CHOLMONDELEY, the Hon. THOMAS GREN-VILLE, of Abbot's Moss, Choshire.

Second son of Thomas, 1st Lord Delamore, by Harriet Elizaboth, dau. of the late Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart. ; b. 1818 ; m. 1850 Katharino Lucy, 2nd dau. of the late Sir Tatton Sykes, Bart., of Sledmere, co. York, and has, with other issue, * Hugh Cecil, & 1852. Mr. Cholmondeloy, who was educated at Rugby, is a J.P. and D.L. for co. Chostor, and Col. 1st Royal Choshiro Millitia; formerly Capt. 43rd Light Infantry.-Abbot's Moss, Northwich ; Cariton Club, S.W.

CHOLMONDELEY, REGINALD, Esq., of Condover Hall, Shropshire.

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Third son of the late Rev. Charles Cholmondeloy Rector of Hodnet, co. Sulop, by Mary, dau. of the Roy. Reginald Heber, of Hodnet and Marton; b 1827; s. his brother, Thomas Owen, Esq., of Condover, 1864; m. 1867 the Hon. Alice Mary, 2nd dau, of William, 1st Lord Egerton, of Tatton (shod. 1868). Is a Magistrate for co. Salop, Lord of the Manors of Condover and Westbury, Ponterbury and Pulverbatch, and Patron of 4 livings .- Condover Hall, Shrewsbury ; 37, Palace Gale, s.w.

Heir Pres., his brother Richard Hugh, M.A., of Trinity Coll. Cambridge, Vicar of Lenton, co. Salop ; d. 1828.

CHOLMONDELEY. (See under Delamere, Lord.)

CHRISTIAN, the Right Hon. JONATHAN, of Newcourt, co. Wicklow.

Son of the late George Christian, Esq., of Dublin, by Margaret, dau. of R. Cormick, Esq.; b. 1811; m. 1859 Mary, dau. of Francis E. Thomas, Esq., late of Newtown Park, co. Dublin. Educated at Trinity Coll., Dublin; called to the Irish Bar 1834; appointed a Q.O. 1846, and Serjeant-at-Law 1851; was Solicitor-General for Ireland 1856-8; appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Ireland, 1858; Lord Justico of Appenl and a Privy Councillor 1867.-Noucourt, Bray, co. Wicklow ; 85, Merrion Square South, Dublin ; Athonoum and Union Clubs, B.W.

CHRISTIAN, SAMUEL, Esq., of Fyscho Hall, Yorkshire.

Eldest son of the late Hugh George Christian, Esq.; of Fysche Hall, by Anne, eldest dau. of Samuel Fisher, Esq., and grandson of the late Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh C. Christian, K.B.; b. 1829; s. 1861; m. 1852 Frances Emily, dau. of Col. Mellor, of Derby. Educated at Trinity Hall, Cambridge (LL.B. 1857); formorly in the Bombay Army .- Fysche Hall, Knarcsborough.

Heir Pres, his brother Hugh, lato Capt. 68th Bengal Native Infantry; 5, 1831; m. 1856 Annio, eldest dan. of Isano Newton, Esq., of Knaresborough, co. York, and has, with other isano, Whotham George, 5, 1850.

CHRISTIAN, the Rev. WILLIAM BELL, of 3 10 Ewanrigg Hall, Cumberland, and Milntown, Isle of Man.

Only surviving son of the late John Christian, Ecq., of Ewanrigg and Milntown (Chief Judge of the I. of Man, who d. 1862), by Susannah, dan. of Lowis Robort Allon, Esq., of Bath ; b. 1815 ; s. his brother 1869; m. 1st 1840 Charlotto Elizaboth, dau. of Thomas Brine, Log. (she d. 1802); 2nd 1804 Fanna Mary, dau. of the Into Roy, James Thomas Du Boulay, Rector of Heddington, Wilts; 3rd 1867 Marin Bowes, oldest dan, of the late Col. Charles O. Johnson ; he has issue,

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eldest son of the late Charles George Chelmondeley, Lsq., who d. 1860, by Susan Caroline, dan, of the late Sir George OHRISTIE, ROBBER, Esq., of Durie, Fifeshire. Dashwood, Bart.; b. 1888. Eldest surviving son of the late Charles Mailland Christie, Esq., J.P. and D.L. of Durie (who d. 187) by his 1st wife, Mary Butler, oldest dau. of the Rea. Hobert Lindsay ; b. 1818 ; m. 1st 1847 Eliza, dan. d Robert Scott-Monerioff, Esq., of Fossaway ; 2nd 188 Sarah, dau. of Horaco Petidy, Esq. ; 3rd 1855 Elcane Roper, dan. of William Cotton, Esq., and widow of Donald Maclennan, Esq., and has, with other inca. * Charles Horaco, 5, 1862. Mr. Christie is a Magis trate for co. Fife, and Lord of the Barony of Data -Durie House, Leven, N.B.

> CHRISTIE, THOMAS CRAIG, Esq., of Bodier and Petershill, Lanarkshire.

Son of the late Jumes (llamsay) Christic, Es, of Glasgow, by May, dau. of the late Thomas Craig, Eq. of Nantwich, co. Chester; b. 1816; m. 1st 1853 Calbata Cameron, of Bedlay, dau. and heir of the late James. Campbell, Esq., of Potorshill and Shirva (she d.4. 1864); 2nd 1859 Anna Bolling, eldost dau. of the her John Cross-Buchanan, Esq., of Moss, co. Stirling, in Auchintoshan, co. Dumbarton, and has, with city issue, * Walter Cross-Buchanan, b. 1862. Mr. Christ is a Magistrate for cos. Lanark and Dumbarton, a Commissioner of Supply and of Property and Incom Taxes, &c., and Chairman of the School Board d Caddor .- Bedlay Manor, Moodiesburn, Glasgow, S.L. Western Club, Glasgow.

CHRISTIE, WILLIAM LANGHAM, Esq., of Oht debourne, Sussex.

Only son of the late Langham Christic, Esq., of Preton Deanery, co. Northampton, High Sheriff of a Northampton 1853 (who d. 1861), by Margar Elizabeth, dau. of W. Gosling, Eeq.; 5. 1830; m. 183 Agnes Hamilton, day, and coheir of the late Ok Augustus Saltren Clevland, of Tapeley Park, Deron, s. has, with other issue, * Augustus Langham, 8. 167. Mr. Christie, who was cducated at Eton and Trist Coll., Cambridge, is a Magistrate for co. Northawjan and a J.P. and D.L. for Sussex, and Patron of 1 ling was formorly Capt. Northamptonshiro Militla - Get debourne, Lowes ; Carlton and Oxford and Capital Clubs, B.W.

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Bengal Army ; 5. 1828 ; m. 1854 Jamina Anne, dat. of James Ownloy Brown, Beg., H.B.I.O.S., and has, with other Issue, • Robert Alexander, 5. 1871.

CHRISTMAS, the late Thomas, Esq., of Whitfield, co. Waterford.

they surviving son of the late William Christmas be, of Whitfield, and grandson of William Christmas, Eq. of Whitfield, and of Catherine, dau. of William Indow, Esq.; 5. 1810; a. his brother 1867; m. Miss Carke, and d. 1868, leaving issue three daughters. Whitfield, Waterford ; 18, Dunsford Place, Bath.

CHRISTY, JOHN, Esq., of Apportield, Kent. Third son of the late Miller Christy, Esq., by Ann, an of William Rice, Esq.; b. 1780; m. 1813 Sarah, den of the late Abraham De Horne, Esq., and by hor, who d. 1860, had, with other issue, John De Horne, A 1814; m. 1848 Anne, dau. of R. Kidder, Esq., of Weterham, Kont, and d. 1850, leaving issue. Mr. Gristy is Lord of the Manor of Apperfield.—Apperfield Ourt Lodge, Oudham, Sevenoaks.

HRISTY, RICHARD, Esq., of Fairfield. Lancashire.

fifth son of the late William Miller Christy, Esq., of Woodbines, Surrey, by Anne, dau. of John Fell, Esq. # Peckham Rye, Surrey; b. 1819; m. 1862 Alice, Idau, of Henry Ashworth, Esq., The Oaks, co. Interster; and has, with other issue, * William Miller, b. 1863. Mr. Christy is a Magistrate for cos. Chester and Lancaster.-Poynton Towers, Stockport.

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head son of Thomas Christy, Esq., of Broomfield, Bun, by Jane Sandwith, dau. of Thomas Christy Wetefield, Esq., of Moyallon, co. Down ; b. 1835 ; m. 1171 Mary Elizabeth, younger dau. of Jonathan Joseph Edardson, Esq., of Kircassock, co. Down (whom see). **b** Magistrate for Stockport,-Bramall Hall, Stock m; Conservative Club, Manchester; Junior Carlton 200, s.w.; Belgrave Mansions, s.w.

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Oxon, and who d. 1873.-Home Lodge, Woo

CHURCHILL, Lord ALFRED SPENCE

Second son of George, 6th Duke of Marlborough.

1st wife Larly Jane, dau. of George, 8th Earl of

way, K.T., and brother of the 7th Duke; b. 182

1857 the Hon. Harriet Louisa Esther, dau. of Free

4th Lord Calthorpe, and has issue. Educated at Military Coll., Sandhurst; is a J.P. and D.L. for

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Woodstock 1845-7, and 1857-65 ; Into Liout. 4th Dragoons and 83rd Foot.-Sandhurst, Woking

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of Colliton House, Dorchester (who d. 1847), by

tha, dau. of John Tannor, Esq.; b. 1811; m.

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* William Churchill, b. 1840. Mr. Churchill, who

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CHRISTIAN Family Information

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As you may be interested in the origins and history of the Manx CHRISTIANS, I'll jot down a few notes on them before going on to their movements in America.

The first CHRISTIANS on record seem to have been Icelandic Norse: the name then was Kristin. The Norse invaded the Isle of Man at about the same time that they were settling the coastal fringes of Northern England and Scotland. In Manx, the name became "McCrystyn", "MacChristene", etc., but it became Christian under the later English influence. The Christians seem always to have been prominent in Manx affairs, but the most famous is William Christian (1608-1663), receiver-general of the Isle of Man, third son of Ewen Christian, who was one of the deemsters (judges) of the Isle. Almost certainly the change in the family's fortune, coming as a result of William's fate, was the reason for the emigration of some of its members. William's history is a complex one. In 1643 his father made over to him the estate of Ronaldsway. At that time the Lord of Man was James, Seventh Earl of Derby, who appears to have seen in the feudal powers and privileges enjoyed by the Christians a threat to his own Lordship of the island; the Earl had imposed certain restrictions on the Christian property transactions, and William acquired the particular estate only because the two older brothers refused to accept Derby's conditions. Soon after the English Civil War broke our, in the Isle of Man most of the people were Royalists, and in 1651 the Earl went to England with a body of Manx volunteers, leaving William Christian in command of the insular troops. What happened next is very complicated and sometimes not very clear. The Earl was taken prisoner by the Parliamentarians, and the Countess, hearing of this, tried to bargain for her husband's life by arranging the surrender of the island. Christian immediately organized an insurrection to defeat the scheme. The Earl of Derby was executed in England. Ten years later, after the restoration of the Monarchy, the eighth earl sought revenge on Christian, whom he blamed for the execution of his father and accused him of having been in collusion with the Parliamentarians. In January 1663 the new Earl exceeded his authority by having Christian tried and executed for treason. Christian had written to the King for a pardon, and the King signed the document, not realizing that the execution had already been carried out. Later, I'm glad to say, the King punished Derby fc. his actions.

One of William's brothers was John Christian, about whom I know nothing. William himself was described as "a young man of slight figure, dark complexion, closecut hair, and a melancholy expression".

William had eight sons and one daughter. The eldest son was George. the second son, Ewan, and the seventh Thomas, came to England where there were relatives and estates in Cumberland and Lancashire. Ewan eventually regained the Ronaldsway estate, al. It is clear that Thomas Christian, who settled in Virginia, mus.

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have been a close relative.

The Thomas Christian who came to Lancashire and Cumberland was the grandfather of Fletcher Christian. Fletcher and his brother, Edward, were the sons of Charles Christian, who lived at Mairlandclere, Cumberland. Fletcher's brother, Edward, was the Professor of Laws at Downing College, Oxford and a well known judge. As a young man he attained a brilliant scholastic record, but later he sank into utter dissipation. He died in 1823. Fletcher's colorful story is well know, though it remains controversial whether he was murdered in Pitcairn or whether he somehow returned to England.

Rear Admiral Sir Hugh Christian (1747-1798) was descended from a branch of the family who had remained in Milntown, Isle of Man. He had a distinguished and eventful career in the navy, and in 1795 became commander-in-chief of the West Indies. Soon he was sent out to the Cape of Good Hope. Curiously enough, the father of this admiral was the Captain of a privateer; a pirage in short. He was Thomas Christian and in 1753 he was killed in London during a brawl in a gambling house.

Another seagoing Christian was one Edward Christian who is known to have been serving in the East Indies, 1744-1749 with the rank of Captain. Even today, I believe, the maritime tradition persists in the family.

Another interesting member of the Manx line was Thomas Christian, who died in 1799. He was the son of the Reverend John Christian of Kirk Marown, I.M. Thomas succeeded his father as Vicar or Rector in 1779. It is said of Thomas that he was chiefly distinguished for his utter unfitness for the clerical office in every respect; but the same could truthfully be said of most rural clergymen of those days. They were squires and landowners who, for the most part, knew little about religion and cared less. It just so happened that by getting themselves ordained they could acquire the living of a rich parish through family influence. Thomas did a very remarkable thing, he translated about four thousand lines of "Paradise Lost" from English to Manx.

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I wonder whether you have looked into the question of Fletcher Christian (the famous mutineer who gave Capt. Bligh his comeuppance and took the "Bounty" to Pitcairn) being related to the descendants of the Christians that emigrated to America. Of course, Fletcher Christian was born about 100 years after the emigration, and the connection must have been rather distant. I do know that Fletcher Christian's family had estates in both Cumberland and the Isle of Man. Whether it would be possible to prove the relationship beyond all doubt is questionable, though common sense tells me that it must have existed. The surname Christian is certainly not a common one, and it is difficult to believe that two or more entirely unconnected families by the name of Christian dwelt in two such thinly populated areas as the Isle of Man and the county of Cumberland then were. The fact that Fletcher Christian's family belonged to the "landed gentry" should render, if possible, to trace Fletcher's antecedentsfrom the expensive brass-fronted tombstones which the gentry erected for their dead; and from other sources. I intend to do this when I can. I know of no historical society in either place.

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ancient Round Torrers metimes no circle or glory about the arms of the cross Note: Quient Runic inscriptions, Latin inscriptions, many names, finally English. p. 160 EParish of Regarge I the church register commenced in the year 1636 . p. 166 Lin Parishg Jurky I ancient watch hell ... Cronk - mooar. Durby, name a corruption of Dvarsby, Inais town or millage p.167 Parish of Ballaugh ... derived its name from The manks Balla, a town or an estate, and logh, a porton a lake . p. 168 [Parish g Ballaugh] The church register, the aldest in the usland, commenced in the year 1598. p. 169 Peel, anciently called Halme Town - and in Mong Part-ny-Hinchey, or harbour of the Island ... She Deandinariou term Holm signifies a small island. p. 172 Moddey Doo, on Black Dog p. 177 ... Dalby - is ... the village in the dale p. 177 Cronk -na - Irey - Lhaa, i.e., the fill the rising day p. 178 ... Ting or Ding Iscandinarian I ... - such as Dingmall, the Tynmald Hill ... stc. p. 179 The word Tynnald (originally Thingville) is derived from Thing signifiging in the ancient language of the north, the place of convention, a court of justice or assiges, or a popular assembly; and völler, a field, a vale; on the Danish rold, a bank or rampart. Cronk - y Voddy (i.e. hell of the dog) p.182 Cronk - narror - shage - i.e. the hill of the watch by day p. 192 The dole g Man ... is about thirty three miles in length, P:5 and from eight to fifteen in breadth, and is celebrated for the salubrity of its demate and the picturesque Scanty of its, scenery . . . The Manks language is one of the six branches of the Celtic p.9 [Columna for inventories & s. d. p. 11

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There is a charter among the Harlecon MSS. (Ch, Y34) which is dated A.D. 1154. It concerns an exchange of lands with the Priory of St. Bees in Cumberland, and King Gadred II nomes one, pil9 Dellocrest, as "my foster - brother" and gives him The Haffland round Maughald Church in addition to Ballskilley, Baldroma and the two Balyteasayns which he dresdy possessed. All these parcels of land formed part of the eneutreal Milntown estate, Three Many antiquarians - the late Canon Quine, the late anchdescon Kewley, and the tate Mr. W. J. Collingwood - were at one in festening on This Lillocreat as Regetter of the family debled Christian . 14's name means Gernant of Christ (Many Huilley Chreest) and it might well have been a son of his who was the first McCregotion

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Brochure Isle of Man Tourist Board The Tynwald Ceremony at St. John's, near Peel, is the scene of the open-air parliamentary assembly on Tynwald Hill in July every year, when the new Acts of Tynwald are promulgated. Tynwald, the oldest parliament in the world with unbroken tradition, dates back more than],000 years to **th** its foundation by the Vikings.

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Craine, p. 95 In the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries Milntown was regularly used as the meeting place of the Sheading Courts. When the Captain or Lieutenant of Man, as the Governor was called during the first two hundred years of the Stanley Lordship, went on circuit with the Demmsters, Receiver, Comptroller and Water Bailiff, he began with Glenfaba. From there the cavalcade of judges and clerks, accompanied by the records carried in leather trunks slung in horse-creels, rode over the rough uneven bridle-paths to Kirk Michael where the sessions were, as elsewhere, often held in the Church.

> The Sheading of Ayre was next visited, and then the Southern Division. Two days were generally spent in each place, and the Captain received an allowance of one shilling and sixpence a day with food, the other high officers one shilling. The value of the judges' allowances is more easily understood when the bill for victuals for one day's Court at Milntown in]608 is examined. . . .

. . . In]496, the Coroner of Ayre, John McCristen (later Deemster), returned the expenses of his Court at Milntown, as eight shillings and sixpence.

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Craine, p. 97 Milntown witnessed a curious indident in]673. John had nominated his younger son Ewan, a merchant of Newcastle, as executor, and on the Deemster's death the disposition of the property produced conflicting claims from various members of the family. Tge Bishop, as supreme judge in the Church Court dealing with wills and testaments, was called in to settle the dispute quickly, since a large amount of perishable goods was in question.

> He decreed that a candle should be lit in the hall of the house at twelve of the clock on a day in January,]674; and that then the goods should be put to auction and sold 'within the space of the burning of the candle'. The next of kin were to have the pre-emption where equal sums were bidden.

Craine, p. 98 Milntown House owes its modern form to Curwen's eldest son John Christian (]776-]852), by his first wife Margaret Taubman. John received legal training and was a member of the Englash Bar. He was made Deemster in]823, it being a condition of his appointment that he should bring his family to Man. This provision arose from long experience of English lawyers in the office of Attorney-General, who had other sources of income, disliked the sea-conssing and grossly neglected their duties in the Insular Courts.

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At that time [1640] the fortunes of the house of Milntown were approaching their zenith. The most powerful Manx family since the beginning of the fifteenth century, the Christians retained the favour of the Earl owing to their great influence in the country, rather than from any love he bore them. Ewan had been Deemster since 1605 and, in spite of the activities of his son 'Illiam Dhone', held office till his death fifty-one years later. . . .

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EWAN CHRISTIAN (b. 1579, d. 1656), of Milntown, father of Illiam Dhone. He is more remarkable for the powerful position he attained in the island than for, as far as we know, any special ability he showed either as councillor or deemster. His position is especially referred to by James, the 7th Earl of Derby, in his diary, as follows :-- "By reason of his eminence here and that [he] holdeth much of the same tenure of the straw . . . he is so observed that certainly, as I temper the matter with him in this, so shall I prevail with others"; * [This + neft quate from Many Soc., Val Ill and he then proceeds to say about his family: "There be many of the Christians in this country--but they have made themselves chief here . . . by policy they are crept into the principal places of power; and they be seated round about the country, and in the heart of it; they are matched with the best families; have the best livings [that is, farms]; and must not be neglected."

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Six of the owners of Milntown in the above list were Deemsters. The word (Saxon Doom) was imported and took the place of the Norse Lag, and the precise position and authority of these Lawmen has always defied definition. In the chapter on <u>The</u> <u>Vikings</u> in Vol. III of <u>The Cambridge Mediaeval History</u>, Mr. Allen Mawer writes:

When the Vikings established permanent settlements, the Kings are found ruling with certain officers known as "Lawmen" by their side . . Originally men skilled in the law, who could state and interpret it where required, they often presided in the Thing or popular assembly and represented the community as against the king or his officers. . In Mann and the Hebrides they became actual chieftains and are mentioned side by side with the kings . The office would seem as a rule to have been hereditary.

Beach, p. 2]

Even in 1797, Feltham, in his <u>Tour of the Isle of Man</u> professes himself puzzled, and compares the Deemsters' influence to the civil authority of the ancient **Dr**uids. As time went on and the legal system became a complex impossible to clarify here, their powers were modified: but they still retain a legistative aura. Their consent is still necessary before an Act becomes law, and they sign to this day in a space set aside for them. It is they who on St. John's Day read aloud the new laws to the people.

Hereditary <u>savoir-faire</u> seems to have been all that the office demanded in the way of legal and legislative capability, but the standard of general education in the idland was not a low one. The monks from Ireland had brought learning with them in the 6th and 7th centuries, and until the]6th century, education at large was kept going by the monasteries: while social standards were sustained by intercourse with the counties on the coast opposite as many marriages attest. . .

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Beach, p. 27

DEEMSTER WILLIAM [d. 1593] was the first to sign a document as CHRISTIAN, and the prefix Mc or Mac deplorably disappeared from all the island surnames from then on.

The fourth Earl of Derby, not, at first, so entangled in high matters in England as his father had been, was able to turn his attention to Mann, and he was to bnd fro and presided at more than one Tynwald. No Tynwalds had been held for a hundred and fifty halcyon years because there had been no new laws to promulgate, and the amorphous Keys had no being unless the Deemsters selected them now and then for a little backing up. This fourth Earl Derby forged the Keys into a permanent body and of his own nominees; but when he called on them to ap pass a new law which is not specified, they rounded on him, and together with the Bishop (Meryck), the Archdeacon, Hugh Holland, and the Deemster, W. CHRISTIAN, signed a Protest to theme effect that if the twenty-four and the rest were to be called together to establish a law binding on the whole country and not to decide a controversy, then the twenty-four should be elected by the consent of the whole country. . . .

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about other peccabilities. Lord Derby wrote that

someone in a pleasant Humour sayd that he thought the Deemster did not get **eo** many Bastards for Lust's Sake, as in Policie, to make the Name of the Christians flourish . . . It is very true that there be many Bastards here in this Isle; and he is to be wonder'd at who wonders at it. But sure it would be very well if that Law were here as in other places, that all knowne Bastards were called after their Mother's Names. And there is no more Reason for it here, in Respect they are subject to make Factions. And Men of the same Name will side with one another against any Body. Nor do they love or esteeme lesse because their Friends, Brothers, or Sisters be base borne. • /

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Vol.]4, p. 77] Encl. Britannica . . . The annual reading of the laws passed during the year is carried out on old midsummer day, July 5, on the Tynwald hill at St. Johns in the centre of the island. The day is a holiday and all inhabitants are bidden to attend. The Tynwald court assembles in the church of St. John for a short service after which it proceeds to the "hill," a mound of earth distant about 200 yd., preceded by the coroners, captains of parishes, clergy and other dignitaries. Only the titles of the acts are now read, first in English, then in Manx.

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Vol.]4, p. 77] . . . There are now two judges of the high court, called Encl. Britannica "deemsters," and they have complete jurisdiction covered by the general jail delivery, queen's bench, chancery, admiralty, probate and divorce divisions. There is no regular assize; deemsters' courts are held every week of the legal term in one of the court towns of the island. . . .

> The arms of the island are "Gules, three legs armed, ENRY conjoined in fesse at the upper part of the thighs, blexed in triangle, proper booted and spurred, or." The earliest appearances of the "three legs of Man" are on the hilt of the Manx sword of state (A.D.]300), on the market cross of Kirk Maughold (c.]350) and of more definite date on the shield of Henry de Bello Monte (]3]0) and **x** the earl of Moray (]3]3). The origin is Sicilian.

The motto, <u>Quocunque jeceris stabit</u> *"It will stand wherever you throw it"), first appears on the coinage of]668 jeceris being misspelled as gesseris.

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DEEMSTER OR DOOMSTER, the former title of an officer attached to the High Court of Justice in Scotland who pronounced the doom or sentence on condemned persons. Mention of this office is made in the Doomsday Book. Deemster is the title proper to each of the two justices of the Isle of Man.

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Vol. 14, pp. 768 Encyclopaedia Britannica 1958 Chicago MAN, ISLE OF (Manx-Gaelic, Ellan Vannin), one of the British Isles situated in the Irish sea, roughly equidistant from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. . . . The capital is Douglas ($\underline{q.v.}$). The Island is not part of the United Kingdom, nor is it a "foreign dominion" of the crown; it is a dependency, with a considerable degree of self-government, administered by the home office in a manner comparable with the Channel Islands.

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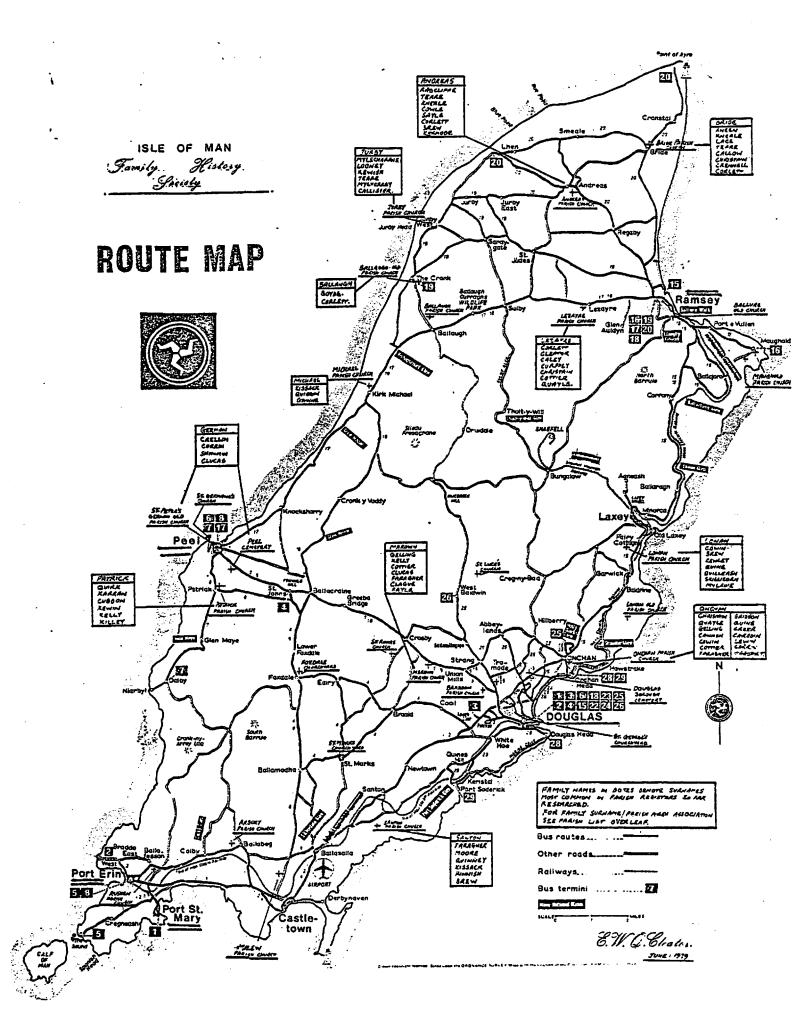
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. . . The island became the home of many Irish missionaries in the centuries succeeding the teaching of St. Patrick.

. . . The Scandinarian invasions began about A. D. 800 and the first phase lasted till after the Norman Conquest of England . . . The governmane consists in a lieutenant governor, appointed by the monarch as lord of Man; a council or upper house; and a house of keys or lower house. The two houses sit separately as legislative bodies but come together to form a Tynwald court for certain business. The governor presides over the council and Tynwald; the house of keys elects a speaker. The Tynwald court and the house of keys constitute one of the most ancient legislative assemblies in the world. In the Tynwald court the two houses sit and vote separately but transact business and sign bills together. . . .



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JURBY	: TEARE, CAIN, CHRISTORY, KNEALE, CLARKE.	
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THE YOUNG MANX EXPLORER HERO.

from Elizabeth Simpson FSG

DESCENDANT OF ILLIAM DHONE.

A DIARY OF HEROISM.

Edgar Vernon Christian, the nineteen year old explorer and member of the illfated Arctic expedition, whose diary has roused such world-wide interest, was a direct descendant of Illiam Dhone and a member of the family of Christians of Milntown, Ramsey. As recorded in all the daily newspapers. Christian's body, along with those of his companions, John Hornby and R. E. Adlard, was found in a lonely log cabin at the junction of the Thelon and Hamburg rivers. Christian was the last to perish, and his diary, written right up to the last stages of his suffering, forms an epic of heroism that has rarely been equalled in the history of the Empire. The bodies were discovered by the North-West Mounted Police, in July, 1922. Christian was the third and youngest son

Christian was the third and youngest son of Colonel Wau. Francis Christian, R.G.A., D.S.O., of Carnarvon and Hong Kong, and Marguerite Annie Christian, daughter of the late Mr C. H. Hornby, brother of the famous Lancashire cricket captain. Edgue Christian was educated at Dover College, going out to Canada in 1926 with his mother's cousin, Mr John Hornby, the explorer. He is remembered at his school as an adventurous and, in many respects, unusual boy. This young hero was a member of the Irish branch of the Christians of Milntown. They are descended in direct line from Illiam Dhone through his eldest surviving son, George, Edgar being the ninth generation. This George's son, William, in 1720, sold Ronaldsway and Langness to Sin Wm. Somerville, Alderman of Dublin. He then settled in Ireland and bought the estate of Old Grange Co. Waterford, whichli was held by his descendants until sold in 1785 during the minority of Admiral Jonathan Whitby Christian. Several sons of this Irish branch entered the Services. Others were prominent members of the legal profession, thus carrying on the traditions of their, forbears at Milntown. Two in succession were head of the Queen's Bench Record Department at the Four Courts. Dublin. Another was the Right Hon. Jonathan Whitby Christian, sometime Solicitor-General for Ireland, and Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal.—Edgar and his family were frequent and welcome visitors to their relatives at Milntown, and the splendid and unfaltering courage shown by the extracts from his diary prove that in him lived again the splicit, which animated his great ancestor, Illiam Dhone.

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from Elizabeth Simpson FS

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DAY, OCTOBER 21, 1922.

CHRISTIANS OF MILNTOWN

from Elizabeth Simpson, FSG

An Ancient and Honourable Family

Twenty One Generations.

I wenty-One Generations. A memorial tablet, erected by Mrs W. B. Ohristian, of Milntown, Lezayre, widow of the Rev. William Bell Christian, B.A., J.P., C.P., to the memory of the famous family of Christians, of Milntown, has been placed in Lezayre Church, on the "right-hand side of the pulpit. The tablet, which consists of a large lacquered brass plate, mounted on oak with the names engraved thereon, was dedi-eated by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Kermode, M.A.), on Sunday, before a large congresa-tion. tion

Prior to his sermon, the Vicar, in a short address, said that that memorial was crected to the memory of a family that had sived in the parish of Lesayre for more than five and a half centuries. The family of Christian, of Milntown, was one which had in past days fought hard and triumphantly for our insular rights: a family that find, therefore, made its name in Manx History, and one of which many members had also taken a dis-tinguished part in the history of the Britsch Empire. He then dedicated the memorial in the following terms:- "In the faith of Jeaus (Christ, we dedicate this imensorial to the memory of the descendants of Gillorist, in the name of the Father Son, and Holy. Ghost." Prior to his sermon, the Vicar, in a short

At the head of the tablet appears the cont-of-arms of the Millitown family, which consists of a white unicorn, three vaces, and a square, with the Latin words, "Salus per Christum," The inscription on the tablet

Christum." The inscription on the tablet then reads: "To the Glory of God and in memory of the following descendants of Gilloerist. A.D. 1176, the traditional founder of the family of Christian of Milntown, in this Parish, and of Ewanrigg, in Cumberland; from whom, through more than twenty-one generations, Milntown passed in the direct make line. malo line.

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44 Marina Road,

Darlington, Co. Durham. D.L.3.OAN. 11th May 1972

Dear Mrs Simpson,

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When your very interesting letter of May 1st arrived I would have liked to sit down and reply to it there and then, but unfortunately this is the first chance I have had to do so.

First of all I had better tell you that I won't be joining the F.H.S of Cheshire yet awhile but may give it further consideration in October when the annual membership subscription is due. Not that I am not interested, just that it is not convenient to pay the subscription now and again in October, to be quite frank.

Now to the more interesting bit of your letter, it would be nice if we could find a connecting link between our two sides of the Christian family, our own is small, and most of them have emigrated to New Zealand. Actually there were originally three families of Scandinavian McCristin's who, as Vikings, descended on the Isle of Man. Eventually their name was shortened to Cristin and thence to Christian, I forget the title of the book I got this information from, but have you read "North Country Life in the 18th Century" by Edward Hughes. There is a book with the same title "North Country Life in the 18th Century " written by John Christian Curwen, and I think that he will he the John Christian who in 19 1782 married the Curwen heiress, and took her name as his future surname. You will have read all this no doubt.

My Grandfather James Christian was born on the 21st August 1877 at a place called Heage, near Ripley in Derbyshire. His father was Elias Christian who was born near Cockermouth in Cumberland in 1853, and died Aggust 26th 1908 aged 55 years at Heage.He was (according to his obituary notice) a member of the Wesleyah Chapel until his death, which makes me wonder where to look for his record of birth at Cockermouth, or that of the other members of his family, as surely they would not be entered in the register of the Parish Church if he was not an Anglican. Amongst family mourners there is mentioned sister and brother-in-law Mr & Mrs T. Litchfield (Heage). I have heard that he had relatives still living at Cockermouth, but I never met any of them, although Elias and his wife spent their summer holid**ggs** at Cockermouth each year. It is strange how we lost touch with those people as otherwise the family were clannish.

There were cousins of James Christian called Ernest and Mary Christian who lived at Bacup, they had a daughter called Hilda (I think she was their daughter) I know there was a Hilda Christian who was bridesmaid to Clarice Storer of Oldham, (she was my mother's cousin) and James called his youngest daughter Hilda, but she alas, died at the age of 1 year and 9 months on 1st June 1906, of pnuemonia. I have heard that Ernest died in New Zealand, and his sister last lived at Lytham St. Annes, but is likely dead by now. Burney was also mentaned: Elias Christian seems to have moved from Cockermouth to Derbyshire because of his work as a railwayman. My mother said he was an engine driver, but on the wedding certificate he is stated to be a labourer! He married a girl called Fanny who was Cheshire born. I don't know her maiden name, nor where they met.

They had three children, James, Elizabeth and Fanny Louise. James, my grandfather had three children :- Ada born 10/7/1900 (my mother) Lilian born May 1902 at Sawmills or was it Ambergate Derbyshire,? They then moved to Darlington where Hilda was born September 1904. As I said before Hilda died as a baby, and tragically Lily died aged 16 in the Influenza epidemic of 1918., thus only my mother was left. She and my father were married in 1924 and I came along at the end of 1926 - <u>28/11/26</u>. and was their only child. I forgot to say James married Mary Ellen Wain of Belper 11/3/1899. <u>Elizabeth Christian</u> his elder sister married Joseph Storer and they moved to Oldham, and had several children. James,eldest,died in Christchurch N.Z. recently. Frank, is living in Auckland N.Z. Clarice Christian Storer, lives in Christchurch and is now a widow Mrs Morley., the youngest son was Joseph Christian Storer, and he too is in Christchurch, N.Z.

Fanny Louise Christian married a sailor named William Kirkland and they had one son called Joseph Elias Christian Kirkland, who is now living in a seaside town near Portsmouth, is it SouthSea? He married a girl from Cornwall. There was also and adopted son Jack Kirkland who made the Air Force his career. Notice how they all stuck Christian in somewhere, I was nearly called Dorothy Christian Sanderson, until my mother realised that the initials stood for Darlington Co-operative Society, and changed her mind. The tradition continues as there is a little 2nd cousin(several times removed) called Stephen Christian Rae, out there in Christchurch.

That is all I can tell you of my part of the family. Of course in days when there were large families, irrespective of the interesting tale you told, there would be quite a number who would wander sway from the home town, and home country. I see that the Sarah Christian who was your Great Grandmother (?) was married in 1858, whereas my Great Grandfather was not born until 1853. I would be 5 in 1858 All I know of the family history is that my Granda said his family had come over from the Isle of Man to Cumberland, and that his Gt. Great....Grandfather was related a to Fletcher Christian. I can remember spending a rainy afternoon in the churchyard at Cockermouth with my mother trying to find her Great Grandparents grave, but at the time I wondered if they would have been buried elsewhere, there are two anking anglican churches at Cockermouth and there must also be another cemetary.

It is a long time since I was there, and cannot see another visit yet awhile, but that is where I should pick up the thread, if I could find out particulars of Elias Christian's father, etc.

As an interest it could become absorbing, if only I had the time. My husband and my father do not share my enthusiasm, but I think my daughters might do some day.

yours sincely, Dorothy Gill

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I'm sorry this letter is so jumbled, and hope you can understand it. Had I the time I'd have re- written it more passing carefully.

Of course Granda + his sisters are dead hers; + my make died in 1963. I write to her Zealand consis quite often, + in a recent letter blance mentioned some consuis who were 'glass-blowers' but I can't find the letter just now + cannot remember atter details.

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Special PS

I have had just on 250 replies to my letter and your is the only one which has come from a person who MIGHT be a relative of mine!

I too had CHRISTIAN relatives in the Isle of Man who came over to Lancashire! I have done a little research into all this lot myself and come up with 2 or 3 observations:-

The Christian family was at daggers drawn with the family of the Earls of Derby over a very long period...in order to have as many men on the side of the Christian lot...the menfolk sired as many children as they could...both in and OUT of wedlock! The law in the Isle of Man is that a base child takes the surname of the mother and thus it was argued that if they all carried the name Christian they would fight together! Thus the odds on any of us being from a natural son are quite high!

Sec nd...the Christian family were Deemsters of the Island up to along way back...this is a sort of supreme Mayor..almost a Governor...even a King if you go back far enough, ence I suppose the feud with the Derby....if you can latch onto this branch you are off!

Third there was a branch that came to Milnthorpe...in the Lake district and th s branch is pretty well documented and if you can latch onto this you are again in luck...there is much printed about this family...see if you can get a book called 'The Yesterdays behind the door' by a Mrs Harriet Beech (I think that was her name...but the title is correct)

Next I am sending you details of our Society, do join us and then your research and mine can complement each other. You will readily understand that this is the way we can help each other by saving time in duplicating work already done.

What you have to do first is establish the exact line of your Granda...get his death cert and work back to his marriage and biths certs if possible so that you know his pareths. I send you herewith my own link with the Christian family and you will see that I have got virtually no-where!

I look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely

Mrs P R Gill 44 Marina Road Darlington Co Durham

Xian's.

44. Maxina Road DARLINGTON DL3. OAN. Dear this Sunpson, And recent "Observer" I noticed your letter about tracing ancestors. I'm not a pensioner but have long wanted to do something in this line. My granda Christian kald me that his ancestors came over to Cockermonth from the sole of than originally. He died when I was a child, before the war, + I have only sketchy information to go on. Reihaps you could advise he how to begin my search. Sendore a S.A.E. for your uply. gains (mis) OGUL.

16 Taunton Avenu Northampton. NN3 3LX March 21. 1975

Dear Mrs. Simpson,

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I have just joimed the Northern Group of the Society of Genealogists and I see that you are researching the name Christian in the Isle of Man. My father's family - Hamison-came from the Isle of Man, originating in Arbony. I am writing to see if, by any chance your Christians came from Peel - as I an interested in Charles Christian who married Margatet Jane Moore in 1884 and later emigrated to Canada. Charles Christian was born in 1859 the son of Charles Christian and Margaret Carkhill (he had brothers Fred. Hugh. John. Wm) That Charles Christian was born in 1828 and was the son of Hugh Christian and Eleanor ? both born circa 1790/5.

I know that Christian is a common surname in the Island - but thought that there was just a chance that we were on the same line. I think these Christians were fishermen. Would you be interested in M.I. extracts from the I.O.M. of 1797 from D' Fetthan book? - or have you got them?" Edw. Win publ. 1868. I see you are interested in ancestors in Liverpool, as I am - though none of our 'names' seem to overlap. I wonder if by any chance you have met the names Birtles, Healiss (Heelis) or Rycroft in your researches.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Mone C. Harrison.

29 March 1975

Dear Mtss Harrison,

Welcome to the Northern Group - and many thanks for your letter of the 21st March.

My CHRISTAIN's when I first join them in the I o M - are in Douglas. My Grandmother was born (no sorry - my great gradmother) Sarah Christian daughter of William, publican - and when I went over there to trace this side of my family I found that he had a pub in Douglas and that in the census I found him together with all the family EXCEPT my g. grandmother but luckily family stories tell about the various Uncles and Aunts and I was able to ascertain that I was on to the correct family. As far as I could go then, which was only four days on the island - the Christian family had come to Douglas from Longn...which is only just outside the town now, but no doubt a much further journey then. On looking through the Parish register for Lonan I found several Christians, but never really satisfied myself that I had found my own lot - it is possible that William Christian married an Elizabeth Cowan - Sarah named her only daughter Elizabeth (and indeed my own mother named me after this same Elizabeth - hence the Elizabeth Cowan might have been the correct wife for William Christian).

You are right when you say that the island has many of them. I heard it said once that bastard children on the island always took their father's name and since the Christian family were always at odds with the Earls of Derby they aquite deliberately went around the island fathering sons to fight for the cause! Have you read THE book about the Christians? I am frantically trying now to remember the title - it was something like Behind the Door -(any decent librarian will know!)

On my own line these are the dat as I KNOW: 1889 - Sarah lived at 10 Richmond Grove with her daughter Elizabeth. 1852 - William Christian was licenses for the Foresters Arms 4 Strand St. 1861 census: Douglas. William Christian - aged 33 tavern keeper born Lonan Elizabeth - wife 50 (Sarah not there but would have been aged 19) Joseph son 19 house joiner born Douglas William / son 16 Cabman 1851 Census: William 30 publican born Lonan # R Elizabeth 40 wife ŧ Joseph son 11 Douglas / : 22 Ħ 8 W1111am Again Sarah is not there - but I am sure that this is the correct family and it is not unusual for a girl child not to be at home - she might already have been a little living in nursemaid somewhere else.

I began to go through the whole of the rest of the census to try to Ilna ner - but with no luck.

According to these figures my William would have been born in Lonan about the 1820's is about as accurate as you can get! And would have married his Elizabeth - possibly in Lonan round about 1840

Believe it or not but I appear to have done every period but these dtes at the time my maths must have beend sadly at fault - so there is a ray of hope after all if I go back again! Good job you wrote!

Certainly there is a change we could be on to the same line - there are a lot of very i lustrious Christians over there - if you get the chanceto go over it is a researchers paradise - most of the stuff is still in the original and all compactly together and easy to get at and use - and there is a hand written manuscript all about the Christians - though I did not find mine in it!

Yes I would be interested in the M.I extracts from the I o M of 1797 - I will see if I can find a copy of the book here in Manchester - thanks for telling me.

Sorry I have not met the names Birltes, Healiss or Rycroft anywhere yet -I teach in Liverpool and I can ask my classes if anyone else is researding on these names for you. I know that my Allmey ancestor - who had a sugar and almond mill which grea out of a grocers business - used to go to the I o M to sell food stuff - this is undoubtedly how he met my grandmother there in her Father's pub where he might have been staying.

My Liverpool names are ROBERTS, MARSHALL, FOINQUINOS, ALLMEY, WILLIAMS,

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I don't have a lot of time to work on my own lines now - I spend it on Society work and on teaching the subject at night school - now and again I break away and force myself to do some, for otherwise I run out of plain experience myself!

I know that this can't really have been of any help - but I have done my best!

Sincerely

ELIZABETH SIMPSON

Tel.: Northampton 32627.

16 Taunton Avenue, Abington Vale, Northampton, NN3 3LX April 7th, 1975

Dear Mrs. Simpson, Thank you for your letter and the details of the Christians of your line, though it doesn't look as if they wik up with the ones I have. I was interested to see that your William C. was a publican and kept the Foresters Arms in Strand Street. Douglas My g.g. mothers brother James Wilson Buttes kept the Pier Inn on North Quay from about 1860 and her husband Matthew Henry Healis hept the George Inn in Church St. from 1850 app. though he died in 1858 and as his unfe died in childbirth - my grand mother age went to live with her uncle at the Pier Inn - but she ran away from home when she was about 12 and get herself adopted by a william waid - a grocer. I know the Birtles went over about 1845

from Liverpool and ggn Ryonft was a Rycieft. The name I am stuck with is Healis - though I found some in Ramsey (spelt Healis) from Bolton and they went over to trade as a drapers grocer. - and ended up with a groceny shop in King Street, Doughos. There was one - Josiah Healis who had The Thatched House Tavern in Strand Shoeet. Ramse in early (18 he was born app. 1791. in England must try and go over to the 1.0.M again - I managed a few days a few years ago but was mainly trying to trace The Harrison line. If any of your classes know of any Healis (Healis); Rycroft or Birtles I would be grateful for some contactohave traced back to g3gf Nathaniel Birtles a plasterer/slater of Birtles Gunt -Great Nelson Street b. 1771. married Many Nelson widow. née Bryon daw of John Bryon, whitesmith and Joyce Allcock. -but I know my 92 9. J. James Birtles (who went to I.O.M.) had brothers who had

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16 Taunton Avenue, Abington Vale, families - mostly joiners or Northampton. plasterers - it would be interesting to trace some descendants. I have a newspaper cutting referring to a petition in the matters of the trusts of Nathaniel Birthes will dated March 1863. asking to sell houses and duride the money. - the list of petitioned was 23 names ! - including my grandmother and some cousins - and names Muncaster, Fowler, Bark, Perry and Fogg as well as Birthes. (but not any of your names). I haven't read the book about the Christians - I must try and get it. Thank you for your help. - 1 realise my family is of no help to you but maybe some overlap will occur somewhere ! Bestrishes,

Mona Hamson.

Notes re Fletcher Christian .

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[Footnote] *Fletcher was the second son of Thomas Christian. His grandfather was John Christian the 14th owner of Milntown. After the court martial his mother retired to Douglas and was subsequently buried at Kirk Braddan.

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Chambert Crangies

"The breadfruit grows on a large tree", wrote William Dampier, pirate-explorer, when he observed it during his circumnavigation in 1688, "as big as our largest apple trees: It hath a spreading head, full of branches and dark leaves. The fruit grows on the bought like apples; it is as kikg big as a penny loaf . . . of a round shape, and hath a thick tough rind. When the fruit is ripe it is yellow and soft, and the taste is sweet and pleasant. The natives gather it when full grown, while it is green and hard; they then bake it in an oven, which scorcheth the rind and makes it black; but they scrape off the outside black crust, and there remains a tender thin crust; and the inside is soft, tender, and white like the crumb of a penny-loaf. There is neither seed nor stone in the inside, but all is of a pure substance, like bread . . ."

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. . . At the time of Fletcher's birth in 1764 they $[j_{\mu\nu}, j_{\nu\nu}, j_{\nu\nu},$

Moorland Close is a typical semi-fortified border farmhouse, lonely, heavily walled against raids from the north, its only entrance through a lofty arched gateway closed with heavy doors. To the south the purple and grey fells of the Cumbrian mountains rise up from the pastureland, their tops often obscured by cloud. Nothing is recorded of Ann or of Charles Christian. They were probably a handsome and sturdy couple, though Fletcher's father died when he was only three or four. Local legend tells of a lively, mischievous boy, who played truant to go birds' nesting and fishing in the Ellerbeck, and was soundly beaten by the teacher -- "a terrible flogger". This was Brigham School in the nearby village to which Fletcher is said to have ridden every morning on a little piebald pony.

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At the age of nine, Fletcher was sent to Cockermouth Grammar School where he had a sound, all-round education for seven years. Cockermouth Grammar produced good poets at that time. One of Fletcher's closest friends and contemporaries was Isaac Wilkinson whose later fame as a poet was admittedly mainly local. Later Wilkinson wrote of Fletcher, "I can with truth say a more amiable youth I have never met with." In Fletcher's last year at Cockermouth another and more renowned poet, William Wordsworth, entered the school. It would be nice to think that Fletcher took a kindly interest in him; and he may well have done, as the Christian and Wordsworth families knew one another well.

Two of Fletcher's older brothers followed their father into the law, and one of them, Edward, was reading law at Cambridge at this time. The Wordwworth-Christian bond was strengthened when Edward came down from Cambridge to become for a bhort time a schoolmaster. By then the Wordsworths had moved from Cockermouth and William was at Hawkshead Grammar School some twenty miles away over the mountains in Westmorland, and there, for one year, Williams's master was Edward.

The close relationship between the families continued for many years. Edward became a fellow at St. John's College, Cambridge, and the first occupant of the Denning Chair of Law and a leading counsel in London. In this capacity he acted for the Wordsworth family in their epic case against the Earl of Lonsdale, from which they eventually derived, afthr the Earl's death, L8,500 in unpaid debts. William Wordsworth described Edward as a very, very clever man", and his sister Dorothy wrote to Jean Pollard (26 June 1791), "I am very well acquainted with him and a charming man he is."

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The Wordsworths, ever loyal to their Cumberland roots and their old friendship with the Christians, were among the first to rush to the defence of the Christian name after the mutiny and when Fletcher himself was being publicly vilified, and they actively supported Edward in his campaign of defence.

Edward Christian once wrote of his younger brother that "he possesses extraordinary abilities, is an excellent scholar, and everyone acquainted with him from a boy . . . can testify that no young man was ever more ambitious of what is estemmed right and honourable among men, or more anxious to acquire distinction and advancement by his good conduct in his profession."

This, of course, must be taken as a highly subjective view. But it is true that everyone seems to have liked Fletcher. And how happy that they did! For he was a young man who needed to be liked by all about him all the time.

There was no strong maritime tradition in the Christian family, and he was eighteen before he made the surprising decision to join the Navy for adventure and travel. Exploration had seized popular interest in England as strongly as it had in Spain and Portugal in the sixteenth century. . . . The voyages of Wallis, Carteret, Byron and Cook himself in the Pacific in the 1760s and 1770s had instilled a new spirit of adventurous curiosity among the country's young.

Flethher Christian was among those who succumbed to the attractions of the sea. He had no interest in an academic career or in the law. Quite simply, he yearned for travel and adventure. The Royal Navy offered both. In 1782 the country was at war with France, Spain and the Netherlands, and was still attempting to stamp out the revolt among the North American colonists. . . Christian took readily and happily to life at sea, the squalor and privations as well as the physical demands, the boisterous company and the delights of new places and peoples and climates. He got on well and fast. His good education, his lively mind and manner, ensured that. In 1784, as a twenty-year-old mixedian midshipman on the homeward passage from his first voyage to the Far East, he was given a watch in H. M. S. <u>Eurydice</u>, a new sixth-rate. This was unusual for a young man with only two years' service.

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England was at peace again, and the strength of the Navy was being run down. When the <u>Eurydice</u> was paid off, Christian found himself without work. This was the sort of situation in which a large family with wide connections showed its strength. The word was spread among friends and relatives that young Fletcher Christian wanted to continue his career at sea. Who could help?

At length a hopeful word was received. Christian's cousin John, eight years his senior, had first married a Margaret Taubman of Castletown in the Isle of Man. She had died shortly after giving birth to a son, and John had subsequently married into the Curwen family. Clade ties remained with the Manx Taubmans, and it was from Captain Taubman himself that Christian heard about a Lieutenant William Bligh, lately sailing master to the great James Cook. In the late summer of 1785 Bligh was due to take command of Campbell's fine new ship the <u>Britannia</u>. His crew was complete and they were soon to sail. It was at this point that he received at letter from one of the Taubmans, who were old family friends of Elizabeth. Bligh had often met them and knew Captain Taubman, the writer of this letter. Its purpose was to recommend Midshipman Fletcher Christian and to ask if Bligh might have a berth for him on board the Britannia.

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Bligh had never met the young man but knew the Christians as one of the more important families in Cumberland. He would like to oblige, he wrote back, but regretted that he already had a full complement of officers. Fletcher Christian now took the step that was to link his name with Bligh's for all time. He was desperate to get back to sea, and of course to sail under William Bligh would provide priceless experience. Christian wrote to him direct, asking if he could not change his mind. "Wages are no object; I only wish to learn my professon, and if you would permit me to mess with the gentlemen, I will readily enter your ship as a foremaster, until there is a vacancy among the officers. We midshipmen," he continued, "are gentlemen, we never pull at a rope; I should even be glad to go one voyage in that situation, for there may be occasions when officers may be called upon to do the duties of a common man."

That seemed to Bligh to be the right spirit, and Christian's persistence paid off. Bligh wrote back that he would be welcome on these terms: working as a rating, messing as an officer. Bligh owged his own situation to family influence. He welcomed the change to repay his own opportunity in some small measure by oiling the family connexion machine. Christian sailed on two voyages to the West Indies in the <u>Britannia</u>, first as a gunner. On the second voyage he was promoted to second mate. The special favours he was offered aroused resentment and jealousy, certainly in the heart of the first mate, one Edward Lamb. Seven years later when Bligh, in his turn, was under fierce attack, Lamb wrote that it was a lie that Christian was made an officer in the <u>Britannia</u>. "I recollect you putting him in the articles as a gunner," he told Bligh in a blistering, bitter letter, "telling me at the same time you wished him to be thought an officer and desired I would endeavour to make the people look upon him as such."

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Next we read in this same letter the first evidence of the closeness of the relations existing between the twenty-oneyear-old midshipman and the "passionate" ship's captain who was ten years older. "When we got to sea I saw your partiality for the young man, I gave him every advice and information in my power, though he went about every point of duty with a degree of indifference that to me was truly unpleasant; but you were blind to his faults and had him to dine and sup every other day in the cabin, and treated him like a brother in giving him every information." p.119

Only five people made permanent homes at Point Venus: Nelson and Brown, who rarely returned on board the <u>Bounty</u> until she sailed; Will Peckover, the trade supervisor; Peter Heywood; and Fletcher Christian, permanent commandant. So, once again, Christian had been given a situation of comfort and privilege. Again no one seems to have resented this or showed signs of jealousy. Christian himself settled down happily to a life of almost total indolence. Like all the <u>Bounty</u>'s men he had many girls to choose from and for a time lived a promiscuous life. W Then he found a real <u>tyo</u>, a young girl called Mauatua, daughter of a chief, whom he renamed Isabella. She is described as tall and beautiful. He also acquired, as many of them did, a male <u>tyo</u>--a servantcum-friend.

In the eyes of the men of the <u>Bounty</u> all the Tahitian girls were beautiful: but it does appear as if there was something especially radiant about Christian's Isabella. Certainly side by side they must have made a splendid-looking pair. Except for a brief period after the <u>Bounty's</u> departure, they remained together as man and wife right until the end. Their tall son grew into a magnificent figure of a man, as ma-y people testified.

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Fletcher Christian was twenty-one years old when he first met William Bligh. He was five feet eight inches tall, dark-hai dark-haired, "handsome and cheerful", strong and well built, and slightly bow-legged, according to Bligh's own description of him.

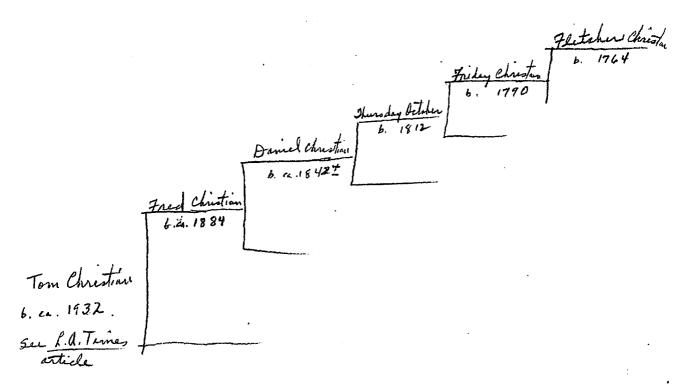
He was usually a resourceful and exciting companion, lively and amusing. There was a light-hearted innocence in his manner which his shipmates loved. He was keenly ambitious and had already done well for himself in the service. He was also subject to moods of depression, when his personality suddenly changed, he fell into black silences, and became slack and lackadaisical in his work. Like this, he invited the concerned attention of his friends as if he were a child needing comfort, rather than an unreliable sailor in need of dicipline. These modds did not usually last for long. His resilient spirit soon reasserted itself, and he was off again, alert, energetic, ready for anything. "He had a bright, pleasing countenance," wrote one officer who sailed with him, "and a tall commanding figure, well adapted to feats of strength and agility."

Ahore, Christian was the first to attract women. They loved on the one hand his swashbuckling self-confidence and charm; on the other his seeming vulnerability. "a great man for the women," wrote the mate of the ship in which they sailed together for the first time with William Bligh. "One of the most foolish young men I ever knew in regard to the sex."

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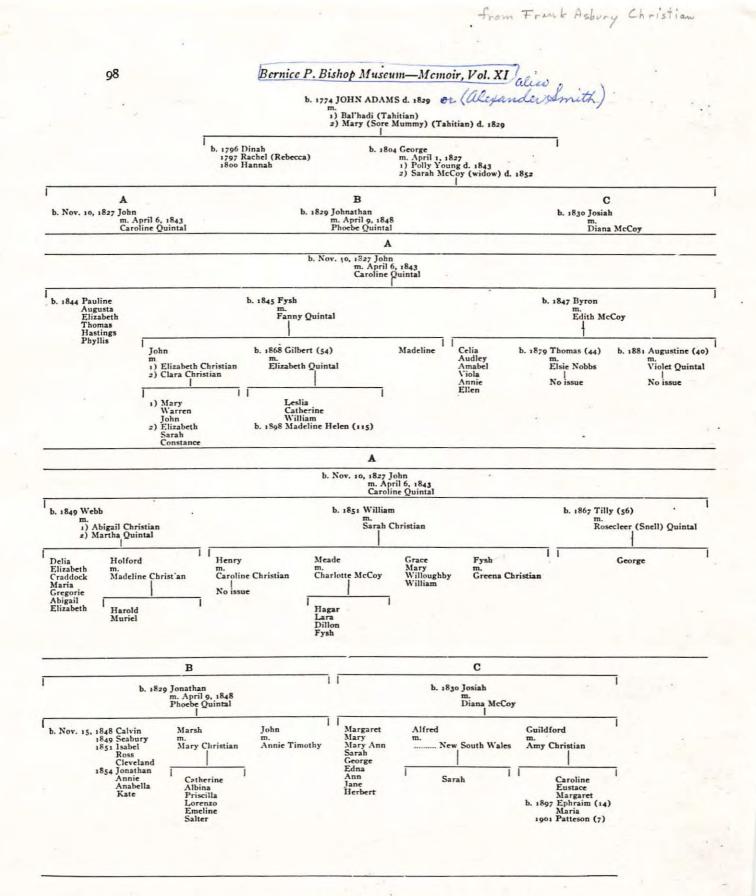
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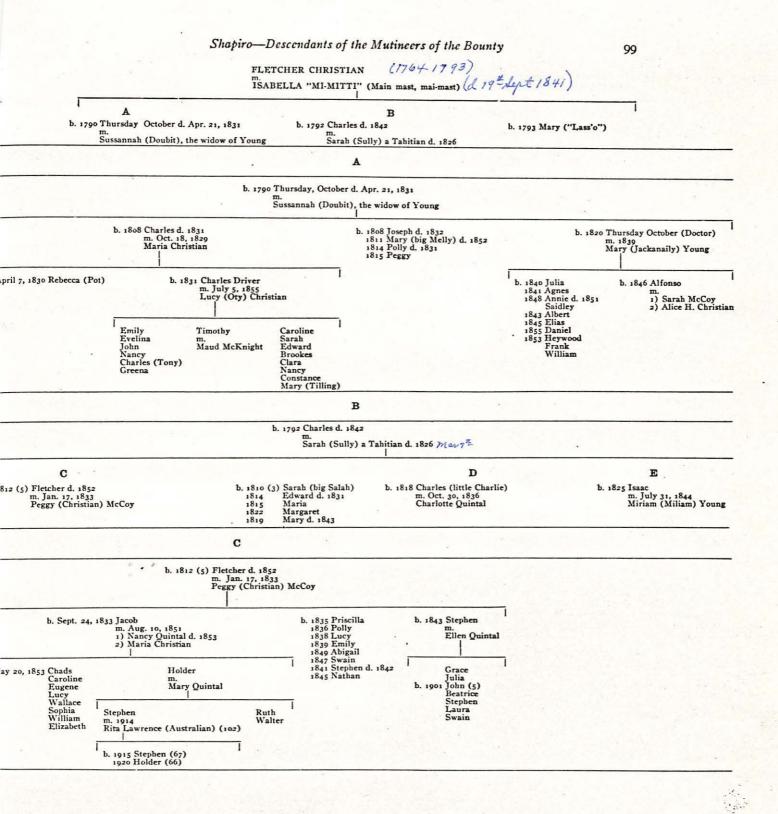
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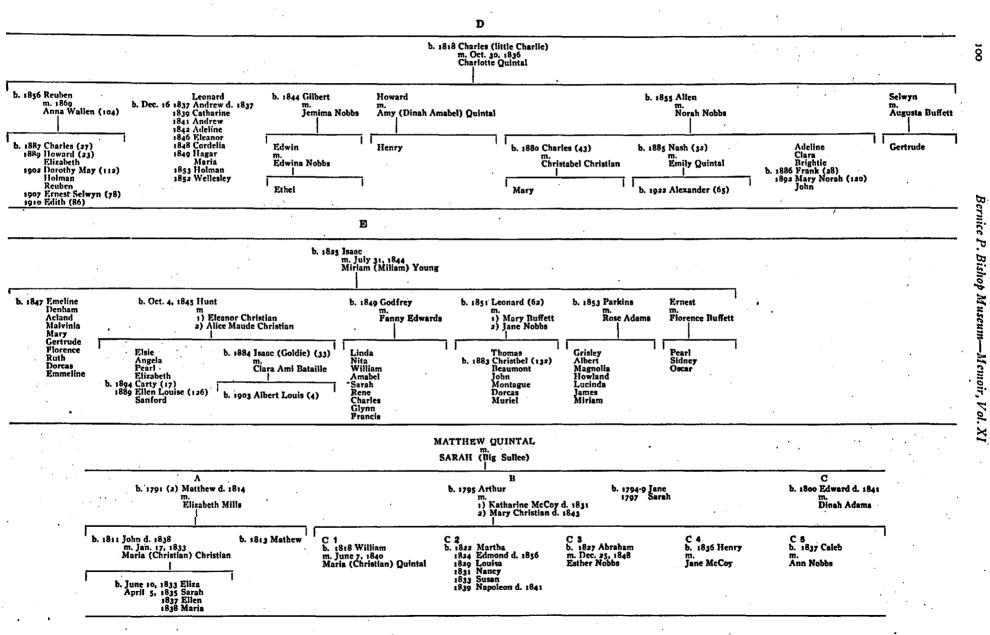
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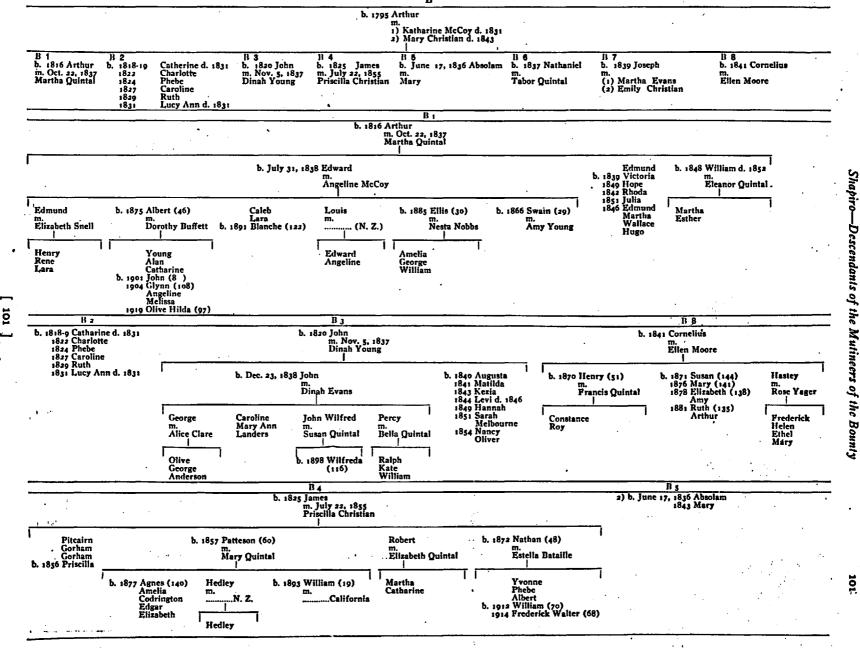
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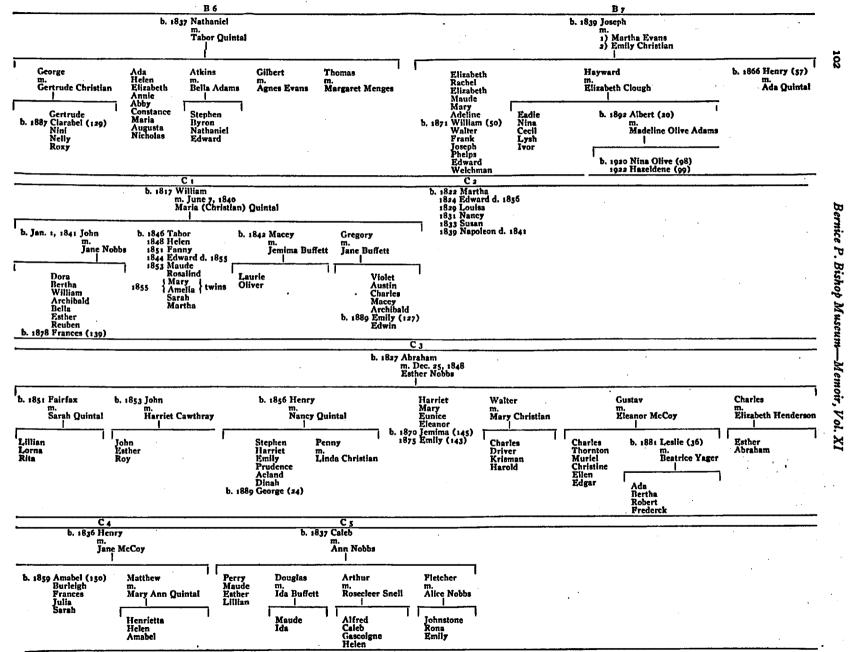


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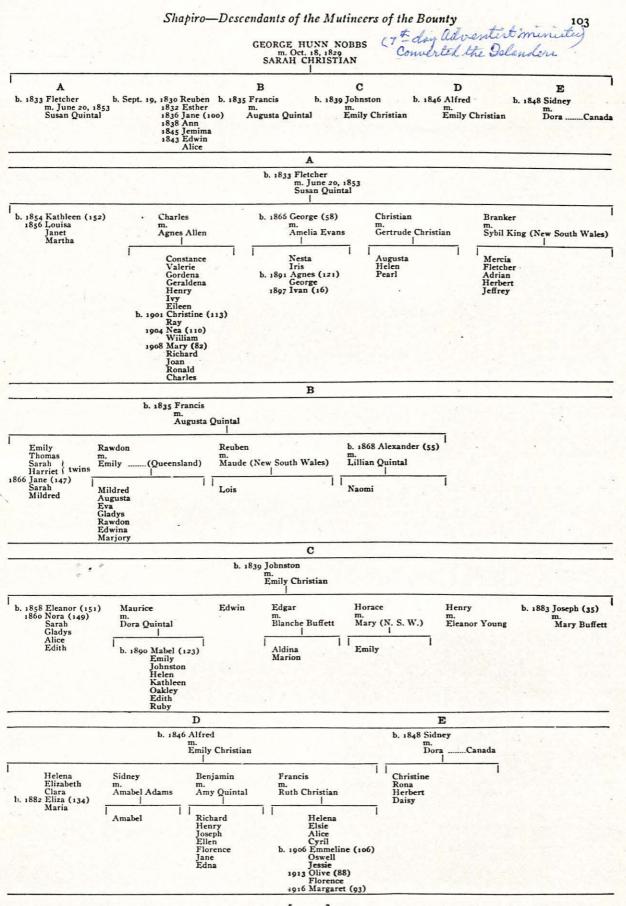
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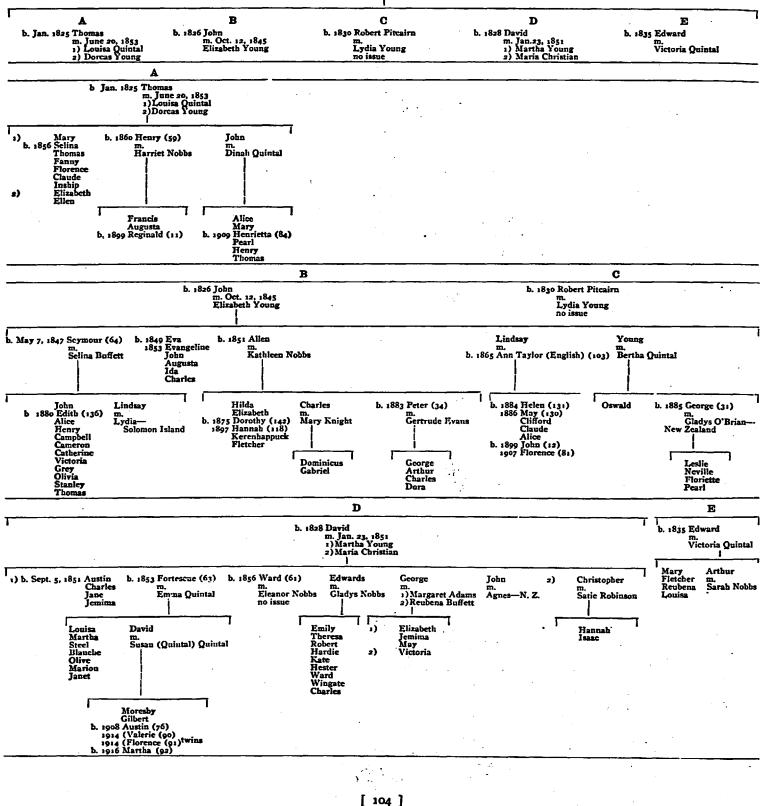
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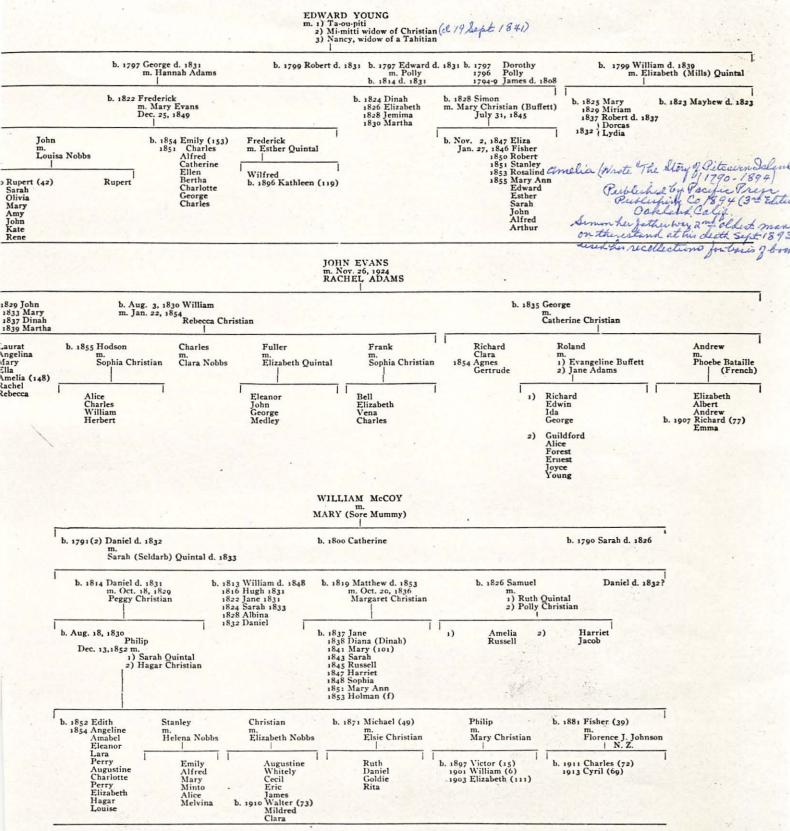
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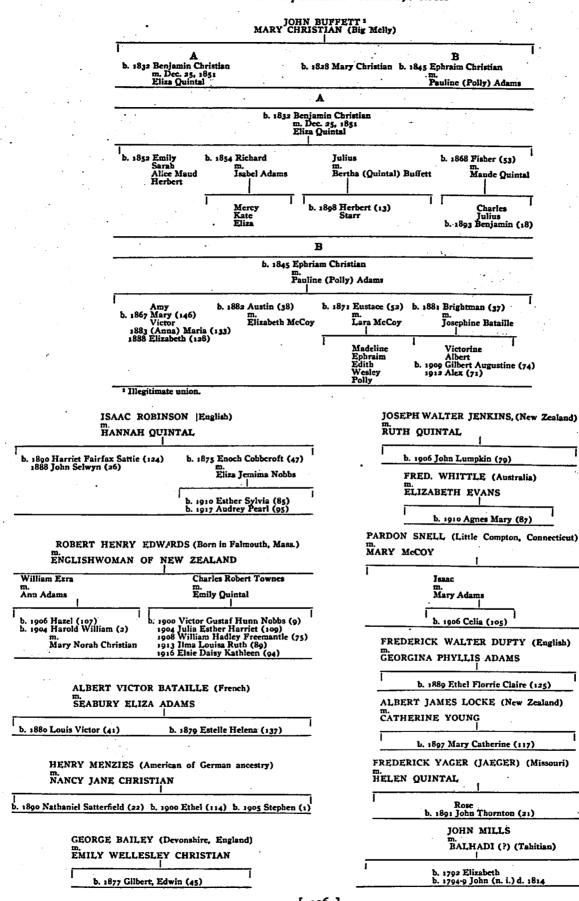


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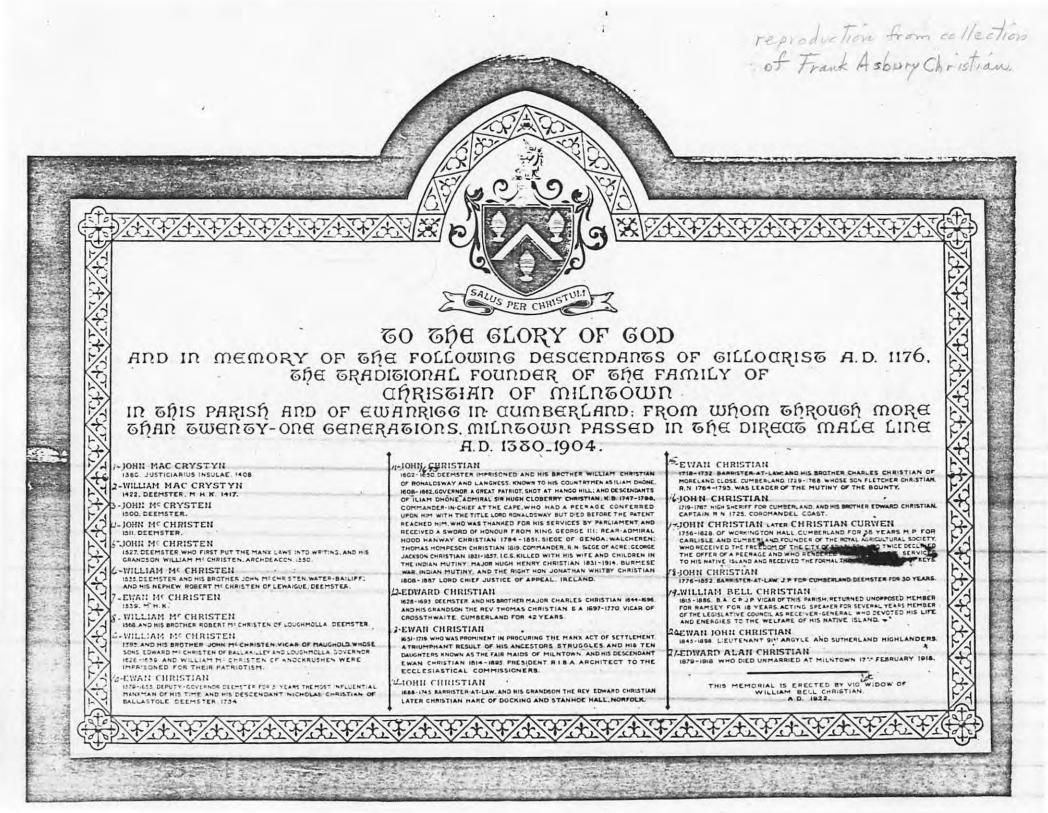
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SAD FATALITY TO AN ANDREAS FARMER.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

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 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 ap-peared 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 Mathedist 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.

Funeral of Mr. Robert Christian, Surby The funeral of the late. Mr. Robert Christian, of Surby, Port Erin, took place The funeral of the late. Mr. Robert Christian, of Surby, Port Erin, took place at Rushen Churchyard on Bunday after-noon. 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 congre-gaton 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 endcared himself to them all, and had presented a the type of Christian character. The Church's Serial Service, in which they were taking part, was filled with a message of Victory. The Christian man, faced by were taking part, was filled with a message of Vietory. 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 kindliness-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 separa-tion at the graveside. The 'Communion of Saints' meant that the link between them and their loved one in Christ Jesus was Death, refused to acknowledge that Death and their loved one in Christ Jesus was far greater this death wielf. Nighter 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 security its from 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 hynn, "Jesu, Lover of my soul," was sung. The principal mourners were: -- Mr. John Christian (son), Bob Christian (grandson), Mrs. F. Cowin, Michael (grandson), benchard hourners were: -- Mr. John Christian (sou), Rob Christian (grandsughter), Mrs. P. Cowin, Michael (granddaughter), Mrs. Richd. Nelson, junr. (grandanghter), Mrs. Richd. Nelson, junr. (grandanghter), Mr. J. H. Crebbin (son-in-law), Mrs. J. Quirk, Bradda (uieec), Miss Annie Taylor Douglas (niece), and Mrs. Crawford Kinley, Douglas (ieee). The bearers were Mr. Richard Kinley Port Erin, Mr. Fred Cowin (Michael), Mr. Kichard Nelson, junior (Port Si, May), and Mr. James Oostain (Balta chrink). Wreaths were received from Edito and Bob; Jo. Nellie, Juan, and Voirey (Hatrick); Betla and John (Bradda); Lilv, Mr Tommy (Manchester); Maggie and family (Mic hael); Margy. Bruce, and family (Michael); Miss J. Anterson fadda); Edward, Chrissie, and family fague (Castletown); Miss J. Anterson fatterson; Mr. and Mrs. H. Watterson fatterson; Mr. and Mrs. H. Watterson fatterson; Mr. and Sylvi, Miss Callow fatterson; Mr. and Sylvi, Miss Callow fatterson; Hensen and Sylvi, Miss Callow fatterson; Miss Hensen and Sylvi, Miss Callow fatterson and family (Sulvi); Miss fatterson fatterson fatterson and family (Michael) fatterson fatterson and family (Michael) fatterson f

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Christians Pioneers in Settlin

By GOODRIDGE WILSON Members of the Christian family were pioneers of prominence in the Triple Forks of the Shenandoah, on the upper James, Roanoke, New and Holston rivers, and in the states of Tennessee and Kentucky.

Gilbert Christian emigrated from the Isle of Man to Pennsylvania in 1726, with his wife, their sons - John, Rob-ert and William - and their daughter, Mary. In the early 1730s they moved to the Valley of Virginia, and made their home on land purchased from William Beverley along a tributary of the Middle Fork of the Shenandoah that is still called Christian's Creek. Together with the Lewises, Kerrs, Campbells and Catheys they were among the first five families who settled in Beverley Manor, the heart of Augusta County.

In 1:00 a Gilbert Christian. probably a grandson of the first settler, was at Ft. Lewis on the Roanoke with the Army under command of Col. William Byrd III being formed there to lift the siege of Ft. Loudon in the Cherokee Country. That army took him as far as the Long Island of Holston in Tennessee: He became so enamored of that part of the country that he moved to land he acquired on Long Island with his family, and he is said to have started



the community settlement which is now Kingsport, Tenn.

In 1740 Israel Christian came to Beverley's Mill Site, where Staunton is now, and established a mercantile business in which he prospered so that he is referred to as a merchant prince of the frontier. He was a remarkably able man, aggressive, energetic, of sound judgment, strong convictions and the courage of his convictions. He dealt with settlers and Indians, establishing a chain of trading posts and acquired much good land in many areas.

His wife was E lizabeth Stark. They had at least four attractive daughters, and one son.

Israel was not only an aggressive and successful business man but was also socially minded. Although he was a staunch Presbyterian he hired a dancing master to instruct his daughters in that graceful art. One of' his daughters married William Bowyer, a prosperous Staunton merchant. One married Dr. William Fleming of Revolutionary fame and lived with him at their home on a tract of fine land that is now within Roanoke City. They had 13 children, 7 of whom lived to maturity. Another daughter married the Rev. Caleb Wallace, a Presbyterian minister, who served frontier churches on James-Roanoke waters for a while, then demitted the ministry and moved to Kentucky where he became a lawyer and a supreme court judge. The fourth daughter married Col. Stephen Trigg of Fincastle. The son, William, married Anne Henry, a sister of Patrick Henry.

In 1760 Israel Christian moved from Staunton to the James-Roanoke settlement, and made his home on the "Stone House Land" where Cloverdale is now. When his son, William, married Anne Henry in 1769 he gave them that home along with the acres attached to it as a wedding present.

Israel Christian represented Augusta County in the House of Burgess in 1759-60. In 1768-69 he was a leader in promoting the organization of Botetourt County, and is called

Isle of Man sent sturdy pioneers

By M. CARL ANDREWS

Among the illustrious names of this area in Revolutionary days, none deserves more attention than Israel and William Christian, father and son.

Israel gave land for the site of Fincastle. Through William the family name is perpetuated in Christiansburg, county seat of Montgomery, and in Christian County, Ky.

Gilbert Christian emigrated from the Isle of Man to America by way of Northern Ireland in 1726, first settling in Lancaster, Pa., then moving to the Valley of Virginia in 1732 in what was to become Augusta County. Among his six sons was John, who fathered Israel.

By 1740 Israel was a prominent merchant and Indian trader at Staunton. Like all frontiersmen, he was active in the militia and in 1754 was named captain of rangers in the French and Indian War. In 1760 he was commissary of Byrd's regiment. From 1759 to 1760 he served as burgess from Augusta.

Moving to the site of present Cloverdale about the same time, he continued in trade, building a landmark stone house shortly after serving on a council that selected fort sites along the frontier.

Israel and his wife, Elizabeth Stark, had daughters as prominent as their sons. They became wives of Col. William Flem-Ing, Col. Stephen Trigg, William Bowyer and Caleb Wallace.

For service in the First Virginia Regiment, Israel was granted land in Fincastle County, which subsequently became Montgomery and Kentucky counties. A vestryman in Augusta, he was involved in frequent religious arguments and court cases.

When Botetourt was formed from Augusta in 1770 he was appointed a justice and sheriff, possibly in reward for his donation of 45 acres for the site of a county seat. He and his son-In-law, Trigg, were named to erect the first 20-by-24-foot log courthouse.

During the Revolution he moved to Fincastle (Montgomery) County, where he died in September 1789.

William, born in Augusta in 1743, was chosen by his father for a legal career. He studied law under Patrick Henry and passed the bar but apparently never practiced. As a dashing young frontiersman, he guided Henry on an expedition to the lands beyond the Alleghenies and soon managed to capture the heart of Henry's sister, Anne. Married at 26, he was given the Cloverdale stone house by Israel as a wedding present.

Upon organization of Botetourt county, William was commissioned major of militia by Gov. Dunmore. He had been captain in Indian warfare as early as 1763. He was also a justice like his father.

Within two years, however, Fincastle county was split off from Botetourt and the younger Christian then moved there, locating in Dunkard's Bottom on the New River near Ingles Ferry. He was named a justice and high sheriff, and appears to have been among the first to experiment with growing hemp, an unsuccessful venture.

By 1773 there were signs of an uprising by Cherokees on the south and Shawnees on the north. Feature at conclus of settlers, Gov. Dupping endeted Christian to do

what he could to calm the situation. This effort failed and Dunmore's War followed.

Promoted to lieutenant-colonel in 1774, he was raised to full colonel in 1775—acknowledgment in Williamsburg of his leadership.

Upon return of the American forces from Point Pleasant in December 1774, William Christian immediately became chairman of Fincastle's Committee on Safety. He was the man who carried the famed Fincastle resolves, adopted in January 1775, to Williamsburg by horseback.

As a delegate, he sat thrilled by the impassioned "Liberty or death" speech of his brother-in-law in St. John's Church in Richmond.

When Dunmore seized the powder at Williamsburg, he was among the first frontiersmen on the scene, was named second to Henry, and on March 18, 1776, took command of the First Virginia Regiment.

After his troops helped Gen. Andrew Lewis drive Dunmore from the colony in July, Col. Christian became a member of the committee that set up an interim state government.

Returning to the frontier, he commanded 1,800 militia who defeated a formidable Cherokee force in the second battle of Long Island Flats on the Holston in October 1776 (the first battle ended inconclusively July 20). This led to a peace treaty in May 1777 that earned time for the patriot cause and brought thanks from Gov. Henry and the General Assembly.

By 1779 he had severed relations with Botetouri through sale of the Cloverdale house to his brother-in-law, Thomas Madison, husband of Susanna Henry.

War did not prevent William Christian Irom dabbling in politics and land exploitation. As a result, he became involved in the 1774 effort with Henry, William Byrd III, John Page and others to set up the state of Franklin and again in 1783 in the equally unsuccessful attempt to organize the State of Transylvania out of Kentucky and neighboring territory. It was in the latter affair that he split with Gen. William Russell, who had the temporary favor of Henry.

Christian had a part in formation of the Loyal Company as it marked off choice land in 1780 and he began planning to move to Kentucky. This happened in 1785. He settled at "Oxmoor" on Beargrass Creek near the site of Louisville.

It was a rough and dangerous life. First his son-in-law, John Floyd, was slain by Indians. Then in 1786 while leading forces in pursuit of raiding Indians, Col. Christian hittes If was ambushed and killed. On April 9 his body was brought home and buried.

It was a sad end for the rugged fighter, only 43 years old, a veteran of three wars and one of the frontier's brightest hopes.

There is no doubt about the Christian name given a Kentucky county, but dispute continues as to the origin of Christiansburg.

In here's of Col. William Christian, the 10 1 a series of stamps in 100 1 beam Bicentennial. There being to posterior of Christian himself, the Many artist Victor Keale, used a composite of liberative of his grandfather and greatgrandfather hanging in the Manx Museum.

The portrain a crift to Botelourt County, is the port, pontly in the restored



Portrait of Col. William Christian hangs in the courthouse at Fincastle

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👻 Magdalene (Christian) Crowell 🛛 P.O. Box 6048

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Athens, Georgia 30604

9 January 1996

TO:

JIM CHRISTIAN

4439 SHELBORNE DRIVE

DUNWOODY, GEORGIA 30338

Dear Jim and Jo:

Haven't dropped off the face of the earth as yet but have had a lot of sickness this past year (two minor surgeries) but am doing fine now and trying to get back into the swing of things so to speak.

Both Frank and I have learned we are not as young as we were and can't tackled renovations as we once did so we have down scaled our plans for this house and planing to put it on the market sometime next year.

Frank plans to definitely retire January 98 and we are looking into a place in Decatur. It isn't a definite as yet but it looks most promising!

Sister Glenda's son, James (age 17) spent the month of August '95 in the British Isles and visited with David Christian on the Isle. He was quiet impressed with our little island. He had been saving for this journey since twelve years of age.

David sent him to the historical society (Ramsey) and he was given a book by the curator which was about three inches thick; hand written and put together around 1500 by one of the Christian Family. It was entitled "The Christians of Milntown and Cumberland, England". They would not allow him to make photo copies because of the fragility but he copied by hand the following:

GILLECHRIST MacKERTHAC, Norwegian noble sent to MAN in 1238 by KING HACO of Norway in the reign of HAROLD I, KING of MAN.

Younger son MacGILLECRIST from paternal older son MacKERTHAC from ancestral GILLECHRIST had RAMSEY ISLAND at BORICK.

(The Lowman (Layman) was usually not the eldest son so GILLECRIST was JUSTIACIAR and MacGILLECRIST inherited the JUDICIAL OFFICE.

In 1511 married CALYVORRY McNELE (CALYBOLLI KNELE) and acquired MOLYN LORNCA.

Came from Norway in 1238 in capacity as deputy of KING HACO, drove out HAROLD I, assumed the government and collected the Royal Revenue.

HAROLD married HACO'S daughter. GILLECRIST had office and estate and remained and held in family the office of Justiciar or demestor. (letter of 4 October 1904 from Rev. Canon John Quince of Lonan Vicarage to Mrs. William Bell Christian of Milntown).

Manuscript dated 19 February 1349 mentions Sir Gilbert McCristyn, Rector of the Church of St. Bride.

Pedigree in book 4.D.14, pp 140-143 in College of Arms, London; copied July 16 1793.

Dugdale Monasticon V p.594, No. 19 - Charter of Christian.

James was also in the north of Ireland researching his father's people; from there he went to Scotland; the Isle of Man and on to London. His father died, 1993 at age of 53. Mother, Glenda, is Director of the Santa Fe Indian School (300-400 students); Santa Fe, NM.

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I think he did well for a seventeen year old and I would like to follow up on GILLECHRIST MacKERTHAC, the Norwegian noble. To my knowledge this is the first time this name has been connected with the family. I will write David and see what he knows of this.

I hope that all of you are well and happy. So sorry about the delay. I don't want to lose touch with you. It just seems that this past year has had more crammed into it than we could handle but have started 96 off in a more relaxed state - I hope!

James also stated that David Christian said "the Christians were known for being poor; they married into wealth and within a couple of generations the wealth was gone - guess we just quit marrying into wealth". (evidently James ask - in all his youthful tact - the same question he asked me - "WHAT HAPPENED!")

We planned to be up that way when the weather gets a little nicer so maybe we can plan ahead and have lunch. It would be good to see both of you again. Come visit us when you can. Maybe we can go over to UGA and so a little looking around. I hear the fourth floor is something else. The LDS church is just three blocks down the street from us.

Meg and Frank.

Dear agnes -This letter turned up filed & some of my other " Stuff" Maybe of pussions interest_ Haven't heart from May in along time -I fear she & FRANK are not well . or they moved from athens-

about I.o.m. - Sevenal years ago F.A.C. Sent ma about 100 poses of I.o.m Records -Did I Congyout

We hope you are feeling better earl day -I worry about you thou - Please toke Care of yourself -

We are really hyppy about NAVeg's achievement -