteau	Missouri	JACKSON, James Franklin
F	Mary Elizabeth	Married			1870				"Jim"
		Died	27	May	1932	Alvord	Wise	Texas	
2	CHRISTIAN	Born	15	Mar.	1851			Missouri	JACKSON, John M.
F	Margaret E.	Married	29	Oct.	1868		Morgan	Missouri	
		Died							
3	CHRISTIAN	Born	6	Mar.	1853		Morgan	Missouri	CONNOR, Amanda Maud
M	John James	Married	17	Oct.	1878		Morgan	Missouri	
		Died	3	Mar.	1932		Craig	Oklahoma	
4	CHRISTIAN	Born			c. 1855			Missouri	JACKSON, William
F	Judith "Jude"	Married			1876				"Will"
		Died					Curry	New Mexico	
5	CHRISTIAN	Born	17	Apr.	1858			Missouri	, Henrietta
M	William N.	Married							"Retta"
		Died	11	Oct.	1901	Bells	Grayson	Texas	
6	CHRISTIAN	Born			c. 1861		Morgan	Missouri	SEALS, Stokeley Goodall
F	Rosa Jane	Married			1887				"Tom"
		Died	8	Oct.	1944	Savoy	Fannin	Texas	
7	CHRISTIAN	Born	30	Jan.	1864			Missouri	GAULT, Mary Ellen
M	Charles Erwin/Ervin	Married			1886				"Ella"
		Died	2	Feb.	1929	Farwell	Parmer	Texas	
8	CHRISTIAN	Born			c. 1868			Missouri	EVANS, Edgar D. "Ed"
F	Ida	Married	27	Nov.	1889		Fannin	Texas	
		Died							

### A CHRISTIAN TRADITION

The Missouri Christians were strait-laced people whose word was as good as their bond. Noted for their frugality, they gave little or no evidence of hypocrisy. With their love of God, many became adherents of the Primitive Baptist faith—several turning to the ministry. Most could truthfully avow, as my mother was wont to do when she would say, "Yes, I'm a Christian both by name and nature."

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# INDIANA SOLDIER & SONS

Data and photographs from the life of Daniel Ragsdale Christian, his wife, and sons were submitted for the following presentation by Portia Christian, whose line of descent from this Union soldier appeared in CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, Volume No. V, page 378, with supplementary data in Volume No. VI, page 511, and No. VII, page 598.

Born a southerner, Daniel Ragsdale Christian gave his life for the northern cause. All his children were underage when he volunteered for the Union forces in 1862. Although sixteen-year-old Jim asked to join the Federals, his father decided that this eldest son should remain behind to look after the family and farm in Indiana while he himself answered the call of country.

Another son, Ira W. Christian, relates in his notebooks of family reminiscences that the night before his father reported for duty, he sat with wife and children on the steps of the back stairs that entered into the kitchen and held baby George while he talked with his family.

Some of Daniel Christian's military movements can be followed in books like Joe H. Burgess's *Hamilton County and the Civil War*: Company A, to which Christian was assigned, started with Company G from Newburgh, Indiana, 28 February 1863, when they moved to Louisville, Kentucky. On 4 March the companies left for Glasgow, Kentucky, where they arrived 11 March. Scouting in the direction of the Cumberland River, skirmishes with the enemy took place; on the nineteenth they crossed over and drove the rebels three miles back. On their return, they burned the town of Celina, Tennessee, recrossing the river and reaching Glasgow on the twentieth. Details of their pursuit of John Morgan's Cavalry and the engagements which took them into Georgia can be found in various reference works. (See box below for official record.)



CIVIL WAR ARMY RECORDS OF DANIEL R. CHRISTIAN

C 5 Cav. Ind.  
Co. A5 Reg't. Indiana Cavalry  
Company Descriptive Book entry  
Description of Daniel R. Christian      Enlistment

Age: 40 years	When: Aug. 4, 1862
Height: 5 feet, 11 inches	Where: Noblesville, Indiana
Complexion: Light	By whom: A. Ferguson
Eyes: Blue; Hair: Dark	Term: 3 years
Where born: Elbert Co., Georgia	Remarks: Taken prisoner July 31, 1864 near Macon, Ga., and not heard from since
Occupation: Farmer	

In Uniform

Notation on fold: Died of disease while Prisoner of War February 27, 1865

Daniel R. Christian, QM Sgt., Capt. Stretch's Co., 90 Reg't. Vols., C--5 Cav.--Indiana  
Joined for duty and enrolled: Aug. 4, 1862 Noblesville, Ind.; Period--3 years; Bounty--\$27/100  
Company Muster-in Roll: Indianapolis Aug. 22, 1862; Muster-in date--Aug. 22, 1862 Signed--David

Daniel R. Christian, QM Sgt., Co. A, 5 Reg't. Indiana Cavalry  
Muster Roll Entries: Present Dec. 31, 1862; Present Jan. & Feb. 1863; Absent on Scout Mar. & Apr. 1863 but Present on Special Muster Roll Apr. 10, 1863; Present May & June 1863; Present July & Aug. 1863; Present Sept. & Oct. 1863; Present Nov. & Dec. 1863; Present Jan. & Feb. 1864; Present Mar. & Apr. 1864; Present May & June 1864; Absent July & Aug. 1864--Taken prisoner near Clinton, Georgia, July 31, '64; Absent Sept. & Oct.--Prisoner of War since July 31, '64; Absent Nov. & Dec.--Prisoner of War since July 1864; Absent Jan. & Feb. 1865--Prisoner of War since July 31, 1864; Absent Mar. & Apr. 1865--Prisoner of War since 31 July 1864; also appears on Returns from July 1863 to Aug. 1864.

Company Muster-out Roll: Pulaski, Tenn., June 15, 1865; Last paid Feb. 29, 1864; Last settled Aug. 31, 1863; Drawn since \$24.82; Bounty paid \$25.00; Due \$75.00.

## THE DANIEL CHRISTIAN STORY . . . AND GENEALOGY

Charles Samuel Christian, a son of George W. and Ellen (Etnyre) Christian, did not marry until almost ten years after his three-year service in the Confederate Forces had been completed. A private in Company F of the Eighth Texas Infantry, the young man returned home to devote his attention to farming.

Charles and his wife, Ann Elizabeth (Murray) Christian, were members of the Christian Church. The snapshot of the couple reproduced on the facing page apparently was taken not long before the husband's death in 1923. They, as well as several of their children are buried in the Murray Cemetery. Their family group appears below. [Record of their descendants will appear in the next installment of this article.]

HUSBAND		CHRISTIAN, Charles Samuel		Father	CHRISTIAN, George W.				
				Mother	ETNYRE, Ellen				
Born	21 Jan. 1844	Mt. Carroll, Carroll County, Illinois							
Flourished									
Married	8 Jan. 1874	Milam County, Texas							
Died	16 Apr. 1923	Milam County, Texas							
Buried		Murray Cemetery, Milam County, Texas							
Other Marriages									
WIFE		MURRAY, Ann Elizabeth		Father	MURRAY, Willis				
				Mother	BOONE, Lutetia				
Born	19 Mar. 1858	Simpson County, Mississippi							
Flourished									
Died	16 June 1940	Milam County, Texas							
Buried		Murray Cemetery, Milam County, Texas							
Other Marriages									
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN/CITY	COUNTY/PROVINCE	STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	CHRISTIAN	Born	16	Oct.	1874		Milam	Texas	HODGES, Charles
F	Ellen Lutetia	Married							Thomas
		Died	16	Aug.	1925		Milam	Texas	
2	CHRISTIAN	Born	31	Jan.	1877		Milam	Texas	none
F	Annie Lee	Married							
		Died	14	Dec.	1956	Austin	Travix	Texas	buried Milam Co., TX
3	CHRISTIAN	Born	3	July	1879		Milam	Texas	LUCAS, Della
M	George Willis	Married							
		Died	9	Oct.	1947				buried Falls Co., TX
4	CHRISTIAN	Born	21	Jan.	1882		Milam	Texas	HENRY, Ruby Mae
M	Sylas Calhoun	Married	18	June	1916				
		Died	1	Apr.	1969	Rockdale	Milam	Texas	
5	CHRISTIAN	Born	1	June	1884		Milam	Texas	1)GASTON, Buena Ora
M	Benjamin Theodore	Married	30	Aug.	1914	Gause	Milam	Texas	2)FRANKLIN, Rosalie
		Died	27	Mar.	1956	Houston	Harris	Texas	
6	CHRISTIAN	Born	1	Aug.	1889	Rockdale	Milam	Texas	ROARK, Haney Max
F	Ada Belle "Audrey"	Married	18	Aug.	1911	Rosebud	Falls	Texas	
		Died	20	Aug.	1974	Rosebud	Falls	Texas	buried Bell Co., TX
7	CHRISTIAN	Born	23	July	1892		Milam	Texas	1)SOMMERLIN, Gladys
M	Elwood Bean	Married							2)BROWN, Jean
		Died			1971	Houston	Harris	Texas	3)HARRIS, Doris
8	CHRISTIAN	Born	16	May	1896		Milam	Texas	1)TIDWELL, Charles
F	Ivy Mae	Married							2)HALTOM, Troy
		Died			Sep. 1972	Rockdale	Milam	Texas	buried Milam Co., TX
9	CHRISTIAN	Born	8	Feb.	1899		Milam	Texas	
F	Beulah Nadine	Married							
		Died	16	July	1927	Rockdale	Milam	Texas	buried Milam Co., TX

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Just as the children and many descendants of Daniel R. and Catherine (Etnyre) Christian became so much a part of the development of the northwest, so their counterparts in Texas contributed actively to the life of the southwest.

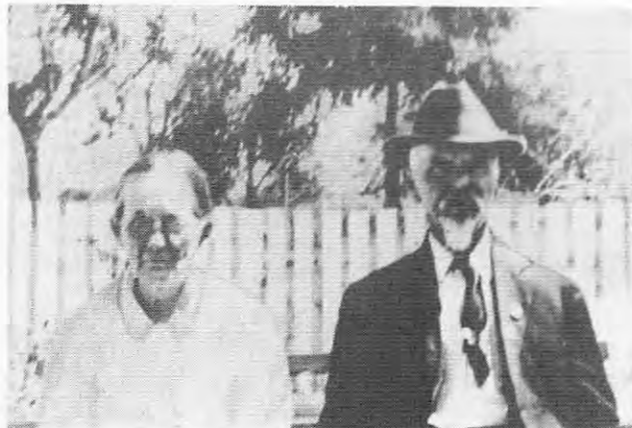
## OF GEORGE W. CHRISTIAN'S DESCENDANTS

Although farming and ranching interests in Milam County, Texas, provided the livelihood for George W. and Ellen (Etnyre) Christian+ and the next generation of their line, the musical talents exhibited by some Oregon relatives also appeared and found expression among their descendants. Educational and business pursuits increasingly attracted grandchildren who reached adulthood during the twentieth century. In their religious affiliations, most have belonged to protestant churches--primarily of the Christian, Methodist, or Baptist denominations.

The daughter Christiann Christian, who was born 26 October 1852 in Iowa as the family moved across the plains, died 5 October 1904 in Milam County, Texas. She married in 1870 Thomas Phillips, born 27 June 1842 in Arkansas, died 15 February 1931 in Milam County. Eight children are known to have been born to them, all in Texas:

1. William Milton Phillips, born January 1871, married in 1893 Ida \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Edella Phillips, born 1873.
3. Hubert Phillips, born in February 1875.
4. Alex Phillips, born 10 October 1876, died 5 June 1877.
5. Mary E. "Izzie" Phillips, born August 1878.
6. Robert Phillips, born April 1881.
7. Rush Phillips, born September 1886.
8. Birdie Phillips, born July 1891.

The parents and son Alex are buried in the Murray Cemetery in Milam County, Texas.



*From the collection of Bernard G. Christian*

ANN ELIZABETH (MURRAY) AND CHARLES SAMUEL CHRISTIAN

+See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. VII, page 565, for complete family group.

[Editor's Note: The authors have not yet completed their research on the descendants of George W. Christian, having concentrated so far on the lines of descent from his son, Charles Samuel Christian.]

Information handed down through the generations reveals that their soldier forebear was taken prisoner not far from his old home in Georgia. Such was his commitment that even as a sick prisoner of war, he continued to lecture on the evils of slavery. Confined to the overcrowded Andersonville Camp, Daniel Christian was exposed to the near-starvation conditions there. After consuming some rotten meat, he was transferred to Goldsboro Prison Hospital, only to die.

Daniel R. Christian had arrived in southern Indiana in 1839 to teach school at the invitation of Philbird Wright, whom he had met in Louisville, Kentucky, while waiting for his father to come from their home in Georgia. (Louisville was a stopover for the Christians en route to Missouri to look at land.)



ELIZA ANN (CLICK) CHRISTIAN

d/o Jacob & Margaret (Rhetts/Ratts) Click  
born 4 January 1824 Washington County, Indiana  
died 29 April 1884 Hamilton County, Indiana



DANIEL RAGSDALE CHRISTIAN

s/o Elijah L. & Rebecca (Coleman) Christian  
born 19 November 1821 Elbert County, Georgia  
died 4 March 1865 Goldsboro, North Carolina

Daniel's teaching post in Salem, Indiana, led to his meeting Eliza Ann Click, whom he married 27 August 1843 in Washington County. They later moved to the central part of the state on land entered in Hamilton County. All children born in Indiana:

James Raford Christian (2 Mar. 1846-2 Aug. 1918) = 1) Mariah Hurlock 8 Feb. 1872  
= 2) Sarah Conner 5 Feb. 1885

Mary Ann Christian (12 Dec. 1847-1 Jan. 1866); never married

John Willis Christian (16 June 1850-14 Aug. 1851); never married

Franklin Pierce Christian (27 May 1852-9 Feb. 1910) = Elmira Miesse 1 Oct. 1884

Ira Washington Christian (25 Oct. 1855-28 Feb. 1922) = Mary Susan Durbin 19 Apr. 1883

William Seward Christian (16 July 1856-8 Nov. 1908) = Alice Mary Gaskins

Jenny Christian (27 Aug. 1858-30 May 1893) = George Young

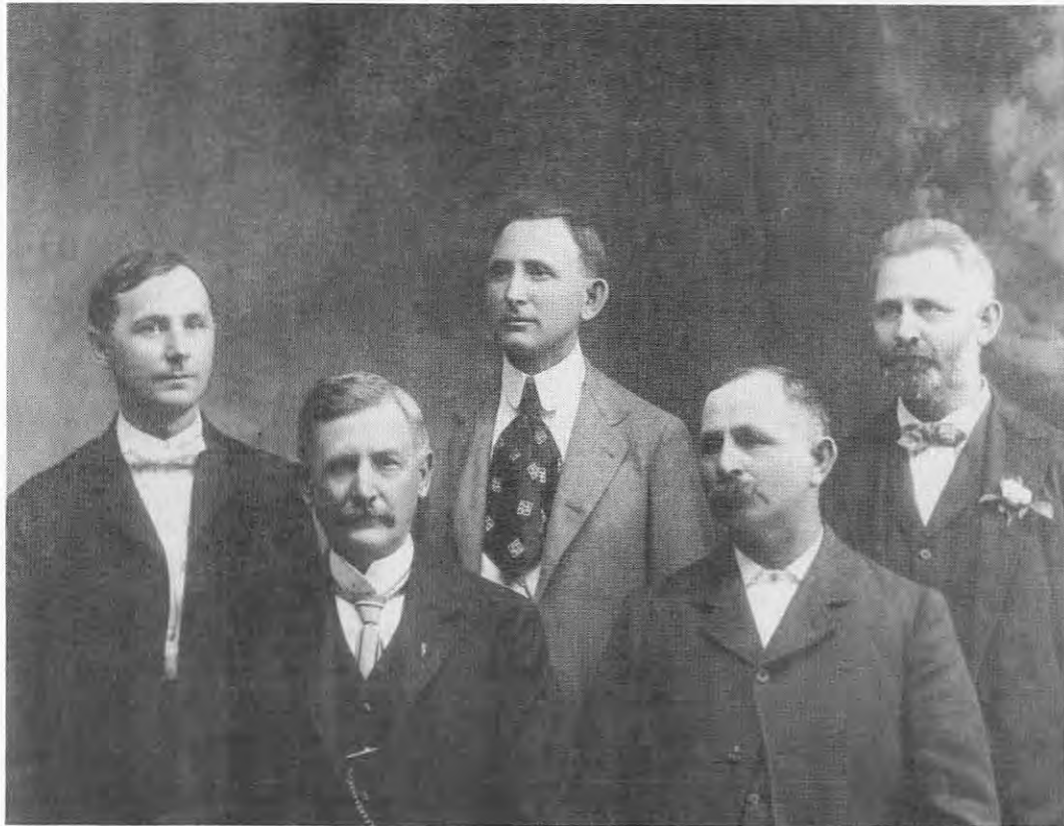
George Siegel Christian (2 Oct. 1861-15 Jan. 1930) = Luna B. Loehr 15 Jan. 1887

With their father's departure for military service and ensuing death, the sons and surviving daughter were able to fulfill his expectations. (The oldest daughter, Mary Ann, had lived less than a year after her father's demise.)

Entrusted with the roll of "head of family" during the father's absence, James Raford Christian did not marry until his siblings acquired some education and he could foresee a good start in life for them. When his first wife Mariah died, James' mother, Eliza (Click) Christian, would care for his offspring until he re-married.

Two of Daniel R. Christian's sons became attorneys: Ira W. and William S. Christian practiced law under the firm name of Christian & Christian. Their practice was located in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Sometime about the turn of the century the sons of Daniel Ragsdale Christian gathered for a family portrait. Unfortunately, their sister Jenny had died a few years before and could not be included.



From the collection of Portia Christian

GEORGE SIEGEL CHRISTIAN (1861-1930)      WILLIAM SEWARD CHRISTIAN (1856-1908)      IRA WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN (1855-1922)  
 JAMES RAFORD CHRISTIAN (1846-1918)      FRANKLIN PIERCE CHRISTIAN (1852-1910)

To the host of friends who offered their condolences, John Christian sent a card of thanks:

As I cannot see each one separately, I take this method to extend my heartfelt thanks to my kind relatives, neighbors, and friends for their freely proffered aid and sympathy in my sad bereavement.

May God bless you all in my fervent prayer.

John W. Christian



MARY ELLEN (MUMPER) CHRISTIAN



Photographs from the collection of Olive Hope Christian

JOHN WESLEY CHRISTIAN

John W. Christian is remembered as a wonderful father who kept the memory of their beloved mother alive in the hearts of his children. When questioned years later as to why he never remarried, Dad Christian responded, "I loved Mary very much, and I just never could find anyone that could fill her place; and I just could not let anyone else raise our children."

He did accept the help of his devoted sister, Etha Christian, who made her home with the family until her own death only ten years after her sister-in-law's passing. Aunt Etha was remembered with great love and affection by her nephews and niece.

Also remembered are the many family reunions and the trips with cousins, aunts, uncles, parents, and friends to Odell Lake for picnics and fishing with these loved ones or the happy days visiting between Eugene and Springfield following a trolley car ride.

The family group of John and Mary Ellen (Mumper) Christian appears below. [Record of descendants will appear in the next installment of this article.]

HUSBAND		CHRISTIAN, John Wesley				Father:	CHRISTIAN, Daniel R.		
						Mother:	ETNYRE, Catherine		
Born	6 Aug. 1852 In covered wagon, Salmon Falls, Idaho								
Flourished									
Married	24 Dec. 1888 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon								
Died	11 Jan. 1925 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon								
Buried	Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon								
Other Marriages	none								
WIFE		MUMPER, Mary Ellen T.				Father:	MUMPER, Michael		
						Mother:	TAYLOR, Mary Ellen (1st wife)		
Born	10 Sep. 1869 Brooks, Marion County, Oregon								
Flourished									
Died	12 Jan. 1896 Eugene, Lane County, Oregon								
Buried	Pioneer Cemetery, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon								
Other Marriages	none								
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN/CITY	COUNTY/PROVINCE	STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	CHRISTIAN	Born	23	Sep.	1889	Eugene Lane	Oregon	Oregon	CROWDER, Olive Hope
M	Eugene L.	Married	3	May	1922	Madera Madera	California	California	
		Died	21	Mar.	1972	Aptos Santa Cruz	California	California	
2	CHRISTIAN	Born	6	Jan.	1891	Eugene Lane	Oregon	Oregon	KUPETZ, Joseph
F	Zula May	Married		June	1916				
		Died							
3	CHRISTIAN	Born	9	June	1894	Eugene Lane	Oregon	Oregon	TROUT, Edna "Midge"
M	Roy	Married	10	Oct.	1927				
		Died	7	June	1965				

press. His only absence in service with the company was during World War I, when between 1917 and 1919 he served with the 411th Telegraph Battalion in France. He died in 1947; his widow survived him. In an undated obituary following her death, Mrs. Patterson's survivors are listed as three children and seven grandchildren. The children include: Mrs. Windsor W. Calkins of Eugene; Mrs. Clarence R. (Martha) Veal of Albany; and Mr. Kenneth Patterson of Oswego.

Biographical details about Percy James Patterson are gleaned from his obituary. Born 5 August 1876, he died at the age of 73. After serving in the Army Signal Corps in 1917 and becoming foreman of the Spruce Division of Telephone at Newport during the First World War, he entered the field of painting and construction contracting, which he continued until retirement in 1944. His marriage to Etta Maude Johnston took place at Blackfoot, Idaho, 10 September 1923. She preceded him in death in 1948. He was survived by two daughters: Mrs. Nelda F. Thomason and Mrs. Virginia G. Baker.

Among the sons of Daniel R. and Catherine (Etnyre) Christian was John Wesley Christian who, like his siblings, was given acreage in Christian's Addition from his father's donation grant. Somewhat more modest in size than his sister Dunn's home, the house where his three children were born fulfilled beautifully the needs of his small family and featured heirlooms from his forebears and those of his wife. An almond wood dresser, retrieved from a shipwreck as it was being brought by his wife's parents around Cape Horn from the East, is still in the possession of descendants as are two especially prized cane bottomed chairs.



From the collection of Olive Hope Christian

THE JOHN WESLEY CHRISTIAN HOME  
EUGENE, OREGON

John Wesley Christian was united in marriage with Mary Ellen T. Mumper by the Reverend George A. McKinlay in a double wedding ceremony at the home of G. W. Midley on Christmas Eve 1888. The Mumper family, also pioneers, had come from York County, Pennsylvania, to Salem, Oregon, by sailing ship around Cape Horn.

Mary Ellen was one of four children born to Michael and Mary Ellen (Taylor) Mumper and was named for her mother. The others included a baby girl who died in infancy and two boys, Charles and Will Mumper. After the mother's death at the age of forty-two, Michael Mumper married secondly Ella (Bush) Painter, a widow with five children. Mary Ellen (Mumper) Christian died at twenty-seven years of age after a severe illness, also leaving three children "to battle life without a mother's care."

Some genealogical details about the families of the five married sons are available from family records—most from the notes left by the widow of Ira Washington Christian. Data for the family of George Siegel Christian were supplied by his daughter, Julia V. Dillon.

James Raford Christian married twice. By his first marriage to Mariah Hurlock (born 29 March 1847—died 20 April 1883), he had seven children born in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Gerald Hamilton Christian (8 Jan. 1873- )  
Ernest Godwin Christian (28 June 1874- )  
Daniel LaRue Christian (13 Feb. 1876- )  
Walter Morton Christian (6 Jan. 1878-3 Nov. 1878)  
Walton Garfield Christian (4 May 1880- )  
Mary Ann Christian (4 May 1880-9 June 1883)  
Charles Frederick (30 Apr. 1882-13 Apr. )

By his second marriage to Sarah "Sale" Conner, James Raford Christian had two children:  
Eliza Conner Christian (17 or 18 Feb. 1890-18 Feb. 1890)  
John Conner Christian ( - )

At the time of James Raford Christian's death 2 August 1918 in Rush County, Indiana, Gerald, Ernest, LaRue, and Walton were living in Texas. They and their families attended the funeral and visited in the households of their uncles, George and Ira, and of their cousin, Paul Durbin Christian. Although Mrs. Ira Christian corresponded regularly with the Texas relatives, no letters or records of their marriages and their children were left in her papers.

Franklin Pierce Christian fathered four children by his wife, Elmira A. Miesse (born 15 January 1856 Pickaway, Ohio - died 13 June 1933 Noblesville, Indiana):

Edna M. Christian (14 Jan. 1886 Noblesville, IN-25 Nov. 1960 Logansport, IN); unmarried  
Gordon M. Christian (15 Apr. 1888 Noblesville, IN-16 July 1888 Noblesville, IN)  
Joyce Maria Christian (18 Oct. 1890 Noblesville, IN-17 June 1964 Kalamazoo, MI); married  
Harry Earnest Simmers 18 Oct. 1918 [See Volume No. V, page 379 for lineage.]  
Hazel Christian (6 Jan. 1896 Noblesville, IN- )  
15 Apr. 1920 ; married Lymon LeRoy Messmore

Ira Washington Christian and his wife, Mary Susan Durbin (born 25 August 1862 Johnson County, Indiana - died 18 March 1939 Noblesville, Indiana, d/o Thomas Jefferson and Martha Elizabeth (Deupree) Durbin) had two children:

Paul Durbin Christian (10 June 1885 Noblesville, IN-20 Nov. 1959 Edinburgh, IN); married  
Julia Frances Booth 6 Mar. 1907 Hamilton Co., IN [See Volume No. V, page 378 for lineage.]  
Haddie Christian (21 June 1891 Noblesville, IN-24 Feb. 1961 Knoxville, TN); married  
John Albred Beals 1 Mar. 1911 Noblesville, IN

William Seward Christian and his wife, Alice Mary Gaskins (born McCordsville, Indiana) had one son:

Floyd George Christian (14 July 1887 Noblesville, IN-15 May 1954); married 1) Ursula Brown,  
2) Jessie -----, and 3) Rebecca Sturdevant

George Siegel Christian and his wife, Luna Belle Loehr (born 30 Jan. 1866 Noblesville, Indiana - died 29 May 1955 Noblesville, Indiana) had three children born in Noblesville, Indiana:

Benjamin Daniel Christian (5 July 1889-10 Sep. 1956 ?Cleveland, OH); married Mary A. Fisher  
16 June 1914 in Noblesville, IN  
Alice Christian (30 May 1894-17 Jan. 1970 Noblesville, IN); married Joseph L. W. Klotz  
29 Apr. 1919 in Noblesville, IN  
Julia Virginia Christian (13 Jan. 1910- )  
in Noblesville, IN ; married James A. Dillon 26 Nov. 1936

# LINE OF DESCENT

*Pedigree charts or lineage rosters provide a graphic, convenient means for presenting an individual's ancestry. The format selected for publishing a particular line of descent in this section depends upon such factors as the number of contributors having a common Christian ancestor, the amount of material submitted, and the space limitations of a given issue.*

CHRISTIAN, born ante 1754 = ALLISON, Nancy (widow of \_\_\_\_\_ WRIGHT) born ante 1754

Nothing more is known of this couple other than at least one son was born to them:

Benjamin Christian--born c. 1771 in Virginia, died 1864 Wayne Co., KY; married Elizabeth Greenup c. 1792.

CHRISTIAN, Benjamin = GREENUP, Elizabeth  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_ & Nancy (Allison) (Wright) Christian d/o John & Elizabeth (Witten) Greenup  
born c. 1771 Virginia born c. 1770-3 Virginia  
mar. c. 1792 Virginia, possibly Washington Co. died 1861 Wayne Co., Kentucky  
died 1864 Wayne Co., Kentucky

This couple moved from Virginia to Kentucky, lived briefly also in Tennessee, then returned to Kentucky. There were probably other children besides the five listed below:

Thomas "Tom" Christian--born 4 Mar. 1796 in Virginia, died 1 Aug. 1833 near Austin, Texas; married 20 Feb. 1822 Mary Randolph Buchanan. Children listed below.

Nancy Christian--born c. 1797 in Virginia; married 15 Nov. 1845 in Wayne Co., KY, to Joseph Bond, born c. 1780 in North Carolina.

Allen Christian--born c. 1804 in Virginia; married 19 Feb. 1828 in Wayne Co., KY, to Elizabeth Caldwell, d/o John & Nancy (Mercer) Caldwell.

James Christian--born c. 1805 in Virginia; married Rhoda \_\_\_\_\_, who was born in Tennessee.

Benjamin Harvey Christian--born 7 May 1812 in Tennessee, died 24 Feb. 1912 Wayne Co., KY; married 1) 7 Aug. 1836 Wayne Co., KY, to Alsey Mercer and 2) 12 Nov. 1853 to Elizabeth A. "Betty Ann" Carrender. At least five children were born to the first marriage: William Christian (?1832-1875); Mary Ann Christian ( - ) married 10 Feb. 1850 Hiram M. Taylor; John Christian (1840-1852); Jane Christian (1842-1887) never married; Emerine Christian (?1845- ) married 28 Feb. 1867 B. M. Taylor. Seven children were born to second marriage: Thomas Milton Christian (1854-1940); Sarah Alice Christian (1855-1913) married \_\_\_\_\_ Rankin; Hiram Nelson Christian (1857- ) moved to Oklahoma; George Christian (1859-1861); Hugh Bascomb Christian (17 Apr. 1862-28 Mar. 1953 El Paso, TX) married Gegelona Conley; Lewis Christian (1864-1884) never married; and Mary "Mollie" Christian (1869-1916) never married.

CHRISTIAN, Thomas "Tom" = BUCHANAN, Mary Randolph "Polly"  
s/o Benjamin & Elizabeth (Greenup) Christian d/o John & Nancy (Wright) Buchanan  
born 4 Mar. 1796 Virginia born 1 Mar. 1795 Wythe Co., Virginia  
mar. 20 Feb. 1822 Wayne Co., Kentucky died 1870 Bastrop, Bastrop Co., Texas  
died 1 Aug. 1833 scalped by Indians on Old Manor Road near Austin, Texas

Tom and Polly Christian were half first cousins. They moved from Kentucky to Elgin, Bastrop County, Texas, before 1832. They may have returned briefly to live in Virginia prior to that time since some accounts place birth of two children there:

John Madison Christian--born 1 Mar. 1823 Wythe Co., VA, or Wayne Co., KY, died 1 Nov. 1860 Bastrop Co., TX; married Cynthia Buchanan Reed 1843. She died in 1892.

Eliza Ann "Liza" Christian--born c. 1824; married \_\_\_\_\_ Border.

\*Martha Allison Christian--born 2 Sep. 1827 Washington Co., VA, or Wayne Co., KY; married Sherman Nathaniel Reynolds. (See Nos. 14 & 15 on next page.)

Amanda Jane Christian--born c. 1829; married Ed Tisdale.

Nancy Wright "Nannie" Christian--married Thomas Hanks Gatling, born 13 Apr. 1815 Williamson Co., TX, s/o William & Sarah (Hanks) Gatlin.

Sarah Buchanan "Sallie" Christian--born 11 Oct. 1832; married John S. Smith.

## THE DANIEL CHRISTIAN STORY . . . AND GENEALOGY

3. Luella Dunn, born 28 February 1860 in Springfield, married George A. Dorris on 2 May 1883; but they were not blessed with children. She loved her nieces and nephews very much and saw them whenever possible before her death in April 1935.

4. Frederick Dunn, born in Eugene after his family's return in 1863. A university professor, he wrote an article about his mother that is treasured by descendants.

5. Francis Edward Dunn was born 16 March 1864 in Eugene. As a little tyke, Frank reputedly said the drollest things. He married and had seven children.

6. Annie Laurie "Lollie" Dunn, a beautiful artist, was married to George Yorán 8 May 1890. Their two children, George and Francis, were born in Eugene.

7. Amy Dunn, the "youngest daughter," was her mother's comfort and stay following the death of the father.

According to Fred's reminiscences, "Never was a mother more tenderly cared for, and never was there a more charming place to go than their home. Every Sunday evening our family gathered at Amy's and Mother's home with Amy at the piano, and Irena's girls (Marjory and Melba) would sing the songs she loved and bits of favorite arias from the operettas."

Many of the family treasures passed down through the Dunn grandchildren of Daniel R. Christian--the dishes brought across country in 1852 going to Marjory (Williams) Hall and now, along with other antiques from her grandparents still in her home, appreciated by her sons: Howard, head of the Art Department at Southwest Community College in North Bend, and Bill, an architect in Santa Barbara, California.

Merchandising went hand in hand with interest in music and the arts. Just as Berrian Dunn was a successful merchant, so, too, was the husband of his sister-in-law, Susan M. Christian, wife of William S. Maxwell. Although the Maxwells had no children of their own, they retained close ties with the children of other family members.



From the collection of Olive Hope Christian  
THE MAXWELL STORE AND HOME

The Patterson family was one of those who made their home in Eugene, Oregon. Sarah E. Christian (another daughter of Daniel R. and Catherine Christian) was married 8 May 1868 to Abram S. Patterson. One of the early Oregon pioneers, he was elected to the State Assembly in 1858 and served for seventeen years as postmaster of Eugene. He was also one of the original constructors of the Millrace and one of three owners of the first flour mills in Eugene. They were parents of three sons: Lonnie, John, and Percy Patterson.

John B. Patterson married in 1903 Daisy Dillard, an accomplished musician and music teacher who performed years ago over Portland Radio. In 1898 John had become associated with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, and on his retirement nearly forty-eight years later he was honored at a testimonial dinner reported in the local

A loving devotion marked the lives of Christiann Cecilia (Christian) Dunn, her husband, Francis Berrian Dunn, and their children. It is not surprising, then, that the children and grandchildren often visited the family home.



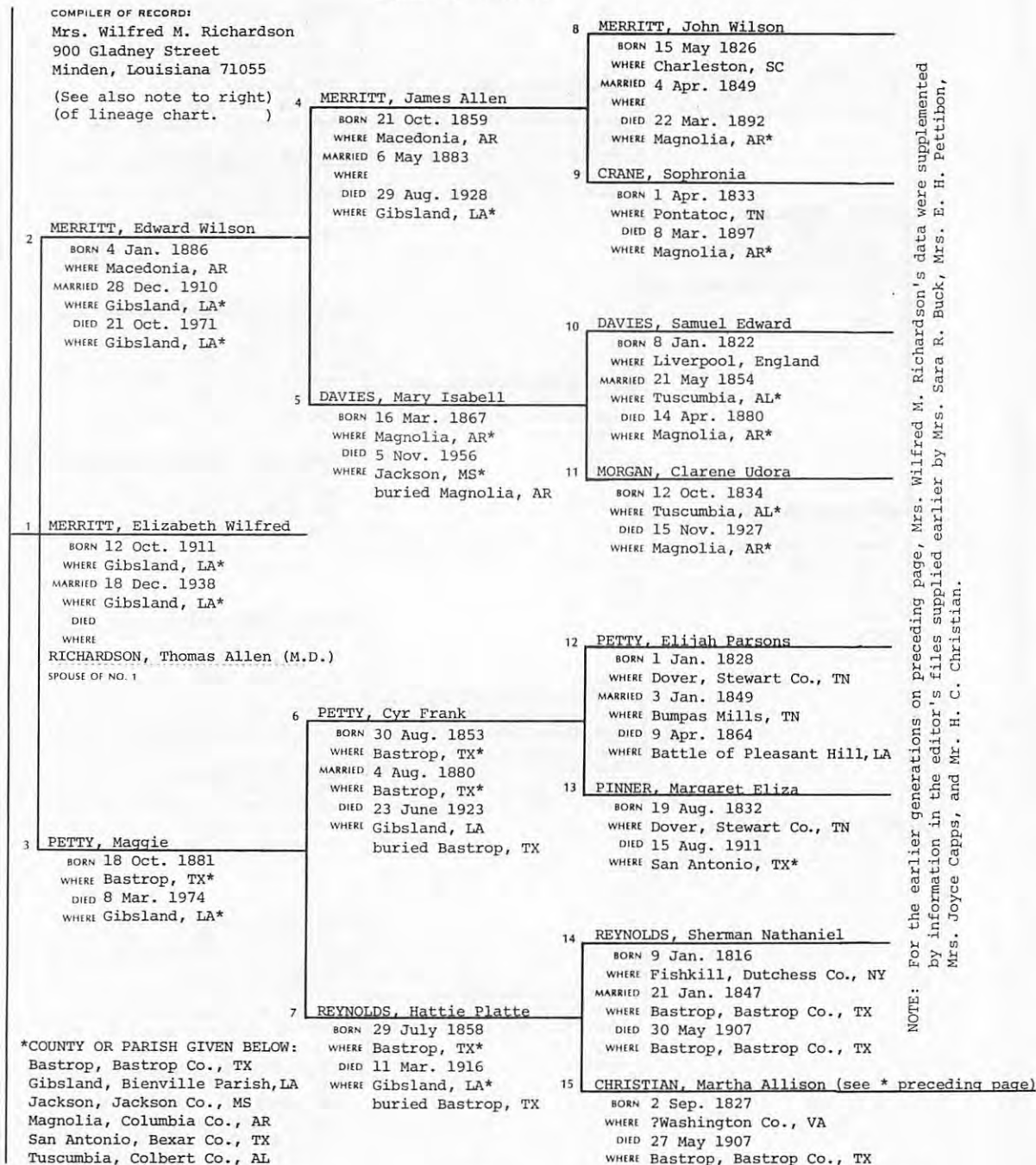
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FAMILY REUNION AT THE DUNN HOUSE

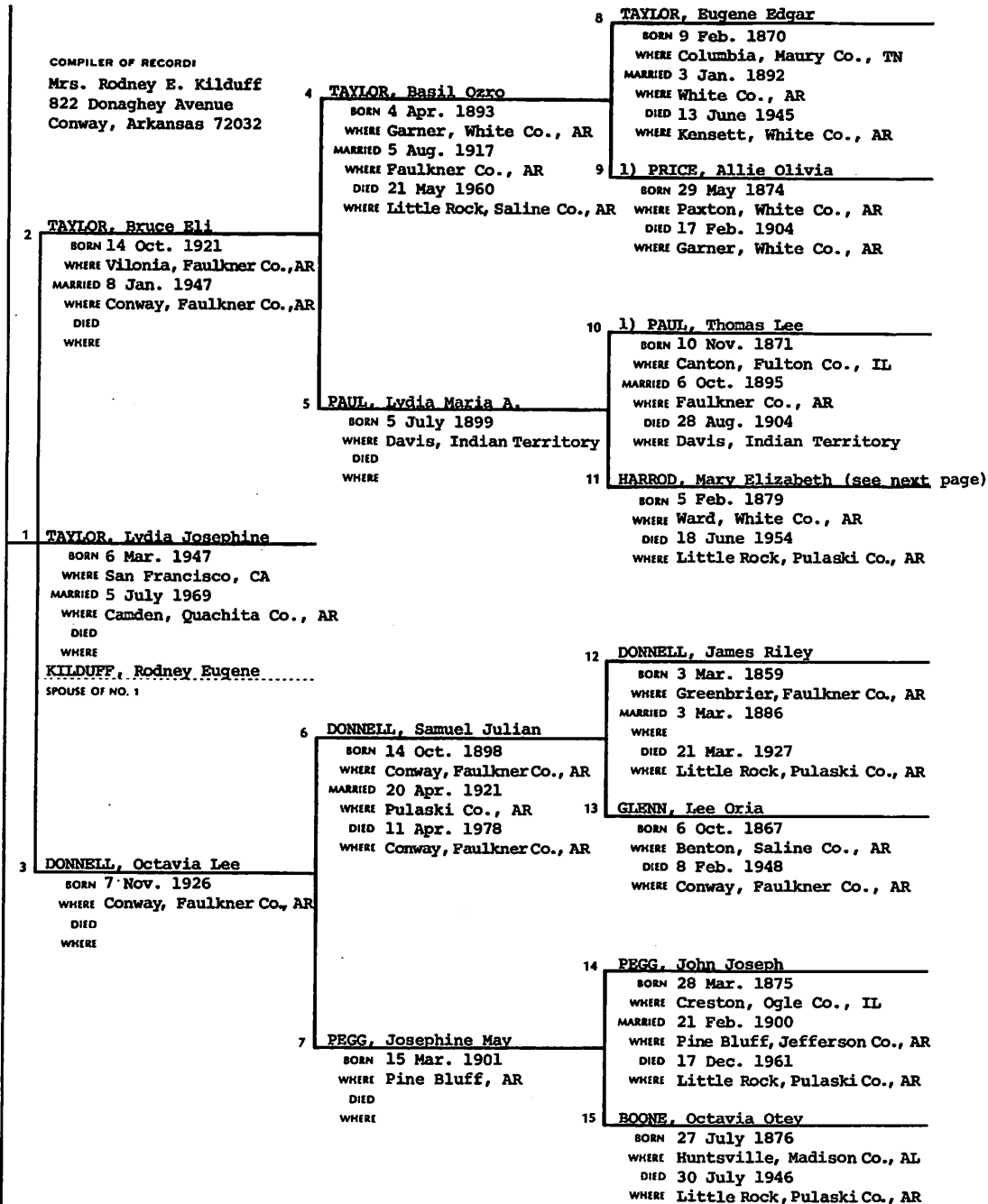
The children of Berrian and Anne (Christian) Dunn were born in Oregon, some in Eugene and at least one in Springfield where the couple lived between 1857 and 1863:

1. Catherine Irena Dunn was born in Eugene 13 December 1856. She married 29 June 1885 Charles Sumner Williams, who was born near Jacksonville, Oregon, 19 July 1856. Her book, *Memoirs of Irena Dunn Williams*, offers fascinating glimpses into the life of her family and city. Charles and Irena Williams had three children:
  - a. Burke Williams, born at Coupeville on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound, state of Washington, 27 December 1887. Married twice, he had no children.
  - b. Marjory Mae Williams, born 1 January 1895, married Howard A. Hall 21 February 1918 in Memphis, Tennessee. Before his death of a heart attack 15 April 1939, they had two boys, both of whom had issue: Howard A. Hall, Jr., born 11 December 1923, married Bernice Gay 24 March 1946. (Their five children—Gay Ann Irena Hall, born 18 January 1951; Robbin Eileen Hall, born 3 April 1953; Tracey Ellen Hall, born 4 October 1955; Howard Christopher Hall, born 3 May 1958; and Allison Ann Hall, born 29 Sep. 1961.) Williams Campbell Hall, born 3 October 1928, married Jean Gates 26 April 1953. (Their two children—Barbara Jean Gates Hall, born 28 March 1955, and Carol Lee Hall, born 15 January 1958.)
  - c. Melba Irena Williams, born 15 July 1897, married Wallace H. Hannah 6 August 1930. Both were talented musicians who died, childless, during the 1950's.
2. Charles Wiley Dunn, born in Springfield 7 September 1858, lived less than a year, dying 21 January 1859.

LINES OF DESCENT



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# THE DANIEL CHRISTIAN STORY

BY OLIVE HOPE CHRISTIAN

## ... AND GENEALOGY

BY B. G. CHRISTIAN

*Obtaining information for a family history and genealogy presents unexpected obstacles and produces uneven results. Some relatives provide anecdotes and biographical details but no genealogical data; others, just the reverse. A few furnish photographs. The whereabouts of still others may not be known to the writers, and some simply may not respond to inquiries. In my own efforts from my home in California, I have benefitted from the writings of my late husband's cousins, Frederick Dunn and Irena (Dunn) Williams. Through the years Marjory (Williams) Hall has kept in touch and offered news of our Oregon connections, and from time to time other cousins have sent special announcements or copies of newspaper articles, obituaries, etc. Wherever possible, these have been supplemented by census and other public records. From all such sources, our story and genealogy have emerged.*

O. H. C.  
July 1982

### OF DANIEL R. CHRISTIAN'S DESCENDANTS

The family circle of Daniel R. and Catherine (Etnyre) Christian was a close-knit one.\* Even after marrying and having children of their own, the sons and daughters who established homes on land given them by their father in that part of Eugene, Oregon, known as "Christian's Addition" continued to be close. Because of the nearness of their homes, they could share life's joys; and in times of need they were able and willing to help each other.

The Victorian dwelling built by the Christian's eldest daughter and her husband, the "Dunn House," became noted for its charm and grace; and the children who grew up within its walls developed their literary, musical, and artistic gifts. Another daughter, who had no children, moved with her husband to nearby Springfield, Oregon, where they built a house attached to their Maxwell Hardware Store. The youngest daughter made her home with her widowed brother in Christian's Addition so that she could aid in the rearing of his children.

\*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. VII, page 561, for complete family group. [Editor's Note: The original manuscript of "The Daniel Christian Story . . ." is 265 pages—book length—which of necessity had to be considerably shortened and edited for presentation in *Christian Family Chronicles*. For example, a separate chapter on the homes of the Christians has been condensed and the descriptions or pictures of some houses relocated in these pages so that they appear with other data about the owner. Some material about collateral lines had to be eliminated altogether; therefore, relatives desiring more information on the Etnyres, Dunns, Mumpers, etc. should contact the authors.]

SEARCH  
FOR  
CHRISTIANS  
IN  
THE  
MIDDLE  
ATLANTIC  
STATES

*A* Through the years during which the editor has been engaged in research on the Christian family, correspondence with thousands of other genealogical enthusiasts has resulted. As time permits, an active exchange continues with many; however, contact with some has become dormant or, at best, intermittent. The following synopsis from an inactive file is reproduced on the chance that the writer or a reader may benefit from its publication.

The saga and the questions begin with my late wife's great-grandfather, Barnard Christian. A blacksmith who lived most of his adult life in Stanfordville, Dutchess County, New York, he is listed on the 1860 and 1870 censuses as having been born in Pennsylvania, though I have never been able to pick up the trail in that state. No others of this surname are found in Dutchess County at that time, and all of his descendants moved away, mostly to Connecticut.

Barnard Christian married Maria Lemons Gildersleeve (widow of James Gentleman), daughter of Joseph and Mary (Mosher) Gildersleeve. Among their children was Remington Palmer Christian, born 28 July 1862 in Stanfordville, New York. In early adulthood he migrated to nearby Connecticut and in 1883 married Sarah Ann Woodin in Seymour, Connecticut. Remington became a passenger conductor on the N. Y., N. H., & H. Railroad. He resided first in Hartford and later, until his death in 1945, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Among the children of Remington and Sarah Christian was Esther Charlotte, born 1891 in Hartford, Connecticut. She married Leslie Borden Ulrich; and among their children was Barbara Imogene Ulrich, born in New Haven in 1915 and destined eventually to marry me.

The birth year of Barnard Christian is uncertain. The 1860 census lists him as 43 (born 1817); the 1870 shows 50 (born 1820). There is an intriguing, possible clue on the 1850 census for Groton, New London County, Connecticut. When the census was taken, the "Bask Shepherdess" (their spelling) was in port, H.W.P. Randall, Master. Among the personnel was a sailer by the name of Brainerd Christian, age 18 (born 1832), born in Pennsylvania. The age seems somewhat off, but censuses are not noted for strict accuracy of detail; and he would still have been old enough to have fathered Remington.

To round out the record, Barnard and Maria (Gildersleeve) Christian had, in addition to Remington, a daughter Sarah, born 1864 who died 22 May 1865 and was buried in the Gentleman plot of the Stanford Cemetery. There was also a son John—no dates available—presumably born in Stanfordville during the 1860's. He is known to have married Sarah Hegeman; and their children were May, Charles, Irene, and Grace. This family seems to have moved out of the immediate area at an early stage, as no trace of Christians can be found locally at the present time.

Five children were born to Remington and Sarah Christian:

Yola Mary Christian, born 15 July 1883 CT, died 17 Jan. 1928 Waterford, CT; married 25 Dec. 1903 Clarence A. Perkins of Waterford, CT. Had issue.

George Renolds Christian, born 23 June 1885, died 29 Nov. 1892.

Frank Isaac Christian, born 13 Feb. 1887 Seymour, CT, died 3 Sep. 1971 New Haven, CT; married Jane Deeley of Ireland. Had issue.

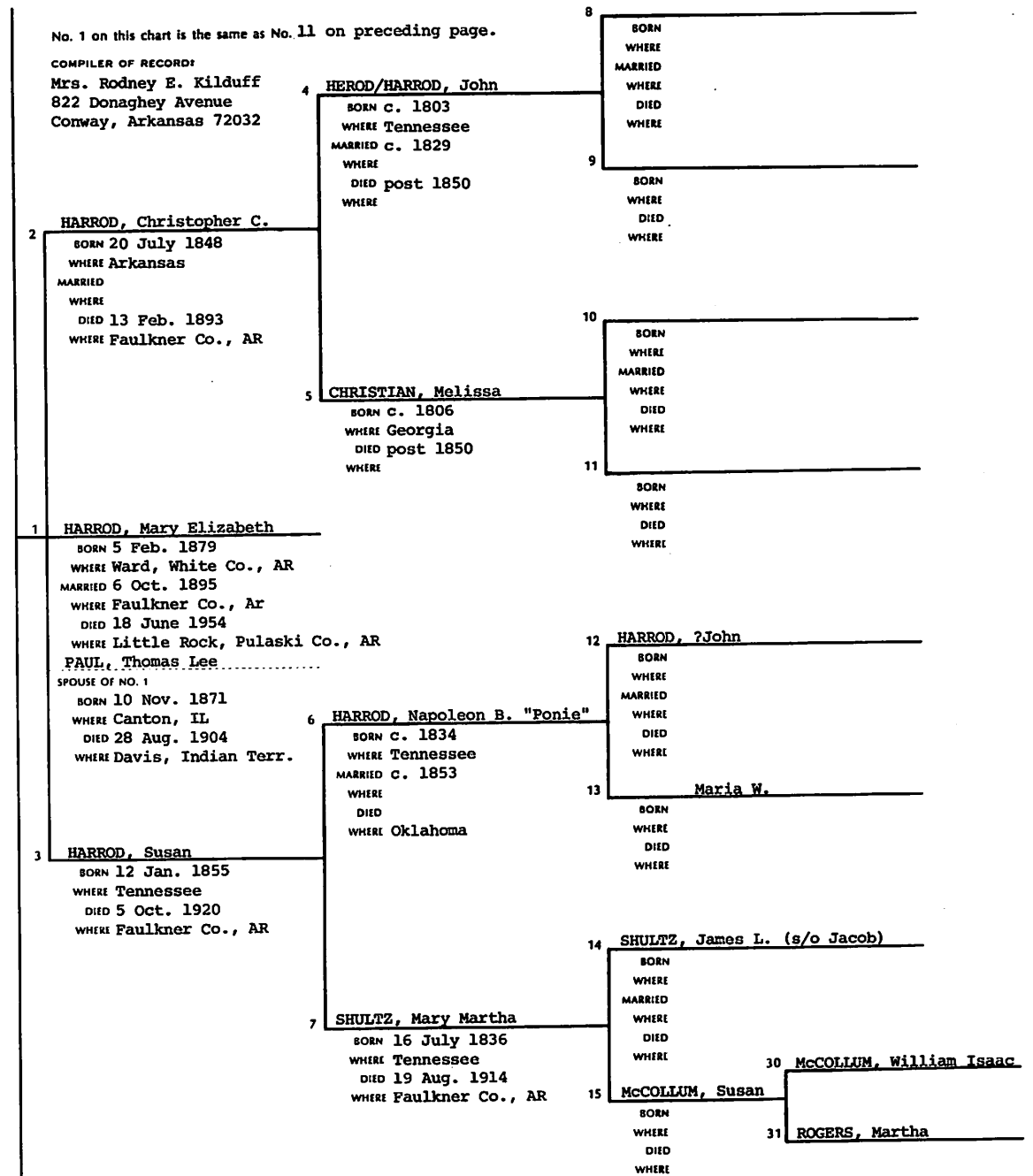
Mabel Maria Christian, born 22 Mar. 1889, died 2 Oct. 1889.

Esther Charlotte Christian, born 7 Jan. 1891 Hartford, CT, died Nov. 1937 New Haven, CT; married 21 June 1910 Leslie Borden Ulrich. Had issue.

I hope that these matters are of interest, and I should be so grateful for any clues which might shed some light on the problems.

—George L. Roberts  
February 1972

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1. Annie Grace PONDER  
born 18 Mar. 1903 Lafayette, TX  
mar. 30 May 1920 Gilmer, Upshur Co., TX  
living in Slidell, LA = John E. BACCUS  
s/o William Riley & Nancy L. (Worsham) Baccus  
born 13 July 1894 Gilmer, Upshur Co., TX  
died 18 Jan. 1928 Texarkana, Miller Co., AR
3. Ida Belle SEWELL  
born 13 Feb. 1876 Lafayette, TX  
mar. 9 Dec. 1900 Lafayette, TX  
died 28 June 1911 Lafayette, TX = George William PONDER  
born 6 Aug. 1870 Morgan Co., GA  
died 30 May 1933 Lafayette, TX
6. Henry Levi SEWELL, Jr.  
born 3 Sep. 1845 Franklin Co., GA  
mar. 1) 29 May 1873  
mar. 2) 23 Dec. 1890 Upshur Co., TX  
died 5 Feb. 1918 Lafayette, TX = 1) Orrie Alice GRIFFIN  
born 4 Dec. 1855 Upshur Co., TX  
died 10 Aug. 1888 Lafayette, TX  
2) Addie Lee HOWELL
12. Henry Levi SEWELL, Sr.  
born 11 Nov. 1812 Franklin Co., GA  
mar. 18 Oct. 1838 Franklin Co., GA  
died 26 Feb. 1897 Barry, TX = Elizabeth ADERHOLD  
born 25 Jan. 1818 Franklin Co., GA  
died 1 Feb. 1892 Barry, TX
24. John SEWELL  
s/o Joshua L. & Jennie (Willis) Sewell  
born c. 1790 = Elizabeth CHRISTIAN  
born c. 1795 Franklin Co., GA  
died ?1865, buried Franklin Co., GA  
died 23 Oct. 1862 Franklin Co., GA  
Their children, all born in Franklin Co., GA:  
Henry Levi Sewell--see #12 above  
Charles Woodson Sewell--born 10 Oct. 1814, died 12 June 1884; mar. 27 Feb. 1840  
Catherine Aderhold, who died 1885 in Tennessee  
Arminda Sewell--born 27 Apr. 1816; mar. 24 Sep. 1840 in Franklin Co., GA,  
Thomas A. T. Phillips  
Manervi Sewell--born 14 May 1818, died ?1890; mar. in Franklin Co., GA, 27 July 1837  
Jacob Neese, born 1810 NC, died 1890 Franklin Co., GA  
Juda L. Sewell--born 5 Mar. 1820; married in Franklin Co., GA, a  
Mr. Albritton  
John Chappell Sewell--born 1 Jan. 1823; mar. in Franklin Co., GA, 9 Mar. 1848  
Sarah Bell  
Mary R. Sewell--born 13 Sep. 1825, died 18 June 1888 in Franklin Co., GA; mar.  
James Norris, born 7 Aug. 1837, died 19 Aug. 1866  
James Russell Sewell--born 1 Jan. 1828; mar. in Franklin Co., GA, 14 Aug. 1851  
Eliza Stevens  
Joseph W. Sewell--born 22 June 1831; no further information  
Larkin D. "Doc" Sewell--born 3 Dec. 1833, died 8 Apr. 1884 in Franklin Co., GA;  
mar. 1) Mary F. Tucker 18 Apr. 1861 in Franklin Co., GA,  
mar. 2) Emily J. Tucker 13 Dec. 1866 in Franklin Co., GA  
George Washington Sewell--born 7 Nov. 1839, died 14 Sep. 1891 in Franklin Co., GA;  
mar. in Franklin Co., GA, 18 Oct. 1860 Rebecca Bell, born  
10 Sep. 1843, died 20 May 1900

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"STONEWALL" JACKSON AND HIS CHRISTIAN GRANDCHILDREN

president of Davidson College in North Carolina. He had retired from the presidency by the time of Anna's marriage to Tom. The newlyweds set up housekeeping in Lexington, Virginia, where their first child was born--only to die of jaundice a few weeks later on 25 May 1858. Jackson gave thanks to God that his wife survived but was reconciled with the conviction that, as he wrote to a niece: "My little daughter was called from this world of sin to enjoy the heavenly happiness of Paradise. . . . Whilst your Aunt Anna and myself feel our loss, yet we know that God has taken her away in love."

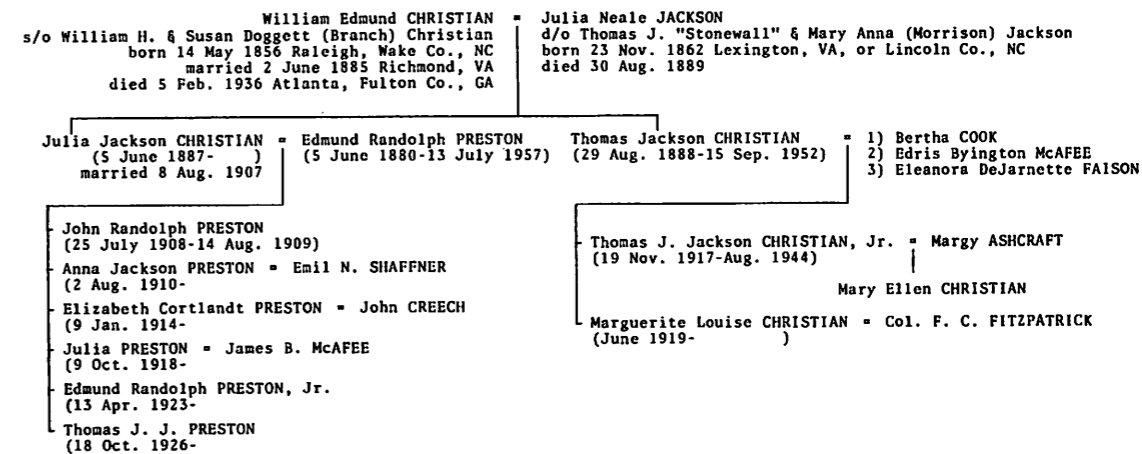
Anna bore another daughter 23 November 1862 less than six months before Stonewall Jackson died 10 May 1863 from mortal wounds received at Chancellorsville, Virginia. They named the baby for his mother, Julia Neale; and it was from her marriage to William Edmund Christian that Christian grandchildren came into the Jackson family.

THE CHRISTIAN LINEAGE

The Reverend Doctor William H. Christian ( ) of Petersburg, Virginia, married 15 March 1853 Susan Doggett Branch (born 30 November 1832-died 20 May 1860), daughter of Thomas and Sarah Pride (Read) Branch, also of Petersburg. They had three children: Thomas Branch Christian, born 1 July 1854 in Petersburg, never married; William Edmund Christian, born 14 May 1856 in Raleigh, North Carolina, married Julia Neale Christian; and Mary Susan Christian, born 17 May 1860.

William Edmund Christian became a prominent newspaperman who, among other posts, served on the *New York Herald* and as a correspondent in The Spanish War.

The Christian lineage from the union of William and Julia (Jackson) Christian follows. They had one daughter and one son.



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Lieutenant Edmund Randolph Preston, Jr., another great-grandson of General Jackson, attended the Military Academy at West Point like his Christian uncle and cousin. He graduated in 1945, after which he entered active duty.



MRS. THOMAS JONATHON JACKSON  
and her grandchildren  
JACKSON AND JULIA CHRISTIAN

The two women who married Thomas J. Jackson could be classed as exemplary role models in their own right. Both were intelligent and educated; both, devout; both, daughters of ministers who were college presidents with advanced degrees.

#### FAMILY BACKGROUND

Thomas Jackson was born 21 January 1824 at Clarksburg, Harrison County, in that part of Virginia which later became West Virginia. Jackson's parents, Jonathon and Julia Beckwith (Neale) Jackson, belonged to families whose men were legislators, judges, and soldiers. Tom's great-grandfather John Jackson served in the Revolution; his grandfather Edward Jackson was a Congressman; and his father Jonathon Jackson, a lawyer who died in 1827 leaving four young children (Elizabeth, Warren, Thomas, Laura) and a widow who died only four years later.

Tom Jackson first married in the spring or summer of 1853 Eleanor Junkin, daughter of George and Julia Rush (Miller) Junkin. George Junkin, D. D., L. L. D., (1790-1868) graduated from Jefferson College in Pennsylvania. Among the accomplishments and distinguished posts of this Presbyterian minister can be counted these: founded Milton (Pennsylvania) Academy, president of Pennsylvania Manual Labor Academy, first president of Lafayette College, president of Miami University, and president of Washington College (now Washington and Lee University). Jackson's letters reveal the grief he experienced when Eleanor died in November 1854 while giving birth to a still-born infant. His faith in the will of God comforted him during his period of mourning, however.

In July 1857 Tom Jackson married a second time. This wedding took place in Lincoln County, North Carolina, where his bride, Mary Anna Morrison resided at "Cottage Home" with her parents, George Hall and Mary (Graham) Morrison. Like the first father-in-law, Jackson's second was a Presbyterian minister and was the founder and first

## MISSING LINKS

IN THE

## JAMES & LUCY (BRADLEY) CHRISTIAN LINE

BY BETSY CAMMACK

*In spite of diligent efforts on the part of the author and others who have shared in the research, missing links still figure prominently in tracing the line of James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian of Virginia (late 1700's) and Georgia (early 1800's). His antecedents and the couple's descendants are still matters of conjecture. It is hoped that by publishing what Mrs. Cammack refers to as "Betsy's Guesses," readers may be prompted to provide the missing links.*

—The Editor

The first we know of James Christian is that he married Lucy Bradley, daughter of William Bradley. Dates, places, and possible relationship prior to their marriage are based on strictly circumstantial evidence.

#### Possible Parentage

James Christian may have been an as-yet unborn son when Robert Christian wrote his will in 1748, proved in Albemarle County, Virginia, the following year.<sup>1</sup> In making provision for his heirs, Robert opened the possibility that his wife (also named Lucy Bradley) may have been pregnant by bequeathing to such offspring "should she be with child."

If such a tentative identification proves to be correct, then James Christian married his first cousin since his wife Lucy was presumably daughter of the William Bradley named in the same will of Robert Christian. The will provides that William, brother of Robert's wife Lucy, shall have use of a certain parcel of Robert's land.

#### Records for Christian-Bradley Unions

James Christian married Lucy Bradley probably about 1780 and probably in Buckingham County, Virginia. While a few records for William Bradley exist in Campbell County (for he owned land on Stonewall Creek in the part of Bedford which became Campbell), he described himself as "of Tillitson's Parish, Buckingham County," in both 1767 and 1790.<sup>2</sup> Some claim that William Bradley had three wives,

the last of whom, Elizabeth, was a Christian. William Bradley's will<sup>3</sup> was proved in Elbert County, Georgia, in 1805; this names, as executors, James Christian and Thomas Oglesby, both sons-in-law.

#### James Christian in Elbert County, Georgia

The first record of James Christian in Elbert County, Georgia, is a deed,<sup>4</sup> parts of which are illegible, for land purchased from Middleton Woods in 1794 or 1795. This document describes him as "of Elbert County," suggesting that James may have arrived earlier. Franklin County has no deeds recorded for him.

McIntosh's *History of Elbert County*<sup>5</sup> names James in a list of early settlers, some of whom arrived with General Matthews in 1784. Since that list also includes Drury Oglesby, who arrived 1796 to 1800, this list is of dubious value as to exact dates.

According to James M. Christian of Dunwoody, Georgia,<sup>6</sup> James' name appears in the 1794-1800 Elbert County Tax Digest and was a Justice of the Peace in 1799 and 1802 although for some reason he is not included in McIntosh's list of J. P.'s for that period. James also shows up in the Elbert Lottery lists for 1805,<sup>7</sup> 1806,<sup>8</sup> and in 1821<sup>9</sup> as James Christian, Senior. He appears in the 1815 Elbert County tax list<sup>10</sup> as well as the 1820 census.<sup>11</sup> In this last he is shown as over 45, as is his wife. Also in the household are two males aged 16 to 26 and one, 10 to 15, plus a female aged 10 to 15.

#### Progeny of James and Lucy Christian

It is probable that William B. Christian was the oldest son of James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian and that he was named for his grandfather William Bradley, hence the "B" as his middle initial. Since William is shown in the 1830 census<sup>12</sup> as having been born 1780 to 1790, but since

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he had two draws in the 1805 lottery, his birthdate can be placed as no later than 1783. In consequence, his father James was born, in all likelihood, before 1763 and more probably 1750-1760.

Presley Christian may well have been the second oldest son of James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian. He did not participate in the 1805 lottery but had two draws in 1806, indicating marriage by that time and fixing his birthdate (when combined with 1820 and 1830 census listings) as 1780-1784. Presley appears in numerous Elbert County records, notably as Sheriff in 1823 and 1824.<sup>13</sup> However, he seems to have left there somewhat abruptly as on 17 September 1824, while in Newton County, Georgia, he declared himself to be "of St. Clare County, Alabama," and gave James Christian, Senior, of Elbert County, power of attorney to collect a debt from John A. Heard.<sup>14</sup> Apparently his plans to stay in Alabama changed, for he is seen in McNairy County, Tennessee, in the 1830 census with five of his nine children still with him. It would appear that two sons, born 1804 to 1810, and two daughters had flown the nest.

Indications are that James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian had at least two daughters. James sold land only once prior to his disappearance from Elbert County records; that was in 1814 when he deeded 150 acres to Robert C. Oglesby,<sup>15</sup> and birthdates of Robert's children commence about this time. Some dozen D.A.R. members have stated that Robert C. Oglesby's first wife was a Christian, but none has ever cited her given name. (Two of Robert C. Oglesby's siblings married children of the John Christian who died in Franklin County, Georgia, in 1805.)

It is also possible that Elizabeth, another daughter of James and Lucy Christian, married Robert's brother, Leroy Oglesby, who was a witness to the power of attorney which Presley gave to James Christian in Newton County in 1824.

The 1821 land lottery list for Penn's District of Chas. W. Christian's Battalion provides us with new names to consider.<sup>16</sup> One is Elijah D. Christian, who had one draw. Is this correct, or could it be a mistake for Elijah L., who might have been a son of Turner Christian? Also shown are Elisha with two draws and Elijah W. with one. (This last is a different Elijah W. than the son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Britt) Christian, as he lived

in Madison County, Georgia.) Another entry was for James G. with one draw. At any rate, this list marks the first time that James Christian distinguished himself with the addition of "Senior" after his name—probably due to the maturing of James G. Christian. The second occurrence is in the power-of-attorney deed.

If Presley were indeed the son of James, it would seem that Isaac must also have been his son. The two do seem linked if J. M. Christian's list for the children of Isaac is correct. That group includes a Presley, born 1817, and a James, born 1821.

#### Disappearance from the Records

As noted, James Christian seems to disappear from Elbert County, which has no will or probate file for him. After the power of attorney filed in March 1825, there is one last deed<sup>17</sup> recorded for him in March 1826—one year later. This deed indicates that Charles Kelsey & Co. sued James Christian, Wm. B. Christian, Benjamin Owen, and Samuel Leseuer; and as a result of the judgment, Sheriff Leroy Upshaw seized and sold 845 acres of James Christian's land. (The last deed for Presley in 1825 was also a sheriff's sale.<sup>18</sup>) Significantly, James Christian, Sr., does show up in the 1832 lottery of Newton County, however.

#### Keys to the Missing Links

What we really have here is a bunch of sons looking for a father, and a father who seems to have had a goodly number of them but whose names we don't know.

They seem to fit beautifully except for the bothersome entry of "Melton Christian," sometimes thought to be the 70 to 80-year-old in the 1830 Newton County census and who has been suggested as the father of Presley and Isaac. The problem with that: Where on earth has he been all this time?

I submit that the Melton of the 1830 census is actually the 20 to 30-year-old male shown living in that household. He could have been the son of Isaac, but it is more likely he was the son of Presley since two of Presley's sons did not accompany him to Tennessee.

I submit further that the man aged 60 to 70 and the woman aged 70 to 80 in the Melton Christian listing in the 1830 Newton County, Georgia, census are James Christian and Lucy (Bradley) Christian.

## "STONEWALL" JACKSON AND HIS CHRISTIAN

### GRANDCHILDREN



STONEWALL JACKSON  
(1824-1863)

#### A RENOWNED LEADER OF MEN

Thomas Jonathon Jackson—West Point graduate in 1846, veteran of the Mexican War in which he served with distinction, professor of military tactics and of natural and experimental philosophy at the Virginia Military Institute for ten years—offered his services to his native state at outbreak of the American Civil War. His considerable accomplishments in battle brought him the admiration of his peers.

Known as "Stonewall" Jackson from the day in July 1861 when in a crisis of battle with the Federal troops a Confederate brigadier rode up to Jackson with the cry, "General, they are beating us back!" Encouraged by Jackson's determination and readiness to stand firm, the brigadier galloped back to his men shouting. "Look, there is Jackson standing like a stone wall. Rally behind the Virginians." The Federal attack was utterly repulsed. Indeed, recognized as Gen. Robert E. Lee's "right arm," Jackson was a tactician and leader of men whose death following one of their many victories has been called a loss fatal to the Confederate cause.

Gen. Jackson's bold military maneuvers still serve as classic examples of what a small force can achieve when led by a man who understands the value of resolution, secrecy, and mobility in war.

#### ROLE MODEL

Noted for his bravery and skill, "Stonewall" Jackson was also very religious, praying before and after every battle. As he became a model for future cadets, so he was the ideal for his grandson and great-grandson, both of whom were named for their illustrious grandfather.

Brigadier General Thomas Jackson Christian, Sr., U. S. A., grandson of General Jackson, graduated from West Point 13 June 1911, served through World War I, later had the post of commanding officer of Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and during World War II was in command of the Miami, Florida, Air Base.

Colonel Thomas Jackson Christian, Jr., great-grandson of General Jackson, graduated from West Point in 1939 and was made a full colonel before he was thirty. He escaped in the fall of the Philippines but was killed in France during August 1944 on his 78th mission as a commander in the Air Corps.

WEST VIRGINIA'S CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Norwood Ellis, born 28 July 1910 in Logan, married in 1931 Lillian McCorkle, born 16 September 1912 to Marshall Forrestt and Sarah Alice (Cooper) McCorkle. Two children were born to them in Huntington, West Virginia:  
David Larry Ellis, born 18 September 1933, married Donna Jean Shappel in East Bank, West Virginia.  
Sally Ann Ellis, born 1 January 1935, married Glenn Kenaston in Huntington.

Winfred Ellis, born 27 July 1912 in Logan, married 1) in 1932 Lilian McMellian, daughter of Clifton and Betty (Rae) McMellian, and 2) Vernie Johnson, daughter of Thomas and Annie Johnson. Children were born to first wife:  
Wandel Ellis, a twin born 21/25 June 1932 at Salt Rock, Cabell County, still unmarried when killed in Korean War 16 February 1951.  
Wanda Ellis, a twin born 21/25 June 1932, died in June 1932 and buried at the Ray Cemetery in Lincoln County.  
Mona Ellis, born September 1935 at West Hamlin, married in Huntington Leo Shannon.

Nolan Manuel Ellis, born 12 May 1915 in Logan, married at West Hamlin 16 June 1934 Olena Mae Johnson, daughter of Mattie Hamilton and Gracie Mae (Hensley) Johnson, born 19 October 1916 at West Hamlin. One child born:  
Ladena Mae Ellis, born 27 August 1935 at West Hamlin, married there 17 April 1954 Ray Cleo Mannon, born 12 November 1933 to Joseph Russell and Emily Sevinas (Bias) Mannon. They had four children:  
Manya Lynn Mannon, born 8 January 1956 in West Hamlin, married in Huntington 2 June 1979 Rodney Jay McCallister.  
Monica Leah Mannon, born 19 January 1958 in West Hamlin.  
Derik Ray Mannon, born 31 March 1960 in Huntington.  
Nancy Renee Mannon, born 16 January 1969 in Huntington.

Clifford Ellis, born 7 June 1917 in Logan, married 7 June 1936 Hermie Jeffrey, daughter of Sid and Carrie (Estep) Jeffrey. They had three children:  
Wyona Ellis, born in West Hamlin, married Curtis Ross.  
Thomas Ellis married a Miss Skeens.  
Helen K. Ellis.

Edith Ellis, born 28 March 1919 in West Hamlin, married 6 July 1936 Froud Wilkson, son of Gus and Stella Wilkson. They had two children:  
Melana Wilkson married Eddie Adkins.  
Infant boy died two hours after birth.

(to be continued)

NOTICE

Send in vital data on all recent marriages, births, and deaths in your branch of the family so that there will be no gaps in the genealogical record. When possible, include biographical details, copies of pertinent documents, and family photographs.

MISSING LINKS IN THE JAMES & LUCY (BRADLEY) CHRISTIAN LINE

NOTES AND REFERENCES

<sup>1</sup>According to Annie Walker Burns, this will appears in Albemarle County, Virginia, Will Book A, page 3. I do not have a copy.

<sup>2</sup>These deeds are recorded in Bedford County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, page 52, and Campbell County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, page 253. Ted O. Brooke, 79 Wagonwheel Court, N.E., Marietta, Georgia 30062, has copies of these deeds.

<sup>3</sup>Elbert County, Georgia, Will Book B, pages 178-180. I have a photocopy of this will.

<sup>4</sup>Elbert County, Georgia, Deed Book B, page 143. I have a photocopy of this deed.

<sup>5</sup>McIntosh, John H. *History of Elbert County, Georgia, 1790-1935*, page 35.

<sup>6</sup>Citations for these tax records could be provided by James M. Christian, 4439 Shellborne Drive, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338.

<sup>7</sup>Census Abstracts in *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. III, page 212.

<sup>8</sup>McIntosh, John H. *History of Elbert County, Georgia, 1790-1935*, page 211.

<sup>9</sup>McIntosh, John H. *History of Elbert County, Georgia, 1790-1935*, page 218

<sup>10</sup>"Elbert County Tax Digests" in *Georgia Genealogist*, page 8.

<sup>11</sup>I have photocopy of census entry.

<sup>12</sup>"Christians in the United States Census Records" in *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. I, page 58.

<sup>13</sup>McIntosh, John H. *History of Elbert County, Georgia, 1790-1935*, page 169.

<sup>14</sup>Elbert County, Georgia, Deed Book U, page 51. I have photocopy.

<sup>15</sup>Elbert County, Georgia, Deed Book Q, page 6. I have photocopy.

<sup>16</sup>McIntosh, John H. *History of Elbert County, Georgia, 1790-1935*, page 218.

<sup>17</sup>Elbert County, Georgia, Deed Book U, page 110. I have photocopy.

<sup>18</sup>Elbert County, Georgia, Deed Book U, page 114. I do not have a copy of this deed.

COMMENTARY

Betsy Cammack presents convincing evidence that James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian were indeed in Elbert County, Georgia, from 1795 through at least 1821 and in Newton County from shortly thereafter through 1832.

If, as she concludes, the Melton Christian of the 1830 household were the younger male born between 1800 and 1810, I believe it likely that he was their son rather than a grandson—the same male listed in their 1820 household as born between 1805 and 1810. Other sons could certainly have been Isaac, Presley, William B., a junior James, and one of the many in the area named Elijah or Elisha. That at least two of the daughters married into the Oglesby family seems sure. Could Benjamin Owen and Samuel Leseuer also have been sons-in-law?

Like Mrs. Cammack, I would be interested in receiving proof of identity of any of the children of James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian and any clues regarding James' parentage.

—The Editor

# ANTHONY & SALLIE (EWING) CHRISTIAN AND SOME DESCENDANTS

BY

WAYNE S. O'NEAL

(continued from Volume No. VII)

*Although the genealogy\* published in previous installments of this series was incomplete, descendants of Anthony and Sallie (Ewing) Christian are nonetheless indebted to Wayne S. O'Neal for providing the basic outline for these articles.*

*Shortly before the brief illness which culminated in his death in the spring of 1970, Dr. O'Neal had prepared a preliminary draft of this Christian genealogy that he hoped to finish and publish. The abbreviated version of that draft with which he supplied the editor unfortunately omitted names of many spouses and most unmarried or childless issue. His material, therefore, has been supplemented whenever possible with data submitted by interested descendants.*

*The current chapter consists entirely of supplementary material—documents, a letter, and photographs which have become available since the chapters\* dealing with the principals were published.*

Among the most significant documents+ for any family genealogy are the wills, inventories, and other probate records associated with the death of an ancestor. In the case of Thomas Ewing Christian (7 April 1799-18 August 1875), his original will has been missing

\*For family of progenitors, Anthony and Sallie (Ewing) Christian, see Volume No. I.  
For family of Thomas and Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian, see Volume Nos. II & III.  
For descendants of Thomas and Almyra Caroline (Mims) Christian, see Volume No. III.  
For descendants of Sampson and Elizabeth (Christian) Doughty, see Volume No. IV.  
For descendants of Lewis Calvin and Sarah Sarah Marie (Golden) Christian, see No. V.  
For descendants of James Cannon Houston and Mary Ann (Tate) Christian, see No. V.  
For descendants of James and Julia (Christian) Tate, see Volume No. V.  
For descendants of Robert Ewing and Mary Jane (Holdaway) Christian, see Nos. VI & VII.  
For additions and corrections, see also this chapter and Footnotes in Volumes V & VI.

+Copies of the wills, appraisements, and inventories published in this installment were furnished by Mary Payne Gibbs and Marilyn Bressler. Other items were provided by them and by Hallie Campbell Roup and Faye W. Smith.

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of Bernie H. and Brooke (Chapman) Barker. All four of their children were born in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio:

Marland Keith Ellis, born 11 April 1953, married Ruth Hillman 14 July 1973 in London, Madison County, Ohio.

Karry Leith Ellis, born 4 April 1955, married twice: 1) to Viola Griffith 5 November 1971 in Ashville, Bunscomb County, North Carolina, and 2) to Martha Hasfurther 16 October 1981 in Columbus, Ohio. Two children were born of the first marriage: Kara Lee Ellis, born 13 June 1972, and Kasi Ann Ellis, born 9 June 1974.

Lara Lee Ellis, born 1 May 1958, was married in Columbus 16 June 1978 to Craig Wiley, by whom she had a daughter: Sara Elizabeth Wiley, born 30 September 1979.

Durell York Ellis, born 25 July 1961.

Joan Carol Ellis, born about 1934 in Yolen, Logan County, was married in Washington, D. C., 24 March 1953 to J. B. Noojin. They had two children:

Jay Rupert Noojin, born 24 September 1953, married in Montgomery, Alabama, in October 1978 Kim Brumble, to whom was born Nichole Lowdoskie Noojin in November 1979.

Sandra Carol Noojin, born 17 September 1957.

Bessie Ellis, born about 1906, married Harvey Russell; and they were living in East Lynn, Wayne County, West Virginia, in 1975.

Cecil Ellis, born about 1909 in Logan County, died during the 1940's, still single.

Elliot Ellis, born about 1912 in Logan County, married Birdie Lucas. They had no issue.

Roy Augustus Ellis, born 28 October 1915 at Big Creek, Logan County; married in Welch, McDowell County, West Virginia, 13 July 1940 Sarah Ethel Adams, daughter of Avery Astor and Brook Adams. They had two sons:

Roy Astor Ellis, born 13 December 1944 in Welch, married in Wayne County, West Virginia, in the autumn of 1963 Paulette Barber, daughter of Waldo and Pauline Barber. They had issue:

Sarah Elizabeth "Beth" Ellis, born March 1968.

Thomas Wesley "Tom" Ellis, born March 1971.

Jeffrey Layne Ellis, born 24 September 1948 in Welch; engaged to be married 7 June 1975 to Margaret Lynn "Micky" Bartrum, daughter of James and Ruth Bartrum.

Joseph Peck Ellis, another son of Doc and Yantee (Christian) Ellis, was born 19 November 1884 in that part of Logan County later incorporated into Mingo County. About 1918 he moved with his wife and first four children to West Hamlin, Lincoln County, West Virginia. He had married Lena White, daughter of Albert Pendleton and Martha (White) White, born 12 December 1894 at Pecks Mill, Logan County, died 29 May 1982 at West Hamlin. Joseph had preceded his wife in death by almost thirty years, having died 4 December 1953 in a Huntington hospital. They had descendants through five children:

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practice at the time of his death in 1905 of tuberculosis. He married on 14 March 1892 Etta C. Fry, born about 1875 in Giles County, Virginia, to Ed and E. (Wilburn) Fry. Three children were born to them:

Millard Ellis, born about 1894, moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Pearl Estelle Ellis, born 9 February 1898 at Gilbert, Logan County; married 1) in Logan 6 October 1915 Russell Ross Gilbert, son of Thomas Preston and Hester (Talley) Gilbert, born 15 May 1890, died in 1967. She married 2) Olan R. Lewis. Two children were born of the first marriage:

Thomas Edward Gilbert, born 15 July 1916 in Logan; married 19 February 1946 Hattie Norlene Houghton, born 7 December 1916 to T. E. and Martha Ocie (Givens) Houghton. They had two sons:

Richard Allen Gilbert, born 3 March 1947 at Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia.

Douglas Eugene Gilbert, born 30 September 1948 at Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia.

John Ellis Gilbert, born 2 October 1918 in Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia; married 29 August 1944 Marjorie Virginia Freutel, born in Huntington 23 September 1923 to William Forrest and Virginia Ann (Dusenberry) Freutel. They had two daughters:

Marjorie Ann Gilbert, born 3 October 1945 in Huntington; married 1) Jerry E. Reid 21 February 1965 and

2) DePaul M. Perrara, son of Frank DePaul Martin and Dorothy Madelyn (Ross) Perrara, on 13 October 1974.

Nancy Ellen Gilbert, born 4 August 1948 in Huntington; married J. Scott Henderson.

Charlie Ellis, born about 1900, died unmarried 4 April 1914 in Logan.

Ira J. McGinnis Ellis, second child of Doc and Yantee (Christian) Ellis, was born 3 November 1873. On 19 June 1895 he married his first cousin-once removed Lodoskie E. "Doska" Ferrell, daughter of Oscar Fenton and Zerilda Caroline (Christian) Ferrell. Their older children were born in Mingo County, West Virginia, and the younger ones, in Logan County—a total of eight:

Ethel Ellis, born about 1896, died around 1960 in Horton, Alabama; married Hoyt Fambrough. They had no issue.

Wirt Ellis, born about 1898, died around 1950 in McDowell County, West Virginia; married Lynn Roberson, by whom he had nine children—not traced.



Theodore Ellis, born about 1900, still living in Wellston, Ohio, in 1975; married Birdie Lowe, daughter of Sid Lowe.

Bert Ellis, born 6 November 1904 in Mingo County, was married 2 June 1930 to Pansie Lee "Pat" Ferrell, born 31 March 1909 in Lincoln County, West Virginia, to John Milton and Sarah Jane "Dollie" (Berry) Ferrell. They had two children:

Larry Keith Ellis, born 3 December 1932 at Rector (Leet), Lincoln County; married 19 April 1952 Freda June Barker, born 18 September 1934 at Turtle Creek, Boone County, West Virginia, daughter

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from the file at the Atchison County, Missouri, Courthouse for many years; so the copy recently made available becomes of special importance to descendants.

 LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS EWING CHRISTIAN 

Will Date: 18 March 1875

Settlement Date: 9 September 1875

This the last Will and Testament afore Thomas E. Christian of the County of Atchison and the State of Missouri:

First: I give devise and bequeath to my wife Mary A. Christian, all the real estate of which I shall die seized to have use and enjoy with all its privilege and appurtances to have use and enjoy them and any of them during the period of her natural life and after her death the same said Real [Estate] I desire to be sold by my executor hereinafter named in such manner and on such terms as to him my said executor shall seem best and for the best intent of those concerned and the proceeds of the same equally divided among my children and their representatives to wit, Preston Christian, Anthony Christian, Elizabeth Doughty, Lewis C. Christian, James C. H. Christian, Julia A. Tate, Robert E. Christian, William H. Christian and my grandson William B. Christian, Son and heir at law of Fineus E. Christian, deceased who was my son and my Grandchildren Sarah Christian, Mary Ann Angel wife of Al Angel, Margaret Christian, and Eliza Christian Children of Thomas Christian deceased who was my son, giving to Said William B. Christian, only the equal share that would be coming to his father when he alive on an equal division of said property among all of my children above mentioned dead and living and to my said grandchildren Sarah Christian, Mary Ann Angel, Margaret Christian and Elizabeth Christian Children of Thomas Christian above named only the share that would come to their father were he living or an equal division among all my children living and dead, or in other words my grandchild William B. Christian shall have 1/10 one tenth part of proceeds and such grandchildren Sarah Christian, Mary Ann Angel, Margaret Christian and Eliza Christian, shall have each 1/40 one fortieth part of said proceeds.

Second: I devise my said executor to collect all choses in action, sell and dispose of all the personal property of which I shall die seized: except the household furniture which I devise and bequeath to my wife above named and after paying off all my just debts he shall divide the proceeds of said personal property as above provided for the division of the proceeds of my real estate.

Third: Out of the personal property above named my said executor shall all come to my wife, besides the household furniture above named any other personal property of the appraised value of Five Hundred Dollars which she may choose and desire.

Fourth: I hereby appoint James C. H. Christian, Executator of this my last will and Testament, and give him full and complete power and authority to sell any and all real estate of which I shall die seized subject to the provisions of this will.

Witness my hand this 18th day of March, 1875

Thomas E. Christian.

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Settlement Notes: Thomas E. Christian Estate  
 9 September 1875  
 Clarktownship \$1,145.45  
 James C. H. Christian, Exe.  
 Signed Robert E. Christian, J. P.  
 One note on S. W. Campbell dated Feb. 16 - 1875  
 One note on S. C. Christian dated Feb. 2 - 1870  
 Mary A. Christian \$500.00 (Her x Mark)  
 Preston R. Christian \$152.44

Documents verifying division of proceeds from sale of real estate are not available, and inventory of the personal estate of Thomas B. Christian was never recorded, so far as is known. Value of his personal possessions may be inferred, however, from appraisal two years later of the estate of his widow, Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian (22 July 1802-14 September 1877).

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT FOR ESTATE OF MARY A. CHRISTIAN  
 Inventory Date: 16 November 1877

Money on Hand	\$165.15
Note on J. C. H. Christian	
Dated July 26, 1877	Principal 45.00
Interest	1.37
Acc't against J. C. H. Christian	25.00
1 Bureau & Looking Glass	6.00
1 Clock	3.00
1 Safe	2.50
1 Trunk	1.00
1 Stand Table	.50
2 Bedstead	5.50
4 Feather beds	30.00
4 Pillows	2.00
4 Bed Sheets	1.75
4 Blankets	8.00
6 Coverlets	22.50
14 Quilts	23.75
Dish pan & dishes	2.00
1 Spinning Wheel	1.00
1 Chest	.25
3 Chairs	1.50
2 Kitchen Tables	.50
Family Recs. and Pictures	.50
Bible and Songbook	.25
10 Pair of Socks & yarn	5.00
1 Tin Box	.10
3 Pots	1.00
Kettle and Oven	1.00
Tub—2 Jars & C.	1.00
2 Bbl	1.00
Carpet Rags	2.00
Heating Stove	1.00
Pot rack & Flycatcher	.50
12 Bu. of Wheat at 1.00 per	12.00
1/3 int. in 47 Acres of Corn	per acre 4.16
carpet	.50
Acc't on R. E. Christian	40.00
	<u>\$461.29</u>
Final Settlement	\$324.34

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The 1900 U. S. Census shows that Robert Preston Ellis was a member of the police force and that he owned their home free of mortgage. His birth date in the census appears as March 1848, but the date shown in the family Bible is 20 October 1848. He died 31 March 1913 in Logan and was buried in the Old City Cemetery at the back of High Street.



From the collection of John E. Gilbert

SARAH YANTEE (CHRISTIAN) ELLIS  
 (1844-1926)

Edward Robertson Ellis, the oldest son of Doc and Yantee (Christian) Ellis, was born 24 May 1871. During his brief life, Edward—also called Robertson—became a medical doctor and had an active

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BY

AGNES BRANCH PEARLMAN

## PART VIII

### THE ELLIS COUSINS<sup>†</sup>

With her marriage at Christian, West Virginia, to Robert Preston "Doc" Ellis 23 March 1870, Sarah Yantee Christian assumed the name of another early American family. The groom, son of Lloyd and Flora (Spratt) Ellis, could trace descent through the Evans Ellis who immigrated to the colonies from Wales in 1720 and settled in the James River Valley. The bride's father and mother, James P. and Anne (Moore) Christian, witnessed the wedding ceremony, which was performed by Adam Browning.

Like Yantee's parents, Doc Ellis's forebears had moved during the early part of the nineteenth century from Monroe County to the upper Guyan in what later became Logan County.

Following their marriage, the couple continued to reside near their parents in Tridelpia District, where six of their eight children were born. The two youngest were born at the county seat of Logan, to which the family had moved about 1886.

<sup>†</sup>The Editor wishes to thank the following Ellis descendants for genealogical information on their connections: Freda Barker Ellis, Roy Augustus Ellis, John Ellis Gilbert, Nancy Henderson, and Manya L. McCallister.

\*See "Notes, Queries, and Footnotes" on page 696 of this issue for complete list of the children with birth dates from the family Bible as well as for additions and corrections to data presented on this family in Volume No. V, page 361.

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The death of Preston Riley "P. R." Christian, born 27 August 1820, the eldest son of Thomas E. and Mary A. (Doughty) Christian, occurred on 17 January 1904—not in 1903 as shown in Volume No. II. A portion of a letter written two days later by one of his children to "Uncle Bob" (Robert Ewing Christian) gives details of P. R. Christian's last illness:

Battle, Texas.  
Jan. 19, 1904.

Mr. Bob Christian:—

Dear Uncle.—

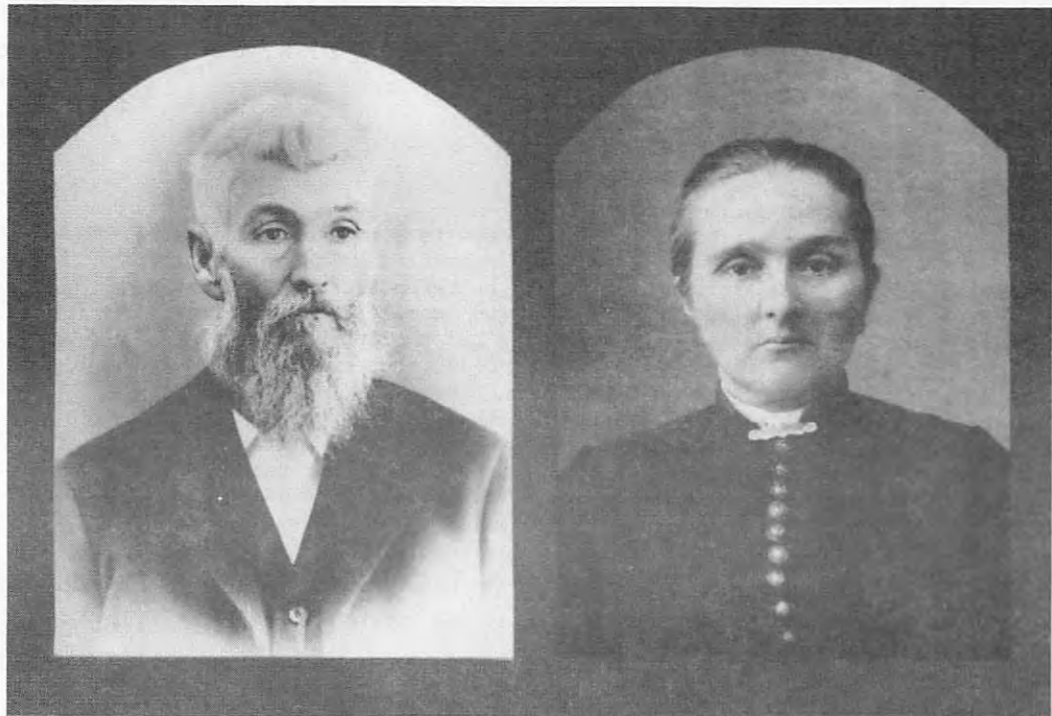
I feel sad and heart-broken as I sit down to write the sad news of Papa's death. It came so sudden. he passed away Sunday morn at 11:2- o'clock. he suffered so hard. he taken sick last sunday a week ago and he was not able to be moved at all. the doctor said Bronchitus in his throat. At first we had the doctor every day he was sick. he was first taken with a chill, then rheumatism in his lower back and bones so that we couldn't move him. the rheumatism finally left his back and went to his knee. his knee was swollen so we couldn't touch it. it was so sensitive. he suffered more than any man seemed like ever could. and he bore his pains more patiently than ever before and was more humble. he said when he first taken sick he could never get well tho' we did ever thing in our power . . .

P. R. Christian was married three times: 1) to Priscilla Boydston on 14 March 1845. Following her death in 1849 he married 2) Abby Jane Roundtree or Ally Jane Roundtree 16 December 1850 per marriage bond in Atchison County, Missouri; but name shown as Mrs. Jane Stone in biographical sketch. After her death he married 3) Margaret Jane (Shrum) Hill in 1875. (For additional details on family, see Volume No. II, pages 108-109, and Footnotes in Volume No. V, page 422, and Volume No. VI, page 509.)

William Henry Harrison Christian, born 27 January 1842, the youngest son of Thomas E. and Mary A. (Doughty) Christian, apparently married twice: 1) to Mary E. "Mollie" \_\_\_\_\_, who died 1 November 1881, aged 35 years, 4 months, 2 days; and 2) to Sarah Dickinson/Dickson after 1881. (Names of five of his children are listed on page 112 of Volume No. II, but additional details about them and their descendants are invited.)

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During their lifetimes James Cannon Houston Christian (30 March 1833-17 March 1900) and his wife, Mary Ann Tate, sat for the portraits reproduced below.



JAMES C. H. CHRISTIAN

MARY ANN (TATE) CHRISTIAN

*From the collection of Faye W. Smith*

Additional, corrected genealogical details can now be added to the outlines published in Volume No. II, page 111, and Volume No. V, pages 339-341—thanks to Faye W. Smith, great-granddaughter of James C. H. and Mary Ann (Tate) Christian.

Columbus Alexander "Lum" Christian, eldest son of James and Mary Christian, was born 3 January 1858 in Tarkio, Atchison County, Missouri, and died 7 September 1921 in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. He was married in Rock Port, Atchison County, Missouri, 16 September 1878 to Flora D. Bennett, born 1 January 1857 in Nunda, Livingston County, New York, died 25 June 1917 in Tarkio, daughter of Thomas F. and Diana (Howard) Bennett.

EASTERN KENTUCKY RELATIVES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIANS

John Jefferson Nance, born about 1873, died 1958 Carroll County, Arkansas, married Mira Carolin "Calley" Hammel, and had issue: Vancel Nance, who married Eva Hale; Vesta Nance, who married Bob Youngblood; Verbal Nance, who married Tommy Martin; and Vada Nance, who married Jesse Mills.

Martha A. Nance or Martha A. Martin, born about 1876.

Fanny Martin, born about 1877, married 1) name unknown, by whom she had a daughter Nina, and 2) Mr. Standlee, by whom she had five sons—John, Jim, Lee Bob, Bud, and one whose name is unknown.

Flora Martin, born about 1879, who had one child by each of three marriages: a daughter by 1) Mr. Forrester; a son Raymond by 2) Frank Bunch; and a daughter by 3) Mr. Wright.

Bob Martin, born about 1880, about whom nothing more is known.

Belle Standlee, birth date not known, married Mr. Hulsey.

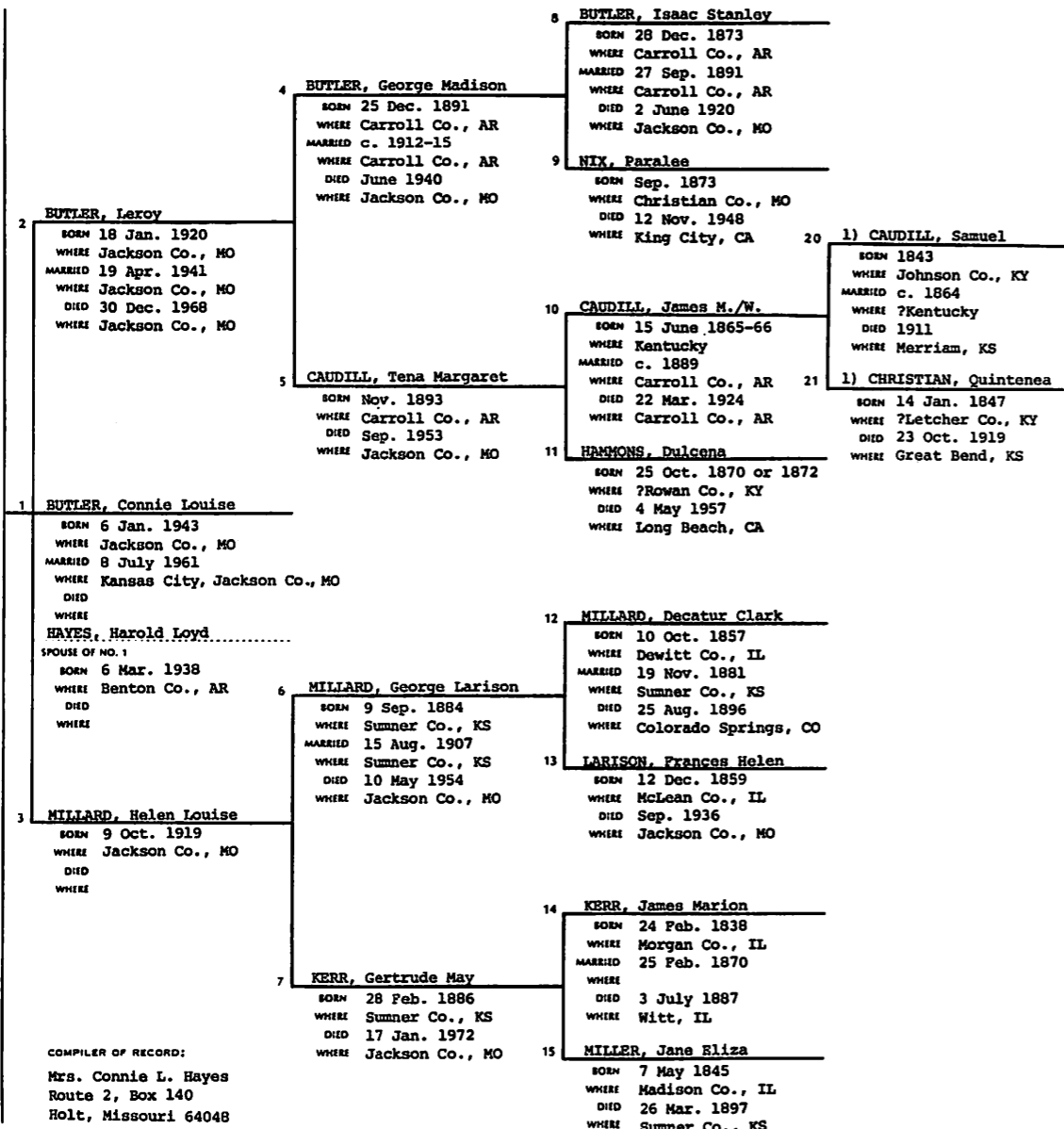
Orpha Standlee, birth date not known, married Mr. Leatherbury.

William W. Christian, born about 1849, married a woman named Armenia.



*From the collection of Connie L. Hayes*





Among the descendants of Columbus Alexander Christian were three grandsons (sons of Bennett Ford Christian) whose spouses' names were omitted in the previous list:

Wayne Ford Christian (1904- ) = Aileen Stephens Chamber 19 June 1935 in Kansas City, Missouri

One adopted daughter

Blaine Thomas Christian (1905- ) = Gladys Dorothy Colby 3 June 1929 at St. Paul, Minnesota

A son's name erroneously listed as Thomas Culby Christian; should have been Thomas Colby Christian

Dean Bennett Christian (1907- ) = Helen Harris 26 Sept. 1937 in Seattle, Washington

A corrected, more complete account of the descendants of Mayme, eldest daughter of Columbus Alexander and Flora D. (Bennett) Christian born in Tarkio, buried in Carthage, Missouri, follows:

Mayme Christian (6 Aug. 1881-14 Mar. 1961) = Berton Elsworth Wetherell 28 Dec. 1905 at Tarkio, Missouri

They had three children, not two, all born at Carthage, Missouri:  
 Flora Frances Wetherell (28 Nov. 1907- ) = 1) Gerald Stephen Beimdiek on 16 May 1941 at Carthage, Missouri  
 = 2) James W. Lee on 13 Feb. 1978 at Carthage

No issue

Ruth Hope Wetherell (14 May 1909-11 Nov. 1910)

Nellie Faye Wetherell (1 May 1915 (not 1909)- ) = Frederick J. Smith on 3 Oct. 1937 at Carthage, Missouri

Donya Diane Smith (12 Mar. 1942 Fresno, California- ) = Thomas Audran Gibson 10 June 1962 at Boise, Idaho

Michael Patrick Gibson (adopted son, born 2 Dec. 1969- )

Douglas Frederick Gibson (natural son, born 28 July 1976- )

James Michael Smith (28 Nov. 1944 National City, California- ) = Betty Lee Koch Gibler 4 Dec. 1971 at San Francisco, California, where children born

James Michael Smith, Jr. (21 Feb. 1974-3 Apr. 1974)

Heather Nicole Smith (31 Mar. 1975- )

Harry Stone Christian (1892-26 Oct. 1965), another child of Columbus Alexander and Flora D. (Bennett) Christian, married Pearl McBride.

Cread Fulton Christian (1859-1942), son of James C. H. and Mary Ann (Tate) Christian, whose descendants appear in Volume No. V, page 341, married Mary Clark, born 23 November 1862, died 14 October 1939. Their son, Lee R. Christian, married Emma Hall.

Hallie Campbell Roup, the granddaughter of Judge Robert E. and Mary Jane (Holdiway) Christian who wrote the brief story about them published in Volume No. VI and who contributed the account published in Volume No. VII, has offered some additional observations and corrections to those installments:

The oft-married Quintenea Christian is seated in center with Flora (Martin) Forrester holding eldest child on her lap and Fanny Martin standing behind her mother. Two girls on right may be Belle and Orpha Standlee.

Photograph opposite page →

- Volume No. VI, page 433: The home pictured was built after the Civil War, possibly in 1868.
- Volume No. VI, page 437: My daughter Mary Louise Roup's birthdate should be 1931 instead of 1921—a typographical error of Wayne O'Neal.
- Volume No. VII, page 586: My grandmother spelled her maiden name "Holdiway." My mother, who was most particular about spelling, always spelled it with an "i."
- Volume No. VII, page 587: [Editor's Note—Mrs. Roup remembers the group picture of the women and children well. She points out that, although the women are properly identified in the caption, the two younger children are not. She believes the photograph was taken after Wayne Christian's death, and she identifies the youngsters as children of Will and Adah Christian: Clair and Emma Elnora "Little Ella."]
- Volume No. VII, page 588: [Editor's Note—A typographical error in reproducing the obituary of Mary Jane (Holdiway) Christian caused the reference to her "now bereaved husband" to be erroneously written "new bereaved husband."]

Less than two weeks following the death of Robert Ewing "Bob" Christian (25 October 1839-5 January 1918), a son filed an affidavit in the Probate Court of Atchison County, Missouri, on a form provided for listing the heirs of his father, who had died intestate:

IN THE PROBATE COURT

State of Missouri, County of Atchison

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert E. Christian Deceased Elmer E. Christian says that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the names of the widow and of the heirs of said Robert E. Christian deceased and their residence are respectively as follows:

No Widow, who resides in the county of ..... in the State of .....  
 Mrs. Ella E. Campbell dr. who resides in the County of Atchison in the State of Missouri; Mrs. Maud Williams dr. who resides in the County of Pottawattamii in the State of Iowa; Mrs. Lulu Capper dr. who resides in the County of Atchison in the State of Missouri; Elmer E. Christian Son, who resides in the county of Atchison in the state of Missouri; Clare C. Christian (gs) who resides in the county of ..... in the state of Utah; Wayne Christian (gs) who resides in the County of ..... in the State of Utah; Mary Christian (gd) who resides in the county of ..... in the State of Utah; Alice A. Christian (gd) who resides in the County of ..... in the State of Utah that the said Robert E. Christian died without a will on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1918; that he will make a perfect inventory of and faithfully administer all the estate of the deceased, and pay the debts as far as the assets will extend and the law direct, and account for and pay all assets which shall come to his possession or knowledge.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1918  
 Temple Hamilton — Judge Probate (Signed) Elmer E. Christian

- Osker Vanstine Christian, born 10 May 1874, died 1959; married twice: by 1) "Moat" Click, two children—John and Rufus; and by 2) name not known, five children, among whom are Cordelia and Hazel. Osker lived in Caeburn, West Virginia.
- Mirandy Vance Christian, born 23 October 1876, died 1959; married thrice: by 1) Hiariam Sparkman, one child, Eva; by 2) Ambrose Sheppard, eight children—Artie, who married Miss Quisenberry, Charlie, Millard, Ike, Lizzie, who married Mr. Bayes, Viola, who married Mr. Poplin, Annie, and Ruth; by 3) Isaac Caudill, no issue.
- Elizabeth May "Lizzie May" Christian, born 20 November 1878, died 7 January 1945; married Tobias Cox, who was born 18 December 1871. They had six children: Doc, who married Ginny Baricks; Mertie, who married Calvin Mayberry; Olivia, who married Roy Sturgill; Jessie; Arthur; and a boy named Zora, who died at birth.
- Mary Ann Christian, born 4 June 1881, died 26 September 1972; married 27 March 1909 Rubien Phillip "Watt" Eldridge, son of William and Margaret (Payne) Eldridge. They had five children: Ora Rolland Eldridge, born 14 February 1906, who married 1) Sarah Black and 2) Annabell, whose surname is not known; Jewell Faye Eldridge, born 29 January 1910, who married Oscar Jackson and has no children; Eula Elizabeth Eldridge, born 5 March 1912, died 6 January 1913; Mayme Pearl Eldridge,\* born 18 March 1914, married Rollie Estill Smith, born 9 July 1907, son of Nelson and Lottie (Thomas) Smith; and Jesse Orville Eldridge, born 25 May 1916, who married Margaret Fodar. All children were born in Rowan County and all except Eula are still living.

Nancy Christian, born about 1842, married J. W. Amburgy.

Quintenea Christian, born 14 January 1847, died 23 October 1919 in Barton County, Kansas; married five times: 1) Samuel Caudill, who later married Lydia Margaret Picklesimer; 2) ?J. Nance, 3) Mr. Martin, 4) Mr. Standlee, and 5) another Mr. Standlee, the father or son of fourth husband. One or more of the marriages ended in divorce, and there were children carrying each of the four surnames:  
 James M./W. Caudill, born 15 June 1865, died 22 March 1924; married c. 1889 Dulcena Hammons of Perry County, Kentucky.  
 (See following page for line of descent from this union.)  
 Mary Caudill, born about 1866, probably in Rowan County, Kentucky.

\*Rollie Estill and Mayme Pearl (Eldridge) Smith had two children: Agnes Smith, born 11 April 1930, and Rollie Estill Smith, Jr., born 23 December 1935, died 26 April 1965. Agnes Smith married James Stewart Williams 30 April 1948, and they had three children: Deborah Dee Williams, born 15 March 1950; Leslie Lynn Williams, born 15 March 1953; and Sondra Stewart Williams, born 15 August 1954. Deborah Dee Williams, who (with her mother) furnished data on this line, married Terry W. Caudill; and they have two children: James Briscoe Caudill and Amanda Christian Caudill.

EASTERN KENTUCKY RELATIVES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIANS

Thomas W. Christian, born about 1834, had a wife named Mary. They moved from Kentucky to Carroll County, Arkansas.

Elizabeth Christian, born about 1836, married in Rowan County 1 July 1858  
John W. Nance, born about 1835.

Rosana Christian, born about 1837, married in Letcher County 20 January 1854  
David Caudill, born about 1832 in Perry County.

Robert Paris "Robin" Christian, born 6 November 1839, died in Rowan County 8 January 1916. He was married twice; however, all his children were born to his first wife Leah Short, born 16 June 1839/1844 in what became Wise County, Virginia, died 24 October 1917 in Rowan County, daughter of Anderson and Annie (Mullins) Short. Robin and Leah were married 12 May 1864 and had ten children:

John Wilson Christian, born 12 July 1865, died 12 December 1956, had three wives: by 1) Rose Brenegar, a daughter Bessie, who died at age 10; by 2) Dempy Patton, three daughters—Rhodelle, who married William Fultz, Hazel, who married Mr. Stewart, and Lady, who married Neel Harris and Jim McCarty; by 3) Eller McCarty there apparently was no issue.

Thomas Alen Christian, born 22 September 1866, died 19 October 1918, married Nancy Smith, to whom were born four children: Dan, who is not married; Ethel, who married Richard Ghee; Allen, who married Miss Pigman; and Lillie, who married Mr. Butler and Mr. Cooper.

Henry Albert "Scotty" Christian, born 22 October 1868, died 1949; married three times: by 1) Alwilda Caudill, 1874-1889, there were no children; by 2) Fransis Cox, four children—Bias, who married Lena; Bill, who married Ann; Frank, who married Grace Fletcher; and Hilton, who also married; by 3) Alice Harris, there were no children.

William Davis Christian, born 22 March 1870, died 10 February 1955; married twice: by 1) Sarah Elizabeth Lewis, 1873-1931, ten children—Clella, Elizabeth "Libby", Lealia, Corbett, Roscoe, Anna, Vada, Addie, Vivian, and an infant who died at birth; by 2) name not known, three children—Ruth, who married Mr. McBrayer; Hildreth, who married a Kidd; and Jackie.

Cordelia Loademia Rodemsia Josephine Christian, a twin born 9 March 1871, married 13 July 1888 Ira Sparkman, 1860-1930, by whom she had ten children—John Robbart, Dovie Lee, Bertha Elizabeth, George Ugene, Mae, Troy Ernest, Nora, Alma, Rebia, and Edgar.

Horace Greely James Earl McFinny Valentine Christian, a twin born 9 March 1871, married August 1904 in Olive Hill, Kentucky, Sarah Stigall. They lived in New Boston, Ohio, and had three children—Vesta; Dora, who married Willis Newbury; and Cecil, who married Ed Newbury.

ANTHONY & SALLIE (EWING) CHRISTIAN AND SOME DESCENDANTS

Inventory and appraisement of Robert Ewing Christian's estate were also recorded in Atchison County, Missouri.

ESTATE OF R. E. CHRISTIAN

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The following is a list and appraisement of all personal property of the said R. E. Christian deceased, except evidences of debt having a mixed value.

Description of Property	Appraised Value
One Air Tight Heator	\$1.00
One Telephone and Drop	\$10.00
One Clock	\$5.00
One Writing Desk	\$2.00
One Kitchen or dining room Table	\$1.00
One Bureau	\$5.00
One Bedstead	\$3.00
Two Feather Beds @ 5.00 ea	\$10.00
One Box Quilts and comforters	\$2.00
One Lap Robe	\$1.00
One Leather Couch	\$6.00
One Lot stool chairs	\$1.50
One Office Chair	\$1.00
One Cook Stove	\$2.00
One Lot cooking utensils	\$1.00
One Bed Stead and Stand Table	\$3.00
One Kitchen Cabinet and Dishes	\$5.00
One Kitchen Sofa	\$1.00
One Lot Tools, and Grind stone	\$5.00
One Lawn Mower	\$1.00
Two Bracket Wall Lamps	\$2.00
One Five Year old Horse	\$100.00
One Single Buggy	\$10.00
One Single set of Harness for Buggy	\$10.00
One Cart Wagon, Wheelbarrow, Hog crate & Snorting Crate	\$2.00
One lot Jars (3 - 1 gal. 3 - 6 gal.)	\$1.00
One lot Misselaneous	\$1.00
	<u>\$193.00</u>

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY

The following is a list of all the real estate of said R.E. Christian Deceased. Real Estate, Papers, etc.:

Description of Property	Appraised Value
Lots 6 S 4; 5 Blk 11 N. W. Addition Rock Port Mo.	\$1,000.00
Out Lot S St 15-out lots Rock Port, Mo.	\$40.00

Copies of numerous other documents are in the hands of descendants of Anthony and Sallie (Ewing) Christian, among those in Missouri:

- Land Patent for 40 acres to Thomas E. Ewing dated 30 August 1856;
- Deed of land for 160 acres from Thomas E. & Mary Ann Christian, husband & wife, to Wm. H. Christian & Robert E. Christian dated 4 May 1861;
- Commissions appointing R. E. Christian to public office—Justice of the Peace 18 Nov. 1872; Notary Public 25 Feb. 1889 & his Oath of Office 9 Mar. 1889.

There are undoubtedly more records at the courthouses in the counties where these Christians and their connections made their homes.

# LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO, ANCESTORS

(continued from Volume No. VII)

--OF AMOS CHRISTIAN'S DESCENDANTS--

Information about the connections of Amos Burgess Christian\* (1844-1921) has been collected for several years by Mrs. Wilma L. Coats, 801 Ohio Street, Bicknell, Indiana 47512. Although her record of the descendants of this son of David and Abigail (White) Christian is not yet complete, she has shared the results of her research for presentation in this series with the hope that other descendants will add to the record.

It is now possible to publish the following revised list of issue for Amos Christian and his first wife, Rachel Sharp. Special notice should be taken of corrections in names, birth and death dates, order of births, and number of children—nine, not ten—all born in Lawrence County, Ohio. (See Volume No. V for spouses.)

1. David Christian, born 1866; moved to West Virginia.
2. Mary E. Christian, born 28 Aug. 1868, died 20 Apr. 1873.
3. Olive Jane Christian, born 5 Jan. 1870, died 26 Mar. 1902.
4. Rachel A. Christian, born 1 Dec. 1871, died 20 Apr. 1873.
5. Abigail "Abby" Christian, born 9 Nov. 1873, died c. 1932.
6. Ida Bell Christian, born 23 Dec. 1876, died 14 Sep. 1930.
7. Amos B. Christian, born 8 Oct. 1877, died 10 June 1894.
8. James Christian, born 27 Dec. 1879.
9. William "Billy" Christian, born Sep. 1881.

Amos Christian and second wife, Mary Shay, had six children:

10. John Edward Christian, born 8 Dec. 1887.
11. Margaret Louise "Maggie" Christian, born 29 May 1890.
12. Melvina "Vinie" Christian, born 15 Feb. 1892.
13. Joseph Henry Christian, born 27 Mar. 1894, died May 1969.
14. Lily May Christian, born 4 Nov. 1897, died 1917, buried Buchtel, OH.
15. Charles Christian, born Mar. 1900, perhaps died young.

Two of the daughters of Amos Christian and first wife Rachel Sharp married sons of John R. and Henrietta (Currington) Stricklen—sometimes spelled Strickland. The only other surviving daughter of that union married Malen Davis. It is the genealogical ties of these three sisters which will appear first in this chapter, followed by what is known of the descendants of Amos Christian and second wife Mary Shay.

\*See "Lawrence County, Ohio, Ancestors" in *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. V, page 399, for marital statistics on children of Amos Christian. In addition, see Volume Nos. II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII for data on earlier generations and later connections. See also Footnotes in this as well as those issues for corrections and additions to various installments of the series.

# EASTERN KENTUCKY RELATIVES

## OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIANS

(continued from Volume No. VII)

### DESCENT FROM THOMAS & MARY (AMBURGY) CHRISTIAN

Of the Kentucky settlers among the children of Thomas and Margaret "Rebecca" (Pine) Christian, more is presently known of the descendants of his namesake than of the other sons.

Thomas Christian, born 10 May 1809 before his parents' move from Virginia, died 21 April 1884 in Rowan County, Kentucky, and is buried in the Christian Cemetery on Open Fork. He married Mary "Polly" Amburgy about 1830. She was born to John and Elizabeth (Hamon) Amburgy 27 July 1807 in Wilkes County, North Carolina, and died 31 March 1883 in Rowan County, where she, too, was buried on Open Fork. Thomas and Mary Christian had ten children, all born in that part of Perry County later included in Letcher County, Kentucky:

Rebecca "Bexey" Christian, born about 1831, married Davis Cornette in 1850. He was born about 1824 in Kentucky.

John B. Christian, born about 1832, believed to have been the one who married Eliza Smith 16 July 1852 in Letcher County. He may also have married Eliza Branham. (A cousin John may have been the one who had one or the other of these women as a spouse.)

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY OF BALLABEG FARM, KIRK BRIDE—FOREBEARS REMEMBERED

accident had happened and examined the road carefully. I saw where the horses had started from, which was about 127 yards from where the body was found. It appeared as if the chain horse had started and the shaft horse was holding back. There was a mark as if deceased had been dragged along just before death.

The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."  
Deceased, who leaves a widow and family, was a Primitive Methodist local preacher, and his loss will be severely felt by a large circle of friends. Only at the last missionary meeting at Ramsey he occupied the chair and delivered an earnest exhortation.

MEMORIES OF A KINSMAN

For memories of my great-uncle, William Henry Christian (1848-1900), known throughout the Isle as "The Manx Giant," I rely on anecdotes related by his contemporaries. Whether "over seven feet tall," "just under seven feet," or "an even seven feet" in height (depending on the source), "Big Billy" was certainly renowned for his physique. Of more import to those whose lives he touched, though, was the fact that he was as big-hearted as he was big-boned.

His housekeeper, Annie Craine (who later married Edward Corlett), recalled with gratitude that a legacy she received from her employer enabled her to purchase a cottage on three-quarters of an acre of land. William Christian's generosity extended to others as well.

He was well liked and because of his good nature and strength was often called upon to give aid when some big obstacle had to be moved or some heavy weight lifted. On one occasion when there was a fight at a country fair and the local constable was unable to do anything, Billy Christian walked up to the combatants and, taking each by the scruff of the neck, handily separated them.

According to my grandfather Robert, half-brother to his older sibling, Billy's unusual height was all in the long legs since, when the two sat down together, their heads were on the same level—in spite of Grandfather's being about a foot shorter at six feet.

In recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Manx giant's death, a few old folks interviewed by a reporter from the *Manx Sun* related their youthful astonishment at chance meetings with the tallest man in the Isle of Man. A lady of Ramsey recalled, "If we saw 'Billy the Ballabeg' in town, it was a wonder! It made our day." Another remembered seeing him on Bride Hill, "I was a girl at the time and I never forgot the scene with this immense figure going ahead of us."

Today, in the quiet corner of God's acre at Bride, where his earthly remains were laid to rest, one may see the headstone which simply states: In remembrance of William Henry Christian, of Ballabeg, Bride, who died February 24th, 1900, aged 52 years.

SHARING MEMORIES

Sharing in memories of times gone by have enriched my life. Especially rewarding have been discoveries related to my Manx heritage and Christian forebears. I am still delving and find it fascinating! I would respond to enquiries and would welcome callers if in this area.\*

\*Bob Gilmour Christian resides at "Surby" 104 Markham Road, Bournemouth, England BH9 1JE.

LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO, ANCESTORS

<u>Olive Jane CHRISTIAN</u>	=	<u>Joseph STRICKLEN/STRICKLAND</u>
d/o Amos Burgess and Rachel (Sharp) Christian		s/o John R. and Henrietta (Currington) Stricklen
born 5 Jan. 1870 Lawrence Co., OH		born 14 Nov. 1869 Lawrence Co., OH
died 26 Mar. 1902 Wellston, Jackson Co., OH		died 26 Mar. 1920 Bicknell, Knox Co., IN
married 10 Jan. 1889 Catlettsburg, Boyd Co., KY		resided in Ohio, Michigan, & Indiana
buried Ridgewood Cemetery, Jackson Co., OH		buried IOOF Cemetery, Bicknell, IN

The following children were born to Joseph and Olive Jane (Christian) Stricklen in Wellston, Ohio:

1. Amos Stricklen, born Apr. 1889; married Virginia Campaigne.
2. Charles Stricklen, born Dec. 1892; married in Bicknell, IN, to Mae Skomp, who died in 1981 in California. They had issue:
  - a. Rosalie Stricklen married Richard P. Marshall, by whom she had:
    1. Ted Marshall
    2. Jerry Marshall
  - b. Eleanor Stricklen married Mr. Briggs, by whom she had:
    1. Elizabeth Briggs
    2. Warren L. Briggs
    3. Bruce Briggs
    4. Richard Briggs
  - c. Marcia Stricklen married Carl R. Hollopeter, by whom she had:
    1. David Hollopeter
    2. Dennis Hollopeter
    3. Douglas Hollopeter
    4. Karen Hope Hollopeter, who married Ted Frank
  - d. Mary Jane Stricklen, born 9 Nov. 1925, died Sep. 1937.
  - e. Irene Stricklen, a twin, married S. W. Burns, Sr., by whom she had:
    1. Patricia Burns
    2. Sterling Burns
    3. Timothy Burns
    4. Becky Burns
  - f. Eileen Stricklen, a twin, married Henry Gale Snyder, by whom she had:
    1. Lora Mae Snyder, who married 1) Max Beasley and 2) Charles Eugene Graham; issue:
      - a. Christopher
      - b. Tyler
      - c. Charles Beaumont Graham
    2. Martha Ann Snyder, who married Curtis Archer. He had issue by previous marriage:
      - x. James Archer
      - x. Angel Archer
      - x. Curtis Archer
    3. Donald Gale Snyder, born 19 Feb. 1952, died 8 Sep. 1977.
    4. Carol Jane Snyder married Albert B. Scott
3. Henrietta Stricklen, born 5 Jan. 1891, died 11 Jan. 1897 in Wellston, Jackson Co., Ohio.
4. John Robert Stricklen, born 15 Sep. 1894 in Wellston, died 22 Nov. 1961 in Akron, Ohio; married in Bicknell, Indiana, 12 Sep. 1916 Canna Lorraine Cleveland, born 29 Mar. 1896, died 4 Mar. 1977, d/o Novia Paris and Laura Jane (Downey) Cleveland. Stricklen issue:
  - a. Marjorie Jane Stricklen, born 9 Mar. 1918 Akron, OH; married 1) William Henry Helmboldt 26 July 1939 and 2) Earl Hyder Frey, born 20 Nov. 1914, s/o Homer & Forestine (Hyder) Frey.
  - b. Janet Stricklen married Mr. Stephens
  - c. Larry Stricklen
5. Joseph Stricklen, born 24 May 1896, died 30 Jan. 1925 Akron, OH; married Della Pruitt in 1920.
6. William Stricklen, born 2 Mar. 1898, died 1968; married Merle Hedrick. One child living:
  - a. Dennis Stricklen
7. Oscar Stricklen, born 1 May 1900, died 1972 in California; married to Grace Ginter.

<u>Abigail "Abby" CHRISTIAN</u>	=	<u>Malen DAVIS</u>
d/o Amos Burgess and Rachel (Sharp) Christian		born Sep. 1871 in Ohio
born 9 Nov. 1873 Lawrence Co., OH		married 27 May 1892 Jackson Co., OH. Officiating:
died c. 1932 in St. Charles, MI		Rev. M. D. Vaughn of Methodist Episcopal Church

Malen and Abigail (Christian) Davis had three children survive to maturity. Born in Wellston, OH:

1. Bessie Davis, possibly the daughter born June 1893 identified as Katie on 1900 Census.
2. Clarence Davis, born May 1895.
3. Chester Davis, born Mar. 1899.



From the collection of Wilma L. Coats  
Ida Bell (Christian) Stricklen gave birth to nine children, among them the compiler of record of her descendants.

Ida Bell CHRISTIAN = James Allen STRICKLEN/STRICKLAND  
 d/o Amos Burgess and Rachel (Sharp) Christian s/o John R. and Henrietta (Currington) Stricklen  
 born 23 Dec. 1876 Lawrence Co., OH born 11 Aug. 1876 Lawrence Co., OH  
 died 14 Sep. 1930 Wheatland, Knox Co., IN died 8 Sep. 1958 Washington, Daviess Co., IN  
 married 26 Mar. 1895 Wellston, Jackson Co., OH both buried IOOF Cemetery, Bicknell, Knox Co., IN

The following children were born to James Allen and Ida Bell (Christian) Stricklen:

1. Delphia Stricklen, born 6 May 1896 Wellston, OH, died Nov. 1897 Wellston, OH.
2. Leona Stricklen, born 7 Dec. 1897 Wellston, OH, died 16 July 1979 Washington, IN; married in Bicknell, IN, 23 Mar 1914 William Edgar Arthur, by whom she had:
  - a. Opal Arthur, born 23 Sep. 1914 Washington, IN; married Cecil Wilson and had issue:
    1. Barbara Wilson married Mr. Briley and had a daughter:
      - a. Shannon Briley
    2. Joy Wilson married Robert Horton
    3. Dixie Wilson married Ernest Livingston and had a daughter:
      - a. Tonya
  - b. Clyde Arthur, born 26 Sep. 1916 Washington, IN; married Cordia Miller and had issue:
    1. Eddie Joe Arthur
    2. Mona June Arthur
    3. Dean Arthur
  - c. James Arthur, born 6 Sep. 1918 Bicknell, IN, died 13 Oct. 1918; married Imogene Drew and they had issue:
    1. James Arthur
    2. Gloria Arthur
    3. Steve Arthur
  - d. Virginia Arthur, born 6 June 1921 Washington, IN; married Russell Goyer, s/o Noble and Hazel Goyer, who died Jan. 1978. They had issue:

A photographic print of this great-grandfather has been in my possession since my mother Edith Annie passed on and is reproduced on the preceding page. The picture must have been taken shortly before his fatal accident since he does not there look like "the strongest man in the Island." That is probably accounted for by an incident six months before his death at sixty-two when he struggled with and overpowered a bull in a cowshed—a trial of strength after which, I have heard, he was very much depleted in health.

In spite of any disability, he continued about his farming duties and with his activities as a Primitive Methodist preacher. An article in the *Manx Sun* of 12 November 1887 gives a detailed account of the circumstances judged to have been associated with his death.

## SAD FATALITY TO AN ANDREAS FARMER

## INQUEST AND VERDICT

On Tuesday afternoon a shocking accident occurred near Sulby Bridge, whereby Mr William Christian, an extensive farmer at Smeal, lost his life. Mr Christian was last seen driving a pair of horses attached to a cart in the direction of Sulby, and some time afterwards his dead body was found lying on the roadside, bearing the appearance of having been dragged along for some distance. The body was removed to the late residence of the deceased, and a jury was summoned by John C. Lamothe, Esq., Coroner for the Northern District. The inquest was held at Kerrowgarrow, Andreas, on Wednesday, when the following evidence was taken:—

John Evan Christian, of Ballabeg, in the parish of Kirk Bride, farmer, said: I am a son of the deceased, William Christian, who lived at Smeal, in the parish of Andreas. He was sixty-two years of age. I understand he left home yesterday afternoon about one o'clock, with a cart and a pair of horses to go to the Mill at Sulby Claddagh. The horses he had are young horses but are quiet and free from vice.

Robert Henry Simpson, a farm servant on the estate of the Gilcaugh, in the parish of Andreas, said: I was coming along the high road past James Kinnish's house, near Ballachwory, in the parish of Andreas, about half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, and I saw the deceased William Christian lying in the west side of the road, about two yards from the hedge. His clothing was soiled and dirty as if he had been dragged along. He was then quite dead. I went back to Mr James Kinnish's house and told him and his wife, and they came along with me. We returned to the body and stayed by it until help came, and then removed it to Mrs Christian's house, which is a short distance off, and where it has been viewed by the jury this day.

James Kinnish, of Close-e-Cleator, in the parish of Andreas, farmer, said: Yesterday afternoon the last witness came to me and stated there was a man lying dead, he thought, in the road. I went along with Simpson as he has stated. Before Simpson came to me a cart and a pair of horses passed my house, without a driver, in the direction of the Craig Gate. The leash had gone past about ten or fifteen minutes before Simpson came back and told me the body was lying in the road. When Simpson went with me to the body he found it was warm.

John William Wood, of Ramsey, surgeon, said: Between four and five o'clock yesterday evening I saw the body of the deceased at the house of Christian. I found the deceased had been dead some time, and was cold. I made an examination of the body both yesterday and to-day, and found that the ribs on the right side were all broken and smashed, and the air had escaped from the lungs under the skin in consequence. There was a small wound and marks in the middle of the back, which I think were the effect of pressure. There were some marks on the face and discolouration, as if the body had been dragged on the ground, but not sufficient to account for death. In my opinion the injuries to the body as described by me are quite sufficient to account for the death of the deceased.

John Arthur Chandler, Ramsey, labourer, said: Yesterday afternoon I was at the house of Mrs Christian (where the body lay), about three o'clock. I served her with oil which I was selling, and came on to the house of the witness James Kinnish. When there a cart with a pair of horses rushed past me and went on towards the Craig Gate. I thought some person would follow the cart, and I did not attempt to stop the horses. There was about half a load of bent upon the cart at the time I saw it pass me.

John Murray Christian, of the Kerrow Garrow, in the parish of Andreas, yeoman, said: About three o'clock yesterday afternoon I was in my own field near the Kerrow Garrow chapel, in the parish of Andreas, and I saw the deceased sitting upon a cart of bent, with two horses, going in the direction of the Craig. Mr Christian looked at us in the field and went on. About a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes afterwards Mrs. Quayle came to me in the field and said Mr Christian, the deceased, was lying dead in the road. I went at once, and when I arrived there I found the witnesses Simpson and Kinnish and his wife, and the body was lying as described by them.

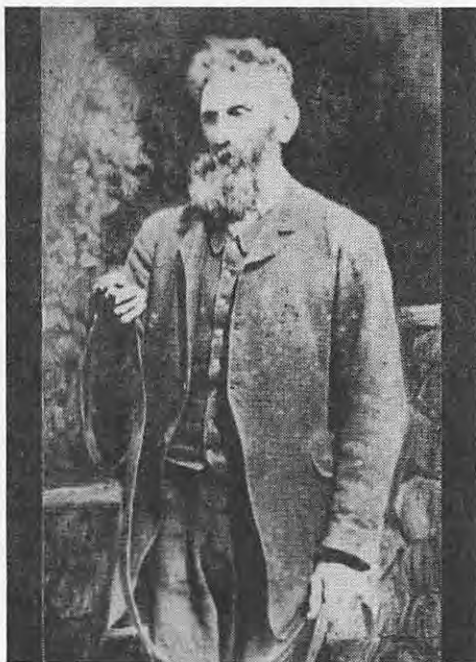
John Chrystoary, of St. Jude's, Andreas, farmer, said: Yesterday afternoon I saw the oil cart at Mrs Christian's door, as described by the witness Chandler. I came out of the fields close by and went on towards the Craig Gate. When very near the Craig Gate a cart with a pair of horses without a driver came rushing along, and the cart was upset near the Craig Gate. I helped to right it, and then heard that Mr W. Christian had been killed.

William Ratcliffe, rural constable of the parish of Andreas, said: I heard yesterday afternoon of the accident on the road to Mr Christian, and I came on at once and saw the place where the

7. Edith Annie Christian (1890-1957) sacrificed her training and devoted her life to the care of her parents. She had issue of an only son born at the family home in Surby:
- a. Bob Gilmour Christian (compiler of these memoirs) was born 25 June 1918. I was christened "Bob" at the request of my grandfather Robert, who announced, "Then you will have Bob Christian of Surby after I've gone." I was given the middle name "Gilmour" because my Godmother said, "No one in the family has ever been named for the Gilmours." (Her mother was a Gilmour,\* being a sister of my grandmother Margaret.)

## MEMORIES OF GREAT-GRANDFATHER

Although my great-grandfather, William Christian (1824-1887), died long before I was born, I heard about "Super Willie" from members of the family who had personal recollections of his prowess. Indeed, as Mrs. Radcliffe, who was so helpful to me in daring the task of researching the family, exclaimed: What a Man!



From the collection of Bob Gilmour Christian

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN

\*The Gilmour name comes from the patronymic MacGulle-Mhoire, founders of the Clan Morrison, who claim descent from a King Olave of Norway. It might here be pertinent to point out that the chiefs of the Morrison clan were practically hereditary holders of the office of Deemster in the northwest of Scotland and the Isles, just as the Christians were of the Isle of Man. It is also interesting that MacGulle-Mhoire means "Son of Mary" or "Devotee of Mary" while Gillochreest, the patronymic of Christian (McChristen) has a similar connotation to Christ.

1. Ronald Goyer married Margaret Cutshall
2. Beverly Goyer
3. Deborah Goyer married Darrell McCain
- e. Charles Arthur married Virginia Fitzpatrick or Fitzgerald and had issue:
  1. David Arthur
  2. Mac Arthur
- f. Donald Arthur, born 22 Feb. 1930; married Wilma Devine. They had issue:
  1. Donald Arthur
  2. Terry Arthur
  3. Philip Arthur
  4. Brenda Arthur
- g. Norma Arthur, born 25 Dec. 1932; married 1) Fremont Pickett and 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Mitza. She had issue:
  1. Rebecca Pickett
  2. Jan Pickett
  3. Fremont Pickett
3. Ardella Stricklen, born 6 Oct. 1900 Wellston, OH, died 14 Jan. 1939 Ukiah, CA; married in Oakland, CA, in 1920 to Allen O. Davis, s/o William and Charlotte (Stricklen) Davis, who drowned in San Francisco Bay Sep. 1937—body never found. They had issue:
  - a. Robert Davis, born 23 Feb. 1922 San Francisco, CA
  - b. John Davis, born 25 Feb. 1924 San Francisco, CA
  - c. Dorothy Davis, born 13 May 1928 San Francisco, CA
4. Joseph Stricklen, born 28 Sep. 1902 Wellston, OH, died unmarried 25 July 1935 San Francisco, CA; buried Presidio National Cemetery.
5. David Monroe Stricklen/Strickland, born 24 July 1909 St. Charles, Saginaw Co., MI, died 14 Jan. 1982 Vincennes, Knox Co., IN; married 1) 23 Oct. 1937 Irene Thomas, who died in 1974, after which he married 2) Mildred Staupé, who died in 1977. No issue.
6. Robert Allen Strickland, born 29 Nov. 1912 St. Charles, MI, married in Washington, IN, 2 July 1933 to Josephine Burkhardt, to whom the following were born:
  - a. Robert Eugene Strickland married Mary Margaret Bland 24 Aug. 1968 Washington, IN
  - b. Beverly Sue Strickland married James Patrick Spaulding 1 Feb. 1961
  - c. Frederick J. Strickland married Sharon Agnes Wildridge 22 Nov. 1962
  - d. Linda Lou Strickland married Kenneth Junior Cales 10 Nov. 1962
  - e. Debra Josephine Strickland married Charles Robert Cox 13 Mar. 1976
7. Wilma Loretta Stricklen/Strickland, born 30 Nov. 14 Bicknell, Knox Co., IN; married in Robinson, IL 2 Apr. 1931 Clarence A. Coats, born 13 Apr. 1907 Sandborn, IN, died 14 Oct. 1981 Washington, IN, s/o Walker and Flora Mae (Bowman) Coats. They had issue:
  - a. James Dale Coats, born 16 Dec. 1932 Gibson Co., IN; married 1) in Waynetown, IN, 28 Aug. 1941 Eileen Bullock and 2) Sue Stewart. Issue:
    1. James Michael Coats, born 28 Aug. 1953 Crawfordsville, IN
    2. Lou Ann Coats, born 13 Feb. 1958 Ontario, CA
    3. Cathy Ann Coats, born 17 Feb. 1960 Ontario, CA
  - b. Betty Loretta Coats, born 28 July 1934 Sandborn, IN; married in Bicknell, IN, 14 Jan. 1954 Thomas Lee Creighton, born 29 Nov. 1932 Bruceville, IN, s/o Guy and Mary Creighton. They had issue:
    1. Thomas Guy Creighton, born 11 July 1956 El Paso, TX; married Ft. Monmouth, NJ, 16 Sep. 1979 Chris Sander
    2. Carolyn Sue Creighton, born 27 Sep. 1957 El Paso, TX; married in Colorado 4 Mar. 1980 Bryan Campbell, by whom she had:
      - a. Sean Michael
    3. Jerry Lee Creighton, born 22 Aug. 1960 Ft. Dix, NJ; married in Mesa, AZ, 11 Nov. 1981 Penny Harrison, by whom he had issue:
      - a. Misty Creighton
    4. Kathy Ann Creighton, born 4 Apr. 1968 Ft. Gordon, GA
  - c. David Rex Coats, born 30 Sep. 1936 Bicknell, IN; married in Mannheim, Germany, 9 Nov. 1957 Hildegard Kreig, by whom he had issue:
    1. David Joe Coats, born 9 Nov. 1957 Mannheim, Germany
    2. Richard Clemmons Coats, born 6 Dec. 1958 Mannheim, Germany
    3. Patricia Coats, born 4 Dec. 1959 Ft. Dix, NJ
    4. Nancy Coats, born 28 Sep. 1963 Ft. Dix, NJ, murdered 13 Sep. 1977 Ft. Bragg, NC

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5. Harold Coats, born 31 Jan. 1965 Ft. Dix, NJ
6. James Coats, born 23 Nov. 1967 Ft. Dix, NJ
- d. Judith Ann Coats, born 23 Oct. 1943 Vincennes, IN; married 1) 11 Nov. 1961 in Kokomo, IN, to Harry William Pressey, born 4 Sep. 1942 Bicknell, IN, s/o Robert and Lola (O'Dell) Pressey; married 2) Max Rhodes. Issue by first marriage:
  1. Gary William Pressey, born 20 Sep. 1962 Kokomo, IN
  2. Kimberly Ann Pressey, born 29 Apr. 1965 Kokomo, IN
  3. Robert Christian Pressey, born 25 Oct. 1967 Kokomo, IN
  4. Kathleen Angel Pressey, born 27 Feb. 1969 Kokomo, IN
  5. James Abraham Pressey, born 18 Sep. 1970 Kokomo, IN
- e. William Joseph Coats, born 3 Mar. 1946 Vincennes, IN; married in Bicknell, IN, 5 Aug. 1967 Linda Diane Ford, born 23 Dec. 1948 Oaktown, IN, d/o Wayne Ford. Issue:
  1. William Joseph Coats, born 6 Dec. 1968 Vincennes, IN
  2. Bethany Dawn Coats, born 6 Sep. 1970 Vincennes, IN
  3. Mikel Wane Coats, born 4 Dec. 1973 Bedford, IN
- f. Bonnie Coats, born 16 Mar. 1947 Washington, IN; married in Bicknell, IN, 11 Mar. 1967 (Rev.) Gary Kirchoff, born 15 Dec. 1947 Edwardsport, IN, s/o Foster and Lorene (Williams) Kirchoff. Issue:
  1. Aaron Ray Kirchoff, born 7 Oct. 1968 Brazil, IN
  2. Amelia Rae Kirchoff, born 7 Feb. 1971 Brazil, IN
  3. Andrew Ray Kirchoff, born 31 Dec. 1973 Brazil, IN
- g. Lloyd Frank Coats, born 2 Jan. 1949 Vincennes, IN; married in Bicknell, IN, 2 July 1972 Debra Renae Fish, born 13 Jan. 1956 Montgomery, IN, d/o John Fish. She was also married to Randy Messel. Issue by Lloyd Frank Coats:
  1. Bradley Frank Coats, born 22 May 1975 Vincennes, IN
  2. Sara Renae Coats, born 3 Jan. 1978 Tuscola, IL
8. Helen Stricklen, born 14 Feb. 1917 Virden, IL, died 23 Nov. 1966 Anderson, IN; married 23 Feb. 1936 in Anderson, IN, to Frank Begley, born 23 Sep. 1912 Merryville, IN, died 20 Oct. 1963 Anderson, IN, s/o John and Mary Begley. Issue:
  - a. Mary Belle Begley, born 9 Oct. 1936 Anderson, IN; married Sumner Spiker, by whom she had:
    1. Douglas Spiker
    2. Melissa Spiker
    3. Stephen Spiker
  - b. Frances Begley, born 23 Feb. 1943; married Jerry Spiker, by whom she had:
    1. Troy Spiker
    2. Terry Spiker
    3. Teresa Spiker
9. Lucille Stricklen, born 11 Aug. 1921 Virden, IL; married in Vincennes, IN, 10 Aug. 1937 1) Arthur W. VanBuren, by whom she had issue; she married 2) Herman Detty, who died 4 Dec. 1968 and was first married to Annis Schaeffer.
  - a. Lois Jean VanBuren, born 22 June 1937 Vincennes, IN
  - b. Arthur William VanBuren, born in New York

William Christian, a son of Amos Burgess and Rachel (Sharp) Christian called "Little B" and "Tennessee Bill," was a preacher who lived in Echoville, West Virginia, and later Williamson in the same state. His wife, Columbia, had been married before and had had several children of her first marriage.

William CHRISTIAN = Columbia  
born Sep. 1881

William and Columbia had only one child:

1. Billy Christian, born c. 1919

Of the six children of Amos Burgess Christian by his second wife, Mary Shay, three had no children; that is, Maggie, Lily May, and Charles. Of those who did have issue, the following information has been obtained not only from Mrs. Coats but from a descendant who submitted her line of descent; namely, Miss Lana Christian, 407 Olney Avenue, Marion, Ohio 43302.

## THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY OF BALLABEG FARM, KIRK BRIDE—FOREBEARS REMEMBERED

(Douglas); Mr. J. J. Clague (Castletown); Miss J. Anderson (Four Roads); Qualtroughs, the Farm, Ballafesson; Mr. and Mrs. H. Watterson and family (Surby); Mr. and Mrs. J. Watterson; Elsa and Sylvia; Miss Callow (Peel); and Liverpool Poor Children's Holiday Home.

Robert and Margaret (Gilmour) Christian were pictured with their surviving children in *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. VII, page 543. The photograph was taken about 1904 rather than 1900. I am also in a position to offer some additions and corrections to the information given about their children on page 544:

1. Margaret Jane Christian (1872-1906) did not die in childbirth but due to severe internal injuries occasioned by her lifting a heavy item as she passed through her husband's ironmongery store. She suffered much pain before her death.
2. Robert Charles Christian (1874-1904) died as the result of spinal injuries he sustained when a thief he was chasing up some stairs in Douglas fell back on him. The photograph reproduced was taken after this occurrence. He was put on light duties in residence at Government House but died while there, the injuries being more serious than was at first thought. When he saw the family photograph, he remarked, "There are two fathers in this picture," a reference to his having grown a beard during his illness, making him look more than his twenty-nine years, he thought. Of the children of Robert Charles and Margaret (Watterson) Christian:
  - a. Robert Henry Christian and his wife, Nina Cowin, had no issue. Bobbie, as he was affectionately known to the family, regrettably died on the day of his retirement in 1960 at the age of 58, his wife Nina surviving him until this year.
3. Isabella Christian (1875-1934), a great favourite of mine, was christened Bella, not Isabella, according to the family Bible.
4. William Edward Christian (1879-1921) and his wife, Mona Cannell, had no issue. On 10 November 1920 Mona Cannell was given in marriage to her fiancé by the Captain of the ship which took her to Australia. Tragically, within exactly six months on 10 May 1921 her husband died from typhoid fever—it is believed from drinking unboiled water. He was paymaster on a large salt-producing estate and wrote that he rode on horseback to outlying stations "almost like riding the length of the Isle of Man." His heartbroken wife returned to stay at Surby with his parents for some time. Much loved by all of us, she later removed to her birthplace, Cheshire, England, but returned with her second husband to spend her last days in the Isle of Man.
5. John Christian (1881-1953), the idol of many young ladies in his heyday as a leading light of the Choral Union, won many honours with his fine tenor voice. Of the two children born to his wife Nellie (Crellin) Christian:
  - b. Voirrey Christian and her husband, John Durrant, have four sons.
6. Elizabeth Catherine "Lily" Christian (1886-1972) emigrated after marriage to Codman's Point, Massachusetts (not Boston). It was to Boston that she and her husband, Evan Crellin, retired. Their only child, a daughter:
  - a. Dorothy Crellin, a lovely girl, was married at her parents' home at Codman's Point to Lynwood Arthur Clement of Belfast, Maine. The bride was attired in a gown of satin and shantung, made in England and worn by her mother at her own wedding twenty-nine years before; her only ornament was a brooch over 200 years old, a family heirloom also worn by Mrs. Crellin on her wedding day. Dorothy's untimely death was due to circulatory troubles; her widower still survives in Needham Heights, Massachusetts.



retired, the "Skipper of *The Milky Way*" was still remembered throughout the Islands with tales of much affection and interest.

Robert Christian was baptized at Rushen Parish Church by the much-loved Reverend Corrin thirteen days following his birth 8 August 1853 to Elizabeth Christian. He was later fostered with a family named Coole (not Kinrade/Kinvig as shown on page 541 of Volume No. VII). It was, I suppose, natural that in a fishing village like Port St. Mary the young Robert should take to the sea, eventually becoming joint owner of two boats. In those days, these small vessels would be away from the Isle for months, selling their catches as they moved north and south around the islands and along the coast of western Scotland; and their return to Man was an eagerly awaited event.

Surviving his wife by eleven years, Grandfather's passing when I was but fourteen years old left a sorry gap in my life; but he was cared for so well by my mother Edith that he passed his latter days in quiet peace, giving comfort, help, and humour to many. He remains my ideal of a real, steadfast, natural Christian gentleman.

I cherish among other mementoes the obituary which appeared in the *Isle of Man Examiner* following Grandfather Christian's death 18 January 1933 for what it reveals about the stature of the man as well as about the customs of the day.

FUNERAL OF MR. ROBERT CHRISTIAN, SURBY

The funeral of the late Mr. Robert Christian, of Surby, Port Erin, took place at Rushen Churchyard on Sunday afternoon. Deceased, who was 79 years old, was well respected, as was shown by the extraordinarily large gathering at the funeral, including many members of the Harbour of Peace Lodge of Odd Fellows. Outside his late home, the hymn, "It is well, with my soul," was sung, and en route to the churchyard, the hymn was "Rock of Ages," and a portion of the 90th Psalm was chanted. The Vicar, the Rev. John Duffield, M.A., officiated, and, in a brief address, referred to the large congregation which had assembled: their presence in such large numbers was in itself a tribute to the esteem with which they held the late Mr. Christian, affectionately known to everybody in the neighbourhood as "Bob Christian". Living to an age long past man's allotted span, he had endeared himself to them all, and had presented a true type of Christian character. The Church's Burial Service, in which they were taking part, was filled with a message of Victory. The Christian man, faced by Death, refused to acknowledge that Death was the victor, and, when a man had lived a full life, marked by courage and kindness—such as was the life of their friend, there was no question of assembling to mourn his loss, but rather to thank God for him, for all that he had been. To the relatives present he would say, "Remember that there is no real separation at the graveside. The 'Communion of Saints' meant that the link between them and their loved one in Christ Jesus was far greater than death itself. Neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." During the service, the hymn, "Jesu, Lover of my soul," was sung. The principal mourners were: — Mr. John Christian (son), Bob Christian (grandson), Mrs. F. Cowin, Michael (granddaughter), Mrs. Richd. Nelson, junr. (granddaughter), Mr. J. H. Crebbin (son-in-law), Mrs. J. Quirk, Bradda (niece), Miss Annie Taylor, Douglas (niece), and Mrs. Crawford Kinley, Douglas (niece). The bearers were Mr. Richard Kinley (Port Erin), Mr. Fred Cowin (Michael), Mr. Richard Nelson, junior (Port St. Mary), and Mr. James Costain (Ballachrink). Wreaths were received from Edie and Bob; Jo, Nellie, Juan, and Voirrey (Patrick); Bella and John (Bradda); Lily, Evan, and Dorothy (U.S.A.); Tom, Edith, and Tommy (Manchester); Maggie and family (Michael); Margy, Bruce, and John; Jamie, Jem, and children; Lilian, Dick, and children; Alice, Annie, and Harry (Douglas); Essie, Eddie, and Peggy (Bradda); Maggie, Albert, and children (Bradda); Edward, Chrissie, and family (Liverpool); all at Seacombe House; Hugh, May, and family (Liverpool); Cranford, Mabel, and family

John Edward CHRISTIAN = Tessie Ann VERNON  
s/o Amos Burgess and Mary (Shay) Christian d/o Thomas and Sarah (Exline) Vernon  
born 8 Dec. 1887 Lawrence Co., OH born 17 Sep. 1893 New Straitsville, OH  
died 14 Oct. 1969 The Plains, Athens Co., OH died 30 Mar. 1930 Betsy Layne, Floyd Co., KY  
married in 1910

Children of John Edward and Tessie Ann (Vernon) Christian:

1. Violet Mae Christian, born 2 Jan. 1911 Athens Co., OH; married Millard Bryan, who died in 1949. Their issue numbered seven, some born in Ohio, others in Kentucky:
  - a. Bill Bryan
  - b. Millard Bryan
  - c. Bob Bryan
  - d. James Bryan
  - e. Patsy Bryan married Mr. Morris
  - f. Betty Bryan married Mr. King
  - g. Jean Bryan married Mr. Back
2. Mary Edith Christian, born 6 Feb. 1912, buried San Diego, CA; married Wilburn Miller, by whom she had issue:
  - a. David Miller
  - b. Martha Miller
  - c. Debra Ann Miller
3. Evelyn Loree Christian, born 20 Aug. 1913, now deceased; married Emzie B. Ratcliffe.
4. Amos B. Christian, born 15 July 1915 Athens Co., OH, now deceased; married Doris Dyer.
5. Lillian Grace Christian, born 28 May 1917, died young.
6. Elaine Lucille Christian, born 20 Feb. 1919, now living in Clearwater, Florida; married W. B. Mannon.
7. John Thomas Christian, born 25 June 1920, died young.
8. Edward Vernon Christian, born 20 Mar. 1925 Betsy Layne, KY, still living; married in Pikeville, KY, 3 Oct. 1945 Lucille Thompson, born 4 July 1927 Pike Co., KY, d/o Willard and Maudie (Johnson) Thompson. Their four children were all born in Pikeville, KY:
  - a. Willard Orrison Christian, born 20 Sep. 1946
  - b. Lana Lucille Christian, born 30 Sep. 1949
  - c. Sandra Jean Christian, born 25 June 1951
  - d. Vernon Dwight Christian, born 14 Aug. 1960
9. James Robert Christian, born 21 June 1926, died in a car accident in 1977; never married.
10. Clara Louise Christian, born 25 Feb. 1928, married Frank DuTriel; living in New Orleans, LA, in 1979.

Melvina CHRISTIAN = George REYNOLDS  
d/o Amos Burgess and Mary (Shay) Christian  
born 15 Feb. 1892

George and Melvina (Christian) Reynolds had at least seven children:

1. Dick Reynolds
2. Woody Reynolds living in Nelsonville, OH, in 1979
3. Danny Reynolds
4. Daryl Reynolds
5. George Reynolds
6. Boone Reynolds
7. Wilma Reynolds, now deceased.

IN MEMORIAM

DAVID MONROE STRICKLEN  
born 24 July 1909 - died 14 January 1982  
beloved brother of Wilma L. (Stricklen) Coats  
interment  
Bicknell, Indiana, IOOF Cemetery

# FAMILY CONTACTS ON THREE CONTINENTS

BY

SHEILA LOVEDAY HIGGINBOTTOM

## BONDS TO THE PAST

I never could resist the delightful feeling of excitement and anticipation on those rare occasions on which Mother would bring out Grandmother's old tin "Deed Box," very worn, the paint peeling off, the lock broken, and tied up with a leather thong. My fingers itched to be allowed to undo the fastenings and spread out—no, not the family jewels! but to me much more precious—letters dated 1887 to 1913 to my grandfather, Lewis Mark Frank Christian, from his brother-in-law, Doctor Samuel A. Alcorn, in Australia.

The contents dealt with a family estate, a marriage settlement, the death of the bridegroom three months after the wedding, and the posthumous birth of a baby daughter whose only (and disputed) breath broke the line of family inheritance and led to a long, legal battle. For me, these were letters of enchantment, ingredients fit for dreams—dreams carrying me far from home in England and well into the past.

My mother had suggested destroying the letters but I strongly opposed the idea; and, when she died, the letters came to me in their old tin box.

I little thought that these would be a bond which, forty years later, would forge links once again in a widely-scattered family covering three continents and lead us to try to find our forgotten roots.

## LINKS ACROSS THE SEAS

My cousin, Graeme Hail (whom I had last seen when he was a small boy of about seven), wrote to me from Canada, where he had emigrated in 1956, to see if I had any information about the Christian family (his mother's) as his children wanted to know if they had any family other than his two sisters.

Graeme's first letter in February 1980 told me he had traced our grandfather, Louis Mark Francis Christian (later called Lewis Mark Frank Christian), born in 1861 in Morpeth, Maitland, New South Wales, Australia, to his father, William Martyn Christian, born circa 1815-1818 in Withyham, Sussex, England, but married in Sydney, Australia, to Mary Anne Ireland in 1857. From a marriage certificate he had obtained from Australia, he found that William Martyn Christian's father was John Christian, a farmer in New South Wales.

It was here that I was able to bring together some of the information I had inherited. I sent copies of the letters from the old tin box to Graeme and Norma, his wife (who proved to be a mainstay in the search that followed, having previously researched her own family tree). Photographs of home life in Australia and in England; the marriage certificate for Lewis Mark Frank Christian to Elizabeth Allan McIntosh Cochrane dated 14 December 1881 in Edinburgh, Scotland, wherein he

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# THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY OF BALLABEG FARM, KIRK BRIDE

## FOREBEARS REMEMBERED

BY

BOB GILMOUR CHRISTIAN

As the oldest member of the Ballabeg ilk actually bearing the Christian surname, I am fortunate in having been intimately acquainted with earlier forebears on the Isle of Man or in having known descendants who did remember them. Later generations may appreciate some of the reminiscences made possible by these contacts.

## MEMORIES OF GRANDFATHER

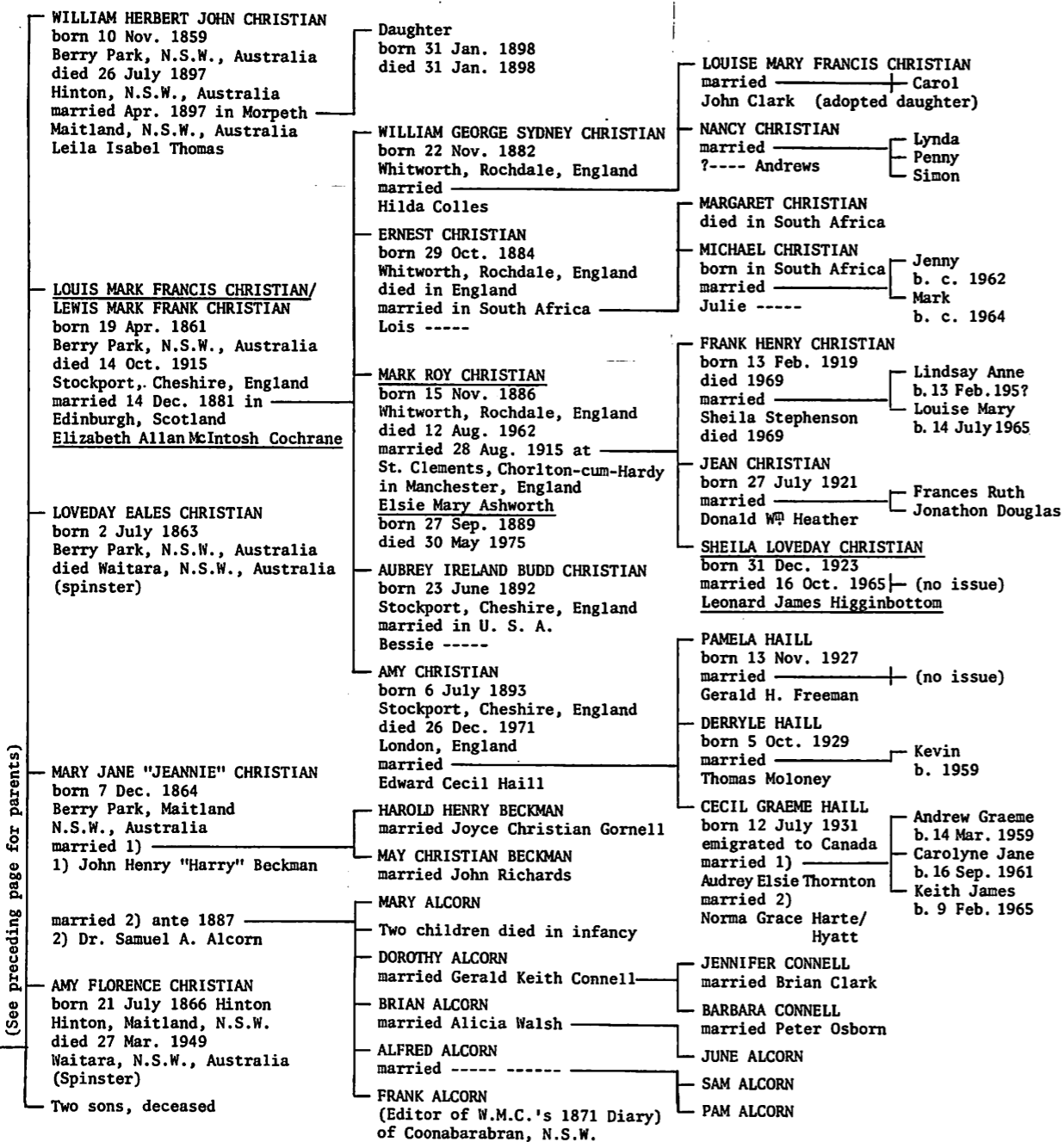
My dear grandfather Robert Christian (1853-1933) was a man of great kindness, affectionately known from Man to the Shetlands and beyond in the north of Scotland to Kinsale in the south of Ireland as "Skipper of *The Milky Way*" which, as the owner of this boat, he was. This most noble, kindly man—in the best sense of those words, became a tower of strength to friends and associates alike. His advice and company, together with that of his beloved wife Margaret (Gilmour) Christian, was sought by many. I well remember how often people came at all hours of the day or night to ask for his presence at the bedside of some sick or dying person who preferred his comforting presence to that of doctor, priest, or nurse. I can recall, too, seeing him carry a patient upstairs in his strong arms as if she were a baby.

Grandfather was a man with the sort of character that people from as far away as Lerwick or Stornoway would come to see him at his home in Surby. Long after he

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For many years Bob Gilmour Christian has been fascinated by Manx lore—with all its colorful, amusing, and quaint aspects. Equally compelling has been his desire for "setting the family records to rights." In that connection he prepared and supplied the Manx Museum with a family tree later used by his kinsman, Roger J. Christian, in preparation of the previous installments of "The Christian Family of Ballabeg Farm, Kirk Bride." A wide range of interests and talents led Bob Christian into a series of administrative posts, including theatre management, and culminating in fifteen years as a management executive with the English branch of a large American company. In addition to his business and genealogical pursuits, he has since childhood retained a love of music—participating in amateur operatics and performing on the piano and organ.

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was listed as a "medical student" and she, as a "lady's maid"; his father, William Martyn Christian, was listed as "Farmer, N. S. W., Australia" and her father as "Commission Agent." Letters to my father, Mark Roy Christian, informing him of legacies left by his father's sisters, Amy and Loveday (after whom I am named).

The search was on!  
I don't recall how Graeme first made contact with Val Hamson in Maitland, but he did; and her valiant efforts enabled her to reach members of our family still living in New South Wales, who again provided further information, which she put together and sent to Graeme and Norma in Canada. Between these various people a family tree was compiled, and fascinating details began to appear as knowledge of different members of the family grew.

TOURS AND VISITS

It appeared that Great-grandfather William Martyn Christian had kept a diary of a return visit to Great Britain, which he made for health reasons in 1871, thirty years after he and the other members of his family had emigrated from England. This diary is the property of my father's cousin, Frank Alcorn, the surviving youngest son of Grandfather Lewis Mark Frank Christian's sister, Mary Jane. Although himself in his mid-seventies, he combed through the diary and extracted those parts he thought relevant to our research and interest. These were typed and circulated to us by Graeme and Norma, and by me to the family in the United Kingdom. He also sent copies of letters which had come down to him from his grandmother, Mary Ann Christian, some dated from 1858. This contact alone was heart-warming and a delight to us all.

What changes Great-grandfather found on his return!

While staying with his cousin Elias [half-cousin actually] and wife Mary [William Martyn Christian's niece] in London, visited the underground railway—not built when he left England. . . . Found trains to all different parts of the country, previously isolated by distance and road conditions. . . . Went on holiday with Elias and Mary to Llandudno, in Wales. . . . Visited with them the Isle of Man's Milntown, where he "met W. B. Christian, his widowed sister and his daughter, and was shown round the rooms where were a lot of portraits of the Christian family, most of them in robes, wigs, etc." At the time W. B. Christian remarked he "did not know he had relatives in Australia. . . ."

On returning to London, William Martyn Christian "went for a sitting for his portrait in Regent Street but had to wait as the Duke of Edinburgh was there just before him." . . . Visited the Wool Sales Room and witnessed the sale of wool from one of the family's own sheep stations in Australia. . . . Visited St. Bartholomew's Hospital, being related to the Budd family of physicians who were well-known at the time. . . . Went to Buckingham Palace . . . as the Queen was to hold a court of celebrities and 'Royals' invited by Her Majesty. Witnessed an attack on the Queen by one O'Connor as she drove from one part of Buckingham Palace to another." . . . Toured Ireland extensively and then went to visit Cornwall and Devon, and the places and relatives in that area which he knew so well.

He followed this by a tour of the Continent.

For a man travelling to restore his health he must have had a tremendous amount of stamina!

In July 1980 Graeme and Norma came over on a visit, partly to see something of Scotland (and Norma's research area) and also to take Derryle, one of his sisters, on holiday with them; but in addition to visit his other sister Pamela. They visited us for one day and met, for only the second time in their lives, our other cousins, Nancy and Frances. We were given a folder by Norma and Graeme containing a page by page listing of the different members of the family with interesting information about each of them on the following page. So beautifully typed and presented, the genealogy extended back to John Christian and wife Ann (Hiscutt) Christian, whose children, John and Ann, were baptized 1756 and 1758 respectively at St. Martin-on-Looe Bay, Cornwall, England.

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A day was not enough. We talked the sun down, and memories came tumbling out as we recalled stories we had heard and looked at books of photographs of Australia and England prepared by our grandfather, Lewis Mark Frank Christian. "Remember hearing about an Aunt Ina, who used to come over from Australia to see her dentist in London?" "Yes, and she went to stay in the Isle of Man, and we met her there on holiday." Little bits of a jig-saw of the past from far and near, with so many pieces missing; but we were growing in interest and knowledge as each contributed some fresh piece of information we had forgotten we even knew about.

The family tree is by no means complete. We have reached a stalemate in Captain John Christian, who married Ann Hiscutt, daughter of Elias Hiscutt (Excise Officer of Falmouth Town, Cornwall, England) and Gertrude (Martyn) Hiscutt. It was from the Will of Elias Hiscutt that we learned that John Christian was a Mariner, and from yet another source that he was a Captain. A family tree for the Martyn family linked Gertrude (Martyn) Hiscutt to her parents: Thomas Martyn, Yeoman, and Gertrude Turnavine, who were married 13 June 1696.

But where did Captain Christian come from? Where was he born? Where did he marry? Where and when did he die? At sea? Was he perhaps an excise officer like his father-in-law? What were the other circumstances of his life?

Do the answers to these and other questions lie in Europe's England, Australia's New South Wales, North America's Canada or elsewhere?

The search continues.

LINEAGE FROM CAPTAIN JOHN CHRISTIAN OF CORNWALL, ENGLAND

CAPTAIN JOHN CHRISTIAN  
flourished 1750's  
married ante 1756  
Ann Hiscutt  
baptized 17 Oct. 1731  
died 25 Aug. 1811  
St. Enoder, Cornwall, England

JOHN CHRISTIAN  
baptized 12 May 1756  
St. Martin-on-Looe Bay  
died 29 Dec. 1818  
Cubert, Cornwall, England  
married 28 Jan. 1778  
Elizabeth Nicholls  
died 5 Nov. 1810 aged 55 years

ANN CHRISTIAN  
baptized 4 Mar. 1758  
died 11 Nov. 1834  
St. Enoder, Cornwall, England  
married 12 Oct. 1780 (no issue)  
Crantock, Cornwall, England  
Daniel Cock  
died 1 Mar. 1812

She married secondly  
by licence 2 May 1770  
John Turnavine Budd  
at St. Columb Minor  
Parish Church, Cornwall  
England

SAMUEL BUDD  
married  
Catherine Wreford (10 children)

ELIZABETH CHRISTIAN  
born 2 Feb. 1779  
died 28 Dec. 1806

JENEFER CHRISTIAN  
born 31 July 1780  
Cubert, Cornwall, England  
died 30 June 1784

JOHN CHRISTIAN  
baptized 27 May 1782  
Cubert, Cornwall, England  
died 1 Feb. 1859 Brisbane Fields  
New South Wales, Australia  
married 6 Dec. 1804 Newlyn East, Cornwall  
Loveday Symons  
baptized 18 Nov. 1774  
died 13 June 1854 New South Wales

JENEFER/JANE CHRISTIAN  
born 1 Jan. 1785 - died 12 Apr. 1853  
married 27 Feb. 1810 Cubert, Cornwall  
Reuben Dyer Bone  
(also reg. at Stoke Damerall, Devon, England)

ANN CHRISTIAN  
baptized 28 May 1787 - died 24 Jan. 1841  
married 22 Jan. 1816  
Mark Symons

JAMES CHRISTIAN (of Winser, Cubert)  
born 6 May 1790 - died 24 June 1844  
married 30 Mar. 1815  
Jane/Jenifer Andrew  
died 25 Oct. 1868 Tregair, Newlyn East  
Cornwall, England

MARY CHRISTIAN  
born 7 Oct. 1792 - died 13 Sep. 1845  
married 22 Jan. 1816 Cubert, Cornwall  
Stephen Drew Darke

CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN  
born 16 Oct. 1795  
married 23 Jan. 1829  
Mark Cardell

ELIAS CHRISTIAN  
born 9 Sep. 1798  
died c. 1849 Redruth, Cornwall, England  
married 1) Margaret Corrabetta White  
2) Jane Davis

JOHN SYMONS CHRISTIAN  
born 12 Oct. 1807  
St. Enoder, Cornwall, England  
died 23 Nov. 1863  
Hinton, New South Wales, Australia  
married 1) 20 Sep. 1836 Topsham  
1) Nanny Bassett  
born 30 Dec. 1819  
Topsham, Devon, England  
died 12 July 1844  
Bowthorn, Hinton, N.S.W.  
married 2) (no issue)  
2) Jane James (widow)  
born c. 1807 Devon, England  
died 20 Feb. 1856  
Hinton, N.S.W., Australia

JOHN BASSETT CHRISTIAN  
born - died  
married  
Lydia Skinner

WILLIAM BASSETT CHRISTIAN  
born c. 1841 - died 14 July 1875  
married Emma Randall

MARY CHRISTIAN  
born 15 Apr. 1838  
Topsham, Devon, England

WILLIAM THOMAS CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIAN  
born 1840 ?England  
died 1913 N.S.W., Australia  
married 2 Dec. 1863  
Ann Button  
born c. 1841

MARK CHRISTIAN  
born - died

RUBY CHRISTIAN  
born - died

HERBERT JOHN DAVY BUTTON CHRISTIAN  
born 26 Nov. 1869

MARK SYMONDS CHRISTIAN  
born 3 Jan. 1809  
Cubert, Cornwall, England  
died 14 May 1897  
Woollahra, N.S.W., Australia  
married 1) in England  
1) Betsy Ann Millett  
2) Caroline Ward

MARK MILLETT CHRISTIAN  
born - died

ELIZABETH MILLETT CHRISTIAN  
born 25 May 1847 N.S.W., Australia  
married  
Charles Henry Prentice

JOHN MILLETT CHRISTIAN  
born 28 May 1849 N.S.W., Australia  
died 14 Dec. 1850

BETSY ANN MILLETT CHRISTIAN  
born 5 Dec. 1851  
married 17 Jan. 1877 N.S.W.  
Samuel Garratt Pulver

JOHN MILLETT CHRISTIAN  
born 26 Oct. 1855 - died

JOSEPHA CHRISTIAN  
born - died

ELIZABETH CHRISTIAN  
born 11 Oct. 1811  
Cubert, Cornwall, England  
married 15 Mar. 1836 Topsham, Devon  
Richard Butcher  
born c. 1813  
died 14 Apr. 1869 N.S.W., Australia

ELIZABETH BUTCHER  
born 1850  
died 24 May 1861

RICHARD JOHN BUTCHER  
born 1849  
died 1 Oct. 1861

MARY CHRISTIAN  
baptized 8 July 1813  
Withyham, Sussex, England  
died 26 Aug. 1814

MARY SYMONS BUTCHER  
born 1845 Exeter, Devon, England  
married in N.S.W., Australia  
Henry Bower

FRANCIS BOWER  
born 8 Oct. 1884 N.S.W.

WILLIAM MARTYN CHRISTIAN  
born 7 Oct. 1815 or 1817  
Withyham, Sussex, England  
died 2 Jan. 1889 Hinton, N.S.W.  
married 1857 Sydney, N.S.W.  
Mary Ann Ireland  
born 7 Aug. 1826 Ashburton, Devon  
died 2 Jan. 1885  
Hinton, New South Wales, Australia

(See next page for issue and lines of descent)