

Feb. 6, 1979

Mrs. Agnes Branch Paulman
2001 North Westwood Ave.
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Dear Mrs. Paulman:

In the Jan-Feb. 1979 issue of
"The Genealogical Helper", I read your notice of
the publication of "Christian Family Chronicles",
and would like to subscribe to same. I enc.
therefor, enclosing a check for \$6.00 and would
like to have the January issue as well as the July.
My great-grandmother was Nancy (Elizabeth?) Christian
Reed, born at Perryville, Va., in 1812. We are unable
to locate her parents' names and I was hopeful that
this publication might be helpful.
Do you have a similar
publication on the Reed family? So it possible to
obtain lists of materials which you might
have for the area of Tazewell, Meigs, Powell, Monroe,
& Boone Counties Va. (W. Va.)?
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
E. J. Saunders Walsted
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February 10, 1979

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Mrs. Halstead:

Thank you very much for your subscription to CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, first issue of which is enclosed. I hope that you enjoy the articles and that you will be aided in your research.

In your letter you mention that your great-grandmother was Nancy (Elizabeth?) Christian Reed. Is this the Nancy Christian who married John W. Reed 13 June 1830 in Tazewell County, Virginia? In order that I may become familiar with your lineage and so that I will have the information for publishing in a future issue of the CHRONICLES, would you please complete as nearly as possible the enclosed Pedigree Chart. It would also be helpful if you could send a Family Group Record for Nancy and her children. When I receive the data, I will check my cross-reference file to see what leads I could offer you.

Please note, also, that queries are published free for subscribers to CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES; so send a copy of your query giving the name of Nancy's husband, if you have it.

I do not have any publications on the Reed family. I have a little miscellaneous material on some southern West Virginia groups since they married into my Workman and Moore families.

A listing of the publications available from me can be found on the inside back cover of the enclosed copy of the CHRONICLES. You will notice that they are primarily indexes. The enclosed selected list of books and articles might also be of interest to you since it includes the White families of Boone County, West Virginia.

I shall look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Sincerely,



Enclosures

March 2, 1979

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

The "Christian Family Chronicles" has been a delight to read and I shall look forward, with a great deal of pleasure, to receiving the next issue.

I have prepared a pedigree chart for you with what information I have on my family lines and, since you wanted me to start with me, I had to go into the paternal side of my family also. I hope to pick up information on them along as I can, but right now I am attempting to get John Wesley's and Nancy's parents out of "oblivion." As you will note, I have had to add an addendum (however poorly prepared) and hope that it will make sense to you.

I noted, with interest, your remarks on page 21 of the Chronicles about the "the red-haired Christians" in McDowell County, Wva, which was formed from Tazewell, Co., Virginia. Nancy Christian was my mother's grandmother - my mother had red hair, as well as two other sisters of hers. They had beautiful complexions. Mamma had told me at times that Nancy's father was Daniel CHRISTIAN. However, I am beginning to lean more to the idea that her father was Thomas CHRISTIAN (maybe his father's name was Daniel), the one that was raised by Thomas Mastin. She did tell me that her grandfather was a wheelwright and that the CHRISTIAN's were cabinet makers, tailors, made chairs, and musical instruments.

John Wesley Moses REED and Nancy (Elizabeth?) CHRISTIAN were married 13 June 1830, by William McGuire at Peerysville, Va. (now English, W.Va.). Their children's names are as follows: John Lindsay, Daniel, Wesley, Mathias, Thomas Marstin (Mastin?), Louisa (called Lovis or Levicey Ruthe), James H., Elias Friendly (died at 7 mos.), Amanuel (my grandfather), and Moses David (who was born 21 March 1852 and died 5 July 1854 after having backed into and sat down into a tub of lye water which great-grandmother was preparing to make soap). The fact that one of the sons has the name of Thomas Marsten or Mastin makes me think that her father could have been the Thomas CHRISTIAN raised by Thomas MASTIN. I'm enclosing an excerpt from a letter from one of my cousins who is also working on this search and you will notice his reasoning on this particular matter. Since Thomas MASTIN was in Tennessee part of the time and the fact that John Wesley REED was born at Rogersville, Tenn. makes me wonder if the families had known each other. We think that John Wesley was orphaned and raised by a HOOVER family. I had an uncle whose name was Henry James Hoover REED.

John Wesley REED and Nancy acquired a sizeable tract of land after his return to Virginia (Tazewell Co.) and, of course, after their marriage. Some of this property he bought from Hannah HARRISON and you will note that we have a HARRISON connection in the family. The property on which the old home place was located is now Amandale, W.Va. This post office was established in 20 Dec. 1899 and Amanuel REED (my grandfather) was appointed postmaster. On the enclosed pedigree chart, under Nancy CHRISTIAN's name, I listed birthplace as Sinking Waters, Tazewell Co.? I'm not sure of this - this is a guess because mamma always said her grandmother and great-grandfather were from Sinking Waters.

March 2, 1979

I have been puzzled by the fact that John Wesley REED told the census taker in 1860 that he was born in Va., and yet the information that we have is Rogersville, Tenn. in 1804. I have had some correspondence from a Mr. HOOVER in Marion, Va. and he said that during that particular time there was still some disagreement on boundry lines between Va., Ky., and Tenn. He says that there were HOOVERS in Lee County, Va. which is close to Hawkins Co., Tenn. This could help me and does explain that puzzle.

You mention the southern West Virginia groups that married into your Workman and Moore families. Since I have been studying this locale, with what material I am able to obtain, as far back as Montgomery County - circa 1790, I can readily see why I have REED, CHRISTIAN, HARMAN, HARRISON, SKAGGS, et al listed in my family tree. These names are all prominent in this area (as well as the CROCKETTS) and it stands to reason that these families would have been connected by marriage.

My Husband and I have joined the Boone County Genealogical Society since his family - paternal and maternal - were early settlers in that County. He has been able to get a good bit of material together about the HALSTEADS and HARLESS families. Of course, they branch out into other lines also.

I hope that what I have given you will be helpful to you in helping me to search for the parents of Nancy CHRISTIAN. I wish to thank you in advance for whatever assistance you will be able to offer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead

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Enclosure

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As stated in my former letter our relationship to the Thomas Christian who settled at Sinking Waters on Indian Creek intrigues me since my brother Tom 18 years my senior told me that our mother was related to the Thomas Christian who years later during my boyhood lived on Indian Creek at the mouth of Greasy Creek. In two instances Mrs. Yantis in Archives of Fazewell County it is stated that this early settler on Indian Creek was orphaned when a small boy and had been raised from childhood by Capt. Thomas Mastin, pp. 241 note 4, and 264 note 83. In the last named page she says: "In an effort to find more about this Thomas Christian, I have checked for Thomas Mastin and find: DAR Application No. 134687-add.446 (of Milford Pickens Hardecastle, Plum Springs Road, Bowling Green Ky.) - Thomas Mastin was born Oct.7,1749 in Spotsylvania County, Va. He married Agnes _____ 4 Jan.1773. Died Oct.3,1810 in Sumner County, Tenn. (which is the reason Thomas Christian was in Sumner County, Tenn. in 1794 no doubt). He (Thomas Mastin) had at least one child Elizabeth (b. 1 Jan.1792 in Wash. Co. Va. m. John F. Carpenter, d. Warren Co. Ky.).

From these references it appears that Capt. Thomas Mastin was a leader in the campaigns against the Cherokees in Tenn. They do not refer to any brothers or sisters of Thomas Christian. And did he come back to Va. to be with relatives?

No. 1 on this chart is the same as No. _____ on Chart No. _____

8 SIGMON, Jacob
 BORN
 WHERE
 MARRIED
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

4 SIGMON, Lewis Foster
 BORN 1835
 WHERE Franklin Co., Va. (F)
 MARRIED
 WHERE
 DIED 11 Oct 1901
 WHERE Franklin Co., Va.

9 HUFF, Elizabeth
 BORN
 WHERE
 MARRIED
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

2 SIGMON, Charles Henry
 BORN 11 Oct 1861
 WHERE Near Rocky Mt., Va. (Franklin Co.)
 MARRIED 1897
 WHERE Avondale, Wv
 DIED 1 June 1934
 WHERE Leon, Wv

5 JONES, Martha Elizabeth
 BORN 1842
 WHERE Franklin Co., Va (F)
 MARRIED
 WHERE
 DIED May 1909
 WHERE Franklin Co., Va (Maybe Callaway, Va.)

10 JONES, Matthew Isaac
 BORN
 WHERE
 MARRIED
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

1 SIGMON, Juanita
 BORN 19 July 1916
 WHERE Kingston, Wv
 MARRIED 11 Oct 1943
 WHERE Charleston, Wv
 DIED
 WHERE

11
 BORN
 WHERE
 MARRIED
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

HALSTEAD, E. Houstler

SPOUSE OF NO. 1

Born 1 Jan. 1913
 Where Salem, Wv (near Oak Hill)

12 REED, John Wesley Moses
 BORN 1804
 WHERE Rogersville, Tenn.
 MARRIED 13 June 1830
 WHERE Peerysville, Va.
 DIED 9 June 1887
 WHERE Avondale, Wv

6 REED, Amanuel
 BORN 9 Nov 1849
 WHERE Peerysville, Va (English, wva)
 MARRIED 17 April 1876
 WHERE Bandy, Va.
 DIED 8 July 1923
 WHERE McClure, Va.

13 CHRISTIAN, Nancy (Elizabeth?)
 BORN 8 Oct 1812
 WHERE (Sinking Water?) Tazewell Co., Va.
 MARRIED 13 June 1830
 WHERE Peerysville, Va.
 DIED 2 Dec 1887
 WHERE Avondale, Wva

3 REED, Rachel Sade
 BORN 18 Sept 1877
 WHERE Bandy, Va.
 MARRIED 1897
 WHERE Avondale, Wva.
 DIED 20 Feb 1963
 WHERE So. Charleston, Wv

(Post office established at Avondale, Wva. 20 Dec. 1899. Amanuel Reed appointed post master at that time.) *

14 BEAVERS, Alexander
 BORN
 WHERE
 MARRIED
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

7 BEAVERS, Robina
 BORN 3 Dec 1854
 WHERE Bandy, Va.
 MARRIED 17 April 1876
 WHERE Bandy, Va
 DIED 22 Sept. 1905
 WHERE Avondale, Wva

15 BARNETT, Rachel
 BORN
 WHERE
 MARRIED
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

* National Archives - Further note: This was site of REED home place. McDowell Co., Wv, formerly Tazewell Co., Va.

He had son Charles JONES (I think a Capt. in Civil War.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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 PEDIGREE CHART

6	Sigmond, Peter	
7	?	
8	Jones ?	
9	?	
10	Reed ?	
11	?	
12	Christiad ?	
13	?	
14	Beavers, Robert	?
15	Harman, Catherine	Harman, Mathias, Sr. b. circa 1732 where Strasburg Va. D. 2 Apr. 1832 - Dry Fork - Tazewell
		Skaggs, Lydia *
		Barnett, John
16	Barnett, Joseph	listed in 1792-93 ? Tax list 1792-93
17	Harrison, Elizabeth	Harrison, Thomas listed in May 13, 1800 Tax list Wythe Co.

At Battles of Kings Mt
Ref: Harman's Annals II
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He was called Adam.
Prior to 1748 he was
appointed Captain of
Foot & Captain of
Trump and Horse in
Orange Co. Va
Ref: Harman's Annals
Vol II Page 446

Harman, Adam Heinrich
b Prussia Germany
circa 1700
m. 8 Oct. 1728
where Germany
D 1789
where Giles Co. Va.
? Louisa Katrina
D 18 March 1789
where Giles Co. Va
Born Prussia Germany

* Skaggs, Lydia
D 2 Oct. 1814

March 7, 1979

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Mrs. Halstead:

Thank you so much for the additional information with your letter of March 2 and for your complimentary remarks concerning CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. I hope you continue to enjoy the issues.

I cannot say with certainty that Nancy (Christian) Reed was a daughter of Thomas and Louise (Harman) Christian; however, I believe this ~~was~~ the case. Although I have records concerning several men named Daniel Christian in the area, none is old enough to be her father. The one who married Hannah Harrison could have been her brother. Following is the probable family of Thomas and Louise (Harman) Christian. Note especially that only three are proven children; the speculative ones have a question mark in front of their names:

- Moses Christian, born 13 May 1793 in Wythe/later Tazewell Co., Virginia, died 29 May 1853; married 29 July 1819 Polly Beavers in Tazewell Co.
- ?James Christian, born ?about 1795, died ?1820-1830; married June _____.
- ?Ruth Christian, born ?about 1797; married 20 August 1819 in Tazewell Co. to Adam Harman.
- Martin Christian, born about 1799; married 1) 4 August 1823 Jane McKenster. Might have been the one who married 2) Maria _____.
- David Christian, born 1801-1802 in Sinking Waters, died 14 August 1861; married ~~14 August 1822~~ 1822 in Tazewell Co; to Linn or Sinea Trent.
- ?John Christian, born about 1804; married 1) 4 August 1823 Cathan McKenster; married 2) 27 July 1837 Katy Altizer.
- ?Daniel Christian, born about 1807; married 23 April 1831 in Tazewell Co., Virginia, to Hannah Harrison
- ?Crockett, born 1805-1810; married during 1820's Rachel Hankins.
- ?Nancy Christian, born 8 October 1812, died 2 December 1887; married 13 June 1830 John Wesley Moses Reed.
- ?Thomas J. or S., born about 1815; married 23 October 1836 Anna Altizer.
- ?possibly others.

Thomas Christian definitely had other children by his second wife Mary Altizer. There were four children born between 1820 and 1830 who could have been his children by the first marriage, or they might have been the children of Mary Altizer by a previous marriage. I do not know whether she was single or a widow when she married him. The four children just mentioned were one male and three females.

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead

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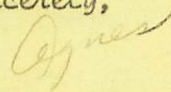
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There is no doubt in my mind that Mastin and Marsten are variations of the same name. Such variations in spelling were quite common, especially during the nineteenth century.

I have not yet positively identified the parents of the Thomas Christian who was raised by Thomas Mastin. There are several possibilities which are quite speculative. When I have had the opportunity to review my notes, I shall send a few names along.

Needless to say, I am most interested in any additional leads you discover regarding Nancy (Christian) Reed's parents and grandparents.

Sincerely,



Agnes Branch Pearlman

* This is misleading - I should have said my grandmother who was Robina BEAVERS and Married Amanuel REED. She was my grandmother REED.

March 17, 1979

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
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Santa Ana, California 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 7, 1979. It was most informative, although not conclusive.

I promised to forward to you any additional information which I have been able to assemble. Therefore, I am now doing so.

I have an aged cousin, Robina WHITLEY, in Pikeville, Ky., who is also a great-granddaughter of John Wesley REED and Nancy Elizabeth CHRISTIAN Reed - her grandmother was Nancy Jane, you will note on the list of the offspring of this couple. Nancy Jane REED married a BEAN. I wrote to her to see if she remembered for sure Nancy's middle name and she verified that it was Elizabeth. She said that her oldest sister was named Elizabeth for her. Several were named Nancy for her.

When she was young, she remembered a great uncle, one of Nancy's brothers coming to visit from Christiansburg. I asked if she could remember his name. That she could not be positive about - she mentioned Moses or Daniel, possibly John or Thomas; which indicated to me that the power of suggestion might have influenced her thinking.

As I told you, my mother's mother was Robina BEAVERS, and Robina Whitley tells me that grandmother BEAVERS* had a sister, Rachel, who married a CHRISTIAN - if that is any help. (As for me, I am just getting more confused all the time.) She said that this Rachel Beavers CHRISTIAN lived in the Cedar Bluff, Va., area at one time. One of my aunt's had told her about visiting her at one time.

Another cousin, Walter ELSWICK, who is a retired attorney mentioned having an Uncle David CHRISTIAN. However, after inquiry, I have found that he has determined that this connection was on his father's side. So, that didn't help. The little Moses David that sat down in the kettle of lye and died at two is the closest that I can come to making family connection with the Moses and David, sons of Thomas CHRISTIAN.

If you have found any further information on this line, I shall certainly appreciate hearing from you. Thank you very much.

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Sincerely,
Mrs. E. Saunders Halstead

March 21, 1979

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Mrs. Halstead:

Your welcome letter of March 17 arrived today.

Since you are working intimately with the families of Tazewell County, Virginia, you might be interested in the enclosed list of marriages which I copied several years ago from John Newton Harman's Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia.

Note particularly the marriage of David Christian to Amanda Elswick 26 January 1859, probably the uncle and aunt of your cousin, Walter Elswick.

Although not on the enclosed list, it seems to me that I recall a marriage of a Rachel Beavers to a Christian but do not remember his given name. Pearl Beavers married Victor V. Christian during the twentieth century.

You may be sure I shall notify you of any significant leads.

Sincerely,

Agnes

Enclosure

March 31, 1979

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I believe that we finally have a "break-through" on Nancy Elizabeth CHRISTIAN. My cousin, Walter Elswick - the retired attorney, found a court proceeding, wherein the Bill of Complaint of Mathias Christian and George Christian, plaintiffs vs. David Christian and others in a suit in chancery in Tazewell County Circuit Court, seeking to set up and establish a will of Thomas CHRISTIAN, deceased (1855). It is stated that Thomas CHRISTIAN had been married twice and had children by both wives. His children by the first marriage were: John, David, Daniel, Thomas S., Nancy (the wife of John REED), Ruth and Mastin - the last two of whom having died. Ruth, leaving a daughter Louisa, wife of Wm. ALTIZER, and Mastin, leaving eleven children, viz: William, Ruth (wife of Jas. W. LOW), Nancy (wife of Noah BIRCHFIELD), Addison, Daniel, Hiram, Thomas, Moses, Mastin, Nathan and Lovace, the last six of whom being infants. The children of the last marriage of Thomas CHRISTIAN being six in number: the plaintiffs, Mathias and George (the last named an infant), Louisa (wife of John H. Gates), Susan (wife of James STEPHENSON), Sarah and Lilly, the last two being infants.

Said Bill further alleges that the children of Thomas CHRISTIAN by his first wife had been advanced and, in fact, received more than an equal portion of his estate; that his will had been lost or misplaced and could not be found; that in December 1854 Thomas CHRISTIAN died. The wives names are not as such stated. However, Cousin Walter, says that in Harman's Annals, page 85, it states that Thomas CHRISTIAN married Mary ALTIZER, June 18, 1929 (that would have been the year before John Wesley and Nancy were married); it also states John REED and Nancy, his wife were named as heirs and defendants.

I have a letter written by my mother's Cousin Jackson to her (both in their old age at the time) in which he states that "you are right, our grandmother REED's mother was a HARMAN." They further state together (mamma having added some notes to his letter) that a brother of their grandmother's mother was named Daniel HARMAN and at that time (1954) he had been dead for several years, but he had 5 living children - 2 boys and 3 girls. Then, Cousin Jackson further states "Mathias has been dead some 14 or 15 years and has 4 living children - 2 boys and 2 girls."

My grandfather had a 2400 acre tract of land and I sent for the survey on that. (This is John Wesley REED of whom I speak.) In that tract, several HARMANS are mentioned: Kiah, Erastus F., and Hezekiah. I am wondering if one of these could have been LOUISA HARMAN'S father?

Since mamma so many times said that her grandfather's name was Daniel - could Thomas have had the middle name "Daniel" and just never used it? There are an awful lot of Daniels in the family for some one not to have had the name before them.

I plan to send for a copy of this complaint; and Cousin Walter says there is a will on record by Thomas CHRISTIAN, and I might obtain that.

You will note that all the children in the first family coincide with the

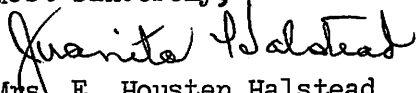
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ones ~~who~~ had named except Crockett. No, on looking again James isn't mentioned. (But John Wesley and Nancy had a Henry James Hoover REED, so that ties in again.)

I suppose now our problem will be to establish the parents of Thomas CHRISTIAN. I am working on the "HOOVER" connection, but so far, haven't been too successful.

I do hope this clears up some "cobwebs" and I shall be most happy to receive any new information which you might be able to pass along to me. Thank you very much for your kindness and helpfulness.

Most sincerely,


Mrs. E. Houston Halstead

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April 15, 1979

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Mrs. Halstead:

You can guess how delighted I was to receive your letter of March 31 with the detailed information concerning the children of Thomas and Louisa (Harmon) Christian and of Thomas and Mary (Altizer) Christian. I still hope we can determine whether Mary's maiden surname was Altizer or whether she had been previously married to an Altizer.

This letter is being written in Massachusetts, where I came with my daughter who qualified to run in the Boston Marathon. We are having a delightful visit with other relatives. Since I will not be returning to California before late May, I am taking a few moments to respond to your letter. I am remaining in the east in order to accompany my husband to a medical convention next month.

I, too, will try to obtain a copy of the court proceedings which name the children of Thomas Christian. They may contain additional clues not mentioned by your cousin, Walter Elswick.

It seems to me that my files at home contain the names of Louisa Harmon's parents. I suppose that I was not aware that you did not have them or I would have sent them to you previously. I will do so when I return home.

Since I do not have any of my records here with me, I will save all other comments until I return home also. In the meantime, good luck on your research.

Sincerely,

Agnes

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May 2, 1979

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

When your letter arrived, we were in Illinois visiting with our son. He and his wife are divorced and his former wife lives in Chicago with the children. Consequently, we made two trips from southern Illinois to Chicago - one to get the children and the other to take them home. Needless to say, we were quite tired when we returned to West Virginia.

I have been waiting until I thought you would be returning to California before replying to your recent letter. Of course, we all were thrilled with the breakthrough on Nancy Elizabeth CHRISTIAN. Now, if we can establish the parents of Louisa HARMAN and the parents of Thomas CHRISTIAN, we may be able to follow the line on back at least to the immigrant of each side. I obtained the Bill of Complaint and the copy of the will of Thomas CHRISTIAN in question. I was unable to find any additional clues; however, you have a better trained "eye" than I, and might pick up something which I would miss.

Cousin Walter wanted me to ask you if you could identify the Lovice CHRISTIAN who was a witness on behalf of Mathias HARMAN in a legal action he had against John Graham on May 13, 1803, which is referred to in "Archives of the Pioneers of Tazewell County" by Yantis, page 30. The name "Lovice" is often found within the HARMAN and John REED families. Chances are that she was a widow and her marriage would have taken place before Tazewell County was formed in 1800.

I am still in pursuit of the parents of John Wesley REED, Nancy's husband, who was supposed to have been born in 1804 at Rogersville, Tenn. (Hawkins County), orphaned and raised by a HOOVER family. Would the book you have listed by Bailey, Thomas H. "Christian-Skelton History and Genealogy" mention REEDS or HOOVERS in any way? I have written to the Kentucky Historical Society at Frankfort, hoping that they might help me. Mamma always said that her grandfather came back to VA from KY. Of course, the REEDS were first in VA. There are too many streams, etc. with that name. I am now wondering, since Thomas CHRISTIAN was raised by Thomas MASTIN, and Thomas MASTIN spent some time in Tenn., if possibly the families could have known each other and this was one of the things that brought John Wesley REED back to VA. Cousin Walter vows that the "lore" told to him was that John Wesley was near Lexington and returned to VA.

Do hope that your stay was enjoyable while in Massachusetts. Too, I hope that your daughter had a successful "run," and that your husband's convention was enlightening for him. I have a cousin in Conn. (he stems from the same lineage as I), and he is a chemist for Carbide. For a while, he was working in radioactive pharmaceuticals. Now, I believe he is working on medical kits. He has a brother in Texas who is a pathologist.

With many thanks for any help you can give, and the help you have already given.

Best Wishes,
Quanita Halstead

May 10, 1979

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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

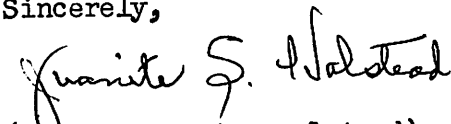
My sister in the last few days came across some more pertinent information, from a lady who is working on the SKAGGS line, which definitely gives us the connection we need for the parents of Louisa HARMAN, wife of Thomas CHRISTIAN.

She told my sister that she could write to the County Clerk of Green County, Greensburg, Kentucky, 42743, and ask for a photo copy of File No. 3871, which contains the Moses SKAGGS estate papers. In these papers, she says, we will find that Thomas CHRISTIAN is mentioned as the son-in-law of Mathias and Lydia (Skaggs) HARMAN.

This isn't exactly the CHRISTIAN line in which you are interested, but thought you just might want to send for these papers - if you haven't already. Now, if we can just find the parents of Thomas CHRISTIAN.

Hope to hear from you soon. With all good wishes for the work which you are doing.

Sincerely,


(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

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May 31, 1979

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

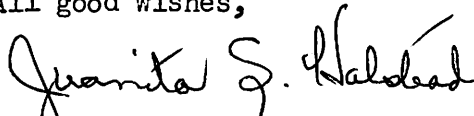
I wanted to pass along to you the information which I received when I sent for the estate papers of Moses SKAGGS. These papers are quite interesting and they do establish the fact that Adam HARMAN, Moses BEAVERS, Robert BEAVERS, Henry HARMAN, Mathias HARMAN and Thomas CHRISTIAN were all indeed heirs-at-law of Moses SKAGGS. Moses having died intestate and without issue, the estate was handled by administrators. The reason these depositions were taken was to permit the administrators to sell the property.

We now know that Thomas CHRISTIAN, married Louisa HARMAN d/o Mathias HARMAN, Sr. and Lydia SKAGGS (sister of Moses SKAGGS); Robert BEAVERS married Catherine HARMAN another d/o Mathias HARMAN and Lydia SKAGGS (Catherine and Louisa both being great-great grandmothers of mine); Moses BEAVERS, married Phoebe HARMAN another daughter of Mathias, Sr. and Lydia. The Adam, Henry and Mathias HARMAN being sons of Mathias, Sr. and Lydia. I have more details on this SKAGGS and HARMAN connection, but won't burden you with them since I know you are primarily interested in the CHRISTIAN connection. This is another proof that Thomas CHRISTIAN is indeed connected with this family.

I am now hoping that I can go on with this CHRISTIAN line and determine the parents of Thomas CHRISTIAN.

I know you must be busy now, preparing for your publication in July. However, I just wanted to pass along this additional piece of information to you.

All good wishes,


Mrs. E. Houston Halstead

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June 9, 1979

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Cousin Juanita:

Receiving your most recent letters with the documentation regarding children and other heirs of Tazewell County, Virginia's, Thomas Christian has been most exciting! Because of my travels, this has been the first opportunity I have had to respond; and the silence does not indicate any lack of appreciation.

Would it be possible for you to send me the documents you were able to obtain: Bill of Complaint, Will, etc.? It would certainly save me time; and as soon as I make photocopies for myself, I would ~~return~~ your copies to you.

In answer to some of the questions you pose: I checked my index to Bailey's CHRISTIAN-SKELTON HISTORY AND GENEALOGY, and there is not a single Hoover listed.

You inquired about the Lovice Christian who was a witness on behalf of Mathias Harman in an 1803 legal action. From the evidence at hand, I believe this would have been Louisa (Harman) Christian, wife of Thomas Christian. The following names were often used interchangeably: Louise, Louisa, Lovise, Lovisa, Lovice, Lovica, etc. In fact, if you look at your map of the border between Kentucky and West Virginia, you will find the town of Louisa and the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River--both named for the same person. Levisa Fork begins at the town of Louisa.

Speaking of names: I think that the name Daniel comes down from the Harman rather than the Christian side of the family in this line.

Regarding the children of Thomas and Louisa (Harman) Christian: It is still possible that James and/or Crockett could have been sons who died relatively young without leaving issue. Under such circumstances, it is quite common that they would not be mentioned in documents such as the Bill of Complaint.

I am fairly certain that Mary Altizer was a widow with four children still at home with her when she married Thomas Christian. The 1830 census lists one male and two females born between 1820-1825 and another female born between 1825-1830 in their household. Since these ages do not conform to any of the children attributed to Thomas Christian, they were probably her issue. It's probable that Anna Altizer who married Thomas S. Christian was one of the girls, and perhaps Katy Altizer who married John was another. I have never checked the Tazewell County records to see which Altizer might have married a girl named Mary about 1820.

You might be interested in the fact that there were also marriages between the Altizers and Skaggs. I have some later Altizer records (those of Logan and Cabell Counties in West Virginia) since two of my great aunts on the Christian side married Altizer men: Rebecca "Becky" Christian to William Altizer and Cora Isabel Christian to Emory Altizer. Vital data will be in next issue of the CHRONICLES.

Of more interest to you, though, would be my leads to the parentage of "your" Thomas Christian. The most likely candidate would be the Nathaniel Christian who died before 2 March 1779, when at a Court held for Montgomery County, Virginia, "administration of all and singular the goods and chattels of Nathaniel Christian, deceased, who died without will is granted to Jane Christian who entered into bond with security according to law." On 3 April 1786 Isham Christian and Anthony Christian were assignees of Thomas Christian, heir-at-law to Nathaniel Christian, deceased, who in turn had been an assignee of James Adair, for 400 acres on East River below 5 Mile Fork about 3 computed miles above the mouth. This land was by right of settlement of James Adair.

I have never seen the original documents and am quoting from abstracts. The following is of special interest. In 1799 Thomas Christian sold to Jos. Cloyd, for £100 225 acres on Brush Creek, branch of the Blue Stone, branch of New River. A few years earlier Isham Christian of Green County, North Carolina (that part which became Hawkins County, Tennessee), granted to Christian Snidow 60 acres on Davis Fork of Brush Creek of New River. That same year, 1791, Isam and Anthony Christian of Green County, North Carolina, granted to Christian Snidow 61 acres on East River below 5-mile Fork and 3 miles above mouth. In 1794 Thomas Christian was "of Sumner County, Tennessee." This was the same Thomas Christian who later lived in Tazewell County. Sometime prior to his death in Montgomery County, Nathaniel had been a tithable in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Nathaniel Christian was probably the one named in the will of Thomas Christian in 1743 in Goochland County, Virginia. It will be published in the next issue of the CHRONICLES. See Volume I of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES for discussion in "Elusive Connections--The Crockett Tie." Even if "your" Thomas Christian proves not to be a son of Nathaniel Christian, I believe he will prove to be descended from the Thomas Christian just mentioned. With everyone working together, I am hoping to identify all the grandchildren of the Thomas Christian who died in 1743.

I was recently abstracting Goochland County, Virginia, records and found that Rebecca Christian, a widow, married Joseph Smith before July 1752. This could have been Rebecca Christian, widow of the Thomas Christian just mentioned or, less likely, the widow of Thomas Christian's father Thomas, who died only a few years before his son. If I am able to find a will or estate settlement of Rebecca Smith (for which I have never searched), I believe some of the answers may be found to the Christian puzzle.

By the way, I believe that "my" Thomas Christian, who was born only a few years after "your" Thomas, was probably closely related. Most of the evidence points in that direction. As soon as we get a generation or so earlier, we will probably have a common ancestor.

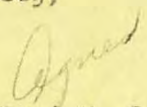
Could you perhaps clarify one point. Your letter states that the Tazewell County Thomas Christian died in 1854 whereas Harman's ANNALS OF TAZEVELL COUNTY says that his will was proved in December 1852. Do you know which is correct?

Another of my correspondents will be delighted to have documentation concerning the parentage of Louisa Christian who married John Hile Gates, from whom her children are descended. She had thought that Louisa was the daughter of Moses Christian and granddaughter of Thomas Christian. I had already told her that I believed that Moses' daughter Louisa was the one who married Luther Low and that her ancestor was probably the daughter of Thomas Christian. Thomas' estate papers now prove that to be the case. In case I haven't given you her name and address and you want to contact her: Mrs. Elizabeth Reed Redwine, Route 2, Box 608B, Garland, Texas 75040. I will also send your name and address to her.

There are other possibilities for Thomas Christian's parentage, but further discussion on my part will have to wait until after the next issue of the CHRONICLES is mailed in July. Do let me know your thoughts on the subject, however, and send whatever documents you can temporarily spare. I'm trying to make all articles as complete as possible. Because of the number of lines with which I am helping subscribers, I just don't have the time to send for every document myself. I do like to have copies of the originals, though, since errors are minimized in that way.

I'm quite optimistic about finding some answers.

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. I wonder if you and Mrs. Redwine have a common Reed line. That was her maiden name.

Speaking of the Reed family: Have you searched the Monroe County, West Virginia, records for leads. The Reeds there married into what I believe to be my Moore family. They also are connected to my Workman family.

P. S. A second one--because in reviewing my records, I notice that you did not mention from the Bill of Complaint a proven son of Thomas and Louisa (Harman) Christian; that is, Moses, who died either May 1853 or May 1855--depending on the record one uses. He had at least seven children and probably two more who died young. Was it an oversight that you did not list him or was Moses ignored in the Bill of Complaint?

June 15, 1979

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
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Dear Cousin Agnes:

One of the pleasant things which I have experienced since I began this genealogical search is the finding of such nice relatives! It gets more interesting all the time. In my search on the paternal side of my family, I recently found a cousin in Florida whose husband is also related to my husband. She is evidently related to me through the JONESES and SIGMONS; her husband is related to my husband through his LEWIS line.

We have indeed had some interesting breakthroughs on my maternal side. I had a letter from Cousin Walter Elswick (he is related through the Thomas Christian-Louisa HARMAN; and the John Wesley REED and Nancy CHRISTIAN - his grandmother was a daughter of John Wesley and Nancy) and he is just overjoyed with our recent "finds." He is the one who found the Bill of Complaint; and a contact of my sister's who is researching virtually the same line, discovered the SKAGGS information in Kentucky. I have joined the Green County Genealogical Society in the hopes of finding out more about the REEDS and HOOVERS. The lady there told me there was a "bevy" of REEDS and HOOVERS to be researched there. Somehow, I feel that I have found the "mother lode." At least, I hope it will be productive.

Now, in the interest of time and because I simply just don't trust the mail service now (we have had important papers lost - such as checks, etc.), I have made copies of the papers which you requested. The documents sent from Tazewell are very poor quality; I use the magnifying glass to read some of them. I tried to make a copy of a deed for my sister and it came out blank. She had to send for it herself. Anyway, I made these copies and then penned in what didn't come out clearly - none of them are too plain. The verdict of the jury in regard to the Will of Thomas CHRISTIAN, just would not print. So, I have typed the contents for you and you will notice that parts of it were illegible. The important facts are there. I'm sure had I sent the copies to you, you would have had the same results. The ones from Green County are a little better; I hope you can read them.

Your mind and mine runs in the same direction - I had already sent to the Library in Virginia to see if they could steer me in the right direction to obtain that deed mentioning Nathaniel CHRISTIAN AND Thomas CHRISTIAN as heir-at-law. Too, I'd love to obtain the document which states that Jane CHRISTIAN was to receive Nathaniel CHRISTIAN's property. The name "Jane" fits right in with our family names. John Wesley REED and Nancy CHRISTIAN had a daughter named Nancy Jane. My mother's name was Rachel Jane REED. I'm sure there must be a tie. (Incidentally, I meant to mention that even with my little training as a legal secretary, I still couldn't decipher some of that legal jargon. (I worked a while as a legal secretary and for some time as a medical secretary.)

My leaving Moses out of the list of the names of the children was just an oversight. Also, as you will note, according to the Bill of Complaint, Thomas CHRISTIAN died in December 1854. My sister, Walter and I have already decided

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that HARMAN in his Annals of Tazewell County didn't go far enough with some of his information. Walter is confident that he knew nothing about this SKAGGS material which we have recently found. We are reasonably sure that the Alexander BEAVERS who was first married to Elizabeth HANKINS (by the way, she is the grand daughter of the John HANKINS who married Moses SKAGGS sister Elizabeth SKAGGS. Their son was Moses HANKINS and he was the father of Elizabeth HANKINS) was later married to our great grandmother, Rachel BARNETT. They were the parents of my grandmother Robina BEAVERS. I have a deed dated in 1859 in which it is stated that Alexander BEAVERS, son of Robert, and his wife Rachel sold a tract of land to one Isham V. HARMAN. I am now desperately trying to make more connections with the BARNETT and HARRISON lines.

Speaking of the fork of the Big Sandy river which is called Levisa Fork (I think I have even seen it spelled Levicy. I have the book "The Big Sandy Valley" and there is an old map in there in which this fork of the Big Sandy is spelled "La Visee." I have forgotten most of my french, but I knew it was french and the "la" was the feminine form of the article "the." Yesterday, I was in the library, doing some reading about Tazewell County and I ran across the explanation of that name. This is a quote from Lewis Preston Summers' "History of Southwest Virginia," - "The first white man who ascended it (the La Visee) was a Frenchman, who found a well-executed design or painting upon a peeled poplar; hence its name - "la" translated, meaning "the" and "Visee" meaning a design, aim or representation. It is sometimes called Louisa Fork, from Louisa C.H., Ky., near the junction with the Tug River."

When I worked at Pinecrest Sanitarium, Beckly, W. Va., we had a patient named Youva Altizer and, if I'm not mistaken, she was from McDowell County. I wonder if it could be same Altizers. She was always good for laughs.

I shall certainly write to Mrs. Redwin to see if we can make a connection on the REED line. Thank you for passing her name along to me and vice versa. I have a friend in Monroe County and just recently wrote to her to ask her to search the 1700 records there for SIGMONS and LEWISES. Houston has lost an ancestor there who had patented land there in the 1700's and my great-great grandfather SIGMON'S second wife was from there which led me to think that possibly Peter SIGMON might have been there at one time - we don't know whence he came. If she is able to do this for me, I'll ask her about the REEDS also. (Agnes, forgive me, I'm tired and "mistake" time has caught up with me.)

I'm looking forward to your next issue of the "Chronicles." I do hope that we can find that common ancestor - that would be great!

If I have overlooked answering any of your questions, please let me know. I hope this material I am enclosing will be helpful. As I said, I'm sure had you made the copies, the quality wouldn't have been better. On the pages of the complaint, it looks as though something wet was spilled on the page.

With all good wishes,



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Enclosure

June 22, 1979

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Dear Agnes:

I know that you are busy now and I do not expect an immediate answer - just when you have the time and convenience to do so will be fine.

I sent along the latest information to Cousin Walter Elswick which you had sent to me. He posed the question as to whether or not you had the marriage bonds of Thomas CHRISTIAN and Louisa HARMAN. I told him that I was sure that you knew of the marriage before we found the documents which has been the topic of most of our discussion recently. You mention in the first issue of "The Christian Family Chronicles" that Thomas Christian was born circa 1770 and that his first marriage was to Louisa Harman and the second to Mary Altizer. However, you didn't list a date for either of these marriages. Hence, I didn't know if you had a record of the marriage bonds or not.

He mentions in his letter that the lands to which you referred in your letter as being owned by the CHRISTIANS are those where he lives and where the HOLIDAY INN is situated at the end of the West Virginia Turnpike there near Princeton, W. Va.

Hope to go to my sister's in Athens, Ohio, this next week-end (gasoline supply permitting) and if we come up with anything new, will surely let you know. My cousin from Cleveland, who is in the SIGMON line, is coming down; so, we'll probably be talking about Dad's family line mostly.

Looking forward to the next issue of the chronicles and with the very best of wishes,

*Your Cousin,
Quanta*

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June 27, 1979

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Juanita:

Thank you so much for your letters of June 15 and 22. I was just placing this paper in the typewriter to respond to the first when the postman arrived with the second.

You can't imagine how much I appreciate your taking the time to send the photocopies of the records of the Christian Tazewell County, Virginia, records and of the Skaggs Green County, Kentucky, records. A check for \$3.00 is enclosed (10¢ per page for 30 sheets). If your costs are more back there, let me know; and I will be pleased to reimburse you for expenses.

Another correspondent will be happy, I believe, with some information on Joseph White contained in the Skaggs papers. She had written requesting anything I might have on the Joseph White of Tazewell County. Without the documents you sent, my response would have been negative except for tax and census information which she already had.

Interestingly, Moses Christian (son of Thomas and Louisa) was not mentioned in the Bill of Complaint. Only Moses, son of Mastin was named. It is rather surprising that neither he nor his heirs are referred to.

Did you notice that on page 2 of one of the Skaggs documents Louisa (Harman) Christian is referred to as "Lovice"? Thanks for sending the quotation from Summers' History of Southwest Virginia regarding the fork of the Big Sandy. I had read that some years ago but had forgotten about it.

In regard to the marriage dates of "your" Thomas Christian. I had previously estimated that Thomas married Louisa Harman about 1791--this date based on the birth date of Moses, whom I had assumed to be their first child and who was born 13 May 1793. Identification of Louisa Harman and her parents had been from Schreiner-Yantis' Annals of Pioneers of Tazewell County. The date for the marriage of Thomas Christian to Mary Altizer was from the abstracts of the Tazewell County marriages. The date was 18 June 1829 and the man performing the ceremony was William McGuire. As I mentioned to you, I believe that she had been married before and that her maiden name can probably be ascertained by finding all the women named Mary who married men by the name of Altizer. My guess is that she married either just before or just after 1820. The next time I am in Los Angeles, I plan to check Harman's Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia, with that goal in mind.

That's all for now. I'd better get to the CHRONICLES.

Agnes

June 28, 1979

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Dear Cousin Agnes:

My doctor, John W. Hash, is from McDowell County, with his "roots" in what is now Grayson County, Va. When I was reading Mrs. Yantis' "Montgomery County - Circa 1790!" I noticed a John Hash listed in the tax lists. I took the book to his office on my next visit, and we have since been discussing our Virginia lineage pro and con. He loaned me a book entitled "Grayson County: A History in Words and Pictures," compiled and edited by Bettye-Lou Fields - Edited and annotated by Jene Hughes. In reading the book last evening, I ran across an interesting excerpt about "our" Davy Crocket and thought that I would share it with you. Quote: "In his autobiography David ("Davy") CROCKETT tells of his crossing New River at a very dangerous time. It was in 1801 while the fifteen-year-old David Crockett was working for Elijah Griffith near Montgomery Courthouse. Deciding to visit his people in SULLIVAN (Emphasis mine - Jsh) County, Tennessee, he tied his extra clothing in a bundle and headed west on foot. It was a cold day when he reached New River near the mouth of Little River, where he hoped to cross into North Carolina. He found the river up to such an extent that the whitecaps were flying, and he could persuade no one to set him across, and neither could they persuade him against so hazardous an undertaking. Finally, against their better judgment, they agreed to lend him a canoe. Tying his bundle of extra clothing securely inside the canoe, he headed upstream against the wind and current paddling for dear life! He ended up two miles down river, the canoe half-full of water and his clothing wet and freezing to his body. He declared he felt no discomfort because of his elation at finding himself alive. He went on to say that he had found it 'a mightily ticklish business,' and that, when he had gotten well out of the river, he would have given almost anything to have had his feet back on shore.

"In 1897, ninety-six years after the fifteen-year-old David Crockett braved the current of New River, we find that there were four ferries and ten fords listed on an old map of Grayson County made in that year."

Wasn't it in the locale of Sullivan County that Thomas MASTIN spent considerable time? The thought occurred to me that possibly Thomas CHRISTIAN was the relative whom he was going to visit. (Maybe a little far fetched.) I noted that he was working for an Elijah Griffith. We have a Griffith in our SIGMON line in Franklin County, Va. He was William Jackson Griffith who married Catherine SIGMON d/o Peter. They were married in 1799. The way these families moved around, makes me wonder if it is part of the same family. I have found several JONESES in this Grayson County record and I am wondering if they are another branch from the same tree.

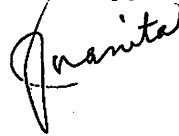
As you have probably noticed by now, I was right the first time: Moses is not listed in the Bill of Complaint, proving Thomas CHRISTIAN's offspring. The Moses I saw on the second reading was the son of Mastin CHRISTIAN. I discovered this on the third reading when I was sending information to Mrs. Redwine's sister-in-law, Mrs. Clark. However, re-

ember that John Wesley REED and Nancy CHRISTIAN Reed did have a son named Moses and he was one of the ones who died early. Another interesting thing to me is the fact that Thomas CHRISTIAN had a David, as well as John Wesley and Nancy. The Moses I believe goes back to Moses SKAGGS and could it possibly be that the David goes back to David Crockett? You probably have information which will dispell this notion of mine.

Incidentally, ^{it}the incident about David Crockett, ^{it}mentions "Montgomery Court-House." What town would that be now? It might help me to find some other information which I have been seeking.

Just thought that I would pass this along to you for whatever it is worth. With all good wishes for success in your endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anita".

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July 2, 1979

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Dear Cousin Agnes:

I have just spent a weekend in Athens, Ohio, with my sister, Elsa Stout. I think that we spent just about the whole day Saturday going over family records and trying to piece things together.

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$6.00 for which I would like to subscribe to "The Christian Family Chronicles" for her, and hopefully she will receive it in time for her birthday on July 14. She would like to have the first issue which came out this past January, as well as the one now due for publication. Her address is: Mrs. Howard E. Stout, 51 Maplewood, Athens, Ohio 45701. If the subscription fee has increased, please let me know, and I will send the additional amount to you.

I am wondering ^{about} the the correspondent, whom you mentioned as being interested in the Joseph White of Tazewell County, could help us clear up some of this "maze" in Tazewell. Since she would be in the SKAGGS line, I thought possibly she might. If I had her name, we might be able to share some information.

Elsa has HARMAN's "Annals of Tazewell County, Va.," and has loaned it to me for a couple of weeks (we shall probably go back over there for her birthday). I have searched for a possible first marriage of Mary Altizer (Alizer) to no avail - you may have more success than I. I really haven't had time to study the book thoroughly. However, I did find that she and Thomas CHRISTIAN were married 18 June 1829, married by William C. Cummings. Notice the variation in the spelling of her name "Alizer" rather than "Altizer." The bonds weren't recorded until 25 August 1830. On the same page (Next page), following this listing, is the record of the marriage of John REED and Nancy CHRISTIAN, 13 June 1830. This was recorded 24th of December, 1830. I'll say one thing for William McGuire, he was certainly a busy man in performing wedding ceremonies - so many of the marriages were performed by him.

I sketched through the CROCKETT family history in HARMAN's, but could find no CHRISTIAN connection. I have to go over it again when I have more time. Evidently the relative whom Davy visited in Sullivan County, Tenn. was a CROCKETT and not a CHRISTIAN because one of the CROCKETTS migrated to Tenn. and died there. I did find a connection between them and PEERYS and I believe MOORES, so we may have a connection there. Some of the material I looked through at Elsa's Saturday led me to believe that we are related to the PEERYS also, as well as the BANDYS.

I must get to my housework (I'd much rather do this)! Let me know if I need to send you more money for the subscription. Elsa said that she has been tempted many times to order some of the publications you have listed. This was before you and I started corresponding.

Best wishes,
Juanita

July 6, 1979

Dear Cousin Juanita,

Thank you so much for the gift subscription to your sister, first issue of which was mailed today.

I also appreciate your letters of June 28 and July 2 but will have to wait until after next issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES is out before commenting.

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July 29, 1979

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Dear Cousin Juanita:

While waiting for the "follow-up data" for CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, I am taking a few hours to answer your letters and several others which arrived while I was busy with preparing copy.

Regarding the visit of David Crockett which you mentioned: It is my guess that he was visiting his Crockett relatives since his parents and other members of his immediate family lived in Greene, Sullivan, and what was later Hawkins County, Tennessee. Of course, several of the Christian family were living there at the same time and could have been cousins who migrated together. The family which remained there (of the Christians, that is) was that of Lewis Christian. His descendants are covered in Bailey's CHRISTIAN-SKELTON HISTORY AND GENEALOGY, for which I prepared an index. I'm still comparing Bailey's conclusions regarding Lewis's parentage with other known facts. Because of the similarity of given names, I believe he was very closely related to the Allen Christian whom I believe to have been the father of my Thomas Christian.

You asked about the location of "Montgomery Courthouse." That would be Christiansburg, Virginia, named for Israel Christian, the father of the William Christian who was the subject of the first Biographical Sketch in CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES.

The White family correspondent whom I previously mentioned is as follows:

Ms. Marianna White
R. R. 4, Box 154
Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160

You can let her know that I gave her address to you.

I received a nice letter from your sister, who seems to be enjoying the CHRONICLES. She also sent an abstract of the will of Emry Altizer, probated October 1819. It names wife, Mary; and children, John, Elias, Emry, William, David, Jonas, Betsy, Read, and Nancy Akers. I indicated to her that I thought the published copy from which she obtained her information probably was in error in that Read is probably the married surname for Betsy--rather than a son's name placed between the names of the daughters. That would have been most unusual for a will of the period.

July 29, 1979

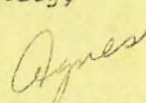
The husbands of my two great-aunts were the sons of Aaron and Sarah (Scaggs) Altizer. Aaron Altizer was born 23 July 1824 in Montgomery County, Virginia, the son of Emery, Jr., and M _____ (Griffy) Altizer. It is my guess that this Emery, Jr., was the son of the Emry Altizer whose will was probated October 1819 in Montgomery County, Virginia. The Sarah Scaggs mentioned was the daughter of William and M _____ () Scaggs. I might mention also that Griffy is an alternate form of Griffith in many cases.

Three Altizer heads of families are mentioned in Crickard's index to the 1810 Montgomery County, Virginia Census: David Altizer, Emeriah Altizer, Sr., and John Altizer.

In passing, I might mention that there were several Christian-Peery/Perry connections. In fact, my step-grandmother was a Perry.

Do keep me informed regarding any leads. I'll be doing the same for you.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. I really must be getting tired since it's after midnight. I believe I used the word "mention" in practically every sentence above, and the syntax is probably garbled. Please excuse!

August 7, 1979

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Dear Cousin Agnes:

My husband's mother is terminally ill and we have been spending so much time with her at the hospital that I am "lost" now in my correspondence. Hopefully, I can find a few minutes occasionally to write a letter or two. I have almost forgotten where I was in my research.

I am enclosing a copy of two documents which I was able to obtain from Montgomery County - you may already have them. The one, of course, is the copy which you mentioned to me about Jane CHRISTIAN; the other is the Indenture between Isaac CHRISTIAN and Anthony CHRISTIAN of the one part, and Christian SNIDOW of the other part. (Wonder if his given name indicates a family connection?) I have been unable to obtain the addenda to this abstract which Mrs. Yantis mentions in her book of Montgomery County on page 51. It states that Thomas CHRISTIAN was the heir-at-law of Nathaniel CHRISTIAN. I did have a note from the Virginia State Library the other day and they state that this was based upon the survey made April 3, 1786. I shall write back to Montgomery county and determine if they can find this listed in the Survey Books around that period. They are not too cooperative over there - suggested that I hire a genealogist, which I am not going to do. We can't go personally until some of our family ~~problems~~ problems resolve themselves. Cousin Walter Elswick seems to be of the opinion that Nathaniel CHRISTIAN was probably killed while serving in the militia under Thomas Mastin. He also feels that Isaac and Anthony were probably brothers of Thomas CHRISTIAN. I was hoping these papers would help to either establish this fact for dismiss it from consideration.

He (Walter) says that Nathaniel CHRISTIAN gave the oath of allegiance before John DRAPER, October 10, 1777. Quote "Johnston's History of New River Settlements, page 51, states that John Draper was a Lieutenant in the French and Indian War, and Pendleton's History of Tazewell County, page 211, states that John DRAPER was a Lieutenant in Dummore's War and did gallant service at the battle of Point Pleasant. I know that on the battle monument in the park down home (I'm from Point Pleasant) there is a John CHRISTIAN mentioned as one who fought in this battle. I wrote to Mrs. Burton, who recently did an article of the Battle of Point Pleasant for the "Wild, Wonderful West Virginia" magazine, and asked her about this CHRISTIAN, but she was unable to shed any light on him for me.

Walter also notes that in the suit papers to establish the will of Thomas Christian that it is alleged that Louisa CHRISTIAN, offspring of Thomas's second marriage was the one who married John H. Gates. He is interested in pursuing this relationship further for I have been advised (he says) that John H. Gates moved to Kentucky and after Louisa's death in 1864, Gates married Nancy Oney ELSWICK, the widow of one John W. ELSWICK who was a lieutenant in his grandfather's cavalry Company (CSA). He has written to Mrs. Redwine because they have been unable to place this John W. ELSWICK

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in the Elswick line, but do know that he was a school teacher before entering CSA service. He also states that he would like to know the name of the parents of Anthony CHRISTIAN who married Nancy Vandike, March 23, 1848, marriage record 2, page 19, Tazewell Co.

Elsa must have asked him about the PINE family because he says that the only member of the PINE family that he knows anything about is a niece of the ones Elsa told you about. Her name is: Mrs. Harold M. Wood, Flat Top, W. Va., 25841. Elsa had known some PINE girls in her early years.

Walter has thrown Elsa and ~~X~~^{you} for a "loop," however, by making the following statement: "The 1820 Census of Tazewell County under householder lists Thomas Christian's family as: 1 male - 45 up; 1 female 45 up. That for 1830 lists: 1 male 5-10; 1 male 15-20; 1 male 50-60; 2 females 0-5; 1 female 5-10; 2 females 15-20; 2 females 40-50. Since there were two females listed in the home in 1830 may we not assume that the third wife, Anna Altizer, was a sister or sister-in-law of the second wife, Mary Altizer?" Have you known of the possibility of a third marriage? This was a new piece of data for us.

Elsa has my copy of my first issue of the CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, so I can't check. You say that Christiansburg was named for Israel CHRISTIAN (one thing I'll say for this family, they surely did believe in using Bible names), the father of William Christian who was the subject of the first biographical sketch in your CHRONICLES. Is there an earlier issue than the first one which I received ~~first~~? I'm interested if this be the case - cost, et cetera.

Thanks for Mrs. White's address. I shall write to her just as soon as I can eke out an extra few minutes to do so.

My niece sent to me some excerpts from a book which she has and in them is mentioned Thomas Christian, m 1660's Charles City Co., Va. Also Thomas Christian, will probated 16 Oct 1736 Goochland Co. Va. Are these connected with our Thomas CHRISTIAN? I need my CHRONICLES to do some checking.

I'm looking forward to the next issue of the CHRONICLES. In the meantime, if you find anything else of value to us, please let me know, and I shall be very happy to reciprocate.

The best of wishes,

Jucinta

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Enclosure - documents Re: Nathaniel and Jane Christian, and Isaac and Anthony Christian.

Excuse the mistakes!

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August 18, 1979

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Dear Cousin Agnes:

I just had to take time to pass along this information to you. We are getting closer all the time in a family relationship, even though what I have to tell you now is by marriage.

I just had a letter from Cousin Bina Whitley (she is getting elderly, but was so excited) and she tells me that you and her son's wife are first cousins. Bina's husband was J. Robert Whitley and her son is also Robert. We call Bobbie's wife "Aggie," but her name is Agnes, too. Her father was a brother to your mother - no I'm reading that wrong (these Agneses are mixing me up). Your father was a brother to Aggie's mother is correct. I'M still mixed up. So, I am going to quote and let you work it out: "Agnes Pearlman is a first cousin of our daughter-in-law Agnes Whitley. Her father was a brother to Agnes' mother. Mr. Norwood Branch; her mother was Maude CHRISTIAN. Sallie, a sister, married Douglas McNair. They live at 166 Washington Street, Wellesley Hill, Massachusetts, 02181. They get together with some of the family each year. Agnes Whitley, my daughter-in-law, says they sure can tell all about the CHRISTIANS. (Uncle Norwood and Aunt Maude are deceased.) My Agnes Whitley's mother was Agnes Branch married my Agnes' father, Bill Fenimore." There! Now, you figure it out.

Bina lives at 502 Steele Street, Pikeville, Ky. 41501. Now to give you the family connection again: John Wesley REED married Nancy Elizabeth CHRISTIAN d/o Thomas CHRISTIAN. Their children: Jackson, Nancy Jane (Bina's grandmother), John Lindsey, Daniel, Wesley, Mathias, Thomas, Louisa (Aunt Lovis), James H., Amanuel (my grandfather). Thomas's middle name was Marstin (Mastin?); Elsa has a note on Louisa's name - Levicy Ruthe; James was James HOOVER; Elsa also notes there was one named Elias Friendly who died at 7 mos.; another named Moses David - born 3/21/1852, d 7/5/1854. I found a note in my mother's things telling about the death of Moses David, quote: "A little uncle was the first to be buried in the family cemetery in about 1850, '52 or '53. He was playing with my Daddy and had a rope tied to a little sled and he stepped backward and sat down in a kettle boiling lye Grandma had heated to make soap. He died that night." A terrible thing to happen, but part of what goes to make up the family history.

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Bina's mother, Nancy Jane, married Jesse Bane (Bean) 1 Aug. 1853; Nancy Jane and Jesse's daughter, Charlotte married Jake Collins (I don't have the date); Bina married J. Robert Whitley (I don't have the date). The Whitley's are descended through the Poage-Moore line. Bina was named for my grandmother, Robina BEAVERS. Walter Elswick's grandmother was Louisa or Levicy (he has it spelled Louvicia).

Bina ends her letter by saying that she knew Sallie but never knew that she was half-Christian. She says, "Isn't it queer how research brings folk together. And it is - I have found cousins which I never knew that I had.

Best Wishes,

Granita

P. S. Elsa said to tell you that she has had no answer from the relative of the Pine girls whom Walter told us about.

September 18, 1979

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Dear Agnes:

Just a note. I know that you must be busy getting the "Chronicles" out and don't have time for correspondence.

However, I did want to share this bit of information with you - if you don't already have it. I was able to track down the deed in which Nathaniel Christian is mentioned as being deceased and Thomas Christian is mentioned as heir-at-law to him. I found it in the Virginia State Library and I would have a copy made of it and mail to you, but it is much too large and would spoil its appearance to splice it. It is a beautifully written (the handwriting) document and Beverly Randolph was Governor of the Commonwealth at the time.

Write to the Virginia State Library, Department of Archives, 12th and Capitol Streets, Richmond, Virginia 23219. You ask for: Land Office, Grant Book 22, 1789-1791 - Reel 88, pages 300-301. Isham and Anthony Christian, 400 acres, Montgomery County, June 10, 1790. Minimum charge \$2.00 plus postage and handling \$1.00. You write and ask for this; they will send you a filled out application, stating the cost, which you sign and return to them. Then they send you the document and bill you at that time.

I am curious about this James Adair who is said to be assignee of Thomas Christian - what connection he had with Thomas. Could Thomas' mother, Jane (if she be Thomas' mother), have been an Adair? I have seen this James Adair listed in tax lists, etc., as well as the fact that there is an Adair County in Kentucky not far from the Tenn. border in a line with Sumner County, Tenn.

Hope things are going well. When you have time, let me know if you think there could be a family connection with the Adairs.

Much success,



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September 30, 1979

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Dear Juanita:

I do appreciate your understanding regarding the delays in answering your most welcome letters. I had no idea the extent to which my correspondence would increase as a result of publication of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. What with that and preparation of the issues themselves, time is most limited.

The July issue of the CHRONICLES was finally mailed this past week. If you have not already received your copy, it should arrive within a day or so.

I did not have copy of the documents you sent and am delighted to have them. I had seen abstracts. In fact, abstracts were in my possession; and I had often wondered how Isham/Isam had become Isaac. From the recorded copy, it is obvious that the clerk who copied the original document (the January 1791 indenture) mistakenly copied "Isaac" instead of "Isam." You will notice that the two names are used interchangeably in the document.

When I return home in two weeks, I will send the information I have concerning the Anthony Christian who married Nancy Vandike in Tazewell County, Virginia, in 1848. (I am writing on a borrowed, out-of-order typewriter here in the northeast, where I will be attending a convention.) I believe that I have names of his parents in my files.

Regarding the possibility of a third marriage for Thomas Christian: The marriage of a Thomas Christian to Anna Altizer was for a younger Thomas. As far as can be determined, the Tazewell County progenitor had only two marriages--the first to Louisa Harmon and the second to Mary Altizer. At home I have identity of the Thomas Christian who married Anna Altizer. Hate to trust my memory so will defer giving the information until next letter.

Yes, the early Thomas Christians of Charles City County and Goochland County, Virginia, are--as far as known--the line with which we are dealing. The next issue of the CHRONICLES will have copies of their wills.

I am sending to the Virginia State Library for the deed mentioning Thomas Christian as heir-at-law of Nathaniel Christian. Thanks for the details.

What a coincidence! That your cousin Bina Whitley's son Robert is the husband of my cousin Agnes Louise (Fenimore) Whitley. Aggie's mother and my father were sister and brother. Aggie and I were both named for her mother, Agnes, who in turn was named for her aunt, etc. Agnes was a very popular name among my Branch family connections. It is interesting, too, that the Whitleys are descended through the Poage-Moore line. From the circumstantial evidence which I have, my Moore ancestors are part of that same Moore family. Do give her my regards when you next write. By "her," of course, I mean Bina Whitley. I will also extend regards from her to my sister Sally, whom I will see next week.

Regarding James Adair: Some researchers have concluded that he was the father of Jane Christian, widow of Nathaniel Christian. I do not believe the fact that ~~Thomas~~ he "assigned" property to one of the Christians (you say Thomas) is sufficient evidence to identify him as the father of Nathaniel. Through the years I have corresponded with most of the individuals who have made such an assumption, and I can assure you that this is all they have had to go on. Certainly there were other possibilities. I am keeping an open mind on the subject but would need more information to draw such a conclusion.

By the way, another subscriber is also descended from the Thomas Christian who married Louisa Hammon. You may wish to correspond with her:

Mrs. Diane Browning
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Whitman, West Virginia 25652

Diane is also descended from another Christian line: Allen and Nancy (Cooper) Christian. One of this line married into the Tazewell County, Virginia, line. As I have mentioned to you, I think that the two were rather closely connected but have not yet figured out how.

When I return to California, I intend to develop a work sheet on the possibilities and hope to exchange details with you. You'll be hearing from me again then. I would like to have an article in the next issue of the CHRONICLES on "your" Thomas Christian and family.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. Please excuse the paper and typographical. They are all that could be managed since I failed to bring extra paper with me and am using the only typewriter available. The carriage does not always move forward, so there are a number of "strike-overs."

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Dear Juanita:

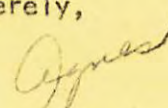
Here I am back in Santa Ana ready to send the information I promised.

Thomas S. Christian--son of Thomas and Louisa (Harmon) Christian--born about 1815, married 23 October 1836 in Tazewell County, Virginia by David Payne to Anna Altizer, born about 1816. They had at least four children: Lilly, born about 1841; Mary "Polly", born about 1843, died October 1858; Thomas, born about 1845; and Robbin, born about 1847. Robbin was a male and probably named Robert. Census and other Tazewell County documents substantiate this data.

As for the Anthony Christian, born about 1828, who married Nancy Vandike 23 March 1848 in Tazewell County, Virginia: I believe but do not have proof that this Anthony was the son of David and Lina/Linny/Linea (Trent) Christian. He would "fit" into the family; and Thomas, a son of David and L. (Trent) Christian, also married a Vandike--Martha Vandike on 21 February 1855 in Tazewell County, Virginia.

Next week I hope to begin developing the Christian family worksheet I mentioned in my last letter so will be getting in touch with you again regarding details. In the meantime, regards to all and hope you found the July issue of the CHRONICLES interesting and helpful.

Sincerely,



Agnes B. Pearlman

November 8, 1979

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Dear Agnes:

Forgive me for not having written to you sooner. We have had so many problems in settling Houston's mother's estate and going to the assistance of our son in Illinois, who hasn't been too well recently, that I just haven't had much time for writing. However, I am going to now try to write at least a note and send my \$6.00 check for the renewal of my subscription to THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. I haven't really been able to read the last issue fully, as yet; but was pleased to receive it. I have had several library books out and must read them and return them before I can spend too much time with my own literature.

Thank you for the information on the later Thomas Christians and Anthony Christian. After I read the original (Maybe you have it by now) deed re: Anthony Christian & Isham Christian for the 400 acres in Montgomery Co., I was more of the opinion that Isham and Anthony were probably brothers of Thomas; Nathaniel being their father and possibly James Adair the father of Jane Christian. It reads thusly: "Beverly Randolph, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, To all to whom these presents shall issue greeting. Knew ye that by virtue of a certificate in right of Settlement given by the Commissioners for adjusting the titles to unpatented lands in the District of Washington and Montgomery, and in consideration of the annual composition of two pounds sterling paid by Isham and Anthony Christian into the Treasury of this Commonwealth, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Isham and Anthony Christian assignees of THOMAS CHRISTIAN, heir at law to NATHANIEL CHRISTIAN and who was assignee of JAMES ADAIR, etc" This leads me to believe that Thomas was a son of Nathaniel and that Nathaniel was possibly a son-in-law of James Adair - his daughter being Jane. I sent you a copy of the document in which Jane Christian was made administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels of Nathaniel Christian, deceased, who died without will, etc. It is still a puzzle, but somehow this makes sense to me. Hopefully, some of your other contacts will come up with the answer to this question.

I have recently finished reading Lewis Preston Summers' HISTORY OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA AND WASHINGTON COUNTY. There is a reference made in it (several references, to be more exact) concerning one Gilbert Christian. This intrigues me. He is mentioned with Thomas Mastin as a militia officer from Washington County. Thomas Mastin was a Major in the 2 Battalion and Gilbert Christian is listed as a Captain in 1781. Thomas Mastin served as a Justice of Washington County in 1777 and a Deputy Sheriff of Botetourt County, Feb. 13, 1770. Also, When Col. Wm. Byrd visited the Long Island in 1760 (In Tenn.), two men, by name of Gilbert Christian & Wm. Anderson, accompanied his regiment. In this year, 1769, Christian and Anderson determined to explore this western wilderness, and, in company with Col. John Sawyers and four others, they crossed the North Fork of the Holston River at Cloud's Fort in Tenn. and explored the wilderness as far as Big Creek, now a part of Hawkins Co., where they met a large body of Indians, at which point they determined to return to their homes. Another reference to Gilbert Christian is

as follows: "Ordered that Joseph Martin, John Kinkead, John Coulter, Gilbert Christian, William Campbell, and Thomas Mastin, who are hereby appointed as commissioners to distribute the flour contributed in Augusta County or elsewhere for the distressed inhabitants of the county, and to hire wagons to bring the same to this county. (Washington Co.)" Another: "Year 1777 - "On motion, John Anderson, Gilbert Christian, James Elliott, James Fulkerson and William Roberts were appointed commissioners to view a road from George Blackburns by James Fulkerson's to the fork of the path leading to Kentucky and the mouth of Reedy Creek." One more quote: "The Governor of Virginia, on the 23rd day of July, 1777, issued a new commission of the peace and dedimus for the county, directed to: Arthur Campbell, William Campbell, William Edmiston, Joseph Martin, James Dysart, John Anderson, John Coulter, George Blackburn, Isaac Shelby, John Dunkin, Gilbert Christian, Evan Shelby, Daniel Smith, John Campbell, Abraham Buchanan, John Kinkead, James Montgomery, John Snodly (?), Thomas Mastin, Robert Craig, John Adair, Thomas Caldwell, and, on the 25th day of Nov., 1777, this commission was produced and read, and, thereupon, pursuant to the said dedimus, the said Arthur Campbell took the oath of justice of the peace and a justice of the County Court in chancery, all of which oaths were administered to him by John Kinkead. Thereupon, the said Arthur Campbell administered the same oaths of: John Kinkead, John Coulter, James Montgomery, Robert Craig, John Dunkin, and thus was constituted the second county court for Washington County." I'll not quote anymore - you've probably already read it all anyway. The question in my mind is: Did this Gilbert Christian in any way connect with our Thomas Christian since they both seem to have been well acquainted with Thomas Mastin?

Elsa and I are trying our best to obtain a copy of the Revolutionary ^{Pension} application of Hezekiah Whitt because Thomas Christian made a deposition on his behalf, stating that he had known him and mentions in his deposition the fact that he was orphaned and raised by Thomas Mastin. A Lyles Dolesberry also made a deposition in this application and in his will he states that his daughter was Catherine Reed and names several grandchildren, one of them being a James Reed. This name "James" is often found in our Reed family line. I still think that these families were all closely connected; the Skaggs, the Harmons, The Reeds, the Christians, et al. I am now reading "Seedtime on the Cumberland" by Harriette Simpson Arnow. I'm hoping to glean more information from this book; I also have borrowed TRANS-ALLEGHENY PIONEERS by Hale. Hopefully, this will give me more information to help me make these family connections.

I haven't written to Mrs. Browning as yet. However, I shall write to her as soon as I can eke out the time. Perhaps, we can share information.

I seem to have "run-down" at this point. If I can be of any help to you in developing the Christian family worksheet which you mentioned in your last letter, let me know and I shall be happy to help in any way in which I can. I've not heard from Bina since I sent your regards to her - she is in her eightys and isn't too well, so she probably just doesn't feel like writing now. It is a small world after all, though, that there is that connection.

Best wishes,

Quante

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Same note! E.H.



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November 19, 1979

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Dear Juanita:

Thank you for your 1980 renewal to CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. I hope that you will find some answers therein during the coming year.

In the meantime, following are a few brief comments about the Gilbert Christian of Washington County, Virginia. He is one of several by that name. Born about 1734 in Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Robert and Isabella (Tiffins) Christian, he married Margaret Anderson in 1762. I have conflicting death dates for him although I believe that it probably occurred about 1793 in Knoxville, Tennessee, "on Hightower campaign." This Gilbert was the grandson of Gilbert and Margaret (Richardson) Christian. I hope to have an article started on these Augusta County, Virginia, Christians in the next issue of the CHRONICLES.

Whether the Augusta County Christians considered themselves related to the so-called Charles City County, Virginia, Christians during those years, I do not know. They did have connections in the British Isles but from which common ancestor remains to be determined. In passing, I might mention that Robert Christian, son of Gilbert and Margaret (Anderson) Christian, married Mary Adair. Gilbert's and Margaret's son, George Christian, gave a first-hand account to Lyman Draper about the activities of his father, uncles, etc. See "On the Bookshelf" in Volume I of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES.

Your analysis of the relationships to be inferred from the various land transactions-- James Adair to Nathaniel Christian to heir-at-law Thomas Christian to Isham and Anthony --agrees with that of most analysts. I am still hesitant to accept those conclusions as fact, however, since there are several other reasonable alternatives. For example, the "heir-at-law Thomas Christian" could have been a brother rather than a son if, in fact, Nathaniel had no children. The fact that James Adair assigned the land to Nathaniel does not necessarily make him the father-in-law. Many such assignments were made between friends as well as relatives.

You might be particularly interested in some of the questions I pose on page 112 of Volume II of the CHRONICLES. It is these individuals, I believe, who are closely related to "your" Thomas Christian of Tazewell County, Virginia.

Enclosed is the worksheet for Allen Christian. I will be interested in your comments.

Sincerely,

Agnes
P.S. My Aunt Agnes heard about the Christian connection from him.

SPECULATION & INQUIRY SHEET REGARDING ALLEN CHRISTIAN

ALLEN CHRISTIAN was born 22 May 1754 in Cumberland County, Virginia, and served as a private in the Revolutionary forces. First joining the Continental Army in Bedford County, Virginia, under Captain Nathaniel Tate, he marched to Join General Gates in Carolina. After serving a second tour of duty, he was discharged 1781 following Cornwallis' surrender. When making application for pension in 1833, he stated that he no longer had the family Bible to corroborate vital data. Subsequent to the war he resided in Bedford County for about ten years. He then removed to that section of Virginia which was variously under the jurisdiction of Montgomery, Greenbrier, Monroe, and Giles Counties. There he remained until after 1810 when he located on the Guyandotte River in that part of Cabell County which became Logan. By 1830 he had moved to Shelby County, Indiana, where he probably died between 1835 and 1843--17 September 1842 being date of last pension payment. Although he and his wife Juda had a large family, only the identity of their son Allen is known with certainty. Nonetheless, the following can be recognized as probable offspring on the basis of circumstantial evidence:

- Thomas Christian, born 1776-1780, settled about 1820 at mouth of Huff Creek in what later became Logan County, West Virginia; moved about 1823 to Perry County, Kentucky; died about 1839--before 31 March 1840. He married Margaret "Rebecca" Pine, born about 1776-1780, died 1840-1850, the daughter of James Alexander and Mary (Gatliff) Pine. See attached sheet for list of their children. Does anyone have proof that Allen and Juda S. (_____) Christian were his parents? Or can some other couple be so identified?
- Judith Christian, born 1776-1784; married 4 December 1798 in Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia, to Matthew Maddy. Where did this couple move? Did they have children? If indeed she belonged to Allen and Juda S. (_____) Christian, finding her descendants might provide a clue to the identity of her mother's parents.
- Allen Christian, Jr., born about 1780 in Prince Edward County, Virginia, died 27 February 1859 in Wayne County, (West) Virginia; married in Monroe County, Virginia, 6 July 1799 Nancy Cooper. This was one of the first marriages registered in Monroe County after it was formed that year from Greenbrier. See attached list for issue.
- Ellison Christian, born _____, married in Monroe County, Virginia, 9 November 1808 Sarah "Sally" Acord/Echart. Ellison apparently died about 1815-1816, after which his widow married Peter G. Cozort, Sr. Sally was the daughter of John and Rachel (Combs) Acord. Ellison may have been the son of the Ellison Christian who died intestate in Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia, in 1794. Was the senior Ellison Christian a brother or perhaps even the father of Allen Christian, Sr.? Does anyone know anything about this senior Ellison Christian? John Christian, apparently the one who first married Johanna Farley, was a signer on the marriage bond of Ellison Christian, Jr. Were John and the younger Ellison siblings? John was reputedly the son of another John. Is it possible that the senior Ellison was named John Ellison Christian?
- Nancy Christian, born 1780-1790 in Virginia, married in Cabell County, (West) Virginia, 5 September 1812 Robert McNeely. They moved to Shelby County, Indiana. She was almost certainly a daughter of Allen and Juda S. (_____) Christian.
- Margaret Christian, born about 1790 in Virginia, married in Cabell County, (West) Virginia, 15 September 1820 Samuel McNeely. She also moved to Shelby County, Indiana. It may have been because of the move of the McNeely groups that Allen and Juda (_____) Christian moved to Shelby County, Indiana. The McNeely men obtained land there whereas no record appears of Allen having obtained any.
- Dudley Christian, born about 1800 in Virginia, married 1 July 1830 in Decatur County, Indiana, Sarah "Sally" Criss. Can anyone supply more information about this family?
- A daughter, born about 1805-1810, about whom nothing more is known. Birth dates are inferred from census records of family.
- A son, born about 1810-1820. Is this the man who married Catherine Browning, the daughter of William and Catherine (Anglin) Browning? Catherine (Browning) Christian was married about 1825 and had at least one daughter named Catherine Christian. There may have been two other daughters. The young Catherine Christian was living with her aunt and uncle in 1850: William and Nancy F. (Browning) Walker in Boone County, (West) Virginia. Where did _____ and Catherine (Browning) Christian move before 1850, when their whereabouts were unknown to those settling the estate of her father, William Browning in Logan County, (West) Virginia. Is it possible that Dudley was first married to Catherine before he married Sally Criss?
- Were there other children of Allen and Juda S. (_____) Christian? What was her maiden name? Information requested.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES & SPECULATION REGARDING ALLEN CHRISTIAN, Sr., & wife JUDA

Careful review of abstracts of records and entries in cross-reference file fails to reveal any mention of Allen Christian as either the son or brother of another of the Christian men.

His place of birth 22 May 1754 in Cumberland County, Virginia, would seem to tie him to the Charles City-Goochland County groups. Because of his migratory pattern, it is likely that he is a grandson of the Thomas Christian who wrote his will in October 1743, proved in Goochland County, Virginia, in March 1743/4.

If one may judge by the repetition of the name among known and supposed descendants, it is probable that Allen was the son of Thomas's son, Thomas Christian, born 26 April 1728, and thought to have been the one who married Mary Chisholm. Such a supposition is supported by the fact that there was a Thomas Christian "of Bedford County, Virginia," old enough to have been Allen's father. This Thomas Christian "of Bedford County, Virginia," was mentioned in the 1781 will of Thomas's son Christopher Christian of Montgomery County (formerly Anson County), North Carolina.

Lest we jump to conclusions too fast, it must be pointed out that in 1754 Turner Hunt Christian was engaged in a land transaction in Bedford County, Virginia; and in 1758 James Christian and Turner Hunt Christian were engaged in a land transaction.

On 18 May 1762 Mary Christian married David Rogers in Bedford County, Virginia. William Bumpass was surety on bond. Was this Mary Christian an aunt, cousin, or older sister of Allen Christian, Sr.?

How was Allen Christian related to the Ellison Christian who died intestate in Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia, in 1794? Allen was also living there at that time and attended the estate sale of Ellison's effects. The family at that time was living along New River, one side of which was in Montgomery County, Virginia, and the other side in Greenbrier County.

Nathaniel Christian, son of the Thomas Christian of the 1743/4 Goochland County, Virginia, will also had ties along New River, owning 400 acres of land on East River below Five Mile Fork (tributaries of New River near where Allen Christian lived). Nathaniel died intestate in Montgomery County, Virginia, in 1779. Twelve years earlier (1767) Nathaniel had been in a list of tithables in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. In 1786 Thomas Christian, heir-at-law of Nathaniel Christian, assigned the East River land to Isham and Anthony Christian. It is likely that this Thomas Christian was the one who settled in Tazewell County, Virginia--known to have been orphaned as a child and raised by Capt. Thomas Mastin. He, like Isham and Anthony Christian, lived for awhile in Sumner County, Tennessee. This Thomas Christian was born about 1770.

Was the Thomas Christian, born between 1750 and 1760, who was living in Cocke County, Tennessee, in 1830 a brother of Allen Christian or--more likely--a first cousin?

Is it possible that Allen Christian appears in records under another name, such as James A. Christian, William Allen Christian, etc.? Or that the Allen or A. does not even appear on the early records? Does anyone have a listing of the supposed children of Thomas and Mary (Chisholm) Christian? Did Mary die and Thomas have another wife? Has anyone the death date of Thomas and/or Mary? All information invited.

Was it another Thomas than the one who married Mary Chisholm who was "of Bedford County, Virginia," in 1781?

Can a reader offer clues to the identity of Juda (_____) Christian's parents?

If she and Allen moved to the New River settlement because of her family, she may have been either a Farley or a Blankenship. If not, one guess is about as good as another. Could her grandson, Spencer Christian, have been named for her father's family? Could she then have been Juda S. Spencer?

Loss of the records of Cumberland and Prince Edward Counties in Virginia makes research particularly difficult. She may have been visiting her family when her son Allen, Jr., was born about 1780 in Prince Edward County. Its boundaries are adjacent to Cumberland County.

NOTES ON THE THOMAS CHRISTIAN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SON OF ALLEN AND JUDA S. ()
CHRISTIAN: Note pattern of naming children--Rebecca "Becksey" named for her mother; James Pine for his maternal grandfather; Nancy possibly for her maternal aunt who made home with family; Allen probably for his paternal grandfather; Mary for her maternal grandmother; Leah for her maternal great-aunt, Thomas for his father and/or possibly his paternal great-grandfather; Judy probably for her paternal grandmother; and names of other children not definitely known.

Tradition in family of Allen Christian, Jr., that they were connected to the Pine family. Such connection established if his brother Thomas were the one who married Margaret "Rebecca" Pine as did the Thomas below.

Thomas Christian followed same migratory pattern as Allen, Sr., until the latter's move to Shelby County, Indiana.

Thomas Christian, born 1776-1780, settled about 1820 at mouth of Huff Creek in what later became Logan County, West Virginia; moved about 1823 to Perry County, Kentucky; died about 1839--before 31 March 1840. He married Margaret "Rebecca" Pine, born about 1776-1780, died 1840-1850, the daughter of James Alexander and Mary (Gatliff) Pine. Their known children are as follows:

Rebecca "Becksey" Christian, born 1795-1800, married in Perry County, Kentucky July 1829 Richard Lemaster.

James Pine Christian, born 16 March 1800, died 11 December 1891; married 12 March 1826 Anne Moore in Logan County, West Virginia. See CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, Volume I, for list of their children.

Nancy Christian, born about 1801 in Virginia; married Henry Banks, born about 1785 in North Carolina. Details on their children needed.

Allen Christian, born 15 October 1802, died 19 December 1886 in Letcher County, Kentucky; married 1) in Perry County, Kentucky 14 November 1823 Abbey Hagins/Higgins, born 17 March 1803 in South Carolina, daughter of William & Polly (Linville) Hagins/Higgins; married 2) Margaret Collins. Was Collins her maiden name or surname from an earlier marriage? Was Allen married before he married Abbey?

Mary Christian, born about 1804 in Virginia; married in Giles County, Virginia 5 January 1824 John Wilson, born about 1801 in Virginia. Desire more information about this family.

Leah Christian, born about 1807 in Virginia; married in Perry County, Kentucky, 11 August 1825 Gilbert Hagins/Higgins, born about 1795 in South Carolina, son of William & Polly (Linville) Hagins/Higgins.

Thomas Christian, born 10 May 1809 in Virginia, died 21 April 1884 in Rowan County, Kentucky; married about 1830 Mary "Polly" Amburgy.

Judy Christian, born 1805-1810, died 1840-1845. Was she the one who married Peter Christian 23 November 1834 in Perry County, Kentucky? In 1840 she signed papers as one of the heirs of her father, Thomas Christian. In 1845 John Lemaster signed as "guardian for heirs of Judy Christian. Who were parents of Peter Christian?

A daughter, born 1810-1820, died before December 1845; married Edward Parsons, who also died before December 1845, when James P. Christian signed as guardian for the heirs of Edward Parsons. Where did these Parsons children live? And with whom? What was their mother's given name?

Another daughter, born between 1810-1820; about whom nothing more is known. Can anyone identify her? Whom did she marry?

A son, born between 1810-1820, who probably died young. He may have been the Noah Christian, born 10 November 1809 or 1819, whose death date on the tombstone is illegible. Or is it possible that the Peter Christian who married 23 November 1834 in Perry County, Kentucky, was this son and that someone else named Christian married the daughter Judy. Only husband's name given on marriage register.

Were there any other children?

Was Thomas Christian, Sr., the son of Allen and Juda S. () Christian as would seem to be the case?

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NOTES ON THE FAMILY OF ALLEN CHRISTIAN, JR., SON OF ALLEN AND JUDA S. () CHRISTIAN

Analysis of the naming patterns cannot be properly made until more is known of the family of Nancy Cooper, wife of Allen Christian, Jr. The Cooper family of the Greenbrier-Monroe County, (West) Virginia, area in the late eighteenth century did, however, have a Col. Alexander Cooper and a Thomas and Francis Cooper for whom some of the children of Allen and Nancy (Cooper) Christian could have been named. Is it possible that their first son, Spencer, could have carried the maiden name of his paternal grandmother Juda S. () Christian? Does the middle name of Juda refer to another given name such as Sue, etc., or could it be the initial of her maiden surname? Jasonias was a given name used by the Toler family at that time. Could Juda have been a Toler? Or was Jasonias named for a maternal connection?

Allen Christian, Jr., born about 1780 in Prince Edward County, Virginia, died 27 February 1859 in Wayne County, (West) Virginia; married in Monroe County, Virginia, 6 July 1799 Nancy Cooper. They had at least the following issue:

- Spencer Christian, born about 1802, married in Kanawha County, Virginia, 7 January 1834 Elizabeth Carrow, born about 1813 in North Carolina.
- Thomas Francis Christian, born about 1804, died 20 September 1847; married about 1825 Mary "Polly" Newton.
- Jasonias "Neas" Christian, born 1805-1810, possibly the one who married Susan Barbour 4 April 1834 in Cabell County, (West) Virginia. Is he the man called Jacob Christian who had wife Amanda in 1850? Where did Jasonias eventually settle?
- Alexander Christian, born about 1806 in Monroe County, (West) Virginia, married 1) Elizabeth Newton; married 2) Lucy (Harmon) Elley 3 October 1876 in Wayne County, West Virginia. Alexander died in Wayne County 30 August 1878.
- ?Margaret Christian, born about 1810, apparently died before 1850; married in Cabell County, (West) Virginia 4 October 1832 Harrison Walker.
- Allen S. Christian, also called Alden, born about 1814, married Sarah Thacker 27 October 1836 in Cabell County, Virginia.
- Susan A. Christian, born about 1815, married Isaac Newton 17 November 1831 in Cabell County, West Virginia.
- Judah/Judith Christian, born about 1817, married Robert A. Ward. More information needed.
- ?Andrew Christian, born about 1819, perhaps married about 1842 and one son Clayborn. When did he die and who was his wife?
- Mary Ann Christian, born about 1820, married Harrison Ward, born in Gallia County, Ohio. Who were their children?
- Elizabeth Christian, born 13 May 1819 in Giles County, Virginia, died 23 February 1907 in Wayne County, West Virginia; married in Lawrence County, Ohio, 30 August 1840 Zachariah Riggs, son of Thomas.
- Martha Christian, born about 1824, apparently died before 1859; married Preston Newman.
- James Anderson Christian, born about 1825 in what later became Logan County, West Virginia, died 18 September 1894 in Jackson County, Ohio; married in Lawrence County, Ohio 6 June 1848 Therese/Terressa Thacker.
- Nancy Ann Christian, born about 1827, died January 1882 in Wayne County, West Virginia; married 8 February 1848 Moses D. Riggs, son of Thomas and brother of Zachariah.

More information desired on most of the above children. Family Group Records invited.

December 1, 1979

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Dear Agnes:

First, thank you very much for filling me in on the Gilbert Christian which I found listed in the HISTORY OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA AND WASHINGTON DOUNTY by Summers. It made me wonder if he was in any way connected with Thomas Mastin in the Indian Wars. Elsa and I are making a concerted attempt to obtain the depositions made by Lyles Dolesberry (he had a daughter who married a Reed) and Thomas Christian in the action of Hezekiah Whitt (he married one of the Skaggs girls) in his obtaining his Revolutionary War pension. Mrs. Yantis says in her book that Thomas Christian mentions in his deposition that he was orphaned and raised by Thomas Mastin. The wheels of progress move slowly (especially when one is trying to obtain information from those departments in Richmond and Washington.) Hopefully, we will get the information sometime.

I found considerable information re: James Adair in Harriette Simpson Arnow's books SEEDTIME ON THE CUMBERLAND and FLOWERING OF THE CUMBERLAND. It seems that he was a Scotch trader and was back and forth in that area at various times, selling his wares. Quote: "Still, no matter how much the trader might love the Indian way of life, even at times leading braves into battle as did JAMES ADAIR, his allegiance was always to England. All the better class of Scotch and English traders served the crown faithfully and well as interpreters and ambassadors to the Indian Nations. The trader might go hundreds of miles westward from the Atlantic Coast, but always the strongest of bonds tied him to England; she was both customer for skins and source of supply for manufactured goods. The trader, unlike the settler, adjusted to circumstances and saw no reason to change the pattern of life in the backwoods. It is doubtful if any trader, even James Adair, who spent more than thirty years with the Cherokee and Chickasaw, could have long survived alone in the woods as did the white hunters who later came to the Cumberland. He depended upon the Indians around him for all needs not supplied by the goods he brought--everything from food to women. The trader both respected and trusted the Indian, and was inclined to take his side of things." Adair wrote a book on THE AMERICAN INDIAN, which was published in England, if I remember correctly.

Another interesting notation which I made from her books, William BEAN was the first white settler in what is now Tennessee. Bina's grandmother, Nancy Jane Reed ~~Christian~~ d/o of ~~Thomas Christian~~ (forgive this, I'm running late and don't have time for correction) John Wesley Reed and Nancy Christian (d/o Thomas Christian) married Jesse Bean. I am wondering if it is the same Bean family. They all seemed to migrate through Tazewell from counties east.

The big reason for my arriving at the conclusion which I do about Nathaniel and Jane Christian is the fact that I have found that these pioneers were sticklers for staying with family names. John Wesley and Nancy named a daughter Nancy JANE and my mother was named Rachel JANE. Somehow, this Nathaniel and Jane seem to fit in. I could be missing it by a mile. I'm going to try to find some more books to read about this area in hopes that I'll come up

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with some missing links. You have probably already read the quote which I have included in this letter, but I just included it ~~just~~ in case you hadn't.

Yesterday, I was to my eye doctor for re-evaluation. In talking with him and his wife, I discovered that she also is connected with the Reeds. She has a book on THE CAPTIVES OF ABB'S VALLEY and very kindly offered to let me read it if I would stop by the house some time to pick it up. It is out of print now and might even be hard to find at one of the Archives.

In John P. Hale's TRANS-ALLEGHENY PIONEERS, he mentions the fact that when Christiansburg, Montgomery Co., Va. was established in 1792, Oct. 10, the following named gentlemen were appointed trustees: Christian Snyder (I have found this name on several documents, pertaining to the family, which I have), Byrd Smith, JAMES BARNETT (he is an ancestor in this way: he had a son named John; John had a son named Joseph; Joseph married Elizabeth Harrison and their daughter, Rachel Barnett, married Alexander Beavers, and they were my mother's grandparents), Hugh Crockett, Samuel Eason, Joseph Cloyd, John Preston, James Charlton and James Craig. You, no doubt, knew this; but I just wanted to make the family connection.

I notice that the Thomas Christian, born 1776-1780, also had a Nancy. Isn't this the Thomas Christian through whom you are descended? I'm really not too familiar with these names on your sheet for speculation & inquiry which you sent to me to make any helpful comments at this time. I shall keep it and study it as I find more information and, if I find any connective material, I shall be most happy to pass it along to you.

I must go now, Agnes, we want to go to the library and do some shopping. I'm afraid that Christmas is going to "cut-in" on our research right now. However, I'm still going to be on the lookout for data.

This is a terrible letter - forgive me. I'm not at my best, especially when I am under pressure.

All good wishes,



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December 13, 1979

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Dear Juanita:

Again, thank you for sending the interesting quotations. I had not previously seen the one you sent about James Adair.

I have always been interested in seeing a copy of the book, THE CAPTIVES OF ABB'S VALLEY since I have a Moore family line which is apparently related to the ones of Abb's Valley. My efforts to obtain a copy have not yet met with success.

Although I discussed the Nathaniel Christian whose estate was administered in 1779 in Montgomery County, Virginia, briefly on one of the speculation sheets which I sent to you, I should mention one or two observations. From all evidence, it would appear that "your" Thomas Christian of Tazewell County, Virginia, was born about 1770. It is therefore easy to assume that this Thomas Christian who was orphaned as a child was a child of Nathaniel and thus the one referred to as "heir-at-law." There seems to me to be one important objection to this assumption. This Thomas would not yet have been of age in 1786 to be transferring property to Anthony and Isham Christian. Thus, it seems likely that the Thomas Christian, heir-at-law of Nathaniel Christian would have been the one born between 1750-1760 and listed on the Greene County, Tennessee, tax list in 1783 and still in that location in 1830--by then within the limits of Cocke County, Tennessee. Nathaniel could have had another son whose name we don't know who could have been the father of your Thomas Christian. Obviously, Nathaniel's nine-year-old son Thomas could not have been the one granted administration along with the widow. The William Boydston who was also granted administration rights in 1779 with Thomas Christian and Jane Christian was married about 1777 or 1778 to Elizabeth Christian, believed to have been a daughter of Nathaniel and Jane. Elizabeth was born about 1748, and she died August 1844 in Buchanan County, Missouri. I mention all of this so that we can keep all the factors in mind when trying to determine parentage of Thomas Christian of Tazewell County, Virginia. There is little doubt in my mind that he was closely related to all of these. Exactly how is the question. Perhaps Thomas Mastin took out guardianship papers which would shed light on the relationships. I have never searched for such papers for this individual but have been quite successful in this regard on one of my other lines. Sometimes the Court Minutes will make reference to the papers.

Have a wonderful holiday even if there isn't much time for genealogy.

Sincerely,

Agnes

December 19, 1979

Dear Cousin Agnes,

I am going to skip the formality right now because I am in a hurry. We plan to leave in a couple of days for Illinois to spend Christmas with our son and I wanted to get this letter off to you before I go because I know that you are bound to be working for the CHRONICLES for January.

First, I want to say that I was re-reading your first issue (and especially about the Thomas Christian who was the father of Anthony, Nathaniel, Jesse, DAVID and Louis); so, needless to say, the "pump was primed" when your letter arrived at that particular time.

I decided to have a copy made of the deed which I had mentioned to you before, thinking that probably you hadn't been able to obtain it. Elsa sent for it, using all the data which I gave her on how to get it and, to my knowledge, never received it. You will notice that I have marked on the margin that it was 1786 when the survey was made and the deed at hand was negotiated in 1790. I was mixed up in dates when I made the additional observation about Jane's being appointed as administratrix - I was thinking it was 1789, but a re-check proved that I was wrong. With your vast experience and knowledge of the CHRISTIANS, I have no reason to doubt that your conclusions are probably absolutely correct. However, there is something about the names that just "bugs" me to pieces. Bina vows that Nancy's middle name was "Elizabeth." You say that a William Boydston married an Elizabeth Christian, believed to have been a daughter of Nathaniel and Jane. I had an aunt named Lydia Elizabeth - she named her daughter Elizabeth; Uncle Tom named a daughter Elizabeth. However, I grant you that the Elizabeth could have come from the Harmans since Lydia Skaggs had a sister named Elizabeth (I should have said Elizabeth came from the Skaggs); but it could have been from the Christian's line. Then, too, in the Bill of Complaint of Christian vs. Christian - Thomas and Louisa had a son named David - that could go back to the first Thomas named above who had a son named David. Too, the document which I obtained gave Jane Christian sole right to administer the estate of Nathaniel and she gave bond for this. You have more information than I on this because I knew nothing about this William Boydston who was also granted administration rights in 1779. It is clear to me that I have to do a great deal more research. However, as John Paul Jones said "I have not yet begun to fight" - I have some Jones blood in me, so I suppose this makes me keep plowing on.

In checking the 1820 and 1830 census records for Tazewell County, the Thomas Christian there in 1820 is listed in the "45 and up" age bracket; in 1830, he is listed in the "50-60" age bracket. I assume that this is our Thomas Christian - if so, he would have been born around 1775. Even so, in 1790, he would have been 15; or, if he were born in 1770 as assumed, he would have been 20. Had he had a guardian, he could have handled his affairs for him. I was eighteen when my dad died intestate and I was immediately considered an heir. Even in the Bill of Complaint mentioned above "George" Christian is mentioned as being an infant and yet he and Mathias filed the suit. Forgive me, Agnes, I am just trying to rationalize this "thing."

I agree with you wholly that I believe that all of these particular individuals are closely related - I just wish that I could determine how. You gave me an idea, although I haven't been too successful in my search in Tennessee; I believe I will write to Sumner County to see if they might have a record in that time period of Thomas Mastin having been appointed as guardian of Thomas Christian. I might mention to you also, that I am making every effort to obtain a copy of a deposition which Thomas Christian made in behalf of Hezekiah Whitt when he made application for his Revolutionary War pension. I found mention of this made in HARMAN'S ANNALS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY. Hezekiah Whitt was a son of Richard Whitt and Susannah Skaggs, sister to our Lydia. Thomas says in this deposition that he was orphaned and raised by Thomas Mastin. I know that I finally did get the attention the the department in Washington which handles these affairs because they sent me a form to fill out, making request for same. I added a note to the application, stating that I was especially interested in the deposition of Thomas Christian and Lyles Dolesberry - Lyles had a daughter who married a Reed. Hopefully, I will be able to obtain this file. I do hope that it will tell us more than we know at the present.

I also have another avenue which I am going to pursue concerning Thomas Mastin (I'll be on his "tail" with a vengeance now). I have bought a book which gives a list of the Colonial soldiers. Thomas Mastin is listed in the French and Indian Bounty Warrants - these are stored in the Virginia Historical Society Library. He is also mentioned in W. A. Crozier's VIRGINIA COLONIAL MILITIA - I'm intending to make an attempt to find a copy of this. I now belong to the Virginia Genealogical Society and I shall ask them to help me in finding this material. I have two more ancestors: John and James Barnett listed in this book - I should say two more on Mamma's side of the family. There is one on Daddy's side of the family: Joseph Shores Price. I still want to go to the State House to read the Draper Manuscripts - hopefully, after the holidays we'll get it done. A friend in Huntington is doing research, too, and she plans to come up for that purpose. We'll probably have to fight the legislature for parking space.

I plan to contact Mrs. Shepherd, as soon as I get back from John's, about borrowing THE CAPTIVES OF ABB'S VALLEY. She very kindly offered to let me read it, assuring me at the time that it was out of print. I might ask my librarian if she would know of any place it might be obtained.

Dr. Hash is reading my GERMAN NEW RIVER SETTLEMENT right now. His son has become very interested in genealogy, too. This book mentions the Harmans, Scaggs, Harlesses, Priceses, etc. They settled at what is now Blacksburg, Va. Housten is related to the Harlesses and Priceses and Lewises. The more I read of these migrations and these families, the more I know that they were all associated. James Barnett was one of the trustees when Christiansburg was founded.

Well, Agnes, I concede my ignorance on all these Thomas Christians, but we can still trust that some of us will come up with the answer before we "throw in the towel." Forgive my rambling; I just thought that some place along the line I would cause a "flash in the pan" for you and that it might help. By the way, they have moved the Circuit Clerk's office to new quarters in Montgomery County - maybe we can get more help now. Walter has a friend at Christiansburg who has promised to help when they are in their new quarters. I believe that Walter said he was an attorney.

Have a very nice holiday and I do wish you the best for the New Year. I'm enclosing these copies just in case you didn't get them.

All good wishes,

Joanna

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I knew that there was something else which I wanted to mention to you. In HARMANS ANNALS, on page 264, there is a reference to Thomas Christian and Thomas Mastin (DAR application No. 134687) add 445 - mentions a Mildred Tucker Hardcastle, Plum Springs Rd., Bowling Green, Ky. I wrote to her, thinking she was the one who probably made the application, but she knew nothing about it. I might be able to have one of my nieces to see if they could find out more about the DAR application - they are both members of DAR through the paternal side. Had you ever noticed this when you have been checking HARMANS ANNALS?



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December 31, 1979

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Dear Juanita:

This is just a quick note to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 19 and to return your copies of the indenture and grant, both of which I had just recently obtained.

After the next issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES is completed and on its way, I'll write again with more notes, speculation, etc. Please note that I have very few conclusions for some of those generations but do like to keep the many factors and possibilities in mind when drawing certain conclusions. In case you haven't noticed some of the connections in the article about Anthony and Sallie (Ewing) Christian, you might notice that there are possibilities of a close connection to Nathaniel Christian also. There were also later Boydston-Christian marriages besides the one mentioned in my recent letter.

You mentioned your Barnett connections. Some of the Barnett families married into the Lawrence County, Ohio, Christian groups as well as into my Mitchell family connections in Montgomery County, Virginia.

I do appreciate all your work on establishing the identity of "your" Thomas Christian and hope that you will continue to keep me informed of all your discoveries. You may be sure I shall do the same for you. I just wish that publishing the CHRONICLES allowed me a little more time for specific research.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

Have a happy new year!

January 2, 1980

Dear Cousin Agnes,

Just a note - I have borrowed a copy of THE CAPTIVES OF ABB'S VALLEY from one of my friends here in the valley - Dr. Shepherd's wife. She has also loaned me a book on the REED family which is voluminous. ABB'S VALLEY is just a small book.

So, if you will let me know just as soon as you can just what you want to know about the Moores, I'll make notes about it for you. In just a cursory perusal of the book, it seems to be mostly about the MOORES.

Incidentally, I believe that I will have to go to Washington County, Virginia, to search for guardianship papers for Thomas Christian. I find, from notes which I took when I read THE HISTORY OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA by Summers, that Thomas Mastin was still in Washington County in 1777. Re: Abingdon, Va. - , , , , "The petition to the House of Delegates: The petition of the Court of Washington County - Whereas a certain tract or parcel of land is given by the Hon. Thomas Walker, Joseph Black and Samuel Briggs, and also another tract of land is agreed to be sold at a certain rate by the said Walker for the benefit of the aforesaid county to erect their public buildings on, and as this court has already fixed upon a place on said land for their courthouse and prison, and has also laid off a part thereof for a town, and whereas it is apprehended that it would much conduct to the speedy settling of the aforesaid town and advance the value of the lots if an act of Assembly should pass, enabling the said court or their trustees to receive titles from the above named gentlemen for the land given and sold, and also to enable them to lay off, sell and make conveyances to the purchaser, and grant such privileges and inventories to the settlers on such lots, as to citizens in like cases have been granted, in the premises, we submit to the consideration of your honorable House, etc. George Blackburn, John Kinkead, William Edmiston, James Montgomery, John Campbell, Andrew Colvill, William Campbell, John Snoddy, Daniel Smith, THOMAS MASTIN, Arthur Campbell." I have several other references made about him, but won't quote them now.

The big problem: Was he in what is now Russell or what is now Washington? If Russell - those records are gone forever. They have had two fires there which destroyed early records. Another Cousin was searching there recently and could find nothing because of this.

Let me know what you are looking for and I will try to oblige. Forgive this messy typing - I have new glasses and am trying to beat the mailman.

All good wishes,



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January 7, 1980

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Dear Juanita:

My letter of December 31 and yours of January 2 apparently crossed in the mail. Since I am busy trying to complete the current issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, I will take just enough time to respond to your question about THE CAPTIVES OF ABB'S VALLEY.

It would be difficult to direct you to anything specific to search for in that book. Since you indicate that it is a small book, I would appreciate having a photocopy of the entire book if you have access to a photocopy machine where the copy could be made. Just let me know the cost plus postage and handling, and I will send a check by return mail.

If making a copy is not possible, I would be interested in any of the following information if such information is contained in the book:

- *Children and vital data on James Moore, son of James and Jane (Walker) Moore. James Moore, Jr., married Margaret or Martha Poague and was reputedly of Abb's Valley, Tazewell County, Virginia. James, Jr., died in 1792.
- *Any information about John Moore, son of James and Jane (Walker) Moore, who married his cousin Jane Walker, daughter of James Walker. They reputedly had seven children and lived on Walker's Creek. I am not sure of the county.
- *Children and vital data on Joseph Moore, also son of James and Jane (Walker) Moore, who married 1) Margaret Coalter and 2) Eleanor Marquis. He had four children by first marriage and twelve children by second marriage.
- *Any information on any and all men named George Moore born before 1765. I am especially interested in the identity of the parents of George Moore, born before 1765, died after 1821; married 19 November 1791 Margaret Edmiston/Edmonson in Bath County, Virginia. They had later connections to Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and to Giles County, Virginia.

If all this is too much of an order, you can just forget the whole thing. I'm sure I will eventually obtain a copy of CAPTIVES OF ABB'S VALLEY.

Sincerely, with many thanks,

Agnes

January 18, 1980

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Dear Agnes:

Under separate cover, I am mailing to you a copy of THE CAPTIVES OF ABB'S VALLEY. The reason that it took me so long to comply with your request was the fact that Houston hasn't been too well; I don't drive; and I had to wait for him to take me to the library to make copies. There were 86 pages (maybe you had better to count to make sure) and I paid 10¢ per page. Whatever your count is, that is what the cost was as stated.

So far, I have hit a "dry hole" on ever avenue I have pursued in search of more definitive material concerning Thomas Mastin-Thomas Christian. I still have other sources which I intend to explore; but it will take time. We may have to wait until next summer and make a trip to Abingdon, if we can obtain gasoline. Some of these things are making me a little discouraged, and there are times, quite frankly, when I feel as though I would like to "chuck" the whole thing. Then something else comes to light and my interest is whetted again.

I have intended to tell you each time that I have written to you (and always forget it): when I was working in Beckley as a medical secretary at the Sanitarium, we had a patient named Maury Fontaine. Maury and I were friends and she told me that she was also related to the Maury family and that was the reason that they named her "Maury Fontaine." She was an interesting girl, unpredictable and very "bookish." I noticed that you mentioned in your first issue of the CHRONICLES the possibility of a connection between the Christians - Maury - Fontaine. Just thought I would mention this in passing.

My librarian is a tremendous help to me - she has been borrowing books from other libraries for me. Yesterday, I obtained a copy of the HISTORY OF MONROE COUNTY by Morton and I found another reference to the Adair family. The similarity of names caught my eye: "ADAIR. The progenitor of the Adairs followed William the Conqueror to England in 1066. A descendant moved from the Southwest of Scotland to county Antrim, Ireland, and thence, William, a Presbyterian minister, who had been educated in Glasgow College, came to Philadelphia. As a Irish patriot and obnoxious to the British Government, he had to flee his native country, hidden in a barrel, and he never ceased to be bitterly hostile to England. He was sent as a missionary to Monroe, Greenbrier and Pocahontas. Both he and his wife Ellen often prayed that the death angel would call for them at the same time. Their petition was answered and they were buried at New Lebanon in 1848. (New Paragraph) James, a brother, arrived later and settled near William. His sons, William and James, Jr., located at Red Sulphur Springs, where they were prominent and prosperous citizens and conducted a large mercantile establishment many years. William was for a long time owner and manager of Red Sulphur Springs resort, was a man of large influence and repeatedly represented Monroe County in the Virginia Legislature. C of James, Sr.

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(1761-1809) (Mary Wallace): William (1804-1887) (Sarah Harvey) - James (1807-1868) (Jane R. Smart - Robert, Mary, Jane). C of William: James H., Robert C., John R., Walter S., L. C. C of James: Asa R., Robert W. (b 1848) (Julia Bane), Hugh T., John A., Mary J., James A., Manillus. C of Robert W. settled near Cashmere in 1874. C. Willie, Nancy B., Asa, Hugh H. (New paragraph) In 1812 William (Catherine) was living on the Penturff patent at the head of second. An older William died in Augusta in 1763, leaving a library of religious and medical Books. He was one of the earliest settlers."

Bet you wish that I would quit reading books and passing along what I read to you.

I have been able to obtain additional information on the Skaggs family through Dr. Skaggs' wife. However, this is of no interest to you except for the fact that Lydia Skaggs Harman's daughter, Louisa, married Thomas Christian. We still haven't decided with assurance who the father of Lydia and Moses, et al was - it may have been James.

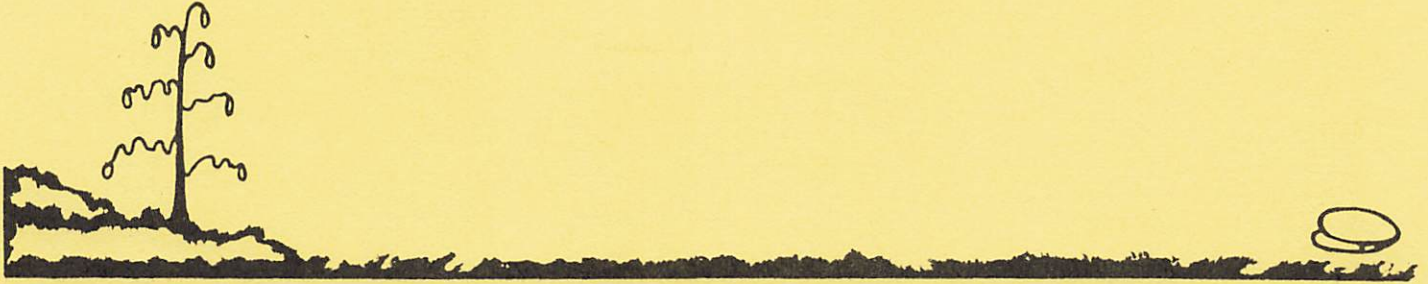
I doubt, and Mrs. Shepherd agrees, that you would be able to find a copy of ABB'S VALLEY now, unless it would be in a sale of old books; or someone would decide to reprint it. You will notice it was published by the Presbyterian Church and author not named. I found no family connection for us than the mention once of a Harman.

'Nuf for now. I'm looking forward to the next issue of the CHRONICLES. I mentioned the publication to Walter and suggested that he subscribe. Don't know whether he will or not.

Best of wishes,



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January 28, 1980

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Dear Juanita:

Still working on the current issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES but wanted to take a moment to acknowledge receipt of THE CAPTIVES OF ABB'S VALLEY.

I do appreciate your having the copy made for me and enclose \$9.41 to cover cost and postage. If you still have the original available, perhaps you could make sheet for pages 78 and 79, which seem to be missing.

Yes, Walter Elswick did send subscription. I hope he enjoys the issues.

Must get back to copy preparation. Will write more when the CHRONICLES is in the mail.

Sincerely,

Agnes

Enclosure

February 5, 1980

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
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Dear Agnes:

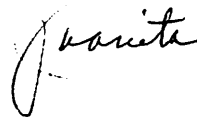
I am enclosing the copy of the two missing pages from CAPTIVES OF ABB'S VALLEY. These didn't print too well - I think the machine needs attention. I'm sorry that we missed these pages the first time. I was in the research room at the library while Houston was running the copies in another part of the library. So, he just paid for the work and didn't re-check - he assumed that he had them all; the girl counted them and he paid for them.

Elsa and I have obtained the copy of THOMAS CHRISTIAN'S deposition made in favor of Hezekiah's Whitt's obtaining a Revolutionary War pension. There is nothing additional in the deposition. One thing I did notice which intrigued me - his signature before the Notary had either a "flourish" to it or an initial. If it is an initial, I am unable to determine what it is.

Are you related to the Poages? If so, in my latest Bulletin from The Virginia Genealogical Society there is some information on the Poage family. I am going to copy it for a little relative over in Tazewell County who has a Poage line, and I thought that you might be interested. When I was a young girl in Point Pleasant, I used to baby-sit. One of our friends who had married a Smith (belonging to one of the old families there), had named her little girl Vause Poage. I always thought it was such a strange name, but found out that Veda had been a Poage and was also related to the Vauses (I'm not sure of the family name spelling), so she named her daughter for the two families.

Looking forward to the bulletin --

Best wishes,



Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Enclosure



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

March 19, 1980

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Juanita:

The two missing pages from CAPTIVES OF ABB'S VALLEY did arrive and have been added to my copy. Thank you for sending them. Because of work on CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, I have not yet had the opportunity to study the contents of the Abb's Valley volume.

Now that I have a "breather" from publication responsibilities, I look forward to engaging in a little research and to exchanging information with correspondents--one of whom is the Moore descendant you recommended.

I do call your attention to the Footnote on page 235 of Volume III since it concerns the Thomas Christian I believe to have been involved with administration of Nathaniel Christian's 1779 Montgomery County, Virginia, estate. Jubing from the 1830 Cocke County, Tennessee, census, that Thomas Christian would have been born between 1750 and 1760; and 1750-1760 are the dates which should also have appeared on the second page of those speculation sheets I sent to you. Could you make that correction on the "spec sheet"? I really hate making such critical errors, but they do creep in. In this case it was perpetuated when I copied the data from one page to another.

The enclosed articles are from the Press Observer, a Wayne County, West Virginia, weekly. I obtained the copies especially to send to you but would appreciate having them returned for my files when you have completed checking them. Another correspondent mentioned that Mrs. Doris Miller had written a series of articles on the Harmon family. I asked him to send copies if he could obtain them (not realizing there were so many). He sent the originals from which I made these photocopies so that the originals could be returned to his friend, from whom he had borrowed them. The information seems to be primarily about the Wayne County families, but there might be something regarding the earlier generations which might be of interest to you.

I wish we could find a document or documents clarifying the relationship of those Christians living in the last half of the eighteenth century! With the corrected birth date for the above-mentioned Thomas Christian, I am more inclined than ever to believe that he was the son of Nathaniel Christian and that "your" Thomas was a grandson of Nathaniel. Note that this is only speculation, however.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

P.S. As far as I know, I am not related to the Poage family.

March 24, 1980

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
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Dear Agnes:

I have been just "chomping at the bit" waiting for you to get the CHRONICLES out so that I could write to you. I didn't want to bother you until you did because I knew that you would be quite busy. I received the CHRONICLES Saturday and was preparing to write to you today when your letter with enclosures came. I shall write what I have in mind, anyway; after I have read the Harman data, I'll make copies and mail your copies back post haste. I am in correspondence with two individuals who are researching this particular branch of the Harmon family. I know that they will be happy to have this material. One lives in Idaho and one lives in Nebraska.

Now, as I told you in an earlier letter, you could be assured that I would be "hot on MASTIN'S trail" in an effort to solve our mystery. This I am doing. I have obtained copies of the Minutes of the County Court of Washington County, Va., for the years 1777 and 1778. Also, I have recently read two books which mention many individuals in mamma's family tree. The first book A SEED-BED OF THE REPUBLIC by Stoner; the second DANIEL SMITH-FRONTIER STATESMAN by Durham. Mr. Durham is located in Gallatin, TN and he seems to have a good knowledge of the early history of TN both in the period that it was a territory and after it became a state. I have written to him in the hopes of obtaining additional information, as well as to find out where I might obtain another book which he has written of the early Frontier. I was able to borrow the above mentioned books on a interlibrary loan. My librarian is a jewel. She is now searching for a copy of Kegley's for me and Pendleton's History of Tazewell County. I find them mentioned quite frequently.

I am going to quote some passages from the Minutes, and the books. Then I'll suggest some conclusions which I have reached, and "toss them into the ring" for your scrutiny. (This letter may take a few days - so don't be surprised to see different dates.)

First from the Minutes: "Washington County came into being on January 1, 1777. Printed below are the minutes of the County Court for that year. January Twenty Eight in the first Year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1777. . . . Being the day appointed by Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia for holding the first Court of the County of Washington at Black's Fort. A Commission of the Peace and Dedimus for the County directed to Arthur Campbell, William Campbell, Evan Shelby, DANIEL SMITH, William Edmondson, John Campbell, Joseph Martin, Alexander Buchanan, James Dysart, John Kinkead, John Anderson, James Montgomery, John Coulter, John Snody, George Blackburn, and THOMAS MASTIN Gentlemen, bearing date the twenty first day of December 1776 were produced and read and thereupon pursuant to the Dedimus William Campbell & Joseph Martin two of the aforementioned Justices Administred the Oath of a Justice of the Peace and of a Justice of the County Court in Chancery to Arthur Campbell the first Justice named in said Commission and he afterwards administred the aforesaid oaths to William Campbell, William Edmondson, John Campbell, Joseph Martin, John Kinkead, John Anderson, James Montgomery, John Snody and George Blackburn." There was mention of settling the estate of one Isaac Chrisman and, since I thought this was a variation in the spelling of the name CHRISTIAN, I sent for this document. It proved to be to no avail. (I'm trying to follow every lead which seems promising - this one was "fruitless.")

"At a Court continued and held for Washington County January Twenty Ninth, 1777: Ordered that Isaac Shelby, Robert Craig, John Dunkin and JOHN ADAIR be recommended to his Excellency the Governor as proper persons to be added to the Commission of the Peace of Washington Co." "February 26, 1777 - Ordered that William Edmondson, John Campbell, R. O. Joseph Martin, John Shelby Sn., James Montgomery, Robert Buchanan Sn., AARON LEWIS (Houston has a Lewis line), John Dunkin, GILBERT CHRISTIAN, James Shelby, James Dysart, THOMAS MASTIN, John Campbell, John Kinkead, John Anderson, William Bowen, George Adams, Robert Craig, Andrew Colvill and James Robertson Gent. be recommended to his Excellency the Governor as fit and proper persons for Captains of the Militia in the County of Washington." "April 29, 1777 - DANIEL SMITH & THOMAS MASTIN, two of the Gentlemen named in the Commission of the Peace for the County, took the Oath of Office." "DANIEL SMITH, John Coulter & THOMAS MASTIN Gent. named in the Commission of Oyer and Terminer this day in Court took the Oath prescribed by Law." "Still April 29, 1777: - Ordered that Joseph Martin, John Kinkead, John Coulter, GILBERT CHRISTIAN, William Campbell & THOMAS MASTIN are appointed as Commissioners to distribute the Flour contributed in Augusta County or elsewhere for thee distressed inhabitants of this County and to hire waggons to bring the same to said County." "Sept. 30, 1777 - On the motion of William Roberts Administration is granted him on the Estate of Mary Roberts deceased giving Bond & Security. Whereupon he together with Brice Russell & DAVID ADAIR his securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of One Hundred pounds with condition as the Law directs for the faithful Administration of the said decedants Estate." "25 Day of November 1777 - A new Commission of the Peace & Dedimus for the County directed Arthur Campbell, William Campbell, Evan Shelby, DANIEL SMITH, William Edmondson, John Campbell, Joseph Martin, Alexander Buchanan, James Dysart, John Kinkead, John Anderson, James Montgomery, John Coulter, John Snody, George Blackburn, THOMAS MASTIN, Isaac Shelby, Robert Craig, John Dunkin, JOHN ADAIR, GILBERT CHRISTIAN & Thomas Caldwell Gent. Bearing date the twenty third Day of July 1777 were produced & read and thereupon pursuant to the said Dedimus the said Arthur Campbell took the Oath of a Justice of the Peace & a Justice of the County Court in Chancery all which Oaths was administered to him by John Kinkead one of the Justices names in the aforesaid Commission. Then the said Arthur Campbell administered the aforesaid Oaths to John Kinkead, James Montgomery, John Coulter, Robert Craig & John Dunkin Gent. The Court being thus constituted present the above members." "Minutes Washington County Court, March 17th, 1778 - Present James Montgomery, John Kinkead, John Coulter, GILBERT CHRISTIAN Gent. William Campbell, William Edmondson, John Campbell, John Anderson, John Snody, THOMAS MASTIN, George Blackburn and Thomas Caldwell Gent. who were named in the Commission of the Peace and the Commission of Oyer and Terminer for the County of Washington took the Oaths of Office. Present the above members." "March 18th, 1778 - Present Arthur Campbell, William Campbell, DANIEL SMITH, John Campbell, John Kinkead, John Coulter, George Blackburn, THOMAS MASTIN, Isaac Shelby and GILBERT CHRISTIAN Gent. Ordered that John Rodgers be appointed constable in Capt. William Bowens Company and CAPT. THOMAS MASTINS." "At a court held March 20, 1778 - Present Arthur Campbell, William Campbell, DANIEL SMITH, John Kinkead, THOMAS MASTIN & GILBERT CHRISTIAN Gent! "Ordered that John Baylor be overseer of the road from SINKING CREEK above the saw mill to the head of Capt. John Shelby's Branch. " (Nancy Christian was born at Sinking Creek - I'll mention more about this later when I quote from the books. - jsh) "Aug. 18, 1778 - On motion of Phebe Fowler administration is granted her on the Estate of James Fowler who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged her bond with Thederick White & THOMAS MASTIN her Securities in the penalty of three Hundred pounds for the faithful administration of the said decedant's Estate." "Ordered that JAMES SKEGGS, John Deskins, JOSEPH WRAY (we'll see more about him later from the books - jsh), & James Smith or any three of them being first sworn appraise the Estate of James Fowler deceased and make return to Court." (I have some contacts who feel that JAMES SKEGGS was the father of Lydia, et al - jsh) "Court, Aug. 19, 1778 - On motion of WILLIAM CROCKETT and ROBERT CROCKETT administration is granted them on the Estate of DAVID CROCKETT who made

oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged their Bond with John Coulter & John Lowry their Securities in the Sum of one Thousand pounds for the faithful administration of the said decedants Estate." "Ordered that John Cos, William Ingram, Abraham McClelan & James Hughs or any three of them being first sworn appraise the Estate of DAVID CROCKETT deceased and make return to Court."

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I will now quote from DANIEL SMITH - FRONTIER STATESMAN: "It is family tradition that, faced with the serious illness of his wife in September, 1782, Smith resigned his office as one of the five western commissioners. During the critical days of her illness, Daniel remained at Sarah's bedside. When the return of good health seemed assured for her, Daniel went down to Abingdon to take care of some land business of his own. On October 15 he entered 'by warrant. . .500 acres on two sinking branches between Indian Creek and Clinch River and Sandy Creek in a valley that leads to Joseph Wray's.' The land represented by this entry was located near the present town of Richlands only a few miles from where the Smiths lived on a 673-acre tract at the foot of House and Barn Mountain." (The footnote on Indian Creek says: "Not the same Indian Creek that flows at the foot of House and Barn Mountain. THIS ONE RISES NEAR THE WEST VIRGINIA BORDER AND FLOWS SOUTHWEST INTO THE NORTH FORK OF CLINCH RIVER.") Keep in mind here the litigation listed in CHALKLEY'S Thomas Christian vs. John Wray (son of Joseph Wray and the fact that the family legend says that Nancy Christian was born at Sinking Creek. -jsh) Again I quote: "Moving to the Cumberland raised the question of disposing of his Virginia lands and Daniel moved to improve the saleability of his rough farm at the foot of House and Barn Mountain by adding a spring and 150 acres of rocky valley land to it. He did this by the following bookkeeping entry in the land records at Abingdon. 'Daniel Smith removed 150 acres of his entry by preemption warrant adjacent to JOSEPH RAY'S land and enters same adjacent his own land at the foot of House and Barn Mountain to include a spring called Oxer's Spring. April 15, 1783.'" "On May 19, 1783 - Last Wednesday the Indians murdered JOSEPH RAY and several of his family, also one Samuel Hughes who happened to be there. Mr. Ray was a NEIGHBOR to MAJOR MASTIN. They have killed and made prisoners eight persons. On hearing of this, I immediately gathered a few men to follow the Indians myself--but before I could get to the place, a party of fifteen men had pursued after the enemy too far for me to expect to join them before they must expect to overtake the Enemy. . . ." "New Counties and the Mero District . . .Despite the fast pace of survey work and the chores incident to getting his family established on the Cumberland, Daniel attended the quarterly sessions of the DAVIDSON COUNTY Court in January, April, June, and October, 1785. Minutes of the court sessions reveal little about Smith's role as magistrate. . . .However, when the infant government assigned six of its citizens to clear out a road from Dry Creek at Edenwold to Bledsoe's Lick, all were FORMER SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA NEIGHBORS of Smith's. This selection was probably prompted by Daniel and Anthony Bledsoe both of whom knew well the dependable qualities of Kasper and George Mansker, Edward Hogan, Ephraim Peyton, Captain Blackmore and Isaac Bledsoe. And when a SHERIFF for DAVIDSON COUNTY was selected by the court, Daniel Smith's Virginia friend THOMAS MASTEN was the Candidate chosen." "During 1785 Smith had witnessed the arrival at the Cumberland settlements of other of his Virginia neighbors, most of whom came with their families and with a determination to stay. . . ." "1786 - The deliberate, business-like manner by which the new county of SUMNER was established bore the imprint of both Anthony Bledsoe and Daniel Smith. . . .It was for Smith the fourth time that he had served on the original governing body of a new county. . . ." "1787 - . . .With Smith presiding, the magistrates--Isaac Bledsoe, David Wilson, George Winchester, ISAAC LINDSEY (I mention this because John Wesley Reed and Nancy Christian named a son JOHN LINDSEY -jsh), William Hall, John Hardin and Simon Kuykendall--honored Bledsoe's request by selecting David Shelby to be clerk." "October, 1788In his absence (Smith's), the court at its July term recorded his stockmark, appointed him to take the list of 'taxable properties in Capt. Simon Kuykendall's district,' and Elected THOMAS MASTEN Sheriff (this is Sumner county -jsh)" (Footnote on Masten - Sumner Co. Records, Court Minutes, Vol. 1, p. 3. This was Smith's Virginia friend, lately sheriff of Davidson County.)

Still quoting from DANIEL SMITH - "Facing a fast-growing backlog of untried lawsuits, Smith and his fellow magistrates devoted most of the three-day term, January 1789, to hearing litigation. When court was called to order, this time at Simon Kuykendalls house, a young man, recently arrived from the Waxhaw district of the CAROLINAS, produced his license to practice law and was admitted to the bar. Daniel Smith noted succinctly in the minutes: 'ANDREW JACKSON, Esq. produced his license to practice as an attorney at law, and took the oath required by law.' (I believe this to be the reason that John Wesley Reed and Nancy Christian named a son JACKSON, and he in turn named a son Jackson. They have heard Thomas Christian speak of MASTIN'S association with Andrew Jackson in Sumner County. - jsh) "While the quarterly court had little to do with land matters, the entering and taking up of land was—and would be for some time to come—a primary concern of the public at large. A hint of this continuing preoccupation is seen at the April term of court when Daniel Smith, David Wilson, and THOMAS MASTIN were instructed 'to procure a copy of the entires in the military land office.' At the same term, Smith and Wilson reported that they had audited the sheriff's tax receipts and that 'the amount of the publick tax for the year 1787 was 338 pounds, fifteen shillings, one and one-fourth pence.'"1794(?) - If an escort traveled with Daniel to Knoxville, doubtless one of the members was Joseph Bishop, a young man who had lived in Cage's Bend of the Cumberland for the previous three years. On August 15, Daniel joined John Overton, David Wilson, William Cage, James Winchester, Robert Hays, THOMAS MASTEN, and J. T. Robertson in issuing a certificate of commendation to Bishop. It stated: 'The bearer, Joseph Bishop, hath lived in this neighborhood and district for near three years, and has at all times behaved himself as an orderly good citizen. . . ."

Now I am going back to some notes which I jotted down by hand while reading the book: On pages 22 & 23 - "Surveys made by Daniel Smith were necessary. The principal method of obtaining land in SW VA in the period 1773 - 1781. 1774 - April surveys by Daniel Smith shows the following: April 5: 6 contiguous tracts - CASTLEWOOD. William Trimble 113 acres; JOSEPH MOORE, 334 acres; and WILLIAM MOORE, 493 acres, Bluestone Creek; and April 25, JAMES MOORE, 82 acres, Abb's Valley." Page 30 - "In letter to Arthur Campbell to Daniel Smith, Aug. 9, 1774 - He mentions several people being killed last Monday by the Indians on SINKING CREEK about 10 miles from Col. Preston's." (This could be a different Sinking Creek - but we know a Sinking Creek is mentioned in Nancy's birth and probably the property Thomas Christian was obtaining from John Wray - could this have been where and when Thomas Christian's parents were killed? Just a provocative idea!) "Page 40 - 1775-1779 - Daniel Smith and his associates on the FINCASTLE Committee had not forgotten that many of them and their forefathers had left Great Britian to live in America because they regarded the native land 'as a kingdom subjected to inordinate powers and greatly abridged of its liberties.'"Footnote 3 - Col. Wm. Christian, was chairman and the other members were the Rev. Chas. Gummings, Col. Wm. Preston, Capt. Stephen Trigg, Major Arthur Campbell, Major Wm. Inglis, Capt. Walter CROCKETT, Capt. James Montgomery, Capt. James McGavock, Capt. Wm. Campbell, Capt. THOMAS MADISON (could this be Mastin since Stoner in SEED-BED says his name is sometimes erroneously listed as Madison?-jsh), Capt. William Russell, Capt. Evan Shelby and Lt. Wm. Edmondson. (Masten has been listed with some of these same men in other places. - jsh) Daniel Smith made a land survey for JAMES SKAGGS during this time: "On the north side. . . . 1145 acres for James Skaggs in a valley along the 'north water of Clinch.'" "1774-1775 - page 43 - "At New River, Smith on March 28, measured out 86 acres for JAMES ADAIR. . . ." Page 45 - "Col. Wm. Christian as chairman of Fincastle Committee and Stephen Trigg elected to serve in his place. A month later, Nov. 7, 1775, the freeholders of Fincastle Committee held an election to select members of the county committee. This time 21 persons were elected including Daniel Smith and most of the other incumbents. The following day the committee designated the militia officers to take a census of the county as requested by the convention which had met earlier in the year in Richmond. Like other militia Captains, Smith was charged with taking census of the families and slaves of his own company. In addition, he was to receive the census list taken by Capts. John Blackmore, John Dunkin and THOMAS MASTEN, each of whom commanded a company made up of men who lived along the water of the Clinch River." Page 51 - "Autumn of 1776 - the Virginia House of Burgesses

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abolished FINCASTLE County and created in its place three new counties: Washington, Montgomery and Kentucky." Page 90 - "Daniel Smith entered 1,000 acres in GREEN county lying on Knob Creek running into Duck River on the north side. . . .running down both sides of said creek. . . .joining the lower end of William Davidson's survey." "Daniel Smith married Sarah Michie Smith in Albemarle County--she was probably a niece or granddaughter of John Michie, Sarah Michie Wood? A widow at 17?" "The act forming Summer County was adopted Nov. 17, 1786." "In April, 1783, the General Assembly of NC created DAVIDSON County, including most of what is now middle TN. . . ." "Soon after making his plea to the Secretary of War, Daniel Smith returned home to Summer Co. Daniel's return was not lost on his neighbor, ANDREW JACKSON, who on Oct. 29, asked him to survey a land division for Capt. John Hays and himself. Jackson explained: 'Wish to get the favor of you to do the business as we wish it done accurate. . . .'" "1779 - Friday, 24th - Got to the Island and met with CAPT. MASTEN in my way there at Major Bledsoe's. . . . At the Island Dr. Walker informed me that this day he and Major W. Smith had given the Indians the following talk (blank page in ms.)." "Footnote 16 - CAPT. THOMAS MASTEN, Militia officer, member first Washington County Court, lived 20 miles NE of DANIEL SMITH on upper Clinch River; later followed Smith to Sumner Co., TN."

March 26, 1980

Since you say that you are not related to the Poagues, I really don't have too much to tell you about SEED-BED. However, there was one pertinent quotation about THOMAS MASTIN which I have mentioned already, and I will quote it verbatim. The first thing we must note is that the book deals primarily with the "old Botetourt County." Too, it deals with the formation of Fincastle (this quote is of the town): "East of this Miller land lay the ISRAEL CHRISTIAN'S holdings from whose land Fincastle was formed." (You probably already knew this - but, gave it to you just in case you didn't.) "A quarter of a century later, Lord Botetourt appointed John's son, Andrew Lewis, to be one of the first magistrates of Botetourt. Of the twenty-one magistrates appointed on October 30, 1745 to govern Augusta County, at least nine--James Patton, John Lewis, John Buchanan, George Robinson, Robert POAGUE, Thomas Lewis, Richard Woods, JOHN CHRISTIAN and John Anderson--were either themselves or their immediate descendants among the most noted citizens of Botetourt County at the time of its organization." (I don't know which JOHN CHRISTIAN this is.) "Thus, Botetourt County was born January 31, 1770, with the Act of Division stating that from and after the 31st day. . . ." (One thought which comes to me here - did Israel Christian have a brother? If so, who? You may have already answered this in the CHRONICLES - I can check later.) "Fincastle, having been established, that is incorporated, as a Town on the 23rd of March, 1772, and having the county seat located there since 1770, became the center of government for the county." (That may have been the county mentioned above with Israel Christian - I didn't copy from the page previous to it - didn't really think it important until I ran across it again in my notes. I wasn't really interested in Israel. - jsh) I will copy this paragraph on Israel for you: "ISRAEL CHRISTIAN was the merchant prince of early Botetourt and Augusta Counties, as well as an Indian trader, It is said that he descended from an Isle of Man family, who moved to America via Ireland. We first find him at Staunton in Augusta County in 1740, where he was a prosperous merchant for some years. He carried a stock of general merchandise ranging from caps for small boys to Testaments for their instruction. He represented Augusta County in the House of Burgesses in 1759-61. He began to acquire land in what is now Botetourt County, and by 1760, when 'Comisary' (agent) for Colonel Byrd's Regiment, he moved to the Stone House land near present Cloverdale. . . ." "Upon the formation of Botetourt County, Israel Christian assumed a leading role. He became one of the original justices in 1770; and was ordered by the Court to agree with workmen ' to build a log cabin twenty-four feet long and twenty feet wide, for a Court House.' On November 12, 1771, he proved his commission from the Governor appointing him county Sheriff. . . ." (There is much more about Israel and If you don't have it and want it, I will copy it for you the next time.) "SHERIFFS OF BOTETOURT AND DEPUTIES: (Name, Qualification Date or Term of Office, Bibliographical Reference, Order Book listed except as noted, respectively) Richard Woods, Feb. 13, 1770, 1770-1771,

Part 1, p. 3. Deputies: James McDowell, 1770; James McGavock, 1770; THOMAS MASTON* 1770; Arthur Woods, 1770; Robert Alexander, 1770. *SOMETIMES ERRONEOUSLY READ 'MADISON.' (This may be some of our problem. I know there was another, or I should say, a Thomas MADISON who lived at Cloverdale. I find this quote on him: Under William CHRISTIAN: "In 1779, he sold his mansion house at Cloverdale to THOMAS MADISON, who had married Susanna, another sister of Patrick Henry." This, too: "On July 20, 1776, a battle was fought between the Indians and the Fincastle County troops at Long Island Flats (I believe that this is what is now Kingsport, TN) on the Holston River. Captain Thomas MADISON of Cloverdale took part in this battle which temporarily quelled the Indians. . . ." (Stoner, the author of this book, would have been able to know which was which because it was he who pointed out that there was a discrepancy at times. I do think it behooves us to check more carefully on these two men.) On page 432 & 433, he tells of the Spreading Spring Farm and ends up this narration with this: "This house was occupied by Mrs. Lillie Houser Poague after her marriage to John Sandy Poague, Dec. 11, 1901, and later became the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dorsey Shorter, John G. Bishop of New York City and Florida, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and a great grandson of the JAMES MOORE POAGUE who built this house, has spent much time and money and effort in preserving the history of the early owners of this interesting old home." (This is one of the reasons I assumed that you were related to the Poagues - I knew that there was a Moore-Poague connection.) "Ordinaries or Taverns - Botetourt DAVID MOORE, in Fincastle, March 11, 1793." Page 237 - "Petition to House of Burgesses for sale of the Presbyterian 'Meeting House Land' - Dec. 19, 1805. . . petitioners James Breckenridge, Wm. Anderson, JOHN MOORE, Ralph Crabb and Matthew Harvey, trustees. ." Page 240 - "Petition for establishment of town on North side of James River at Anderson's Ferry (Pattonsburg) Oct. 27, 1788 - JAMES MOORE one of Petitioners. "Botetourt - A list of the tithables on New River & Sinking Creek: Abraham Chrisman, Johnathan Elswick, John Elswick, THOMAS MASTIN, JAMES SKEGGS, HENRY SKAGGS, MOSES SKAGGS, CHARLIE SKAGGS, RICHARD SKAGGS, WILLIAM SKAGGS." (There are several things interesting to me about this listing: The Chrisman, Mastin and the Skaggs all in the same area. Some Skaggs descendants with whom I am corresponding believe James to have been the father of Jerry Moses, Charles, Richard, William, Lydia, Catherine, Phoebe, et al. As mentioned before - we have Nancy listed as having been born on Sinking Creek. I have felt all along that these families knew each other and this is the reason we find them intermarrying. I am now wondering strongly if Thomas Mastin might have been related to the Christians or his wife might have been.)

I have tried both in Tazewell and Washington for the litigation which CHALKLEY mentions re: Thomas Christian vs. Wray. They have checked their records and neither county has it. I shall try Russell next because this is the line of descent: Washington to Russell to Tazewell. Walter says that we have been in error (him, too) in going to Wythe. Of course, this is made clear in CHALKLEY'S notation: "Thomas Christian vs. Wray O.S. 54; N.S. 18 - Bill, 23 July 1803. Joseph Wray obtained a certificate by settlement right in WASHINGTON COUNTY (afterwards Russell), now Tazewell County. Joseph died intestate, leaving his son John Wray heir-at-law, who sold to orator. In 1799 John Wray lived in Kentucky. Joseph's widow deposes in Madison County, Ky. The land was on Clinch River called Indian Creek. John Ray deposes in Clermont County, Ohio, where he then resided 18 Feb. 1806. Deed 26 Sept. 1794 by John Wray to Thomas Christian of Sumner County, TERRITORY SOUTH OF THE OHIO. . . ." Mentions several depositions in Tazewell. This is the "clincher" which makes me believe these documents are extant - I believe I copied this from Mrs. Yantis' work: "A study of the original documents of this case discloses that John Wray had sold this land to THOMAS CHRISTIAN, then sold it a second time to Craven Belsha. It appears that Craven bribed him to make the deed out in his name—although several of the persons who gave depositions had informed him that the land was already sold. Belsha said that John Wray was under age when he sold it to Thomas, but said that he was not. Richard Oney, John HANKINS, and Lawrence Murray all said that they had known him since he was a child. Lawrence had spoken to

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Wray about the impropriety of selling the land to two persons--'particularly since CHRISTIAN and himself were both orphans.' Christian won the case, was to get a general warranty deed to the property and costs."

I have recently obtained a copy of the REED household in the 1880 census of McDowell County. I obtained this in order to clear up a mistake and found another mistake when I received it. However, it helped me in another way: John Wesley Reed and Nancy Christian Reed are listed in the household of Amanuel Reed, Robina Beavers Reed and my mother, Rachael. Nancy's name is listed as "Anne J." instead of "Nannie" which she was called. They have either said "Nan" and the enumerator thought they said "Anne" or they said "Nannie" and the thought they said "Annie" and that was his way of spelling Annie. The thing is, though, she has an initial of "J." which leads my mind back to "Jane" - Jane Christian. Bina has been wrong in thinking her name was Nancy Elizabeth - the Elizabeth probably came from Elizabeth Skaggs or maybe another Christian. John Wesley and Nancy named a daughter "Nancy Jane," and my mother was "Rachel Jane." You may well be right in your conclusion that Thomas was a nephew of Nathaniel. I remember that Mastin Christian named a son Nathan, which would be short for Nathaniel. I know that we are far from a solution, but the waters are getting a little clearer.

I have written to Mrs. Browning at Whitman - thought we might work together. I wonder if her husband is related to Channey Browning, our Attorney General - he is from Logan. I worked with a Browning when I worked in the State Department of Probation and Parole. He was a parole officer for that County.

I think that I wrote to you what I had found in Summers' HISTORY OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA and WASHINGTON COUNTY. He goes into more detail on some of these things which I have mentioned, including the Harmans, Harrisons, Barnetts, etc. I am enclosing a copy for you which I made from THE HISTORY OF MONROE COUNTY pertaining to the "Pyne" family. Thought it might be some of your "Pine" family.

I know you are tired of reading this now - and, believe me, I'm tired of typing. I did want to share this with you - it certainly has my "juices" running; I intend to make an attempt to add more to my knowledge of Thomas Mastin. Thanks for the Harmon data. I believe that one of my friends in Huntington talked with her for me; I may write to her anyway. I think that she feels that my branch of "Harmons" were the "bad boys." I'll make copies soon and get them back to you. I haven't really had time to read the CHRONICLES as yet - been spending all my spare time writing to you.

Best wishes,



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His wife was a sister to Joseph, John, and Frederick Baker. His brother Conrad lived and died in Sweet Springs valley, where it is thought their father, whose father is supposed to have borne the name Jacob, made settlement.

C. of Jacob, Jr.: George I. (Elizabeth Arnot)—John—Allen—Polly (George McCoy)—Elizabeth (Lewis Spangler)—Ellen (Henry W. Arnot). John and Allen died soon after their return from the army.

C. of George I.: Henry M. (Margaret Wikle)—Sarah E.—Addison A. (Ellen Belts, 1877)—John W. (Fannie Diddle of M. P.)—Mary A. (A. M. Hutchinson)—Margaret J. (Richard McNeer)—George W. (Mary Wikle)—Martha E. (J. P. Fisher)—Emma (R. W. Hill, 1888). A. A., G. W., and Emma, and the widow went to Kansas. There are now 54 grandchildren, and they are to be found in Monroe, Summers, Greenbrier, and Logan, and in Brown county, Kans.

There are descendants of Conrad in Sweet Springs valley and in Hinton.

PYNE

This surname came into England with the Norman-French conquerors and for many centuries has held an honored place in the annals of the British gentry. Robert (1755-1847) was the son of a British army officer who was killed in battle, and was reared by an uncle, a wealthy shipmaster of Dublin. He accompanied the uncle in a voyage to New York in 1768, and then ran away, hiding himself in a wagon belonging to two brothers of the name of McGuire, and who seem to have lived in Pennsylvania. Thus the boy forfeited an inheritance that would have made him rich. The McGuires were kind-hearted, and he spent the time with them until he was of age, alternating a year at a time, between the brothers. He then received horse, saddle, and bridle. He accompanied them to the Greenbrier about 1780, and made himself a home near Centennial. He was a strict Methodist and impatient of misbehavior in time of worship. His first wife was a Stevenson, the second being Nancy McGuire of the family of his benefactors. C: Sarah (1791-1897) (Archibald Bostick); by 2d w.—James M. (Elizabeth Mahan)—William—John—Elizabeth (John Keyes)—Robert (s). William went to Wisconsin before 1860. John was killed by a raft on Coal River, and Robert, a teacher, never recovered from an injury to his head caused while using a flail. The children of James M., who went to Ohio, were John W., Mary A., Louis G., James P., Nancy J., William T., and Ruthie F. James M. and his sons J. M. and W. T. served under General Custer in the Second West Virginia Cavalry, U. S. A., and were present at the surrender of Lee. L. G. was in the Confederate service. The brothers were in the battle of Lewisburg and afterward had a friendly talk under a flag of truce. L. G. was killed in the battle of Lynchburg.

A Pyne not known to be related to the foregoing was James, who died in 1799, leaving personalty worth \$486.17. Still another was Absalom.

Madison M. (1817-1902) weighed over 200 pounds and was considered the most muscular man in Monroe. In 1844 he acquired 176 acres at the head of Dropping Lick and added to it from time to time until he was the owner of 1000 acres, the estate being known as "Pyne's Eyrie." He married in 1836 Mahala Smith. He had a brother William who went to Minnesota, and three sisters, Julia, Martha, and Isabel, who married, respectively, Joseph Ramsay, Richard Ramsay and Robert McCleary.

C. of M. M.: James A. (b. 1837) (Virginia H. Shanklin, 1861, Martha C. Ramsay, 1884)—Eleanor F. (Josephus Shepherd)—Mary A. (Ephraim S. Honaker)—Lewis S. (Mary Neighbors)—Louisa (Christopher Neighbors)—John W. (b. 1855) (Sarah M. Humphreys)—Jacob W. (Rosetta Smith). Of the sons only J. A. and J. W. remain in Monroe.

C. of J. A.: Walter H. (b. 1862) (Magdalen C. Wallace)—Catharine A. (R. Fletcher Miller)—James M. (b. 1869) (Eleanor E. Reaburn, 1908)—William H. (Elizabeth Stafford)—Skipwith R. (Martin B. Miller)—Quilly M. (Irene C. Crosier); by 2d w.—Rev. Otis H. (Mary M. Wallace)—Everett W. (Anne C. Echols)—Homer R. The sons are chiefly West, particularly in Cal. J. W. lives on a part of the homestead and has four children.

James M. Pyne, attorney in California, served in the Philippines as a member of the 36th Regiment, U. S. Vol. Inf. He traveled around the world by way of Japan, Australia, South Africa and Europe and was sergeant in the Jefferson Guards at the St. Louis Exposition of 1904.

RAINEY

Michael (Mary) came from Cowpasture to Indian. D. 1784. Catharine Sullivan, a sister, and probably wife of Timothy Sullivan, was to have farm after decease of widow.

REABURN

The Reaburns are said to be derived from five brothers. John (d. 1824) (Elizabeth Kilpatrick, 1778) came from Augusta to Plank Cabin Draft before 1787. C: John (1779-1859) (s)—Ann (s)—Charles (1784-1861) (Mary Hamilton, 1805)—Margaret (1787-1852) (Jeremiah Tracy)—Henry (b. 1789) (Jane Blair)—Isaac (1795-1833) (Susan Thomas). Ann died in 1822 just before her marriage to Humphrey Keys was to have taken place. Henry went to Ohio in 1854, but died in Arkansas. Isaac was six feet four inches tall and the scholar of the family. He went to Kanawha.

C. of Charles: Elizabeth K. (b. 1806) (William Patton)—Sabina C. (b. 1808) (Thomas Nickell)—Anna H. (Robert Morehead, 1816)—George

April 4, 1980

Dear Agnes,

I read through all of these articles, and I believe that they are all the other branch of the Harmon family. (Some of them are here in Putnam County.) Therefore, I made copies of them for the lady in Nebraska who, I believe, is connected with this branch. I suggested to her that she might make copies and send on to the man in Idaho who is working on the same branch of the family. I am returning your copies to you at this writing. I do so very much appreciate your thinking of me and sending these to me. I shall make note of her address and I may write to her later. I'm sure that Marge, my friend in Huntington, talked with her about my Harmon line.

I did hear from Mr. Durham, but he was unable to add anything to my knowledge of Thomas Mastin. He did send a list of his publications. I have written to the librarian in Gallatin (apparently, the Library Board handles this for him) asking her if there is information in any of these publications about Thomas Mastin. I shall be anxious to see what she has to say. I asked about census, tax and other vital statistics for Summer County. I wish I could find something similar to what Mrs. Yantis publishes. The librarian in Washington Co., who also works with the Historical Society, has been very helpful steering me in the right direction for books pertinent to that era and locale. I bought the minutes of 1777 & 1778 from them - I do wish that they had published more of them. I recently bought a booklet listing the participants of the Battle of King's Mountain from them. I found several REEDS mentioned as serving from Washington County. Since I found Mastin listed with the Skaggs at Sinking Creek; Reeds in Washington County; Harmans in the same area; and Thomas Christian having a suit in chancery there; I am more than positive that they all knew each other. Moses Skaggs is even in a list there with Thomas Mastin - a list of tithables.

I am going to make an attempt to find out more about the Reeds in Washington. You may have already done it, but I believe that I shall go back to Ablemarle ^{Mastin} County to see if there is anything more to be found out about him there. I have tried Washington and Tazewell in an attempt to get a copy of the proceedings of Thomas Christian vs. Wray as listed in CHALKLEY'S. They both disavowed a record. I shall now try in Russell. I know that Russell lost a lot of papers by fire. However, the mention of them is made as if they were extant - the writer having viewed them. It all may be a "wild goose chase" - but, somewhere I firmly believe, we are going to find a connection between Thomas Mastin and the Christians.

I wrote to Mrs. Browning in Whitman. Yet, I haven't heard from her. She must not want to correlate our information. Walter had an idea about the marital problem which she mentioned. If I don't hear from her soon, I will write her again and give this to her - it might help.

All good wishes,

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J. Mastin

Enclosure



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Dear Juanita:

Thanks so much for your letters of March 24 and April 4. I am especially delighted to have the abstracts from the Washington County, Virginia, court minutes. Abstracting them is just one of those things I have kept postponing to make time for other essentials.

You say that you have tried both in Tazewell and Washington Counties for the litigation which Chalkley mentions. Perhaps you have not noticed that Chalkley's abstracts are from the Augusta County, Virginia, records. At one time Augusta County covered almost the entire state of what is now West Virginia and most of southwestern Virginia. There was just a small section in the northern part of the state of what is today West Virginia which was not included. Even after many other counties were formed, Augusta County still seemed to be the seat of the district court records. Long after my Christians and Pines were located in what is today Mercer or Summers, at that time Greenbrier and shortly thereafter Monroe County, - a lawsuit against the heirs of Martha Gatliff originated in Augusta County. I found the reference in Chalkley's ANNALS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA; and after receiving copies of the original papers, I could determine from them where in West Virginia many of the heirs were then living. This is my long-winded way of saying, "Try Augusta County, Virginia."

Recently I received some Reed data from another correspondent and realized that I had never received a Family Group Record on your John W. and Nancy (Christian) Reed. Could you complete the enclosed and return at your convenience. The information I received was from the 1860 McDowell County, West Virginia, Census, household #108:

John W. Reed	56	Va.
Nancy	47	
Matthias	22	
Thomas	19	
Louisa	16	
Henry	13	
Amanuel	11	

You may already have this.

I hope to have an article on the Tazewell County, Virginia, groups started in the next issue of the CHRONICLES so would appreciate any up-dated material.

Yes, like you, I believe it likely that there was a close tie between the Mastin and Christian families. In fact, some years ago at the West Virginia State Archives I

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ran across a lineage chart entitled, "The Estill-Christian-Masten Families." I have the Christian portion of that chart in my files as well as a small section of the Estill and Masten portions. The Christian line is that of Gilbert and Mary (Richardson) Christian (the so-called Augusta County, Virginia, branch). An article about them will probably also be started in the July 1980 issue of the CHRONICLES. Until the last minute, I must qualify plans since I am never sure exactly how space requirements will work out.

Anyway, to get back to the Masten information: The chart begins with Capt. Cornelius Masten, whose wife's name was entered by a reader as Catterina Von Steinbergen. Four children were listed as having been born to them:

Cornelius C. Masten, born 22 November 1754, died 20 July 1807, married
11 February 1785 Rebecca Roosa, born 28 December 1750, died
5 August 1834. Their lineage followed on chart.

Thomas C. Masten, married Margaret _____. No further data given.

Jacobus Masten, married Elizb'th _____. No further data given.


Catherine Masten, married Thomas Beekman. No further data given.

Other than stating that the Mastens migrated from Holland, no places are given. I do not know whether the Thomas C. Masten mentioned above is the Thomas Masten in whom you are most interested. I should have mentioned also that I do not know from which book the original chart may have been obtained. It is my guess that the chart was published as part of a book. I do not know why I didn't think of sending this information along previously.

The Christian family in the chart was carried down to the family of Col. Robert and Mary (Houston) Christian who settled in Kanawha County, West Virginia, and---so far as is known---had only daughters. I know their location from sources other than the chart.

Needless to say, I will be interested in any discoveries you make.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

April 15, 1980

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Dear Agnes:

First, I want to tell you that I sent the copies of the Harmon data on to the lady in Nebraska. She was delighted with it and said that she would copy it and sent it on to the man in Idaho. It pleases me to be able to help someone in their search, and I am sure that she was grateful to you for sharing them, the same as I. I didn't keep copies because I feel that information on my branch of the Harman family abounds. I am now reading THE LAST KENTUCKY FRONTIER by Scalf. It is quite interesting and there is much information in it about the Harmans and Skaggs; although I still can't pinpoint the marriage of Thomas Christian and Louisa Harman nor of Robert Beavers and Catherine Harman. Mathias Harman founded Harman's Station near what is now Prestonsburg, which is now Floyd County. I think it was Fleming to begin with, but Elsa tried there to no avail for records. I found out in this book that Floyd County had a fire and, consequently, have no records earlier than the early 1800's. I did find out in this book that Mathias Harman was along on the ill-fated "Big Sandy Voyage" which Andrew Lewis led with the assistance of Wm. Preston, John Smith, Peter Hogg (he is an ancestor of my nieces - their grandmother was active in the DAR for many years and was honorary vice-president general of the DAR at the time of her death. There is a plague to this effect at the Mansion House in Point Pleasant), Robert Breckenridge, et al. They nearly starved to death on this expedition, and Mr. Scalf says that Mathias Harman gave them some good, sound advice about this; and I do know that they turned back - this was in 1756.

I am glad that the Washington County abstracts were helpful. The book SEED-BED OF THE REPUBLIC by Stoner contained information mostly about the huge county of Botetourt. Yes, you are right; I had already decided that I must look at CHALKLEY'S again because I suspected that I was looking in the wrong place. I must go to the library and look at it more carefully - I was using copies which Elsa and my friend in Huntington had sent to me. I shall write to Augusta. I knew that Augusta was the large county to begin with. As Stoner brought out in his book, though, it was later broken down into two large counties - Augusta to the north, from the Atlantic to the Lakes; Botetourt to the south, from the Atlantic through the southwest part of VA into Ky and TN and on to the Mississippi. Speaking of Stoner, maybe you have seen the names of Michael Stoner and Kasper Mansker in these historical writings - I have, over and over. Mr. Scalf mentions in his book that the Stoners and Manskers were related to the Harmans. I rather suspected since I have seen them listed together so much.

I heard from Mr. Durham after I wrote about DANIEL SMITH, but he had nothing further to offer. I wrote to the librarian as he suggested, seeking publications on Summer County and, to date, have heard nothing. Mrs. Yantis mentions in her book that Thomas Mastin married an Agness _____ and that he had one daughter, Elizabeth. I believe it is she who said that Thomas Mastin was born in Albemarle County. I intend to look for this. Time is becoming a premium with me, however, because I must soon get my "nose to the grindstone" and get some of the spring work done around the house. I expect to have my grandchildren for a couple of weeks after school is out; and our son will be taking his vacation and coming out from Illinois. So, I'll have to squeeze in my "root digging" as I can.

I am enclosing the completed family chart which you sent to me for completion. I made a mistake, but I hope that it is legible. I also sent some additional 1860 Census data with the idea of showing how they followed through in naming the children. I have other family charts on some of the other descendants of Mathias and Louisa; and you note the same names "cropping" up time after time. I went back to my information and checked the names of Thomas and Louisa's children again. They were: John, David, Daniel, Thomas S. (I'd love to know what this "S" is for), Nancy, Ruth, Mastin, the last two being deceased at the time of the complaint. Ruth had a daughter named Louisa. Mastin had eleven children: William; Ruth, wife of James W. Low; Nancy, wife of Noath Birchfield; Addison; Daniel; Hiram, Thomas, Moses, Mastin, Nathan and Lovace, the last six infants. Children of Thomas's last marriage: Mathias; George; Louisa, wife of John H. Gates;; Susan, wife of James Stephenson; Sarah and Lilly, the last two infants. I seem to remember that Daniel Smith's wife was Sarah Michie. Yes, I'm right! She and Daniel Smith were married in Albemarle County - which makes my mind start to make connections right away. Thomas Mastin was born in Albemarle County and Daniel Smith married there. They were very close friends - relatives?? As I told you in my other letter, after reading DANIEL SMITH and SEED-BED, I am confident as to the origin of the various names in our family line.

You were concerned at one time because Thomas and Louisa didn't have a "Moses" listed. I was checking some correspondence which my sister has had with a Nita Luttrell of Illinois, and I found this: "Thomas Christian & Louisa Harman - children we have proof of so far (this was before we found the Bill of Complaint): Moses b 12 May 1795 d 29 May 1855 m Polly Beavers; David b 1801 d 14 Aug 1861 m Sena Trent; Nancy Elizabeth (I believe Elsa gave her this - we could still be wrong, or rather the census enumerator could be wrong because Bina was so sure her name was Nancy Elizabeth) m John Wesley Reed." I don't know why I missed this before. She is evidently descended through one of these. I must have Elsa check this out; that is, if you haven't already found the proof you need. If this be correct, we are related to the Beavers through two lines. I know that our Alexander Beavers' first wife was Elizabeth Hankins d/o Moses Hankins s/o John Hankins and Elizabeth Skaggs, Lydia's sister. OH! Boy! Do I ever get lost in these things. Alexander Beavers' second wife was Rachel Barnett and they were the parents of Robina Beavers, which you will see on the chart enclosed. No, it isn't on the chart - it is on the lists. Nita Luttrell says in another letter (which was written earlier than the last quoted from): "I don't have a list of Thomas Christian and Louisa Harman's children; it's very possible your Nancy Elizabeth is their daughter. They did have a son named David and a son named Moses - David was born 1801 & Moses quite a bit earlier than that." As I said before, I don't know where she later found the complete information.

I'm sure you have more than bits of us

Mrs. Browning of Whitman, W. Va. called me this morning. She really doesn't have as much information as we do. I offered to help her along to where I am, if she would like for me to. Maybe, if we put our heads together, some of her family might remember something that we don't know.

I plan to go to the Archives. They have copies of the Draper Manuscripts and I would delight in seeing them. I plan to take your letter with me when I go and search for the data which you mentioned. The Archives at the State House (now house) call the Census records for W.Va. They even have the original records. Maybe I told you this. The "Estill-Christian-Masten Families" lineage which you mentioned seems to bear out what I have been noticing all along - I so often find Gilbert Christian where I find Thomas Mastin. Remember, I asked you who Gilbert Christian was? Of course, if these Christians only had daughters, this really shoots this theory in the head.

I can furnish some family charts on others descended from the Harman-Skaggs-Christian-Beavers lines, if you want them. I didn't try this time because they are fairly extensive. I hope we get a breakthrough before long - I'm getting rather discouraged. My friend in Huntington has worked on genealogy for many years and she keeps telling me to "hang in there!" I've had several hobbies such as stamp collecting, ceramics, handcrafts as needlework, etc., flower-making and arranging. With those, I could see an accomplishment. With

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this, I feel at times that I am just going in "circles" and meeting myself coming back.

Be assured, if I do make a discovery, you will be one of the first to know.

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Agnes: I have this much of the 1860 Census. I will copy it on a separate sheet, thinking it might be more accessible for you this way.

County: McDowell State: Virginia 1860 Census

Family No.				Place of Birth	
39	Wesley Reed	22	M	Farm Laborer	Va.
	Mary "	20	F		"
	Sarah "	2	F		"
	Daniel "	10/12	M		"
82	Jesse Beane	42	M	Carpenter	Penn.
	Anna J. " *	27	F		Va.
	Jane	4	F		"
	Mary "	3	F		"
	Charlott "	2	F		"
	Sally "	5/12	F		"

* Note how this enumerator made the same mistake here as the one did in 1880 on Nancy Christian's name. This should be Nancy J. - he has listed it as Anna J. and Nancy Christian's in 1880 is listed as "Anne J." However, you will note in the 1860 listing, Nancy is listed as "Nancy." This Nancy is Bina's grandmother.

108	This John W. Reed ***	56	M	Farmer	Va. **
	Nancy "	47	F		"
	Matthias "	22	M		"
	Thomas "	19	M		"
	Louisa "	16	F		"
	Henry "	13	M		"
	Amanuel "	11	M		"

** I seem to remember on one Census (or another record) he listed his birthplace as TN. I believe this to be due to the fact that this territory was in dispute for several years as to whether or not it was KY, TN or VA. All members of the family with whom I have talked say "Rogersville, TN," is the place of John Wesley's birth. Uncle Tom told one of his sons one time when they were driving through there that it was the birthplace of John Wesley.

123	Jackson Reed ***	29	M	Farmer	Va.
	Charlotte "	26	F		Indiana
	John "	6	M		Va.
	Lindsey "	4	M		"
	William "	2	M		"
	James "	9/12	M		"

*** This is Walter Elswick's grandfather. His mother was another Lovice Reed. Evidently she wasn't born at the time of this census. Again note the reverting to "old tried and true" family names. They really did "play around" with the "Louisa" - I've found it in every form. You remember Louisa is listed in the Moses Skaggs Estate papers as Lovace.

124	John L. Reed	26	M	Farmer	Va.
	Pricy "	26	F		Ky.
	Nancy "	9/12	F		Va.
125	Daniel Reed	24	M	"	Va.
	Winney "	23	F		Ky.
	Cyntha "	1	F		Va.

I really believe that if we look carefully at these given names, they are trying to tell us something. I am now watching very carefully everything which I read for given names as well as surnames. I am a great one for studying archeology - I teach

a class of Ladies in our Bible study at church. I repeatedly tell them that the earth has a great deal to tell us if we will just look for it. I am beginning to feel the same way about names. You will note that Sally and Sarah have shown up here again, if I'm not mistaken, they are listed in the estate papers. I check again before I write my letter to you. You can see that the masculine names are just like leaving a "trail of crumbs" right to the one who has gone before.

Here are some more Reed notes: Gilbert H. Reed & Mary Ann Cecil, married Aug. 28, 1855. I am not sure just where he fits in, but I seem to remember Walter's calling him Cousin Gillis. Could this have come from Gilbert Christian? He "bugs" me because I have found him listed so many times when Thomas Mastin has been listed. I'll check with Walter and find out more about Gilbert Reed. There is also a James Mayner and Mary Ann Rife, married June 19, 1856 - this one leaves me "cold." I know nothing about him. Also, a William Maynard Reed married a Nora Altizer - could this have been a relative of the Altizer whom Thomas Christian married the second time? Below their names, I find this listing: Loma Reed Arnold b 9-4-1898 d 3-5-1973. Lena Reed b 9-12-1900 (I believe this is Cousin Jackson's Reed's family (He was the son of Jackson - Nancy and John W. ^{Wesley his} parents); Arvin Reed b 8-4-1902 d 1936; Lawrence Reed b 1904 d 1953; Zillie Reed, died at 2½ yrs.; Gillis Kenneth Reed b 4-2-08 d 2-10-75; Audrey and Aubrey Reed - twins with no dates. (I have found twins several times - my grandmother, Robina Beavers Reed, had twins: Thomas Beavers Reed and Martha Reed.) Loma Reed married Luther Arnold. Lena Maude Reed never married. Arvin Reed married Luda Steele - children: Juanita Reed Major, William Reed and David Reed. Lawrence Reed married Mollie Steele - children: Ralph Reed and Doris Reed Miller. Gillis Kenneth Reed married Flora Cole - Children: James Reed, Betty (Elizabeth) Reed Foy, Sue Reed Huels ?, Jack Reed, Ann Reed Sandridge and Patricia Reed Gentry.

Amanuel Reed and Robina Beavers Reed's children: Robina Beavers Reed died 22 Sept 1905

Rachel Jane Reed - 18 Sept 1877 (my mother) d 20 Feb 1963
John W. Reed (the "W" is for Wesley) 11 July 1880 d 9 June 1887
Henry James Hoover Reed - 18 Sept 1882
Nancy Reed - 25 Jan 1885 d 22 Apr 1911
Lydia Elizabeth Reed - 3 Feb 1888 d 19 July 1932 (my favorite aunt and she died on my birthday)
Martha Reed - 12 Aug 1890
Thomas Beavers Reed - 12 Aug 1890
Pearl Florence Reed - 20 Apr. 1894

I don't have the complete names or death dates at hand. I can obtain them if you want them. I felt that you probably weren't really interested except as they might fit in name-wise with the Christians.

HUSBAND		Reed, John Wesley (Moses ?)		Father	
				Mother	
Born	1804				
Flourished	Rogersville, Hawkins County, Tennessee				
Married	13 June 1830, Tazewell County, Virginia				
Died	9 June 1887, Avondale, McDowell County, West Virginia				
Buried	" " " " "				
Other Marriages					

WIFE		Christian, Nancy J.		Father	Christian, Thomas
				Mother	(1) Harman, Louisa
Born	3 October 1812, Sinking Waters, Tazewell County, Virginia				
Flourished	" " " " "				
Died	2 December 1887, Avondale, McDowell County, West Virginia				
Buried	" " " " "				
Other Marriages					

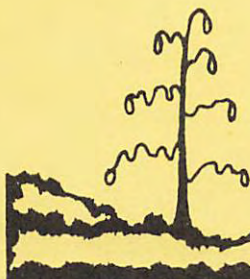
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN/CITY	COUNTY/PROVINCE	STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	Jackson	Born	29	5	1831			VA	
		Married	9	9	1852				Charlotte Moran
		Died							
2	Nancy Jane	Born	4	12	1832			VA	
		Married	1	8	1853				Jesse Bean
		Died							
3	John Lindsey	Born	11	3	1834			VA	
		Married			1859 ?				Pricy _____
		Died							
4	Daniel	Born	2	10	1835			VA	
		Married	17	6	1858				Winnie Mullins
		Died							
5	Wesley	Born	10	6	1837			VA	
		Married	6	7	1856				Mary Gibson
		Died							
6	Mathias Harman	Born	1	3	1839				
		Married							
		Died							
7	Thomas Mastin Christia	Born	13	2	1841				
		Married							
		Died							
8	Elias Friendly	Born	19	6	1843				
		Married							
		Died	14	1	1844				
9	Levicy (Louisa) Ruthe	Born	30	12	1844				_____ Murphy
		Married							
		Died			ca. 1930-1				
10	Henry James Hoover	Born	11	8	1847				
		Married							
		Died							
11	Amanuel	Born	9	11	1849	Peerysville, Tazewell,	VA		
		Married	17	4	1876	Bandy, Tazewell	VA		Robina Beavers
		Died	8	7	1923	McClure, Dickenson,	VA		
12	Moses David	Born	31	3	1852			VA	
		Married							
		Died	5	7	1854			VA	

Family information.
 Death Record.
 Marriage Record.
 1860 and 1880 Census Records.

Avondale was not made a post office until 1899; but, it was the site of the old family homestead. At the time it became a post office, Amanuel Reed was made the first postmaster. The Reed Cemetery is on the hill overlooking the site of the old family home. Amanuel, Robina, John Wesley and Nancy are buried there; also the little brothers who died young.

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 FAMILY GROUP RECORD



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April 20, 1980

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Juanita:

Thank you so much for sending the family group record of John Wesley and Nancy J. (Christian) Reed.

One or two comments regarding the other information in your letter: First, I did not mean to leave the impression that the descendants of Gilbert Christian had only daughters. I was referring to one specific family mentioned on the chart identified in my last letter--the family of Col. Robert and Mary (Houston) Christian. There were other children in the family of Gilbert Christian, many of whom had sons.

Why Thomas and Louisa (Hamman) Christian's son, Moses, was not listed in the bill of complaint, I do not know. His death record 29 May 1853 in Tazewell County, Virginia, lists Louisa Christian under the "parents" heading. That raises the other speculation as to why his father Thomas Christian was not listed since Thomas was still living. Usually it is the living parent's name which is given. Just another of the Christian family puzzles!

What with catching up on my correspondence and getting the next issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES under way, I have had little time for research. I do expect to go to Salt Lake City in May and hope to make some discoveries in their genealogical records.

I'll keep you informed.

Sincerely,

P. S. A point of clarification: All of Gilbert and Margaret (Richardson) Christian's sons had a son named Gilbert; and several of their grandsons as well had sons named Gilbert Christian. Thus, the many references to men named Gilbert Christian probably refer to more than one person. As I mentioned before, I will be publishing information on this line.



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April 23, 1980

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Dear Juanita:

After carefully reviewing some of my Tazewell County, Virginia, notes and records, I find that I need to make a correction to comments contained in my last letter.

Although I have not seen the Death Register entry, Schreiner-Vantis lists abstract of Moses Christian's death in her Archives of the Pioneers of Tazewell County, Virginia. Under the heading for "parents" she lists Louisa Harman. I recalled that the mother only was entered, and in my April 20 letter erroneously listed Louisa Christian. Why his father's name did not appear, I do not know. Perhaps he was born to Louisa before she married Thomas Christian. Often a step-son will carry the step-father's name. The situation becomes more puzzling than would otherwise be the case since Moses' name did not appear on the bill of complaint as a son of Thomas Christian. In fact, since Moses had died before the complaint was filed, he should have appeared as Moses Christian, deceased, with a list of his children following. The fact that this did not occur might lend weight to the speculation that he was not Thomas' son. Perhaps another document will be discovered which will answer the question.

Let me know if you discover anything.

Sincerely,

May 6, 1980

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
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Dear Agnes:

It was a pleasure to talk with you the other evening. I just couldn't let KEGLEY'S go back to the library before I was sure that you didn't want me to make notes on my findings concerning the MOORES. Of course, with your having access to this book, you know that there are many references to the Moore family, and, so many times, in connection with the Poages. Woodie Mullins of Tazewell is related to both families. She is the person about whom I was telling you who is also descended through the Harman-Skaggs connection. She comes through Moses Beavers who married Phoebe Harman, a sister of Louisa's and Catherine's. Woodie has been a wonderful help to me in searching the records in Tazewell. Did she write to you? I suggested to her that she might be interested in your publication, or that you all might have a common interest through the Moores.

I hope to be able to enclose a copy of the Schreiner-Yantis abstract in this letter for you. I plan to go to St. Albans this evening and will stop at the library and have a copy made. You are correct about the listing. I really hadn't thought about the "why", but what you say makes sense. In fact, you now have me thinking in another channel in regard to John Wesley Reed. Could his mother have been a Hoover and married a Reed after his birth? I think I shall approach it from this point of view for awhile and see where it leads. I received my current issue of THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA yesterday, and I found listed under the tax lists, etc., for Russell County, Va., one HENRY HOOVER. These lists were listed in the right era - late seventeen hundreds and early eighteen hundreds. I firmly believe in view of whatever happened, that they were on their way to Kentucky because this is where John Wesley reached an age in which he felt that he was old enough to leave and return to Virginia. I still find Reeds, Skaggs, Harmans, Christians, et al, in the same locale or contiguous territory which tells me that these families were well acquainted with each other. Some how Thomas Mastin fits in here, too. Mrs. Yantis says that his wife was Agnes _____, and that he was born in Albemarle County. As soon as I can conveniently do so, I am going to start a search in this county.

Incidentally, I have intended to ask you each time I have written. Have you read YESTERDAYS BEHIND THE DOOR? Mrs. Carthew sent a notice recently about this book and suggested that she would be willing to help search for my Thomas Christian. Since you have advertised this in the CHRONICLES, I felt that you must have been in contact with her and possibly had as much information on the Christian line as she. True? I would be tempted to buy it if I felt that it would be an asset.

I have been in contact with a granddaughter of Lovice Reed Murphy. You will notice on the family sheet which I sent to you that I did not list Lovice's husband nor her death. This much you may now add to that sheet (and I hope to have more later): Lovice did marry a Murphy. He has been dead for 79 years. Aunt Lovice died in W.Va. in 1930 or '31, at the home of a son, John Murphy.

Walter, bless his heart, has "laid our ghost to rest" concerning Nathaniel and Jane Christian. He recently made a trip to Christiansburg and searched the records for us. This is what he found:

"I found the bond of Jane Christian Administratrix of Nathaniel Christian with THOMAS CHRISTIAN and Wm. Boydstone sureties which would indicate that it was not our Thomas Christian who was an heir to Nathaniel. The bond was for 200 pounds, and the inventory Will Book and Deed Book B, pp 38, 39 lists 5 hogs, 7 cattle, two horses, 6 sheep, 1 slave, 2 spinning wheels, tools, furniture, etc., valued at 365 pounds, 2 shillings.

"I did not find any settlement which also indicates that it was an amicable family settlement. At these dates, Mar. 2, 1779 and June 1, 1779, our Thomas was an infant and would not have been capable of executing the bond. I also found record of other Thomas Christians in later years in that area, e.g., one William Christian Will Bk. 5, p. 214, in 1834 devises to his youngest son Thomas Christian lands, etc., and in Bk. 12, page 382, Jan. Term Thomas C. Christian devises (June 11, 1887) to Ann Seah Christian, and to Grandson Thomas Milton Christian." Doggone! I just wish that these people ~~didn't~~^{hadn't} liked to maintain the same given names over and over. Our task would be so much easier - but probably not as much fun. So, you see, your conclusion seems to be a correct one. My thought was that he probably figured into this transaction at a later date - at the time of the sale of the property by Isham and Anthony. As I recall, the copy which I had, did not show sureties. I don't want to take time now to look it up.

Here is something else which Walter recently found in Washington County: "However, I did find a Survey Book 1, p. 77, a survey was made 22 Apr 1783, for one Sampson Christian, assignee of Henry Davis, for 70 acres of land lying on the south side of Clinch River which was a narrow strip of land along a bluff of the river. The metes and bounds were given calling for a stony hill on west side of a hollow---to a high cliff by the river---along side said bluff---but the survey does not give any call for adjacent land owners.

"Then I found that John Christian and Israel Christian were appointed administrators of Sampson Christian, Nov. 1784. This was found in the Clerk's fee book, showing fees paid as follows: Administration of decedent's estate 40 Recording Inventory 100. An Inventory & appraisalment of the estate of Sampson Christian Dec'd dated Feb. 17, 1785, recorded in Will Book 1, p. 100 (Wash. Co.) listed numerous items, at a total value of 64 pounds, among which were two horses, eight cattle, eight hogs, six sheep, dishes, plows, wagon, tools, a dutch oven, churn, pales, wash tub, Bible, One ^{sq} of mans cloaths velvet, one great coat, 7 L & 12", one feather bed & furniture, 4 Chaff beds & furniture 15, hemp markles, 4 bags, one loom, reed and harness, etc. I couldn't find where any settlement was made, and the clerk advised me that this was often the case. And no heirs named. The appraisers were Samuel Vanhook, Thomas Price and John Wells." He then states that he made a search for the property of these men, thinking it might establish the location of the previous mentioned estate - I won't copy that. He does say that the indications were that Sampson was related to John and Israel Christian. I copied the inventory for you because these things fascinate me - feather beds are mentioned so many times in these old inventories.

I still believe that the answer to our "Thomas Christian" puzzle lies with our finding out more about Thomas Mastin.

I was checking back through your letters the other day and I ran across something which I neglected to comment on at the time. Probably because I, at that time, didn't know as much as I now know. It was about my BARNETT line - you mentioned that the Barnetts were in your Mitchell line. I now know the connection, and we may be closer than you think. It goes thusly: John Barnett (my g.g.g. grandfather) married Ann DEYERLE in 1783 (Kegley's) in Botetourt County. John died and his wife remarried to Thomas Mitchell in 1801 - Nov. 18, date of bond (Mont. Co. marriages - I have a copy). John's daughters, Betsy, Rachael and Sarah were placed under the guardianship of Thomas Mitchell by the court - no date, but is listed in Order Book 13, page 117 - again, I have a copy. This action was taken and then the guardian, Thomas Mitchell,

↓ She was named as Mary Ann Barnett, widow

#3 - Agnes Pearlman - May 6, 1980

was going to bring suit against James Barnett, John's father, in the interest of the girls to obtain their part of their father's share of James' estate. James wrote another will, naming the girls and saying that they were to receive their part of their father's share in the event that the suit pending was dropped. My g.g. grand-father, Joseph Barnett, was also a child of John's but evidently older. Joseph Barnett married Elizabeth Harrison; they had a daughter Rachel who married Alexander Beavers (2nd wife), and they were the parents of Robina Beavers who married Amanuel Reed, my mothers parents. Robina, of course, is the one for whom Bina Whitley is named. There! I have gone full circle again! My mother got the name Rachel from the Barnetts - I know not, now, whence came the name "Jane." James Barnett was a Capt. in the militia, a trustee at the founding of Christiansburg, and I believe, according to Kegley, he was at the Battle of Point Pleasant - my home town.

after checking dates - I wonder if this was a 2nd marriage of John

I am trying my dead level best to catch up with my correspondence before we leave for Illinois Thursday. If I keep writing letters like this, I'll never make it.

I recently obtained some more Skaggs information, but you don't want this, do you? Hope you have a nice trip to Salt Lake - I'd love to go west just one more time before I leave this "vale of tears." I have been there many times, but I love it. I spent almost a year in Laramie one time when Elsa's husband was completing his studies at the University to receive his degree in law. I went to prep school there and loved it.

Best wishes,

Jusetta

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P.S. I'm enclosing a \$1.00. I intended to do this when I sent the clippings back, but forgot. It is to take care of the postage for mailing them to me.

JSH

P.S.#2 I will share this with you from the SKAGGS material: "Green County, Ky - Skaggs Marriages - 1806, Jeremiah Skaggs married Nancy Adair - marriage performed by Stephen Skaggs." "Deeds, Montgomery Co., Va. - 1776 from Botetourt & Fincastle. 10 Aug./5 Nov. 1782, A 275, Jas. Skaggs from Albert Bright, et al, wife Susannah, 100 a., £250, Woods, or New River, below Little River mouth; witness, Wm. CHRISTIAN, Bird Smith, Thos. Ingles, Wm. Ingles." "Mch 2 1773, X 36, Jas. & Rachel Skaggs, Fincastle Co., (Skeggs) to Jno Plickinsarver, 82 a., £40, New River, Botetourt Co., Meadow Creek; witness, Wm. CHRISTIAN, Stephen Trigg, Jonathan ELSWICK, Wm. Lesley." "3/5 Apr. 1787, A 422, Jas. Skaggs, wife Susanna, to Jno. Ingles, 175 a., £30, westside New River, part of tract from Wm. Buchanan 25/28 Jan. 1779, part patent to Skeggs 2 Dec. 1785; lines CHRISTIAN, McCorkle."

Just thought that you might be interested in these. JSH

Taken from

Archives of the Pioneers of
Joywell Co. Va.
by Vetti Schreiner-Yantis

TAZEWELL COUNTY DEATH RECORDS

(of those individuals who

Name of decedent	Date of death	Place of death	Cause of death	Age
Margaret Kirk	6 Sept 1853	Poor Valley	Flux	73-9-14 ----(1)
Joseph Gortier?	12 June "	Little Valley	Dropsy	70 ----(2)
Maria Louisa Bowen	1 Sept "	Maiden Spring	Pneumonia	33-7-18 ----(3)
William Williams	28 Sept "	Rich Valley (Smythe)	Flux	57-11-14 ----(4)
Junius? R. Williams	28 Aug "	Cove	Flux	----(5)
Ann Elizabeth Bottimore	25 Jan "	Jeffersonville	Typhoid fever	36 ----(6)
Milton W. Thompson	20 June "	Thompson Valley	Consumption	33-10-8 ----(7)
John W. Thompson	26 Dec "	Thompson Valley	Fever	17-2-1 ----(8)
Elizabeth White	1 July "	Ray's Fork	Measles	16-5 ----(9)
David Rhudy	17 Jan "	Thompson Valley	Bronchitis	43-3-23 ----(10)
Westley (slave)	July "	Ward Cove	Measles	39 ----(11)
Lewis (slave)	1 July "	Lower End County	Dropsy	60 ----(12)
Polly Griffith	29 July "	Steele Settlement	Fever	77 ----(13)
William Vance	17 May "	Kent Ridge	-----	63 ----(14)
Nancy Vandyke	31 Aug "	Indian Creek	Childbirth	40 ----(15)
Nathaniel Young	17 Oct "	Cove	Heart disease	76 ----(16)
Sarah (slave)	Aug "	Thompson Valley	Flux	75 ----(17)
Sallie C. Cecil	4 Mar "	Camp Branch	Bronchitis	61 ----(18)
Fanny (slave)	July "	Camp Branch	Scrofulo	36 ----(19)
Jack (slave)	July "	Camp Branch	Scrofulo	75 ----(20)
Elizabeth Coleman	1 July "	Knox Creek	Consumption	39-6-10 ----(21)
Margaret McClure	20 Oct "	Bluestone	Appoplexy	84-7 ----(22)
Julia Harman	1 Aug "	Clear Fork	Flux	38 ----(23)
William T. Brown	20 Sept "	Bluestone	Consumption	47 ----(24)
Mary Burress	12 May "	Tazewell County	Diarrhea	60-10 ----(25)
Deborah Peery	15 Apr "	Tazewell County	Appoplexy	83-8 ----(26)
Melvina Wynn	9 Mar "	Tazewell County	Pneumonia	65 ----(27)
Peter Ritter	15 Apr "	Tazewell County	Dropsy of chest	43 ----(28)
Nelly (slave)	20 June "	Tazewell County	Appoplexy	60 ----(29)
James Thompson (slave)	15 Aug "	Tazewell County	Flux	65 ----(30)
Peter Dills	21 Jan "	Tazewell County	Bilious fever	75-4-13 ----(31)
Joshua Day	29 Nov "	Tazewell County	Dropsy	76-4-25 ----(32)
Julia H. Davidson	4 Mar "	Tazewell County	Pneumonia	55-9-15 ----(33)
Elias H. Neel	12 Mar "	Tazewell County	Pneumonia	57-2-19 ----(34)
James Prunty	30 July "	Franklin Co., Va.	Appoplexy	72 ----(35)
Nancy Billups	18 May "	Tazewell County	Pneumonia	55-4 ----(36)
Elizabeth Barbara Fox	15 Sept "	Tazewell County	Dropsy	77 ----(37)
James R. Muncey	11 Jan 1854	Kimberlin	Liver complaint	47 ----(38)
Adam Harman	9 Oct "	Bluestone	Scarlet fever	74-2-10 ----(39)
Martha Harman	"	Bluestone	-----	65 ----(40)
Herenton Murphy	17 Jan "	On Tug River	White swelling	55 ----(41)
David Altizer	26 Sept "	Dividing Ridge	Dropsy	70 ----(42)
Francis Boland	23 Mar 1855	Tazewell County	Heart disease	63 ----(43)
Charity Claypool	30 Dec "	Tazewell County	Dropsy	64-10-6 ----(44)
Larrina? Johnston	8 May "	Tazewell County	Crap cholic	36 ----(45)
Charlotte Asbury	8 July "	Tazewell County	Unknown	38 ----(46)
Moses Christian	29 May "	Tazewell County	Carbuncle	60-0-16 ----(47)
Tempie? Martin	7 Feb "	Tazewell County	Fever	50 ----(48)
James Whitt	19 Sept "	Tazewell County	Cancer	73-10-21 ----(49)
David Harper	14 Sept "	Tazewell County	Fits	40 ----(50)
Mary Davis	20 May "	Tazewell County	Consumption	48-3-13 ----(51)

ORDS FOR THE YEARS 1853 TO 1871
who were born prior to 1820)

	Parent	Place of birth	Consort	Informant & relationship
(1)	William & Nancy Brooks	Eastern Virginia	William Kirk	James P. Neel--son in law
(2)	No. given	Carolina	Francis G.	Joseph Gortier--son
(3)	Thomas & Jane Peery	Jeffersonville	Rees F. Bowen	Rees F. Bowen--husband
(4)	Sc. Melins & Caroline Williams	Ireland	Margaret W.	Julius Williams--son
(5)	Wm. & Margaret Williams	Cove	-----	Julius Williams--brother
(6)	Jeremiah & Susan Evans	Baltimore, Md.	Wm. G. B.	W. G. Bottimore--husband
(7)	Wm. & Louisa Thompson	Thompson Valley	n. m.	Wm. Thompson, Jr.--bro.
(8)	Archibald & Mary Thompson	Thompson Valley	n. m.	Archibald T.--father
(9)	Joseph & Mary Pruett	Tazewell County	Wm. White	Wm. White--husband
(10)	George Rhudy	Burks Garden	Barbara Rhudy	Barbara Rhudy--wife
(11)	(owner--Alexander Ward)	-----	-----	A. T. Ward--son of owner
(12)	(owner--Wm. Blankenship)	-----	-----	Wm. Blankenship--owner
(13)	Jacob & Catherine Francisco	Paint Lick Mt.	-----	Rebecca Griffith--dau-in-law
(14)	Abner & Susan Vance	Russell County	Nancy Vance	Widow
(15)	Thomas & Polly Mitchell	Tazewell County	John Vandike	Vandike--sis-in-law
(16)	Samuel & Susan Young	Eastern Virginia	Elizabeth Young	Zeno S. Sprinkle--son-in-law
(17)	(owner--Wm. Thompson)	Thompson Valley	-----	Jas. W. Thompson--son of owner
(18)	Wm. P. & Sallie Poston	Maryland	Samuel Cecil	Husband
(19)	(owner--Samuel Cecil)	-----	-----	Samuel Cecil--owner
(20)	(owner--Samuel Cecil)	-----	-----	Samuel Cecil--owner
(21)	No. given	Pike Co., Ky.	Wm. Coleman	Wm. Coleman--husband
(22)	Nathan & Polly Mann	Fredk. Co., Va.	Wm. McClure	John R. McClure--son
(23)	John & Christina Yost	Giles Co., Va.	Henry W. H.	Henry W. Harman--husband
(24)	Isaac & Mary Brown	Tazewell County	n. m.	John Louthier--bro-in-law
(25)	Nehemiah & Rachel Bonham	Wythe Co., Va.	Thomas Burres	Thomas Burres--husband
(26)	William Gold	Powhatan County	John P., dec'd.	Hiram Perry--grandson
(27)	Joseph & Sarah Hix	Wythe Co., Va.	Robert W., dec'd.	William Wynn--son
(28)	Geper & Catharine Ritter	Wythe Co., Va.	Margaret R.	Stephen Spraker--bro-in-law
(29)	(owner--James S. Vail?)	Henrico County	-----	-----
(30)	(owner--Jas. B. Thompson)	-----	-----	Owner
(31)	William & Rebecca Dills	Roan Co., N. C.	-----	Peter H. Dills--son
(32)	John & Ann Dasha Day	Franklin Co., Va.	Judith Day	Judith Day--widow
(33)	William & Mary Brown	Giles Co., Va.	James C. D.	James C. Davidson--husband
(34)	William & Rhoda Neel	Tazewell County	Nancy Neel	Wm. P. Neel--son
(35)	Robert & Francis Prunty	Franklin Co., Va.	Tabitha Prunty	Nancy Prunty--dau.
(36)	Kith & Rebecca Wright	Tazewell County	James Billups	Westley Day--son-in-law
(37)	Peter & Elizabeth Spangler	Wythe Co., Va.	Matthias Fox	Matthias Fox--son
(38)	No. given	Giles Co., Va.	Married	Wife (not named)
(39)	No. known	-----	-----	Son-in-law
(40)	No. given	-----	-----	John Taber
(41)	John Murphy	Logan Co., Va.	Polly Murphy	Wife
(42)	Unknown	Unknown	Married	John Christian--son-in-law
(43)	Moses & Eliz. Higginbotham	Tazewell County	W. Boland	Jas. H. Bowland--son
(44)	John & Charity Vandike	Tazewell County	-----	Jeremiah B. Claypool--son
(45)	William & Mary Wingo	Tazewell County	J. Johnston	Lydia Wingo--sister
(46)	Moses & Martha Hankins	Tazewell County	Thomas H. A.	Thomas H. Asbury--husband
(47)	Louisa Harman	Tazewell County	Polly Christian	Polly Christian--wife
(48)	Benjamin & Elizabeth Meadows	Franklin County	Andy Martin	Andy Martin--husband
(49)	Hezekiah & Rachel Whitt	Mont. Co., Va.	Nancy Whitt	Nancy Whitt--wife
(50)	Ann Harper	Tazewell County	n. m.	Nancy Whitt--neighbor
(51)	John & Eliza Laird	Tazewell County	Thomas Davis	Husband



I enjoyed hearing from you - by telephone
and can't thank you enough for your thoughtful
consideration!



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May 11, 1980

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Dear Juanita:

Your most welcome letter of May 6 arrived, and I appreciate your comments. Thank you, too, for the reimbursement on cost of photocopies.

You asked about Mrs. Carthew's YESTERDAYS BEHIND THE DOOR. Whether you would wish to have a copy in your library, I do not know. It has only a few lines regarding the American Christian families. Written by Mrs. Hicks-Beach of England, the book contains a fascinating account of the Christian line of deemsters on the Isle of Man. It also follows later English descendants of these deemsters. Several subscribers who are interested in these Isle of Man connections have been pleased with the book. If you are searching for information about the American families, the book is of no value. I doubt that Mrs. Carthew has anything on your Thomas Christian beyond what you already have or she would have sent the answer in response to your query. At least, that would be my impression. She probably obtained your name and address from the query section of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES.

I was pleased to read of Walter Elswick's findings in Montgomery County, Virginia. They confirm what my files show regarding Nathaniel Christian. As I may have mentioned in previous communications, I believe it likely that the Thomas Christian who executed his estate with William Boydstone was the one still living in Cocke County, Tennessee, in 1830. William Boydstone/Boydston is believed to have been a son-in-law of Nathaniel Christian. William Boydston married Elizabeth Christian about 1777 in area later encompassed by Montgomery County, Virginia. Later on, they moved to that part of Tennessee which ultimately became Cocke County. William died December 1838 in Clay County, Missouri, and Elizabeth died August 1844 in Buchanan County, Missouri. I have census records of them in still other counties; like so many of the period, they were often on the move.

You will notice in the last issue of the CHRONICLES that I had placed a query in an effort to learn more about Sampson Christian. No response yet, however.

The Benjamin Christian mentioned as a son of _____ and Nancy (Allison/Ellison) (Wright) Christian--in another of my queries--is the one who appeared in early Tazewell County, Virginia, records, I believe. He did, in fact, later live in Tennessee, finally dying at the home of a child in Wayne County, Kentucky. I wish I could tie some of these peopple together!

Household emergencies forced cancellation of my Salt Lake City trip. I hope you were able to get to Illinois and enjoyed your stay there.

Sincerely,

Agnes

May 24, 1980

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Dear Agnes:

Yes, thank you, we did make our trip to Illinois and found it most enjoyable. It is the first time for several years that we have had a chance to be with our son on Mother's Day. We had nice weather going and returning; but were blown in with a storm just as we were leaving the Huntington area on I-64. Fortunately, once we have passed Huntington, it isn't too far on to our place.

As you will note, I am enclosing a copy of Census records from Tazewell County for 1850. Perhaps, you have these, since you seem to have a voluminous file. However, I have noticed that you have repeatedly said that you calculated that Thomas Christian was born circa 1770. This record, I believe (if we can trust the census recorder to be accurate), will prove that he was indeed born in 1770, give or take a year - depending on the date of his birth, daywise and monthwise. Since the enumeration was done in September, one would be fairly safe in saying 1770 because I would imagine he would allow for that. So, it appears another "ghost has been laid to rest."

I have made notes on the various families mentioned as I went along. Also, I have re-checked some data and made notes in "red." We are related in some way to just about all these people I have listed - notice the numbers of the households and what close proximity they are to each other. The thing which surprised me was to find some "Sickmans" listed in Tazewell. Daddy had never mentioned to me the fact that there were Sigmons over there, and I doubt that he knew it. He came to Tazewell and McDowell in the early years when they were opening up mines and doing much lumbering in that section. My grandfather, Sigmon, bought property in Franklin Co., Va., in 1786 under the name of "Sickman", but it was later changed to Sigmon. Grandfather Reed sold most of his property to the Ritter Lumber Company, and this is one of the things which brought my Dad to this section.

I mentioned by note at the section on Daniel Christian that I had a deed, which I do. In 1846, Thomas Christian (our Thomas) deeded property to Daniel on Indian Creek for the sum of \$1.00. Since he is listed as being 19 in 1850, my guess was that he gave it to him as a wedding gift - come to think of it, though, this would make him too young without consent. Maybe this is a different Daniel. The deed was most difficult to read, but I could make out the locale, amount of transaction, etc. The prize I found in this deed, though, was the fact that it proved that John W. Reed was indeed a Justice of the Peace for Tazewell County. Harman's Annals has him listed as JP in 1834, but the clerk was unable to find the record. This would put him 8 years later - of course, he could have served during the full time.

I also now have in my possession a copy of an order from Montgomery Court 1779, which reads as follows: "Thos Mastin having produced sufficient proofs to the Court that he is entitled to 50 acres of land under the King of Great Britain proclamation of 1763 for military service for which he never recd a warrant ordered that the same be certified to the register of the land office for this State. A copy - James McCorkle CMC - Warrant for 50 acres issued to Thomas Mastin the 23 of Novem 1779." Also, the following: "LAND-OFFICE WARRANT, No. 191. To the principal Surveyor of any County within the Commonwealth of Virginia. This shall be your WARRANT to survey and lay off in one or more surveys, for Thomas Mastin his Heirs and Assigns, the Quantity of fifty acres of land, due unto the said Thomas for Military Service performed by him as a soldier in

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the late war between Great Britain and France, according to the terms of the King of Great Britain's proclamation of 1763. A certificate which, duly proven is received into the Land Office. Given under my hand, and the Seal of the said office, on this twenty-third day of November in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine. G. Carr D.R. L.O."

I still haven't heard from Augusta County about the litigation between Thomas Christian and John Wray. I shall keep trying in some manner to obtain this. I am making an attempt to find out more about early Summer and Davidson Counties - don't know if it will be productive or not. I plan, when I can find the time, to approach Albemarle County with the idea of finding out more about Thomas Mastin's family there.

I looked at the deed again between Thomas Christian and his wife, Mary, to their son, Daniel. It mentions that they are doing this because of the love and affection they have for their son and that is a tract on which he is now living; and that it joins the tract owned by David Christian. It was written the 15th of Sept. 1845 and recorded 15th Aug 1846. Apparently, the Daniel here would have been too young at that time to be living on a tract of land alone. So, I'm not going to worry about it. Where the older Daniel was in 1850, I know not - if this be the case. I do think there are some pertinent and significant aspects to observe here, however, ~~of~~ the "Adair" who is sandwiched in between Harmans, Christians, Beavers, Bandys and Reeds - all family. Robert Beavers and Catherine have a Robert Hankins with them - I would judge that he was probably a cousin of Catherine's because Lydia's sister married a Hankins. Noah Birchfield and Nancy Christian Birchfield were still in the household of Masten. The Mitchells, I believe, were related through the Skaggs - I don't want to take time to check. Probably other things you will notice since you are better acquainted with this family than I.

I am sorry that I didn't list the Stephensons and Whitts - I knew they were related, but was thinking it was through the Skaggs. I had scanned the microfilm for over six hours and was tired; so, I began to "cut corners." I might be able to get Woodie Mullins to check it in Tazewell for me, I don't know. She and her husband have a business now and she can't devote as much time to research. I had borrowed the film on an interlibrary loan.

As usual, I am too long-winded. I'm tired - so this is it for now. I have a copy of Walter's letter to you, but can't add anything about the Davids except what is on this enclosed data.

All good wishes,

6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, W. Va. 25560

Juanita

CENSUS 1850 - TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Western District

1 July

<u>Household No.</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>
12	Robt. Mitchell	66	M
	Sarah "	50	F
	Geo. "	24	M
	Robt. "	21	M
	Margaret "	19	F
	Sally "	17	F

11 July

142	James Barnett	49	M
	Abigail "	43	F
	Archibald "	22	M
	Joseph "	20	M
	Margaret "	18	F
	James "	10	M
	Catherine "	5	F
	Adam "	8	M
	Amanda	2	F

James was a Farmer

30 July

	Erastus G. Harman*	46	M
	Sally "	39	F
	Edwin H. "	15	M
	Auretia E. "	13	F
	Elevira "	12	F
**	Marstn A. "	10	F
	Olivia C. "	8	F
	Victoria "	6	F
	Robt. P. "	4	M
	Howard B. "	2	M
	Chas. C.	5/12	M

Erastus was a Farmer

* His name is on the land surveys of property bought by John W. Reed.

** I have seen this name spelled thusly in other places and believe it to be the "southerner's" way of pronouncing "Mastin."

6 Aug.

493	James Harrison	26	M
	Nancy "	24	F
	Rebecca B. "	2	F
	Wm. Gillespie	40	M
	Clinton Barns	22	M
	James Gillespie	18	M

James was a Merchant; Wm. Gillespie, a Carpenter; Clinton Barns, a Merchant; James Gillespie, a carpenter.

8 July

<u>Household No.</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>
103	James Barnett	23	M
	Martha J. "	20	F
	Elizabeth Dunford	34	F
	Susan "	14	F
	George "	6	M

James was a Farmer

13 July

166	Wm. Barnett	49	M
	Eveline "	42	F
	Sharlotte A.F.	18	F
	Polly Barnett	16	F
	Isabelle "	12	F
	Roda	9	F
	W? Zleamett	5	M

William was a Farmer

3 Aug.

448	Gus F. Harrison	44	M
	Nancy "	21	F
	Thomas "	25	M
	Moses "	20	M
	Henry "	18	M
	Mathias "	16	M
	Archibald "	12	M
	Sarah A. "	10	F
	Eleanor Y. "	8	F
	Gus D.F. "	6	M
	Carter "	6	M

Gus was a Farmer; also Thomas, Moses and Henry.

459

	Ciar Harman	50	M
	Nancy B. "	48	F
	Wusikia A. "	19	M
	Erastus F.	17	M

Ciar, Wusikia and Erastus F. were Farmers.

7 Aug.

522	Robt. Gillespie	53	M
	Jane A. "	49	F
	Jno. W. "	24	M
	Angeline "	22	F
	Emily "	17	F
	Jno. H. "	17	M
	Rufus "	15	M
	Chas. "	13	M
	Gus "	8	M
	Robt. "	7	M
	Jane B. "	4	F

Robt., a Farmer; Jno. W. a D.Clerk; Rufus, a farmer.

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 CENSUS 1850 - TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Western District

7 Aug.

Household No.	Family	Age	Sex
538	Wm. Mitchell	27	M
	Nancy "	23	F
	Saml. "	5	M
	Robt. "	4	M
	Moses "	3	M
	Geo. "	6/12	M

16 Aug.

663	Jas. Mitchell	36	M
	Sally "	36	F
	Patton S. "	16	M
	Thoas. F. "	12	M
	Mary G. "	10	F
	Betsy C.	8	F
	Wm. D.	6	M
	Susan C.	3	F

James is listed as a Methodist Preacher;
 Patton S., as a farmer.

25 Aug.

770	Masten Christian	57	M
	Maria "	40	F
	Daniel "	21	M
	Hiram (8) "	15	M
	Thos. "	13	M
	Moses "	7	M
	Mathias "	5	M
	Masten "	2	M
	Noah Birchfield	24	M
	Nancy "	18	F
	Sally Christian	20	M

*3rd daughter of
 Thomas -
 dect. Bill of
 sample plan*

15 Sept.

1058	Wm. Adair	23	M
	Abby "	21	F

1066	Wm. Harman	27	M
	Harriette Harman	24	F
	Polly "	3	F
	Betsy "	1	F

14th Sept.

1076	Robert Beavers	72	M
	* Catherine "	72	F
	Robert Hankins	13	M

*This is the daughter of Mathias and Lydia
 Skaggs Harman. Robert is listed as a farmer.

7 Aug.

Household No.	Family	Age	Sex
649	Thos. C. Bandy	67	M
	Sally "	45	F
	Thos. "	10	M
	Sucy "	6	F
	Betsy "	3	F
	Patcy "	2	F
	Jane Woolridge	10	F

The 10-year old Thos. Bandy is listed as
 a Farmer.

25 Aug.

767	Jno. W. Reed	47	M
	Nancy "	46	F

(This is on another sheet which I am
 enclosing - I listed it here to show
 the household no. and the close
 proximity to these other families.)

768	Addison Christian	20	M
	Rebecca "	19	F
	Mastin "	11/12	M

*Grand son
 of Mastin*

15 Sept.

1056	John Beavers	53	M
	Polly "	43	F
	'Alexr "	20	M
	'James "	18	M
	'Margaret "	15	F
	'Pheby "	13	F
	'Jackson "	11	M
	Jno. "	6	M
	Preston "	3	M

(John Beavers,
 a Farmer.)

15 Sept.

1063	Henry Harman	24	M
	Onstena "	25	F
	Mathias "	2	M
	Wm. "	7/12	M

Henry Harman was a farmer.

15 Sept.

1070	Wm. Harrison	22	M
	Sarah A. "	22	F

Wm. was a farmer.

#3 CENSUS 1850 - TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Western District

14 Sept.

Household No.	Family	Age	Sex
1075	Mathias Beavers	35	M
	Hannibal (?) "	27	F
	Betsy	3	F
	James	10	F

14th Sept.

1078	Mathias Harman	50	M	<i>Prop. Value</i>
	Polly "	48	F	<i>Value</i>
	Wm. "	21	M	<i>\$1,000</i>
	Nancy "	18	F	
	Danl. "	11	M	
	Andw "	4	M	
	Daniel	38	M	

Mathias listed as a Farmer.

14 Sept.

1080	Nancy Harman	56	F	<i>Prop. Value \$400</i>
	Mathias "	14	M	
1082	Henry Harman	36	M	
	Susan "	20	F	
	Jno (?)	3	M	
	Harrison M. Harman	6/12	M	

1086 Alexander Beavers is listed in this space and is on another sheet enclosed. One correction - "Lydia" on the enclosed sheet should be Lidda as listed on the census record.

16 Sept.

1098	Wm. Bandy	34	M
	Eleanor Bandy	36	F
	Thos. "	15	M
	James "	14	M
	Nancy "	13	F
	Guy "	1	M
	Clarissa J. Bandy	7	F
	Rebecca "	9	F
	Hannah "	6	F
	Betsy "	6	F
	Jno. "	4	M
	Wm. "	1	M

William listed as Farmer. I wonder if this is two families of children?

14 Sept.

Household No.	Family	Age	Sex
1076	Thos Beavers listed here- look to other sheet.		

1077	Elias V. Harman	31	M	<i>Prop. Value \$400</i>
	Sally "	24	F	
	?Ano. J. "	7	M	
	Saml. B. "	4	M	
	Ann E. "	2	F	

Elias listed as a Farmer.

1079	Wm. B. Harman	20	M	<i>Prop. Value \$500</i>
	Donnila "	23	F	
	Lidda	3	F	
	Nancy H "	1	F	

William listed as a Farmer.

14 Sept.

1081	Henry Harman	70	M
	Nancy "	29	F
	Lidda "	23	F
	Patsy Mitchell	60	F

Henry Harman a Farmer.

1084	Daniel Harman	29	M	<i>Prop. Value \$1,000</i>
	Susan "	22	F	
	Nancy S. "	6	F	

Daniel listed as a Farmer.

1088	Joseph Harrison	35	M	<i>Prop. Value \$200</i>
	Patsy "	30	F	
	Rebecca "	10	F	
	Crockett "	9	M	
	Lucinda "	8	F	
	Wm. "	7	M	
	Rachel "	9/12	F	

Joseph is listed as a Farmer.

22 Sept.

1148	David Christian	48	M	<i>Prop. Value \$700</i>
	Sinny "	47	F	
	Louisa "	26	F	
	Lidda "	26	F	
	Nancy "	21	F	
	Thos. "	19	M	
	Polly "	17	F	
	Ruth "	15	F	
	Rachel "	13	F	
	Frederick "	11	M	
	Suther "	9	M	
	Malvina "	8	F	
	Rebecca "	7	F	
	Israel "	5	M	

Which is son David? My guess is this is right - State names.

This David Christian fascinates me - is he the son of our Thomas? He is listed as farmer.

#4 CENSUS OF 1850 - TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Western District

22 Sept.

1156	Thos. H. White	33	M	Prop.
	Polly "	25	F	Value
	Abijah "	6	M	\$250.
	Rachel "	4	F	
	James "	3	M	
	Sally "	6/12	F	

Thomas listed as a Farmer.

23 Sept.

1159	Thos. S. Christian	35	M	Prop.
	Anna "	34	F	Value
	Silly (?) "	9	F	\$1,000.
	Polly "	7	F	
	Thos. "	5	M	
	Robbin "	3	M	

Farmer.

1161	Susan Altizer	63	F	
	Thos. "	19	M	

1162	Jno. H. Gates	25	M	Prop.
	Louisa "	20	F	Value
	Thos. "	2	M	\$600
	Geremia "	1	M	

I believe this is the Gates listed in the Moses Skaggs papers. He was a farmer.

23 Sept.

1165	Anthony Christian	22	M	
	Nancy "	19	F	
	David "	1	M	

Anthony a Farmer. This, too, is interesting because of the names.

1167	Dave Christian	43	M	Prop.
	Hannah "	36	F	Value
	Nancy "	13	F	\$250.
	David "	11	M	
	Polly "	9	F	
	Jno. "	8	M	
	Geo. "	6	M	
	Eleanor "	4	F	
	Rich "	2	M	
	Wm. "	1	M	

A farmer. Neither of these David Christians seem to be the ones mentioned by Walter.

22 Sept.

1157	R. Altizer	23	M	
	Louisa "	23	F	
	May "	2	F	
	Eveline "	1	F	

Farmer.

1158	Jno. Altizer	25	M	Prop.
	Sally "	30	F	Value
	Susan "	7	F	\$100.
	Catherine Altizer	4	F	
	Robbon "	1	M	
	Sally Beavers	75	F	

Farmer.

23 Sept.

1160	Richard Gates	28	M	Prop.
	Milly "	29	F	Value
	Wm. "	10	M	\$100.
	David "	8	M	
	Carter "	4	M	
	Louisa "	7/12	F	

Farmer

23 Sept.

1163	Wm. Altizer	30	M	
	Louisa "	30	F	
	Ruth "	11	F	
	Jno. "	8	M	
	Adam "	7	M	
	Riley "	3	M	
	Thos. "	1	M	

1165	Nancy Gates	57	F	
	Augustus	15	M	
	Robert Beavers	35	M	

Robert a Farmer. This puzzles me. Not our Robert.

1169	Thos. Christian	29	M	
	Polly "	26	F	
	Hannah "	23	F	
	Moses "	2	M	
	Elenor Bennett	16	F	

Farmer.

1170	** Thos. Christian, Sr.	80	M	Prop.
	Mary "	40	F	Value
	Mathias "	16	M	\$2,000.
	George "	14	M	
	Susanna "	13	F	
	Sally "	10	F	
	Setty (?) "	8	F	

Could be "1" Setty (?) "*Lilly*
 **This is our Thomas - so, if the census taker be correct, this proves his birth as 1770.

#5 - CENSUS of 1850 - TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Western District

1172 Alex Christian 25 M
 Catherine " 25 F
 Louis " 1 M
 Mary Iyva ? 19 F

Farmer.

1176 Daniel Christian 19 M Prop
 Susanna " 20 F Value
 Nancy " 4/12 F \$100.

Farmer

1178 Moses Christian 56 M
 Polly Christian 50 F
 Saml " 23 M
 Jno. " 15 M
 Shone " 13 F
 Masten " 10 M
 Alex Beavers 77 M

29 Sept.

1281 Jno. Barnett 23 M
 Clarissa " 22 F

Farmer

1175 Wm. Christian 26 M
 Sarah " 27 F
 Julia " 3 F
 Marilda " 4/12 F
 Jane " 52 F
 Ruth " 23 F

Farmer

1177 John Christian 46 M
 Calhorn (?) " 45 F
 Lidda " 10 F
 Louisa " 7 F
 Rebecca " 2 f

Farmer. Note names.

I should have copied these
 STEPHENSONS & WHITTS listed in the next households, but I didn't take time to copy them.

3 Oct.

James Harrison 66 m
 Mary " 61 F
 Thos. " 31 M
 Joseph " 18 M
 Saml. Graham 34 M
 Cosby 25 F
 Rachel Harrison 4 F
 Wade M. " 5/12 M

James a Farmer. Saml. Graham a merchant.

DISTRICT NO. 61

15 Aug.

381 Sickman, Samuel 40 M Prop.
 Sarah 38 F Value
 Eliza 18 F \$1,000.
 Matthias 17 M
 Franklin 15 M
 Elizabeth 13 F
 Margaret 11 F
 Sarah 9 F

Farmer

580 Reed, Alexander 52 M
 Elizabeth 52 F
 Thomas 26 M
 Eliza 24 F
 Wm. 22 M
 Levi 18 M
 Jane 15 F
 Rebecca 13 F
 Alexander 11 M
 Margaret 9 F
 Miner (?) 5 M

443 Sickman, Daniel 30 M Prop.
 Delilah 28 F Value
 School Teacher. \$500.

21 Aug.

Sickman, Charles 43 M Prop.
 Mary 47 F Value
 Margaret 19 F \$1,400
 John 17 M
 Ann 14 F
 Andrew 11 M
 Mary 3 F

Farmer.

31 Sept.

915 887 Christian, John 40 M
 Malinda 32 F
 John 11 M
 Mastin 10 M
 Ann 9 F
 George 7 M
 James 6 M
 Rudolph 4 M
 Wm. 2 M
 Winfield 3/12 M

(This is the only Christian listed in this district and away from the others - but note names.)

Household	Relationship	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	Status	MARRIED	YEARS	No of CHILDREN Given Birth TO	No. of CHILDREN Living	Place of Birth	FATHERS Place of birth	MOTHERS Place of Birth	Occupations	Home Ownership
				4										
		F		4										
★	Beavers, Alex	M		48									DO	\$700
	James	M		25										
	Betsy	F		23										
	Mary	F		24										
	Catherine	F		23										
	Rebecca	F		20										
	Robert	M		18									DO	
	Martha	F		15										
	Jno.	M		13										
	William	M		11										
	Matthias H	M		8										
	Nancy	F		7										
	Lydia	F		5										
	Rachel	F		3										
	Beavers, Moses	M		58									DO	\$450.00
	Pheby	F		52									DO	
	Alex K	M		23										
	Polly B	F		20										
	Rebecca	F		18										
	Srags	M		17									Farmer	
	Jackson	M		15										
	Beavers, Adam	M		33									DO	\$775
	Rachel	F		30										

Sister of Louise & Catherine
 do
 Matthias & Lydia Srags
 her man

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Household	Relationship	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	Status	MARRIED	YEARS	No. of CHILDREN Given Birth TO	No. of CHILDREN Living	Place of Birth	FATHERS Place of birth	MOTHERS Place of Birth	Occupation	Home-Ownership
Harrison Letitia		F		46										\$2500
Sullivan Daniel		F		30										
Reed, John	EM	M		27									DO	\$500
Sally		F		24	26									
John		M		7										
Arentas		M		6										
Catherine		F		4										
Heriman H.		M		3										
William T		M		1										
Reed, Catherine		F		57									DO	\$500
Thomas S		M		20										
Siles W. Delsberry		M		105										
Reed, Jno W		M		47									Farmer	\$500
Nancy		F		44										
Jackson		M		18									Farmer	
Nancy J		F		17										
Jno SR		M		16									DO	
Daniel		M		15										
Wesley		M		13										
Mathias H		M		12										
Thomas M		M		8										
Louisa		F		6										
James H		M		4										
Amanual		M		1										

Year 1850

County Tazewell

District

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John R. →

May 31, 1980

Dear Juanita,

Thank you so much for the letter and abstracts sent on May 24.

Yes, I did have most of the Christian entries but had not copied all details about the neighboring families.

After next issue of the CHRONICLES is ready and off to subscribers, I will send some comments.

Sincerely,

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Scott Depot
West Virginia 25560

2801 N. Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706

November 8, 1980

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

Dear Agnes:

I have been sitting here all summer hardly able to contain myself because I wanted to write to you so badly. However, since I knew that you must have your hands full since the CHRONICLES had not come out on time, I would not bother you. I do hope that you haven't been ill and that it was just trouble with printers, or what have you, that delayed your publication.

I have really had a busy summer what with much company, canning and freezing fruits and vegetables from the garden, etc, and trying to keep up with my hobby. Fact of the matter is, I believe that I can truthfully say now that this research has gone beyond the bounds of a hobby and fast becoming a full-time job. Houston has started looking for a typewriter for me and I am insisting on at least two filing cabinets. I must get some order here or be swamped in my own folly. We had the grandchildren for a week, Houston's sister for a week, company from Florida and Arizona for a week and my sister for a week. My niece and her husband from Arlington, Va. were here one week-end. Nancy had been to England twice this past spring - so, I was most interested in her tales of travel. My other niece made a hurried trip to England - she said they landed on their feet in a run, but I think that she managed to see quite a bit. All in all, it has been work and fun!

Now... I was able to obtain a copy of a marriage bond from Sumner County, Tn, for one Thomas Cartwright and Agnes Christian, 1791, with Thomas Mastin as surety. This set my juices to running and maybe I have let my imagination run away with me. But, I feel firmly that this could have been a sister to our Thomas Christian. Seems to me that the date would be just about right. Since Thomas Mastin's wife's name was also Agnes _____, I am wondering if this could have been the widowed mother of our Thomas and this Agnes. Thomas Mastin and this Agnes _____ were married in Washington County in 1773 - three years after the birth of our Thomas. Yantis says that Thomas Mastin and this Agnes _____ had at least one child, Elizabeth, but she wasn't born until 1792 - this seems strange, 13 years after marriage having this child. Not impossible nor especially unusual - there are eight years between my sister and me. Frank Asbury Christian felt that Thomas would not have been called an orphan if his mother had been living. Yet, I seem to recall other cases when a child was called an orphan when the father was dead. A moot question, possibly. Anyway, I believe that your analysis, and one in which I agreed, is proving more and more to be the case. I think that Thomas Christian was related either to Thomas Mastin or to his wife. Another interesting thing, when Thomas Mastin made his will, he left his land to Daniel Smith. That puzzled me until I read the abstract of Daniel Smith's will. In it he specifies that the land which he bought from Thomas Mastin was to be the residence of Agnes Mastin until her demise. When her will was made, she left the ~~land~~ crops to a nephew, Jimerson Bandy. In the recent issue of the Virginia Genealogical Society's bulletin, there is an article about the Bany (Bandy) Family. This Thomas Bandy and his wife had a daughter, Phebe Christian. Since my mother's family was connected to the Bandys through the Beavers family, I perked up when I saw this. Could this be a light at the end of the tunnel? Are we beginning to see the connection between the Christian-Mastin-Beavers-Reed, et al, families? I have found all these families except Beavers mentioned in Sumner County abstracts - even the Hankins and Skaggs.

#2 - Agnes Pearlman - November 8, 1980

Next, I want to thank you for giving Walter and ^{me} credit for the article which you have started on the McDowell County Christians. I was glad to share with you whatever information which I have been able to obtain, and Walter is a very helpful individual. I appreciate the publishing of my pedigree chart. However, I must send some corrections. My mother died in 1963 at South Charleston, WV and was buried at Oak Hill, WV. I am enclosing a family chart which I hope will help. It didn't print too well, but I hope that you can read it. The "Moses" crept into John Wesley Reed's name because my cousin, Leone Holbrook, before her death had started this search and she was using this extra name with John Wesley's name. I have never seen it this way on anything I have viewed; therefore, I believe that some one had misled Leone. I now only use the John Wesley Reed because this is the only way in which I have found him signing his name - either John W. or John Wesley.

I am also enclosing a copy of an article which I found in the library at Tazewell, Va. My sister, Houston and I in the middle of October went to Roanoke, Rocky Mount, Princeton and Tazewell. We had a perfectly beautiful time to travel. The leaves on the trees were at their peak - couldn't have been more gorgeous. We went one route and came back another, that way soaking up the full benefit of the whole panorama. Big Walker Mountain was a sight to behold; and the mountains down to Tazewell were awe-inspiring. After re-visiting Rocky Mount and Tazewell, I was mightily impressed with the lovely sections of the country from which my ancestors came. We did some research in the Court House at Rocky Mount; came back to Roanoke and visited the Virginia Room in the library there. We got to meet and talk with Babe Fowler and I was persuaded to join that society, also. A young Jones cousin works there in the library and I am hopeful that we can be of mutual assistance to each other. Walter went with us to Tazewell, but our trip there, as far as getting additional information was concerned, was disappointing because Houston wasn't feeling well and we had to come back to the motel at Princeton before we had done all that we had hoped to do. Anyhoo- -- I saw this article and felt that you might like to have it since it was about Abb's Valley. The young librarian there had written several articles for the local paper and Elsa and I copied some of them. We left our names and the surnames which we were searching on file in the library there. We shall see!

Also, I am enclosing a copy of a pedigree which I received as a result of a recent query which I placed in the Virginia Genealogical Society Bulletin. As you can see, this lady is related to me in several different lines. Also note the adding of Moses' name to the list of the children of Thomas Christian. Wonder if we will ever resolve this problem? Seems strange that if he had been a son that he was not listed with the other children in the Bill of Complaint. I have tried by letter to clarify what I can for her - she seems to be a beginner. Some things from this have helped me. This is one of the satisfactions of this study - the mutual benefits for all.

I ran into a Mrs. Hathaway down at the Putnam County library one day. She and I started talking genealogy and she told me that she had a Thomas Christian in her line. I immediately started to pursue her knowledge. This is what she could remember "off the cuff": "Some Where there is a Claundefelter Tie. One Allen Christian settled in Shelbyville, Ill. His wife's name was Jude. A Thomas Christian and Nancy Cooper of Cincinnati. A Elizabeth Christian married a Zachariah Riggs and Nancy Christian married Moses Riggs. The women were sisters. Zachariah Riggs daughter was Emmaline Riggs and she married Wm. Dean. Their daughter Emma Dean married R.B. Billups and their daughter was Lois Billups Hathaway." This, of course, was the lady with whom I talked. I have 'phoned her once since then and she, again, promised to "dig" out what she had stored away on the family. To date, I have heard nothing more. I plan to call again before long. I understand that she has her hands full taking care of some retarded children.

#3 - Agnes Pearlman - November 8, 1980

I have been in contact with a man in Kansas who has an ancestor named Mastin Skaggs. This Mastin Skaggs was a son of one Jacob Skaggs whom I believe was a nephew of Lydia, et al. I am trying to see if any of the family remember any lore which would tie in with Thomas Mastin and on to Thomas Christian. It is surprising how many in the family, and out, who named children Mastin. I copied some out of the 'phone book in Princeton and plan to write to them.

Do hope you are well. Will be interested in your reaction to this find on Agnes Christian. Hope the earthquake didn't disturb you all too much. I imagine that Houston's brother at Sonoma felt it. I have some contacts on the Sigmon family in California now.

All good wishes,



Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Enclosure

P. S. I'm sorry about these copies - the machine was ^{was} working too well yesterday.

HUSBAND'S NAME SIGMON, CHARLES HENRY

When Born 11 October 1861

Where Franklin County, Va. (Callaway)

(Husband's Full Name)

Christened _____

Where _____

(Wife's Maiden Name)

When Died 1 June 1934

Where Leon, Mason County, W.Va.

This information obtained from _____

When Buried 3 June 1934

Where Oak Hill, Fayette Co., W.Va.

When Married 3 March 1897

Where Avondale, McDowell Co., W.Va.

Other Wives (if any)
Number (1) (2) etc. _____

His Father SIGMON, Lewis Foster

His Mother's Maiden Name JONES, Martha Elizabeth

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME REED, Rachel Jane

When Born 18 September 1877

Where Bandy, Va. (Tazewell County)

Christened _____

Where _____

Date 11 August 1980

When Died 20 February 1963

Where South Charleston, Kan. Co., W.Va.

Compiler Halstead, Juanita Signe

When Buried 24 February 1963

Where Oak Hill, Fayette Co., WVA

Address 6 Saunders Add'n

Other Husb. (if any)
Number (1) (2) etc. JIVIDEN, Alonzo Wade (Husband No. 2)

City Scott Depot, State WVA 2556

Her Father REED, Amannel

Her Mother's Maiden Name BEAVERS, Robina

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			WHEN DIED*			Married
		Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County	State or Country	Day	Month	Year	
M	1 Walton Marian	14	May	1905	Avondale McDow.		WVA	17	Aug.	1926	Date Single To _____
*	2 Elsa Martha Ruby	14	July	1908	Majestic, Pike		KY.				Date <u>3 March, 1952</u> To <u>Howard Stout (2nd Marriage)</u>
	3 Melba Juanita Florence	19	July	1916	Kingston, Fay.		WVA				Date <u>11 Oct 1943</u> To <u>Halstead, E. Houston</u>
	4										Date _____ To _____
	5										Date _____ To _____
	6										Date _____ To _____
	7 * Elsa's first husband was Stephen K. Vaught										Date _____ To _____
	8										Date _____ To _____
	9										Date _____ To _____
	10										Date _____ To _____
	11										Date _____ To _____
	12										Date _____ To _____
	13										Date _____ To _____

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*If burial date is known on children and not death date, write burial date, prefix (Bur). Use reverse side for additional info.

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COMPILED FROM
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2) ANNALS OF TAZEWELL CO.
By JOHN HARRISON, SR.
3) ARCHIVES OF PIONEERS OF
TAZEWELL CO. VA.
By NETTI SCHREIBER-YANTU

MARVIN JONES
3100 TURNER ROAD
CHESTERFIELD, VA 23832
WIFE - MARGIE ANN BEAVERS

MY WIFE'S FATHER

WIVES WM. BEAVERS

JOHN BEAVERS

BORN 1844 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED _____ MCDONELL CO., VA.
BURIED DRY FORK

BROTHERS SISTERS

ALEXANDER (1880) MARY (1880)
JAMES (1882) PERRY (1882)
JACKSON (1889) SUSANNAH (1889)
FREESTON (1847)

JOHN BEAVERS

BORN 1797
DIED _____
BURIED _____

BROTHERS
MOSES (1792)

SISTERS
POLLY (1800)
NANNY
SARAH
SALLY

MARRIED 9-25-21
TAZEWELL CO., VA.

ALEXANDER BEAVERS

BORN 1775
DIED DEC. 1855 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
BURIED DICKS CREEK

BROTHERS SISTERS

ROBERT (m)

MARRIED _____

SALLY

BORN _____
DIED _____
BURIED _____

PILLION

BORN _____
DIED _____
BURIED _____

POLLY PILLION

BORN 1807
DIED _____
BURIED _____

WILLIAM GUS BEAVERS

BORN 1867 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED 1926 MCDONELL CO., VA.
BURIED DRY FORK

BROTHERS

MARION
WADE
HENRY L.
JOHN
CROCKET
DAN
*TWINS

SISTERS

*JANE

MARRIED 11-5-08
TAZEWELL CO., VA.
(BY WM. P. LINKOUS)

ELEANOR CHRISTIAN

BORN 1846 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED _____ MCDONELL CO., VA.
BURIED DRY FORK

BROTHERS

DAVID (1839)
JOHN (1842)
GEORGE (1844)
RICHARD (1848)
WILLIAM (1849)

SISTERS

NANCY (1851)
POLLY (1844)
REBECCA (1844)
LOUVISA (1844)

DANIEL CHRISTIAN

BORN 1807 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED _____
BURIED _____

BROTHERS SISTERS
SEE NOTE (2) TO LEFT

MARRIED 4-23-31
TAZEWELL CO., VA.

HANNAH HARRISON

BORN 1814 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED _____
BURIED _____

BROTHERS SISTERS

THOMAS CHRISTIAN

BORN 1770
DIED _____
BURIED _____

MARRIED _____

LOUISA HARMAN (1ST WIFE)

BORN _____
DIED _____
BURIED _____

MATHIAS HARMAN, SR.

LYDIA SCAGGS

THOMAS HARRISON, JR.

BORN 1785
DIED _____
BURIED _____

BROTHERS SISTERS

NOTE (1) TO LEFT
MARRIED 5-8-02
TAZEWELL CO., VA.
REBECCA PEERY

BORN 1785
DIED _____
BURIED _____

THOMAS HARRISON, SR.

BORN 1750 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED 1815 TAZEWELL CO., VA.

HANNAH BRIDGES (MARRIED)

BORN 1735
DIED 1800 TAZEWELL CO., VA.

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SISTERS
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LILLY BELLE CHRISTIAN
BORN 1866 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED 1953 MEDDOWELL CO., VA.
BURIED DRY FORK (YUKON)

BROTHERS
GEORGE (1864)
WILLIAM (1879)

SISTERS
NANCY (1856)
MARY (1858)
MARTHA (1861)
VICA (1862)
ALLIE (1868)
SUSAN (1873)

BROTHERS
JAMES
JOSEPH
SAMUEL
BOBBY
ALEXANDER

SISTERS
ELEANOR
NANCY

RUTH
+ 4

MASTIN
DAVID (1801)
JOHN
THOMAS S.
MOSES (1795)

MATHIAS CHRISTIAN
BORN 1832 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED _____
BURIED _____

BROTHERS
GEORGE (1836)

SISTERS
SUSANA (1837)
SALLY (1840)
LILLY (1842)

MARRIED 9-5-54
TAZEWELL CO., VA.

ELEANOR BEAVERS
BORN 1836 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED _____
BURIED _____

BROTHERS
THOMAS (1830)
COLUMBUS (1833)
LESLIE (1840)
HOWARD (1841)
BOY (1842)

SISTERS
LOUISA (1832)
CATHARINE (1834)
NANCY (1846)

THOMAS CHRISTIAN
(SEE THOMAS ABOVE)

MARRIED 6-18-29
TAZEWELL CO., VA.

MARY ALTIZER (COW WIFE)
BORN 1810 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED _____
BURIED _____

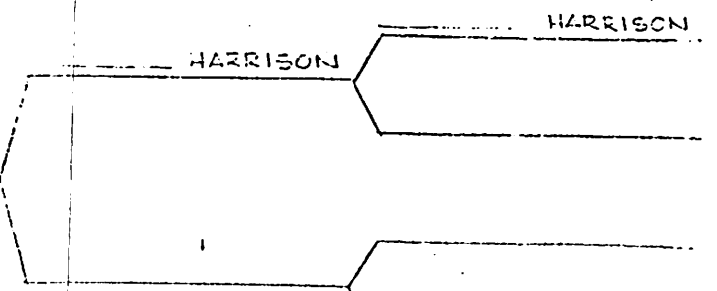
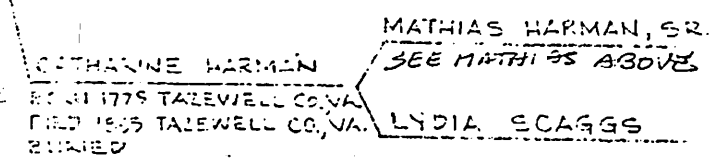
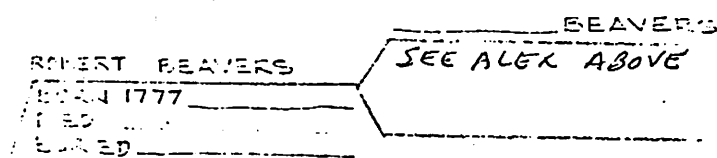
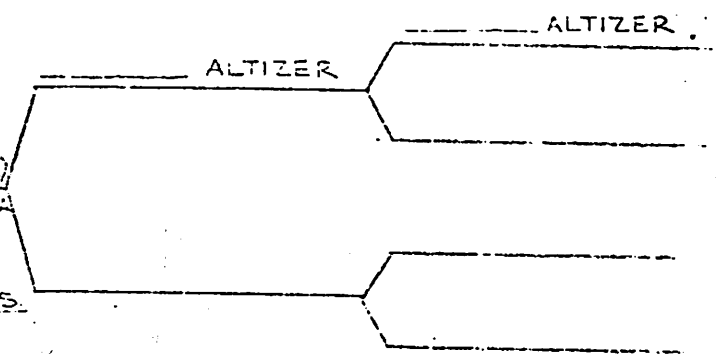
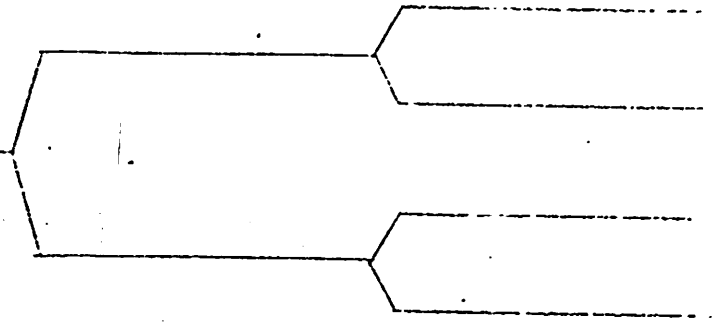
BROTHERS SISTERS

WILLIAM BEAVERS
BORN _____
DIED _____
BURIED _____

BROTHERS SISTERS
ALEXANDER (1802)
MATHIAS (1816)
ADAM (1817)?

MARRIED 10-23-28
TAZEWELL CO., VA.

NANCY HARRISON
BORN 1810
DIED _____
BURIED _____





Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

November 20, 1980

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Juanita:

As you can guess, I was delighted to receive your letter of November 8 and will make some comments about the information contained therein as well as about some of the previous material you have sent.

To respond to your questions concerning causes of publication delays: It has not been because of any ill health of mine; I have been quite well. However, our home has been a virtual convalescent hospital for several relatives and friends. My husband is a physician, and whenever anyone is ill, they like to have his opinion. Therefore, they come from great distances and are usually with us before and after their stays in the hospital. I did have the delightful experience of staying at the ranch of my son and daughter-in-law following the birth of their second child. I am an absolutely doting grandmother and loved every minute of being with the two-year-old grandson and the new-born granddaughter. Then, too, I am overcommitted to community organizations and other publication deadlines. You get the general picture! There is simply too much ever to expect to finish in the allotted time. I keep trying, though.

I was particularly pleased some months ago to receive the information you sent about the Mitchell-Barnett connections. Although I had the Mitchell and Deyerle data, I had not previously known the given name of Mary Ann Deyerle's first husband--only that he was a Barnett. Incidentally, do you happen to know the maiden surname of Mary Ann's mother? I have her parents as Peter and Reganna () Deyerle.

According to my notes, one of the daughters of John and Mary Ann (Deyerle) Barnett married a Joseph Barnett: Joseph Barnett married Rachel Barnett 15 July 1812. How was this Joseph related to your ancestor by the same name?

The later Montgomery County, Virginia, Christians will figure in an article I am now preparing for next year's CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES.

I am sorry about the error in listing your mother's date and place of death. A correction will appear in the footnotes of the next issue. The correct information did appear on your original form; however, I inadvertently used date and place of your father's death for both. I hate to have such errors creep in, but I've decided the only way to avoid errors is not to publish at all. Corrections just have to appear later.

The data you have obtained about the Mastins, Bandys, Smiths, Christians, and others intrigue me. When I started to enter the Thomas Cartwright and Agnes Christian marriage in my notes, I found that I already had it--one of the earliest notes I had made in my research and almost buried. Otherwise, I would have sent the information to you previously.

Speaking of sending information: I should mention the John Christian, born in Ireland in 1752, who came to America in 1760; lived on the Clinch River in Fincastle, later in Washington County, Virginia, and died after 1837, probably in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. I mention this since I notice that you place Thomas Mastin in Washington County in 1773. I have not yet been able to determine name of wife of this John Christian or whether he came to America with grown family. If so, one of his sons could have been the father of your Thomas Christian. On the other hand, John Christian might have arrived with brothers, any one of whom could have been your Thomas' father. Wulfeck erroneously identified the wife of this John Christian as Judith Leake. The information about his birthplace and movements came from his sworn statements in pension application. I have not seen the originals, which I suppose could offer some other clues not found in Baer's article in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Volume 51, pp. 134-5. This was my source.

Could you send me more about Daniel Smith's will? What was the date and where was it filed? I am especially interested in the early Smith-Christian connections and would like to follow through (See "Elusive Connections" on page 183 of Volume III).

It's absolutely tantalizing to have so many leads regarding identity of your Thomas Christian and yet come up empty-handed on that point.

You mention that a Thomas Bandy and wife had a daughter, Phebe Christian. Could you also send date and place of his will, etc.

Unless I discover evidence to the contrary, I am going to assume that both of Thomas Christian's parents died and speculate that Agnes () Mastin was his aunt, sister of either his mother or his father. I would agree with you that the Agnes Christian who married Thomas Cartwright was probably the sister to your Thomas. If you find where the Cartwrights settled, you might find some additional clues.

I wish that I had some new facts to offer, but during the past several months there has not been any time for research--only publication, etc.

I do appreciate your continued cooperation and interest.

Sincerely,



Enclosures



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November 1980

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December 8, 1980

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
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Dear Agnes:

It was a delight to hear from you again; but, to tell you the truth, I hardly know where to start to answer your letter. I am afraid that it will entail much detail and right now Christmas is "breathing" down my neck. I have spent the day in an effort to get the house in order so that I can prepare the "goodies" for the family. None of us need those extra calories, but what is Christmas without cookies, cakes, etc.? We hope that John will be home for Christmas and I like to do a little extra for him. Anyhow, if this letter seems a bit disjointed, and I promise a continuation at a later date, please bear with me.

I am glad that you are well and I know the feeling of being a doting grandparent. I just wish that mine were closer so that I could dote a little more.

(See!! I even had the typing paper in the typewriter crooked.)

First, as to your question about the Barnett-Dyerle-Mitchell relationship. I obtained my data through marriage bonds as recorded in Worrell's Records of Montgomery County. I have copies of some of them, especially Joseph Barnett's and Elizabeth Harrison. This states that his father was John Barnett and her father was Thomas Harrison. I have reached a stalemate here, however, because I can't find the link in Tazewell County. Although, a Mrs. Tynes who did some research for a cousin of mine (Mrs. Tynes and my cousin are both dead now) listed Joseph and Elizabeth as the parents of our Rachel Barnett who married (as a second wife) Alexander Beavers s/o Robert Beavers and Catherine Harman Beavers. This Alexander Beavers' first wife was Elizabeth Hankins d/o of Moses Hankins who was a s/o John Hankins and Elizabeth Skaggs (a sister of Lydia Skaggs, wife of Mathias Harman, Sr.) (A lady in Bluefield recently commented to my sister that the people in Tazewell County were related two or three times over - and I do believe it, note especially the enclosed pedigree chart) I have a copy of the two wills made by James Barnett - in the first he mentions his son, John. However, John must have died before James because he made a second will to cover the daughters of John, if their guardian, Mitchell, would drop his litigation to obtain John's share for these girls. The thing which puzzles me here is the fact that Joseph is not mentioned - he did sign one of these wills as a witness. I am now wondering if I have the right John. As to the parents of Mary Ann Deyerle, I can give that to you, also. It is to be found in Kegley's. Here 'tis: "On page 576 - Va. Frontier - V. THE SOUTH BRANCH AND NORTH FORK COMMUNITIES - The gap between Fort Lewis and the Forks of Roanoke was filled chiefly by Peter Deyerle, Moses Dunlap, James Robertson, Isaac Taylor and John and Joseph Raeburn. Peter Deyerle was a young German immigrant who came to the community about the year 1767 when he entered 365 acres of land on Roanoke. According to the family tradition he was the son of a wine merchant and left home when he was sixteen years of age indenturing himself to a miller by the name of BOWMAN to pay for his passage. He afterwards married Bowman's daughter and repaired to the Virginia frontier where he became an extensive land-holder. The Deyerle homestead was situated on the point ~~South~~ (don't have time to correct) of the ridge above the old fords of the river (west of present Dixie Caverns), and the bottom land where the present Virginian Railway crosses the highway. The children mentioned in Peter Deyerle's Will (1808) were Charles, John, ABRAM, ANNA MITCHELL, Sally Gatewood and Rose Smith." A. Deyerle was the surety when the bond was obtained for Mary Ann to marry the Mitchell.

- Agnes Pearlman - December 8, 1980

As I said, I am puzzled about the Joseph Barnetts and John Barnetts; however, I believe that the Joseph Barnett who married Elizabeth Harrison was a brother of the Rachel Barnett who married the other Joseph Barnett (possibly cousins? - I don't know). I do know that my Joseph named a daughter, Rachel (my mother's grandmother) and it would be reasonable to assume that he named a daughter for a sister. We need to do more research here, but I have been chasing Thomas Mastin all over Southwest Virginia and Tennessee, as well as "beating the bushes" in Kentucky for REEDS AND HOOVERS, and I just haven't spent too much time in this area. If the Good Lord lets me live, I hope to get back to them one of these days. On top of that, it began to "rain" Sigmons on me this summer and I took off after them. I'm really having more luck with Daddy's family right now than I am Mamma's. Daddy's Jones and Hill lines are ancient - a young cousin in Roanoke is helping me here.

Don't worry about the errors - I know that you will correct them. I wouldn't have mentioned them except I thought that others searching these lines might be confused. When we all stop making mistakes, that'll be the day!

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He
was
in
Ky.
then
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You are not the only one intrigued with the MASTIN - BANDY - CHRISTIAN connections. I could almost write a book about this man Mastin. You wouldn't believe the children who were named for him. Walter just brought an architect's name to my attention - one Thomas Mastin Hawkins - who planned the house that his wife's family lived in in Tazewell. It is now on the register for historic homes - this Hawkins was born in Halifax County. I recently ran across a Skaggs with the name of MASTIN. I have found that it is often Marston, Mastin, Masten and even Martin - simply because the recorder made his "s" to look like an "r". I have been viewing the papers in the litigation between Thomas Christian and John Wray. Thomas Mastin notarized a document in September 1794 in which John Wray delegated Robert Preston to survey (or make a plat) of this property and make a title for Thomas Christian. So, we can safely say that Thomas Christian was around 24 when he bought this piece of property. I haven't really had time to digest all of this material as yet, but it seems that John Hankins and one of the Deskins knew all about it. Let's keep in mind here that Thomas Christian married ~~Harman~~ Louisa Harman who was a niece to John Hankins wife, Elizabeth.

I am enclosing the abstract which I read in the Virginia Genealogical Society's recent bulletin. I wrote to Mrs. Majors about this - she is in Arizona and I must write to her again - this was her request. If I find out anything further, I'll be sure to let you know. Note that Thomas Bandy was in Summer County. I hope we'll have more on this later.

I have recently obtained a copy of Mrs. Yantis ARCHIVES OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, so I am now in a better position to comment on what she has therein. I had hurriedly copied those dates on Thomas Mastin from her book some time ago - now that I look at it more closely, I realize that the dates are rather ambiguous as to location. The way they were listed, I assumed that Thomas Mastin married his Agness _____ in 1773 in Washington County - I now see that it doesn't actually say that. I do know from the minutes of Washington County that he was there in 1777 and 1778 and served as sheriff, etc. at that time. Joseph Wray's (John Wray's father) was evidently close to Thomas Mastin's property because in DANIEL SMITH - FRONTIER STATESMAN, mention is made of the fact that Joseph Wray, a neighbor of Thomas Mastin's, was killed in an Indian massacre. Again, I have assumed that this was the reason that Thomas Christian wanted this property so badly - going back home????????? The property was on Indian Creek. I have obtained copies of several of Thomas Christian's land grants, the earliest being in 1819, but I am not sure one of them is for this property. I wrote to the Virginia Library - they tell me nothing except that the land was purchased. I am going to ask Marvin Jones (note pedigree enclosed) to go to the Virginia Library to check these out for us to see if there is any more data there. It would be to his wife's advantage as well as ours if he could find more information from these grants. The grant itself certainly tells us very little. Now back to the dates in Yantis' Archives - she says Thomas Mastin was

Agnes Pearlman - December 8, 1980

born in 1749 in Spotsylvania County - I check^{ed} for this and it couldn't be found. She says he married in 1773 and had at least one child, Elizabeth, born in 1792 in Washington County, Va. A Mrs. Hardcastle's name and address is given at this point with her DAR listing. I wrote to her and almost begged her to share with us the source of these dates - she did not answer. I am thinking of other avenues I might followed to obtain this information. Since Mrs. Mastin's name is only listed as Agnes _____, I doubt that she knew her parents. *Mrs. Mastin's*

I do have copies of Thomas Mastin's Will, his appointment as sheriff of Sumner Co., Mrs. Mastin's will and Daniel Smith's will. I had to get these from Nashville. They are listed in Will Book No. 1. I obtained the page numbers from Edythe Whitley's book which gives early wills, etc. of Sumner County. If you want them, I'll try to copy them for you after Christmas. I am wondering if Thomas Mastin was in financial straits near the time of his demise for him to have sold his property to Daniel Smith. His will just states that he is leaving his land to Daniel Smith. He left his negroes and other personal property to his wife with no mention of a daughter. Mrs. Mastin was executor. Daniel Smith's will is long, but he does mention that he bought the land from Thomas Mastin. He stipulates that Mrs. Mastin was to live thereon during her lifetime. Mrs. Mastin's will leaves her crops to her nephew, Jemirson Bandy, and she does not mention a daughter. Daniel Smith's will was proved in 1818. Thomas Mastin's was circa 1808 - 09 (Yantis' book says he died in 1810). I have been unable to find his death record. Agnes Mastin's will was proved in May 1823. There is a lady in Kentucky - near the Tennessee border - who is publishing a book on cemeteries in that area of Tennessee. I wrote to her, but she could not find any record of the Mastins. Incidentally, here is a case with regard to the wills where the name is confused and listed as Martin. In viewing the paper, I could easily see that the penman made his "s" to look like an "r". All one had to do was compare the "s" is "last" and see that they were the same. (We secretaries had to learn to decipher penmanship - especially doctors and lawyers - no reflection on your husband.) I am about ready now to take off after all the Martins I see in Southwest Virginia and Tennessee.

*Jarvis
Shelby
witnessed
this*

Your mentioning John Christian made me remember - a lady in Sumner County was good enough to check out some of the families in that area who might have had relatives back to the era which we are searching. She came up with nothing positive, but she did mention that one of the elderly ladies there had remembered some one in the family mentioning a John Christian - another dangling loose end. Years ago, we visited at the Hermitage - home of Andrew Jackson. Little did I know at that time, when I had my picture taken in the family burial plot at the side of the house, that I had had an ancestor who was probably among people he had known. I know that this is where the Jackson came into our family, as well as the "John Lindsey".

I have been in contact again with Mrs. Hathaway. She is definitely of the Allen Christian family in whom you were especially interested some time back. I asked her if I would send her copies of your speculative sheets would she look them over and see if she could add anything thereto. She agreed. I shall send them post haste.

I am answering your letter as I reread it - therefore, I now see that you specifically asked for Daniel Smith's Will. I don't have time to go now to have it copied - but I will later. It is in Will Book No. 1, page 267. I did go to Vol. III and reread "Elusive Connections." Now my curiosity is whetted. I, therefore, went back to go old trusty Kegley's and I found this: "James River Communities in Botetourt County 1770-1783- Col. John Smith's land came next below Mills and south of Looney's. . . . Col. Smith died in 1779, leaving what property he had to his son, James Smith. . . . We may call him the most accommodating and ardent patriot on the frontier in his time, having much to do for his community and handling much property in all its forms, yet holding few important civil positions and acquiring little property to leave to his family. Besides

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The five sons whom he mentioned in proving his importation in Orange in 1740 he had a daughter, Levisa or Lucy, who married Reece Bowen, and James Smith mentioned in his will. Abraham, the eldest, is credited with marrying Sarah Caldwell and living near North Mountain in Rockingham County, later marrying Martha McDowell REED, of Lexington, and Charlotte Gambill, of Rockingham. DANIEL SMITH married Jane Harrison, of Linville Creek, and became a prominent citizen of his county. Henry, the third son, appears to have remained on the frontier, John, ~~Mr.~~ was killed at Vause's, and JOSEPH, captured there, died in captivity. James Smith continued to live for a time in Botetourt County and was captain of the militia residing in the Spreading Spring Community." A question here - is this the same Daniel Smith? If so, did he marry a second time? ~~Daniel Smith of Tennessee~~ The Tennessee Daniel Smith's wife was named Sarah or Sally, and I seem to remember that she was a Michie. I copied some of the references from DANIEL SMITH - FRONTIER STATESMAN, but don't seem to have that. I do know that they named their daughter Mary Ann Michie. They also had an older child named George - both are named in his will.

As to where the Cartwrights settled, there are some in Summer County; but, what is more interesting, they are also listed in Tazewell County and near to the Christians. When I can get back to the State House, I plan to view that 1850 Census film again on Tazewell. I didn't copy the Cartwrights.

Let's talk about the enclosed pedigree chart now. Did you ever see so many relationships? I seem to be related to this lady in just about every line except she doesn't have any Reeds. I am sending it because I thought since the Christians are listed you would be interested. They latched onto Moses Christian, too. He just isn't mentioned in that complaint, though. Also, they picked up the Thomas Christian who is connected with Isham and Anthony ~~also~~.

I'm also enclosing my subscription fee in the amount of \$7.50.

I'm sure that I have written messier letters, but at the moment I don't remember when. I've been quite busy today and I am now very tired - so I had better fold my tent and silently move away. If I have forgotten to answer something you wanted to know, let me know. I did receive another letter today from a descendant of John Wesley Reed and Nancy Christian through their daughter Nancy Jane who married Jesse Bean. This is Bina's line - she will be so happy to know about this. Bless her heart, she is so anxious for us to finalize this search. She, I believe, is failing but holding on tenaciously. She says that Bobby and Aggie are going to sell the home in Pikeville because the coal business is "off." Bobby and Aggie have been spending much time in Florida. I do wonder what Bina will do. Even for her eighty some years, she still tries to round up information for us and sends me letters every now and then with what she feels are additional leads.

Have a happy holiday!

Sincerely,



Enclosures

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead, 6 Saunders Addition, Scott Depot, WV 25560

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Cumberland-Botetourt Counties

contributed by
NETTIE LEITCH MAJOR

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BURIALS IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH REGIST
Hanover County

contributed by
CHARLES AUSTIN JOY

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contributed by
CHARLES AUSTIN JOY

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 BY JOHN HARMAN, SR.
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 TAZEWELL CO. VA.
 BY NETTI SCHREIBER-YANTU

PRELIMINARY
 OCT 30, 1980

MARVIN JONES
 3100 TURNER ROAD
 CHESTERFIELD, VA 23832
 WIFE - MARGIE ANN BEAVERS

MY WIFE'S FATHER

WILLIAM GUS BEAVERS
 BORN 1869 TAZEWELL CO. VA.
 DIED 1936 MCCONELL CO. VA.
 BURIED DRY FORK

BROTHERS SISTERS
 MARION *JANE
 WADE
 HENRY I.
 JOHN
 CROCKET
 DAN
 *TWINS

JOHN BEAVERS
 BORN 1844 TAZEWELL CO. VA.
 DIED MCCONELL CO. VA.
 BURIED DRY FORK

BROTHERS SISTERS
 ALEXANDER (1892) MARGARET (1895)
 JAMES (1832) PERRY (1837)
 JACKSON (1837) SUSANNAH (1843)
 FREESTON (1847)

MARRIED 11-5-68
 TAZEWELL CO. VA.
 (BY WM P. LINKOUS)

ELEANOR CHRISTIAN
 BORN 1846 TAZEWELL CO. VA.
 DIED MCCONELL CO. VA.
 BURIED DRY FORK

BROTHERS SISTERS
 DAVID (1839) NANCY (1837)
 JOHN (1842) POLLY (1841)
 GEORGE (1844) REBECCA ()
 RICHARD (1848) LOUVISA ()
 WILLIAM (1849)

JOHN BEAVERS
 BORN 1797
 DIED
 BURIED

BROTHERS SISTERS
 MOSES (1792) POLLY (1800)
 NANCY
 SARAH
 SALLY

MARRIED 9-25-21
 TAZEWELL CO. VA.

FOLLY DILLION

BORN 1807
 DIED
 BURIED

DANIEL CHRISTIAN
 BORN 1807 TAZEWELL CO. VA.
 DIED
 BURIED

BROTHERS SISTERS
 SEE NOTE (2) TO LEFT

MARRIED 4-23-31
 TAZEWELL CO. VA.

HANNAH HARRISON
 BORN 1814 TAZEWELL CO. VA.
 DIED
 BURIED

BROTHERS SISTERS

ALEXANDER BEAVERS

BORN 1773
 DIED DEC. 1856 TAZEWELL CO. VA.
 BURIED DICKS CREEK

BROTHERS SISTERS

ROBERT (m)
 MARRIED

SALLY

BORN
 DIED
 BURIED

DILLION

BORN
 DIED
 BURIED

THOMAS CHRISTIAN

BORN 1770
 DIED
 BURIED

MARRIED

LOUISA HARMAN (1st WIFE)

BORN
 DIED
 BURIED

MATTHIAS HARMAN, SR.

LYDIA SCAGGS

THOMAS HARRISON, JR.

BORN 1785
 DIED
 BURIED

BROTHERS SISTERS

NOTE (1) TO LEFT
 MARRIED 5-8-02
 TAZEWELL CO. VA.
 REBECCA PEERY

BORN 1785
 DIED
 BURIED

THOMAS HARRISON, SR.

BORN 1750 ABLETA CO. VA.
 DIED 1815 TAZEWELL CO. VA.

HANNAH DENNIS (2nd WIFE)
 BORN 1735
 DIED 1800 TAZEWELL CO. VA.

CHRISTIAN

1810-1820, VA.
M. N. F. C. N., W. VA.

1820-1830, VA.

SISTERS

CHAPMAN (1900) NONE
HAS LOVETT (1894)
LEE (1904)

*Bandy Chapman
Matisia Lovett
Bess Lee
Robert Lee*

THOMAS CHRISTIAN
(SEE THOMAS ABOVE)

MATHIAS CHRISTIAN
BORN 1832 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED _____
BURIED _____

MARRIED 6-18-29
TAZEWELL CO., VA.

BROTHERS SISTERS
GEORGE (1836) SUSANA (1837)
 SALLY (1840)
 LILLY (1842)

MARY ALTIZER (Cth WIFE)
BORN 1810 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED _____
BURIED _____

ALTIZER

BROTHERS SISTERS

LILLY BELLE CHRISTIAN
BORN 1826 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED 1953 MEDOWELL CO., W. VA.
BURIED DRY FORK (YUKON)

MARRIED 9-5-54
TAZEWELL CO., VA.

BROTHERS SISTERS
GEORGE (1834) NANCY (1836)
WILLIAM (1879) MARY (1838)
 MARTHA (1831)
 VICA (1862)
 ALLIE (1868)
 SUSAN (1873)

WILLIAM BEAVERS
BORN 1838
DIED _____
BURIED _____

ROBERT BEAVERS
BORN 1777
DIED _____
BURIED _____

BEAVERS
SEE ALEX ABOVE

BROTHERS SISTERS
ALEXANDER (1802)
MATHIAS (1816)
ADAM (1817)?

CATHARINE HARMAN
BORN 1775 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED 1855 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
BURIED _____

MATHIAS HARMAN, SR.
SEE MATHIAS ABOVE

ELEANOR BEAVERS
BORN 1836 TAZEWELL CO., VA.
DIED _____
BURIED _____

MARRIED 10-23-28
TAZEWELL CO., VA.

BROTHERS SISTERS
THOMAS (1830) LOUISA (1832)
COLUMBUS (1838) CATHARINE (1834)
ALEXANDER (1840) NANCY (1846)
MATHIAS (1841)
GUY (1842)

NANCY HARRISON
BORN 1810
DIED _____
BURIED _____

HARRISON

BROTHERS
JAMES
JOSEPH
SAMUEL
AUBRY
ALEXANDER

SISTERS
ELEANOR
NANCY

WASTIN
DAVID (1801)
JOHN
THOMAS S.
MOSES (1795)

RUTH
+ 4



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

January 6, 1981

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

Deadlines are always overtaking me; however, I wished to respond to your interesting letter of December 8 before beginning the final "push" to complete the current issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES.

Before I forget to confirm my desire to have copies of Thomas and Agnes Mastin's wills and that of Daniel Smith, I will do so now. Be sure to let me know amount of printing costs so that I can reimburse you for your expenses. If Thomas and Agnes did indeed have a daughter Elizabeth, she could have died before her parents--a reason for not being listed in their wills. I wonder if Daniel Smith could have been a son-in-law of Thomas and Agnes! I just reread further along in your letter and notice that Daniel's wife was named Sarah or Sally. It's so easy to get carried away on speculation. Another possibility is that Daniel Smith was a brother of Agnes () Mastin. I believe it likely that he was related in some way.

By the way, you sent a photocopy regarding the Bandy family. From which journal was this taken? I like to have sources completely listed in my files, if possible.

For the first time in over a year I have ordered some microfilm for research. I'll let you know if I discover anything significant.

Sincerely,

Agnes

Have a happy new year!

January 20, 1981

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

Dear Agnes:

Believe me, if my correspondence keeps piling up, I am going to search around to see if I can persuade one of my friends to serve as a secretary for me. I, more or less, let things "hang fire" during the holidays; and, consequently, I must spend much time each day in catching up. Too, I am getting new contacts, both on the maternal side of my family and the paternal, each week. It is very pleasurable to find these new relatives, but very time-consuming. Hence, my delay in writing to you.

You will notice that I have enclosed the copies of the wills of Daniel Smith, Thomas Mastin and Agnes Mastin. Too, there is a copy of Thomas Mastin's appointment as sheriff of Sumner County. The witnesses on some of these documents are noteworthy, also. David Shelby was a witness to the appointment of Thomas Mastin as sheriff. In Hezekiah Whitt's application for a Revolutionary War pension, he mentions the fact that he served under Col. Shelby and Capt. Thomas Mastin. The witnesses for Agnes Mastin's will were B.F. Bender and Edward Bandy (maybe we need to check on the Bender connection). The witnesses for Thomas Mastin's will were George Smith (Daniel Smith's son) and one Benjamin Short (Smith?) - since this last surname is written over, it is hard to tell for sure. Of course, Daniel Smith wrote his will by hand, but it was verified as authentic by James Dunlop, John H. Bowen and Isaac Walton (could this be the Isaac Walton? I have noticed other documents listed for this man.) It is too bad that the original copy of this document was damaged right at the point where the connection to the Donelsons and Andrew Jackson is mentioned. If you will notice in one of the Appendix attachments, Daniel Smith mentions his daughter and her relationship to the Donelsons - it would appear that she had children by this surname. Wonder if she married first to a Donelson and then to this James Sanders. As to whether or not Daniel Smith was a son-in-law of Thomas and Agnes, I doubt this. I copied portions of DANIEL SMITH - FRONTIER STATESMAN, and nothing such as this was mentioned. I believe that Sarah (Sally) Smith was a Michie (I didn't copy that portion). However, I did copy the portion in which it is mentioned that they named their daughter, Mary Ann Michie Smith. George and Mary were the only children that the Smiths had. There is mention in DANIEL SMITH of the fact that one Henry Smith was a brother of Daniel.

As to why Agnes did not mention her daughter, Elizabeth, I am at a loss. She only says, "- ----the residue of my estate I wish to be equally divided amongst my relations of nearest kind and revoking all other wills by me made do make this my sole last will and testament." I went back to Mrs. Yantis' ARCHIVES OF TAZEWELL COUNTY (as I have done time after time - and I never can find anything which I missed the first time around), and I found the notation to the effect that the Mastins had at least one child, a daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1792 (that still seems a long time after 1773, when they were married) in Washington County, Virginia. Here, again, we are faced with state boundaries. We know from other sources that Thomas Mastin was in Sumner and Davidson Counties at this time. His appointment as Sheriff of Davidson and this appointment as sheriff of Sumner.

Another interesting thing to me, and I am sure that I have probably mentioned this to you before, is the fact that the Wray land which Thomas Christian obtained by

purchase (and then through litigation with John Wray) was property which bordered Thomas Mastin's property in Washington County. (The massacre of Joseph Wray is narrated in DANIEL SMITH, and this fact is brought out - Joseph Wray was a neighbor of Thomas Mastin.) I am still of the opinion that this is the reason that Thomas Christian wanted this property - it was home! At one point in my search, I was intrigued with the fact that one Isaac Chrisman was also killed about this time. I even went so far as to obtain some documents on this, but could find no connection. I was thinking that this might be a different spelling of the same name.

The copy which I sent to you on the BANDY family was taken from the July-September 1980 issue, Vol. 18, No. 3 of the VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Quarterly. I wrote to Mrs. Major about this article, but she had no additional data. She had not done research on this family. I am trying to "infect" by niece, Nancy with the "genealogy bug"; but, so far, haven't been successful. She is a member of the DAR - more or less fell into this because her paternal grandmother was Honorary Vice-President General of this society at her death - and I was hoping to have her search some of these DAR records for me. Her mother-in-law has been ill this winter and she has had to devote much time to her this winter. Nancy isn't insensitive to this at all, just a matter of getting her moving. She was telling me some very interesting things about one of her visits to London this past year. She had gone into Hatfield House, and was standing admiring a portrait of Queen Elizabeth I. She was struck with the resemblance to my mother and my Aunt Pearl. The curator came up to her and started trying to get her to go to another room because he wanted her to see another portrait there. She told him that this portrait reminded her so much of her grandmother and her aunt. He said, "Yes, but Madam, wait until you see this other picture." So, she went to this room with him and she said it was amazing the similarity between the Queen and herself. The curator had noticed it and just couldn't believe what he saw. I asked Martha if she had noticed this when she was there in August (Martha is my other niece), and she said that there was a very definite Tudor look to members of Mamma's family. That was a "powerful" long-winded way of saying that Nancy is interested - the problem now is to get her to move. I have several DAR applications which I want to check out. I could not get Mrs. Hardcastle to share with us what she has on Thomas Mastin. The way this is listed in ARCHIVES OF TAZEWell, I certainly feel that she must have obtained her membership through this avenue.

I did find out just a little more about Thomas Christian's whereabouts from these papers on this THOMAS CHRISTIAN vs JOHN WRAY litigation. In John Hankins deposition, he states that Thomas Christian was living in his home at one point when he had a discussion with John Wray over his actions in selling this land twice. We keep in mind here that John Hankins married Elizabeth Scaggs; a sister to Lydia Skaggs who married Mathias Harman, Sr. Of course, you know that Lydia and Mathias were the parents of Louisa Harman, who married Thomas Christian - and there we are, full circle again. Since we have no record of when Louisa and Thomas were married, I am now wondering if they could have been married at this time and living with her aunt and uncle, John and Elizabeth Hankins. John and Elizabeth had a son James, who had a son Moses, who had a daughter Elizabeth, and she was the first wife of Alexander Beavers (son of Robert Beavers and Catherine Harman d/o Mathias and Lydia). Alexander's second wife was Rachel Barnett, my mother's grandmother.

Marvin Jones sent me a copy of the family chart which he completed for you. Therefore, I know that you have been in communication with him. I was pretty sure that I had sent you a copy of his wife's pedigree chart. That chart is really incredible! I can't get over how many times over these people in Tazewell are related. I am now subscribing to a weekly paper from over there; and, believe me, I feel at times that I am reading a "home-town" paper. I know these names so well and my mother always spoke of this area with so much love. I have recently been contacted by a man in

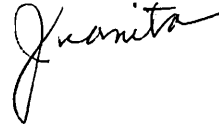
#3 - Agnes Pearlman - January 20, 1981

Wytheville who is descended from Adam Harman through 6 direct lines. Three through Henry, one through Mathias, and two through Daniel.

Marvin noticed and commented on one fact which has plagued me muchly - the fact that Gilbert Christian is often mentioned in the same breath, so to speak, as Thomas Mastin. I may pursue this more as I can - in fact, I want to check out what I can about this Benjamin Christian whom you mentioned in the last issue of the CHRONICLES. Could this have been a relative of Thomas' and another reason he wanted to go to Tazewell. I have copies of Thomas Christians land grants, but they tell one very little. I wrote to Virginia State Library with the thought in mind of finding out more about the background of the procuring of this land - to no avail. They simply indicated that they, the grants, had been purchased by Thomas.

But, enough. I am sure that I bore you with my speculations and ramblings. However, when I start thinking about this my fingers run away from me. I do hope that you had a nice holiday and that things are well with you. We have been having much "flu" here, and it has really been severe this year. Let me hear from you when you have the time.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Juanita".

Mrs. E. Housten Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Enclosure/copies of documents



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

January 29, 1981

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

Rushed as usual, but you know how that is!

I do want to thank you for sending the photocopies of the wills. How much do I owe you? Let me know.

Since placing my query about the parents of Benjamin Christian, born about 1771 in Virginia, I have obtained additional information about him: His wife was Elizabeth Greenup, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Witten) Greenup. Both of them--Benjamin and Elizabeth, that is--died in Wayne County, Kentucky, she in November 1855 and he in 1864.

Data on Benjamin's parents is contradictory. I have some unsubstantiated notes naming them as Gilbert and Lucy (Richards) Christian. More reliable data shows Benjamin's parents as _____ and Nancy (Allison) (Wright) Christian. As yet, I have no proof.

Thank you for referring Marvin Jones for CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. I just heard from him today regarding finding a breakthrough on his paternal Christian line in the issue he ordered. He has become a subscriber. It's always so gratifying to learn that someone has benefitted from one of the articles or features.

It's so frustrating to have the number of leads we have on parentage of your Thomas Christian (and mine, too) and still not be able to establish with certainty whether he is descended from the Augusta County or Charles City County Christians.

I must get back to preparation on the current issue of the CHRONICLES, which will not get out on time again. One of these days I'll manage to catch up.

Sincerely,

February 10, 1981

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

I am enclosing a copy of the 1778 Minutes of Washington County, Virginia, for whatever use they might be to you. I sent a set to Marvin Jones, and I thought that perhaps you might like to have a copy. I also have them for 1777, if you are interested. Although, Thomas Mastin is not mentioned as often in them. He could have been on a campaign at that time - just guessing! I do know that he was on the ^{Virginia} Chicagahauga campaign with Col. Evan Shelby, but I am not going to take the time to look now to see when that was. I obtained a copy of Hezekiah Whitt's application for pension and found this information. Hezekiah Whitt was a son of Richard Whitt and Susannah Skaggs (a sister to Lydia Skaggs). Incidentally, I am now in communication with Athea Boddy, a descendant of Hezekiah. She, too, lives in California and is very nice.

I believe that I am about to round up some data for you on the Allen Christian which you mentioned some time ago. This lady may send it directly to you - so you will know what it is when you receive it. My sister has been in contact with one Henry Banks of Cincinnati who is also searching this line. If I get more of it together, I'll send it on to you.

I, too, was very happy for Marvin Jones. I suggested to him that he subscribe to your publication because I felt that it would be helpful to him. I also suggested the same thing to one Dee Smith of Spokane, WA. She told me that she, too, had subscribed.

Thanks for the data on Benjamin Christian. It would appear that he would not be a likely prospect for being a relative to Thomas. Yet, there is that name GILBERT again. According to the enclosed minutes, the Gilbert Christian therein and Thomas Mastin seemed to have been in very close proximity (this typewriter still runs away with me). Yes, it is indeed frustrating to have so many leads and ideas about Thomas Christian, and not be able to follow any of them through to a solution. I haven't given up, though. I can still see a thread running through all of this information which seems to be the right one to grasp which will pull it all together.

I have written to Mary Kegley (after scanning her new book ADVENTURERS OF THE WESTERN WATERS), asking her if she can shed any light on the Francis and Agnes Smith who is mentioned in this work. I am wondering if there is any connection between them and Daniel - the statesman. We shall see!

Now, as to the cost of copying those wills. I pay 10¢ per sheet for copying. However, I am not that concerned about it. Do whatever you like.

Good luck with your next publication.

Best wishes,

6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Enclosure/ copy Wash. Co., Va., Minutes - 1778

(over)

That would "throw" me - but I'm not going to type it. I'll let you know.

P. S. Ignore that black marking on these minutes copies. I used a yellow HI-LITER to make these names stand out more when I was searching for a particular reference. I had never tired before to copy anything with this marking on it and didn't know that it would photo as black. It is still legible and that is what is important.

JSH



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

February 18, 1981

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

Dear Juanita:

Thank you for your letter of February 10 with all the Washington County, Virginia, data. At the first opportunity, I will review the information contained therein to see what leads I might discover.

Enclosed is check for \$5.00, which I hope is sufficient to cover cost of the copying you have recently done and from which I have benefitted. Since I have already dispersed the material into various files, I could not count the pages--too time-consuming to track everything down.

Dee Smith also became a subscriber to CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. Interestingly, we were already correspondents on our Wall family connections but did not realize that we had a common interest in the Christian family. My Wall connections are on my father's side of the family whereas the Christians are on my mother's side.

I eagerly await any bit of information you are able to provide on Allen Christian. I am intrigued by the fact that your sister has been in contact with a Henry Banks who is also searching this line. My ancestors, Thomas and Rebecca (Pine) Christian, had a daughter Nancy who married a Henry Banks. It is this Thomas, if you recall, who might be the son of Allen and Juda Christian. I wish that I could either prove or disprove the connection.

As you will notice from the enclosed notice, I'm late again.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

February 18, 1981

Juanita, after closing the letter, I decided to take a quick look at those entries in the Washington County, Virginia, court minutes that you had underlined. For the present, I will make the following brief comments.

The Gilbert Christian who is mentioned most frequently in the records is the same Gilbert Christian, born about 1734 to Robert and Isabella (Tiffins) Christian. According to statement of his son, George Christian, in the Lyman Draper collection, Gilbert moved about 1774 "to western country and settled on Island Creek of Holston." This location for awhile was deemed to be in Virginia, then was considered to be in North Carolina, and finally was included within the bounds of Tennessee. Therefore, it is likely that Gilbert Christian lived the entire period after his move from Augusta County, Virginia, to the area near Kingsport, Tennessee--which was at one time registered in the above-mentioned locations and, of course, ~~located~~ fell within the bounds of Sullivan County, Tennessee. This Gilbert Christian married Margaret Anderson, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Crawford) Anderson. This Gilbert died in 1793 on the Hightower campaign in or near Knoxville, Tennessee.

Because of his death date, I do not believe he was the father of your Thomas Christian. Thomas's father must have died much earlier for him to have been called an "orphan." In 1793 Thomas would have been a man.

It is unlikely also that any of Gilbert's children was Thomas's father since they were apparently born too late to have fathered a child of Thomas's age.

The articles on the Gilbert Christian line begin in the current issue, so you can look for many more details.

On page 30 of the abstracts you sent is mention of "an inventory and appraisment of the Estate of Isaac Christman deceased," in 1778. Have you determined that this man was actually a Christman and that his first name was indeed Isaac? Since the name appears in the abstracts more than once and in different places, the rendering is probably correct.

Best regards,



February 17, 1981

Mrs. Agnes Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

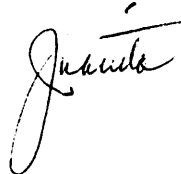
Mrs. Hathaway sent the enclosed to me to forward on to you. She said that the first sheet was just things which she had jotted down from time to time as she talked with people on the 'phone in regard to the CHRISTIANS. She wanted me to look at this material and then send it on to you for whatever it is worth to you.

In case you should like to correspond with her, her address is: Mrs. Robert Hathaway, Route 3, Box 29, Hurricane, WV, 25526. She is still checking those sheets which you sent out some time ago for scrutiny by CHRISTIAN researchers. I asked her if she would please send her comments to me if, and when, she finishes with her study. If I receive them, be assured that I shall pass them along to you.

I have some more notes from one Henry Banks of Cincinnati which my sister sent to me. She is now in Florida and I am not sure when she will return. I don't have his address; so, must wait for her return before I can send you a copy of said notes. I am sure that he is in the Allen Christian line about which you were inquiring.

I am now in contact with another Christian in Tazewell. She has sent me lists of CHRISTIAN marriages. When I have had time to check them, I'll send you a copy.

Best wishes,



Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, WV 25560

P. S. I was especially curious about the WILLIAM CHRISTIAN in Green County, Kentucky. Green County is where one finds so many of the Skaggs family. Is this the William Christian?

Staebenville Churchyard 5 mi NE on Kentucky 90, Staebenville,
Kentucky, cemetery

B. H. Christian 5-7-1812, 2-24, 1912

1795 FIRST TAX LIST Green Co. Ky.

Christian, Wm. 1 white male over 21, 2 horses.

N.G. Soc. Quarterly Vol 55, no. 3, John Christian - Tax Collections 1852-59
Weatherville TRINITY County, California
Feb 24, 1858

BOOK: History of the New River ~~Christian~~ Settlements and
Contiguous Territory, by David E. Johnston, 1906.

Civil War(?) p. 214. Private Robert A. Christian,
Company I in Bayonett charge of the 30th,
was assailed by 4 enemies. He
killed 3 and was wounded by Bayonets.
His brother Eli W. Christian going to his
aid and dispatched the 4th one. Both
belonged to Ryan's Mercer Co.

20 years ago they found remnants
of this Indian Battle in McDowell
Co. and presented Relics to Mr
Hiram Christian of McDowell Co.

Christianburg - Robt, Kanawha Va.
militia Pension 1833 age 70.

(Incomplete notes copied by phoned info. - not
totally clear to me - for anything they may be worth.

Cabell Co. WVA Deed Book 3 page 141

1800 25 acres RUM CREEK (Logan County) Wm Dingess sold to James Christian and James Pine. property adjoins Pine's Plantation and Robert Mc Neely's (mike or MITT) DAM.

1821 Cabell Co WVA Deed Book 3 page 449

Peter Dingess + wife Sara sold to Allen Christian, SR. 50 ACRES, Guyandotte River + Rum Creek (Logan Co.)

Wayne County W. Va. Marriages 1848-1889 Archives State House Charleston W. Va.
List of names of Parents of those married were listed as follows

Last Name Christian: Albert

Spencer + Echust (?)

A. + E.

E.A. + E.

H. + M

Henry + Rebecca

Silas + Polly

Anderson

didn't have time to copy
Bride + Groom names

Cabell Co. W. Va. Marriages (Cab. Co. Court House Huntington W. Va.)

Nancy Christian - Robt. Mc Neely Sept 15, 1812 Book 1 page 3

Margaret Christian - Samuel Mc Neely Sept 15, 1820 1 - 22

Susannah Christian - Harrison Walker Oct 4, 1832

Alder Christian - Sara Thacker 1836 1 - 59

Andrew Christian - Mary Ann Tally 1841 1 - 72

Jacob Pine - Polly Fudge 1813 1 - 6

John Pine - Polly Beckett

Nancy Pine - Phillip Highsey 1831 1 - 43

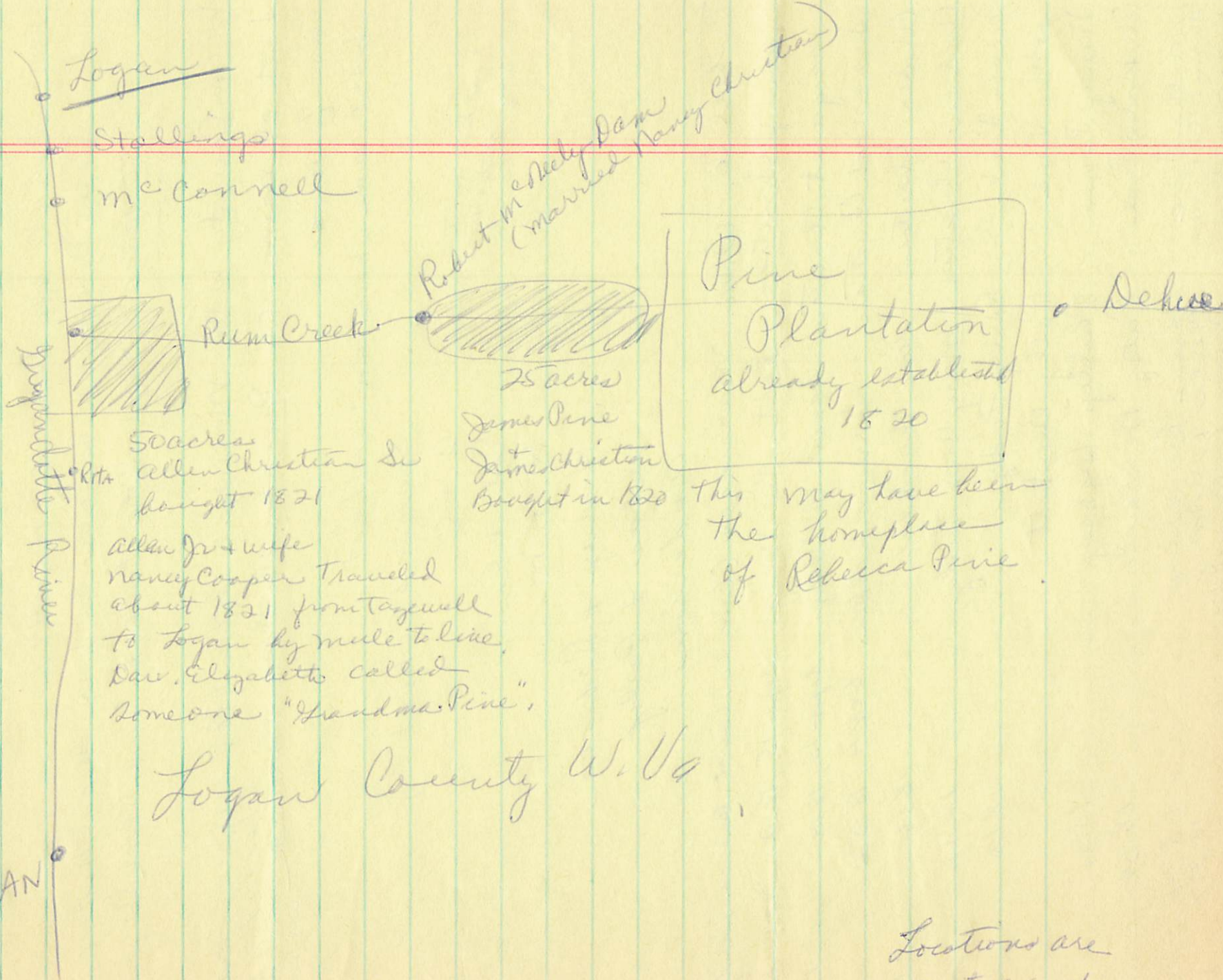
Alexander Pine - Patsy Barber 1834 1 - 50

Martha Pine - James Douglass 1834

James E Pine - Pheobe Bellamy 1857

Victoria Pine - James C Reynolds

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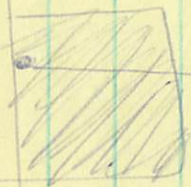
Logan

Stallings

McConnell

Robert M. ^{elderly} ~~elderly~~ ^{Dan} ~~Dan~~
(married Nancy Christian)

Rebecca River



Rum Creek



25 acres

James Pine
+ James Christian
bought in 1820

Pine
Plantation
already established
1820

Rebecca

50 acres
Allen Christian Sr.
bought 1821

Allen Jr. + wife
Nancy Cooper traveled
about 1821 from Tazewell
to Logan by mule to line
dam. Elizabeth called
someone "Grandma Pine".

This may have been
the homeplace
of Rebecca Pine.

Logan County W. Va.

MAN

Locations are
not exact.

March 3, 1981

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue,
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

As James Whitcomb Riley would have said, "If I had my 'druthers", I would not take reimbursement for copies of data which I send to various people. I love to be able to share something which I think will be helpful to someone else. Yet, I realize that we all could create a Frankensteinian Monster if we didn't accept some financial assistance. Therefore, I do thank you for your check; but, I am sending in return a \$2.00 check to refund a portion of this amount. I just hope that what I send to you from time to time will be helpful.

Dee told me that she was going to subscribe to your publication. I have also routed another prospective subscriber in your direction. She is Agnes Rudbery of San Antonio. She is also a descendant of John Wesley Reed and Nancy Christian through their daughter Nancy Jane who married Jesse Bean (This is also Bina's line of descent.) I put her in touch with Bina in order for her to obtain more Bean data; and advised her to subscribe to your publication - especially to try to obtain the first issue which I believe would help her more at this point. Of course, all are good - I just thought that she needed to see the first issue.

I am going ahead and sending ^{to} you, with this letter, the information which Elsa sent to me from Homer Banks of Cincinnati in re ALLEN CHRISTIAN. Elsa is now back from Florida, but she keeps forgetting to give me Homer Banks address. If I receive it in today's mail, I'll put it in this letter. I must hold this letter until I go to the post office to have it weighed anyway. Mrs. Hathaway is getting more interested and I may be able to get more information from her (or she may write to you directly). I am sending her some family charts which I have on some of the members of this branch of the family with the thought that it might stimulate her memory in regard to same. If she sends anything to me, I'll send it on - she knows that we are exchanging information. She has told me that there is a Mr. Christian here in the area who is going to call me once she gets some data to him - I'm anxious for his call.

Also, I am enclosing a copy of a deed of transfer of land to THOMAS MASTIN from JAMES AND RACHEL SKAGGS, Fincastle County, 1773. I have seen this in some records as Thomas MARTIN and, consequently, paid it no mind until recently - especially after finding out that Sumner County had Thomas Mastin's and Mrs. Mastin's wills recorded as Martin. This deed tells me many things - none of which I can prove. First, notice the date - 1773. The year, according to ARCHIVES OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, in which Thomas Mastin and Agnes _____ married. Could this have been with the idea of making a home? I know that they died in Sumner County, but it is possible that at this time they did not have any intentions of going to Tennessee. Another thing I read from this transaction, This James and Rachel Skaggs must have been the parents of Lydia, et al. One finds so many land transactions between this couple and others whom we know were family members. Another thing I see - Thomas Mastin raised THOMAS CHRISTIAN. Thomas Christian married a granddaughter of this couple - if, indeed, they be the parents of Lydia. *Proof of association.*

#2 - Agnes Pearlman - March 3, 1981

I was recently checking ANNALS OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA by Summers again down at the library. I found this - I may have seen it before, but its importance didn't register with me until this time." Thomas Mastin, on the 9th of May, 1770, in Botetourt County, took his usual oath to his Majesty's Person and Government, repeated and subscribed the test, and took the oath of Deputy Sheriff of this county." Note the date - 1770 - the date of THOMAS CHRISTIAN's birth, if the census of 1850 be correct. I was told by officials in Sumner County that Thomas Mastin was often given guardianship of orphans because of his being sheriff. I tried to get a record where he was made guardian of some Searcy children - but was unable to obtain it. The one cloud here, however, is the fact that I had already checked Botetourt County for orphans. There is a gentleman there who compiled a book on orphans - he could not find Thomas. Yet, we do know from these two dates where Thomas Mastin was at that particular time. But...where did he find Thomas - that problem remains!!!!

Our minds definitely run in the same channel in some respects - I had no sooner seen that Isaac Christman's estate settlement than I thought, "Could this be?" So, I immediately sent for these papers and have had them for some time. I could see no connection. From other records which I have read, there seems to have definitely been "Christmans" - I seem to remember, though, that you had said that this was one of the variations of the spelling of "Chrisian." Anyway, I am enclosing copies of these documents for whatever they are worth to you. I sorta put them back in abeyance with the thought that they might fit in later on.

I suppose that you are aware of Mary Kegley's new book EARLY ADVENTURERS OF THE WESTERN WATERS? I have been in communication with her, giving her some material on the Skaggs and Harmans which she didn't have in her book. I asked her about these Smiths, Daniel, et al. She said that she did not know how Francis and Agnes Smith, if at all, were connected to the others. She had found no connection. She says that Henry Smith was the father of Daniel. I intend to write to her again, because I want to question her further on some of these relationships. I can't help but feel that we are going to find some family connection somewhere between the Smiths, Christians, Mastins, et al.

I know that you are much too busy to be bothered with some of these ramblings, but I keep hoping that some place we are going to strike the right chord. I shall be looking forward to the next issue of the CHRONICLES. I know that you have a job - you may have to change your publication date.

Best wishes,



Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Enclosure/ deed, inventory, etc.

Grantees Book

Perry

This from James Banks Circuit Court

for James

~~A 8 William Perry to Elisha Pomeroy 8-15-1821
Kingdon Come Creek 17 Acres~~

Grantees

~~A 60 William Parks to Jonathan Frazer 1-11-1824
\$150 500 Kingdon Come Creek~~

B-223 Thomas Christian's Heirs to Allin Christian
\$250 40 A
Rebecca Christian
Jas P Christian
John Wilson
Thomas Christian
Henry Banks
Judy Christian
Gilbert Hagins
Richard Lancaster
Edward Parsons
3-31-1840
N. Fork of Ky. River

B-390 Henry Banks }
James Christian } to Allin Christian
Thomas Christian } \$100 70 A
John Wilson } N. Fork Ky. River
Gilbert Hagins } Survey in name of John Sumner
Richard Lemaster }
John Lemaster }

Warrant

Book

B-392

Perry

James Christian } To Thomas Christian 12-20-1845

for Edward Parsons heirs

John P. Lemaster for Juda Christian heirs

Gilbert Hagan

Richard Lemaster

50 A

\$475

John Wilson

N. Fork Ky. River

Allen Christian

Henry Banks

B-429

James Christian To Allen Christian 12-20-1845

Thomas Christian

50 A.

\$100

Henry Banks

N. Fork Ky. River

Gilbert Hagan

Survey made in name of

Richard Lemaster

John Summerlin

John Lemaster

abstract book

154

Spencer & Elizabeth Banks

8-9-1909

to North Fork Coal & Timber Co

Montgomery Creek of Carter's Fork

100 A

\$1000

being 1/3 interest in farm of Elizabeth Banks, dec'd.

(deced by Mrs Adams)

156

Minta Banks to North Fork Coal

1-27-1905

50 A

\$500

Montgomery Creek

1/6 of Elizabeth Banks farm



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

March 21, 1981

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

Although I am working diligently day and night to complete the current issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, I wished to take time to write--not only to respond to your recent letter and card but to make a hurried request.

First: The second installment regarding the Tazewell County, Virginia, Christian lines will appear in this issue of the CHRONICLES; and I find that some vitally important information is missing (no pun intended). For this issue I am especially anxious to have as complete as possible the two families of Thomas Christian, born about 1770. If you have the information, could you rush the following to me:

1. Mastin Christian, born about 1799, was married at least twice-- first to Jane McKenster 4 August 1823, divorced before 1828 next to Maria _____. Do you know her maiden name? Possibly a third time to Margaret _____ although 1860 census enumerator may have spelled name incorrectly. Have you anything on this?
2. George Christian, born about 1836 to second wife of Thomas. Do you have any additional information about George? Did he marry, etc.?
3. Sarah "Sally" Christian, born about 1840 to second wife of Thomas. Did she marry; if so, who?
4. Lilly or Letty Christian, born about 1842 to second wife of Thomas. Which is her correct name? Did she marry, etc.?
5. Have you ever determined maiden name of Thomas's second wife?

In reviewing and resorting my material, I noticed that in your 1850 Tazewell County, Virginia, abstracts, you had erroneously identified head of household 1167 as Dave Christian. This man was Daniel Christian--probably appearing as Dan'l. This also explains why you had "lost" this Daniel. The Daniel of household 1176 was not Thomas's son; he was probably son of John by John's first wife. Another census correction for household 1177: name of wife would be "Catharn," not Calhorn as you showed it. This would have been John's second wife. The John of household 915/887 was probably the eldest son of John. He had probably moved to his wife's neighborhood.

Because Thomas Mastin was security to the marriage of Agnes Christian to Thomas Cartwright in 1791 in Sumner County, Tennessee, I thought you might be interested in the following later marriage: Martha Jane Christian married Isaac L. Cartwright 21 November 1853 in Warren County, Tennessee.

Must wait until later for more,

Stamps enclosed to cover cost of photocopies.

March 27, 1981

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

Dear Agnes:

It was pleasant to talk with you last evening. The reason I called was to see if you would like to see this data from Frank Asbury Christian before your next publication. I suppose that I am "grasping for straws", but some of this material seemed to fall in place - especially since I had received the letter from Christine Olson, giving me more information on the Nathaniel Christian branch of the family. When I can get copies made of Mr. Christian's data, I'll send you a copy for whatever use it might be to you.

Now, I'll try to answer your questions:

1. Mastin Christian - You say he was born about 1799. The 1850 Census lists his age as 57 (I'm sure you have this). If this age be correct, then he would have been born circa 1793 (which is the date on Mr. Christian's data). I don't know the name of his second wife (surname, that is). Mr. Christian suggests that it might have been "Birchfield" since his daughter, Nancy Birchfield, and her husband, Noah Birchfield, were living in the same household in the 1850 census. I have no idea as to why he would reach this conclusion. Of course, Mastin's wife, Maria, is not mentioned in the Bill of Complaint.
2. I have searched my records and I have nothing on George, the son of Thomas Christian, Sr. and Mary Altizer.
3. I can find nothing on Sarah "Sally" Christian.
4. Lilly is the correct name (through contact with other correspondants, I have long since corrected my 1850 census). As to whom she married, I have this: 1859, Aug 17 - Henderson R. Wingo, 25 years; Lilly Christian, 15 years (in 1859, our Lilly would have been 17 years - this could be a mistake in recording). Both: divorced. Res. Tazewell County, Va. Parents: Squire & Mary Wingo and Thomas & Mary Christian - both farmers. Performed by: Patton J. Lockhart. Also, this: Lilly Christian married Thomas Bandy, July 23, 1853 (could she have been married at 11 years - note above where the record says "divorced.") This informant also lists her marrying Henderson R. Wingo, Aug 17, 1859. This is listed under Thomas Christian where reference is made of his will of 1852 - the informant lists children of second marriage and then these marriages, giving the marriage of Mathias Christian to Eleanor Beaden on the 5th Sept 1854.
5. I have never been able to determine who Mary Altizer was married to before Thomas, if this be the case. I have made an attempt to reach Altizers in Tazewell, but no luck, as yet.

#2 - Agnes Pearlman - March 27, 1981

I do want to make another comment on Mastin Christian. You say he married Jane McKenster 4 August 1823. This one informant has this marriage thusly: "Masteon Christian to Jane McVienster Sept 1, 1822. David Christian to Linney Trent - 1822. Moses Christian to Polly Beavers July 29, 1819. Ruth Christian to Adam Harmon Aug 20, 1819. Daniel Christian to Hannah Harrison Apr. 23, 1831. (Forgive! I started to tell you about Mastin, and I saw these others - so, just listed them.) Anyway, Mr. Christian also lists Mastin's marriage date to Jane McKenster as September 1822. (I'm sure that he has not been in contact with this other informant.)

I also find these Christian marriages listed in the same era: James Asbury to Levica Christian Feb 6, 1850. Thomas Beavers to Nancy Christian Oct 2, 1850. Daniel Christian to Sarah Mounts Aug 20, 1850. Ruthy Christian to George W. Hurst June 9, 1851; and Ruthy Christian to James M. Hurst June 2, 1851 - there was a question mark after these two. Amith Asbury to Syndia Christian Jan 22, 1852. ~~Asburyxxxxxx~~ Thomas Bandy to Lilly Christian July 28, 1853. Mathias Christian to Eleanor Beaden Sept 5, 1854. Thomas Christian to Martha VanDyke Feb 21, 1855. James Bandy to Nancy Christian June 14, 1855. Lydia Christian to William Pruitt April 3, 1855. John Christian to Clemantine Harmon Jan 7, 1857. Mary Christian to Robert Patrick Dec 24, 1857. David Christian to Amanda Elxwick Jan 26, 1859. Luther Christian to Bettie Nuckolls Nov 17, 1859. Malvina Christian to Chapman S. Johnston July 30, 1863. Thomas B. Christian to Elizabeth Brewster Jan 3, 1864. Hannah Christian to Guy L. Beavers Nov 30, 1865. Rachel Christian to Arvey Claypool Nov 15, 1866. Ruthy Christian to Mathias Beavers Nov 14, 1868. (These did not come from Frank Asbury Christian, but they did come from a lady who has an Asbury line in her family.)

All, with whom I am now corresponding in the Christian family, seem to concur with the belief that Moses was the son of Thomas and Louisa ~~Skaggs~~ (forgive, I'm in a hurry and have no time for corrections) [Harman] Christian ~~xxxxxx~~ (I'm even starting to repeat). However, none have been able to offer proof. All indications seem to point in that direction.

This is what Chris Olson had in her last letter - she had just received this data from another person:

"THOMAS CHRISTIAN III, b ca 1700 d. 1743-44 Goochland Co., Va. m. ca 1723 to Rebecca Price b ca 1703. List Thomas' parents as Thos. Christian Jr. & Rebecca New. Children of Thos. Charistian III & Rebecca Price:

Anthony b 1724; d 1794; m. 1755 to Mary Watkins in Amelia Co. Va.

Nathaniel b ca 1726; d ca 1779; m. to Jane Adair

Thomas IV b. 1728; d. after 1790; m. Mary Chisholm Goochland Co. Va

Jesse b. ca 1730

David b. ca 1732

Lewis b. ca 1734; d. 1830 Hawkins Co Va; m. Peggy Felkner

Archer b. ca 1736

Mary b. ca 1738

Susanna b. ca 1740

Elizabeth b. ca 1742; d. after 1805; m. ca 1749 Wm. ~~Rad~~ Bradley Buckingham Co. Va "

(What a time for my correcting ribbon to play out!!!!)

I am having a time divorcing myself from this family - the given names are so similar. I find "Jane" cropping up so many times in our branch of the family.

Hope this helps. I'll get a new ribbon before I write again.

Best Wishes,





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April 24, 1981

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Dear Juanita:

Although the CHRONICLES is still not quite ready for mailing, I am taking a few moments to respond to a few questions posed in your letter of March 27.

First, let me thank you for your promptness in sending the data requested.

Regarding your answer 4: I doubt that the Lilly Christian who married Henderson R. Wingo was divorced. That is probably an error in recording. Indeed, if it were Lilly (Christian) Bandy, then her name at the second marriage would have been "Bandy" rather than "Christian."

The date of Mastin Christian's marriage to Jane McKenster was 1 September 1822, as you have it. I had inadvertently copied another Christian's date on the family group record for Mastin. It just shows that one must constantly check and recheck. It is in John Newton Harman's book on Tazewell County that Jane's name is listed as McVienster. It is my belief that Mr. Harman incorrectly transcribed McKenster as McVienster--a rather easy error since in script a "Ke" could look like "Vie" particularly if the "i" were not dotted.

It would appear that the quotation you sent from Chris Olson's letter is from McClanahan's manuscript. That is also the source for much of the information sent to various correspondents by Frank Asbury Christian. Although McClanahan's material is valuable and contains much correct information, it is filled with contradictions and erroneous conclusions. Often, too, speculation is presented as fact. He lives nearby and furnished me with a copy of his latest manuscript. In addition, we have visited together at his home and mine and discussed many of the inconclusive points, so I believe I can accurately analyze and evaluate what he has done.

Again, many thanks for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

May 12, 1981

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Dear Agnes:

Housten and I have been working against time in an effort to get our "house in order" before June 9th when he is scheduled for a cataract extraction. Consequently, I am not devoting as much time to genealogy as I had been, but I intend to keep my "finger in the pot" because my mind gets stale if I don't keep up with it.

I shall try now to comment on portions of your recent letter: With regard to the Lilly Christian who married Henderson R. Wingo, I don't know why I associated the name "Bandy" with her because I have nothing to indicate that. What I was questioning was the fact that it says "both divorced." This seems strange and I asked my informant if she could have misread this and she said that is the way it is listed - I can't vouch for it because I have not seen the original. What I have reads thusly: "1859, Aug 17 - Henderson R. Wingo, 25 years - Lilly Christian, 15 years. Both: Divorced. Res: Taz. Co. Va. Parents: Squire and Mary Wingo; Thomas and Mary Christian - Farmers. Performed by: Patton J. Lockhart." The Bandy connection which I had mentioned ^{Christian} to you some time back was the daughter of Thomas Bandy named Phebe - evidently she had married a Bandy because she is listed with his children as Phebe Christian. I have obtained his Revolutionary War Record and it tells us nothing more than this. He was in Summer County, TN, at the time of death and his second wife made petition for his pension from there. This, apparently, is another "dead end." Of course, there is still the nephew mentioned in Agnes Mastin's will - Jemierson Bandy - somewhere there is a connection between Agnes Mastin and the Bandys.

As you will see, I am enclosing copies of pages taken from TENNESSEE COUSINS by Ray. It clears up the question as to the lineage of Daniel Smith. I note also, with a great deal of interest, that this book says that Daniel Smith's wife was Sarah Searcy. (I was fairly sure that Walter Durham in DANIEL SMITH - FRONTIER STATESMAN had said she was a Michie) Be that as it may, Frank Christian sent a notation to the effect that Thomas Mastin had been given the care of two orphans, John and Reuben Searcy, until they were 21 years of age. His (Frank Christian's) other lead as to the wills of Daniel Smith, Thomas Mastin and Agnes Mastin proved to be correct. So, this could well be, also. I have intended to try to obtain copy of this guardianship. However, I am searching for other records from Nashville and they will only process one request at a time. I shall try for it later.

Another observation from TENNESSEE COUSINS was the fact that Gov. Blount had a sister named Agnes. I doubt, though, that this could have been Agnes Mastin because he was so well-known that mention would have been made as to his sister's husband.

To quote an old adage, "To err is human. . ." We all make mistakes otherwise there would be no need for erasers. I have been wrong so many times - especially in my feeble beginnings in this family research - but, I tell my ladies and teen-age girls in the classes that I teach, the sign of a real man or woman is to be able to say, "I was wrong." I know that your goal is to be able to present a factual publication, and I admire you for it. You have helped me tremendously; and I have, in turn, tried to help others. I appreciate correction because I don't want to mislead anyone. (Ain't that a heck of a way to say - "Forget it; it's all right?")

#2 - Agnes Pearlman - May 12, 1981

I have ~~copied~~^{Typed} the material which Frank A. Christian sent to me and have copied it. I have not sent it to many; those I have were told to read it with care and to check data. It is, indeed, a tantalizing hypothesis and one which keeps returning to one's "thinking process." I am now in the process of going through Chalkley's, Summers Annals of Southwest Virginia, and Tennessee Cousins with a "fine-toothed comb." Page by page - I have found that vital information is oftentimes left out of indices.

Homer Banks sent my sister some interesting data. I am not sure of his source - "Tennessee Cousins" is at the bottom of the page; but, I haven't found it in the book, as yet. These are his notes: "Mary Adair md. Capt. Robert Christian, son of Maj. Gilbert Christian of Sullivan County. They had several children among the leading citizens of Knox Co., TN. Maj. Gilbert Christian on Smith, Christian, and Boone explorations into Cumberland area of KY in 1760's. Col. William Christian (1776) wife - Mary Campbell Christian - Sullivan Co., TN. Dau. - Margaret b. 6-15-1777, d. 4-10-1854 - moved from near Abingdon, VA."

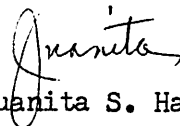
Some more trivia from Homer Banks: "NANCY BANKS - 1836 - Perry County, Ky. County Court Orders, Book A, page 428 - Nancy Banks ordered to appear at November, 1836, term of court to show cause why her infant son, JOE CHRISTIAN, shall not be bound out. - - - - - JOE CHRISTIAN - 1882 - Charged with housebreaking, November, 1882 - Letcher County, KY, Circuit Court. ALLEN CHRISTIAN - 1868 - Jury List - Letcher County, KY., Circuit Court. 1870 Letcher County Census - KY - Allen Christian, age 67, b. Va; Margaret, age 39, b. Va.; Elizabeth, age 5, b KY."

Would have xeroxed the above for you, but my getting to a copying machine has been curtailed with Houston's diminished vision. I won't drive because a car scares me silly; so, we are more or less at the mercy of friends and relatives for the time being. He has some good days and we take advantage of them to get done what has to be done.

Bina mentioned in her letter recently something about the old Christian home which she sees from the train on her way back to Pikeville from visiting in McDowell County (Maybe it was coming from Majestic, KY, because she used to live there). Do you know what she is talking about?

Another long-winded letter!! Forgive me. My mind seems to go into neutral and full-speed ahead when I get to the typewriter.

Best of wishes,



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Enclosure/Excerpt from TENNESSEE COUSINS by Ray

Y FAMILY OF GALLATIN AND COUNTY

FRAY and his wife SARAH MCGANNETT to Middle Tennessee, and settled the line of SMITH County about according to Mrs. Benton, of AN, in Williamson County.

FRAY was from Virginia, but what particular locality, is now unknown. The tradition in the family at JOHN was a Revolutionary soldier at the age of 16 years. Two of FRAY children have a record of having been born in Virginia; Eliza in 1792, and William Washington in 1801.

Names of the children were:

- 1. PHILLY FRAY m. HUBBARD
- 2. HALLY FRAY m. JAMES JOHNSON
- 3. JACKIE FRAY
- 4. HENRY JOHN FRAY (M. E. Min.)
- 5. ELIZABETH FRAY m. HEARN
- 6. CHARLES H. FRAY m. HEARD
- 7. W. H. FRAY m. SPANFIELD
- 8. DANIEL FRAY m. ELIZABETH LEHMAN

WILLIAM WASHINGTON FRAY and others above children married and descendants.

Some of these descendants settled in and GALLATIN in SUMNER COUNTY early day, and these were the core of the family of that name shortly after the war between states, settled in Texas, where were distinguished leaders and some of the bar.

Some of them. HARRY FRAY is in TEXAS. He came to Texas in early day and joined an uncle, became a distinguished jurist a few years ago. Harry Fray was a lawyer in the town of GALLATIN, an attorney; only recently re-elected Chairman of the State Executive Committee, and is present Company Executive and the land owner in the Rio Valley in the southern part State.

Y FAMILY FROM VIRGINIA.

Wm G. GIBSON was born in LUNenburg County, Virginia, May 23, 1821 died about three miles West of in 1890. His wife was WILLIAM. They were parents of FRANKLIN GIBSON, born Jan. 20, and died September 3, 1924.

GEN. DANIEL SMITH AND HIS FAMILY OF SUMNER COUNTY

When the first County Court of SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, met at the home of JOHN HAMILTON at Station Camp Creek in 1787, the first name on the list of JUSTICES was that of GEN. DANIEL SMITH.

The following is copied from the Congressional Directory pages 1003-1004:

DANIEL SMITH, a Senator from Tennessee; born in STAFFORD COUNTY, Virginia, October 28, 1748; attended William and Mary College; surveyor; moved to AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA; deputy surveyor of Augusta County, 1773; Justice of the Peace in 1776; Major of the Washington (County) militia; high sheriff (of Washington county) in 1780; commissioned a Colonel in the Second Battalion and fought in several battles of the Revolution; moved to SUMNER COUNTY, Tennessee, at the close of the war; appointed by President Washington Secretary of the Territory South of the Ohio river, January 7, 1790; a presidential elector; member of the Constitutional convention of 1796; made the first map of Tennessee; a General of militia; appointed to the United States Senate, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Andrew Jackson, and served from October 6, 1798, to March 3, 1799; elected to the United States Senate, and served from December 2, 1805 to March 31, 1809, when he resigned; died in Rock Castle, Sumner County, Tennessee, June 6, 1818.

(I have often wondered just how accurate these biographical sketches in the Congressional (official) Directory really are. Dr. Goodpasture, along time ago gave Daniel Smith's birth as being in 1740, while the above sketch says 1748)

Quoting from "Papers of Gen. Daniel Smith" from the Tennessee Historical Society's Collection, printed on pp. 213-214 American Historical Magazine Vol. 6:

DANIEL SMITH, son of CROSBY and SARAH SMITH, was born in Overwharton Parish, STAFFORD County, Virginia, on October 28, 1748, (Congress says it was October 24th) and died at his home in SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, on June 6, 1818. The Register of Overwharton Parish states that his parents were English, and there is some

REASON TO BELIEVE that they had first settled in MARYLAND.

And this writer, who has made somewhat of a study of the Maryland records, will take the liberty to add as his personal belief in the matter, that it would have been nearer correct to have stated that his great great grandparents had settled in Maryland.

In 1792 DANIEL SMITH was recommended by Colonel William Preston as a "very worthy officer", and in 1782 he was highly praised by Col. William Fleming, of Virginia. After his retirement in the year 1809, he repaired to his plantation on Drake's Creek in Sumner County, where about fifteen years before (1794) he had built a magnificent country house, which he called "Rock Castle", a house built of cut stone, which is still in existence, and probably owned by some of his descendants.

Among lands surveyed by Gen. Daniel Smith in Sumner County, and delivered to Col. ANTHONY HENKISON December 7th, 1785, were those belonging to the following early settlers in what is now SUMNER COUNTY:

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| Samuel Hayes | Robert Gwynn |
| William Stewart | Edgar Hogan |
| Anthony Eldscoe | Benjamin Drake |
| Henry Ramsey | |
| The above all pre-emptors. | |
| Amos Boston | Hairs of |
| Jordan Gibson | SAMUEL MCGROW. |
| Robert Steele | Isaac Eldscoe |
| Magnus McDonald | Samuel Moseley |
| Elmore Douglass | Isaac Shelby. |

This demonstrates that DANIEL SMITH was engaged in surveying lands in the Cumberland Settlement as early as 1785, at the time the State of Franklin was being fomented and established on the East side of the Cumberlands and five years before Governor William Blount, as chief executive and Daniel Smith, himself, as Territorial Secretary took over the reins of the government of the "Territory South of the Ohio" with headquarters on the Watauga, in East Tennessee.

The wife of GEN. DANIEL SMITH, and the mother of his children was named SARAH, her parents name unknown. She was born January 30, 1755, and died April 12, 1831, thirteen years after General Smith's death.

As two of their children married into the Donelson family, the writer thinks the two families were in some way related, back in Maryland.

DANIEL SMITH'S ANCESTORS LIVED IN
SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND

DANIEL SMITH, himself, we conclude, was the son of GORSEY SMITH and his wife SARAH (last name unknown), and he was born in STAFFORD COUNTY, Va., as the books say.

His parents, or it may have been the grand-parents, evidently came from Maryland, and the CAPTAIN HENRY SMITH, who, before the last day of August, 1885, under an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, was appointed as a commissioner in SOMERSET COUNTY, Maryland, to carry out the provisions of said Act, was, we think, his ancestor. Others appointed to serve in the same capacity for Somerset County, at the same time, included COL. WILLIAM HALTON and MR. THOMAS FURNELL, ancestor of MARY FURNELL, who became the wife of JOHN DONELSON, in Pittsylvania County, Va. on August 17, 1779, 96 years later. (See Old Somerset and the Eastern Shore, page 414, by Torrance.)

DANIEL SMITH, who was probably a son of Captain Henry Smith, of Somerset County, Maryland, married SARAH FURNELL, a daughter of THOMAS FURNELL & his brother RICHARD FURNELL is mentioned in the will of DANIEL SMITH in Ann Arundell County, Maryland, August 18, 1783. He also mentions his son, DANIEL SMITH in his will, his daughters Elizabeth and Alice and his brother ISAAC SMITH.

On the 8th of April, 1700, a HENRY SMITH (possibly the CAPTAIN, or possibly a son) was witness to the will of JAMES ROUNDE, of SOMERSET COUNTY - MARYLAND, who left a bequest to his brother, WILLIAM ROUNDE and to REV. SAMUEL DAVIS (not DAVIES) shown in Vol. 2, Bladwin's Md. Calendar or Wills. Then, on September 15, 1715, SAMUEL ROUNDE, a merchant in Maryland and in the BARBADOS, left a will in SOMERSET, in which JAMES CROGUE was a witness. (Ibid p. 46, Vol. 4).

JOHN FRANKLIN and WILLIAM and RICHARD FRANKLIN, JOHN DONELSON, WILLIAM and SAMUEL BROWN, THOMAS and JOHN FURNELL, JOHN and JOHN STOCKLEY, the CROSEYS & CAPT. HENRY SMITH and WILLIAM HALTON, were all neighbors at SNOW HILL, SOMERSET COUNTY, Maryland; all belonged to the same Church, and persons bearing the same name found their way to the Cumberland Settlements nearly 100 years later, intermarried and prospered.

DANIEL SMITH'S WIFE AND CHILDREN
AND SOME CONNECTIONS

DANIEL SMITH's wife was SARAH SEARCY from North Carolina. At least two of her brothers, and possibly three settled in the Morg District and were neighbors of the Smiths. These were probably BARLETT, REUBEN and ROBERT SEARCY.

DANIEL SMITH's sons were grown men when the family was living in Washington District in East Tennessee, or some of them were.

I have not found an authentic list of Daniel Smith's children. I am very sure he had:

1. SEARCY SMITH, who owned and occupied "ROCK CASTLE" after the death of his father in 1818.
2. COL. GEORGE SMITH (b. 1776 d. 1846) who married TABITHA DONELSON.
3. DANIEL SMITH, JR., about whom I know practically nothing.
4. MARY SMITH, who married SAMUEL DONELSON, son of COL. JOHN DONELSON and RACHEL STOCKLEY.

SEARCY SMITH, one of the sons named above, was married and had a family & was living near the present CASTLETON SPRINGS, not far from the present location of GALLATIN in 1794, at the time the two ANTHONY BLEDSOES, were attacked and killed. The tragedy occurred within site of his home.

HENRY SMITH, who was one of the "Long Hunters" who came down out of Virginia in 1789, and explored the Cumberland country, one of his companions on the trip being ISAAC BLEDSOE, father of one of the ANTHONIES who were killed in 1794 by the Indians at the Searcy Smith place, was brother of DANIEL.

COLONEL GEORGE SMITH m. TABITHA DONELSON, the daughter of JOHN DONELSON, and his wife, MARY FURNELL.

JOHN DONELSON, of PITTSYLVANIA County, Virginia, married MARY FURNELL in that County, August 17, 1779. - Marriage Bonds of Pittsylvania County.

GEN. DANIEL SMITH DONELSON, the son of SAMUEL DONELSON and MARY SMITH, was born June 23, 1801, and died April 7, 1865.

THE DONELSON FAMILY AND SOME OF ITS
SUMNER COUNTY CONNECTIONS

The DONELSON FAMILY properly belongs in the annals of DAVIDSON COUNTY, but its relation to the family of DANIEL SMITH makes it convenient to give a brief account of it here.

As early as 1716 and 1717 the name of JOHN DONELSON (sometimes spelled DONALDSON) begins to appear on the records of SOMERSET COUNTY, Maryland, and in 1704, WILLIAM DONALDSON was living on Kent Island, Md. Cal. of Wills Vol 3, p. 65. JOHN DONELSON appears in connection with the Church at SNOW HILL in 1727-30, with the MARTINS and ROGERS families; and on the records of the Session of the SNOW HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH as late as May 4, 1753 the "Rev. Mr. DONELSON was acting pastor of both SNOW HILL and FITTS CREEK.

REV. SAMUEL DAVIS (not DAVIES) lived also in Somerset County, and frequently preached at SNOW HILL. Doubtless it was his daughter CATHERINE DAVIS - instead of CATHERINE DAVIES - who became the wife of COL. JOHN DONELSON and removed to PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY in VIRGINIA.

In Dr. Foote's account of the family of the REV. SAMUEL DAVIES (who died at the age of 37 years in 1761) there is no reference to any brothers or sisters of REV. SAMUEL DAVIES, who was chosen as President of Princeton, but died shortly thereafter, and his father, having died two years before, his mother thereafter had her home with REV. ROGERS, her son's classmate, in New York. If she was mother of CATHERINE DONELSON, wife of the wealthy DONELSONS of Pittsylvania Co., why did she not make her home in this family?

REV. JOHN DONELSON'S son, COL. JOHN DONELSON, married CATHERINE DAVIS and had the following children:

1. MARY DONELSON who married HUGH HENRY.
2. JOHN DONELSON who married RACHEL STOCKLEY, daughter of ALEXANDER STOCKLEY, of Accomac County, Virginia.
3. WILLIAM DONELSON
4. ANDREW DONELSON.

HUGH HENRY, the wife of MARY DONELSON was perhaps NOT the son of JAMES HENRY of ACCOMAC, but a descendant of the JOHN HENRY, a pastor at SNOW HILL.



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August 6, 1981

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Dear Juanita:

Yes, you may start looking now for your CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, Volume V. The January issue is finally on its way to you! I hope your copy arrives soon and that you and yours find the articles of interest.

Because of the extraordinarily long delay in completing this overdue volume, obviously the second issue of the year will arrive late also. My goal is to have the July issue in your hands before November, which should be possible if there are no new family emergencies. I do regret any inconvenience experienced due to missed deadlines.

Interest in the Christian family increases with every printing. Therefore, in spite of unusual demands on my time, I expect to continue publication. As in the past, I will respond to all letters and do whatever I can to help in your research. Of course, every effort will be made to adhere to the publication schedule; but prompt delivery cannot be guaranteed. Be assured, however, that you will receive every copy of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES to which you have subscribed.

This is the first opportunity I have had to respond to your letter of May 12. Since I have had no time at all for direct research, I will simply comment on some of the information you provide in your letter.

As for the seemingly contradictory information regarding wife of Daniel Smith: He could have been married twice, once to a Searcy and once to a Michie. Or it could have been another Daniel Smith (either father, son, nephew, or cousin) who was married to one of the women and he to another.

There is no need to xerox data from Homer Banks. We have now exchanged material, thanks to your having provided his name and address to me.

Have you ever seen the following from THEY WENT THATAWAY, Volume 2, page 28, written by Charles Hughes Hamlin and published in Richmond 1965:

"Charles City County, Virginia, Records 1766-1774, page 175--27 July 1769"
William Holt and Mary, his wife, of City of Williamsburg, sell to Charles Jeffrey Smith, Master of Arts of Long Island in the Province of New York--for £875--three tracts of land in county of Charles River on Chickahominy River, containing by estimation 1,738 acres more or less, which includes all the land the said Holt bought of Richard Christian, John Soane Marston and wife, and Turner Hunt Christian and wife, etc. Witnesses: Nathaniel Gordon, William Dougless, Thomas Shore. Recorded 3 January 1770.

I wonder if the John Soane Marston could, in fact, have been a Mastin. If so, this would be one indication that there was a Mastin-Christian marriage since by the

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead

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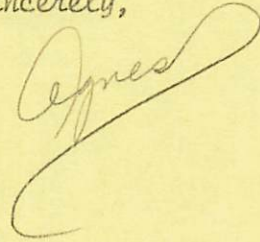
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nature of the document, John Soane Marston's wife would have been a sister of the Richard Christian and the Turner Hunt Christian mentioned here. On second reading, it occurs to me that Turner Hunt Christian was apparently married to a Christian cousin who was the sister of Richard Christian. This might eventually prove to be a significant clue.

I have no idea which old Christian home Bina would have referred to in her letter.

Do continue to keep me informed of your discoveries. Your cooperation and interest are appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Agnes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,". It features a large, sweeping flourish that extends to the right and then loops back under the name.

August 31, 1981

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Dear Agnes:

It was good to hear from you again and I do hope that whatever your "family emergency" was that it doesn't repeat itself. These things happen and they can be very upsetting. I am glad to say that Houston is over the "hump" from his cataract extraction and is now in the process of becoming accustomed to permalens contacts. I hope that he can tolerate them because we feel that this is a better way to go. So much for that.

I haven't really been working too hard on the CHRISTIAN research this summer because my JONES and HILL lines (paternal) have been falling into place so nicely that I have been working more with my various cousins in daddy's family. We hope to go to Rocky Mount, VA, in September (the 20th) to a Jones family reunion. I have collected much data on the SIGMONS, also; however, I am stopped in 1785, Henry County, Va., with Peter Sickman, Sr. Haven't been able to determine whence he came to this area.

I have been able to do some searching on the HANKINS family, but nothing to lead to a "breakthrough" on THOMAS CHRISTIAN as yet. I am enclosing for you a copy of JOHN HANKINS deposition which is part of the file on the case of Christian vs. Wray as mentioned in Chalkley's. I have this complete file which I obtained from Augusta County. As you can see, the name is definitely HANKINS not HAWKINS as Chalkley says. This is one time that I feel that we can be positive about this and shows that Chalkley misread this deposition. Note, too, that I have hi-lighted the place where John Hankins deposes and says that Christian was making his home with him at the time this case was developing - Wray and Christian had one of their arguments in his home. This contention for HANKINS rather than HAWKINS is backed up with the Moses Skaggs estate settlement in Green County, Ky. In this file, there is no doubt that this man is John Hankins, the husband of Elizabeth [Skaggs] Hankins. Elizabeth, of course, having been a sister to Lydia who married Mathias Harman, Sr. Their daughter, Louisa, having married Thomas Christian. Full circle!!!! It is reasonable to assume that Louisa and Thomas would have made their home with John and Elizabeth (her Aunt) while they were waiting for this case to be settled to obtain the land on which to start their home. Not too farfetched, methinks!!! I am aware that Thomas Christian had other tracts of land there in Tazewell - they are listed in SIMS INDEX of Land Grants (our own dear Edgar B. Sims - how well I remember him - I worked with his daughter). Fact of the matter, I have copies of this grants which I procured from our Auditor's office - one of these tracts is this land on Indian Creek with which he disputed with John Wray over (forget the sentence construction - I think the meaning comes through.). I tried to find out more about who had this land in the beginning but came up with a big fat "0" when I wrote to the Virginia Library. So be it. I haven't given up entirely on my search of Thomas Christian - just letting my mind take a rest from him for awhile.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Walter Durham, author of DANIEL SMITH - FRONTIER STATESMAN. I believe that this says all that is necessary. I did neglect, however, to ask him to address himself to the question of whether or not Ray was

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correct in the family lineage of Daniel Smith. This still interests me even though I am beginning to think that this was just a close friendship rather than any family relationship. In any case, I intend to write to Mr. Durham again and ask him about this. His book A GREAT LEAP WESTWARD had about two chapters on Henry Skaggs, the brother of Lydia.

No, I haven't had the opportunity to view Mr. Hamlin's book THEY WENT THATAWAY. I would like to. Yes, I believe that you will find times that MASTIN is spelled as MARSTON - fact is, I have seen it some place in some of the listings of our family, but I can't remember where. This would explain, too, why his and Agnes's wills in Tennessee were recorded in some places as "MARTIN" - southerners often give that "r" sound to some words just as the people in Massachusetts do. If this John Soane Marston be related to Thomas Mastin, then you have probably found our Mastin-Christian link. I do know that I have found Mastins listed in the area of Virginia where I find some of my dad's ancestors. I am greatly intrigued with the THOMAS SHORE who witnessed this land transfer. My father's grandmother was one Emma Hill who married Isaac Madison Jones. Emma's parents were John Hill and Patsey Price. Patsey Price's parents were Joseph Shores Price and Charity Bagby. Joseph Shores Price's parents were Joseph Price and Ann Shores of Cumberland County which isn't really too far from Charles City County, is it? I am not taking time to look it up just now. Which is completely beside the point. The point being, that I think we might well pursue this search with the idea of looking for "Marstons" also.

I have no idea what Bina means either. I shall quote to you from her letter: "There is a Christian estate - hundreds of acres on both sides Tug River. All of the land around Majestic and that area still belongs to them. They leased the minerals years and years ago, but I hear this. I know one girl and one boy who live on West Virginia side. Sounds like the old Reed estate." This puzzles me ever more. I asked her about this once, but she didn't answer. I must ask again. If she means John Wesley's land, it was in the area around what is now Avondale. Of course, he had many acres and I am not too sure all the areas covered even though I have all of the land surveys. Unless one is familiar with the locale, it can be as difficult as "Greek" to interpret at times. I was recently interviewed by a college professor (from a college in Massachusetts) who is in the process of gathering material toward writing a book on the coal industry from its infancy to the present. Since Dad and Mamma were pioneers in this field, and I have so many old pictures, magazines crammed full of history, he wanted to talk with me and to see the things which I have. He plans to return for another visit in the future. He saw the picture which I have of the old Reed homestead there at Avondale and has asked for permission to use it in his book. It is a lovely picture: rustic, quaint and so peaceful. He tried to encourage me to donate my things to the State Archives, but I am not ready to do that just yet. John, I am sure, will want them - he might give them to the State. We shall see.

I am sorry that I mixed up on Walter's grandmother, Charlotte Maynard who married Jackson Reed. I used some early data which I had - I believe that it was after I sent that to you that he told me how "Moran" had been used rather than Maynard. I had thought that he would correct it - I was busy with other things and let it pass. I shall write to him and explain. I can now add some more to that chart for you - I just found it out this summer. John Lindsey Reed married Pricy Kennedy. They had eight children: Thomas, John, Harve, Andy, Lucinda, Margaret, Armeda and Rachel. (I seem to remember seeing something else about him, but can't find it now. If I do later, I'll let you know.) In looking for this, I found the reference to "Marston" - it was John Wesley's son, Thomas MARSTEN - that is the way it was listed - we have changed it to Mastin because we knew that was what it was. Levicy/Louisa Ruthe first married a Powell Ellis in Wyoming County 20 March 1867. Powell was 17, single, b

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Logan, Co., Va. (s/o Henry & Peggy). Louisa was listed as 22, single, b. Tazewell Co., Va (d/o John & Nancy) married by W. B. Shannon. They were divorced and then she married William Murphy. Children by second marriage: John Lottie & Manly. Mathias Harman, ¹⁸³⁹born March 1, 1839, went to army in 1861, came home once on furlough, never returned after the war was over. My sister has a bottle (Patriot's flask) which he was supposed to have carried and brought to his mother when he was home on furlough. Henry James Hoover Reed married twice. First to Betty Cash; 2. to Hannah Sampson. My sister has a note saying that he married Betty Cash and that they had 4 boys and 1 girl. That his second wife was Hannah Sampson; that they moved to St. Paul Minn in 1877 and never returned. He had a daughter named Nora and the last the family heard from her she was living in ST. Louis, Mo. Daniel Reed married Winnie Mullins and lived on Spice Creek (Roderfield, WV). Their children were: Smith, Wesley, Jim, John, Nancy and Minnie. My sister also found a note which says that Wesley Reed had 4 children, viz: Sally (m a Coleman), John Wesley, Catherine, and Barbara. It seems that Wesley's wife died and the children were raised by people in Logan, WV.

I also found a note saying that Thomas Christian was a millwright - made spinning wheels, reels - I believe that my mother told my sister this. However, at the time, mamma was confused on his first name.

I have attempted to make some contacts with Altizers in Tazewell in the hopes that we might be able to resolve some puzzles about Thomas's second wife. To date, I have been unsuccessful. I have had at least three or four letters published in the CLINCH VALLEY NEWS, for which I am very grateful to them. However, haven't reaped too much information as yet. When I catch a second breath, I will make another attempt.

A Mrs. Evans saw a query of mine in the KENTUCKY GENEALOGIST and she has contacted me with the idea of selling a forthcoming publication on the 1860 McDowell County Census and Genealogical Notes. I may follow this up to see what the cost is, etc.

I have not heard from Marvin Jones all summer; nor from others with whom I was working on the Christian family. Every one has been busy. I steered many of them in your direction in the hopes that it would mean additional subscribers for you. Come the long days of Winter, I'll try to contact them again to see what they have discovered.

I am not sure that you would like to have this additional REED data, but thought that I would send it for whatever it is worth to you. I am getting tired and making many mistakes now, so must go. I am trying to absorb the data in your recent publication, but at times one feels as though the brain is being completely "boggled." Keep on with the good work, though!

Best wishes,



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Enclosure/ Hankins data - Durham letter.

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August 24, 1981

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Mrs. Halstead:

Tennessee Cousins must be in error about Daniel Smith's children. George Smith and Mary Michie Smith (first married to Samuel Donelson, later to James Sanders) were his only children.

The "Searcy" Smith living at Rock Castle is a mistake compounded by the retelling. An early history of Tennessee alluded to Secretary Smith, abbreviating it to "Sec'ry Smith" in the handwritten manuscript, and it came out in print as "Searcy Smith." The reference, in context, is clearly to Daniel Smith.

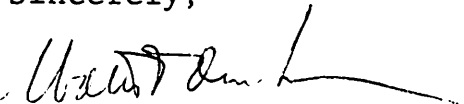
The Thomas Mastin relationship originated in their years in Southwest Virginia. I don't know the particulars of it. The wills of both men, referring to Mastin's land, probably were recognizing an unpaid debt to Smith.

I can find no indication that Daniel Smith was married twice, but I am open to evidence!

There were two Daniel Smiths of approximately the same age in Virginia at the same time. Both were militia officers and served in many similar public responsibilities. The "other" Daniel Smith, for example, was the deputy surveyor for Augusta County while "our" Daniel was in Albemarle and Fincastle counties.

It is good to hear from you. I am eager to continue learning about Daniel Smith.

Sincerely,



Walter T. Durham



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

September 17, 1981

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Juanita:

Delighted to receive your letter of August 31 with the copy of deposition (John Hankins) and your corrections and additions to the last installment of the "Tazewell County, Virginia, Christian Settlement."

In fact, the information came just in time for me to send it along to Norma Evans, who is publishing the 1860 McDowell County Census and Genealogical Notes. She had used the data from the last issue of the CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES for many of her notes on the Christian and Reed families. Therefore, I am especially pleased that the corrections and additions can be included--particularly the correct name of Walter Elswick's grandmother. He also had sent this correction.

I have suggested to Norma Evans that you might be able to provide some of the missing spouses on the Beavers and/or Barnett families. Although she has names of many of them, there are still a number missing. It always seems a pity for something to be published without information that might be readily available. She is a diligent researcher and is always willing to share information although, of course, she must charge for her publications. There is no other way to cover expenses. I returned her manuscript to her yesterday with my corrections and additions. If I had thought, I could have copied the Beavers and Barnett entries on which she had nothing and sent them to you; but it didn't occur to me until just now.

What with correspondence and publications, I still have had no time for research. I'm beginning to miss it.

Everyone is now recovering, so maybe I'll still find the time.

Sincerely,

October 8, 1981

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
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Dear Agnes:

It was good to hear from you again and to know that "everyone is now recovering." When one has illness in the family, everything else must take a backseat. I am sorry for being so long in answering your letter, but I have been quite busy since about September 17. My sister, her husband, Houston and I made a trip down into Virginia and were gone for almost a week. Since I have been home, it has been a rat race. I had scads of letters waiting for an answer, company coming, and all the usual things pertinent to housekeeping to take care of. I do a great deal of secretarial work for the church and I have spent three or four days with this.

We went to Rocky Mount for a Jones family reunion. This was a thrill because we were at the old Pigg River Baptist Church for the reunion and there is a very old cemetery near there where several of my ancestors are buried. Old soapstone headstones, hand-carved with the names chiseled in by hand marked the graves. One of my ancestors who was buried there was born in 1748. We are having a great deal of success now with our Jones and Hill lines. We now believe that the immigrant in the Jones line was one Robert Jones who came here from Wales in the late 1600's or very early 1700's. We did go to Tazewell, but I can't say that we found a great deal more than what we already have.

I did find the court order which definitely shows that John Wesley Reed was, indeed, a magistrate (or Justice of the Peace)- his appointment being 5 Aug 1834. This paper uses the title "Magistrates." Others on this page which I copied are: Hezekiah Whitt, 15 Sept. 1800 (he was a son of Susannah [Skaggs] and Richard Whitt - Susannah being a sister to Lydia, who was the mother of Louisa Harman who married Thomas Christian) and William T. Moore - Jan 1832 (this might be one of your Moores). There were several other names with which I am familiar, but no close family connection.

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We found a deed to John W. Reed from Thomas Christian and Mary, his wife, dated 30 June 1849. This was for and in consideration of "all his interest in my estate" and was located in Tazewell Co. on the Dry fork of Sandy River at the mouth of Crain Creek surveyed on the 21st day of October 1824 and granted by the Commonwealth to the said Thomas Christian by patent bearing date the 21st day of March 1836, containing 77 acres. Thomas and Mary both made their marks in signing this document. Since I have seen Thomas's signature on other documents, I am wondering if he was very feeble at this time. Too, the old Reed homestead was on Crain Creek - this is at the site where Avondale is now located. Fact of the matter, ~~John W. Reed~~ was the first postmaster for this post office when it was established. I have three or four of Thomas Christian's land grants and I believe that I have a copy for this land. I am not looking it up just now. (I had the wrong grandfather above - it should be Amanuel, son of John W. Reed.) My grandfather, Amanuel, had about 2,000 acres of land in this area and part of it was sold to W.M. Ritter Lumber Co. I believe that my sister said that she saw a record recently about this Mill on grandfather's land which stated that this was Ritter's first planing mill. I can check with her to be sure about this. W.M. Ritter became one of the large lumber mills of that period. At that particular period, lumbering was "big" because mining was becoming "big."

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Fact of the matter, lumbering and mining went hand-in-hand. They needed the timber for timbering the mines, as well as building the plants, houses, etc. for these mines. This was the industry which brought my father from Rocky Mount into West Virginia. He was first with the lumbering business and then was hired by the mining industry to supervise the building of these coal camps.

We also obtained a better copy of the settlement of the suit of Christian vs. Christian. They do have a copying machine there at the court house that makes very clear and easy to read copies - I don't know why they send out ones made with the other machine. Of course, I found out nothing from this copy which I didn't already know, even though I had to strain my eyes mightily to read the copy which they sent me earlier. Thomas made his will, this document says, in 1852. The deed mentioned previously was dated in 1849; so, my guess is that he was, indeed, quite feeble at this time.

Mrs. Norma Evans saw a query of mine in THE KENTUCKY GENEALOGIST and was most generous in sending to me some data which she had found in her research. I had most of it with the exception of this: Wyoming County Marriages - Mar. 20, 1867, Powell Ellis 17, single, b. Logan Co., Va. (s/o Henry & Peggy) Louisa Reed, 22, single, b. Tazewell Co., Va. (d/o John & Nancy) married by: W. B. Shannon. This was the first marriage of "Aunt Lovis" as Mamma called her. Her second husband was Wm. Murphy. I told Mrs. Evans to keep in touch and to let me know when her book would be ready for publication. I can get the 1860 census at the State House, but my eyes can't take too much of this close reading any more.

I am letting Thomas Mastin rest for little, and I have gone off on another "hunt" in search for Thomas Christian's parents. I am pursuing "Hankins" now and I believe that this may show a link with the Christians in Jefferson (which later became Cocke Co.) TN. There was a Richard Hankins who left a will in Jefferson County, TN, in 1800. This Richard had a son John who is mentioned in his will with the statement that he had been given his share of the estate before the time of this will. I am in contact with two Hankins descendants who believe that this Richard might have either been father, or brother, to the John Hankins we find in Tazewell and who we know married Elizabeth Skaggs, sister to Lydia Skaggs. As I have told you before, Elizabeth would have been an aunt of our Louisa; and we know that Thomas Christian made his home with them for a time. Q.E.D. I have record showing that one Anthony and one Thomas Christian were purchasers at a sale of an estate of one Alexander Ward, Jefferson Co., TN, in the year 1796, 4th of Oct. In the account where I found this record mentioned, the statement was made that people travelled many miles to come to these sales. We know that John Wray gave a power-of-attorney to John Hankins and John Deskins in Sumner County, TN, in 1794 to act in his stead (or to represent him, I should say) when this sale of property to Thomas Christian was being made which later caused the litigation between John Wray and Thomas Christian because John Wray sold the property a second time. This power-of-attorney was acknowledged before Thomas Mastin in Sumner County. I suspect that Thomas Christian was still there at that time - but where he was two years later is a matter for more research. As I remember it, he signed the petitions for the formation of Tazewell after 1800 - I may be wrong; I'm getting tired and don't want to look it up. I know that you know the date. Anyway, what I am trying to say is maybe there is a connection between our Thomas Christian and the Christians of Cocke (first Jefferson) county, TN. I may be grasping at straws again, but I plan to "hang in there" a while yet on this one. One of my contacts is a Glenn Hankins of England who is a direct descendant of John Hankins and Elizabeth.

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I didn't get to see Walter on the trip, but I did talk with him on the 'phone from the motel in Princeton. He mentioned to me that he had heard from you, so I imagine that he has told you anything that I might tell you which I have received from him. I owe him a letter and must get it off soon.

A lady in Illinois is about to publish a book on the Kentucky Skaggs. I hope to receive a copy of this, if she is able to have it published. I have recently been in communication with some other Skaggs descendants and have shared some of this data with her. Of course, she has a wealth of knowledge about the Skaggs and she found that some of this data was incorrect and gave me the correct data which I shall pass along to those concerned. She has asked me if I would be willing to help her check data on the Virginia Skaggs. I will be a poor second to her, but I told her that I would try.

I must close now. I fear that I am beginning to ramble, and that means that I am really tired. If anything else comes to hand of importance in re the Christians, be assured that I'll let you know forthwith. I do hope that everything is fine with you and yours now.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Agnes Pearlman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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December 30, 1981

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Dear Agnes:

Good to hear from you = even if it was just a note. I do hope that you will have a good year this year, and that all in the family will be well and happy.

I, as the tortoise, am still moving slowly with my CHRISTIAN research. I must say, though, that it is hard for me to get Nathaniel Christian "out of my craw" because I keep running into him along with other members of the family. I recently found him on a militia list in Pittsylvania County along with some of the Skaggs brothers. Too, I found a Daniel Smith there; but I don't know that he is the Daniel Smith in whom we are interested. Interestingly enough, though, I found individuals in that county with "Mastin" in their given names. I'll tell you, our boys really left their calling cards. Nathaniel Christian was listed in the tithes taken by John Wimbish in the year 1767; the Skaggs same year in the tithes of Peter Copland. Elisha Wallen (the long hunter) was also in this last group. It seems that Henry Skaggs, brother to our Lydia, was in Pittsylvania County about this same time. My Joneses and Hills are also found here. There was a William Reed in Peter Copland's list.

It begins to look as though the Hankins who went to Tennessee in 1787 are related to the Hankins of Tazewell County. We have not proved this, as yet, but there are those who strongly suspect that there is a connection. One of Uncle Tom's daughters told me in a letter at Christmas time that we are related to one Dr. Addair (now deceased) of McDowell County. I want to look into this more closely.

I'll be anxious to see the current issue of THE CHRONICLES. A lady in Illinois has a book coming out soon on the Skaggs of Kentucky. I have sent in my payment for this book and am anticipating the reading of same. She has asked me to check the Virginia Skaggs with her with the thought of publishing a later book on this branch of the family.

I recently completed THE WILDERNESS ROAD by Kincaid and it was most interesting. The Long Hunters set up one of their camps in Sumner County long before the settlers got there. Of course, Henry Skaggs was right in there "pitching."

All good wishes, r



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January 1, 1983

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Dear Agnes:

It has been so long since I have corresponded with you that I hardly know where to begin. I suppose at the beginning -

First, about my subscription to THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES: For the time being, I think that I will hold this in abeyance probably on this premise: As you are able to offer a publication, if you will so apprise me, I shall consider buying a copy at that time. More than likely this will not be satisfactory to you as I can readily see how you would like to know what monies you can depend on in order to pay for your printing. Yet, truthfully, the last issue or so has not held anything which I felt would help me tremendously in my CHRISTIAN search. It is good to know the history of the CHRISTIAN family per se, but it is not helping me with my problem, viz: The parents of our Thomas Christian.

Next, in the last year or so, my CHRISTIAN research has more or less "died on the vine" = so to speak. I kept coming up with so much information that was either "shot down" or just wouldn't "wash," that I lost interest temporarily and let my search go in the direction from which I was getting the most return - my SIGMON ancestors. Fact is, in my feeble way, I have started a genealogical history of THE SIGMONS OF VIRGINIA. I had collected so much data and my files were bursting at the seams. So, I felt that only I would be able to put that material together with any sense at all and, consequently, I undertook the task. Right now, I feel, that I am getting it in at least a "readable" order and, if something should happen to me before I complete this task, my son (or some other member of the family) could add the "polish" to it and get it into print. Needless to say, I should like to complete this myself. So, I pray that God will look favorably on this and give me the health and strength to see it through. I realize that my efforts are "feeble" because I certainly lack much when it comes to being what one would consider an author. Yet - I try!

I hasten to tell you, however, that there is one little corner of my mind which is reserved for my Christian ancestors and I never fail to make note of any data which will be a lead in any way. In searching Pittsylvania County, Virginia, for my Sigmons and Joneses, I found that Henry Skaggs and Elisha Walden were there early; also, Nathaniel Christian was on an early tithes records for this county - 1767. Of course, this set "wheels" to turning in my head again - but that was all it amounted to because I immediately had to face up to the fact that others say that "no way" can Nathaniel be the father of our Thomas. Yet, there was a Mustain family also listed and a Daniel Smith. I am trying to determine if this is the Daniel Smith

Num. 1:18 - ". . . and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names. . ."

Paternal Surnames:

Sigmon, Jones, Hill, Price, Bagby,
Shores (La Shores), Huff, Van Metre (?),
Du Bois (?) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes,
Woodsen (last four not proven, as yet)

Maternal Surnames:

Reed, Beavers, Barnett,
Christian, Harman, Skaggs

Hoover?

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who was friend to our Major Thomas Mastin. (Incidentally, The Historical Society of Washington County, Virginia, had an excellent article about THOMAS MASTIN in last year's journal - yet, nothing to clarify any of our problems.) I wrote to a genealogist at Danville, Virginia, and received this comment about the Mustain family: "About the name MUSTAIN or MASTIN. Yes, it has very often been interchanged and as you can see it would be easily done. The ~~U~~written like an A. However, the Mustains were here prior, or just prior to the Rev. War., Thomas supposedly being an overseer, then later got a grant of land from the King. No one has been able to find where or when he came here to Virginia, but some believe he was a French Huguenot. None of the research that I have come across find them in the Western part of the state, or Spottsylvania Co., Va." "There must have been a Mastin family, for that name appears in other Pittsylvania Co. names such as Mastin Neal." So, you can see that proved to be fruitless, also. ~~Et~~, one should keep in mind that the Donelsons of Davidson County came from this area, also.

I have recently been in contact with some descendants of Aunt Lovace (Reed) Murphy. I found out that there was a family Bible which this group have in their possession. You can imagine what high hopes I had about this. Yet, it was not Aunt Lovace's Bible, but had belonged to one of her daughter's. So, again, we did not get any leads as to the Hooper who reared John Wesley Reed nor anything additional about Thomas Christian. Fact is, I have given this branch much data which they were not aware of previously. I am still working with them and have hopes that among us, we might come up with some answers.

I have been helping Juanita Luttrell of Illinois to try to fill in more data on the SKAGGS family. She published a book last year on the Skaggs of Kentucky and she is attempting to get more data on those who went back to, or stayed in, Virginia. With various contacts, I have been able to help her to some degree with this. I have been in contact with another Skaggs descendant in Knoxville and have hopes of obtaining more data with an exchange of data with her. She did check some old Sumner County records for me and didn't find much more than what we already had on Thomas Christian, ~~than what we already had~~. It did appear that he had "a romp in the hay" which Thomas Mastin had to cover for him. Yet, I don't feel that this is something that we necessarily want to put in a publication even though the record is there for the viewing - if one can find it! Maybe this is one of the reasons that he "scooted" back to Virginia when he did. These "capers" of our ancestors never cease to amuse and fascinate me! The things for which they went to court - I truly believe that had they "spit" in the wrong direction, they would have gone to court with it!

I bought Norma Pontiff Evans' FIRST FAMILIES OF McDOWELL COUNTY (WEST) VIRGINIA. Having the 1860 Census at hand has been a big help. I find that some of Thomas Christian's children are found there. Too, I notice that she used some of the data which Walter Elswick and I had furnished to you. I have intended to write to her and see if she has any other data which might help us in our search, but have been doing most of my writing in other directions. I have obtained several additional documents from McDowell County with reference to family records, but they really didn't tell me much that I didn't already know. I do find that the Cartwright family seems to have had a tie somehow with the family there. I found an old picture of my mother and Rachel Christian and had a negative made in order to send to a distant cousin in Ohio. Rachel, as you know, was a daughter of Alexander Beavers and his first wife, Elizabeth Hankins. Rachel Barnett (my great grandmother) was his second wife. Off hand, I forget which Christian Rachel married - but, I am sure that you know. My mother's name was also Rachel.

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#3 - Agnes Pearlman - January 1, 1983

Our son remarried two years ago and we were blessed with a new granddaughter in October. We went to Illinois to welcome her; and she and her mother and Dad were with us for Christmas. She is beautiful and is going to have auburn hair with curls, yet! My mother was a redhead - I suppose that this is some more of the "redheaded" Christians about whom you wrote in one of our early issues of the Chronicles. She is a sweet baby and has an adoring father and mother.

Housten, my husband, has had two cataract extractions in the last ^{year} and on the 14th of December, had to have additional surgery on the right eye to clip the vitreous which had adhered to the iris and was causing him tremendous pain. This has handicapped our travelling as we would like to do. We have had every intention of going to Rogersville, Kingsport, etc. to see if we can find anything in the records there. I hope that we might be able to this year. We did get to Franklin County, Virginia, on two trips (in between bad periods which Housten was having) and those trips were most satisfying. We would like to go back this year. I seem to be having a lot of hinges coming loose as I age - hypertension, high sugar level, etc. - but, I hope that they will be controllable with medication. I still teach my classes at church and keep my housework going, as well as my research. I'd like to continue as long as I can.

I am sure that you are tired of this by now; and I am equally sure that I haven't given you the answer which you wanted. Yet, as I said, I will be interested to hear from you as your volumes are ready for publication. I sincerely hope that whatever your problems were - physical or material - have been resolved by now and that your family and you will have a most Happy and Prosperous New Year. I would like to hear from you when you have the time. I know that this commodity is at a premium at times.

Warmly,





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January 5, 1983

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Dear Juanita:

It was so nice to hear from you and to learn of your work on publication of a Sigmon history and genealogy.

Time for new research simply eluded me during the past year--what with constantly being behind on publication commitments. I'm hoping that this year will be different. But, then, as I recall, I hoped that last year, too. Anyway, I do have some ideas on Thomas Christian's forebears that I have not previously discussed with you. When I get the material all together, I will send to you or let you know in which issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES it will appear. After 1988's issues and the index, I may temporarily suspend publication in order to complete several other projects. I do want to round out the articles already begun and also publish a mass of miscellaneous material which should prove helpful to subscribers. I consider the latter one of the areas in which I have previously been deficient. There really has not been enough space for such items. Last year I had so many pages in each issue that I found they were published at a loss.

Thanks for the extra data on the Mastin/Mustain whereabouts. Incidentally, many of the Pittsylvania and Brunswick County, Virginia, families had connections across the line in North Carolina. Maybe the answer to your Christian dilemma can be found there.

By the way, could you send what you have on Thomas Christian's "romp in the hay." I wonder if the document you found provides the answer to Moses Christian's parentage.

Take care of all of those ailments that seem to creep up on us each year. I hope that your husband's eyes are no longer giving him any trouble. With good health, have a wonderful year.

Sincerely,

January 29, 1983

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Dear Agnes:

I have been playing "catch-up" all month, but I hope that I will finally get some of these letters answered which have accumulated since the first of the year. I, too, was pleased to hear from you again. I hope that you will have a successful year with your activities.

As I told you in my previous letter, I really have not been spending all that much time on Thomas Christian's mystery of late. I thought that if I let it rest for a time that I might be able to go back to it with more vigor. Right now, I would so very much like to complete my compilation of data on the Sigmon family. Yet, even in this case, there are some gaps which need filling.

Mary Kegley has the second volume of her EARLY ADVENTURERS ON THE WESTERN WATERS in print now, and on the market. I bought this volume, also, and find it quite interesting. I found a notation with reference to WILLIAM CHRISTIAN which I don't recall having seen before. I thought that you might be interested: On page 346 of this volume, she quotes, thusly: "In 1784, 'old Adam Waggoner' was called to Dunkard Bottom to give medical attention to WILLIAM CHRISTIAN who had suffered from pain in his leg as a result of a dog bite. Waggoner brought his 'cupping instruments' and after applying them for several hours, Christian found 'a little ease.' The cupping instruments were used to draw blood or for, as the old-timers called it, bleeding the patient, a method often used to relieve infections. The spring lancets mentioned in Waggoner's appraisal were probably additional tools in his medical kit (letter from ANNIE CHRISTIAN to Ann Fleming, not dated, but mentions the death of Israel Christian which took place in 1784; Filson Club; Montgomery County Will Book B, p. (117))." (Forgive these mistakes - this element is not striking correctly - it and I are going to part company one of these days!) This quotation was found under the ADAM WAGGONER family history.

You are probably aware of this bit of data, yet, I thought I would pass it along to you just in case. Of course, as would be natural for me to do, I have been searching many of the early records in the area which is now Franklin County, Virginia. I have found in the 1786 tax list for Franklin County, Virginia, the following names: Richard Bandy (you know that we have been interested in this family because of the relationship with the Christians and others of our family), James Bevers (again, we have "family" members in this group), WILLIAM CHRISTIAN, and there is one Daniel Smith. Whether or not this is the Daniel Smith who became the Tennessee Statesman, I know not; also, I don't know if this is the William Christian.

One of my Sigmon cousins, whom I have found in Indiana, recently went to Alabama for a few weeks. She stopped on her way in Sumner County, TN, and did some additional

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#2 - Agnes Pearlman - January 29, 1983

checking for me. She really didn't find too much more than what I already knew, but I shall pass along what she told me. Of course, we knew of the marriage record of Agnes Christian and Thomas Cartwright, 22 Jan 1791 - Thomas Masten, bondsman. She found one John Christian who went bond for Wm. Sanderson & Patsy SEARCY 13 Jan 1812. Thomas Masten was bondsman for John Reed and Sarah Dixon 7 May 1796; and also for Robert Erspy and Curry Cribbins 1 Feb 1790. Naturally, this made me wonder if this John Reed might have been part of my Reed group. There was an Elizabeth Mastain (note spelling - getting close to Mustain!) who married one Lewis Campain 18 Dec 1846. Also the following: J. A. Christian and N. A. Brizendine - 22 March 1872; S. R. Christian and W. E. Ausbrooks 14 Dec 1873; W. C. Christian and Clara B. Morehead 24 Mar 1886; WM. MASTEN and M. Humphries 24 Dec 1874; James F. Mastin and Joice Rickels 18 July 1889; Annie M. Christian and Oscar Duncan 28 Mar 1898; Vernon E. Christian and Joseph A. Norman 20 May 1898. I am not really interested in these later Christians, but thought I would try to copy them for you. I am curious about these MASTINS, since according to Yantis' ARCHIVES OF TAZEVELL it is said that Thomas Mastin and Agnes had only one child; a daughter, Elizabeth.

My sister sent me a copy of a clipping taken from a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper. I quote: "ON THE STRANGE SIDE - It took 193 years but the British have finally forgiven Fletcher Christian for the mutiny on the HMS Bounty. (paragraph) Buried deep in the queen's New Year's Honors List is an MBE - member of the British Empire - for TOM CHRISTIAN, great-great-great-grandson of the 18th century sailor who led the rebellion against Capt. William Bligh. (paragraph) A spokesman for 10 Downing St. said the award was for 'public service' but did not give any particulars. (paragraph) TOM CHRISTIAN and 43 other people live on Pitcairn Island, a British colony located half-way between South America and Australia in the South Pacific. (paragraph) Mutineers from the Bounty escaped to the 18-square-mile island after the mutiny in 1789 when Fletcher Christian and crew members rebelled against Bligh's severity. (paragraph) TOM CHRISTIAN, 47, is now the island's radio operator and its only link with the outside world. (paragraph) 'We are all utterly surprised and delighted by the award,' Christian told Sunday's Daily Mail by radio. 'We have given out thanks to God.' " Elsa also made this notation: "New Book by Glynn Christian, G.G.G. grandson of Fletcher Christian: 'Fragile Paradise.' " (This cotton-pickin' element is driving me batty!)

In this evening's CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL, there was a news item about one A.M. "Smiley" Ratliff, a Virginia Coal Baron who lives in Tazewell, Va. I quote: "Ratliff is offering \$800,000 to the 54 residents of Pitcairn Island, a British Colony first settled by mutineers from the H.M.S. Bounty in 1790. In return, he hopes the British government will grant him permission to establish a home on Henderson Island, 100 miles northeast of Pitcairn." He wants to go there to help the people with their water supply and power. He plans to commute back and forth - go there and live for a time; return to Tazewell ~~to~~ Virginia from time to time to oversee his various businesses. He is quoted as saying: "I don't want to build a paradise," "What would I do in paradise? I'm a warrior. They said it can't be done, but I want to show the world it can." It will be interesting to see if anything further is ever said about this.

Because I have been a stamp collector of many years standing, my niece, who lives in Washington, sent me a first day cover from the Isle of Man which commemorates WILLIAM CHRISTIAN. There are three or four stamps on it - all about William. Needless to say, I was delighted to have it - I have recently started a collection of first day covers in earnest. I have collected many through the years, but I am now getting one for each new commemorative issued.

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Now, for the pièce de résistance - I have no document which tells of our Thomas' "roll in the hay." What I have is an excerpt taken from the Sumner County Minutes for the year 1793 - Oct. 8. A new friend and Skaggs descendant who lives in Knoxville took the time to go to the library there and copy some "Mastin" data for me from the early minutes. The one in which you are interested reads thusly: "Ordered Thomas Martin (Masten?) be allowed 5 lbs. 3 shillings out of county tax for his services as Sheriff, out of which he is paid 50 shillings - it being the 5 of Thomas Christian and Betsy Strain for fornication." She has a cribbing to the side which reads, "I think this is copied correctly." Evidently she has the same trouble as I - when my notes get cold, I often wonder if I am reading them correctly.

I will make this comment with reference to the above: If you want to use this as evidence as to the parentage of Moses Christian, I believe that you are going to have to "stretch it a country mile." First, when Moses Christian died his informant for this record said that his mother was LOUISA HARMAN. This has always puzzled me - why just Louisa and not Thomas; and why Harman and not Christian?? While 1793 would fit the picture perfectly if Moses' true birthdate is 1794, yet there has nothing ever surfaced to me that this Betsy Strain would fit into the picture. I do believe that it is significant that Moses' offspring are not mentioned when the suit was brought by the last family (Mary Altizer's children) against the first family (Louisa Harman's children). Elsa and I did find some "gift" deeds the last time we were in Tazewell. One was to John W. Reed ~~and Mary~~. This deed was in 1849 and was the property on Crain (Crane) Creek in what later became McDowell County. This was the property where my grandfather, Amanuel, later lived and where my mother was reared. This was "for and in consideration of all his interest in my estate" (the underscoring is in the deed) His wife, Mary, is mentioned in this deed. The other "gift" deeds we found were for the Beavers branch of our family. We did find a record where Thomas B. Christian was ~~made~~ guardian for Mastin Christian - this Mastin was, no doubt, the son of the Mastin (s/o Thomas and Louisa) who was dead at the time of the litigation between the two families. This document is dated 19th Feb 1862 - actually it is a settlement of Thomas B. Christian, guardian of Mastin. I am not going to attempt to abstract this for you because it is hard to read and would take too much more time and space.

Now, Agnes, admit it! This 'aint bad at all for some one who has just reserved one little corner of one's mind for "Christian" data - right??

Have you mailed the July issue of the CHRONICLES? If so, I haven't received mine yet. Hope some of this helps. My best to you.

Best wishes,

Janita

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Dear Subscriber:

You are not alone in wondering what happened to Volume No. VIII of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES (July 1982)!

Because of the abnormally long delay beyond the promised delivery dates, I am writing to you and other subscribers by first class mail to let you know that the issue has been completed and that the copies were mailed yesterday. If you have not received your copy by month's end, let me know so that a replacement can be sent.

You may be interested in the results of my questionnaire and the plans for this year. Response to the questionnaire was excellent. An overwhelming majority wanted an index: 90 per cent, to be exact. Of these, 40 per cent expressed no preference as to a time and place of publication, 30 per cent preferred a supplementary volume for the index, and 30 per cent wished the index to appear in the last volume of 1983.

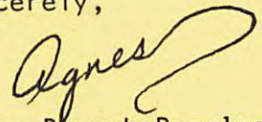
Taking these views into consideration, I have decided that Volume No. X of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES will be the supplementary issue devoted exclusively to an index of the first nine volumes and, if possible, will be mailed with Volume No. IX later this year.

In response to demand, census abstracts will be continued in each issue. All will ultimately be issued in a separate, handy publication.

Since it has never been possible for me to maintain a regular printing schedule (a condition not likely to change), the ten volumes will constitute a complete series of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. Future publications will be announced as they become available.

I hope that you enjoy the 100-page July issue on its way to you and that projected booklets utilizing the newly-arrived computer and word processor will prove of benefit to you.

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February 25, 1984

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Dear Agnes:

It has been some time since we have communicated with each other. I do hope that all is well with you and your family. We have a new granddaughter and she is a little doll. Needless to say, we go to Illinois as often as we can for a "baby fix." Houston has adjusted nicely to his contact lenses since his cataract extractions - but, now his hearing is going. I fight a constant battle with high blood pressure, but hope I can keep it under control.

I am still collecting and writing a history of the Sigmons of Virginia, and it is progressing quite nicely. Consequently, I have not spent too much time in research on my maternal lines. Yet, from time to time, something will "crop up" in one of the publications which I know is a tie-in with my family, so I pursue it for a time. I recently located a descendant of my grandfather's brother, Henry James Hoover Reed. This brother of grandfather's left West Virginia in the late 1800s and went to Minnesota. It seems that after a time, he deserted this family and must have returned to the east. Yet, my mother's notes would indicate that the family lost track of him. Anyway, I do now have the names of his children by Hannah; it seems, though, that we must look for another family, too.

That is not my reason for writing this letter to you, though. I recently contacted Vivian Bandy of San Mateo, Ca. (and you may have already been in contact with her) in the hopes that I might find out something more about the Thomas Bandy who went to TN. She had a query in the HELPER about him. This is what she told me: "The Thomas Bandy who was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, in 1748, was the son of Richard Bandy and Jane Cummings. His first wife, Mary "Polly: some body-or=other was believed to have been the widow of a Christian, first name unknown. His second wife was Nancy Burns. His daughter (by "Polly") married a Mastin." She said further: "I find another Bandy/Christian connection. John Bandy married Lucy Christian. No dates, but John was a son of Richard Solomon Bandy and Eliza Beth Moss. Richard Solomon, I think, was a brother of Thomas, so perhaps Lucy was somehow related to "Polly's" first husband, but I don't know his first name, nor her parents." All of this, of course, ties in with what I found some time ago about this Thomas Bandy - one of his daughters was a CHRISTIAN. Remember, too, that Agnes Mastin left her crops to a nephew, Jemierson Bandy (I think I have that first name spelled incorrectly, but don't want to take time to go through files just now). Vivian gave me the name of a lady in Illinois to write to in order to obtain more data on this, but she simply did not reply to my letter - that was in December.

Anyway, I believe that this is getting closer to proving something which we have suspected all along - that Thomas Mastin's wife was related to the Christian family; or was a Christian herself. I pass this bit of data along to you for whatever it is worth. If it bears fruit, I would appreciate knowing. Best wishes,

Juanita
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Hoover (?)



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Dear Anita:

When your welcome letter of February 25 arrived, I was in the midst of trying to complete long-overdue issues of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. A familiar story! Anyway, I set aside all correspondence temporarily; and this is the first opportunity I have had to respond.

Thank you so much for taking the time to send the Bandy-Christian data. I was especially interested in the reference to Thomas Bandy's birth in Cumberland County, Virginia, in 1748. If you recall, I believe that the father to "my" Thomas Christian was the Allen Christian born in Cumberland County in 1754. Because of the loss of most records for that county, for that period anyway, every little bit of information helps.

As soon as I become current with my publication schedule, I expect to develop a data base for all my notes in order that extensive sorting can be done. Perhaps the answers to some of our questions will then emerge. Until I can review my notes, I am not in a position to comment. With the added information you have sent, however, I will place a query for you in Volume No. X to see if a reader has more to offer.

From your letter I can guess that you are enjoying the pleasures of being a grandmother as much as I am. We have a darling grandson, aged 5½, and a darling granddaughter, aged 3½. They visit for a day or so about once a week, and I love every minute. Their home is about 70 miles away.

Certainly the joys of having little ones around makes us momentarily forget the various infirmities which make their appearance from time to time.

If I do get back to West Virginia on a trip East later this spring, I will give you a call.

Be assured that I do appreciate your continued interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

April 5, 1984

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Dear Agnes:

It was good to hear from you and to know that you are still working with your CHRISTIAN research - howbeit, somewhat slowly, as you say. It does take time to ferret out all of this data and get it into a condition whereby it is of value to all concerned.

I was delighted when I happened onto that bit of data about Thomas Bandy's family. I have had further communication from another lady about this, but I believe that there are still some "kinks" which need to be straightened out. At the suggestion of the first lady, I had written to this lady, outlining for her what I knew about the Christian/Bandy/Mastin connections. I shall quote for you some of the remarks which she made in reply:

"I recognize many of the surnames which are allied with the 'Bandy Clan' and Vivian is correct in noting that one of Thomas and Mary "Polly" (Christian) Bandy's children married a Mastin. Their daughter Elizabeth, born 7 Feb 1773 (probably Bedford Co., Va) married MAJOR MASTON (caps mine-jsh) (this is the spelling I have). I have not carried down the female lines so I have no further information on this line.

"Agnes was not a given name used in the Bandy Family so I am unable to identify her. There were two Jameson/Jamerson/Jamieson Bandys; one was the grandson of Thomas Bandy and Mary "Polly" Christian. The other Jameson was son of Richard C. Bandy who was brother of Thomas (who married Mary "Polly" Christian)"

I answered these observations of hers in this way:

"In your second paragraph, you say: '....Vivian is correct in noting that one of Thomas and Mary "Polly" (Christian) Bandy's children married a Mastin. Their daughter Elizabeth, born 7 Feb 1773 (probably Bedford County, VA) married MAJOR Maston (this is the spelling I have.)' This does puzzle me for these reasons:

"(a) Thomas Mastin who raised our Thomas Christian was also referred to later on in his life as "Major Mastin." Yet, you say Major Maston married an Elizabeth Bandy. As I told you previously, I know for a fact that our Major Mastin's wife's name was "Agnes." I have a copy of her will, as well as a copy of the will of Major Mastin which was probated ca 1810. It was written in 1808. Agnes made her will in 1820 and it was offered for record in Sumner County in 1823. It reads in part, thusly: '....First, Give unto my belovd nephew Jimerson Bandy all my part of this crop now growing and all my stock of hogs, horses and cattle and two feather beds and furniture, one case of bottles, and that after my just debts are all paid the residue of my estate I wish to be equally divided amongst my relatives of nearest kind and revoking all other wills by me made...'

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"(a) - cont'd.:

This will was witnessed by B. F. Bender and Edward Bandy. Do you know who this Edward Bandy might have been?

"(b) I believe that our Thomas Mastin must have been married in Washington Co., Va., because, as I mentioned before, his daughter, Elizabeth, was born there in 1792. You say that Elizabeth Bandy, who married 'MAJOR MASTON' was born in 1773. Nettie S. Vantis in her ARCHIVES OF TAZEWELL COUNTY gives a marriage date for our Thomas Mastin as being 4 Jan 1773 - this would have been the year your Elizabeth was born. Too, our Major Mastin was born in Spotsylvania County in 1749, which would have made him considerably older than your Elizabeth who was born in 1773. Our Thomas Christian, whom Agnes and Thomas Mastin gave a home after he was orphaned, was born ca 1770.

"(c) I will say, however, that it does puzzle me as to why neither Thomas nor Agnes Mastin mentioned their daughter, Elizabeth, when they made their wills. Especially in view of the fact that there is a lady in Kentucky who went into the DAP, using Thomas Mastin as her ancestor.

"(d) My thinking is different from yours with respect to Agnes Mastin, if she were possibly a daughter of Thomas Bandy's first wife, Mary. I seriously considered the possibility that she might have been a Christian rather than a Bandy, and would, therefore, have been a step-daughter to Thomas Bandy. Even step-relationships can get very close, at times, and this could have been the reason that she spoke of "Jimerson" as her beloved nephew. Yet, we still must explain Edward Bandy - was he an uncle, brother, close friend, or what? I have found that many times sureties and such were provided by: first, relatives; and second, friends or neighbors.

"(e) The Phoebe Christian who is mentioned first in Thomas Bandy's will could have been a daughter of Mary "Polly's" first marriage - unless you have a positive explanation for this?"

I got a little ahead of myself there, Agnes, but I will quote that section from her letter in just a little while. I shall, now, however, continue to quote more of my answer to her:

"In your third paragraph, you say: 'There were two Jameson/Jamerson/Jamieson Bandys; one was the grandson of THOMAS BANDY and Mary 'Polly' Christian...' Q.E.D. - problem solved! Agnes Mastin very plainly labels this Jimerson as 'Nephew!' Which, to my way of thinking, certainly places her as a daughter of either Polly or Thomas; and this Jimerson as son of a sister or a brother. Right?"

I now will quote further from her letter:

"This is also the first information I have that the Bandy surname was spelled 'Bany.' I must say that, according to the information I have (from John F. Dorman's book Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications, Vol. 4) Thomas Bandy was born in Cumberland Co., Va., in 1748 and was living in Franklin County, Va., when called into service, resided in Botetourt Co., after the war and moved to Sumner Co., Tenn. about 18 years ago. Thomas applied for pension on 12 Nov 1833 in Sumner Co., so taking 18 years off of this date would make his arrival in Sumner Co., approximately 1815-16. I have information from some early TN tax lists where Thomas first appears in 1816. He died either in Sumner or Wilson Co., TN on 18 Oct., 1835 and he was the son of Richard Bandy who died in Botetourt Co., Va., ca 1795.

"All of us who have been researching the Bandy family agree that the first-named child in Thomas' will was actually Mary 'Polly' Christian's daughter, Phebe Christian.

she had said that "Agnes" was name of Bandy - thus, this hypothesis

"Thomas and Mary 'Polly's' first child was Cary Bandy born 1769. I have no further information on Mary 'Polly' Christian and do not know who her first husband was, nor any other of her children by 'Mr.' Christian."

Refer to (e) for my comments on the foregoing. I then, in my answer to her, reverted to her reference to Thomas Bandy's having been in Franklin County, Va., and I made the following comments thereto:

"I can relate to Franklin County because my progenitor, Peter Sickman, Sr., was one of the signers of the petition for the formation of Franklin County out of Bedford and Henry in the year 1785. I also have done a small amount of research in Pittsylvania County, Va. So, I wanted to say a few things about this region and what I have found. In the early Pittsylvania County records, one finds that Nathaniel Christian and some of the Skaggs were to be found there, as well as other names which are well-known in Southwest Virginia and Tennessee. John Donelson, father of Rachel Jackson, was found in this region early, especially in what became Franklin County. This indicates that many of these people moved on west. I also found a Mustain family which I have felt might have been a contraction of the name 'Mastin.' Also, a Daniel Smith and one does find another Daniel Smith who was prominent in Tennessee records - a friend of Thomas Mastin. I have Wingfield's EARLY PIONEERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, but I could not find a listing for Bandys. This doesn't mean a thing because I have found that, so much of the time, Wingfield mentioned those through whom he descended and others more prominent in the County. However, I did find in the early Deed Books (I have two volumes which have abstracts which were taken from Deed Books I and II of Franklin County) that the Bandys are mentioned:

(a) Deed Book #2, pp. 398-399 - June 20, 1788 - Deed - RICHARD BANDY (Fr. Co.) and ELIZABETH his wife to John Hoof (Fr. Co.)on the South Side of Staunton River. Adj.: Meads Corner on the river...Sextons Branch..... Witnessed by: Obediah H. Trent, Richard Radfor, James Slone, William Robeson, George Radford, Wm. Smith, Job Meader, and William Drake - Nov. 3, 1790 for Bandy and Spous. This deed was signed by Richard and Elizabeth by making their marks. In Deed Book #1, pp 212-213 - May 26, 1787 - Deed - THOMAS JONES to John Hook - on the South Side of Stanton River. Adj..... mouth of Hatfields Branch on Peter Woods line; Jeremiah Pucket line; William Drakes line; RICHARD BANDYS line to Stanton River..." You might be interested in knowing that this Thomas Jones is one of my ancestors in my paternal line. In Deed Book #3, pp 542 - October 18, 1797 - Deed - Robert Mead attorney in fact for William Mead (Bed. Co.) to CARY BANDY (Fr. Co.)... on Grymes Creek. Adj. Hooks. Recorded in 1798. There were other deeds on which the Bandys were mentioned as to property which bordered theirs, but I didn't try to copy that for you."

"(b) The foregoing does show that the Bandys were in Franklin County and where they were located. I did this, thinking you might not have seen these Abstracts. I should mention, also, that others in my paternal line were also first in Cumberland County, Va.

"(c) I did go to Wingfields' MARRIAGES OF FRANKLIN COUNTY to look for Bandy records for you and I found this: 'Carey Bandy and Frances Woods, dau. Peter, Nov. 14, 1791. Sur. James Chafin, Married by Henry VanOver.' "

There were other Bandy marriages mentioned, Agnes, but I won't copy them for you unless there is some particular reason you would want them. I did point out to her that Richard and Thomas Bandy are mentioned in Tazewell County records: Thomas is mentioned often - Richard is mentioned once under 'Annotated Enumeration of all Taxpayers - 1801-1820. I did find one Thomas Bandy listed as a purchaser of property from one Robert Whitley in 1830. This must not have been the one who went to Sumner County if one goes by the dates which this lady supplied to me. I will mention, though, that this Robert Whitley was probably an ancestor to the Robert Whitley who married our Bina Collins Whitley - a descendant of John Wesley Reed and Nancy Christian through their dau. Nancy Jane.

#4- Agnes Pearlman - April 5, 1984

This lady did tell me this:

"The Christian surname occurs a couple of other times in association with the Bandys. The above Thomas (husband of Mary 'Polly' Christian) had a younger brother John (born perhaps ca 1760) who married Lucy Christian. I have no date or location of this marriage. John and Lucy had eight children; one was Thomas C. Bandy, born ca 1783 whose first wife was Nancy Perry/Peery. Their second son was William W. Bandy, born 1815 in Tazewell County, Va. His first wife was Ella 'Nellie' Harrison and their oldest son was Thomas Bandy who married Lilly Wingo in 1853. Thomas and Lilly's children were: 1. William W. Bandy; married Rebecca Bandy; 2. Annie Bandy; married William Mitchell. 3. Ella Bandy; married Erastus Beavers. 4. John Bandy; married Nannie Beavers. 5. Charles Bandy; married a Blankenship. 6. Jane Bandy; married Thomas Beavers. 7. Nannie Bandy; married Columbus Beavers. 8. Mattie Bandy; married W. L. Beavers. 9. Sarilda Bandy; married James Beavers. 10. Mary Belle Bandy; married Joseph Reynolds.

"Thomas Bandy (whose first wife was Nancy Perry/Peery) married 2nd: Sarah 'Sallie' (Shrader) Wooldridge in 1842 in Tazewell Co., Va. They had a daughter Lucy who married John W. Beavers. They also had a son Thomas Richard Bandy (born ca 1840-43) who married Eliza Jane Sayers in 1864 and had children: 1. Orlena Bandy (whom you have informed me, married George Harman). 2. Sarah Bandy. 3. John Bandy; married a Watkins. 4. Thomas Bandy. 5. Mary Belle Bandy, born July 6, 1873; died Apr. 17, 1967; married George Hankins on Nov. 17, 1891. I have been in touch with a descendant of this couple. 6. Hannah Bandy. 7. James R. Bandy, born Jan. 1876; married Tansy Ward. 8. George Bandy, born June 1878; married Nancy Hankins. 9. Leroy F. 'Lee' Bandy, born July 1880; married Mary Witt. 10. (twin) Graft M. Bandy, born Nov. 1883. 11. (twin) Greever R. Bandy, born Nov., 1883; married Rebecca Deskins.

"William W. Bandy (born 1815) and first wife Ella 'Nellie' also had: Son: James B. Bandy, born 16 June 1836 in Tazewell County, Va., whose first wife was Nannie Christian. Son: Joseph Bandy who married Linnie Beavers.

"So ..you can tell how the Christian and Beavers surnames have become interwoven in the Bandy family."

In reply to some of the foregoing lists and such from this lady, I said this:

"We, too, are related to the Harrisons and one of Thomas Christian's children or grandchildren married into the Wingo family. I am not going to look this up just now, but this came through Thomas Christian's second marriage to Mary Altizer."

I also said this:

"I wouldn't touch that list of BEAVERS with a ten-foot pole, but I can assure you that in some way or other my BEAVERS are related to all of them."

I did tell her early-on in my letter to her that I felt as though she had "thrown me into the brier patch" when she listed all of those names. It never ceases to amaze me as to the way these families intermarried. I pointed out to her how the Christians and Harman's were related to the Hankins and Whitt/Witt families.

This was a very long-winded way of bringing you up-to-date on what I had gleaned from my contact with this lady. I don't know that we have actually proved or disproved anything. I do think there are enough similarities for it to be tantalizing as all get-out. I have not had a reply to this letter. If she has more to say about this, I shall let you know.

I can tell you one new development as far as the REEDS are concerned: I have located

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descendants of grandfather's brother, Henry James Hoover Reed, who left West Virginia and went to Minnesota in the late 1800s. It seems that he deserted this family and, they think, returned to the Virginias. My mother evidently didn't know this because she had told us they did not hear from him again. She did know, though, that he had married twice. I am going to look into this more, when I can get the time. Right now, I am pretty much involved in getting this Sigmon history compiled and ready for print. He married Hannah Sansom and this is the wife he took to Minnesota. Their children were: Angeline, b 17 Aug 1874 at Kingston, Meeker County, Minnesota; Nora Bell, b 10 Dec 1876 in Kingston, m. 1) Brock Daugherty and 2) Clarence Davidson (mamma knew about this daughter and said that she was in St. Louis.); Pearl Elgin, b 25 Dec 1882 at Wykeham Twp., Todd, Minn, m. 1) Flora May Chubb and m. 2) May Thomas; Elsie, b 1883-4 in Minnesota, m. George Piatt; Monte Vill, b 1885-6 in Minnesota. I missed a dau. - Ida Mae, b 8 Aug 1879 in Kingston, Minn. I have a small amount of data on the children of these children. The girl I made contact with in Nevada - a descendant of James H. Reed - didn't know as much about the family as I; therefore, I found out nothing at all as to John Wesley's beginnings.

There are those in the Reed family who have asked me to do a history on Mamma's family, but I don't know if I would have the nerve to attack such an endeavor or not after I finish with daddy's family. I really believe that my battery is just about "dead" and I don't know if it can be recharged. We shall see if I survive the Sigmon "ordeal."

Hope this will be of some help to you. I appreciate the query in the CHRONICLES. We can hope that it will bear fruit, but I have just about lost hope when it comes to unraveling this Christian puzzle.

Warmly,



P.S. Please do call if you
come to WV this spring!



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

April 10, 1984

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Juanita:

Just a quick note to say thank you, thank you, thank you for your summary of the Bandy-Mastin-Christian research.

All your mention of Cumberland County and Bedford County makes me wonder if your Thomas Christian might ultimately prove to be a first cousin of my Thomas Christian.

Somewhere I believe I have a record of another Agnes Christian; in fact, I thought the record below was for an Agnes but will have to look further. This one turned out to be a Mary Christian. Did I ever send this marriage to you before? One of my notes shows the year as 1772, another as 1762--the latter more likely correct:

*Mary Christian married David Rogers 11 May 1762 or 1772 in Bedford
County, Virginia.*

I have not yet identified her parents. Of course, it is also possible that she was a widow.

It appears that I will not be able to go to West Virginia on my up-coming trip. I'll be traveling between Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Until next time.

Happy searching,

P. S. I just remembered the Agnes Christian marriage: You had sent the information to me: Agnes Christian to Thomas Cartwright 1791 Sumner County, Tennessee; Thomas Mastin, security.

April 17, 1984

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
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Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

Sorry that you won't be in this area of West Virginia on this trip east. If you come this way again, do be sure to call.

I heard further from the lady about the Bandy/Christian connection, and this inspired me to put together this "speculative chart" and compile a bit of data on Thomas Mastin in order to forward it to her. I thought that this chart might more clearly say what I have been trying to put forth: that the phrase in Agnes Mastin's will which refers to "my belovd Nephew, Jimerson Bandy" is one of the best clues that we have had yet as to the parentage of Agnes Mastin.

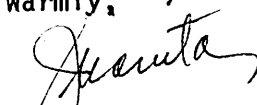
This is what this lady said in her last letter: "Let me clarify just a little bit about Jameson/Jamerson/Jamieson Bandy. He was the son of Thomas Bandy and Nellie Akers and this Thomas was the son of Thomas Bandy and Mary "Polly" Christian. Also, we do believe that "Phoebe Christian" was the daughter of Mary "Polly" Christian (prior to Mary "Polly" Christian's marriage to Thomas Bandy. The only proof of connection is thru the will of Thomas Bandy in Sumner Co., TN., (1835) which lists Phoebe Christian - apparently unmarried. I wonder if there would be a will for her somewhere in Sumner Co., perhaps leaving something to her half-brothers and half-sisters."

I, too, wonder about this; but, until I can get this Sigmon History "laid to rest, " I don't want to take time to go off on a tangent in search for such a will. However, to my way of thinking, Agnes Mastin certainly "cleared the deck" for us when she made the statement which she did in her will; and it all falls into place now that we know who this Jimerson Bandy was. However, I do not know who the Edward Bandy was who witnessed this will of Agnes's. It helps me to see now why Thomas Mastin took Thomas Christian "under his wing." I wonder if we need more proof than this to show that Agnes Mastin was nee Christian?

Yes, I remember finding the Agnes Christian and Thomas Cartwright marriage. I still wonder if she might have been a sister to Thomas. Yet, it is strange that never named any of his girls "Agnes." He certainly did use the name "Mastin;" and, not only he, but several others in later generations.

Let me know your thoughts on this.

Warmly,



(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names. . ."

Maternal Surnames:

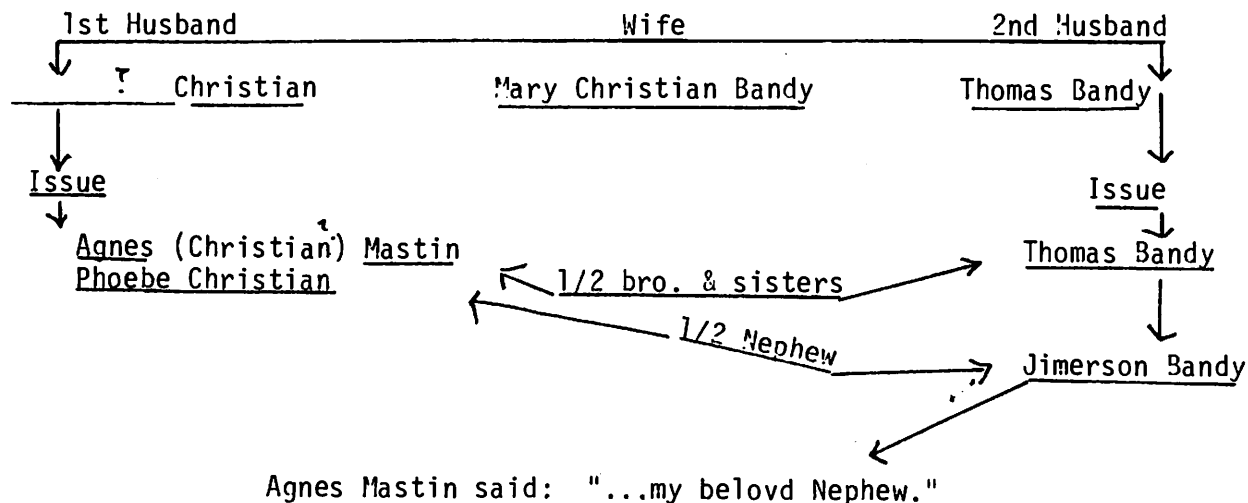
Sigmon, Jones, Hill, Price, Babgy
Shores (La Shores), Huff, Van Metre (?)
Du Bois (?) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes
Woodson (last four not proven)

Maternal Surnames:

Reed, Beavers, Barnett,
Christian, Harman, Skaggs
Hoover (?)

Speculative chart: If Agnes Mastin were a daughter of Mary Christian Bandy, we would find this relationship:

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Agnes Mastin was wife of Capt. Thomas Mastin (later attaining the rank of Major, and referred to in later years as Major Thomas Mastin.

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Highlights of Thomas Mastin's life:

According to ARCHIVES OF THE PIONEERS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA by Nettie Schreiner-Yantis, page 264, "DAR Application No. 134687 - add. 445 (of Mildred Tucker Hardcastle, Plum Springs Rd., Bowling Green, Kentucky) - Thomas Mastin was born Oct. 7, 1749 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. He married Agness_____ on 4 January 1773. He died October 3, 1810 in Sumner County, Tennessee (which is the reason Thomas Christian was in Sumner County, Tennessee in 1794, no doubt). He had at least one child: Elizabeth (b. 1 Jan. 1792 in Wash. Co., Va., m. John F. Carpenter, d. Warren Co., Ky.)"

Using this application data, we have established the date of his birth, as well as the place. Also, we have marriage date and date of birth of only known child. Yet, as this information develops, we find that there are many things of his personal life which are unexplained.

In 1779, Thomas Mastin was given 50 acres of land for his service in the militia. I have a copy of the warrant covering this transaction and it reads thusly: "This shall be your warrant to survey and lay off in one or more surveys, for Thomas Mastin, his heirs and assigns, the quantity of fifty acres of land, due unto the said Thomas for military service performed by him as a soldier in the late war between Great Britain & France, according to the terms of the King of Great Britain's Proclamation of 1763. A certificate which, duly proven is received into the Land Office. Given under my hand, and the seal of the said office, on this twenty third day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine. G. Carr, D.R. L.O." I found an order for this in the Mountgomery County Court records as of the same date as above.

In the year 1773, Oct 26, Thomas Mastin bought a tract of land from James Skaggs and his wife, Rachel, in the County of Fincastle on both sides of Meadow Creek - Meadow Creek a branch of New River - 78 acres. This indenture was witnessed by: Wm. Christian, W. Ingles, and Stephen Trigg. James Skaggs signed this as: James Skaggs, Sr. and Rachel also signed same. (We who have done Skaggs research think this James and Rachel

Highlights of Thomas Mastin's life - cont'd.:

could well have been the parents of our Skaggses, viz: Henry, Lydia, John, James, Elizabeth, Susannah, et al.) It was recorded thusly: "At a court held for Fincastle County March 1774. This indenture of bargain and sale was proved by the oaths of William Christian and Stepehn Trigg witnesses thereto and ordered to be certified. And at a Court held for Montgomery County the second day of Sept. 1777. The said indenture was further proved by the oath of William Ingles witness there to and ordered to be recorded. Teste- Will Littlepage, D. Comc."

I have a copy of a deed from Sumner County, dated 2 Jan 1796, in which Thomas Mastin sold 505 acres of land in that county to one Peter Hansbrough.

We find Thomas Mastin in the New River area between 1770 and 1775 - active in both public and military affairs. He was a captain in the militia as early as 1774. He served as captain of a company of militia in Col. Wm. Christian's Cherokee Campaign of 1776. He was one of the Committee of 16 who were named by the Governor in October 1776 to form the New county of Washington (VA) when organized.

In 1779, Mastin was in the nautical campaign against the Cherokees of Chickamauga led by Col. Evan Shelby. (I have a copy of Hezekiah Whitt's application for a pension for having served in this campaign - Thomas Christian furnished a deposition for Whitt. In it, Thomas Christian explains that he was orphaned and raised by Thomas Mastin and, therefore, knew Whitt and knew that what he was saying in his application was true.-jsh) (What was known as Washington County, NC, at that time is now Tennessee.) Gilbert Christian (one of Mastin's fellow captains from Washington County, Virginia) served as battalion commander. One of the men who made application for pension because of serving in this campaign said in his application papers that the Captain became very sick on return - so much so that we had to let him rest frequently. (They were speaking of Mastin.)

After this illness developed, Mastin dropped for awhile from Washington County, Va. records, but he appears again in March, May and November of 1782. Before the 20th of March - earliest of these three 1782 courts, Mastin has become MAJOR of the Washington County, Virginia, militia. In 1783, Major Mastin was granted administration of the estate of Samuel Hughes, deceased. Col. Daniel Smith was Mastin's security for the bond for this and the estate was appraised by their neighbors, John Deskins, Richard Oney, and Mastin's old friend and neighbor, John Hankins. (Deskins, Oney and Hankins all gave depositions on behalf of Thomas Christian in his action against John Wray in obtaining the land which Christian had bought from Wray in this area of Virginia. Hankins indicating in his deposition that Thomas Christian, at one point of time, made his home with him. This is understandable because John Hankins married Thomas Christian's wife's aunt, Elizabeth Skaggs, a sister to Lydia Skaggs, wife of Mathias Harman, Sr. and parents of Louisa Harman, wife of Thomas Christian - jsh. Too, the fact that Hankins is called a neighbor of Mastin's indicates that Thomas Christian was buying land "back home" on which he wanted to settle.jsh)

In 1785, Mastin left Baptist Valley (VA) and the Washington County area permanently to follow his friend, Daniel Smith, to the Cumberland area. The June, 1785, session of the Davidson County court (TN) chose Mastin as their candidate for Sheriff of that county. When Sumner County was organized on 9 April 1787, Mastin was there and at this court on June 7, 1787 he was selected as the first sheriff of Sumner Co. (I have a copy of this appointment - somewhat blurred, but still legible - David Shelby was a witness to this selection - jsh) He held that post for a year and again, from 1804 to 1808, he was sheriff of Sumner County.

On the 12 of July 1788, Mastin bought 200 acres of land from Daniel Smith. Later, he added an adjoining 68 acres to this which he purchased from one Joshua Compbell. Here he lived the remainder of his life.

Highlights of Thomas Mastin's life - cont'd.:

He made a will on 6 Oct 1808. No children are mentioned; no descendants; only his "beloved wife, Agnes." No date of probate in the Sumner County records. Provisions of the will are simple, and surprising. Agnes was given the slaves, furniture, farm implements, stock and, the surprise, the 268 acres farm to "my friend Daniel Smith, his heirs and assigns forever, in fee simple, after the decease of my wife, Agnes Mastin." His was made executrix. (Daniel Smith's will states that he bought the land from Mastin. I have a copy of both of these wills. There was no reason given in Daniel Smith's nor Mastin's will as to why this land was sold to Smith -jsh)

On 22 June 1809, he appeared personally in open court to acknowledge a deed for 268 acre farm to Daniel Smith. This deed indicates Smith paid him \$350.00 for the land. This deed also stipulates that Agnes Mastin is to have use of this land for her natural life.

A good bit of the foregoing information can be found in THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA's Journal - Series II, No. 19, May, 1982 on page #3. However, I, too, had done much research on this man and was able to use much of the data which I have collected in preparing this resume. I also have a copy of Agnes Mastin's will and she, too, did not mention children or descendants in any way. The only person named in her will was her "...belovd nephew, Jimerson Bandy." This will is witnessed by Edward Bandy and B. F. Bender. She made the will in 1820; it was recorded in 1823. We know from Mrs. Yantis's ARCHIVES OF TAZEWELL COUNTY that they seemed to have had at least one child, Elizabeth. Yet, neither she nor any offspring are mentioned in either of these wills. I made two attempts to obtain data from Mrs. Hardcastle, and she answered the first time by referring me to other sources; the second time, I had no answer.

I have no hard and fast answers for this puzzle. I do believe that we can conclude that the early families were close and knew each other well. I believe the Skaggs deed to Mastin is a plus in proving some of these connections. I now feel that we are close to proving our contention that Agnes Mastin may well have been a Christian - thus, the care the Mastins offered for Thomas Christian. I still do not know who the parents were of Thomas Christian, but I sincerely hope that some of this information is beginning to "close the gap." Another thing for which I can vouch: the name "Mastin" was used many times in my mother's family. One finds one male member after the other with this name. This certainly suggests high regard and respect for Thomas Mastin.

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Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

April 24, 1984

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
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Dear Juanita:

Before I turn to my comments on the Christian-Mastin-Bandy connections, I want to let you know that I just sent your name to the following correspondent who is descended from John and Polly (Dillion) Beavers---as I recall you are, too:

Ms. Karen M. Gauze
P. O. Box 6312
Beauty, Kentucky 41203

I just realized that I may have been in error when I told her you were descended from John and Polly (Dillion) Beavers. I believe it was Marvin Jones' wife who traces such descent. Of course, I know that you do trace descent from the Tazewell County, Virginia, Beaver/Beavers family.

Regarding the speculative chart sent with your last letter: Although the relationships you give are certainly possible, I would be inclined to revise it in several ways. First, I believe Agnes () Mastin was a contemporary of Mary () Bandy. Please note that Thomas Mastin was born 1749 and Thomas Bandy was born 1744-8. Agnes and Mary were probably born about the same time---thus Agnes was probably not a daughter of Mary. Indeed, it is likely that Agnes and Mary were sisters, possibly nee Christian. When Agnes Mastin refers to her nephew Jimerson Bandy, I believe she was referring to a grand-nephew. As I was growing up I was quite close to several grand-uncles and grand-aunts; however, I always referred to them simply as uncles and aunts, and they referred to me as a niece.

Now what about the Phoebe, daughter of Thomas and Mary "Polly" Bandy? There are about three possibilities. The simplest solution would be that Christian was her middle name and that she was always known as Phoebe Christian Bandy. Another possibility could be that she was born Phoebe Bandy and had married someone named Christian before the entry was made in the family Bible. Of course, the other possibility is that she was born to Mary () Bandy before the marriage to Thomas Bandy; however, in such a case I doubt that she would have been listed as Thomas Bandy's daughter.

As for use of the given name Agnes among descendants of Thomas and Louisa (Harmon) Christian: I should have said, the lack thereof: Frankly, given names of their children are interesting in several respects. There is no Lydia, no Mathias, not even a Mary. So perhaps it is not surprising that there is no Agnes, even if Agnes were the aunt of Thomas Christian.

That's about all for today--at least food for thought.

Sincerely,

April 24, 1984

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

It looks as though it is back to the "think-tank" for us! I am enclosing a letter (a copy, I should say) for your scrutiny which I received yesterday from this Mrs. Utsey of Oklahoma City who is a BANDY descendant. It is obvious that she has done extensive research on the Bandy family; and it now appears that it was a different Jimerson Bandy who was in Sumner County at the time Agnes Mastin made her will. I do believe, however, that we are getting closer to the Christian/Bandy/Mastin connection.

If this Jimerson Bandy who was a son of Richard C. Bandy (pg. #3 of letter), who was a son of Richard Bandy I, is the Jimerson Bandy about whom Agnes Mastin was talking in her will, then we would have to assume that Agnes, too, was a daughter of Richard Bandy I for this Jimerson to have been her "belovd nephew." This Jimerson does fit right into the "time span" in which we find Agnes Mastin's will: She wrote it in 1820; and it was recorded in 1823; and we would also have to conclude that Agnes died in that interim. Too, this, of course, would mean that Agnes was a Bandy instead of a Christian. However, on #4, of this letter, we find this: "John Bandy, a son of Richard Bandy I, married LUCY CHRISTIAN, possibly a sister of Polly's (this would have been reference made to Thomas Bandy's wife, Mary "Polly" Christian). If Agnes were a daughter of Richard Bandy I, and John Bandy a son of Richard Bandy I, then we find Agnes related to the Christians by marriage in this instance. Now, can we, as this lady suggests, speculate that Lucy and Polly had a brother who died and left Thomas Christian (my ancestor) an orphan; and the Mastins took him under their care????

As I told this lady, my mother was born at Bandy, Virginia; and I have often heard my mother speak of this place. Too, some of the Bandys married into my mother's family. She says (this lady, that is) that Bandy, Virginia, was named for the Thomas Bandy one finds in Tazewell records and that he was a son of this John and Lucy Christian Bandy.

I have looked at some of the Draper's Manuscripts which she has mentioned here, and I really didn't find too much in them to be helpful to us. They were mostly about William Christian. Of course, I haven't seen them all. They are on film up at our State Archives if I could just find the time to go through them.

If we could just determine who the Edward Bandy was who witnessed Agnes Mastin's will, we might find the clue which we need to it all = but, see what she says about him. No one seems to know who he was.

As I said in the beginning, I do believe that we are getting closer to an answer on Thomas Christian. We may be looking at it, but completely missing it. Warmly, *Juanita*

Set me toward your thoughts on this!

Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names. . ."

Maternal Surnames:
Sigmon, Jones, Hill, Price, Babgy
Shores (La Shores), Huff, Van Metre (?)
Du Bois (?) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes
Woodson (last four not proven)

Maternal Surnames:
Reed, Beavers, Barnett,
Christian, Harman, Skaggs
Hoover (?)

Okla. City, OK

April 14, 1984

Dear Juanita:

Your letter of April 13th arrived today. How I wish I had some concrete information for you, but I don't. I will tell you what I know, however, I have No knowledge of the Thomas Christian mentioned in your letter.

I am a descendent of Richard Bandy I through his son Thomas Bandy, b. June 22, 1748 and died in 1835 in Ind., and through his son Thomas Bandy, Jr. born August 8, 1775, Franklin Co., Va.

After the Revolutionary War Thomas Sr., with his family, moved to Botetourt Co., Va.

Thomas Bandy was married to Mary (Pelly) Christian on November 22, 1768.

At that time Mary had a daughter, Phoebe Christian, born October 1765. She is listed in the children who were enumerated in Pension application of Thomas Bandy. Children of Thomas & Pelly Christian Bandy were Cary (male) b. ¹⁰⁻³⁰ 1769, Richard, b. ⁷⁻¹⁰ 1771, Elizabeth, b. 2-7-1773,

and Twins Martha and Thomas Bandy
born August 8, 1775. By his 2nd wife,
Nancy Burns, Thomas Bandy, Sr. had
another daughter named Elizabeth, born
April 4, 1790, and four sons.

Records indicate that Elizabeth
Bandy, the elder, born 1773, was married
to Major Maston (Martin).⁶ I have no
further information for her and, to my
knowledge, neither do other Bandy re-
searchers. If so, they have failed to share
it. It is possible that after the second
Elizabeth Bandy came along the elder
Elizabeth may have used her other name.

I made note of the ^{abstract of} will of 1820,
Agness Martin (Martin) in Sumner Co., Ind.
wherein she bequeathed her personal
possessions and crops to her nephew,
Jimerson Bandy. I read the name as
Martin, and was unable to make a
connection to our Thomas Bandy line.

Now, there were two Bandy's with
similar names. Thomas Bandy, Jr.'s
eldest son was Jamison Bandy ^{born 1796} in Ky.
other words, a grandson of Thomas
Bandy, Sr. That Jamison Bandy and

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my great-great grandfather, William Bandy,
were brothers. My great grandfather and
grandfather were named Jamison
Alexander Bandy.

*Is this
the one?*

Richard Bandy, who appears to be
and in my opinion, undoubtedly is a
son of Richard Bandy I, had a son
named Jamason (AKA Jimmison
and Jimerson) Bandy who was born
in 1788, Botetourt Co., Va. He lived in
Sumner Co., In. where, in 1822, he was
married to Elizabeth Knight. Elizabeth
died after having several children, and
Jamason Bandy moved to Perry Co., In.
He married 2nd to a woman named
Denson. (I have her given name in my
file).

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The Jamison Bandy, of my Bandy line,
was married to Elizabeth Taylor, in 1815, ⁱⁿ Wilson
Co., In. and in late 1820s moved to Morgan Co.,
Il., later to Greene Co. and died in
Montgomery Co., Il. in 1869. He had a
son named Elisha Jamison Bandy.

The Christian and Akers families were
among the first to settle in the area
now known as north Roanoke County,

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but from 1769 to 1838 was the southern part of Botetourt Co., Va., that part being north of the Roanoke River. The Bandy's owned lands on the north waters of the Roanoke River as well as on several creeks which flowed into the Roanoke R.

As for the reason for your ancestor, Thomas Christian's moving to Fajewell Co., Va. this may be one. It is said that John Bandy, a son of Richard Bandy I, married a Lucy Christian, possibly a sister of Peely's. It is, also, said that the Thomas Bandy, who settled in Bandy, Va. in Fajewell Co., was a son of John Bandy and Lucy Christian. It is possible that your Thomas Christian was the child of a deceased brother of Peely and Lucy.

I have searched all my records of marriages and wills for Christian and Mastin or Maston, but I have found nothing which might provide a clue to your Thomas Christian. I have all the early marriages and wills for Botetourt, Lincastle, Montgomery and Franklin Cos., Va.

5/ You might possibly get some information which would be helpful to you, from the following which are in the "Monnet Library" at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Ok.

Series ZZ Vol. 3, p. 4 - a letter dated 22 Fe 1843 from Mrs. Eliza Ramsey to Lyman C. Draper giving a biographical sketch of her father, Dr. William Fleming, and of her maternal uncle Col. William Christian.

Series ZZ Vol. 3, p. 32 - a letter (9 pages) dated 6 May 1845 from Col. George Christian to Lyman C. Draper giving genealogy of the Christian family (probably p. 6 or 7).

Series ZZ Vol. 5, pp 104, 105 - a letter from Frederick Johnston dated 18 Jun 1874 giving a sketch of the Christian family. The Christians established in the Isle of Man in 1422; Israel Christian's removal to Dublin, thence to Virginia; his only son, Col. William Christian, killed by Indians in Kentucky; death of Israel Christian at Dunkard Bottom on New River in

1784; his descendants. This is a 2-page newspaper clipping from the Fincastle Herald.

Series ZZ Vol. 8, p. 65 - a letter from Frederick Johnston dated 24 June 1874 to Lyman Draper in which he encloses his sketch of the Christian family which was published in the Fincastle Herald.

Series ZZ Vol. 8, p. 63 - a letter from Frederick Johnston dated 20 May 1874 giving ancestry of Dr. J. R. Christian of Hazy Springs, Miss.

Series ZZ Vol. 15, p. 21 - a letter from George Christian of Livingston, Tenn. dated 24 June 1842 mentioning John, Gilbert, and William Christian, sons of Robert Christian, Augusta Co., Va.; Gilbert and William active in Indian fighting.

Information concerning the above records came from an Illinois Thomas Bandy descendant. Although Norman, Ok is only 30 miles from Okla. City, I have been physically unable to drive there since learning

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of them. I have, however, confirmed, by phone, that all volumes mentioned are in the Monnet Library. If I continue to be incapacitated, I shall ask the librarian to send copies to me.

In a publication, authored by Anne Lowry Norrell, of wills and marriages in Montgomery & Lincoln Counties, 1733-1831, I found abstracts as follows:

Will - Christian, Israel. Will probated Nov. 1784. Names wife, Elizabeth; and children, William, Rosanna, Sarah Winston, Priscilla, Ann Fleming (wife of Col. William Fleming); grand children, Stephen Fleming and Polly Trigg.

Will - Christian, Nathaniel, Adm. of estate granted his widow, Jane, Mar. 2, 1779.

Will - Christian, William (of Ross Co., Ky.). Will probated Feb. 1834. Names wife, Mary; and children, Allen, John, Thomas, Susannah, Margaret, Mary, (wife of M. Hester), and Martha, widow of George Jones; states that Martha is his eldest daughter.

I am sure you know that Lincoln, later called Botetourt, was carved from

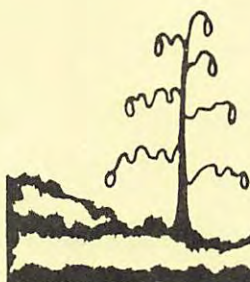
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Augusta County, Va. in 1769. Records indicate that the Christians and Akers families were established in Fincastle or Botetourt when it was Augusta Co. - My ancestor, Simon Akers' will was dated in 1749 and is in Staunton, Va. Lands which he owned in the area of Botetourt Co., he bequeathed to his sons William, Thomas, Uriah and daughter, Ruth. Wm. + Thomas to provide care for their mother, Mary Akers.

Juanita, I truly wish I could be of more assistance, but I've told you everything, that I knew, that might possibly provide a clue or give you a new springboard for continued research.

I do wish you much success in your search.

Sincerely,
Eileen Bandy Utsey
(Mrs. Aulton E. Utsey)

P.S. I don't know who the Edward Bandy could have been. An Edward Bandy was married in 1827 in Sumner Co., Mo., but I don't know to whom he belonged. -



Juanita,
As for us I
have been able to
determine, the proper
papers, have nothing
on the particular
circumstances in whom
you and I are
interested. A.

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May 3, 1984

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Dear Juanita:

Your letter of April 24 and mine of the same day obviously crossed in the mail. By now, you have undoubtedly had a chance to review the comments I made but which I will revise somewhat in light of the information received from Mrs. Aulton E. Utley.

Could you send her address to me?

I have only one major question regarding her information: How did she determine that the wife of Thomas Bandy was Mary "Polly" Christian? In other words, was Christian definitely her maiden name. For purposes of my additional comments, I will assume that this is correct.

I still believe it possible that Phoebe Christian Bandy was their first child born within wedlock and that they would thus have been married 22 November 1763 rather than 1768. You know how easy it is to confuse a "3" with an "8," etc. I do not believe that a step-daughter would have been listed in the pension papers as a daughter. The government was quite precise in its expectations concerning legal heirs, etc. Thus, Christian would have been Phoebe's middle name for her mother's family.

As for the identity of Agnes Mastin's nephew, Jameson Bandy: It is possible that there were other men of that name of whom we know nothing; however, I will accept Mrs. Utley's speculation that he was the son of Richard C. Bandy, son of Richard Bandy (I). I found the fact that this Jameson married an Elizabeth Wright to be of special interest. If you recall, the Benjamin Christian of Tazewell County, Virginia, in 1810 was the son of _____ and Nancy (Ellison) Christian. After her husband's death, this Nancy married a Mr. Wright by whom she also had children.

Did you notice that Mrs. Utley's ancestor, Thomas Bandy, Jr., born 8 August 1775 to Thomas and Polly (Christian) Bandy, was listed as having been born in Franklin County, Virginia? Of course, Franklin was not formed until ten years later; so it is possible that he could have been born in that part which was formed from Bedford County, Virginia. If so, that would place his parents in the same locale as Allen and Juda Christian at the same time and their move from there to the Botetowit-Montgomery area also at the same time. Another one who showed up in the greater New River area about the same time was the elder Ellison Christian. Notice, too, that Polly's husband, Thomas Bandy, was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, only a few years before Allen Christian was born there also.

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All of which brings me back to the identity of Agnes Mastin. It would appear from what we now know that she was born Agnes Bandy, the sister of Richard C. Bandy (father of Jameson), the sister of Thomas Bandy (husband of Polly Christian), the sister of John Bandy (husband of Lucy Christian), and the sister of an as yet unidentified female Bandy, who married male Christian, a brother of Polly and Lucy Christian. What do you think?

Have you any idea who the wife of Richard Bandy (I) was?

Very speculative, but we could find that the following made up a family group as children of the Thomas Christian who died before November 1781 and was "of Bedford County, Virginia."

Christopher Christian, born ante 1758 in Virginia, died 1781-1782 in Montgomery County, North Carolina.

Nicholas Christian, born ante 1760 in Virginia, moved to Montgomery County, North Carolina; married Sarah Smith.

_____ (possibly Thomas) Christian, born ante 1755, died during 1770's; may have married _____ Bandy, daughter of Richard Bandy.

Mary "Polly" Christian, born about 1745, married Thomas Bandy, son of Richard Bandy.

Lucy Christian, born 1740's or 1750's, married John Bandy, son of Richard Bandy.

Allen Christian, born 22 May 1754 Cumberland County, Virginia, died Shelburn County, Indiana; married Juda

James Christian, ~~born 1755, died 1780, Cumberland County, North Carolina;~~ may have had a wife Heaton

_____ Christian, born about 1750's, married Nancy Ellison; who after his death married a Mr. Wright.

probably others

Let me emphasize that the above is sheer speculation but based on good evidence. If the above proves to be correct, then your Thomas Christian and my Thomas Christian would have been first cousins. The Benjamin of Tazewell would also have been the same.

While engaged in such free-wheeling speculation, I should point out that there were at least two other contemporaries of the Thomas Christian of Bedford County living in that county at the same time; namely, Turner Hunt Christian and a James Christian. I have not developed proven family groups for them either.

The article in Volume No. V, page 332 has information pertaining to the Christopher and Nicholas Christian placed in the household above. I would, of course, be interested in your observations.

Sincerely,



Read the series on Allen and Juda Christian for proof of their migratory patterns, which correspond so closely with the Bandy moves prior to 1800, as well as the Mastin moves prior to that time. The elder Thomas Christian above would have been the brother of the Nathaniel Christian who moved into Montgomery County, Virginia.

all gene II connections to speculation

May 5, 1984

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Dear Agnes:

I "little bug" caught up with me and laid me low this past week. Therefore, I was not able until today to get to a copier in order to make you a copy of the enclosed charts. While I know that we still don't know which "team" Thomas Christian was playing on; we are now in the right "ball park," I am fairly confident.

As I told you in my letter of April 24, I realized that we were dealing with the wrong Jimerson Bandy after I received Mrs. Utsey's letter. However, the Jimerson Bandy who was the son of Richard Bandy II fits right into the slot perfectly - dates and all. I have no doubt that this was the "belovd Nephew" to whom Agnes Mastin left her personal effects. More than this, it points up the fact very clearly that she felt very close to this person. I still have a big question in my mind about offspring of Thomas and Agnes Mastin. I attempted to get some clarification on this twice from the lady in Ky who went into the DAR on Thomas Mastin's record - but, I got absolutely no where. For her to have been a descendant, there would have had to have been issue from Elizabeth Mastin's marriage. Yet, Thomas nor Agnes either make ~~no~~ provision for heirs; other than Agnes's reference to her "belovd nephew."

I believe that it is clear that Phoebe Christian was a child by Mary Christian Bandy's first marriage. I have outlined possibilities in the charts which are enclosed.

I was interested in your reference to the lack of use of the name "Agnes" in the family of Thomas Christian. I wondered if you had noticed that Thomas still applied the names of the Harmans to his children after he married Mary Altizer? Viz: George, Matthias, Susan (could be Skaggs as in "Susannah"), Sarah, Lilly and LOUISA (of all things!!!! (Forgive this mess - I forget that I change elements and that I must change fingers for characters as well) Imagine giving a child of the second marriage the same name as his first wife!!!! I have never found a satisfactory answer as to why Moses Christian was not mentioned as one of the children of the first marriage when the Bill of Complaint was filed; nor do I know for certain why his death record (Moses's, that is) shows his parent as LOUISA HARMAN and not LOUISA CHRISTIAN. He died in 1855; Thomas died in 1854. This action by George and Matthias was evidently brought in Sept. 1855, according to other papers which I have obtained on same. It makes no sense that Moses, or his heirs, are not mentioned if he was, indeed, a son. We know that in the case of Mastin (who was deceased at the time) that his heirs are all listed. Puzzles me!

I did hear from the lady in Kentucky and I shall search my files to see if I can help her. Right off, I can't place John Beavers for her. As I told you, I am devoting most of my time now to SIGMONS and I must refresh my thinking from time to time unless it is something with which I am extremely familiar. Do let me know your thoughts on this data.

Best wishes,

Juanita

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RICHARD BANDY I

Known Issue:

1. Thomas Bandy, Sr., b 22 June 1748; d. 1835 in TN; m. Mary "Polly" Christian 22 Nov 1768 (Polly had dau. at this time named Phoebe Christian, b Oct 1765.)

Issue:

Cary, b 10/30/1769 (he married in Franklin County, Va.

Richard, III, b 7/10/1771

Elizabeth, b 2/7/1773; m. MAJOR MASTON.

Martha (twin) b. 8/8/1775 *

Thomas (twin) b. 8/8/1775 *
*My grandmother, Robina Beavers Reed had twins named Martha + Thomas - Juanita Halstead.

If Agnes Mastin were a sister to Mary "Polly" Christian.

2. John Bandy; m. Lucy Christian. (Parents of Thomas Bandy of Tazewell Co., Va.)

If Agnes Mastin were a sister to Lucy Christian.

3. Richard Bandy, II (he was father of Jimerson Bandy who m. Elizabeth Wright in 1822 in Sumner Co., Tn. Agnes Mastin died in Sumner Co. in ca 1823.)

Jimerson Bandy
"My beloved Nephew."

- ? 4. Agnes Mastin (m. Thomas Mastin in 1773; dau. Elizabeth born in Washington Co., Va. in 1792. Agnes died ca 1823 in Sumner Co., TN.)

Or, if she were a dau. of Richard Bandy, I.

Speculative Chart

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May 14, 1984

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Dear Juanita:

Well, we did it again! Your letter of May 5 and mine of May 3 crossed in the mail. And this one may be crossing another.

My speculation regarding the relationships remains the same as that presented in my letter of May 3--note the word speculation, not fact.

As for the children of Thomas and Agnes () Mastin: I believe they probably had no children. It is unlikely that anyone would mention other heirs and relatives in a will and not mention one's own children. It is my guess that the descendant of Elizabeth (Mastin) _____, born in 1792, was a prospective D. A. R. member in search of a Revolutionary ancestor and managed to find such an "ancestor" in the person of Major Thomas Mastin. If, indeed, Elizabeth were the daughter of a Thomas Mastin, I think it was a different one, possibly a nephew of Major Thomas Mastin. Nothing more than circumstantial evidence to go on, but I have seen many of the Christian family lines of descent in the D. A. R. books which are obviously erroneous to anyone at all familiar with the various lines. This is particularly true of those claiming descent through non-existent Christian sons of William and Anne (Henry) Christian. One more comment about Agnes () Mastin: Even for a "change-of-life" baby, it is almost unheard of for a woman to give birth to a first child at over 50 years of age, even rare for women having children every two years or so.

More at another time. I must get the overdue issues of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES ready for the printer.

Sincerely,

Agnes

P. S. On the chart you sent me from Marvin Jones, the parents of the John Beavers who married Polly Dillion were shown as Alexander and Sally () Beavers.

May 14, 1984

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Dear Agnes:

Like ships in the night, our letters keep passing in the mail!

Yes, I will be glad to give you Mrs. Utsey's address - I had thought that it was on the letter which I copied and sent to you. It is: Mrs. Aulton E. Utsey, 5836 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City, OK 73109. I have written to her again and sent to her a copy of the last speculative charts which I drew up. I realize that we will still have to do some "tinkering" with these charts before we can feel reasonably certain of our "ground." As I said to you in my last letter: I do believe that we are now in the right ball park; however, far removed we may be from the correct team on which Thomas Christian played.

As to your question about how she (and others, I might add) made the determination that Thomas Bandy's first wife was one Mary "Polly" Christian, I can only quote to you what I have received on this matter from various sources: 1. Vivian Bandy: "The Thomas Bandy who was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, in 1748, was the son of Richard Bandy and Jane Cummings. His first wife, Mary "Polly" somebody-or-other was believed to have been the widow of a Christian, first name unknown. His second wife was Nancy Burns. His daughter (by "Polly") married a Mastin." (This seems to answer the question as to who Richard Bandy's wife was.) But, wait! She saith further: "I find another Bandy/Christian connection. John Bandy married Lucy Christian. No dates, but John was a son of Richard Solomon Bandy and Elizabeth Moss. Richard Solomon, I think, was a brother of Thomas, so perhaps Lucy was somehow related to "Polly's" first husband, but I don't know his first name, nor her parents." (Now, she has apparently revealed the wife of the second Richard Bandy - or am I lost completely?) In a later letter, she gave some further statistics on the children of Thomas Bandy, Sr.: (a) Cary, born in 1769; m. Frances Elizabeth Woods in 1791; d. in 1849 in Smith County, TN. (I sent her data on Cary's marriage which I found in Wingfield's Marriages of Franklin County, Va. as follows: "Bandy, Carey and Frances Woods, dau. Peter, Nov. 14, 1791. Surety James Chafin - minister, Henry VanOver." Remember Franklin County is my father's home territory.) (b) Richard, b 1771; m. Nancy Llewellyn in 1791. (I found a Richard Bandy who married a Peggy Wright on 13 Jan 1823, sur. Solomon Wright; also listed in Wingfield's Franklin County marriages. Also a John C. Bandy, s. Richard, and Sarah F. Wood, m. Mar. 3, 1845, sur. Solomon Wright. Obviously, these must be later on.) (c) Elizabeth born in 1773; m. Maj. Mastin. (d) Twins born in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1775 - Martha (one of the twins) m. a Vanover in Botetourt County in 1794; and Thomas, Jr. (the other twin) m. Nellie Akers in Botetourt in 1795." I mentioned the fact in my charts that my grandmother also had twins named Martha and Thomas. Too, I will have more to say later in this letter about the Elizabeth who married the Maj. Mastin. Vivian went on to say: "Thomas, Sr. married secondly in 1777 Nancy Burns and they had five more children, all born, apparently, in Bedford County: Elihue and Elizabeth and their spouses moved to Greene County, Illinois. I don't know where the others went."

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Now, let's go to source No. 2: Arlene Cook - "I recognize many of the surnames which are allied with the 'Bandy Clan' and Vivian is correct in noting that one of Thomas and Mary 'Polly' (Christian) Bandy's children married a Mastin. Their daughter Elizabeth, born 7 Feb 1773 (probably Bedford Co., Va) married Major Maston (this is the spelling I have). I have not carried down the female lines so I have no further information on this line. (pp) Agnes was not a given name used in the Bandy Family so I am unable to identify her. There were two Jameson/Jamerson/Jamieson Sandys; one was the grandson of Thomas Bandy and Mary 'Polly' Christian. The other Jameson was a son of Richard C. Bandy who was brother of Thomas (who married Mary 'Polly' Christian.) (pp) "This is also the first information I have that the Bandy surname was spelled 'Bany.' (I had quoted ~~to~~ her the data from the Virginia Genealogist or maybe it was the Virginia Genealogical Society's Journal - Juanita) I must say that, according to the information I have (from John F. Dorman's book Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications, Vol. 4) Thomas Bandy was born in Cumberland Co., Va., in 1748 and was living in Franklin Co., Va., when called into service, resided in Botetourt Co., after the war and moved to Sumner Co., Tenn., about 18 years ago. (The way she has listed this makes it seem that she has copied directly from the pension record. We both know that Franklin County was not formed until 1785, so when the application was made, the applicant simply must have intended to give the area from which he had entered the service and did not take into account the date of the county's formation - Juanita). Thomas applied for pension on 12 Nov., 1833 in Sumner Co., so taking 18 years off of this date would make his arrival in Sumner Co., approximately 1815-16. (This being true, it would mean that he came to Sumner County at least 5 to 6 years after the death of Thomas Mastin; and 4 to 7 years before the death of Agnes Mastin. Thomas Mastin died ca 1810; Agnes' will was made in 1820 and she died ca 1823. - Juanita) I have information from some early TN tax lists where Thomas first appears in 1816. He died either in Sumner or Wilson Co., TN on 18 Oct 1835 and he was the son of Richard Bandy who died in Botetourt Co., Va., ca 1795." She deposes further: "All of us who have been researching the Bandy family agree that the first-named child in Thomas' will was actually Mary 'Polly' Christian's daughter, Phebe Christian. Thomas and Mary 'Polly's' first child was Cary Bandy born in 1769. I have no further information on Mary 'Polly' Christian and do not know who her first husband was, nor any other of her children by 'Mr.' Christian."

I suppose that it would have been easier for me if I had taken these letters and had them xeroxed for you, but I didn't want to take time today to do that - so, I copy by using my trusty IBM - she do have right much more to say:

No. 2. - Arlene Cook - cont'd.: "The Christian surname occurs a couple of other times in association with the Bandys. The above Thomas (husband of Mary 'Polly' Christian) had a younger brother John (born perhaps ca 1760) who married Lucy Christian. I have no date or location of this marriage. John and Lucy had eight children: one was Thomas C. Bandy, born ca 1783 whose first wife was Nancy Perry/Peery. Their second son was William W. Bandy, born 1815 in Tazewell County, Va. His first wife was Ella "Nellie" Harrison and their oldest son was Thomas Bandy who married Lilly Wingo in 1853. Thomas and Lilly's children were: WHOA! I suddenly realized that I had done this for you before.

I did have a later letter from Arlene in which she said: "I am really indebted to you for your most informative letter of March 16th. I am going to xerox it and send it on to a lady in Oklahoma....." (This was how I became acquainted with Mrs. Utsey.) In this last letter, Arlene did say this: "..... our 'immigrant ancestor' Richard Bandy (born ca 1715-20 in Liverpool, England) who was married three (we think) times. First wife: Mahala (or Jane or perhaps Mahala Jane) Cummin(g)s, originally of Dublin, Ireland. They came to Cumberland Co., Va., from England in the early 1740's. I don't know when Mahala died, however, it must have been in the mid-to-late 1750's as by 1760 Richard was married to Elizabeth (whom we believe was Elizabeth Moss). His third wife was Lucy Justice, whom he married in 1793 in Botetourt Co., Va., and by whom he had an infant daughter (Katy), mentioned in his will

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dated 1795, Botetourt Co., Va. Richard had a large family (my husband's ancestor, George, thought to be the eldest son) and we still have not proved, beyond a doubt, exactly how many children there were. There was a son thought to be Richard C. Bandy (who eventually went to Tennessee in the early 1800s), son Thomas (also to TN), son Solomon (who was believed dead before 1795) and several daughters.....oh yes, also a son John (married Lucy Christian, we think). Just too many suppositions and we are actively hunting for proof which just may never surface."

She ^{was} puzzled about Edward Bandy the same as we are. He was one of the witnesses to Agnes Mastin's will. She did say that they did not have the names of all of Solomon Bandy's children - and suggested that he might have been his son. She did reiterate their beliefs about Phoebe Christian, thusly: "Also, we do believe that Phoebe Christian was the daughter of Mary 'Polly' Christian (prior to Mary 'Polly' Christian's marriage to Thomas Bandy). The only proof of connection is thru the will of Thomas Bandy in Sumner Co., TN., (1835) which lists Phoebe Christian--apparently unmarried. I wonder if there would be a will for her somewhere in Sumner Co., perhaps leaving something to her half-brothers and half-sisters." I know that you question Thomas Bandy's leaving anything to Phoebe if she had been a step-daughter. I am not in a position to make an observation about this; however, I do believe that legally anyone has the right to leave whatever they want to whomever they want, if proper benefit and recognition is given to heirs still living (heirs can even be omitted if there is just cause and I have even seen them included but only receiving a small amount in order to keep them from contesting the will). It is possible that the half-brothers and half-sisters thought well enough of her (and would feel her need for support if she were unmarried) that they would not question Thomas Bandy's will. I used to help prepare some wills when I was working for an attorney; yet, that has been many years ago and I simply do not remember the legal ramifications of such a situation. Maybe we should obtain a copy of this will and look at it ourselves. I have unravelled many of the Sigmon problems just by carefully reading documents on my own.

She, Arlene, further stated: "I am so pleased to have the items from the Deed Books of Franklin County, VA. I have not yet gone into checking these sources but will pass them on to the above mentioned Bandy researcher in OK. Richard and Elizabeth would be the couple (his second marriage) mentioned above. About the marriage records you sent from Franklin Co., Richard Bandy and Peggy Wright married in 1823 were parents of John C. Bandy so this is where the Wright's connect." (I have Vol. I and II of Deed Books 1, 2, and 3, Franklin County, Va. - abstracts, I should say. I copied all Bandy references and sent to her - Juanita.)

Now, the thing which "sticks in my craw" about this whole thing is this: The dates of the marriage of Thomas Mastin and Agnes - 1773; and the birth of the Elizabeth Bandy in 1773 - she later married "Major Maston;" and the date of the birth of Thomas and Agnes Mastin's daughter, Elizabeth, in 1792 in Washington County, Va. Was there another Major Mastin? Or is this a given name "Major?" Or do we have a confusion of individuals and dates? In other words, a mix-up in records? The fact that Thomas and Agnes Mastin named their daughter, Elizabeth - is this a clue? Did Agnes name her for a sister or a niece? Why was Elizabeth not mentioned in the wills of Agnes and Thomas? Even if she were dead, there must have been descendants for Mrs. Hardcastle in Kentucky to have gone into the DAR on Thomas Mastin's service record - no explanation from Mrs. Hardcastle was forthcoming when I wrote to her on two different occasions. However, it has been slipping my mind to mention, I have (since I was last in contact with you) been in communication with some of Aunt Lovis (what the family always called her) Reed Murphy's family and two of these have worked some with me on this problem. One of them did get a response from Mrs. Hardcastle (after she had first obtained a copy of her DAR application) and she stated that she listed her proof of the birth of Elizabeth and the relationship to Thomas and Agnes from data which was found in a family Bible. She also used the will of Thomas Mastin dated 6 Oct 1808 (and remember this mentions no children at all); a deed dated 27 Sept 1796; and a land grant for 275 acres. Ann was going to write to her again about this, but I haven't heard anything further from her. There is really something unusual about all of this.

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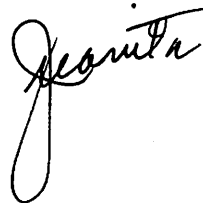
Ann did tell me that Mrs. Hardcastle answered her first letter and told her that she did not find anything about Thomas Christian in this family Bible nor any other Christians, for that matter. She also said that she never remembered hearing the name (Christian) mentioned in any family discussions. Strange - I say again. Especially in view of the fact that so many of the members of Thomas Christian's family and those in the Reeds, etc. used the name "Nastin" so many times in naming their children. Just too many unanswered questions about this whole thing.

Are you saying that you think it is possible that my Thomas Christian may have been a son of the _____ (possibly Thomas) Christian, born ante 1755, died during 1770s; and may have married _____ Bandy, daughter of Richard Bandy? Of course, if this hypothetical "Thomas" were a son of the Thomas who died before November 1781 and was of Bedford County, Virginia, were my Thomas's grandfather; and this Thomas were a brother of Nathaniel; and Jane Adair were this Nathaniel's wife; then we would finally have an explanation for the "Jane" in my mother's name (Rachel Jane) and the "Jane" which is found in John Wesley Reed and Nancy (Christian) Reed's daughter, Nancy Jane. I have never found a satisfactory explanation for finding this Jane and have always felt that some how our Christians were related to Nathaniel. (That paragraph is as "iffy" as all get-out; but maybe you get the gist of what I am saying.

Of course, you have a better "handle" on the Christians, Agnes, than I. I defer to you when it comes to placing them in their proper category. I did reread the article on Nicholas Christian in Vol. V and it all seems plausible. I do remember that one of Thomas Christian's descendants, Thomas S. Christian, seems to have been a minister in Tazewell County and performed some of the early marriages there.

Well, I have done it again - written another book! I hope that some of this might be helpful to you. I do wish that we could determine who the parents were of our Thomas Christian.

All good wishes,





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May 18, 1984

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Dear Juanita:

Yes, we have done it again! Your letter of the 14th and mine of the same date have crossed in the mail.

I appreciate your sending Mrs. Utsey's address as well as the additional information from your other Bandy connections.

When I expressed doubt about Phoebe Christian not being a daughter of Thomas Bandy, it was because I thought she had been named as a daughter in pension papers. Certainly, in a will an individual can name anyone he or she chooses. I wonder if Thomas referred to her as "daughter" or "daughter-in-law" or otherwise. Daughter-in-law was the common term used for step-daughters during the early nineteenth century. As you indicated, seeing a copy of his will might prove quite helpful to all of us.

That's about all for today.

Sincerely,

May 26, 1984

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Dear Agnes:

I had intended to let the Bandy/Christian matter rest for a time and get back to my history of the Sigmon family. However, I thought that I would fire one more shot in an effort to locate the supposed will of Thomas Bandy. In my searching through my files for data on Thomas Bandy, I discovered that I had, some time ago, obtained the pension file of Thomas Bandy - I had simply forgotten about it because at the time I received it I could make no application to any of my problems. I have the complete file with maybe the exception of a page or two missing from the deposition which Thomas Bandy made at the time of his application. I intend to make an effort to obtain these additional pages. I can now speak with knowledge about this situation.

He died Oct. 18, 1835 - noted on the first page of this application. He served as a private under Captain Richards of the regiment commanded by Col. Lynch. Length of service - 6 months. He made his deposition on the 12th day of November 1833. He says he served in the army of the United States in the year 1781 as a drafted militia man in a company commanded by Capt. Nathan Richardson, and served in said company for the term of three months. He mentions Col. Lynch and said further that the Major was John Callaway. He entered the service, he thinks, in the county of Franklin in the State of Virginia and marched to the Battle of Guilford - applicant was in the battle of Guilford. He was in service for three months and was discharged by Hale Talboth. He entered the service again as a drafted militia man for a second term of three months in a company commanded by William Leftwich - this was on the 1st of Aug 1781. They marched directly to Yorktown and he was in the action there and remained there until the British surrendered. He says that he was born in Cumberland County in the state of Virginia in the year 1740. He further stated that he was living in the county of Franklin, state of Virginia, when called into service; he resided in Bottytott County in the State of Virginia after the war. He said that 28 years ago he removed to the county of Sumner in the state of Tennessee where he has resided since. The he gives character witnesses, etc. It is the statement of Rev. Abraham Martin, aged 59 years, who also was residing in Sumner County, on behalf of Thomas Bandy of which part is missing. Another man is also mentioned and his statement is not there. (I want to get these if possible.) These men did say that Thomas Bandy was 85 years of age at this time - I must assume that these statements were made in the same year that Thomas Bandy made his application which was 1833.

My thoughts about his making the statement that he was drafted from Franklin County is this: At his age, he simply had not taken into account the date that Franklin became a county - 1785 - and just did not mention that it was formerly Bedford County. Another thought which I must inject at this point: Could this clergyman have been a "Mastin" instead of a "Martin?" This has happened repeatedly in these early records. One historian whose book I read - and I have forgotten which it was - pointed out the fact that Thomas Mastin was sometimes confused with Thomas Madison and that his name at times was Martin instead of Mastin. I know that this is true with Edith Whitley's books - she has him

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listed as "Martin" instead of "Mastin." She did the same thing with Agnes Mastin. When one obtains the documents, one can easily see that it is an "s" instead of an "r." Yet, many people do make their r's to appeared to be s's.

There is a letter written to one Lester W. Bandy of Danville Illinois by A. D. Hiller, Executive Assistant to the Administrator, on 31 Oct 1939, with reference to this file. He very clearly outlines the contents of this file and most definitely gives the names of Thomas Bandy's children by each wife, viz: Children by Polly: Cary or Carey, b. Oct. 30, 1789; Richard, b July 10, 1771; Elizabeth, b Feb 7, 1773; Martha, b 8 Aug 1775 and; Thomas, b Aug 8, 1775. Children by Nancy: James, b Dec. 27, 1786; Elihu, b. June 9, 1788; Elizabeth, b April 4, 1790; Robert Dobson, b Feb. 15, 1792; Horasha, b Aug 13, 1794. This Mr. Hiller also gives date of this second marriage as having taken place in Bedford County, Va., on 12 Oct 1777 or 1778 to one Nancy Burns. Mr. Hiller also states that this soldier's sons Cary and Thomas Bandy were living in Smith County, Tennessee in 1837. He also pointed out that the following data are also shown in this claim: Nancy Bandy was born Feb. 12, 1811; Samuel Vanover was born Feb 8, 1811; and Jinsey Vanover was born Feb. 18. He observed that it was not stated that these persons were related to the family.

The last part of that letter does puzzle me for this reason, I believe that it was a Vanover who performed one of the Bandy marriages in Franklin County. Yes, it was Cary Bandy's marriage which was performed by one Henry Vanover.

Now for the part of this pension file which will probably cause you to start to "beat the bushes" again in your CHRISTIAN records: Included with this record are data which was taken from some family records. Interestingly enough, this data was found in an old pocket book which was owned - or I should say, was in the possession of - a son-in-law of Nancy Bandy. It seems to be something which has been noted down by a family historian. I quote: "The names of Thomas and Polly Bandy's children: Phebe Christian Christian, was born October 1765 (underscoring mine - jsh); Cary Bandy was born October 30 day 1769; Richard Bandy was born July 10 Day 1771; Elizabeth Bandy was born Feb the 7 day 1773; Martha Bandy was born Aug the 8 day 1775; Thomas Bandy was born Aug the 8 day 1775." On the side as if it had been copied from the side of a book is this: "The ages of Thomas Bandy's his wives and his children."

Before I copy more, I must point this out. Notice that Phebe is listed as "Christian Christian." That tells us much! I would bow to your conclusion that "Christian" might have been a middle name except for two very obvious facts: 1. Notice that all the of the children have the surname following their names. 2. Mr. Hiller does not list Phebe as a daughter of Thomas. My conclusion is that Phebe was indeed born a Christian (therefore, her mother's first husband was a Christian - or, at least, she was sired by such); and I firmly believe that she has married a Christian. Therefore, I do not think that she was unmarried and I feel that now we must search for her husband and father. We might be able to answer a lot of our questions if we could find same. Again, we must not forget that Thomas Mastin was surety for the Agnes Christian who married Thomas Cartwright in Sumner County in 1792. Was this a daughter of Phebe? Could Agnes Mastin have been a sister to Phebe's father and a sister-in-law to Mary Bandy? That Agnes Christian in Sumner has always stirred my curiosity since I found her marriage record. ~~It would not be all that unusual for Agnes Mastin to have been a sister to Thomas Bandy, as well as a sister in law.~~ If Agnes Mastin proves to have been a sister to Thomas Bandy, it would be reasonable to assume that Phebe might have thought well enough of her to name a daughter for her. I know!!!! Speculation can run rampant! But, I firmly believe that all of these possibilities exist.

Now, to give you the rest of this list of children (which was on a separate page, incidentally:) First, this note is made: "Thomas Bandy was born June 22 1748; Nancy Bandy was born March 1757. James Bandy, son of Thomas and Nancy Bandy was born Dec 27 1786; Elihu Bandy was born June the 9th day 1788; Elizabeth Bandy was born April the 4th day of 1790; Robert Dobson Bandy was born the 15 day of Feb 1792; Horasha Bandy was born August the 13th day 1794."

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After this, a deposition made by Nancy Bandy follows. She made the statement in this that she was married to Thomas Bandy for ten years before, James, her first child was born. In this deposition where she says: "...that an old record in the possession of her son in law containing the age of her husband and her own, also the ages of her husbands first children which is herewith annexed...." There is another statement which Nancy Bandy made to the effect that she was married to Thomas Bandy on the 12th day of October in the year 1777. She also states that Thomas Bandy died on the 18th day of October in 1835. This statement by Nancy was made in 1837 - August 12th.

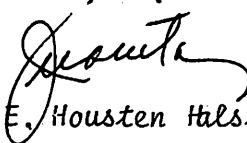
And that is it - I just wish that I had remembered that I had this record some time back. I shall write to Arlene and Mrs. Utsey and give them my thinking on this record. I believe that it tells us a great deal. I know that I am satisfied that Phebe was a Christian and she married a Christian - there could be no other reason for so listing her name in these records.

It seems odd that Thomas Bandy would name two daughters "Elizabeth." Talk about confusion - that would make a dandy!

My sister found some interesting data in some books on Kentucky which were loaned to her. From Kentucky Obituaries 1787-1854 by Glenn Clift, on pg. 21, she found that one Thomas Mastin of Franklin County was murdered in August, 1820. This was reported in the "Lexington Reporter" on August 30. (We think that John Wesley Reed was living near Lexington, Ky., about that time. He was born in 1804 and is not found in Tazewell until 1830.) In a book of Kentucky marriages by the same man, one finds on pg. 25, where one Col. Richard MASTON of Missouri married a Miss Didedma Vardeman, d/o Rev. Jermiah Vardemon. I am wondering if this could be the MASTON family into which Eliza beth Bandy married. Might be. On pg. 77, there was a Lewis Hudson who married a Miss Elizabeth Masstin, both of Clarke Co, on May 8, 1934. And on pg. 36, O. Grimes of Fayette County, married Miss Eliza MATSON, d/o of Capt. THOMAS MATSON, m. in Bourbon Co. on Nov. 1824. This was reported in the "Lexington Reporter" on the 15th of Nov." (We know that this probably is not our Thomas Mastin - but it certainly could have been Mastin misspelled and would indicate another Thomas Mastin in Kentucky and makes one wonder more about the DAR records which we have mentioned before.) From census records which my sister copied, there seemed to have been many Mastins in Kentucky.

Enough for now. I am going to see about the Thomas Bandy will - maybe she was confusing a will and this pension record.

Best wishes,


(Mrs. E. Houston Hulstead)



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June 11, 1984

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Dear Juanita:

Again, thank you for the time you have spent in providing me with the Bandy family data. I hope our efforts bear fruit.

Enclosed is photocopy of the query I am placing in Volume X of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. I believe the questions pretty well sum up the possibilities in the relationships.

I did write to Mrs. Utsey and received a nice response although the information sent was basically what I have already received from you.

There is one search I plan to make as soon as I have developed the data base for my genealogical material later in the summer: Identify all Christian husbands who may have died about 1765 leaving a widow Mary--particularly those located in the areas of Cumberland or Bedford County, Virginia. This might be particularly significant if such a Mr. Christian proves to have had a sister named Lucy, for whom I may not previously identified a husband.

As you will notice, I have also enclosed three family group records for the three families of Richard Bandy--identified as I in several of the letters. Could you enter whatever information you have on his children and wives with special attention to locales. That will certainly help me in the above-mentioned search.

As for my current thinking on the subject: The evidence seems quite complete that Mary () Christian was a widow when she married Thomas Bandy. There has been nothing to indicate that her daughter Phoebe was born out of wedlock. As for Agnes () Mastin's maiden identity: She was either Agnes Bandy, sister of Richard C. Bandy, father of Jamison, or she was the sister of Richard C. Bandy's previously unidentified wife, mother of Jamison.

That's about all for today.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

July 5, 1984

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Dear Agnes:

We were in Illinois for twelve days which turned out to be a "work trip" rather than a visit. Kathy, John's wife, had to enter the hospital unexpectedly for minor surgery; and John was having the house painted on the outside. Needless to say, I pitched in as a substitute "mommie" and cook; while Houston dived into the repair work on the house. When we returned home, I had a stack of mail to answer (which is still unanswered for the most part) and an Inspiration evening for the Ladies at church to see through to completion. After that, the vegetables in the garden started to "yell" for attention, and I had to start freezing. I am just now reaching a point where I believe that I might be able to get back on an even keel. Yet, I must say that the Sigmon history has taken a "back seat" through all of this, and I really need to get my brain to clicking on that project again post haste!

(can't even spell properly because I am so tired)

I must say that I threw up my hands in despair when I saw your request for a family group sheet on Richard Bandy, I - and I took a look at my Bandy file and saw what I had to deal with in preparing these sheets for you. Nothing followed in an orderly manner - each letter's contents was more or less jumping from one individual to another. Therefore, I felt that the easiest thing for all concerned was for me to try to set up a tentative genealogy for this family, establishing some sort of order, so that we could tell what we were doing. Too, I knew that I had some sources of data which would fill in some of the gaps. Too, I have made comments and notations on all as I went along. We both know, and there is no argument here from me, that this certainly is not a complete Bandy genealogy. However, I do believe that if one will check it carefully, it will give some notion about this family's movements and members. I shall send a copy to Mrs. Utsey, Arlene Cook, and Vivian Bandy at this time. Later, I plan to share it with the historian of Franklin County, Va., as well as Gregory Vanover, Editor of THE MOUNTAIN EMPIRE, who is related to the Henry Vanover, the minister - not directly, but through a family connection. Also, Woodie Mullins of North Tazewell, Va., who has been a "gem" in helping me collect data on the Beavers, et al. You are on your own with the family group sheets, which I am returning with this letter.

I have also copied portions of the Thomas Bandy, Sr. Pension file for you. I wanted you to see some of this for yourself. I sincerely believe that Phebe Christian married a Christian. Had this been in error, I fully believe that it would have been "caught" at the time this was offered for evidence. The query which you have placed in THE CHRONICLES is all right with me. If I receive any replies from same, I certainly will let you know.

I spent several days preparing this Bandy genealogy. I think that I have included in this anything which I might suggest to you in a letter for research or further study. If you have any questions, please let me know. I do hope that it will be helpful. I did discover that Woodie had supplied me with some additional BEAVERS marriages which do

Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names. . ."

Maternal Surnames:

Sigmon, Jones, Hill, Price, Babgy
Shores (La Shores), Huff, Van Metre (?)
Du Bois (?) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes
Woodson (last four not proven)

Maternal Surnames:

Reed, Beavers, Barnett,
Christian, Harman, Skaggs
Hoover (?)

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fit into this Bandy family. I found this out after I had completed this copy; and because I had already rewritten several times to make additions, I decided that not "for a cotton farm in Georgia" was I going to do it again. Therefore, here are the additional Beavers, and you will have to add them in the proper category yourself:

On pg. #6, under Thomas C. Bandy (Richard, I; John), I have these marriages for the Children of Lucy Bandy and John W. Beavers. (As you will note: This John W. Beavers was a son of Alexander and Eliza beth [Hankins] Beavers (of course, this is the s/o Robert and Catherine [Harman] Beavers; and Alexander married Rachel Barnett as his second wife - they were the parents of my grandmother, Robina Beavers):

"16 Nov 1892 - James Beavers, 25, s; m. Amanda B. Whitt, 21, s; groom born in ~~McDowell County~~ Tazewell County and residing in McDowell County; bride born in Tazewell Co. ; d/o Jno. W. and Lucy Beavers; d/o A. & Hannah D. Whitt; minister - G. F. Brewster."

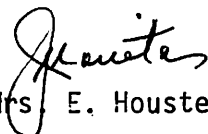
"15 Jan 1891 - Mathias Beavers, 26, s; m. Sally Graham, 21, s; both born in Tazewell Co.; groom residing in McDowell County; s/o Jno. W. and Lucy Beavers; d/o Aaron and Barbara Graham; minister - G. F. Bruster."

"20 September 1894 - H. S. Lockhart, 26, s; m. Elizabeth Beavers, 17, s; both born in Tazewell Co.; s/o Axley and Rebecca Lockhart; d/o Jno. W. and Lucy Beavers; minister - Bird Lockhart."

And that is it for now. Forgive the mess in the first listing. I am too tired right now to redo this portion of the letter and I simply started to copy the wrong line of the records.

Hope this helps.

My best,


(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

Enclosure/ Bandy genealogy; data from
Thomas Bandy, Sr. pension file;
Incomplete family group sheets on
Richard Bandy, I.

July 2, 1984

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Additional Sources:

Woodie Mullins, N. Tazewell, Va.
Harman Genealogy by John Newton
Harman

Vivian Bandy, San Mateo, CA.
(Her husband a descendant of
Thomas Joseph Bandy)
Arlene Cook, Villa Park, Illinois.
Eileen Bandy Utsey, Oklahoma City, OK.
Revolutionary War Pension File of
Thomas Bandy, Sr.
Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revol-
utionary War Records, Botetourt Co., Va.,
by Anne Loury Horrell
Marriage Bonds of Franklin Co., Va. by
Marshall Wingfield.

RICHARD BANDY, I

b. ca 1715-20 in Liverpool, England; d. 1795 - will probated in September 1795 in Botetourt County, Virginia; m. 1) Mahala (or Jane - perhaps Mahala Jane - or Melinda) Cummin(g)s of Dublin, Ireland on 10 July 1740; m. 2) Elizabeth Moss ca 1760; and m. 3) Lucy Justice on 23 May 1794 (Early Marriages, Wills, and some Revolutionary War Records, Botetourt Co., Va., by Anne Loury Horrell).

Mahala and Richard came to Cumberland County, Virginia, from England in the early 1740s. It is not known when Mahala died; however, it must have been in the mid-to-late 1750s or before 1761. By 1769, land records indicate that Richard was living in Bedford Co., Virginia, until approximately 1787. In 1786, Richard bought land in Botetourt Co., Va.

He had a large family, but it has not been proven beyond doubt just how many there were. We do know that his will was proven in September 1795 in Botetourt County, and I, again, use the reference from the Horrell book mentioned before: "Bandy, Richard. Pro. Sept. 1795. Names wife, Lucy, and children Thomas, Richard, John, George, Mary (wife of Thomas Lewis), Eliza ("relic" of Aquilla Greer), Sarah (wife, Benj. Jordan), Katy (an infant). Also names Henry Bandy, son of Ann Bandy, presumedly a grandson."

Children about whom we have some knowledge:

A. George Bandy (Richard Bandy, I)

Bandy researchers believe that he was the eldest son. This conclusion is drawn because he was the only son to whom Richard gave land and this land transaction was not recorded in Bedford County, Virginia, until the year the will was probated - 1795. A George Bandy was "bound out" ca 1755 in Cumberland and referred to as a "son of Avy." Was this a nickname for Mahala? (Who is other George Bandy who went to Kentucky (Breckinridge Co.?) This George Bandy married Christina Slinker. Children:

1. Nancy Bandy; m. Andrew Bumgardner in 1814, in Lincoln Co., NC.

B. Thomas Bandy, Sr. (Richard Bandy, I)

b. in Cumberland Co., Virginia, 22 June 1748; d. 18 October 1835 in Tennessee; m. 1) Mary "Polly" (nee ?) Christian on 22 November 1768; and m. 2) Nancy Burns on 12 October 1777 or 1778 in Bedford County, Virginia. Nancy Burns was b. in March, 1757 - place and parents not shown. The widow, Nancy Bandy, was allowed pension on her application which was executed 12 August 1837. At the time, she was a resident of Sumner County, TN. She died 12 August 1852.

It is thought that Thomas Bandy, Sr. was a twin to his brother, Solomon Bandy.

B. Thomas Bandy, Sr. (Richard Bandy, I) - cont'd.:

Pension File quotes:

"While a resident of that part of Bedford County, which was later Franklin County, Virginia, he enlisted early in 1781, served 3 months as a private in Capt. Jotham Richardson's Company, Col. Lynch's Virginia Regiment, and was in the Battle of Guilford Court House. He enlisted August 1, 1781, served 3 months in Capt. William Leftwich's Virginia Company, and was in the Siege of Yorktown. Thomas Bandy lived after the close of the Revolution in Botetourt County, Virginia, and from there moved to Sumner County, Tennessee.

"The soldier, Thomas Bandy, was allowed pension on his application executed November 12, 1833, at which time he was living in Sumner County, Tennessee. He died 18 October 1834."

In a recent letter, Arlene Cook said this: "...confusing, too, is information I have had (thru correspondence) with descendants of Thomas Bandy who have indicated he died either in Sumner Co., or in LaGuardo, Wilson Co., TN. I have information that he was buried at the Bandy Cemetery in LaGuardo, so I have never actually sent away for a will for Thomas."

The 1830 Census of Sumner Co., TN, lists Thomas Bandy as follows: "pg. 183 - Bandy, Thomas: Males 1 (80-90), 1 (5-10); females 1 (70-80), 1 (15-20)."

Children by Mary "Polly" Christian: (The date and place of her birth, names of parents, date of marriage, and date of her death are not indicated.)

1. Cary (or Carey) Bandy (Richard, I; Thomas, Sr.):
b 30 October 1760; m. Frances Edith Woods, dau. Peter, 14 Nov. 1791, surety James Chafin - min., Henry Vanover (Wingfield's Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Va.); d. 1849 in Smith County, Tennessee.
2. Richard Bandy (Richard, I; Thomas, Sr.):
b. 10 July 1771; m. Nancy Lewellen, d/o Thomas Lewellen, on 3 Sept. 1791 (Worrell's).
3. Elizabeth Bandy (Richard, I; Thomas, Sr.):
b 7 February 1773; it is said that she married a MAJOR MASTON. No record has been shown, yet, to prove this. (I would like to find out more about this Major Maston and this daughter of Thomas Bandy, Sr.'s.)
4. Martha Bandy (Richard, I; Thomas, Sr.):
b 8 August 1775 in Bedford County. (One finds a marriage bond listed in Worrell's Marriages, etc., which leads me to pose this question: Is this a marriage record for this Martha or for a daughter of Richard, I? Personally, I believe that it was probably a daughter of Richard, I, because she is said to have been a daughter of Richard. I shall quote this record: "Vanover, Henry (son of Cornelius) and Martha Bandy, dau. of Richard Bandy, on 7 June 1794." Mrs. Vivian Bandy says this is the Martha who married the Vanover. I do know that one finds, in the Thomas Bandy Pension file this notation: After the list of Thomas Bandy's second family, these names are listed: "Nancy Bandy was born February 12, 1811; Samuel Vanover was born 8 Feb 1811; Jinsey Vanover was born Feb 18____ (I have a xeroxed copy of this list and it appears to me to be Feb. 8, 1811. My guess is that we have a set of twins here.) Were these Vanover children offspring of Martha? Was Nancy Bandy another granddaughter? It certainly would seem that this Martha was the one that married Henry Vanover, but why list her as "daughter of Richard?"

B. Thomas Bandy, Sr. (Richard Bandy, I) - cont'd.:

5. Thomas Bandy (Richard, I; Thomas, Sr.):
b 8 August 1775 in Bedford County, Virginia (a twin to Martha). (Note by Jsh: My grandparents, Amanuel and Robina [Beavers] Reed, also had twins named Thomas and Martha.); M. Nellie Akers in Botetourt County in 1795 (data from Vivian Bandy). There is no listing for this marriage in Worrell's Book of Marriages of Botetourt. There is a record for a Thomas Bandy and Nancy Craddock, dau. of William C., dec., on 16 April 1806.

The Christian and Akers families were among the first to settle in the area now known as North Roanoke County, but from 1769 to 1838 was the southern part of Botetourt County, Virginia, that part being North of the Roanoke River. The Bandys owned lands on the North waters of the Roanoke River as well as several creeks which flowed into the Roanoke River. (The foregoing was a quote from one of Eileen Utsey's letters.)

Children of Thomas Bandy, Jr. and Nellie Akers:

- (a) Jameson/Jamerson/Jamieson Bandy, b 1796 in Kentucky; m. 1815 in Wilson County, Tennessee, to Elizabeth Taylor. In late 1820s, he moved to Morgan County, Illinois; later to Greene County; and died in Montgomery County, Illinois in 1869. Children:
(1) Elisha Jameson Bandy.
- (b) William Bandy.
(1) Jamison Alexander Bandy.
(aa) Jamison Alexander Bandy.

At this point, between the listing for the two families of Thomas Bandy, Sr., it might be well to make this observation with reference to Thomas Bandy's step-daughter, Phebe Christian: The Revolutionary War Pension file for this man reveals a list of children of both wives - each list seemingly written by the same hand. The first list is recorded thusly: "The names of Thomas and Polly Bandys children - Phebe Christian Christian was born October 1765; Cary Bandy was born October 30 day 1769; Richard Bandy was born July 10 day 1771; Elizabeth Bandy was born February the 7 day 1773; Martha Bandy was born August the 8 day 1775; Thomas Bandy was born August the 8 day 1775."

One can readily determine from the xeroxed copy of this list that it had been folded - the fold marks quite evident. On the edge of one of these folds, one sees this notation: "The age of Thomas Bandys his wives and his children." This is the same hand-writing as that mentioned above. A deposition made by one John Grove, Justice of the Peace, State of Tennessee, Sumner County, says in part "...I am well acquainted with Nancy Bandy who has this day made the foregoing declaration before me That she is a woman of truth and veracity and that full faith and credit are due and of right ought to be given to her statements. I further certify that the annexed record of the ages of Thomas and Polly Bandy children and Thomas and Nancy Bandys children was taken out of an old pocket book in the possession of her son-in-law left by her at his house. Witness my hand and seal the 18th October 1888."

My observations to the foregoing: The list of children is written clearly and with no hesitancy suggested in the writing. The "Phebe Christian Christian" is clear and precise. I fully believe this to be a daughter of Mary's by the first marriage; and I also believe Phebe to have married a Christian - thus the double "Christian Christian." I doubt seriously that this was a repetition in names. Too, if this list were carried around in an old pocketbook and now used for

B. Thomas Bandy, Sr. (Richard, I) - cont'd.:

proof of ages, doesn't it stand to reason that such an error would have been "caught" at that time? I firmly believe we need to look for the Christian who was the husband of Phebe.

(I might add that the list of Nancy's children had been folded in the same way, and this fold comes through clearly. These lists had been in some one's possession for a time.)

I also want to interject, at this time, the fact that on the 22 January 1791, in Sumner County, Tennessee, one Thomas Cartwright and Agnes Christian were married with Thomas Mastin as bondsman. (This is on Record in Book #1, Marriage Records of Sumner County, Tennessee. I have a certified copy of same.) To me this is very suggestive - note the bride's given name, "Agnes." Note the fact that Thomas Mastin gave bond for them (remember that his wife was Agnes Mastin). Those of you who have checked Tazewell County, Virginia, records know that the Cartwrights are found there, too; especially in the section that later became McDowell County where my mother's people were to be found. I ask, "Who was this Agnes Christian? Was she named for Agnes Mastin? Was she related to Agnes Mastin? Was she related to the Bandys? These are certainly questions to be pondered.

Children of Thomas Bandy, Sr. by Nancy Burns:

6. James Bandy, b 27 Dec 1786. A James Bandy who is listed on the 1830 census of Sumner County (age 40-50) was likely this James.
7. Elihu Bandy, b 9 June 1788.
8. Elizabeth Bandy, b 4 April 1790. (Strange that he would name another daughter by this name. Did the first Elizabeth die early?)
9. Robert Dobson Bandy, b 15 Feb. 1792.
10. Horashe Bandy, b 13 Aug 1794.

C. Richard C. Bandy (Richard, I):

I have no dates for this man, but was told that he eventually went to Tennessee in the early 1800s. Children:

1. Solomon Bandy, m. Mary Barnett/Barrett, 9 April 1799 (Worrell's lists this bride's name as "Barnett ") in Botetourt County. A Solomon Bandy is listed on the 1830 census of Sumner County, TN, (age 60-70) was probably this Solomon. Children:

(a) Edward Bandy, b ca 1794-1802.

(Note: Arlene Cook says, "The first record of any Edward Bandy does not appear until 1827 in my records, and he is mentioned in the descendants of Richard C. Bandy.)

Arlene further states, "There is a marriage record in Sumner County, TN, for one Edward Bandy to Evalina Harper on 11 Sept 1827. He must have moved out of Tennessee before 1830. (Mrs. Utsey said, "An Edward Bandy was married in 1827 in Sumner County, TN, but she did not know where he belonged.") He must have moved out of Tennessee before 1830. In Warren County, Mississippi, in the nuncupative will of one Edward Bandy (Will Book A), one finds this: 'Appeared before me, Miles C. Folkes, mayor of the city of Vicksburg, Edward C. Scarbrough in sworn deposition, states that he was at the home of Edward Bandy, lately deceased, the 2 April 1841 - that the said Edward made the following declaration in regard to himself and his property.' No other info with exception of indication

C. Richard C. Bandy (Richard, I) - cont'd.:

1. Solomon Bandy (Richard, I; Richard C.) - cont'd.:

(a) Edward Bandy - cont'd.:

that he had an estate in Tennessee." "From Wilson County, Tennessee, Deed Book 5, pg. 184, 9 March 1839: Edward Bandy of Warren County, Mississippi, to Epperson Bandy, in consideration of \$1,000. paid by Epperson, land on Looney's Branch, south of Cumberland River, 140 acres on Collins Line. Signed: Edward Bandy - proved in city of Vicksburg, Ms, 9 Mar 1839. I think this could be this particular Edward who moved from Tennessee to Mississippi."

2. Epperson/Epison Bandy (Richard, I; Richard C.):

(1794-1803)

(a) Edward Bandy, b 1827; d. 1850 in Wilson County, Tennessee.

This Edward Bandy had three children whose names are not known. Arlene pointed out that this Edward Bandy is not the same as the one mentioned previously.

Obviously, this leaves us with a puzzle. However, I wonder if the Edward (s/o Solomon and grandson of Richard C.) could have been the witness on Agnes Mastin's will. He would fall into the right "time gap" for having done so. Since he married in Sumner County in 1827, and Agnes Mastin's will was written in 1820 (it was probated in 1823), he was in the right place, at the right time. If it were he, then we must ask, "Was he related to Agnes Mastin?" If so, how?

3. Jimason/Jimmison/Jimerson Bandy, b ca 1788 in Botetourt County, Virginia; m. in Sumner County, Tennessee to Elizabeth Wright. Elizabeth died after having several children, and Jimason Bandy moved to Perry County, Tennessee. He married the second time to a woman named Denson (Mrs. Utsey said, "I have her given name in my files." She didn't share it with me.) Arlene adds more to this: He was probably married three times; m. 1) wife unknown; m. 2) Elizabeth Wright (she died ca 1828-29) on 10 May 1822 in Sumner Co. TN; m. 3) Nancy Wilson (widow) on 2 July 1842 in Perry County, Tennessee. Nancy was born in 1814 in Alabama.

This Jamerson served in the War of 1812, in Capt. Smith's Company, Coffee Div., Sumner County, over the period 1813-15. He was on the 1820 Sumner Co., TN, census, we think (says Arlene) and on the 1830 Hickman Co., TN, census; plus the 1850 and 1860 Perry County, TN, census. He served as a doctor during the Civil War.

Again, it is obvious, we have different data as to this Jimerson's marriages. However, I do believe this could very well be the Jimerson Bandy to whom Agnes Mastin left her crops and personal belongings, and referred to as "my belovd nephew" in her will dated in 1820. Again, he fits the "time gap."

Children by first marriage (wife unknown):

(a) Mary Hudson Bandy, b 14 June 1814; d. 29 Dec 1893; m. Caswell Cotham in 1833.

Children by Elizabeth Wright:

(b) Sarah "Sallie" Bandy, b 27 Oct 1826; d. 1 July 1913; m. a brother to Caswell Cotham.

C. Richard C. Bandy (Richard, I) - cont'd.:

3. Jimason/Jimmison/Jimerson Bandy (Richard, I; Richard C.) - cont'd.:
Children by Elizabeth Wright - cont'd.:
(c) James J. Bandy, b ca 1829; m. Matilda _____.

Children by Nancy Wilson:

- (d) Rich Bandy, b 1843, possibly in Perry County, TN.
(e) William H. Bandy, b 1845; possibly in Perry County, TN.
(f) Amanda Bandy, b 1850 in Perry County, TN.
(g) Josephus Bandy, b 1852 in Perry County, TN.
(h) 3 more children whose names are not known.
4. Joseph Bandy (Richard, I; Richard C.):
There was a Joseph Bandy on 1830 census of Sumner County, TN (age 50-60),
and it is likely that he was a son of Richard C. Bandy (so says Arlene Cook).

D. Solomon Bandy (Richard, I) (Twin to Thomas, Sr.):

b. 22 June 1748; believed to have died before his father who died in 1795; m.
Nancy Ann _____. Some question about this, but the son listed below is thought
to have been the grandson, Henry, who was named in Richard Bandy, I's will -
the son of Ann Bandy. Solomon's widow m. James neighbors in March 1791.

1. Henry Bandy (Richard, I; Solomon).

E. John Bandy (Richard, I):

b ca 1760; m. Lucy Christian. His mother was Elizabeth Moss (Note: Was Lucy
related to "Polly" Christian's first husband?) Children of John and Lucy:

1. Thomas C. Bandy (Richard, I; John):

b ca 1783; m. 1) Nancy Perry/Peery; and m. 2) Sarah "Sallie" [Shrader] Wool-
ridge in Tazewell County, Virginia in 1842. Children:

- (a) Lucy Bandy, m. John W. Beavers. Tazewell County Records: "9 Feb 1860 -
John W. Beavers, 23, s.; m. Lucy Bandy, 19, s.; both born in Tazewell Co.;
s/o Alex and Elizabeth Beavers (my g. grandfather and his first wife,
Elizabeth Hankins -jsh); d/o Thomas and Sarah Bandy (s/o John and Lucy
[Christian] Bandy -jsh); minister - William Linkous."

This was the John Bandy who was listed in HARMAN GENEALOGY as John
"Beardy" Beavers.

Children:

- (1) Sarah Beavers who married William Beavers.
(2) Lydia Beavers.
(3) James Beavers who married Amanda Whitt.
(4) Mathias Beavers who married Sallie Graham.
(5) Harriet Beavers who married Charles Taylor.
(6) Bettie Beavers who married Harvey Lockhart.
(7) Alex Beavers who married Cora Altizer.

(Note: This family group listed in HARMAN GENEALOGY by John Newton
Harman.)

- (b) Thomas Richard Bandy, b ca 1840-43; m. Eliza Jane Sayers in 1864.

Children:

- (1) Orlena Bandy, m. George Beavers. Tazewell County Marriage records:
"10 Jan 1883, George W. Beavers; 23,s.; m. Orlena Bandy, 18, s;
both born in Tazewell Co.; s/o Mathias and Ann Beavers; d/o Thomas
R. and Eliza Bandy."
(2) Sarah Bandy.
(3) John Bandy who m. a Watkins.
(4) Thomas Bandy.

E. John Bandy (Richard, I) - cont'd.:1. Thomas C. Bandy (Richard, I; John) - cont'd.:(b) Thomas Richard Bandy (Richard, I; John; Thomas C.) - cont'd.:

- (5) Mary Belle Bandy, b 6 July 1873; d. 17 April 1967; m. George Haskins on 17 Nov 1891.
- (6) Hannah Bandy.
- (7) James R. Bandy, b Jan 1876; m. Tansy Ward.
- (8) George Bandy, b June 1878; m. Nancy Hankins.
- (9) Leroy F. "Lee" Bandy, b July 1880; m. Mary Witt.
- (10) Graft M. Bandy (twin), b Nov 1883.
- (11) Greever R. Bandy (twin), b Nov 1883; m. Rebecca Deskins.

(c) Martha J. Bandy, m. Mathias Beavers. Tazewell County marriage Record: "7 April 1864 - Mathias Beavers, 22, s; m. Martha J. Bandy, 16, s; both born in Tazewell Co.; s/o Alex and Elizabeth Beavers; d/o Thomas and Sarah Bandy - minister, Wm. P. Kinkous."

2. William W. Bandy (Richard, I; John):

b 1815 in Tazewell County, Virginia; m. 1) Ella "Nellie" Harrison; m. 2) ?

Children:

(a) Thomas Bandy, m. Lilly Wingo in 1853. Children:

- (1) William W. Bandy, m. Rebecca Bandy.
- (2) Annie Bandy, m. William Mitchell.
- (3) Ella Bandy, m. Erastus Beavers. Tazewell County M. records: "10 April 1884 - Erastus B. Beavers, 24, s;; m. to Ellen Bandy, 19, s;; both born in Tazewell; s/o Thomas and Nancy Beavers; d/o Thomas and Lilly Bandy; minister - Thomas S. Christian (this was a son of Thomas and Louisa [Harman] Christian, my g.g. grandparents - jsh)."
- (4) John Bandy, m. Nannie Beavers. Tazewell County M. records: "7 Oct 1897 - John Thomas Bandy, 19, s; m. Nancy Beavers, 19, s; both born in Tazewell Co.; s/o Thomas and Lilly Bandy; d/o David and Rhoda Beavers; minister - G. F. Brewster."
- (5) Charles Bandy, m. a Blankenship.
- (6) Jane Bandy, m. Thomas Beavers. Tazewell County M. records: "22 Dec 1831 - Thomas P. Beavers, 23, s; m. Jane Bandy, 21, s; both born in Tazewell; groom's resident in McDowell Co. WV; s/o James and Eliza Beth Beavers; d/o Thomas and Lilly Bandy; minister- Thomas S. Christian."
- (7) Nannie Bandy, m. Columbus Beavers. Tazewell County M. records: "7 Dec 1893 - C. H. Beavers, 22, s; m. Nancy Bandy, 17, s; Groom born in McDowell Co. & residing in Tazewell; bride born in Tazewell; s/o William and Rebecca Beavers; d/o T. H. and Lilly Bandy; minister - G. F. Brewster."
In the Whittaker Ridge Cemetery at Bandy, Va., one finds the resting place for these two individuals. Their stones are marked thusly: "Columbus H. Beavers, b. 2 March 1868; d. March 5, 1941. Nannie Beavers, b. Dec. 29, 1896; d. Feb. 17, 1977."
- (8) Mattie Bandy, m. W. L. Beavers. I found the marriage record for this couple in the Tazewell County marriages which Woodie Mullins copied and sent to me. However, there is a difference in the middle initial for William Beavers. It is recorded in this way: "12 Aug 1885 - William C. Beavers, 24, s; m. Martha Bandy, 16, s; groom born and residing in McDowell Co., WV; bride born in Tazewell; s/o J. W. and Elizabeth Beavers; d/o Thomas and Lilly Bandy; minister- Thomas S. Christian."

E. John Bandy (Richard, I) - cont'd.:

2. William W. Bandy (Richard, I; John) - cont'd.:

(a) Thomas Bandy (Richard, I; John; William H.) - cont'd.:

(9) Sarilda Bandy, m. James Beavers. Tazewell County M. records:
"1 Dec 1887 - James Beavers, 22, s; m. Sarilda Bandy, 19, s;
groom born & residing in West Virginia; bride born in Tazewell;
s/o James and Elizabeth Beavers; d/o Thomas & Lilly Bandy;
minister - Thomas S. Christian."

(10) Mary Belle Bandy, m. Joseph Reynolds.

Note: More than likely these Beavers men who list their parents as "James and Elizabeth Beavers" and were residents of McDowell County, WV, were the sons of the James and Elizabeth Beavers who are listed in Household 66/66, in the 1860 census of McDowell County, Va (WV). (One must bear in mind at this point that West Virginia became a state in 1863, and the part of McDowell County that was taken from Tazewell was a part of Virginia in 1860.) This listing for this James Beavers follows in sequence from Archibald Barnett's household which was 64/64. Archibald married Nancy Beavers, a d/o Alexander Beavers and Sary Rice. We believe that this Alexander and my Robert Beavers were probably brothers; Robert having married Catherine Harman, a sister to Louisa Harman who married Thomas Christian, and a daughter to Mathias Harman, Sr. and Lydia [Skaggs] Harman. I am, also, about convinced that my Rachel Barnett who was the second wife to Alexander Beavers (s/o Robert and Catherine), was a daughter of this Archibald and Nancy [Beavers] Barnett. Since this James is living so close to these Barnetts, I feel certain that he was related in some way to them. I haven't taken the time to follow through on this. I do know that this James W. Beavers married Elizabeth Whitt on 3 May 1850, in Tazewell, Va. Since some of the Bandys married offspring of Alexander and Elizabeth [Hankins] Beavers, I must point out that this is the same Alexander who married Rachel Barnett as his second wife in 1850. At this point, I might also bring to mind for the reader the fact that Solomon Bandy married one Martha Barnett in 1799 in Botetourt. Of course, the Barnetts were found early in that section of Virginia, also.

(b) James B. Bandy (Richard, I; John; William H.):

b 16 June 1836 in Tazewell County, Virginia; m. 1) Nannie Christian;
and m. 2) ?

(c) Joseph Bandy, m. Linnie Beavers. Tazewell County M. records:

"15 Oct 1876 - Joseph Bandy, 21, s; m. to Linna Beavers, 22, s; both born in Tazewell; s/o William and Melly Bandy; d/o Thomas and Nancy Beavers; minister - Thomas S. Christian (this Christian was a s/o Thomas and Louisa [Harman] Christian - my g.g. grandparents -jsh)."

3. Richard Bandy, m. Elizabeth Henry, d/o William Henry, in Botetourt Co., Va.
7 Dec 1816 (Worrell's). No proof, but this Richard may be son of John Bandy and Lucy Christian.

F. Mary Bandy (Richard, I):

m. Thomas Lewis (Information from Richard, I's will as recorded in Worrell's.)

G. Eliza Bandy (Richard, I):

m. Aquilla Greer. (Information from Richard, I's will as recorded in Worrell's.
It is obvious that Aquilla was deceased at the time Richard, I, made his will because Eliza is referred to as "relic" of Aquilla Greer.)

H. Sarah Bandy (Richard, I):

Richard Bandy, I

- H. Sarah Bandy (Richard, I) - cont'd.:
m. Benjamin Jordon. (Information from Richard, I's will as recorded in Worrell's.)
- I. Katy Bandy (Richard, I):
An infant at the time of Richard, I's will, and a daughter of Lucy Justice.
- J. Martha Bandy (Richard, I?):
m. Henry Vanover (son of Cornelius) on 1 June 1794, in Botetourt County. She is listed as a daughter of Richard (Worrell's Early Marriages of Botetourt). I know that Vivian Bandy listed her as a daughter of Thomas Bandy (s/o Richard, I), but thos does present a contradiction. It should be re-checked. Yet, the time element seems to suggest that it is more likely that she was a daughter of Richard, I, than a daughter of Thomas Bandy, Sr.
- K. Bandy researchers say that there were several other daughters. Of course, with my finding the record of the Richard Bandy, I, will in Worrell's, we have found some of thbse daughters. It still makes me wonder if possibly Agnes Mastin might have been one of those daughters whose record has been lost with time. True, that Richard, I, did seem to name many - even a grandson - but, by 1795, Thomas and Agnes Mastin were in Tennessee and well-removed from Botetourt County. It does suggest the question, "Why did Thomas Bandy, Sr. decide to also remove his family to Sumner County?" I know they were all seeking a better place to live with more land, etc.; but one cannot forget that so many of these families moved together, or followed each other. I have found evidence of that in my search of the Sigmon family - their removal from Franklin County to places here in West Virginia and elsewhere. It is amazing how they followed each other. However, the possibility does remain that Agnes Mastin could have been a sister to Richard C. Bandy's wife, whose name I do not know.

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I found other Bandy marriages in Worrell's list of marriages in Botetourt Co., Va. I shall list them here for the benefit of those who might not be aware of these:

- Patsy Bandy, d/o John Bandy, m. William Campbell, 20 Apr 1806.
- Jane Bandy, d/o John Bandy, m. Hezekiah Brown 14 May 1807.
- Martha Bandy, m. James Cornelius on 3 May 1799.
- Susanna Bandy, d/o Richard Bandy, m. Peter Feathers on 14 Sept 1813.
- Elizabeth Bandy, Richard Bandy, surety, m. Daniel James 13 Oct 1801.
- Polly Bandy, d/o John Bandy, m. Jonathan James 13 Oct 1801.
- Lucy Bandy, m. George Monicle 9 Aug 1797.

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In Franklin County, Virginia, marriage records, one finds this listing:

Richard Bandy, m. Peggy Wright in Jan 1823, surety Solomon Wright. Arlene Cook says that John C. Bandy, who married Sarah F. Wood, on 3 March 1845, surety Solomon Wright, was the son of the foregoing Richard and Peggy.

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It has been pointed out by the BANDY researchers that some of this data is speculative and needs PROOF. Yet, as evidenced by quotes from various "sources," much of this information can be "taken to the bank." I remind those who may be reading this compilation of this family history on the BANDY family that it remains for those interested to ferret out the missing links and thus obtain a complete history.

My interest in doing this was solely in the hopes of finding a clue to lead me to the parents of my ancestor, Thomas Christian. Of course, I always derive a certain satisfaction in knowing that I might have been able to help others who are searching for their roots. When I was asked to complete family group sheets for Richard Bandy, I's family, and I viewed the data in the different letters which was not necessarily in order, but skipped from one family to another, I decided it would be easier for me (and probably easier for others) if I tired to put it in order. I am grateful to my contacts in the Bandy family, and others, for the data they have shared with me. I hope this will repay them in some small way. -Juanita.

Let to Pen agt Sept 19. 1839

Paid at the Treasury under
the Act of the 6th Apr 1838
from 1st Dec 1839 to 1st March
1840. Agt. hold of 21. Apr 1841

August 12-1852 AB-

2563
West Tennessee

Nancy Bandy
widow of Thomas Bandy dec^d
(Wife) 18th October 1835
who died in the State of Tenn
Sumner Co in the State of Tenn
who was a Private in the Company commanded
by Captain Richardson of the Regt. commanded
by Col Lynch in the
War for Tenn.

Inscribed on the Roll of W. Tenn.
at the rate of 20 Dollars per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March 1834. 18th
October 1835

Inscribed of Pension issued the 31st day of Mar^{ch}
1839 and Sept 7th
Ferguson Carthage Tenn.
Appears to the 1st of Mar. 39 \$8.00
Semi-annual allowance ending 7th Sept. 10 00
\$90.00

Revolutionary Claim,
Act July 2, 1836
Section 3.

Recorded by W. H. Addison Clerk
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October 31, 1939

BA-J/ANF
Thomas Bandy
W. 5782

Mr. Lester W. Bandy
1014 Franklin
Danville, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of Thomas Bandy who was pensioned in 1839, while residing in Tennessee, also information relative to Solomon Bandy.

The Revolutionary War records of this office have been searched and no claim for pension or bounty land found based upon service of Solomon Bandy, under any spelling of the name.

The record of Thomas Bandy which follows was obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, W. 5782, based upon his service in the War of the Revolution.

Thomas Bandy was born June 22, 1748, in Cumberland County, Virginia. The names of his parents are not given.

While a resident of that part of Bedford County, which was later Franklin County, Virginia, Thomas Bandy ~~was~~ early in 1781, served three months as private in Captain Jotham Richardson's company, Colonel Lynch's Virginia regiment, and was in the battle of Guilford Court House. He enlisted August 1, 1781, served three months in Captain William Ledwith's Virginia company, and was in the Siege of Yorktown.

Thomas Bandy lived after the close of the Revo-

lution in Botetourt County, Virginia, and from there moved to Sumner County, Tennessee.

The soldier, Thomas Bandy, was allowed pension on his application executed November 12, 1833, at which time he was living in Sumner County, Tennessee. He died October 18, 1835.

Thomas Bandy had five children by his first wife, Polly or Polley. The date and place of her birth, names of parents, date of her marriage, and date of her death are not shown.

The names of the children of Thomas Bandy, and his wife, Polly or Polley, are shown as follows-

Cary or Carey	born October	30, 1760
Richard	" July	10, 1771
Elisabeth	" February	7, 1773
Martha	" August	8, 1775
Thomas	" August	8, 1775

The soldier, Thomas Bandy, married in Bedford County, Virginia, October 12, 1777 or 1778, Nancy Burns. She was born in the month of March, 1757, place not given, nor are the names of her parents shown.

The widow, Nancy Bandy, was allowed pension on her application executed August 12, 1837, at which time she was a resident of Sumner County, Tennessee. She died August 12, 1838.

The names of the children of Thomas Bandy, and his wife, Nancy, are shown as follows-

James	born December	27, 1788
Elihu	" June	9, 1788
Elisabeth	" April	4, 1790
Robert Debaen	" February	15, 1792
Horasha	" August	13, 1794

The soldier's sons, Cary and Thomas Bandy, were

living in 1837 in Smith County, Tennessee.

Reference was made in 1837 to a son-in-law of the widow, Nancy Bandy, his name not designated.

The following data are shown, also, in the claim-

Nancy Bandy was born February 12, 1811;
Samuel Vanover was born February 8, 1811;
Jincy Vanover was born February -- 18--. It was not stated that these persons were related to the family.

In order to obtain the name and address of the person who received the last payment of this pension, you should apply to the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and furnish the following data:

Nancy Bandy, widow of Thomas Bandy
Certificate #2563
Issued March 21, 1859
Rate \$20.00 per annum
Commenced October 18, 1838
Act of July 4, 1838
West Tennessee Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

The Names of Thomas and Polly Bandy's Children
These Christian Children Was Born October 1765
Cary Bandy Was Born October 30 Day 1769
Richard Bandy Was Born July 10 Day 1771
Elizabeth Bandy Was Born Feb^r the 27 day 1773
Martha Bandy Was Born Aug^t the 8 Day 1775
Thomas Bandy Was Born Aug^t the 8 Day 1775

Thomas
Elizabeth
Richard
Cary
Martha

Thomas Bandy Was Born June 22nd 1748

Nancy Bandy Was Born March 1757

James Bandy Son of Thomas and Nancy Bandy
Was Born November 1760

Elijah Bandy Was Born June the 9th Day 1788

Elizabeth Bandy Was Born April the 4th Day 1790

Robert Dobson Bandy Was Born the 15th Day of Feb^r 1793

Norasho Bandy Was Born August the 13th Day 1794

Nancy Bandy Was Born Feb^r 10th 1811

Sam^l Bandy Was Born Feb^r 8th 1811

George Bandy Was Born Feb^r 11th 1811

State of Tennessee
 County of Hamilton
 I, William A. Brown, Clerk of
 the County Court of said
 County hereby certify that
 the name of [Name] is
 recorded in the [Book]
 of said County and that
 the same is a true and
 correct copy of the
 original as the same
 appears in the [Book]
 of said County.

State of Tennessee
 County of Hamilton
 I, [Name], Clerk of
 the County Court of said
 County hereby certify that
 the name of [Name] is
 recorded in the [Book]
 of said County and that
 the same is a true and
 correct copy of the
 original as the same
 appears in the [Book]
 of said County.

State of Tennessee
 County of Hamilton
 I, [Name], Clerk of
 the County Court of said
 County hereby certify that
 the name of [Name] is
 recorded in the [Book]
 of said County and that
 the same is a true and
 correct copy of the
 original as the same
 appears in the [Book]
 of said County.

July 25, 1984

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

Mrs. Utsey sent some additional data to me after she received the mini-history which I had put together on the BANDY family. I knew that it would be needed by you to further the research which you have in mind on this connection with the Bandy/Christian/Mastin families. Therefore, even though I was "knee-deep" in work as a result of a visit from the grandchildren and John and Kathy, I compiled the enclosed information. I hope that it will be helpful to you. I know that it may be difficult to place in the proper section, but made an effort to facilitate this for you, and others, the best that I could.

I had another communication from the descendant of Henry James Hoover Reed who lives in Nevada. I believe that I told you that I reached her through a query which she had placed in THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER. I now know what happened to his first family - and now she tells me that she located him and the second family in Rockbridge County, Buffalo District, in the 1900 census (Virginia, of course). His second wife was Pheobe E. Cash (b. Sept 1868 in Va.) and they were married in 1891. I believe that I told you that Mamma had told us that his first wife was Betty Cash. It now appears that Hannah Sansom was the first wife; and Betty Cash the second wife. I have copies of some deeds from McDowell County that I obtained some time ago. When I first received them, and without too much scrutiny, I thought they were Uncle Henry's deeds. I now realize that they were deeds of this Henry Reed. I don't want to take the time now to do deeper research on this problem. I want desperately to get the Sigmon history completed and ready for print. However, I share this with you to let you know that some of these other puzzles are falling into a position where they are better understood. I have a list of this Henry Reed's (s/o John Wesley Reed and Nancy Christian) family that was left in Minnesota. I can supply it, if you need it.

This contact "stumbled" onto Thomas Christian's "roll in the hay" and I will have to give her what details that I have on it. She says that in 1793, Thomas Christian was fined \$50.00 for fornication. Actually, the data which was sent to me (from the original record) was that Thomas Masten covered this fine and it was for 50 pounds. It is true that he seems to disappear from the Sumner County area then and we next find him in Tazewell. Yet, the data which I have says that his "partner" in the crime was one Betsy Strain - not Louisa Harman. Since Moses Christian was born about that time, where does that leave us? Another indiscretion with Louisa? To me, there is an unexplained situation there with Moses - no one has come up with a reason why he was not named with the others in the suit between the two families over the settlement of Thomas's estate. This informant did say that she found Thomas Christian on the Sumner County tax lists, following Thomas Masten, but with no property - she didn't give a date. This informant did say she could not find the actual marriage record for Henry Reed and Pheobe Cash - this date must have been supplied from something else.

Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names. . ."

Maternal Surnames:
Sigmon, Jones, Hill, Price, Babgy
Shores (La Shores), Huff, Van Metre (?)
Du Bois (?) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes
Woodson (last four not proven)

Maternal Surnames:
Reed, Beavers, Barnett,
Christian, Harman, Skaggs
Hoover (?)

(I've never done this before - please forgive - don't want to use another sheet.) I do hope this material will be helpful. I shall be anxious to have your thoughts on same.

Juanita

ADDENDUM to:
Richard Bandy, I family history
as compiled July 2, 1984.

Compiled by: Juanita S. Halstead
July 23, 1994

I have recently received some additional information from Mrs. Eileen Utsey of Oklahoma City, OK, and I feel that it is vital that this also be attached to the data which I recently compiled on this family. I hope that you will be able to follow these comments without too much difficulty and will include them with the proper section of the history.

On page #1, of the aforementioned history, please insert this data:

Mrs. Utsey gives a clarification as to the identity of the Henry Bandy mentioned in Richard, I's will of 1795: "...said Richard twice within the body of the will identified Henry Bandy as his grandson, the 2nd instance he stated 'grandson, Henry Bandy, son of Ann Bandy, now wife of James Neighbors.' " Again, it is obvious that Eileen had access to the original will, while I had to rely on Worrell's abstract of same. (See Pg. #6, Item D - Solomon Bandy [Richard, I]).

Mrs. Utsey further states: "A deed abstract from Franklin County records shows that Elizabeth Bandy, wife of Richard Bandy, I, died after 1790 when they signed with their marks for the sale of land in Franklin County, Virginia." Further: "The land (100 acres in Botetourt County, Va.) purchased in 1786 by Richard Bandy was sold by Richard Bandy and wife, Jane, in 1801 prior to their removal to Tennessee. The 254 acres purchased in Botetourt County, Virginia, in 1788 by Richard Bandy was obviously by the Richard Bandy, Sr., as that land was involved in the dissolution of estate of said Richard Bandy, Sr., by son, Thomas."

Eileen says further: "I have copies of all Bandy deeds in Botetourt County, Virginia, prior to 1838 when that land became a part of Roanoke County, Virginia. If one studies all those deeds, the picture of sons, Thomas and Richard, and father, Richard Bandy, Sr., very clearly emerge."

On page #2, of the Richard Bandy, I, history, please insert this data:

Item No. 4 - Martha Bandy (Richard, I; Thomas Bandy, Sr.): ^{Should be (Richard, I):} New data makes this lineage wrong

To be added: Botetourt County, Virginia, records show: "Martha Bandy, daughter of Thomas Bandy, married to Henry Vanover, son of Cornelius Vanover, 7 June 1794. Henry Vanover and Richard Bandy, surety on bond. Rev. Henry Vanover celebrated rites 8 (?) May 1794." Eileen says that she believes this Richard Bandy was a brother of Martha's. Clearly this information is different from the record in Worrell's and I believe we are safer in using it because of the fact that Eileen obtained it directly from the deputy clerk of said county and thus would have been taken from the original record.

Eileen further stated: "Nancy Burns Bandy (see Thomas Bandy, Sr., pg. 1 - she was his second wife) was listed with Henry and Martha Vanover in the 1850 Tennessee Census." She believes, therefore, that one must assume that Samuel Vanover and Jincy Vanover were twins - son and daughter of Martha Bandy Vanover. See reference to these individuals on page #2, under Item No. 4 - Martha Bandy.)

Item No. 3 - Elizabeth Bandy (Richard, I; Thomas Bandy, Sr.):

It is thought that this Elizabeth died young - so says Eileen Utsey. Mrs. Utsey has not done research on this descendant of Thomas Bandy, Sr., but received her data from a Bandy researcher in Texas. (I intend to pursue this further in hopes of finding out more about the "Major Maston" listed as Elizabeth's husband.)

Item No. 1 - Cary Bandy (Richard, I; Thomas Bandy, Sr.):

A descendant is looking for the approximate date of Cary's removal from Franklin County, Virginia, to Tennessee. She is a descendant of one of Cary's children - a

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Richard Bandy, I, family history
as Compiled July 2, 1984
Page #2

On Page #2, of the Richard Bandy, I, history:

Item No. 1 - Cary Bandy - cont'd.:

daughter. Abstracts from deeds of Franklin County, Virginia, shows this removal was definitely later than 1798. Children (the only one I know about):

- (a) Mary Bandy, b 4 July 1795; m. John Thompson in 1813, Smith County, Tennessee. They moved to Greene County, Illinois.

Page #3, of the Richard Bandy, I, History:

Item B. - Thomas Bandy (Richard, I; Thomas Bandy, Sr):

"It is said that the Nancy Bandy, b 8 Feb 1811, was a daughter of Thomas Bandy and Nellie Akers," says Eileen. This explains the Nancy Bandy found listed in Thomas Bandy's pension file before the naming of the Vanover twins. (See Pg. #2, No. 4 - Martha Bandy [Richard, I].)

Item No. 5- Thomas Bandy (Richard, I; Thomas Bandy, Sr.):

Thomas Bandy, Jr. and Nellie Akers were in Greene County, Kentucky in 1800 and moved on to Tennessee during that year - 1800. Additional children made known to me by Eileen (These children are not in proper order - I only set them down as they were brought to my attention. -jsh):

- (c) Richard Bandy, b 1797 in Kentucky.

Page #4, of the Richard Bandy, I, history:

Item C - Richard C. Bandy (Richard, I):

Eileen gives further data on this individual: "In the will of Richard (C.) Bandy, 1815, Wilson County, Tennessee, said Richard Bandy identifies his children in this manner: Wilchair (Wilshire), Parron (Perrin), Joseph, Solomon, Martha Cornelius, Elizabeth James, Sally Brown, Jimmison, Richard and Epperson. No wife mentioned. Said Richard Bandy identified grandson, Edward Bandy." Eileen says that Edward's father is not named, but she suspects that he was either the son of Solomon or Joseph. Therefore, you, as the reader, must be guided by this when reading this compilation. (See Pg. 4 - Item No. 1, for more data on this Edward.)

Since Martha Cornelius is named as a daughter in this will, it would be easy for one to conclude that the Martha who married James Cornelius in 1799 was the daughter of Richard C. Bandy. (Record of this marriage: "Martha Bandy, m. James Cornelius, 3 May 1799. Richard Bandy was surety on bond. No parentage mentioned. Rev. Edward Mitchell celebrated rites as reported in statement filed 26 June 1799." (Eileen didn't say, but I suppose she meant that this marriage also took place in Botetourt County, Virginia.)

Obviously, we have more children to add to the list as Richard C. Bandy's issue:

5. Martha Bandy, m. James Cornelius.
6. Wilshire Bandy - purchased land in Davidson County, TN, in 1800. He was on the 1804 Tax list of Wilson County, Tennessee.
7. Perrin Bandy - together with a William Bandy he was a witness to the will of John Whitworth, Smith County, Tennessee in 1801. He was on the 1804 Tax list of Wilson County, TN. He moved to Franklin County, Illinois.
8. Elizabeth Bandy, m. a James.
9. Sally Bandy, m. a Brown.
10. Richard Bandy - by 1820, he was in Sumner County, TN.

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On Page #4, of the Richard Bandy, I, history:

Item C. Richard C. Bandy (Richard, I):

Item No. 1 - Solomon Bandy (Richard, I; Richard C.)

(See pg. #4, Item 1 under C. Richard C. Bandy)

A Solomon Bandy is found on 1804 Tax list of Wilson County, TN. By 1820 Solomon was in Sumner County, TN. He moved to Madison County, Illinois, on 1840 census; but not on 1850 census there.

On Page #6 - of the Richard Bandy, I, history:

Item No. C-Richard C. Bandy:

Item No. 4 - Joseph Bandy:

Joseph Bandy appeared on the 1811 Sumner County, TN, tax list.

On page #5, of the Richard Bandy, I, history:

Item No. C-Richard C. Bandy:

Item No. 3 - Jimason/Jimmison/Jimerson Bandy:

He was in Sumner County, TN, by 1820.

On Page #6 of the Richard Bandy, I, history:

Item E - John Bandy (Richard, I):

Eileen: "In 1816, Botetourt County, Virginia, John and Lucy Bandy signed an agreement wherein they stated that in return for their care for the remainder of their lives their sons, George Bandy and John Bandy, Jr. would receive the land upon which we live."

We, therefore, need to add two more children to the list of offspring of John and Lucy [Christian] Bandy:

4. George Bandy.
5. John Bandy, Jr.

Now, Eileen threw me a "curve ball" by saying: ".....the Thomas Bandy who married Nancy Craddock in 1806 was a son of George Bandy, both of whom moved to Breckenridge County, Kentucky. Thomas married a second time in Kentucky to Mahala Hardin." I believe that she is referring to George, the son of John and Lucy. If so, this must be the "George who went to Kentucky," as mentioned on pg. #1, Item A - George Bandy.

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I now quote from Eileen Utsey with reference to the George Bandys:

"I know that the North Carolina George Bandy's descendants believe that their George is a son of Richard Bandy, Sr. (I). Although the land which was given by Richard Bandy to his son, George Bandy, was sold by George Bandy and Christina Slinker Bandy in 1786, the sale was not finalized until December 1795 and then recorded. I have the book "The Bandy Clan" by Allen Hill Bandy, Newton, NC, who is a NC George Bandy descendant. I have observed that the name Richard Bandy was not carried through in that family as it was in the Breckenridge County, Ky., George Bandy family. I have copies (certified) of all Bandy records in Cumberland Co., VA. The latest were lawsuits filed in 1774 by a George Bandy and continued to 1778, when the court decision was rendered in his favor. In the August 25, 1755, Cumberland Co., Va., Court record wherein "Thomas and George Bandy, sons of Avy Bandy, were ordered to be bound out by wardens of Southam Parish. I am inclined to suspect that Avy

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Bandy was the widow of a deceased Bandy. But Whom? There are no records to identify another male Bandy other than George of the 1775 lawsuit.

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Eileen: "I do not know the parentage of the George Bandy who married Drusilla Meador, daughter of Ambrose and Frankie Meador. George and Drusilla Bandy, about 1820, moved to Breckenridge County, Ky."

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Eileen: "I feel sure there is definitely a connection between your Agnes Mastin and the Richard C. Bandy Family."

Juanita: Since Richard C. Bandy's children were named in his will, we must assume, then, that Agnes was a sister to one of the Bandy brides of a Bandy son.

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In answer to my question as to why Thomas Bandy, Sr. removed to Tennessee from Virginia, (See pg. #9- Item K.) she cited the dates, which I have given under the various sections for these individuals, and one finds the earliest being ca 1800. We must bear in mind that Thomas Mastin had removed to the "territory South of the Ohio River" ca 1785. He followed his friend, Daniel Smith, to the Cumberland area. He was chosen sheriff of Davidson County, TN, on June, 1785 - the first sheriff. When Sumner County was organized in 1787, he was, again, chosen as sheriff; and in 1804-1808, he was again chosen sheriff of that county. So, we see, that he and Agnes (if she were a Bandy relative - and I believe that she was) were in this area much earlier than the ones who came ca 1800. Yet, I believe with my having asked the question was to answer it - A relative had preceded them to the area, and they had followed.

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I wish that I had been in possession of this data when I compiled the first mini-history of the Bandy tribe. I know that this is dis-jointed, but sincerely trust that the reader will be able to put it together. I am so very grateful to Eileen for this additional data which she has shared with us. It is my wish that it will be helpful to all.

Juanita Halstead



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

August 21, 1984

*Mrs. Juanita S. Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

Dear Juanita:

Thanks so much for the update on the Bandy-Christian-Martin family connections. I do not have time at the moment for comment but did not want to wait longer to acknowledge your letter.

You are probably already in contact with Edith M. Sigmon. She had the attached notice in the Logan County's ANCESTREE.

Until next time . . .

Sincerely,

Enclosure

September 2, 1984

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92706

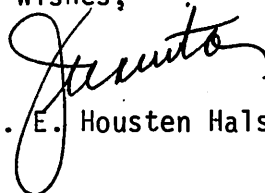
Dear Agnes:

Thank you for your letter of August 21, 1984. I shall, of course, be interested in your comments on the Bandy/Christian/Mastin family connections. I have also shared this data with others and awaiting further comment from them.

Yes, I do know Edith McGhee Sigmon and have a copy of her book. I tried to encourage her to take more time in collecting her data, but she seemed to be anxious to get it into publication. At one point, she suggested that we work together; however, I opted to do my research and writing alone. She needed more research on some of her subjects. I won't say more other than she has seen it necessary to make several corrections and mail to various ones who have bought her book. She is a very gracious person and was most hospitable to us when we visited with her at Ferrum.

I am still working on my history of the family. At this point, I am making additions which have recently been sent to me; I plan to research one branch of the family a little more carefully before going to print; I plan a complete re-write; and then an index will have to be made. This gives you some idea of the work ahead of me - it will some time yet before it will be ready for circulation. However, I have started to explore possibilities for a publisher in order to know the direction which I want to follow in printing.

Best wishes,



(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

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Woodson (last four not proven)

Maternal Surnames:

Reed, Beavers, Barnett,
Christian, Harman, Skaggs
Hoover (?)

October 18, 1984

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
 2001 North Westwood Avenue
 Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

I am enclosing a check for \$7.50 for the January and July, 1983 issues of the CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. I enjoyed going through them; but, of course, there isn't really too much additional in them about our particular branch of the Christian family for the simple reason that this "stone wall" as to the parentage of our Thomas Christian seems to be one that not even Mary Ingles (with all of her determination and agility in climbing the Palasades in Giles county) would have been able to conquer. I haven't quite given up, as yet; but the "will" is not as acute as it once was. Right now, I feel that I must devote much of my time to getting this Sigmon history into print and that is a whale of an undertaking.

I shall write to Mrs. Hester Hodges of Verdunville and share with her my thoughts about her husband's Mastin Christian who was born in 1854 - April. I believe that it is quite possible that this Mastin was a son of Thomas's son, Mastin, who was dead at the time of the filing of the Bill of Complaint of Christian vs. Christian. Mastin's children are named, viz: William; Ruth, wife of Jas. W. Low; Nancy, wife of Noah Birchfield); Addison; Daniel; Hiram; Thomas; Moses; Mastin; Nathan; and Lovace - the six last of whom were infants. This would mean that: Lovace, Nathan, Mastin, Moses, Thomas, and Hiram were underage. Since this action was filed in 1855, this fits the picture exactly. More than this, in 1862, there is also a record on file in the Tazewell County Court records in which one Thomas B. Christian is mentioned as being the guardian of one Mastin Christian. I shall elucidate: "To the Worshipful County Court of Tazewell County: The undersigned one of the commissioners of said county court hereby make (something didn't copy here) of the doings of Thomas B. Christian, guardian of Mastin Christian infant, his (another item failed to copy) in the manner following to-wit: Thomas B. Christian - To amt. from MRS. MARY CHRISITAN's estate \$43.50 - Amt. brot. forward - by amt. paid Spotts and Co.; to rents of lands for 1858-9 (first year) \$69.00 - by amt. paid Shroud & Co. - several interst items follows this - then: To note on John Christian, \$30.00 - Those first amounts were debits; then some credits are listed, viz: "Amt. pd. Thomas Christian; James L. Walker; Levicie Christian, Taxes 1857; Clerk's ticket." After this, we have this: "So that the said Thomas B. Christian, guardian owes the heirs of his (another place where it failed to copy - this may be important enough to ask for a better copy) has died the sum of \$107.70 with interest thereon from the 19th day of Feb (another blank) my hand this 19th day of February 1862 - James P. Kelly." At bottom: "A settlement of Thomas B. Christian, guardian of Mastin, orphan (a blank) of this court having been filed in this office over thirty from (blank) name was ordered to be recorded."

In view of this, I would hardly think that Thomas B. would have been appointed as a guardian if Mastin were his child. If this is Mastin's Mastin, by this time he would have been 8 years of age and still in the need of a guardian. Too, since the Bill of Complaint was filed in 1855, if he were Mastin's son, he would have been close to a year old. I couldn't find a date for Thomas's Mastin's death, but it could have been

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just prior to the filing of this complaint. The order of naming the infants left in Mastin's family doesn't necessarily mean that that is the order of their ages. Too, isn't it also possible that the "Thomas" who is named as a son of Mastin's might have been this "Thomas B." Certainly worth investigating.

One thing which this document pertaining to the guardianship of Mastin by Thomas B. tells us is that Mary Christian had died by 1862 - so she possibly lived ca 10 years after the demise of Thomas.

The documents which I have in my files on Thomas Christian are these: I have the complete file on Christian vs. Gray - the dispute over the land in Tazewell County (the Sinking Waters property where the old home was); I have a copy of all of his land grants which I obtained from the W.Va. Auditor's Office (I found these listed in Sim's Index by Edgar B. Sims); I have the Hezekiah Whitt pension file in which Thomas made a deposition in support of Hezekiah's claim (this is the file in which Thomas made the statement that he had been orphaned and "raised by Capt. Thomas Mastin"); I have a copy of the "gift" deed of property to John W. Reed and Nancy from Thomas Christian and Mary, his wife (Mary released her dower rights in this case); I also have a copy of the "gift" deed of property to Daniel Christian from Thomas Christian and Mary (Daniel's property was on the Sinking Springs tract - John W. Reed's and Nancy's was the property at Crain Creek which later became the place known as the "Old Reed Home Place"); a copy of the aforementioned guardianship data in re Mastin and Thomas B. Christian; I have most of the Montgomery County documents with reference to Nathaniel and Jane Christian; as well as some other Christian documents which I don't suppose are relevant to our Thomas Christian. Of course you know that I have the documents from Sumner County also.

In the Hezekiah Whitt file, one finds a deposition made by Lyles Dolesberry. This man had always intrigued me for this reason: he had a daughter who married a Reed. I haven't been able to put my finger on anything tangible in this case, but I do feel that there is something significant here which we are missing. Too, I feel that it is highly relevant that Thomas Mastin bought a tract of land from Rachel and James Skaggs in Montgomery County (I have copy of this also). It proves to me that these families knew each other -and well, I might add. Keep in mind, here, if you will, that Thomas Christian married Louisa Harman, d/o Mathias Harman, Sr. and Lydia Skaggs. There are those of us who believe (but have not proved, as yet) that Rachel and James were the parents of Lydia, Henry, Moses, and the rest of these brothers and sisters. I have wondered, but haven't attempted to find the record, where Thomas Christian and Louisa Harman married. I do know that for a time Mathias and Lydia were in Fleming County, Ky.; we know that Mathias was among those who founded Harman's Station near what is now Paintsville, Ky. We know that Moses, brother of Lydia, was in Greene County, Ky. We know that Greene County was known as the "Skin House" for these Long Hunters - Mathias and his brother-in-law, Henry Skaggs, being among some of the better known Long Hunters. One only has to look at the map to see that one of the traces into Tennessee went through Greene county. It really "blows my fuse" to know as much as I do about these people and still not to be able to find out the thing about them which we need to know the most.

I find it interesting to find out that Adam Harman (father of Mathias, Sr.) figured in the rescue of Mary Ingles when she escaped from the Indians and made her torturous trip back to her home in Draper's Meadows; also, to know that when Jenny Wiley escaped from the Indians that she made her way back to Harman's Station (across the river from there) and that Henry Skaggs, the women in the fort, and later Mathias Harman, Sr. helped to rescue her and help her to return to her home in Tazewell. It is said that the Indians really wanted Mathias (his cabin was supposed to have been across the creek in Tazewell from the Wileys) and they got Jenny instead. But, I digress.

Incidentally, Edgar B. Sims was our Auditor when I worked at the State House in the Department of Probation and Parole; his daughter, Roanne, was working in the same department at that time.

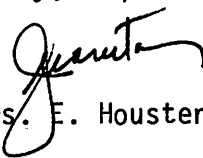
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Arlene Cook sent me another "volume" of data on the BANDYS. However, I couldn't find anything of significance to help our cause. I did find one thing which was of particular interest to me: Some of the Sigmons in North Carolina married into the Bandy family there. However, I have never been able to find the link between the North Carolina Sigmons and our Franklin County, Virginia, Sigmons.

One thing more, Agnes, I am just not ready to concede that "Phoebe Christian Christian" might have been an inadvertent repetition of this last name. I gave me reasons for my deduction and conclusion on this in the Bandy material which I sent to you. This was used in evidence. Had that been incorrect, I feel that it would have been indicated as such. It is too clearly written and the names which followed were very exact. I still maintain that she was a Christian and married a Christian. It remains for us to find her husband. Right now, I must spend more time on my Sigmon research. I am sure that, as things come to my mind and I encounter more evidence, I will "come up for air" and come forth with my "two cents" again.

Again, I do thank you for sending the CHRONICLES to me. I shall be anxious to know more about your thoughts on the Bandy material, if, and when, you have the time to write.

Warmly,



(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

P.S. I still believe there is a person that Moses was left off the Christian's list other than the fact that he was dead.



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

October 24, 1984

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

It was nice to receive your letter of October 18. I am returning the check you enclosed since the issues of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES that I sent to you recently are complimentary copies. They are a token of my appreciation for all the material you keep sending.

When I eventually complete the index to the first ten volumes, you may wish to order that so that you will have quick and easy reference to the data. There were several articles in the last two issues which you might find of special interest--even those not specifically devoted to the Tazewell County, Virginia, line.

Yes, it would be nice to have a copy of the picture of Rachel Christian and your mother, Rachel Jane Reed. I could publish it in a forthcoming issue.

The guardianship papers you describe in your letter shed new light on those born during the mid-nineteenth century and named Mastin. The important point to remember is that there were several born within a few years of each other. From what we know, it would appear that Thomas B. Christian was appointed guardian of one of his nephews named Mastin and that he also had a son of his own named Mastin. I haven't gone back over all my records, but I can recall three right now:

Mastin Christian, born c. 1848, s/o Mastin

Mastin Christian, born c. 1849, s/o of Addison

Mastin Christian, born Apr. 1854, probable s/o Thomas B.

Then, of course, there was Mastin Christian, born c. 1840, s/o Moses; and there was still another one born c. 1853.

I still believe that the evidence supports the speculation that the Mastin Christian who married Dollie Messer was a son of Thomas B. and Polly (Barnett) Christian. This would have been the ancestor of Hester Hodges' husband. Bonnie Vance recalls enough family traditions about this Mastin's father that it seems to me Thomas B. Christian is the only one whose biography matches.

By the way, Mastin--the son of Mastin who was son of Thomas and Louisa (Harman) Christian--was the one who married 1) Mary Cline and 2) Martha Harman. Of course, until there is absolute proof about each of the Mastin Christians, I will keep an open mind on the subject. If you do obtain a more legible copy of the guardianship papers, I would certainly appreciate receiving a photocopy.

I'll be writing more on the Bandy material later.

Sincerely,

October 28, 1984

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

I finally was able to obtain a copy of Mildred Tucker Hardcastle's DAR application in which she uses our Thomas Mastin as her Revolutionary War ancestor. I did not obtain this from her; but through another source. I know that you are familiar with Yantis' ARCHIVES OF THE PIONEERS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, and that she quotes from Mrs. Hardcastle's information.

You will notice her lineage as set forth in this application, and it all seems quite plausible. Notice that she lists Elizabeth Mastin's marriage as having taken place in 1806--this would have been four years before the death of Thomas Mastin and ca 16 years before the death of Agnes Mastin. Since Mastin's will was made in 1808, and Agnes' will was made ca 1820, I, again, have to ask the question: Why was she not named in either of these two wills? Notice, too, that Elizabeth died in 1845 in Warren County, Kentucky. This county being almost directly north of Sumner County with just one county in Kentucky between - again, I say, this makes sense. What does seem strange (and I suppose that could be accounted for by the fact that Capt. Mastin was often away from home for extended periods on these military campaigns) that Elizabeth was born 19 years after their marriage in 1773. I wonder where this marriage record was found? She mentions "source" records as being Bible record. Was this marriage found therein? She mentions DAR No. 134687 - John Carpenter on page 3 of this application; her application carrying No. 134687 plus 445. Would it help us to make an attempt to obtain a copy of this application? She also mentions Thomas Mastin's will and, if she had a copy of same, I am sure that she would have found just what we did--unless there was a subsequent will about which we know nothing???? I am interested in the Deed dated 1796 bet. Thomas Masten of Sumner Co., Tn. and James Fugate of Bourbon County, Ky; the land in Russell County, Va., being a grant to Thomas Mastin in 1785; and the deed of Garrett Lowrey to John F. Carpenter in 1820 (the date of Agnes Mastin's will), in Warren County, Ky. I know that Thomas Mastin bought land in Montgomery County, Va., from James and Rachel Skaggs in 1773 (date he is supposed to have married Agnes) - I have a copy of this. This tract of land contained 78 acres. This transaction was witnessed by: William Christian, Wm. Ingles, and Stephen Trigg. I believe that this transaction is a good indication that this James and Rachel Skaggs were the parents of our brood of Skaggses. I also have a copy of the grant in which Thomas Mastin was allowed 50 acres of land "under the King of Great Britain's proclamation of 1763 for military services....." This was received in 1779,; also in Montgomery County, Va. This was for "Military service performed by him as a soldier in the late war between Great Britain and France according to the terms of the King of Great Britain's proclamation....a certificate which duly proven is received into the land Office....." I also have a copy of a plat which was laid off for Thomas Mastin in Fincastle County for 337 acres of land on the head of Spring of Meadow Creek, a branch of New River by virtue of an order of council of the 16th of Dec 1773, and this was recorded on 27 April 1774 - signed by Francis Smith and Wm. Preston.

Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names. . ."

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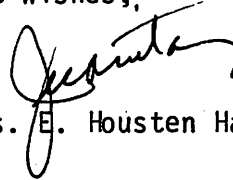
I also have a copy of a deed in which Thomas Mastin, of Sumner County, sold to one Peter Hansbrough of the same county, for \$500.00, a parcel of land containing 505 acres of land being in Sumner County on the north side of the Cumberland River... This transaction took place in 1796.

I may now attempt to obtain copies of these land transaactions which she had outlined in her DAR application to see if any names are "spelled out" which might be helpful to us in this search. Of course, these other sources such as the VAG. Mag. of History and Biography are well-known and many of us have looked at them from time to time.

The thing which "bugs" me the most about this application, however, is the fact that, while she does cite Thomas Mastin's will, she neglects to mention the contents therein which, we both know, do not mention heirs as far as children are concerned - only Daniel Smith and Agnes Mastin are mentioned. When Agnes died, she had nothing to leave except her "crops and a few household articles" which were allotted to "my beloved nephew" Jemirson Bandy. One can't help but wonder why this daughter was not mentioned by either of them. I know why Daniel Smith was "given the land" because Daniel Smith's will (a copy of which I also have) states beyond any doubt that he had bought the land from Thomas Mastin and that Agnes Mastin was to live thereon during her lifetime.

I tell you the truth: I have been around this barn so many times that I am beginning to meet myself on the way back. I drop this puzzle in your lap now for you to wrestle with for a time.

Best wishes,



(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

Enclosure/ Hardcastle DAR application.

P.S. When I wrote to Mrs. Hardcastle and mentioned my findings, I had nothing further from her.

Supplemental

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
OF THE
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JUL 20 1968

State Kentucky

City Bowling Green

Name of Chapter Samuel Davis

National Number 124687+412

(Miss or Mrs.) Mildred Tucker Hardcastle
(First name) (Middle or Maiden name) (Last name)

Wife Widow Divorced J. Vernon Hardcastle
(Husband)

Residence Plum Springs Road, Bowling Green, Ky. 42101
Number Street City State

DESCENDANT OF

Captain Thomas Martin

The undersigned have investigated and approved the applicant and her application.

Mildred Tucker Hardcastle (Mrs. J. Vernon)
Chapter Regent.

August 9, 1968 Mabel Rector
Chapter Registrar.

Do not encroach on this margin, which is needed for binding.

Application, duplicate, and Fees received by Treasurer General \$10.00 AUG 16 1968

Application and duplicate received by Organizing Secretary General AUG 16 1968

Application and duplicate received by Registrar General AUG 16 1968

Application verified and approved DEC 5 1969

Patricia W. Shelby
Registrar General.

Accepted by the National Board of Management _____, 19____

Recording Secretary General.

Endorsement for membership at large:

State Regent.

Nominated and recommended by the two undersigned members of the Society in good standing, to whom the applicant is personally known. Endorsers must be of same Chapter; if joining At Large, of the same State.

ENDORSED IN HANDWRITING BY

Name _____ Name _____

Residence _____ Residence _____

Chapter _____ Chapter _____

When filled out and properly endorsed, the application must be forwarded to the Treasurer General, NSDAR, 1776 D St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006, with the necessary fee and dues. When approved by the National Board, one copy will be returned to the Registrar of the Chapter or to the individual, if joining At Large, and the other will be filed with the National Society. The application, information thereon, and supplementary data become the property of the National Society.

LINEAGE

I, Milled Tucker Hardcastle being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Captain Thomas Mastin who was born in Spotsylvania Co. Va. on the 7 day of Oct., 1749 and died in Sumner Co., Tenn. on the 3 day of Oct., 1810 His place of residence during the Revolution was Washington Co., Va.

(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

I am the daughter of

1. James Harvey Tucker born on 8-18-1865 at Louisville, Ky. died at Warren Co., Ky. on 8-3-1962 and his (first or) wife Milled Carpenter born on 1-21-1867 at Warren Co., Ky. died at Warren Co., Ky. on 5-17-1933 married on 6-19-1888

2. The said Milled Carpenter was the child of Luther Carpenter born on 9-15-1837 at Warren Co., Ky. died at Warren Co., Ky. on 11-5-1897 and his (first or) wife Sarah Eleanor Duncan born on 9-23-1842 at Warren Co., Ky. died at Warren Co., Ky. on 12-15-1912 married on 4-5-1866

3. The said Luther Carpenter was the child of Jonathan T. Carpenter born on 8-6-1809 at Va. died at Warren Co., Ky. on 2-13-1866 and his (first or) wife Elizabeth Dunn born on 9-1-1815 at Warren Co., Ky. died at Warren Co., Ky. on 3-3-1868 married on 9-21-1831

4. The said Jonathan T. Carpenter was the child of John F. Carpenter born on 4-6-1785 at Va. died at Warren Co., Ky. on 2-15-1835 and his (first or) wife Elizabeth Mastin born on 1-1-1792 at Washington Co., Va. died at Warren Co., Ky. on 10-9-1845 married on 9-14-1806

5. The said Elizabeth Mastin was the child of Thomas Mastin born on 10-7-1749 at Spotsylvania Co. Va. died at Sumner Co., Tenn. on 10-3-1810 and his (first or) wife Aknes - born on _____ at _____ died at Sumner Co., Tenn. on 6 Oct. 1808 married on 1-4-1793

6. The said _____ was the child of _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

7. The said _____ was the child of _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

8. The said _____ was the child of _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

9. The said _____ was the child of _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

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* Dates of his will: 6 Oct. 1808 + _____
M.V. made Dec. Term. 1810.

ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE

"Any white male eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or as a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society." (Constitution, Article III, Section 1.)

*Marriage in every instance in this paper means legal and lawful marriage. Date of marriage may be substituted for dates of birth and death where such date proves the soldier to have been living during the Revolution and of a suitable age for service. (Note: Resolution adopted by the twenty-fourth Continental Congress: Descendants of polygamous marriage are not acceptable as members of this Society.)

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Thomas Mastin served as Captain of the Washington Co., Va. Militia.

The said Thomas Mastin is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Captain

Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for—MILITARY RECORD: Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records of service, the applicant must file the official copy.

Vol 11 p 419, Va. Mag. of Hist. & Biz. "Va. Militia in Revolution: I R W. Cpt. Thomas Mastin, for pay of his Comp. of Wash-ington Co. of Militia stationed on Clinch River. Pay Sect. 270. "Washington Co. Cp. Thomas Mastin, "Garthney's Hist. Register of Virginians in the Rev." "Thomas Mastin, Capt. Washington Militia." p. 506 Garthney's "Historical Register of Virginians in Revolution."

The following form of acknowledgment is required: Applicant further says that the said Thomas Mastin (name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

The applicant also pledges allegiance to the United States of America and agrees to support its Constitution. This applies to applicants for membership within the United States of America and its territories.

(Signature of Applicant) Mildred Tucker Hardcastle (First name) (Middle or Maiden name) (Last name) Subscribed and sworn to before me at Bowling Green, Ky. (City) (State) this 9 day of Aug. A. D. 1968 [SEAL] Signature of Notary Notary Public Warren Co., Ky.

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Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

November 4, 1984

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

It's probable that our last two letters crossed in the mail. We seem to have a knack for that!

Anyway, I doubt very much that the Elizabeth Mastin born 1 January 1792 was a daughter of Thomas and Agnes Mastin for all the reasons you have discussed with me from time to time. If the father of Elizabeth (Mastin) Christian were indeed a Thomas Mastin and so identified in her family Bible, I believe that he was a different Thomas Mastin. It is inconceivable to me that Thomas and Agnes Mastin would both leave out any mention of a daughter and/or grandchildren since others were mentioned in their wills. If Elizabeth's Bible did not mention name of her father, then she could have been the daughter of any number of men named Mastin. Obviously, further research is needed.

In passing, I noticed that Jonathan T. Carpenter, son of John F. and Elizabeth (Mastin) Carpenter was born in Virginia 6 August 1809. This would imply that his parents were married in Virginia. I notice that there was a Jonathan Carpenter as head of household in Louisa County, Virginia, in 1810. I wonder if one of the Martin families listed ^{there} might really have been a Mastin family and that this was the area of origin for Elizabeth. Obviously, this is just in the nature of speculation.

I'm hoping during the next few months to have more time for research again. You may be sure I shall keep you informed of discoveries.

Sincerely,

Agnes

November 13, 1984

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

I purposefully held back on answering your letter of October 24 in order to take the enclosed copy of the Thomas B. Christian document about which I told you to have a copy made for you. I have checked in red the part which I believe indicates the need to ask for another copy to see if they can pick up what was cut off in making the first copy. You will note that it says: "...of the doings of Thomas B. Christian Guardian of Mastin Christian infant his.....in the manner following to wit:" Obviously, his relationship to Mastin is named, but it was not picked up by the copier. Also note after the itemized accounts, it is said: "So that the said Thomas B. Christian Guardian owes the heirs of his ne....." I agree, it would appear that nephew would be the relationship which is named. A better copy is needed. I do believe that it is an important factor to note that evidently this Mastin had been an heir of Mrs. Mary Christian. Since Thomas died in 1854, and this guardianship account mentions "to rents of lands for 1858-9 (first year), it suggests that Mary might have lived until at least 1858-9 or the latter part of 1860, at least. I have never tried to find out the date of her demise. This copy is yours for whatever it is worth to you.

I certainly would not attempt to argue which Mastin is which--I haven't been all that interested in pursuing the Mastins--I just know that they are found many times over. Which I, again, feel is worthy of note--whatever our Thomas Christian's relationship was (or was not) to the Mastins, he certainly made an impact on the family for many generations after he was gone from this vale of tears. It would appear that following the tracks of these Mastins is almost as difficult as following the tracks of all of those Thomas Christians. I leave that to others--I only offer to assist, if I think I might be able to do so.

I agree with your thoughts about the Thomas Mastin who supposedly was the ancestor of Mrs. Hardcastle. I cannot but conclude that she inadvertently latched onto the wrong Thomas Mastin. This will take some unraveling--I doubt that we would ever convince her otherwise. When I can find the time, I do want to attempt to obtain copies of those deeds which she mentioned to see what names might be found thereon.

Today, I took some negatives to the photographer who does my copy work on old photographs. There are of Rachel Christian and my mother, Rachel Jane Reed, and a copy of one of mamma which I particularly liked. The original pictures had faded and, therefore, did not copy as well as I would have liked. The one of mamma and Rachel Christian was on an old tintype that was the worse for the wear. I am hoping, though, that it will be useable. I have also asked Elsa (my sister) to have a copy made of a group picture of grandmother and grandfather's family--Amanuel and Robina Reed. It is an excellent picture, and, of course, grandfather was a son of John Wesley and Nancy [Christian] Reed. When I obtain these pictures, I shall send them forthwith. You may use them if you wish; if you do not wish, you may return them to me. Thanks for your thoughts. Warmly,

Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names. . ."

Maternal Surnames:

Sigmon, Jones, Hill, Price, Babgy
Shores (La Shores), Huff, Van Metre (?)
Du Bois (?) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes
Woodson (last four not proven)

Maternal Surnames:

Reed, Beavers, Barnett,
Christian, Harman, Skaggs
Hoover (?)

Virginia: At a Quarterly Court for Tazewell County held at the Court House, July 27th.
 A settlement of George Kelly adm^r of M. Thomas and with a commission
 filed in this Office over thirty days for exceptions and there being none was order
 do.

Commissioner's Office Tazewell Co. Va. Feb. 19th

Christian To the Worshipful County Court of Tazewell County:
 of Tazewell
 The undersigned one of the Commissioners of said County Court hereby make
 of the doings of Thomas B. Christian Guardian of Mester Christen infant in
 in the manner following to wit:
 Thomas B. Christian Guardian &c
 To and from Mrs. Mary Christian's estate
 To rents of lands for 1858-9 (per 1 year
 " Interest to 19th Feb. 1863
 " rents of lands 1859-60
 " Interest to 19th July 1862
 " rents of lands 1860-61
 " Interest to 19th Feb. 1862
 " note on John Christian
 By amount paid Thomas Christian as above,

Dr	Cr	Cont but forward
43 50		By amt paid Spotts &c
69 00		" " " Shroud &c
11 00		" " " A. P. Griffiths
61 00		" " " Same
10 00		" " " for goods
61 00		" " " Mrs. Mester for coffin
5 00		" " " John Christian
30 00		" " " Samples for Mrs.
	3 00	" " " Dr. R. W. Withen
	25	" " " allowed Guard for

Virginia: At a Quarterly Court for Tazewell County, held at the Court House, July 27th.
 A settlement of George Kelly administrator of Mr. Thomas and with a commission
 filed in this Office over study maps for exceptions and there being none was order

Commissioner's Office Tazewell Co. Va. Feb. 19th

Christian To the Worshipful County Court of Tazewell County:

The undersigned one of the Commissioners of said County Court hereby make
 of the doings of Thomas B. Christian Guardian of Master Christian infant his
 in the manner following to wit:

	Dr.	Cr.	Account forward
To amt from <u>Mrs. Mary Christian estate</u>	43 00		By amt paid Spotts & Co
To rents of lands for 1858-9 (paid year	69 00		" " " Shroud &c
Interest to 19 th Feb. 1862	11 00		" " " A. P. Griffiths
rents of lands 1859-60	61 00		" " " Same
Interest to 19 th July 1862	10 00		" " " for goods
rents of lands 1860-61	61 00		" " " W. B. Morton for coffin
Interest to 19 th Feb. 1862	5 00		" " " John Christian
note on John Christian	30 00		" " " Samples for mo.
By amount paid Thomas Christian as above (A)		3 00	" " " Dr. R. W. Witten
" " " James G. Waller " (B)		3 25	" " " allowed Guard for
" " " Lewis Christian " (C)		75	" " " Commissioner for
" " " Taxes 1857 " (D)		3 10	" " " J. W. Thompson
" " " Clerk's List " (E)		2 40	Baldwin Ward's estate
	290 50	12 50	

So that the said Thomas B. Christian Guardian owes the heirs of his co
 has paid the sum of \$107 70 with interest thereon from the 19th day of Feb
 may hand this 19th day of February 1862. James P. Hill,

Virginia: At a Quarterly Court for Tazewell County, held at the Court House
 A settlement of Thomas B. Christian, Guardian of Master Ch
 of this Court having been filed in this Court's Office over study maps for
 none was order to be recorded.

Commissioner's Office Taz

To the Worshipful County Court of Tazewell:

The undersigned one of your Commissioners having previously
 of 2. S. Witten Administrator of Perry S. Layne assets.

P. S. Layne
 of the Court.



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

December 11, 1984

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

I can hardly believe that almost a month has elapsed since you wrote your letter of November 13, but such is the case. It was in my waiting mail when my husband and I returned from a trip to the northeast. We attended his medical class reunion in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada; and, in addition, we had the opportunity to visit with his family in New York and my family in Massachusetts.

Early in the new year I plan to order from Salt Lake City the Tazewell County, Virginia, microfilm of the document in which Thomas B. Christian is mentioned as the guardian of Mastin Christian. I hope it will answer the questions we have about the relationship.

In the meantime, best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD

6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

30 March 1996

SURNAMES:

Paternal:

Sigmon
Hale
Huff
Jones
Hill
Linus
Price
Bagby
Shores
(La Shores)
Van Meter
Du Bois
Bodine
Blanchan
Hendrickson
Crocheron

Maternal:

Reed
Beavers
Rice
Barnett
Christian
Harman
Skaggs
Hoover (?)

Mrs Agnes Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes,

I am sorry that I have been so long in replying to your letter of February 20, but distractions here have brought about this delay. I do hope that Carl is much improved by now. As you say, none of us will be nineteen again (I can't say that I would want to be). I am feeling better than when I last wrote, but I still have some improving to do. What I went through took a lot out of me besides the kidney stone.

We have experienced a great loss and sorrow since I last wrote. Our great grandson of 6 months of age died of SIDS the last of February. We were and are very distraught over this. He was such a nice baby--seemingly growing and developing so well. Our granddaughter has been so upset over this; but lately she seems to be handling it better than at first. She is a wonderful mother--her children get the best of care and I have tried to reassure her along these lines.

David Stewart did write to me and sent me some charts, etc. I have sent to him a good bit of the material notes which I have compiled through the years. I don't know if we will be able to find a connection or not. I keep telling myself that none of our Christians had the name of Benjamin or Gilbert. We do have an Israel, William and Nathan; which causes me to lean more toward those Christian family branches. I doubt that I will be around, though, to see the puzzle finally solved. (Not that I am packing my bags to go, mind you, but I just feel that it, ^{is} one of those puzzles where the answer has been lost in the pages of time.) David seems to be a go-getter and younger, so perhaps he will follow through in his research.

Yes, I do believe that many times children of first marriages often assumed the name of the husband of the second marriage. I know that my John Wesley Reed was also found in the records as John Hoover. Of course, we have situations such as this today. When my oldest niece remarried in Arlington, VA., her girls took the name of her second husband--in fact, he adopted them. The first husband died.

I do hope that you all are well. Keep in touch.

Warmly,
Juanita



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

April 2, 1996

*Ms. Juanita Sigmon Halstead
6 Saunders Addition
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

Dear Juanita:

I was pleased to hear that you are feeling much better but distressed to learn of the death of your great-grandson from AIDS. That is an especially difficult situation for parents and other members of the family. Much progress has been made on finding the cause, but there is still a long way to go in that regard.

Like you, I'm beginning to think I will not find proof for my my early Christian ancestors in my lifetime. Hope dwells eternal, however, so it would be quite exciting to come across previously missed records!

Do keep in touch, and you may be sure I will let you know if I make any discoveries.

Sincerely,

