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Agnes Branch Pearlman, Editor

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# VARIATIONS IN CHRISTIAN ARMS

The COAT OF ARMS of the family Chrétien de Tréveneuc of Brittany is as follows:

ARMS: *De sinople, à la fasce d'or, accompagnée de trois casques de profil du même.*

CREST: *Casque ou couronne de marquis.*

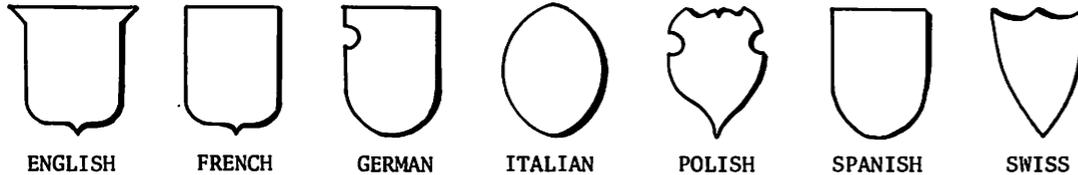
MOTTO: *En Bon Chrétien.*

## VARIETY OF ARMS

Although the Coat of Arms\* granted to the family of the Deemsters on the Isle of Man is the one most commonly illustrated or described in English-language genealogies, it is by no means the only one granted in the British Isles to the Christian family and certainly not representative of those on the European continent.

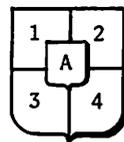
## SHAPES OF ESCUTCHEON IN VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Traditionally, the shape of the shield denotes the country of origin of the family or individual for which the armorial bearings are depicted. However, modifications of the basic forms have wide acceptance today. A sampling of classic western European shapes appears below:



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Whereas representation of a family's coat of arms may be plain (that is, filled with one enamel only), it may be divided or quartered to indicate other family alliances. When an escutcheon is divided into several quarters, in France the principal family's coat is placed at the center "over all of the all" or "over all," as with the arms of Chrétien de Tréveneuc pictured lower center on facing page. Here the Chrétien de Tréveneuc arms (A) appear over the others: (1) Crec'hquérault, (2) LeVêr, (3) du Breuil de Rays, and (4) Charpentier. Quartering key and descriptions follow:



Alias Ecartelé: au 1 d'argent, à trois tours crénelées de sable (*Crec'hquérault*); au 2 d'azur, à trois têtes de renard arrachées d'or (*Le Vêr*); au 3 d'azur, au lion d'argent (*du Breuil de Rays*); au 4 de sable, à deux épées d'argent passées en sautoir, les pointes en bas (*Charpentier*). Sur le tout de sinople, à la fasce d'or, accompagnée de trois casques de profil du même (*Chrétien de Tréveneuc*). Casque ou couronne de marquis. Devise: EN BON CHRÉTIEN.

\*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. I, page 3, for full-color blazon of Isle of Man Christian Coat of Arms and Volume No. II, page 75, for black and white rendition.

## NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

### FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, page 144

From Juanita C. Smith:

In query No. 79-37 the Eliza Christian who married Asa Saltha Simpson was not a daughter of George and Nancy (McCarroll) Christian. Eliza was the half-sister of John "Snooks" Christian, both of whom had the same mother, Sarah Jane Skelton, who married Allen Christian. Although called Eliza Christian, name of Eliza's father is not yet known.

### FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, page 112

From the Editor:

The approximated birth date of "between 1740 and 1750" for Thomas Christian should have appeared as "between 1750 and 1760" since in the 1830 Cocke County, Tennessee, census he was listed as aged 70-80.

## CENSUS ADDITIONS

### SUBSTITUTES FOR 1790 "FIRST CENSUS" OF VIRGINIA

Not available to the editor when compiling the substitute list for the 1790 census of Virginia for Volume No. II of *CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES* were abstracts of tax records from Hanover County—since provided with miscellaneous notes from Inex C. Doshier, quoting *HANOVER COUNTY TAXPAYERS, ST. PAUL'S PARISH 1782-1815* by William R. Coke. Names of all Christian entries appear below although only a sampling of the data and years appears.

COUNTY	HEAD OF FAMILY	1782		1785		1787		1790	
		SLAVES	HORSES	SLAVES	HORSES	SLAVES	HORSES	SLAVES	HORSES
Hanover	Christian, Andrew	2	2 8						
Hanover	Christian, Andrew, Sr.			3	2 6	3	2 6		
Hanover	Christian, Andrew, Jr.			0	1 -				
Hanover	Christian, Jacob			0	0 0			1	1 -
Hanover	Christian, Jacob, Jr.								
Hanover	Christian, John	7	4 14						
Hanover	Christian, Peter	1	1 0	1	1 0			5	3 -
Hanover	Christian, William					1	1 0		

NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. I, page 38

From the Editor:

The date for the will of Thomas Christian should have been shown as 23 October 1743, not 20 October 1743. The 20 March 1743/4 date given for probate is correct.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, pages 90 & 116

From Frank Asbury Christian and from John M. Robinson:

Parents of Margaret Taubman (first wife of John Christian) were Capt. John and Esther (Christian) Taubman. Esther was born in Lesayre, Isle of Man, and died at age 91 on 9 September 1802 in Malew, Isle of Man. Esther's father was Nicholas Christian and her mother may have been Margaret Quayle.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, page 151

From Bertha D. Walbrecht Farmer:

Matthew Christian, born c. 1842, child No. 3 of David and Abigail (White) Christian, married 1) Amelia/America Howard 3 September 1863 in Lawrence County, Ohio; 2) Eliza Weatherford 31 December 1873; and 3) Ida Sneed 25 March 1887, whose name on marriage register appears as Smead. At the time of his death, Matthew was married to Ida.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, page 151

From Vivian H. Johnson:

Abigail White, wife of David Christian, died at age 84 on 1 November 1902—not 1904. Her obituary appeared in *The Ironton Register*, Ironton, Ohio, Thursday, November 6, 1902, page 5, column 3, under heading "Remarkable Family."

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, page 150

From Wilma L. Coats:

Nancy Blankenship, shown as second wife of John Christian, had previously been married. Her maiden surname is not yet known.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, page 102

From Dr. Louis Koenig:

Amanda Elizabeth Jane Christian married Martin Shofner as his first wife. She had no other marriages as would seem to be implied by error in entering the "1" in front of name of Martin Shofner rather than placing the "1" after his name as submitted.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, page 98

From Juanita C. Smith:

The following details can now be added to the Line of Descent previously submitted:

- #3 SIMPSON, Verdie Ann (not Vertie Ann), died 22 Nov. 1961
- #4 SMITH, Zack (not Zach), married 25 Dec. 1894
- #9 WHITE, Mary Ann, born 1825, died 1905, Hawkins Co., TN
- #12 SIMPSON, Jessie, born c. 1842
- #13 DYKES, Betty, born c. 1840
- #14 CHRISTIAN, John "Snooks," born 16 Oct. 1852, died 17 Oct. 1930
- #15 DYKES, Annie L., born 22 Apr. 1854, died 10 July 1921, Hawkins Co., TN
- #31 MORELOCK, Juda/Judy (not MULLINS, Juda)

Note: #13 and #15 are sisters, both daughters of John & Judy (MORELOCK) DYKES.



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Ile de France



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Lorraine



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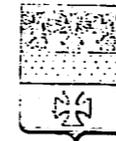
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ILLUSTRATIONS OF SOME EUROPEAN COATS OF ARMS  
French—Belgian—Flemish—Swiss

# WEST VIRGINIA'S CHRISTIAN FAMILIES



BY

AGNES BRANCH PEARLMAN

## PART III

### THE REVEREND BYRON CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLD

The household of the Reverend Byron Christian was one which nurtured learning, and among his progeny he could point to an ordained minister like himself; a poet-teacher who came to be known as "The Mountain Bard"; a photographer-soldier turned civil engineer; another engineer; several teachers; a successful timberman-farmer; and a surveyor-merchant-postmaster who left a brief, written account of his life and times.

Playing no small role in the training of their dozen children was the woman Byron Christian married in 1848 as his first wife—Elizabeth "Betty" White, born 5 June 1830, the daughter of James and Mary (Robinette) White.

In recounting the circumstances surrounding Logan County, West Virginia's public schooling in the late nineteenth century, Byron and Elizabeth's son Pat Christian reveals in his writings\* just how dependent he and his siblings were on their mother for an education:

\*The first-hand accounts quoted in current installment of "West Virginia's Christian Families" are taken from "A Brief History of James P. Christian and His Son Rev. Byron Christian," a manuscript written in 1938 by the latter's son, Andrew Patterson Christian. Sections not quoted in this issue will appear in future articles until all the material is covered.

## NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

80-71 Mrs. Eugenia Toland  
Route 9, Box 212, Lubbock, Texas 79423:

How were the early nineteenth century Christians of Ohio County, Kentucky, related? James and Mary (Christian) Christian moved there from Amherst County, Virginia, shortly after 1810. The following Ohio County, Kentucky, Christian marriages appear on the records: James Christian to Nancy Wilcher 18 September 1813 (Was this marriage for a son or is this a second marriage for the elder James?); William Christian to Malinda Wilcher 8 July 1822 (Is this a son?); another William Christian to Jane C. Fulkerson 13 January 1831 (Is he a close relative?); Charles H. Christian to Dolly Ann Wyley 23 December 1816 (He is a proven son of James and Mary). I will share data.

80-72 Mrs. Eugenia Toland  
Route 9, Box 212, Lubbock, Texas 79423:

What is the parentage of Walter D. Christian who married as her second husband Elizabeth (Stewart) Smith 26 September 1833? In a county history he was referred to as "progenitor of Ohio County, [Kentucky], Christians." What was his middle name?

80-73 Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706:

A concerted effort is being made to identify all eighteenth century Christian groups. Your help is needed.

- a. Does anyone know the given name of the Mr. Christian who married as her second husband Nancy (Allison/Ellison) Wright, the widow of \_\_\_\_\_ Wright? Based on Nancy's known residence in Wythe County, Virginia, her husband was probably also of Virginia. At least one son, Benjamin, was born about 1771 in Virginia—thus placing probable birth date of Nancy and her Christian husband as before 1755.
- b. Whatever happened to the family of Sampson Christian, whose estate was appraised 11 February 1785 in Washington County, Virginia? Who were his parents, his wife, and his children?
- c. Who was the Thomas Christian of Bedford County, Virginia, whose son Christopher Christian died in Montgomery County, North Carolina, in 1783 leaving four children?
- d. Was Allen Christian, born 22 May 1754 in Cumberland County, Virginia, the son of the Thomas Christian who, like Allen, was of Bedford County, Virginia, immediately following the Revolutionary War?
- e. Which Nathaniel Christian died intestate in Montgomery County, Virginia, in 1779? Was he the same as the one mentioned in the 1743 Goochland County, Virginia, will of Thomas Christian or a son or nephew of that Nathaniel?

5. Who and where are the descendants of Drew Allison, son of Robert and Mary L. "Polly" (Christian) Allison. Polly was a sister to my grandfather, Samuel Marshall Christian.

80-67 Mrs. Diane Browning  
Box 295, Whitman, West Virginia 25652:

Mastin Christian, born about 1799, son of Thomas and Louisa (Harmon) Christian, married Jane McKenster 4 August 1823 in Tazewell County, Virginia. Mastin appears in 1850 Tazewell County census with wife Maria, born about 1810. Did he marry twice or are Jane and Maria two names for the same person?

80-68 Mr. Charles D. Brown  
15 North Estes Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80226:

I need copies of 19th century letters, diaries, memoirs, etc. left by members and/or descendants of the following affiliated families: Christians, Gatliffs, Pines, Gores, and Farleys including ancestors and descendants of John Christian and Johanna Farley for a social history based around these families. Geographical areas involved include Virginia, West Virginia (various southern counties), Kentucky (Whitley and Hopkins Counties), Tennessee (Overton and Jackson Counties), Ohio (Lawrence County), Missouri (Buchanan and neighboring counties), and Indiana (Henry and Tipton Counties).

80-69 Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560:

Nathaniel Christian died intestate in Montgomery County, Virginia, before 2 March 1779 when the following three individuals were named in administration of his estate: the widow Jane Christian, William Boydston, and Thomas Christian. Was this Thomas Christian Nathaniel's son and heir-at-law or was he a brother, nephew, or cousin? How was the orphaned Thomas Christian born about 1770 related to Nathaniel? Was this younger Thomas who ultimately settled in Tazewell County, Virginia, the son and heir-at-law or a grandson or otherwise related? Can anyone identify Nathaniel's widow Jane? I will gladly exchange information.

80-70 Mrs. Erma Christian Clemons  
Rt. #1, Box #656-A, Cedar Hill, Missouri 63016:

Who are the parents of James Christian, born during the 1830's somewhere in Kentucky or Virginia; married Elizabeth Hewett, daughter of Washington and Becky (Smith) Hewett. Their children, all born in Kentucky, are James Washington, William, Jesse, John T., and Carrie. There may have been other children. In 1898 or 1899 they moved from near Elizabeth Town, Kentucky, to Ellington, Reynolds County, Missouri, where both James and Elizabeth died in the early 1900's.

When I was growing up the free school system was in its infancy; we had only 2 & 2½ months per year. The first school I ever went to was taught in the old Coburn House. It was built out of small round logs and had no windows or blackboard; the benches were made of small split poles with the flat side up and hewed smooth with auger holes bored in the under or round side in which pegs were inserted for benches.

The next school was at the mouth of Turkey Pen Branch in an old house on Father's place. The next school was in what we called a split log house, the same conditions prevailing in regard to the houses until about 1873, when the Board of Education had a hewn log house built on Elk Creek, with one window in the back end, with plank fixed under it for a writing desk. We had slates to figure on and did all our writing with a goose quill pen. The teachers' salaries were: No. One, \$23.00; No. Two, \$20.00; and No. Three, \$18.00 per month. The salaries being so low, the patrons were required to board the teacher free and also to furnish wood and build fires free. All schools burned wood in fire-place for heat.

If I had depended on free schools for my education, I would not be able to write my name, but luckily my mother was fairly educated, for that day, especially in writing, arithmetic, and spelling, and she assisted us children at home in our learning. I never knew how she got her education, as there were no free schools at the time she was growing up, and as her father, James White, died when she was young. I sometimes think probably her mother was well educated and taught her, and then she following her mother taught us children.

Elizabeth White had indeed been raised by parents who were themselves educated. She had early learned from her mother "to say her numbers" in both English and Dutch—a verbal skill transmitted through several generations from an early immigrant ancestor from the Netherlands. Byron's father also at intervals quizzed the grandchildren on lessons assigned at the subscription schools or studied at home.

On the occasion of the marriage of Byron Christian to Elizabeth White, the groom's father James Pine Christian gave him a tract of land previously patented to Grayson White—Elizabeth's brother and first husband of Byron's sister, Rebecca Jane Christian. The newlyweds moved to this sixty or so acres running near the mouth of Spice and crossing over onto Leatherwood, and they lived there at the mouth of the left-hand fork of Spice until about 1858, when the family moved to Elk Creek. Son Pat explained the reasons for the move:

My father, while living on Spice, got uneasy about the title to that land, so my grandfather took it back and gave him a tract on Elk, where he lived until about 1890, when my mother died. [In fact, Elizabeth (White) Christian died 18 September 1891 of pneumonitis.]

The Byron Christians raised their family amidst other Christian kin who had also benefitted from the generosity and interest of James Pine Christian, the family progenitor in Logan County. Byron and Elizabeth (White) Christian entered names and birthdays of their children in the large family Bible used for reading scriptures to each in turn:

James McDonell Christian, born 18 July 1849, died at the age of three years in 1852.

Grayson Montreville Christian, called "Mont," born 3 June 1851, died 25 July 1934 in Cabell County, West Virginia; married about 1872 Cordelia "Delie" Elkins.

Paren Leander Christian, born 14 June 1853, died of croup 10 September 1859.

Isaac E. H. Christian, born 5 September 1856, killed in 1904; married 14 December 1876 Louisa Justice in Wyoming County, West Virginia.

Andrew Patterson "Pat" Christian, born 12 October 1857, died 17 May 1947 in Wyoming County; married 19 April 1876, also in Wyoming County, Luvenia Toler.

Charles Russell "Russ" Christian, born 2 January 1860, died 3 June 1889 in Kirbyville, Wyoming County; married Miriam A. Trent on 2 January 1880.

Allen D. Christian, born 23 September 1862, died 13 December 1894; married in Logan County 22 June 1882 M. Frances Vance, who after Allen's death married his first cousin, Burwell T. Christian, son of James Thomas Holden and Elizabeth M. (Canterbury) Christian.

George Lee Christian, called Lee, born 2 March 1864, died in Ohio about 1847; married 1) on 8 June 1882 Roxie Mangus and after their divorce married 2) on 19 July 1894 Ivey Mingus.

Bruce L. Christian, born 20 May 1866; married Samantha Cox 18 April 1896 in Wyoming County.

Mary Ann Christian, born 22 May 1868; married 1) on 22 December 1887 Floyd Browning and after his death married 2) Randolph Lee Walls.

Sarah E. Christian, born 22 July 1871; married 22 September 1887 James Isaac Vance, brother of M. Frances Vance.

Preston Byron Christian, born 11 April 1873, died 31 July 1918; married 1) Jerusha Toler 9 May 1891 in Wyoming County and after their divorce married "a woman from North Carolina."

80-63 Miss Portia Christian  
49 East Madison Street, Franklin, Indiana 46131:

The search for parents, brothers, and sisters of Elijah L. Christian, born about 1794 in Virginia or Elbert County, Georgia, so far has proved to be difficult. How was he related to the others in Elbert County? Was his father Jesse Christian? Elijah L. married 1) Rebecca Coleman 16 January 1821 and 2) Mary J. Fitts 19 December 1832. He died about 1844.

80-64 Mrs. Gloria Kay Vandiver Inman  
803 South 3rd, Pasco, Washington 99301:

I need information regarding the family of Allen Christian (born 15 October 1802 in Virginia, died 19 December 1886 in Letcher County, Kentucky; moved with parents to Kentucky) and his 1st?) wife, Abby Hagins/Higgins (born about 1803 in South Carolina; also moved to Kentucky) in an effort to prove that the Sarah Christian who married William Caudill was their daughter, as family tradition indicates. Sarah was born about 1830 in Perry County, Kentucky.

80-65 Mr. Nelson Grubbe  
2131 Debra Drive, Springfield, Oregon 97477:

Harrison Weddington Christian, born 16 May 1869, maybe in Kentucky, married Nancy Catherine Reed in 1889. They had ten children. The seventh, Harry Zeph Christian, was born in Cowan, West Virginia, in 1902. The family moved to Oregon about 1920. Can anyone help with the parents of either or give me a location of where they lived? I will exchange what I have.

80-66 Mrs. Edna Mae Russell  
1225 St. Matthew, Florissant, Missouri 63031:

My query is in several parts, and all clues would be welcome:

1. We are still searching for the name of mother of Samuel Marshall Christian (born 17 March 1817 in Amherst County, Virginia) and his brother William Preston Christian (born about 1820). What was her birth date, date of marriage, and date of death? Was she a Ford?
2. Can anyone help me locate two daughters of Col. J. B. Christian of West Point? What are their addresses? One is Lucille (Christian) Brand, wife of Col. John Brand and the other is Alice (Christian) Christmas, wife of Col. Jack Christmas. One of them might have the family tree once in the possession of their father.
3. About thirty years ago a Will Christian lived in Sedalia, Missouri. He was a nephew of my grandfather, Samuel Marshall Christian. Do any of his descendants know whose son he was—Hiram Joseph's or William Preston's—or anything about him?
4. Does anyone know anything about the descendants of Peter L. Christian; son of Peter who was brother to Samuel Marshall Christian.



## NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

Miscellaneous notes and formal queries will be published in each issue on request of a subscriber and, as space permits, on request of any correspondent. Because the purpose of this section is to enable the reader to offer as well as to search for clues to family connections, there is no limit on the length of entries which relate to the Christian family. Responses to queries are invited for publication as "footnotes."

80-59 Mr. Michael W. Berry  
511½ 7th Street, N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002:

I am interested in information on Thomas Christian, the immigrant of Charles City County: 1. Have his date and place of birth been proven? 2. Whom did he marry? 3. Was he the father of Charles Christian of Westover Parish, Charles City County and the grandfather of Charles Christian of Goochland, who married 1) Judith Woodson and 2) Mary Leake?

80-60 Ms. Marjorie Rommel  
153 North Filbert Street, Exeter, California 93221:

Does anyone know who the parents of the following Katherine Christian were? Also, what country she came from? She married Richard Burton on 3 March 1605. They had a daughter Judith Burton who married 1st) William Hunt, who died 20 August 1668 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and married 2nd) Richard Parker. Any information on the above would be appreciated.

80-61 Mrs. W. L. Bressler  
Rt. 2, Box 776, Livingston, Texas 77351:

I would like to correspond with descendants of Thomas Ewing Christian and wife, Mary Ann Doughty. Purpose: To pool information and to eliminate duplication of research concerning Thomas Ewing Christian's parents, Anthony and Sallie (Ewing) Christian.

80-62 Mrs. Floyd Jensen, Jr.  
2636 Woodmont Circle, Waco, Texas 76710:

Have you any information pertaining to Drury Christian, born between 1775-1794, a native of Virginia and resident of Warren County, Tennessee at taking of the 1820 census. I am also interested in the earlier generations.



*From the collection of Robert L. Christian*

Rev. Byron Christian, photographed shortly before his death by Flossie Christian (one of his teenaged granddaughters), enjoyed the love and respect of his numerous kin and of the congregations with whom he had shared the gospel for so many years.

By the start of the Civil War, Byron and Elizabeth were becoming resettled in their home on Elk Creek and were busily engaged in rearing their children. Although they generally supported the "sovereign states" position of Virginia (of which their county was then a part), they were not sympathetic to slavery and thus could not enthusiastically support either the northern or southern cause. Relatives had been drawn into the conflict on both sides—some willingly, others reluctantly. Byron determined, however, to stay out of the war, a decision with which his wife actively concurred. Years later their son Pat vividly and poignantly described the resistance to "recruiting" efforts:

I can remember about the second year of the Civil War, Pa was laying out under a large cliff to keep from being taken to the Army. One evening Mother took his supper to him and I went with her, and I begged her to let me stay all night with Pa and she consented to do so.

That night Lloyd Ellis, being an officer who had decided to round up the Rebel draftees, came to Elk Creek and captured James "Slater" Hatfield and his son George, who were building a chimney for Uncle Pat Spratt and took them to the Army. Ellis left word that if Uncle Charley Vance and Uncle Holden [Christian] would follow on the next day they would not be prosecuted, and so their friends advised them to do so and neither one of them ever got back. Uncle Charley was shot and killed in the Battle of Piedmont, Virginia, and Uncle Holden was captured in the same battle and was taken to Camp Chase and died there. I learned afterwards that Camp Chase was a Federal prison near Chillicothe, Ohio.

Byron Christian managed to avoid military service and lived to serve in what he considered a more meaningful way—by becoming an ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. One of his most pleasurable duties was officiating at marriages, and he performed the ceremony for many nieces, nephews, and neighbors, as well as for several of his own children.

Two years after the death of his beloved Betty, Byron remarried. On 21 September 1893 he took as wife Clarissa (Trent) Ellis, the sixty-seven-year-old widow of Madison Ellis and daughter of Umphrey and Martha (Smith) Trent. She is believed to have died just a few years later although the exact date of her death is not known. Rev. Byron continued to conduct religious services and attend the numerous

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--born about 1758, probably in Hanover County, Virginia, died in Fayette County, Kentucky, in late 1827 or early 1828; married Martha Evans.

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--born 27 April 1793 in Virginia; moved with parents about 1815 to Fayette County, Kentucky; then to Cole County, Missouri, where he married Jane C. Fulkerson. He died 22 March 1882 in Moniteau County, Missouri, having moved there before 1850.

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--born about 1742 in Augusta County, Virginia, son of Israel and Elizabeth (Starke) Christian; married Anne Henry 18 April 1768. After having settled near Louisville, Kentucky in 1785, he was killed 9 April 1786 while in pursuit of marauding Indians.

WILLIAM C. CHRISTIAN--born about 1799 in Virginia, married Malinda Wilcher 8 July 1822 in Ohio County, Kentucky. By 1833 they had moved to Illinois and were living in Gallatin County at the 1850 census taking.

WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN--born about 1835 in Hawkins County, Tennessee, where he married Elizabeth Armstrong. In 1882 he was in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon

WILLIAM HENRY BAKER CHRISTIAN--born 27 September 1827 in Campbell County, Virginia; moved to Pettis County, Missouri, in 1849 and soon married 1) Nancy L. Reese; married 2) Flora Timmons. He died 3 July 1904 in Grover, Douglas County, Kansas.

WILLIAM JAMES CHRISTIAN--born 2 May 1827 in Washington County, Kentucky, son of John and Mary Catherine (Wathen) Christian; married Jane Elizabeth Day in Scotland County, Missouri, in 1848. They settled in Warren, Marion County, Missouri, where he died January 1892.

WILLIAM MURRAY CHRISTIAN--born 29 February 1792 at Milledgeville, Baldwin County, Georgia, son of George and Martha (Walton) Christian; married Mary Massengale in 1817. They lived in Alabama in 1827, and he died near Goliad, Texas.

WILLIAM PAYNE "BILLIE" CHRISTIAN--born 17 January 1781 in Virginia, son of Turner and Anna (Payne) Christian. He moved with his parents to Georgia, where he married Sarah Maxwell in 1807.

WILLIAM PETER "PETE" CHRISTIAN--born about 1800 on the Isle of Man. After settling in the United States, he lived in Arkansas near Blackton (either in Monroe or Phillips County); in 1850, of Chickasaw County, Mississippi; in 1860, of Calhoun County, Mississippi; about 1862 of Monroe County, Arkansas; subsequently to Cass County, Texas, then to Titus and back to Cass, where he died about 1875. He was married four times: 1) to a woman in England, 2) Susan Turner, 3) Elizabeth Long, and 4) Mary A. "Polly" ( ) Waldon.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHRISTIAN--born about 1820, probably in Virginia, son of John Christian; married Nancy Ann Kelly 19 April 1848 in Moniteau County, Missouri; died before 1880 in Savoy, Fannin County, Texas.

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moved to Atchison County, Missouri, where he died 18 August 1875.

THOMAS HENRY CHRISTIAN--born 1823 in Lebanon, Washington County, Kentucky, son of John and Mary Catherine (Wathen) Christian; married in Missouri about 1847 Rebecca Ann Corder. Sometime after 1860 they moved to Orland, Glenn County, California.

THOMAS T. CHRISTIAN--born 28 October 1850 in South Carolina, son of Elisha Clement Bennett and Phoebe (Winter) Christian; married Samantha Castleberry. They were living in Lumpkin County, Georgia, in 1856 when a son was born.

TURNER CHRISTIAN--born before 1800 in Virginia, son of William and Martha (Evans) Christian; raised in Kentucky and died about 1872. He is thought to have been the one who married Mary Ann Utley 7 October 1821 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

TURNER CHRISTIAN--born 13 July 1750 in Virginia, son of Charles Christian; married 1) Anna Payne in Goochland County, Virginia, 2 June 1778. He moved to Elbert County, Georgia, about 1788, the year he married 2) Elizabeth (Penn) Leake.

TURNER HUNT CHRISTIAN--born about 1731 in Virginia, where he later had connections in Amherst and Bedford Counties; married Mary Soame or Soane. He died in 1781 in Warren County, North Carolina, but requested that will be proved in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

WALTER LEE CHRISTIAN--born about 1815 in Virginia; married 1) Eliza Perrin 15 July 1834 in Bedford County, Virginia. He moved about 1840 to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, where he married 2) Hulda Carr before 1845.

WESLEY E. CHRISTIAN--born about 1791 in Virginia, son of Walter M. and Martha "Patsy" (Walton) Christian. His first and second marriages were in Amherst County, Virginia, and his third in Washington County, Illinois. He married 1) Lucy Jane Pendleton 20 July 1821; 2) Evaline Ann Christian 12 September 1826 or 1836; and 3) Mahala ( ) Gibson 12 April 1847. He died in 1851 in Saline County, Illinois.

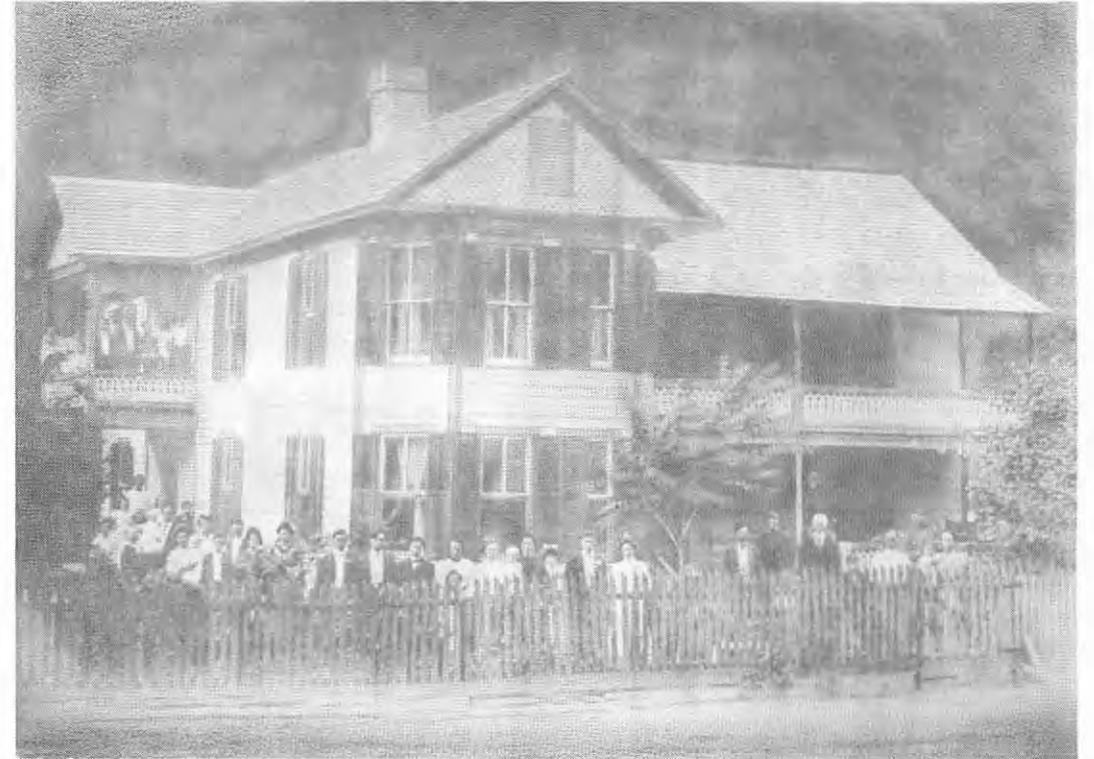
WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--born May 1749 in Virginia; married in Montgomery County, Virginia, 17 November 1792 Mary Ally, daughter of Thomas Ally. They moved to Ross County, Ohio, where he died 23 January 1833.

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--born about 1797 in Virginia; was living in 1850 in Perry County, Illinois, with wife Sarah, born about 1805, also in Virginia. They apparently were living in Kentucky about 1831, in Tennessee by 1834, then in Illinois by 1841.

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--born about 1816 in Ohio; living in Jasper County, Illinois, in 1850 with three children, all born in Indiana between 1843 and 1848. No woman living in household with them.

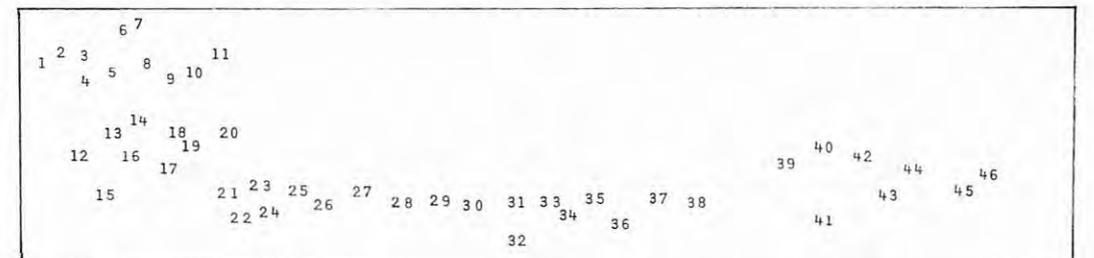
WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--born about 1808 in Kentucky, son of William and Margaret or Elizabeth (Anderson) Christian. With his family he moved to Tennessee; married Elizabeth Moffett. They settled in Nacogdoches County, Texas, where he died in June 1840.

WEST VIRGINIA'S CHRISTIAN FAMILIES



*From the collection of Ruth Christian Hunt*

A family wedding brought Byron Christian's close relatives together for a reunion about 1904 at the spacious Reedy Creek home of son Andrew Patterson Christian in Wyoming County, West Virginia. Only a few of those present have been identified. 14—Dora, the cook. 15—Bruce Wellington Fitch. 21—Mary Ellen (Christian) Fitch. 22—Onie Bruce Ulric Fitch or Guy Orman Fitch. 24—Golden Green Christian. 37—Walter Verlin Christian. 42—Rev. Byron Christian. 44—Andrew Patterson Christian.



family gatherings. He is still spoken of with admiration by those of the "older generation" who were privileged to know him.

Byron Christian's interest in scriptures developed at an early age and continued throughout life. As a young man tending his father's mill on Buffalo Creek at the upper end of Man, he was wont to study the large family Bible when opportunity permitted. Belief in the sanctity of the Sabbath was instilled in his own children and the nieces and nephews whom he could influence. His brother Patterson's daughter, Lodoska (Christian) Lee, in an interview on the occasion of her 101st birthday recalled that in her younger days she was very proud of a 19-pound, white perch she had caught one Sunday only to be reprimanded by her minister-uncle who told her she had caught the fish on the "wrong day." Although she kept the 19-pounder, the lesson was so forceful that she never again fished or hunted on a Sunday.

Most of his children settled near their father in Logan or neighboring Wyoming County although one moved to Cabell County and another to the state of Ohio. He always looked forward to their visits when it was no longer so easy for him to travel. Son Pat's mention of 1915 as the year of his father's death would seem to confirm that an almost illegible entry in the Logan County, West Virginia, Death Register was for the Reverend Byron Christian. It appears for ". . . Christian, aged 84," who died of chronic cystitis 20 March 1915 at Buffalo. Physical infirmity had not weakened his faith, and he died—as he had lived—in the belief that he would pass "from death unto life."

*Can you identify the bride and groom and the guests at the wedding?*

SAMUEL CHRISTIAN--born about 1805 in Virginia; living in Alexander County, Illinois, in 1850 with children in his household showing birth dates and places indicating several moves: 1838 in Missouri; 1841, 1843, and 1844 in Indiana; then to Illinois.

SAMUEL J. CHRISTIAN--born about 1820 in Virginia; living with wife Sabatha and children in Grundy County, Tennessee, in 1850. Probably same as man identified as S. J. Christian above.

SAMUEL MARSHALL CHRISTIAN--born 17 March 1817 in Amherst County, Virginia, a son of John Christian; married twice after moving to Moniteau County, Missouri: 1) to Elizabeth C. Smith 19 August 1858 and 2) to her sister Clarinda Adeline Smith on 8 October 1865.

SAMUEL W. CHRISTIAN--born in Alabama, son of George and Lucy Patterson (Moore) Christian; moved to Union County, Arkansas, with wife Laura before 1850.

SIMON CHRISTIAN--born about 1800 in Georgia; living in Wright County, Missouri, in 1850.

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--born 4 March 1796 in Virginia, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Christian; married in Wayne County, Kentucky, 20 February 1822 Mary Randolph "Polly" Buckhannon/Buchanan, daughter of John and Nancy (Wright) Buchanan. They moved to Texas before he was killed by Indians on Old Manor Road near Austin, Texas, 1 August 1833.

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--born 10 May 1809 in then Giles County, Virginia, moved with parents to Perry County, Kentucky, about 1823. After marrying Mary "Polly" Amburgy, settled in Rowan County, Kentucky, where he died 21 April 1884.

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--born about 1770 in Virginia, moved to Sumner County, Tennessee, after being orphaned. He settled in that part of Wythe County, Virginia, which became Tazewell County; married twice: 1) about 1791 to Louisa Harmon and 2) on 18 June 1829 to Mary ( ) Altizer.

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--born about 1832 in Hawkins County, Tennessee, son of James and Elizabeth (Anderson) Christian; married in Indiana about 1858 Prudence Harmon. They later moved to Stoddard County, Missouri.

THOMAS CHRISTIAN--born 1776-1780, probably in Virginia, lived along that section of New River which bordered Montgomery and Greenbrier Counties prior to 1800. There he married Margaret "Rebecca" Pine, daughter of James Alexander and Mary (Gatliff) Pine. Their subsequent migrations took them to Monroe and Giles Counties and the establishment of plantations on Clear Fork of the Guyan and at the mouth of Huff Creek in areas later encompassed by Wyoming and Logan Counties, West Virginia. They moved to Perry County, Kentucky, where he died about 1839.

THOMAS EWING CHRISTIAN--born 7 April 1799 in Cocke County, Tennessee, son of Anthony and Sallie (Ewing) Christian; married there 2 September 1819 Mary Ann Doughty. They

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Hannon, daughter of W. H. and Clara (Judge) Hannon.

LUDWICK CHRISTIAN--born 4 May 1774 in Pennsylvania; married in 1800 in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, to Mary Lasure, daughter of Andrew and Christene Lasure. Ludwick and Mary moved to Montgomery County, Ohio, about 1809 and a few years later had settled in Adams Township, Darke County, Ohio. He died there 8 May 1831 and she, 20 November 1830.

MATTHEW CAMPBELL CHRISTIAN--born about 1776 in Virginia; married about 1800 in Augusta County, Virginia, to Jane Black. He died between December 1851 and August 1853 in Union County, Kentucky, where he had moved shortly after marriage.

OBED MASK CHRISTIAN--born 28 June 1822 in Madison County, Georgia, son of Elijah Willis and Drucilla (Willeford) Christian; married 16 March 1860 in Gonzales County, Texas, to Elizabeth Victoria Green, daughter of William and Hannah Green.

PAUL CHRISTIAN--born 16 October 1772 in St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County, Virginia, son of John and Judith (Pate) Christian; moved to Fayette County, Kentucky. He married 2 May 1799 Mary "Polly" King Sutton, daughter of Robert and Caroline (Coleman) Sutton. Paul and Polly both died in Randolph County, Missouri, he on 22 July 1851 and she on 23 March 1877.

PETER CHRISTIAN--born about 1818 in New York; migrated to town of Joshua in Fulton County, Illinois, before 1841.

PHINEAS E. CHRISTIAN--born 20 July 1826 in Cocke County, Tennessee, son of Thomas Ewing and Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian; married \_\_\_\_\_ Walsh. He died in Atchison County, Missouri, 29 June 1852.

PRESTON RILEY CHRISTIAN--born 27 August 1820 in Cocke County, Tennessee, son of Thomas Ewing and Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian; married at least twice: to Priscilla Boydston 14 March 1845 in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri, and to Margaret Jane (Schrum) Hill in 1875 at Johnstown, Bates County, Missouri. He died 17 January 1903 near Mart, McLennon County, Texas.

R. H. CHRISTIAN--a carriage maker born about 1808 in Virginia; living with other craftsmen in Todd County, Kentucky, in 1850.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN--born about 1806 in North Carolina, moved to Itawamba County, Mississippi, about 1839.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN--born about 1797 in Virginia; living in 1850 Gallatin County, Illinois, household of William C. Christian.

S. J. CHRISTIAN--born about 1820 in Virginia, married Tennessee-born Sabana. They were living with children in Grundy County, Tennessee, in 1850.

SAMUEL CHRISTIAN--born in 1829 in Kentucky, son of John and Mary Catherine (Wathen) Christian; married Jane C. Edglenn 28 October 1851 in Marion County, Missouri.

# ELIJAH CHRISTIAN AND HIS FAMILY IN VIRGINIA AND GEORGIA

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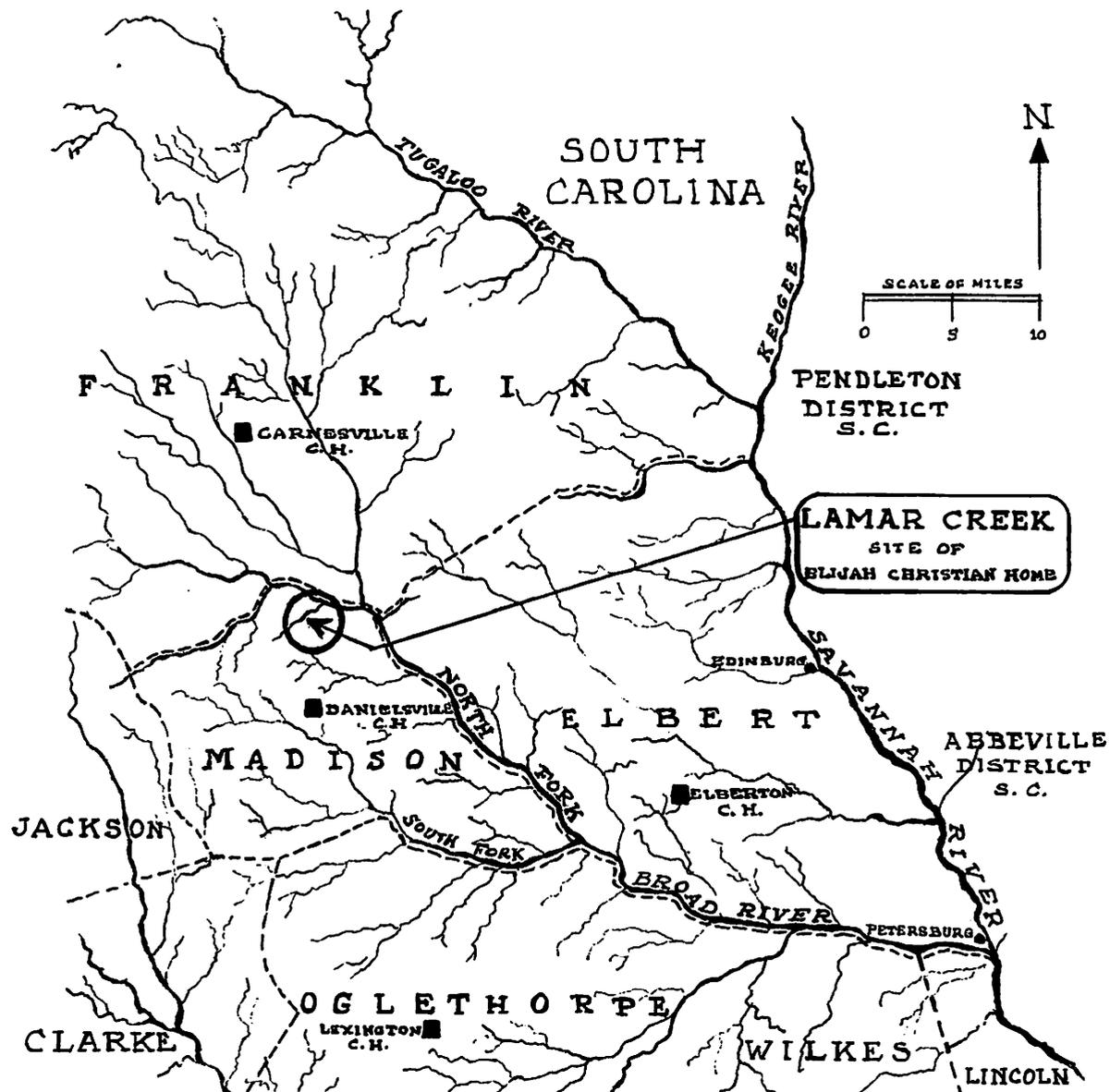
By 1790 Elijah and Elizabeth (Britt) Christian had made the move from Amherst County, Virginia, to the state of Georgia; and sometime before 1798 they had settled along Lamar Creek\* in what was then Franklin County. At least three of Elijah's brothers also were early settlers of the Broad River section of Georgia. Turner chose Elbert County, and many of his descendants still live there and elsewhere in Georgia. Both George and John settled in Franklin and were neighbors of Elijah. Another brother, Walter, appeared briefly in Wilkes County where, in 1804 in a return in the estate of Thomas Appling, he executed a receipt for Thomas, Owen, and Mary Appling (evidently minors) for their deceased father's, David Appling's, share of the estate (per Grace G. Davidson in *Early Records of Georgia*, Volume II, Wilkes County, Macon, 1932, p. 195—citing original documents).

Elijah Christian's residence in Franklin County certainly as early as 1 October 1798 is shown in a list of that date from Franklin County *General Lists of Slaves Owned or Superintended* wherein Elijah Christian is recorded in District Seven of the Third Division with two slaves (from *Family Puzzlers*, No. 70, February 1969, p. 4, quoting *Early Records of Georgia*—loose papers). Interesting that in a *General List of All Dwelling Houses Exceeding \$100 in Value*, also dated 1 October 1798, neither Elijah nor any other Christian appears, thus suggesting he and his family lived in quite modest quarters or, as may have been the case, the Christians were overlooked (*Ibid.*, pp. 2-3).

### ELIJAH CHRISTIAN'S GEORGIA TRANSACTIONS

Arrival in Georgia was signaled by Elijah Christian's purchase of land 1 May 1790, when Joseph Catchings and wife Martha sold him 300 acres "on the waters of Kettle Creek" in Wilkes County (*Deed Book HH*, p. 154). Witnesses were George Christian, a brother; William Christian, another brother or perhaps his eldest son; William Haken; and Valentine

\*Lamar Creek, including the territory on both sides thereof, fell into Madison County, Georgia, when it was formed 5 December 1811 from parts of Franklin, Elbert, Jackson, Oglethorpe, and Clarke Counties. The new county encompassed the entire 1.12-mile length of Lamar, which flows into Hudson River, a tributary of the Broad River. At one time Ft. Lamar was situated on the banks of the creek.



AN ADAPTATION FROM 1820 MAP OF GEORGIA

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JOHN L. CHRISTIAN--born about 1823 in Alabama, married 1) about 1843 Martha A. \_\_\_\_\_, born in South Carolina and 2) Rachel Adeline Lee 10 October 1858 in Itawamba County, Mississippi; where he had moved about 1847. He died between 7 December 1875 and November 1877.

JOHN MADISON CHRISTIAN--born in Kentucky (apparently Wayne County) 1 March 1823, son of Thomas and Mary Randolph "Polly" (Buchanan) Christian, died 1 November 1860 in Bastrop, Texas. He married Cynthia Reed in 1843.

JOHN QUINCY CHRISTIAN--born 10 June 1830 in Lebanon, Washington County, Kentucky, son of John and Mary Catherine (Wathen) Christian; moved about 1835 with mother and step-father to Marion County, Missouri, where he married 7 September 1854 Sarah Johnston "Sallie" Blackwood, daughter of Joseph Blackwood. He died there 2 September 1907.

JOHN WARD CHRISTIAN--born 1822 in Tennessee, reared in New Orleans, Louisiana; for health reasons migrated to Utah in 1854, hence to California in 1857; returned to Utah and "married a Mormon girl"; settled in Beaver County, Utah.

JOHN WILLIAM CHRISTIAN--born 10 January 1836 in Warren County, Tennessee, son of Hiram and Sarah (Burks) Christian; married 22 November 1866 in Bell County, Texas, to Mary Elizabeth Moore, daughter of James W. and Eliza Jane (Young) Moore. He died 11 January 1912 in Falls County, Texas.

JOSEPH BENJAMIN CHRISTIAN--born about 1832 in Tennessee; married Louisa "Sally" \_\_\_\_\_ about 1850. By 1858 they had moved to Cass County, Texas. Sally married secondly J. S. Jenkins in March 1872.

JOSEPH DANIEL CHRISTIAN--born about 1821 in Wilcox County, Alabama; married in Union County, Arkansas, to Mary K. Lawson, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Lofland) Lawson. Joseph and Mary died in Ashley County, Arkansas, he in 1865, she in 1876.

JOSEPH HIRAM CHRISTIAN--born 12 March 1818 in Lynchburg, Virginia, son of John Christian; married 6 September 1848 Nancy Jane Ketchum, daughter of David and Martha (Hickman) Ketchum of Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky. They moved to Holden, Missouri, where Joseph died in 1878.

LEWIS CHRISTIAN--born before 1760 in Virginia, possibly Buckingham County; died in Hawkins County, Tennessee, "in the epidemic" during the fall of 1830, leaving his widow, Margaret.

LEWIS CALVIN CHRISTIAN--born 28 August 1830 in Cocke County, Tennessee, son of Thomas Ewing and Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian; married twice: 1) Sarah Marie Golden 25 August 1853 in Howard County, Missouri, and 2) Mrs. Charlotte (\_\_\_\_\_) Squire 2 August 1876 in Rock Port, Atchison County, Missouri, where he died 6 September 1910.

LEWIS W. CHRISTIAN--born about 1846, possibly in Alabama, son of A. S. and Paulina C. (Lewis) Christian, moved westward to Wetherford, Texas. He married Jennie

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County, Iowa, where he died 13 January 1929. His body was returned to St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri, for burial at Mt. Mora Cemetery.

JOHN CHRISTIAN--born 1752 in Ireland, came to America in 1760 and settled on Clinch River in Fincastle County, Virginia; later in Washington County, Virginia. After the Revolutionary War, in which he served, he lived for a while in East Tennessee, then removed to Kentucky. He and his wife (whose identity has not been ascertained) settled in Fayette County, Kentucky, where he died after 1837.

JOHN CHRISTIAN--born about 1775, probably in Virginia, died 12 October 1845; moved to Henderson County, Kentucky, then to Montgomery County, Illinois, during 1830's. He and wife Kezia had at least seven children.

JOHN CHRISTIAN--born about 1780 in Virginia; married first about 1799 Johanna Farley, daughter of Francis and Nancy (Blankenship) Farley. They lived in Monroe County, (West) Virginia, and Giles County, Virginia, before moving to Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1811; in 1812 they moved from Dick Creek to Yellow Creek, and thence to Loss Creek. His second wife was Nancy ( ) Blankenship, whom he married in Lawrence County 5 February 1841.

JOHN CHRISTIAN--born about 1750 in Albemarle County, Virginia, reputedly the one who married Mary Harvey about 1770; moved to Franklin County, Georgia, where he died before his estate was settled in 1805.

JOHN CHRISTIAN--born about 1752 in Virginia, son of Andrew Christian of Hanover County, Virginia; married Judith Pate 23 January 1772; moved with family before 1788 by way of Red Stone, Pennsylvania, to Fayette County, Kentucky, where he died 20 January 1792.

JOHN CHRISTIAN--born about 1778 in Virginia, son of Lewis and Margaret "Peggy" ( ) Christian; married Nancy Skelton about 1802, apparently in Hawkins County, Tennessee, where at least eleven children were born to them.

JOHN CHRISTIAN--son of Gilbert and Margaret (Anderson) Christian; married Elizabeth Stogland. He is believed to have been the John Christian who moved to Overton County, Tennessee, before 1830.

JOHN CHRISTIAN--born in 1755 in Anson County, North Carolina; married Mirah/Mary Wilson in 1778 in Chatham County, North Carolina. They moved in 1818 to Smith County, Tennessee, where he died 25 March 1824. They had at least nine children.

JOHN CHRISTIAN--born 20 May 1776 in Amherst County, Virginia, son of John and Judith (Leake) Christian; migrated before 1840 to Moniteau County, Missouri, where he died before April 1849.

JOHN BRITT CHRISTIAN--born 11 September 1829 in Madison County, Georgia, son of Elijah Willis and Drucilla (Willeford) Christian; married 1 January 1854 Sarah Ann Gabril, daughter of Jacob and Dollie Gabril of Calhoun County, Mississippi. He died 4 July 1898 in Gonzales County, Texas.

## ELIJAH CHRISTIAN AND HIS FAMILY IN VIRGINIA AND GEORGIA

Peyton. In 1793 Elijah Christian was listed as a tax defaulter in Elbert County—formed from Wilkes in 1790 (*Georgia Genealogical Magazine*, No. 11, Homerville, Georgia, January 1964, p. 660—as abstracted from the *Augusta Chronicle & Gazette of the State*, issue of September 14, 1793). Does this listing as a defaulter suggest that Elijah was already settled in 1793 in Franklin County, which had been created in 1784 from an Indian cession?

Earliest extant record of an Elijah Christian deed—actually a bill of sale—in Franklin is in *Deed Book NNN*, p. 97, evidencing that Elijah Christian, "of Franklin County," bought for \$850.25 from William Michel, also of Franklin, four female slaves: Easter (black, age 31) and her daughters, Lucy (black, age 13), Sarah ("yellow complexion," age 11), and Betty (black, age 4). The bill of sale is dated 22 December 1800. The earliest recorded deed to land in which Elijah appears as a party is dated 7 January 1801, wherein he purchased land from Bedford Brown and wife Sally.

Elijah Christian was a justice of the peace in the Lamar Creek community. This is shown in two deeds. The first is dated 16 December 1800 and was between William Barnes and wife "Molly" (which she signed as "Mary" Barnes by her mark) and David Morgin [*sic*], both of Franklin, wherein for \$150 Morgin purchased "a parcel of land . . . lying in this County and State . . . on both sides of Lamars Creek containing one hundred acres" bounded by lands of George Christian. Execution of the deed was before Elijah Christian, "J. P." (*Deed Book PP*, pp. 20-1.) Noteworthy is the fact that Obediah Mask Christian, son of Elijah, in 1810 became the husband of Joanna, a daughter of William and Mary Barnes. The second deed was by James Coele/Caels to Silas McGrady, both of Franklin, dated 26 December 1800 covering the sale for \$200 of 100 acres of land on Lamar Creek. Witnesses were Elijah Christian, "J. P.," and Archebald McCrady (*Deed Book PP*, pp. 21-2). Also worthy of note is that Hester Ann, a granddaughter of Elijah Christian by his son, Obediah M., in 1831 married one Silas McGrady in Madison County and further that Silas was one of the executors in 1851 of the estate of Joanna Christian, his mother-in-law, in Muscogee County. He may have been a son or grandson of Silas McGrady of the 1800 deed.

Elijah Christian died in 1801\* in Franklin County, evidently at his home on Lamar Creek. His death in 1801 is indicated by Franklin County records, viz: (a) a deed to land in which he was named as a party—Bedford Brown *et al* to Elijah Christian, dated 7 January 1801, for 600 acres of land on Lamar Creek (*Deed Book NNN*, pp. 98-9); (b) another deed in Franklin County in which Elijah Christian and wife Elizabeth sold Rufus Jones a tract of 140 acres on Lamar Creek,

\*L. C. Christian (in *William and Mary College Quarterly*, Volume XV, p. 56) erred in saying that Elijah "died in Madison County, Georgia, about the year 1791." It was in 1801 in that part of Franklin which became Madison, as is proven by the documents quoted.

executed 21 February 1801 (*Deed Book 000*, p. 40); (c) a deed wherein Elijah Christian and wife Elizabeth sold Charles Connally 60 acres of land on Lamar Creek, also dated 21 February 1801 (*Deed Book 000*, pp. 43-5); and finally, (d) a listing in the Franklin County *Tax Digest* for 1801 in which this appears, "William Christian for Elijah Christian Decd." According to Elizabeth Christian in her widow's petition for dower (undated) Elijah Christian, her late husband, died 23 May 1801. She did not set forth the names of their children but did allege that they lived on Lamar Creek "on the waters of Broad River" in Franklin County on land adjoining Thomas Connally and Silas McGrady (see *Family Puzzlers*, No. 72, Danielsville, Georgia, March 13, 1969, p. 2, quoting loose papers from unsorted documents of the Ordinary's Office, Franklin County, deposited in the Georgia Department of Archives and History).

## ISSUE OF ELIJAH CHRISTIAN

When he died in 1801 Elijah Christian left his widow Elizabeth (Britt) Christian and at least ten surviving children:

- (1) William Christian—probably the first-born son since he was executor of father's estate; married Susanna Lovejoy. Removed to Troup County, Georgia, in the 1830's and thence to Harris County, where he died testate: will written 28 March 1846, proved 6 November 1850 (*Will Book 2*, pp. 8-9). Left issue.
- (2) Elizabeth Christian—born 5 November 1777 in Virginia, died 20 September 1842 in Fulton County, Georgia; married about 1802 David "Dave" Connally, born 1776 in North Carolina, died 1848, a son of Thomas and Polly (Price) Connally (Thomas, "a recruiting officer during the Revolutionary War"). David and Elizabeth had seven children and settled in DeKalb County in the early 1820's.
- (3) Obediah Mask Christian—born about 1779 in Virginia, died about 1818 in Madison County, Georgia; married in Franklin County, Georgia, 18 January 1810 Joanna "Annie" Barnes, daughter of William and Mary Barnes. They had five children. After his death his widow moved to Meriwether and later to Muscogee County, Georgia, where she died in 1851.
- (4) Charles Christian—born 1780-1790; married Elizabeth Bell (Vell in the L. C. Christian account). They moved from Madison County in late 1834, settling in Cherokee County, Georgia, in 1835.
- (5) Hannah Christian—married probably before 1805 John Hunter, a Methodist minister.
- (6) John Christian—died unmarried. He was recorded in Elbert County, Georgia, in the 1820 census.
- (7) Mary Christian—married before 1808 the Reverend Cornelius McCarty/McCarthy, also a Methodist minister.
- (8) Jennie Christian—married John Gaddis.

died after 1866 in Verona, Itawamba County, Mississippi.

JAMES CHRISTIAN--born about 1796 in Cumberland County, North Carolina; after 1820 lived in Carroll and Madison Counties, Tennessee; then in 1851 moved to Travis County, Texas. In 1852 he removed to Caddo Parish, Louisiana, where he died 11 February 1869. His three marriages were to: 1) Sophia Watson 10 February 1818 in Cumberland County; 2) Farie Eliza Olive; and 3) Susan Carly/Curley/Kerley 29 November 1855 in Caddo Parish.

JAMES CHRISTIAN--born about 1805 in Virginia, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_\_) Christian; apparently married wife Rhoda in Tennessee, but they settled in Wayne County, Kentucky.

JAMES CHRISTIAN--born about 1792, possibly in Buckingham County, Virginia, son of Lewis and Margaret "Peggy" (\_\_\_\_\_) Christian; married Elizabeth Anderson 14 January 1811 in Hawkins County, Tennessee, where he died 4 August 1857.

JAMES CHRISTIAN--born in Virginia; married 6 December 1790 in Amherst County, Virginia, to Mary Christian, daughter of Robert and Mary (\_\_\_\_\_) Christian. They apparently moved to Ohio County, Kentucky, between 1810 and 1820.

JAMES CHRISTIAN--born about 1792 possibly in South Carolina; married Dorothy Gary in Laurens County, South Carolina, 1 November 1820 after which they moved to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, where he died in 1852 or 1853.

JAMES CHRISTIAN--born in 1822, the son of Willis Christian of Georgia. Before his death in 1887 he had moved to Mississippi. His wife was Mary Green.

JAMES ANDERSON CHRISTIAN--born 1819 or 1826 in what was later Logan County, West Virginia, the son of Allen and Nancy (Cooper) Christian; married Theresa Thacker 6 June 1848 in Burlington, Lawrence County, Ohio. At least the first four of their nine children were born in Wayne County, West Virginia. The family subsequently moved to Jackson County, Ohio, where he died 18 September 1894.

JAMES CANNON HOUSTON CHRISTIAN--born 30 March 1833 in Cocke County, Tennessee; moved with parents Thomas Ewing and Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian to Rock Port, Atchison County, Missouri, where he married Mary Ann Tate 5 February 1857. He died 17 March 1900.

JAMES EVANS CHRISTIAN--born 29 June 1798 in Virginia or Kentucky, son of William and Martha (Evans) Christian; married Elizabeth Keizer, daughter of Jacob Keizer, on 15 February 1825 in Fayette County, Kentucky. The family moved to Marion County, Missouri, where he died 24 May 1873.

JAMES EWING CHRISTIAN--born 29 January 1829 in Cocke County, Tennessee, son of an Anthony Christian; moved about 1843 to Platte, then Buchannon County, Missouri; married 14 February 1861 in Andrew County, Missouri, to Sarah Frances "Fannie" Vestal, daughter of Daniel and Mary Jane (Snelling) Vestal. Their nine children were born in Andrew County, but they subsequently moved to Des Moines, Polk

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GEORGE CHRISTIAN--born 29 March 1769 in North Carolina, son of Gilbert and Margaret (Anderson) Christian; married in Knox County, Tennessee, 1 June 1803 Elizabeth McCormick. He settled on his land on Gilbert Creek about five miles south of where Livingston, Overton County, Tennessee, was established. He died 3 April 1870 at age 101 years, 1 week, 1 day.

GEORGE ANDERSON CHRISTIAN--born 12 July 1812 in Kentucky, son of William and Margaret or Elizabeth (Anderson) Christian; married about 1840 Nancy (Goodridge) Evans. He died in Nacogdoches, Texas, in 1901.

GEORGE ASBURY CHRISTIAN--born 27 March 1801 in Georgia, son of Dr. George and Martha (Walton) Christian. Like his father, he was married three times: 1) Elizabeth Applewhaite Jordan on 28 December 1825 in Madison County, Georgia, after which they settled in Wilcox County, Alabama; after her death 28 December 1849 he married 2) Salina Shofner in 1850; and 3) Mary M. \_\_\_\_\_ in 1860.

GEORGE RICHARD "RIT" CHRISTIAN--born 20 June 1828 in Scott County, Kentucky, son of Paul and Mary "Polly" King (Sutton) Christian; moved with family to Randolph County, Missouri, where he married Louisa Terrill 9 August 1866.

GIDEON CHRISTIAN--born before 1750, probably in Virginia; married in Granville County, North Carolina, 6 December 1763 Sarah Morse. They moved to Edgefield County, South Carolina, where he died in 1821 leaving will, and she died there between 1823-1826, also leaving will.

GILBERT CHRISTIAN--born in 1734 in Augusta County, Virginia, son of Robert and Isabella (Tiffins) Christian. He married Margaret Anderson in 1762 and in 1774 they moved to the "western country," settling on Island Creek of Holston in what was later Kingsport, Tennessee. He died in 1793 in Knox County, Tennessee.

GILBERT ISRAEL CHRISTIAN--born in Virginia; with wife Lucy moved about 1785 to Kentucky. May have had a son Gilbert who also had wife Lucy.

HARVEY CHRISTIAN--born in 1792, married Dorothy Gary 1 November 1820 in Laurens County, South Carolina. He died 12 January 1853 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

HIRAM CHRISTIAN--born about 1809 in Warren County, Tennessee, son of Drury Christian; married about 1833 Sarah "Sallie" Burke/Burks, daughter of Richard Burke/Burks. They moved to Bell County, Texas, in 1854, where he died in 1868 and she, in 1879. Sixteen children were born to them.

HOPE HULL CHRISTIAN--born 20 February 1820 in Lampkin, Georgia, he married twice: 1) Angerona Maria Green in 1841 and 2) Susan F. Stamper in 1858. Sometime before his death 6 February 1883 he moved to Colombia, Alabama.

JAMES CHRISTIAN--born about 1790 in North Carolina; married 1) Elizabeth M. \_\_\_\_\_, and they were living by 1819 in South Carolina, where a child was born. Before 1823 they had moved to Alabama. She apparently died before 3 December 1856, when in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, James married Elizabeth A. (\_\_\_\_\_) Benson. He

## ELIJAH CHRISTIAN AND HIS FAMILY IN VIRGINIA AND GEORGIA

(9) Martha "Patsy" Christian--born about 1794; married Nicholas "Nick" Sewell and resided in Meriwether County, Georgia.

(10) Elijah Willis Christian--born 15 January 1798, died 22 March 1874 in Gonzales County, Texas; married Drucilla Williford in September 1820. Lived briefly in Troup County, Georgia, before removing to Texas.

## SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF ELIJAH CHRISTIAN, DECEASED

On 16 February 1803, a year and eight months after the death of Elijah Christian, his son William Christian was appointed administrator, according to the Franklin County *Minutes of the Inferior Court* for the period 1 September 1801 to February 1804, pp. 26 and 33. Appraisers were also named: Clemont Wilkins, George Christian (presumably a brother), and John Christian (presumably another brother); and they filed an inventory. Among the assets were four slaves listed on page 54 of the *Minutes*—Milly, Nance, Billy, and David.

On 5 April 1805, two years and two months after the appointment of an administrator and almost four years following the death of Elijah, the administrator William Christian held a sale of the personal estate. Principal purchaser was Elizabeth Christian, the widow. Among her purchases was the "negro woman Milly" for \$230, a "Sorrell mare, [\$50] . . . Plantation tools . . . Lott of Books . . ." furniture, etc. Other purchasers were Charles Christian, a son, who bought a "negro boy David" for \$171; John Hunter, a son-in-law, a "Negro Girl" for \$225; Cornelius McCarter [McCarty/McCardy], another son-in-law, a "bay mare fly" for \$79; Patsy Christian, a "Heifer"; and William Christian, a "negro girl Nancy" for \$301—sales listed on pages 43a, 44, and 44a of the *Minutes*. Except for the foregoing, returns in the estate were not filed or have not survived in the records.

Surviving, however, is the petition, dated 19 April 1808 in an action in the Franklin Inferior Court, sitting for Ordinary Purposes, by Cornelius McCarty and wife, the former Mary Christian, and D. Connally and wife, the former Elizabeth Christian, against William Christian, administrator of the estate of Elijah Christian, deceased. The plaintiffs sought their shares in the estate of the deceased and alleged their marriages to the daughters of the late Elijah Christian, who died intestate on "15 May 1799" and was survived by "eleven" children who, except for William and Hannah, wife of John Hunter, were not named. (See *Family Puzzlers*, No. 70, February 27, 1969, p. 7.) No other documents in the suit were found, and presumably William Christian forthwith delivered McCarty and Connally their wives' shares. Note, however, two errors in the allegations: first, the mistake in the date of Elijah Christian's death and, secondly, the erroneous count of eleven children. All sources, except for this, point to ten children.

Two items in the records of Madison County related to the estate of Elijah Christian are of interest. Puzzling is an entry at the September term, 1829, of the Court of Ordinary of an order granting letters of administration to William Christian, "with the will annexed,"

in the estate of Elijah Christian for the purpose of selling real estate owned by the estate and one negro belonging to the estate (see *Minute Book M*, 1829-44, p. 5). There is no other record in the matter except a deed of 3 November 1833 recorded in *Deed Book F*, p. 246, in which William Christian of Troup County, administrator, sold to Charles Christian of Madison County for \$600 "a tract or parcel of land known as Elijah Christians deceased old place Situate . . . in the County of Madison on Lam mars Creek [*sic*] Containing four hundred acres . . . bounded on the North by Conallys land on the east by C Christians land on the south by Sugars on the west by James Christian . . . ." Witnesses were William L. Connally and James Jordan.

Elijah Christian owned two slaves in 1798, bought four more in 1800, and four were included in the inventory of his estate in 1803 and sold at the sale of his personal estate in 1805; yet in the 1829 Madison entry still another slave was owned by the estate and apparently sold as an item of estate property. Speculation is that the estate was loosely handled with respect to both land and slaves; and, we know from the entry, at least one slave was withheld.

The estate of Elijah Christian, deceased, was never closed. At least, that is indicated by the paucity of estate records in Franklin and the absence thereof in Madison save for a single order in the probate court and a deed as late as 1833, mentioned previously.

According to the Franklin *Tax Digest* for 1801 and, as earlier briefly noted, the assessment was entered in the name of William Christian for Elijah Christian, deceased. The assessment was based on 900 acres of land, originally granted Brown, situated on Lamar Creek and bounded by Busby; plus 500 acres originally granted Elijah Christian (a record of which was not found), and bounded by land of George Christian, also on Lamar Creek and in Franklin; as well as land in Jackson County (of which no record was found) on the waters of Limares Creek, Oconee River. In addition, six slaves were listed. Taxes were \$12.94. No later entries for the estate in subsequent years appear, but in the *Tax Digest* for 1810 this appears:

Obed M. Christian for Self and Elizabeth Christian—one Negro, 130 acres of land on Lamar Creek, bounded by Connally, with taxes of \$1.78.

The entry refers, of course, to Elijah's widow and son, who was listed as a tax defaulter in the same year. Similar entries appeared in 1811.

Elizabeth Christian, a widow, of Franklin County, was an unlucky drawer in the 1805 Georgia Land Lottery—two draws, both blanks. In the 1807 lottery she was a winner—drawing Lot 131 in the 14th District of newly-formed Wilkinson County. Last record of Elizabeth Christian is in the 1820 Madison County census, where she was listed at 45 years of age or older with one white male 18 to 26 years old in her household (perhaps her son Elijah W. Christian). A disposition of her estate, which would have been settled in Madison County, was not found. It is surmised she disposed of her property in her lifetime, thereby eliminating the necessity for an administration.

County, North Carolina, where his children were born. He died between November 1781 and March 1783 in Montgomery County, North Carolina.

DANIEL CHRISTIAN--born November 1762 near Reading in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He served in the Revolutionary War and in 1786 married Elizabeth Nikerk. They were living in Washington County, Maryland, by 1788, when their son Daniel was born. The younger Daniel married Christiana Ansbarger/Anspiger in 1810. Both men and members of their families migrated about 1836 to Mt. Carroll, Carroll County, Illinois, where father and son died in 1848.

DANIEL RAGSDALE CHRISTIAN--born 19 November 1821 in Elbert County, Georgia. When on a trip to Missouri with his father, Elijah L. Christian, to look at land, Daniel stopped over in Louisville, Kentucky, where Philbird Wright invited him to teach school in Indiana. Accepting the invitation he moved there in 1839 and married Eliza Ann Click 27 August 1843 in Salem, Washington County, Indiana. They subsequently moved to Hamilton County, Indiana, where they eight children were born and where Daniel taught school and practiced law.

DAVID/DAVIS CHRISTIAN--born about 1778 in Virginia, son of John; married as his first wife Mary "Polly" Kelly, born about 1790. They settled at head of Storms Creek in Lawrence County, Ohio. At least nine children were born to them. After Polly's death, the widower remarried 18 October 1850 Mrs. Phila/Zila ( ) Coleman.

DRURY CHRISTIAN--born in Virginia or North Carolina, son of another Drury. The son married in Chatham County, North Carolina, about 1805 Sarah N. Peyton. They subsequently moved to Warren County, Tennessee, where Drury died about 1833. His widow remarried Jacob Evans.

DUDLEY CHRISTIAN--born about 1800 in Virginia; listed on the 1824 tax list of Logan County, (West) Virginia, as over age 16; married in Decatur County, Indiana, 1 July 1830 Sally Criss, who was born about 1805 in Pennsylvania. They were in Shelby County, Indiana, in 1850 with five children.

ELIJAH W. CHRISTIAN--born about 1813 in Georgia, son of William and Sarah (Lovejoy) Christian; married in 1834 in Troup County Georgia, to Malinda "Linnie" Hardin. He died in Union County, Arkansas, in 1852, after which his widow married 2) James Simmons.

GABRIEL CHRISTIAN--born about 1774 in Virginia, son of John Christian; married in Ogelthorpe County, Georgia, 9 July 1810 Hannah B. Gilmore/Gilmer, daughter of John.

GEORGE CHRISTIAN--born 26 September 1762 in Goochland County, Virginia; married three times: 1) Martha Walton 27 August 1782, probably in Cumberland County, Virginia, and moving within ten years to Franklin County, Georgia, where after Martha's death 14 February 1811 he married 2) Sallie Allen 12 November 1811. They apparently moved to Madison County, Alabama, for he married there 3) Lucy Patterson Moore 28 September 1818. They migrated to Wilcox County, Alabama, where he died 22 February 1831.

## MIGRATION

ANTHONY CHRISTIAN--born 1779 reputedly in Powhattan County, Virginia; married Sallie Ewing in 1798 in Cocke County, Tennessee, where they raised their family.

ANTHONY C. CHRISTIAN--born 2 May 1822 in Cocke County, Tennessee, the son of Thomas Ewing and Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian; settled in Atchison County, Missouri, as did other members of his family.

ARCHIBALD HUNT CHRISTIAN--born 19 December 1796 in New Kent County, Virginia, the son of Dr. Collier and Ann (Bates) Christian; married Sara Freeman Pierce. Before 1837 moved to Greensboro, Hale County, Alabama, where their nine children were born.

BARNABAS/BARNET CHRISTIAN--born about 1825 in Kentucky. About 1845 he married Sarah Jane Fields, also born in Kentucky. Several of their children were born in Letcher County, Kentucky, before they moved about 1859 to Lee County, Virginia.

BARNARD/BRAINERD CHRISTIAN--born about 1817-1820 in Pennsylvania; married Maria Lemons (Gildersleeve) Gentleman, widow of James Gentleman and daughter of Joseph and Mary (Mosher) Gildersleeve. In 1862 they were living in Stanfordville, Dutchess County, New York.

BENJAMIN CHRISTIAN--born about 1771 in Virginia, the son of \_\_\_\_\_ and Nancy (Allison/Ellison)(Wright) Christian. After marriage to his wife Elizabeth about 1792 in Virginia, the family moved between 1804 and 1812 to Tennessee. In 1850 they were living in the home of one of their sons in Wayne County, Kentucky, where they remained until their deaths—his in 1864, hers in 1861.

BENJAMIN HARVEY CHRISTIAN--born 7 May 1812 in Tennessee, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_\_) Christian; married 1) Alsey Mercer 7 August 1836 and 2) Elizabeth A. Carrinder 12 November 1853, both in Wayne County, Kentucky. All his children were born in Wayne County, where he died 24 February 1912.

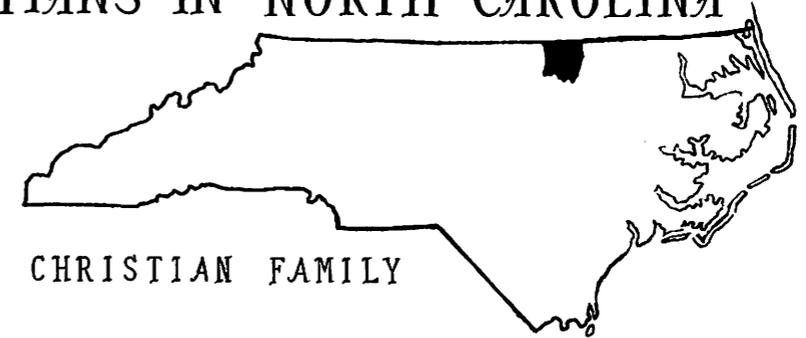
BENSON PORTER CHRISTIAN--born about 1822, son of George and Elizabeth (McCormick) Christian, probably in Overton County, Tennessee; migrated to Gainsboro, Jackson County, Texas.

CHARLES HUNT CHRISTIAN--born 6 July 1795 in Albemarle County, Virginia, son of James and Mary (Christian) Christian; married in Ohio County, Kentucky, 24 December 1816 Dolly Ann Wyley, daughter of William and Mary (Harwood) Wyley. In 1825 they moved to Lincoln County, Missouri, in 1827 to Rolls County, Missouri, and in 1834 to that part of Marion County which became Shelby County, Missouri.

CHARLES WOODSON CHRISTIAN--born 17 November 1778 in Virginia, son of Turner and Anna (Payne) Christian; married 1) in Richmond County, Georgia, 6 June 1807 to Nancy Ruff. In 1814 they were in Elbert County, Georgia. He married 2) Mary Walton Maxwell, also in Georgia, where children by both marriages were born.

CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIAN--born in Virginia before 1755, possibly even before 1740, son of Thomas Christian. He settled at Swift Island in Anson (later Montgomery)

## CHRISTIANS IN NORTH CAROLINA



### A DRURY CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Several years before the Revolutionary War, colonial Bute County, North Carolina, became home for Drury and Lucretia "Lucy" (Williams) Christian. When Drury purchased 150 acres there on the south side of the Roanoke River 7 December 1767, they were still "of Goochland County, Virginia." By 1772 when their eldest daughter married, they had made the move to that part of Bute which became Warren County.

Drury Christian was among the persons in Captain Colclough's district in 1778 who took the Oath of Allegiance, pledging:

I will be faithful to the State of North Carolina and will truly endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Independent Government thereof against George the third, King of Great Britain, and his successors of the attempts to subvert the same; and I will in every respect conduct myself as a peaceful, orderly subject thereof. I will disclose and make known to the Governor, some member of the Council of State, or some Justice of the Superior Courts of the Peace all treason, conspiracies, and attempts committed or intended against the State which shall come to my knowledge. So help me God.

That same year Christian signed a deed as witness and appeared in court "to prove" the document and signatures.

It was not until he wrote his will in July 1785 that Drury Christian's name again appeared on the public records of the county. Although he named but two of his children in the testament itself, the probate papers and Douglas' Parish Register permit identification\* of members of his family.

\*In *William and Mary Quarterly*, Judge James Christian Lamb lists only those children whose christenings were registered by Rev. William Douglas. Lamb identifies Drury's parents as Robert and Lucy (Bradley) Christian.



County by William James and Jane Elizabeth (Day) Christian was always open to anyone in need. Like his step-father, he was by occupation a merchant.

William James CHRISTIAN	=	Jane Elizabeth DAY
s/o John & Mary Catherine (Wathen) Christian		(maiden name may have been O'DAY)
born 2 May 1827		born 29 April 1827
Washington/later Marion Co., Kentucky		Virginia
married 1848 Scotland Co., Missouri		died 4 or 6 July 1877
died January 1892		Warren, Marion Co., Missouri
Warren, Marion Co., Missouri		

All their children were born at the family home in Warren, Missouri:

Mary E. CHRISTIAN	1849-	=	
Sarah E. CHRISTIAN	1851-	=	
Emma CHRISTIAN	1852 or 1854-	=	
Thomas Day CHRISTIAN	4 July 1856-	1939 =	
Rufus CHRISTIAN	25 Aug. 1858-13 Apr. 1936	= Louisa Belle YATER	13/29 Apr. 1881
James William CHRISTIAN	11 Nov. 1869-	May 1936 =	Lena LYELL

Samuel Christian, his wife, and two children were still in Marion County, Missouri, in 1860, where they had been married nine years previously by Dennis Kennedy, a Catholic Priest. My information on their family is limited, and they may have had more children.

Samuel CHRISTIAN	=	Jane C. EDGLENN	
s/o John & Mary Catherine (Wathen) Christian		d/o Benedict & Mary A. Edglenn	
born 1829		born c. 1830	
Washington/later Marion Co., Kentucky		Kentucky	
died in Missouri			
Samuel CHRISTIAN	c. 1852-	1937 =	Fannie V. ?HAGEN?
Mary CHRISTIAN	c. 1857-		
?John CHRISTIAN			

Youngest of the sons, John Quincy Christian practiced the Baptist faith and settled with his wife on a farm in Marion County, Missouri, ten miles north of Monroe City and about three miles west of Warren. They were married by Andrew Greeley at the bride's home near Benbow and are buried at Andrew Chapel.

John Quincy CHRISTIAN	=	Sarah Johnston "Sallie" BLACKWOOD
s/o John & Mary Catherine (Wathen) Christian		d/o Joseph Blackwood
born 10 June 1830		born 26 September 1836
Lebanon, Washington/later Marion Co., Kentucky		near Benbow, Marion Co., Missouri
married 7 September 1854 Marion Co., Missouri		died 13 May 1908
died 2 September 1907		Marion Co., Missouri
Marion Co., Missouri		

All their children were born in Marion County and, except for the youngest who died in Chicago, Illinois, they died in Missouri:

Estella Johnston CHRISTIAN	16 July 1856-15 Jan. 1935	=	Dr. Robert Aiken TERRILL
Catherine CHRISTIAN	17 July 1858-infancy	=	none
Joseph CHRISTIAN	20 Sep. 1859-14 Feb. 1897	=	Anna C. RIEMERT
John W. CHRISTIAN	16 Oct. 1861-14 Nov. 1881	=	apparently none
Nancy Ellen CHRISTIAN	14 Dec. 1863-19 Nov. 1941	=	William W. LAUGHLIN
Thomas Benjamin CHRISTIAN	13 Apr. 1866-26 July 1899	=	not known
Mary McKamie CHRISTIAN	23 May 1868-14 Oct. 1945	=	1) Joel Robert HORD 4 Oct. 1888
			2) Joseph Stover KERN 2 Sep. 1930
Robert Edward CHRISTIAN	1871-23 Mar. 1930	=	Lillian Penn LYELL
Sarah Elizabeth CHRISTIAN	25 June 1872-29 Dec. 1903	=	Charles R. FEELY
Samuel CHRISTIAN	30 Apr. 1875-30 Mar. 1952	=	Daisy Augustine LOCKYER 10 May 1905

(to be continued)

# GENERATIONS OF THE DEEMSTERS

## PART III

With the deaths of John and Susannah (Allen) Christian in 1852 and 1853 respectively, Milntown—which had served as the seat for eighteen successive generations of deemsters—passed to their younger children in equal portions. The Reverend William Bell Christian shortly thereafter purchased the interests of his four sisters and went there to live. He was then vicar of nearby Kirk Christ Lezayre, and for the first time in over three-hundred years no Milntown son had followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a judge seated there.

His elder brother Henry had chosen a career in the Royal Navy, and when Henry died without issue in 1859, William Bell Christian inherited Ewanrigg across the Irish Sea in county Cumberland, England. Two years later Rev. W. B. Christian relinquished his ecclesiastical living and thenceforward lived an active, secular life. His positions included: member of the Legislative Council, Her Majesty's Receiver-General in the Isle of Man, member of the House of Keys in which he was Deputy-Speaker for many years before being elevated to the Manx House of Lords.

William Bell Christian married four times\*: 1) Charlotte Elizabeth Brine 16 July 1840, eldest daughter of Thomas Brine, she died in 1862; he married 2) Emma Mary Houssemayne 5 January 1864, daughter of Rev. James Thomas Houssemayne du Boulay, she died 19 December 1864; he married 3) Maria Bowes Johnson 18 June 1867, daughter of Col. Charles C. and \_\_\_\_\_ (Colpoys) Johnson, she died 20 March 1871 without children; and he married 4) Violet Sophie Marie Schlaet 1 September 1874, daughter of Carl Levin Schlaet of Schwerin, Germany, she died at Bournemouth in 1936 "at a great age," and her ashes were brought to Lezayre Churchyard on the Isle of Man.

Rev. William Bell Christian and Charlotte Elizabeth (Brine) Christian had the following children:

1. Ewan John Christian, born 10 May 1845, died 1898 at Progresso, Mexico; married 22 April 1891 Florence Trigg, daughter of Albert Trigg of Matlock, England.
2. Charlotte Isabella Susan Christian, born about 1847, died 11 July 1863 unmarried.
3. Malcolm William Christian, born 5 February 1850, moved to New Zealand, and died in 1922.
4. Annie Louisa Christian, married 3 September 1867 Rev. Francis Houssemayne du Boulay.
5. Julia Elizabeth Christian, died 4 May 1905.
6. Bertha Mabel, about whom nothing more is known.

\*Names of William Bell Christian's wives were not available to editor when chart on page 91 of Volume No. II of *Christian Family Chronicles* was published.

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By his second wife, Emma Mary Houssemayne du Boulay, Rev. William Bell Christian had one daughter:

7. Emma Ida Houssemayne Christian, christened at Lezayre, Isle of Man, 29 December 1864.

Rev. William Bell and Violet Sophie Marie (Schlaet) Christian had two daughters and a son:

8. Mary Ulrike Christian, born 22 August 1875.

9. Rita Gwendoline Christian, born 1 November 1878; married H. E. Browne. They lived at Somerset, England. She collected Christian genealogical material.

10. Edward Allen Christian, born 5 December 1879.

As a result of the debts and mortgages amassed during his lifetime, William Bell Christian's decease caused his estates, including Milntown, to pass from family ownership.

OTHER CHRISTIAN DEEMSTERS

From time to time Christians outside the direct Milntown line of deemsters might be called upon to serve in that capacity. Usually they could trace descent from an earlier deemster ancestor, however.

Such was the case with Robert M'Cristen, son of Ewan and grandson of John of the fifth generation of deemsters. Of Lewaigue, Malew, Isle of Man, Robert was living in 1576 with his wife, said to have been the daughter of the first Standish to settle on the Isle. Robert and \_\_\_\_\_ (Standish) M'Cristen had one son and four daughters: Edward, who married Katherine Harrison; Eunice "Coonee"; and three other girls whose names are not available.

Little is known of Robert's father, Ewan M'Cristen, but he must have died early for the son to have become a deemster when, so far as is known, the father was not. This Ewan M'Cristen, whose wife has not been identified, is believed to have fathered the following children: Robert M'Cristen, the deemster previously mentioned; William M'Cristen, Archdeacon from 1547-1557, who married a granddaughter of William Sammesbury; Joan "Jony" M'Cristen; Catharine M'Cristen; Thomas M'Cristen of Ballamoar; and Dan M'Cristen.

Another Christian outside the direct line was appointed deemster during the period between 1726-1734: Nicholas Christian, son of Nicholas and Margery (Sumpter) Christian. The young Nicholas was a great-grandson of Deemster John and Margaret (Parker) Christian through their son Robert and wife\* Eunice "Coonee" (Cowle) Christian, heiress of Ballure, Maughold.

At least five sons were born to Robert and Eunice (Cowle) Christian: Nicholas Christian, a successful merchant born about 1656, died about 1722, married Margery

\*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. 1, page 12, for family group of John and Margaret (Parker) Christian. Notice that name of wife of their son Robert not appearing there is given above.

A KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN FAMILY TREE

MISSOURI TRANSPLANTS

BY

AUDREY WHALEY

(continued from Volume No. II)

In addition to the children born to her in Kentucky by her first husband, John Christian, Mary Catherine Wathen had two children following her marriage March 1837 to William McElroy: Marie J. McElroy and Robert W. McElroy. The large, two-story house the McElroys bought or built in Warren, Missouri, accommodated the Christian and McElroy siblings well; and the country store the step-father acquired provided a good living for the transplanted family.

Within a few years Catherine's children were married and raising families of their own. The daughter, Sarah Ann Christian, born in 1833, was married to Martin Day 2 January 1854 by Nathan Ayres, Baptist minister.

The first of the sons to marry was the eldest, Thomas Henry Christian. Unlike his brothers, however, he did not remain in Marion County, Missouri. At first the changes in residence found him located in other Missouri counties: by 1858 in Pettis County and later in Butler County. About 1873 the family migrated again, to the state of California: first in Colusa, then in Glenn County near Orland, where they continued the farming and ranching-type operations begun in Missouri.

	Thomas Henry CHRISTIAN = Rebecca Ann CORDER	
s/o John & Mary Catherine (Wathen) Christian	d/o James Vincent & Elizabeth (Smoot) Corder	
born 1823	born 28 May 1826	
Lebanon, Washington/later Marion Co., Kentucky	Flinthill, Rappahannock Co., Virginia	
married March 1847, Missouri	died 27 December 1898	
died 1887	Orland, Glenn Co., California	
Orland, Glenn Co., California		
Their children—all born in Missouri—died in California except for two infants who died at birth:		
John Vincent CHRISTIAN	7 Feb. 1848-19 Jan. 1906 = Nannie BOUNDS	
Sarah Motel CHRISTIAN	1 Mar. 1849-23 May 1919 = 1) James BOUNDS	
	2) Grimes Dryden MULLIN	
Roberta CHRISTIAN	1850-17 Mar. 1923 = Thomas Jefferson HICKS	
Alice CHRISTIAN	1851- 1877 = Richard BEAMER	10 Apr. 1877
(Infant) CHRISTIAN	c. 1853- c. 1853 = none	
(Infant) CHRISTIAN	c. 1854- c. 1854 = none	
Ashford Day CHRISTIAN	10 Feb. 1856-17 Mar. 1925 = Mary Ellen WHYLER	
Crawford Cleek "Pete" CHRISTIAN	10 Mar. 1858- 9 Nov. 1915 = Lucinda Jane "Lula" KELLY	1 July 1886
Oscar CHRISTIAN	11 Apr. 1860-10 Feb. 1925 = Lillie Frances STEUBEN	16 June 1889
Cora CHRISTIAN	21 July 1861-17 Oct. 1938 = Frank J. MORIN	
Mattilda CHRISTIAN	1864- 1905 = Charles CRANE	

The ceremony for the next son to marry was performed by James F. Smith, minister of nearby Scotland County, Missouri. The home soon established in Marion

CHRISTIANS IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

1810—THE SOUTHERNMOST STATES

STATE	COUNTY OR PARISH	DISTRICT OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE MALES				FREE WHITE FEMALES				FREE BLACKS	SLAVES		
					0-10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45&ON	0-10	10-16	16-26			26-45	45&ON
Virginia	Hanover		892	Christy, Tho\$	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Virginia	Hanover		873	Christian, Turner	3	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	92
Virginia	Hardy	Tax List		Christy, ?Luden												
Virginia	Henry	Tax List		Christian, John												
Virginia	Jefferson		56	Christian, Edward	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	3
Virginia	Jefferson		80	Cristy, Robert	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Virginia	Kanawha		210	Christian, Gilbert	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	Kanawha		201	Christian, Robert	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	0
Virginia	King William	Tax List		Christian, James												
Virginia	King William	Tax List		Christian, Thomas												1
Virginia	Lee	Tax List		Christy, Samuel												
Virginia	Mathews		439	Christian, John	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Virginia	Monroe		12	Christy, James	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Virginia	Monroe		12	Christy, James	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
Virginia	Monroe		12	Christy, Robert	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Virginia	Montgomery		16	Christian, W <sup>m</sup>	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
Virginia	Nelson		683	Christian, Charles	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Virginia	New Kent		749	Christian, Agness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Virginia	New Kent		750	Christian, Archer	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	18
Virginia	New Kent		750	Christian, Collier	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	28
Virginia	New Kent		750	Christian, Gideon	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Virginia	New Kent		750	Christian, H. John	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	30
Virginia	New Kent		750	Christian, R. Jones	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	24
Virginia	New Kent		747	Christian, Robert	2	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	1	0	40
Virginia	Norfolk		825	Christian, Peter	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Virginia	Northumberland		974	Christian, Raughley C.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Virginia	Prince Edward		561	Christian, Andrew	2	1	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	1
Virginia	Princess Anne		443	Christean, W <sup>m</sup> M.	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	16
Virginia	Spotsylvania		111	Cristie, Joseph	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Virginia	Spotsylvania		103	Christy, Joseph	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Virginia	Stafford		128	Christy, John, Jr.	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
Virginia	Stafford		128	Christy, John, Sr.	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Virginia	Tazewell	Tax List		Christian, Benjamin												
Virginia	Tazewell	Tax List		Christian, Thomas												
Virginia	Norfolk		508	Christie, Easter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Virginia	Norfolk		508	Christie, James	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	Petersburg		126	Christian, Saml	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Virginia	Petersburg		123	R. Mailland & Christian	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Virginia	Richmond		335	Christian, Adam	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	Richmond		365	Christian, Billy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3

NOTE: Since the 1810 census is not extant for eighteen Virginia Counties, the personal property tax lists were used as a substitute in identifying any Christian "Head of Family" for the following counties: Cabell, Grayson, Greenbrier, Halifax, Hardy, Henry, James City, King William, Lee, Louisa, Mecklenburg, Nansemond, Northampton, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Russell, and Tazewell.

(See page 235 for CENSUS ADDITIONS—1790)

GENERATIONS OF THE DEEMSTERS

Sumpter; Robert Christian, born about 1659, lived in Dublin, Ireland, died at age 101 in 1760; John Christian; William Christian, died young; and Thomas Christian of "Ballure."

Nicholas and Margery (Sumpter) Christian probably had more than the one son named for his father: Nicholas Christian, christened 8 December 1677 in Maughold, died about 1741. The son is believed to have been the Nicholas who married Margaret Quayle in Braddan 25 August 1700. Nicholas and ?Margaret (Quayle) Christian had, probably among others, the following: Margaret Christian, christened 25 February 1702 at Maughold, died 2 February 1766 at Malew, married John Taubman, uncle of her sister's husband; Rev. Nicholas Christian, christened 14 May 1705 at Maughold, died 1782 in Rushen Village, Isle of Man; Margery Christian, christened 19 August 1708 at Maughold, died 1786, married John Frissell; and Esther Christian, born about 1711, buried 9 September 1802, married Capt. John Taubman, "The Great," nephew of her sister's husband, on 4 February 1745 in Malew, and they lived at "Bowling Green," Castletown in southern Man.

Through the centuries it is likely that other kin of the Isle of Man deemsters served in the same capacity as the opportunity and need arose. Certainly with the changing times the unique power of the deemsters gradually waned—no longer ruling as they once did "side by side with the kings." The Christians' influence never ceased to be felt throughout the British Isles, though, as kinsmen continued to become legislators, churchmen, and attorneys-at-law and during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries increasingly entered the commercial arena.

When Christian family pilgrims gather with Manxmen at Tynwald Hill on July 5 each year for the "reading of the laws," chances are that they share a common heritage, however remote, with the deemsters in attendance.

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MANX-AMERICAN TIES

Seventeenth and eighteenth century emigration from the Isle of Man to the American colonies included members of the Christian family. The question is: Exactly who were they? Of those who have been positively identified, little has been written about their descendants or their ties to earlier emigrants from Man. As for those earlier immigrants to America, claims appearing in print lack details which would establish proof of the relationships.

The oft-repeated tale of the silver spoon discovered in a rat's nest in the ceiling of a room at "Cherry Bottom" is the only evidence that the Charles City County, Virginia, Christian settlers were descended from Manx ancestors. The spoon, reputedly found in the early 1900's during repairs to the house situated on land continuously in the family since the seventeenth century grants, displayed on the handle the coat of arms and crest of the Isle of Man Christians.

Numerous authors have echoed the assertion that the family of Letitia Christian (wife of President John Tyler) traced descent from Daniel Christian\* of Baldroma, Isle of Man, son of John M'Cristen (1420-1511) of the fourth generation of deemsters. There the subject is usually dropped. No reference is given for the basis of the assumption. No mention is made of the intervening generations over a span of some three hundred years. In short, where is the documentation?

A simple declarative statement is about all that can be found to support the contention that Patricius Christian (eighth son of William "Illiam Dhōne" Christian) was the grandfather of Israel Christian, who immigrated to Virginia about 1740. No source is given, and no listing of Patricius' children can be found. Again, where is the documentation?

Are there any readers who can provide additional leads about these and other Manx-American ties?  
 —ABP

\*In *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. I, page 42, Daniel Christian, second son of fourth Deemster, is listed as an emigrant from the Isle of Man in 1655. McClanahan was in error: This Daniel Christian was born about two hundred years earlier and did not immigrate to America. The author apparently had intended to state, "descendant of Daniel . . ."

CHRISTIANS IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

1810—THE SOUTHERNMOST STATES

STATE	COUNTY OR PARISH	DISTRICT OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE			FREE SLAVES
					MALES	FEMALES	BLACKS	
Virginia	Amherst		12	Christian, Abner	0 0 0 1 0	2 0 1 0 0	0 10	
Virginia	Amherst		15	Christian, Charles	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 1	0 2	
Virginia	Amherst		10	Christian, Charles H.	1 1 0 1 0	1 0 0 1 0	0 1	
Virginia	Amherst		14	Christian, Drury	0 0 1 0 1	0 3 2 0 1	0 17	
Virginia	Amherst		14	Christian, Elijah	2 0 0 1 0	1 0 0 1 0	0 2	
Virginia	Amherst		3	Christian, Elizabeth	1 0 0 0 0	3 0 0 1 0	0 18	
Virginia	Amherst		2	Christian, Henry	2 0 0 1 0	4 0 0 1 0	0 1	
Virginia	Amherst		1	Christian, James (S.G.)	3 1 0 1 0	3 1 0 1 0	0 11	
Virginia	Amherst		14	Christian, James	4 2 0 1 0	2 0 1 0 0	0 3	
Virginia	Amherst		14	Christian, John—B.	0 2 4 3 1	0 1 0 0 1	0 11	
Virginia	Amherst		15	Christian, Walter, Sen.	2 1 1 0 1	1 0 0 0 1	0 9	
Virginia	Amherst		21	Christian, William C.	3 0 0 1 0	2 0 0 1 0	0 3	
Virginia	Augusta		331	Christian, John	1 3 2 0 1	0 0 2 0 1	0 1	
Virginia	Augusta		331	Christian, Patrick	0 0 2 0 1	0 0 2 0 1	0 4	
Virginia	Augusta		328	Christian, Robt	0 0 2 0 1	0 1 0 1 1	0 0	
Virginia	Berkeley			Christy, Samuel				
Virginia	Buckingham		789	Christian, George	1 0 0 1 0	0 1 0 2 0	0 39	
Virginia	Buckingham		789	Christian, John, Jr.	1 1 1 1 0	3 0 0 1 0	0 2	
Virginia	Buckingham		789	Christian, Martha	0 0 1 0 0	1 0 0 0 1	2 19	
Virginia	Buckingham		803	Christian, Samuel P.	3 0 1 1 1	0 0 1 0 1	0 23	
Virginia	Buckingham		792	Christian, Thomas	0 0 0 1 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0	
Virginia	Cabell		Tax List	Christian, Allen				
Virginia	Cabell		Tax List	Christian, Allen, St				
Virginia	Cabell		Tax List	Christian, Thomas				
Virginia	Campbell		15	Christian, Anthony	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 2 0 1	0 0	
Virginia	Campbell		19	Christie, Elijah	0 0 0 1 0	1 0 1 0 0	0 0	
Virginia	Campbell	Lynchburg	1	Christian, Mourning	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 2	0 3	
Virginia	Campbell	Lynchburg	2	Christian, Robert	2 0 0 1 0	1 0 ? ? ?	? ?	
Virginia	Charles City		26	Christian, David	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	3 0	
Virginia	Charles City		32	Christian, Eaton	1 0 0 0 1	3 1 1 0 0	0 12	
Virginia	Charles City		26	Christian, Edmond	0 0 0 1 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0	
Virginia	Charles City		27	Christian, Edmund	1 1 0 1 0	3 0 0 1 0	0 29	
Virginia	Charles City		26	Christian, Henry B.	0 0 0 1 0	1 0 1 0 0	0 21	
Virginia	Charles City		26	Christian, Isom	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	2 0	
Virginia	Charles City		31	Christian, John	1 1 2 0 1	0 1 0 0 0	0 30	
Virginia	Charles City		32	Christian, Joseph	0 2 1 0 1	2 0 1 1 0	0 15	
Virginia	Charles City		33	Christian, Thomas	1 1 1 1 0	1 0 1 1 0	0 30	
Virginia	Charles City		30	Christian, William A.	1 0 1 1 0	0 0 0 0 1	0 11	
Virginia	Fauquier		360	Christie, Charles	4 1 0 0 1	1 1 0 0 1	0 3	
Virginia	Frederick		344	Christee, Nancy	0 1 1 0 0	2 1 0 1 0	0 0	
Virginia	Frederick		354	Christie, Robert	1 1 0 0 1	1 1 1 1 0	0 0	
Virginia	Giles		384	Christian, Ellison	0 0 1 0 0	1 0 1 0 0	0 0	
Virginia	Giles		384	Christian, John	0 0 1 0 0	2 0 1 0 0	0 0	
Virginia	Giles		385	Christian, William	1 0 1 0 0	1 0 1 0 1	0 0	
Virginia	Hampshire		788	Christy, Martin	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 1	0 0	
Virginia	Hampshire		759	Christy, William	0 0 0 1 0	2 0 0 1 0	0 0	
Virginia	Hanover		856	Christian, Jacob	0 0 2 0 1	0 3 1 0 1	0 0	
Virginia	Hanover		894	Christy, James	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	3 1	
Virginia	Hanover		888	Christian, Mary	1 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 1 0	0 1	
Virginia	Hanover		860	Christian, Peter	1 3 1 0 1	3 0 0 1 0	1 23	

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STATE	COUNTY OR PARISH	DISTRICT OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE MALES				FREE WHITE FEMALES				FREE BLACKS	SLAVES		
					0-10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45&ON	0-10	10-16	16-26			26-45	45&ON
North Carolina	Chatham		192	Christian, John	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	Chowan	Edenton	222	Christian, Marian	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
North Carolina	Montgomery		36	Christain, J.	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	3
North Carolina	Montgomery		23	Christian, John	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	11
North Carolina	Montgomery		23	Christian, Tho <sup>s</sup>	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	Montgomery		35	Christain, W.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	Montgomery		25	Christian, Wm.	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	Northampton		63	Christian, James	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	Orange		118	Christian, Tho.	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	Orange		150	Christian, Tho <sup>s</sup>	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	Halifax		100	Christie, Abeshae												
North Carolina	Halifax		99	Christie, Jesse												
North Carolina	Halifax		99	Christie, Thomas												
North Carolina	Halifax		99	Christie, William												
North Carolina	Iredell		258	Christy, Andrew												
North Carolina	Iredell		240	Christy, James												
North Carolina	Iredell		238	Christy, Joseph												
North Carolina	Iredell		240	Christy, Joseph												
North Carolina	Mecklenburg			Cristus, Ja <sup>s</sup>												
South Carolina	Charleston	Charleston	156	Christian, E.	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
South Carolina	Charleston	Charleston	167	Christie, Alexander	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
South Carolina	Chesterfield		299	Christy, Jerry	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Carolina	Chesterfield		273	Cristy, John												
South Carolina	Edgefield		56	Christian, Edward	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	4
South Carolina	Edgefield		70	Christian, Gideon	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	9
South Carolina	Edgefield		70	Christian, Jesse	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
South Carolina	Edgefield		70	Christy, Rob <sup>t</sup>	1	3	1	0	1	4	1	1	1	0	0	3
South Carolina	Edgefield		62	Christmas, Richard	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	4
South Carolina	Laurens		48	Christen, Lewis, Ju <sup>r</sup>	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	Laurens		48	Christen, Lewis, Sn <sup>r</sup>	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	Marion		82	Crissy, Ja <sup>s</sup>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina		Pendleton	160	Christien, Betsey	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina		Pendleton	161	Christian, Tho <sup>s</sup>	2	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0

Tennessee (Census not extant except for Rutherford County. Tax lists and miscellaneous records form the basis for the following partial substitute list.)

STATE	COUNTY	NAME	ESTIMATED AGE	TAX LIST YEAR
Tennessee	Cocke	Christian, Thomas	50-60	
Tennessee	Davidson	Christian, Christopher		1811
Tennessee	Grainger	Christian, Allen		1804
Tennessee	Grainger	Christian, Jesse		1805
Tennessee	Grainger	Christian, William		1804
Tennessee	Hawkins	Christian, Lewis	50-60	
Tennessee	Mauzy	Christian, Nathaniel		1816
Tennessee	Overton	Christian, George	40-50	
Tennessee	Roane	Christian, Robert	40-50	
Tennessee	Sumner	Christian, Edmond		1811
Tennessee	Sumner	Christian, Robert		1812
Tennessee	Warren	Christian, John		1812

# LINES OF DESCENT

*Pedigree charts or lineage rosters provide a graphic, convenient means for presenting an individual's ancestry. The format selected for publishing in this section a particular line of descent depends upon such factors as the number of contributors having a common Christian ancestor, the amount of material submitted, and the space limitations of a given issue. If information on the collateral lines is available, it may be published. Usually, however, emphasis will be on the Christian lineage.*

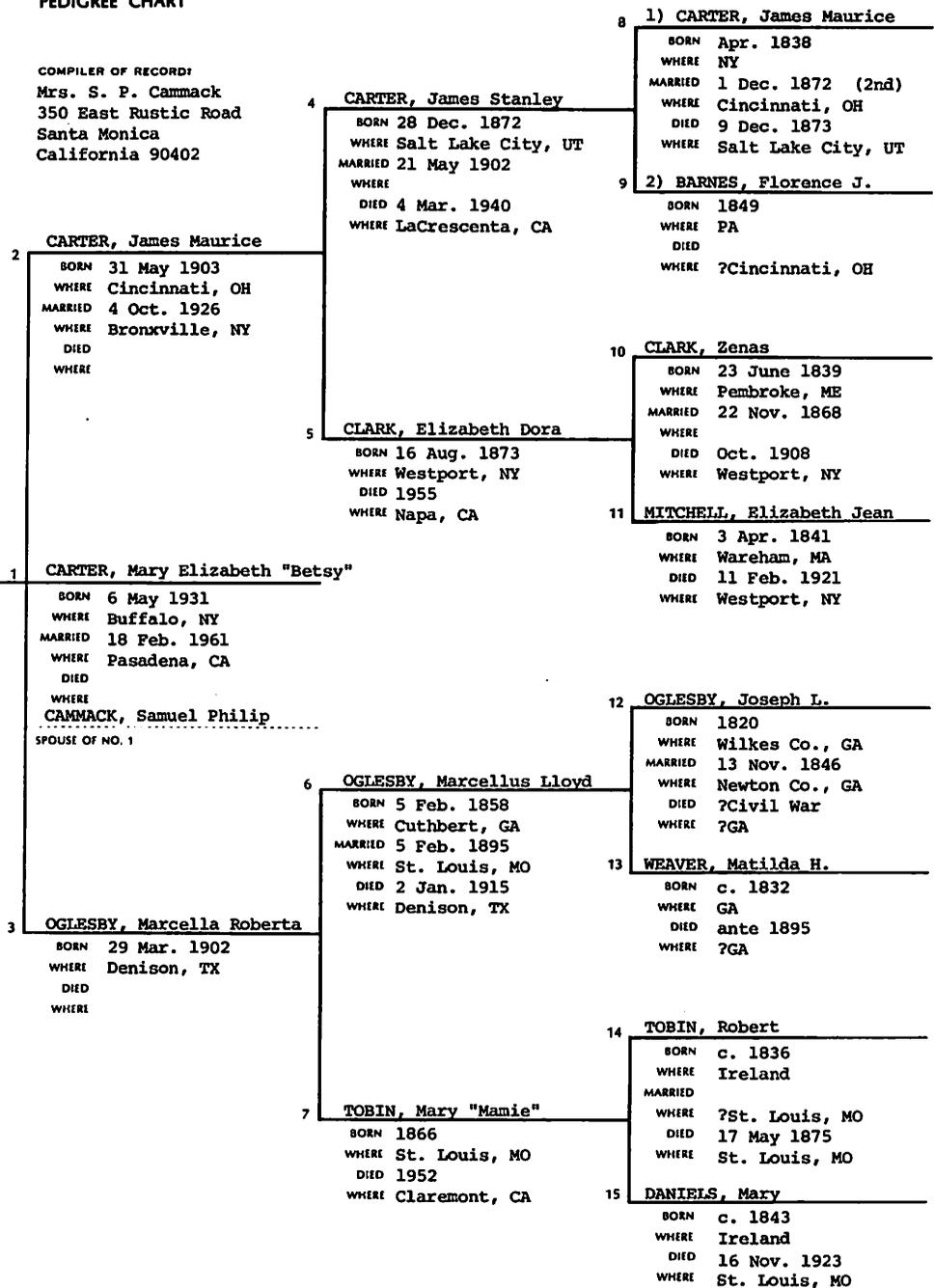
*The ancestral lines which appear herein are based on records submitted by descendants. The key to abbreviations appears on page 15 in Volume No. I of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES.*

<p>COMPILER OF RECORD: Mrs. Eugenia B. Toland Route 9, Box 212 Lubbock, Texas 79423</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN, Robert = _____, Mary born ?c. 1730 Albemarle Co., VA will date: 8 June 1785 will proof: 3 Oct. 1791</p>
<p>CHRISTIAN, James mar. 6 Dec. 1790 Amherst Co., VA died ?1820-30 ?Ohio Co., KY</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN, Mary born c. 1770 ?Amherst Co., VA died ?1810-20 Ohio Co., KY</p>
<p>CHRISTIAN, Charles Hunt born 6 July 1795 Albemarle Co., VA mar. 24 Dec. 1816 Ohio Co., KY died 4 July 1885 Clarence, Shelby Co., MO</p>	<p>WYLEY, Dolly Ann born 27 Feb. 1796 Rockingham Co., VA died 31 July 1885 Shelby Co., MO d/o William &amp; Mary (Harwood) Wyley</p>
<p>CHRISTIAN, William B. S. born 30 Jan. 1832 Rolls Co., MO mar. 14 Mar. 1854 Shelby Co., MO died Mar. 1862 ?near Hannibal, MO</p>	<p>STRACHAN, Maria Antoinette born 3 Apr. 1835 Kings Co., NY died 2 Jan. 1925 Motley Co., TX mar. 2) John H. Meason d/o David Ritzema &amp; Maria M. (Young) Strachan</p>
<p>CHRISTIAN, Helen Cornelia born 27 Sep. 1859 Shelby Co., MO mar. 2 Dec. 1886 Dallas Co Dallas Co., TX</p>	<p>BUTLER, Henry Alcie born 1861 Dallas Co., TX</p>
<p>BUTLER, Robert A. born 12 Sep. 1887 Dallas Co., TX mar. 30 May 1917 Dickens Co., TX</p>	<p>MARTIN, Jeffie DeLoula born 26 Jan. 1894 Parker Co., TX</p>
<p>BUTLER, Eugenia Harriet born 6 June 1919 Seagoville, Dallas Co., TX mar. 15 Oct. 1950 Dallas Co., TX</p>	<p>TOLAND, Robert born 6 June 1919 Seagoville, Dallas Co., TX</p>

LINES OF DESCENT

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STATE	COUNTY OR PARISH	DISTRICT OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE				FREE BLACKS	SLAVES	
					0-10	10-16	16-26	26-45			MALES
Kentucky	Adair		6	Christian, _____	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Kentucky	Cumberland		180	Christian, John	3	0	0	1	0	1	0
Kentucky	Fayette		43	Cristion, Judy	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Kentucky	Fayette		206	Christian, William	2	2	1	0	1	2	0
Kentucky	Henderson		332	Christian, John	4	0	0	1	0	2	0
Kentucky	Henderson		332	Christian, Matthew	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kentucky	Hopkins		373	Christian, Gilbert	0	0	1	0	1	2	0
Kentucky	Nelson		399	Christian, Titus	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kentucky	Scott		175	Christian, Paul	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Kentucky	Shelby		218	Cristean, Martin S.	4	1	0	1	0	0	9
Kentucky	Boone		58	Christy, David							
Kentucky	Clark		125	Christy, Ambrose							
Kentucky	Clark		125	Christy, John							
Kentucky	Fleming		85	Christy, Joseph							
Kentucky	Fleming		85	Christy, Samuel							
Kentucky	Shelby		234	Cristy, James							
Kentucky	Shelby		234	Cristy, William							
Kentucky	Wayne		353	Christy, Samuel							
Louisiana	Opelousas		313	Chretien, Pierre	0	0	1	4	1	0	0
Louisiana	Orleans		261	Christose, S.	1	2	1	0	1	0	0
Maryland	Dorchester		163	Christian, William	1	2	0	0	1	1	0
Maryland	Washington		176	Christian, Danl	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Maryland	Baltimore		183	Cristy, John							
Maryland	Baltimore		218	Cristy, Judy							
Maryland	Baltimore		179	Cristy, Margaret							
Maryland	Cecil		24	Christee, Robert							
Maryland	Harford		108	Christie, Charles							
Maryland	Harford		177	Cristy, John							
Maryland	Harford		153	Christie, Pricila							
Maryland	Prince Georges		44	Cirnton, C.							
Mississippi				(Federal census not extant; however, the following partial list has been compiled from entries in the 1809 Territorial Census and/or Land Register. List includes territory later incorporated into Alabama.)							

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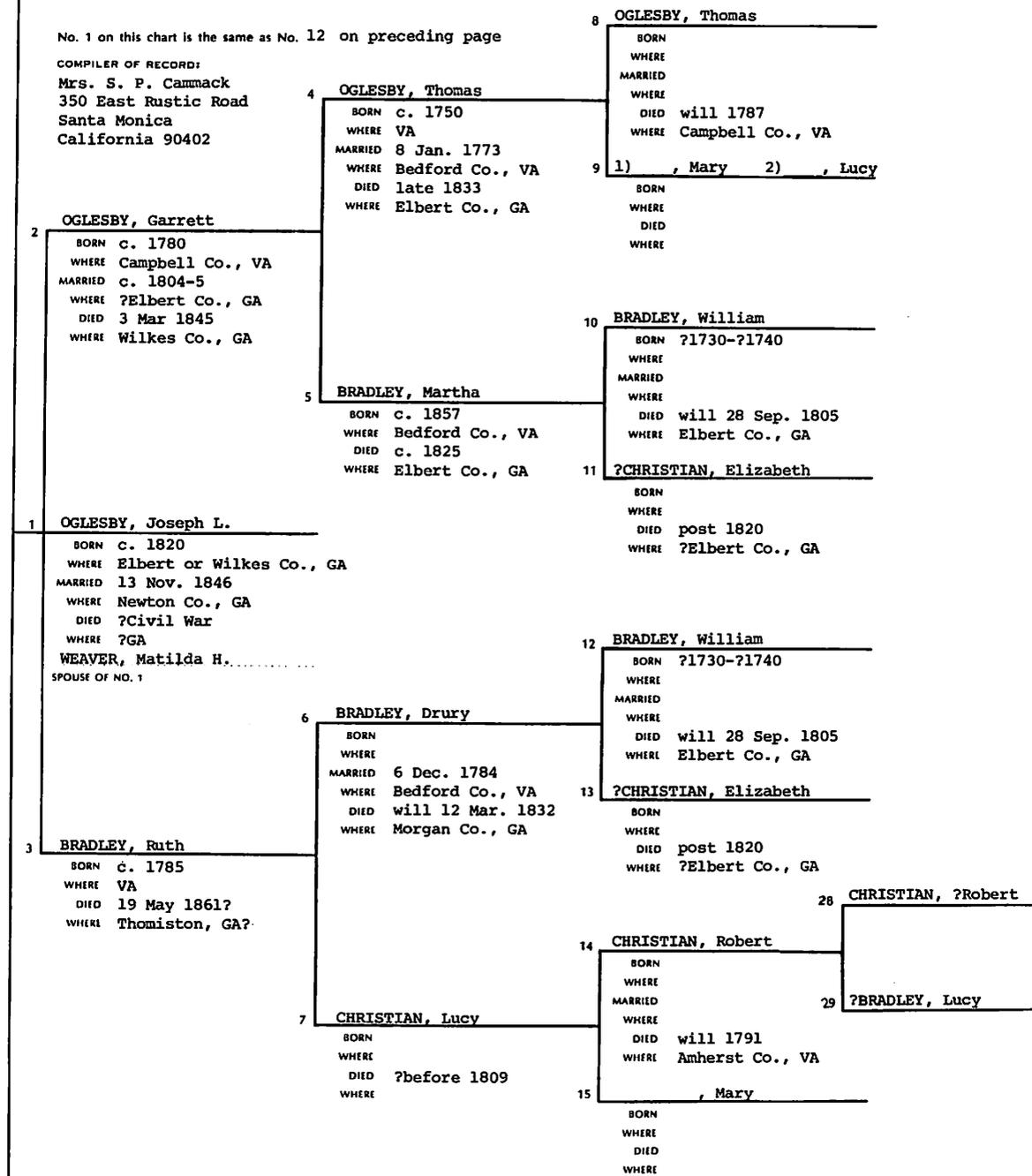
1810—THE NORTHERNMOST STATES

STATE	COUNTY OR PARISH	DISTRICT OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE			FREE BLACKS SLAVES
					0-10 MALES	0-10 FEMALES	10-16 16-26 26-45 45&ON	
Pennsylvania	Washington	Robinson	565	Christy, James				
Pennsylvania	Washington	Robinson	564	Christy, Samuel				
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland	N. Huntington	806	Christy, Andrew				
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland	N. Huntington	806	Christy, James				
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland	Salem	780	Christy, James				
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland	Salem	780	Christy, John				
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland	Salem	780	Christy, John, Sr.				
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland	Franklin	787	Christy, William				
Pennsylvania	York	Fawn	1067	Christie, Charles				
Rhode Island				(Nil for Christian, etc.)				
Rhode Island				(Nil for Christy, etc.)				
Vermont	Chittenden	Williston	209	Christenden, Frenas				
Vermont	Franklin	Georgia	295	Crisly, John				
Vermont	Franklin	Georgia	295	Crisy, Samuel				
Vermont	Orange	Thetford	407	Christihet, Joseph/Jonah				
Vermont	Windham	Grafton	262	Christy, Jesse				
Vermont	Windsor	Hartland	595	Cristy, Thomas				

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District of Columbia				(No census extant)
Georgia				(No census extant; however, the 1805 Land Lottery of Georgia held in 1803 is the basis for the following substitute list. Note that those with one draw were under 21 and those with two draws were over 21.)
STATE	COUNTY	NUMBER OF DRAWS	NAME	AGE
Georgia	Camden	1	Christian, Davis M.	under 21
Georgia	Elbert	1	Christian, Gabriel	under 21
Georgia	Elbert	2	Christian, James	over 21
Georgia	Elbert	2	Christian, Jesse	over 21
Georgia	Elbert	2	Christian, Reuben	over 21
Georgia	Elbert	2	Christian, Robert	over 21
Georgia	Elbert	2	Christian, Turner	over 21
Georgia	Elbert	2	Christian, William	over 21
Georgia	Franklin	2	Christian, Abda	over 21
Georgia	Franklin	2	Christian, Elizabeth (widow)	over 21
Georgia	Franklin	2	Christian, George	over 21
Georgia	Franklin	2	Christian, John	over 21
Georgia	Franklin	1	Christian, William	under 21
Georgia	Lincoln	2	Christian, William	over 21

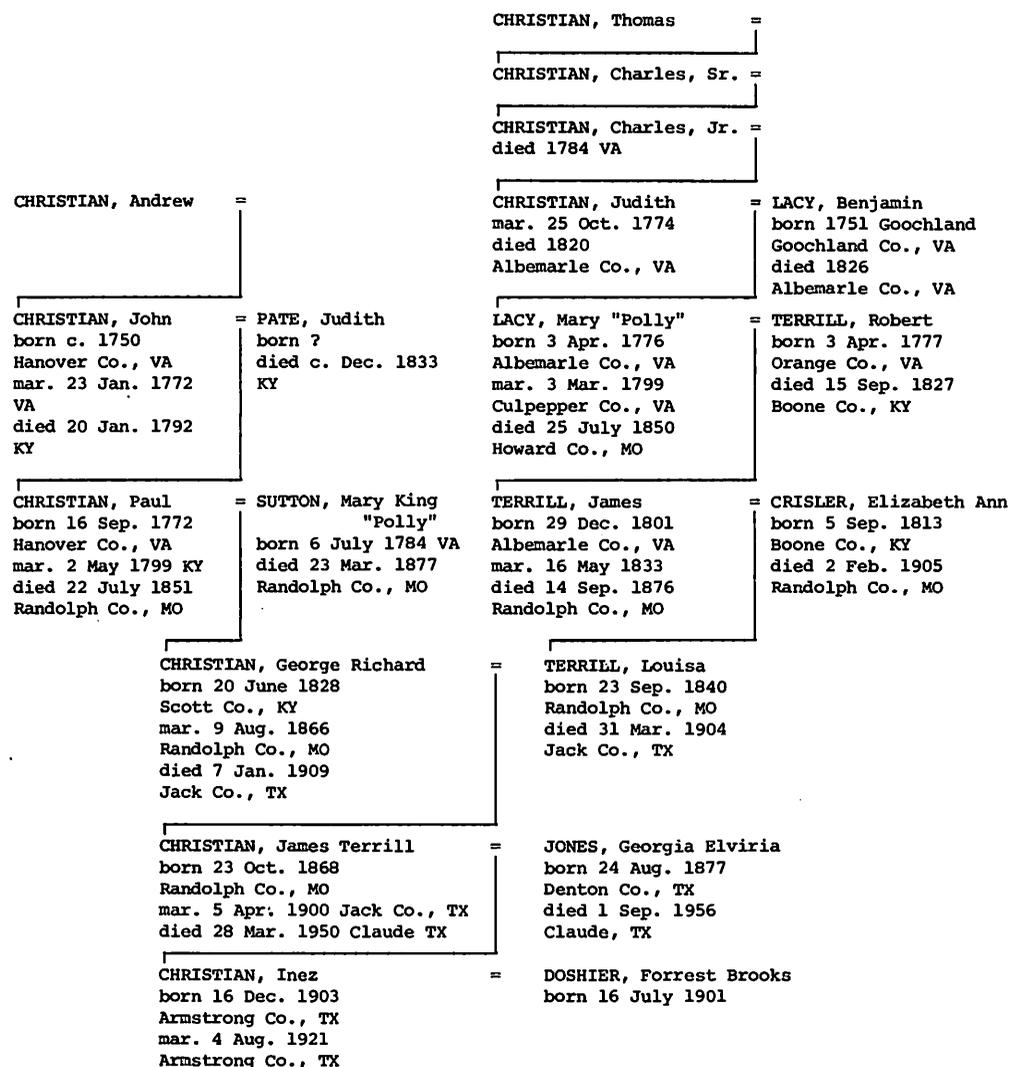
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CHRISTIANS IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

1810—THE NORTHERNMOST STATES



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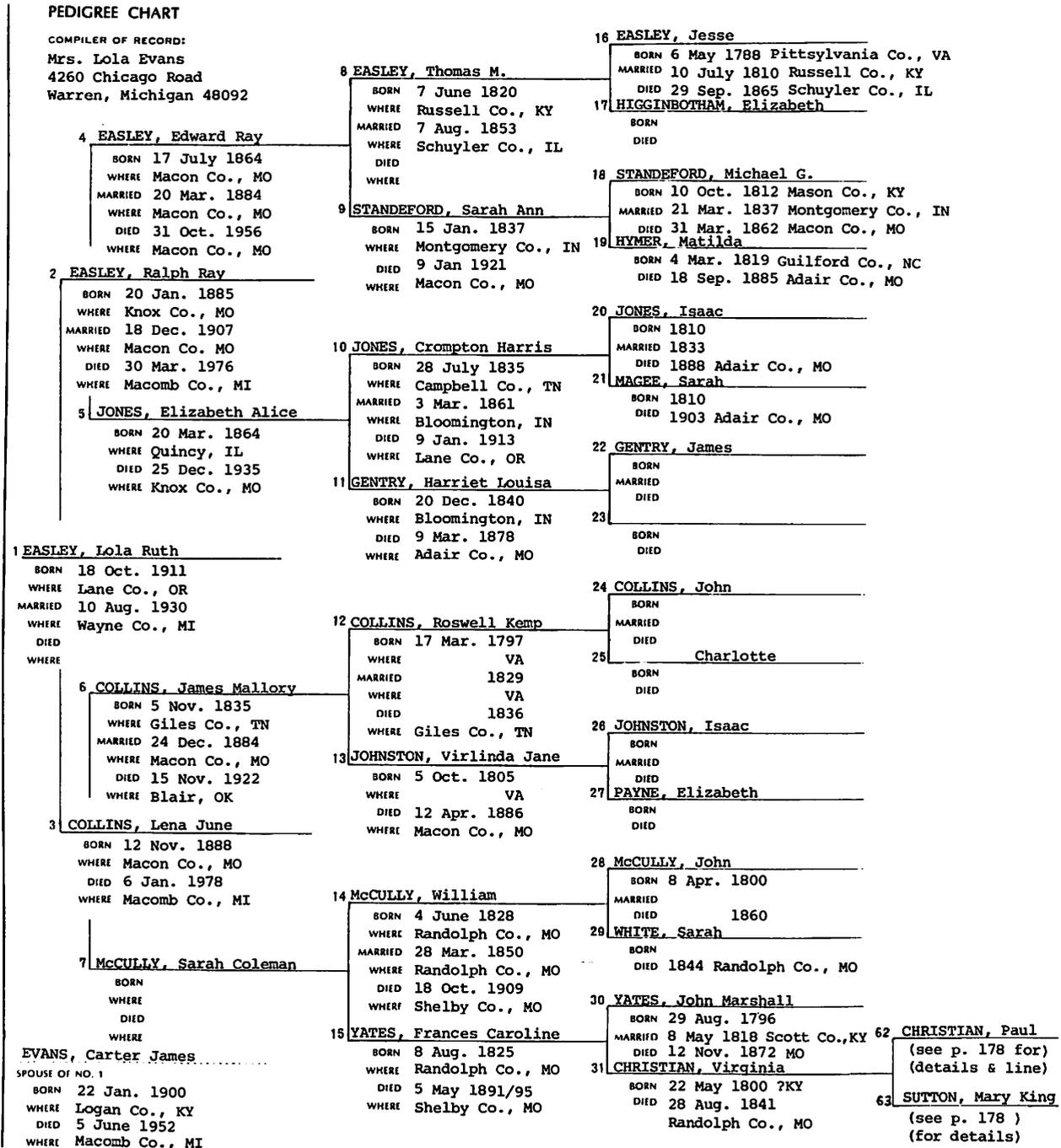
STATE	COUNTY OR PARISH	DISTRICT OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE MALES				FREE WHITE FEMALES				FREE BLACKS	SLAVES		
					0-10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45&ON	0-10	10-16	16-26			26-45	45&ON
Pennsylvania	Bucks	Springfield	918	Christine, Nicholas	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Huntingdon	Frankstown	177	Chrystian, J.	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Huntingdon	Allegany	156	Chrystian, P.	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Lancaster	Donegal	365	Christine, George	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Lancaster	Leacock	541	Christian, John	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Montgomery	Horsham	1103	Christine, Christf/†	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	E. Southwark	738	Christian, Anthony	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	W. Southwark	796	Christian, Daniel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	W. Southwark	781	Christian, Mary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	W. Northern	1027	Cristian, George	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	410	Christian, Peter	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	York	York	1022	Christine, Samuel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	York	York	1023	Christine, Simon	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Versailles	341	Cristie, Rachel												
Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Versailles	339	Cristy, John												
Pennsylvania	Armstrong	Allegheny	382	Christy, James												
Pennsylvania	Beaver	First Moon	467	Christy, Daniel												
Pennsylvania	Beaver	New Sewickley	473	Christy, James												
Pennsylvania	Bucks	Bristol	948	Christy, Robt.												
Pennsylvania	Butler	Donegal	1047	Cristy, A.												
Pennsylvania	Butler	Venango	1064	Christy, A.												
Pennsylvania	Butler	Parker	1059	Christy, J.												
Pennsylvania	Butler	Parker	1059	Christy, J.												
Pennsylvania	Butler	Parker	1057	Christy, J.												
Pennsylvania	Butler	Parker	1057	Cristy, J.												
Pennsylvania	Butler	Muddycreek	1055	Cristy, M.												
Pennsylvania	Butler	Muddycreek	1056	Cristy, T.												
Pennsylvania	Cambria	Cambria	23	Christi, John												
Pennsylvania	Chester	Brandywine	261	Cristey, Jn <sup>o</sup>												
Pennsylvania	Chester	Brandywine	259	Christy, Wm.												
Pennsylvania	Chester	West Caln	266	Christey, Wm.												
Pennsylvania	Crawford	Cussewago	428	Christy, James												
Pennsylvania	Fayette	Saltlick	1015	Christy, George												
Pennsylvania	Fayette	Dunbar	1002	Christy, John												
Pennsylvania	Huntington	Barre	153	Christy, J.												
Pennsylvania	Lancaster	Donegal	371	Christy, Rachal												
Pennsylvania	Lancaster	Leacock	535	Christy, David												
Pennsylvania	Luzerne	Braintrem	692	Christee, Daniel												
Pennsylvania	Mercer	Salem	948	Christy, And <sup>w</sup>												
Pennsylvania	Mercer	Salem	948	Christy, Jn <sup>o</sup>												
Pennsylvania	Mercer	Wolf Creek	914	Christy, Sam <sup>l</sup>												
Pennsylvania	Mifflin	Fermanagh	1016	Christy, Daniel												
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	145	Christy, Hugh												
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	407	Christy, Hugh												
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	475	Christie, Robert												
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	E. Southwark	94	Christy, William												
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	W. Northern	210	Criste, Wm.												
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	W. Northern	190	Cristy, Caty												
Pennsylvania	Venango	Richland	508	Christie, Andrew												
Pennsylvania	Washington	Buffaloe	625	Christy, Thomas												

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STATE	COUNTY OR PARISH	DISTRICT OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE				FREE BLACKS	SLAVES	
					0-10	10-16	16-26	26-45			
New York	Onondaga		40	Christian, John	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
New York	Ontario		153	Christlain, William	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
New York	Orange		296	Christian, Paul	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
New York	Saratoga		222	Christow, John	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
New York	Saratoga		217	Christioney/uj, John	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
New York	Schenectady		23	Christiam, Ahasuerus	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
New York	Schenectady		10	Christiane, Cor <sup>s</sup> C.	2	0	1	0	1	1	0
New York	Schenectady		24	Christiane, Isaac	1	1	0	1	2	1	0
New York	Schenectady		18	Christiane, Philip	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
New York	Ulster		161	Christian, Daniel	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
New York	Ulster		161	Christian, George	0	0	4	0	1	1	0
New York	Ulster		161	Christian, Solomon	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
New York	Westchester		179	Christan, Joseph	3	2	0	1	0	1	0
New York	Albany		86	Christy, William							
New York	Dutchess		64	Criste, Benjamin							
New York	Dutchess		78	Criste, John							
New York	Dutchess		76	Christe, Leonard							
New York	Dutchess		64	Criste, Richard							
New York	Genesee		112	Christi, John							
New York	Montgomery		99	Christy, Coller							
New York	Montgomery		15	Chritee, Daniel							
New York	Montgomery		100	Christy, Jacob							
New York	Montgomery		15	Christee, James							
New York	Montgomery		87	Christee, John							
New York	Montgomery		15	Cristee, John							
New York	Montgomery		103	Christy, Nathan							
New York	Montgomery		100	Christy, Simon							
New York	New York		9	Christee/us, Lawrence							
New York	New York		59	Christie, Mary							
New York	New York		178	Christe, Widow							
New York	New York		189	Christe, Widow							
New York	New York		103	Christy, William							
New York	New York		162	Christy, William							
New York	New York		117	Cristy, William							
New York	Orange		412	Christie, Andrew							
New York	Orange		415	Christie, David							
New York	Orange		325	Cristy, Henry							
New York	Rockland		149	Christy, Margaret							
New York	Saratoga		196	Christey, Duncan							
New York	Seneca		165	Christee, William							
Ohio				(Census not extant)							
Pennsylvania	Bedford	Greenfield	538	Christian, David	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Pennsylvania	Berks	Exeter	774	Christian, Jacob	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Pennsylvania	Berks	Exeter	776	Christian, Michl	1	1	0	1	0	3	0
Pennsylvania	Berks	Reading	616	Christine, Gottlieb	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Berks	Reading	619	Christine, Jn <sup>s</sup>	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
Pennsylvania	Bucks	Springfield	980	Christine, John	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Bucks	Springfield	923	Christine, Margaret	0	0	0	1	0	1	0

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TWO THOMAS CHRISTIAN WILLS & INVENTORY FOR ONE

The following copies of the 1736 and 1743 Goochland County, Virginia, wills of two Thomas Christians were made from the recorded versions contained in WILLS AND DEEDS—Book No. 3 and Book No. 4 respectively. Elsewhere in this issue the feature "Elusive Connections—Thomas and Rebecca Christian Identities" contains commentary on both wills.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS CHRISTIAN

Dated: 16 October 1736  
Proved: 17 May 1737

In the Name of God, Amen. I Thomas Christian being very Sick of body but of Sound and perfect mind and memory, Praise be given therefor to Almighty God, doo mak and ordain this my pressent last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first and principally I Command my Soul unto y<sup>e</sup> Hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merciful death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins, and to Inherit Everlasting life, and my Body I comit to y<sup>e</sup> Earth to be decently buried at the discesion of my Ext<sup>r</sup> hereafter named, and as to making the disposition of all such Temporall Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth.

First I will that my Debts and funerall charges shall be paid and discharged.

Item. I give unto Rebeca Christian my Loveing and Lawfull 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 said plantation of two hundred and ten acres to my Lawfull Son James Christian and to his heirs forever.

Item. I give unto Thomas Christian my Lawfull Son the plantation whereon he Y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Thomas did live Containing two hundred and fifty acres of Land more or less to him and to his heirs forever.

Item. I give unto Robert Christian my Lawfull Son the plantation whereon he now liveth with three hundred acres of Land more or Less to him and to his Heirs forever. And one brooding mare y<sup>t</sup> runs at red bear Camp.

Item. I give unto Will<sup>m</sup> Christian my Lawfull Son three hundred acres of Land according to the deviding line being more or less it being my part of that Land y<sup>t</sup> that Jn<sup>o</sup> Prier and I took up to him and to his heirs forever. And one hors Colt that runs at red bear Camp.

Item. I give unto my Granson Tom Christian one cow and calf.

Item. I give unto Rebeca my lawfull wife three horses. Champin, Doctor and Blaze and three fether beds with furniture according to her Clame and two Negros named Jack and Tom during her natural life and after death I give y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> two negros to my Son James Christian and to his heirs forever. I likewise give to my lawful wife all the rest of my movable estate and to her disposal at her death.

Item. I give unto my lawfull Daughter Mary Christian pleasure hors coult and one fether bed with furniture and five pounds to be raised out of my Estate to be paid one Month after her marrig by my Exect<sup>r</sup>

Item. I give to my lawfull Daughter Constant Christian one fether bed with furniture and one gelding hors named Toby and five pounds to be paid out of my estate by my Ext<sup>r</sup> one month after her marrig.

Item. I give unto my lawfull Daughter Rebeca Christian Six Ews.

Item. I give unto my lawfull Daughter Ann Morning Colman one Ewe.

Item. I Constitute and ordain my lawfull wife and my Son James Christian to be my whole and Sole Ext<sup>r</sup>s of this my last Will and Testiment and I doo hereby revoke disanul and mak void al former wills and Testiments by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I the said Thomas Christian have hereunto Set my hand and affixt my Seall this Sixteenth of October One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Six.

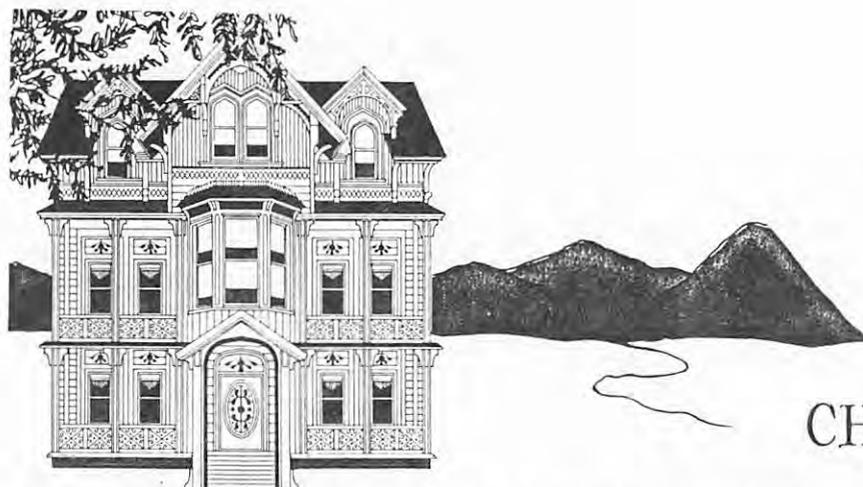
Thomas Christian (Seal)

Witness John McBird, Jn<sup>o</sup> (his) Prier, John Clark, Jn<sup>o</sup> (his) Wright  
(mark) (mark)

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STATE	COUNTY OR PARISH	DISTRICT OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE			FREE BLACKS	SLAVES
					MALES	FEMALES			
Connecticut	Litchfield	Cornwall	183	Cristic, Henry	0	0	0	0	0
	Connecticut	Tolland	309	Christic, Henry	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	New Castle	Wilmington	139	Christian, Anth <sup>y</sup>	0	1	1	0	0
Maine	Cumberland	Portland	14	Christie, John	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	Bristol	New Bedford	279	Christon, Lawrance	3	0	3	1	0
	Nantucket	Nantucket	319	Christian, Peter	3	0	0	1	0
	Barnstable	Sandwich	30	Christie, James	0	0	0	1	0
	Essex	Gloucester	151	Christe, John	0	0	0	0	0
	Hampshire	Hampshire	213	Chrysta, W.	0	0	0	0	0
	Hampshire	Hampshire	213	Chrysta, W., Jr.	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	Suffolk	Boston W.	175	Christie, Rowland	0	0	0	0	0
	Suffolk	Boston W.	174	Christie, Thomas	0	0	0	0	0
	Suffolk	Boston W.	215	Christie, Thomas	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	Rockingham	Portsmouth	400	Christian, James	1	0	0	1	0
	Hillsboro	Antrim	506	Cristy, Samuel	2	0	0	2	0
	Hillsboro	Lyndeboro	613	Cristy, John	0	0	0	0	0
	Hillsboro	New Boston	634	Cristy, Moses	0	0	0	0	0
	Hillsboro	New Boston	633	Cristy, Robert	0	0	0	0	0
	Rockingham	Londonde	175	Christy, Sarah	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	Rockingham	Portsmouth	415	Cristie, James	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey				(Census not extant)					
New York	Albany		117	Christejan, David	2	1	1	0	1
	Delaware		458	Christian, James	0	0	1	0	0
	Delaware		458	Christian, John	0	0	0	1	0
	Dutchess		82	Christian, Cornelius	0	1	0	0	1
	Dutchess		173	Christian, Gabriel	2	2	0	1	1
	Dutchess		179	Christian, Mary	0	1	0	0	1
	Dutchess		178	Christian, Phebe	1	1	1	0	0
	Herkimer		354	Christian, Charles	1	0	0	1	0
	Herkimer		358	Christian, Jemima	0	2	0	0	1
	Herkimer		358	Christian, John	0	1	1	0	0
	Herkimer		358	Christian, John, Ju <sup>t</sup>	2	0	1	1	0
	Herkimer		358	Christian, Martha	1	2	3	0	1
	Madison		175	Christian, J.	0	0	0	1	0
	Montgomery		7	Christansa, Thomas	0	0	0	1	0
	New York		N.Y. Ward 8	218	Christian, Charles, Esq.	0	0	1	1
	New York		N.Y. Ward 8	221	Christian, David	4	0	0	1
	New York		N.Y. Ward 7	173	Christin/ia/ce, James	1	0	0	1
	New York		N.Y. Ward 10	184	Christian, John	0	0	0	0
New York		N.Y. Ward 4	91	Christian, Mathias	1	0	0	1	
New York		N.Y. Ward 8	221	Christian, Robert	0	0	2	0	
New York		N.Y. Ward 4	95	Christian, Sam <sup>l</sup>	1	1	0	1	
New York		N.Y. Ward 1	9	Christian, Tho <sup>s</sup>	3	0	0	1	
New York		N.Y. Ward 10	185	Christian, Zachariah	0	1	0	0	



## CHRISTLANS

# IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

The 1810 United States Census—the third—remains intact for only fourteen states. In spite of the partial loss or destruction of that enumeration for the District of Columbia and the other six states in existence at the time, fairly complete identification of most Christian heads of families can be ascertained by a review of tax lists and other data. Where such records were readily available to the editor (as in the case of Virginia and to a lesser extent Mississippi, Georgia, and Tennessee), they have been incorporated in the following abstracts.

This presentation retains throughout the spelling of the surname used by the original enumerator. Listing and age breakdown appear for all variations of the Christian surname; listing only is shown for variations of the name Christie unless there seemed a strong likelihood that the name might indeed have been Christian. Grouping of the states is according to their geographical bounds within roughly northern or southern limits.

Indexes employed to locate individuals on the microfilmed copies of the 1810 federal census include those published by The Accelerated Indexing Systems and edited by Ronald Vern Jackson, Gary Ronald Teeplies, and David Schaefermeyer as well as the Ohio Family Historians' *Index to the 1810 Census of Pennsylvania*; Elizabeth Petty Bentley's *Index to the 1810 Census of North Carolina*; Madeline W. Crickard's *Index to the 1810 Virginia Census*; Netti Schreiner-Yantis' *A Supplement to the 1810 Census of Virginia*; and miscellaneous tax lists and family notes for Mississippi, Georgia, and Tennessee.

It is hoped that other researchers will supply further data to supplement the missing 1810 census records and that additions and corrections will be sent to the editor in order that listings for all states may be made as complete as possible.

## TWO THOMAS CHRISTIAN WILLS & INVENTORY FOR ONE

Signed Sealed in the Presents of Us

At a Court held for Goochland County May 17<sup>th</sup> 1737  
This Will was proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses hereto and it was thereupon Admitted to Record.

Test. H. Wood CCCur.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS CHRISTIAN

Dated: 23 October 1743

Proved: 20 March 1743/4

In the Name of God Amen the Twentythird Day of October I Thomas Christian of Goochland County of St Jameses Parish being Sick in body but of good and perfect memory thanks be to allmighty God and calling to remembrance the unsertin estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yeld unto death when it shall please God to call do make constitute ordain and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Revoking and annulling by these presents all and every Testament and Testaments will and wills heretofore by me maid declared ither by word or writing and this to be taken only for my last will and testament and none other and first being penitent and sorry from the bottom of my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same Item I give and bequeath &c in witness &c

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sun Anthony Christian one shilling to him and his heirs forever when he shall come to the age of twentyone years to be paid by my Executor.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sun Nathaniel Christian one Cow and Calf when shall come to the age of twenty one years to him and his heirs forever to be paid by my Executor.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sun Thomas Christian twentyfive shillings Currant money and a young hors foald to him and his heirs forever when he shall come to the age of twentyone years to be paid by my Executor and I do also Constitute and appoint that my Sun Thomas shall upon his Departure from the plantation as I now live on from my Executor shall be bound by the Court to any trade as he shall think fit to go to he shall chuse his Master except his Brothers.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sun Jesse Christian one Cartin Tract or parcil of Land Containing Two hundred and thirty three acres lying and being in the County of Goochland on both sides of little Buffalo creek of Willisses River bounded as followeth to wit beginning at a white oak in a line of his other land running thence new lines North eighty degrees West one hundred & twenty poles to a white oak South ten degrees West one hundred and twenty five poles crossing the said Creek to a white oak South eighty degrees East two hundred and sixtynine poles to a black oak North ten degrees East one hundred and one poles to pointers thence on the said Thomas Christian North eighty degrees West one hundred and forty nine poles to pointers North ten degrees East sixtyfive poles Crossing little Buffalo Creek to the first Station this land is to him and his heirs forever when he shall come to the age of twentyone years to be paid by my Executors.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my too Suns David and Luis Christian one Certin tract or parsel of Land containing four hundred acres on both sides of Little Buffalo Creek of Willisses river and bounded as followeth to witt beginning at a pine a corner of his other Land running thence new lines North eighty degrees East three hundred and too poles to a Spanish oak in the low ground of the said Creek North ten degrees East one hundred and eighty poles Crossing the said Creek to poynters North eighty degrees West two hundred and eighty four poles to poynters South ten degrees West and one hundred and twenty four poles to a white oak thence on the said Thomas Christian the same Course continued and one hundred sixty poles little Buffalo Creek to the Beginning to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between David and Luis Christian when they shall come to the age of twenty one years to be paid by my Executor.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Sun Archer Christian one cartin Tract or parcel of Land containing two hundred acres on both sides of little Buffalo Creek which is a branch of Willisses River and bounded as followeth to wit beginning at Savaral pointers by the South side of said of the said South running thence on new lines South eighty degrees East two hundred poles to a pine North ten

degrees East one hundred and sixty poles crossing little Buffalo creek to a white oak North eighty degrees South West two hundred poles to a white oak and South ten degrees West one hundred and sixty poles to the first Station to him and his heirs forever when he shall come to the age of twenty one years to be paid by my Executor.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary twenty five shillings Currant money to her and her heirs forever when she shall come to the age of twenty one years or married to be paid by my Executor.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Susannah twentyfive shillings Currant money to her and her heirs forever when she shall come to the age of twenty one years or Married to be paid by my Executor.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth twentyfive shillings Currant money to her and her heirs forever when she shall come to the age of twenty one years to be paid by my Executor.

I do Constitute and appoint my dear and well beloved wife Rebecca Christian y<sup>e</sup> lawful Eternally to make John Goodwin a title in Goochland county court to the tract of Land as he now lives on first paing his bond.

Item I lend unto my Lawfull Wife Rebecckah Christian my hole Estate goods and Chattles rady money and debts Indureing her natural life of marriage but at the day of her death or the day of her death or the day of marriage to be Equally devided between my three daughters Mary Christian and Susannah Christian and Elizabeth Christian to them and their heirs forever allso I do constitute and apoint my dear and well beloved wife Rebeckah Christian my hold and soul Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Tho<sup>s</sup> Christian (Seal)

Signed Sealed in the presents of us.

Edmund Wood Anthony Bennin  
William Edwards George <sup>(h<sup>is</sup>)</sup> Holmes  
(mark)

At a Court held for Goochland County March 20, 1743  
This Will was proved by the oaths of Edmund Wood & Anthony Bennin  
Witnesses hereto to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Christian  
Deceased and was thereupon ordered to be Recorded.

## INVENTORY

Inventory of Thomas Christian's Estate and Appraisement

An Inventory of Tho<sup>s</sup> Christians Estate and Appraisement as follows:

Brackus a Negro man praisd to . . . . .	£ 30	0	0
Frank a Negro man p ---- to . . . . .	18	0	0
To 4 Cows and Caves £5 —4 two year old 48S —2 three year old £2 . . . . .	9	8	
To 1 Barren Cow 24s —11 head of Hoggs £3-6 —1 horse 25s . . . . .	5	15	
To 1 old Bed and furniture 30s —1 D <sup>o</sup> and furniture 50s —1 D <sup>o</sup> and furniture 50s . . . . .	6	10	
To 1 old Trunk—4 old Chairs & a Table 10s —a parcel of old puter 16s . . . . .	1	6	
To 1 p <sup>f</sup> old Stillards 7s —2 Gun Barrils 10s —3 tin pans 3s —a parcel of old iron 8s . . . . .	1	8	
To a parcel of old Lumber 21s —1 box Iron & heaters 5s . . . . .	1	6	
To 1 Iron pott, 2 p <sup>f</sup> of Hooks and a frying pan 6s —1 Raw Cow hide 4s . . . . .	10		
To 4 old Barrels 4s —1 old hoe and a hat Brush 1s <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	5	6	
To 1 Loom and Slays and Harness 17s —1 horse £3 . . . . .	3	17	
To 1 hh. of Tob. and a parcel. 2 Mairs that Can't beget			
To 1 Cow and Calf and a Bull Yearling.			
To Sum money due in John Goodwins hands.			
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Errors Excepted by Ms.

Homes x Guynn Tho<sup>s</sup> Edwards Edmund Wood Appraisers  
At a Court held for G

At a Court held for Goochland County August 21, 1744  
This Inventory was presented in Court and ordered to be Recorded

## — SEVENTEENTH CENTURY —

Because of the interest so many readers have expressed in their Christian roots on the Isle of Man, abstracts from Manx records will continue to appear as a regular feature. The entries below list vital data shown on the Computer File Index\* for all individuals named William Christian born or christened there between 1600 and 1700. Births are designated by "B" and christenings by "C."

TOWN OR PARISH	NAME	PARENT OR PARENTS	DATE	
Jurby	Christian, Will	Pat Christian	7 Dec. 1608	C
Jurby	Crystery, Wm.	Wm. Crystery	20 Oct. 1624	C
Jurby	Cristrey, William	Wm. Cristrey	23 Sep. 1644	C
Braddan	Cristing, Willm.	Gilbt. Cristing	8 Jan. 1647	C
Jurby	Cristrey, William	Wm. Cristrey	29 Sep. 1648	C
Maughold	Christin, Wm.	Jo. Christin	21 Jan. 1658	B
Maughold	Christin, Wm.	Jo. Christin	21 Jan. 1659	B
Malaw	Christin, Wm.	Ewan & Alice (Oats) Christin	1 Apr. 1660	B
Maughold	Xpian, Wm.	Ro. Xpian	18 Apr. 1663	C
Marown	Christian, William	John [Christian]	11 Mar. 1664	C
Kirk Michael	Christian, Wm.	Jo. Christian	20 Nov. 1669	C
Jurby	Cristrey, William	Jon & Cathrine (Kelley) Cristrey	30 May 1670	C
Jurby	Christian, William	[?Dan] & Esabel (Cristrey) Christian	7 Dec. 1670	C
Kirk Michael	Christian, Wm.	Jo. Christian	26 Feb. 1672	C
Maughold	Christian, Will	Robt. Christian	12 Nov. 1673	C
Andreas	Christian, Willm.	Edward Christian	Feb. 1674	C
Jurby	Cristrey, William	Jon & Cathrine (Kelley) Cristrey	28 Apr. 1674	C
Maughold	Christian, Will	Christopr. Christian	11 Jan. 1676	C
Jurby	Christian, Will	Jon & Emmy (Cleark) Christian	19 Oct. 1677	C
Jurby	Christian, Will	Jon & Emery (Cleark) Christian	19 Oct. 1677	C
Jurby	Crystery, Wm.	Wm. & Margtt. (Connelly) Crystery	9 Dec. 1678	C
Andreas	Christian, William	Tho. Christian	11 Nov. 1681	B
Onchan	Christian, Will	Tho. [Christian]	6 Aug. 1682	C
Marown	Christian, William	John Christian	23 June 1683	C
Marown	Christian, William	John [Christian]	24 June 1683	C
Jurby	Christian, William	Thomas & Cathrine (Harrison) Christian	7 Apr. 1685	C
Braddan	Christian, Wm.	Tho. Christian	16 Nov. 1686	C
Marown	Christian, Wm.	Ewan [Christian]	3 Dec. 1688	C
Braddan	Christian, Wm.	Patk. Christian	2 Aug. 1691	C
Kirk Michael	Christian, Wm.	Jo. Christian	8 May 1692	C
Maughold	Xtian, Will	Robt. Clark Xtian	15 July 1694	C
Maughold	Xtian, Will	Will Xtian	17 Nov. 1697	C
Kirk Michael	Xtian, Wm.	Ro. Xtian	21 Feb. 1699	C
Lezayre	Christian, Will	Robert Christian	9 Mar. 1699	B
Marown	Christian, Will	Ewan [Christian]	17 Dec. 1699	C

\*The Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has prepared the Computer File Index abstractions of parish registers and has made the results available on microfiche at its facilities.

(probably during the 1730's on the basis of known birth dates for some of his brothers. According to the 1830 federal census of Hawkins County, Tennessee, Lewis Christian was born between 1750 and 1760. Such dates would also be in line with his probable marriage about 1777—and confirmed by known birth dates of several of his children.

QUOTATION:

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He [Lewis Christian] had married probably in Buckingham Co. Va. in the 1770s, Peggy, perhaps, sister to Henry Felkner, who came to Hawkins County about the same time and owned adjoining lands.

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LEWIS CHRISTIAN, born in Goochland Co. Va (Later Buckingham Co.) before 1742, died in Hawkins Co., Tenn. in the fall of 1830 in the "epidemic." He married in Buckingham Co. about 1777, Margaret (Peggy) Felkner, born about in the 1850s, and died after 1831.

QUOTATION:

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His children were:

- I. John Christian, born about 1778.
- II. Thomas Christian, born about 1779.
- III. Allen Christian, born about 1781.
- IV. Polly Christian, born 1782.
- V. Betsy Christian, born about 1784.
- VI. Nancy Christian, born about 1785.
- VII. Lewis Christian, born about 1787.
- VIII. Sally Christian, born about 1788.
- IX. Peggy Christian, born about 1790.
- X. James Christian, born 1792.
- XI. William Christian, born about 1794.
- XII. Lucinda Christian, born about 1796.

Note: The editor has published an *Index to Bailey's Christian-Skelton History & Genealogy* and would be pleased to check her copy of his book for subscribers and purchasers with no access to a copy. The index is available to subscribers for \$2.50.

COMMENTARY:

Whereas on page 47 Bailey qualifies his identification of the wife of Lewis Christian, on page 87 the same information is given in unequivocal terms. In fact, the identity of Lewis' wife has not been proven.

Furthermore, Bailey's placement of their marriage in "Buckingham Co.," Virginia, is, so far as is known, based on his judgment regarding Lewis' place of birth and residence of Lewis' parents—neither of which has actually been confirmed.

Peggy's birth date "in the 1850s" is a typographical error and should have read "in the 1750s."

COMMENTARY:

Bailey's name identification of the children of Lewis Christian, Sr., is based on the names given in the will of their father, and names are correct.

Children's birth dates will be discussed individually in conjunction with quotations regarding their spouses and family groups in a future issue.

# ELUSIVE CONNECTIONS

## THOMAS & REBECCA CHRISTIAN IDENTITIES

If one recognizes the lineage presented by Judge James Christian Lamb in the *William and Mary Quarterly* series, then the testator of the 1736 Goochland County, Virginia, will\* was the son of an earlier Thomas Christian, the immigrant. In the absence of information to the contrary, the editor accepts Lamb's "strong presumptive evidence" that such was the relationship:

The Virginia progenitor [of this branch] of the family was, 1, THOMAS CHRISTIAN. As "Mr. Thomas Christian" he patented, Oct. 21, 1687, 1080 acres in Charles City county. . . . In 1694 "Thomas Christian, Sen.," got a patent for 193 acres south of Chickahominy Swamp. The "Sen." here shows that there was another Thomas Christian, who was probably a son of the elder Thomas and already of age. Then we find 2, *Thomas Christian*, of "Charles City county," patenting land (1712 and 1727) on the forks of Beaver Dam Creek in that part of Henrico called Goochland.

Since no "Jr." or "Sr." designation appears on these eighteenth century patents, the immigrant Thomas Christian must have died previously. Lamb does not mention the 15 January 1657 patent to Thomas Christian for 100 acres on the north side of James River and east side of Chickahominy River, also in Charles City County; but assuming an age of at least seventeen at the time, the recipient's birth date can be estimated as before 1640.

That the writer of the 1743 will\* was, as Lamb and others after him have assumed, the son Thomas mentioned by Thomas Christian in the 1736 will has not been proven. This and certain other assumptions advanced by various researchers<sup>+</sup> will be explored herein in the light

\*The wills referred to in this article are published in full on the immediately preceding pages.

<sup>+</sup>In this commentary the editor hesitantly joins the ranks of those who have explored the identity and relationships of the earliest Charles City County, and Goochland County, Virginia, Christians. By presenting alternative possibilities, she hopes to stimulate an interchange leading toward solutions to the genealogical puzzles.

of records now available for evaluation. We are, of course, still handicapped by the loss of so many early Virginia documents.

Although Lamb's article does not identify the wife of either Thomas Christian beyond the given name "Rebecca" used in the will of each and offers no surname possibilities for the wife Rebecca of the 1743 will, Lamb does start the chain of speculation when he comments on the testator of the 1736 will by saying that this Thomas married Rebecca, "perhaps the daughter of Drury Stith, near whom, in Charles City, Thomas Christian patented 1320 acres on December 16, 1714."

Because Thomas patented this 1320 acres of land with John Prior, Rebecca's maiden surname has also at times been presented as Prior (occasionally designated erroneously as Price). Neither Stith nor Prior seems likely when measured against the evidence contained in the 1726 will of Edmund New. Written 4 July 1726 and proved in Henrico County, Virginia, 5 September 1726 (per Annie Walker Burn's copy of will in *Christian Family History Records*), the will of Edmund New—along with other itemized bequests including "full right to £40 bond of Thomas Christian," to "son Edmund New," "daughter Priscilla New," and "Lawful wife Mary New,"—contains the following item:

I give and bequeath to my grandson John New, son to my son Edmund New, now deceased, and to W<sup>m</sup> New, Mary Prior, Rebecca Christian, Sarah Tully, Elizabeth Patterson, Ann New, and Henry New one shilling sterling money as their full Dow of Dowery.

Thus, one can conclude that Rebecca, daughter of Edmund New, married a Thomas Christian. My presumption is that Rebecca (New) Christian was the widow of the Thomas who wrote the 1736 will. This Thomas Christian and John Prior were engaged in a joint land transaction as early as 1714, indicating that their marriages to the New sisters probably preceded that date. Further, William New and John Prior appear as witnesses to deeds written by this Thomas Christian.

What of the identity of the wife of the Thomas Christian of the 1743 will? At one stage of his research (in *William Christian of Charles City County and Some of His Descendants*—1958), Marshall McClanahan identified her as Rebecca Woodson; however, he later re-

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*The books and articles published about various branches of the Christian family provide valuable resource material, and some are quite well documented. Generally, however, the most reliable information is that gathered from the relatives closest in time and relationship to the author. Reexamination of the data contained in previously published accounts raises some surprising and provocative questions. From time to time, the editor will utilize this section to republish data from out-of-print books and to evaluate some of the conclusions presented therein.*

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## THE HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE, LINE

CHRISTIAN-SKELTON HISTORY & GENEALOGY by T. H. Bailey, published in Kingsport, Tennessee, in 1964 (now out of print), presents a detailed genealogy of the Christian family line of Hawkins County, Tennessee. After furnishing miscellaneous information about earlier Christians, Bailey focuses on the descendants of the Lewis Christian, Sr., whose will was written 1 May 1822, had codicils added on 15 December 1828 and 26 March 1830, and was recorded 20 November 1830 in Hawkins County. Mr. Bailey was a diligent researcher who attempted to avoid errors through documentation; however, some of his conclusions are questionable, and there are the customary typographical errors in the work. Quotations on the left below are from CHRISTIAN-SKELTON HISTORY & GENEALOGY; commentary on the right below, by the editor.

### QUOTATION: page 44

Before we start on Lewis, we will remember he had brothers and sisters: Archer, Jesse, Anthony, Nathaniel, Thomas, David, Mary, Susannah and Elizabeth. Of these there is very little known. . . .  
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Lewis (4) Christian (*Thos.*<sup>3-2-1</sup>) born in Goochland County, Virginia, where his father made his will in 1742. Lewis was evidently a very small boy at this time, probably the youngest child. His father was Thomas, his grandfather was Thomas, and his Great grandfather was Thomas I the immigrant.

### COMMENTARY:

On the basis of mention of a son Lewis in the 23 October 1743 (not 1742) Goochland County, Virginia, will of Thomas Christian, Bailey concludes that this Lewis Christian was the Tennessee settler—overlooking the apparent discrepancy in ages. (See page 181 for full text of will.)

Available evidence indicates that the Lewis Christian, Sr., of Hawkins County was too young to have been the same individual mentioned in Thomas' will.

Relative birth dates for the two Lewis Christians can be calculated—one from references in Thomas Christian's will and the other from age categories on the census. The older Lewis, still underage in 1743, would have been born between 1722 and 1743

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Kay Lynn Barlow (1949- )

Basel Earl Beck (1885-1927) =

Melvin Beck ( - ) — of Bautista, California  
Wayne Beck

Leslie Owen Beck (1888- ) — of Fairfax, Missouri

The eldest daughter of Thomas and Almyra Caroline (Mimms) Christian, Sarah E. Christian (born 1853-died 1918), married her first cousin, William Benjamin Christian (born 12 March 1850-died 7 March 1900), the only known son of Phineas E. and \_\_\_\_\_ (Walsh) Christian.

W. B. and Sarah E. Christian left at least the following descendants:

Alpha Christian (1878-1963) = 1) Mr. Dutton and 2) Mr. Easterly

Bruce Christian (1881-1944) = Maben Elizabeth Dixon

Velma Christian ( - ) = 1) Allen Kennedy and 2) Mr. Hansen

Allen Kennedy, Jr. ( - ) =  
Cindy Kennedy



Memorial cards similar to the one printed at the turn of the century in memory of William Benjamin Christian have often been added to the collection of family mementos.

NOTE: It was not until after the death of Wayne S. O'Neal that the editor became aware that names of female spouses had been omitted from the genealogical outline of the later generations in his manuscript entitled "Anthony and Sallie (Ewing) Christian and Some Descendants." Such names have been provided in the current installment if available from other sources.

ADDITION to *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume II, page 112, sent by Mrs. W. L. Bressler: William Henry Harrison "Bill" Christian married Sara Dickinson.

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tracted that assumption and entered the notation "proof now missing" in his 1968 manuscript, *Thomas Christian of Charles City County and Some of His Descendants*. Even circumstantial evidence to support such identification seems to be missing.

If, as has generally been accepted, the Thomas Christian who died between October 1743 and March 1743/4 were, in fact, a son of Thomas of the earlier will, then his wife might have been a Bennin or in some way related to the Crockett family (see *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. I, page 37, "Elusive Connections—The Crockett Tie"). If, on the other hand, the younger Thomas proves not to be the son mentioned in the will of the elder Thomas Christian, there is another likely possibility; and it is the 1736 will which offers the clue to a different relationship—that of son-in-law.

In devising property to his four daughters in 1736, Thomas Christian makes a clear distinction between the type of gifts to the two single daughters, Mary and Constant, and the one known to have been married, Ann Mourning Coleman. From the type of property his daughter Rebecca Christian received and the fact that her father did not (as with the two single daughters) use the expression "after her marriage," one can infer that Rebecca was already married to a Christian cousin.

Furthermore, in describing the acreage devised to his son Thomas Christian, the father in his 1736 will refers to the land as "the plantation whereon he y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Thomas did live," clearly indicating that the son had moved. Whether the son had settled on other Goochland County, Virginia, property or had moved elsewhere in Virginia or to North Carolina has not yet been established. Examination of the records of those states does invite speculation, however, that there was—besides the Thomas of the 1743 will—at least one other contemporary Thomas Christian who could have been the elder Thomas's son.

Regardless of her maiden surname, the widow Rebecca Christian remarried after her husband's 1743/4 death. Verification that it was this Rebecca who married Joseph Smith before March 1746/7 can be made by comparing provisions of Thomas Christian's will and inventory with

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subsequent court actions of his executrix. The will contains the following pertinent clause:

I do Constitute and appoint my dear and well beloved wife Rebecca Christian y<sup>e</sup> lawful Eternally [Attorney] to make John Goodwin a title in Goochland county court to the tract of Land as he now lives on first paing [paying] his bond.

No record has been found to indicate that Thomas Christian's wishes were carried out. Shortly before inventory of his estate was recorded in August 1744, Rebecca Christian, Executrix, filed suit in Goochland County Court against John Goodwin, who did not appear. In July 1759 Joseph Smith and Rebecca, his wife, Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Christian, deceased, were on the court docket as plaintiffs against John Goodwin, defendant. Details of the case are omitted in the court minutes, and no entries have yet been discovered to reveal how John Goodwin was related to the Christians. Could he perhaps have been a step-son of Thomas Christian through a deceased first wife?

Among several suits filed against the estate of Thomas Christian within a year of his death was one in March 1744/5 by William Christian against Rebecca Christian, Executrix of will of Thomas Christian, deceased. This suit was still on the docket in July 1752 as William Christian against Joseph Smith and Rebecca, his wife, Executrix of the last will and testament of Thomas Christian, deceased.

The fact that no lawsuits were filed against the estate of any Thomas Christian between the 1737 death and the 1743/4 death would seem to confirm that Mrs. Joseph Smith was indeed the widow of the younger Thomas Christian. Rebecca may also have had children by Joseph Smith, in which case their identification might offer leads not only to the migratory patterns of their older Christian half-siblings but to the maiden name of their mother as well. Joseph and Rebecca Smith disappear from the Goochland records after 1759. Whether they moved or simply found themselves within the bounds of a new county still needs to be determined—as do the answers to so many other questions raised in this commentary.

Agnes Branch Pearlman  
Editor

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Paula Ann Hinkle ( - )  
 Sherri Hinkle ( - )  
 Gary Warren Carey (1939- )  
 Zeta Shaw (1911- ) = H. G. Gibbs — of Princeton, Missouri  
 Lee Dale Gibbs (1937- ) = — of Chillicothe, Missouri  
 Tammera Faye Gibbs (1960- )  
 Scott Lee Gibbs (1961- )  
 Marlene Faye Gibbs (1932- ) = C. E. Jones — of Killeen, Texas  
 Charles E. Jones, Jr. (1954- )  
 Hoel Elsey Jones (1956- )  
 Verna May Gibbs (1935- )  
 Edward Monroe Shaw, Jr. (1916- ) = — of Orchard, Nebraska  
 Randall Dean Shaw (1947- )  
 Duane Edward Shaw (1949- )  
 Gloria Marie Shaw (1951- )  
 Gene Robert Shaw (1920- ) = — of Norfolk, Nebraska  
 Gene Robert Shaw, Jr. (1941- )  
 Jan Sanford Shaw (1943- )  
Hallie Beck (1883-1962) = Allen Barlow — of Los Angeles, California  
 Leon Elsworth Barlow (1904- ) =  
 William Joe Barlow (1932- ) =  
 Patricia Ann Barlow (1956- )  
 William Joe Barlow, Jr. (1957- )  
 Laura Lynn Barlow (1960- )  
 Allen Elsworth Barlow (1933- ) =  
 Cathy Ann Barlow (1961- )  
 Lois Elaine Barlow (1908- ) = Warren Chambers — of Fairfax, Missouri  
 Linda Lea Chambers (1945- )  
 Marvin Dale Barlow (1912-1947)  
 Donald Dale Barlow (1934- ) = — of Des Moines, Iowa  
 Kathy Ann Barlow (1959- )  
 Cynthia Kay Barlow (1960- )  
 James Francis Barlow (1936- ) = — of Escondido, California  
 Timothy James Barlow (1959- )  
 Thomas Charles Barlow (1962- )  
 Jerry Allen Barlow (1938- )  
 Randall D. Barlow (1945- ) — of Red Oak, Iowa  
 Allen Edgar Barlow (1915- ) = — of Villisoo, Iowa  
 Michael Barlow (1941- )  
 Patricia Ann Barlow (1946- )  
 Gael Stanley Barlow (1918- ) = — of Westlaco, Texas  
 James Barlow ( - )  
 Kay Barlow ( - )  
 Denzel Laverne Barlow, Sr. (1923- ) = — of Braddyville, Iowa  
 Denzel Laverne Barlow, Jr. (1943- )  
 Ronald Barlow (1946- )  
 Kevin Barlow (1956- )  
 Jack Eldwin Barlow (1924- ) = — of Braddyville, Iowa  
 Rodney Eldwin Barlow (1947- )

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Kristine Ann Thwing (1958- )  
 Emerson Monte Thwing III (1962- )  
 Karen Rae Thwing (1944- ) a twin  
 Kris Ray Thwing (1944- ) a twin

James Herbert Angel (1895-1916) =  
James Alfred Angel (1916-1946) =  
 Beverly Marie Angel (1945- ) — of Savannah, Georgia

Two other daughters of Thomas and Almyra Caroline (Mimms) Christian lived to bear children. One of them, Margaret Angeline Christian (who was born in 1859 and died about 1948 ), married L. Jerome Beck. A partial list of their descendants follows:

John Edgar Beck (1878-1963)

Charles Thomas Beck (1880-1939) =  
 Donovan L. Beck ( - ) = — of Denver, Colorado  
 Charles Beck ( - )  
 Weston C. Beck (1907- ) = — of Cheyenne, Wyoming  
 Michael Ray Beck (1947- )  
 Mary Lee Beck (1949- )  
 Carl C. Beck ( - ) — of Cheyenne, Wyoming  
 L. J. "Jay" Beck (1916- ) — of Sidney, Nebraska  
 Virginia Beck ( - ) = Mr. Hess and had two children  
 Margaret Beck ( - ) = Mr. Snow — of Denver, Colorado  
 Patricia Snow

Jessye May Beck (1882-1964) = Edward Shaw

Thelma Shaw (1903-1945) = Martin Lampert  
 Bonnie Lampert (1923- ) = Eldon Linbo — of North Kansas City, Missouri  
 Wilma Jean Lampert (1926- ) = Lloyd Chadd — of Medford, Oregon  
 Virginia Rae Chadd (1946- )  
 Martin Lloyd Chadd (1949- )  
 Jean Marie Chadd (1956- )  
 Lori Chadd (1959- )  
 Barbara Ellen Lampert ( - ) = Bryce Phillips  
 Bruce Ralph Phillips (1955- )  
 Beth Marie Phillips (1956- )  
 Halee Shaw (1909- ) = Claude Carey — of Richmond, Virginia  
 Claude Henry Carey (1929- ) =  
 Larry Thomas Carey (1952- )  
 Mike Carey (1957- )  
 Margaret Ellen Carey (1930- ) = Marion Calton  
 David Warren Calton ( - )  
 Douglas Calton ( - )  
 Marilyn Glee Carey (1931- ) = Geo. Williams  
 Peggy Ann Williams ( - )  
 Susan Janeth Williams (1960- )  
 Marjorie Ann Carey (1932- ) = Jerry Hinkle



## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

LETITIA (CHRISTIAN) TYLER

Refined, cultured, wise—dedicated wife and mother—Mrs. John Tyler possessed charm and talents which complemented the admirable qualities of her husband, who in 1841 became the tenth President of the United States.

Letitia's faith in her spouse's destiny coupled with her belief in a wife's helpmate status made her ideally suited to the supportive role she assumed. Always willing to be wherever needed, her duties generally required her presence on a family estate rather than in the state and national capitals where John carried out his obligations as State Legislator and U. S. Representative during the early years of their marriage, then later as Governor of Virginia, U. S. Senator, Vice-President, and President.

So typical of those of her station and temperament, Letitia (Christian) Tyler applied her native intelligence and education to domestic affairs—affairs which for her included the management of more than one Tyler plantation. During John's extended absences she was also in charge of their children's early schooling. It is apparent from his letters, however, that the father maintained an active, even daily interest in the youngsters' maturation, whether they were at home or away at school.

The parents' concern for the intellectual attainments of their progeny is not surprising when their own enthusiasm for literature and music is known. It is worthy of note that in their branches of the Christian and Tyler families learning was considered equally important for the girls as for the boys. Like John and his siblings

and her own brothers and sisters, Letitia was accomplished in arts and letters.

Born into respected, influential families, Letitia Christian and John Tyler accepted the religious and ethical values instilled in them from childhood. John's gentle actions and soft, easy bearing have been ascribed as coming from his mother, Mary Marot Armistead, and his eloquence, his musical and literary gifts, and his political acumen, from his father, John Tyler—judge, Revolutionary patriot, excellent violinist and poet, and, like his son after him, Governor of Virginia. Judge John and Mary (Armistead) Tyler\* of "Greenway," Charles City County, married in 1776 and had the following children reach adulthood:

Anne Contesse Tyler, died about 1803, married Judge James Semple.  
 Elizabeth Tyler, married John Clayton Pryor of Gloucester.  
 Martha Jefferson Tyler, married Thomas Ennalls Waggaman.  
 Maria Henry Tyler, married John B. Seawell.  
 Wat Henry Tyler, a physician, married 1) Eliza Walker and  
 2) Margaret Govan.  
 John Tyler, born 29 March 1790, died 18 January 1862, married  
 1) Letitia Christian and 2) Julia Gardiner.  
 William Tyler, married Susan Harrison Walker.  
 Christiana "Kitty" Tyler, married Dr. Henry Curtis of "Poccoon,"  
 Hanover County, Virginia, in mid-1813.

Letitia's parents\* were accorded great respect in neighboring New Kent County, Virginia. Her father, Robert Christian, Esq., a gentleman and planter who long served his county in important trusts, was buried alongside his wife in the family plot at "Cedar Grove," where

\*Judge John Tyler, born 28 February 1747, died 6 January 1813 at "Greenway," Charles City County, Virginia, was the son of John and Anne (Contesse) Tyler. His wife, Mary Marot Armistead, born about 1760, died in April 1797 at "Greenway," was the daughter of Robert Booth and Anne (Shields) Armistead. Interested readers can find an abbreviated genealogy of the Tyler family in the Appendix to Volume III of *The Letters and Times of the Tylers*.

\*Robert Christian, born 5 May 1760, died 6 August 1822 or 1829, was the son of William Christian and second wife Elizabeth Ann Collier. Robert's wife, Mary Browne, born in 1765 in James City County, Virginia, died in 1822 at "Cedar Grove," was the daughter of William and Alice (Eaton) Browne. Articles on this and earlier Christian generations will appear in future issues of *Christian Family Chronicles*.

Mark Stanley Harp (1961- )  
 Lisa Gail Harp (1963- )  
 Samuel Leon O'Neal (1931- ) = — of Storm Lake, Iowa  
 Scott Samuel O'Neal (1959- )  
 Michael Kent O'Neal (1960- )  
 G. Benton O'Neal (1932- ) = — of St. Joseph, Missouri  
 Elaine Kay O'Neal (1960- )  
 Kevin Alan O'Neal (1962- )  
 Mary Elizabeth O'Neal (1916- ) = Lee Randall — of St. Louis, Missouri  
 Robert Roland Randall (1936- )  
 Maryln Lee Randall (1939- ) = Robin Hicklin — of Kansas City, Missouri  
 Tracie Ann Hicklin (1960- )  
 Shelly Lynn Hicklin (1962- )  
 Janet Sue Randall (1947- )  
Eugene Thomas Angel (1877-1924) =  
 Mabel Angel (1900- ) = Leon Purcell — of Tarkio, Missouri  
Hugh Ernest Angel (1879-1925) =  
 Evelyn Angel (1909- ) = M. E. Cammack — of Thiensville, Wisconsin  
Lillie Estella Angel (1882- ) = Austin Greer  
 Barret A. Greer (1903- ) — of Tarkio, Missouri  
Una Lee Angel (1884-1963) = Frank Walter  
 Everett A. Walter, Sr. (1902- ) = — of Omaha, Nebraska  
 Everett A. Walter, Jr. (1922- ) = — of Reno, Nevada  
 Larry Michael Walter (1951- )  
 Della Mae Walter (1925- ) = Bruce Chevalier — of Mankato, Minnesota  
 Pamela Lee Chevalier (1949- )  
 Nancy Ann Chevalier (1951- )  
 Rex Earl Chevalier (1957- )  
Sarah Almyra Angel (1886- ) = Thomas Ward — of Craig, Missouri  
 Thomas A. Ward II (1908- ) = — of Craig, Missouri  
 Marcia Ann Ward (1935- ) = Ronald Pfof — of Prairie Village, Kansas  
 Lisa Ann Pfof (1959- )  
 Thomas A. Ward III (1938- ) — of Prairie Village, Kansas  
Hermie Caroline Angel (1889- ) = Clark McColl — of Westboro, MO  
 Daniel A. McColl (1916-1943)  
 Daniel A. McColl, Jr. (1942- )  
Edith Essie Angel (1892-1929) = Ray Brown  
 Jacob C. Brown (1915- ) = — of Hamburg, Iowa  
 Ray Brown (1934- ) = — of San Diego, California  
 Jacob Louis Brown (1963- )  
 Janet Sue Brown (1942- )  
 Nancy Lee Brown (1945- )  
 James Leslie Brown (1946- )  
 Marjorie Brown (1918- ) = Emerson Thwing — of Hayward, California  
 Emerson Monte Thwing II (1939- ) =

of the descendants of Alfred and Mary Anna "Annie" (Christian) Angel. Following are those I have on record:

Lottie Angel (1873-1943) = Thad. Sharp  
 William Alfred Sharp (1908- ) of Prosser, Washington =  
 Virgil Lee Sharp (1933- )  
 Sharon Kathleen Sharp (1941- )  
 Rowena Lee Sharp (1913- ) = F. W. Smith — of Portland, Oregon  
 Donna Smith (1939- )  
 Charlotte Ann Smith (1948- )  
 Helen Jean Smith (1950- )  
 Elizabeth Kay Smith (1952- )

Ida May Angel (1875-1960) = Samuel O. D. O'Neal  
 Wayne Santee O'Neal (1896- ) = Verleen Dobson — of St. Charles, Missouri  
 Elizabeth Ann O'Neal (1921- ) = Chas. Hibbeler  
 Karen Jill Hibbeler (1944- )  
 Wayne Charles Hibbeler (1946- ) a twin  
 William Frank Hibbeler (1946- ) a twin  
 Jean Rachel Hibbeler (1948- )  
 Lawrence Wayne O'Neal (1923- ) =  
 Patricia Lynn O'Neal (1945- )  
 Kathleen Rosellen O'Neal (1946- )  
 Laura Alice O'Neal (1954- )  
 Anna Frances O'Neal (1898- ) = E. L. Petry — of Mission, Kansas  
 Eugene L. Petry (1929- ) = — of Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Edward L. Petry (1955- )  
 David Lawrence Petry (1958- )  
 Jo Ann Petry (1934- ) = J. L. Purdy — of West Hartford, Connecticut  
 Michael James Purdy (1957- )  
 Susan Elizabeth Purdy (1962- )  
 Alva Helen O'Neal (1900- ) = Geo. K. Walker — of Park Forest, Illinois  
 Vida Mae Walker (1924- ) = Leonard Kane  
 John Kenneth Kane (1951- )  
 Sharon Katherine Kane (1953- )  
 Richard Daryl Kane (1955- )  
 David Michael Kane (1958- )  
 Walter Warren Walker (1926- ) = — of Park Forest, Illinois  
 Susan Diane Walker (1953- )  
 Kathryn Louise Walker (1954- )  
 David Warren Walker (1956- )  
 Lawrence Walter Walker (1959- )  
 Margaret Walker (1928- ) = Wm. E. Coolbaugh — of Peru, Illinois  
 Nancy Jo Coolbaugh (1949- )  
 William Richard Coolbaugh (1958- )  
 James David Coolbaugh (1961- )  
 Joseph Alfred O'Neal (1904- ) = Mildred Amanda McCulley — of Bigelow, MO  
 Lila Jo O'Neal (1929- ) = Don S. Harp — of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 Daun Allyson Harp (1957- )

their daughter would also be brought to rest. At least twelve children were born to Robert and Mary (Browne) Christian:

Mary Christian, a twin born about 1787, married Dr. Nathaniel Miller.  
 Susan Christian, a twin born about 1787, never married.  
 Robert Christian, Jr., born about 1788, married 1) Elizabeth Armistead and 2) Mary Warren.  
 Letitia Christian (the subject of this sketch), born 12 November 1790, died 10 September 1842; married, as his first wife, John Tyler on 29 March 1813 at "Cedar Grove."  
 John Beverly Christian, born about 1793, died 21 February 1856; married Martha Semple, niece of John Tyler.  
 Elizabeth Christian, married her cousin William Douglas, son of William and Mary (Christian) Douglas.  
 Alice Eaton Christian, married Patrick Hendren, an attorney.  
 Janetta Christian, married John G. Miller; later moved to Ohio.  
 Jones Oliver Christian, a physician born about 1802, married his first cousin, Christina Christian, daughter of Maj. Edmund and Judith Bray (Minge) Christian.  
 William A. Christian, born 1800-1810, never married. Served in the U. S. Navy.  
 Minerva Christian, born 1805-1810, married Heath Jones Miller.  
 Anne Christian, born about 1820, married 1) William Savage and 2) John Fleming.

John Tyler met the dark-haired Letitia at her family's plantation on the Chickahominy River, and their 1808 betrothal took place soon thereafter. His concerns and affection for his fiancée were expressed in a letter to her:

. . . To ensure to you happiness is now my only object, and whether I float or sink in the stream of fortune, you may be assured of this, that I shall never cease to love you.

To ensure that he would "float" rather than "sink," the recent graduate of the College of William and Mary entered into the study of law under his father. The five-year engagement period which would precede the Tyler-Christian nuptials was undoubtedly dictated by the aspiring lawyer's sense of responsibility. In offering advice to his friend, Dr. Henry Curtis (who wished to marry John's sister), he cautioned, "The very moment a man can say to himself, 'if I die tomorrow, my wife will be independent,' he is fully authorized to obey the impulse of affection."

His decision to respond to his own wishes is evidenced by another

letter to his friend Henry from "Greenway" dated 23 March 1813. "On the 29th instant, I lead my Letitia to the altar, and if you can be present at the ceremony, I shall derive additional satisfaction therefrom. All would be pleased to see you at Mr. C.'s . . ."

Within weeks of the marriage, the demands of the war with England would separate the newlyweds. Letitia's reluctance to see her husband drawn into the conflict can be inferred from the contents of a letter to her from her sister-in-law, Maria Henry (Tyler) Seawell, on 29 July:

I suppose you begin to show that patriotism John was so anxious for you to display, on his rallying around the standard of our beloved country, as the first trial is passed. I think our late unfortunate affair at Hampton\* should be enough to make us forget all selfish feeling, and encourage, all in our power, the enthusiasm prevailing in the bosoms of our husbands and brothers.

John's tour of military duty was brief, and he soon returned to Letitia at "Mon Sacer," the small Tyler farm on which they resided near "Greenway," the ancestral plantation John also inherited from his father.

His stays at home were brief, however, since between 1811 and 1816 Tyler was elected five successive years to the Virginia House of Delegates. It was during this period, too, that the eldest of the nine children<sup>†</sup> of John and Letitia (Christian) Tyler were born:

Mary Tyler, born 15 April 1815, died in 1847; married 1832-1836 Henry L./Harry L. Jones, a planter. They had three children.

Robert Tyler, born 9 September 1816, died 3 December 1877; married 12 September 1839 Priscilla Cooper, daughter of the tragedian, Thomas A. Cooper. Robert was a lawyer and political leader, prothonotary of Pennsylvania's Supreme Court, Registrar of Confederate States Treasury, and newspaper editor. They had five children.

John Tyler, born 29 April 1819; married December 1838 Martha Rochelle of Southampton County, Virginia. An army Major, he served as Private Secretary under his father and later as Assistant Secretary of War of C. S. A. They had three children.

\*In spite of desperate resistance by the Virginia militia at Hampton, a town situated on the north side of the James, the British overpowered the outnumbered American forces and occupied and plundered the town.

<sup>†</sup>One child, whose name and place in the family constellation is not known, died in infancy and does not appear on this list of children.

stylish and well groomed when seen in public. Even in her old age she walked erect and carried her head high. She had boundless affection for her children and grandchildren. When her children married, they settled near their old home—in those horse and buggy days near enough so they could drive to "Mamma's" for Sunday dinner. From the county road, a lane followed a white picket fence beside a long "front yard" to a gate that opened to a side walk that led to the dining-room door. During the long years of my remembrance of visits to her home, I never remember one time that grandma failed to greet her guests at this gate. The warmth of her welcome left no doubt that your visit was appreciated and would be an occasion of mutual enjoyment.

Grandma enjoyed the love and affection of everyone who knew her. They tell this story yet around Tarkio, Missouri: "Al owned some cheap houses in Tarkio, and while he would be at the front door collecting the rent, Annie would be at the back door leaving a basket of eggs and other farm produce." They both were also very generous with their children and grandchildren.

Finding it hard to get money from her husband for all the modern things she desired, Grandma, in the custom of the day, raised a great many chickens and produced quantities of eggs. With this "chicken money," against the stout but futile remonstrances of her husband, she installed electric lights in the farm home—this in a day when electricity on a farm was a rarity, indeed.

Although always gracious and pleasant, Grandma was strong-willed, with a "mind of her own." She managed to get other things she wanted for the home, often against determined opposition of her husband. She exerted, too, strong discipline in rearing her children. My mother often told me of the time when she and her older sister, in their teens, were thrashed for some infraction. With both weeping, the older sister remonstrated, "Maw, we are just getting too big to whip"; and their little 100-pound mother replied, "I don't care if you get as big as the side of a barn; as long as you are in my house, you are going to mind me."

Upon the death of her husband, Grandma kept on living in the big farmhouse and took over the management of the 320-acre farm without a thought of any other procedure. In her later years her children did prevail upon her to have a companion in her home. Visiting my mother one day, Grandma said, "Well, I must be getting home. That old lady is afraid by herself after dark." At that time grandma herself was about eighty-four, and her companion in her early sixties. Grandma never thought of herself as old.

Managing her farm and home to the very last, she was found where a heart attack had struck her down 2 March 1942.

If St. Peter denies me entrance at the main gate, I am sure Grandma will be waiting at the side gate to welcome me.

Remembered with love! As I transferred to the written page my thoughts of Grandma in March of 1964, I also gathered together names

# ANTHONY & SALLIE (EWING) CHRISTIAN

## AND SOME DESCENDANTS

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*(continued from Volume No. II)*

Because of difficulty in locating descendants and in obtaining information from some, it has not been possible to trace every line of descent through Thomas Ewing and Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian. By providing this genealogical outline and pertinent reminiscences, however, perhaps others will be stimulated to fill in the gaps and carry the line forward beyond my latest entries.

So far as is known, Thomas and Almyra Caroline (Mimms) Christian had only daughters. While other branches of the family were moving westward, this couple and the girls remained in Cocke County, Tennessee. Their second child was my grandmother:

Known as "Annie" in the family, Mary Anna Christian was born in Tennessee 25 November 1856. About two months before her seventh birthday her father, an enrolling officer for the Confederate Army, was slain near his home by bushwhackers. Grandma carried a vivid memory of that tragedy throughout her life. As she approached her fifteenth birthday her mother died, leaving four girls orphans. Their uncle, Lewis Calvin Christian, brought the sisters to Atchison County, Missouri, and placed them with relatives.

On 19 October 1871 Annie married Alfred Angel at the Rock Creek Church south of Rock Port, Missouri. To this union ten children were born, all of whom left issue. Her husband and four children preceded her in death. On 5 June 1881 violence again touched her life. On that day her husband was shot five times, robbed, and left for dead. Happily, Alfred finally recovered fully except for the loss of his left eye, living until 11 August 1933, dying at the age of eighty-seven.

Grandma had such an unusual personality that even after all these years I am at a loss for words to describe her. With sparkling black eyes, keen wit, vivacious manner, well read, she attracted attention in any gathering. She dressed in the fashion of the day, always looking

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES—LETITIA (CHRISTIAN) TYLER

Letitia "Letty" Tyler, born 11 May 1821, died 28 December 1907; married James Semple. He was Paymaster of the U. S., later in the C. S. A. Navy. They had no children.

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Tyler, born 9 July 1823, died 1 June 1850; married at "The White House" 31 January 1842 as his first wife William Nevison Waller (1821-1870), son of William and Mary Berkeley (Griffin) Waller. They had five children.

Ann Contesse Tyler, born April 1825, died that same year at four months of age.

Alice Tyler, born March 1828, died 8 June 1854; married Rev. Henry Mandeville Dennison (1822-1858), rector of numerous Episcopalian parishes including Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Virginia. They had one child.

Tazewell Tyler, born 6 December 1830, died 8 January 1874; married December 1857 Nannie Bridges. He became a doctor of medicine. They had two children.

The children would recall that affection and mutual admiration dominated the relationship between their parents. The Tylers by word and deed presented each child with a model to be emulated. In writing to his fourteen-year-old daughter Mary from Washington, D. C., in 1830, the Senator extolled the virtues of her mother:

I could not hold up to you a better pattern for your imitation than is constantly presented to you by your dear mother. You never see her course marked with precipitation; but on the contrary, everything is brought before the tribunal of her judgment, and her actions are all founded in prudence. Follow her example, my dear daughter, and you will be, as you always have been, a great source of comfort to me. . . .

Write to me often, and assist your mother in all that you can.

The daughters were encouraged to place full trust in their mother in matters pertaining to human relations. "I would advise you," wrote their father to Mary, "in future always to consult your mother before you do anything, however innocent it may seem to be. Make her your only confidante, because to her bosom you may entrust any and everything with the confidence that you will never, by her, be betrayed into error."

The parents were ever delighted in the children's progress in music and other studies. They encouraged them to read current news accounts as they would ancient history. Daughters and sons alike

entered into political and scientific discussions as well as analyses of various literary works and authors' styles.

That the grace and happiness of the home was sometimes marred by the frustrations and irritations to be expected in a normal, growing family can also be deduced from the family letters which have survived. In writing to her husband in 1832, Letitia complained of the disrespectful behavior of their fifteen-year-old and twelve-year-old boys. To the sons' credit, Robert and young John became thoughtful, considerate adults admonishing their children, as their own father had done, "to love each other, and by their conduct to show that love and affection" expected of them.

Major John Tyler later wrote of his mother's unselfish concern for the advancement of her husband. She was determined, he emphasized, that John Tyler "should not sink through poverty, nor be compelled to abdicate the glorious career before him by the stern requirements of his domestic affairs." Her skill in overseeing the plantations and her generosity with her inheritance eased the financial sacrifices necessitated by her husband's giving up the practice of law for public service (then a field of small remuneration).

Letitia and the children are known to have accompanied John for stays in Gloucester and Williamsburg. However, until Tyler's presidency—when as an invalid his wife lived in seclusion in a second-floor room of the White House—she joined him only once in Washington for the winter social season.

Not that there was any expectation on his part that she should be other than at home during the congressional sessions, but year after year John's letters<sup>+</sup> are filled with hopes of being with his family for the Christmas holidays (and coincidentally to partake of the

<sup>+</sup>Much of John Tyler's correspondence deals with matters of state. No attempt has been made in this brief sketch of his wife to cover his active public career or the issues which he faced. The history of the times is covered in numerous volumes dealing with the "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too" campaign and the political and economic developments of the period.

personal charm, educated and accomplished. In 1844, while still the President, he married the twenty-four-year-old Julia Gardiner, daughter of the Honorable David and Juliana (McLachlan) Gardiner of New York. Seven children were born to John and Julia (Gardiner) Tyler:

David Gardiner Tyler, born 12 July 1846, Member of Congress and of Virginia Senate, Judge of 14th Judicial Circuit of Virginia; married in 1894 Mary Morris Jones, born 1865. Five children.

John Alexander Tyler, born 1848, died 1883; married Sarah Gardiner. They had two children.

Julia Tyler, born 25 December 1850, died 1871; married William H. Spencer. They had one child.

Lachlan Tyler, born 1851, died 1902, became a medical doctor; married Georgia Powell. They had no issue.

Lyon Gardiner Tyler, born August 1853, died 12 February 1935, received LL.D. degree, became President of William and Mary College; married 1) Annie Baker Tucker, by whom he had three children, and 2) Sue Ruffin, by whom he had two children.

Robert Fitzwalter Tyler, born 1856; married Fannie Glenn. They had no issue.

Pearl Tyler, born about 1860; married William H./M. Ellis. They had eight children.

Descendants of John Tyler by Letitia Christian and Julia Gardiner have made significant contributions to their country and communities.

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Your mother's health is bad. Her mind is greatly prostrated by her disease, and she seems to be quite anxious to have you with her.

. . . We had an immense crowd on the Fourth, and splendid fireworks at night; but the most interesting matter was that I had Alice and Tazewell christened with Priscilla's two children. No one was present but the family.

Devout Episcopalians though they were, the Tylers were fairly typical Virginians in allowing delays between births and christenings.

Whether her daughter Mary was able to make arrangements to arrive in Washington while the First Lady was still living is not known, but Elizabeth (Christian) Douglas was with her paralyzed sister at the time of death. Relief at cessation of a loved one's suffering is evident in the words of Elizabeth. "All appearance of age vanished from her features, and she looked as she did at 19 . . . death itself had left on her only the beautiful."

Following a Washington funeral, Letitia's body was taken to Richmond and met by local residents and the Governor. According to reports, the following day, while the Capitol bell tolled, the procession set out for New Kent, where her remains were laid to rest in the family plot at "Cedar Grove," the place of her birth.

A fitting tribute to Letitia (Christian) Tyler appeared in the *Intelligencer*:

. . . a wife, a mother, and Christian;  
loving and confiding to her husband, gentle  
and affectionate to her children, kind and  
charitable to the needy and afflicted.

## EPILOGUE

With customary dignity and diligence John Tyler continued to fulfill his duties as President of the United States, exhibiting the same independence of spirit which had previously marked the carrying out of his public trusts. Although a Whig, Tyler was never a respecter of parties; he relied instead on his finely drawn personal convictions. With his usual deep interest and affection, he guided his children in the same spirit. Two years would elapse before the widower remarried.

Like Letitia, John Tyler's second wife was a woman of great

"plain" home cooking rather than the "intolerable" French-style cuisine then popular in the capital):

I propose, if I possibly can, to visit my family this Christmas. . . .  
from Washington, 16 December 1817  
I wish, if possible, to visit my family at Christmas for one week . . .  
from Philadelphia, 18 December 1818  
I propose to visit my family at Xmas . . .  
from Washington, 8 December 1820

In fact, though, all too often his official obligations interfered with fulfillment of his personal desires. So as to be able to spend more time at home, Tyler declined renomination to the U. S. Congress in 1821 and temporarily retired from public life—not returning until two years later, when he accepted again the call to enter the political arena.

If perchance he did not receive letters from his family with each week's mail, John's disappointment was keen. As the children grew, their letters supplemented the ones sent by Letitia who, because of illness or confinement due to the birth of a child or even the care or entertainment of others, sometimes missed the regular mail. From the Senate Chamber 24 February 1828, John Tyler wrote:

My Dear Daughter [Mary]: Your letter of last Saturday found me in my seat in this chamber, and it gave me much uneasiness to be informed of your mother's indisposition. I hope, however, that it is no more than the ordinary headache under which she labors, and that the next morning found her restored to health. . . .

Indeed, Letitia's illnesses could not be ignored, and references to them became more frequent through the years. Writing to his friend and colleague, Littleton Waller Tazewell, from Gloucester 8 May 1831, Tyler explained:

In all Virginia, so far as my knowledge extends, our course on the Turkish mission meets with decided approval. . . . I desired much to have seen you before responding to the invitation to the public dinner, proposed to have been given in Richmond, as I esteemed it highly important that we should act in unison, but the illness of Mrs. Tyler, which occurred the very day after I reached my new residence, and from which she is but now slowly recovering, prevented it. She was so very ill upon my receiving the invitation that I was left but one course to pursue, and that was to decline its acceptance. . . .

In January 1836 writing from Washington, he expressed to daughter Mary his wish for Letitia's speedy recovery from a minor ailment. "I hope your mother has recovered from her cold. . . ." From Washington 24 December 1830, again in a letter to Mary, who at that time was attending school in Williamsburg, he remarked on his wife's post-delivery course:

. . . I received a letter yesterday from your mother, who is improving in her health. She has no doubt informed you of your having another brother, who is now some two weeks old. I have not yet fixed upon a name for him, and incline to drop the family names altogether. Inform me of some one which may occur to you. . . .

On 8 February 1831 he was pleased to report:

Your mother was, at the date of her last letter, very well, and the little boy quite promising. I have selected for him the name of Tazewell, after my colleague.

For John and Letitia (Christian) Tyler, the children were their "principal treasures." Interspersed through letters to all the youngsters are admonitions and encouragement to study, to be obedient and good, always to do what is "right" and "becoming." There was real pleasure for the parents when Robert or John passed their examinations well. Mary's devotion and conscientiousness were a constant blessing to them. They derived considerable joy when "Misses Letty and Lizzie" began to take a greater interest in their music and books. And they took delight in the progress of "little Alice" and, finally, young Tazewell.

All their attention was, of course, not directed toward their children or even toward each other. Both were public-spirited individuals who wished to contribute "something to the stock of general happiness." To this, John Tyler's votes and exertions were zealously directed. To this end, too, Letitia attended to community needs. Her son John recalled his mother's charity and kindness in nursing slave families and the neighborhood sick, to whom she took food and medicine. According to her son, she never turned away anyone from her door, sheltering and feeding those who sought her help. With "true southern hospitality," the Tylers opened their homes to all.

The widespread admiration and respect accorded the Tylers by family and friends came, too, from outside their intimate circles. Anne Royall's 1830 "Letters from Alabama" included John, Letitia, and Mary in her impressions of personalities in the national capital.

Senator Tyler, of Virginia, is a fine looking man. He is very fair, with a high retreating forehead, Roman nose, and features of the best Grecian model. If I was pleased with the appearance of Mr. Tyler, I was charmed with that of Mrs. and Miss Tyler . . . [In addition to them] there were one or two other ladies in the party, all of whom for beauty of person and eloquence of manner greatly exceed any females I met in Washington.



LETITIA CHRISTIAN



JOHN TYLER

The gentle, gracious Mrs. Tyler, crippled by a stroke in 1838, recovered sufficiently to continue managing her home and family unobtrusively. In spite of her handicap, she joined her husband at the White House on his ascendancy to the Presidency at the death of William Henry Harrison only one month after the inauguration.

Because of her disability, Letitia was never able to become an active White House hostess, a position assumed by her daughter Letitia and her daughter-in-law Priscilla (Cooper) Tyler. On 6 July 1842 just two months before his wife's death, the President wrote to Mary: