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.Dear Agnes -

### .....1820 ELBERT ....

Because we have so many versions of the 1820 Elbert, discordant in one way or another and to a greater or lesser extent, I had vowed when next in DC to read the photostats of the original in the big books in the Search Room. Not knowing if I'll ever get to DC again, I read very carefully the microfilm in the Shreveport (excellent) genealogical library. Here's the comparison of my reading with yours. (I don't think it fruitful to include the other readings we have.)

The quality is not too bad but the reading is devilish difficult because the (many) column headings are microfilmed only on the first page of the returns, thus leaving the succeeding frames without headings. Therefore you have to count columns. Even that is devilish because the vertical lines separating columns are sometimes faint so you have to guess at distances. Here is my column assignment: (you will see it at the top of my sheets, enclosed)

- 1. 0-10
- 2 10-16
- 3 16-18
- 4. 16-26
- 5. 26-45
- 6. 45 & up
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- 8. 10-16
- 9. 16-26
- 10. 26-45
- 11. 45 & up
- 13. Agriclture
- 14. Commerce
- 15. Manufactures
- 16. Free colored & slaves



It is understood that the upper figure in each category means  $\frac{1}{1}$  less than; and that the 16-18 males are included in the 16-26 so that the 16-26 minus the 16-18 gives the 18-26.

You see my symbolism at the bottom of page 2 of the 1820. Now a row by row exploration of the differences:

Elijah I take this as Elijah Willis s/o Elijah and Elizabeth Britt. He was 22 in 1820 and his wife Drucilla was 19 so CFC is correct and I must have read the wrong column.

 $\frac{\text{Reuben}}{\text{CFC must be right.}}$  His wife Mary Ann Clark was 30-40 in 1820 so

 $\frac{Isaac}{CFC}$  He was 32 in 1820 and wife Milly was 31 so CFC must be right.

 $\frac{\text{Pressly}}{20-24}$ , so CFC must be right.

Are you feeling good?

James p. 169 CFC reads as Turner. Surely not Turner (see below) but almost certain to be Betsy's James, m. Lucy Bradley. James was about 60 in 1820 and Lucy same, so ages correspond with Betsy's James and Lucy. James was very prominent in Elbert and must be there one way or another.

James p. 189 This is listed by CFC but I missed it. (Very carefully, heh?) CFC's James p. 189 has the right ages for James and Lucy. I haven't yet filled in my floater sheets for James and Lucy, so we'll let Betsy work on that one when she returns from her furlough.

John p. 188

This is the mysterious floater John who was a minor in 1815 but had three daughters by 1820. If he was a minor in 1815 he could not have been more than 25 in 1820. Most others have read him as 16-26 too so CFC must be right.

Turner p. 187 Name is very garbled. Best I could do, if I didn't have a preconceived notion, is the TER, or WER. I think it is an abbreviation er or r

Anyway that fits the generally accepted (if that means anything) concept of Turner with a big entourage and many slaves.

Richard? p. 187 Missed by CFC. I never heard of a Richard in Elbert. Hard to decipher name, but there's no other CFC listing to correspond. Maybe it's not even Christian.

Note that Pressley and Rufus Christian headed census districts - which I believe were coincident with Militia Districts.

While I was at it I also conformed the 1840 Elbert. Only one difference. CFC has Rufus 50-60. Rufus was 53/54 in 1840 so CFC must be right.

Agnes, in addition to any comments you have in general I'll ask you to again read your source if convenient and tell me if I need to correct the indicated differring columns. Looks like I was off by a whole column for Pressly and Isaac after 16-26.

Note with pardonable pride that almost every one of my analyses comes out with CFC the champ! and me the chump!

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1820 1840

Betsy, Jim, Meg .. for their interest and comments Bruce ... as a horrible example.

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#### 3 JUN 1991

Dear Betsy -

.... yours of 9/23/90 to Bruce ....

Re 1765 deed. The three sons of Robert shared equally in his patent of 1743, 1000 acres, that makes approximate 17 333 acres each. The 1765 deed sells by John and Drury 400 acres of their inheritance in fee simple, that is 200 acres from each of That left each with 133 acres of the 1000 acre patent. them.

There is no dower mentioned in the deed [though my say I have the deed itself, I'm damned if I can find it but I have my own abstract of it]. Since it was John's land, i.e. his own separate property, a dower release from any wife would not be needed. So that in itself does not say there was or was not a "first wife".

John later sold "132" acres ( to somebody or other, i forget just now but not relevant. That closed out his holdings from the 1000 acres patent.

I'm not saying there was no "first wife" - merely that have no evidence for one - though a "first wife would be handy to hang the John & James interlopers onto.

- Albemarle but he had only a short time Bruce went to available there so he didn't do the thorogh job we'd have But he brought back bushels of stuff we ( I at least) would never have dug up - memoirs, histories, etc. I've just had my conference with him over it all and will be a month getting it all into my records.
- No question but that Branch Walker, the newspaper article author, is a descendant of John Meriwether Walker and Christian d/o John Harvey Christian. Parthenogenisis!

Agnes, Jim, Meg, Bruce

Note: I hold Betsy's mail until July or so.



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

June 22, 1991

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

Miracle of miracles! I went to Los Angeles yesterday fully expecting to see another illegible microfilm of the Elbert County, Georgia, 1820 Census and was delighted to see that they had a reel of remarkable clarity. Following are my comments on the entries for which we still have discrepancies:

- p. 169: I stand by my original interpretation of the name as Turner Christian. His age bracket conforms to what we know of him; however, none of us has ever completed a family group record for him and his second wife, Elizabeth (Penn) (Leake) Christian. It now seems obvious that several of the unidentified women in Elbert County, Georgia, belonged to them. The Charles W. Christian, also on page 169, is undoubtedly his son by first wife, Charles Woodson Christian. The William P. Christian on page 189 may be his son, William Payne Christian, also by first wife, Anna (Payne) Christian.
- p. 189: I believe the James Christian on that page is the James of James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian fame.
- p. 187: The man whose name you questioned as Richard? Christian was clearly Reuben Christian on the clear copy. So now we have a Reuben on page187 as well as 162. Which is which? Back to p. 187. Ages of white souls are as you have them; however, under "Agriculture" I read "3"; under "Saaves, "6." You had "6 or 9." Yes, this entry was missing from my published list.
- p. 187: The very garbled entry you surmised might be Turner was, in fact, not a Christian at all. The given and surnames were quite distinct. You were correct in speculating that the given name was an abbreviation. This was an entry for Thos. Chambers. If you ever have access to a clear copy of this census, I believe you will agree.

Questions: Was the "floating" John perhaps John, son of Reuben and Mary Ann (Clark) Christian? And was the younger Reuben perhaps also their son? Your evaluation, please!

Sincerely,

ply is

20 JUN 1991

J.M. CHRISTIAN 4439 SHELBURNE DR. DUNWOODY, GA 30338

.Dear Jim -

....yours of 6/16 to Agnes....

Neat demonstration that the floating Mary of 1830 Elbert is wife of Rufus, sr who was in the pokey at Milledgeville then! In an earlier letter I had asked the same question. Thanks.

In that case we should be able to find Rufus himself enumerated among the inmates of the pen at Milledgeville — and maybe his co-criminal son Thomas?

A report on my activities recently. With Betsy on ice till July or so I've turned to my next-most-prolific collaborator, Bruce. He's been supplying the goodies from his VA trip and from his Austin researches. I thought my work on these would take me till he left for law school in August. But now with all of them in hand I think it will take me till he graduates from law school.

I believe Bruce must have stock in the Xerox company. He xeroxes everything — in two copies. This includes the 400 page opus of Waring Christian and Jackie Pomeroy, and the \$40 worth of xerox of the Norvell vs. Camm suit from up the circular staircase to the attic of the Augusta Courthouse. (The District Court was in Augusta.) He's supplying more stuff than I could ever had dug out-myself — even when I was ambulatory and Janie would let me drive my car.

Jim, if you have a White researcher I wish you'd ask him a (non-Christian) question for me. William Henry Hickey m. about 1800 or so probably in GA a Mary White. They were in Russell AL in 1840 and thereafter joined their sons in La/TX and died there. Who was Mary White? We have no clue. There were numerous affluent Whites in GA/AL in 1840 or so. I suspect Mary was not one of the affluent ones.

Agnes, Betsy, Meg, Bruce

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DOCUMENTARY CHRONOLOGY Turner Christian

30-Jun-91

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July 5, 1991

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

In response to your request for comments concerning the Documentary Chronology for Turner Christian: I certainly do not have any answers. I have, however, reviewed my notes on Turner Christian, son of Charles and Mary (Leake) Christian; and I am not able to make what we know of him conform to the ages on the 1820 and 1830 census enumerations. Since his second wife, Elizabeth (Penn) Leake presumably did not die until 1830, was her age perhaps placed in the wrong column of the 1820 listing? After considering that although Elizabeth would certainly have been at least 45 years of age in 1820, she could still have been the mother of the young children in that year's census. It seems more likely that the children in Turner's household were his grandchildren. The Elizabeth Christian who married John Sewell in 1811 has been identified as Turner's daughter. Was she living in his household with her children? There is, of course, the other possibility that Turner Christian married a third time--making the third wife the one who died in 1830. As you can see, all this is nothing more than speculation!

When I saw your note that Turner was buried in the Stinchcomb Cemetery, I recalled that on the marriage bond for "Turner Christian, widower," and "Elizabeth Leek, widow," dated 6 October 1788 in Amherst County, Virginia, one of the witnesses was Absolom Stinchcomb. I wonder how—if at all—he was related. Probably to the Penn family since I don't know of other connections to the Christian family.

Obviously, there is still work to be done on Turner.

Sincerely,

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28 JUN 1991

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.Dear Agnes -

Here's something for us to chew on. Your clarification of the Elbert 1820 allows me to correct the Census Comparison for Isaac of 3/15/91 I sent some time ago. I don't know how I got those phony figures of 3/15. This version is much more reasonable with what we know.

If somebody can read the 1850 and beyond for James & Mary Oglesby we could get a better fix on her. Ditto for the 1860 and beyond censuses missing in my compilation for some of the others.

Up in the air are: my earlier placement william B. as s/o Isaac; the identity and fate of the 3 unidentified males; and Betsy's(?) Thomas Jefferson as a son.

I'll be pleased to have your comments. I'm surprised that nobody caught me up on the previous erroneous version!
Maybe nobody's paying attention!

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census comparison

Betsy, Jim, Meg, Bruce

## CENSUS COMPARISON ISAAC CHRISTIAN&MILLY WHITE 6/28/91 Revision of one dated 3/15/91 LK m. 1807

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27 JUN 1991

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.Dear Agnes -

..... Turner Christian children .....

I guess you and I are the only ones of the Consortium that are interested in Turner Christian's problematical children, but I send to the others anyway in case they may have some brilliant ideas and want to dig into it.

Attached a revision of the Turner Chronology expanding on the one sent you recently.

All I have to go on for the children of Turner & Elizabeth Penn are the 1820 and 1830. In my 6/27 I dope out that the older female in those is NOT Elizabeth Penn (despite my, and maybe others', assignment of her thus up to now) for that female was born 1791-1794, a few years after Elizabeth Penn married Turner. And the absence of any female of the Elizabeth age in the 1820 and 1830 means that Elizabeth died before 1820.

My deductions on the birth and mg of Elizabeth to Leek, and the death of Leek are contained in the Chronology attached.

Now getting into the meat of the thing. Attached is my census comparison of the 1820, 1830. That 1791-1794 female might be:

- 1. d/o Turner and Elizabeth
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- a 3rd wife of Turner !!!

First let's look at #3. In my "Marriages and Children of Charles Christian" I show that Turner was born after Jan 1757 (in order to require consent on his mg. to Anna Payne) and before 1760. My interpretation is that the "13 July 1750" of the lost Turner Christian small Bible was misread for 1758 or more likely 1759. So I have Turner born on 13 July of 1757-1759. If #3 is correct that has him, after two previous marriages, marrying a girl at least 32 years younger than him, and maybe 37 years younger. I can't swallow that, and I dismiss it.

Now looking at #2. Turner and Elizabeth could have had a son born about the same time that the female was born, 1791-1794. That son may have married the female, and died before 1820, so that the widow and maybe her children (=Turner's grandchildren) were bunked in with widowed Turner in 1820 and 1830.

In 1820 those children were 5 girls born 1811-1820 and 1806-1810. two born They could have been the children of the 1791-1794 female widowed by 1820. If there were two b. 1806-1810, one could have been 1808 and one 1810 and that would allow a birth when the female was age 14-17. Even I won't go for age 14, so make that 15-17 which incidentally would place the birth of the female at 1791-1793. In that case she had her first child in 1808 and then more in 1810, 1811, (2 year intervals no twins) 1813, 1815, 1817, 1819 and lost her husband 1819/1820. With 7 children and a well-off father in law to support her it's no wonder that she had not found a (2nd) husband by 1830.

By 1830 all but two of those 7 daughters were gone. The two who were left were born 1811-1815 and 1816-1820. But in 1830 those 7 daughters were 22,20,19,17,15,13,11 years old. Those born 1811-1815 were the 19,17,15 year olds. Those born 1816-1820 were the 13 and 11 year olds. Neither of these last could have married by 1830 and only one was left so the other must have died before 1830. Of the 1811-1815 three only one was left in 1830 so the other two must have died or married by 1830. It is most likely that the one who was left unmarried was the 15 year old leaving the 19 and 17's dead or married by 1830.

BUT - it is beyond any rationality I can stomach to explain the two females and one male in 1830 born 1821-1825. I just can't have that female so fecund and so death-on-husbands as to have 7 children, be widowed before 1820 and then remarry, have 3 children in 4 years and be widowed again by 1830 !! .. and all the while be living with the 1st father-in-law.

I leave this scenario sitting while I go on to # 1.

When you explore that you find that the matter ascribing the children to the female not to Turner is no less complicated when you have the female as a daughter instead of a d-i-1. Coises!

So then you have to consider the possibility that some of the children are Turner and Elizabeth's. First note that if the 7 females in 1820 are siblings of the 1791-1794 female then there's a gap of 12 years between the latest date of her birth and the earliest date of her nearest sister, 1806. That leaves room for half a dozen departed (m. or d. by 1820) children between 1794 and 1806. I say half a dozen because the rate in 1811 - 1820 was one every two years.... no reason to slow down in between. If that were the case Turner would have had 16 children, which would raise my eyebrows except that his brother, Dr. George, Janie's ancestor, had 21.

I am inclined, after all this going nowhere, toward the females being Turner and Elizabeth's despite the gap and without offering any explanation for the three 1821-1825, except possibly children of the 1791-1794 female daughter, m. 1820, widowed by 1830.

Well, this wild goose chase has got me nowhere other than to offer clues to search for among other Elbert data, marriages, deaths, etc. I have to leave that up to somebody else.

What I think I have offered is:

Anna Payne d. before 1788

Turner and Elizabeth had children starting 1791-1794.

Elizabeth d. before 1820

The female 1791-1794 in 1820 and 1830 was a daughter (more likely than a d-i-1.)

The 3 born 1821-1825 were not Turner and Elizabeth's but more likely orphaned grandchildren.

This is a whale of a bowl of spaghetti.

Any ideas? ANYBODY !

LOU

Turner chronology Turner census comparison

Betsy, Jim, Meg, Bruce

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FILE	TURNER	RONS	33	COLUMNS: A TO E E = Elbert; 6 = Goochland; A = Amherst	
1757/0	03/01	6	•	After, born Goochland on 13 Jul 1757-1759 to Charles & Mary Leak	
1762/0	04/25	6		Anna Payne born, d/o George Payne jr 4 Agatha George	21
1762/	06/06			Anna Payne bapt., St. James, Goochland	21
1770/0	00/00?	186		BEFORE. Elizabeth Penn, d/o Philip born	32
1775/0		•		was Rev. sold.	22
1778/	03/01	G		ng bond to Anna Payne	4,17
1778/	11/17			son Charles Woodson born, bapt St. James Goochland	13
1780/0	05/09	A	A	father deeded 400 acre patent on Rocky Ck of Buffalo, where Turner live	es 31
1781/0	01/17	A		son William Payne born, bapt. St. James,. Goochland	13
1782/0	00/00	Δ.		son Jesse George born, bapt St. James, Goochland	13
1783/0	09/18	A		father's will - shared in remainder	15
1784/0	02/15	A		father's will probated - disposition made	15
1786/	00/00?	Á		ABOUT, Elizabeth Penn m. Leek	32
1787/0	00/00?	A		ABOUT. Leek died	32
1788/	10705	A		m. Elizabeth Penn, wid/o Leek, d/o Philip Penn	32
1788/1	10706	A		Anna Payne died before	32
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1799/1	11/13	Ε	Ε	653 granted	18
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1804/0	00/00	E		GA lottery, serial #456 2 blanks	30
1820/0	06/01			Before. Elizabeth Penn died	29
1820/0	06/01a	E		census, lacking 2nd wife Elizabeth Penn 8 females prob. not all dau	29
1830/0	06/01	Ε		census, lacking 2nd wife Elizabeth Penn - 5 f, 1 m prob. not all his c	
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### LOUIS KOENIG 26890 SHERWOOD FOREST SAN ANTONIO TX 78258 (512)-438-7440

#### 27 JUN 1991

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

#### .Dear Agnes -

.....yours of 6/22 re 1820 Elbert ......

- 1. p. 189 James Christian. I accept, pending any comments from Betsy who is the James expert, your assignment as James & Lucy Bradley.
- 2. The floating John. Nope, he's the one I identified. The s/o Reuben John L. was age 16/17 in 1820. The son Reuben J. J. Hudson was not born till 1823.
- 3. The spurious "Turner" = Thomas Chambers. I'm glad you got rid of him.

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I ask you to carefully check my dates. But I believe the p. 162 is a better match than the p. 189.

Here's the 1830 Newton for confirmation:

p. 22 1. 14	<u>ID and known b.d</u>
m 5-9	Reuben J. J. Hudson
m 15-19	<b>A</b> bda
m 20-29	John L.
m 50-59	Reuben,1771-80
f 15-19	dau3 m. Austin Webb
f 40-49	Mary Ann, 1781-90
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This is CFC reading of the census. When I read it directly I got f 10-14 where you have f 15-19. Dau Mary Clarke was already m. in 1823. Anyway this corresponds nicely with our known Reuben and Mary Ann (Clarke) of p. 162.

I have no knowledge of another Reuben. I have checked my Newton/Elbert floater file as well. Mystery remains.

5. Now about Turner. I'll take your reading that what I took as James p. 169 is actually Turner - especially since you demolish my original "Turner" as Thomas Chambers. But now we have complications. The wife of Turner 1820 is b. 1776-1794, in 1830 1791-1800. If we accept both of those that puts her 1791-1794. We don't know the death date of Anna Payne but it must have been after 1782 when her last child was born. That means those 5 daughters 0-9 in 1820 must be of the 2nd wife - or interlopers.

But that "2nd wife" of 1820 and 1830 can't be the known 2nd wife Elizabeth Leake widow of Penn because Turner married her in 1788 - before the "2nd wife" of 1820 and 1830 was born.

Tentative conclusion: The "2nd wife" of 1820 and 1830 must be NOT Elizabeth Penn, who then must have died by 1820 ...as well she might bearing 5 daughters in the previous 10 years. That "2nd wife" must be the daughter of Turner and Elizabeth Penn, born 3 years or so after the marriage..

Also there must have been other children between that daughter and her closest sisters born 1805-1810.. as well as probably some sons gone by 1820. Maybe that explains the "Marion McDonald" and other alleged sons floating around.

I lack the 1810 (if it even exists) to amplify this. OH, for that Turner Christian small Bible !!

Whadyathink of them apples?

LOU

Betsy, Jim, Meg, Bruce

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21 JUN 1991

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

### .....yours of 6/12.....

- 1. I'll welcome your input on the remaining uncertainties in my reading of the 1820 Elbert, fully expecting your reading will prove the correct one when you get around to it.
- 2. I know the maiden name Mary w/o Robert Christian jr of the 1785 will is unsettled and that Betsy is pushing for Bell. I have not encountered those that are suggesting Bradley. And as for Wynn I have not yet gone through Waring Christian (& Jackie Pomery)'s 400 pages, have previously only a small excerpt therefrom. I remain neutral on the matter through sheer exhaustion. Hope somebody dopes it out.
- 3. Also for same reason, as I reported, have not got through Bruce's latest input specifically have not got to the Paducah KY material you mention. I presume it is what provides the data you cite about the alleged Robert III.
- 4. However, in the past I've done some in-and-out skull practice on the birth date of Robert III, as you have. Like you, I interpreted the 1801 deed of sister Mary as indicating brother Robert III was not yet of age in 1801. Like you I do not have the deed itself, only a Ted Brooke abstract. I've now decided that the the "not before Robert has come of age" clause in the father's 1785 will, while it indicates Robert III was not of age on 8 Jun 1785, yet it cannot be a basis for having Robert III not of age in 1801. I conclude that the 1801 deed does not tell us whether Robert III was of age or not of age.

There is some sort of a reference, possibly from Annie Walker Burns someway or other, that I had messed up as coming from Virkus, vol 7, p. 79- but when I got back to that itself I found it does not give any birth date.

My next information was from Rollin Golden 6/26/1978, unattested - date 28 Feb 1764. I discarded that since he was not of age in his father's will of 8 Jun 1785 and if that was the correct birth date he would have been of age on 28 Feb, 3 months prior - and I doubted that the father would have

forgotten how old his son was.... make that: doubted his father would not have realized that the son "when he comes of age" had already come of age 3 months before.

Now for some real solid data: the 1800 Amherst tax list has Robt. Christian, 1 m over 21, 1 horse, 1 slave over 16. This is certainly Robert III as Robert II the father had been dead for 9 years in 1800. And that being the case Robert III is over 21 in 1800 - as he would be if your Paducah birth of 21 Sep 1767 is correct. (Also with that date he would not be of age at the time of his father's will 8 Jun 1785).

So tentatively, after all that hashing around, I accept your 21 Sep 1767. Now tell me what is the Paducah reference for those dates and the marriage? .... or if you want to wait a bit I'll come upon it myself when I go through Bruces' stuff.

I have my fingers crossed about a marriage in Goochland for such an entrenched Amherst family, but maybe the bride was from Goochland. Also queasy about a marriage for Robert III at age 38!

Finally, I have, also from Golden 6/28/78, that the wife of Robert III was Mary? Huston, unattested. So if you get me going on Mims I'll have to get back to Golden on that one.

Whadaythink of them apples?

LOU Whe

Betsy, Jim, Meg, Bruce

PS. I did find the Paducah stuff, a batch of letters among Bruce, Eleanor McRae and Mary (Carneal) Christian. They indicate that Bruce found the ancestry of the Rabert (1767) involved. I'll have to wait for his return from South Dakota to find out what that was. There's nothing in the batch that points to it. I still have my fingers crossed.

20 JUN 1991

MEG CROWELL 2331 SHARON AVE. APT #1 ALBANY, GA 31707

.Dear Meg -

In the latest batch I sent youall there is a ltr to Jim about the Mary Polly Oglesby, w/o Rufus Christian sr as head of household in the 1830 Elbert, revealed by Jim as that since Rufus himself was in the Milledgeville jail in 1830.

After sending that batch I made the enclosed Census Comparison. You see that I can identify only 4 of the 10/11 children. What do youall think of that and can you identify any more of them? Note that 11 children are obtainable from the censuses , (if I haven't got one of them twice), but we have names for only 10 children.

DIVERTAMENTO: Some time ago Betsy sorta chided me for waiting till my wife lets me go to town to make copies of letters for the consortium instead of, as she does, running off the 5 or 6 copies on the computer. I gave her a bunch of reasons for that practice.

Feeling a little guilty over it, I yesterday made 5 computer printed copies of the predecessor of this letter and only had to await going to town to copy the Census Comparison enclosed.

Now I'll describe to youall the Modus Operandi Koenigus for doing research, in science as well as in genealogy. It bears the acronym III - which stands for INTERMINABLE INCREMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

Having the chance to think it over while awaiting a trip to town and meanwhile working on putting the John&Mary family into the computer I discovered that I was sending this letter to you, Meg, because I had a question about Drury -BUT I'D GOT YOUR ANCESTOR DRURY S/O RUFUS INSTEAD OF DRURY S/O JOHN&MARY! So the 5 copies I so indulgently prepared had to be scrapped as waste paper. (But as Betsy knows I use that too). If I'd stuck to my practice just one copy would be wasted. So here's the corrected version:

Just an example of the benfits of procrastination.

This paragrpah is left over from the bungled version:

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Meg, I owe you an apology - the box in which I keep undealt-with mail from you and Jim, re Franklin matters, is next in magnitude to the one for Bruce which I reported to you on in my latest letter mentioned above. I feel guilty about it getting so far behind - indeed I have not yet incorporated in my record sheets the data you sent from the very beginning on the descendants of Drury, your ancestor. But I shrink from starting on it while I am faced with the Bruce deluge I described. I would go completely bonkers - especially with a mind that now has trouble thinking about more than one thing at a time!

As always, if you or anybody has corrections or additions to my efforts please let me know.

I will get to you and Jim when I have emerged from the Bruce deluge. With him on ice and Betsy on ice I might have a chance to do that.

Meanwhile with best wishes -

Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Bruce

Encl: Rufus comparison

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# Local MDPAs learn they aren't alone in t

The formal title of Dr. Norman Jacobson, a local physician, is: Norman L. Jacobson, M.D.P.A.

Several years ago, a computer decided MDPA was the doctor's last name, and he started receiving mail addressed to "Norman L. MDPA."

That was entertaining enough.

Then a few weeks ago, this letter arrived at Jacobson's home:

Dear Dr. MDPA.

Our book MDPAS ACROSS AMERICA represents our knowledge about the location of MDPA families in America....

We have found the MDPA name to be rare and thus MDPAS ACROSS AMERICA is a very special limited edition.

An illustration of the MDPA family crest was enclosed.

It looked suspiciously like the 300th doodle of an artist being paid by the piece.

### Only \$29.85

"The price of the book was "only \$29.85," and, as a surprise, some of Jacobson's friends ordered a copy for him.

("They must have known how desperately he has been searching for other MDPAs since leaving Czechoslovakia," says Norman's wife, Susan.)

The other day, the "hardbound, gold-stamped library edition" arrived in the mail, along with a 1½-page list of MDPAs across America.

"Amazingly, they have all settled in Texas," says Susan.



### **Roddy Stinson**

"It's wonderful how this Age of Computers has brought us all closer together."

The next step, she figures, will be a family reunion.

If the MDPAs don't respond, she and Norman plan to invite members of two other well-known Czechoslovak clans—the PHDs and the CPAs.

### A lot of wavering

More words to live by -

From an item in The North San Antonio Times:

"Participation in Terrell Hills' expanded recycling program is wavering....

"(A city official said) he discovered with the city's first recycling target, 90 homes along Geneseo Road, that many residents did not have enough recyclables to set out each week."

— We have all suspected as much, and now we know — the

residents of Terrell Hills produce waste. It just isn't done.

### Glass and tin can

• From the same artic

"Recyclables accepted city are newsprint, glass, num cans, tin cans and containers."

 Clearly, the city is ing the wrong items.

'09ers throw away ple stuff: Wigs, support hos vera jars, divorce paper ping crates, used maids.

If Terrell Hills officials collect the right things, would hardly be room to trucks through the alleys.

WORLD



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

July 22, 1991

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

Re: Isaac & Milly (White) Christian Census Comparison.

My comparison of the census records results in several differences from that you prepared. Mine has a place for William B. Christian as a son; in 1840 there were only two males 1810-20 rather than the three you show. Check Census and see below. Note: "x" indicates that census does not agree with known facts.

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Isaac Milly Mary William B. (male) Prestry F. Serena Eliz. James D. Isaac Morgan Cephus A. Elijah	c. 1787 c. 1789 c. 1308 ? 1810 ? 1815 Nan. 1817 c. 1820 c. 1821 Jan. 1822 c. 1828	1776-94 1776-94 1805-10 1810-20 1810-20 1810-20 1810-20	1780-90 1770-80x 1800-10 1810-15 1815-20 1815-20 1810-15x 1820-25 1820-25	1780-90 1730-90 - - 1810-20 - 1810-20 1820-25 1825-30 1830-35	man. 1832 man. 1834 man. 1839 man. 1838 man. 1846 man. 1845

It would appear that lie enumerator in 1830 was not as careful as he should have been in placing names in the proper column. What is your opinion of the above interpretation?

Sincerely,

cc: Betsy, Bruce, Lim, and Meg



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

July 23, 1991

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

Re: Miscelleneous Items.

At this time I cannot offer anything of significance for Turner Christian and am willing to entertain the possibilities you mention for those in his 1820 Elkert County, Jeorgia, household. I'll let you know if I discover on think of anything that might be pertinent.

Is it possible that the Reuben Christian, born about 1824 in Georgia, who married Frances Ann bishop, born in North Carolina, was the unidentified son of Isaac and Mikhed (White) Christian? If not, can you identify his parents?

As for Robert Christian III: He definitely was not the one who married Hang Houston/Ruston. The Robert born 28 February 1764 who married Many Houston 2 September 1730 on 1789 was the proven son of John and Hangaret (Vilson) Christian of Augusta Courty, Virginia; he died in Hancwha Courty, West Virginia. If you are interested; I could list many whom Robert Christian III was not:

He was not the Robert who married Sarah "Sally" Well, d/o Samuel Dell Refore 1814. They lived on Christian's Creek to migusta Co., Vinginia. I'm still trying to prove his parentage.

He was not the Robert, born about 1765, who married Mary Adair. This man was the s/o fillert and Manyaret (Anderson) Circustion.

He was not the one who married 1) Elizabeth Armisteri and 2) Mary Varren. This man was reputedly the s/o Robert and Mary (Browne) Christian.

He was not the Robert who married 1790 Margaret Christian in Augusta County, Virginia. He was s/o Robert and Isabella (Tiffins) Christian. There are others whom I could mention; however, I have listed only those with whom he could most easily have been confused.

I really enjoyed the article about the "Local MDPAs" from the San Antonio EXPRESS-NEWS. I plan to provide a copy to our local society. There is now another such operator lased in California.

Sincerely

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

August 6, 1991

James M. Christian, R. Ph. 44339 Shelborne Drive Dunwoody, Georgia 30338

Dear Jim:

Thank you so much for your evaluation of the census information sent to you by Lou Koenig and by me.

After studying the three versions over and over again, a question occurs to me: Could Elijah have been the unidentified male born about 1815 on my list? (See letter to Lou of July 22.) This would make way for Thomas, born about 1834. In other words, exchange the two entries, and we have a complete family group. What made us assume that Elijah was born about 1831? I don't have any documentation for that assumption. With an earlier birth date, Elijah could have been the bachelor living in the home with his parents. Help! Help!

It seems that progress is being made on the Elbert County, Georgia branch of the family.

I wish as much progress were being made on the Bedford County, Virginia, groups. I had hoped that the 1799 Deed in which John Christian sold the 164 acres on Staunton River and Lick Run originally purchased in 1764 by Thomas Christian would shed light on identity of Thomas's children. All it did was confirm what was already known from will of Christopher Christian—that Christopher was Thomas's son. John Christian of Montgomery County, North Carolina, was identified in the deed as "heir at law of Christopher Christian." I'm still trying to determine whether or not Thomas also had sons Allen Christian and/or Ellison Christian. Of course, all this is another story!

Sincerely,

cc: Betsy, Bruce, Lou, Meg



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

July 21, 1991

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

Re 1820 Elbert County, Georgia, Census:

After careful reevaluation, I find that the version published in CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES is both accurate and complete.

Yesterday I went to the tilrary that has the clear microfilm of the census and found an excellent muchine on which to study it. I looked again at every entry, each of which proved to be exactly as it appears in the CHRONICLES. Forget that I ever suggested that the entry on page 187 for Reulen was for a Reulen Christian; he was Reulen Cleveland. At a glance Keuken Cleveland seemed to be Reulen Christian; careful evaluation shows that the name is really REUBEN CLEVELIND. I looked, too, at several indexes to the census; and they show the name as Reulen Cleveland also. I hope the above settles it for 1820 Elbert County, Jeorgia, for the Christian familiy.

Sincerely,

cc: Betsy, Bruce, Jim, and Neg Sent to correct my previous comments on the 1820 census!

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#### 26 JUL 1991

Dear Betsy -

Jim sent me something that may have a bearing on your Moby Dick, John Harvey.

Mag. VA. Genealolgy vol 29 #2, May 1991 p. 123 Albemarle Court Orders 9 Jun 1748, p.372:

William Cabell, James Christian & John Harvey (or any two) to view the road from mouth of Tye River to the lower foard on Rockfish.

[The James Christian I take as he who m. Susannah.]

ibid. p. 374 Joshua Fry, Gent. Surveyor lists surveys he made Jun 1747 to Jun 1748, incl:

John Harvie 400 acres

131

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400

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Agnes, Jim, Meg, Bruce

### RUFUS CHRISTIAN AND THE LAW

Transcripts from xeroxes from Morgan, GA Superior Court [Minutes?].

Tuesday 4 Sep 1827 p. 589 State vs. Rufus Christian Indictment for perjury. True bill.

State vs. Thomas O. Christian-Indictment for assault & Battery. True bill. [= they indicted him. J

Wednesday 5 Sep 1827 p. 592 State vs. Rufus Christian Senr Assault & Battery We the jurors find the defendant guilty.

p. 506?

11 Sep 1827. Rufus Christian vs. Hillsman Clark? Hank? Trespass not armed. Jury returned verdict for defendant with cost of suit, and plaintiff being dissatisfied therewith ... illegible words.... and offers for security Drury Bradley who acknowledges himself ..illegible word ... with the said Rufus Christian for the full amount of ..illegible word... Cost and damages .. that their executors, administrators,...illegible words.

Sealed and dated 11 Sep 1827

Rufus Christian SEAL Drury Bradley SEAL

[the latter illiterate or drunk]

[I'm guessing this means Rufus protested and he and Bradley bound themselves to pay up if and when.]

p. 78 [evidently of some continuation book] Thursday Mar 5th, 1829

State vs. Rufus Chritian. For aiding the escape of prisoners, arraigned and plead not guilty.

State vs. Rufus Christian. aiding the escape of prisoners. Nob. Prod ??

State vs. John Hendon, Rufus Christian, John Welch altering and publishing a bank note. John Welch arraigned and plead not guilty

Petit jury # 2

State vs. Rufus Christian. For aiding the escape of prisoners. We the jury find him guilty.

p. 86

Saturday morning 7 Mar 1829 Georgia Morgan County March Term 1829 State vs. Rufus Christian. Indict. aiding escape of prisoners. Verdict of jury Guilty.

You Rufus Christian shall be taken from this bar to the common jail of said county whence you last came where you shall be safely .illegible word... and detained until you shall be sent for the Keeper of the Penitentiary of said State through is messenger and gulard to whose custody you shall be devised and by whom you shall be conveyed to said Penitentiary in Milledgeville where you shall remain at hard labor for and during the term of Four Years from the time of your arrival at said penitentiary and then be discharged.

On motion calling appearance docket is dispensed with and all pleas and word and exceptions be regularly filed before first day of next term, except pleas in abatement which shall be filed as usual. [Have to wait for Bruce to finish law school on that one.]

Morgan Superior Court

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Morgan Superior Court

State vs. Rufus Christian. Indictment for aiding prisoners to escape.

Testimony on part of the State.

Norman Bradley being sworn.

Sometime between last of July and September term of last Court [years here are unspecified] Rufus Christian came to his shop bringing with him a crow bar and an iron handle of a Defendant procured witness to reduce the size of the crow bar and to round the one end of it the other having a claw Defendant, took them back with him telling the witness to it. that he wanted the browbar to pull down an old Gin house that he wanted the iron auger handle because he was a strong man wanted strong tools. Sometime afterward and not many days before court at last September term Thomas O. Christian son of the defendant brought the same instruments again at the shop of the witness and procured witness again to make them smaller Thomas O. Christian lived with his father, the defendant The crowbar and iron auger handle were then produced to the witness and he testified that they were the same which he had twice worked on. Witness said he was a blacksmith and being shown a chisel produced said it is what is called a cold chisel but he had not seen it before.

#### Norter(?) Campbell

said that for certain reasons he thought it necessary to examine the jail for instruments when sometime short before last September Court in company with Mr. Graves he visited the jail of this county and on examination found the crowbar, chisel and iron auger handle testified to and also two augers all of which he produced before the court and jury. Witness was the jailor of the county and held the prisoners in custody by virtue of two mittimus(?) under the hands of Simeon Walker Justice of the peace the prisoners named Wm Coleman Strange William Barry William McCan(?) The size of the crow Bar was just fitted for the intervals between the Grates in the jail and if they were much larger it could not be inserted between them.

[Not sure that there is not a continuing page].

In the accepted terminology of cousinship there is an ambiguity thaty can readily be, and hereby is, removed.

Take one of the explanations of cousinship relations as for example in <u>The How Book for Genealogists</u>:

"The children of your first cousins are first cousins once removed from you and you are the same to them (10 1R)"

Similar usage is in common practical use.

It is true and unambiguous that the relationship between you and the child of your first cousin is one of first cousinship once removed. If a third party were making the statement he would say: "They are first cousins once removed." and this would convey some correct information about the relationship .... but not <u>all</u> the information needed to establish the relationship.

If you are John and the daughter of your first cousin is Mary, he could say: "John and Mary are first cousins once removed." and that would be correct as far as it goes. But if he says: "John is Mary's first cousin once removed and Mary is John's first cousin once removed" he would be uttering a contradiction. Yet that is exactly what the quotation above says, namely: "and you are the same to them".

Consider the definition: the child of your first cousin is first cousin once removed from you. In implementing this John first looks for a first cousin and then for a child of that cousin, finding Mary.

But now consider Mary...; or more precisely exchange John and Mary in the foregoing statement. John is not the child of Mary's first cousin, and therefore John does not fit the definition of first cousin once removed to Mary. If I tell you "John is Mary's first cousin once removed" you start looking for a first cousin of Mary and then a child of that first cousin.

The problem is that the relationship has not only magnitude, "first" and "once" but also <u>direction</u>. Mathematicians would call it a vector. Since there are two possible directions, from John to Mary and from Mary to John, we are left with a common communication defect of having one term that can have two different meanings. There is only one remedy: we need two terms. I propose them:

(1) A term expressing the relationship of the younger generation <u>to</u> the older generation be left as is, and used as: "Younger is first cousin once removed to older"; "younger is older's first cousin once removed"; e.g. "Mary is first cousin once removed to John". (10 1R)

Agris

(2) A new term which, corresponding to the reversal of direction, is the reverse of the former term: "Older is once removed first cousin to younger"; "older is younger's once removed first cousin"; e.g. "John is Nary's once removed first cousin". (1R 1C)

The terminology is chosen in that sense because it reproduces the path taken on a genealogical descent tree in establishing the relationship. The path from John to Mary is first across to John's cousin and then down once removed to Mary. The path from Mary to John is first up the once removed to the cousin (her parent) and then across to John.

Note that the practice is to take the lowest degree of cousinship possible. For example: there is a path from Mary to her second cousin and then up once removed to John - but the first cousin path is implicitly demanded.

Those who are concerned with the introduction of a new term, 1R1C, in addition to the current one, 1C1R, are reminded that the directional nature is already thus recognized with two terms at the next higher generation, namely the "zeroth" cousin, i.e. siblings. (Those with common grandparents are first cousins. Those with common parents are "zeroth" cousins.) OC1R is the relation "neice" or "nephew", while 1ROC is "uncle" or "aunt". Similarly at the next higher generation: father/son.

original draft was 16/25/78.

27 JUL 1991

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

### .....yours of 7/21 ....

- 1. Thank heavens make that thank Agnes we now have a confirmed reading of the 1820 Elbert as it was written down 170 years ago! So glad to be free of that Reuben Cleveland!
- 2. The Reuben Christian m. Frances Ann Bishop is Reuben James Jared Christian b. 23 Dec 1823, m. Frances Ann Bishop, s/o Reuben Christian and Mary Ann Clark. A descendant of theirs is or was Marjorie (Mrs. Nash) Burger of NYC whom I wrote to some years ago without reply. She had correspondence with Frances Coorpender.
- 3. I will remove the Robert Christian m. Mary Huston from my records (had no more than that anyway). I have long assumed that any Christian in Augusta was of the Gilbert et al clan and not ours. As a matter of fact I have always been surprised and relieved that I did not run into more conflicts with that clan. That still leaves us with no data on the fate of Robert III.

### .... yours of 22 Jul .....

4. Still correcting my 1820! I accept your corrections and state here the changes to my 6/28/91 Census Comparison rather than sending the whole thing again.

You are correct that there are only two 1811-1820 in the 1840. I have eliminated from the 1840 on the 6/28/91 my #5 and assigned him as William B. rather than unid. That explains why he's thus missing from the 1840 - because he died in 1838.

I chose #5 to eliminate rather than #7 on the basis that #7 was some 5 years younger than William B. and less likely to be marrying in 1834 at age 18 or less.

Your analysis is that my # 10 and #11 are the same man, Cephus, the enumerator being in the wrong age column in 1830. That explains why my 6/28/91 prompted my question: "Where's Cephus in 1830. I accept.

Still unexplained is the whereabouts of Isaac Morgan in 1840.

That leaves us with but one unidentified — the #7 in my chart.

With those two uncertainties I believe we can now let Isaac R.I.P in 1820. Whew!

- 5. You have Pressley b. Mar 1817. I have May 1817 from Lois J. Grier to Thomas Swift, nephew of Pressley, to Jim to me about 1982. Hows about that?
  - 6. Where did you get the Jan 1822 for Isaac Morgan?

Lofton

Betsy, Jim, Meg, Bruce

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### 30 JUL 1991

J.M. CHRISTIAN 4439 SHELBURNE DR. DUNWOODY, GA 30338

.Dear Jim -

## .... yours of 7/25/91 ....

Thanks for the stuff. Have some questions on your FGS of Isaac.

- 1. Mg. was 17 Feb. 12 Feb was license.
- 2. My 1864 for Isaac death date comes from you who got it from Grier. Have no other attestation. I admit that 1867 seems better considering the admn date of 1867.
- 3. You and Grier gave me 1789 as birth of Mildred. Does something else give you now 1788?
  - 4. What source for the birth of Mary as 1808?
- 5. Is the burial of Pressley Conyers, Newton? If so where does that come from?
  - 6. Ditto on burial of Serena Elizabeth.
  - Where is Middlebrooks Cmty?
- 8. Is there really anything that places William B. as William Bradlex? Betsy would like it that way.
  - 9. He d. 1838, not 1839. Admnr was 1838.
- 10. I guess we don't know a darn thing about Elijah, s/o Isaac, do we?
- 11. I sympathize with your puzzlement over Thomas 16 in 1850 Reuben, but I doubt he was s/o Isaac since no place for him in 1840 Isaac census.

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Agnes, Betsy, Meg (Bruze is not much interested in that GA crew.) LOUIS KOENIG 26890 SHERWOOD FOREST SAN ANTONIO TX 78258 (512)-980-7440

2 AUG 1991

J.M. CHRISTIAN 4439 SHELBURNE DR. DUNWOODY, GA 30338

.Dear Jim -

## .... yours of 6/19/91 to Agnes ....

- 1. There's a bunch of our Christians in NC descended from among others, a Gideon. I've not followed up on them. Believe your Elisha Clement Bennett Christian is one of them. Others are the Thomas of Tuscaloosa, AL and the Thomas of Willbarger Bend who lost his scalp in Austin.
- 2. Elisha, s/o John Buffalo, died Amherst 5 Dec 1829 obit in Barber: Mgs & Deaths in Lynchburg Newspapers 1794-1836,
  Lynchburg Virginian 14 Dec 1829 p. 3 col 5: "Christian, Elisha
  d. on 5th inst. age 41 at his residence in Amherst County".

  I deduce he was umm. but had his own houshold.

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Agnes

Betsy, Meg, Bruce

3 AUG 1991

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

Dear Agnes -

### .....yours of 4/20/91 ....

I apologize for the delay is responding to your important questions. I've been swamped.

I've numbered your paragraphs and the numbers below correspond to those.

- 1. Sorry to hear of your bone-breaking. That's the second time you've been mashed up.
- 4. The sister-in-law is still a mystery to me too.

  Betsy has pointed out the a "snow" is a big ocean-going vessel and it's unlikely that James, back on the Fluvanna, could have been its captain. I concur.

5 on p. 1 I don't think the John Harvey-James Christian suit can be laid to any family relationship. It looks to me like a purely business matter. One of the two (and I forget which is which) had the other's tobacco aboard a vessel for which the one was responsible. The tobacco got wet and the suit decided that the one was not responsible for that. No family need be involved. Although if it was <u>James</u> who was the <u>one</u> that might lend credence to the "snow" matter.

So far as I know there is only one documentary evidence bearing on the maiden name of Susannah. That is the Coleman relation that I describe in a letter of a bit ago.

- 7 on p. 2 Do you want my <u>sheets</u> on children of Robert Bryant? Can do, but meanwhile here's his PAF descendants chart that will show you what I have. (Not attached to distributees.)
- 8. Pushing back the 1803 mg of Susan to John Meriwether Walker is part of Betsy's Captain Ahab role to get John m. Joyce as John Harvey Christian. A worthy cause that I must leave to her.
  - By now Jim has resolved the Mary in the 1830.

As to my "identification chart for the 1830 heads of household" -- I don't know what you mean by that. However I give you this: There are 26 listed in CFC. I have identified 21 of them, including two in my floater book. If you want I'll send you a listing. But I don't want to take the trouble if that's not what you're asking for.

- 10. My judgement on the "original to James Bryant Aug 6, 1805" is that when James heard of John's death in GA he quick went down to the courthouse and grabbed up the orginal deed, just in case.
- 11. In my recent letter re cousinship of Reuben M. and Presley F I cited the reference to Reuben M's will. That is my only reference for a middle initial. Somebody could check the Confederate Service Records to see if he's M. or W. there.
- 12. Betsy has satisfied me that the birth date for Thomas Oglesby Chrisian is 1808. The 18 Dec came originally from FAC, therefore not secure, but I believe Betsy confirms 18.
- It is so sad to know of documents gone because of lack of followup, e.g. Corrah Lee Braudt and a family Bible. My policy, from hard experience, is that when dealing with oldsters get everything you possibly can on the first contacts because your very approach on genealogical matters when they have one foot in the grave slides a bannana peel under the other foot.

  Corrah Lee belongs in my records.
- 13. Agnes, did I send you the Doran Atlas of County Boundary Changes, VA, 1634-1895? I copied those of interest to colleagues especially concerned with the Amherst/Buckinghma/Campbell/Prince Edward area. If you want, please ask. They will not be as complete as your wider interests but you can get the book itself in a library there I presume.
- 14. Betsy has me about persuaded that the one reliable evidence we have for Mary as the wife of William Oglesby is that his youngest son Drury Patrick Oglesby (by 2nd wife), alive about 1930 or so said it or at least we can assume he said it. That's awful shaky but I'm about to give in.
- 15.om p. 3 Betsy has also persuaded me that James and Lucy are the oldsters in the household of Melton, 1830.
- I am not one of those who reject a first wife for John and children of that mg = John jr and James. But I await further evidence.
- 16. Agnes, I've never met you but I know from your writings that you are a quite proper lady. But I don't put you in the class of Mrs. Austin Perry, possesor of much Christian/Massengale data, who when I discovered her here in San Antonio at age 90 or so (thanks to Frances Coorpender) declined to have me visit her on the grounds that we had not been properly introduced!!

I too want rapscallions in jail to be past, and not current, but that they  $\underline{\text{are}}$  past history I think makes a great story! Wish I had one in  $\underline{\text{my}}$  ancestry, pretty hum-drum people. I bet Jim is tickled with the idea.

19. Cordelia Watts, d/o Stephen Watts, b.1775/1776, d. 9 Jan 1848 at Hacle Cottage, Nelson, VA residence of her husband. They m. 28 Feb 1795, Amherst. Stephen Watts, her father m. (2) Martha Bell 24 Jan 1790. widow of George Christian, James' father.

Gwen Gentry called John D. on the phone recently, call taken by his wife who said "our family suffered a great tragedy today" and John would respond (to Gwen's letters) sometime.

The reference is indeed Virkus Compendium vol 6. p 735, of Catherine Elizabeth Coleman (Mrs. Walter Wade) Robinson. I have had it for years and didn't then trust it because of the novel Martha Ann.

However I now take it as authentic. Reason: true Berry had only 9 children but the obit above says "Husband and 11 children survive". That leaves two to add to Berry's - one Martha Ann, and one other. The other is presumably not Dr. Kerns' Elizabeth F. b. 1798 for Berry has an Elizabeth, 6th on his listing (but order not secure).

As for the Silas vs. Benjamin Vawter - Bruce has a load of Appomattox that includes the two Vawters. When I get to it I'll hope to clear up the discrepancy.

There is no phone listing in Anniston for Catherine's sons, Walter Wade Robinson and William Coleman Robinson. However by a happy inadvertance the operator reported a W. W. Coleman – and by not thinking quick enough I didn't get the number. However that guy might be a descendant of Catherine's Colemans – but not a sibling.

20 I got thrown off the track with the "disputed John in 1820" (1) by thinking it was the young John of 1820 Elbert and (2) by not being able to dig up my letter in which I mentioned the Bky Bkm matter.

I accept that John Bkm is on p. 41. But I have not yet made my identification of the 1820 Buckinghams so believe I'm not privy to the dispute. I'll get to work on it.

23 on p. 4 Mary Chrisian Watkins Christian is not peripheral to my searches. I have the book excerpts.

- 24. A brilliant idea! that Gecurd is actually LeSeur. Alas, the xerox of the loose sheet, attached, doesn't support that. The initial letter is definitely G, not L as in the preceeding name Louis. It might be Gecur J[r] instead of Gecurd but that's all I can squeeze into it.
- 27. Sorry your dream program got you gypped. There's a lot of shysters in the computer game. Do you want to track down the culprit and maybe get your money back? Let me know and I'll put my hacker sons onto it.

Tell me about "since it can easily be transferred to and fro via modem and other programs". The "transferred to and fro" is what I don't know much about. My sons in Houston and Los Angeles can run my computer from there and send stuff back and forth.

I'm trying to get the Los Angeles son to modify the stodgy PAF - specifically to speed up the molasses-in-January searches and to make the search "intelligent" - i.e. so it will come up with names approximating the target name. as the airline reservation system does. (If you're looking for Charles Jones Pearlman and the record has him as C. J. Pearlman you won't find him. The system I'm working on will pull out Charles Jones Pearlman, C. J. Pearlman, C. Jones Pearlman, also C. J. Purlman, c. Perlmon, etc. [by Soundex].)

CFC VIII,671,JUL 1982 has an article about Julia Jackson and William Edmund Christian. Can you tell me the descent from the VA Christians of the William H. Christian his ancestor?

It's comforting to know others can write letters as long as mine.  $\ensuremath{\text{\prime}}$ 

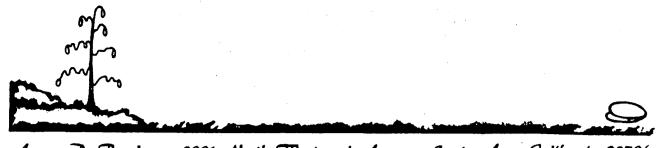
Robt. Bryant descendants Gecurd note

Betsy, Jim, Meg, Bruce without attachments
Ask if you want them.

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Robert B CHRISTIAN-10926 (1770)
Edna LESEUR-10933 (1772)
   Ira CHRISTIAN-10934 (1801)
    Martha Ann LESEUR-10940 (1799)
    3--
        Edna Ann CHRISTIAN-10941 (1826)
        William T VAN DUZER-10955
        4---
            Joanna VAN DUZER-10956 (1854)
            Robert OGLESBY-10957 (1847)
               Nicholas OGLESBY-10958 (1878)
                Minnie ALEXANDER-11106
                6- Clifford OGLESBY-11107 (1906)
                6- Fostius OGLESBY-11108 (1909)
                   Edna Mae OGLESBY-11109 (1911)
                6- Minnie E OGLESBY-11110 (1912)
                Edna OGLESBY-10959 (1885)
        Camilia Z CHRISTIAN-10942 (1828)
s-
    Elizabeth H. MARBEY-10943 (1810)
        Sarah Helen CHRISTIAN-10944 (1838)
    5-
        George EBERHART-10962 (1832)
            Robert EBERHART-10963
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        4-
            George EBERHART-10964
        4-
            Thomas EBERHART-10965
        4- Ira EBERHART-10966
            Laura EBERHART-10967
        4--
            J. H. MCGILL-10973
        S.--
            5-
               George MCGILL-10974
            5- Helen MCGILL-10975
            5- Clara MCGILL-10976
            5- Lucile MCGILL-10977
            5- William MCGILL-10978
            5- Harry MCGILL-10979
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            J. Shiloh EBERHART-10968
        4--
            J. Walter EBERHART-10969
        5-
            Nelle CATER-10980
            5- Lillian EBERHART-10981
                William EBERHART-10982
            5- Helene EBERHART-10983
            5- George EBERHART-10984
            Edwin EBERHART-10970
            Alexander EBERHART-10971
            Halbert EBERHART-10972
        Shelby CHRISTIAN-10945 (1840)
        Robert E. CHRISTIAN-10946 (1842)
    Althea VERNON-10947
    Permelia Amanda FRYER-10948 (1824)
        Mary CHRISTIAN-10949 (1849)
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        Robert Z CHRISTIAN-10950 (1850)
    3--
        Alice G CHRISTIAN-10951 (1852)
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        Ira CHRISTIAN jr-10952 (1855)
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        Bryant Lewis CHRISTIAN-10953 (1857)
    Samuel CHRISTIAN-10935 (1802)
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    dau1 CHRISTIAN-10936 (1805)
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    John M CHRISTIAN-10937 (1805)
    Amelia Ann KEY-10987
        Tilda CHRISTIAN-10988 (1834)
    3-
        Althea CHRISTIAN-10989 (1836)
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- s- HADDEN Dr.-10998
- 3- John CHRISTIAN-10990 (1838)
- s- Amanda STOVALL-10999
- 3- Oscar CHRISTIAN-10991 (1840)
- 3- George M. CHRISTIAN-10992 (1842)
- 3- Charles J. CHRISTIAN-10993 (1844)
- 3- Beatrice CHRISTIAN-10994 (1846)
- s- L. C. UPSHAW-11000
- 3- Jesse H. CHRISTIAN-10995 (1848)
- s- Daisy OSBORN-11001
- 3- William Y CHRISTIAN-10996 (1850)
- 3- Lois CHRISTIAN-10997 (1852)
- s- uk RAMSAUR-11002
- 2- Thomas J CHRISTIAN-10938 (1807)
- s- Mary J. CHRISTIAN-11003 (1800)
  - 3- Martha Ann CHRISTIAN-11004 (1830)
  - 3- William R CHRISTIAN-11005 (1832)
  - 3- Cornelious J CHRISTIAN-11006 (1834)
  - 3- Louisa A CHRISTIAN-11007 (1836)
  - 3- Thomas M CHRISTIAN-11008 (1838)
  - 3- Meriwether G CHRISTIAN-11009 (1840)
  - 3- Loucinda J CHRISTIAN-11010 (1842)
  - 3- Asa Chandler CHRISTIAN-11011 (1844)
  - s- Sophia E. SHIELDS-11015 (1845)
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    - 4- William S CHRISTIAN-11017 (1881)
    - 4- Thomas J CHRISTIAN-11018 (1882)
    - 4- Robert Asa CHRISTIAN-11019 (1884)
    - 4- Joseph C CHRISTIAN-11020 (1888)
    - s- Mabel C. UK-11026
    - 4- Omer C CHRISTIAN-11021 (1890)
    - 4- Lee CHRISTIAN-11022 (1892)
    - 4- Sallie Lona CHRISTIAN-11023 (1894)
    - 4- Susie Jane CHRISTIAN-11024 (1897)
    - 4- Nettie Lou CHRISTIAN-11025 (1900)

- 3- Mary E CHRISTIAN-11012 (1846)
- 3- Luther M CHRISTIAN-11013 (1848)
- 3- Sarah Emily CHRISTIAN-11014 (1851)
- 2- James C. CHRISTIAN-10939 (1815)
- s- Sulenea M. SMITH-11027
  - 3- Shelby T. CHRISTIAN-11028



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August 14, 1991

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Thank you for your packet with "consortium" letters from July 26 through August 3. I especially enjoyed "The Terminology of Cousinship." You may wish to correct spelling in title, where it appears as "The Terminology..." I will try to adopt such usage since I, too, letions direction is important. Individuals not engaged in cenealogy have a hand enough time understanding the simple to and fro terms to accept this, however.

he Paragraph 44 in your letter to me of 27 July 1991 with comments on census companison of Isaac and vilared (brite) Christian family: You wondered about Isaac Norgan Civistian in 1840. In you recheck my list, you will see that he is still in the household--the one how 1810-20 (the f7 on your chart).

re your fetren to fin of 30 July 1991: I'll have to lape rost of those an**swers to** fire Recause he was the source of most of the cata relating to your quastions.

Re your letter to sim of 2 mig. 1991: Although a rivider of Tideon Christian's descendants moved to North and South Carolina, i sails have not been able to place Crisha Crement benneth Christian among them. I can say that the Themas Christian "of Willianger were proceeded. This Thomas Christian res appearantly then the Augusta Crenty, Vinginder, Though the Introduction to "Pioneans in Teres" in CFC, Vol. No. page 1986, for details. The gittent Christian mentioned theme as Thomas grandy when was a sen of William and Many (Campberl) Christian.

L un mappy to have exact death wate and place (2 Dec. 1629 in Anhenst County, Vinginia) , on Clisha L. Christian, son of John "b" Caristian. Thanks. 1, 200, have named encountered a marriage for him.

Jou asked about parentage of William H. Christian in article about Julia Jackson, CFC, VIII, o71. I never followed through to identify his father and mother but believe the arswer might lie in the 1850 census for Dinwiddie County, Virginia, or the City of Petersburg. Since he married in 1855, he would probably have been in his father's household in 1850. In the Accelerated Index there are the following:

A. H. Christian Dinw 430 Petersbu B. C. Christian Dinw 413 Petersbu Thomas C. Christian Dinw 416 Petersbu

I don't know when I might get to the library to check the census but will let you know if I find anything significant.

Another thank you: For the information on Robert Engant Ciristian line. I do have some contradictions regarding identity of his third wife: You show her as Althea Vernon whereas notes from John D. Christian (quoting DAN records of Oglethorpe, Georgia, V, page 159) show that he married Anna Wood 28 February 1845. Other notes show that a daughter Althea Vernon Christian was born 8 December 1865 Recycled toppe perhaps have a total of five marriages rather than four?

The loose sheet regarding Gecur note was not enclosed with your letter of 3 August. I assume it was an inadvertent oversight.

Wow! I must have been repeating myself in writing about my arm injury. Let me say that there was only <u>one</u> injury. Considering its severity, that was quite enough!

Until next time.

Sincerely,

cc: Betsy, Meg, Jim

13 AUG 1991

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

"Dear Agnes -

.....yours of 8/6 to Jim .....

#### ELIJAH

I don't think Jim sent me his 1820 evaluation of the 1820. Yours, of 7/22, and mine, of 6/28, agree.

Your question "Could Elijah have been the unid male born about 1815 on my list?" and "What made us assume that Elijah was born about 1831?"

Answer to the former: NO. Answer to the latter: 1850 of Isaac has Elijah age 19, i.e. born 1830/31 which, as you see from my list, checks the age of the youngest child in the 1830 (which is why I assign that to Elijah). Ergo: the unid male (#7 on my list) b. 1816-1820 can't be the Elijah s/o Isaac b. 1830/1831 nor can he be the Elijah of the 1820 census b 1794-1802.

Jim is worried about the Thomas age 16 in 1850 of Reuben?, Rufus? (I forget which), b. 1833/1834 and not a child of the household he's in. You want to make him the youngest child of Isaac in the 1840, b. 1831-1835. Since I have already equated the youngest child in 1840 with the Elijah of 1850, you'd have to bump Elijah from the 1840 and replace him with Thomas. (You want to move Elijah to my #7 to allow this, but I show above that that's out.) If you did bump him, as distinct from moving him, then you are faced with "Where's Elijah age 9/10 in Isaac's 1840.

I think it preferable to have Thomas in limbo rather than Elijah.

In a recent letter I have discussed the possibility, indeed the <u>desire</u>, to have the Elijah of the 1820 be the Elijah Willis sr, parents unassigned in my book so far, with alas the complication that although the ages of Elijah and spouse check with the known ages of Elijah Willis sr. and his spouse yet they were not married till 1823. I don't think they enumerated POSSLQ's in those days. UNSETTLED.

Betsy, Jim, Meg

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

August 20, 1991

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio. Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

Thank you for your response of August 13 regarding age of Elijah Christian, son of Isaac.

Why I hadn't thought of looking at the 1850 census, I don't know; but that takes care of that.

Like you, I will leave Thomas in limbo. He could easily have been a grandson.

You question identity of the Elijah of the 1820 census. It seems to me that the couple listed there would have been Elijah Willis Christian, born 15 January 1798, s/o Elijah and Elizabeth (Britt) Christian. He married Drucilla Willeford in 1820, She was born 12 April 1801. Therefore, their ages would conform to those of the 1820 census. By 1830 this couple was listed in Madison County, Georgia, under head of household, Elijah W. Christian.

By 1830, of course, there were two others named Elijah in the Georgia census: In Newton County are Elijah W. Christian and wife, Mary Clark (Christian) Christian with more females than have previously been attributed to them. This is the Elijah who may have been the son of James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian—proof still lacking!

The Elijah in 1830 Elbert County I take to be Elijah L. Christian, born 28 July 1794, whose first wife, Rebecca Coleman had died about 1827. His second wife, Elizabeth Edwards, whom he married 10 October 1828, is probably the one listed with him. As you know, he married a third time 9 April 1832 Mary J. Fitts. Have you ever positively identified his parents?

Enough on Elijah for the day.

Sincerely,

cc: Betsy, Jim, Meg

P. S. After seeing photocopy of court order, the name Gecurd or Securd is definitely not LeSeur. Thanks for sending copy.

14 AUG 1991

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.Dear Agnes -

.....yours of 24 July 1990 ....

My files of work to be done are divided into:

The recent
The old
The historic
The ancient
The archaic
The prehistoric
The archeologic
The paleontologic

This letter about your enclosure of the above titled  $\underline{\text{MORE}}$  ON FAMILY OF JOHN AND MARY CHRISTIAN. Herein I tell you what I (with the help of the consortium) think I know and what (lacking their help) I don't know about that family — tied into your listing.

1. I believe John jr and James were not sons of Mary but of an unidentified 1st wife. Betsy doesn't accept that and wants Mary to be the mother. Maybe so. The strong argument for the 1st wife is the absence of John and James from the early estate papers — based on the supposition that they were back in VA taking care of the two properties there and only appeared in GA when those properties were sold by Abda.

Furthermore, if they were full brothers it is strange that the brothers in GA did not have them take care of the sale instead of sending Abda way up there to do it. Almost seems the GA crew weren't very close to John and James and didn't quite want to trust them for the sale.

- 2. The 1st wife theory accepted means that James was not named for "his maternal grandfather" James Bryant as your guess would have it. We have no evidence that James or John ever married. If they did I'll bet the records would be in VA. I suspect they never did or they were short marriages.
- 3. Believe the GA contingent has disposed of the Edmond Taylor as a relative theory.
  - I do not know if our John was the John C. Christian.
- 5. Robert Bryant Christian b. 15 Mar 1770; Edna Leseur b. 16 Apr 1772.
  - 6. Reuben's will is <u>dated</u> 13 Dec 1839.



- 7. The 3 censuses we have for Gabriel place his birth within 1771-1776. Whence your 1774 not that it's contradictory.
  - 8. He did not die 1839. He is in Morgan 1840.
- 9. This is the first I've ever heard of two or any prior marriages for Gabriel.
- 10. I have never heard of Abda as married before Ann Morse to anybody.
- 11. We have since straightened out the two William Oglesby marriages the one in VA 1795 to Mary d/o Anthony; the other sometime around 1807 or so to the d/o John and Mary. And Betsy and I dismiss the idea that the William Oglesbys were the same man.

Where do you get the William B. Oglesby?

Best I have for birth of William Oglesby's wife d/o

John&Mary is 1776-1794. I suppose you've looked at the siblings

births to tie it down to about 1777?

- 12. Drury Christian is Meg's province and I haven't got far into it.
  - 13. Rufus in 1850 Morgan is b. 1786/1787.
- 14. Best I have for Nancy is b. 1787-1791. (I don't use ABOUT if I can bracket it at a few years).
- 15. Whence your George  $\underline{W}$ . Stovall? Only one of the many records for him gives a middle intital and that one is  $\underline{W}$ . But from somewhere I had also  $\underline{H}$ , and carry him as  $\underline{H}$ , in my records. Can you do better?

To the rest of your enclosures in the above letter I will respond in future letters.

Betsy, Jim, Meg

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. . . .

-Dear Agnes -

.....yours of 24 July 1990 ....continued ...

your Anthony Christian pages

They bring my Anthony Christians into focus. Thanks. Please recall that we now place Thomas Christian the father as Thomas s-i-1 of unknown parentage, Rebecca Christian the mother being the d/o Thomas s-i-1.

- 1. Are the tax lists you cite from Schreiner-Yantis for George Davis and John Radford for Powhattan?
  - ....your Apr 13, 1985 on Anthony sr ....
- 2. The mg bond to Mary Watkins. I have the same date from Williams:  $\underline{\text{Mgs Amelia } 1775-1813}$  (1961), p. C-1. I assume that your reference specified it as a  $\underline{\text{bond}}$ , not a mg date? (I'm not sure  $\underline{\text{what}}$  my reference called, as I wasn't smart back when I got it.) Many compilers give dates that turn out to be license or bond rather than mg.
  - ... ditto on jr ....
- 3. Mg. bond Powhattan Anthony to Rebecca Prosser 25 May 1795. My reference was Knorr: Mg Bonds and Ministers Returns Powhattan Co., VA 1777-1830, p. 14 Mg. Register p. 29 -- but again I didn't note if it was a bond or a return. Which is yours?
- 4. From your ample documentation my scenario for jr is as follows.

Anthony, 19 in 1743, was already married to a 1st wife or about to be, and had been given the 100 acres called Negroe's Arm by his father prior to writing his will thus in will only 1 shilling for Anthony the eldest. The land was in Goochland at the time, in Cumberland when that was split from Goochland in 1748, and in Powhattan when that was split off from Cumberland (and Chesterfield) in 1777.



1st wife died, suspect childless, and he m. (2) Mary Christian Watkins in 1755.

In 1777 he sold other property, source unknown, location unspecified, to Trent of Chesterfield. In 1790 he sold 25 acres of the 100 to his b-i-l John Radford. 1793/4 he died and the remaining 75 acres was in the Mary survived him and held the personal property but not the land. In 1796 the estate sold the remaining 75 acres to John Radford who then had the whole of the original 100 acres.

We don't quite know how Anthony sr originally got the 100.

## That sews that up except:

I now have in my records for Anthony, sr or jr not specified, an Albemarle record that in light of your data I now confirm my earlier judgement as spurious to our Anthonys. is: Mag. Va Geneal. vol 29 # 2 May 1991, p. 121. Albemarle Court Orders 13 May 1748 p. 369. "Debt case of Anthony Christian vs John Rice, John Hunter undertakes for the deft who is granted imparle. Suit ordered suspended until a former non-suit is paid." [Imparle means permission granted to postpone or await more information.] [Don't need to send Bruce to law school for three years to figure that out.] Do you agree with my judgement and do you know this quy?

Betsy, Jim, Meg



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April 20, 1991

Dear Betsy, Meg, Burce, Jim, and Lou:

Since returning from my holiday trip, I have been following your correspondence closely and with great interest. I certainly would have entered the fray again sooner had I not broken the bones of my wrist completely in two. What with complications, pain, and inability to use my right arm and hand, I simply set aside our exchange until I had sufficiently recovered to be able to set my mind and both hands to the task. I'm delighted to report that now, well into the third month of recovery, I have about 70 to 80 per cent function with the expectation that full use will return after several more weeks of physical therapy.

But enough of that! I will try to shed some light on a few of the matters under discussion but doubt that I will have much, if anything, new to offer. I'll attack the subjects at random.

Regarding the 1830 Georgia census records: As you know, my abstracts in *Christian Family Chronicles* cover only the households with a Christian at the head. Two indexes were used to locate the individuals; namely, Alvaretta Kenan Register's *Index to the 1830 Census of Georgia* and Jackson, Teeples, and Schaefermeyer's *Accelerated Index to the 1830 Census of Georgia*. The abstracts themselves were made by me personally. Although errors or omissions may have occurred in the listing in Volume No. I, page 58, I hope there were no more than the one entry-corrected in Volume No. II, page 139. That was for ages of those in household of George M. Christian.

Regarding the will of Susannah Whitney: As indicated, this widow of Jeremiah Whitney was first married to James Christian--presumably the son of Thomas and Rebecca New. Interestingly, in *The Diary of Robert Rose* edited and annotated by The Rev. Ralph Emmett Fall, there are a number of references to this couple, but not once does ParsonRose suggest what Susannah's maiden name might have been. Also not identified was the "sister-in-law" with whom James Christian had a dispute. The following footnote #674 from Falls' book is revealing:

James Christian lived on the south side of James River, in the area of present Buckingham County, opposite William Cabell at *Warminster* in present Nelson County. A son of Thomas and Rebecca Christian of Goochland County, James Christian had been the captain of the snow *Rose* of Liverpool, built there in 1726, a ship whose name probably held significance for Parson Rose, Christian and John Harvie were in a court suit, August 15, 1750, involving tobacco carriers' liability. On September 3, 1750, Rose sought to settle differences between Christian and his sister-in-law. Christian visited Richmond and on January 22, 1750, brought a letter to Rose from Thomas Atcheson, tobacco inspector there. Rose purchased a group of slaves from Christian, January 29, 1750. Christian's will, proved in Albemarle County in 1759, named his wife Susanna, a daughter, and four sons.

Do you think that Susanna was a Harvey (sister to John) or that her sister was Martha Gaines (married to John Harvey)? Thus, the suit filed by John Harvie may have been in lieu of his wife, as would have been the case during that period.

One other comment before leaving the subject of Susanna's will: Although I agree that Drury Christian was probably the one who should have been named to prove the will, it is possible that he or Robert may have had a middle name of Dudley. Agreed, not a typical Christian name; however, Allen and Juda Christian's youngest son was apparently named Dudley Christian. This Dudley was born about 1800 and moved to Indiana with Allen and Juda.

Regarding family of Robert Bryant and Edna (Leseur) Christian: I was surprised to find that my files have no data on their children other than on son Ira and the information that can be inferred from the census analysis. I do speculate whether the James C. Christian who married Sulenea M. Smith 3 October 1839 may have been a son. Have any of you a more complete listing by now?

Regarding identity of John Harvey Christian: One possible scenario has not, to my knowledge, been addressed. That is, the newspaper account (some 90 to 100 years after the event) may have given the marriage date of Susan to John Meriwether Walker incorrectly. If the marriage took place in 1801 rather than 1803, then John and Joyce Christian may well have been the parents of Susan. Is this plausible or have I forgotten some pertinent consideration?

Regarding identity of the Mary Christian, head of Elbert County, Georgia, 1830 household: Has she been identified since I last corresponded with the consortium or should I check my files for all Christian wives named Mary whose husband died before 1830? Lou, could you send your identification chart for the 1830 heads of household? I started that job for Virginia and Tennessee months ago, and it would certainly be helpful not to have to duplicate your work.

Regarding the Powhatan County, Virginia, Deed from John and Mary Christian to James Bryant: The deed was dated 30 October 1799 (not 1790). As of the 1799 date of the deed, John and Mary were "of the county of Amherst. In the margin of the follow-up to thedeed, Deed Book III, page 65, Powhatan County) is a notation, "The original deed xxxx Enclosed to James Bryant Aug 6th 1805." The foregoing x's denote a word crossed out. All of you may already have this information, but I wanted to indicate that I am aware that the date of 1790 in one of my earlier letters was incorrect.

Regarding family of Elijah Willis and Mary Clark (Christian) Christian: Much of our proof for their children is established by will of son, Reuben, who names his siblings. My notes show that Reuben's middle initial was "W," not "M." Unfortunately, I cannot find my source. Can anyone offer verified initial? If a first cousin relationship did exist between Reuben W./M. and Presley F., the search for parentage once again points toward James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian.

Regarding birth date of Thomas Oglesby Christian: The date I show is 13 December 1808. Whether the 13 should be an 18, I do not know; however, the "13" in date I received almost twenty years ago from Mrs. Corrah Lee Braudt is quite distinct. She is a descendant and had in her possession at that time the family Bible of Thomas O. Christian. She also had a "Register Book" in Thomas O. Christian's hand showing the births and marriages of their nine children although those dates were not sent to me nor was a photocopy of the register and Bible entries. She did not respond to my last two letters, one written in 1972 and the other in 1980.

Before I forget, I wish to thank each of you who sent maps, and thank you, Betsy, for the Bedford County, Virginia, indexes of Christian entries. It's obvious that we must analyze records for all the surrounding counties and those involved in boundary changes if we are to arrive at a true understanding of the land transfers, etc.

Regarding the Oglesby connections: I am quite interested but really have nothing to offer. In passing, however, it would be interesting to find that the daughter of John and Mary (Bryant) Christian who became the wife of William Oglesby was named something other than Mary. Undoubtedly, they have been identified as the couple who married in Powhattan County, Virginia, which we now know was in error.

As for family of James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian: You must realize that names of any children are based on speculation--not on documentation. The children attributed to them are in that position because I believe they must have belonged to someone, and I have no other likely candidate for their parentage. The birthdate ranges assigned to them are arrived at by analysis of census enumerations for each speculative child--not for intact family:

?William B. Christian, born 1780-1783. Does anyone have more infomation about him? ?Presley Christian, born 1780-1784, married 1) \_\_\_\_\_ ?White ante 1806 and 2) \_\_\_\_ In 1824 of St. Clare Co., Alabama; in 1830 of McNairy Co., Tennessee.

?daughter, possibly ?Nancy, who may have married about 1812 Robert C. Oglesby as first wife.

?Isaac Christian, born 4 July 1787 or 1788, married Mildred White 12 February 1807; ?daughter, possibly ?Elizabeth, who married Leroy Oglesby; but there is no proof that Leroy married a Christian

?James G. Christian, who married Harriet C. Mann 28 December 1826 in Newton Co. Georgia. Has anyone placed him in another family?

?Elijah Willis Christian, born about 1803, married Mary Clark Christian 19 December 1823, died intestate about 1863 in Newton Co., Georgia ?Milton Christian, born about 1809, married Mary Clark Posey 10 June 1831

I have long believed that the aged James and Lucy were the older couple living in 1830 household of of the younger Melton. It seems to me that the most likely parents for James are John and a first wife. Have I missed the explanation why some of you have now rejected that possibility? Unless there is some evidence to the contrary, it would appear that John and James were children of John before he married Mary Bryant. I would still welcome comments on this.

The fascinating episodes of Rufus' life do add a bit of spice to our search for dates and relationships. I must say, however, that I would prefer such incidents to be past history. It must have been difficult for his more proper relatives to cope with him at the time.

By the way, could each of you please send what you have on the children of Robert Bryant Christian and wife Edna Leseur. I just realized that my records are hopelessly inadequate in this regard. Except for information about Ira, I have only the census evaluation that you send, Lou.

Meg, could you send chart of the Bradley-Christian relationships enclosed with your letter of October 26, 1990, to Lou? If these are the Ted Brooke notes, however, Jim has already forwarded them to me. In that case, of course, ignore the request.

Lou, could you send vital dates for Cordelia Watts, wife of James Christian mentioned in your letter of February 7, 1991? Although Berry named nine children for the couple, he does not include Martha Ann Christian (1805-1895) as a daughter. John D. Christian, who used to be an avid Christian family researcher, quotes "Comp. 6:735" in so naming her and states that she married Robert Beasley. I assume he was referring to Virkus' Compendium. Another correspondent, Dr. Wilmer L. Kerns states that Elizabeth F. Christian was also a daughter and shows her as born 1798, died 26 May 1859 Bent Creek, Appamatox Co., Virginia; married 19 January 1824 Silas P. Vawter, son of Benjamin Vawter of Campbell Co., Virginia. Berry's notes apparently showed Benjamin as the husband; however, Kerns' data seems more complete and is likely to more accurate. Have you more about the children of James and Cordelia?

On the matter of a disputed John Christian in the 1820 census: Before going into specifics, let me state that at that time there was a Berkeley County, Virginia, now located in West Virginia (in the eastern panhandle of the state). Incidentally, I visited my brother in the Veterans Hospital there during my December travels. Felldin was in error, however, in showing a John Christian located there. I believe it was a simple typographical error showing "Bky" instead of "Bkm." For there was a John Christian on page 41 of Buckingham County, Virginia. See Christian Family Chronicles, Volume VI, page 480, for transcription. I do not have transcriptions of the Walker entries, but in glancing at Felldin's index note that there is more than one John Walker in Buckingham County.

Note to Bruce and Lou: Do keep me informed of your progress. Any recent discoveries?

Some Descendants of Capt. John Dillard, Sr.: Thank you for mention of this work. I will see if a copy is available in one of our local library collections.

If you haven't seen a copy, you may be interested in studying a recently published work by John Hale Stutesman, *Some Watkins Families of Virginia and their Kin.* It is still available from the author for \$30.00, postage included. I have not purchased a copy since he donated one to our local genealogical society library. Mr. Stutesman's address is 305 Spruce Street, San Francisco, California 94118. His records prove that Mary (Christian) Watkins was indeed the individual who married Anthony Christian. Of course, all this is peripheral to your searches and mine; however, I thought you might be interested.

One the perculiarities often found in transcriptions of unfamiliar script. The name, "Gecurd," seems to be reappearing in our notes--always with the quotation marks. Not being fully familiar with all the Georgia surnames, is it possible that the script for Leseur was incorrectly interpreted? As you know, Leseur is sometimes spelled with a "c" in the middle and a flourish often appears to be a "d." A capital "G" could easily be written to look like an "S" or "L" so that we can easily come around to "Leseur." Any comments?

Back to the newspaper article with the not-so-accurate time intervals. As I was growing up, I often heard relatives speak of "the late" so and so as if the individual had only recently died--when, in fact, the death may have occurred a half century earlier. The other vague references could also easily be explained, especially if the article were written a number of years before publication. I'm with you, Betsy, in thinking that the 1803 marriage date was little more than an estimate. Have you noticed how many people fail to put a qualifier before a questionable date?

Have I overlooked specific questions any of you may have posed for me? If so, just let me know so that I can respond. I do plan to study again more carefully the abstracts, documents, and other material you have so generously sent to me during my long silence. If my views change as a result, I will let you know.

Furthermore, I expect to finish the Master Index to *Christian Family Chronicles* during the next few weeks. Then, I will finally begin entering my genealogical data on computer although the "dream" program I had expected to use has turned out to be nothing more than a "dream." The designer to the program no longer responds to letters or telephone calls and has not mailed the program to me or others who have paid. I haven't definitely decided which of the programs I currently have to use although PAF will probably be my choice since it can easily be transferred to and fro via modem and other programs.

That's about all until next time which, I hope, will be sooner rather than later.

Sincerely,

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25 MAY 1991

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.Dear Agnes -

## .....1820 ELBERT ....

Because we have so many versions of the 1820 Elbert, discordant in one way or another and to a greater or lesser extent, I had vowed when next in DC to read the photostats of the original in the big books in the Search Room. Not knowing if I'll ever get to DC again, I read very carefully the microfilm in the Shreveport (excellent) genealogical library. Here's the comparison of my reading with yours. (I don't think it fruitful to include the other readings we have.)

The quality is not too bad but the reading is devilish difficult because the (many) column headings are microfilmed only on the first page of the returns, thus leaving the succeeding frames without headings. Therefore you have to count columns. Even that is devilish because the vertical lines separating columns are sometimes faint so you have to quest at distances. Here is my column assignment: (you will see it at the top of my sheets, enclosed)

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- 3 16-18
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- 5. 26-45
- 6. 45 & up
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- 8. 10-16
- 9. 16-26
- 10. 26-45
- 11. 45 & up
- 13. Agriclture
- 14. Commerce
- 15. Manufactures
- 16. Free colored & slaves



It is understood that the upper figure in each category means  $\frac{1}{1}$  less than; and that the 16-18 males are included in the 16-26 so that the 16-26 minus the 16-18 gives the 18-26.

You see my symbolism at the bottom of page 2 of the 1820. Now a row by row exploration of the differences:

Elijah I take this as Elijah Willis s/o Elijah and Elizabeth Britt. He was 22 in 1820 and his wife Drucilla was 19 so CFC is correct and I must have read the wrong column.

 $\frac{Reuben}{CFC}$  His wife Mary Ann Clark was 30-40 in 1820 so CFC must be right.

 $\underline{\text{Isaac}}$  He was 32 in 1820 and wife Milly was 31 so CFC must be right.

Pressly He was 30-40 in 1820 and wife \_\_\_\_ White was 20-24, so CFC must be right.

Are you feeling good?

James p. 169 CFC reads as Turner. Surely not Turner (see below) but almost certain to be Betsy's James, m. Lucy Bradley. James was about 60 iN 1820 and Lucy same, so ages correspond with Betsy's James and Lucy. James was very prominent in Elbert and must be there one way or another.

James p. 189 This is listed by CFC but I missed it. (Very carefully, heh?) CFC's James p. 189 has the right ages for James and Lucy. I haven't yet filled in my floater sheets for James and Lucy, so we'll let Betsy work on that one when she returns from her furlough.

John p. 188

This is the mysterious floater John who was a minor in 1815 but had three daughters by 1820. If he was a minor in 1815 he could not have been more than 25 in 1820. Most others have read him as 16-26 too so CFC must be right.

Turner p. 187 Name is very garbled. Best I could do, if I didn't have a preconceived notion, is the TER, or WER. I think it is an abbreviation er or r

Anyway that fits the generally accepted (if that means anything) concept of Turner with a big entourage and many slaves.

Richard? p. 187 Missed by CFC. I never heard of a Richard in Elbert. Hard to decipher name, but there's no other CFC listing to correspond. Maybe it's not even Christian.

Note that Pressley and Rufus Christian headed census districts - which I believe were coincident with Militia Districts.

While I was at it I also conformed the 1840 Elbert. Only one difference. CFC has Rufus 50-60. Rufus was 53/54 in 1840 so CFC must be right.

Agnes, in addition to any comments you have in general I'll ask you to again read your source if convenient and tell me if I need to correct the indicated differring columns. Looks like I was off by a whole column for Pressly and Isaac after 16-26.

Note with pardonable pride that almost every one of my analyses comes out with CFC the champ! and me the chump!

LOU

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Betsy, Jim, Meg .. for their interest and comments Bruce ... as a horrible example.

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Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

Yesterday I finally had the opportunity of visiting our local branch of the National Archives to recheck the microfilm of the 1820 Elbert County, Georgia, U. S. Census. Although my notes of original abstracts indicated that the microfilm from which I made the transcriptions was "almost illegible," now the condition is "absolutely, positively illegible." If such had been the case years ago, I suppose I would have been unable to publish that portion of the 1820 census.

Because it was impossible to make a comparison of the remaining discrepancies between your abstract and mine, I can only hope that the microfilm available through the L. D. S. Family History Library in Los Angeles will be suitable for the purpose. I will make the comparison at the next opportunity but do not know how soon that will be.

Before closing, I will make a few comments regarding Robert Christian of the 1785 Amherst County, Virginia, will and his wife, Mary. Her maiden surname has been given as Bradley or Christian, possibly Bell, and now Wynn has been entered into the equation—all without proof. Until I received the information from Waring Lee Christian's "history," I had never encountered the name of Mary Wynn as even a possibility. Have you any comments about this? Betsy says she will be exploring Mary Bell as a possibility. I'm still keeping an open mind on the subject.

Bruce indicates that he has forwarded the data from Mary Christian of Paducah, Kentucky, to you. I am ready to accept identification of the above Robert and Mary (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Christian's son, Robert Christian, as the one who married Ann "Nancy" Mims 16 February 1805 in Goochland County, Virginia:

Robert Christian, born 21 September 1767, died 12 September 1837
Ann "Nancy" Mims, born 9 February 1778, died 29 October 1845
The data published in **Christian Family Chronicles** showing Robert as "under age in 1801" was in error. I traced back my source and find that an incorrect inference was apparently made based on an 1801 deed, of which I have not yet seen a complete copy, however. I'm sorry I published that as fact. I believe many researchers have been thrown off the track by that erroneous assumption.

What do you think?

Sincerely,

## Dear Friends -

This is serving as my usual mid-August response to your welcome Christmas greetings and letters from last year, and for my many genealogical colleagues will explain the sudden hiatus in correspondence.

One night in mid-August they hauled me off to the hospital and there performed triple bypass open heart surgery. I am doing fine, especially for an old guy. There was no damage to the heart itself.

My family has been very supportive - Janie was with me most of the time and son Fritz has come from California for a whole month. He's the "take charge" one so he's handling me, his mother, the house, the kitchen, the computers and the ranch. It will be another six weeks, they tell me, till I'm back to stumbling around the way I used to which will give my genealogical/philosophical correspondents a needed rest.

My wife's family belong to at least a half-dozen different denominations, so I have churches of all faiths praying for me all over the South - plus Charlou's six million Mormons worldwide. More prayers said for me in these few weeks than I've said for myself in the entire 80 years.

Don't worry over me.

Charlou

Spike

Lou



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

September 24, 1991

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

My best wishes for a speedy recovery from the coronary bypass surgery. I hope you have as good a result as my husband, who had quadruple bypass surgery some fifteen or so years ago. A few years later he had to have a pacemaker installed, but he has been in "excellent" shape since then. The "excellent" is qualified because excellent for an 83-year-old is not quite the same as for a 19-year-old!

The past month has been a busy one for me, so I am only now getting around to responding to August and early September correspondence. Where do the days go?

A few comments in response to your letter of August 14 regarding John and Many (Bryant) Christian (numbers from your letter):
1. Like you, I am inclined to believe that John and James were issue of an

earlier marriage before John married Mary Bryant.
2. Furthermore, I still believe that this is probably the James who married Lucy Bradley. I do keep an open mind on these matters, however, and hope that someone who is actively involved in research on these families will find documentation one way or the other.

6. A correction-My records show that Reuken's will was written 13 December 1838 and proved 4 March 1839, thus placing his death between those dates.
7. 8. & 9. If I recall correctly, the birth and death dates (1774-1839) for Gabriel were from a D. A. R. record, data sent by a correspondent. Obviously, the latter date is incorrect since you found him in Morgan County in 1840. I have never seen any evidence for marriages before he married Harrison Blair Gilmer--only a statement to that effect, again undocumented.

10. In rechecking my records on Abda, I notice that I now show that Ann Morse was a widow when she married Abda. Perhaps, then, her maiden name was Barnes.

11. I have corrected the kirth date estimate for Mary who married William Ogleshy to reflect the broader range of 1776-1794. The approximate 1777 was based on the erroneous marriage date of 1795 in Powhattan County, Virginia, for the other Mary who married a William Ogleshy. I can't find my source for the middle initial in William's name.

15. Can't find my source for middle initial in George W. Stovall's name

either.

you asked several questions in your letter of August 15 about sources for analysis

regarding Anthony Christian (again, numbers are yours from that letter):

1. Yes, the tax lists I cite from Schreiner-Yantis for Yeorge Davis and John Radford are for Powhattan County, Virginia.

2. Yes, my reference specified a marriage "bond" issued for Anthony Christian and Mary Watkins, widow, 7 November 1755 in Amelia County, Virginia. The dates given for most of this family's marriages were for dates bonds issued. Nost of my material was from secondary and tertiary sources—the latter a genealogist hired by one of Wayne O'Neal's relatives. I might add that many of her assumptions were erroneous, a not-uncommon occurrence when an individual hires to Realessianal to help him or her to join the D. A. R.

5. Although I do not have proof, it's quite likely that the Anthony Christian in the Albemarle County, Virginia, record in 1748 was the one we refer to as Anthony Christian, Sr., christened 9 June 1724, son of Thomas. Anthony's brother, David, was "of Albemarle County and Tillotson Parish" on 10 October 1758 when he deeded to John Cocke "200 acres lying on both sides of Buffalo Creek of Willises River. . . "I believe another brother, Jesse, was also in Albemarle for a period of time. Also, I might add that Thomas Christian on 15 May 1745 was listed as administrator for the Albemarle estate of Amelia Crawley; however, by that time Thomas had died and his executrix was named as Rebecca Christian. So, it's obvious that these Christian's had Albemarle connections.

On Sunday, I happened to glance at the "Obituaries" in THE LOS ANGELES TIMES and noticed that the granddaughter of Stonewall Jackson had died on September 14 at the advanced age of 104 years! Had we known that Julia Jackson (Christian) Preston was still living, it is possible that she could have provided the answer to some of the questions you posed regarding her Christian ancestral lineage. And I could have contacted her before publishing the article about her family. See enclosed notice. The obituary in a High Point, North Carolina, paper might have data about her issue if you should wish to contact any of them.

Don't feel obligated to write during your recuperation. Take advantage of the opportunity to take it easy.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

## **Obituaries**

#### ■ Julia Jackson Christian Preston; Granddaughter of Stonewall Jackson

Julia Jackson Christian Preston, 104, granddaughter of Confederate Gen. Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson. At age 4 in 1891, she and her brother unveiled a statue in Lexington, Va., of their grandfather, who defeated Union soldiers at Bull Run and in other battles before he was killed in the Battle of Chancellorsville in 1863. Mrs. Preston organized a Red Cross chapter in High Point, N.C., and wrote humorous essays, several of which were published. Among them were "On Reaching Maturity at 91" and "The Blessings of Booze," In High Point on Sept. 14

#### ■ Rob Tyner: Lead Vocalist for Former Rock Group MC5

Rob Tyner, 46, lead vocalist for the seminal rock group MC5. Tyner, whose legal name was Robert Derminer, was the lead singer of the group that critics called a precursor of punk and heavy metal. The Detroit-based band—originally called the Motor City Five—played during the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago to raise money for the revolutionary White Panther Party. MC5's biggest hit was "Kick Out the Jams," from their first album in 1969. Many record stores initially refused to stock the album because of its profane lyrics. It got radio airplay and reached the Top 40 in nationwide sales after the title song was altered. The band—whose members were arrested often on various charges, including obscenity—dissolved in the early 1970s. In Detroit on Wednesday after a heart attack.

#### ■ Arthur W. Althouse: Executive Headed Tournament of Roses in '61

Arthur W. Althouse, 90, retired president of the Associated Southern Investment Co., a subsidiary of Southern California Edison Co., and a community activist whose service included the 1961 presidency of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Assn., sponsor of the annual Rose Parade. He had lived in San Gabriel for 59 years and worked as a consultant for several local companies. In Arcadia on Sept. 14.

#### ■ Pearl Williams, 77; Bawdy Chanteuse and Comedienne

Pearl Williams, 77, a bawdy chanteuse and comedienne well known in Miami Beach, New York and Las Vegas for her firebrand, risque patter. Ms. Williams specialized in a brand of comedy then known as "venereal material." Although she used foul language in her act, most of her fans found her pleasantly unoffensive. She recorded a few albums in the 1950s and '60s, most of which had to be kept under the counter. She also was considered an accomplished pianist, even though she never took a lesson. She retired in 1984. On Wednesday in Miami Beach of heart disease.

## Gene Stone; President of Pizza Chain

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO—Gene Stone, president of the Shakey's pizza chain, has died at age 54.

Stone died Thursday at Peninsula Hospital in Burlingame after suffering a heart attack at his office here, the company announced Friday.

While a college student, Stone began working as a janitor at the original Shakey's in Sacramento in 1960. He was a vice president when he left the company in 1969, then rejoined Shakey's in 1989 after 17 years as head of Skippers Inc., a Seattle-based seafood restaurant chain. Shakey's has about 200 restaurants in the United States:

Stone is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters and two brothers.

-Associated Press

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10 NOV 1991

COLLEAGUES -

Jim has sent me (us) a photo of himself revealing the friendly, energetic fellow we know from his letters and activities. It then occurs to me that we have been intimately corresponding and working together for many years but have no inkling of what we look like. (Betsy and I are the only ones that have met.)

To correct that I send a xerox of myself - taken for a publicity shot some 15 years ago but I haven't changed much since. Be pleased to have you all reciprocate sometime.

I'm not back into genealogy yet but will get there, when Janie lets me. I've been bossing people around for the past 45 years or so and now I find myself being bossed around - and loving it.

LOU

photo xerox

Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg, Virginia



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DEEDS 1210 ACRES, BEDFORD, RE TURNER HUNT CHRISTIAN 1758-1777 [File C:\CHRISDOC\1210AC]

JAMES CHRISTIAN TO TURNER HUNT CHRISTIAN, 1758

Bedford County, Deeds Book 1, p 173-175.

Indenture 6 Jun 1758. James Christian, Albemarle to Turner Hunt Christian, Bedford. £200. Land in Bedford on Stonewall Creek whereon said Turner Hunt Christian now dwells, estimated 1210 acres, bounded as follows:

- 1. Beginning at pointers and running S 10 E 138 poles to pine
- 2. S 44 W 104 p. to pine
- 3. S 10 E 38 p. to white oak
- 4. S 60 W 100 p. to pine
- 5. S 30 W 260 p. to white oak
- 6. S 22 E crossing Stonewall Creek twice 80 p. to pointers
- 7. S 80 E 130 p. to pine
- 8. S 85 E 19 p. to pine
- 9. S 81 E 29 p. to pine
- 10. N 85 E 90 p. to pine
- 11. N 30 E 340 p. to pointers
- 12. N 80 E 70 p. to chestnut oak
- 13. N 18 E 208 p; to red oak
- 14. N 67 W 360 p. to the beginning

with all appurtenances thereon.

James Christian L.S.

Court held for Bedford 26 June 1758, acknowledged by James Christian and ordered to be recorded. Teste Benja Howard.

Duly recorded teste B. Howard CBC

NOTE: there are no witnesses subscribed to the indenture itself. The Court date reads 1750 but a preceding deed is also dated 1758.

TURNER HUNT CHRISTIAN TO DAVID ROSS, 1777

Bedford Book E5 p. 515-516 6 Aug 1777.

Turner Hunt Christian of Bute County, NC to David Ross of Bedford County £240. 1210 acres, bounded as follows:

[same bounds as in previous indenture]

with all woods, ways, waters, houses, gardens, orchards, trees, woods profits, commodities, advantages, hereditiments, and appurtenances, [etc,etc].

In witness thereof the said Turner Hunt Christian hath hereto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above..[etc].

Turner Hunt Christian L.S.

{wit:} Calcott Haywood Rich'd Morgan James Salmons Michael Bolling John Scruggs

[Acknowledged] by Turner Hunt Christian L.S. 6 Aug 1777. Teste, as above.

Receipt for £240 Turner Hunt Christian. s. Same witnesses.

Court, Bedford, 22 Sep 1777 proved by Morgan, Scruggs, and Salmons and ordered to be recorded. Teste: J. Steptoe C.C.

Transcribed by Louis Koenig, 5 Oct 1991

OBSERVATIONS ON CHRONOLOGY OF TURNER HUNT CHRISTIAN FILE C:\WORD\CHRISDOC\THUNT

- 1. No doubt but that the early years to 1754 were in CCCo, based on established locations and location of his parents.
- Clear that from 7/2/1754 to 4/7/1761 he was in Some uncertainity as to date of his arrival there. In March 1754 he was sued in CCCo. by his sister-in-law Susanna That implies that he left for Bedford between March and July 1754. Am I wrong to assume that being a security for a Deputy Sheriff implies a residence in Bedford of more than 4 If I am not wrong in that then we have to take the months? Soane suit in CCCo. as not establishing his residence in CCCo. -that he might be sued in CCCo. even though he resided in In that case we have to place his migration to Bedford sometime between Oct 1750 and Mar 1754.
- 3. The land sale of Feb 1755 was on Great Possum (a creek) and since his wife's relinquishment was required signifies that the Great Possum land had come from his wife's Soane inheritance not from the Christian side.

The sale of Great Possum land 9/25/1767 to Thomas Holt disposed of the remainder of the Great Possum land except for the mill and 4 acres. That sale does not show a wife's relinquishment opening the possibility that the wife, Mary Soane, was dead by then.

Under dates 1769/00/00 and 1769/07/07 there is some uncertainty. There evidently had been a sale of 3 tracts to Wm. Holt (not Thomas Holt), one from Richard Christian, one from John Soane Marston and wife, and one from Turner Hunt Christian and wife. We know that Turner had sold some of the Great Possum land to Thomas Holt 9/25/1767. Uncertainty as to whether Thomas Holt and William Holt are the same man or whether the sale to William Holt was for lands other than the Great Possum lands of the Soane family.

Finally 9/5/1769 Turner sold the final residue of the Great Possum land.

- 4. Turner was a resident of CCCo., specifically Westover Parish, between 6/7/1765 and 9/5/1769. That means he had returned from Bedford despite that he there dwelt on 1210 acres that he had bought from James Christian 6/6/1758. He lived on that land before the purchase and did not sell the 1210 acres until he was in North Carolina in 1777.
- 5. Sometime between 9/5/1769 and 8/6/1777 he moved to Bute Co. NC. We also have the data that he was Assistant Commissary General for the VA Militria in the Rev. War. Uncertainty as to how he could be of the VA Militia in the Rev. War when from 1777 to 1781 he was a NC resident. Possibly he was this only 1776-1777? I guess we need his service record to resolve this.
- 6. Finally, he again moved from Bute to Warren, NC sometime before his death there in 1781.

- 7. The various sales of 1767-1769 suggest that he was clearing out his holdings, except for the 1210 acres in Bedford, preparatory for the move to NC. This included a reproving in 1770 of the 1761 deed of the 265 acres as if to sew that up.
- 8. Despite all these uncertainties we can say that Turner's locations were: CC, Bedford, CC, Bute NC and Warren NC. We do know that wife Mary Soane was dead by 1781.

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1750/07/00			Ċ	Deed Richard Hamlet to Turner Christian recorded & proved	19
1750/10/00		Cŧ	Ċ	Sec. for execs of James Christian's will, Richard, James jr, Joel	10
1750/10/00		C#	Ċ	Turner Christian et al to appraise estate of Hilliam Hamlet	20
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1755/02/00	Hunt		C	Deed to Jacob Schiff recorded. Hife Mary relinquished. on Great Possum	21
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1758/07/00	Hunt		C	Mortgage & wife to John & Robert Pleasants. Proved John Christian	23
1761/04/07	Hunt	B	C	Sells to William, Westover, 265 ac. Storey's Run, father's residence	1
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1767/09/25	Hunt	W	C	Sells Thomas Holt all his land on Great Possum, except mill and 4 ac.	8
1767/09/25a				= the residue of the land he sold Schiff	
1769/00/00			C	Before. Had sold wife's land on Chickahominy to Wm. Holt	11
1769/07/07	Hunt		C	Wm. Holt sells the Chickahominy tracts he bought of Richard Christian,	11
1769/07/07a				John Soane Marston & wife and Turner Hunt Christian & wife	
1769/09/05	Hunt	Ħ	C	Sells the 4 acres & mill on Great Possum to Edmund Christian, Westover	5
1770/08/00	Hunt		C	Deed for 265 acres, Storey's Run, 1761, further proved	1
1776/00/00	Hunt	Cŧ	C*	Assistant Commissary General, VA Militia in Rev. War	18
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November 27, 1991

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Vear Lou:

Amazing! I don't know how  $\hat{I}$  knew what you looked like, but I would have known you if I had met you on the street. Thanks for sending the photocopy of photograph.

Enclosed is a snapshot of me taken last Christmas when I was visiting my sister on Cape Cod.

I also appreciate your sending the chronology and data on Turner Hunt Christian. As you know, I am particularly interested in him because of his Bedford County, Virginia, connections.

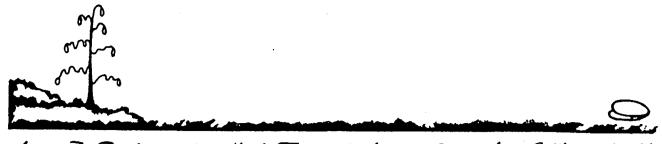
I am quite convinced that the Thomas Christian who lived in Bedford County on Siaunton River and died there before 1781 was my ancestor. I still wonder if he was the one born 26 April 1728 who may have married Mary Chisholm. By the way, do you having anything on Mary besides her name? Did Berry make any discoveries about Thomas and Mary (Chisholm) Christian that might prove or disprove the connection to Bedford County? Some have speculated that they might have been the parents of Archer Christian, born 26 April 1782, because his parents were a Thomas and Mary; however, notice the possible discrepancy between Thomas' death and Archer's birth. I do, of course, realize that the Mary could have outlived Thomas if they were the same Thomas and Mary. Anything, anything at all that you might have on either of them would be appreciated.

I have also enclosed copy of letter to the consortium.

trave a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Enclosures



MEMO

70: Consortium From: Agnes

Date: November 27, 1991

During the past month or so I have been corresponding with the following:
Mr. Frank Kerr McDaniel
26457 Oak Highland Drive
Newhall, California 91321

He sent information on his Christian family lineage that contained information as shown below:

Jens/Yens Peter CHRISTIAN immigrated from Isle of Man about 1750 to Milton Co., Georgia

Yancey Pressly CHRISTIAN no additional information

James Martin CHRISTIAN Lorn 3 Mar. 1810 Milton Co., GA married McNairy Co., TN died 1/10 Oct. 1861 Hunt Co., TX

Georgia Ann Christian born 14 Nov. 1849 Ozark, AR married 24 Aug. 1871 Hunt Co., TX died 5 Dec. 1922 Commerce, Hunt Co., TX = Harriet McLESTER lorn 3 Fel. 11813 Montgomery Co., NC died 20 Aug. 1868 Hunt Co., TX

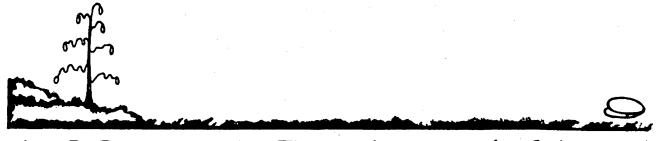
= William Crow McDANIEL born 9 Oct. 1846 Clark Co., AR died 28 Jan. 1890 Scatterbranch, Hunt Co., TX

I wrote to Mr. McDaniel asking the source of his information that Pressly Christian was named Yancey Pressly Christian and that he was the son of Jens/Yens Peter Christian. He replied that he had no documentation and that he received the information from a relative whose address he did not currently have.

I further pointed out that Milton County, Georgia was not formed until 1857 and that birthplace in 1810 was more likely Elbert County, Georgia, where Pressly/Presley was living with his family in 1820. I further indicated that by 1824 he was "of St. Clare County, Alalama," but by 1830 was located in McNairy County, Tennessee. I told him that some researchers believe that his first wife in liter was White, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Martin) White, and that Pressly was a brother of Isaac Christian, who married Mildred White, sister of Pressly's 7 May 18 wife. (Notice that Pressly's son, born in 1810, had the middle name of Martin.)

As you can guess, I question that there was a Jens/Yens Peter Christian as the father; but, of course, it is possible since we have not identified the father. Is it possible that the James Christian who married Lucy Bradley was an immigrant with such a name? Anyway, I wanted to send the information along for your evaluation and comments.

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mary (Ballenger) White



April 16, 1992

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Dear Lou:

It has been some months since I have heard from you. I hope it's because you are simply too busy solving genealogical problems and not because of illness.

In any event, did I ever send the results of my checking the Christian listings for Dinwiddie County, Virginia, and the City of Petersburg, Virginia, for 1850 Census in which we had expected to find listing that would have Rev. William Henry Christian in his father's household? The results were negative. Thhose listed in Petersburg were the following:

#430 A. H. Christian, age 39, an M. D. #413 B. C. Christian, age 57, a bricklayer #416 Thomas C. Christian, age 49, a clerk

The enclosed letter to James Alfred Miller offers information that provides the explanation. He is probably in his father's New Kent County, Virginia, household. I have not had a chance to see what there is on the family of Edmund and Mary (\_\_\_\_\_) Christian. Can you identify their parents?

I hope to hear that all is well with you.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

16 Nos, You How April 3, 1992

Can Gara Sand Mar Your Your Northwester Dear Mr. Miller, P.S. Please Sand Mar Your Your Northwester

I found your letter in a drawer in my desk, and I apologize for having not written an answer. It somehow got lost under a stack of things on my desk. You may no longer need the information you requested, but here it is if you still are interested.

I really don't know much about my Christian ancesters. My maternal grandmother was Julia Jackson Christian who married Edmurk! Randolph Preston. Her father was William Edmund Christian who married Julia Neale Jackson in 1885 in Richmond, Va. Her paternal grandfather was Reverend William Henry Christian who married Susan Doggett Branch in 1853 in Petersburg, Virginia. Reverend Christian was born in New Kent county in Virginia June 8, 1825. His parents were Edmund and Mary Christian. Edmund Christian was a farmer in comfortable circumstances. Rev. William Henry Christian was educated at Dickson College in Carlisle, Pa., and later he received a BA from Randolph-Macon College. He attended the University of Virginia.

Edmund and Mary Christian of Kent county, Virginia had another son Prof. Jno.E. Christian who taught math at the Virginia A and M College,

(now VPI) in Blacksburg, Virginia.

This is just about all the information that I have on the Christian family. I have been corresponding with a gentleman in Chatham Virginia, Mr. Richard J. Watson. He has been very helpful to me in sending information about my great-grandfather, and his family. I would be very interested in learning more about the Christian family. The ones that I do know about have been from Virginia, mainly the areas Danville, Martinsville, Richmond and Blacksburg. I would greatly appreciate any additional information.

My own grandmother, the late Julia Jackson Christian Preston did not know much about her father's family. He was a newspaper man who traveled, and she and her brother were raised by their maternal grandmother, Mary Anna Morrison Jackson. They did have great affection for their father's sister, Susan Christian.

Again, I am sorry to be so tardy with this reply to your letter. I hope this information is of some help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. William Freeman 701 Roslyn Road Winston-Salem, NC 27104

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29 AUG 199**2** 

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

It has been a year and ten days since I last wrote you — and two days thereafter they carted me off to the hospital, resulting in a long hiatus in my genealogical and any other kind of correspondence.

I have not yet determined whether I'll ever get back to my former productivity, but I am nudged into it by an inquiry from a poor orphan novitiate in the Christian morass, Virginia Guzzi 1212 Trinity Drive, Alexandria, VA 223124, 703-751-5948.

She is a descendant of a Mary Christian who married a Turner Southall II, and she thinks that Mary Christian is a daughter of "Proud" Charles Christian and a Mary Vaughn, a daughter of an Elizabeth Hollman. She would like to equate the "Proud" Charles as son of John [involved in the big land litigation] who m. Rebecca Terrell - by his second marriage [hitherto unknown to me] to the Mary Vaughn.

Has Virginia approached you? If so you can help her much better than I. I never heard of a "Proud" Charles Christian or a Mary Vaughn. Berry and I were just tackling the Southall-line when he died and I have not followed up since. Ben Weisiger is a descendant. Virginia has loads of descendants accounted for — that would take me another year of correspondence to get into my system. And I will tackle it if we can get "Proud" Charles into our line.

By copy hereof I'm putting her on your trail — and hoping that you'll keep me informed of the outcome. Let's hope "Proud" Charles is from the "other" Christian crew!

Best wishes to you. I'm sorry at what I'm missing.

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Virginia

Agnes Pearlman is the grand dame of Christian genealogy.



September 3, 1992

Dr. Louis Koeniq 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

It was so good to hear from you and to know that you are able to write a letter now and then. I thought physical disability must have been responsible for the long silence and hiatus in your genealogical correspondence.

I'm still struggling along trying to finish <u>Branch Pamily Lines</u>, but progress is as slow as it always was in getting <u>Christian Pamily Chronicles</u> out to subscribers. Ah, well!

Virginia Guggi has not yet written to me. I'll wait to make a careful check of my records until after I have precise dates from her. Like you, I can find no record (in a quick search) of a marriage between "Proud" Charles Christian and a Mary Vaughn. There were a number of Christian-Vaughn ties among the Hawkins County, Tennessee, groups, however. I notice that the Charles Christian who married Rebecca Terrell 3 June 1772 in Charles City County, Virginia, was the son of John Christian and first wife, Sarah \_\_\_\_\_. According to my notes (per Michael Berry and Ann Wheat Hunter) John married secondly Susanna Browne. Does this conform to your data?

Best wishes and regards to you and yours.

Sincerely,

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AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

### .Dear Agnes -

Seeing your new logo on the front of your envelope I didn't recognize the initials and it has been so long since I have had any genealogical letters that I didn't suspect what was inside. But the first glance gave me a happy feeling that maybe I am coming back to genealogical life — for there was the familiar graphic header — from droopy tree at the left all the way across to the hamburger bun on the right. So ABP was Agnes, not American Book Publishers.

We are tuned in to the book publishing industry around here — for Janie's book took 2nd place for literary excellence in the national contest of the Association of Independent Book Publishers. With the first printing sold out, Janie chose another publisher for the second printing and then a third printing. Reason? They made a botch in the binding so Janie made them reprint the entire run.

Spurred by your reference to Hawkins County I checked my copy of Bailey, made much easier by your index — no Mary Vaughn. Indeed we have a Christian-Vaughn descendant here in San Antonio whom I ran into in the Public Library sweating away — and lent him my copy of Bailey thus saving him three years work. In my records I have none of that overpopulation of Christians breeding away in Hawkins County — just too many for me to handle among my other 16000.

Well, to get to genealogy: Your version of the John Christian- Sarah-Susannah is entirely correct. You have my reports of the working out of it - with Berry doing most of the working.

Have started on my autobiography. The first volume starts in 1573 and ends when I am six years old. I'm saving the remaining volumes for my old age.





September 19, 1992

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Jorest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78.258

Dear Lou:

I really enjoyed your response to my recent letter. In my opinion, a good sense of humor is the essence of life; and you have it! Please note, though, that the droopy tree above has pearls hanging from the limbs, and the hamburger bun, AKA a shell, has a hidden pearl ready for harvesting.

You did not mention the title of Janie's book. Let me know, though, so that I can read it if and when I have a few hours of free time. Please extend my congratulations to her for the honor.

Good luck on your autobiography. I know it will be worthwhile, and your family will love you for it.

As for my Christian ancestor genealaogical pursuit: I'm almost certain I trace lineage through the Thomas Christian who lived on the Staunton River in Bedford County, Virginia, and was dead by 1781. I'm still not certain about his identity and that of his wife, but I believe he may have been the son or grandson Thomas mentioned in the October 1743 Goochland County, Virginia, will of Thomas Christian.

Have you any further ideas on the subject?

Sincerely,

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"Dear Agnes -

Your letter of 19 Sep gives the first inkling I have of your possible descent from my UrThomas, the immigrant. Up to now I had no suggestion from you or elsewhere as to your actual or possible descent from that Thomas. Well, welcome to the fold! Your "almost certainty" that you trace through Thomas on the Staunton River, Bedford, who d. by 1781 and your "belief" that he may be the son or grandson of a Goochland Thomas is enough to galvanize me (and that's a big deal in my condition) to active pursuit of the connection —— although as I told Jim Christian of Dunwoody if the grand dame of Christian genealogy can't tie it down it's brash of me to tackle it.

If you are willing to engage with me in some extensive and detailed correspondence on the matter — here goes. But I am concerned that you may be as remote from Christian genealogy as I have been for the past year or so: ——— The son and grandson Thomas of Thomas Christian was not that of Thomas of the 1743 will but of Thomas of the 1736 will. [CFC III, 181-]

That CFC article is followed by your exploration of the identity of that 4756 Thomas and his wife Rebecca. Berry and I, and maybe you, dug into that question, and I may have told you of the resolution we arrived at. Namely, that that Thomas of the 1756 will, wife Rebecca, was not a demonstrated descendant of Thomas II son of the immigrant (and that's for later discussion with you) but was a Thomas Christian of unknown descent — as you hint at in that article or elsewhere. The descent of his children is through his wife, their mother, who was Rebecca Christian dau of (my) Thomas II and Rebecca New. I had previously had him as Thomas III but have changed him to Thomas s-i-1. The true Thomas III, son of Thomas II is known only in Westover and married an Elizabeth.

Thomas II of the 1736 will  $\underline{\text{did}}$  bequeath to a son Thomas, who would be the true Thomas III, and to grandson Tom. We, I at least, had taken the grandson Tom to be the son of Thomas III but he was actually the son of daughter Rebecca and husband Thomas s-i-l. Berry was very unhappy about having

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another unattached Thomas (s-i-l) floating around but had resigned himself to dealing with it - which he never got to.

I carry the children of Thomas s-i-l and Rebecca Christian Christian under Rebecca. They include Anthony who messes things up later and Lewis progenitor of the interminable Hawkins, TN crew.

I restrict this letter to the foregoing and await your confirmation before bringing up in later correspondence, if you're with me, on the genealogy before and after Thomas s-i-l. Anyway you are safe as a possible descendant of Thomas I not only through Rebecca but also through Thomas s-i-l for he was almost certainly a descendant of the same family somehow and had a cousinship with Rebecca.

Well, you asked if I had further ideas. I do.

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AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

"Dear Agnes —

If I'm to dig in with you to maybe make your connection with a Thomas ancestor on the Staunton River, Bedford I'd ask you to go along with me on getting things straight between us (and the rest of the world) from the beginning Thomas. If you will do so maybe I can get it straight and secure at last for myself.

Attached is my latest version of my Documentary Chronology for Thomas I, the immigrant. For many years I rejected the idea that the 1657 patentee and the 1687 patentee were the same man. I wanted to make it that the 1687 man was Thomas II, his son, he of the 1736 will, m. Rebecca New. My reasoning was that, (I knowing nothing between the two dates except the 1662 reissue), it was unlikely that Thomas I would patent a mere 100 acres, then disappear, then show up 30 years later patenting 1080 acres 10 miles or so up the river. I have since then found activities of a Thomas (who can only be Thomas I) in James City and then in Charles City, indicating, contrary to my supposition, that Thomas I was quite active in land acquisition and other ways between 1662 and 1687. Furthermore I will show, from other evidence, that Thomas II was not the patentee of 1687.

As I now see it, as shown in the Chronology, Thomas I was in James City last definitely in 1662 still on his 100 acres in James City. I am surmising without proof that sons Thomas II and Charles were born in James City 1666-1669 for Thomas II, 1672 for Charles. I will discuss these imputed birth dates later herein. If that was so then we can place Thomas I move to Charles City between 1672 and 1678.

The only definitely dated land acquisition in Charles City before 1687 is the 1 May 1684 purchase of 420 acres from Loften. But possibly the patent of 425 acres for transportation of 9 was his introduction to Charles City therefore sometime before 8/15/1678. I have that 425 acres down at 1684/00/00 (means sometime in 1684) only because of the unclarity in Nugent's description of the 1687 patent.

As to that: Nugent's description of the 1687 patent, Vol II, p. 312 is unclear. It consists of two sentences, terminated by periods. The first one is the description of the 1080 acres. It ends

with the date, 21 Oct 1687 p. 591.[period] (That's p. 591 of Patent Book #7.) The second sentence goes on:

"420 acs. purchased of Cornelius Loften, as appears by order dated 1 May 1684; [semicolon] 425 acs. for trans. of 9 pers: [9 named). [period]

Now what the devil does that mean? Does it mean the 420 and 425 were part of the 1080? Does it mean Thomas is patenting on 21 Oct 1687 the 420 acres he bought of Loften in 1684? Lacking any rational interpretation I have taken it that the Nugent abstract describes three land acquisitions of Thomas (1) the 1080 acres on 21 Oct 1687, (2) the 420 acre purchased of Loften somehow related in an "Order" dated 1 May 1684, and (3) another patent for 425 acres for transportation of 9, not described anywhere else and not dated.

Do you have the original Patent Book #7 p. 591 or elsewhere that might clear up this confusion?

At any rate you see from the Chronology that there's plenty of activity between 1662 and 1687 - Thomas I was not playing the hermit over in James City for those 30 years. There is no reason therefore to ascribe the 1080 patent to son Thomas II.

An interjection: In your CFC article you place the 100 acres in Charles City. They were in James City. At the time James City extended across the Chickahominy as far west as Kennon Creek, known as Wallingford Parish. In 1703 Wallingford Parish was taken into Charles City which thereby extended east to the Chickahominy. But Charles City never extended east of the Chickahominy to take in the 100 acres.

Incidentally in my previous letter I was uncertain as to who was the creator of the son-in-law theory for the husband of Rebecca Christian. I see that it was YOU. Congratulations! Sorry for the oversight.

Now about the birth dates of the three sons, Thomas II, Charles and James. Incidentally staring us in the face over all these years the matter has been studied is the likelihood that he had daughters as well as sons! — whom nobody ever even wonders about.

First of all about Thomas II. From that the 1687 patent was to "Mr.Thomas Christian" while the 1694 patent was to "Mr. Thomas Christian Sr." Lamb takes it that (1) Thomas I had attained some stature in the community by 1687, and (2) that between 1687 and 1694 Thomas II, i.e. Thomas Jr. came of age thus necessitating the "Sr.". I accept both of these and that puts the birth of Thomas II between 1667 and 1673. And that, of course, makes it impossible that Thomas II was the 1687 patentee.

But now on 3 Nov 1692 Thomas I and "Thomas Jr." as well as Charles were sued by the 1080 acres adjoiner James Callum for trespassing on Callum's property and killing his hog. Thomas jr (= II) must have been of age to have been sued (as must Charles have been) and therefore both must have been born before 1772. But if Charles, the second son, was born before 1772 then Thomas II must

have been born at least two years before, even neglecting the possibility of daughters in between. So Thomas II must have been born 1667-1669. And Charles 1669-1671.

Son James may not have been in on the hog killing but even if he was he was too young to be sued. I have him born 1680-1686, say 1683 for a good figure. Reasoning: his bride Ann Macon was born in 1686, so I take him a few years older than she, say zero to six years, making him 1680-1686, or to round it off about 1683.

Thomas I, as I have it, would be about 35 when Thomas II was born and about 60 at the hog killing. That's pretty old for age at birth of a first child, but don't forget the likelihood of daughters before.

Now to approach the problem of who owned the 1273 acres of the 1704 Quit Rents? Thomas I did, not Thomas II who  $\underline{\text{could}}$  have. The 1273 acres was the land on which the modern Cherry Bottom stands. That 1273 acres had not been divided in 1704. When it was or had been devised or distributed it was not to Thomas II. The only disposals of land in Charles City we know of by Thomas II are :

- (1) the sale to Thomas III, his son, of 19 Jan 1726 of 115 acres on Potato Run in Charles City which 115 acres, which was in Westover Parish, Thomas III sold 11 days later to his uncle James (son of Thomas I) Thomas II was already in Henrico by 1726.
- (2) the sale of 16 Aug 1728 of 100 acres on Potato Run in Westover to his son James who already had had the 115 acres.

Indeed on 27 Nov 1705, a year after the Quit Rents, Thomas II patented 1324 acres in Charles City with Edmund New Jr, his b-i-l. It is unlikely that he'd be patenting another 1324 acres in Charles City if he already owned 1273 acres of the Cherry Bottom property.

There remains the possibility that the 115 acres on Potato Run was part of the 1273 acres and we don't know if Potato Run was on the 1273 acres or elsewhere. But if the 115 acres of the Cherry Bottom property had by 1726 been devised to Thomas II, it had not been in 1704 since the 1273 acres was intact and in the name of Thomas Christian. There is no sign of Thomas II selling any of it (except possibly the 115 acres if they were part of it) later. Conclusion: The 1273 acres belonged to Thomas I in 1704. And Thomas I died after 1704. He would have been about 72 in 1704.

But we have other evidence that Thomas II was not the owner in 1704. When in Lamb we first hear of Cherry Bottom it is in the possession of Lamb's William jr (57 William, James, Thomas I). This is strong evidence that the Cherry Bottom land devolved not to Thomas II nor to Charles (the latter having no connection with it) but to James, the 3rd son of Thomas I. (I don't know if I've ever sent you my study on the "genealogy of Cherry Bottom" , i.e. of the tortuous path by which it finally ended up with Louisa by 1900.) If Thomas II had owned it, it would appear in the possession of some of  $\underline{his}$  descendants, not those of James.  $\underline{Conclusion}$ : The 1273 acres was inherited from Thomas I at his death after 1704 or otherwise acquired by son James.

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Thomas III is a candidate for your Bedford ancestor. We know of him as the first named in his father's will 1736 which suggests he was the first born son, as does his naming after his father. He first appears in my records as of Charles City purchasing from his father 115 acres adjoining himself in Charles City 19 Jan 1726, which land, in Westover he sold 11 days later to his uncle James.

This establishes that in 1726 he already held land in Charles City. Assuming he must have been of age to hold land, and to buy and sell land, this establishes his birth before 1706 — and by the way a marriage date for Thomas II and Rebecca New as before 1705. (We have no direct knowledge of the birth dates of any of Thomas II & Rebecca's children thus do not know if and how many of the daughters preceded Thomas III — which might push back the "before 1705" date.)

His next appearance is when he, of Charles City, patented 400 acres new land in Henrico adjoining a James, 16 Jun 1727. And his next and final appearance in my records is the bequest in his father's will, 16 Oct 1736, where he receives "250 acres where said Thomas (III) did live". That establishes that at some time prior to 1736 Thomas III did live in Henrico and that by 1736 he had moved elsewhere.

It is quite possible that he moved from Charles City to Henrico when he patented the 400 acres in 1727, that at sometime he lived on the 250 acre land to be his inheritance, and that by 1736 he lived elsewhere. Just when or if he lived on the 400 acre patent is problematical. I have no record of his disposal of his Charles City land or of his 400 and 250 acre lands in Henrico, and no information on his children or what happened to him and wife Elizabeth

The foregoing allows the possibility that he moved from Henrico to Bedford between 1728 and 1736 where he died at age greater than 1781-1706=75 years.

The only remaining Thomas in this line of Thomas, Thomas and Rebecca with her Thomas sil is Rebecca's son Thomas (whom I still carry as Thomas IV). I have him as marrying Mary Chisholm, and from Bailey dying in Montgomery County after 1799. But Montgomery County is over in the bailiwick of the Gilbert Christian crew and I don't trust Bailey anyway. However his son was named Archer which was a Christian name. But Archer was born in 1782 so he'd be posthumous from your Bedford man d. 1781. So that requires further study. Bickham Christian of Shreveport thought that he, Bickham, might be descended from a son James brother to Archer. (Bickham's papers in the LSU library, Shreveport, give no clue to this.) But for our present quest if he was alive in 1799 he is eliminated as Agnes' ancestor whom she has dying in Bedford in 1781.

Now Agnes, let me know what you think of them apples and correct or expand my exploration as you see fit. Then we'll go on from there.

### DOCUMENTARY CHRONOLOGY OF THOMAS CHRISTIAN I

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1657/01/15	James City	pat 100 acres N of James,E of Chickahominy adj Thomas Young	1
1662/03/15	James City	1657 patent reissued (under monarchy)	2
1666/00/00	James City	to 1669 son Thomas the hog killer born probably James City	9
1672/00/00	James City	before: birth of son Charles the hog killer	9
1673/00/00		to 1678 moves to Charles City, location unknown	
1678/08/15	Charles City	sued by Davis over ironwork and a horse	11
1678/10/03	Charles City	Jno. Fisher, age 13, was a servant to Thomas	12
1683/00/00	Charles City	about: birth of son James	
1684/00/00	Charles City	patents 425 acres for transp. 9 persons, named	· 7
1684/00/00a	-	date uncertain. may have been 1673	
1684/05/01	Charles City	purchases 420 acres from Cornelius Loften	6
1687/10/21	Charles City	patents 1080 acres, Wayanoke Par., Storey's Run, Chickahominy	5
1687/10/21a	_	crossing mouth of Black Gut	5
1692/11/03	Charles City	sued by James Callam for hog killing, with jr & Charles	9
1692/11/03	Charles City	Bounty 200 lbs tobacco for wolf's head	10
1694/10/26	Charles City	patents 193 acres, Westover Par., S. side of Chickahominy	8
1694/10/26a		W. br Oposom for importation 4, unnamed	8
1703/04/24	Charles City	Adj. on E. branch Possum Run to Drury Stith & Samuel Eale pat.	13
1704/00/00	Charles City	Quit Rent rolls, 1273 acres [=1080+193]	4
1705/00/00	Charles City	after died would have been about 73	

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.Dear Agnes -

I fear you're going to regret having awakened this sleeping giant. Here's a replacement page 4 for my letter of 4 Nov. I made an error in ascribing to Thomas III the 400 acre patent in Henrico of his father Thomas II.

Here's the sparse Documentary Chronology for Thomas III.

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1726/01/19	C C	bought from father 115 ac. adj himself, Westover
1726/01/30	C C	sold the 115 acres to uncle James
1736/10/16	? ∦	father's will 250 ac. "whereon said Thomas did live"

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"Dear Agnes -

Incidental to my exploration for your Bedford Thomas I produced this Reference # 19 in my references and notes for Rebecca and Thomas sil. THEN I rediscovered your demolition in CFC III, 205 of Bailey's assignment of his Lewis, Hawkins County ancestor. I had already rejected Bailey's assignment and had not included him in my PAF files, but this puts the finishing touch on the rejection. I do wonder, without much drive to do anything about it, whether Bailey's Lewis might be a son of the Rebecca & Thomas Lewis.

However in the course of that I noted your assignment of the birth date ranges of the children of Rebecca & sil, which my Note # 19 agrees with. BUT, you say "born probably in the 1730's on the basis of known birth dates for some of his brothers". Great! Let me have those known birth dates, will you? As you see, I have only one, that of Anthony in 1724. If I had some more I might tie down some of the others better.

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The first daughter, .Mary, may have been named for Rebecca's mother Mary.

All the children were born then after 1722 and before Thomas death in 1743 -10 births in 21 years or less. A rational spacing 2 years per birth, disregarding twins and infant deaths. That places the sons as:

> 9 Jun 1724 Anthony > 1725 < 1742 > = greater than Nathaniel > 1727 11 < = less than Thomas > 1729 Jesse David > 1731 > 1733 Lewis Archer > 1735

and the daughters as:

1722 or >1725 <1742 Mary > 1723 <1742 Susannah Elizabeth > 1725 <1742

If the marriage was 1721, place Rebecca herself as born about 1703 = 18 at marriage, and about 40 at death of her husband.

was born in 1722 she would be still unmarried in If Mary 1743 at age 21. Not impossible, but the general rule in those days was for marriage before age 20. Thus the probability is that she was born after 1725.

for Thomas sil himself place him at 22 at marriage, thus his birth about 1799.

I'll stick with the foregoing guesswork as the best I can do until somebody comes along with some definite dates.

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Janie Ray Shofner Koenig. PINE TREES AND COTTON FIELDS:
Reminiscences of a Childhood in Northeast Texas and
Northwest Louisiana, (1925-1942). (San Antonio, TX:
Piney Woods Productions, 1991. x, 344 pp. Introduction,
Illustrations, Appendix. Cloth, \$35.00).

This is the story of a happy childhood spent in northeast Texas and northwest Louisiana. How vividly it stirs nostalgic memories of those who spent their lives in the piney woods of any southern state. The author must have many living friends or a prolific memory to have recorded such minute details so precisely and so accurately. For this she deserves special commendations. Also, her organization and chronology give the narrative a smooth and even flow, chapter after chapter. Personally, the reviewer considers it one of the best accounts of growing up in north Louisiana during the period, 1925-1942, published to the present.

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In summary, this book combines a professional style and syntax with careful, accurate attention to important details. Numerous pictures add flavor as "icing to the well baked cake." The entire story takes one back to the childhood of anyone past the age of sixty. The book is a well written memoir that any serious reader would enjoy, any Louisiana history scholar should read, and every Louisiana library should have on its shelf.

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Dear Lou:

What a delight to return home from a work stay at our mountain home in Idyllwild and find your interesting and provocative letters in my waiting mail! Also, I was pleased to find the flyers about Janie's book and enclose my check to Piney Woods Productions for a copy. I look forward to receiving <u>Pine Trees & Cotton Pields</u>.

I am quite excited and enthusiastic about your willingness to tackle with me the problems associated with identifying parents of the Thomas Christian of Bedford County, Virginia, who died before 1781. As you have probably guessed, I do have several leads and much speculation. When publishing articles in <u>Christiain Family Chronicles</u>, I tried to avoid speculation unless it seemed particularly well founded or it appeared that publishing same would lead to a solution. In the process we are just beginning in earnest, I will acquaint you with much of my speculation regarding the early Christian generations of Virginia. I hope this will not send us on too many false leads.

Because my Christian family ultimately settled in West Virginia (where I was born), I have engaged in considerable primary research with the records involving the New River settlements. Thus, I believe I am in a unique position to distinguish between members of the "Gilbert Line" and the "Thomas Line" who settled there and in the surrounding areas. Counties with ever-changing borders include Augusta, Montgomery, Pincastle, Greenbrier, Monroe, Giles, to name but a few.

Before making my comments, may I thank you for your listings of the late 1600 and early 1700 transactions involving the men named Thomas Christian. These can be used as a point of departure for further discussion. Your expertise is evident in the analysis you sent regarding Thomas Christian, the immigrant. I defer to your judgment and basically accept your conclusions about him and his family. You will notice that I have added a few. I wish it were possible to identify his wife and daughters, of whom there must have been others than those shown.

See enclosed pages for current analysis. More will follow.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

Never did I realize when I spoke with you almost two weeks ago that it would take me so long to send along my earlier letter and discussions of November 11 and the selected abstracts attached with this note. The explanation: Repairs in Idyllwild took me out of town once again. In addition, I had never set up a data base for the genealogical abstracts; and the program I used gave me more headaches than I had anticipated.

Anyway, you will find a list of men named Thomas with the date, county, state, nature of transaction, and source—no proofing has taken place since I wanted to get this into the mail for you today. I already notice that several significant entries have been omitted and some names are misspelled, meaning that those entries do not appear in list of Thomas.

An analysis will follow; however, I will take a moment to mention that in handling this I rediscovered several items that might be of interest. As you undoubtedly recall, Rebecca, widow of Thomas of the 1743 will, married Joseph Smith. Several of her sons obtained land in and near Bedford County, Virginia, near Smith's Mountain. I plan further research on this but won't hold up this letter further. Also, I noticed that several of the unusual given names of the North Carolina sons of Thomas Christian appear in the Prior family. As you may recall, Thomas Christian and John Prior both appear in Granville County, North Carolina, at the same time. It's possible that Thomas's wife, ?Elizabeth and/or ?Mercey was a Prior—a new speculation on my part. More on that later.

After reviewing the listing briefly, I believe we may be dealing with more than one Thomas in North Carolina and Bedford. Again, more later.

Sincerely,

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14 NOV 1992

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.Dear Agnes -

Here are my sheets for THOMAS III with a revised Chronology.

Perhaps you can resolve my puzzlement over the "relinquished her dower right" My explanation is in the last paragraph of my 3/1/90 note. Do you know the correct interpretation?

LOU

Thomas III sheet Chronology

### THOMAS III reference 6 11/15/92

Cav & Pion III p. 331 1727/06/16 Berry 9/5/89
Thomas Christian CCCo. pat 400 acres N.L. Henrico'
N side James River, adj. Peter Baise's line; Moreman's land;
James Christian; crissing br. of Beverdam Creek.
p. 152 40 shillings

I had this originally as Thomas II # 19 but ultimately decided it must be Thomas III who was in <u>CCCo</u>. Thomas II was in <u>Henrico</u>. This would place Thomas III patenting 400 acres in Henrico while he was still in Charles City. No evidence as to what happened to this 400 acres. QUESTION: if he had 400 acres in Henrico why did he live on the 250 acres that his father willed to him in the 1736 will?

There is another 400 acre patent (Thomas II # 21) 1727/10/13 N.L. N side James River on br Beaverdam Creek, adj Curd's line; James Christian, Thomas Christian that I have taken as Thomas II — but my ref C&P III p.337 does not say either CCCo or Henrico for patentee Thomas..I may have missed it. It may even be Thomas sil! .... but Thomas sil will has land only on Willis Creek not on Beaverdam so I rule sil out.

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	C =	Charles	City; H = Henrico; W = Westover: G=Goochland	
1705/00/00	C		BEFORE. born s/o ThomasII & Rebecca New	1
1726/00/00	C		BEFORE. married Elizabeth UK	2
1726/00/00	H	Ħ	had land adj. to the 115 acres bought 19 Jan 1726	1
1726/01/19	H	Ħ	bought from father 115 ac. adj himself, Westover	i
1726/01/30	H	H	sold the 115 acres to uncle James	2
1727/06/16	C	H	pat. 400 ac. N.L. N of James River	6
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1728/08/16	¥	H	adj to land sold by father to James	4
1734/10/22	G		BEFORE. Had moved to Goochland; occupied the 250 ac.	3
1734/10/22a	G		witnessed will of Joshua Stephens jr with bros William & Robert	5
1736/10/16	?		had moved from the 250 acres, Goochland	3
1736/10/165	2	G	father's will 250 ac. "whereon said Thomas did live"	3

Wills of Decks 1725-1731

CCCO-VA wills & and 15/725-1771 have out

p.148 Deed 19 Jan. 1726 Thomas Christian of Henrico Co., to Thomas Christian, Wr. of Charles City Co., for £ 20, land in Westover Parish, 115 acres, bounded by Stith's line, James Christian, said Thomas, Jr., Chickahominy Swamp, Petato Run; with all houses, etc.
Wit: John Boseman, Charles Christian, James Christian, Jr., Charles Christian, Jr.

Charles Christian, Signed: Thomas Christian Recorded 1 Feb. 1726

Parish, Charles City Co., to James Christian of Same, for h 30, 115 acres in Westover Parish, bounded by Potato Run, Stith's line, said James Christian, said Thomas, Jr. and Chickahominy Swamp.

Swamp.
Wit: John Boseman, William Ridlehurst, Charles Christian, Jr.
Signed: Thomas Christian, Jr.
Recorded 1 Feb. 1726
Elizabeth, wife of Thomas, relinquished her dower right

p.152 Inventory of Elizabeth Ballard, dec'd, value £ 28/18/84 by court order of Nov. 1726, appraised by John Lide, Wm Parrish, Charles Christian and Jeffry Murrell. Recorded 1 Feb. 1726 presented by Capt. Henry Soane

3/1/90
Final? decision on these people.
Thomas of Henrico = Thomas II Goochland from Henrico 1727
Thomas jr of CCCo. = Thomas III his son Held land adj the 115
Jamés Christian = James m. Macon who held Cherry Bottom
in CCCo by inheritance from his father, thoughhe lived
in NK, but his will prob in CCCo. An An adjor to this
115 acres on Potato Run.

Charles Christian = Charles m. Elizabeth Hunt Charles Christian jr = his son m. Woodson, Leake James Christian jr = James of NK, son of James here

Thomas III bought 115 acres adj that he already had on Potato Run from his father. Sold it 11 days later to his uncle James. Charles Christian his uncle and Carles his cousin witnessed.

Thomas III wife was Elizabeth. Dower can mean either right in hisbands estate or right coming to her from an inheritance e.g. from her father. Must be the former here because the land certainly belonged to her father-in-law.

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28 NOV 1992

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"Dear Agnes -

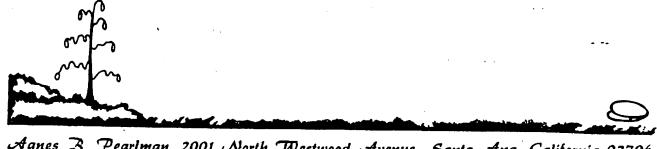
.....will of Capt. Joseph Christian ......

Not related to our current search re your Thomas of Bedford.

Do you have an authentic copy of the will of Capt. Joseph Christian, C.C. Co., 30 Mar 1825,pro. 21 Apr 1825? I have only McClanahan's version which I don't trust.

In question is the identification therein (maybe) of the husband of dau. Tabitha as John T. Hill. I suspect that is Mc's insertion, not so stated in the will. Basis for that suspicion — Mc also has the will identifying dau. Rebecca as wife of William H. Harwood but leaving slaves to "Rebecca Christian" whereas salves are ft to "Tabitha Hill". Suggestion that Tabitha was already married to Hill but Rebecca was not yet m. to Harwood — and therefore probably that both the "John T. Hill" and the "Wm. H. Harwood" were Mc's insertions not Capt. Joseph's.

LOUM



December 9, 1992

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Dear Lou:

Just a quick note to let you know that, like you, the only copy I have of Capt. Joseph Christian's will is the one in McClanahan's manuscript. Again, like you, I generally use his work for leads only since he was so inclined to mix direct quotations with editorial comment without benefit of square brackets or any other means to distinguish between the source and his additions.

McClanahan obtained much of his material from Annie Walker Burns, whom he employed for professional services. She was also inclined to mix source material with her observations although not to the same extent. Pifteen years or so ago McClanahan lived not far from me and belonged to the same genealogical society. I therefore had a few opportunities to discuss Christian research with him and to review some of the documents he had collected. I do not know how he disposed of his files when he moved to Tacoma, Washington. He was living in a retirement home and was in poor health the last time I heard from him in 1986.

Response to your letter of November 29 will follow.

29 NOV 1992

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.Dear Agnes -

Received your big package. Wow! I know I must restrain myself from getting sidetracked from the primary purpose of our quest which is the identity of your Bedford Thomas. But on the other hand if I postpone comments on some of the tangential material I'll forget them. I'll restrain this letter to just comments on your narrative pages on Thomas I, the immigrant.

In the major place WHERE DO YOU GET THOSE DAUGHTERS ?? I never heard of any of them, though I accept that there must have been some since there is plenty of room for them.

On that matter something can be said about the unknown wife of Thomas I that I've not brought out before. He did not bring her out with him when he came. His 100 acres 1657 was for the importation of Thomas Christian (presumably himself) and John Wilkinson. (I wonder of anybody has ever traced the fate of Wilkinson.) If Thomas was married at immigration he would have imported his wife with him. His later patents were for importations also but came after he was married and had sons. (Wonder why the 1687 1080 acres has no record of "for importation of 21 persons"?)

Conclusion Thomas' wife was already a Virginian - he latched onto her from the "resident stock" after he got here - unless, much less likely, she was imported by someone else after he arrived.

His marriage then was likely about the time he arrived and patented the 100 acres in James City. That leaves something like 10 years or so before the birth of son Thomas II in which daughters are likely. He'd be about 34 in 1666 when Thomas II could have been born and it's not likely that in that time and culture he'd put off marriage till 34.

While we're straining for an identity of his Virginia wife consider that on 15 Jan 1657 when he patented the 100 acres adjoining Capt. Bridges Freeman and Thomas Young, on that same day Thomas Young patented 250 acres adjoining Capt. Bridges Freeman, both north of the James and East of the Chickahominy. These two patents were reissued on the same day 18 Mar 1662. That sounds like some connection between Young and Christian and throws a Young daughter into the pot for Thomas' wife.

Now back to the daughters:

My excerpts from Chappalear do not include the p. 57 you cite for McClanahan's marriage of a Martha Jane Christian to a John Mask. Do you have a xerox of that page you could send me? As to the birth date what is your documentation or reasoning for 1685 for Martha Jane Christian? (As you know I don't trust anything of McClahanan's.)

On Isabella Christian. Does not that stand out for you as a name alien to Christian genealogy? I have some 14000 of the some 20000 of my PAF individuals in my file up to now, most of them Christians. Only 7 are Isabellas, 2 are Isabelles.

Can you send me the John D. Christian unpublished notes on her - including the document references if he has them? Is he the John D. Christian of Monroeville, PA? I had considerable correspondence with him several years ago but he has dropped out. This is very important to us because if there is a Thomas' daughter with the odd name Isabella I have a hot lead to a name for Thomas' wife - one supported by some rationale, in contrast to the others based on "little-ole-lady" hunches.

Here's the story.

On the same day 17 Jan 1/57 that Thomas patented his 100 acres "along the trees of Capt. Bridges Freeman, southwest on trees of Thomas Young, northwest on Island Creek", Thomas Young(e) patented 250 acres "north on land formerly Mr. James now in possession of John Knight, east on Pagan Creek, south toward Thomas Harvyes land and w(ester)ly on Capt. Bennett Freeman's land formerly Col. Bridges Freeman's".

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[Bennett Freeman was the original patentee here and of much other lands both east and west of the Chickahominy. He gave or devised (I forget which) some of it, specifically this 250 acres to his brother Capt. Bennett Freeman. It is clear from the Thomas patent that his land adjoined the Bridges land and the Young(e) land.]

stumble on the Island Creek and Pagan Creek. of an Island Creek (in Nugent) in James City is for the two There was an Island Creek in Northumberland and Christian patents. I want to make it that Island and Pagan were names in Macimond. interchangeable for this one creek in James City. Unfortunately although Pagan Creek is mentioned elsewhere as east of the most of its mentions are for land west Chickahominy, Chickahominy. J

[Maybe I never have told you of my intensive research to locate the site of the Christian 100 acres. In the course of that I dug out all the Christian adjoiners and all the adjoiners of those adjoiners. Never was able to completely tie it down, other than for certain in the near extreme southeast corner of the mouth of the Chickahominy into the James. Another confusion is that there is a

"path from the Chickahominy to James City (= Jamestown)" which surely must be taken as from the east bank of the Chickahominy to Jamestown, but which sometimes in the records appears to be  $\underline{\text{west}}$  of the Chickahominy, I

As I mentioned earlier in this letter Christian and Young got reissues of their patents on the same day 18 Mar 1662 — from which I deduce that they were congenial neighbors and adjoiners

Now the punch line.

Young obtained his patent for the importation of 5 persons:

Henry Shipley Jno Cobb

Martha Homes

and

Isabelle Neal.

My proposition: Isabelle Neal was an indentured servant of Christian's friend and neighbor, and became Christian's wife — and named one of her daughters after herself.

As an anticlimax I enclose an earlier piece of mine that will refresh your memory about John as not a son of Thomas, part of the Berry apostasy.

Would appreciate it if you could get me the three substantiations I asked for : Chappalear and John D. Christian and where did you get the daughters. I promise I wont let this interfere with my efforts of your Bedford Thomas problem.

Doc \Thomas

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#### A heretical theory

The orthodox version of the immigrant Thomas Christian is:

Thomas Christian patented 100 acres in James City County in 1657, and another 100 acres in 1662. [Allowing 25 as the minumum practical age for patenting (unlikely at the legal minimum of 21), this places the birth of the 1657 Thomas as before 1633.]

He patented 1080 acres in Charles City County in 1687 and another 193 acres in 1694. In the first of these he was termed Thomas Christian; in the second Thomas Christian sr; this being taken as indicating that there was a son Thomas who was of age in 1694 but not in 1687.

Numerous patents in Henrico were granted to Thomas, James, Charles and John Christian between and .
Thus the version that Thomas Christian, the immigrant, had four sons: Thomas, James, Charles, John.

A death date for Thomas, the immigrant, is not established in the prior literature.

Recent studies by Michael Berry reveal, first of all, that the John is not a son of Thomas. The first mention we have of a John is a 1724 patent in Henrico, indicating he was born before 1704. There are no patents to a John during the years beginning when Thomas, James, and Charles were busy with patenting in Henrico and Charles City.

However, the will of John Hunt, 1725, names as executors his son in law Charles Christian who married Elizabeth Hunt and his grandson John Christian, indicating that the grandson John was born before 1705.

This John Christian, son of Charles, is the John of the 1724 patent. It is he whom the orthodox version confuses as a son of a Thomas. Since it is unlikely that men of 21 patented land, it is more likely that John was born before 1700.

This leaves as sons of a Thomas only Thomas, Charles and James. And of course there must have been daughters as well which so far are lost to genealogy. There may also have been other sons either died young or for other reasons not finding their way into the genealogical record.

The 1080 acres in Charles City County had a James Callam as adjoiner in 1687. In 1692 James Callam sued Thomas, Thomas jr, and Charles for tresspass on his land, disturbing his cattle and killing one of his hogs. (He recovered 400 pounds of tobacco from Thomas, 10 pounds from Thomas jr. And he had to pay the costs to Charles for failure of proof.)

Deduced from this is: a 1692 family excursion onto Callam's land and target practice on one of Callam's hogs. The members: father Thomas, son Thomas jr, and son Charles. Not clear why they had to jump Callam's fences when they had 1080 acres of their own to range on. But anyway, this places the

births of Thomas jr and Charles before 1672. Thomas jr, named after his father, is most likely to be the first born therefore Charles being at least 2 years younger. So if Charles was born before 1672 Thomas would be born before 1670. Since Thomas jr was not of age in 1687 he must have been born after 1666, thus his birth 1667-1669.

There were not two 100 acre tracts patented in James City for Thomas. The first of these 1657 was granted under The Commonwealth, i.e. under Cromwell. The 1662 one has a description exactly the same (as to bounds etc) as the 1657 patent. Deduction: the 1662 patent, granted under Charles II after the 1661 restoration, was a reissue, insurance that the Cromwell patent would be honored. At least one other patent granted on the same date in 1657 was reissued in 1662 on the same date as Thomas'. (Between these two dates, back on the Isle of Man in 1659, the forces of Parliament executed Thomas' relative, the Manx hero, Illiam Dohne Christian.)

Incidentally, I am engaged in research to determine the exact location of the 100 acres, north of the James and east of the Chickahominy. The descriptions of those days are so unclear, using names no longer in existence etc., that I can so far only approximate the location somewhere pretty close to the far only approximate the junction of the two rivers. An additional complication is that since 1650 the level of the James has risen some three feet, so that part of the boundary of the 100 acres may now be under water.

Now for the heresy.

I believe the 1687 Thomas was not the 1657 Thomas, but his son.

MATERIAL ORIGINALLY HERE TO END DELETED.

#### .... 1 DEC 1992 .....

NOW FOR THE RETRACTION! Since composing the foregoing I have retracted from my former position that the 1687 patentee was not the same man as the 1657 patentee but was his son. The retraction was based on my finding numerous activities in the intervening 30 years that could have only been those of the 1657 patentee. I preserve this document because it contains a simple statement of the Berry apostasy (part of it) that showed that the alleged John s/o the immigrant Thomas was actually the grandson, s/o his son Charles — and, as Berry and I worked out, participant in the mammoth litigation of 1755 to 1820 and beyond

Louis Koenig 1 Dec 1992

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27 DEC 1992

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.Dear Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg -

A nudge from Agnes has resurrected me from 16 months hibernation and I am back plugging away at genealogy. Please understand that as a result of my hibernation, not to mention my previous (well-known) habit of procrastination, there are numerous communications from you all that are piled up in boxes on my desk which I will get to ASAP. Some of these may even bear on the current question but I do not reference them now.

But THIS letter I write to get it down on paper before I lose it. After the holidays is soon enough to respond if you have any response.

It concerns the children of James Christian and Lucy Bradley, he of the multitudinous activities in Elbert — and who is still in my "floater" binder because we cannot ascertain his parentage. I have 3 sources for his children:

- 1. A "Speculation" of Agnes, 8/11/90
- 2. A letter from Betsy, 10/15/90
- 3. The 1820 Elbert census (my own reading or as printed in CFC VI, 476, Jul 1981 I don't know which.)

These three are Refs # 40 & 41 in my James record.

They are as follows, with the suggested birth dates according to the sources. The order is as listed by Agnes.

Child	Agnes	Betsy	1820
William B. Pressley Isaac Nancy Elizabeth James G. Elijah Willis	1780-1783 1780-1784 4 Jul 1787/88 [1] m LeRoy Ogles m 1826 c. 1803 c. 1809		not listed nl married """ 1805/1810 1803/1804 1803/1804 1805/1810
John minor in 1815 ta	x list	[2]	
James himself Lucy herself	[3]		BEF 1775 BEF 1775

Notes

[1]	Agnes(?)	has	her	m.	Robert	C.	Oglesby	a 5	ist	wife
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[2] Betsy suggests maybe the son of James.

[3] I have them pegged at about 1760 based on the births.

In the 1830 Newton CFC I, 58, Jan 1979 there is a Milton as follows:

Melton	Christian	60-70	[=1760-1770]
f.		70-80	[=1750-1760]
m		20-30	[=1800-1810]

Betsy wants to make this construction of this:-The head of the household was actually named Milton Christian, the 20-30 actually listed - note the confirmation with the 1820 census 1805-1810. listed Melton is actually James, Milton's birth Th⊜ father and the listed female is actually Lucy, his mother -- both of these corresponding with my guess as to their approximate birth dates about 1760 based on the childrens' births. I can't argue much against this. The enumerator may have queried the younger man and put down that name as head of the household. Or he may have queried "James" himself who at age 60-70 may have given garbled information. I believe Betsy claims there is no other Milton or Melton born 1760-1770 in the whole of genealogical literature. Anyway that's another of Betsy's ingenious theories that we need to consider and work over.

Indeed that's the purpose of this letter. Let's put our heads together and see if we can't come to some agreement on a reasonable interpretation of the facts here presented plus any other things we may know bearing on the children of James and Lucy and the fate of James and Lucy.

Enclosed my Documentary Chronology for James and Lucy.

Documentary chrono

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DATE	LOCAT:	ION land	ACTION	DCA REF.
FILE JAMES.WK	I ROWS	62	COLUMNS: A TO E E = Elbert; F = Franklin; M =Madison; N=Newton	
1760/00/00			James Christian born hereabouts. Maybe.	
1760/00/00a			About. Lucy Bradley born	
1780/00/00			James Christian marries Lucy Bradley hereabouts, Maybe,	
1780/00/00			To 1783. William B. born	41
1780/00/00a			To 1784 Pressley born	41
1787/07/04			Or 1788. Isaac born	41
1789/00/00			Elizabeth born.	41
1790/00/00			To 1800? Nancy born.	41
1794/??/07	Ε	Ε	Buys 204 acres, W. Doves Creek, from Middleton Woods. Lives there.	1,22
1795/00/00	Ε	Ε	Elbert Tax list (1794-1806?) 204 ac. Doves Creek 7 negroes	38
1797/02/07	Ε		wit sale Coulter to Greenwood	23
1799/01/21	Ε		extr will William Bradley, his f-i-l.	13
1802/07/05	Ε		James Christian Esq. on Land Court	24
1803/00/00	Ε		2 blank draws, 1805 lottery Serial # 402 (Jessee was 403)	39
1803/00/00			About. James G. born.	41
1803/00/00a			About. Elijah Willis born	41
1803/04/28	Ε	F	Jas. J. P. wit deed Webb of E. to Hooper of F. Land Nails Creek	32
1803/09/05	Ε		James, Esq., on Land Court	25
1804/02/00	Ε		James Christian, guardian of George Stovall	20
1805/00/00	Ε		will Wm. Bradley prob., James extr.	13
1805/07/00	Ε		guardian of George Stovall, ∀illiam Bradley Security	21
1806/00/00	Ε		George Stovall debtor to James Christian, guardian	16
1806/08/04	E		James, Esq. on Land Court	26
1807/00/00			To 1809. Milton born.	41
1807/02/19	E	Ε	Buys 300 acres, Doves Creek, from Woods, adj. the 204 acres res.	2
1807/06/01	Ε		On Land Court: Robert B. Christian esq. & J. P. Christian	35
1808/00/00	E		on Grand Jury	12
1808/00/00	Ε	Ε	Elbert Tax List (1794-1806?) 350 ac. Doves Creek. 7 negroes	37
1808/01/06	Ε		James, Esq. on Land Court	27
1808/12/05	Ε		James, Esq. on Land Court	28
1809/04/03	Ε		On Land Court; Robert B. Christian & Jas. Christian	36
1809/10/02	Ε		James, Esq. on Land Court	29
1810/07/02	E		James, Esq. on Land Court	30
1811/00/00	Ε		on grand jury	12
1811/07/19		E	wit as J.P. deed Gabriel to Rufus land on Doves Creek	5
1811/12/18	Ε	Ε	wit as J.P. Isaac to Wm. B, also wit Milly's release. Falling Creek	6
1812/06/10	E	F	Jas.J. P & John Christian wit deed Reagan of E to Dobbs of F.	33
1812/06/10a			Land on Hunters Creek	
1812/09/09	E	F	Fr deed Hubbard, Elb. to Drury Christian, Elb. wit Jas. J.P. & Reuben	34
1812/09/09a			Land on Nails Creek	
1814/08/12	E	E	sells land to Robt. C. Oglesby (not termed J.P.) Doves Creek	7
1815/00/00	Ε	Ε	Elbert Tax digest Capt. Carter's Dist. Also as exec. Wm. Bradley	43
1818/01/17	Ε		James Christian (no J.P.) appraiser estate of Wm. T. Cook	17
1820/06/00	E	Ε	1820 census, with Lucy, 4 males, 2 females, 9 slaves, 9 agric.	40
1822/03/05	E	E	wit as J.P deed Pressley to Isaac Falling Creek	8
1823/06/27	E		extr will of John Stratham	15
1823/09/10	E		wit will of Eliz. Bond	14
1824/09/17	E	E	PofA from Pressley of Alabama - for James SR	3,9
1824/12/29	Ε	E	wit not as J.P deed Reuben to Lindsay Johnson	10

#### DOCUMENTARY CHRONOLOGY James Christian m. Lucy Bradley 27-Dec-92

DATE LOCATION		TION	ACTION		
	him	l and		REF.	
1826/00/00	N		Went to Newton County	42	
1826/02/18	Ε	Ε	sells Thos. Burton 422 1/2 acres, Doves Creek, Lucy relinquishes	11	
1826/03/00	Ε		bond of Pressley & James Christian as admnrs of John R. Wilhite	19	
1826/03/17	Ε	Ε	Sheriff sold 422 1/2 acres Doves Creek, suit vs James, Wm. B. at al	4	
1830/00/00	Ε		lawsuit vs. James Christian & John Brown, extrs est. of John Stratham	18	
1833/11/00		M	Jas. Christian adj'r to Elijah Christian's "old place" on Lamars Creek	31	

NOTE: Children and births from Agnes & Betsy

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28 DEC 1992

J.M. CHRISTIAN 4439 SHELBURNE DR. DUNWOODY, GA 30338

"Dear Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg -

In CFC V, 417, Jan 1981 there appeared my original query about the Newton County Christian floaters about whom I knew nothing except that they surely must have some connection with our Elbert families. That query was my introduction to Jim and Meg and maybe to Betsy who responded to it, and responded and responded and responded....

There were 12 Christians in the query. I am gratified to report that as a result of our consortium's efforts we (at least I) can now place 11 of them (subject to your confirmation) — and have a suspicion that the 12th is actually an error for someone we can place. That's one a year. When I say "place" I do not mean that we can connect all of them with our line, though for some we can, but merely that we can relate them to each other.

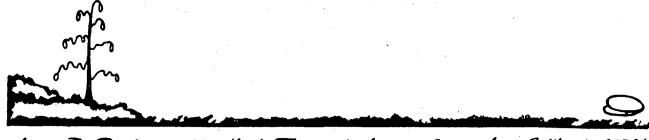
The placements are as follows:

Reuben **Ь. 1770-1780** s/o John & Mary (Bryant) s/o James & Lucy (Bradley) b. 1777/1778 Isaac John L. b. 1804 s/o Reuben & Mary Ann (Clarke) b. 1800/1805 s/o James & Lucy Elijah W. s/o James & Lucy Milton b. 1807 b. 1810/1820 s/o Rufus & Mary Polly (Oglesby) Rufus s/o Isaac & Milly (White) Pressley F. b. 1817 b. 1822 s/o Isaac & Milly Isaac Reuben ь. 1824 s/o Reuben & Mary Ann Cephus A. b. 1828 s/o Isaac & Milly Abda s/o John & Mary

Milton b. 1760/1770 Possibly = James by error

I think that's quite an accomplishment for CFC and I'm delighted with it.

But even more important in my gratification is the comradeship that it has created among us — and I thank you all for that and for your help in the quest.



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

December 26, 1992

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Jorest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

It seems that I am handling our current exchange in fits and starts; however, with the construction on hold until spring and the holidays soon to be over, I hope to return to intensive genealogical pursuits. I'll start with a response to your letter of November 29. Has it already been almost a month?

What of the daughters for Thomas Christian, the immigrant? You can tell by the sources listed that their names are based on the flimsiest of evidence. John D. Christian did not give a source for his identification of Isabella Christian who married William Perkins, Jr., of Goochland. His notes were on index cards which I photocopied and then returned his originals to him many years ago. Yes, he is the John D. Christian of Monroeville, Pennsylvania, who may by now be deceased-certainly no longer engaged in genealogical research. I noticed that when no reference was given for information, it usually proved to have come from D.A.R. records. I have kept these references in the expectation that I would one day see what I could find out about this Isabella and William Perkins. No time to follow through! Also, I have intended for a long time to check Chappalear on the Mask family to see if McClanahan interpreted correctly the data given there about the Martha Jane Christian who married John Mask. Again, no time to follow through. The unnamed duaghters are simply speculation, as shown. When I next go to Los Angeles, I will see what I can find about the above and will, of course, notify you of the results. I was quite interested in your commentary on the adjoining land owners; that is, Ireeman and Young. Since I have never engaged in much primary research about Thomas Christian, the immigrant, I have nothing to add to your detailed analysis.

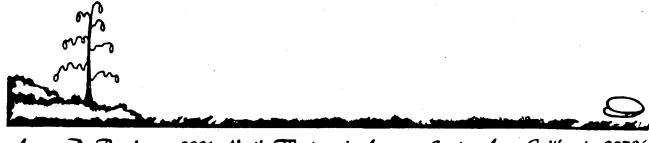
Based on Michael Berry's studies, I have decided to remove the name of John Christian from the children of Thomas Christian, the immigrant. Berry's analysis is quite convincing, and I can see no reason to cling to the traditional version any longer.

See the enclosure for a brief evaluation of the possible identities of Thomas Christian, dead by 1781, of Bedfored County, Virginia.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

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

January 6, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78,258

Dear Lou:

It's clear that I should have mailed the enclosed letter as soon as it was written, but I thought that I would have at least some discussion of the Thomas Christian of Bedford County, Virginia, ready within a day or so to mail with it.

To put my tentative conclusions in the fewest possible words:

Identity of Thomas Christian (son-in-law) is still uncertain! Who were his parents?

Thomas Christian, III, son of Thomas and Rebecca (New) Christian, who had wife Eliqabeth in Westover Parish, Virginia, probably is the one who, along with cousin John Prior, showed up by 1748 in Granville County, North Carolina, and shortly thereafter with a wife Mercey. He may also be the one who lived on the Staunton River in Bedford County, Virginia, since he disappears from the North Carolina records.

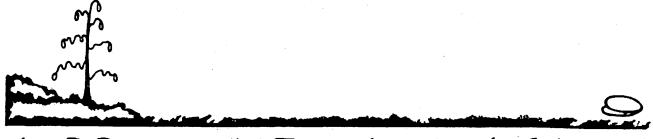
Thomas Christian, N, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_\_) Christian. Did such a person exist, and could be have been the one with wife Mercey?

Thomas Christian, son of Thomas and Rebecca (Christian) Christian, may have been the grandson mentioned in will of Thomas Christian, II, and is also a candidate for Bedford County, Virginia. He and several siblings seemingly accompanied their mother, Rebecca (Christian) (Christian) Smith, and step-father, Joseph Smith, to the more western portions of Virginia.

Secretary for discussion of above possibilities. Thatch tomorron's mail

Sincerely,

Enclosures



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January 7, 1993

Dr. Louis Koeniq 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78.258

Dear Lou:

After much thought, study, and revision, I still have only tentative conclusions. However, they are in much sharper focus than before. You will notice from the enclosed that there are a number of unanswered questions.

In addition to a narrative discussion, you will find a revised database with "truncated notes" added as well as two maps: One shows the approximate locations of land acquisitions and transactions of the children of Thomas and Rebecca (Christian) Christian with current county boundaries; the other is portion of an early map of Virginia whereon you can find more exact vicinity and the names of waterways, mountains, etc. If I have failed to mention the rationale for certain conclusions, do not hesitate to ask for the reasons. Needless to say, I will await your comments.

An aside to the current problem but one which surfaced as I studied the records: Susannah, wife of James Christian (son of Thomas& Rebecca (New) Christian), may be another woman whose maiden name was Christian who married a Christian cousin. It seems that she could have been Susannah, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Christian) Christian. Strictly speculation!

Sincerely

Enclosures

P.S. Has Janie mailed her book to me? It has not yet arrived.

17 JAN 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

#### .Dear Agnes -

Have received your big package of Jan 7 but do not respond to it here. Have a whole batch of stuff to send you re the Bedford people, but you are way ahead of me. Not decided yet whether to send it. However in the course of the Bedford inquiry I'm trying to sort out the Anthonys and the following comes up — a minor point to your present inquiry so don't waste any time on it now.

Here's the 1753 deed that Lamb cites as "a 1753 Goochland deed shows Anthony as son of Thomas" — he was speaking of what I now call Thomas sil. I had a note to that (many years ago) asking how a 1753 deed could come from a man who died in 1743. Turns out that he wasn't speaking of a  $\underline{\text{Thomas}}$  deed and I wasn't smart enough at the time to allow that possibility.

The deed transfers land from Anthony who claims he inherited it from his father, Thomas [sil]. The catch is that Thomas' will bequeaths no land on Beaverdam Creek and gives Anthony only "1 shilling when he is 21". However, Thomas sil must have had the Beaverdam land at some time in order that it devolve by some means (other than the will) to Anthony.

But <u>Cavaliers & Pioneers</u> III, p.337 13 Oct 1727 has a grant to a Thomas Christian 400 acres adjoining a branch of Beaverdam Creek and Curd, James Christian, and Thomas Christian. I had taken that to be Thomas II — but maybe it's actually Thomas sil. That would explain sil's ownership of land on Beaverdam of which he disposed 200 acres to Anthony by some lost instrument, and the remaining 200 by some other lost instrument. (We have to suppose a lost instrument for the transfer to Anthony, so maybe it's not stretching it too much to imagine another lost instrument for the other 200.)

Now the foregoing grant is not to be confused with the grant C&P III p. 331 16 Jun 1727 to Thomas Christian of CCCo. of 400 acres on Beaverdam Creek, adj: Baise, Moreman, James Christian. I definitely assign that to Thomas III, the CCCo. resident and not to any Thomases resident in Goochland. But maybe the adjoiner of the 13 Oct 1727 grant was  $\underline{that}$  Thomas III and the two grants had a common adjoiner in James Christian.

Well, this is a minor point to your present quest but I put it down for later inquiry.

Janie apologizes for not getting the book to you. She had a bunch of orders and yours was not on an order form so didn't get handled properly. She thought she <u>had</u> sent it but had no order form to make that notation on. She'll send it immediately.

Anthony deed transcript

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FILE: THOREBCA	To so	rt A6E50 To print A4E50	
TILLY THUKEDON	10 391	C=Charles City; G= Goochland; H= Henrico; J=James City	
1667/00/00	J	to 1669 born s/o 1687 Thomas, probably James City	
1692/11/03 C	C	sued by Callam for hog killing, with father & Charles	15
1701/00/00 C	·	before. marries Rebecca New	10
1701/00/00 C		births of 8 children, unknown dates	
1705/11/27 C	C	1324 acres surveyed by Robt Bolling for Thomas & Edmund New	8
1705/11/2/ C	Č	patents the 1324 acres with Edmund New, bro-in-law	8
1712/00/00 C	Я	patents in forks of Beaver Dam, later Goochland (1728)	1
1714/00/00	H	Sometime pat. the 300 acres devolved to Robert on S. br Beaverdan	12
1714/06/16	. "H	patents 400 acres in Henrico	10
1714/12/16 C	Ü.	patents 1320 acres [a reissue of Re 8 ?]	9
1/14/12/10 0	C	adj. Drury Stith, Eale, Stokes, Miry Branch, John Edwards?,	,
		fork of Broad Run, Roper.	
1726/07/04 H		will of Edmund New 40L bond of Thomas Christian, dau Rebecca New.	11
1726/07/04 H		witness 2nd will Edmund New, his father-in-law	11
17260/01/19 H	Ċ	sells Thomas jr land CCCo Potato Run 115 acres L20	18
	·	sheriff's action vs Edward New for debt owed Thomas "jr"	16
1727/10/02 C	и	patents 400 acres Beaverdam Ck adj himself & James Christian	21
1727/10/13	H H	patents with John Prier 400 acres on Edmund New's line	20
1727/10/13	п	debits to estate of Valentine Hinge CCCo.	22
1727/1728	С	sells 100 acres Westover to son James, Potato Run	23
1728/08/16 H	ı		23
1700/0E/00 C		Rebeccas's inheritance. Adj: Stith, Thomas III	32
1729/05/00 G	c	witness for Hugh Morriss & Sarah his wife	24
1729/11/17 G	G	gift to son James 109 acres part of a divident, adj James & self and Adams now Morman	24
1731/06/17 6	G	sells 175 acres Beaverdam Ck to son-in-law Samuel Coleman L25	25
1731/09/21 6	6	sells 425 acres adj James Christian to Harris'es of York Co.	26
	_	also adj. Curd, Hooker, and Richard Oglesbee.	
1731/11/00 6		Witness for John Prier vs. Dudley Digges	33
1731/11/15 G	G	sells Ann Hooker then to her son William 100 acres adj James C.	27
17310/02/04 6	•	inv of Richard Ogelbee, with John Prier	28
1732/08/15 6	G	gift 210 acres where Thomas lives to son James	13
1732/08/15a	_	after mother's death. Same land bequeathed in will	2
1734/11/20 6	G	inventory Joseph Hoodson	29
1735/11/17 6	G	of St. James Par., deeds to son Robert 300 a. where Robt lives	12
1735/11/17a	-	same 300 acres bequeathed in Thomas' will S. br Beaverdam	2
1735o/02/25 G		inventory Daniel Groom	17
1736/06/14 G	G	William & Ann Hooker sell the 100 acres of Ref 27	30
1736/10/16 6	_	wrote will	2
1737/04/00 G		about: dies Oct 1736 - Apr 1737	2
1737/05/17 6		will probated ex: wife Rebecca & son James	2
1737/05/17a	G	son Hilliam 200 acres out of Ref 20 divided	2
1737/05/17b	6	son James the home place 210 acres after Rebecca's death	2,13
1737/05/17c	G	son Robert 300 acres where he lives	2,12
1737/05/17d	6	son Thomas the 250 acres where he did live	2
1737/05/17f G	_	after: wife Rebecca dies	2
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Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana. California 92706

January 21, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Iorest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

Thank you for your letter of January 17 regarding Anthony Christian which, although not directly related to the Bedford inquiry, is pertinent to that problem. I'm pleased, too, to have your updated chronology of Thomas Christian who married Rebecca New.

Although the summary I sent to you does not refer to the specific location of the property sold by Anthony Christian in 1753 to David Murry (whom I believe to be a Crockett-connected relative), the document itself refers to Anthony's acquisition of the property through his position as "heirat-law" to his father Thomas. As the first-born, he would have been the heirat-law in accordance with the laws at the time. Like you, I do not know exactly when Thomas (s-i-l) acquired the land.

Since the will of Thomas (s-i-l) does not mention any land on Beaverdam, it would appear that he overlooked making a transfer to a son or simply knew that it would pass to Anthony.

I'm still studying the records and hope to find a clue I may have overlooked previously in regard to identity of Thomas Christian of Bedford County, Virginia.

Sincerely,

P.S. I appreciate your checking on the status of my book order and look forward to receiving it.

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29 JAN 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

"Dear Agnes -

#### .... yours of 21 Jan ...

#### ... Anthony ...

- 1. re Anthony "as the first-born son he would have been the heir-at-law in accordance with the laws at the time." That sounds great, but on mulling it over I believe it doesn't hold water. First please enlighten me on the laws of the time re heir-at-law. Just what does that mean? As you relate it it applies only to a first-born son... OK. But what portion of the deceased estate does the first-born son inherit? All of it? Can't be, for Thomas willed lands (on Little Buffalo Creek of Willis River) to four of his other sons as well as another tract to John Goodwin and never mentioned the 200 acres on Beaverdam Creek. So please enlighten me on that to begin with.
- 2. Anthony was willed, in 1743, 1 shilling "when he is 21". Anthony was only 19 at the time. If Anthony had to wait till he was 21 before getting the <u>1 shilling</u>, then he certainly could not have been given, without waiting, the Beaverdam 200 acres before he was 19! CONCLUSION: Anthony could not have acquired the 200 acres on Beaverdam from his father before his father's death. And indeed if he had then it was a gift, not an heir-at-law deal. So the heir-at-law clause is a mystery, as remains the means of acquisition of the land by Anthony. We do know that he got it from <u>somebody</u> anyway.
- 3. There's one other possibility: If heir-at-law means that the heir receives the "home place", then you'll notice that Thomas' will leaves nothing to his widow other than goods and chattels. Where is she going to live in her widowhood? Maybe the scheme was that the heir-at-law would, without being so mentioned in a will, inherit the home place together with the obligation to allow the mother to live there. Even so haven't seen such a weird scheme in any other wills most of them provide for a life estate in the home place for the widow and designate which heir is to get it when she dies.

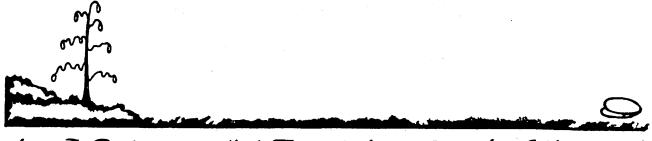
#### ... Drury Christian & Sarah Stinchcomb ...

- 3. I don't recall if I sent you my appeal for HELP on my having Drury Christian marrying Sarah Stinchcomb and also another bride Sarah Jones. Well, if I did you can ignore the request. The Drury Christian I was referring to is the son of Drury & Frances Carnes, named Drury B. The alleged marriage of a Drury (no B.) Christian to Sarah Stinchcomb occurred in March 1834. But in November 1834 Drury B. Christian requested that James Ramsey, his stepmother's 2nd husband, be appointed his guardian. Now from those facts there can be drawn two hypotheses:
- 1. Drury B. was asking for a guardian after he'd been married to Stinchcomb for 8 months! She must have been a terror!
- 2. It wasn't Drury B. who m. Sarah Stinchcomb. It was the other girl he married. Some other Drury married Sarah Stinchcomb.

I chose # 2 and withdraw my request for HELP.

4. Janie found she'd sent you a book on Dec 9. At the same time she sent a book to a man over in East Texas for review and she just learned that he hadn't received his either. Must have been highjacked by Santa Claus. Anyway, she sent you and him a second book a few days ago.

Lou Lever



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February 2, 1993

Mrs. Janie Shofner Koenig Piney Woods Productions 26890 Sherwood Forest San Antonio, Texas 78.258

Dear Janie:

<u>Pine Trees & Cotton Fields</u> arrived on Saturday, and I have just finished reading it from cover to cover. Your account is beautifully written, and I salute you. The details have stirred long-dormant memories of my childhood summers "in the country" in southern West Virginia.

Although our family lived in the heart of the county seat (at the time a town of about 6,000 individuals), we spent our summers with other relatives on the farm--no electricity, a spring house, an out house, an orchard, a garden, and all the other amenities (or lack thereof) you so poignantly describe. I recall with warmth and affection the life and the people in both the town and country.

Quite coincidentally, the photograph on the front cover of your book almost duplicates one I took just a few years ago in front of our vacation home at Idyllwild, a mountain resort in southern California. We have managed to keep the road narrow and unpaved although the county would increase its width to 60 fet with curbs, blacktop, etc. to conform to a county "standard."

Again, thank you for making sure I received my copy of your wonderful book.

Sincerely,

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

Pebruary 3, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78.258

Dear Lou:

I had mailed a letter to Janie just before your letter of January 29 arrived. Her book, which came in Saturday's mail, is excellent; and, as I told her, the reading stirred long-dormant memories of my childhood. Since she had first mailed books to me and the man in East Texas on December 9 and neither of us received that order, it is my guess that the problem originated in one of the San Antonio central facilities. Perhaps she should check with them to see if they are still in a container for shipping! Perhaps your paper also printed the enclosed column by Ann Landers.

As for the property received by Anthony Christian as "heir at law": I cannot claim to have the answer nor can I claim to be an expert on the laws of the time. It is then my understanding, however, that the Law of Primogeniture (exclusive right of inheritance belonging to the first-born male of lineal descent under English law) applied not only when the parent or ancestor died intestate but for any property not specifically willed to another in a will. Thus, in the Colonies as in England:

1. If Anthony's father Thomas (s-i-l) died sieged of the 200 acres on Beaverdam (perhaps as "heir at law" of his unknown father), then Anthony would have been "heir at law" even though

the property was not mentioned in the will of Thomas.

2. If Thomas were the first-born of his unknown father and if that father were still living when Thomas wrote his will, the property would at that time still have been in the father's name and would at the death of Thomas's father dying intestate have passed to Anthony as "heir at law" of his father Thomas.

I know that the above seems rather convoluted but actually not too far-fetched. Indeed, the problem is that we do not know the identity of Thomas's parents.

As you speculated, it was the obligation of the heir at law to care for his mother and any other members of the family who had not been taken care of by will. There are a number of such circumstances in England.

No, I don't believe you ever asked me about Drury Christian and Sarah Stinchcomb; however, I wouldn't have had the answer anyway. It seems likely that Drury B. married Sarah Jones.. His sister Sarah married Charles Jones, son of Thomas and Margaret (Connally) Jones. You may recall that the stepmother was a Connally.

Sincerely,

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31 Jan 1993

J.M. CHRISTIAN 4439 SHELBURNE DR. DUNWOODY. GA 30338

.Jim, Meg, Betsy, Agnes ... "heir-at-law" ....

I am engaged with Agnes (I am the grain of sand that generates the pearl) in an inquiry into a Thomas of Bedford who might be her ancestor. That inquiry involves an Anthony. And  $\underline{an}$  Anthony brings up the meaning of  $\underline{heir-at-law}$  the subject of this letter.

An Anthony in 1753 sold 200 acres on Beaverdam Creek "that fell to the said Anthony Christian as heir-at-law to his father Thomas Christian, dec'd." My transcript of that deed is attached here. Lamb cites that deed as indication that the seller Anthony was s/o what we now call Thomas sil. Since we, and he, already know that there  $\underline{\text{was}}$  a son Anthony in Thomas 1743 will, the foregoing is a not-unreasonable construction.

The problem arises that although Thomas sil bequeathed clearly specified lands to four other sons and to a John Godwin (all on Willis' River), his will makes no mention of any land on Beaverdam Creek nor of any lands bequeathed to son Anthony. Indeed the bequest to son Anthony is merely "1 shilling when he becomes 21". Clearly then there was no bequest of any Beaverdam Creek land to Anthony. And indeed, for that matter, nowhere in the records is there any mention of Thomas sil ever acquiring any land on Beaverdam Creek.

This brings up the question of whether the <u>Anthony of the Beaverdam Creek land in the 1753 deed, heir-at-law of father Thomas, was indeed the Anthony s/o Thomas sil!</u> Central to this is what is meant, what <u>was</u> meant, by heir-at-law in Georgia in 1753.

Now diverging for a moment: Jim's greatgrandfather, Rufus, died intestate about 1892, leaving (among possibly other property) a 68 acre tract in which presumably by Georgia intestate law a 1/6th undivided interest accrued to each of the 6 children. Sometime before 1932 John Zack Almand, an in-law, was appointed admnr de bonis non and in 1932 he sold the land to Jim's father George Cunningham Christian and distributed the proceeds among the then holders of interests. George had already acquired the interests of others and in 1912 held a 1/2 interest. In 1932, after the sale, George petitioned the Rockdale C. of O. for payment of the other three

interest holders' shares to him as purchaser. [This sounds complicated as hell but it works out alright.] In that petition George refers to the other interest holders as  $\underline{heirs\_at\_law}$  of the estate, and the Ordinary, in accepting the petition, also calls them  $\underline{heirs\_at\_law}$ . This establishes that in 1932 at least among the possible meanings of  $\underline{heir\_at\_law}$  was:

an heir established by action of a de bonis non admnr of an intestate estate.

This does not preclude that it might have other meanings as well, e.g. not being confined to intestate, or to admnr, or to de bonis non, and indeed might mean simply an heir to an estate by whatever means established. [In which latter case the -at-law is redundant, so what else is new among legalese?]

I do not have the deeds of the 1892 transactions by which some of the 1/6th interests were transferred among the holders. <u>They</u> may have some heir-at-law terminology that might allow us to set the meaning in 1892

Now back to Anthony. Explore the possibility that Anthony s/o Thomas sil <u>did</u> acquire the property from Thomas sil before the latter's death. (Despite that we have no record of how Thomas sil himself acquired it.) But we do have the oddity that Anthony the first born son received only one shilling while younger sons received acreage. Such a situation is common in wills of those days, and usually it is presented with the qualification "since he has already received his portion". BUT in the will, when Anthony was only 19, he is bequeathed only "1 shilling when he is 21". Shucks — if he couldn't be trusted with one shilling until he attained 21 can we accept that his father entrusted him with 200 acres when he was 19 or less? NO, we can't.

Explore the possibility, abrogating the previous paragraph, that somehow Anthony, s/o sil,  $\underline{\text{did}}$  receive the 200 acres by gift or even purchase from Thomas sil. Can't be that he would term it, in the 1753 deed, as "fell to said Anthony as heir-at-law to his father Thomas Christian". UNLESS  $\underline{\text{HEIR-AT-LAW}}$  HAD SOME MEANING IN 1753 OTHER THAN AN HEIR TO AN ESTATE, SIMPLE AND UNQUALIFIED.

Explore the possibility that the Anthony of Cumberland of the 1753 deed for Goochland Beaverdam Creek land WAS NOT ANTHONY B. 1824 S/O THOMAS SIL, BUT WAS SOME OTHER ANTHONY S/O SOME OTHER THOMAS. THAT, while iconoclastic to Lamb and all we've been holding for a hundred years, gets us out of all the unlikelyhoods implied above for having the 1753 Anthony the s/o Thomas sil, and having the 1753 Thomas the Thomas sil.

Now, finally, you see why this heir-at-law thing 1753 and 1932 has an important bearing on Agnes efforts to tie an Anthony who had land from his father Thomas of Bedford to our Anthony and his father Thomas sil.

What do youall think?
Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg - with transcript

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Goochland Bk. 6 p. 286-288, 28 May 1753

[in DOCS]

Anthony Christian, Cumberland Co., St. James Southam Parish to David Murry, Goochland, St. James Northam Parish 40£ 200 acres, Goochland, on branches of Beaverdam Creek "that fell to the said Anthony Christian as Heir at Law to his father Thomas Christian, dec'd."

Beginning Pryor's corner red oak & pine

Straight course to corner pine on branches of Treasure Run

To corner pine on Payne's line

To a corner red oak on Bailey's line

To a corner black oak

To a corner pine on your line [???]

To a corner maple on Beaverdam Creek

Bounded by the water course to a corner red oak on Christian's

Thence to the said Pryor's line to the first station.

With all houses, etc.

Anthony "stands seized of an Indefensible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple in the said land and premises"

Wit: Jno. Fleming jr.

s. Anthony Christian

Val Wood

William Lewis

John Ford

At a Court held Goochland, 19 Jun 1753, Fleming, Lewis, and Ford proved this deed.

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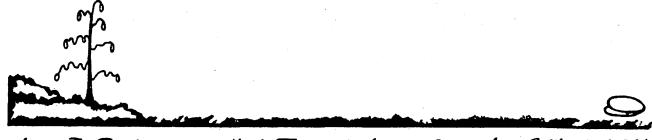
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[Short description: 200 acres Goochland on branches Beaverdam Creek; adjoiners: Pryor, Treasure Run, Payne, Bailey, Murry himself, Beaverdam Creek, Christian —presumably Anthony Christian himself, i.e. was selling 200 acres inherited from father adjoining other land he then held, which had a common line with Pryor..]

Transcribed by Louis Koenig, 17 Jan 1993.

NOTE: The will of his father, Thomas sil, does not bequeath any land described as on Beaverdam Creek. To son Anthony it bequeaths only "1 shilling when he is 21".



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February 4, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Iorest San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

When I received your letter of January 31 to the group today, I realized that I had failed to mention a critical point in the letter I wrote yesterday. I realize that you had not yet received that letter.

The critical point is that the Law of Primogeniture prevailed in the American Colonies until after the Revolutionary War. Until then, the Colonies were ruled by English law When our nation became the United States of America, the Law of Primogeniture was revoked in all the states (as I have been led to understand) and was replaced with different laws of inheritance. The Virginia Code allowed a "widow's third" and the remainder to be equally divided between the issue and/or their issue. There have been various changes through the years, and even today the statutes differ from state to state.

I have in my possession my great-great-grandfather's <u>Code of Virginia</u> published in 1849. It refers to the laws enacted in October 1776. There is a whole section on wills; however, I can't find "primogeniture" mentioned.

In checking the articles in two editions of <u>Encyclpedia Britannica</u> regarding the subject, the issue is quite complex but fails to get into some of the specifics we need in order to know what happened in the case of Anthony Christian. I still believe he was a son of Thomas, s-i-l.

Sincerely

03 FEB 1993

J.M. CHRISTIAN 4439 SHELBURNE DR. DUNWOODY, GA 30338

.Jim, Meg, Betsy, Agnes ... Isaac - children and estate settlement ...

- 1. Recently I have been writing you about the estate settlement of Isaac (m. Milly White) in 1867. There I used data placing the 1867 heirs as seven, two dec'd with minor children, 5 living, total 7 shares. I forgot one child, William B. QUESTION" how come he was not one of the 1867 heirs? ANSWER: William B. was dec'd in 1867 (like James D. and Isaac Morgain) but he did not have minor children as of 1867, his children having been born before he died in 1838.
- 2. This brings up the concept about GA intestate law. It must be that that law made heirs of deceased children who were still living, and of deceased children who left minor heirs (at the time of settlement) as were James D. and Isaac Morgain, but NOT of deceased children who left no minor heirs at the time of settlement as was William B. What do you think of that?
- 3. In the course of the foregoing I re-evaluated my assignment of Isaac's children, about which you last heard from me with a census comparison dated 6/28/91, itself a revision thanks to Agnes of one dated 3/15/91. If you look for it, it's on 10-column  $8\ 1/2 \times 11$  paper. My present assignment for your critique is:

	BD	d.	cr m.
	1807/1810 1811/1815 1813/1816	d.	1832 Mar 1838 aft 1870
Pressley Franklin	25 May 1817 1818/1820		23 Oct 1895
<u> </u>	1820/1821 1821/1822	cl "	1864/1867 2 Jul 1852
Cephus A. Elijah	1827/1828 1830/1831		aft 1870 aft 1850

<sup>4.</sup> For Betsy and Agnes (Still keeping in mind the problem of James m. Lucy Bradley.)

In Agnes' "Speculation" 8/11/90 and Betsy's ltr 10/15 90 they presented their "guesses" for the children of James and Lucy. Agnes has as first child William B. b. 1780/1783, Betsy ditto 1780/1790. My question: just where did that data or guess for the existence and BD come from? NOTE for the others: this is definitely not the William B. s/o Isaac & Milly , nor the William Bradley s/o Elijah Willis sr & Mary Clark Christian.

5. For all — as always the stuff I send you is for your critique with corrections, additions, or maybe even concurrence.

Agnes, Betsy, Meg

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05 FEB 1993

J.M. CHRISTIAN 4439 SHELBURNE DR. DUNWOODY, GA 30338

"Jim, Meg, Betsy, Agnes -

... yours of 9/7/90 to me ...

... Mrs. Wilcox' sparse notes on Elbert deeds ...

... with some Portia notes ...

... yours of 12/7/90 to all ...

... ditto without Portia's notes ...

Portia sent you 10/12/82 Wilcox' sparse and inadequate notes on Elbert deeds together with a page of Portia's extracted from "DAR III". You rewrote Wilcox' notes for legibility and sent them to me 9/7/90. Then 12/7/90 you sent the unrewrittens to all. I have now gone through the whole batch and satisfactorily incorporated all but as noted below.

 Couldn't place and not sure they <u>should</u> be placed: <u>Leroy Oglesby</u> to Presley 1819, 258 1/2 acres on Falling Creek.

Wm. P.Christian to  $\underline{Jno}$  L.  $\underline{Christian}$  1857 235 acres on Doves Creek. I have only one John L. Christian in my computer (which would fail to find e.g. a John Lxxxx Christian), he being s/o Reuben who was in Newton, not Elbert from 1830 on.... so not him. In her letter Portia states that she read, in the Elbert C. H. basement the Returns Books 1846-1937 [wish she'd share them with us!] finding a John L. Christian estate sale with purchasers Washington (s/o C.W.), C.W., and others — so there must be a John L. in Elbert that I've not heard of. I have an unnamed brother of Washington, and s/o C.W. — maybe that was him.

 $\frac{Wm_*}{J_*}$   $\frac{J_*}{Christian}$  to Asa Chandler 1843 90 acres Deep Creek. I took with hesitation to be William Jackson Christian I, s/o Wm. Payne I.

Wm. B. Christian to Robt. C. Oglesby 1824, 125 and 58 acres on Deep Creek. [This is the Robt C. Oglesby that Betsy suspects is or is not a Christen in-law.]

<u>Wm. Christian</u> to Reddon Jordon 1807 176 acres Deep Creek

You all understand I'm sending all this for your critique, to enlighten me or correct me if I'm wrong.

- 2. The Wilcox Wm. P. Christian is not s/o C. W. Christian. He is Wm. Payne Christian I, s/o Turner.
- 3. Wilcox has Wm. P. Christian to Jesse G. Christian 1832 106 acres on Doves Creek and also ditto 1832 on Deep Creek. Suspect that.
- 4. Portia refers to a source "DAR III". Have no idea what that is.

HELP !

#### 7 FEB 1993

MEG CROWELL P. O. BOX 707 ALBANY, GA 31702

.Dear Meg -

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7 FEB 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

"Dear Agnes -

Your explanation of the heir-at-law thing ingenious and much appreciated. Will wait to hear what the others have to say and then re-evaluate my position that it was some other Anthony.

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Your remarks about the jacket photo of the road parallels what so many others have said about it — namely, no matter where they come from, that THEY know exactly where that roads is — it's just down the road from their childhood house and they've walked it many times. In fact those comments were so numerous that Janie has kept it a secret as just where that photo was taken (by me) — and for her book—signing over in Logansport was thinking of having a contest with an award for anyone who correctly placed it!

LOU

8 FEB 1993

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.Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg - ... Anthony s/o Thomas ...

My involvement in Agnes' with her possible ancestor, Thomas of Bedford, has me tangled up in a question of the Anthony s/o Thomas sil vs. other candidate Anthonys. I don't know how much the others are interested in or can contribute to this matter but since I started sending the correspondence to all for your input on various phases. e.g. "heir-at-law", I'll just continue. HELP if you can!

As explained in the correspondence, I hope, what we're stuck on is that an Anthony claiming to be heir-at-law of a Thomas and "stands seized of an Indefensible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple in the said land and premises" of an inheritance from Thomas of land on Beaverdam Creek, Goochland, sells that land, 200 acres, in 1753. I have sent you my transcript of that deed.... [not sure that I did and if I didn't and you need it to understand please ask] BUT, so far as my records show Thomas sil, known father of Anthony b. 1824, never had any land on Beaverdam Creek and despite bequests in his will of other lands to his other sons did not will anything to Anthony except "1 shilling when he reaches 21".

Agnes has responded to my request for HELP on the "heir-at-law" definition with the attached letter, 2/3/93, a neat resolution of the heir-at-law matter showing how Thomas sil could have had land on Beaverdam not mentioned in his will, since the then law automatically passed the land to the first son, Anthony, even though it was not mentioned in the will. I am proceeding with that concept without waiting for responses from the others [but please send me your comments evenso for like your President I am swayable]. If we accept that then one remaining BIG problem (in addition to some littler ones) is to see whether we can find Thomas sil with Beaverdam Creek land after all.

Mine of 1/17/93 to Agnes [copy attached in case I didn't get  $\underline{that}$  to youall also] I cite a reference to a Beaverdam grant, 400 acres, 13 Oct 1727, to a Thomas which I had

taken to be Thomas II - but which as I say in the paragraph might actually be Thomas sil. OF COURSE! That's the key to the problem. If we do assign that Beaverdam grant to Thomas sil instead of to Thomas II then we have Thomas sil seized of the land which he could allow to go to Anthony b. 1824 by the primogeniture law without the need to mention it in his will. That also explains (with Agnes interpretation) why no provision was made in the will for the wife Rebecca.

I'm going to handle it that way, awaiting any input from youall....it says here — see beyond.

Now about the remaining littler problems.

- 1. The grant was for 400 acres but Anthony sold only 200 acres in 1753. What happened go the other 200 acres? Did Anthony retain it or had he sold it, unrecorded, before 1753. We'll have to comb the records minutely to see if he did. (And somebody else would have to do that for my record searching days are over.)
- 2. Anthony was only 19 when the will was written. Could there be a transfer of an heir-at-law estate to a minor? And if a guardian was required, for the 2 years, is there any evidence of such? Anthony was still a minor when the will was probated.
- 3. On the same day that the grant on Beaverdam Creek was made, to whom I now want to make Thomas sil, 13 Oct 1727, and on the same page of the Grant Book, p. 222, a grant of 400 acres was made to Thomas Christian and John Prier N.L. on N. side of James River on Edmund New's line. This Thomas is definitely Thomas II, since he devised to William in his will "200 cares of the land I took up with John Prior". How can I be allowed to place the other 13 Oct 1727 grant on Beaverdam Creek with Thomas sil? What's to say it wasn't Thomas sil but was Thomas II [as indeed I once had it? Only the need to have a Beaverdam Creek land in possession of Thomas sil so it could devolve to heir-at-law Anthony.
- 4. I previously brought the argument about Anthony's will bequest of "1 shilling when he is 21" being contrary to the concept that Anthony was getting a 200 acre inheritance. i.e. a lot more than 1 shilling. I withdraw that the other sons were getting lands also when even younger than Anthony and some means of transfer via guardianship must be allowed, though we don't have any evidence.
- 5. Not so little: Goochland Deed 17 Jun 1731 Thomas Christian, Goochland, sells to Samuel Coleman 175 acres bounded by Beaverdam Creek, wit. Robert Christian et al. [Coleman was his son in law; Robert was his son; Rebecca relinquished dower.]

Goochland Deed 21 Sep 1731 Thomas Christian Goochland to Mathew Harris et al 425 acres bounded by James Christian, Edward Curd,... Beaverdam Creek; Rebecca relinquished dower Goochland 15 Nov 1731 Thomas Christian to Ann Hooker for life then to her son William 100 acres bounded by Edward Curd, James Christian.

With all those adjoining or nearby lands bounded variously by Beaverdam Creek, James Christian, Edward Curd how can I be allowed to assign to Thomas sil the 13 Oct 1727 land on Beaverdam Creek, Curd's line, James Christian, Thomas Christian? If I can't then where do we stand?

HERE'S where: Thomas II gave land on Beaverdam Creek to daughter Rebecca, wife of Thomas sil. That's how it got (unrecorded) into Thomas sil's estate to go to Anthony heir-at-law., not by the grant of 13 Oct 1727. Under that concept we can put the two 13 Oct 1727 grants together as those of Thomas II and don't need to have one of them oddly that of Thomas silv

NOTE: I wish somebody would enlighten me on <u>dower</u> and <u>dower right</u>. I know it has something to do with the right or the property of a wife. If I knew more about it I might be better able to explain the goings-on with "dower".

So, after setting up and knocking down some strawmen I am left with the scenario that Anthony s/o Thomas sil inherited as heir-at-law from his father the lands on Beaverdam Creek, dower of his mother Rebecca d/o Thomas II - which in 1753 he sold to McMurry. And with that we can accept that Anthony of the 1753 sale was actually Anthony b. 1724 s/o Thomas sil & Rebecca.

Whadya think of them apples?

ltr to Agnes 17 Jan ltr from Agnes 2/3 and 2/4 Loui

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#### 12 FEB 1993

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"Jim, Meg, Betsy, Agnes -

... Hurray! Here's a letter that doesn't call for an answer.

... Forks of the Broad ...

We have suffered a lot of confusion because of the loose terminology used by the ancients for the forks and tributaries of the Broad River. GA. I have come upon one clarification.

Acker: <u>Deeds of Franklin</u> p. 386 abstracts BK HHH p. 131-132, a deed 1 Feb 1815, for 287 1/2 acres "on South Fork Broad Riv., commonly called the Grove Fork". That tells us that South Fork and Grove Fork were interchangeable names [of which the South Fork finally overcame].

Two other points: The 287 1/2 acres was a standard grant acreage, e.g. our John Christian tract and others. I don't know how that came about.

Don't be surprised that the 287 1/2 acre survey turned out to have 378 acres on resurvey. I have run, on my computer, many plats of transactions where the actual acreage computed from the metes and bounds was much different from the acreage reported in the original survey. Surveying techniques in those days were generally sloppy. And the boundaries could be indefinite, e.g. "thence down the meanders of the stream". One case even had the perimeter lines crossing.

- ... another that doesn't need a reply unless you disagree ...
  - ... the Sarah Stinchcomb duplication ...

I have already given to some of us my resolution of the Sarah Stinchcomb mgs to Drury [B.] - namely that Drury B. was asking his stepfather as his guardian 9 months after the alleged marriage to Sarah in March 1834 (Sarah must have been a terror!)

Now the second resolution: The Stinchcomb mg was in Elbert. Drury B. and his family were always in Franklin and his 3 sisters were married in Franklin. I challenge that Drury B. went down to Elbert to marry the Elbert girl Sarah Stinchcomb.

The Drury who married Sarah Stinchcomb was Drury s/o Rufua sr.

Q.E.D.

14 FEB 1993

BETSY CAMMACK P. O. BOX 6 SIERRA CITY, CA 96125-0006

- 1. We have been going back and forth among us over the parentage of Milton m. Mary Posey, and some of us have changed their minds a time or two. This is an attempt to settle the matter among us.
- 2. First of all to resolve the curious 1830 of "Melton" age 60-70, wife age 70-80, male 20-30. Betsy sometime around 1989 sent a census comparison for Milton 1830, 1840, 1850 in which she deduces that "there is no such person as Milton born 1760-1770". I agree. Her interpretation is that the enumerator marked the old man as head of household but the actual head was the younger one and the two oldsters were his aged parents, or some other relatives for whose care the younger would be normally responsible. Further that the younger was Milton. I agree with both.
- 3. There has been discussion among us about Melton being the name of other families in the vicinity and even being the name of one of the in-law's families. I discount that as being irrelevant to the present question, and being merely the enumerator's error or "mind set". Southerners, who pronounce pen as pin and pin as pen, can be forgiven a Melton for a Milton especially if they've been enumerating bona fide Meltons in the vicinity.
- 4. The ages of the Milton in Betsy's comparison are consistent, 20-30, 30-40, 43 in 1830, 1840, 1850. (And in Milton's 1860 he is 51.) That places Milton's BD as 1806-1809.
- 5. Betsy in her comparison suggests that Milton was s/o Presley who had 2 sons b. 1804-1810, and that the oldsters in 1830 are the <u>grandparents</u> of Milton = parents of Presley = James and Lucy. I demur see beyond.
- 6 She says Milton can't be s/o Isaac "per census". I agree, viz: my Isaac census comparison dated 6/28/91.

15 FEB 1993

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Dear Agnes -

Betsy, by letter 2/28/81, told me that you had, from a descendant of Rufus Christian sr & Mary Polly Oglesby, the spouses and mg dates of the children of that pair. Could you let me have those? Have been meaning to ask for some years. And while you're at it, who is the descendant?

Involved right now is the identity of the Martha who m. Charles Andrews, Elbert, 5 Jan 1830. I had that Martha as d/o Rufus, but Eunie V. p. 99 has a good argument that she is d/o Turner who deeded land to Charles Andrews 13 days after her mg and took it back from him a few months later. Furthermore, a witness at the mg was John Legrand. John LeGrand married Lucinda Christian, Elbert, 8 Aug 1827 and Eunie V's insightful suggestion is that Lucinda was another d/o Turner and John Legrand was witness for his sister-in-law Martha.

Unless your data has strong evidence for <u>Rufus</u>' Martha marrying Charles Andrews I will take Eunie Vs'. version.

How in the world did we end up so ignorant of Turner's children!! I guess I've sent you my <u>The Search for the Turner Christian Bible</u>?

Betsy

PS: Haven't forgotten our search for your Bedford Thomas. Haw? a bunch of stuff to send you on leading up to that - but your material sent is so far ahead of me that I've had to go through my reasoning and adapt to it, or around it.

- 7 She says Milton is a little too young to be s/o James and Lucy. I don't think so, although he's pretty late. We have James pegged at b. 1760-1770, Lucy 1750-1760. For sure this doesn't mean they are 10 years apart; more likely Lucy a few years older say b. 1759, James b. 1762. That would make James 42-47 when Milton was born, Lucy 45-50. I was 49 when my youngest son was born. (But Janie was not approaching menopause as Lucy would have been.) My grandfather was 53 when his youngest son was born.
- says "Note the names of Milton's two oldest She children" [= Lucy and James]. Not until a few days ago when I got into this problem did that sentence register with me! She that the first borns were named after their itgreatgrandparents, i.e. after the parents, James and Lucy, of their grandfather, Fresley. It dawned on me that first if not named after the father and mother were quite regularly named after their grandparents and usually on the father's side. If Milton was s/o Presley we'd have the firstborns named after their greatgrandparents. That seems to me to he much less likely. I conclude therefore that it's much more likely that Lucy and James, firstborn of Milton, were named after their grandparents, the parents of Milton, namely James and Lucy.
- 9. Betsy finished with that the 1820 shows no male age 13 in James' household. (She's referring to age 43 in 1850.)

That brings up the 1820 census mess that we labor We have 4 versions of the 1820 by different readers all under. One difficulty is that the 1820 microfilm of them differing. is quite faint and illegible. Another is that the column headings appear only on the first page, so the following pages to be lined up by counting columns and the column separating lines are faint or missing! Portia got her columns I had a devil of a time - and I read the original one off. bound volume in the National Archives (and I missed James A third difficulty is that some of the names are entirely!) uninterpretable and have to be synthesized out almost intuition.

Finally there are the unusual age columns for males, 16-18 and 16-26. Worse: in some of the printed blank forms the 16-26 column is named 16-25. The upper number in the census records means "less than xx". Thus a 20-30 means age 20 to 39. The CFC print by the way has the 16-26 column labelled 16-25.)

To be complete: the 16-18 bracket is included in the 16-26 bracket. If there is one 16-18 and one 16-26 that means there is on of age 16-17 and none 18-25. If there are none 16-18 and two 16-26 that means there are two of age 18-25.

Frustrated by all this I even came to be wary of Agnes reading in CFC, VI, p. 476 and asked her to verify her reading. She did that and reported that the CFC version was correct. So I take CFC to be gospel.

10. Now with that out of the way here's my analysis of the James and Lucy 1820 .... showing that there <u>is</u> a place for Milton age 13 or 11 in James 1820.

	Census	Translate	d BD	adjusted	Dame
O m	0-10				
1 m	10-16	m 10-15	1805/1810	1807/1809	Milton
Om	16-18				
1 m	16-26	m 18-25	1795/1802	1797/1802	James G.
1 m	16-26	m 18-25	1795/1802	1795/1800	Elijah W.
Om	26-45				
1 m	45+	m > 44	< 1775	< 1775	James
O f	0-16				
1 f	10-16	f 10-15	1805/1810	1805/1807	Elizabeth
1 f	45+	f >44	< 1 <i>77</i> 5	< 1775	Lucy

The adjusted column for James and Elijah allows for a two-year gap between them. That for Milton refelects his ages in 1840. 1850.

Elizabeth is deduced accordingly, but that's insecure - she might have been born 1810. If fact Betsy has her b. 1789 and if that's so we'll have to scout up another daughter born 1805/1810. [Betsy will have something to say about that!].

William B., Presley, and Isaac were grown and already away from the household in 1820. Nancy had married about 1813. That leaves Elizabeth, James G., Elijah Willis, and Milton still at home, fitting neatly into the census record. Incidentally if we do not assign Milton in that spot then just who  $\underline{\text{will}}$  we assign there?

11. My conclusion: Milton was the youngest son of James and Lucy.

Next: who the devil was James the son of?

PLEASE COMMENT.

#### 7 FEB 1993

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2/19/93

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### 18 FEB 1993

BETSY CAMMACK P. O. BOX 6 SIERRA CITY, CA 96125-0006

. Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg - ... yours of 2/12 ...

Thanks for that armload of stuff @ \$2.90 postage that arrived today. This letter deals with just a few of the minor items therein to get them out of the way before tackling the big items, e.g. parents of Milton.

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When I am done with them I'll return the items above your request paragraph. Am I to return the items below the request paragraph also? Am glad to do so. Down here in the Flatlands we pay only 4 cents a page and don't have to shovel snow to do it.

- 1. Your p. 2. Item 2 of my 18 Jan ltr. OK, so it's the Nancy introduced by Brooke as wife of Robt. C. Oglesby that you fight against, not the Christian. Soooo now tell me what is your evidence for the Christian !!! Where does that come from?
- 2. Your p. 2, midpage. The heir-at-law is one of the "big" items and we await much more input, but I do take you up on a query to Bondurant about intestate law in 1867, attached. You mention that on your p. 3 midpage.
- 3. Your p. 2, near bottom. The problem about LeRoy Oglesby is not about his selling land but that I wasn't sure if he belonged in the Christian crew or not. So far I take not, awaiting fruiting of your hunch that he married a Christian. Good Lord, weren't there any other girls than Christians to marry up with down there?
- 4. Your p. 3, top. As I've told all, I've asked Jim if he has the full extract of the G. L. Oglesby (age 43) Newton with R., Christian (age 26) in the household.
- 5. Your p. 3 bottom, brotherhood of Pressley and Isaac. I have already shown the brotherhood of Isaac and Elijah Willis. Forgive me if I don't cite my letter just now. The proof is based on the will of Reuben M. Christian s/o Elijah Willis and Mary Clarke Christian which refers to Reuben's cousin Pressley

- (F.) who is the s/o Isaac, thus making Isaac and Elijah Willis brothers. Don't remember who was on the distribution list at the time but if any want the proof letter I'll send it. I am quite content to have Agnes and Betsy tell me Pressley was another brother. James/Lucy looms as the parents but that's one of the Big, even Bigger, questions.
- 6. Your p. 3 bottom. I respect your "circumstantial" arguments and probably will accept them myself when all else fails.
- 7. Your p. 4 top. My Feb 5 letter was about the Wilcox excerpts of Elbert deeds. Betsy, the Jesse G[eorge] Christian there is not the Jesse George s/o Turner but he the s/o William Payne. That family were terrors for reusing names. I have a chart showing the name derivations and it looks like hen scratchings. They finally wore out Jesse George and started naming the kids George Jesse. You are right the Jesse George s/o Turner left Georgia early maybe for Tennessee and definitely for Mississippi.

### ...FINIS genealogy, little items ....

Enjoyed your recital of the snow and ice. Enjoyed it the more because I have forsaken that.

I have properly and dutifully issued exclamatory statements about the laser print. Jane has a laser. She uses Word Perfect 5.1 which has a flock of fonts built in. Charlou uses Wordstar.

You say you have PAF backups. I assume you have the PAF version 2.2 (which I just acquired) since it has the data backup feature right within PAF. But Betsy you are courting disaster if you do not regularly run backup on all your data and Your generator will not help if you have an outage programs. while writing to disk -- but maybe your computer has a fail-safe for that. It's ok to archive older data on floppies mechanism but you must protect from disk crashing the current stuff that's on your disk. You are listening to the worst kind of reformer -Get the Norton Backup and use it. I do a full a convert. backup once a month and a differential backup every night, (if I can get by with that with our Southern religiously Baptist colleagues).

Hey! - Janie's relatives over in Louisiana are rootin tootin Baptists. It is considered blasphemous even to use eupheuisms for the sacred words, e.g. "by gosh", "gol darn", "cripes", even "what the devil". I guess you can get by with "what the deuce" - haven't tried that.

And my son and daughter-in-law frown on my cussing in front of the kids. I do get by with "GROCERIES!" But I even had to substitute that for my previous: "Cheese, Rice, Cod, Ham, Sunfish"

In Newton County, 1867, a death occurred intestate. The deceased had 8 children. living to adulthood. One was deceased leaving adult children. Two were deceased leaving minor children (at the time of settlement). Five were living. The distribution was made in 7 parts, the 5 living and the minors of the two deceased. The adult children of the other deceased were not included in the distribution.

One generalizes from this that the intestate law in 1867 Georgia was that living adult children got proportionate shares, proportionate shares went to the estates of the deceased children with minor children, the estates of deceased children without minor children got nothing.

Is that a correct deduction and were those the actual terms of the law?

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Pebruary 20, 1993

Dear Lou, Jim, Betsy, and Meg.

Wow! Progress continues on the Virginia and Georgia Christian family genealogies; but, of course, questions remain. As I look over my notes, I am impressed with the answers that have been found throughout the years.

But now, back to tackling the outstanding problems. I didn't want another day to pass before responding to the recent correspondence; however, I must preface my remarks by saying that in most cases regarding the Georgia groups I must defer to your judgment or that of others.

Re: Lou's letter of Pebruary 3 to Jim, #2--I have no expertise regarding the intestate laws of Georgia.

<u>Re: Lou's letter of Pebruary 3 to Jim, #3</u>--My placement of the children of Isaac and Mildred (White) Christian conforms essentially to the listing you show except that I list un-named son as third child born c. 1815 and Serena Elizabeth as fifth child born c. 1820. I do have exact birth date for Isaac Morgain as 1 Jan. 1822. Was Presley Pranklin Christian's birth date 25 March or 25 May?

Re: Lou's letter of Pebruary 3 to Jim, #4-Agreed. The William Bradley Christian shown as sto James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian was not the sto Isaac & Mildred (White) Christian nor the sto Elijah Willis & Mary Clark (Christian) Christian. The latter two were much younger-one born about 1810, the other about 1834. The existence of an older William B. Christian who has been attributed to James and Lucy is based on analysis of census records, placing estimated birthdate between 1780-1782. Parents' marriage has been estimated as about 1780. Note that the 1820 U. S. Census of Elbert County, Georgia, William B. was aged 26-44 (birthdate estimated at 1777-1790). This was probably the William over 21 in the 1803 Georgia lottery (birthdate estimated at before 1782). He was apparently named for his maternal grandfather. Please keep "apparently," "probably," "estimated," etc. in mind. If William B. were not a son of James and Lucy, then who were his parents?

Re: Lou's letter of February 5 to Jim, #1, #2, #3--No comment since I have nothing to add.

Re: Lou's letter of Pebruary 7 to Meg--The source of my information showing that Sarah "Sally" Christian, d'o Drewry by 1st wife, Prances ? Carnes, married Charles Jones, s/o Tom & Margaret (Connally) Jones, was obtained from Mrs. Erin M. O'Donnell, 60 Hybank, West Seneca, NY 14224. She indicated that this and much of her information about the family was obtained from Connally Pamily Records at the Georgia Department of Archives. Others from whom I obtained information about the family were Meg and Ted O. Brooke's correspondence which included abstract of Drewry Christian's will.

Re: Lou's letter of Pebruary 8 to Agnes--Regarding identity of the Anthony who was "heir-at-law" of his father Thomas Christian in 1753. I stand by discussion in my letter of Pebruary 3 which was forwarded to all of you by Lou. England's Law of Primogeniture prevailed in the American Colonies until after the Revolutionary War. On founding of the United States, each of the "sovereign states" passed its own laws of inheritance at that time. The Virginia Code allowed a "widow's third" and the remainder to be equally divided between the issue and/or their issue. There have been various changes through the years; and as you all probably know, even today the statutes differ from state to state.

<u>Re: Lou's letter of Pebruary 8 to Agnes, #5</u>--I plan to discuss "dower" and other matters soon after reviewing deeds in Goochland County, Virginia, between Thomas II and his sons and sons-in-law and daughters as well as other records involving a Rebecca or a Thomas. I believe the answer to (father of Anthony) Thomas's acquisition of acreage may be in those records. I still have not determined how John Goodwin figures in the family of Thomas, s-i-l. That might offer a key.

<u>Re: Betsy's letter of Jebruary 12 to Lou & Lou's letter of Jebruary 14 to Betsy</u>-I still have a question mark before parentage of Melton/Milton Christian. Betsy's arguments are quite convincing; but then again, Lou's arguments are equally convincing. If he proves to have been the youngest son of James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian, it can be noted that the male children of Presley and \_\_\_\_\_ (White) Christian who are in the appropriate age group on the census already have names; that is, Daniel W. [?White] Christian, born 1805-1810, and James Martin Christian, born 3 March 1810 (1805-1810).

Of course, it's possible that Melton, born c. 1809, might replace James in the line-up for 1805-1810 with James then falling into the 1810-1815 category where we have an unnamed son. If this is the case, then Melton could be the youngest son of Presley and \_\_\_\_\_ (White) Christian with the mother dying in childbirth. Presley's second marriage occurred about this time or a little thereafter. Thus, it is possible that his grandparents reared him and he continued to have closer ties to them than might otherwise have been the case. That could account for the naming pattern Melton chose for his own children--great-grandparents rather than grandparents.

Any second, third, or fourth thoughts about Melton's parentage, anyone?

Re: Betsy's letter of Pebruary 12-Although "heir-at-law" generally means heir of someone who died intestate, I have cases that prove this is not always so. During the Colonial period particularly when the Law of Primogeniture took precedence in disputes, the first-born was presumed to have been the heir-at-law to any property not mentioned in a will or other document. See my discussion above. Also, I will not go into detail about one of my Colonial Virginia relatives who claimed property as "heir-at-law" to his brother's estate even though the brother had left a signed will in 1771 giving the property to one of their sisters. Surprisingly, the court ruled in the brother's favor long after the Revolutionary War. I won't go into further detail, but I do believe the available evidence supports the assumption that there was only one Anthony Christian in 1753 in Virginia who was a son of a Thomas.

<u>Re: Jim's note and enclosures of February 15</u>--See notes above regarding Anthony Christian. I appreciate the photocopies Jim sent but wish to caution against the errors therein.

<u>Re: Lou's letter of February 15</u>-According to my notes the family of Rufus and Mary "Polly" (Oglesby) Christian consisted of ten children:

Mary Christian, died before 1893, married Thomas Christian, s/o Robert B. & Edna (LeSeur) Christian.

Thomas Oglesby Christian, born 13 Dec. 1808 Pranklin or Wilkes Co., GA, died 21 Sep. 1851 Gordon Co., GA; married 12 Nov. Oglethorpe Co., GA, Martha Ann Harmon.

\_\_\_\_\_ Christian, a daughter, who married a Mr. \_\_\_\_ Andrews. {This could be the Martha Christian who married Charles Andrews about whom you asked. In fact, I believe it quite likely that this is the couple in spite of Stacy's arguments. Of course, there could have been two Christian girls who married Andrews men]

Pollie Christian, died before 1893, married Thomas Phelps

Lucinda Christian, born Elbert Co., GA, died before 1893 in Gordon Co., GA; married James C. Hill.

Elizabeth Christian, married Jasper Smith.

Lindsa Christian, died before 1893. [Is this a son or daughter?]

Drew/Drury Christian, died before 1893; no further information.

Rufus Christian, born 7 June 1815 in GA, died 5 June 1892 Rockdale Co., GA; married 1) Serena Eliqabeth Christian 28 Jan. 1838; married 2) Louisa Lucinda Jane (Harkness), widow Evans, 7 Peb. 1889 Henry Co., GA.

Manerva Christian, married Daniel Hickinsbothan.

The above information was obtained from three sources:

1) Mrs. Corrah Lee Braudt, in correspondence October 1972. My last letter to her in March 1980 went unanswered.

2) Mr. James M. Christian--Jim above--in various letters beginning in May 1988, data primarily concerning the younger Rufus Christian and his wife.

3) <u>A Memorial and Biographical History of McLennon, Palls, Bell and Coryell Counties, Texas, photocopy of significant pages 981 and 982 enclosed.</u>

I would appreciate any corrections, additions, or comments regarding connections discussed in this letter.

Now, back to the problem of Thomas Christian of Bedford County, Virginia1

Sincerely,

Enclosure

OCKANDER, a prominent street-railway and street-paving contractor of Waco, Texas, and a progressive and publicspirited citizen, was born in Sweden, in 1839, and is the oldest of three living children. He was educated in Germany, completing a prescribed course. He served in the Swedish army two years. He was afterward engaged in merchandising in Lubeck, Germany, for eight years, from which business he reaped a good profit. Being, however, of an adventurous and ambitions disposition, he decided to try his fortunes in the United States, the Mecca at that time of all dissatisfied people. Accordingly, in 1877, he emigrated to this country, settling in Fort Worth, Texas. He there engaged in street railway construction on contract, building twentyfive miles of track in that city. From there Mr. Ockander removed to Waco, in 1888, where he has taken large contracts for street paving, having already built eight miles of paved streets. For the paving material, Mr. Ockander has opened a large quarry in Waco, which supply is supplemented by large shipments of material from west Texas. In the prosecution of his business he employs about fifty men and owns the teams with which they are kept busy. He is comfortably off in this world's goods, owning besides his residence, property in Waco, desirable real-estate in Fort Worth, all of which he has gained by his own unaided industry and perseverance.

Mr. Ockander was married in Sweden, in 1867, to Catherine Lingston, daughter of a prosperous farmer. They have three children: Larz, who married Lizzie Peak; Hilda, a graduate of Burns Institute, Fort Worth; and Carl, foreman for his father, the older brother being the superintendent. Both sons were also educated at Burns' College. They are capable and worthy business men of their city.

In all his various relations in domestic and business life, Mr. Ockander has always been the same able, conscientious and genial man, winning both financial success and the regard of all worthy people.

A. CHRISTIAN, County Commissioner of McLennan county, Texas, was born in Georgia, in 1834.

His parents, Thomas O. and Martha A. (Harman) Christian, were also natives of Georgia, the Christian family having moved from Virginia to that State. Grandfather Rufus Christian, a soldier of the War of 1812, was a man of considerable wealth. He reared a family of ten children, namely: Mary, deceased, wife of Thomas Christian; Thomas O., father of F. A.; Mrs. Andrews; Pollie, deceased, wife of Thomas Phelps; Lucinda, deceased, wife of James Hill; Elizabeth, wife of Jasper Smith; Lindsa, deceased; Drew, deceased; Rufus, a resident of Newton county, Georgia; and Manerva, wife of Daniel Hickinsbothan. The maternal grandfather, John Harman, lived to the ripe old age of ninety-live. He was a Pennsylvania Dutchman and a man of much wealth. Following are the names of his children: Frederick, Elizabeth, Washington, Mary, Sarah, John, Martha and Caroline. Thomas O. Christian was born in Wilkes county, Georgia, and died September 21, 1851, in Gordon county, aged forty-three. He was a farmer and slave-holder, and was largely interested in raising grain and stock. His wife was born March 10, 1810, and died in Texas, January 21, 1887, at the age of seventysix. Following is the issue from their union: F. A., the subject of our sketch; Ella L., wife of Dickson Connerly; Amelia A., wife of Alford Waddell; J. M. W., deceased; George T., deceased; William, who was killed at the second battle of Manassas; Mary I., wife of Thomas Connerly; Ophelia, wife of J. A. Monte; and Cordelia, wife of Jackson Estell. Ophelia and Cordelia are twins.

F. A. Christian was educated in the common schools of his native county. His father dying when he was a boy, the business of the farm and care of the family early developed upon him, so his opportunities for an education were limited. After reaching his majority he went to Port Gibson, Mississippi, and was employed as an overseer until the breaking out of the

Civil war. He then entered the Confederate service and fought bravely for a cause he believed to be just and right. He was with the forces that operated in the East, and took part in many of the important engagements of the war, continuing in the service till it closed. He was twice wounded. In May, 1864, he received a slight wound in the arm, and for gallant action on the field at that time, was promoted to a command. At Hatche's Run lie was severely wounded in the left leg below the knee, after which he was confined in the hospital at Richmond from January to April.

Returning to his home in Georgia after the surronder, Mr. Christian engaged in agricult. ural pursuits. In 1869 he disposed of his interests there and came to Texas. For five years he made his home in Henderson, Rusk county, from there went to Bell county, and a year later took up his abode in McLennan county, settling at Comanche Springs. In 1879 he purchased a farm of 100 acres, unimproved land, located six miles from Moedy, for which he paid \$3 per acre. This property he improved, and in 1890 sold for \$22.25 per acre. His residence is now in the town of Moody. In 1884 Mr. Christian was elected Justice of the Peace, and served in 1885–'86, and in 1888 was elected to the same office. In 1890 he was elected a County Commissioner, which office he is now most acceptably filling.

Mr. Christian was married in 1866, to Mrs. L. R. Holmes, (nee Pophem) of Georgia. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and are highly esteemed citizens of Moody.

raiser of McLennan county, was born in 1828, the tenth of twelve children born to Jonathan and Ann (Thompson) Harris. Of this large family of children only three survive: our subject, a brother who resides at Kinmundy, Illinois, and a sister at Oneida, Canada. The father was descended from an old Quaker Irish

family, whose ancestors date back to the Cromwell times. Mr. Harris emigrated to Canada in an early day, where he died, in April, 1866, at the advanced age of ninety-eight years; the mother survived him until July 12, 1869.

The subject of this sketch began life for himself as a farmer, and after his marriage he began work as a machinist and sawyer, in a sawmill on Grande river, Canada. Eight years later he bought a farm near Lake Huron, but subsequently sold out and came to Waco, in 1874. After prospecting for a time Mr. Harris located at West Station, but three years later he bought his present farm of 360 acres of fine agricultural land. He has his place well improved, with a good barn and dwelling, and also abundance of water, having a never failing artificial reservoir.

Mr. Harris was married at the age of nineteen years, to Miss Eleanor Kernighan, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (McKnight) Kernighan. The father was a linen merchant of Belfast, Ireland, and owned and operated a line of vessels, which did business with Spain, Portugal and Morocco, and also plied on the Mediterranean and Baltic seas. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have had eleven children, namely: Annett, wife of Robert Kett, of Canada; Sarah J., deceased, was the wife of W. D. Austin; William T., who married Emma J. Carmichael and now resides at West Station; Samuel B., who married Miss Rebecca Eyrley, and resides at Waco; Adeline, wife of Thomas Foss, of Waco; Ezra A., who married Miss Josie Morgan, and resides near the homestead; Eleanor V., at home; Evena M., wife of W. E. Phillips, who resides near the home place; Jonathan, of Waco; Frederick, at home; Herbert C., attending the high school at West Station. Mr. Harris is a member of the Church of England, and his wife of the Scotish Presbyterian Church.

D. LEWIS, of the firm of Lewis Brothers, hardware merchants, Gatesville, Texas, is a native of Ohio. He was born in 1855, the third in the family of four children of D.

#### 26 FEB 1993

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.Jim, Meg, Betsy, Agnes -

... Sarah Stinchcomb & Drury B.Christian ...

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My computer has been down for a week with what they call "sticktion" and all the things I've been digging up for a whole week are ready to burst out like a dam bursting.

I am herewith driving the third nail in the coffin of the concept that the Drury Christian that Sarah Stinchcomb married up with in March 1834 was Drury B. Christian s/o Drury and Frances Carnes.

Acker: <u>Franklin C. of O. Records 1787-1849</u> p. 251 has the documents relating to the estate of Drury B. Christian dec'd. Jan 1843 Thomas C. Christian I Drury's half brother and Meg's ancestor] & Robert G. Little were appointed admnrs, and appraisers were appointed. Mar 1843 the admnrs made a return. Jan 1843 the inventory was listed. Nowhere in these [Acker's] abstracts is there any indication of a widow or children. It would be nice if somebody with initials JMC could look in Record Group 159-2-1 Box 03-23 at the Achives and read—the inventory—and the return among the loose—papers Acker reports as being there—to confirm that there's no mention of a widow.

But meanwhile I'm claiming this as another evidence that Drury B. died unmarried (8 years after requesting Ramsey as guardian and 8 years after Sarah Stinchcomb got married) — and therefore that the Drury who married Sarah Stinchcomb was some other Drury.

I have candidates but will discuss them later, to get this out before the dam bursts.

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3 MAR 1993

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.Dear Agnes -

Quick question on another subject: parents of Frances Connally who m. Drury Christian. Usually taken as Thomas Connally and Polly Price. But same parents are given to Samuel and William Lindsey Connally who married Drury's daughters from his 1st mg, Pyrene & Caeneis. I questioned that she was the half-mother-in-law of her own brothers.

Meg tells me that she doesn't have proof but she thinks you hold to that opinion or even have proof. Your comment?

I am ready to concede, especially if you confirm it. In Janie's family two sisters married two brothers and then the father of the brothers married another sister.

When you get around to it -

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March 7, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Iorest San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

In response to your letter of March 3 regarding the Connally connections to family of Drury Christian:

My information came from Erin O'Donnell, who acquired the information from a secondary, or more likely a tertiary, source. Her letter of September 2, 1984, with the pertinent photocopies, is enclosed. With a family of sixteen children, Thomas and Polly (Price) Connally could well have had Fanny Connally, who married Drury Christian; William Connally, who married Cenas Christian; and Samuel Connally, who married Pyrene Christian. This would have been a case of step-mother and step-daughters marrying siblings. I know of several current cases like this, albeit with only one child.

On the enclosed list, children do not seem to be in order--sons first, then daughters, except for Samuel who apparently was known as being the youngest of the sixteen children.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

#### 6 MAR 1993

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.Dear Jim -

### ..yours of 9/3/<u>1991</u> ...

1. Need reference data for the sheet p. 748 <u>Issue of Aug 26. 1817</u> ... about Ann Morse Christian. Suspect it very likely that the George Morse for whom Ann Christian was admnx is indeed her father. Much more likely that a daughter be admnx than a sister be admnx. Not too important for me just now. But I would like the reference, which you have written at the top but which is too faint to read — something like "... Abstracts from S. Journal m. Hentz". Sounds like some newspaper.

Re Ann Morse being a widow when she m. Abda Christian. I doubt that, but would appreciate knowing your evaluation of the Richmond Co. Gen. Soc. who supplied that info

- 2. You sent me p. 166 from Stovall Family in America about Bradley/Stovall/Nancy Christian, etc. and another page from same with no page # may be p. 167, maybe not. Can you identify that thing Stovall Family in America? I'm afraid I'm becoming enmeshed in that Bradley/Christian mess even though I've tried to stay away from it.
- 3. The news item re your friend Elizabeth Jackson Christian with your annotation connecting her to the (to me) elusive Elisha Clement Bennet Christian. My pencil notation is my version of what the news item says. My question is whether to equate the Dr. Wm. Henry Christian jr of the item with the Dr. Wm. Henry Christian jr of the item with the List.

CFC VIII, 671 to which you refer me has the son Wm. Edmund Christian who m. Julia Jackson, but says he had no daughter Elizabeth, only a daughter Susan Jane. Am I missing a generation?

Colleague Archie Christian of Austin has been asking me whether he is related to Stonewall's grandchildren but I'd never been able to tie Wm. Edmund Christian to our line. Of course even if you or Agnes straighten me out on my question I still can't tie ECB Christian to our family. I'm not hep on the NC and SC Christians. Archie loves that sort of stuff. He's figured he's some umpteenth cousin to Queen Elizabeth.

Whadya know! - only one page.

Dias Low Re. your any 3 better to agree. Lost poge . reference to Wm. H Christian . CFC VIII 671. I thought of was on to something = ih announcement But to - Qui Edu na Clipilis (1856-1973) This Mis Jackson is the To my friend Elizabeth Christian Jochson - Dr. Wn. H. Christian h. 7. Slam Christian 5n 5/ Slika Clement Benner Chritis Dr Wart Chill i're 1 find The I was Jack to Ele viel in the hor James TING IN

Miss Jackson, Mr. Landow Plan To Wed

Mrs. Elizabeth Christian Jackson and William Jackson, both of Atlanta, announce the engagement of their daughter, Eden Victoria Elizabeth, to Robert Mark Landow, son of Mrs. Beatrice Weinberg Landow of Narrowsburg, N.Y., and

the late Henry R. Landow.

The brideelect is the
granddaughter
of Mrs. Martha
B. Cole of Decatur and the
late G. Perry
Jackson Jr.,
and the late
Dr. and Mrs.
William H.
Christian Jr.
She is a 1981
graduate of
Druid Hills



Miss Jackson

High School and a 1985 graduate of the University of Georgia, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism. Miss Jackson is employed as an editor at Communication Channels Inc. in Sandy

Springs.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Weinberg and the late Mr. and Mrs. Zelman Bar Landow, all of Brooklyn, N.Y. He is a 1979 graduate of Stuyvesant High School in New York a 1983 graduate of Em where he received a science degree in gent y. Recently, he received his master of business administration degree in computer information systems from Georgia State University and is employed at the Arthritis Foundation National Office in Atlanta.

An engagement party was given by the bride-elect's cousins, Mr and Mrs. William R. Braswell, at

their home in Cumming.

A September 21 wedding is planned in Decatur.

CC: Cegne, Betsy, My -

6 MAR 1993

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.Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg -

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The first lead I've ever had that comes close to locating the IOM ancestor of Thomas — and not the lil' ole lady in tennis shoes variety.

A Ruth O'Keefe of Australia has published <u>Can You Trace</u> <u>Your Line to Adam?</u> (Feb 1991) 400 pages \$40 Australian. She has been trying to find the Thomas who migrated and his ancestry. The only thing she found that could possibly fit is the will of an Edward Christian of Beemaughaig, buried 20 Feb 1669, in which he leaves "to his son Thomas (abroad), legacie to cutt him off all right to the household ...". Frank Asbury Christian, Chicago, purchased a copy of her book.

Thought you guys should know. I myself stop at the Atlantic shore — have enough to do this side of the water.

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7 MAR 1993

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.Dear Agnes -

.... Anthonys in Powhattan ...

Alas, my very first foray in getting back to your Thomas throws a monkey wrench in the identification of Anthony who is a key in identifying your Bedfords.

Arch Christian sends me three unnumbered pages from an unidentified work, copy of pertinent page attached. Arch comes upon all sorts of references but is poor at citing the sources. (So what can you expect from a fellow who is three years older than even I am?) Have asked him for the citation but whisk this off meanwhile.

This appears to be a work listing arrivals and naturalizations. There you see Anthony sr and Anthony jr giving "oaths". Just what "oaths" means maybe you can determine from the VA Gen. reference (which I cannot get to). But the entire document relates to naturalization and "coming to America", in one item "Federal Naturalization Oaths". So the first thing you think is that this is the Anthonys immigrating from somewhere to America, specifically Powhattan.

The only possibility for squirming out of that is that maybe the Powhattan oaths were loyalty oaths where suspected Tories during the Revolution denied that charge by giving aloyalty oath.

Alack, alas - what do you think?

Lou

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#### 8 MAR 1993

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.Dear Agnes -

.... pursuit of Anthony in pursuit of Thomas ...

I have to get Anthonys straight in Powhatan, Cumberland, etc. before I can bear down on Anthony & Thomas in Bedford. To that end have been reviewing your:

# New Comments about Anthony Christian's Family (c. 1990) Anthony Christian jr (1724-1794) 13 Apr 1985 CFC IX,789-791, Jan 1 1983

- 1. You have Jr "proven son as documented by deed transfers". Are those deeds other than Sr to Jr, and Jr to Radford, and the estate to Radford?
- 2. You have Lucy "likely daughter but no proof yet found". I take it as sufficient proof that her mg. bndsmn was Anthony Christian when Anthony sr was still alive, i.e. her father.
- 3. Re Mary, we have of course since disposed of the idea that the 1795 mg to William Ogilby in Powhatan was that of Mary d/o John&Mary to her William Oglesby in Georgia.
- 4. You have Anthony [sr] of Cumberland witnessed a mg bond in Goochland 1753. (McClanahan has the same St. James Parish  $\mathfrak{A}$ 7 Aug.) Can you let me have the bond for the other data it may contain.

Incidentally we or at least I have been thinking that St. James Parish was in Goochland, but I believe the correct relation at that time is that Goochland was in St. James Parish!

- 5. Your suggestion that the 1810 Campbell, VA Anthony may have been our Anthony jr. Can't be, if the numbers hold. The two daughters in 1810 were b. 1786-1794 but Anthony and Rebecca Prosser were not married till 1795.
- 6. In the CFC p. 789 you have the Anthony m. Sallie Ewing b. in the early 1770's rather than later [as I assume O'Neal had it]. And you think he may well be the younger brother of Thomas b. 1750-1760 who was heir-at-law of Nathaniel of Montgomery, VA. I'll come to that when I get to Nathaniel in tracking your Thomas. Meanwhile, just who was the Anthony b. 1779 in Powhatan? Boy! we've sure got a surplus of Anthonys floating around.

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9 MAR 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

....yours 2/20 reply to mine 2/15 ....

Jim has sent me, and you, his comments on your listing of the family of Rufus Christian sr, OK'ing everything. Herewith my FGR on Rufus sr for your information. I have a few questions.

- 1. You have a lot of "before 1893" deaths. Whence? Maybe some 1893/1892 estate settlement?
  - 2. You have Lucinda b. Elbert, d. Gordon. Whence?
- 3. I presume your correspondent Mrs. Cora Lee Braudt of 1972 was a descendant, maybe of Lucinda? If so can you let me have her descent?
- 4. We have two birth dates for Thomas Oglesby Christian, 8 Dec 1802, 18 Dec 1808. Believe Betsy is adamant for 18 Dec 1808. Whence your 13 Dec 1808?

FGR Rufus sr

Jim
Not sent to Betsy, Meg - don't think they're especially interested.

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### FAMILY GROUP RECORD-4060

9 Mar 1993 Page 3 of 3 HUSBAND Rufus CHRISTIAN sr-10930 Yr of Birth 1786 Mary OGLESBY Polly-11224 Yr of Birth 1787 CHILDREN (continued) 11. NAME: Minerva CHRISTIAN-11234 ---- BORN: 1926/1830 PLACE: ,,Georgia F CHR.: PLACE: DIED: PLACE: BUR.: PLACE: SPOUSE: Daniel HIGGINBOTHAM-11320 MRIN: 4095 MARR: 5 Oct 1842 PLACE: ,Elbert,Georgia



March 18, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Iorest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78.258

Dear Lou:

Yes, I know that it isn't Christmas, but I'm using up some left-over envelopes with you and some of my other regular genealogical correspondents. Also, this is probably a premature response to your recent letters, but I want to try to stay on top of the questions for which I have something to say.

Letter to Jim 6 MAR 1993: I wish I had the answer to parentage of William Edmund Christian and of Elisha Clement Bennett Christian, but I don't. This offers an opportunity to make a possibly relevant observation about the Bennett family (to whom the latter may have been connected). If you recall, one of the witnesses to the 1743 Goochland County, Virginia, will of Thomas Christian was Anthoney Bennin. I checked records for the Bennin family through selected successive years and found that by the nineteenth century, most seem to have adopted use of the name of Bennett. I won't send those abstracts to clutter your files at this time.

<u>Letter to Agnes 6 MAR 1993</u>: What an amaging find! Locating a will which actually mentions a son, "Thomas Christian, abroad." I can hardly wait to see a photocopy of the entire document. I have made reservations for ten days of research in Salt Lake City in late April. Perhaps I can locate it at that time to see what additional information may be available. In the meantime, exactly where is Beemaughaig? I can't find it on any of my maps.

<u>Letter to Agnes 7 MAR 1993</u>: I am at a loss to account for the references to Anthony Christian, Jr., and Sr., having "arrived" in Powhatan County, Virginia, in 1777. I have enclosed a printout of references to Anthony Christian but notice that I have left out christening, marriage, etc. If the senior Anthony arrived in Powhatan in 1777, it would have been from one of the other colonies. I do plan to check the references, however.

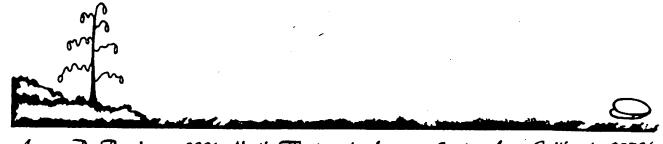
<u>Same letter</u>: Since Anthony Christian, Jr., was born about 1760 (per Revolutionary War record), he may have been married and had children before his marriage to Rebecca Prosser. I expect to do a little more checking on this, too.

More on Anthony Christian later!

Sincerely

Enclosure

Capy to Jim



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

March 20, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Porest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78.258

Dear Lou:

I hasten to offer an explanation to comments in my letter of March 18 regarding identity of the parents of William Edmund Christian who married Julia Jackson. I had indicated that I knew nothing of them only to discover in my notes a letter that you had sent to me last year: It was dated 3 April 1992 from Cortlandt Creech Preeman to a Mr. Miller in which she identified his parents as Reverend William Henry and Susan Doggett (Branch) Christian, who were married in 1853 in Petersburg, Virginia. She states that Reverend Christian was born in New Kent County, Virginia, to Edmund and Mary Christian. If her information is correct, then we do know the lineage to that degree. Her maternal grandmother was Julia Jackson Christian, who married Edmund Randolph Preston.

15 Oct. 1991 Letter to Agnes with Observations on Chronology of Turner Hunt Christian: As you can see, Lou, I have been reviewing our correspondence. In that chronology, you mentioned that Turner Hunt Christian had moved from Bute County, North Carolina, to Warren County, North Carolina. I simply wished to point out that he did not move. Bute County was discontinued when it was split to form Warren and Franklin Counties. In passing, I might add that almost all my paternal lines were from those two counties and neighboring Halifax and Nash Counties, also in North Carolina. In fact, my father was born in Warren County.

29 Nov. 1992 Letter to Agnes: Recently one of our cousins stopped by the house and left a copy of Chappalear's book about the Leake family. There is absolutely no mention in his book, The Leake Yamily, on page 57 or otherwise about any Martha Ann Christian (daughter of the immigrant) having married a John Mask. Unless Chappelear wrote a book about the Mask family of which I am not aware, I believe we can assume that there was no such person of record.

Have I mentioned another individual quite interested in the family of James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian?

Mrs. June Fry Smith, 609 Scott Place, Abilene, Texas 79601
She plans to engage Dr. Arlene Eakle to try to shed light on the parentage of her Elijah Willis
Christian, whom we have tentatively identified as a son of James and Lucy. In order that Dr.
Eakle not repeat work already done, shouldn't we provide June Smith with the results of our
research as summarized in your "Documentary Chronology of them dated 27 December 1992?

Sincerely,

100% Recycled Paper

ce; Jim

24 MAR 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

.... Martin vs. Ballenger as name of Milly White's mother ...

In your letter to Consortium 27 Nov 1990 you mention Milly White's mother as Mary Martin. You are discussing the lineage sent you by Frank Kerr McDaniel which has a Yancey Pressly Christian IOM to Milton Co. GA about 1750 with son James Martin Christian (1810 Milton - 1861 Hunt, TX). {The problem is to tie the Yancey Pressly with our Pressley.}

You use the Martin name in the concept of tying Milly White's mother (and Pressley's wife's mother) to the Yancey crew. (A further such connection is that James Martin Christian was married in McNairy Co. TN --- where we have our Pressly  $\underline{in}$  1830.... about the time that James Martin would be marrying.

I have always had a reservation about our Pressley in McNairy Co, and now there enters the possibility that the McNairy Co 1830 Pressley was actually this Yancey Pressly Christian -- and therefore either

- Yancey Pressley was actually the name of our Pressley, or
- 2. Yancey was some other Pressley and our Pressly was not in McNairy in 1830 as I have always feared.

But the current problem is with your Mary Martin. Jim has for some years had the descent:

John Ballenger m. Sarah

Mary Ballenger m. Daniel White Milly Pressley's wife Eppy et. al.

I leave that for you and Jim to reconcile.

LOUM

Jim

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### 24 MARCH 1993

County Clerk, McNairy Co. SELMER, TN 38375

Sometime in the early 1830's there was a marriage in McNairy Co. of James Martin Christian to Harriet McLester. I would like to have that marriage record.

If you have such please send it to me with a bill and I'll pay it, or let me know the cost first and I'll pay it.

If you have a marriage index I'd also like to have a Xerox of the page or pages listing male and female Christian marriages in these early 1800's.

Thanks for your help -

LOUIS KOENIG

Agnes

#### 25 MAR 1993

J.M. CHRISTIAN 4439 SHELBURNE DR DUNWOODY GA 30338

.Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg -

... Elijah Clement Bennet Christian & Stonewall Jackson ...

My computer has been out for two weeks. Hope you've enjoyed the rest.

I apologize for misleading youall by a lil-ole-lady-in-tennis-shoes misconstruction. But first of all I apologize for not being able to place just who I sent that misconstruction to. So if you've not received something from me on ECB Christian and Stonewall Jackson in the past few weeks - just throw this letter away and make believe you never got it. For the rest, here's the story.

There are 3 documents involved:

- 1. CFC VIII, 671, Jul 1982 on Stonewall Jackson's Christian grandchildren.
- 2. News item on Miss Eden Victoria Elizabeth Jackson's forthcoming marriage, sent by Jim 9/3/91 with his notes on it and my pencil notes on his notes, sent to "youall" by me a few weeks ago.
- 3. Letter 4/3/92 from Cortlandt Creech Freeman describing her ancestry (a Stonewall descendant) to a James Alfred Miller apparently sent by Miller to Agnes undated with a request for help. There must have been some prior Miller/Agnes correspondence for he asks Agnes to send "Xerox of your newspaper".
- #1 has William Edmund Christian, the newspaper man who m. Julia Neale Jackson, thus the father of Stonewall's grandchildren, as the s/o The "Reverend Doctor William H. Christian ( ) of Petersburg, VA (m. Susan Doggett Branch 15 Mar 1853).

d/o Jim's friend Elizabeth (Christian) Jackson (no relation)

d/o "Dr. & Mrs. William H. Christian jr"
and Jim's notes carry this on as Dr. Wm. H. Christian jr to:

s/o Wm. Henry Christian sr

s/o Elam Christian

s/o Elisha Clement Bennet Christian

s/o unknown

So far it appears that the bride is a descendant of ECB Christian. Nothing in Jim's notes indicate any connection with Stonewall Jackson.  $\underline{I}$  jumped to the conclusion that Jim's Dr. Wm. H. Christian jr was the Rev. Doctor William H. Christian of Petersburg of #1. That was before I latched onto the Miller/Cortlandt correspondence, #3.

Now the retraction. Cortlandt's letter has her ancestry from William Edmund Christian, the newspaperman, but has him:

s/o Rev. Wm. Henry Christian m. Susan Doggett Branch, as in #1, b. New Kent 8 Jun 1825,

s/o EDMUND & MARY CHRISTIAN - a farmer in comfortable circumstances.

Edmund & Mary had another son Prof. Jno. E. Christian, who taught math at the precursor of VMI in Blacksburg.

My error was in equating the Dr. William Henry Christian jr the bride's ancestor in the ECB Christian line with the Rev. William Henry Christian of the newspaperman's line (no jr mentioned either in #1 or #3). There is nothing in the evidence connecting them other than the similarity in names. Indeed the ECB line has both a jr and a sr William Henry. We don't have the dates for them but maybe dates for Wm. Henry Christians would definitely distinguish them.

Anyway, SORRY. I have to go now and put on my tennis shoes.

### LOU

PS. Interesting sidelight: The Thomas J. Jackson Christian jr in #1, grgrson of Stonewall, was in the 1939 West Point class with my son's father-in-law Gen. Walter Brinker who knew him well. He was killed in WWII in Europe.

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25 MAR 1993

HIGH POINT ENTERPRISE P O BOX 1009 HIGH POINT NC 27261

919-888-3500

In High Point on 14 Sep 1991 there died Julia Jackson Christian Preston, age 104, grandaughter of Stonewall Jackson. An obituary appeared in the Los Angeles Times 22 Sep 1991 so I presume it had appeared in your paper.

If available I'd like a Xerox of the obituary or other related stories in your paper. Please send it to me with a bill and I'll pay it. Or tell me the cost and I'll send the money.

Are there any of her descendants still resident near High Point? If you know of any would you let me have their address so I can correspond with them?

Thanks for your help -

#### LOUIS KOENIG

Agnes: High Point has only some 2000 residents, so somebody there ought to know her.

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25 MAR 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

- Dear Agnes -

....yours of 14 Aug 1991 ...

About the wives of Ira Christian. (You mention Robert Bryan but you're asking about Ira).

McIntosh had me messed up on that but I finally doped it out. He had only 4 wives. Here's the FGR's showing how I have it. McIntosh had "Althea (Vernon) Christian . 8 Dec 1845 (third wife ...). Took me years to get over that.

4 FGR's

Lou

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SPOUSE: MARR:

PLACE:

25 Mar 1993	=======================================	Page 1
HUSBAND Ira CHRISTIAN-10934		
BORN: 1801	PLACE: ,,Georgia	**************************************
CHR.:	PLACE:	
)IED: 27 Dec 1857	PLACE: Elberton,Elbert,Georgia	
BUR.:	PLACE:	
1ARR: 23 Aug 1837	PLACE: ,Elbert,Georgia	has other marriages
ATHER: Robert Bryant CHRIS	TIAN-10926	PARENTS' HRIN: 3974
OTHER: Edna LESEUR-10933		
NIFE Elizabeth H. MABRY-		
90RN: 27 Jan 1816	PLACE: ,,Georgia	
CHR.:	PLACE:	
NED: 21 Jun 1844	PLACE: ,Elbert,Georgia	
BUR.:	PLACE: ,Elbert,Georgia,Ira Christian	
FATHER:		
10THER:		
CHILDREN		
1. NAME: Sarah Helen CHR	:=====================================	
BORN: 12 Nov 1838	PLACE:	
F CHR.:	PLACE:	
DIED: 27 Oct 1897	PLACE:	
BUR.:	PLACE:	
SPOUSE: George EBERHAI		MRIN: 3983
	PLACE: ,Elbert,Georgia	
2. NAME: Shelby CHRISTIAN		
BDRN: 25 Dec 1840	PLACE:	
M CHR.:	PLACE:	
DIED:	PLACE:	
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MARR:	PLACE:	
3. NAME: Althea CHRISTIA		
BORN: 15 Jul 1841	PLACE: ,Elbert,Georgia	
F CHR.:	PLACE:	
DIED: 18 Aug 1842	PLACE: ,Elbert,Georgia	
BUR.:	PLACE: ,Elbert,Georgia,Ira Christian	
SPOUSE:		
MARR:	PLACE:	
4. NAME: Robert E. CHRIS		
BORN: 28 Oct 1842	PLACE:	
M CHR.:	PLACE:	
DIED:	PLACE:	
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-3978 25 Mar 1993 Page 1 of 2 HUSBAND Ira CHRISTIAN-10934 BORN: 1801 PLACE: ,, Georgia CHR.: PLACE: DIED: 27 Dec 1857 PLACE: Elberton, Elbert, Georgia BUR.: PLACE: MARR: 26 Sep 1848 PLACE: ,Elbert,Georgia has other marriages FATHER: Robert Bryant CHRISTIAN-10926 PARENTS' MRIN: 3974 MDTHER: Edna LESEUR-10933 Permelia Amanda FRYER-10948 BORN: 6 Dec 1824 PLACE: ,Pike,Georgia CHR.: PLACE: DIED: Aug 1906 PLACE: BUR.: PLACE: FATHER: Zachariah FRYER ESQ.-10954 PARENTS' MRIN: 3979 CHILDREN 1. NAME: Mary CHRISTIAN-10949 ---- BORN: 19 Jun 1849 PLACE: Elberton, Elbert, Georgia F CHR.: PLACE: DIED: 10 Aug 1849 PLACE: Elberton, Elbert, Georgia BUR.: PLACE: ,Elbert,Georgia,Ira Christian SPOUSE: MARR: PLACE: 2. NAME: Robert Zachariah CHRISTIAN-10950 ---- BORN: 1850 PLACE: Elberton, Elbert, Georgia M CHR.: 4 PLACE: DIED: PLACE: BUR.: PLACE: SPOUSE: MARR: PLACE: 3. NAME: Alice Gertrude CHRISTIAN-10951 ---- BORN: 8 Dec 1852 PLACE: Elberton, Elbert, Georgia F CHR.: PLACE: DIED: PLACE: BUR.: PLACE: SPOUSE: MARR: PLACE: 4. NAME: Ira CHRISTIAN jr-10952 ---- BORN: PLACE: Elberton, Elbert, Georgia M CHR.: PLACE: DIED: PLACE: BUR.: PLACE: SPOUSE: MARR: Charlou KOENIG

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March 26, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78,258

Dear Lou:

Glad your computer is off the disabled list!

Re my "MEMO" to Consortium dated 27 Nov. 1991 and your note about it dated 24 Mar. 1993: Please correct your copy of my Memo to indicate that the Daniel White mentioned therein did not marry Mary Martin; he married Mary Ballenger. It was Daniel White's mother who was Mary Martin. Daniel White was the son of Jeremiah and Mary (Martin) White. I'm sorry for my error and hope I have not made too many such goofs. This Daniel and Mary (Ballenger) White were the parents of Mildred, wife of Isaac Christian and, I believe, were parents of \_\_\_\_\_ White, the supposed first wife of Presley Christian.

There is little doubt in my mind that the Presley Christian from whom Frank Kerr McDaniel traces descent is the same Presley as the one mentioned above—the one who left Georgia for McNairy County, Tennessee. The relative who provided him with the information identified Pressley as Yancey Pressly Christian, son of Jens/Yens Peter Christian. It is my guess that the father's name was written on some piece of paper in the family's possession as Jams. or Jas. or Jms. and incorrectly interpreted as Jens. It is possible that such a person did immigrate to Georgia from the Isle of Man about 1750; however, it would have been to a county other than Milton County, which was not formed until much later. Knowing how oral traditions tend to skip several generations, it is likely that an earlier person immigrated from Man although our inability to find parents of the James Christian who married Lucy Bradley might lend credence to the possibility of James late arrival about 1750.

While writing the above, I decided to check my printout of births, marriages, and christenings on the Isle of Man. It is of interest to note that there is not a single individual named Jens or Yens Christian listed. Of course, there are a number of men named James Christian and/or listed as Jas. Christian.

Although I have not heard from Mr. Mc.Daniel since 1991, I plan to write to him again today to correct my note to him regarding relationship of Mary Martin to Daniel White. I will also ask him if he has made any addtional discoveries.

Sincerely,

cc: Jim, Meg, Betsy



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

March 27, 1993

Dr. Louis Koeniq 26890 Sherwood Porest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78,258

Dear Lou:

Just received your letters of March 25. My, but the Postal Service was quick this time!

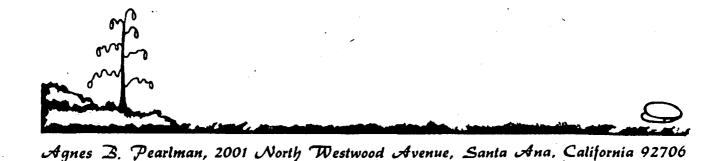
I quess we now are clear about the various men named William Henry Christian. Interesting sidelight about great-grandson of Stonewall being in the same West Point class as your son's fathe-in-law.

Thank you for the clarification about what you have on the marriages and children of Ira Christian. I notice that you place a daughter Althea as the third child of Ira and Eliqabeth (Mabry) Christian. Did you notice that the dates would make her a "seven-month" baby. Do you think at that period one would have survived? Also, who then was Althea Vernon? Could there have been five marriages, after all? There is room for a marriage to Althea Vernon on 15 July 1841 instead of 1845. I haven't done any research about this so depend on you and others to figure it all out.

In passing, I might add that it appears I will complete the Master Index to <u>Christian Pamily</u> <u>Chronicles</u> this month. What a job!

Sincerely,

cc: Jim



March 27, 1993

James M. Christian, R. Ph. 4439 Shelborne Drive Dunwoody, Georgia 30338

Dear Jim:

Thank you so much for sending the photocopy of the response from Frank Asbury Christian about the location of Beemaughaig. I had guessed that it might be on the Isle of Man but, as I indicated in one of my recent letters, I could not be sure.

I just checked my printout for births, christenings, and marriages on the Isle of Man to see if there might be a Thomas Christian, son, of Edward, in the right age bracket. Unfortunately, most of the entries are for a date too late for any such relationship.

It will be interesting to see the will of Edward Christian of Beemaughaig.

Sincerely,

cc: Lou

26 MAR 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

#### ....yours of 2/20/93, misc. ...

- 1. You say "..sons of Pressley ..already have names; that is Daniel W. (White) Christian born 1805-1810 and James Martin Christian born 3 Mar 1810 (1805-1810)." [This James Martin is the same name as the James Martin Christian in the Yancey Pressley family I wrote about recently for you and Jim to reconcile.] Question: whence those children and dates for children of our Pressley?
- 2. You have a second mg. for our Pressley shortly after birth of Milton in c. 1809. Never heard of a second marriage. Whence?
- 3. In a previous letter, 3/9, I ask whence the "before 1893"'s in page 3 of your 2/20/93. Believe I've meanwhile figured it out. 1893 is the public date of the McLennan history.
- 4. Believe Betsy has already told you Lindsa is Lindsey, son.
- 5. Pressley Franklin Christian's birth date, you ask 25 Mar or 25 May. Jim had correspondence with the Swift family, descendants, who had a Lois Greer research for them. She had 25 May. Don't know where a 25 Mar came into it.

MM 1400

#### 27 MAR 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

#### ....BULLETIN ....

Bruce Christian was down Sunday. He has transferred from Lubbock to the University Law School at Austin and is again living at home and taking some time for genealogical research. He is a careful and penetrating researcher.

He looked up the Anthony oaths in VA Genealogist. They are oaths of allegiance to The Commonwealth of VA, i.e. loyalty oaths as we suspected. There are several other Christian related swearers but I don't stop to track them down now.

He also looked up the Perkins Family article in TQ-a multipage article mostly on another Perkins family but mentioning the "New Kent Perkinses" which family intersects the main family via a daughter of the pertinent Christian-related William Perkins by his 2nd, non-Christian wife.

William Perkins bapt. 25 Aug 1706 [St. Peters Vestry Book and Register by Chamberlayne] d. 1755 m. (1) Isabella Christian, d. 18 Dec 1736. They had:

Elizabeth Perkins d. 21 Jul 1770 m. Benedict Crump 12 Oct 1762. [Crumps are Christian-involved or maybe it's Hunt-involved ... I don't stop to check now.]

Christian Perkins b. 25 Dec 1734

Mary Perkins d. 19 Jan 1734

[Clearly the order is not definitely provable.]

There were also William, David, James, and Nathaniel not determinable whether by 1st wife or 2nd wife. Definitely by the 2nd wife, Mary Otey, were: John, Isaac Otey, and Mary Ann. But the William Perkins m. 1756 named his first child b. 7 Aug 1757 Christian Perkins, making it very likely that he was a son of Isabella Christian. And the James named his daughter Mary Otey Perkins making it very likely that he was s/o the 2nd mg.

Something screwy about the dates. John of the 2nd mg was b. 3 Apr 1737, only 3 1/2 months after 1st wife died.

ANYWAY, I retreat from Isabella as d/o immigrant Thomas. Her husband was bapt. 1706 and she would be born about that time — too late to be the d/o Thomas I b. c. 1632 and having the 3 sons around 1670. 1706 was 20 years after birth of James. Scratch that theory — but keep looking for an older Isabella somewhere

SCORE:

Anthony: we won Isabella I lost

LOU

Bruce

27 MAR 1993

MRS. JUNE FRY SMITH 609 SCOTT PLACE ABILENE TX 79601

.Dear June -

Agnes Pearlman has told me of your interest in Elijah Willis Christian and James Christian m. Lucy Bradley, and has suggested that I (= we) let you know what we have on these before you get too far with the professional genealogist that you are considering.

My own activities are shown on the enclosure — about DCA. We have a consortium of 5 who have been working for years on the Christians of Elbert and nearby counties, especially those in Newton County. They include Agnes, the grand dame of Christian genealogy, Betsy Cammack of California, Jim Christian and Meg Crowell of Georgia. Together the consortium have accomplished a remarkable amount of elucidating the complex relationships.

We do not have a definite proof that Elijah Willis sr was a son of James&Lucy but we believe he must be. We do have definite proof that Elijah Willis sr and Pressley were brothers. Enclosed are my "Documentary Chronologies" for James and for Elijah Willis sr. Both of these are in my "Floaters" book, i.e. not yet connected to the line of Thomas the immigrant. My feeling that we will eventually tie them in is what keeps Elijah there despite that his descendants are descended from the immigrant through his wife Mary Clark(e) Christian — my scheme carries descent through the male line if both are in line.

Of course I am anxious to get <u>you</u> into my records and to that end will be asking you for your descent - later. For now please just let me have the outline of your pedigree to Mary Clark(e) Christian. I am glad to answer any questions you have. I can send you pedigrees, family group sheets, etc. as you wish.

You have in Abilene another Christian researcher, a descendant of Edward Leake Christian, not part of our Newton consortium, but a deep researcher. Maybe you'd like to get acquainted with her and commiserate over the obstacles our Christian ancestors left for us. She is: Gwen Gentry, 1012 Chriswood Dr. 79601.

LOUIS KOENIG

DATE	LOCATION him land		ACTION			
FILE JAMES.W	K1 ROWS	63	COLUMNS: A TO E E = Elbert; F = Franklin; M =Madison; N=Newton			
1760/00/00 1760/00/00a			James Christian born hereabouts. Maybe. About. Lucy Bradley born			
1780/00/00			James Christian marries Lucy Bradley hereabouts, Maybe.			
1780/00/00			To 1783. William B. born	41		
1780/00/00 1780/00/00a			To 1784 Pressley born	41		
1787/07/04			Or 1788. Isaac born	41		
1789/00/00			Elizabeth born.	41		
1790/00/00			To 1800? dau2 born (M. Robt, C.Oglesby?)	41		
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1795/00/00	E	E	Elbert Tax list (1794-1806?) 204 ac. Doves Creek 7 negroes	38		
1797/02/07		ב	wit sale Coulter to Greenwood land on Doves Creek	23		
1799/01/21	E		extr will William Bradley, his f-i-l.	13		
1802/07/05	E E		James Christian Esq. on Land Court	24		
1803/00/00	E		2 blank draws, 1805 lottery Serial # 402 (Jessee was 403)	39		
1803/00/00			About. James G. born.	41		
1803/00/00a	_	~	About. Elijah Willis born	41		
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1803/09/05	E		James, Esq., on Land Court	25		
1804/02/00	E		James Christian, guardian of George Stovall	20		
1805/00/00	E		will Wm. Bradley prob., James extr. Lucy Christian heir	13		
1805/04/01	E		James, Esq. on Land Court Panel	44		
1805/07/00	E		guardian of George Stovall, William Bradley Security	21		
1806/00/00	Ē		George Stovall debtor to James Christian, guardian	16		
1806/08/04	Ε		James, Esq. on Land Court	26		
1807/00/00	_	_	To 1809. Milton born.	41		
1807/02/19	Ē	Ε	Buys 300 acres, Doves Creek, from Middleton Woods, adj. the 204 acres			
1807/06/01	Ε		On Land Court: Robert B. Christian esq. & J. P. Christian	35		
1808/00/00	E	_	on Grand Jury	12		
1808/00/00	E	E	Elbert Tax List (1794-1806?) 350 ac. Doves Creek. 7 negroes	37		
1808/01/06	Ε		James, Esq. on Land Court	27		
1808/12/05	E		James, Esq. on Land Court	28		
1809/04/03	Ε		On Land Court; Robert B. Christian & Jas. Christian	36		
1809/10/02	E		James, Esq. on Land Court	29		
1810/07/02	E		James, Esq. on Land Court	30		
1811/00/00	Ε	_	on grand jury	12		
1811/07/19	_	Ε	wit as J.P. deed Gabriel to Rufus land on Doves Creek	5		
1811/12/18	E	E	wit as J.P. Isaac to Wm. B, also wit Milly's release. Falling Creek	6		
1812/06/10	Ε	F	Jas.J. P & John Christian wit deed Reagan of E to Dobbs of F.	33		
1812/06/10a	_	_	Land on Hunters Creek			
1812/09/09	Ε	F	Fr deed Hubbard, Elb. to Drury Christian, Elb. wit Jas. J.P. & Reuben	34		
1812/09/09a	_	_	Land on Nails Creek			
1814/08/12	Ε	E	sells 150 acres to Robt. C. Oglesby (not termed J.P.) Doves Creek	7		
1815/00/00	Ε	Ε	Elbert Tax digest Capt. Carter's Dist. Also as exec. Wm. Bradley	43		
1818/01/17	E	_	James Christian (no J.P.) appraiser estate of Wm. T. Cook	17		
1820/06/00	E	E	1820 census, with Lucy, 4 males, 2 females, 9 slaves, 9 agric.	40		
1822/03/05	E	Ε	wit as J.P deed Pressley to Isaac Falling Creek	8		
1823/05/27	E		extr with John Brown of will of John Stratham	15		
1823/09/10	Ε		wit will of Eliz. Bond	14		
1824/09/17	Ε	Ε	PofA from Pressley of Alabama - for James SR	3,9		

## DOCUMENTARY CHRONOLOGY James Christian m. Lucy Bradley 27-Mar-93

DATE	LOCATION		ACTION		
	his	land		REF.	
1824/12/29	Ε	Ε	wit not as J.P. deed Reuben to Lindsay Johnson	10	
1826/00/00	N		Went to Newton County	42	
1826/02/18	Ε	Ε	sells Thos. Burton 422 1/2 acres, Doves Creek, Lucy relinquishes	11,4	
1826/03/00	Ε		bond of Pressley & James Christian as bond for John R. Wilhite as gdn.	19	
1826/03/17	Ε	Ε	Sheriff sold 422 1/2 acres Doves Creek, suit vs James, Wm. B. at al	4,11	
1830/00/00	Ε		lawsuit vs. James Christian & John Brown, extrs est. of John Stratham	18	
1833/11/00		M	Jas. Christian adj'r to Elijah Christian's "old place" on Lamars Creek	31	

NOTE: Children and births from Agnes & Betsy

## DOCUMENTARY CHRONOLOGY Elijah Willis Christian sr 27-Mar-93

DATE	LOCAT him	ION land	ACTION			
WILLIS.WK1	ROWS	38	COLUMNS: A TO E E = Elbert; F = Franklin; M =Madison; N=Newton			
1801/00/00			OR 1802 Mary Clarke Christian born, Elbert d/o Reuben & Mary Ann Cla	ark(e)		
1802/00/00	YA		Elijah Hillis sr. born parents not proven - likely James & Lucy Bradl	ley 14		
1820/00/00	Ε		1820 census no children 1 agric. female possibly not Mary Clarke ?	?? 12		
1823/12/19	Ε		marries Mary Clark(e) Christian	1,7,		
1824/00/00			dau Malissa born			
1825/00/00	H		To 1830 dau 2 born			
1825/00/00	N		1827 lottery Snows Dist drew 231-24-1 & 156-6-1	6		
1826/00/00	N		Or 1827 son James Hamilton born			
1827/12/19	N	N	buys from John McLain S 1/2 Lot 141 Dist 10, Snapping Shoal Creek	15		
1829/02/04	N	N	buys from John Peay, Crawford Co., S 1/2 Lot 141 Dist 10 !!!!	16		
1830/00/00	N		To 1835 son2(?) born			
1830/00/00	N		Or 1831 dau Mary Ann born			
1830/06/01	N		1830 census 7 slaves 8 agric.	4		
1832/00	N		Or 1833 son Reuben M. born			
1833/11/21	N	N	buys from John McLain 200 ac. parts Lots 143 & 114 [=141?] Dist 10	18		
1834/00/00	N		Or 1835 son William BCradley?] born			
1834/01/11	N	N	sells to John Hollingsworth S 1/2 Lot 141 Dist 10	17		
1837/00//00	N		Or 1838 son Elijah Hillis jr born			
1838/00/00	N		State census	2		
1838/00/00	N		To 1840 dau Elizabeth S. born			
1838/04/08			with his bro Isaac sec. for Isaac as admnr Wm. B. dec'd	11		
1838/12/13	И		will of f-i-l Reuben, extr along with b-i-l Abda	9		
1839/11/15	N		as excec sells land of Reuben dec'd	19		
1840/00/00	N		To 1843 dau Manerva born			
1840/06/01	N		1840 census 2 slaves, 3 agric.	3		
1841/04/12	N,		buys from Ephriam Thorne 5 mortgages	20		
	N		To. 1845 dau Martha F. born			
1847/00/00	N		Or 1848 dau Louisa A. born			
1848/00/00	N.		To 1850 Mary Clarke Christian dies	7		
1850/06/01	N		1850 census farmer	5		
1860/00/00	N	N	GA agric. census 300 acres	13		
1860/06/01	N		1860 census farmer	8		
1868/00/00	N		To 1875 Elijah dies	7		

31 MAR 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

.... yours of 3/27/93 - both of them ...

Yes, the postman was quick - and I'm even quicker, trying to keep out of the mess I had with a big backlog of letters.

- 1. I do not yet share your concept that the Yancey Pressley Christian was ours. But I'm working on it have inquired for the McNairy mg. record that might have some clues. As a matter of fact: the Yancey Pressley business has me throwing doubts that the McNairy 1830 character is indeed ours! Sure wish I could get to the census records.
- 2. Your reference to a Mary Martin as mother of Milly Ballenger is hereby expunged from the memory of man.
- S. No, I never did notice that Althea d/o Ira was a 7-month baby! Indeed she did only live for 13 months maybe as you say that was the reason.

For how it may help here's the history of Lou and Althea Vernon.

McIntosh p 390-391 has "Althea (Vernon) Christian b. 8 Dec 1845 (third wife ....)". That might mean that Althea (Vernon) was the third wife or that Althea (Vernon) was the child of a third wife. In the latter case why the ()'s but allow that to McIntosh' sloppiness.

My first reading of this was that Althea Vernon Christian was a d/o the 3rd mg. since the 2nd wife Mabry d. 21 Jun 1844. I did not then have a mg date for the 3rd wife. I took it that McIntosh, who is sloppy, thought the 3rd wife was named Althea Vernon thus the ()'s and that the daughter thereof b. 8 Dec 1845 was named after her, he having the mother and the daughter mixed together.

I then learned from Maddox that Ira m. Anna Wood in Oglethorpe 28 Feb 1845 so I scratched an Althea Vernon as the 3rd wife leaving Althea Vernon as Anna Wood's daughter born 10 months after the mg. OK. With a daughter of Anna Wood named Althea Vernon or just Althea I abandoned any idea that there was a wife Althea Vernon anywhere, for Anna Wood wouldn't be naming the first-born after a former wife, or even a girl friend!

But then I learned, from the cmty record, that Althea was born not 8 Dec 1845 but 15 Jul 1841. That made her the daughter of Ira and Elizabeth Mabry who d. 21 Jun 1844.

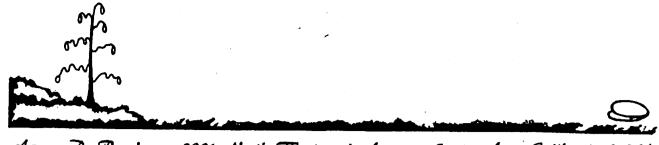
From the same cmty I learned that Anna d. 29 May 1847, allowing her only 26 months of married life. Of course therein she could have had an Althea Vernon b. 8 Dec 1845 as McIntosh has it but I ruled that out on the basis above and also that nowhere else in the records can I find any other date 8 Dec 1845. An 8 Dec 1845 child could have existed and died young - unfortunately I don't have the 1850 to check up on that. If there's a 5-year old daughter there I'd have to rearrange for that. As it is I have the Anna Wood mg. childless, and a 8 Dec 1845 child a whimsy of McIntosh or mixed up with some other child entirely.

That's the saga of Lou Koenig and Althea Vernon Christian.

Agnes, you say there's room for a mg to an Althea Vernon (or anybody) on 15 Jul 1841. Not so. Elizabeth Mabry was the wife from the mg date 23 Aug 1837 till her death 21 Jun 1844. And there's only 8 months between the death of Mabry and the mg to Wood. And only 16 months between the death of Wood and the mg to Fryer. Ole Ira kept himself pretty well married up with.

Comments welcome.

Jim



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

April 5, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Iorest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

Thank you for the letters of March 26, 27, and 31. This response will be by topic.

Pirst, a sincere "thank you" for your explanation regarding Ira Christian's relationship to an Althea Vernon. Obviously, an error was made by McIntosh--or at least in our interpretation of his meaning. I accept your conclusion that she was the daughter of Ira's second marriage to Elizabeth Mabry and that she was born in 1841 rather than 1845; however, I will keep an open mind about the possibility that Anna Wood may have had a child during her brief married life. You commented that you thought they wouldn't be naming a daughter after a former wife or even a girl friend; but, 't ain't so! My sister was named for one of my father's former girl friends--and the fact is so recorded in his family Bible, now in my possession. Also, I know of a number of occasions in my family where the first daughter of a second marriage was named for the deceased first wife (if a daughter had not previously been so named.

Second, a few comments on Pressly Christian and his parentage. Here I am referring to the eldest Pressley Christian, born 1780-84, whom I still believe was a son of James and Lucy (Bradley) Christian. I will try to explain why I also believe he is the same man referred to as Yancy Pressley Christian by Prank Kerr McDaniel. Perhaps I should preface my remarks by saying that I have not explored the records in depth but had concluded before ever hearing from Mr. McDaniel that the McNairy County, Tennessee, Pressley was the one who had originally appeared in Elbert County, Georgia. Basis of the conclusion was inferences from evaluation of the census enumerations.

Before giving sequence of events, as I interpret what is known, I wish to digress again for what I consider an obvious explanation of McDaniel's identification of the father as Jens Christian. As I mentioned, there is no such individual in any of the Manx records, and I have never seen record of such an individual in Georgia or Tennessee. Thus, I believe members of the family misinterpreted a written record left by an early ancestor, reading either "Jem" or "Jim" as "Jens." Even at that period, Jim (as we spell it today) or Jem (as it might have been spelled) was a common nickname for James. Thus, within the family circle a "James" would often have been called "Jem" or "Jim." I don't know how I overlooked this specific possibility when I recently offered a similar possibility in attributing the confusion to an abbreviation such as "Jas.," etc. Of course, "Jens" itself could have been a nickname.

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Kecora		sky Christian, born 1780-84, probably in Virginia or Georgia:
	1820	Elbert Co., GA, appears as head of household, aged 26-44, with no female old enough
		to have been mother of the older males and females listed there:
	****	Female born 1795-1804, not yet identified but probably a second wife for reason
		stated above and somewhat verified by 1830 census.
	****	Male born 1805-1810, believed to have been Daviel W. [?White] Christian, who was
		granted land in McNairy Co., TN, in 18.26.
	****	Female born 1805-1810, not yet identified, but likely child of a first marriage
		possibly toWhite, sister of Mildred White, because of given names of males.
	***	Another male born 1805-1810, probably the James Martin Christian, whom
		McDaniel states was born 3 March 1810 in Morgan County, GA, and moved with
		father to McNairy Co., TN. Likely the child of first marriage to White.
	****	Remale born 1810-1820, perhaps about 1812, not yet identified, but likely daughter
		of first marriage toWhite.
	****	
		Male born 1810-1820, not yet identified, who could have been issue of first or second marriage.
	****	Another female born 1810-1820, not yet identified, who culd have been issue of first
		or second marriage.
	18.24	Pressley Christian was "at St. Clare Co. At" source of information temporarily
	.02,	Pressley Christian was "of St. Clare Co., AL," source of information temporarily misplaced
	1830	Pressley Christian, aged 40-50, listed as head of household in McNairy Co., TN.
	7000	No such individual lound in Coordia on Alakama Individuals in house hold blow.
	****	No such individual found in Georgia or Alabama. Individuals in household follow:
		Yemale born 1/90-1800, probably second wife as noted above, thus narrowing her
	****	birthdate to 1/95-1800.
	****	Male born 1810-1815, not yet identified, issue of first or second wife.
	****	Female born 1810-1815, not yet identified, issue of first or second wife.
	****	Female born 1820-1825, not yet identified, undoubtedly child of second wife.
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Hemale born 18.25-18.30, not yet identified, undoubtedly chid of second wife. Pressley Christian has been identified as first Chairman of County Court of McNairy County, TN.

Finally, to the question of Isabella (Christian) Perkins' parentage. I am delighted that Bruce and you have provided a clearer, more exact record of this Isabella. Now knowing date of her husband's birth and information about several children, I certainly agree with you both that she was <u>not</u> a daughter of the immigrant, Thomas Christian, and have accordingly removed her from list of his children. We are now left with the question of identity of her parents. Lacking any direct leads as yet, I submit that she was probably the <u>sister</u> of the man we have identified as Thomas Christian, son-in-law. Notice that there is a David and a Nathaniel among the children of William Perkins (by which wife not yet known but possibly Isabella). These (as well as Anthony) are unusual Christian family names that first appear in the family of Thomas and Rebecca (Christian) Christian. What do you think?

I was also pleased to receive a copy of your letter to June Smith, and certainly hope her efforts with the professional will shed some light on our searches.

Sincerely

ec: Sim Brus M. . R.t.

29 MAR 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

.... yours of 3/20/93 ...

Quick one just to get it off the docket.

- 1. You have since received my retraction of my ECB Christian/ Stonewall Jackson error. Not important but that Freeman to Miller letter was not sent you by me. I interpret my Xerox of that as sent to  $\underline{you}$  by Miller who asks Agnes to send  $\underline{him}$  a Xerox of a newspaper. First thought it was Jim Christian asking that of you. No matter we both have the letter.
- 2. Thanks for straightening me out on the Bute to Franklin and Warren breakup. So instead of having Turner Hunt moving across the counties we have the counties moving across Turner Hunt!
- 3. I'll just forget anything you previously said about Martha Ann Christian m. John Mask. I have a McClanahan version that has an "index" containing all the names but no page numbers! There is no Martha Ann in the index and only one John Mask, witness to a deed of Christopher in NC. (You may have another of McClanahan's various versions.)
  - 4. You have my letter to June Fry Smith. Thanks.

Lm

2 APR 1993

MRS. JUNE FRY SMITH 609 SCOTT PLACE ABILENE TX 79601

.Dear June -

There's an error in my letter of 27 March. It is Elijah Willis sr and ISAAC for whom we have proven the brotherhood, not Elijah and Pressley.

Sorry -

LOU KOENIG

Agnes

3 APR 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

"Dear Agnes -

... birth date for Anthony jr ...

You have my query to Bruce as to whether Anthony jr's signing the oath of allegiance 19 Jul 1777 signified that he was 21 or more at the time. I am almost certain his (and your) response will be "Yes". That being so, I can get a better birth date for jr.

My previous construction was based on the Powhatan tax lists. He was not listed in 1782 and 1783 but was in 1784. I took that as indicating he was born 1762/1763. I was uneasy about that since his parents married 1755, and I have the other 3 kids born (insecure) after 1765. That's too long a gap.

The 1777 date has him born 1756/1757, and that's a lot better for a 1755 mg. What do you think?

And if you have more secure dates for the other 3, Lucy, Nancy, Mary, all based solely on their mg dates, please let me have your thoughts.

I am anxious to get these Anthonys straight in order to tie them in with or rule them out from the NC Anthonys in our search for your Thomas.

For

#### 5 APR 1993

PERCY LEE CHRISTIAN JR 2701 LILY PASADENA TX 77503 J. E. (June Fry) Christian 609 Scott Place Abilene TX 79601

.Percy & June -

You are both descendants of Elijah Willis Christian sr who is a floater with me but some of my colleagues want to have him s/o James & Lucy Bradley. I ask your active help is solving a puzzle about this Elijah.

In the 1821 Elbert Lottery there is an Elijah  $\underline{W}$ . who had one draw - that signifies he was over 18 (b. before 1804) and unmarried. The registry period was May - Jul 1821.

But in the 1820 Census Elbert p. 188 line 23 an <u>Elijah</u> is listed as 18-26 (= 18-25, i.e. b. 1795/1802) with one female 16-26 (=16-25, i.e. b. 1795/1804).

Your Elijah Willis m. Mary Clark(e) Christian 19 Dec 1823 in Elbert.

### There are these possibilities:

- 1. The female in 1820 is a 1st wife, hitherto unknown, who d. without issue before the May-Jul 1821 registry period. The first child of Elijah Willis and Mary Clark(e) Christian, Malissa was born 1824 [1860 census]
- 2. The female in 1820 was Mary Clark(e) living with him as a POSSLQ. But there is a place for Mary Clark(e) in her parents' (Reuben & Mary Ann Clark(e) ) household 1820 Elbert as one of the two 10-16 (b. 1805/1810) females listed there. Note: the census has the 1820 companion of Elijah W. as b. 1795/1804, not guite meshing with the 1805/1810 of Reuben's daughter. Anyway if Mary Clark(e) was a POSSLQ they must have abstained for 3 years until they got married and then produced Malissa within 12 months.
- 3. The female was a sister or other relative living with him. As sister the only possibility is Elizabeth m. LeRoy Oglesby but I don't have a mg date.
- 4. The Mary Clark(e) mg date is wrong. I have only Maddox for that and unlikely to be wrong. Furthermore the 1st child, b. 1824, not likely to be from a mg in 1820 or before. Also Mary Clark(e) was only 15 or less in 1820.

5. The Elijah of the 1820 was not the Elijah W. of the 1821 lottery but some other Elijah of Elbert. There was another Elijah Willis lurking around, s/o Elijah, but he was in Madison, never in Elbert, and besides he married Drucilla Williford 2 Oct 1821.

Pretty slim pickings! What do you think?

· LOU

Agnes, Betsy

## DOCUMENTARY CHRONOLOGY Elijah Willis Christian sr 27-Mar-93

NILLIS.WK1	DATE		LOCATION him land		ACTION		
1801/00/00						REF.	
1802/00/00		WILLIS.WKI	KUAS	38	CULUMNS: A IU E E Elbert; F = Franklin; M =Madison; N=Newton		
1820/00/00       E       1820 census no children 1 agric.       12         1823/10/19       Cri 1824 dau Malissa born       1,7,         1825/00/00       N       1827 lottery Snows Dist drew 231-24-1 & 156-6-1       6         1825/00/00       N       1827 lottery Snows Dist drew 231-24-1 & 156-6-1       6         1825/00/00       N       To 1830 dau 2 born       15         1829/02/04       N       N       buys from John McLain S 1/2 tot 141 Dist 10, Snapping Shoal Creek       15         1829/02/04       N       N       buys from John McLain S 1/2 tot 141 Dist 10, Snapping Shoal Creek       15         1820/02/04       N       N       buys from John McLain S 1/2 tot 141 Dist 10, Snapping Shoal Creek       15         1820/02/04       N       N       buys from John McLain S 1/2 tot 141 Dist 10, Snapping Shoal Creek       15         1820/02/00       N       To 1831 dau Mary Ann born       1830 census 7 slaves B agric.       4         1833/11/21       N       N       buys from John McLain 200 ac. parts Lots 143 & 114 [=141?] Dist 10       17         1834/00/10       N       Sells to John Hollingsworth S 1/2 tot 141 Dist 10       17         1837/00/10       N       To 1840 dau Elizabeth born       2         1838/00/00       N       To 1840 dau Elizab		1801/00/00			OR 1802 Mary Clarke Christian born, Elbert		
1823/00/00		1802/00/00	VA		Elijah Willis sr. born	14	
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Pout know if I sent you this or not.

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### ... GA Lottery qualifications ...

Agnes, Betsy and I have taken turns at batting out the GA Lottery qualifications of interest to us as genealogists. We thought we had it straightened out — with many errors in the literature and among our colleagues — but NO, along comes a accomplished and penetrating young scholar, Robert Scott Davis jr., author of a book <u>Research in Georgia with special emphasis on the Georgia Department of Archives and History</u>. Jim sent me Ch. 10, p.183-195, <u>Land Lottery Records and Revised list of Qualifications</u>. (Don't have the public date.)

Davis warns of numerous errors in previous compilations, including that passed out by the Archives itself, and attempts to correct them by researching the Acts themselves. As for me, I have only the 1805 Lottery Act as given by Wood & Wood, and a summary of the 1807 in Lucas. The attached print gives the genealogically pertinent data, mostly of course from Davis whom I trust.

Some explanations:

Note that the age reduces from 21 in 1805, 1807 to 18 thereafter. (We never knew that!) and of

The "Draws males with  $\sqrt[4]{50}$ ns" (less than) or unmarried of daughters" for example the 2(21) means that if a married man had  $\sqrt[4]{6}$ 0 sons less than 21 or unmarried daughters he could have 2 draws.

The "Draws for widows with children (less than)" for example the 2(21) means 1 draw for widows with children less than 21.

The "Draws wid. any type" for example, 1, means that widows with or without dependent children had 1 draw.

If she had orphans (defined as father dead) the 1(21) for example means she (=they) could have one draw if any were under 21. So a widow with orphans could have 2, one for herself and one for the orphans. NOTE: as far as I can determine, in 1807 and 1820 a widow could have only one draw regardless of whether she had orphans or not — in other years 2 if she had orphans. This seems unfair in 1807 and 1820 and maybe I've

missed something.

There were various other ways to qualify, e.g. widows of soldiers, families of three or more orphans, et al but I don't deal with them as they will be rare.

I am sending this to Davis for his corrections, amplifications, and especially filling in the missing Registry Deadlines, which are important for genealogical research. You too if you can!

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GA Lottery chart

Davis

Jim: Would you call up the Archives or something and get me Davis' present address? Book says he's "currently with his grandmother in Jasper" but I don't know what "currently" means since I don't have the public date. He's sure an accomplished fellow — too bad he's not a Christian so we could put him to work!

YEAR	1805	1807	1820	1821	1827	1832L	1832G
Date of Act Registry deadline	11 May 1803 1 Mar 1804	26 Jun 1806 Note 1	15 Dec 1818	15 May 1821	9 Jun 1825	21 Dec 1830	24 Dec 1831
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Males with wife or sons (less than) or unmarried daughters			2(18)	2(18)	2(18)	2(18)	
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NOTE 2 Note 3	In 1807 unmarried females were included.  1 draw or one extra draw for their family" I don't know what that means Head of family not defined.						
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### .... McClanahan's book ...

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Archie inquired of Frank Asbury Chistian, Chicago, about the recent lead to Thomas I to the Edward will. FAC sent him a whole batch of stuff, in his usual longhand, about IOM connections and including various lines from Thomas I down (including FAC errors), and including correspondence between IOM people and Henry Asbury Christian of Lynchburg dating back to 1932. If you'd like to have all that I'll send it to you as I am not dealing with it.

However one page I enclose has you in possession of McC's 1968 version and his files also. True?

If so, I'd like to explore how your version of the book compares with mine - what I know about my version enclosed.

Specifically right now: Does your version have an index bearing page numbers? Recall that mine has an index lacking any page numbers. If it does could you send me the index? Page #'s may well be different from my version but at least they'd give me a clue to my pages.

Second, for now: Mc's lineage in CFC is incorrect in the remote ancestors and does not have an acceptable connection for his William Henry Browne Christian, an immediate ancestor. (So I don't have McC in my records except as a floater.) Does your version clear that up? Probably not since a version of 1968 would antedate his CFC lineage in CFC.

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FAC page my intro to my McC version

William "Wristian Annugrant to Virginia and Some of his Descendante Unpublished 1958 manuscrift by Marshall L. Mc Clanshan.

Ressure ( in 1968 as Thomas Christiants Virginia and Some of his Descendants.

I wrote Marchall I. Mc Clanadas When he resided at Seal Beach, California and he advised one the material was the same; after he learned that Thomas Christian was the progentor of the family. Some years later when he decided to Concentrate on the Mc Clanahan family he gave his files to ligner Branch Pearlman - 2001 M. Westwood ave Santa ana Calif. 92706 because he feld she was the best qualified person to possers them for use of Christian Family Chronicles, which she was editor and publisher. Marshall L. Mallimaham's letter December 3, 1919. The Later imoved

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This document "McClanahan's Notes" belonged to Bickham Christian of Shreveport, was given by him to Eunie V. Christian Stacy, 942 Loren. Natchitoches, ha. 71457 and to her sister Juanita Christian Parker. Fort Arthur. It was LENT to Louis Koenig and should be returned to Prio V. Done 16(11/70)

It comprises pages numbered to 234, of which pages 56,57 relating to Turner Hunt Christian are misting, and the page following 10 is numbered "1-11" and is followed by page 12. It is at this point that one would expect to find data on the Charles Christian of the 1784 will. That is not there, but loose in the binder are pages pencil numbered 1 to 19 relating to that family. Those pages useign the 1784 Charles as the son of John son of the Ur-Thomas. It is known that McClanahan later had a change of mind and assigned that Charles as the son of Charles "of Mestover Parish". The Notes themselves are in the characteristic McClanahan loose-leaf, revisionary format by which he kept it up to date from time to time.

The only explicit dating in the volume is the letter to Bickham, April 12, 1963 while McClanahan was still in Elmwood Park, Ill. However that does not date the volume because all it does is transmit a copy of McClanahan's "master index". The version of the "master index" behind the transmittal letter is on much newer paper than the letter itself and it does not include any page numbers. It is impossible to tell from the letter whether the "index" McClanahan sent actually included any page numbers or not. I am guessing that it DID, and that somebody else typed up the pages now there and put them in the volume. Indeed it is not even definite that the page numbers if they existed refer to THIC version of McClanahan's output. I cannot tell if the main body of the text is to be dated 1963, or earlier, or later.

The text contains annotations in a number of hands. However Koenig has made no substantive annotations, but only such annotations of paging that helped him and may help others find their way through the maze.

Some of the pages had torn out. I reinforced the holes and rebound, putting the loose Charles Christian pages after page 234.

Bound after these herein is a version starting with a page ii, sent me by McClanahan in 1961.

Louis Louning 4/27/1980

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13 APR 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

.... Drury m. Lucretia Williams as s/o James & Amy Macon ...

Although I keep my fingers crossed over Ted Brooke's pronouncements I am inclined to accept as quite weighty his CFC XII, 1105-1106 equating of Drury m. Williams as s/o James & Amy Macon - basis the 382 acres patented by James in 1714 and sold by Drury and Lucretia as their residence in 1766.

Do you concur in that?

The 382 acres is listed in <u>English Duplicates of Lost Virginia Records</u> p. 97 as 16 Jun 1714, and in Cabell <u>Majors</u>, p 53 as <u>26</u> Jun 1714 west branch Beaver Dam, adjoining land previously patented by his bro. Thomas. (Brooke adds <u>west side</u> of west branch.)

HOWEVER — if that Drury is s/o James & Amy how come NOWHERE is he mentioned as a son? — not in Lamb or in anywhere else. And no record of a transfer of the 382 acres. Won't I ever get this guy tied down! It seems every clue has a however.

That Drury has been a floater with me for years. I welcome the chance to put him in the mainstream and much appreciate Ted's revelation. Sure glad you squeezed it in to your terminal volume!

Incidentally, do you have the will and probate papers for him that are said to identify his children? Could you send me Xeroxes of them?

Lbu



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

April 17, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78,258

Dear Lou:

Here goes! Pirst an acknowledgment of your letters of March 29 and April 2 with the corrections duly noted.

Re your letter of April 3 regarding estimated birth dates of Anthony Christian, Jr., and his sisters: I concur with your evaluation and have corrected my work sheets to reflect the earlier birth date for Anthony. I have nothing to add about the sisters.

I hope that Percy Lee Christian and June Iry Christian will be able to offer more on Elijah Willis Christian. I'm leaving the answers to the Georgia specialists. That goes, too, for matters relating to those complicated Georgia lotteries. Thank you, though, for sending the explanation of the qualifications.

As for your letter of April 3 regarding McClanahan's notes and book: He did not give me all his notes and files. He did provide me in a folder with copies of approximately 100 pages of notes prepared by Annie Walker Burns with the notation on the folder, "Discarded by Mr. McClanahan & passed on to I. C. Doshier." The handwriting seems to be that of Mrs. Burns, but I cannot be sure. I have no idea who has McClanahan's other notes. I must confess that I have never carefully analyzed or abstracted the data in the folder since most seems to be identical to that contained in his manuscript.

My copy of his manuscript is dated 1968, entered by me on a title sheet I prepared at the time I made the photocopy from the copy he brought to my home. Yes, it does contain a 45-page index with page numbers noted; however, more often than not, the page numbers in the index do not conform to the page numbers of the manuscript, which contains 277 pages. At one time Iintended to make an accurate index and renumbered all the pages in red ink. To give you an idea of the problems, his page 74 is actually page 68; his page 84 is actually page 141; his page 179 is actually page 1// (getting closer to the real). Another problem in his paging can be illustrated by page 25: There is a page 25 (actually page 31), then a 25a, 25b, 25c, 25d, 25e, 25f, 25g, then 25i (no 25h).. On other pages he has renumbered as with page 62, which is the typed number and the one when the index was prepared; that has been marked out and replaced with page 117, which he marked out and replaced with page 121; the location is actually page 117. Irankly, you're probably just as well off without the frustrations of an inaccurate index.

When I prepared working family group records from McClanahan's manuscript, I used my corrected page numbers for reference so that I could at least refer to the page where I obtained the information. The actual page position is shown in the upper and lower right. My copy apparently has more pages than your copy since even McClanahan's paging goes to page 281-several pages more than the actual number. The index is in addition to the actual 271 pages.

You mention that pages 56 and 57 are missing from your volume. I have enclosed photocopies of the two pages with typed numbering corresponding to that. You will notice that page 56 was changed by him to 111; then he inserted pages 111a(119), 111b, 111c, then changed page 57 to page 112. The numbers at upper and lower right (104, 105, 106, 107, and 108) reflect the actual paging, albeit confusing since the informatin on family of Turner Hunt Christian has been separated by McClanahan's insertions. I have also enclosed his page 20, which mercifully has retained its original place although it is actually page 26.

I believe I can safely say that my version of McClanahan's manuscript is the next-to-final version (possibly the final version) since it is the last one he distributed. Prom what he told me, he may have entered a few hand-written notes in his copy until moving to the state of Washington, where he ceased to be involved actively in genealogy.

Does all the above clarify your understanding of his efforts or simply make them more confusing? Is there anything else I could send that might prove helpful?

Finally, re your letter of April 13 regarding Drury Christian who married Lucretia Williams: I cannot find photocopy of original will of Drury. Volume III, page 170, of **Christian Pamily**<u>Chronicles</u> has a transcript. It is at the distribution of the estate (at which lots were drawn) that each of his seven children are named. They are listed on page 170.

Tomorrow I leave with a group from our genealogical society for Salt Lake City for a week of research at the library there. Although only a limited amount of time can be devoted to the Christian family, I will see what answers I might be able to find

Sincerely,

#### 16 APR 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

.... Drury m. Lucretia Williams - more! ...

1.In pursuit of your Thomas I have been trying to get my floaters into my PAF in order to be able to search for those maybe connected to your Thomas problem - even though I can't tie the floaters into my main stream. The Drury m. Lucretia Williams is one of these.

The main purpose of this letter is in #2 below but in passing thought you'd get a smile out of the annotations in my McClanahan. McC, probably from Lamb, has him s/o Robert m. Lucy Bradley. At the point in Mc p. 26 where this occurs Bickham Christian has this annotation:

"NO, the Drury who m. Lucy Williams was s/o James and Anne Macon. He d. in Warren, NC in 1783."

To that annotation Eunie V. has her annotation: "NO, he was s/o Charles!"

Incidentally Mc has John Buffalo also s/o Robert - so much for McClanahan.

2. In CFC III, 169/170 you mention:

Tool Appraisement of Drury's estate 7 Jan 1786

The day for distribution 23 Jan 1787

The day for distribution 23 Jan 1787

Probate papers permit identification of his family full in Can you let me have Xerox of these 2 or 3 documents?

- 3. On p. 170 you have Drury & Lucretia m. 25 Feb 1751. Where did you get that from? MacJones Douglas has only 1751. (And you recall that we are in doubt over whether it's actually 1751 or 1757 maybe your source settles that for us.)
- 4. Incidentally, I concur with your reasoning for rejection of Sutton's Drury as s/o Drury & Lucretia, and do not include Sutton's work in my records. (I have portions or maybe all of the Nevada Sutton work.)



I guess still other evidence for Drury as s/o James is the 1754 sale by Richard & Joel of lands given them by their father James, to which Drury Christian was a witness. My records do not have any other Drury that will fit except the Drury we have marrying Lucretia Williams. If you concur I'll allow myself to be pushed into accepting the Drury/Lucy Williams as a son of James - nowhere else named or specified as such.

CAN ANYONE IDENTIFY ANY OF THESE PUZZLERS? They are in packet of Lynn Archer many years ago to Agnes to Betsy to LK after a while.

### UNIDENTIFIEDS IN ARCHER PACKET

p.3 1805 Land Lottery M. David orphan, Camden Co., 1 draw prize

ibid. #409 William Elbert 2 draws

ibid. #1256 William Lincoln Co., 2draws

p.4 <u>1821 Land Lottery</u>
James G. Elbert 171-11 in Henry Co. Does not fit James G. s/o
James

- p. 5 <u>1832 Lottery</u> p. 381 Elijah L. Soldier Wilhite's Dist Elbert 299-11-4 (Wa . cut off.
  - p. 400 Drewry Wilhite's Dist Elbert drew 184-14
  - p. 33 John Frasier's Dist Monroe Co. drew 180- cut off
  - p. 132 Marshall Dist 245 Jackson Co. drew 147-13-2
  - p. 335 Morgan Hatton's Dist Baker Co. drew 101-5-4
- p. 6 <u>1832 Gold Lottery</u> p. 97 William Baldwin Co., 716-2-3
- p. 112 Thos. J. Elbert 280-15-1 NOTE: I have a confusion as to whose son this Thos. J was.
  - p. 113 William Fayette Co., 419-21-2
  - p. 121 Simeon Hall Co., 363-17-2
  - p. 127 Marshall Jackson Co., 224-5-1 & 624-2-4
- p. 140? James H. Pike Co. [m. Caroline T. House Pike 12/29/1831 not in Pike 1830]
  - p. 140 Ransom Pike co. [was in Pike 1830]

Acker p. 14 Newton mgs Martha Christian to Sam'l J. Talley 29 Dec 1835

Acker p. 16 Madison Deeds 18 Dec 1811 Charles H. Christian wit for deed of George Christian [= Dr. George] Acker p. 17 <u>Madison</u> Deeds Nov 1830 ELISHA W. Christian wit. to deed of George M. and Elisha acknowledged. Searcher's note said "NOTE this WAS Elisha."

Acker p. 20 C. Christian wit to will of Edward L. along with George Acade 19 Christian 19 Feb 1825

Acker p. 25 William Christian wit to deed of Turner Elbert 28 Nov 1801

Acker p. 26 Judith X Christian her mark wit. to deed of Chas. W[oodson] 9 Apr 1814

Acker p. 30 Lindsay Christian & Thos. J. Christian wit to deed of William P[ayne] Christian to Jesse G. Christian 17 Mar 1832

Acker p. 31 John L., F., William P[ayne] & W. Christian adjoiners to dower of Mary Christian wid of Charles W[oodson]. 1 Sep 1854

Acker p. 34 $\sqrt{1821}$  lottery p. 246 Elijah D. Christian 2 draws.

ibid. 1827 lottery Drury Christian 1 draw [= single]

ibid ditto Elijah L. 1 draw [=single]

ibid George W. 1 draw [=single]

ibid 1832 lottery George W. 1 draw [still single].. NOTE: this was by researcher Wilcox (resident genealogist Elbert). The 1832 lotteries were also abstracted on Acker p.5,6,7 by researcher Fisher - they show no George W. in either 1832.

Agnes, Betsy, Meg

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20 APR 1993

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.Dear Agnes -

... yours of 4/5/93 ...

- 1. See my ltr to Kilduf about a new lead that will please you.
- 2. On Pressley's record I have made the census comparison and concur with your assignments of the children. I do not include them on the Chronology because, for me, they all lack names as yet. As for that, please tell me where you get the Daniel W[hite?]. I assume the James Martin that you have cited comes only from the McDaniel data?
- 3. I sympathize with but don't completely accept your torturing Jens into Jem or Jim or Jas. But accepting that how do you account for the "Yancey"? Believe I've only heard of that one once in a relative of Frances Coorpender.
- 4. What is your source for the "Pressley Christian ... first Chairman of County Court of McNairy.." ? ... and when?
- 5. This fellow has a strange history. First: batting around the country, permanent or temporary Elbert, land in Franklin, St. Claire AL, McNairy TN, and where not all. Second: evidently a land speculator, buying four properties in 1813 & 1814 and selling them off in 1815; then buying 258 1/2 acres in 1819 and selling in 1822. Sheriff in Elbert 1822, then appearing in Alabama in 1824 almost sounds like absconding and running. Then showing up as a newcomer County Court Chairman in Tennessee. (In Texas for some strange reason that office is called "County Judge" although they don't do any judging.)
- 6. Great thinking on Isabella as a sister of Thomas sil! What I think is that that is worth pursuing like a huntin' dog after a coon that's the way Jim Christian would phrase it.



Pressley chronology

DATE		LOCAT	ION	ACTION	DCA
		him	1 and		REF.
FILE	PRESSLE	Y ROWS	31	COLUMNS: A TO E E = Elbert; F = Franklin; S = St. Clair, AL; ' M = McNairy, TN; EY = orig. Early soon Thomas	
1781	1790			born parents undetermineed maybe James&Lucy Bradley	2,8
1786				1st wife uk White born d/o Daniel & Mary Ballenger	-, -
1796				2nd wife born	
1805	1000	Ε		2 draws 1807 lottery, blanks?	11
1806	REF	E		married 1st wife	2
	05/18	E		from Daniel's est. \$129.5575 for himself and same as gdn Eppy	3
1813	VD/ 10	E	Ε	buys 29 1/10 acres Dove's Creek from John Faulkner	12
	11/05	E	Ē	buys 132 174 acres Dove's Creek from Hm Grimes. Adj Thomas Oglesby et.a	
1814	11/05	Ē	E	buys 170 acres Dove's Creek from Wa. Faulkner	14
1814		Ε	E	buys 69 1/4 acres Dove's Creek from John Faulkner	13
1815		E	E	sells to R. R. Wilhite 132 1/4 acres Falling Creek	19
1815		E	E	Elbert Tax list Capt. Prusley in Capt. Christian's Dist	9
	12/01	E	E	sells to R. R. Wilhite 29 1/10 acres Dove's Creek. Wit Robt. B.	18
	12/01	E	E		
	12/01	Ε	Ε	sells to George Oglesby 69 1/4 acres Dove's Creek	16
	01/05	F	E	member of Franklin Court of Ordinary	. 6
	01/03	r F	F	sells to Geo. Oglesby 170 acres Dove's Creek sells to George Oglesby 69 1/4 acres Dove's Creek member of Franklin Court of Ordinary sells John Fowler 210 acres on Hudson R.	5
	01/14	r E	r E	Sells Jumi rugler 210 deres un nuusum K.	15
1820		<u> </u>	_	buys 258 1/4 acres west side Falling Creek from LeRoy Oglesby 1st wife, uk White died married 2nd wife	2
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	06/01	E	_	Census with 2nd w. & 6 ch 3 slaves 3 agric	20
1822	100 INE	E	Ε	sells to Isaac Christian 258 1/4 acres Falling Creek	22
	03/05	E		Presley, Sheriff, sells lands of John Harris	4
	09/17	S		of St. Clair, AL P/A to James Christian sr to recover from creditors	-
	11/23	E	EY	Grant 23rd Dist Orig Early, became Thomas, Lot #6 250 acres (Lottery?)	10
1826/		Ε	Ε	with James Christian bond for John R. Wilhite gdn Wilhite children	21
1830/	05/01	M		Census with 2nd w. & 5 ch	8

20 APR 1993

JO KILDUFF 822 DONAGHEY CONWAY AR 72032

.Dear Jo -

Your last letter was dated 29 Oct 1989, enclosing a Family Group Record for John Harrod/Herrod/Herod and wife Melissa T/F. Christian, possibly daughter of a Pressley. (I had previously sent you my only possibility for a Melissa Christian.)

I think we have hit pay dirt. A consortium of us have been working for years on floaters (can't tie them to our lines) in Elbert, Newton and surrounding counties in Georgia. One of these is a Pressley Christian b. 1781-1790 - he is in the 1820 Elbert. We did not at that time know the names of his children. We have been arguing among ourselves as to whether he is the same Pressley of the 1830 McNairy, TN. Some of my colleagues have about persuaded me to accept him as such.

Recently we have heard from a (not too well informed) descendant of what he calls "Yancey" Pressley Christian and his son James Martin Christian, the latter b. 3 Mar 1810 in GA and married in McNairy, TN to a Harriet McLester. They died in Hunt, TX 1861 and 1868. There is a place for him as the 2nd son of the 1820 Pressley and we know the name of the 1st son, Daniel W [for White?] Christian. also in the 1820. There is no place for this James Martin in the 1830 McNairy so we assume he was married by then.

Now the only other Malissa that I could cite you, long ago, was she the daughter of an Elijah Willis Christian sr and we think he was a brother of Pressley.

Along comes your Melissa who you think d/o Pressley and born according to the 1850 census in 1805/1806, and married no date your Harrod. There is a place for her in the 1820, b. 1806/1810. And this Melissa has a son Presley and a daughter Melissa! There is no place for her in the 1830 - and rightly so for her second child born Nov. 1831 implies a marriage before 1830.

I do believe my coworkers are going to accept that these are all the one family of our Elbert Pressley and descendants and I await their comments.

Meanwhile (without losing my letter again on your husband's side of the desk) I'd like you to send me:

- 1. Your 1830 McNairy records
- 2. The 1840 McNairy if you have it (seeking children)
- 3. Your 1840 Johnson, AR records
- 4. Your 1850 Prairie, AR records.

And when we get those digested I'll be pestering you for more. (I myself can't get to library searching anymore, as Higher Authority prohibits me from driving.)

In return, if we make the connection, I'll be sending you what we have on the family. Unfortunately we are still undecided as to the parentage of Pressley though we're leaning to James Christian m. Lucy Bradley, prominent in Elbert. Worse than that we're completely stumped over the parentage of James! But maybe some of your people will provide clues.

### LOU KOENIG

Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg - with Xerox

Wouldn't it be great if Milly White's sister, Fressley's wife was named Malissa!! and had a niece, a daughter and a granddaughter named after her!!

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John Harrod (22/2023 -1850)

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### GA LOTTERIES FILE \LOTUS\GENEAL\GALOT

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Date of Act Registry deadline Residency from CATEGORIES DRAWS as below	1 Mar 1804 11 May 1802	26 Jun 1806 26 Sep 1806 26 Jun 1803 the following	Note 1 15 Dec 1815	15 Jul 1821 15 May 1818	Note 8 1 Jan 1824	Note 6 1 Jan 1829	24 Dec 1831 Note 6 1 Jan 1829 Pre
Males (greater than	1(20)	1(20) Note 2	1(17)	1(17)	1(17)	1(17)	1(17)
Age for marrieds	21	21	18	18	18	18	
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Males with wife or sons (less than) or unmarried daughters			2(18)	2(18)	2(18)	2(18)	
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NOTE 3	1 draw or one	extra draw f	or their fami	ly" I don't	know what tha	it means	
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4 MAY 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

.... your FGR's to June Smith ...

Sorry to be continually bothering you with ancient history on ancient history but I got involved with June Smith and am trying to get untangled.

At some unspecified date, presumably recently, you sent her a batch of your FGR's on John&Mary, Elijah Willis, Reuben, and James Hamilton. By the way, compliments on your copyrighted FGR forms — they're neat. I gather you must have a slew of these filled out. I've been checking them over for comparison with my data. There's no indication of the date of composition so you may have changed some of the data in the meantime. Anyway here's some of my questions where you differ from or expand my data.

- 1. Herewith my census comparison for Reuben. No quarrel with yours. You missed one daughter in the 1820. Did you ever figure out who the unidentified man was in the 1820?
- 2. On James Hamilton: June sent me a sheet handwritten by Mayme just found in a funeral home folder showing children of James Hamilton with the data you show for them, except that you have John for the spouse Pritchett and you have three children of James Ellington (which I also have from elsewhere). This makes me suspect your source(s) were more than just the Mayme sheet. Comment?
- 3. For the mg date of James Hamilton I have more than one 1854 date, variously from Percy Lee, and the Mayme date is 1851 June points out the first child, Julia, b. 1852. But the 1854 date is from Maddox and if it's his error it's the only one I've found in his 40,000 plus 37,000 names.
- 4. Have two years for birth of Mary Ann Green, 1836 and 1837. You have the month and day, suggesting you have an authentic source and it is 1836. Your source?
  - 5. Percy Lee has her d. 9 May 1900 and buried in Lawrence

Chapel, Fairview, Cullman, AL with her husband. You and others have her d. 9/10 May 1920 and buried at Jonesboro, GA. Your source, and do you trust it?

- 6. On Elijah Willis: I don't have any of those spouses or marriages! except Green. Where did you get them all?
- 7. I'll certify Reuben M. (not W. by the way) d. Dec 1863 based on will probated Jan 4 1864. But where do you get the <u>25</u> Dec and where the place, Atlanta?
- 8. All I had for "Lige" is that he died in the war. Where did you get the date and place presumably from the same source where you got all the rest that I don't have.

LOU

	ELBERT 1820	ELBERT 1830	NEWTON 1840	BD assigned
Reuben	Bef 1775	1771/90	d. 1838	1771/75
Mary Ann Clark	1776/94	1781/90	1781/90	1781/90
John L.	1803/04	1801/10	m. c 1832	1803/04
Mary Clark	1806/10	<b>s.</b> 1823		1806/10
dau2	1806/10	d. 1821/30	0 ?	1806/10
Abda	1811/20	1811/15	living 1846	1811/15
dau3	1811/20	1811/15	m. 1830/38 Austin Webb	1811/15
Reuben J. J.		1821725	1821725 m. 1848	12/23/1823
Use dinu	1776/94			1776/94
	8 ag. 1 mfq	11 ag		
	9 slaves	5 slaves		

I don't have Newton 1850



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May 7, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Iorest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78,258

Dear Loui

Since returning from Salt Lake City, I have only today had the opportunity to respond to the mail awaiting my presence! Before responding to your letters, I wish to make a few comments regarding my research at the Family History Library.

Enclosed is pertinent page 186 from Ruth M. O'Keeffe's <u>Can You Trace Your Line To Adam?</u> In spite of diligent efforts to locate the will of Edward Christian of Beemaughaig on microfilm, I could not find it. Of course, since the wills were not indexed and some were virtually illigible, I must have overlooked it. I did find many others for various Christian decedents on the Isle of Man in 1668, 1669, and 1670. I will write to Ms. O'Keeffe and see if she can send the number of the film so that I can still locate it for myself. Interestingly, the Thomas "abroad" had a sister named Isabel. I might add that there were many Christian women named Isabel on the Isle when the search was extended beyond Milntown. You will notice that Edward of Beemaughaig was in Kirk Conchan, now usually referred to as Onchan.

Regarding the oaths of allegiance taken in Powhatan County, Virginia, in 1777: Apparently the county was either especially diligent in conforming to the state law obliging "the free male inhabitants of this State above a Certain Age to give assurance of Allegiance to the Same" or Powhatan was one of the few counties to preserve the record. Thus, there is no implication that those who signed were new immigrants.

Re your letter of April 16 regarding Drury Christian who married Lucretia Williams: My abstracts of his estate settlement were made by me from microfilm during the period years ago when our library could not make photocopies from microfilm; thus, the enclosed notes are in my handwriting. I have, however, supplemented them with photocopies from pages in Mary Hinton Kerr's Warren County, North Carolina Records, Volume III, Abstracts of Will Books 1779-1814. Her book was published in 1969. She was a careful abstractor, and I met her while at the Warren County Court House about 1970 and have all her books.. In spite of her general accuracy, she did inadvertently date the appraisement and division of estate as 23 Jan. 1786 rather than 23 Jan. 1787. I pencilled in the correct year in my copy of her book, which you will note on the enclosed. The copy from which I abstracted was microfilm of the original loose papers whereas Kerr abstracted from the will books. I believe these pages should answer most of your questions.

In passing, I might add that I have engaged in considerable research in Warren County, where my father was born and reared. His ancestors lived there and in neighboring Iranklin and Halifax Counties.

As for the 25 Pebruary 1751 marriage date for Drury Christian and Lucretia Williams: My notes show that it was copied from abstracts of St. James Northern Parish, Goochland County, Virginia. Unfortunately, I failed to indicate on the Pamily Group Record whose abstracts. As soon as I locate my copy of the abstracts, I can let you know exact source. My quess is that 1751 rather than 1757 is correct since son James (probably second child) was born 23 April 1758. Since I believe Mary was born about 1753, the earlier marriage date stands. See Christian <u>Pamily Chronicles</u>, Volume XII, pages 1105 and 1106 for my evaluation of Drury's parentage.

Your list of "Pugglers" from packet of Lynn Archer many years ago: I must leave those questions to the Georgia authorities since I'm turning my attention to the Thomas of Bedford County, Virginia, and the immigrants.

Re your letter of April 20 regarding Pressley Christian: The biographical information was from James K. Christian of Florence, Alabama, who lives about sixty miles from McNairy County, Tennessee. On May 28, 1986, following a visit at the county seat he wrote, "I found in the library a small history of McNairy County that states that Pressley Christian was the first chairman of the County Court that met early in 1824. The first County seat at this time was a place called Purdy, named after its surveyor. The little town reached a population of about 250, but died later because of their refusal to let the railroad come through their town. I think their brick courthouse (built 1830) burned about 1892 along with their records." Mr. Christian indicated that he checked some of the old cemeteries at Purdy but did not find anything about Pressley. He indicated that the old cemeteries at Purdy are very isolated, unkempt, and have been the object of vandals. He said that he could not ascertain whether Pressly died and was buried in McNairy County or whether he moved elsewhere. He said that there is a marble monument at the courthouse in Selmer that lists the early settlers and Pressley's name is among them. He identifies the volume from which he obtained his information as <u>Old Purdy-The History of the</u> <u>First County Seat of McNairy County, Tennessee</u>. In a letter of February 12, 1987, Mr. Christian mentioned that the only other information he had obtained later was from a land grants for Pressley Christian on 29 June 1826 and a Daniel W. Christian on 30 June 1826. Daniel received his acreage due by act of the assembly "for the benefit of occupants and by virtue of his occupant claim." Pressley's had formerly been in the name of Levi Smith. I wonder if this could have been his second father-in-law. Copies of the grants are enclosed. I have not heard from Mr. Christian since I last wrote to him in October 1990. My assignment of Daniel W. Christian as a possible son of Pressley Christian was by inference only. If born about 1805 (census gives 1805–1810), he would have been an adult by 1826 when land was granted. I have placed him before the female born during the same time frame, believing the daughter was probably Melissa, born about 1806 or 180%. It's possible Pressley followed his son to Tennessee.

A few comments about your letter to Jo Kilduff: Yes, I am ready to accept Melissa T.19. as a daughter of Pressley and \_\_\_\_\_(White) Christian. In addition to the Melissa, daughter of Elijah Willis and Mary Clark (Christian) Christian, I might add that Melissa figures prominently as a given name in the White family. (I just reviewed some of the White family records.)

By the way, a P. Christian was quardian of Epaphodotus "Eppy" White in January 1809 Term Elbert County, Georgia. This may have been Pressley. If not, who was it?

Now for your letter of May 4 regarding the Family Group Records that I sent to June Smith: At this point I am not exactly sure of the versions mailed to her; however, I believe the data closely conform to the information currently on my forms. All the information I have on the groups (other than the census records and the occasional will or estate settlement) is from secondary and tertiary sources--primarily the latter. I'll take the analysis family by family.

Reuben and Mary Ann (Clark) Christian: I accept your "Census Comparison" sheet. The information essentially conforms to mine although, as you noted, I had inadvertently omitted an unidentified daughter. P. L. Christian identified the wife of their son, John L. Christian, as Lucy \_\_\_\_\_. (Name possibly in the 1850 census?) Have you more?

James Hamilton and Mary Ann Lorena Jack (Green) Christian and family: I don't understand one of your questions in which you ask where I got spouses or marriages on Elijah Willis-that you had only Green. Green is the only one I show also but for James Hamilton-not Elijah Willis. Have you more on this? Also, who is Mayme? Most of the details I have are from the abovementioned James K. Christian and from Percy Lee Christian. Where there were direct conflicts, I accepted the data sent by James K. Christian, who used not only family sources but information from county histories and pertinent court house records found during his travels.

Like you, I have an 1851 and an 1854 date for the marriage of James Hamilton and cannot verify which is correct. These were the great-grand-parents of James K. Christian and he

verified names of spouses of their children.

You can add another date for year of birth of Mary Ann Lorena Jack Green. My files show 1836 and 1838--the latter from Percy Lee Christian. I have never checked to see whether her death took place in 1900 or 1920, and I do not know where she was buried.

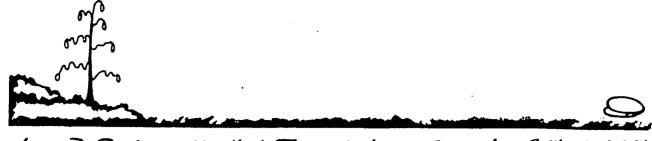
Elijah Willis and Mary Clark (Christian) Christian and family: James K. Christian provided the specific information on Confederate records, which he indicated he had checked. He is my source for 25 December 1863 for death of Reuben M. Christian. He, too, substantiates the middle initial as "M" not "W"; but I had not changed my entry. James K. is also the source for place of death of Elijah Willis "Lige" Christian. I might add that this Lige's cousin may have been the only one called "Lige" although currently I show both of them with the same nickname.

I wish I had better documentation for these Georgia groups; but, as I have mentioned before, I have left much of the work on these families to others. When they send photocopies of the original records, I have them in my files. If they do not send copies of the originals, I simply enter their conclusions on my forms and use the information for reference until better documentation arrives.

Have I covered everything for the present?

Sincerely,

Enclosures



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June
1993

James M Christian, R. Ph. 4439 Shelborne Drive Dunwoody, Georgia 30338

Dear Jim:

Re: Your letter of May 12 to Lou!

As I mentioned to you recently, I indicated that I would let you know if I found any discrepancies between your Pamily Group Records and mine as soon as I had a chance to review the information. There were a few differences, and I would like your clarification.

On the Family Group Record of Rufus and Serena Eliq. (Christian) Christian, you show the second wife of Rufus as Lucinda Edwards. Previously, you had identified her as Louisa Lucinda Harkness, widow of John Evans. 'Is Edwards or Evans correct? And was she a widow?

I show Reuben James Jared Hudson Christian as having been born 23 Dec. 1823 in Georgia and married Frances Ann Bishop, born in North Carolina. In my records he is unassigned. How did you determine that he was the son of Isaac and Mildred (White) Christian?

Also, is Thomas with wife Susan Ann really a son of Isaac and Mildred (White) Christian? What is the source?

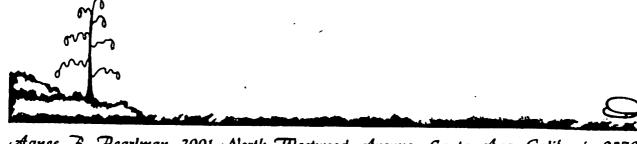
I'm not in a position to identify parents of the following two who married in Chatham County, Georgia:

Charles Christian who married Sarah Ann Hubbard 26 Jan. 1837. John Christian who married Margaret Proctor 6 May 1816.

I'm planning to turn my attention to writing this summer, so will probably have little to offer in the way of research.

Sincerely,

cc: Lou



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June 9, 1993

Mrs. Betsy Cammack Post Office Box 6 Sierra City, California 961.25

Dear Betsy:

Thank you so much for sending names of the White family researchers and your analysis of the available records on the connections of Daniel White, son of Jeremiah and Mary (Martin) White.

I essentially agree with your comments.

Your "Zuery," however, was somewhat ambiguous when compared with your notes. In the query it seems that you imply that the Eppy White who married Catherine Herndon was a son of Daniel White whereas in the notes it would appear that this Eppy was a son of John Martin White and that Daniel's son Eppy married Martha Cox (Per Mrs. Billie White. Have you clarification?

As you know, I have not engaged in primary research on this White family so must rely on you and Jim. for the basic information.

Regarding the Christian family immigrant to America: I just received a response to my letter to Ruth M. O'Keeffe and plan to order Pilm #0106202 (1670-1674), which she says contains the will of Edward Christian of Beemaughaig of Kirk Onchan, Isle of Man. If you recall, his will mentions a son Thomas "abroad." When I was in Salt Lake City in April, I was not able to locate the will on microfilm.

Sincerely,

cc: Mr. James M. Christian Dr. Louis Koenig 30 MAY 1993

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.Dear Agnes -

### .... yours of 7 May 1993 ....

- 1. With your page 1, all Ok, and Agree, and Thanks.
- 2. With your page 2:

My question on mg. of Drury & Lucretia Williams was where did you get the 25 Feb? Douglas register has only 1751.

- 3. Thanks so much for all the stuff from James K. Christian re Pressley. I'm trying to taper off from dragging you in on all this Georgia stuff, but have to finish off what I've started with you. Attached a study of the land entries of Daniel & Pressley in Tennessee.
- 4. Levi Smith was not a former owner of Pressley's entry. He was simply an adjoiner.
  - 5. With your page 3.

Glad to have the gdn appointment of P. Christian for Epaphodotus Eppy White in 1809. Previously had only the returns for the estate 18 May 1812 which has Pressley on behalf of Eppy and also Pressley on behalf of two shares — [himself and wife]. I sent you a big study,  $l/\lambda(a)$ , my effort to resolve whether Eppy was the wife of Pressley. Conclusion, since confirmed, was that Eppy was brother of Milly, and we have considerable data subsequent about his adult activities. Including that his dau. Sarah Catherine White m. Chas. Woodson Christian jr, s/o sr and Mary Maxwell.

The 1809 settles a question I had back then, which was how come a 21-year-old man needs a gdn? Answer: was not 21 when the gdnship was created.

6. The wife of John L. Christian in the 1850 is Lacy with dau Lacy; in 1860 Lucy with dau Lucy - clearly a misreading in 1850. Somebody even has Lucy Bradley, heavens forbid!

- 7. Agnes, my question on spouses re Elijah Willis sr was: where did you get the names of the spouses of the children. The only one I had was Green of James Hamilton.
- 8. Mayme is d/o Alonzo, s/o James Hamilton, and mother-in-law of June Fry Smith.
- 9. I am writing Percy Lee and June Smith challenging them as descendants of James Hamilton to straighten out the mg. and death of Green.
- 10. I accept your James K Christian check of the Confederate records for the death date of Reuben M. Don't think I've had correspondence with James K. but will write him soon.

Believe that covers all the questions I had posed - with the exception of the leftovers above.

Had a slight recurrence of a stroke a few days ago that will slow me up for a while and will gradually recede.

Tennessee Land Entries

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Agnes sent me 3 Xeroxes of sheets from an unspecified source, presumably some sort of an Entry Book, all entries in the W.T. 9th District 3rd Range 1st Sec, and all recorded by B. Wright, L? or S? [for Surveyor?] on 29 & 30 Jun 1826. I presume the W.T. stands for Western Tennessee, Tennessee having been originally divided into Eastern, Middle and Western, Western being the last settled.

Puzzling is the fact of the "W.T.", as all counties that were formed from the Western Tennessee had already been formed by 1823, Hardin having been created in 1819, Shelby created from it already in 1819, and McNairy created from the residual in 1823. Thus lands in McNairy County had already been for 7 years separated from "Western Tennessee" by 1826 and indeed Western Tennessee no longer existed as a political subdivision.

We do not know that the Pressley & Daniel lands here granted were in McNairy County, but the chances are that they were since that's where Pressley & Daniel were in the 1830...

The records provided are these:

at the bottom of a right hand page, all 29 Jun:

Fragment

# 561 James W. Grant - not of interest here

# 562 Presley Christian

at top of a left hand page all 30 Jun:

# 114 Daniel W. Christian

# 115 Elias Mackey

# 116 William Larratt - not of interest here

top of right page showing begins with # 120 indicating that the entries are listed in order of Entry Number.

at bottom of left hand page, all 30 Jun:

fragment presumably of # 585; see beyond

# 586 Bennet A. Adams

# 587 Daniel W. Christian

### Analysis of the Wording

There are three types of wording for the authorization for the entries:

- 1. "by virtue of certificate No. xxx issued by the Commissioners of W.T."
- 2. "by virtue of an Act of the assembly passed the 24th of November 1825 for the benefit of occupants"
  - "by virtue of his Occupant claim"

In some cases two of the above are specified in the entry. For the two Christians these are:

Presley # 562 - (1) Cert. # 3118 and 3119, 50 acres

Daniel # 114 - (2) and (3) 50 acres

Daniel # 587 - (1) and (3) Cert. # 3177 or 3117?

25 acres.

NOTE: the Daniel Certificate is 3117 it would indicate Ιf Daniel and Presley stood in line together at the signing Daniel ahead and Presley right behind him. Since Daniel Occupant claim while Presley did not this suggests offered an Daniel was already occupying the entry claim by 1826 while Presley -- (bolstering Agnes hunch from some source was  $\mathsf{not}$ that Daniel preceded his father into Tennessee) and that Presley was not yet in June 1826 an occupant of the 50 acres claimed.

However we know that Pressley Christian was the first Chairman of the McNairy County Court in early 1824, after its creation in 1823. That suggests he was a respected citizen of McNairy when it was formed. In turn blown to smithereens by his Power of Atty 24 Sep 1824 from St. Clair County, AL, a good ways from McNairy! AGAIN BRINGING UP THE QUESTIONS: WERE THERE TWO PRESSLEY CHRISTIANS?

### Location of the Entries

Nothing in the entries allows a geographical placement of the lands, except by their equally unlocated adjoiners and neighbors. Indeed it is unlikely that whoever supplied the descriptions given in the entries had never even seen the lands but had merely written down the words on paper.

The lands are linked only by specifying a beginning point some specified distance from another entry.

The Pressley 50 acres is tied in to an entry not on my Xeroxes.

The Daniel entries can be tied to others Xeroxes. A sketch of the placement so worked out is attached. The bounds of the entries are given only as a beginning point one leg of specified length and direction (N, S, E, or W) and plus a direction for the next leg "for compliment". The "for compliment" apparently means "to enclose the stated acreage". Since the only directions are the four compass points I have assumed that all boundaries are N. S. E. or W and the tracts rectangular. allows the computation of That the other boundaries. For example:

The Daniel # 114 contains 50 acres and has a 1st leg of South 80 poles and a 2nd leg East. An acre contains 160 square poles (a pole is 16.5 feet); 50 acres has 8000 square poles; so the E/W boundaries must be 100 poles.

Similar computations with the other entries produce the layout shown in the diagram. The odd arrangement is that there are gaps left between the corners of some neighboring entries. I cannot imagine what these gaps are for.

25 acres is a mighty small plot, more like a subsistence farm than a commercial farm. Possibly these are plots within or in the planning stages of the new county seat of Old Purdy, wherever that was, and maybe the gaps are for streets or commons.

The NE/SW trend of the entries (if there are no entries surrounding them on other pages of the record book) suggest a layout along a river valley of some river running NE or SW. I do not have a map of McNairy County to search for such a river.

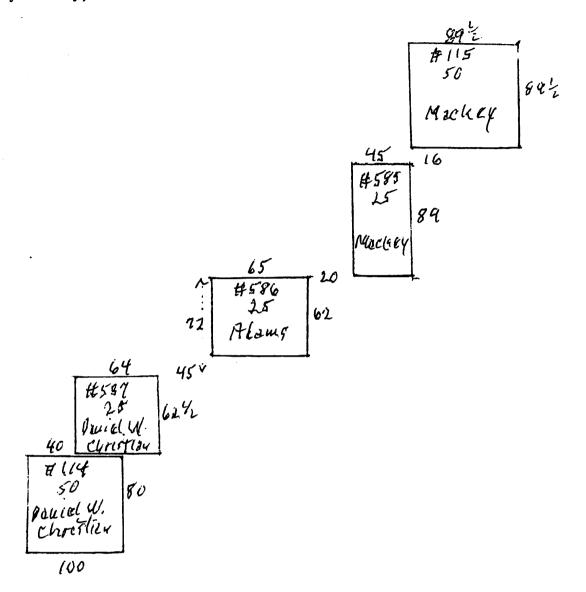
Of course we need much more research into Tennessee legislative history for the rationale of the distribution and into McNairy records to see if we can find the disposition of these lands — not to mention deaths, marriages, other land transactions, etc. Unfortunately Agnes' informant James. K. Christian has scouted McNairy and relates that the records of the original (1830) courthouse in Old Purdy, now vanished, burned in a fire about 1892.

LOUIS KOENIG 30 May 1993

Layout of entries

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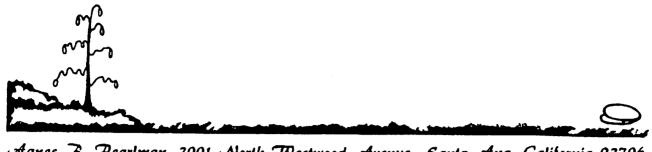
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Some counties may have preserved registrant lists.

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June 10, 1993

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Dear Lou:

I was so sorry to hear about your recent stroke but relieved that it was "mild" and not "severe." Any degree of such a condition is distressing, however. So be sure to take care of yourself.

The copy of letter dated May 3 addressed to Jim should have been dated June 3. Wow! I'm going to have to be more careful about such matters. Please enter correct date on your copy.

In response to your letter of May 30: I'll try to clarify the loose ends.

First, marriage date for Drury Christian to Lucretia "Lucy" Williams: It would appear that one cannot review notes often enough! The marriage day and month were obtained from Sutton Christian's unpublished manuscript. He gave as his source the following:

<u>William & Mary Quarterly, Vol. 15, p. 25,</u> "Register of St. James Northam Parish, Goochland Co., VA.

He indicated that in marriages, it lists 23 November 1751 as wedding date. Interestingly, when he entered the date on his form from which I copied the data to my Family Group Record, he entered 23 February 1751. I do not know which is correct but hope to check that issue of the <u>Quarterly</u> the next time I am in Los Angeles and will let you know what I find. If you discover the correct date before I do, be sure to let me know.

As for spouses of children of Elijah Willis and Mary Clark (Christian) Christian: that data came from James K. Christian and James M. Christian in conjunction with will and estate settlement for Reuben M. Christian. I failed to mark the source item by item.

Does this cover everything?

Sincerely,

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14 JUN 1993

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.Dear Agnes -

yours of 7 May 1993 .... again

that you sent me two Amherst Will Book Xeroxes for which /THANKS. Both deal with James Gresham and Drury s/o Buffalo. One is James bond, with Drury, to deliver their inheritance to Nancy S. and William Lafayette, orphans of Robert W., (Amherst Will Bk 8, p.388-389, 20 Jan 1834).

When I saw that James Gresham had a son Robert W. I had the answer, but that Robert W. was born thought I have no other Robert W., or Nancy S. or William 1838/1839. Lafayette in my records. Seems likely that there was a Robert W. somewhere in the Buffalo or maybe Charles family, and that James Gresham named his next-born son after the deceased Robert W.

Can you fill me in on this Robert W. and his orphans?

way - just entered the 18,000th name into my By the computer.

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June 18, 1993

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Dear Lou:

In response to your letter of June 14:

The Robert W. Christian for whom you are searching is probably he who married Courtney Landrum in 1822 Amherst County, Virginia. He was the son of Walter and Martha (\_\_\_\_) Christian and apparently died before 1833.

Robert W. and Courtney (Landrum) Christian had at least two children: William Lafayette Christian and Nancy Landrum Christian. It is my guess that the records with a Nancy S. Christian you mentioned probably refer to a Nancy L. Christian. The initials "S" and "L" are often confused in transcription.

My information on the above individuals was obtained from the notes of John D. Christian. I do not know his source.

Congratulations on your 18,000 computer entries! I am lagging far behind.

Sincerely,

#### 13 APR 1993

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.Dear Agnes -

... Drury m. Lucretia Williams as s/o James & Amy Macon ...

Although I keep my fingers crossed over Ted Brooke's pronouncements I am inclined to accept as quite weighty his CFC XII, 1105-1106 equating of Drury m. Williams as s/o James & Amy Macon — basis the 382 acres patented by James in 1714 and sold by Drury and Lucretia as their residence in 1766.

Do you concur in that?

The 382 acres is listed in English Duplicates of Lost Virginia Records p. 97 as 16 Jun 1714, and in Cabell Majors, p 53 as 26 Jun 1714 west branch Beaver Dam, adjoining land previously patented by his bro. Thomas. (Brooke adds west side of west branch.)

HOWEVER - if that Drury is s/o James & Amy how come NOWHERE is he mentioned as a son? - not in Lamb or in anywhere else. And no record of a transfer of the 382 acres. Won't I ever get this guy tied down! It seems every clue has a however.

That Drury has been a floater with me for years. I welcome the chance to put him in the mainstream and much appreciate Ted's revelation. Sure glad you squeezed it in to your terminal volume!

Incidentally, do you have the will and probate papers for him that are said to identify his children? Could you send me Xeroxes of them?

15 JUN 1993

AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA, CA 92706

"Dear Agnes -

.... Drury & Lucretia again ....

My letter of 4/13/93 attached. I believe in response to it you sent me the Warren County Will abstracts of Kerr, with the Drury already nicely marked for me with fluorescent yellow! THANKS!

But I really want your concurrence with what I presume is Ted's claim that the 382 acres patented to James in 1714 and sold as Drury & Lucretia's residence 1 Oct 1766 demonstrates that Drury was s/o James & Amy. I am almost ready to so switch over my records from "floater" to s/o James & Amy, but I'd feel better about it if I had your concurrence. (The text of the Brooke article in CFC XII is vague as to whether the statements are yours or Ted's.)

In my 4/13 I deplore the lack of a document transferring the 382 from James to Drury. But XII tells me that there <u>was</u> a James will no longer surviving. I ease my conscience by ascribing the transfer to the lost will.

One of Jim's people hired a professional genealogist, one Nardy, to do some work for them. She closed her report with "Isn't this fun?"

Now the finishing touch: Do you have the 1 Oct 1766 deed?

LOU

June 21, 1993

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Dear Lou:

In response to your letter of June 15, 1993, re Drury & Lucretia (Williams) Christian:

I definitely concur that Drury was a son of James and Ann (Macon) Christian. Notice that mother's name was "Ann," not "Amy." I believe that along the way someone must have transcribed "Anny" as "Amy" to cause that error to occur and, once made, later to be perpetuated. Like you, I have never seen the transfer of the 382 acres from James to Drury but assume it occurred in the non-extant will. Two other sons of James mentioned the will when they sold their land, but Drury did not mention the will when he made his sale.

No. I do not have a copy of the 1 October 1766 deed.

I believe Lamb did not follow through with Drury and Lucretia because he made the mistaken assumption that this Drury was the son of Robert and Lucy (Bradley) Christian. Of course, we know now that this was not correct.

Sincerely

18 JUN 1993

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.Dear Agnes -

### .... yours of 17 Apr ...

Thanks for your admirable patience to go through McClahanan's maddening paging and repaging. Your recital is a classic. Gives me a headache just to read about it.

Have I ever told you my famous story about Mrs. Lipscomb-Norvell and El Camino Real? In the early 1700's King Phillip of Spain decreed that a road be built from Mexico though Laredo, San Antonio, Bastrop, etc. up to Los Adais the then capital of the Province of Tejas which is over in Louisiana. The purpose of this southwest/northeast highway, the only one in Texas, was to counter the threatened French incursions against the missions of East Texas. This highway was the main immigration route for later Yankees coming to Texas.

Over the years the highway lost its identity so that by 1910's nobody knew where it really ran. Lipscomb-Norvell, born in Bastrop, on the route set out to do something about that. The old road had been the boundary marker the old Spanish land grants, so she hired surveyors and antiquarians to dig up the records in the Mexican Archives (= Bexar Archives then in San Antonio) and locate the road by these remnants. Quite an admirable achievement. started a campaign to have the located road designated as a State highway -- you know there weren't many in Texas or the nation in 1910. She maneuvered with the politicians and with the Chambers of Commerce all along the route and they had big parades, field days, celebrations, newspaper editorials, and what not over the project. Finally, by about 1920, the State established it as State Route 21, "The Old Spanish Road" and it is still in use as such. We use it regularly going back and forth to Janie's family in Shreveport, LA. Among other things Mrs. Lipscomb-Norvell succeeded in getting pink granite markers set every 5 miles all along the 400 mile route!

Now for McClanahan. When the campaign was won and the road established and marked, she decided to have a book published about the decade-long campaign. She had collected all the papers about the job, news items, editorials, memorials to the Legislature, bills introduced, letters among the many participants - (she must have been a regular Hilary)-, posters, photos, etc. I read her book when I first came to Texas in 1951. It was pure McClanahan.

She bundled up all her papers including ribbons, flags, name tags and all — and took them to her printer. The printer took the whole bundle to the top of a flight of stairs and threw them down the stairs. Then he descended step by step. What he picked up on the top step became page ONE, the next step Page TWO and so on paper by paper. Then he bound them into Mrs. Lipscomb-Norvell's book.

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PS. I'll incorporate your carefully paged McClahanan's sheets into my version of his typescript. I'll solve the problem of where to place them by the same method Mrs. Lipscomb-Norvell's printer used. Nobody will ever know the difference.

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12 JUN 1993

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Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg -

... Pressley & Eppy, et al .....
... Betsy's of 28 May 1993 ...
... Jim's of 6/6/93 ...

dissertation originally dated 6/7/93 was This composed before I today received Jim's of 6/6 described below and may, in my mixed up system of multiple mailings, have gotten to some of you in the 6/7 form. It contained questions that arose out of Jim's original submittal of the Daniel White settlement estate which contained annotations of Jim himself. Now in his 6/6 Jim sent the original estate papers Xeroxed in which Jim's annotations do not appear. (Jim can cram more sheets into a # 10 envelope than any other of my correspondents.) This 6/12 letter eliminates the questions I raised in the 6/7, which have been now resolved by the original document.

Why don't I just send the revised letter without mentioning the earlier superceded one? Because I'm not sure who got the earlier one and want to explain to them whoever they are!

On 1/2/91 I sent youall a dissertation in which I laboriously proved that Eppy White was not a woman, wife of Pressley - which you may have known all along - but was a s/o Daniel White, for whom Pressley was gdn.

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Recently comes to hand <u>Family Puzzlers</u> with a White Bible showing Eppy White b. 3/16/1791 and marrying Catherine Herndon and dying 9/19/1854. Topping that Betsy from "Bible" [not sure if the Bible of <u>Family Puzzlers</u> or another] has him b. 3/16/1793 and a diary of John Martin White at 3/16/1792. How in the world can things get so messed up !?! (Sounds like the Koenig household where I claim that half of the communication consists of misinformation.)

This 1791/1792/1793 Eppe [presumably = Eppy] Betsy has [source a bit uncertain] as the one who m. Catherine Herndon and her "Bible" having him as s/o a John Martin White, the diarist.

The other Eppy [our Eppy if there are two] she has apparently from her correspondent, Mrs. Billie White, as Epaphrodetus "Eppy" s/o Daniel [our Daniel] b. c 1790 and marrying a Martha Cox. This is the first Martha Cox in the deal.

So much for two Eppy Whites that we [= I] may have mixed together in our concepts. No matter for now.

Jim 6/6 provides the original 3-page final Return of the Daniel White estate settlement, by the execs' Return, 2 May 1814, rec 3 May, Bk K, p. 90-93, listed as follows:

Stephen Morgan	\$129 (I omit the cents)
Martin White	212
P. Christian	129
P. Christian	129
Jesse Fortson	129
Jesse Fortson	303
Isaac Christian	595

The receipts of the receiving parties of 18 May 1812 are as follows:

The receipts have Wm Davis & Martin White execs.

Stephen Morgan

Martin White as gdn Jno. White, minor;

Isaac Christian [Isaac Christian had married Mildred Milly White 12 Feb 1807 and he was receiving his wife's share as a good son-in-law (before Womens' Rights)].

Jesse Fortson as gdn Asa.

- J. Fortson
- P. Christian
- F. Christian as gdn Eppy;

We have a mg. about 1800 for Jesse Fortson and Mary B. White d/o Daniel - from Betsy's correspondent, Mrs. Billie White from The Fortson Family (not otherwise identified). This leaves Stephen Morgan and P. [=Pressley] Christian as imputed sons-in-law. The case for Pressley is strengthened by his gdnship of Eppy. That for Morgan by default.

How come Isaac gets \$595 while the others get only \$129?

Weren't there any <u>sons</u> surviving Daniel? (Except John.)

So much for the estate distribution and settlement.

I had previously asked why Eppy, if born Feb 1791, required a gdn in May 1812, 3 months after his 21st birthday? Answer comes to hand in the <u>qdnship appointments</u> which were in Jan term 1809 (or Betsy wants a misprint for 1807): he was not 21 at the time of the appointments.

But now, according to Betsy, the gdns were: Presley for Eppy (which incidentally answers the question of who was P. Christian); Martin White for John White; and Fortson for Asa and Mildred.

Question: How come Fortson a gdn for Mildred at time of appointments and not at time of settlement? Answer: the appointments were, as Betsy wants, in Jan 1807 a month before Mildred married Isaac. WELL AT LEAST WE GOT ONE QUESTION ANSWERED!

Just for completion: the 1810 Return shows P.Christian paid as gdn of Eppy.

So far we've got Pressley married to a sister of Milly White. Question: when did he marry her? Well, she did not have a guardian appointed in Jan 1807, but Pressley collected on her heirship in 1812. She was either married to Pressley by Jan 1807 or she was not minor then, i.e. over 20. Betsy has the mg of Daniel White & Mary Ballenger "before 1783". That would allow X White to be born before 1787 so as to be over 20 in 1807. But if Pressley was not a s-i-l in Jan 1807 how come he was selected for gdnship of Eppy. The best solution: Pressley and X White were married by Jan 1807, and probably a bit prior (see Census below).

Note that, from Betsy's "Bible", Daniel died 7 Nov 1806, and wife Mary 28 Sep 1804 - bolstering Betsy's idea that the appointments were in Jan 1807, not 1809 - i.e. two months after they became orphans, not two years. SO I THINK WE HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION ANSWERED.

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Now: when did X White w/o Pressley die?

A comparison for the 1820 & 1830 for Pressley shows that in those years he had a wife born 1796-1801. But in 1820 he had older children:

dau1 1806/1810 Melissa? son1 1806/1810 Daniel W.? son2 1806/1810 James Martin?

These could not be the children of a wife born 1796/1801, for one born even in 1796 could not have three children by 1810. Conclusion: the 1820-1830 wife was a 2nd wife and X White had died 1810-1820.

The next 3 children deduced from the 1810 & 1820 are:

son3 1811/1815

dau2 1816/1820

dau3 1811/1820 not in the 1830, maybe married.

These <u>could</u> be children of X White, since all we know is that she died before 1820. Or they <u>could</u> be the children of the 2nd wife.

Just to finish it off, the next batch are:

son4 1821/1825

dau4 1821/1825

dau5 1826/1830

These cannot be the children of X White and must be those of the 2nd wife.

We sure need more data on Pressley and his kids after 1830. He's not to be found in 1840 according to CFC. And we need data on his activities surrounding the 1824 PA from St.Clair Co, AL.

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Comments?

Five heads are better than one.

LOU

Doc Chrono Pressley

DATE		LOCATI	ON	<b>VC410</b> R	DCA
	•	him	land		RBP.
PILE	PRESSLEY	ROWS	47	COLUMNS: A 70 B B = Blbert; F = Franklin; S = St. Clair, AL;	
				' M = McNairy, TN; BY = orig. Barly soon Thomas	
1781	1790				2,8
1786	ABT			lst wife uk White born d/o Daniel & Mary Ballenger	•
1796	1800			2nd wife born	
1804	/09/28	E		Hary Ballenger dies	28
1805		R		2 draws 1807 lottery, blanks?	11'
1806	BBP	B		married 1st wife, uk White	2
1806	-1810	8		daul born Melissa? of X White	2
1806	-1810a	E		sonl born Danuel W. ? of X Wwhite	2
1806	-1810b	8		son2 born James Martin? of X White	2
1806	/11/07	B		Daniel White dies	28
1807,	/01	8		Apptd gdn of Bpaphodotus, Bppy White s/o Daniel	24
1810		B		paid as gdn Bppy in Return on Daniel's estate	26
1811-	-1815	B		son3 born	2,8
1811-	-1820	2		dau3 born	2
1812,	/05/18	8		final return Daniel's estate receipts for self and for gdn Bppy	3,27
1813		B	E	buys 29 1/10 acres Dove's Creek from John Faulkner	12
1813,	/11/05	8	8	buys 132 1/4 acres Dove's Creek from Vm Grimes. Adj Thomas Oglesby et.al	l 11
1814		R	E	buys 69 1/4 acres Dove's Creek from John Faulkner	13
1814		8	8	buys 170 acres Dove's Creek from Wm. Paulkner	14
1815		E	R	sells to R. R. Wilhite 132 1/4 acres Falling Creek	19
1815		8	8	Blbert Tax list Capt. Prusley in Capt. Christian's Dist	9
1815,	/12/01	B	E	sells to R. R. Wilhite 29 1/10 acres Dove's Creek. Wit Robt. B.	18
1815,	/12/01	8	E	sells to Geo. Oglesby 170 acres Dove's Creek	17
1815	/12/01	B	B	sells to George Oglesby 69 1/4 acres Dove's Creek	16
1816	-1820	8		dau2 born	2,8
1818	/01/05	P		member of Franklin Court of Ordinary	6
1818,	/01/14	P	P	sells John Powler 210 acres on Hudson R.	5
1819,	/02/25	E	B	buys 258 1/4 acres west side Palling Creek from LeRoy Oglesby	15
1820	BEP	8		1st wife, uk White died married 2nd wife	2
1820	/06/01	B		Census with 2nd w. & 6 ch 3 slaves 3 agric	2
1821	-1825	8		son4 born of 2nd wife	8
1821	-1825a	E		dau4 born of 2nd wife	8
1822		B	8	sells to Isaac Christian 258 1/4 acres Palling Creek	20
1822,	/03/05	E		Presley, Sheriff, sells lands of John Harris	22
1824,	/09/17	S		of St. Clair, AL P/A to James Christian sr to recover from creditors	4
	/11/23	B	BA	Grant 23rd Dist Orig Early, became Thomas, Lot #6 250 acres (Lottery?)	10
	-1830			dau5 born of 2nd wife	8
1826		B	B	with James Christian bond for John R. Wilhite gdn Wilhite children	21
	/06/29		H	Enters 50 acres Western Dist, TW, 9th Dist, 3rd Range, 1st Sect.	23
	/06/29a		H	son? Daniel W also enters, as occupant, same area	23
		H		Census with 2nd w. & 5 ch	8
1831	beyond			No further information	



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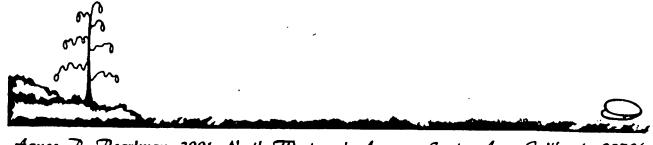
Dear Loui

This is mainly to acknowledge your letter of June 12 to the consortium re Pressley and Eppy, et al, etc. Thank you, too, for the Documentary Chronology of Pressley Christian. I hope we can somehow find out more about him.

Also, I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 18. Thoroughly enjoyed your story about Mrs. Lipscomb-Norvell and El Camino Real. She and McClanahan must have inherited some of the same genes. But I'll leave that search to another!

Nothing more to add today.

Sincerely



July 5, 1993

Mrs. June Pry Smith 609 Scott Place Abilene, Texas 79601

Dear June:

Thank you so much for your "Nemo" of July 27 to Lou, Bruce, James, and myself. It is nice to have details of your progress and visit to Salt Lake City, and I look forward to the report from Arlene.

I am curious about the booklet by "a researcher from Georgia" that you mention. If it is the one by Dorothy Holland, I would be very cautious in accepting the information except for whatever leads it might offer. I have a copy in my genealogical collection, and the booklet is filled with error mixed with fact. Since Ms. Holland was listed as a "Certified Genealogist," I have often wondered how and why she was not more careful in putting information into print.

I'll write again after receiving what Arlene reports about the Christian line.

Sincerely,

cc:

Louis Koenig Bruce Christian James M. Christian 3 JUL 1993

MRS. JUNE FRY SMITH 609 SCOTT PLACE ABILENE TX 79601

.Dear June -

## ... yours of $\underline{JUN}$ 27/93 ...

What a delight to read your cheery and enthusiastic letter about SLC! You must be spending a BUNDLE on it and we're all eager to see your results. You even had me enthusiastic myself — though my days of research in the records and libraries are over, since I am prohibited by Higher Authority from travelling or driving. (But my kindly collaborators are keeping me busy with their contributed data.)

Just one thing: the booklet by a GA researcher about the Christian family. Can you let us have the author and title? Maybe we already have it somewhere. And especially for our immediate interests: the mention of Pressley Christian as father of Flijah Willis.

What a nice connection that Bruce is kin to you on the Fry side and to your husband on the Christian! Bruce takes time out from his law school pursuit to visit me once in a while and I'll have to quiz him about the Fry connection.

To the others: June was excited to find Charles Louis Koenig over in Dewitt County near San Antonio and (unless she had tongue in cheek) thought it was me. The rest of this letter is about that.

June, Koenig is a common German name and there are many of them here in South Texas from the mid-century German migration. But I am not one of them. My families have been in this country for four generations and not a one of the descendants has been born outside of New York City, except my 4 kids. But it is surprising to find a Charles Louis Koenig just like me. I was named after my two grandfathers Karl Friederich Koenig and Ludwig Wilhelm Holste — my mother didn't want to offend either of them. My family didn't come from Alsace-Lorraine but they did come from across the Phine from there. The Koenigs were woodcutters and sawyers from a little town named Dobel in the Black Forest — from which I have never

been able to get a peep. Others were from a one-street town up on the east bank of the Rhine, looking down across their sloping vineyards to Alsace in France. (I've traced our German ancestors back to 1573.) My son visited some of the relatives there and brought me back a bottle of wine made from the vineyards that my ancestors had cultivated for 300 years. (It was lousy wine, but I drank it and saved the bottle.)

I might get my son to take me to visit those Charles Louis Koenigs in Cuero - just for the hell of it. The recitation of the produce of their farm(s) made my mouth water. Guess I'd better go in time for one of their "Sunday dinners".

Another coincidence: they added an additional 58.04 acres. Our remnant holdings here are 58.1 acres.

I have to quit this or next I'll be getting into astrology.

Thanks again for your interest and contributions -

LOU

Agnes, Jim, Bruce

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.Dear Agnes -

Can you identify these volunteer soldiers in White's <a href="Index to Volunteer Soldiers 1784-1811">Index to Volunteer Soldiers 1784-1811</a>, 1987, excerpt from which sent you by Meg, See 1991 ??

All 52nd Regt VA Militia 1807-

Edmond, Capt
Edmond jr, Pvt
James, Pvt
John, Maj. Co's F & S
Robert W. Pvt

Resort

Best I can do is <u>maybe</u> Juden W., s/o Walter s/o Charles, c. 1788- c. 1820, Amherst.

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4 AUG 1993

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.Dear Agnes -

... Namesake terminology ....

... Charles jr Chronology ...

I need an education on the preferred method of designating namesakes for genealogical purposes.

I know that for purposes of <u>living</u>, i.e. designating for contemporaneous use, we have Sr the father and Jr the son as long as the father is living - and then when the father is dead the son becomes Sr and his son is Jr. . (I dismiss from this discussion the ancient practice of designating as Jr any younger But that can't be a practice for genealogical namesake.) research because :

- 1. If there are more than one set in the series it becomes confusing and impossible to distinguish among the Sr's and Jr's of the successive generations.
- 2. If there are three namesakes living at one time, e.g. father, son, grandson, the practice in use is unclear and ambiguous as to how the designate the grandson. And that's the problem I address here.

An example of my puzzlement:

Turner Christian

C.W. Christian

W. P. Christian C.W. [what?]

C. W. jr

First of all I insist that designations once given in a genealogical research must remain with that person throughout his history. That is once we designate the C.W. Jr as that then he stays C.W. Ir thereafter and preempts the name from any other candidate.

> I have a "Koenig Principle of Communication": No two names for the same entity. No two entities with the same name.

So my problem is what to name the C.W. s/o W.P.

Forgot to change 17 epi.

The record starts out "This Indenture dated Aug 19, 1754....". But the Indenture's themselves were executed and signed 3 Jun 1754, and proved and recorded Aug 20, 1754. The Aug 19 has nothing to do with the two deeds. It happens to be the opening sentence of the <u>next</u> deed, following the 2nd Charles deed.

Worse than that, the Index dates the 2nd deed as Aug 19, 1750 and this 1750 date has become perpetuated in the literature. And has had me spinning for years.

If you'd like I can send you the two deeds and my typescript transcript of them.

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Chas jr chronology

Presuming that C.W. What is born after C.W. jr the first impulse is to name him C.W. II, that is "the second of that name in this research but not a Jr" - Jr being reserved for the father/son pair.

Even if C.W What is born <u>before</u> C.W. jr, still name him II honoring the foregoing definition. The when C.W has son C.W. he can name him C.W. jr - and that's what genealogists should do too.

Now when C.W [Sr] dies C.W.Jr drops the Jr in life, but genealogists should still retain it.

If there is no preceding C.W. II and C.W Jr has a son and wants to name him C.W. how he designates him is his choice but genealogists have to give some distinguishing name. If there are no other existing or pre-existing C.W.'s we would want to name him C.W.III, thus:

C. W. [Sr]

C. H. Jr

C.W. III i.e. the 3rd C.W.

and so on with

C.W. IV

C.W. V

etc.

(I actually have a William Asbury Christian V.)

But now suppose W.P.'s son C.W.II has a son he wants to name C.W. what does he name him?

You can see the mess I'm getting into. So I cut this short by asking the simple question of you: IS THERE ANY STANDARD ACCEPTED METHOD FOR SUCH NAMING? or do I have to wrangle to come up with some logical system myself?

#### ... Charles jr chronology ...

Attached my latest chronology for Charles Christian jr, d. 1784. Meg sent me the Christian excerpts from the Index to Goochland deeds and I've been trying to extract and separate the Chas sr and Chas jr and Chas III (m. Sarah Duke). My results are incorporated in the Chronology.

There you see several NFI's. Do you have any of these NFI deeds? If so can you send me Xeroxes? (By the way Jim has come up with a new meaning of "copy". He sent me a document and noted "I have copied the ladies" - meaning he's sent copies to Agnes, Betsy, Meg, etc..)

In case you haven't noticed it the record for the two deeds of 1754/06/03 (they occupy the same pages) is confused and the Index furthers the confusion.

DATE		LOCAT	ION land		DCA REF
FILE	CHASJR	ROWS	3 70	COLUMNS: A TO E G= Goochland; A= Amherst; C=Charles City; Al= Albemarle	2
1706	ART	C		Charles jr born to Charles sr & Elizabeth Hunt	
1714/				Judith Woodson born to Joseph Woodson & Jane Woodson	17
1715/				Mary Leak born to Walter Leak & Judith Mask	13,
1726/0		C		Chas jr wit deed Thomas Christian [II] Henrico to Thomas jr [III] CCCo.	35
1726/		C		wit deed Thomas jr [III] to his bro. James of land bought 19 Jan 1726	36
1733/1		6		dau Lucy born of Judith Woodson	26
1733/1		G		Salar Sa	26,
1734/		G		dau Judith Woodson Christian born of Judith Woodson	
1735/		G			26
1735/1		6		wit as Charles Christian jr, with Turner to deed in Goochland marries Mary Leak	33
1735/1				wife Judith Woodson died	26
		6			26
1736/1		G		dau Elizabeth born to Mary Leak	26
1737/1		6		son Charles [III] born	26
1738/		G		wit deed of St. James Parish, Goochland	32
1742/1		6		son John [B] born year ending 26 Sep 1743	26
1747/1		G	Al	Joshua Fry, surveyor, surveyed 400 acres and 68 acres for Charles	41
1748/(		6		wit. with Walter Leak will of Robert Christian sr St Ann, Albemarle	24
1749 E		6		son Elijah born	26
1749/(		6		proved will of Robert Christyian sr	24
	1752 BEF	-		dau Mary born	26
1754/0		6	200	Chas. jr or sr? exec will of Stephen Watkins, Amelia Co.	39
1754/(		G	G	Charles sr of Charles City to Chas. jr of Goochland 280 ac.	34
	08/19a	G		"signed 4 Jun 1754" plantation Deep Creek of Lickinghole	34
1020000	08/196	6		wit: John Christian, John Christian jr, Ann Mourning Coleman	34
1754/1		6		dau Judith born	26
	01/03 AF	TG		son Turner born	26
1757/1	10/31	6		wit with John & Elizabeth Humber will of Walter Leak	10,
1757/1	1759	G		son William born	26
1758/0	05/16	6		with John & Elizabeth Humber Froved will of Walter Leak	10,1
1760/0	03/18	6		Sec. mg John Woodson to Mary Mimms in Goochland	37
1760/0	09/23	6		son Walter born	26
1761			A	AMHERST FORMED FROM ALBEMARLE	
1761/1	10/09	6	A	John Warren, Albemarle to Chas. 400 ac. br of Rocky Creek of Buffalo	40
1762/0	09/26	6		son George born	26
1765		6	6	to Charles jr 286 ac. E side Deep Creek of Lickinghole, wit. John Humber	20
1765/0	06/17	G		wit deed of Thomas Edwards sr to son Charles, both Goochland	8
1765/1	1766	6		dau Mourning born	26
1765/1	1783	G		wife Mark Leak died	26
1767/0	06	6		sues Wm. Christian exec John Christian dec'd for tresspass. Jury trial.	30
1767/0	)6a	6		Wm. uk John take as s/o Charles & Susannah - shaky	30
1768/0	)2	6		sues Wm. exec John, & Wm. Gregory re negro girl in John's estate	31
1770/0		G	6	to son John (Bl 200 ac. of tract Charles lived on. Wit: Elijah Christian	
	08/29A			was on Ambless' Br., adj Humber, Jos. Leak, Wm. Cole	21
1770?		6		gave land he had bought to Elizabeth Humber & other children	22
1775/1	10/13	6	A	400 ac. (3926 tract) to Elijah where he lives adj. Charles sr's land	23
1778/0		6		consents to mg. of son Turner to Anna Payne	9
1780/0		6	A	gave son Turner 400 ac. "by pat." where T. lives Rocky Creek, Buffalo	29
	05/09a		**	lines incl. Charles Christian [III] & John Warren	29
	05/09aa			no record of a 400 ac. patent	

# DOCUMENTARY CHRONOLOGY Charles Christian jr d. 1784 03-Aug-93

DATE	LOCATION		·····	DCA
	him	land		REF.
1780/05/09b	G		gave Turner "another tract of survey of mine bought of James London"	29
1780/05/09bb			the London purchase cannot be found	
1780/05/09c	6		gave Turner another tract bought of John Warren, lines Elijah Christian	29
1780/05/09d			this tract evidently not the 400 acre tract	
1783	6	6	State census 1 white, 8 blacks [=was living alone Where was Mourning?]	25
1783/09/18	6		wrote will, Wit: William Turner, Josiah Leake, Lucy Leake	11
1783/09/18a	6	Α	to William 400 ac. bought of John Warren	11
1783/09/18b	6	A	to Walter 250 ac. bought of James London	11
1783/09/1866			the London purchase cannot be found	
1783/09/18c	6	6	to George land on which Charles lives, negro, featherbed, etc	11
1783/09/18d	6	-	to Mourning 1/2 land where Benjamin Lacy lives, negroes, featherbeds, et	11
1783/09/18e	6		to Lucy Woodson, Judith Woodson Danniel 1 shilling	11
1783/09/18f	6		remainder to sons & Judith Lacy, Mourning, Elizabeth Humber, Mary Grisham	11
1783/09/18g	6		execs: Turner, Walter, George	11
1784/01 ABT	6		Charles Christian died	26
1784/02/16	6		will proved	11

# JESSE CHRISTIAN OF ELBERT

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8/3/93

Turner Christian registered for the 1805 Lottery, registration 1803/1804, drawing two blanks. None of his 3 sons did: Charles Woodson, William Payne I, Jesse George — though all three were eligible provided they were residents from 11 May 1802. I had always assumed they came with their father whom I always had pegged at 1798 when he had his grant surveyed. But possibly they stayed in VA, as single men, and only came to GA later. That's quite unlikely, so the only remaining theory is that they just didn't give a hoot about winning land grants.

However in this Lottery a Jesse Christian of Elbert drew two blanks. He must have been born before 1782/1783 in order to have been eligible. This was not Jesse George, s/o Turner, reasons:

- 1. Two draws were for marrieds and Jesse George did not marry till 1813.
- 2. Nowhere in my records is Jesse George named anything but Jesse George or Jesse G. Nowhere plain Jesse.
- 3. As stated above his two brothers for some reason did not register and it's likely that he followed suit.

But this Jesse Christian in the 1803 registration had serial # 403, and Registrant # 402 was a James Christian who also drew two blanks, indicating both were married. James and Jesse came for registration on the same day and stood in line, James ahead, Jesse right behind him. This indicates a close connection between them.

Jesse Christian, of Capt. Higginbotham's Militia Dist., Elbert, was a tax defaulter for the year 1803. (Augusta Chronicle, 12/31/1803, page 4, col 4[or3])

The 1807 Lottery, registration 1806, gives only the fortunate drawers so we cannot draw any conclusions from the absence of Turner, Charles Woodson, William Payne I, or a Jesse George. However a Jesse of Oliver's Militia Dist., Elbert had one fortunate draw, drawing Lot # 54, District 18 in Baldwin County. We do not know if he was married, i.e. had two draws, but the age requirement was 21 so he must have been born before 1786.

WHO WAS THIS JESSE, BORN BEFORE 1782/1783, ASSOCIATED WITH JAMES, MARRIED BY 1803, AND RESIDENT BY 11 MAY 1802?

I cannot find in my records any Jesse Christian, s/o Georgia residents, Dr. George, Elijah, Edward Leak, or Turner. We have solid knowledge of the sons of the first three. For Turner we are pretty certain that a Jesse was not a son of the mg. to Anna Payne — among other reasons: Turner would not be naming a son of that marriage Jesse when he already had a Jesse George.

Turner shows up after the mg. to Elizabeth Penn with a flock of females in his household, but no males. There is a gap of 24 years between the birth of Jesse George 1782 and the first of the flock of females 1806/1810 and we don't know if these females are his (and Elizabeth Penn's) or not. Elizabeth Penn

was born before 1768 so would have been 34 when the females started coming. Unlikely that the children are Turner's and anyway there's no Jesse among them.

Incidentally, I do not have anywhere in my records a Jesse, e.g. from other VA Christians, that fits this Jesse.

The remaining possibility: Jesse is a son of or a brother of our (my) floater the prominent Elberter, James, he of the unestablished parentage. Betsy and Agnes have come up with a list of James' conjectured children - by the process of having children seeking a father and a father seeking children. So I'm throwing this Jesse into the pot. The two references cited above are the only ones we have for this guy and he is easily confused (and blended) with Jesse George so maybe for that reason Betsy and Agnes missed him when beating the bushes for sons of James.

Question: if James brought his son (not his brother) to the 1803/1804 registration why didn't he bring his other sons? Suggested answer: they were not old enough to be eligible. If that is so, then they must have been born after 1782. This causes us to revise the Agnes/Betsy estimates of their birth date ranges. Agnes has the first, William B., born 1780-1783. We can revise that to 1783/1784 - and if Agnes' 1783 is firm, then just 1783.

Agnes & Betsy has the 2nd, Pressley, born 1780-1784. We can revise that to 1784/1785 - and if their 1784 is firm, then just 1784. The 3rd is Isaac, 4 Jul 1787/1788.

There's a 3/4-year gap into which Agnes and Betsy can squeeze 1 or 2 more stray kids.

We don't know when James and Lucy Bradley were married but by this construction it must have been before 1781/1782. With William B. and Pressley born a year apart it is likely that Jesse was no more than a year or two before Pressley which would place him 1782/1783 and the marriage 1781/1782.

Unanswered question: What happened to a son Jesse? Maybe he can be found in Baldwin County.

And finally, the Jesse, along with the Pressley, may give us a clue to James' parentage.

What do you think?

LOU

Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg

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AGNES PEARLMAN 2001 N. WESTWOOD AVE. SANTA ANA. CA 92706

.Dear Agnes -

### ... James Branch Cabell ...

Before Cabell produced <u>The Majors and their Marriages</u> he made a manuscript in his tiny meticulous handprinting, entitled <u>Jottings preliminary to The Majors</u>, etc. The manuscript is in the Alderman Library, U. VA ms Dept and Bruce brought me 11 pages concerning Christians. If you wish I can send you the 11 pages.

It is mostly from orthodox sources, including some of their errors. I have most of the references given but three I don't have:

"His [Thomas I] son Charles Christian purchased land from William Cole, Thomas Holt, and William Gregory by a deed dated 1768 13 November - 9000 acres"

"Charles Christian was guardian of Elizabeth Vaughan 1790."

"His [James s/o Thomas I] son Joel of Charles City has a deed recorded in Goochland 1754.
NOTE: If this is the deed with Richard of 16 Jul 1754 selling some of their inheritance — I do have it.

Re the first one: this can't be Charles s/o Thomas I, for he died 1755-1760. Must be some other Charles living in 1768.

Re the second one: this may have been Charles III s/o Charles jr d. 1784 or Charles the 3926 petitioner s/o John who we think died after 1804.

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Do you have any of these deeds? and if so can you send me copies?



August 10, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Iorest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

In response to your letter of July 3 to June Smith: See the enclosed two letters I sent to her regarding the possibility of her Elijah Willis Christian as a son of Pressley Christian. I perhaps should have sent copies of my letters when I responded to her. As yu will notice, I question the assertion and the source. Explanation in the letters.

Re your letter to me of August 2 concerning the five Volunteer Soldiers--Capt. Edmond Christian, Rvt. Edmond Christian, Jr., Rvt. James Christian, Maj. John Christian, and Rvt. Robert W. Christian: I'm sorry that I am not in a position to identify these individuals. Simply as an example, there are fifteen men in my files named Edmond or Edmund Christian from which to make a choice. None is identified by military service except a note from John D. Christian's "Notes" that the Edmond Christian in 1810 Charles City Co., VA, census was "probably Major Edmond Christian." And you don't even have such a person on your list. Yes, maybe Robert W. was a son of Walter and Martha Christian, although I do have three others of the name in my files. It's hard enough distinguishing between those with the same name when one is an ancestor. These collateral lines are really difficult!

Re the dilemma of references to Sr. and Jr., II, III, etc. discussed in your letter of August 4: I, too, have fretted over this problem and have come to the conclusion that there is no completely satisfactory solution. I have, however, chosen a method that has worked reasonably well for me. It is my opinion that no such title should be used in cross-reference files--I use the given and surname only. When writing a short article limited to a single branch of a family, I do assign such designations in order easily to distinguish between those of the same name. The generational designations are reserved for those in a direct line--never for cousins, nephews, etc. A supplementary method is to use birth-death dates in parentheses immediately following the name. Actually, this is probably the best method since it allows for the least confusion. Of course, when quoting from deeds, etc., one must use the designations given in the document; and an extra word of explanation is usually in order. Have I added sufficiently to the confusion?

I do thank you for sending the updated Chronology for Charles Christian (c. 1706-1784). It is quite natural to use the Sr. and Jr. designations in such a chronology! As I indicated above, in a document of limited length and for a limited period, the designations make it possible to make the distinctions more easily. If another preferable method occurs to you or another of our consortium, do let me know the details.

Re identity of the Jesse Christian found in Elbert County, Georgia records: I can offer only a few suggestions--nothing definitive and more likely who he was not:

1. Probably not the Jesse Christian born before 1743, sto Thomas and Rebecca (Christian) Christian. We're still not sure exactly what happened to him. He may have married and had

children, possibly one named for him.

2. Probably not the Jesse, sto Drury and Lucretia Williams, who married Mary Greenwood before 1800 and left will dated 13 October 1836 in Edgefield District, SC; will proved there 31 July 1839.. He did have a son named Jesse and a son named James. Could the children have been born long before 1800 and made their way to Georgia?

3. Probably not the Jesse, sto Allen and Margaret Christian who mentioned him and his children James and William in their 1836 will in Madison County, AL. This Jesse may have been

the one who married Mary Harrow/Harron 27 March 1813 in Madison County, AL

4.. Probably not the Jesse Christian born 1780-1790 in Georgia, moved before 1815 to Hickman County, TN, then about 18.20 to Monroe County, MS, then after 1831 to Tishomingo County, MS, later to Greene County, Arkansas. He married Nancy Higginbottom before 1815.

5. Definitely not the men named Jesse George Christian and other men named Jesse

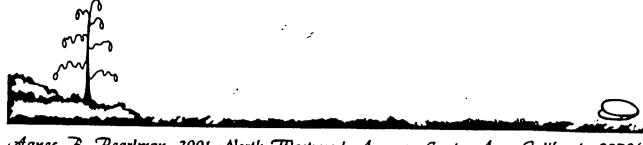
Christian who were born far too late to have been the subject Jesse.

6. The most likely Jesse Christian (parents still unknown) whose son Elijah L. Christian was born 28 July 1794 in Westover Parish, Virginia, died about 1848 in Georgia; married 1) in 1821 Rebecca Coleman. This information was in a 1964 letter from Elsie Simmers to Marshall McClanahan. This Jesse, then, would have probably been born about 1774 or before-making him more likely a brother than a son of the James Christian who married Lucy Bradley. Comments welcome.

If it's easy to make the copies, I would appreciate having the eleven pages of James Branch Cabell's "jottings" preliminary to his book.

That's about all for today.

cc: Jim, Bruce



July 5, 1993

Mrs. June Pry Smith 609 Scott Place Abilene, Texas 79601

Dear June:

Thank you so much for your "Memo" of July 27 to Lou, Bruce, James, and myself. It is nice to have details of your progress and visit to Salt Lake City, and I look forward to the report from Arlene.

I am curious about the booklet by "a researcher from Georgia" that you mention. If it is the one by Dorothy Holland, I would be very cautious in accepting the information except for whatever leads it might offer. I have a copy in my genealogical collection, and the booklet is filled with error mixed with fact. Since Ms. Holland was listed as a "Certified Genealogist," I have often wondered how and why she was not more careful in putting information into print.

I'll write again after receiving what Arlene reports about the Christian line.

Sincerely,

cc:

Louis Koenig Bruce Christian James M. Christian

July 17, 1993

Mrs. June Smith 609 Scott Place Abilene, Texas 79601

Dear June:

Thank you for your letter of July 13 with the enclosure of your letter to Dorothy Holland of July 7. I hope she can provide documentation for the assertion that Presley Christian is the father of your Elijah Willis Christian.

I took a few moments to review my records on this subject today; and, frankly, it is much more likely that Presley and Elijah Willis were brothers.. Our consortium has been working diligently on the two families of Presley Christian (with quite limited results), but there does not seem to be a place among Presley's children for an Elijah born about 1802.

Presley, born between 1780-1784, married 1) \_\_\_\_\_ White, do Daniel and Mary (Ballernger) White. She was a sister of Mildred White (wife of Isaac Christian). Note also that their grandmother was a Mary (Martin) White. Presley's first wife died sometime between 1810 and 1820 when Presley appears with second wife on the Elbert County, Georgia, 1820 census with the following children:

a son born 1805-1810. This is probably Daniel W. Christian, who later appears in McNairy County, Tennessee, census (as does Presley)

a daughter, born 1805–1810. This is Melissa I. or Melissa I. Christian, who married before 1830

a son, born 1805-1810. This was reputedly James Martin Christian, born 3 Mar. 1810, who apparently married in McNairy County, Tennessee, and died in Hunt County, Texas, in October 1861

another son and two daughters born 1810-1820, not yet identified, may have been children of either the first or the second wife.

a son and daughter born 1820-1825 and a daughter born 1825-1830 are known to have been children of the second wife

Presley was of St. Clare County, Alabama, in 1824 and of McNairy County, Tennessee, in 1830 census. He was the first Chairman of County Court of McNairy County. He, as will as Daniel W., received land grants in McNairy County.

Since Elijah Willis Christian did not marry until 1823, I believe he would have been in his father's 1820 household if a son of Presley. Do let me know what you hear from Dorothy Holland and Arlene.

Sincerely,

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# DOCUMENTARY CHRONOLOGY Charles Christian jr d. 1784 04-Aug-93

DATE	LOCAT him	TION land	ACTION	DCA REF.
1770/05/19	6	6	deed to Archibald Bryce NFI	48
1770/08/20	6	6	to son John [B] 200 ac. of tract Charles lived on. Wit: Elijah Christian	21
1770/08/29A			was on Ambless' Br., adj Humber,Jos. Leak, Wm. Cole	21
1770?	6		gave land he had bought to Elizabeth Humber & other children	22
1773/07/19	6	6	deed to James Grisham NFI	49
1775/10/13	6	A	400 ac. (3926 tract) to Elijah where he lives adj. Charles sr's land	23
1778/01/03	6		consents to mg. of son Turner to Anna Payne	9
1778/06/15	6	6	deed to John Britt NFI	50
1780/05/09	6	A	gave son Turner 400 ac. "by pat." where T. lives Rocky Creek, Buffalo	29
1780/05/09a			lines incl. Charles Christian [III] & John Warren	29
1780/05/09aa			no record of a 400 ac. patent	
1780/05/09b	6		gave Turner "another tract of survey of mine bought of James London"	29
1780/05/09bb			the London purchase cannot be found	
1780/05/09c	6		gave Turner another tract bought of John Warren, lines Elijah Christian	29
1780/05/09d			this tract evidently not the 400 acre tract	
1783	6	6	State census 1 white, 8 blacks [=was living alone   Where was Mourning?]	25
1783/09/18	6		wrote will, Hit: Hilliam Turner,Josiah Leake, Lucy Leake	11
1783/09/18a	6	A	to William 400 ac. bought of John Warren	11
1783/09/18b	6	A	to Walter 250 ac. bought of James London	11
1783/09/18bb			the London purchase cannot be found	
1783/09/18c	G	6	to George land on which Charles lives, negro, featherbed, etc	11
1783/09/18d	6		to Mourning 1/2 land where Benjamin Lacy lives, negroes, featherbeds, et	11
1783/09/18e	6		to Lucy Hoodson, Judith Hoodson Danniel 1 shilling	11
1783/09/18f	6		remainder to sons & Judith Lacy, Mourning, Elizabeth Humber, Mary Grisham	11
1783/09/18g	6		execs: Turner, Walter, George	11
1784/01 ABT	6		Charles Christian died	26
1784/02/16	6		will proved	11
1784/05/16	G		Inventory NFI	51
1791/10/17			Estate settlement NFI	52

### WILLIAM CHRISTIAN SON OF CHARLES JR OF THE 1783 WILL

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8/12/93

I originally took William Christian s/o Charles jr as he who married Martha Evans and moved to Kentucky. My basis was the eminent minister, archaeologist and historian John Tyler Christian whose biographical sketch makes this claim. However I began to suspect the reliability of John Tyler Christian (e.g. he had the original Thomas patent in Charles City County) and then Agnes, 12/13/79, expressed her doubts also believing rather William m. Evans was s/o Andrew, identified by Dosier as father of the John m. Judith Pate — and we and she are still looking for the Andrew.

L. C. Christian, a Charles jr descendant, WMO 15,198,1907, has William "captured by the British and starved to death on a British vessel". Possibly. William was born 1757/1759 so would be about 50 at the time of the War of 1812 and unlikely to be participating. That leaves the Revolutionary War. But the War was over at Yorktown in Oct. 1781 so the "capture" must have occurred before that - though an exchange or a notice of death may have been delayed while the Peace Treaty was being worked out.

In either case - William was given a bequest in Charles' will, dated 18 Sep 1783 so Charles hadn't by then heard of his demise if it occurred "on a British vessel". However the bequest was somewhat unusual - see beyond.

Now working from the other end: I have been studying the son Walter. Betsy some years ago quoted Davis <u>Amherst Deeds</u> Bk F p. 641 [DCA note # 39 of Charles III] as follows:

Mch. 19, 1790. Charles [III], George and Walter Christian, Amherst, to Isiah Atkinson, for 9000 pounds Richmond inspected tobacco, 200 acres by late survey on br. of Rockey Run and south side of Buffalo [in the 3926 tract]. Lines: Walter and Charles Christian; Stovall's Road; Col. Rucker;[.] Part of tract bequeathed by Chas. Christian [jr] Goochland to Geo. and Walter Christian and sold by Geo. unto Charles Christian [III] and all of his claim bequeathed to him. Wits: Jas., Mary, and Henry Christian; [et al]. Original deed [delivered ] to IA Dec 21, 1794.

My problem with that: I couldn't find any bequest of Charles jr to George & Walter nor any sale of this land by George to Charles [III].

NOW, years later, light dawns. Charles jr's will had this odd bequest: To son William 400 acres, Amherst, land I bought of John Warren <u>but if he die without issue then to son Walter and son George</u>. PROBLEM RESOLVED. William <u>did</u> die without issue and the land devolved to George and Walter - and

I guess it's proper to call that "bequeathed" since it was a stipulation in a will. (I still do not have a sale by George of his interest to Charles III).

We can draw some further deductions from these facts. First of course, that William did die without issue before 1790.

More important, consider the oddity of the bequest. Charles is making provision for the possibility that William might die without issue. And that provision is to then turn the bequest over to two other sons who also had, on 18 Sep 1783, the possibility that  $\underline{\mathsf{they}}$  might die without issue! Of all the sons only William, George and Walter were without issue on 18 Sep 1783. George was married but his first child was not born until 1784. Walter had been married for two months when Charles wrote his will but his first child was not born until 1784 too. If Charles was operating on the premise that it was unwise to bequeath to those who might die without issue, then why did he not make the contingent bequest to some of his sons who <u>had</u> issue? - specifically Charles III, Buffalo, Elijah and Reason: there was something special about William that did not apply with George and Walter.

The something: George and Walter were home from the War, there in the county, at hand, in communication, and already married presumably safely expected to have issue. But the expectation for William was different and less optimistic. William was, as L. C. tells us, captured by the British and "missing in action" so far as the home folks knew. Indeed maybe they did know of his capture and thought the chances were not good that he would survive. Charles did not know that or whether he was dead. Indeed L. C. tells us that he did die of starvation and on a British vessel. That suggests he was dead at the time of the will writing, but the home folks had not yet learned of it.

This is one of those frequent strange situations where a series of events that sound like old wives' tales are actually later shown to be true.

One more resolution: There is a spare William in the Georgia Northeast where William's brothers George, Elijah, and Turner came to live. Some time ago I suggested that we look at the possibility that brother William came with them - since we could never find what happened to William. I retract that suggestion. The spare William in northeast Georgia was some other William - identity still to be discovered.

Whadyathink of them apples?

LOU

Agnes, Betsy, Gwen, Jim, Meg, Eunie v.

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In mine of 8/3/93, to Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg I proposed that the Jesse who stood in line behind James in the 1803 Lottery registration was the son or brother of James — of importance not only per se but also as a possible clue to the parentage of the elusive James.

Agnes has responded, 8/10/93, with 6 possibilities and non-possibilities for this Jesse (with copies only to Jim, and Bruce who I believe is not interested in this Jesse/James and cannot contribute so I have not included him). Analysis of her 6 causes me to retract some of my previous constructions, (not including those in my 8/3/93). I don't know to what degree youall are interested in this tedious and complex problem but if you have any ideas on the subject(s), let's have them.

I take Agnes 6 one by one.

- 1. Probably not the Jesse b. before 1848 to Thomas sil and Rebecca. We don't know what happened to him. He may have married and had a Jesse (that is: we don't know that he didn't.)

  I concur that he is a very unlikely possibility for our Jesse/James.
- 2. Probably not Jesse, s/o Drury & Lucretia Williams, who m. Mary Greenwood before 1800 and left will 13 Oct 1836, Edgefield, SC proved 31 Jul 1839. He did have sons Jesse & James. Could these have been born long before 1800 and made their way to GA?

I don't have any of the children of those mg. If any of you can supply them I'd appreciate having them as I've now at last admitted Drury&Lucretia into the family, Drury s/o James & Ann Macon.

These two, Jesse & <u>James</u> might be the James & Jesse of Elbert in 1803 that we're looking for - but James died before 1780 as he was not in his father's will. So that knocks out these as brothers standing in the 1803 Elbert line.

But it still allows this Jesse to be there behind a distant relative James. But I'm very reluctant to have a Jesse born in Goochland, moving with his father to NC, marrying somewhere before 1800, and dying in Edgefield, SC in 1839 — I'm reluctant to have him, married, in the 1803 Elbert registration, and winning land in Baldwin in the 1807 Lottery. That would have him living in Elbert by 1802 and to at least 1807, winning land in Baldwin and then sometime scooting back to SC to die in 1839. It's a possible but unlikely scenario — especially distressing since we have no other evidence that this Jesse was ever in Elbert, 1802-1807. (But that's distressing no matter who the 1802/1807 Jesse was.)

Much depends on whether he can be found in Baldwin. I concur that this Jesse is an unlikely candidate.

3. Agnes' # 3 makes me reconsider one of my previous assignments. # 3 is: Probably not the Jesse s/o Allen & Margaret Christian who mention him and his children James & William in their 1836 will Madison, AL. This Jesse may have been the one who m. Mary Harrow/Harron 27 Mar 1813, Madison, AL.

First of all to correct my much earlier construction that the Jesse who m. Harrow 1813, Madison, AL was Jesse George s/o Turner, b. 1782 Goochland. (That was my basis for rejecting him as the 1803 registrant — I said the registrant was married and Jesse George was not m. till 1813). I now hold that the spouse of Harrow was not Jesse George — IF CFC VI, 429 is accurate as naming the spouse Jesse. As stated in my 8/3 I have nowhere any designation of Jesse George, s/o Turner, as anything but Jesse George or Jesse G., never as plain Jesse.

NOTE: I withdraw that "never". There are two such cases: deed 10 Apr 1805 Turner to [plain] Jesse and [plain] Jesse witness to father's deed Elbert 19 Jul 1803. I haven't seen the actual deeds - maybe they do say Jesse George or Jesse G.

Agnes, as author of CFC VI,429 will have to certify that the 1813 mg. was not recorded as Jesse G. or Jesse George. (I doubt that she would write Jesse if the record showed Jesse George.)

Second to draw back and hesitate from my (and others') construction that Jesse George, s/o Turner was the Jessie G. Christian of the 1820 Hickman, TN. Jesse George was bapt. 17 Dec 1782. The two Jesse's of the censuses were born 1776-1794 and 1781-1790, both consistent with a 1782 birth. And the spouse incidentally was born 1781-1790 and 1776-1794, both consistent at 1781-1790. But the first child, a dau., of the 1820, Hickman, was born 1796-1805; two females 1806-1810, one female 1811-1820; then 3 sons 1811-1820.

The only one of these in the 1830, Monroe, is the male b. 1816-1820, evidently one of the 3 sons 1811-1820 of the 1820 Hickman. Then there are 3 more kids b. 1821-1825 and 1826-1830.

That means all of the children of 1820, b. 1796-1820 except the one son were gone by 1830. That's a slew of early mgs or deaths. Probing further: there were 4 in 1830 Hickman born 1811-1820. Make that 1811,1813,1815,1817 at the earliest. If they didn't die that would make marriages at 15 and 13 for boys!

#### CONCLUSIONS:

- Jesse George, s/o Turner, was not the Jesse who m. Harrow, Madison, Al, 1813.
- 2. Jessie G of 1820 Hickman was not Jesse G. of 1830 Monroe, MS.
- 3. Jesse G. of 1830 Monroe was Jesse George, s/o Turner. Proof: Deed Madison, GA 16 Jun 1823 Jesse G. Christian of Monroe, MS to Charles W. [his bro] of Elbert, 94 acres in Madison on Broad R. -showing him in Monroe by 1823 and casting further doubt that he was the Jessie G. of Hickman, TN in 1820.

Finally end of my previous misconstructions and back to Agnes #3. The Jesse of the 1803 registration was not the Jesse who m. Harrow in 1813 because the 1803 Jesse was married.

For the Jesse s/o Allen & Margaret we lack any connection to a James, his companion in line However CFC VI, 429 has this Jesse b. 1801-1810 so he's definitely not the registrant - so that throws him OUT.

- 4. Probably not the Jesse Christian b. 1781-90 GA, moved before 1815 to Hickman TN, then about 1820 to Monroe, MS, then after 1831 to Tishomingo, MS, later to Greene, AR. He m. Nancy Higginbottom before 1815.
- I know nothing about Tishomingo or Greene or Nancy Higginbottom, and I wish somebody would fill me in so I could deal more intelligently with this problem. In # 3 I gave my opinion that the 1820 and 1830 fellows were not the same man.
- 5. Agnes rules out (and I do too) any Jesse's or Jesse George's born too late for the 1803 registrant, i.e. b. after 1782.
- 6. Agnes most likely of her candidates: Jesse (parents unknown) whose son Elijah L. Christian was b. 28 Jul 1794, Westover, Charles City; d. about 1848 in GA; m. (1) in VA Rebecca Coleman. This info in 1964 letter Elsie Simmers to McClahanan. This Jesse would have been b. about 1774 making him eligible in 1803 [but no connection with James].

(Incidentally I have been searching for years for this Elijah L. Christian who was married 3 times, one to Rebecca Coleman.) PLEASE TELL ME MORE! Pending that I'll hold this Jesse as a possibility for the 1803 registrant, even lacking a James connection.

Hope you've been able to put up with all this. What do you think?

LOU

Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg

17 AUG 1993

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.Dear Ginny -

## ... yours of 8/12/93 ....

You have done an admirable and very commendable job of digging up records that most Christian genealogists, and certainly I, never knew existed or were available. You ask that I look at what you report and see if I have any information that your Charles was s/o John s/o Charles [sr]. I will here reply to the clause after the "and". Also I would like to participate in the rest of your investigation, at least to the extent of incorporating it in our work on the descendants of Thomas the immigrant. To do that I will need more detail and bibliographic identification of the records you cite.

But for now sticking to the John/John/Charles question. Meanwhile I wish you would send to Agnes Pearlman the letter and 7 page report that you sent me, as I will want to discuss it with her.

In a previous letter I described the roles and relations of the John/John/Charles generations, especially in their activities in the famous 70-year litigation over the 3926 acres. I have written up the complete history of that litigation including identifying most of the participants.

The first John was b. before 1703 to Charles sr & Elizabeth Hunt. The will of John Hunt, 30 Jan 1727, establishes that his daughter Elizabeth was the [dec'd] wife of Charles John Christian, the exec, was his Christian [sr] and that He m. (1) Sarah UK about 1729 and had your John say grandson. 1730, Charles say 1732, and Mary 8 Oct 1735 born in New Kent. It is her birth record in Douglas Register as daughter of John & Sarah that establishes the relationship. He m. (2) Susannah Browne about 1745 and had that slew of kids, Capt. Henry to William Browne. He died before Jun 1767 when his executor was sued by Charles sr. Widow Susannah "returned the profits" for the orphans starting 1768.

It was this John [sr], along with James Christian and a William Browne, who, 10 Sep 1755, patented the famous 3926 acres on Rocky Run in then Albemarle which started the litigation.

His sons John [jr] and Charles petitioned for forfeiture of the 3926, 29 Apr 1774, the patentees John and James having died, and after satisfying the interests of William Browne, held possession of the 3926 and began selling off portions to relatives and others. The litigation identifies the John [jr] and Charles, the petitioners, as sons of John [sr] the patentee. John [jr] is he identified in Lamb as "John of New Kent" m. Elizabeth Collier.

So much for proving that Charles was s/o John s/o Charles.

Now equating this Charles, s/o John, as your "Proud" i s what your research aims to demonstrate. Charles the petitioner Charles withdrew from interest in Incidentally, the litigation (I forget just how, i.e. how he sold out his interest) and appears in it largely as a witness to the later Berry and I concluded that he died after 1804 - you wrangles. have him d. 1808 - and that's one of the several things in your analysis that I'd like to explore with you in the actual documents with the help of Agnes.

Berry and I (mostly Berry) had identified his mg with Rebecca Terrell, bond 3 Jun 1772, Charles City and were working on a possible mg of somebody to Turner Southall when Barry died. That Charles had married somebody (e.g. your Mary Vaughn) before or after the mg to Rebecca Terrell had not occurred to us (or at least to me).

So that's where we stand: I can prove, as above, that MY Charles was descended as you describe for YOUR Proud Charles. And I hope that when you and I get down to the specific details of your analysis, I will be able to accept your equating of my Charles and yours.

If you accept our help in that (I'm volunteering Agnes!) I'll start asking you questions about the actual documents of your analysis. It might involve a lot of correspondence and a lot of copying.

By the way, you can see that I'm inclined to be an advocate of your position, not an adversary. Ben Weisiger is a very competent genealogist with a large stock of published as well as unpublished work. If proof is needed I'd accept his. If, lacking proof, hunches are needed I'd be inclined to accept his.

In anticipation: just one quick thing — where did you get "before 1765" for the death of John?

Congratulations on your accomplishment -

And good luck ! -

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18 AUG 1993

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.Dear Agnes -

# .. queries re CFC Jul 1981 p 430 ...

- 1. Charles Hunt Christian d. before Sep 1830, date of father's will. Where did you get Limestone Co.?
- 2. I have half-a-dozen or more Charles Hunt Christians, none m. Sarah Hargrove. Leonora Ellen Jones has him m. an Eliza. Where did you get Sarah Hargrove?
- 3. Leonora Ellen Jones in her 1917 my "Jones Compilation" has Martha Malinda b. 14 Feb 1810, but in her DAR Appl. # 87361 she has 4 Feb 1810. I retain both as she's the original source.
- 4. Where did you get the mg date and place for Lucy Elizabeth?
- 5. McMillan has 2 l's in Lucy Patterson Moore's will and in her deed to him Wilcox Bk D p 194-5, and in sheriff's sale Bk I p 312.

Just been hashing over some stuff with Gwen Gentry-

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August 28, 1993

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Dear Loui

Congratulations and thanks a million for your detailed analysis regarding William Christian, son of Charles (of 1783 will). It's great to have that matter settled!

Thanks, too, for mentioning that I had failed to send copies of my last correspondence to Meg and Betsy-truly an oversight that I have rectified today.

Re your notes of August 15 regarding Jesse and James:

1. I have corrected your birth before 1843 to reflect "before 1743" that we know was intended. In reviewing some of my records, I find that there was a Jesse Christian among the Anson, Chatham, and Montgomery Co., North Carolina, groups who could fit this man. Per McClanahan--From abstracts of Mae Wilson McSee, Montgomery Co. Tax List of 1780-1782:

Jesse Christian, invalid

100 acres

Nicholas Christian

1,000 acres, 1 slave

Christopher Christian Inventory

1,450 acres, 8 slaves

When Christopher Christian was granted 300 acres (#4098) on Pee Dee River 10 July 1778, among the chain bearers was Jesse Christian. Of course, it's possible that this Jesse was of the same generation as Christopher and Nicholas rather than from an earlier generation. I thought I should include this information in our discussion. If you recall, this Christopher and probably Nicholas were the sons of Thomas Christian of the Bedford County, Virginia, property, but that's another search!

- 2. According to the 13 October 1836 will of Jesse Christian, proved 31 July 1839 in Edgefield District, South Carolina, he had four sons mentioned: Drury W., Jesse, William, and James. Since Jesse, the son of Drury and Lucretia (Williams) Christian, was a minor in 1788, he would have been born between 1774 and 1788. His quardian was his older brother Gideon, who also moved to South Carolina. I still believe he is an unlikely candidate for your Georgia subjects.
- 3. Jesse, son of Allen and Margaret Christian was born 1800-1810 so would have been too young to have married Mary Harrow/Harron Z7 March 1813 in Madison Co., Alabama. The one who married Mary Harrow/Harron was probably son of another Christian in the county.

4. I do have more information about the Jesse G. Christian who moved to Hickman Co., Tennessee, before 1815 and was married to Nancy Higginbotham. If born during the early part of the 1780-1790 birth period, he could have been the father of John H. Christian, born 1790-1800, who appears as head of household in 1830 Hickman Co. Census. Ms. Geneva L. Christian is descended from this John H. Christian and believes he may have been a son (or perhaps a brother). Piecing together information received from Ms. Geneva L. Christian quoting A History of Hickman County, Tennessee by Spence and History of Northeast Arkansas as well as Tennessee deeds, wills, and court records provided to her by "professional researchers," old newspaper files, etc., and 1840, 1850, and 1860 census records. Ms. Christian indicated that her ancestor, John H. Christian who died in 1849, was related to the J. G. Christian born about 1814-5. This man is identified as the son of Jesse G. Christian and Nancy Higgenbottom, "both native of Georgia, who were among the pioneer settlers of Middle Tennessee. They moved to Monroe County, Mississippi, about 1820, where Jesse died a few years later. Nancy moved with the family to Tishomingo Co., Mississippi, then to Greene Co., Arkansas (the part that is now Craighead Co.) in 1837. Nancy died ca. 1841. J. G. married 'at the old homeplace' in 1844, Susan Mackey, born ca. 1822, and when a child came with her brother, Elias, to McNairy Co., Tennessee, then to Arkansas . . . "

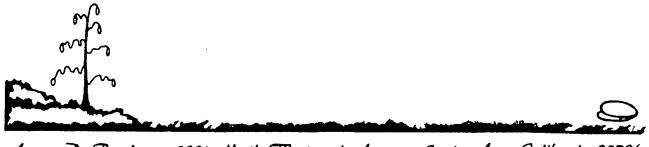
I will make a few observations: Jesse G. appeared in the 1830 Monroe County, Mississippi, census so apparently died about 1831 rather than a few years earlier. The histories, which I am inclined to believe generally since J. G. was still living at the time the biography was first printed, verify that the Hickman County, Tennessee, and the Monroe County, Mississippi, Jesse G. Christian were one and the same. In light of the evidence presented that he was in Georgia and probably married at the time of the grants, I am inclined to believe that this is the subject Jesse. He was too young to have been the father of the Elijah L. Christian born in 1794 in Virginia who married Rebecca Coleman in 1821 although John H. Christian mentioned above did have a son named Elijah W. Christian and another named Jackson Christian.

If you recall, Charles Woodson Christian, s/o Turner Hunt and Anna (Payne) Christian also had a son with given name of Jackson; that is, William Jackson Christian.

Anyway, I now submit that the #4 above was probably the subject Jesse Christian and that he was probably the lost son named Jesse George Christian of Turner Hunt and Anna (Payne) Christian. My notes had shown that their Jesse Geroge died the same year of his birth; but in reviewing the notes I cannot find any substantiation for such a conclusion. The note was from a misreading (I now believe) of McClanahan's fractured syntax. I am today writing again to Geneva Christian to see if she has discovered any additional information since we corresponded during 1990. I will let you know the results.

In the meantime, let me know what you think?

Sincerely,



August 29, 1993

Dr. Louis Koeniq 26890 Sherwood Iorest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Loui

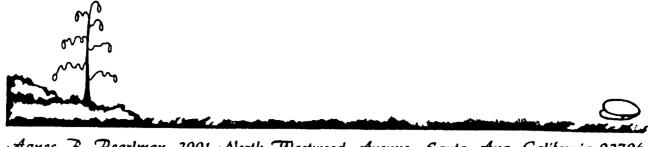
Re the research of Virginia Guppi to identify her "Proud Charles Christian":

She has truly done an outstanding job of gathering together records about her Christian family ancestors! She had sent the same papers to me that you received. I previously did not have much of what she has found.

I did have abstract of the marriage record of Charles and Rebecca (Terrell) Christian 3 June 177.2 in Charles City County but nothing further about them. When I first wrote to Virginia, I mentioned that this Charles was a possibility for her ancestor if Rebecca died early and he remarried Mary Vaughn. Most of the other men in my files named Charles Christian could be eliminated due to other factors. The presence of a Terrell Christian among the heirs of her Proud Charles seems to suggest the possibility, anyway.

I agree with your discussion of lineage and hope that something can be found that will prove or disprove the above possibilities.

Sincerely,



August 30, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Iorest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

In response to your questions of August 18 re CFC, July 1981, p. 430:

Although a number of correspondents contributed to my information about the families of George Christian, most of the information about which you pose questions came from Eunie V. Stacy's <u>Christian of Charles City</u>. I have enclosed photocopies of pages 150-151 on the chance that you do not have her book. You do have her book, don't you?

Stacy also spelled McMillan with two "l's." My spelling may have been a misprint.

As I have undoubtedly mentioned to you before, I have engaged in very little primary research on the Georgia and Alabama families and have depended on others for data about them.

I am also enclosing photocopy of her pages 98 and 99 as a footnote to my comments about Jesse George Christian, son of Turner and Anna (Payne) Christian. I hadn't noticed this when I wrote my observations in letter of August 28.

Sincerely,



August 28, 1993

Ms. Virginia Winslett Guppi 1212 Trinity Drive Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Ginny:

I just received correspondence from Lou Koenig today. He enclosed a letter he had written to you on August 17. I concur with him in the observations he made there.

You have done an outstanding job of gathering data about your line to Charles and Mary (Vaughn) Christian, and I hope we will be able soon to prove or disprove that this was the same Charles who married Rebecca Terrell (bone 3 June 1772) in Charles City County, Virginia.

In reviewing Marshall McClanahan's unpublished manuscript on another search, I chanced across the enclosed ambiguous and confusing notations about the Vaughn family. I am sending them on the chance that they might prove useful to you.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

cc: Louis Koenig

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James of the 1830 "Melton"

Presenting a further argument that the "Melton" of 1830 Newton misenumerated has with him his parents James & Lucy, ages 60/70 & 70/80.

In the 1821 Lottery from Elbert James Christian sr had 2 draws and James G. had one. I have taken those as James and his son James G., the sr being strictly unnecessary but added by the enumerator to distinguish from James G.

Reviewing a "Research Summary" by Ted Brooke, undated, light dawned. The item also given in the Archer Packet where I had marked it as uncertain. The item, 1832 Gold has James Christian sr, Newton, drawing Sec 1 Dist 11 Lot 1239 (which Archer has in Lumpkin or Union — but Meg has the maps defining the counties that I defer here).

The dawn: the 1832 Gold James sr is our James the elusive. Allowing me to equate the 60/70 in the "Melton" 1830 household as James, the 70/80 as Lucy and the "Melton" as Milton, the male 20/30, s/o James & Lucy. Places James' residency in Newton and death after the Feb-Jun 1832 registration period.

This also argues against the concept that "Melton" is s/o Pressley.

LOU 8/25/93

Doc Chron James

Agnes, Betsy, Jim, Meg

DATE LOCATION ACTION DCA him land REF. FILE JAMES.WK1 ROWS 67 COLUMNS: A TO E E = Elbert; F = Franklin; M =Madison; M=Newton 1760 James Christian born hereabouts. Maybe. 1760a About. Lucy Bradley born 1780/00/00 James Christian marries Lucy Bradley hereabouts. Maybe. 41 1780/1783 William B. born 1780/1784 Pressley born 41 Or 1788. Isaac born 41 1787/07/04 41 Elizabeth born. 1789 To 1800? dau2 born (A. Robt. C.Oglesby?) 41 1790 1794/??/07 E Ε Buys 204 acres, W. Doves Creek, from Middleton Hoods. Lives there. 1.22 Elbert Tax list (1794-1806?) 204 ac. Doves Creek 7 negroes 38 1795 Ε About. James G. horn. 41 1795/1802 23 Ε wit sale Coulter to Greenwood land on Doves Creek 1797/02/07 Ε 13 Ε extr will William Bradley, his f-i-l. 1799/01/21 24 1802/07/05 Ε James Christian Esq. on Land Court 2 blank draws, 1805 lottery Serial # 402 (Jessee was 403) 39 Ε 1803 About. Elijah Willis sr born 41 1803a 32 Jas. J. P. wit deed Webb of E. to Hooper of F. Land Nails Creek 1803/04/28 Ε 25 James, Esq., on Land Court 1803/09/05 Ε 20 1804/02/00 Ε James Christian, quardian of George Stovall Ε will Wm. Bradley prob., James extr. Lucy Christian heir 13 1805 44 Ε James, Esq. on Land Court Panel 1805/04/01 quardian of George Stovall, William Bradley Security 21 Ε 1805/07/00 1806 George Stovall debtor to James Christian, quardian 16 Ε 26 1806/08/04 Ε James, Esq. on Land Court 1807/1809 Milton born. 41 2 Buys 300 acres, Doves Creek, from Middleton Woods, adj. 204 acres res. 1807/02/19 Ε Ε 35 On Land Court: Robert B. Christian esq. & J. P. Christian 1807/06/01 Ε 12 on Grand Jury 1808 Ε 37 Ε Ε Elbert Tax List (1794-1806?) 350 ac. Doves Creek. 7 negroes 1808 27 James, Esq. on Land Court Ε 1808/01/06 28 James, Esq. on Land Court 1808/12/05 Ε 36 On Land Court; Robert B. Christian & Jas. Christian 1809/04/03 Ε 29 James, Esq. on Land Court 1809/10/02 Ε 30 Ε James, Esq. on Land Court 1810/07/02 on grand jury 12 1811 Ε 5 Ε wit as J.P. deed Gabriel to Rufus land on Doves Creek 1811/07/19 6 Ε wit as J.P. Isaac to Wm. B, also wit Milly's release. Falling Creek 1811/12/18 Ε Jas. J.P. & John Christian wit deed Reagan of E to Dobbs of Franklin 33 F 1812/06/10 1812/06/10a Land on Hunters Creek 34 F Fr deed Hubbard, Elb. to Drury Christian, Elb. wit Jas. J.P. & Reuben 1812/09/09 Land on Nails Creek 1812/09/09a 7 Ε sells 150 acres to Robt. C. Oglesby (not termed J.P.) Doves Creek 1814/08/12 Ε Elbert Tax digest Capt. Carter's Dist. Also as exec. Wm. Bradley 43 Ε Ε 1815 17 James Christian (no J.P.) appraiser estate of Wm. T. Cook 1818/01/17 Ε 40 Ε Ε 1820 census, with Lucy, 4 males, 2 females, 9 slaves, 9 agric. 1820/06 8 wit as J.P deed Pressley to Isaac Falling Creek 1822/03/05 Ε Ε extr with John Brown of will of John Stratham 15 E 1823/06/27 14 1823/09/10 Ε wit will of Eliz. Bond 3,9 PofA from Pressley of Alabama - for James SR Ε 1824/09/17

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1824/12/29	Ε	ε	wit not as J.P deed Reuben to Lindsay Johnson	10
1826	N		Hent to Newton County	42
1826	Ε	E	Sells to Thomas Burton 150 acres Doves Creek	45
1826/02/18	Ε	E	sells Thos. Burton 422 1/2 acres, Doves Creek, Lucy relinquishes	11,4
1826/03	E		bond of Pressley & James Christian as bond for John R. Wilhite as gdn.	19
1826/03/17	Ε	Ε	Sheriff sold 422 1/2 acres Doves Creek, suit vs James, Wm. B. at al	4,11
1830	Ε		Elbert lawsuit vs. James Christian & John Brown, extrs of John Stratham	18
1830/06/01		N	Census, probably in household with "Melton"	
1830/1840		N	Lucy died	
1832/02		N	Feb-Jun James sr registers for GOLD, drew Sec 1, Dist 11,Lot 1239	54
1832/1840		Ν .	James died	
1833/11/00		Ħ	Jas. Christian adj'r to Elijah Christian's "old place" on Lamars Creek	31
		NOTE:	Children and births from Agnes & Betsy	

24 AUG 1993

VIRGINIA GUZZI 1212 TRINITY DRIVE ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

.Dear Ginny -

#### ... yours of 8/12/93 again ....

I have been digging wobA [= without benefit of Agnes] into the data you supplied.

1. Can you send me Xeroxes of the deeds involving the Charles Christian lands? — as follows if I read correctly:

2 deeds 22 Jul 1796 [ from your description I don't understand the transaction]

Court order dividing Charles Christian's lands among his children

Deeds of the children selling their inheritances Nay 1810- Sep 1812

2. I have been digging into the relationships provided by Rebecca Hunt Christian, p. 5 of your 9 Aug 1993 pages. First re a naming after a "Hunt Christian — possibly an uncle — who was the father of Dr. Christian". Farther down the page you cite him as "cousin once removed". There are numerous Christians in my records with middle name Hunt — it comes from Elizabeth Hunt w/o Charles Christian sr. There are none in my records ever referred to as simply Hunt Christian. Those with births before 1780 [chosen as likely for an uncle] are: Turner Hunt Christian s/o Charles jr & Elizabeth Hunt, and John Hunt Christian. Neither of these is the father of a Dr. Christian. My records for a Dr. Christian b. before 1800 show several but none with a father having a Hunt in his name.

Now you may take that statement of Rebecca Hunt Christian to daughter Florence (1) as an error or (2) as referring to an uncle Hunt not a Hunt Christian — or you may want to pursue it to substantiate it. All I'm saying is that my records do not show such a relationship.

Maybe the first thing to do is to tell us if the "Dr. Christian" of your statement has more to his name. It would appear, strictly, that you or she is referring to some known Dr. Christian, else the statement should have read a "Dr.Christian".

2. Before I tackle the next relationship maybe I'd better tackle the relationship of your Rebecca Hunt Christian source herself. Nothing elsewhere in your writeup that I can find has a Rebecca Hunt Christian. There is a Rebecca Hunt Southall (with no mention of a dau Florence). Did you possibly mean to say Rebecca Hunt Southall told her dau Florence?

One other place where you have misapplied the Christian is on p. 4 where you have "Turner Christian and his wife Polley/Mary" selling to Hamlin Wilcox in 1811. I think you meant Turner Southall. I wish you'd confirm that promptly so I can get it off my mind.

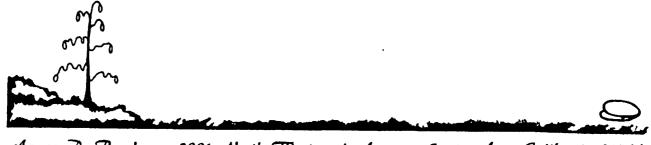
(There <u>was</u> a Turner [Hunt] Christian (mentioned above in # 1) with wife Mary but he died in NC in 1781).

- 3. For the cousin or aunt Betsy Diuguid I have already referred you to Bess Thompson. Her sister, my colleague, Virginia Koos, 33989 Tangent Dr., Tangent, OR 97389 is also knowledgeable. I'm leaving that avenue for you to explore with them.
- The Letitia connection is endemic in Christian **Everybody** wants to cite a connection with President genealogy. Tyler, no matter how remote - and that with your (or my) Charles Christian is as remote as the Antipodes. So remote peripheral that I don't even know if it's worth my reciting but Your Charles was s/o John m. (1) Sarah. Charles' here goes: brother was John m Mildred Collier whose sister was Elizabeth Elizabeth m. Wm. Christian jr and had Robert sr who That's about as remote as the smile was from the had Letitia. Cheshire cat. Incidentally, contrary to what you say, this relationship does not involve the mg of your Charles to Rebecca Terrell.

I don't know just which Mary d/o which Rebecca President Tyler called his cousin. You'll have to clarify those people for us.

- 5. My records do not have any Taylor or Barrett that fit.
  - I'll keep working, with your help -

Be sure to include Agnes in your correspondence. She is much more knowledgeable than I and has much deeper data sources.



September 7, 1993

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Dear Lou:

Thank you for the additional comments on "James of the 1830 "Melton." I concur with almost all of your conclusions; however, I reserve judgment regarding whether James is the father or grandfather of Melton. If Melton proves to have been the son of James and Lucy, then he was obviously a "change-of-life" baby for Lucy. The fact that Melton is listed as the head of household seems to me an argument that he might have been the grandson who had established his own household and let the grandparents come to live with him. Of course, such an arrangement could as easily have been true for an arrangement between a son and his parents. There is another possibility that we have never considered; that is, he could have been the son of an unmarried daughter of James and Lucy.

I appreciate having the copy of Cocumentary Chronology of James Christian m. Lucy Bradley.

I acknowledge receipt of copy of your letter to Virginia Guzzi but have no comments at this time.

cc: Betsy, Jim, Meg.



September 14, 1993

Dr. Louis Koenig 26890 Sherwood Forest Drive San Antonio, Texas 78258

Dear Lou:

I thought you might like to see copy of the letter I just received from Geneva Christian. As you will notice, she does not have any additional information about John H. Christian.

Have you developed any new ideas about the Thomas Christian of Bedford County, Virginia, and/or North Carolina?

Sincerely,

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