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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, Sevanth 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 wore 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 olear. 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 fo.: 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 Professior 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.

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 des. cendants 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 fomily 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 hestorical society in either place.

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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 1608 is examined. . . .
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If the space in front of the house conjures up a picture of Deemsters on the seat of judgment, and of excited plaintiffs and defendants pleading their own causes in expressive Manx Gaelic--for professional advocates did not appear until the eighteenth century--the mill-stream on the other side of the mansion is redolent of a still more antiqué past.

Milntown witnessed a curious indident in 1673 . 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, 1674; 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.

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 Englásih Bar. He was made Deemster in 1823 , 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- $\oint$ gissing and grossly neglected their duties in the Insular Courts.

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were approaching their zenith. The most nowerful 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. Evan 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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At that time [1640] the fortunes of the house of Milntown


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 fth Earl of Derby, in his diary, as follows:--"By reason of his eminence here and that The] 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"; [tiv + rept quote from manx soc. Vol fl ] 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."

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 The Vikings in Vol. III of The Cambridge Mediaeval History, Mr. Allen Mawer writes:

Then 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.

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Oven in 1797, Feltham, in his Tour of the Isle of Man professes himself puzzled, and compares the Deemsters' influence to the civil authority of the ancient Druids. As time went on and the legal system became a complex impossible to clarify here, their powers were modified: but they still retain a legisłative 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 savoir-faire 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 ialand was not a low one. The monks from Ireland had brought learning with them in the 6 th and 7 th centuries, and until the 16 th 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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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 and 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 theat 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. . . .
. . . Bishop Richerd Parr . . . was not perhaps over-censorious about other peccabilities. Lord Derby wrote that
someone in a pleasant Humour sayd that he thought the Deemster did not get on 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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．．．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．
．．There are now two judges of the high court，called ＂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， «⿴囗十 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（ㄷ．］350）and of more definite date on the shield of Henry de Bello Monte（］3］0）and the earl of Moray（］3］3）． The origin is Sicilian．

The motto，Quocunque jeceris stabit＊＂It will stand wherever you throw it＂），first appears on the coinage of 1668 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.

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 (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.
. . . The island became the home of many Irish missionaries in the centuries succeeding the teaching of St. Patrick. . . . The Scandinaxian 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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ADDRESS OF MANX MUSEUM :- Kingswood Grove, DOUGLAS.

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## A DIARY OF HDROISM.

Edgar Vernon Christian, the nineteen year old explorer and member of the iilfated Arctic expedition, whose diary has ronsed such world-wide interest, was a direct descendant of Illiam Dhone and at rnember of the family of Christians of Milntown, Ransey. 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 Hlamburg rivers. Christion was the last to perish, and his diary, written right up to the last stages of his suffering, forms ant 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 Juiy, 1928.

Christian was the third and youngest son of Colonel Wm. Francis Christian, R.G.A., D.S.O., of Carnarvon nnd Hong Kong, and Margucrite Ammic Christian, daughtor of the late $\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{r}} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{H}$. Hornby, brother of the famous Lancashire cticket captain. Edgu 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, umusual boy. This young hero was a monber of the Irish branch of the Christians of Milntown. They are deseended in direct line from nllian Dhone through his eldest surviving son, deorge, 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 Ohd Grange Co. Waterford, which was held by his descendants until sold int 1785 during the minarity of Admiral Jonathan Whitby Christian. Several sons of this Irisly branoh enfered the Services. Others were prominent membera of the legal profesvion, 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 SolicitorGenemal for Ireland, and Lord Justice of tho Court of Appeal.-Edgar and his family were frequent and weleome visitors to their relatives at stilntown, and the splendid and unfaltering: courage shown by the extracts from his diary prove that in hink lived again the gping which animated his great ancestor, Illiam shone.
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DAY, OCTOBER 21, 1922.

## CHRISTIANS OF MILNTOWN

## An Ancient and Honourable Family

## Twenty: One Generations.

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> 44 Marina Road,
> Darlington, Co. Durham. D.L.p.OAN. 11th May 1972
Dear Mrs Simpson,
When your very interesting letter of May lst 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 ypu 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, out own is small, and most of them have emigrated to New Zealand. Actually there were originally three families of Scandinavian MoCristin'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 fou read "North Country Life in the 18th Century" by Edward Hughes. There is a book with the same title "North Country Life in the l8th Century " written by John Christian Curwen, and Ithink that he will he the John Chri由tian who in 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 21 st 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 $\mathbb{M r}$ \& 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 holidgwe 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 daugiter called Hilda (I tinink-ohe-wastheir-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 let 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. Burmly was alsp thentroned:

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 horn. 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 $1926-28 / 11 / 26$. and was their only child.
I forgot to say James married Mary Ellen Wain of Belper 11/3/1899.
Elizabeth Christian his elder sister married Joseph Storer and they moved to Oldham, and had several children. James,eldest, died in Christchurch $\mathbb{N} \cdot Z$. recently. Frank, is living in Auckland $\mathbb{N} . Z$. 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 an 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 Socisty, 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 away 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. Y eoould 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 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 woudd have been buried elsewhere, there are two smixig 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.
Prт. Jouss sunciely, Dorothy Gill

In song this letter is so jumbled, and hope you can understand it. Had I the tine i Id have se- wiritan itmore posidely carefully.
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A must thy + get the book" "The yestudays behind in i door" from my local library.
Storied like to hear if my information has helped yow at all, ${ }^{4}$ as $I$ said before we are caine shout of relations so if you should piodie to be one - no matter how distant - your be welcomed

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, ehnce 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 qgain 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 con complement each other. You will resdily 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 hereíihh 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

Mirs P R Gill
44 Marina Road
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44. Mama Road DARLINGTON DK. CAN.
Dear Mrs Simpson, Sh a recent "Observer" I policed your letter about tracing ancestors. lin nat a prenswainerbort have long wanted Et do something wi the levee.
Any Granda btrisliai ked the that his ancestors came over E cockermonts from the be of ham originally. He deed when lwas a cher, before the war, a I have only sketchy information to go on. Perhaps your could advise he Low to begin my search. I enclose a S.A.E. for your reply. yours, (mus) Oil.

16 Taunton Avenue Northampton. NN3 3んX
March 21. 1975
Dear Mrs. Simpson,
I have just joined 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 - Harrison-came from the isle of Man, originating in Arbors. 1 am writing to see $I$, by any chance your Christians came from Peel -as - as am interested in Charles Christian who maned Margaret Jane Moore in 1884 and later emigrated to Canada.

Charles Christian was born in 1859 the son of Charles Christian and Margaret cakhill (he had brothas Fired. Hugh. John. Wm) That Charles Chnstion was born in 1828 and was the son of Hugh Christian and Eleanor ? bott born circa 1790/5.

I know that Chnstion 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.1. extracts from the 1.O.M. of 1797 from Dr Fethan book? -or have you got them? Ede. Wi, 1868.

I see you are interested in ancestor in liverpool, as 1 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) Mona C Harrison.

Weloome to the Northern Group - and many thanks for your letter of the 2lst March.

My CHRISRERT's when I first join them in the I OM-are in Douglas. My Grandmother was born ( no sorry - my great gradmother) Sarah Christian daughter of William, pubilian - and when I went over there to trace this alde of my family I found that he had a pub in Douklas and that in the census I foun 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 wes on to the correct family. Aa far as I could go then, which was only four days on the island - the Christian family had oome to Douglas from Loana...whioh is only just outside the town now, but no doubt a muoh further journey then. On looking through the Parish regiater 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 Flimabeth Cowan - Sarah named her only daughter Blizabeth (and indeed my omm nother named me after this same Elizabeth - hence the Elizabeth Cowan might have been the correct wife for filliam Christian).

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

On my own line these are the dat es I KNOM:
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Again Marah is not there - but am sure that this is the correct family and it is not unusual for a girl ohifid not to be at home - she might already hqve been a little living in nutsemaid squewhere else.

I began to go through the whole of the rest of the census to try to ina 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 researohers 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 itl

Yes I would be interested in the M.I extracts from the I o M of $1797-\mathrm{I}$ 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 0 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, MARSHALI, FOINQUINOS, ALLMEY, WILLIAAAS,
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 subjeot at night sohool - now and again I break away and force mysetf 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 beat!
Sincerely

Dean Mrs. Simpson,
Thank you for your latter and the details of The Christians of your line, thoughit doesn't boo as if they lunik up with the ones I have.
I was interested to see that your William C. was a publican and kept the Foresees Arms in Strand Street. Douglas. My g-gmothers brother James Wilson Bites kept the Pier Inn on Not Quay from about 1860 and her husband Matthew Henry Healis kept the George Inn in Church st. from 1850 app . though he died in 1858 and as hi laue died in child bitt - my grandmottan went to live with hear uncle at the Pier Inn-but she ran away from home when she was about: 12 and golf herself adopted by a William loaid - a grocer! 1 know the Birttes went over. about 1845
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Thank you for your help. - I realise my family is of no help to you but maybe some overlap will occur somewhere!

Besthishes,
Mona Harrison.

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#### Abstract

"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 laxikg 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 . . ."



. . . At. the time of Fletcher's birth in 1764 they
 Manx-Cumberland families such as the Senhouses, Curwens, and Dixon. Fletbher's branch of the family lived at Ewanrigg Hall near Maryport. When his father, Charles, a lawyer and landowner, married Ann Dixon she brought the house and land of Moorland Close, near Cockermouth, to her husband. Ann had four sons, the last of them Fletcher, named after his godfather, Jacob Fletcher.

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.


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 hort time a schoolmaster. By then the Wordsworth 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, aftlar the Earl's death, 58,500 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 1760 s and 1770 s 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. . . .


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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 aísudik midshipman on the homeward passage from his first voyage to the Far East, he was given a watch in H. M. S. Eurydice, a new sixth-rate. This was unusual for a young man with only two years' service.

England was at peace again, and the strength of the Navy was being run down. When the Eurydice 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. Clfole 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.


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In the late summer of 1785 Bligh was due to take command of Campbell's fine new ship the Britannia. His crew was complete and they were soon to sail. It was at this point that he received az 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.

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 complemetif 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 profession, 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 owfled 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.

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Christian sailed on two voyages to the West Indies in the Britannia, 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 Britannia. "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."

Next we read in this same letter the first evidence of the closeness of the relations existing between the twenty-one-year-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."

Only five people made permanent homes at Point Venus: Nelson and Brown, who rarely returned on board the Bounty 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 Bounty's men he had many girls to choose from and for a time lived a promiscuous life. $\$$ Then he found a real tho, 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 tyo--a servant-cum-friend.

In the eyes of the men of the Bounty 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 Bounty's departure, they remained together as man and wife right until the end. Their tall son grew into a magnificent figure of a man, as may people testified.


Fletcher Christian was twenty-one years old when he first met William Bligh. He was five feet eight inches tall, 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 comport, rather than an unreliable sailor in need of dicipline. These mods 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."
fore, 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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Christian was lant seen driviog a paif of horeen attached to a cart in the directivn of Sulby, aod nome tinge afterwarda his duad budy was found lying on the rondalde, beariag the appearance of having been dragged along for soms diatance. The boty was retmoved to the late resideuce of the doceased, and a jury was anmmoned by Juhn C. Lamothe, Esq., Coroner for the Narthera Diatrict. The inqueut wae held at Kerruwgarrow, Andrean, on Wedoesday, when the following evidence was taken :-
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John William Wood, of Ramsey, surgeon, arid: Between four and ave ocluck yesterday eveniag Ias found the deceased had beve dead norna time, and wae cold. I made an examination of the body both yeaterday and to-day, and fousd that the riba on the right ascaped from the lunge under the skin in coasequeace. There wan a amall wound and marks in the middio of the back, which I think were the effect of preasure. Yhere were some marke on the face and discolutura. tion, as if the body had been dragged on the ground, but not sutficient to account for death. In my opinion the injuries tw the body an dencribed by me are quit aufficient to account for the death of the deceased.
John Arthur Chandler, Ramsey, labourer, asid Yesterday a fternuon I wns at the house of Mrse Chriatian (where the body lay), about three oclock, on to the house of the witness Jawes Kionish. When there a cart with a puir of horses rushed past me and went un towardu the Craig Giate. I thought norae person would follow the cart, and I did not sttempt to stop the horses. There was about half a luad of bent upou the cart at the time I baw it pans me.
Juhn Murray Christian, of the Kerrow Garrow, ia the parish of Audreas, yeoman, sail: Abvut thruo o'cluck yoaterday afteryoon I was in my own tield near the Kerrow Garrow chapel, in the parith of Andreas, and I saw the deceased sitting upon a cart of beut, with two horsee, going in the direetion of tha Craig. Mr Cluriatian looked at us in the field and went on. About a quarter of an hour or tweaty ininutes afterwards dirs quayle came to the in the
 deall in the roas. I went at vace, sod when I arriver there 1 found tho wituesese Simpoun and Kinnioh and hia wife, and tho boly was lying as dowcriboul by them.
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Andreas. naid : I heard yeaterday afternoon of the
accident on the road to Mr Christian, and I came on at ouce and saw the place where the accident had happenod and exnmined the road carefully. I saw where the horses had started from, which wan about 127 yarde from where the body was found. It appeared as if the chain horse hail started and the shaft horsa was holding back. There was a mark as if deceased had been dragked along just before death. The jury returned a verdict of "accideatal denth." Deceased, who leaves a widow and family, was a Primitive Muthodist local prencher, and his lose will be aeverely felt by a large circle of friendn. Only at
the last minainany mecting at Ranisoy ho occupied the last minainanry meeting at Ranisoy ho occupied the chair and delivered nn earnest exhortation.

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## Christians Pioneers in Settli

## Bv. 1 :OODRIDGE WILSON

Mimbers 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 stales of Tennessee and Kentucky.

Gilbert Christian emigrated from the Isle of Man to Fennsylvania in 1726, with his wife, their sons - John, Robcrt 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 rutheys they were among The for five families who setthol :- Beverley Manor, the heatt of Augusta County.

In ticin a Gilbert Christian, prohably a grandson of the first sottler, 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


By Goodridge Wilson

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 Elizabeth 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 Revolution-
ary 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 Is rael 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 176869 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.

Isr:el gave land for the site of Fincas-- tle. 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 FlemIng, 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 Au gusta in 1700 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-ln-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 $\ln$ 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, locatint in 1 bonder de Bottom on the Nev: Rive: noas Ingles Ferre, He was named a justice and high sherifi, and appears to have been among the first to experiment with growing hemp, an unsuccessful venture

By 1773 there were signs of an uprising be Cherckees on the south and Shawnees on the moth. Yectias at on ous of scltlers.

what he could to calm the situation. This effort falled 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 commiltee that set up an interim state government.

Returning to the frontier, he commanded 1,800 militia who defeated a formi dable 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 Cioverdale house to his brother-In-law, Thomas Madison, husband of Susanna Henry.

War did not prevent William Christian from 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 setthed 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 himse !! 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.

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# Pear Sonem sump.2 

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 Chíristians 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 GILIECHRIST had RAMSEY ISLAND at BORICK.
(The Lowman (Layman) was usually not the eldest son so GILLECRIST was JUSTIACIAR and MacGILLLECRIST 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 161793.

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.

I think he did well for a seventeen year old and I would like to follow up on GILIECHRIST HacKERTHAC, 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 $G_{\text {mas }}$ $\qquad$
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