

CHRISTIAN NOTES

THOMAS CHRISTIAN, IMMIGRANT TO VIRGINIA, AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

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Page 304 of the Register, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Kentucky, Volume 47, 1949, entitled "Christians of Virginia and Kentucky," by Ruth N. Hooker, stated: "B. R. S. Magow, B. A., F. S. A., Director and Librarian, Manx Museum, Library & Art Gallery, Douglas, Isle of Man, considers Mrs. Rita Browne of Somerset, England, the best authority on the Christian family of Milntown, Isle of Man. The Christians were established there as early as the year 1422, having come there from Wigtonshire, Scotland. They ranked as 'Gentlemen' under the feudal control of the Earls of Derby." Etc., etc. (See F. Johnston, Esq. in his "Local History," Fincastle Herald, Fincastle, Virginia, Thursday, June 18, 1874.) Later research shows that they were Norsemen from what is now called Denmark, where the name is spelled Christian, Christin, and Cristiern. The Mc or Mac prefixing the name is the Gaelic "son of" which the Isle of Man Christians appear to have dropped about 1600 A. D.

Mrs. Browne also stated that the descendants of William Christian who married Elizabeth Collier, not Cottier, as given in A. W. Moore's Manx Worthies, and settled in Virginia in 1655 have done much research on the family. In conjunction with her findings, Norah Christian Northcotes, N. Thoresby, Linc., England, in her History and Biographical Sketch of the Christian Family, with Davis, Hook, Nowlin, Preston connections, as per letter to Margaret Christian of Lynchburg, Virginia, dated 7 January, 1932, gave this information, in brief:

Thomas, b. England, ca. 1635.

15 January 1657, 100 acres; 21 October 1687, 1030 acres; 26 October 1694, 193 acres.

Thomas, Jr., md. Rebecca _____ in Goochland, 1736. Children: Thomas, Robert, William, James, Constant, Ann, and Mourning.

²Charles, living 1768, md. Susanna and had Edmund, Turner Hunt, Susanna, Elizabeth, and William Browne Christian.

John, dead in 1767, had John and Mary.

³James, eldest son of Gideon Macon, md. to

⁵Richard md. Elizabeth Eppes and had Samuel; md. Mary _____

Richard

Sarah md. Philip Charles of C. C. 6 chn. will, 25 or 29 January 1792.

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Elizabeth md. Jonathan Patterson

Lucy md. (1) Samuel Waddell; (2) Gideon Bradley

²James of New Kent, had Joseph

³Judith, b. 1711 md. Joseph Ladd of C. C.

⁴William, d. C. C. md. (1) _____ Colier; (2) Susan Brown

⁵Joel, living 1772, d. 1786; had Sarah and Elizabeth

⁶Gideon, b. 1728, d. 1796, md. Susan Brown; 7 chn.

Wm Christian 1743-1786, soldier and politician, s. Israel by Elizabeth Stark; to Virginia 1740, age 20, md. Patrick Henry's sister.

pg. 9 Palmer, organist, b. Kankakee, Illinois, May 3, 1885.

George Busby Christian, Jr., Secretary to late President Harding, etc.

Miss Rita Browne added: William and Jonathan Christian, parish of Manghold, ii
Isle of Man, married the Collier sisters of Lazare. William got a grant from the Crown, which is still in the family (adding that his son, William, a Colonel in the Revolutionary Army and a friend of Washington, had a son, Beverly (if hastily read correctly), and John C., a lawyer and Judge 1835-48. And that Colonel George Christian was on the staff of General Washington). Daniel Christian, second son of the fourth Deemster, John Christian, also emigrated in 1655; William and Jonathan with their wives.

Anyway, Mr. Thomas Christian in 1657 patented land for "headrights," meaning that passage had been paid for each immigrant, entitling the sponsor to usually to

100 acres of land. This was on the north side of the James River, east side of the Chickahominy River among trees of Captain Bridges Freeman, southwest the trees of Thomas Young, and northwest of Island Creek, for the transportation of two persons, Thomas Christian and John Wilkinson. Page 364 of Nell Nugent's Virginia Land Grants, shows 100 acres, James City County, dated 15 January (pages 157, 167, 249 of the original lists), idem, pg. 77 (549), 100 acres dated 18 March 1662, same location, on trees of Thomas Young and Island Creek. On 21 October, 1687 he patented 1080 acres; 26 October 1694, 193 acres, as "Senior," also patented 9 December 1662. Idem, pg. 144, Capt. Samuel Mathews, 40,000 acres neck of land north side of Rappahannock River bounded on the west by Cassotowan Creek, etc, etc., 1 August 1643 (old pg. 882); transported four score persons, including one Richard Christian, who apparently settled in that locality.

It will be noted that the title "Mr." in those days denoted social standing. Only those of gentle birth, including officers of civil and military government, ministers, teachers, and persons of similar standing were honored by the title of "Mr." The ordinary man was addressed as "Goodman," his wife, "Goodwife."

Hutchinson's History of Cumberland County, England, Bk. 2, pg. 148, gives the history of the Christians from the year 900, inhabiting Westmoreland and Cumberland Counties, including the Isle of Man. William Christian, Deemster," (Judge, writing in 1630 first used the spelling without the prefix "Mac."

Seats: Uncrig or Owncrigg Castle and Ronaldway. See Sir Walter Scott's Peverill of the Peak. Hutchinson's book has an appendix with some additions giving the history of the family. See Isle of Man data in William and Mary Quarterly, Series 1, Volume 5. Captain William Christian¹⁰, b. 14 April 1608, Ronaldsway, Isle of Man, called "Illius Dhone," or "Fair Haired William," sometime Receiver General of the Isle of Man, Governor of the Isle in 1656-9, was executed

by the order of Charlotte, Countess of Derby 2 January 1662, being shot. (History of the Isle of Man by Dr. Joseph Cummings, etc., including Peverill of the Peak reference.)

John Christian¹¹ probably married Isabella, daughter of Henry, Lord Percy, Earl of Northumberland; removed from the Isle of Man to Scotland and had Gilbert Christian,¹² b. Scotland ca. 1680 or previously; removed to Londonderry, Ireland, in 1702; arrived at New Castle (now in Delaware) in 1722; md. Mary or Margaret Richardson. Their dau., Mary, md. John Moffett (History of Augusta County, Virginia, record).

From the Isle of Man Notebook by Moore: "The first of whom there is a record here (Isle of Man) was John Christian, a deemster in 1408 and a member of the _____
Tynwald Court in 1422." Of his three successors, who also bore the name of John, iii
the first was seated at Altadale, parish of Lazare, the second deemster, from 1511 to 1535; the latter acquired the property adjoining Altadale and called the whole thing "Milntown." He was the first to put Manx laws into writing. Daniel, his brother, was ancestor of the Christians of Baldroma in Manghold. Mrs. Rita Browne firmly believes that Daniel was the grandfather of the William Christian who married Elizabeth Collier. She goes on to cite that the great-great-granddaughter of Thomas Christian (hereafter termed Thomas¹) who md. her cousin, Capt. Thomas Llwellyn Christian and lived in the original Thomas Christian manor, while having her home repaired, found in a rat's nest a silver spoon engraved with the Milntown crest.

Volume 8, William and Mary Quarterly Historical Magazine, pages 7-74; also 122-128, 265-271; Vol. 5, pgs. 261-263; Vol. 9, pgs. 46-52, by James Christian Lamb in collaboration with Judge George Llwellyn Christian and Dr. Samuel Pleasants Christian of Richmond, Virginia, show a cut in the beginning of the article of the Isle of Man coat of arms with the family motto prefixed to the article. The following is from Burke's General Armory: Christian of Unerigg (Ewanrigg, from Ewan, the founder) Hall, Cumberland: Azure--A Chevron Humetée between three

covered cups, gold.

Fairbain's Crests of England and Ireland, pg. 108: Christian, John, Esq., M. A. of Ewanrigg Hall, Cumberland and Milntown, Isle of Man: A unicorn's head erased ar. armed, and gorged with a silver collar invecked, or. Motto: Salus per Christian.

ERASED: having uneven or jagged edges, as if torn from the body by violence. Ar: Argent or silver. ARMED: the horn is of a different color than the head (head of silver—horn of gold). GORGED: with collar invecked, or; neck is encircled with a collar whose edges do not lie flat against the neck but are arched or rolled outwards and over, and the collar is gold; head and neck, silver; horn and collar, gold. Of seven different crests shown as belonging to the Christian families, only three have the unicorn's head; only two the head erased; only one, the Isle of Man family, has a collar on the neck.

In the Lincolnshire, England, Parish Register, Vol. IV, Congressional Library, by Philomore and Cole (Cs 435, pg. 70): Thomas Christian of Burton and Jane Byrdhead, widow, 27 November 1609.

In Mrs. Nell Nugent's Volume 1, pg. 275: Patent Bk. 3, Mrs. Jane Harmer was granted 2,000 a. in Northampton County, Virginia, 1652 (pg. 184) for the transportation of forty persons, among them William Christian, Charles Gregory, and William Farley. Idem, pg. 264 (365), in re the transfer of sixty persons: Henry Corbin and Mr. Gerrard Fowke, 3,000 acres of land in the Patomeck freshes between two main branches, 15 March 1656. Christian Dennis and John Stith among the passengers. Pg. 371: William Jacobs obtained 600 acres in Lower Norfolk County 26 August 1656. Pg. 191 (280) 400 acres by patent dated 19 October 1643 and residue for transporting six persons, including Christian Ann, or Ann Christian.

County Court Notebook of Virginia and Some Maryland Gleanings, V. 1-3; William Christian of "The City of Bristol," Northumberland County, Va., 27 September 1667

(records, vii 22: English Quakers banished between 1660 and 1666--John Christian from Isle of Man heads the list. Ship Ann and Taylor, Cavaliero Christian, Master, at Accomac, Virginia, 1701 (vii, pg. 276).

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Thomas Tavernor's will 24 January 1692 mentions daughter Christian, and granddaughter Christian Jordan, etc. The Edward P. Valentine Papers, pg. 2268--The Jordan Lineage. Excerpting: Samuel Jordan to Jamestown in the "Sea Adventurer" wrecked on the Vext Bermoothes, and spent a year there. Landed in Jamestown in 1609, and was a member of the first Assembly. Chn: Thomas, b. 1634, etc. These Quaker records are preserved in Baltimore, Maryland. Robert Jordan of Nansemond County, son of Thomas and Margaret (Brach) Jordan md. 12 September 1687 Christian Ouderland, widow and daughter of Thomas Taborer (Tavernor?) of Isle of Wight County (V. 2, pg. 737).

Joseph Jordan of North Carolina, b. 6th day 7th month 1672 (O.S.) d. ca. 1725; md. Holia Christian, who md. () Robert Rout. Issue: Joseph Jordan, d. 1752 and md. 10 Feb. 1723 Mary, dau. Abraham Rix of Isle of Wight County. Samuel Jordan, the first planter of Nansemond County, owned "Jordan's Journey," now Jordan's Point on the James, and also "Beggar's Bush." He died late in March, 1723.

In Hotten's Persons, pg. 424: From Barbadoes (where ships stopped before continuing to the American colonies) Parish of St. Michaels: Bp. Mathew, son to Francis and Thomasine Christian 16 June 1769.

Williamsburg Wills, by Crozier, v. 3, pg. 25: Simon Farley, Isle of Antigua, 13 Jun 1756 willed to wife, son, Francis; daughters Elizabeth, Ann, Rebecca; to son John land in Virginia and North Carolina; to uncles Robert Christian and Mathew Christian; to brother Francis Farley. Wits.: John Holliday, Alexander Crawford, John D. Murphey. Proved before his Excellency, George Thomas, Esq., Captain General and Governor over His Majesty's Leeward Carribee Islands.

Michael Christian, Northampton County, Virginia, left will dated 1725, in County Court Notebook, pg. 20: Michael Christian and daughter of John Powell. pre 1722. Pg. 22: Digby Seymour and Rose Christian, widow, pre 12 April 1737 (xviii, pg. 98). Vol. 12, County Court Orders, 1661-1664, pg. ___ vide Colonial Abstracts of Virginia by Beverly Fleet, pg. 303-5, dated 1662: Elizabeth Christian resisted her mistress, wife of Captain John Wall.

In the Julian Calendar the year began March 25, so a child born 1 February 1714 would have been born in the 11th month. Using the double date register, he would have been born in 1713-1714. Great Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar (to the confusion of the people, who demanded to know what happened to the eleven days) in 1752. It was adopted shortly afterwards in the colonies--date of change: 2 September. The next day was 14 September. Hence, George Washington was born 11 February 1732, O. S.; 22 February 1732, N(ew) S(tyle), and Gideon Christian, "ye sonne of James and Anne Christian," was b. on the 5th day of the 11th month (5 February), and bp. New Year's Day (26 March 1728).

Judge George L. Christian stated in the History of Eastern Shore, Virginia, by Wise, that around 1900 there was still a large majogany tree on the original estate, planted by a Bailey who married a Christian.

Gilbert Christian and nephew, Israel Christian were progenitors of the Augusta County, Virginia, line--a Richard Christian appears to have been progenitor of the Northampton County, Virginia, line.

In the William and Mary College Quarterly, by Lyon Gardinier Tyler, V. 2, pg. 275, pt. bk. 4, pg. 249; same pat. bk., pg. 459; same land description, adding: land adjoining land of Philip Charles, part on the Chickahominy and on the southernmost part of Warreny Creek, 1690 acres bounded on the marked trees of Captain Bridges Freeman. His patent of 2 November 1705 was for 75 acres; 21 October 1687 in Charles City County; for 193 acres in 1694 was south of the

Chickahominy swamp.

Note: Life was so hard on the frontier, where one daily expected an Indian attack--the areas so isolated--the work day so long, that many sons of literate parents grew up illiterate.

It is said that for more than a century all Christians of the Chickahominy patents traced their ancestry back to Thomas Christian,¹ who owned all lands on both sides of the Chickahominy from Windsor Shades (since 1710 in New Kent County), and an Indian settlement on the Chickahominy, home of the once-powerful tribe by that name--to Squirrel Park. The ownership of this Thomas Christian may not have been as extensive as indicated, but it is known that the region referred to contained at one time twelve connected plantations owned and occupied by families named Christian, and said to have been descendants of Thomas Christian.¹

Conceding that Judge Lamb's arrangement of descent is correct, we have the second generation of (at least) Thomas, J__., Charles, James, and John. William, as eldest son?, inherited the family homestead by law of primogeniture. He (same man?) patented 1190 acres in Charles City County in 1687. This would explain why Thomas, Jr., went to that part of Henrico called Goochland, in patents of 1705-1712, and 1727 "in the forks of Beaver Dam Creek."

20 THOMAS CHRISTIAN (Thomas¹) in 1712 had patent #152 for 400 acres of land dated 16 December; for 1320 acres with John Prier (probably a son of William Prier, a J. P. of Charles River, later, York County (1633-1646). Northampton records show that he received patent #223 for 400 acres in Henrico County in 1727.

Will proved Goochland County 17 May, 1739 (made 16 October 1737), (in Bk. #3, page 32).

Md. Rebecca New, viz:

Henrico County Deeds & Wills, pt. #1, 1723-1737, pg. 50+-dated 4 July 1726:

"In ye name of God Amen, I, Edmund New, now of Henrico County, Parish of St. James, being sick & weak of body but of sound and perfect memory, thanks be to Almighty God for the same & knowing ye certainty of death and ye uncertainty of this life, do institute & appoint this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following:

FIRST 7 principally I give & bequeath my soul to my Creator who gave it me and my body to the earth from whence it came, to be buried with such desant & Christian burial as my executor hereinafter mentioned shall think fit, and as for that small part of these worldly goods that God in her mersey hath bestowed on me, I give & bequeath as follows:

ITEM: I give & bequeath unto my son, Edmund New, all my land lying and being on ye lower side of ye upper branch called ye Little Creek of Licking Hole, to him my said son and ye heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten, forever.

ITEM: I give & bequeath unto Edmund New, my son, all my nursery apple trees.

ITEM: I give & bequeath to my daughter, Priscilla New, all ye remainder part of my land lying & being on ye upper side of Little Creek & Licking Hole to her, my said daughter and heirs of her body lawfully begotten or to be begotten, forever.

ITEM: I give & bequeath unto my lawful wife, Mary New, and my son, Edmund New, and my daughter above mentioned, all my personal estate to be equally divided between them & appraised after my death, also my full right to fourty Pound Bond of Thomas Christian, all to them & their heirs, forever. Likewise I do appoint and institute Mary, my wife, my son and daughter before mentioned to be my sole executors of this my last will and testament to continue it according to law.

ITEM: I give & bequeath to my grandson, John New, son to my son, Edmund New, now deceased, and to William New, Mary Prior, Rebecca Christian, Sarah Tully, Elizabeth Patterson, Ann New and Henry New, one shilling sterling money as their full due of dowery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I set my hand and seal ye day and year before mentioned.

Signed, sealed & Del'd. in presence of

Edmund ^{his}_X mark New, L. S.

Paul Green

John ^{his}_L mark Lain

Hugh Morris

At a Court held for Henrico County, Virginia, 5 September 1726, this will was proved by the oaths of Paul Green & John Lain & was thereupon admitted to probate & Recorded.

Henry Wood, C. H. C.

The John Pryor of the patent, will of 1755, mentions only his daughter, Anne Wright, and his daughter, Rebecca Woodson. Principal heir: grandson, John Woodson.

NOTE: Granville Co., N. C., 1750: A Thomas Christian, same county, and John Knight of Lunenburg County, Virginia, had a Goochland County connection. They bought land in Granville Co., above date. John died in Lunenburg Co. His will: (1771) gives heirs: wife, Elizabeth; sons, Joseph, Peter, William, Charles, Woodson, John, Jonathan; daus., Lucy Cook, Judith Bagley (or Bayley), Mary Lea, Elizabeth.

Above Thomas²Christian's will: (Deed & Will Bk. #3, pg. 32.)

"In the name of God, Amen, I, Thomas Christian, being very sick of body but of sound mind & memory, Praise be given therefore to Almighty God, doe make & ordain this my Present last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first & Principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping thru the merits, death and passion of my Savior Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit Everlasting life, and my Body I commit to ye earth to be decently buried at the descretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as touching the disposition of all such Temperall estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give & dispose thereof as followeth:

FIRST I wish that my debts & funeral charges shall be paid and discharged.

ITEM: I give to Rebecca Christian, my loving & lawful wife, this plantation whereon I now live containing two hundred and ten acres, more or less during her natural life and after her death I give the sd. Plantation to my lawful son, James Christian, and to his heirs forever.

ITEM: I give unto my son, Thomas Christian, and to his heirs forever, the Plantation whereon ye sd. Thomas did live, containing Two Hundred and Fifty acres of land, more or less.

ITEM: I give unto my son, Robert Christian, my lawful son, the Plantation whereon he now liveth with three undred acres of land, more or less, to him and his heirs forever, and one breeding mare that runs at red bear camp.

ITEM: I give unto Willm. Christian, my lawful son, 300 acres of land according to the dividing line, it being more or less, it being part of the land that John Prior and I took up, to him and his heirs forever, and one horse coult that runs at red bear camp.

ITEM: I give unto my grandson, Tom Christian, one cow & calf.

ITEM: I give unto my lawful wife three horses, Champion, Doctor, and Blaze, and three feather beds & furniture according to her choice, and two negroes named Jack and Tom during her natural life and at her death I give ye sd. negroes to my son, James Christian, and his heirs forever. I likewise give to my lawful wife all the rest of my movable estate and at her disposal at her death.

ITEM: I give my lawful dau., Mary Christian, one Pleasure horse coult & 1 feather bed with furniture & 5b to be pd. out of my estate one month after her marriage by my executor.

ITEM: I give unto my lawful daughter, Constant Christian, one Pleasure horse
 coult and one feather bed with furniture, and five Pounds to be raised out of
 my estate to be paid one month after her marriage by my Extr.
 ITEM: I give to my lawful daughter, Rebecca Christian, six ewes.
 ITEM: I give to my lawful daughter, Ann Mourning Coleman, one ewe.
 ITEM: I constitute and ordain my lawful wife and son, James Christian, to be
 my whole and sole extrs. of this my last w. & t. and I hereby revoke & disannul
 and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In
 witness whereof I, the Sd. Thomas Christian, have hereunto Set my hand and
 affixed my Seal this Sixteenth of Octo., One Thousand Seven Hundred & Thirty-Six.

Thomas Christian, L. S.

Wits: John ^{his}_X Prier
 mark
 John Clark
 John ^{his}_X Wright
 mark

Signed, sealed in the presence of us.

At a Court held for Goochland County, Virginia 17 May 1737 this will was
 proved by the oaths of the Witnesses thereto and it was thereupon recorded
 and admitted to Record.

H. Wood, Clerk, Circuit Court

Test: A copy teste: Margaret K. Miller, Clerk, Ckt. Court, Goochland County.

Mary New married the John Prior, above.

The above Thomas of the will was of age by 1694, for his father signed his
 patent as Thomas, Sr.

Chn.:

- 600 1. *James³ md. Susanna _____ and d. ca. 1759.
- 601 2. *Thomas md. apparently Rebecca Woodson (dau. of Joseph?).
- 602 3. *Robert md. Lucy Bradley.
- 603 4. William; land in Albemarle County; land in Goochland sold by him in
 1756.
- 604 5. Mary; n. f. r.
- 605 6. Constant.
- 606 7. Rebecca.
- 607 8. Ann Mourning (wits. for James Christian, 1768 in Co. Court Orders)
 md. _____ Coleman pre 1736.

In Albemarle & Amherst Wills, J. Estelle King, pg. 10: Son, John Coleman,
 made will in Amherst County 9 January 1778: wife, Elizabeth. Chn. named.
 Wife "and my cousin, John Christian," extrs. Wits.: John Daniel Coleman,
 David Crawford, Thomas Lucas.

26 September 1745: John Coleman vs. William Christian for 45 S. due the
 account. William did not appear, so paid costs of 6£, "neet tobac," also.
 (Albemarle Records, pg. #76.)

William Duiguid was a very early resident of Albemarle County.

NOTE: Many bonds and marriage records were lost because they were on
 loose-leaf papers.

King, pg. 38 (524): Benjamin Cawfland (Crawford?) will dated 19 Aug. 1789; 6 Aug. 1797; rec'd 16 August 1798. To son, Maj. James Cawfland; to wife, Elizabeth; and five chn.; Robert Christian to manage the estate.

Pg. #4: James Warner inv., dated 1769, taken by Robert Christian, Henry Snell, Drury Christian.

Vide Notes & Querries by R. A. Brock on Crawford, dated 21 February 1880, ca. pg. 96.

Vide Anderson Records, Harper Library, University of Chicago: John (b. Ayrshire, Scotland, 1600, killed in 1676 during Bacon's Rebellion). Son, David Crawford also to Jamestown ca. 1643. Res. St. Peter's Parish, New Kent (now St. Paul's);' md., James City 1649 and had children (named and mgs. given). Son, David, md. Ann Anderson, b. in (now) Nelson County, Virginia, and to Amherst on Rockfish River. John, b. 1701, md. Mary Duke, etc. etc. David,² md., James City Co., and had Elizabeth, b. 1650; md. Nicholas Merriweather; (2) _____ Lewis. To Amherst 1758, etc. (recheck last mg. M. McC.).

(repeat of p. 98)

30 CHARLES CHRISTIAN (Thomas¹) of Westover parish, Charles City County, Virginia, patented 75 a. of land there 2 November 1705; in 1712, 1714, and 1715, of Westover Parish, he patented additional lands. In 1727 (same man?) patented 400 acres bounding Thomas Christian. This was a Charles, Jr., as the 1705 patent was made by Charles, Sr. The patents were for four hundred acres each.

Chn., at least:

620 1. A dau., md. Stephen Watkins, a descendant of Henry Watkins of Henrico County (b. 1638), and quite likely a son of Thomas Watkins of Swift Creek, Cumberland (now Powhattan) County, Va., who predeceased his father, leaving children: Stephen and Elizabeth, who resided in Amelia County when mentioned in their grandfather's will, recorded in Cumberland County June 1760 bearing date of March of that year.

Dr. Foote in his "Sketches of Virginia," pg. 138: "Presented to the Grand Jury, 1743, Thomas Watkins, son of Edward Watkins, of the parish and county of Henrico, for reflecting upon the established religion." Thomas' daughter, Elizabeth, md. Daniel in 1750. Charles (#621?) deeded to Stephen Watkins in Amelia County in 1750.

621 2. Charles: probably the one who received the 1732 patent for 400 a. of land.

In The Majors & Their Marriages by James Branch Cabell (pr. 1915), it is stated that Charles Christian was bondsman for the probate of his (James') estate, also that James' brother, Charles, md. Susanna _____ and died after 1768.

Also, William, son of Isaac Collier, md. Elizabeth _____. She md. (2), (bond dated 24 April 1678) Gideon Macon of York County, Virginia. She had three orphans then. (ca. pg. #40). Vide next page.

Charles City was at Bermuda Hundred, now City Point, Prince George County four miles east of Petersburg. Doubtless the 75 acres was in Charles City County.

Judge Lamb pointed out that Charles City County records were totally destroyed; New Kent's, partially, as were those of Buckingham, Prince Edward, Hanover, and Cumberland County.

Charles County, founded as early as 1613 by Sir Thomas Dale, was first named Bermuda City (Hundred) until the division was made in 1702. Nearby were Smith's, West's, Shirley's, and Martin's, and Berkeley's Hundreds, the latter adjoining Westover, home of William Byrd, purchased from Theodore Bland in 1668. By 1702 Charles City lay in Prince George County.

Va. Mag., v. 7, pg. 191: "Capt. Henry Browne, a Col. by 1660 in James City (County), Stephen Browne, headright for Capt. Henry Browne, Esq., Council of State--2250 acres in James City, s. side of the James, for the transportation of George Jordan, Mrs. Richard Browne, Richard Christmas . . . land beginning at the half-way tree. Four mile tree was the family seat in Surry County.

40 JAMES CHRISTIAN (Thomas¹), b. ca. 1670, patented land near Thomas Christian in Goochland 28 June 1719, "bounded by land of Thomas Christian." md. Anne, eldest daughter of Gideon Macon (ca. 1650-1703), b. 15 Dec. 1685 (O. S.), and was living in 1728. James died last.

Gideon, a French Huguenot, fled from the infamous Edict of Nantes in 1685; resided in York County, near Jamestown, and later at Mount Prospect, New Kent. He was Secretary to the tyrannous Governor William Berkeley, and a one-time Indian interpreter for him. Attorney-at-Law in York (later Charles River County) pre 1672; Burgess 1693-6. Under Sheriff of York under his brother-in-law, Daniel Wild, 3 April 1672, when Richard James gave security for his bond. He was a vestryman of Bruton Parish Church in 1678. About 1682 he removed to New Kent and was a vestryman at St. Peter's Parish from then (until his death) in 1684. The vestry in those days appointed the clergymen, investigated cases of moral delinquency; laid and collected the parish levy. At October meetings they collected tobacco, the important currency of the day when 'hard money' was so scarce. Church Wardens were selected annually, the vestry rotating to share the burdens. Gideon was "lately deceased" at the time of the 4 March 1702 meeting.

His wife, Martha, nee Wild, was the widow of William Biggers. She remarried pre 24 June 1703 to Nathaniel West (vide suit between Nathaniel West and Martha his wife dated 24 June 1703, York County, Virginia.). Vide County Court Notebook, v. 1-4 pg. 10: Capt. Nathaniel West and Martha, widow of Mr. Gideon Macon pre 20 July 1703, King William County. Vol. 5-7. Idem, pg. 36: Mr. Gideon Macon, late of New Kent County, deceased, md. Martha Woodward, dau. of William, pre 1695. Their child, Unity, md. William Spottswood Dandridge and left issue. Martha's daughter, Martha, married Orlando Jones of King William County, who md. (2) Mary, dau. of James Williams, and had Lane Jones. Lane's daughter Frances md. the eccentric Colonel Dandridge and was mother of Martha (Dandridge-Curtis) Washington, wife of the future father of our Country." For further details see "The Majors & Their Marriages" by James Branch Cabell, who added: James' children were: Edmund; Turner Hunt, post; Susanna, Elizabeth, and William Browne Christian.

In Charles City County James Christian brought suit against Ann Lamport, Admx. of Benjamin Harrison (the famous Harrison ancestor) in August 1739, and eleven years afterwards, on the first Wednesday in February, 1750, his will was presented for probate in Charles City County by James Christian, Richard Christian, and Joel Christian, Extrs., who, with Charles Christian and Turner Hunt Christian, gave bond for £1,000. His wife, Anne, had preceeded him.

In Tyler's Quarterly, v. 3, pg. 153, Charles City County, 1768, Susanna Christian returns the profits as their guardian. Estate appraised in 1771. Same chn. named. Refs's.:

Va. Hist. Magazine, v. 4, pg. 204; 24, pgs. 55-194-6; 25, pgs. 208-0.

Chn:

- 630 1. *Richard,³ b. ca. 1710, d. 1769; md. Elizabeth Eppes.
- 630 2. *Judith, bp. New Kent 21 May 1711; md. James Ladd.
- 632 3. *William, md. (1) Anne Collier; (2) Susanna Browne.
- 633 4. *Joel, d. by 1787; md. Sarah _____; had Sarah,⁴ b. 19 Jan. 1757, bp. 20 March 1757; Alley (Alice)⁴ b. 26 Aug. 1759, bp. 28 Oct. 1759.
- 634 5. *James, by wife, Tabitha, had at least: Joseph,⁴ b. Sept. 1757.
- 635 6. *Gideon, b. 5 Feb. 1727, bp. 24 Mar. 1727/8; md. Sarah, dau.