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People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors.

Edmund Burke
(1729-1797)

We owe it to our ancestors to preserve entire those rights, which they have delivered to our care: we owe it to our posterity, not to suffer their dearest inheritance to be destroyed.

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from *The Letters of Junius XX*
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A SALUTE TO DAVE CHRISTIAN, OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WINNER

"The American Dream Turns to Gold"
 "U. S. Kids Beat the World's Best to Win Hockey Title"
 "Olympic Team Finds End of the Rainbow"
 "Dave Christian—Olympic Puck Hero"

Headlines across the nation February 24 hailed the winning of the Olympic gold medal by the United States ice hockey team at the 1980 winter games in Lake Placid, New York; and news coverage acclaimed Dave Christian's role in the victory.

In describing the Warroad, Minnesota, player following the preliminaries U. S. Coach Herb Brooks called attention to the young man's talent and skill:

Christian is probably our best all-round hockey player. If we need help on the wings, I put him there. . . . We've had some problems at defense; and when I put him there, he solved a big problem for us. . . . After looking at him at defense, I found out he might be as good a defenseman as we have. He's our best overall hockey player in terms of all the skills. When he's on the ice and touches the puck, you know he's going to make the right play for us."

And make the right plays he did with a total of seven assists in the series of games. Starting with an unpromising 2-2 tie with Sweden, the team convincingly defeated the Czechs 7-3, downed Roumania 7-2, clobbered Norway 5-1, and won a tough match 4-2 over West Germany. Then in chalking up their 4-3 win over the Soviet Union (who had not lost an Olympic hockey game in twelve years), Christian electrified the crowd as he moved in at the Russian goalie, picked up a pass, and fed it to a teammate who rapped it home for a goal. Finally, by beating Finland 4-2 in their sixth-come-from-behind victory, the Americans turned one of the biggest team upsets in Olympic competition into a national celebration—and in so doing repeated history.

For twenty years ago, in 1960, another unlikely U. S. ice hockey team, sparked by two Christian brothers, upset the Canadians, Roumanians, and Czechs to win the gold medal at Squaw Valley. Those two Christians were none other than Dave's father and uncle, Bill and Roger Christian, also from Roseau County, Minnesota. Billy, as he was called then, scored the winning goal in the victory over the Soviets, and Roger was the star of the final game against Czechoslovakia.

Dave's gratitude to his family and admiration for his parents, Bill and Carol (Ness) Christian, were proudly proclaimed over national television. We join him in saluting them as we salute him: Dave Christian, Olympic Gold Medal Winner!

A biannual publication devoted to the history and genealogy of families with the surname of Christian. Published in January and July on a non-profit basis, the CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES offers a forum for the exchange of data and an outlet for articles on all branches of the family. Queries are free with preference to subscribers. Accuracy is the goal; but if errors do occur, corrections and retractions will gladly be printed following receipt.

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CLANS, TARTANS, BADGES, ARMS

- AND THE CHRISTIANS

See page 301 of this issue for "Heraldry in Scotland—Selected References"

ARMS IN SCOTLAND

Scottish heraldry, entirely distinct in administration from the British system, is deeply grounded in Scots law. According to Sir J. Balfour Paul, Lord Lyon King of Arms responsible for all matters of heraldry during the early twentieth century, there were many families in Scotland who could "prove that they had a right to Arms previous to the commencement of the compilation of the Register in 1672, but whose ancestors did not obtemper the order contained in the Act of Parliament of that year to give in their Arms to be recorded by the Lyon."

It is likely that the Christians or MacChristians were among them since, although members of the gentry from an early date, no Arms had been registered by any representative of either name prior to 1903—as had been done for several branches of families known as Christie or Chrystie.

CLANS AND TARTANS

The clan system, which evolved in the Highlands of Scotland, has been from antiquity associated with distinctive dress. The "sundrie coloured, chequered" tartan formed part of the everyday garb of the people for many centuries until each particular pattern became recognized as a symbol for tribal kinship.

As Lowlanders situated in the southwestern coastal area during the height of Clan dominance under the powerful chiefs, the Christians and MacChristians, so far as can be determined, did not establish permanent ties with any of the clans or associated septs and thus have no official tartan.

CREST BADGES

The wearing of crest badges as an expression of kinship or allegiance to some Highland clan or Scottish family is a survival from an ancient custom recognized in heraldic law. The conventional representation of the old metal plate badge consists of the chief's crest encircled by a metal strap and buckle with the chief's motto cut or engraved on the strap. By legally displaying a crest badge, the wearer indicates that he is a kinsman or follower of the chief whose crest is shown.

The Christies as a sept of clan Farquharson, the Gilchrists and MacGilchrists of clan MacLachlan, and the MacQuistans and MacQuistens of Clan MacDonald, for example, are entitled to wear not only the crest badges but also the clan tartans of the respective chief. Individual Christians may at sometime in their history have aligned themselves under the MacDougalls, who held power near Wigtown where many Christian families were located; but documentation for any formal fealty is lacking. Furthermore, it is not known whether the marriages of the Christians into clan families resulted in adoption of any tartan or crest.

NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. III, pages 183-186

From the Editor:

The following significant references from the Goochland County, Virginia, *Court Order and Minute Books* were used in preparation of "Elusive Connections—Thomas & Rebecca Christian Identities."

- Book IV, page 137—May 1737: Thomas Christian will recorded. Rebecca Christian, Ext^x Oaths of John McBride, John Prier, John Clark, Thomas Wright.
- Book V, page 343—Mar. 1743/4: Thomas Christian's will proved. Others mentioned: Rebecca Christian, Ext., Edmund Wood, Anthony Bennin, Thos. Edwards, George Holmes Gwin.
- Book V, page 360—Aug. 1744: Christian vs. Goodwin—Thomas Christian, now dec'd., Rebecca Christian, Extx. John Goodwin, dft. not present.
- Book V, page 479—Aug. 1744: Thomas Christian inventory recorded.
- Book VI, page 32—Mar. 1744/5: William Christian agst. Rebecca Christian, Ext^x of Thomas Christian.
- Book VI, page 276—Mar. 1746/7: "On the Sciro ffacias brought by James Scott agt. Joseph Smith & Rebecca his wife Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Thomas Christian deceased to renew a Judgment of this Court Dated in August MDCCXLIV for Thirty-five Shillings [illigible] Curr. Money and Sixty two pounds of neet Tobacco the Sherif having returned on the alias Scire ffacias that the Defts. are not found and they failing to appear on the motion of the plt. the said Judgmt. is rendered for the said Sums of Money and Tobacco to be paid out of the said Defendents Estate in their Lands together with the Costs of this Sciro ffacias and it is considered that Execution do issue thereon."
- Book VII, page 142—July 1752: William Christian agst Joseph Smith & Rebecca his wife extrx. of last will & testament of Thomas Christian dec'd.
- Book VIII, page 238—July 1759: Joseph Smith and Rebecca his wife Executrix etc. of Thomas Christian decd plts. agst. John Goodwin deft.

A line of type was inadvertently omitted from page 184 following eighth line from bottom of page. Copy should have appeared as follows:

. . . This Thomas Christian and a John Prier were engaged in a joint land transaction as early as 1714, indicating that there could have been a relationship such as that of brothers-in-law. If so, their marriages to the New sisters probably preceded that date. . . .

Review of Editor's records for 1714 in Virginia indicates that Burns and McClanahan, the sources attributing a joint land transaction to Prier and Christian, may have been in error.

NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. III, page 170

Data from Ted O. Brooke, comments by the Editor:

An Index to Marriage Bonds Filed in the North Carolina State Archives, 1741-1868 contains the following pertinent entries for the article entitled "Christians in North Carolina—A Drury Christian Family":

**Nancy Christian married James Durham 26 August 1783 in Warren County, North Carolina; bondsmen: Nath. Thompson and Samuel Thompson.

This Nancy Christian, referred to as Ann in estate papers, was daughter of Drury and Lucretia "Lucy" (Williams) Christian.

**William Christian married Tabitha House 8 July 1794 in Warren County, North Carolina; bondsman: Ransom Kimbel.

This William Christian may have been William, the son of Drury and Lucretia "Lucy" (Williams) Christian.

**Drury Christian married Betsey Brewer in Warren County, North Carolina (no date given although bond with papers from about 1790); bondsman: Allen Brewer.

This Drury Christian was probably the son of Drury and Lucretia "Lucy" (Williams) Christian.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. III, pages 219-229

From Louis Koenig:

Following are some corrections and additions to entries in "Migration":

ARCHIBALD HUNT CHRISTIAN--moved to Greensboro, Greene County, Alabama, in February 1847. In the early 1830's he had moved from Virginia to Sumter County, Alabama, then to Eutaw, Greene County, before finally settling in Greensboro. Hale County was not created from Greene until 1867.

CHARLES WOODSON CHRISTIAN--was not married in Richmond County, Georgia. His marriage 6 June 1807 is found in *Elbert Marriages, Book "H" rebound into "L-F"*, page 39. This may not be the Charles Woodson Christian who married Mary Walton Maxwell.

ELIJAH W. CHRISTIAN--judging by Lynn Archer's lineage in Volume No. 1, page 17, his mother would be named Susanna Lovejoy, not Sarah Lovejoy.

GEORGE ASBURY CHRISTIAN--married Elizabeth (Applewhite) Jordan, daughter of Henry Applewhite, granddaughter of Henry Applewhite—not Applewhaite. The marriage record appears in Madison County, Georgia, *Marriage Book 1812-1843*, page 56.

JOSEPH DANIEL CHRISTIAN--birth date is 19 or 20 November 1820. This comes from the work of Leonora Ellen Jones of Albany, Georgia, who, I believe, must have had the George Christian (father of Joseph) Bible.

SAMUEL W. CHRISTIAN--according to Spencer's *Marriage Bonds and Ministers Returns of Union County, Arkansas, 1829-1870*, he married Louisa J. P. George 7 December 1848. Name Laura J. P. shown in the 1850 Union County, Arkansas, census is probably an enumerator error. Samuel's move to Arkansas occurred before his marriage.

WILLIAM MURRAY CHRISTIAN--marriage to Mary Massengale is found in *Madison County, Alabama, Record 1*, page 272, dated 16 September 1816, not 1817. (This information received from my colleague Eunie V. Christian Stacy, who is very reliable and very accurate.)



CHRISTIE OF BALBUCHLIE
Or, a saltire engrailed between four mullets sable.



CHRISTIE OF CRAIGTON
Or, a saltire inverted between four mullets sable.



CHRISTIE OF WHYTHOUSE
Or, a saltire between four mullets sable.



CHRISTIE OF ABERDEEN
Or, a saltire indented between four mullets sable.

CHRISTIE OF EDALE
Or, a saltire wavy between four spur-revels sable.

COATS OF ARMS OF SOME CHRISTIE FAMILIES



MACLACHLAN

CREST BADGE: *Out of crest coronet a castle, triple towered, proper.*
MOTTO: *Fortis et fidus (Brave and trusty).*

GÆLIC NAME: *Mac Lachlainn.*



MACDOUGALL

CREST BADGE: *On a cap of maintenance a dexter arm in armour embowed, fessways, couped, proper, holding a cross crosslet fitchy, gules.*
MOTTO: *Bunadh no bàs (To conquer or die).*

GÆLIC NAME: *Mac Dhùghaill.*



MACDONALD OF THE ISLES

CREST BADGE: *Out of coronet a hand in armour fessways, holding by its point a cross crosslet fitchy, gules.*
MOTTO: *Per mare per terras (By sea and by land).*

GÆLIC NAME: *Mac Dhòmhlaill.*



FARQUHARSON

CREST BADGE: *Out of chapeau gules turned ermine a demi-lion rampant, gules, holding in his dexter paw a sword, proper pommelled, or.*
MOTTO: *Fide et fortitudine (By fidelity and fortitude).*

GÆLIC NAME: *Mac Fhearchair.*

CREST BADGES OF SOME SCOTTISH CLANS

'FIRST FAMILY' RELATIONS

BY
CAREY BANKHEAD

FOREWORD

In my search for ancestors, I consider myself impartial so far as the several family lines are concerned. I am thrilled whenever a name or date is added to any of them or any data is obtained explaining even the slightest bit further the lives of forebears.

Quirks of fate have made my work in certain areas much easier and sometimes all but unnecessary. Whenever one is fortunate or unfortunate enough, depending upon the circumstances, to have famous or even infamous characters as ancestors, he can find that much of the research normally required has been done by others. I am thankful for the work professional individuals and organizations have done on lines into which I fit, for at least the reason that their efforts have given me the opportunity to use what free time I have to trace other, less accessible lines.

While combining the information assembled by others with what I had accumulated, I was struck by the fairly remarkable lineage of a relatively close ancestor of mine. Anyone reviewing his heritage might at first consider his existence and that of his predecessors somewhat lofty or out of the mainstream of ordinary family life. Closer scrutiny, however, would underscore the truth that even such "first families" suffered right along with "average families"—at times surpassing them in tragic loss.

The fact that this ancestor is also the first of my line to include Christian descent makes this publication an appropriate forum for review and scrutiny.

FIRST-BORN OF THE FIRST-BORN

Archer Christian Bankhead, my great-great-grandfather, was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, on 15 September 1833. He was the

About the author:

A banker by trade, Carey Bankhead is a Christian descendant who enjoys history and genealogy as a hobby—especially when they permit research and writing. Active in the Monticello Association (the organization of Jefferson descendants which owns and maintains the graveyard at Monticello), he is also working on a book covering the history of his home area in Missouri for an historical society.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. I, page 40

From Frank Asbury Christian:

The wife of Crockett Christian was erroneously shown as Rachel Hankins. Her name should have appeared as Rachel Beavers, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Hankins) Beavers, who were married 22 September 1825. Marriage date for Crockett Christian and Rachel Beavers is not known but would have been at least fifteen or twenty years later than the "1820's or 1830's" given in Volume No. I. (Photocopy from John Newton Harman's *Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia* provided the correction and is the source erroneously quoted originally.)

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. III, page 176

From Mrs. S. P. Cammack:

James Stanley Carter, #4 on pedigree chart, was born 28 December 1873, not 1872 as originally submitted.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. III, page 177

From the Editor:

Martha Bradley, #5 on the pedigree chart, was born c. 1757, not 1857 as shown.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. III, page 232

From Erma Christian Clemons:

Elizabeth Hewett was not the wife of James Christian as originally submitted for Query 80-70. Instead, James M. Christian was married twice, 1) to Mary Rean/Reur/Reun/Read 13 November 1850 in Roane County, Tennessee, and 2) to Mary Elizabeth "Bettie" Bruce 13 November 1860 in Roane County, Tennessee. Also, his birth was more likely in Tennessee rather than in Virginia or Kentucky as formerly assumed. See new Query 80-84 in this issue.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. III, page 231

From Edna Mae Russell:

Birth date for Samuel Marshall Christian should have appeared as 7 March 1817, not 17 March 1817 as originally submitted for Query 80-66. Correct date for marriage of Samuel Marshall Christian to second wife Clarinda Adeline Smith is 10 March 1865.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. III, page 224

From the Editor:

Claims of descendants indicate that the John Christian whose estate was settled in Franklin County, Georgia, in 1805 was the John Christian who married Mary Maynard rather than the one who married Mary Harvey.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, pages 150-151

From Wilma L. Coats:

The John Christian, born c. 1780 in Virginia, who married 1) Johanna Farley and 2) Nancy () Blankenship apparently married 3) Martha () Shattock, widow of Simeon Shattock 7 March 1853 in Lawrence County, Ohio. As noted by space for maiden name, there is evidence that Nancy was also a widow when she married John. Of the children of David and Abigail (White) Christian: The son listed as fifth child was James R. Christian (middle initial "R"); and sixth child was Romaine, a French name from Romaine Bureau, an early French settler of Gallia County, Ohio.

80-83 Ms. Catharine Tietz
R. R. 5, Box 132, Omaha, Nebraska 68112:

My great-grandmother's name was Martha Christian, and she was born March 1830 in Virginia. Where? She married Silas Hawkins, born September 1826 in Kentucky. They were supposed to have lived in Washington County, Illinois, before moving to Laclède County, Missouri, sometime between 1866 and 1870. Their first child was born in 1854 in Illinois. Who were Martha's Virginia-born parents?

80-84 Mrs. Erma Christian Clemons
Route 1, Box 656-A, Cedar Hill, Missouri 63016:

Since placing Query 80-70 in Volume No. III of *Christian Family Chronicles*, I have made several discoveries. The James Christian mentioned therein was James M. Christian, born October 1831 in Tennessee. He did not marry Elizabeth Hewett; he married 1) Mary Rean/Reur/Reun/Read 13 November 1850 in Roane County, Tennessee, and 2) Mary Elizabeth "Bettie" Bruce 13 November 1860 in Roane County, Tennessee. Some of James' children were born to first wife and some to second: William Christian, born August 1851; John T. Mitchell Christian, born 25 September 1859 near Mount Pisgah, Kentucky; Jesse L. Christian, born 12 May 1865 in Kentucky; James Christian, who died as an infant; Myra Christian; Carrie Christian; Emarine Christian, born July 1877; and Martha Christian, born May 1879; and there were others. My grandfather, John T. Mitchell Christian, married 1) Elizabeth "Betty" Smith and 2) her sister, Rebecca Ann Smith, both daughters of James and Elizabeth (Hewett) Smith. What is correct surname for James M. Christian's first wife?

James M. Christian was the son of Gilbert and Mary (Terry) Christian. Who were parents of the Gilbert Christian who married Mary Terry, born about 1805 in Tennessee? Who were her parents? What was name of woman who married Gilbert Christian 27 October 1825 in Roane County, Tennessee?

I also need names of parents of several Christian wives:
Elizabeth Stogland who married John Christian, probably in Overton County, Tennessee, in early 1800's;
Margaret Anderson who married another Gilbert Christian in 1762 in Augusta County, Virginia. He died in Knox County, Tennessee in 1793;
Isabella Tiffins who married Robert Christian in 1732 in Winchester, Virginia (then in Augusta/ now in Frederick County).

Finally, I would greatly appreciate any information on the Smith family which migrated with the Christians to Reynolds County, Missouri, from Wayne County, Kentucky, in April 1895. Several generations of the Smith line intermarried with members of the Christian family.

first of four children born to John Warner and Elizabeth Poindexter (Christian) Bankhead. His mother, a daughter of Archibald and Fanny (Warren) Christian, was born 9 March 1814 at Providence Forge, New Kent County, where her father—a merchant there—died when she was but three years old.

John Warner Bankhead, like his son, was also the first of four children. Born 1 December 1811 at "Monticello," his parents were Charles Lewis and Anne Cary (Randolph) Bankhead. His father, too, was a first-born of four and his mother, the first-born of twelve children of Governor Thomas Mann Randolph, Jr., and the former Martha Jefferson.

Martha (Jefferson) Randolph, whose birth 27 September 1772 occurred a few years after her father began his distinguished public career, was her parents' first child. Thomas Jefferson and the widow Martha (Wayles) Skelton had married on 1 January 1772. Of their six children, only Martha and her sister, Maria, lived to maturity. For the eventual President, death of these children marred the joys of parenthood; and Mrs. Jefferson's death when Martha was ten years old added to the survivors' sorrows. Mr. Jefferson would live over forty years a widower, burying all but one of his children.

RECIPROCAL DEALINGS

Relations between the Randolphs and Jeffersons of Virginia extended over several generations with mutual ties of kinship and friendship. Accordingly, Thomas Mann Randolph, Jr., was no stranger to Mr. Jefferson when he married daughter Martha 23 February 1790. William Randolph of "Tuckahoe," the groom's grandfather, had been a close friend of Peter Jefferson, the bride's grandfather. Indeed, William appointed Peter executor and guardian of his son, the first Thomas Mann Randolph.

Significantly, Thomas Jefferson's mother was the former Jane

Randolph. So, as Thomas Jefferson and the senior Thomas Mann Randolph grew up together, it was as friends and kinsmen.

At the appropriate age, Thomas Mann Randolph, Jr., accompanied his brother, William, to the University of Edinburgh, largely on Mr. Jefferson's advice. His plans to study law there were first postponed and then abandoned at Jefferson's urging, replaced by the suggested pursuit of the sciences in Scotland and law once he was again in Virginia. He was twenty-one when he became Thomas Jefferson's son-in-law and would follow in the elder's footsteps to the extent of becoming Governor of Virginia. Thomas and Martha lived in close proximity to her father throughout life, and the eleven of their twelve children who survived gave their grandfather much pleasure along with the inevitable concerns.

GENTLE BIRTH INTO LIFE'S CRUELITIES

The arrival of a first grandchild on 23 January 1791 had a tremendous effect on the then Secretary of State of the nation. From the beginning Mr. Jefferson enthusiastically participated in Anne Cary Randolph's development. Later on as President, correspondence between him and this pre-teenage granddaughter was said to have held more significance for him than did any from foreign heads of state or his domestic contemporaries. In her youth Anne was his correspondent on anything pertaining to the out-of-doors, and she reported regularly on the plantings and bloomings at "Monticello" during his absences. In fact, Mr. Jefferson exchanged letters with each of his grandchildren as they reached pre-adolescence, taking great interest in their studies and activities. He had always been deeply involved in their lives, even selecting their names at birth.

When only seventeen years old, Anne Randolph married Charles Lewis Bankhead, himself only twenty. Probably due to their relative youth, even for colonial times, the couple's wedding took place with little fanfare. They settled down to married life at "Carlton"

80-81 Mrs. Gay Dorroh
Route 1, Box 145, Buhl, Alabama 35446:

Who are the parents of James Madison "Matt" Christian, born 22 April 1822 in Laurens County or District, South Carolina. He came to Alabama when he was 28 years old and died in Tuscaloosa County 3 February 1887; married 25 January 1842 Euphemia Dunn, who was born 8 November 1817 and died in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama 20 May 1910. They had nine children (not necessarily in birth order):

1. Mary Jane Christian, born 19 January 1844; married Isaac LaFayette McMillian.
2. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Christian married Robert Turner.
3. Susan Christian married Levi Phillips.
4. John Nick Christian, born 1856, married Cherokee Jemison Turner.
5. Winton Christian, born 1858, married Mary Suzann Earnest.
6. Ellen Louvina Christian, born 1861, married Levi Earnest.
7. Jaley Adeline Christian married John Swindle.
8. James M. Christian married "Sister" Clements.
9. Prince Christian married Martha or Sarah Turner.

All children were born in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Could this family be related to the James Christian mentioned in "Migration" (page 223 of *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. III) as having moved to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, and as having died in 1852 or 1853?

80-82 Mr. Richard Brenneman
84 South 10th Street, San Jose, California 95112:

1. I would like more information on Edmund New (wills 1726, Henrico County, Virginia) and his family; father of Rebecca New, wife of Thomas Christian (will 1736, Goochland County, Virginia). Was he a descendant or relative of Richard New, who was granted land in mid-1600's (for which see *Cavaliers and Pioneers*)?
2. I would like correspondence with descendants of James Coleman (c. 1732-1796) of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, Virginia. I am compiling descendants to at least the fifth generation in both male and female lines, as well as information on him and his family and on his life as a landowner of the time of Thomas Jefferson in the same area. He married Elizabeth Leake and was a grandson of Samuel and Ann Mourning (Christian) Coleman. I am looking for letters, diaries, family Bible records, etc. Allied families are Durham, Fitzgerald, Hatter, Isbell, Johnson, Polson, and Sims.
3. I am also looking for proven ancestry for Samuel Coleman (died 1748, Goochland County, Virginia, place of birth not known). I believe Ann Mourning Christian may not have been his only wife since his sons—or some of them—seem to have been older than her children would have been at the time of his death.

80-77 Mr. B. G. Christian
3828 Minot Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76133:

I have traced my branch of the Christian family from Daniel Christian, as follows:

Daniel Christian, Sr. (1762, PA - 1847, IL) = Elizabeth Nikerk
 Daniel Christian, Jr. (1788, PA - 1848, IL) = Christiana Arnsbarger
 George W. Christian (1812, MD - 1889, TX) = Ellen
 Charles S. Christian (1844, IL - 1923, TX) = Anne Elizabeth Murray
 Benjamin T. Christian (1884, TX - 1956, TX) = 1) Buena Ora Gaston
 Bernard G. Christian (1915, TX -) = Viola Irene Manasterski

Any assistance on obtaining more information about my line would be greatly appreciated.

80-78 Mrs. Grace Baccus
106 Palm Springs Drive, Slidell, Louisiana 70458:

I wish to identify the parents of the Elizabeth Christian who married John Sewell in Franklin County, Georgia, in 1811. She was thought by some descendants to have died about 1862, the date they placed on her grave marker years later. How was Elizabeth related to the other Georgia Christians? Any help would be appreciated.

80-79 Mrs. S. P. Cammack
350 East Rustic Road, Santa Monica, California 90402:

I need parentage of James Christian who married Lucy Bradley, daughter of William Bradley, probably in Bedford or Buckingham County, Virginia. Her siblings married between 1769 and 1784. They later lived in Franklin County, Georgia, possibly beginning about 1799.

I also need given name and parentage of _____ Christian, who married Robert C. Oglesby about 1812 near or in Elbert County, Georgia. She died before 1823. Children were Drury, Sallie or Sarah, Antoinette, Rufus, possibly three others. Two of Robert Oglesby's siblings married children of John and Mary (Maynard) Christian of Franklin County, Georgia.

80-80 Mrs. H. W. Alligood
249 N. E. 98th Street, Miami Shores, Florida 33138:

Does anyone have proof of the parentage of Capt. John Christian who married Mary Maynard 3 February 1768 in Virginia? His estate was administered in Franklin County, Georgia, in 1805.

Rev. Gabriel Christian, a son of John and Mary (Maynard) Christian, married 9 July 1810 in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, a woman with the unusual name of Harrison Blair Gilmer. D. A. R. records show her as the third wife of Gabriel; however, for over forty years we have not been able to find evidence of existence of two first wives. Had he married before? If so, what were names of the earlier wives? Please notify me if you have any clues.

on the western slope of "Monticello" within sight of both the Randolph and Jefferson homes.

A promising start was made by the new husband, the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Bankhead.* He dove into the study of law, much to the delight and encouragement of Mr. Jefferson. But the gentility of family background proved no protection against human frailties. Strains began to develop in the household centering on C. L. Bankhead's growing alcoholism. To the distress of the worried families—Jefferson, Randolph, and Bankhead—Charles lost interest in his legal studies; and the President and Governor Randolph substituted farming for them. To this he gave only superficial attention, but Anne Bankhead clung to her husband. Only regard for her wishes seems to have prevented the parents from separating the family.

The papers of Thomas Jefferson reveal several examples of the turmoil and resentment generated, and in 1815 he was writing Dr. Bankhead of his great concern for the welfare of the young family. Probably the most tragic point of this drama was an altercation about this time on the courthouse lawn in Charlottesville with Charles Lewis Bankhead and his brother-in-law, Thomas Jefferson Randolph, squared off against each other with knife and buggy whip in hand. Randolph suffered severe knife wounds as he beat his sister's husband senseless with his whip. In the darkness, a seventy-five-year-old former President sped down his mountain on horseback to salvage what he could from the situation. Neither combatant sustained lasting physical injuries, though the mental strain on all concerned increased. Fears mounted that Governor Randolph's known temper would result in harm to himself or his

*The parents of Charles Lewis Bankhead were Dr. John Bankhead and the former Mary Warner Lewis, daughter of Charles and Lucy (Taliaferro) Lewis and widow of Philip Lightfoot, by whom she had a son of the same name. She and Dr. Bankhead lived in the Caroline County river village of Port Royal, and through the years Dr. Bankhead and Mr. Jefferson had become intimate friends.

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son-in-law, and these emotions persisted until grief replaced them 11 February 1826 with the death of Anne Cary (Randolph) Bankhead, one of the first to be buried in the "Monticello" graveyard.*

Following her burial Anne's four children, ranging from John Warner Bankhead's fourteen years to his youngest brother's twelve days, were taken in charge by the Randolphs. The widower eventually married Mary Cathrae, a kinswoman of his mother, by whom he had a son, also named Charles Lewis Bankhead. Records in Rockingham County, Virginia, indicate the elder C. L. Bankhead's switch to temperance before his death in 1833. His burial place is unknown to his descendants though they continue a search for it.

PRESIDENTIAL BONDS

In addition to the direct ancestral line to President Thomas Jefferson and to Governor Thomas Mann Randolph, descendants of John Warner Bankhead and wife Elizabeth Poindexter Christian can claim ties of blood or marriage to other American presidents and to many of Virginia's "first families." About eight years after arriving in Westmoreland County, Virginia, the immigrant Dr. James Bankhead on 20 August 1738 married Ellenor Monroe, a sister of the Spence Monroe whose son James would become the fifth President of the United States.

Of James and Ellenor's children and grandchildren who married "well" or who attained high posts were Jane Bankhead Willis, a

*Anne (Randolph) Bankhead was joined in death and in the family burial grounds the following summer by her adoring grandfather, Thomas Jefferson. Her eldest son was among the family members keeping vigil in his room as life slowly left the author of the Declaration of Independence that Fourth of July in 1826. Anne's father was buried near her in 1828. During his last days Thomas Mann Randolph, Jr., had been plagued by financial ruin—just as Mr. Jefferson had come to be—and resented efforts of his son to assist his redemption. He felt his family was plotting against him, and his last days were spent in isolation from them. His wife, Martha (Jefferson) Randolph, was laid to rest at "Monticello" near husband, father, and daughter in 1836.



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. Footnotes include responses and corrections to previous queries as well as additional information and references for past articles.

80-74 Mr. James L. Christian
210 South Bluff Boulevard, Clinton, Iowa 52732:

Samuel Newman Christian, Sr., born 11 June 1890 in Rockport, Indiana, was married in North Platte, Nebraska, 10 January 1916 to Ruea L. Haynes, born 23 December 1898 in Holbrook, Nebraska, daughter of John A. and Corrilla Jane (Baxter) Haynes. Does anyone have information on the Haynes lines of Iowa and Nebraska and on the Baxter lines of Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska? I would like to know identity of Ruea L. (Haynes) Christian's grandparents.

80-75 Mrs. Lynda Sue Baum
SLASC Quarters 26-2, Granite City, Illinois 62040:

I am really interested in finding out more about my great-grandfather, Harland Hollis Christian. Apparently, he and my great-grandmother, Florence Richardson, were divorced after having had three sons, Arthur, Clarence, and Harland; and she subsequently remarried a Mr. Day. Harland, Jr., was born 20 November 1895 in Centralia, Boone County, Missouri. I would be so grateful for any leads at all.

80-76 Dr. Louis Koenig
Route 10, Box 108, San Antonio, Texas 78216:

Leonora Ellen Jones (Mrs. Sidney Johnston Jones), 1873-c. 1962, of Albany, Georgia, being a descendant of Dr. George Christian, 1762-1831, did extensive work and correspondence regarding the Christians. Her papers passed to sister Willie Jones (Mrs. Herman Carl Schultz, Jr.), married 1910, and to niece Eunice Druschka Sullivan (Mrs. Paxton H. Gray), probably married about 1930. Mrs. Schultz lived in California in 1970 and had sons, Herman Carl Schultz III and Charles Frederick Schultz. Mrs. Gray was in Dallas, Texas in 1966 but not there in 1978. I am seeking whereabouts of the foregoing; purpose: to view and preserve Leonora's papers which likely include the Bible of Dr. George Christian.

married three more times: 2) Fanny McGill—no issue; 3) Fanny Hamrick in 1865—left issue, Joseph, Wesley, and Zeulemia Morris; 4) Mary Jones—left issue, Edna J. Morris.

(4) Elizabeth B. "Eliza" Christian—born in 1814 in Madison County, Georgia, lived over eighty-one years (birth date from 1850 Paulding County census and from biographical sketch of her son Elijah in *Memoirs of Georgia*, Volume II, p. 658; life span from latter source). She married before 1837 William Allgood, 1814-1870, and they lived in Paulding County, Georgia. Children: Elijah W. Y. Allgood; William O. H. Allgood; Charles P. D. Allgood; James N. S. Allgood; John Wesley H. Allgood; George A. P. Allgood; Thomas Allgood, and Mary Allgood (same sources).

(5) Hester Ann Christian—born about 1815 (according to the 1850 Muscogee County, Georgia, census); married Silas McGrady in Madison County, Georgia, 6 January 1831 (*Marriage Book ABC*, three volumes bound as one, p. 76). Children, according to 1850 census: Obediah McGrady, born about 1831; C. F. McGrady; Elizabeth McGrady, born 1836; Catherine McGrady, born about 1841; Ivy McGrady, born about 1844; and another child, born about 1847.

DESCENT OF MARY GLADYS (PERRY) JOHNSTON FROM OBED M. CHRISTIAN

- 22. Obediah Mask CHRISTIAN = Joanna BARNES
(see preceding article for data) (see preceding article for data)
- 11. Mary Joyce CHRISTIAN = Ivy MORRIS
born 15 Feb. 1814 Madison Co., GA born 28 Feb. 1818 Elbert Co., GA
mar. 3 Mar. 1839 Meriwether Co., GA died 16 Apr. 1888 Phoenix City, AL
died Apr. 1862 Randolph Co., AL s/o Joseph & Nancy (Allgood) Morris
- 5. Mary Artemicia MORRIS = John Thomas PERRY
born 28 Dec. 1849 Muscogee Co., GA born 31 Dec. 1849 Troup Co., GA
mar. 13 Dec. 1871 Troup Co., GA died 15 May 1925 LaGrange, Troup Co., GA
died 15 Mar. 1919 LaGrange, s/o Thomas Allen &
Troup Co., GA Permelia Jane (Earp) Perry
- 2. Charles Ridley PERRY = Blanche LaMont HEARN
born 11 Jan. 1881 LaGrange, GA born 18 Jan. 1881 Heard Co., GA
mar. 5 Dec. 1901 LaGrange, GA died 14 June 1977 Atlanta, Fulton Co., GA
died 18 Jan. 1958 Atlanta, d/o Thomas Jefferson &
Fulton Co., GA Kathon "Kate" (Garrett) Hearn
- 1. Mary Gladys PERRY = Coy K. JOHNSTON
born 28 Apr. 1907 Conyers, GA born 17 Feb. 1906 Luray, SC
mar. 29 Nov. 1933 Greensboro, NC *in esse*
in esse

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great-granddaughter who married a nephew of President James Madison; a grandson named James Bankhead who served President Monroe as a military attache; another grandson, John Bankhead Magruder—son of Thomas and Ellen (Bankhead) Magruder—who served both as a general in the Confederate Army and in the forces of Maximillian in the Mexican Revolution; and the son of the immigrant, Dr. John Bankhead, who has already been mentioned as a friend of Mr. Jefferson and whose wife, Mary Warner Lewis, was a cousin in varying degrees of the families of Washington, Ball, Marshall, Byrd, Isham, Eppes, Randolph, Taylor, and Willis.

John Bankhead's father, a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and veteran of the Royal British Navy, arranged for his son also to be educated at Edinburgh—as were several others of Scotch ancestry in Port Royal. Following return from overseas, Dr. John Bankhead joined Mary Warner Lewis of the Lewises of "Warner Hall" in marriage 10 May 1787 when he was about 27 years old. With their union another Presidential limb appeared on the family tree since Mary was kin to George Washington through her father's family.

Reviewing the lineage charts of the Randolphs of Virginia is similar to leafing through a roster of that state's Hall of Fame. With its marriages into the families of Lee, Cary, Bolling, Lightfoot, Harrison, Carter, Grymes, Page, Berkeley, and the like, countless connections are possible. Such figures as Chief Justice John Marshall, "Light Horse" Harry Lee, John and Edmund Randolph, and, of course, General Robert E. Lee are prime examples. Added to these is descent from the Indian princess Pocahontas.

VIRGINIANS BECOME MISSOURIANS

John Warner Bankhead graduated from the University of Virginia, the founding of which was his great-grandfather Jefferson's last and possibly greatest labor of love. In 1842 he and his wife Elizabeth Poindexter (Christian) Bankhead joined the trek to the Mississippi

Valley, where they settled into a farming operation in Pike County, Missouri, some seventy miles north of St. Louis. Their four children, all born in Albemarle, accompanied them:

Archer Christian Bankhead, born 15 September 1833, died 1911.
Cary Randolph Bankhead, born 1835, died 1901.
Martha Jefferson Bankhead, born 1837, died 1918.
Thomas Jefferson Bankhead, born 1839, died 1863.

The family flourished in its new surroundings, but little is known of their communication with relatives in Virginia, which included the family of Elizabeth's cousin, Leticia (Christian) Tyler,* who died in 1842 soon after her husband became the tenth President of the United States.

John Warner Bankhead came to be known as one of the most successful of landowners. He was a Whig but not a violent partisan. Gentleness and kindness were his distinguishing characteristics. Opinionated, it seems, just as were his great-grandfather and countless other ancestors, he was quoted as saying, "A road that is good enough for a horse to travel is good enough for me!" This in Pike County, which prided itself on its good roads. His obituary would offer the only printed picture of him: "He was six feet, two inches, high, and his well knit figure always commanded attention. Mr. Bankhead's friends say that he never did even a single hour's work in his life. He was a well-to-do man, and was always a good manager. His home was noted for hospitality, and the good meals served there have become proverbial, even in that neighborhood of fine housekeepers."

John and Elizabeth Bankhead saw that their children were educated to the best degree possible. Archer joined his father in agriculture as the second-born, Cary Randolph Bankhead, became a medical doctor for the area. The life of the third son ended in early manhood during the Civil War.

*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. III, page 187, "Biographical Sketches," for an account of Letitia (Christian) Tyler and her family.

1827 a part of Troup (where her brothers-in-law, William and Elijah W. Christian were then living). From Meriwether she removed into Muscogee County as the families into which her children intermarried resettled.

Joanna (Barnes) Christian made her will in Muscogee 8 May 1851, and it was probated at the July 1851 term of the Court of Ordinary of Muscogee County. Witnesses were N. C. Wardlaw, William Amos, Edmund M. Dozier, and William J. McBride. The testator referred to herself as "being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life." She named her sons-in-law Silas McGrady and Ivy Morris as her executors. She bequeathed "James Osborn, William Dempsey and Mary C. F. children of my son William B. one hundred dollars a piece out of the value of my negroes . . . to be kept at interest until they become of the age of twenty," and left the residue of her estate "to be equally divided between my other four children Elijah O my son Silas McGrady, Ivey Morris and William Allgood sons-in-law." She named her slaves: Hezekiah, 26; Emily, 30; Milly, 6; Reeves, 4; and Charles, 1 year old. Joanna signed her will by her mark. (See Muscogee County, Georgia, *Will Book A*, pp. 121-2.) Her personal estate was appraised 28 August 1851 at \$2,364 plus cash on hand of \$245 (*Bills of Sales, Inventories, and Appraisals, Book C—1848-52*, p. 348). Silas McGrady and Ivy Morris qualified as executors and filed several returns, often delayed.

Five children were born to Obediah M. and Joanna (Barnes) Christian:

(1) William B. Christian—thought to be the eldest child born about 1811, died before 1851 in Columbus; married Catherine Williams. Children: James O. Christian married Ella Gillespie and was later killed by the railroad station agent at Chipley, Georgia; William Dempsey Christian, killed by Robert Bray at White Sulphur Springs; and Mary C. F. "Cassie" Christian married Mr. Key and lived in Atlanta.

(2) Elijah Osborn Christian—born about 1813; married Millie Peavy in 1840 in Meriwether County, Georgia (*Marriage Book A*, p. 114). He was resident in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, at 1850 census taking.

(3) Mary Joyce Christian—born 15 February 1814, died April 1862, buried in Flat Rock, Randolph County, Alabama; married Ivy Morris in Meriwether County, Georgia, 3 March 1839 (*Marriage Book A*, p. 98). Children: Nancy E. J. Morris, born 13 May 1840; Sarah A. E. Morris, born 27 June 1842; Joanna F. Morris, born 5 May 1844; Walter O. Morris, born 6 March 1846; Hester A. A. Morris, born 6 February 1848; Mary Artemicia Morris, born 28 December 1849, married John Thomas Perry† and lived at LaGrange, Georgia; Saletha M. F. Morris, born 27 September 1851; Ivy B. Morris, born 17 September 1854; Laura A. Morris, born 17 June 1856. After the death of Mary Joyce, the widower Ivy Morris

†Mary Gladys (Perry) Johnston, wife of author, traces descent from this union. See her pedigree following this article.

County appeared on the 1821 Land Lottery of Georgia tabulation. Nevertheless, Obediah Christian's name does turn up on two other Madison County records.

On 30 October 1811 in Franklin County (Madison was not legally in existence until 5 December 1811), Obediah was one of nine grantors in the sale to David Morgan for \$242.50 of 76 acres of land on Lamar Creek adjoining land of George Christian. The nine—Isaac Barnes, Absolom Barnes, John Barnes, John Jenkins, Archibald McGrady, Obed M. Christian, Hannah Barnes, Polly "Mary" Barnes, and Nancy Barnes—were all of Franklin County; and Jenkins, McGrady, and Christian acted in the right of their wives, sisters of the other parties, children and heirs of William Barnes and wife Mary, but not so designated in the instrument. Witnesses were John Brooks and G-- M. Christian. (Madison County, Georgia, *Deed Book A*, p. 9.)

In 1812 Obediah Christian was included in a list of jurors serving in the Superior and Inferior Courts of Madison County. Other Christians in the same list were Presley, Edward, and William (from Paul M. Tabor's *The History of Madison County*, p. 184—typescript, 1966, on file in the Ordinary's Office of Madison County).

WIDOW & CHILDREN OF OBED M. CHRISTIAN

Joanna Christian, widow of Obediah, was listed in the 1825 and 1830 Madison County *Tax Digests* (which are in extremely poor condition and far from complete). She was recorded as the head of a family in Sanders District of Madison County, Georgia, in the 1830 census. In her household of ten persons were the following: two white males—one, 10 to 15 years old (Elijah O.), another, 15 to 20 (William B.); four white females—one, 10 to 15 years old (Hester A.), two, 15 to 20 (Elizabeth B. and Mary J.), and one, 40 to 50 (Joanna herself); and four slaves. Other Christians recorded in Sanders District were Elijah W. Christian, 30 to 40, and Nancy Christian.*

Along with several Christian, Barnes, and other families formerly of Madison County, Joanna Christian is found in the late 1830's in Meriwether County.⁺ She lived in the Eighth District, until

*Nancy—or Nancey Christian, as the name appears on the census—is probably the former Nancy Barnes (of the 1811 deed), second wife and widow of Edward Leake Christian, who died in 1825 and was a son of George and Martha (Walton) Christian.

+Several members of connected families are found resident in Harris, Meriwether, Muscogee, and Troup Counties during this period. According to Mrs. Harry Center (*nee* Bettie McComy) of Carbon Hill, Alabama—a descendant of Elijah and Elizabeth (Britt) Christian through their daughter Elizabeth and also a descendant of Mary (Barnes) Jenkins, sister of Joanna Christian—her great-grandfather Absolom Barnes Bondy lived and died at his plantation in Muscogee near the present city of Columbus. Further, among the Allgood and Morris kin was the progenitor Joseph's brother, John Wesley Morris, whose land allegedly constituted a major portion of present Fort Benning.

In June 1857 Archer Christian Bankhead married Mary Graves Chambers of Pike County and St. Louis. She was one of three children of Adam Black Chambers, a Pennsylvanian by birth, and Elizabeth Graves, a Kentuckian. Col. Chambers had migrated to Missouri in 1833, obtained a law degree, served in the Missouri General Assembly, and launched a newspaper career. He died at the age of forty-six in 1854 while editor of the *Missouri Republican* in St. Louis. Mrs. Chambers' father, Major Benjamin Graves, had been killed in the 1812 battle of Rivers Raisen in Kentucky. She was a granddaughter of Captain and Reverend Ambrose Dudley of the Revolution.

Archer and Mary Graves (Chambers) Bankhead had five children, the first arriving in 1859 and the last, in 1874:

John Warren Bankhead, born 25 February 1859 in Pike County, Missouri.
 Thomas Randolph Bankhead, born 1863 in Pike County, Missouri.
 Elizabeth Chambers Bankhead, born 1865 in Pike County, Missouri.
 Benjamin Chambers Bankhead, born 1867 in Pike County, Missouri.
 Archie Cary Bankhead, born 1874 in Pike County, Missouri.

The War Between the States would interrupt this family's life as it would that of thousands throughout the nation. As his father threw his energies and resources behind the southern cause, Archer Christian Bankhead became a Captain in the Confederate Infantry fighting in Missouri. He and a brother-in-law, E. B. Hull, raised two hundred volunteers in Pike County and marched with them across the state through engagements to the decisive battle of Wilson's Creek.

A. C. Bankhead returned home from the war safely, but the family suffered tremendously. His brother, Thomas Mann Randolph Bankhead, had died a Confederate soldier in a Union prison. His brother-in-law, Capt. Benjamin Graves Chambers, had died in action. His father's farm enterprise was ruined, and the southern philosophy which had guided his and other families for generations was shaken beyond repair.

John Warner Bankhead buried his beloved Elizabeth in 1895 in the yard of the Episcopal Church they had helped build in 1856. Two years later he was laid beside her, his obituary proclaiming "a

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pioneer of pioneers." Archer Christian Bankhead would also see his wife die first—in 1906. In 1911 he was buried beside her in the same plot as his parents at St. John's in Prairieville.

LATER GENERATIONS IN THE BANKHEAD-CHRISTIAN DESCENT

Like the earlier generations, the later ones have received their share of accolades and undergone periods of despair. Whether remarkable or ordinary, the life of each family member is richer through knowledge of the heritage passed on from generation to generation.

John Warren Bankhead, whose birth, marriage, and death (19 October 1916) occurred in Pike County, Missouri, married Selma Purgahn, born 12 May 1870 in Ralls County and died 19 June 1956 in Marion County. They had five children in Pike:
Charles Archie Bankhead, born 28 April 1887, died 1 January 1976.
John Warren Bankhead, Jr., born 1889, died 1918.
Pauline Bankhead, born 1893, died 1916.
Jay Houchins Bankhead, born 1898, died 1925.
Mary Clara Bankhead, born 1901, died 1946.

Charles Archie Bankhead married in St. Louis, Missouri, 9 January 1909 Vera Vivian Reese, born 1886, died 1924, daughter of Eli Hugh and Mary Elizabeth (Johnson) Reese. The four children of Charles and Vera were born in Pike County:
Lowell Carey Bankhead, born 14 October 1909, died 11 May 1979.
Audrey Louise Bankhead, born 16 May 1913, still living.
Iris Jean Bankhead Caldwell, born 1916, still living.
Selma Elizabeth Bankhead, born 1918, still living.

Lowell Carey Bankhead married in Hannibal, Missouri, 30 January 1937 Erma Lee Green, born 4 November 1913, daughter of Claude and Erma Lee (Lillard) Green. Children born to them:
Warren Lee Bankhead, stillborn February 1943.
Lowell Carey Bankhead, Jr., born 14 October 1947, still living.

Lowell Carey Bankhead, Jr., married in Higbee, Missouri, 15 September 1968 Charla Marie Rockett, born 7 July 1950 in Moberly, Missouri, the daughter of Charles J. and Ruth (Flud) Rockett. Two children have been born to date:
Lowell Carey Bankhead, III, born 17 September 1972 in Adana, Turkey.
Chanda Rose Lee Bankhead, born 30 April 1976 in Moberly, Missouri.

The legacy of the past is manifest in each generation, and each head of family can share Thomas Jefferson's sentiments, "In due process of time I shall imagine myself as blessed as the most blessed of patriarchs." No more lasting legacy could anyone hope to leave.

GEORGIAN REFERENCES TO OBEDIAH MASK CHRISTIAN & FAMILY

BY

COY K. JOHNSTON

Although born *circa* 1779 in Amherst County, Virginia, Obediah Mask Christian spent his adult life in Georgia. When about ten years of age, he moved with his parents—Elijah and Elizabeth (Britt) Christian—to that part of Franklin County later included within the bounds of Madison County. From the records of those two Georgian counties the course of his life can be reconstructed.

Obediah M. Christian first appears in an extant record in the Franklin County *Tax Digest* for 1810; *viz.*, "Obed M. Christian for Self and Elizabeth Christian" (his mother). Taxes were assessed on one slave and 130 acres of land on Lamar Creek, "bounded by Connally" (presumably David Connally), and amounted to \$1.78. Also in 1810, Obed M. Christian was advertised as a Tax Defaulter. (Another but unidentified researcher has read the extremely poor copy of the *Digest* to show that he failed to pay taxes on "12" slaves, a reading which is obviously incorrect.)

Earlier that year, on 18 January 1810, "Obed M. Christian and Anne Barnes" were married (per *Franklin County Marriage Licenses—1805-26*, p. 41). Joanna, as the bride is generally known, was the daughter of William Barnes, then deceased, and wife Mary who, like the Christians, were also residents and land owners in the Lamar Creek neighborhood. Implications from the *Tax Digest* entry in the same year are that Obediah, after his marriage, continued to reside in the household of his mother and to operate her small plantation—perhaps for the remaining years of his life, in view of the general absence of his name in the land and probate records as well as the later tax digests. Furthermore, he was not recorded in the 1820 Madison County census nor, indeed, in any other county in Georgia.

As the five children of Obediah and Joanna were all born before 1818, it must be presumed he died about that time. His mother, Elizabeth Christian, appeared as the head of a family in the 1820 Madison County listing; and "Joannah Christian, widow," of Madison

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CHRISTIANS IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

1830 MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY/ TOWNSHIP	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	WHITE MALES										WHITE FEMALES										FREE BLACKS	SLAVES					
			0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60			60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	
Bristol/ New Bedford	320	John Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bristol/ New Bedford	302	Lawrence Christian	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Essex/Amesbury	105A	John Christian	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Essex/Lynn	257	John Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Essex/Amesbury	105	Joseph Christain*	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nantucket	18	Samuel Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nantucket	18	William Christian	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Plymouth/ Bridgeway	329	Caleb Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Suffolk/ Boston Ward 9	308	John Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

*The spelling variation which appears here is that shown on the original census enumeration.

NOTE: Microfilmed copies of the original 1830 Massachusetts census records were used by the editor to abstract data for every Christian listed in selected indexes, all of which listings appear above. Surname of head of the following households was Christy, etc.:

Middlesex	14	Crisly, Wiliam B.	Suffolk	88	Elizabeth Christy
			Suffolk	47	Rowland Christy

1830 VERMONT

COUNTY	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	WHITE MALES										WHITE FEMALES										FREE BLACKS	SLAVES				
			0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60			60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100
Caledonia	371	John ?Kristan/?Kuistan	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	113	Antoine Christian	2	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Microfilmed copies of the original 1830 Vermont census records were used by the editor to abstract data for every Christian listed in the Accelerated Systems Index, all of which listings appear above. Surname of head of the following households was Christie, Cristy, etc.:

Caledonia	350	John Christie	Orleans	183	Jesse Christie
Franklin	47	John Cristey	Rutland	10	Asa Christlie
Franklin	113	John Cristy	Windsor	82	Jesse Christie

1830 MAINE

NOTE: On the 1830 Maine index available to the editor, there are no listings with the Christian surname. Only two names with a variation of Christie appear:

Washington	277	Joshua Crista	York	196	John Christie
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CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS

AND

THE STRANGE, DOUBLE WILLS OF EDMUND NEW

BY LOUIS KOENIG

In her ingenious exploration of the connections of the Thomas Christians of the 1736 and 1743 Goochland County, Virginia, wills (*Christian Family Chronicles*, No. III, pages 183-186), Agnes Pearlman uses the Edmund New will of 4 July 1726 in hypothesizing on the identity of Rebecca (New) Christian's husband. There were, however, actually two wills of Edmund New recorded—the second of which, dated 8 August 1726, allows a clarification of some of the points left uncertain in her analysis.

Although stating he was "of Henrico County and Saint James's Parrish" in July and "of Henrico County in Charles-ten Parrish" in August, the same Edmund New is unquestionably the testator of both wills. The heirs listed and property bequeathed are almost identical in the two documents. Both wills are recorded in Henrico County, Virginia, *Wills and Deeds*, Volume 1725-1737, the first on pages 50-51, proved 5 September 1726, and the second on pages 107-108, proved 5 June 1727 by Thomas Christian. Witnesses to the August will differ from those of a month earlier but offer leads for the genealogy. Most similarities and even the differences between the wills prove significant.

Comparison of the Wills' Provisions

Whereas the July will does not designate the relationship of the heirs other than the executors (wife Mary, son Edmund, and daughter Priscilla), the August will designates all the heirs as wife or child (these being wife Mary, children Edmund New, Priscilla New, Mary Prior, Rebecca

Christian, Sarah Tully, Elizabeth Patterson, William New, Anne New, and Henry New—name variants herein given modern spelling).

The August will does not mention the forty-pound bond of Thomas Christian referred to in the July will as being the "full right" of Edmund New. Possibly the bond had been released between 4 July and 8 August.

Just as with the July bequests, those in August give to son Edmund land including the nursery of apple trees, to daughter Priscilla the remaining land with the plantation, and to Edmund, Priscilla, and wife Mary the personal estate. While the second will describes each child's land apportionment as "half," the first will is more specific about the precise location of the land, Edmund getting all that "on y^e lower side of y^e uper bransh cawld y^e litle Kreeke of Lickinghole," Priscilla getting the remainder being "on y^e uper side of y^e litle Creek of Lickinghole."

In both wills each of the other set of children get "one shilling," but in the August testament it is "one shilling and no more," repeated for each except Elizabeth Patterson, presumably an unintentional omission.

The August will does not mention a "grandson John New, son to my son Edmund New Deceased" nor does it make any mention of a deceased son, Edmund, as does the will* written in July.

*To clear up an error in the Pearlman excerpt from the 4 July 1726 Edmund New will, which she quotes (*CFC*, p. 184) from a secondary source: The excerpted passage does not read "son to my son Edmund New now deceased." It reads as quoted above without the "now"—a matter of relative importance since the "now" implies some recency to the death event while the correct passage does not. Apparently transcriber entered the same word twice, the second time misreading the script e for an o. A similar error occurs in the excerpt where "full Dow of Dower" actually appears on recorded copy as "full Dew of Dower" and means "full due of dowry." This is a good illustration of the prudence in not trusting secondary sources for making important decisions.

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Dr. Louis Koenig, a thorough and analytical researcher whose writings have previously appeared in *CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES*, makes a significant contribution to early American Christian research with the current article on a collateral line. It is his hope and the editor's wish that readers having additional information to confirm, refute, or expand any part may bring it forward.

As nearly as can be determined, the witnesses to the July will (Paul Green, John Lain, and Hugh Morris) are not as genealogically relevant as the August witnesses (John New, Thomas Christian, and John Tuley), who could have been Edmund New's sons-in-law.

Analysis and Conclusions

Being specifically identified in the last will as one of Edmund New's children establishes beyond question that Rebecca (New) Christian was his daughter. The construction that Thomas Christian was her husband is strengthened by the fact that he with his mother-in-law Mary New traveled to Henrico Court House to record the August will and the estate's inventory on the same day—one visualizes in the same carriage.

An explanation for the appearance and recording of the second will on 5 June 1727 is that it was discovered during taking of the New estate inventory by Richard Ogelsby, Richard Haynesworth, Sr., and Thomas Dawson and that it was presented by Mary New, the executrix, at the same time. (According to Benj. B. Weisiger III in *Colonial Wills of Henrico County, Virginia*, Part One 1654-1737, published 1976, page 116, the inventory can be found on page 113 of Henrico's *Wills and Deeds* in the same volume as the wills.) The explanation of why witnesses New, Christian, and Tuley did not interpose the recording of the July will when it was presented 5 September 1726 with the later August will that they had witnessed less than a month before must remain a mystery for deeper research.

The marital status of daughter Anne New can only be surmised. She received one shilling and no more as did daughters Mary Prior, Rebecca Christian, Sarah Tully, and Elizabeth Patterson. On the other hand, Priscilla New received half the land. The likely inference (following that made by Mrs. Pearlman for a daughter mentioned in the Thomas Christian 1736 will (*CFC*, No. III, p. 185) is that Anne New was already married just as the other daughters called by their married surnames and who came into only a nominal inheritance at their father's death. The construction that Anne New was a married daughter is strengthened by my assignment of the three witnesses of the August will as sons-in-law: John New

married Anne, Thomas Christian married Rebecca, and John Tully married Sarah.

Probably the most glaring discrepancy between the two wills is the omission in August of references to a deceased son Edmund New, father of the testator's grandson John to whom one shilling was willed in July. Absence of such references in the second will could simply be attributed to John's death between 4 July and 8 August, but questions still remain. Both documents designate a son Edmund New, certainly living since named as an executor and heir in each. Mrs. Pearlman has suggested (personal communication, 29 March 1980) that Edmund New, Senior, did have two sons named Edmund—one deceased, one living, the former possibly by a first wife. I do know that sons of the same name have appeared in families, especially two-wife families, but only under the circumstances that (1) the one or the other son has a distinguishing middle name or that (2) the first son is dead when the second is named—the purpose in both instances, of course, being to assure that two sons with precisely the same name do not live simultaneously. If there were such an older and younger Edmund, one looks for a distinguishing second name in the will to accord with No. 1 above but does not find it. If No. 2 applies here, then several conditions seem likely: That the deceased Edmund had lived long enough (to about age 20) to have had a son John; that the living Edmund, to be named an executor, must have been of age (*i.e.*, 21 or older); and that if he were born after the deceased Edmund died, then the first must have been born at least 40 years prior to the wills and the second at least 21 years prior to the wills. So many prerequisites leads me to a tentative conclusion that No. 2 does not apply, after all. It remains a major puzzle as to why there is no mention of either the deceased son Edmund or of a grandson in the second will.

I am inclined to take it—from the two wills a month apart, the conflicting St. James and Charlesten parishes named, the living-deceased matter—that Edmund New, Senior, though he claimed to be of a sound mind, was actually not.

Study of other New family documents could lead to definitive explanations for the strange circumstances surrounding writing and proving of the two wills (full copies of which follow) and might answer more genealogical questions.

1830 NEW YORK

*The spelling variations which appear herein are those shown on the original census enumeration.

NOTE: Microfilmed copies of the original 1830 New York census records were used by the editor to abstract data for every Christian listed in selected indexes, all of which listings appear on the preceding pages. Surname of head of the following households was Christie, Cristy, etc.:

Albany	315	Andrew Christy	New York	317	John Christie
Albany	195	Nancy Criste	New York	387	Samuel Christie
Albany	409	William Chrystie	New York	22	Thomas Christie
Allegany	175	Fruborn G. Christio	New York	376	William Christie
Broome	104	Mary Christy	Oneida	47	Mrs. Thomas Christina
Chenango	34	J. F. Christie	Orange	248	David Christie
Delaware	94	Andrew Christie	Orange	90	John J. Christie
Dutchess	505	Albert Christie	Putnam	143	David Christie
Dutchess	427	Esther Chrystie	Putnam	81	Gabriel Christina
Dutchess	430	John Chrystie	Putnam	68	Gabriel H. Christina
Dutchess	427	John R. Chrystie	Putnam	145	Henry Christie
Dutchess	503	Joseph Christie	Putnam	80	Westley Christina
Dutchess	430	Leonard Chrystie	Rensselaer	106	Andrew Christie
Dutchess	430	Richard Chrystie	Rensselaer	8	Robert Christie
Genesee	434	Henry Christly	St. Lawrence	23	Harry Christy
Genesee	396	Hugh Christy	St. Lawrence	86	James Christy
Genesee	341	Thomas Christy	St. Lawrence	10	Ramsey Christy
Herkimer	179	John Christy	Schenectady	271	Carline Christiance
Livingston	178	Daniel Crista	Schenectady	204	Cornelius Christinace
Livingston	179	Hugh Christie	Schenectady	206	Low Christiance
Monroe	281	Thomas Christie	Schenectady	206	Margaret Christiance
Montgomery	238	John Christie	Schenectady	272	William Christiance
Montgomery	276	Colen Christy	Schenectady	273	Phillip Christiancies
Montgomery	291	John B. Christy	Steuben	486	John Cristy
Montgomery	291	Simeon Christy, Jr.	Tioga	250	Robert Chrystie
Montgomery	292	Simeon Christy, Jr.	Washington	196	Hannah Christie
Montgomery	276	Tramond Christy	Washington	157	William Christie
Montgomery	282	Widow Christy	Wayne	85	Peter Christy
New York	399	Barney Christie	Westchester	177	Daniel Cristy
New York	369	D. P. Christie	Yates	330	Gilbert Christie
New York	360	David Christie	Yates	330	James Christie
New York	357	Elizabeth Christie			

1830 NEW HAMPSHIRE

COUNTY/ TOWNSHIP	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	WHITE MALES										WHITE FEMALES										FREE	BLACKS	SLAVES				
			0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60				60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100
Rockingham/ Portsmouth	104	Reuben Cristin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Only the one Christian family shown above appears on index for 1830 New Hampshire census. Surname of head of the following households was Christie, etc.:

Hillsboro	280	Cynthia Christie	Strafford	298	D. M. Christie
Hillsboro	314	Jesse Christie	Strafford	336	James Christie
Hillsboro	524	John Christy	Strafford	361	Robert Christie
Hillsboro	280	Moses Christie			

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COUNTY/ TOWN or WARD	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	WHITE MALES										WHITE FEMALES										FREE BLACKS	SLAVES				
			0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60			60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100
New York/ New York 14th	485	Ruth Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York/ New York 11th	170	W ^m Christian	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York/ New York 8th	193	William H. Christian	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York/ New York 13th	409	Z. Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oneida/ Rome	396	Adam Christman*— (1 is an alien)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oneida/ Utica	20	Luther Christian	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oneida/ Utica	37	Nathan Christian	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Onondaga/ LaFayette	311	John Christian	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ontario/ Canandaigua	112	Asbury Christian	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Putnam/ Phillips	80	Aaron Cristian*	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Putnam/ Phillips	81	Gabriel Christian	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Putnam/ Phillips	70	Samuel Christian	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Putnam/ Phillips	80	Westley Christian	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Putnam/ Phillips	81	Willson Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rensselaer/ Troy 4th	62	Anthony Christian	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rensselaer/ Schaghticoke	109	Levi Christian	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steuben Jersey	296	Daniel Christian	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steuben/ Jersey	298	Martin Christian*	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tompkins/ Dryden	466	Michael Christian	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster/ Marbletown	153	Daniel Christian	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster/ Marbletown	152	Moses Christian	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster/ Marbletown	154	Moses Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster/ Olive	137	Peter Christian	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster/ Marbletown	152	Solomon Christian	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster/ Olive	139	William Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington/ Cambridge	118	James Christian— (3 are aliens)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS AND THE STRANGE, DOUBLE WILLS OF EDMUND NEW

EDMUND NEW WILL OF 4 JULY 1726

In y^e name of God Amen July y^e 4th 1726. I Edmund New of Henrico County & Saint James's Parrish being sick & weak of body but of sound & perfect mind & memory thanks be to almighty God for the same & knowing y^e Sertainty of Death and y^e uncertainty of this Life do instatut & appoint this to be my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth First and prinsaply I give & bequive my soul to my creator who gave it me & my body to y^e Earth from whens it came to be buried with such Desant & Christian Burial as my Executris hereafter mentioned shall think fit: and as for that small parsell of this worly goods that God in his mercy hath bestode on me I give & bequive as folowes Item I give & bequeve to my son Edmud New all my land lying & being on y^e lower side of y^e uper bransh cawld y^e litle Kreeke of Lickinghole to him my said son & y^e heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten forever. Item. I give & bequeve to Edmud New my son all my nusorey of apple trees Item I give & bequeve to my Daughter Prissillo New all y^e remainder part of my Land lying & being on y^e uper Side of y^e little Creek of Lickinghole to her my sd Daughter & y^e heirs of her body Lawfully begotten or to be begotten forever Item I give & bequeve to my Loving and Lawful wife Mary New and to my son Edmund and my Daughter above mentioned all my personal estate to be Equally Divided between them & not to be appraised after my Decease as allso my full right to a forty pounds bond of Thomas Christians all to them and their heirs forever Likewise I do instatute & appoint Mary my wife with my Son and Daughter before mentioned to be my Sole Executors jointly of this my Last will and Testament to continue it according to law. Item I give & bequeve to my grandson John New son to my son Edmund New Deceased & to Will^m New; Mary Prier; Rebeckah Christian; Sarah Tuly Elizabeth Patteson Ann New & Henry New one Shilling Starling mony as their full Dew of Dower In witness hereof I do Set my hand & seal this day & year before mentioned.

Signd Seald & Deliverd (his)
in the presence of us. Edmund N New (Seal)
Paul Green (mark)
John (his) Lain (mark)
Hugh Morris

At a Court held for Henrico County September 5, 1726. This will was proved by the oaths of Paul Green and John Lain and was thereupon admitted to record.
Test. Henry Wood ClCur.

EDMUND NEW WILL OF 8 AUGUST 1726

In the name of God Amen I Edmud New of Henrico County in Charlesten Parrish being very sick and weak of body but in perfect sence and memory am minded to Dispose of my worldly goods as followeth First I bequeath my Soul unto God who gave it and my body to the Dust to be buried in a Christian like manner by my Executors hereafter named my wife Mary New and my son Edmud New and Prissilla New I apoint my Exec^{TS} Item. I give unto son Edmud New the half of my Land and the other half with the plantation to my daughter Prissilla New to them and their heirs forever Item I give unto my wife Mary New and my two children above named all my other Estate to be Equally Divided between them three after my Just Debts be fully paid et^c Item I give to my daughter Mary Prire one Shilling and no more. Item I give unto my daughter Rebecker Christian one Shilling and no more. Item I give unto my daughter Sarah Tully one Shilling and no more. Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Patterson one Shilling. Item I give unto my Son William New one Shilling & no more Item I give to my daughter Anne New one Shilling and no more. Item I give to my son Henry New one Shilling & no more. Item I give also to my son Edmud New the nussary of apple trees. This ordain and alow to be my Last will & Testament Witness my hand and Seal this 8th day of August 1726.

(his)
Edmund N New (Seal)
Test. Jn^o New . . . (mark)
Thomas Christian . . .
John Tuley

At a Court held for Henrico County June 5, 1727.
This will was proved by the oath of Thomas Christian and was thereupon admitted to record.
Test. Henry Wood ClCur.

Summary
So far as Christian genealogy is concerned, these two wills of Edmund New are evidence that a Thomas Christian married Rebecca New, daughter of Edmund New before 1726 and was close to the New family before* and after that date. And the documents demolish the 80-year-old "perhaps" that the Rebecca who married Thomas Christian was a Rebecca Stith. How fortunate to have the second will which proves what the first only implies!

*Per Louis desCognet, Jr., in *English Duplicates of Lost Virginia Records*, 1958, p. 82: Patent in Charles City County, Virginia, for 1324 acres was granted to "Tho. Christian and Edm'd. New, Jr.," 27 November 1705, signed October 1706.

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LINES OF DESCENT

1830 PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY/ TOWNSHIP, ETC.	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	WHITE MALES										WHITE FEMALES										FREE BLACKS	SLAVES																	
			0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	40-45	45-50	50-55	55-60	60-65	65-70	70-75	75-80	80-85	85-90	90-100	0-5			5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	40-45	45-50	50-55	55-60	60-65	65-70	70-75	75-80	80-85	85-90
York/ York Borough	378	Jacob Christine*	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
York/ York Borough	376	Samuel Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
York/ York Borough	376	Simon Christian	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
York/ York Borough	391	Simon Christine*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*The spelling variation which appears here is that shown on the original census enumeration.

NOTE: Microfilmed copies of the original 1830 Pennsylvania census records were used by the editor to abstract data for every Christian listed in selected indexes, all of which listings appear above. Surname for head of the following households was Christy, Cristie, etc.:

Allegheny	269	Andrew Christy	Franklin	363	Samuel Christy
Allegheny	168	Andrew Christie	Huntingdon	71	Barbara Christy
Allegheny	339	James Christy	Huntingdon	155	John B. Christy
Allegheny	279	James Christy	Huntingdon	155	Martin Cristy
Allegheny	287	John Christy	Jefferson	155	John Cristy
Allegheny	168	Mary Christie	Lancaster	489	Lewis Christa
Beaver	320	Cornelius Christy	Mercer	204	Andrew Christy
Beaver	320	Daniel Christy	Mercer	212	John Christy
Beaver	233	William Christy	Mifflin	439	Daniel Christy
Bucks	132	Garret Christy	Mifflin	439	Daniel Christy
Butler	13	Andrew Christy	Philadelphia	360	Mrs. Christy
Butler	54	Andrew Christy	Philadelphia	134	Mrs. Christy
Butler	83	David Christy	Philadelphia	350	Andrew Christy
Butler	12	Dunbar Christy	Philadelphia	73	Archibald Christie
Butler	66	Eleanor Christy	Philadelphia	69	Catherine Cristy
Butler	83	George Christy	Philadelphia	229	Charles Christy
Butler	82	Gilbert Christy	Philadelphia	373	Daniel Christie
Butler	83	James Christy	Philadelphia	56	George Christy
Butler	13	John Christy	Philadelphia	222	Henry Christy
Butler	83	John Christy	Philadelphia	234	John Christy
Butler	54	John Christy	Philadelphia	266	John Cristy
Butler	46	John Christy	Philadelphia	143	John Cristie
Butler	46	Marvin Christy	Philadelphia	196	John Christie
Butler	87	Michael Christy	Philadelphia	188	S. Christy
Butler	30	Samuel Christy	Philadelphia	238	William Christy
Butler	42	Thomas Christy	Philadelphia	260	William Christy
Butler	54	William Christy	Philadelphia	499	William Christie
Cambria	196	Archibald Christy	Schuylkill	147	Michael Christy
Cambria	196	Francis Christy	Venango	15	William Christy
Cambria	202	Peter Christy	Westmoreland	107	Andrew Christy
Chester	253	John Christie	Westmoreland	94	Carl Christy
Chester	223	Samuel Christy	Westmoreland	253	David Christy
Crawford	62	Andrew Christy	Westmoreland	246	James Christy
Crawford	60	Henry Christy	Westmoreland	253	James Christy
Crawford	96	James Christy	Westmoreland	112	James Christy
Fayette	204	Nancy Christy	Westmoreland	207	James Christy
Franklin	423	Joseph Christy	Westmoreland	226	Joseph Christy
Franklin	423	Samuel Christy	Westmoreland	109	Martin Christy

CHRISTIAN, Thomas
born ante 1636
received VA land patent 1657

NOTE: Line of descent to third generation is tentative.

CHRISTIAN, Charles, Sr.
born ante 1684—VA land patent 1705
prob. born Charles City Co., VA
died ante 1761 VA

?HUNT, Elizabeth

CHRISTIAN, Charles, Jr.
born c. 1715 Goochland Co., VA
mar. 2) ante 1757
died 1783-84 Goochland Co., VA

2) LEAKE, Mary
born c. 1722 Goochland Co., VA
died 1764-65 Goochland Co., VA

CHRISTIAN, Dr. George Daniel
born 26 Sep. 1762 Goochland Co., VA
mar. 27 Aug. 1782 Cumberland Co., VA
died 22 Feb. 1831 Wilcox Co., AL

1) WALTON, Martha "Patty"
born 21 Apr. 1768 Cumberland Co., VA
died 14 Feb. 1811 Madison Co., GA

CHRISTIAN, George Asbury
born 27 Mar. 1801
Franklin/1. Madison Co., GA
mar. 28 Dec. 1825
Madison Co., GA
died 29 Mar. 1882
Brenham, Washington Co., TX

JORDAN, Elizabeth Applewhite
born 4 Mar. 1809
Madison Co., GA
died 28 Dec. 1849
Wilcox Co., AL

CHRISTIAN, Edward Leake
born 12 Jan. 1786
?VA
mar. 2) 6 May 1817
Madison Co., GA
died 10 Aug. 1825
Madison Co., GA

2) BARNES, Nancy
born ?c. 1798
died 22 Sep. 1855
Madison Co., GA
d/o William & Mary Barnes

CHRISTIAN, Francis Asbury
born 21 Sep. 1828
Wilcox Co., AL
mar. 14 Jan. 1858
Wilcox Co., AL
died 17 Sep. 1864
Wilcox Co., AL

SHOPNER, Millie Ann
born 21 Oct. 1828
Muscookee Co., GA
died 19 Mar. 1906
Stanley, LA

CHRISTIAN, William A.
(see following page)

CHRISTIAN, Rebecca Homes
(see page after next)

CHRISTIAN, Fealon Vaun
born 23 Nov. 1858
Wilcox Co., AL
mar. 23 Dec. 1877
Butler Co., AL
died 18 Aug. 1937
Stanley, DeSoto Parish, LA

SELLERS, Rachel Ann Rebecca
born 31 July 1857
Montgomery Co., AL
died 12 June 1945
Stanley, DeSoto Parish, LA

CHRISTIAN, James Vaun
born 20 July 1891
Stanley, DeSoto Parish, LA
mar. 7 Dec. 1913
Lula, DeSoto Parish, LA
died 2 July 1965
Stanley, DeSoto Parish, LA

NORRIS, Winnie Viola
born 3 Sep. 1888
Lula, DeSoto Parish, LA
died 14 July 1976
Stanley, DeSoto Parish, LA

CHRISTIAN, Eunie Viola
born 19 Aug. 1918
Stanley, DeSoto Parish, LA
mar. 21 Oct. 1938
Stanley, DeSoto Parish, LA

STACY, Samuel Henry
born 28 Mar. 1914
Natchitoches, LA

COMPILER OF RECORD ON LEFT:
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Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457

CHRISTIANS IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

1830 NEW JERSEY

COUNTY/ TOWNSHIP	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	WHITE MALES										WHITE FEMALES										FREE BLACKS	SLAVES				
			0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60			60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100
Burlington/ Evesham	82	Tarmer Christian	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cape May/ Dennis	250	Isair Christian	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester/ Waterford	3	Michael Christian	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunterdon/ Trenton City	455	Jno. S. Christine*	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middlesex/ N. Brunswick	203	Peter Christian	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morris/ Hanover	36	Charles P. Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morris/ Pequanac	121	Elijah Christian	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren/ Knowlton	381	Elisha Christian	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren/ Knowlton	383	James Christian	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren/ Knowlton	383	John/?Jehu Christian	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren/ Knowlton	374	William Christian	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*The spelling variation which appears here is that shown on the original census enumeration.

NOTE: Microfilmed copies of the original 1830 New Jersey census records were used by the editor to abstract data for every Christian listed in selected indexes, all of which listings appear above. Surname of head of the following households was Christie, Christy, etc.:

Bergen	53	Daniel Christie	Bergen	9	Maria Christie (widow)
Bergen	12	Daniel I. Christie	Bergen	14	Peter P. Christie
Bergen	107	David Christie	Bergen	14	Peter W. Christie
Bergen	107	David Christie	Bergen	15	Ralph P. Christie
Bergen	101	David B. Christie	Bergen	14	Samuel I. Christie
Bergen	101	David B. Christie	Bergen	13	Sarah Christie (widow)
Bergen	24	David I. Christie	Burlington	90	Richard Cristy
Bergen	14	Jacob I. Christie	Essex	413	Cornelius Christie
Bergen	50	James Christie	Essex	403	David Christie, Jun.
Bergen	95	John Christie	Essex	392	Jacob Christy
Bergen	95	John Christie	Essex	398	John H. Christy
Bergen	107	John D. Christie	Essex	316	Morris Christie
Bergen	107	John D. Christie	Hunterdon	416	James Chrystil
Bergen	12	John D. Christie	Sussex	250	Samuel Christy
Bergen	12	John I. Christie			

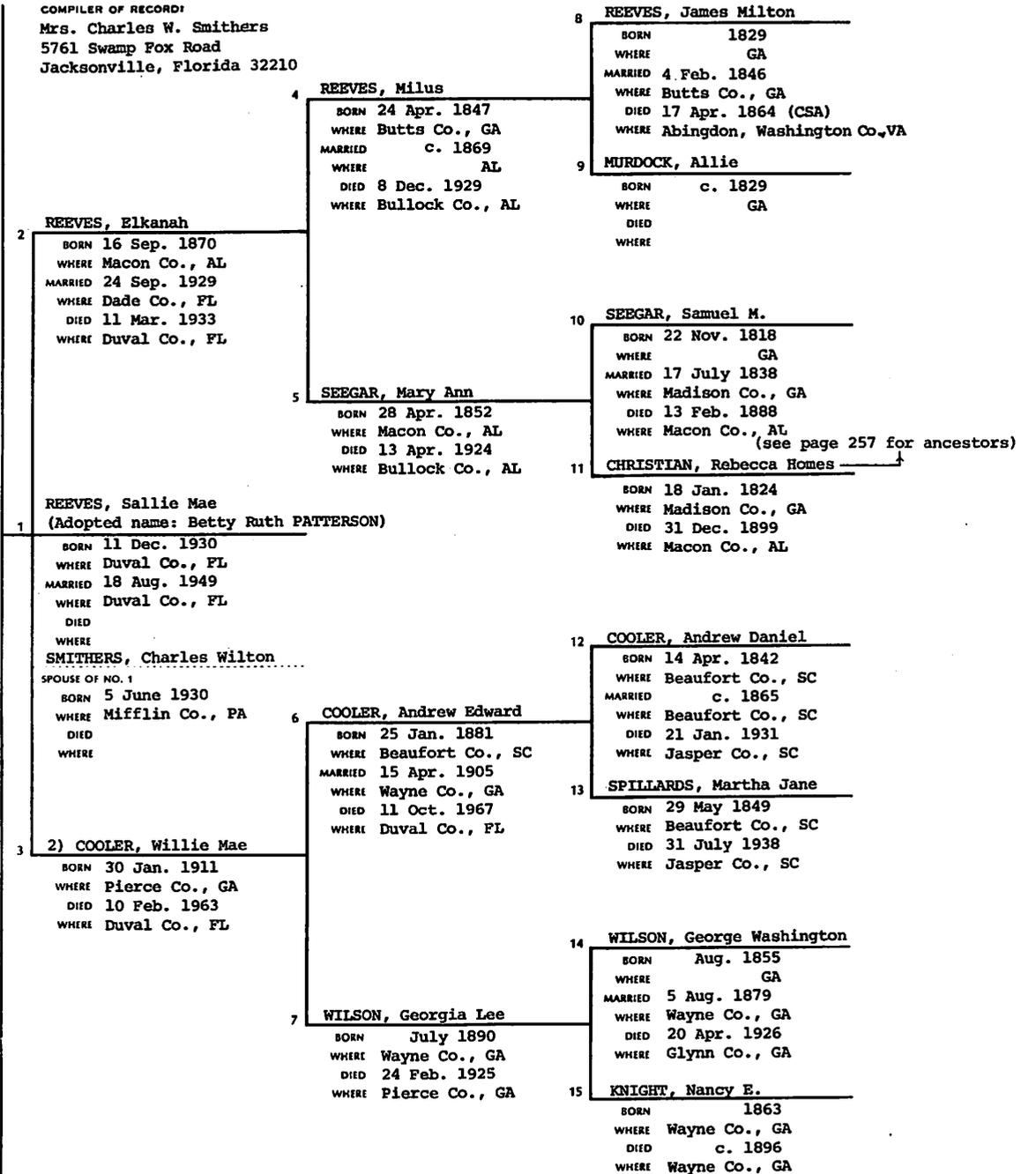
1830 RHODE ISLAND

NOTE: On the 1830 Rhode Island index available to the editor, there are no listings with the Christian surname. Only one name with a variation of Christie appears:

Providence 219 Peter Christie

LINES OF DESCENT

COMPILER OF RECORD:
Mrs. Charles W. Smithers
5761 Swamp Fox Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32210



THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B"

AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

BY

JAMES L. CHRISTIAN

PROLOGUE

A rare opportunity presented itself to me when at age fifty I came across a "family tree" among my mother's papers shortly after her death in 1971. On showing the information to Sarah Frances (Christian) Munson, I was amazed and delighted to see her get out a box of old letters and documents. Then we started to read. What a find!

It looked as if all the papers of four families had been gathered and saved for almost 150 years. Think of it. There were the wills of Obediah Newman and William Monroe, a couple of letters from the Madisons, and the obituary of Edmond Newman. There were relatively few letters from the Christians themselves, but the ones she had went back as far as 1821. Although we could find nothing significant that helped us in placing birth and death dates of our forebears, all the families and children named in the correspondence and documents fitted the family tree perfectly.

With this collection at hand, I felt as if I had been given the unique opportunity of recording the history of our family before it was lost forever. It seemed right, natural, and necessary to do this before the papers crumbled or were lost—and before the failing memories of our oldsters could no longer recall events, names, and places.

My mother had wanted someone to do this. So I am offering here a condensed version of writings to honor not only my mother and my father but also to honor all those predecessors from the dim, exciting past who led to the taking of my first breath.

AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA, FOREBEARS

The earliest Christian generation of my line about which I know with certainty is that of John Christian who married Judith Leake 9 May 1771. According to the parish register of the Reverend William Douglas, the wedding took place in St. James

About the author:

James L. Christian has been interested in Christian family genealogy for many years. As a statistician, he has developed the techniques for gathering pertinent facts, organizing the data, and searching for the right answers. In his genealogical pursuits he has devoted much time to collecting and sorting the family letters, wills, deeds, etc. and has made three trips to Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri in his efforts to learn more about his own and other Christian lines. The current article has been abstracted from his writings about several families.

CHRISTIANS IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

1830 CONNECTICUT

NOTE: There are no listings with the Christian surname on indexes available to the editor. The following names appear on the indexes for households headed by surname of Christy, etc.:

Fairfield	134	John Christy	Middlesex	266	Henry Cristy
Fairfield	138	John Christy	New London	47	Jonathan Cristie

1830 DELAWARE

NOTE: On the 1830 Delaware Accelerated Index available to the editor, there are no listings with the Christian surname. The following two names appear on the index for the surname Christy:

New Castle	172	Anthony Christy	New Castle	70	William Christy
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1830 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTE: The editor found no listings on the 1830 District of Columbia indexes for either the surname Christian or any variation of the surname Christie.

1830 MARYLAND

COUNTY	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	WHITE MALES										WHITE FEMALES										FREE	BLACKS	SLAVES					
			0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60				60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	
Baltimore	101	Louis A. Chasteau*	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Talbot	48	John Christin*	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	106	Dan ^l Christian	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	106	Dan ^l Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	106	Jacob Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*The spelling variation which appears here is that shown on the original census enumeration.

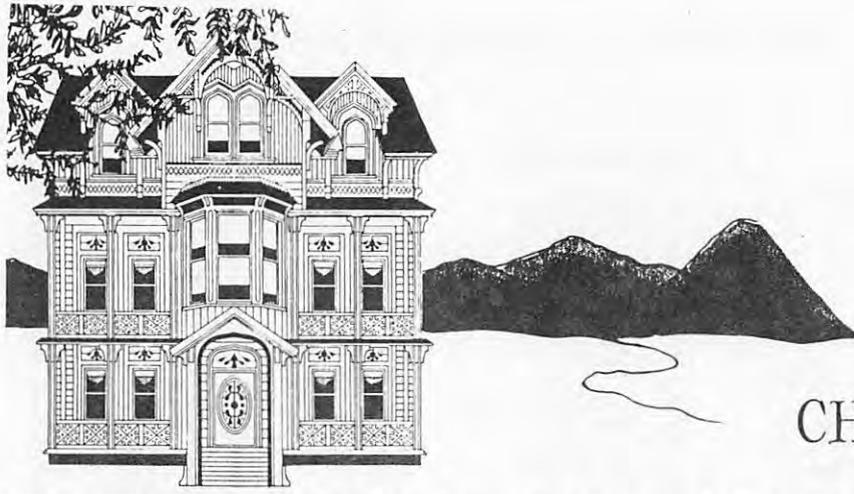
NOTE: One surname listed as Christian in the Accelerated Systems Index was determined to be otherwise: Brown Christian actually appeared as Christ^l Brown in Washington County. Surname for head of the following households was Christy, Cristie, etc.:

Allegany	65	John Cristie	Cecil	79	Mary Christie
Baltimore	19	Diana Christy	Cecil	43	Robert Cristie
Baltimore	466	Edward Christie	Harford	334	Delia Christie
Baltimore	123	Gabrel Christy	Harford	320	Henry Christie
Baltimore	112	George Christy	Harford	305	James Christle
Baltimore	450	Henry Christy	Harford	321	Penner Christie
			Harford	321	Phebe Christie

1830 MICHIGAN

NOTE: On the two Territory of Michigan 1830 census indexes available to the editor, there are no listings with the Christian surname. Only one name with a variation of Christie appears:

Washtenaw	164	Frederick Christley
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CHRISTLANS

IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

The Fifth Census of the United States, taken in 1830, was chosen to begin this feature in Volume No. I of *Christian Family Chronicles*; and abstracts for the southern and the midwestern border states appeared in that issue. Names of the Christians listed on enumerations for the remaining midwestern and northern states appear on the following pages, thus completing publication of the transcriptions for that pivotal year.

Indexes provided the means for identifying the Christian households in the north, and microfilmed copies of the original census records enabled the editor to locate and abstract the entries. Indexed references to individuals carrying the surname of Christie, Christy, Cristie, Cristy, or a variation thereof are also listed herein but without the breakdown between ages. The spelling used by the original enumerator has been retained throughout.

As for the terminology employed: "White Males" refers to "Free White Males." What are herein called "Free Blacks" were variously referred to in the originals as "colored," "negroes," "mulattoes," or "blacks." Limitations of space and format have prevented a breakdown within these pages of the ages of individuals in households of slaves and free blacks; however, age categories do appear on the original enumerations.

Grouping of the states is geographical rather than alphabetical, and footnotes following a state's roster provide pertinent data not covered by the charts. An attempt has been made to assure the accuracy of this compilation. If errors or omissions are observed, however, please notify the editor so that corrections and additions can be published.

THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B" AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

Northam Parish. Sometime after marriage the couple settled on Buffalo River of Amherst County, Virginia, where they were living with their first six children at taking of the State Census in 1783.

To distinguish himself from other contemporary John Christians in the vicinity, my ancestor generally placed a "B" (for Buffalo) after the "John Christian" of his signature, and so his name was signed when he wrote his will 26 April 1823.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN CHRISTIAN "B"

In the name of God Amen, I John Christian of Amherst County being weak in body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for his blessings to me do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as following to wit, first I desire that as quick as possible after my decease all my just bills to be paid by my Executrix and Executors names herein-after out of the crops that be spared.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Judith Christian all of my estate of Land, Negroes, Horses, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs for her use during her life or widowhood and if she sees cause to spare one of the negroes to any of the children to consult with the rest of the heirs. If agreed to that property to be valued by disinterested persons and after her death that to be a part that was a coming to them of my estate.

Item I desire that after counting of what I paid for each of them in money to them then the rest of my estate to be equally divided among them that is living. My son Samuel's son that he left is to be equal with them my other children.

Item The part that comes to my daughter Mary Davenport to be in the hands of her brothers William & Peter for her support and her children and after her death to be equally divided among her children. I direct & appoint my sons Charles L., John, Elijah and Peter Christian to act with my wife as Executors with her and if any dies without issue of their body the rest is to divide it among them. I desire all that has not had a horse and saddle bridle and suit of clothes, cow & calf, bed and furniture is to have one of my estate. I desire what I paid for any of them to come out of their parts before divided among my children: Polly Davenport, Charles, John and William L, Elijah and Walter, & Peter and Elisha & Daniel & Drury and James Grisham, Judith and Samuel's son.

I appoint my wife as above named to administer this my last will and testament revoking all former wills in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 26th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twenty-three.

John Christian B (Seal)

At a court held for Amherst County the 17th day of November 1823 this last will and testament of John Christian B Dec'd was this day produced into court and there being no witnesses to the same Hudson M. Garland, Charles L. Christian and Catlett Campbell came into court and being sworn say that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of said decedent and that the said will is written wholly in the handwriting of John Christian B Dec'd as far as they know or believe and the said will is ordered to be recorded. And Judith Christian & Peter F. Christian two of the Executors named in said will came into court & qualified & entered into and acknowledged a bond in the sum of \$10,000 with Stephen Walls, Charles L. Christian, Samuel D. Christian and William I. Isbell their securities as the Laws direct. Certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due form.

Teste: H. B. Davies ck

Force and Virtue)
in presence of)

Jesse Richardson (Seal)
Abram Carter (Seal)

THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B" AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

At a court held for Amherst County the 17th day of November 1823 the Executors bond was acknowledged in open court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste: H. B. Davies

Know all men by these presents that we Judith Christian, Peter F. Christian, Stephen Walls, Charles L. Christian, Samuel D. Christian and William I. Isbell are held and firmly bound unto Hill Carter, Adson C. Lawson, Charles P. Taliaferro and William L. Waller, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Amherst County now sitting, in the sum of \$10,000 to the payment of which well and truly to be made we bring ourselves and each of us and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed.

The Court duly appointed appraisers, and within a month appraisal of the estate's personal property had been completed and submitted to the court at the December 1823 term.

In pursuance of order of the worshipful court of Amherst County at Nov. term appointing the undersigned to appraise the Estate of John Christian, Buffalo, Dec'd we submit the following list amounting to four thousand eight hundred ninety seven dollars and seventy five cents as containing all the personal property belonging to said Estate, that is:

	\$ Cts.		\$ Cts
1 Feather bed, bedstead & furniture	20.00	3 Steers & 2 Cows	25.00
1 D ^o D ^o	15.00	1 Cow & Calf	12.00
1 D ^o D ^o	15.00	2 Cows 2 Calves & 2 Yearlings	36.00
1 D ^o D ^o	15.00	3 Ovens 3 ? 1 pot 1 Frying Pan 1 Baker	9.00
1 D ^o D ^o	10.00	2 pot racks & 3 pr. pot hooks	
1 Tea kettle	.25	1 Flat Iron 1 ? & 2 ?	2.00
1 Small Box	.25	1 Sive (wire)	.75
1 Brass Candlestick	.50	1 Sorrell & Bay Coult	20.00
1 Coffee Mill	2.00	4 Dishes & 1 dozen plates	3.00
1 Hackle	1.00	10 Cup & Saucers 5 teaspoons 1 Tea Pot	1.50
1 Pair Stilliards	3.00	1 ? 1 Sugar Dish and 1 Salt Celler	
1 Chest	.50	7 Knives 3 forks 1 basin 1 dish	2.00
1 Foulding Table	3.00	8 spoons 1 tinpan	
1 Looking Glass	.50	1 Chain	1.00
1 Shot Gum	5.00	1 Jack Screw 1 pr tongs & 1 shovell	3.00
1 Clock	2.00	2 Beehives	3.00
1 Bible and 15 Books	4.00	1 Grindstone	3.00
1 Cupboard	5.00	1 Wheat Fan	5.00
13 Hoes	5.00	1 Cutting Knife & Box	2.00
2 Grubbing Hoes 1 Fros & 1 Matox	2.00	1 Negro Woman, Bettey	200.00
5 Axes	4.00	1 " Man Edmund	500.00
3 Wedges	1.50	1 " Woman Eliza & Child Casander	350.00
3 Hamers & 1 Auger	.75	1 " Girl Kittey	250.00
1 Cut Saw	3.00	1 " Boy Charles	250.00
5 Ploughs 5 Single trees & 5 Clevis & pins	5.00	1 " Boy Joe	200.00
2 Cury Ploughs & 2 Dble trees	2.50	1 " John	150.00
3 Couters	1.25	1 " Woman Abbey & Child William	300.00
3 pr Hames & 3 pair traces	3.00	1 " Girl Malinda	300.00
4 Spinning Wheels & 4 pr Cards	3.00	1 " Girl Permdia	275.00
2 Flax Wheels	1.50	1 " Girl Mary	150.00
1 Loom 3 slays & 1 pr Harness	5.00	1 " Boy Bob	150.00
2 Bbl	1.00	1 " Woman Salley and child Harriet	350.00
1 Ox Cart Lock Chain & 1 single tree	10.00	1 " Girl Fanny	275.00
1 Yoke Oxen	30.00	1 " Girl Ruby	250.00
Stock Hogs	50.00	1 " Boy Nathan	250.00
2 Bay Horses	10.00	1 " Girl Betsy	150.00
1 Gray Mare	15.00	1 " Girl Sarah Anne	125.00
18 Head Sheep	36.00		<u>\$4897.75</u>

Dec^r 12 1823

Joseph Kyle
Thomas Applin, Sr.
Sam'l D. Christian

CHRISTENED 'JOHN CHRISTIAN' ON ISLE OF MAN—SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

JO. CHRISTIAN: ABBREVIATION FOR JOHN AND/OR JOSEPH CHRISTIAN

TOWN OR PARISH	NAME	PARENT OR PARENTS	DATE	
Braddan	Cristing, Jo.	Jo. Cristing	30 Sep. 1627	C
Braddan	Cristing, Jo.	Richard Cristing	10 Nov. 1629	C
Braddan	Cristing, Jo.	Jo. Cristing	2 Mar. 1637	C
Kirk Michael	Christn, Jo.	Jo. Christn	8 Dec. 1645	C
Maughold	Christin, Jo.	Jo. Christin	2 July 1653	B
Maughold	Xtin, Jo.	Hen. Xtin	4 Oct. 1653	C
Maughold	Christin, Jo.	Robt. Christin	14 Nov. 1658	C
Maughold	Christian, Jo.	Jo. Christian	30 Apr. 1663	B
Maughold	Xpian, Jo.	Ro. Xpian	15 June 1663	C
Maughold	Christian, Jo.	Dan Christian	31 Jan. 1668	C
Maughold	Christian, Jo.	Wm. & Alice Christian	14 Feb. 1668	B
Kirk Michael	Christian, Jo.	Jo. Christian	7 June 1668	C
Maughold	Christian, Jo.	Ewan Christian	16 Dec. 1673	C
Braddan	Christian, Jo.	Tho. Christian	16 Jan. 1677	C
Maughold	Xtian, Jo.	Jo. Xtian	8 Aug. 1677	C
Maughold	Christian, Jo.	Jo. Christian	8 Aug. 1678	C
Maughold	Christian, Jo.	Will. Christian	16 Nov. 1682	C
Maughold	Christian, Jo.	Will Smith Christian	6 Feb. 1683	C
Braddan	Christian, Jo.	Philip Christian	17 Mar. 1683	C
Maughold	Christian, Jo.	Edmd. Christian	1 Mar. 1684	C
Jurby	Christian, Jo.	Robt. & Jony (Cleater) Christian	12 Sep. 1698	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.

*No individual christened "Joseph Christian" appears on the Isle of Man parish registers during the seventeenth century.

CENSUS ADDITIONS

1790 "FIRST CENSUS" OF MARYLAND

Although listed in HEADS OF FAMILIES AT THE FIRST CENSUS—1790 (the United States Government's 1908 printing of the first federal census), the following abstract was inadvertently omitted from the list presented in Volume No. II of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. The editor is grateful to B. G. Christian for calling this oversight to her attention. The variant spelling shown below is that found in the source.

STATE	COUNTY	DISTRICT or TOWN	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE MALES of 16 years and upward including heads of families	FREE WHITE MALES under 16 years	FREE WHITE FEMALES including heads of families	ALL OTHER FREE PERSONS	SLAVES
Maryland	Washington		Crestian, Daniel	2	1	3	-	-

CHRISTENED 'JOHN CHRISTIAN' ON ISLE OF MAN

— SEVENTEENTH CENTURY —

The christenings for individuals named John Christian appear on the Isle of Man parish registers of the seventeenth century in several forms: John, Jon, Joney, Jony, and Jo. The latter designation may occasionally have been used for the name Joseph; however, in the absence of a method to determine which was intended, all such listings appear separately below. The following entries list vital data shown on the Computer File Index* for all individuals named John Christian christened or born on the Isle between 1600 and 1700. Births are ascribed a "B" and christenings a "C."

TOWN OR PARISH	NAME	PARENT OR PARENTS	DATE	
Onchan	Christian, John	Ed Christian	3 July 1632	B
Malew	Christian, John	Willm. Christian	Nov. 1654	C
Braddan	Cristing, John	David Cristing	17 Aug. 1656	C
Maughold	Christian, John	Edwd. Christian	27 Sep. 1657	C
Maughold	Christian, John	Wm. & Alice Christian	5 Sep. 1658	B
Maughold	Christin, John	Jo. Christin	11 Dec. 1659	B
Marown	Christian, John	John	31 Dec. 1663	C
Jurby	Christian, Jon.	Dan Christian	8 Apr. 1665	C
Andreas	Christian, John	Wm. Christian	16 Aug. 1668	C
Andreas	Christian, John	Edward Christian	Jan. 1669	C
Andreas	Christian, John	Robt. Christian	Feb. 1669	C
Jurby	Christian, Joney	Christian	6 May 1669	C
Marown	Christian, John	John Christian	26 Feb. 1670	C
Andreas	Christian, John	Daniel & Margt. (Sansbury) Christian	31 Apr. 1672	C
Onchan	Christian, John	Thomas Christian	31 July 1673	B
Maughold	Christian, Jony	Edw. Christian	16 Nov. 1673	C
Braddan	Christian, John	Pat Christian	5 Nov. 1675	C
Jurby	Christian, Jon.	Jon & Emery (Cleark) Christian	15 June 1676	B
Jurby	Christian, Jon.	Jon & Emey (Cleark) Christian	15 June 1676	C
Kelvartin, Onchan	Christian, Jony	John Christian	7 Feb. 1677	B
Maughold	Christian, John	Jam. Christian	10 May 1680	C
Andreas	Christian, John	Philip Christian	26 Apr. 1681	C
Kandroughed, Onchan	Christian, John	John Christian	9 Feb. 1683	B
Maughold	Christian, Joh.	Pat Christian	25 Feb. 1684	C
Andreas	Christian, John	Wm. Christian	18 Jan. 1685	C
Braddan	Christian, John	Edwd. Christian	31 Jan. 1685	C
Braddan	Christian, John	Jo. Christian	11 Mar. 1686	C
Maughold	Christian, Jony	Ewan Christian	16 May 1686	C
Jurby	Christian, Jon.	Thomas & Kathrin (Harrison) Christian	18 Apr. 1687	C
Maughold	Xtian, John	Jo. Lewage Xtian	30 Nov. 1687	C
Ballough	Christian, John	Tho. Christian	1 July 1690	C
Braddan	Christian, John	Charles Christian	31 Jan. 1691	C
Marown	Christian, Jon.	Evan	4 Jan. 1692	C
Braddan	Christian, John	John Christian	27 July 1692	C
Maughold	Christian, Jon.	Micho.[?Nicho.] Christian	9 Apr. 1693	C
Braddan	Christian, John	David Christian	27 Aug. 1693	C
Maughold	Christian, John	Edmd. Christian	22 Oct. 1693	C
Maughold	Xtian, John	Jon. Xtian	21 Apr. 1695	C
Maughold	Christian, Jon.	Robt. Cleark Christian	15 Sep. 1695	C
Lazayre	Christian, John	Ewan Christian	3 Feb. 1696	B
Bride	Christian, John	John Christian	23 Feb. 1696	C
Bride	Christian, John	Patrick Christian	17 Jan. 1698	C
Bride	Xtian, John	Ewan Xtian	13 Apr. 1699	C
Kirk German	Xtian, John	Wm. Xtian	12 Dec. 1699	C

THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B" AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

Amherst County to Wit This day the above appraisers made oath before me Charles P. Taliaferro a Justice of the Peace for said County that they had appraised the property of the estate of John Christian dec'd of which the foregoing is the list and accounts to the best of their Judgment. Given under my hand this 15th Dec^r 1823.

Charles P. Taliaferro

At a Court held for Amherst County the 15th day of Dec^r 1823 this inventory and appraisement of the estate of John Christian .B. Dec^d was this day received into Court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste: A. B. Davies, Ck.

Seven years after John Christian's death, *The Lynchburg Virginian* published the following obituary for his widow:

Mrs. Judith Christian died on the 18th inst. 80th year of her age; deceased was of Amherst.

Within four months Amherst County Court reported valuation and division of the personal estate lent to her by the provisions of her husband's will.

A list of slaves belonging to the estate of John Christian (B) dec'd with their valuation by the commissioners and division.

Elizabeth	\$150	Mary.	\$300
Edmund.	400	Bob	325
Eliza	300	William	225
Casander.	200	Chener.	150
Gibson.	150	Sarah	250
Catherine & child Henry . . .	400	Fanny	300
Charles	400	Rhoda	300
Joseph.	350	Nathan.	400
John.	325	Betsey.	250
Sedious	125	Sarah Anne.	225
Abby.	175	George.	125
Malinda & child Tom	400	Eveline	150
Adeline	100	Harriet	200
			<u>7075</u>

Advancements to Legatees

To Mary Davenport	\$ 62.
" John Christian	190.
" Elijah L. Christian.	140.
" Walter L. Christian.	259.56
" Dan'l F. Christian	307.82
" Samuel Christian	50.00
	<u>1009.38</u>
	\$8084.38

To Walter L. Christian	To Mary Davenport	To Sam'l Christian's son
Eliza & George	Malinda Tom & Harriet	Bob Casander & Adeline
\$425	\$600	\$625
Advancement	Advancement	Advancement
259.56	62	50
to pay	to receive	to pay
-10.87	11.69	-1.31
<u>673.69</u>	<u>673.69</u>	<u>673.69</u>
To Elijah L. Christian	To Peter F. Christian	To Drury Christian
Edmund & Sedious	Catherine Henry Sarah Anne	Charles & Sarah
\$525	\$625	\$650
Advancement	to receive	to receive
140	48.69	23.69
to receive	<u>673.69</u>	<u>673.69</u>
8.69		
<u>673.69</u>		
To Daniel F. Christian	To W. L. Christian	To Judith Christian
William & Chener	Mealy Elisha & Rhoda	Nathan & Betsy
\$275	\$700.00	\$650
Advancement	to pay	to receive
307.82	26.31	23.69
to pay	<u>673.69</u>	<u>673.69</u>
-9.13		
<u>673.69</u>		

To John Christian John & Eveline Advancement to receive	\$475 190 8.69	To Charles L. Christian Joseph Gibson & Elizabeth to receive	\$650 23.69 673.69	To James G. Christian Mary Fanny & Abby to pay	\$775 101.31 673.69
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Drury Christian assumed the responsibility of acting as trustee to assure that his brother Samuel's son, John Francis Christian, would receive his inheritance on attaining lawful age. Drury and two other brothers posted bond as security:

Know all men by these presents that we Drury Christian James G. Christian and Peter F. Christian are held and firmly bound unto Nelson C. Dawson, Ambrose Rucker, Edmund Penn and James Powell Gentlemen Justices of the County Court of Amherst in the sum of Twelve hundred dollars current money of Virginia for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this 16th day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty and in the 55th year of the Commonwealth.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Drury Christian shall well and truly pay and deliver or cause to be paid and delivered unto John J Christian orphan of Samuel L. Christian dec'd all such estate or estates as is now or shall hereafter appear to be due to the said John J. Christian when he shall attain to lawful age to demand the same or when thereto required by the Justices of the said Court for the time being do also save harmless and indemnify the first above mentioned Justices from all trouble or damages that shall or may arise about the said estate or estates, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force & virtue.

Drury Christian (Seal)
James G. Christian (Seal)
Peter F. Christian (Seal)

Examined.

At a Court held for Amherst County on the 16th day of November 1830

This bond was acknowledged in open court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste: Arthur B. Davies

The undersigned, three of the commissioners appointed by an order of the county Court of Amherst dated November Court 1830 directing a division of the slaves belonging to the estate of John Christian (B) dec'd agreeable to the last will and Testament of the said John Christian Dec'd having executed the said order, Report that the annexed list of slaves were presented to them by Peter F. Christian the executor for division to which we add their valuation amounting to the sum of seven thousand & seventy five Dollars. It appearing to us that the following advancement had been made to some of the Legatees, That is to say to Mary Davenport the sum of sixty-two dollars. To John Christian one hundred and ninety Dollars. To Elijah L. Christian, one hundred and forty Dollars. To Walter L. Christian Two hundred and fifty nine Dollars and fifty-six cents. To Daniel Christian, three hundred and seven Dollars eighty two cents and to Samuel Christian Fifty Dollars which sum added to the valuation of the slaves amount to the sum of Eight thousand Eighty four Dollars Thirty Eight cents. That the proportion of each Legatee is six hundred and seventy three Dollars & sixty nine cents—Proceeding agreeable to the above estimation we have allotted two slaves Elisha & George to Walter L. Christian who is to pay Ten Dollars Eighty seven cents. Two William & Chener to Daniel F. Christian who is to pay nine Dollars thirteen cents. Two Edmund & Sedius to Elijah L. Christian who is to receive Eight Dollars sixty nine cents. Two John & Eveline to John Christian who is to receive Eight Dollars sixty nine cents. Three Malinda Tom & Harriott to Mary Davenport who is to receive Eleven Dollars sixty nine cents. Three Bob Casander & Adeline to the son of Samuel Christian who is to pay one Dollar thirty one cents. Three Catherine Henry & Sarah to Peter F. Christian who is to receive forty eight Dollars sixty nine cents. Two Charles and Sarah to Drury Christian who is to receive Twenty three Dollars sixty nine cents. Three Mary Elisha & Charles to William L. Christian who is to pay Twenty six Dollars and thirty one cents. Two Nathan & Betsey to Judith Christian who is to receive Twenty three Dollars & sixty nine cents. Three Joseph Gibson and Elizabeth to Charles L. Christian who is to receive Seventy three Dollars sixty nine cents. Three Mary Fanny & Abby to James G. Christian who is to pay one hundred and one

D. P. Gooch
Jonas Pierce
Wiley Campbell

Whether following the history of this "well-known family" of Wigtownshire would prove as easy as the foregoing footnote indicates is questionable. Nonetheless, several additional references to the sixteenth century MacChristians can be found in the previously mentioned WIGTOWNSHIRE CHARTERS, Publication of the Scottish History Society. On page 126 "Malcolm McCristen" is named (in the Galloway Charters) as a witness to an "instrument of sasine" dated 12 January 1515/16. On page 128 quoting another "instrument of sasine" dated 10 February 1531/2 (from the Lochnow Charters), name of "the deceased Symon McCristene" appears in body of instrument describing boundaries of property being transferred. On page 130 a genealogically significant entry—copied in full below—describes pertinent details of a lawsuit involving the estate of John MacChristian, burgess of Wigtown.

1557, June 2. Elizabeth McCristie, daughter to the deceased John McCristie, burgess of Wigtown, and schir Nichol Makclellane, his tutor testamentar for his interest, v. Robert Livingstoun of Litill Ardis and Katherine Make, his spouse. Persuer's father, who fell at Pinkie, constituted the said schir Nichol tutor testamentar to his children, by virtue whereof he has acted since the said father's decease and has raised signet letters charging the tenants of the £5 lands of the ward lands of Clentis, Kilstur and the Blair to pay rent to the said Elizabeth and her tutor during her pupillarity. Robert Livingstoun and Katherine Makke purchased a tutory dative to the said Elizabeth and have proceeded to diligence thereon, although the said tutory is obtained wrongfully without any cognition. Persuers crave for suspension of letters and produce the said John's testament constituting Fergus McDowell of Frewcht, Andrew Fullartoun of Carlton, Alexander McCristie his brother, schir Nichol McClellane chaplain, Gilbert McCristen, Elizabeth McCristen and Marion McDowell his mother, tutors testamentary to his children, which testament is subscribed by Patrick McClellane vicar of Wigtoun 4 Sept. 1547 and confirmed by the bishop of Whithorn on 28 March 1548. Defenders claim that the testament is forged. The Lords assign 1st July next for improving the testament and ordain letters to summon the witnesses in the testament, namely Mr. Gilbert McCrekane, Nicholl McClellane and Mr. Patrick McCullocht, Alexander Wallace, William Gordoun, John Nesbit, William Campbell and Gilbert McCullocht.

from Acts and Decrees, vol. 15, f. 29-60

Further research might reveal the exact relationship between the earliest and latest John Mac Christians mentioned herein as burgesses of Wigtown, Scotland (not to be confused with Wigton, England, in nearby County Cumberland). Map below shows relative locations of the coastal towns bordering the Irish Sea.



EARLY SCOTTISH MAC CHRISTIANS

THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B" AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

By mid-fifteenth century the MacChristians of Wigtown, Scotland, had acquired both property and position. Record of some of their land holdings and business dealings can be followed in the documents of town and shire—with the name spelled variously as Makristin, McCristin, MacCristene, or even McCristie. The following abstracts and footnotes are reproduced from pages 124 and 125 of WIGTOWNSHIRE CHARTERS in Publications of the Scottish History Society, Third Series, Volume LI, edited by R. C. Reid and printed in Edinburgh in 1960. Copy was provided to CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES editor by Frank Asbury Christian.

1503, Sept. 23. Instrument of resignation at the hand of John Wrycht N.P., narrating that Simon Makcristin of Corsregan resigned into the hands of John Makcoullach, then bailie of Wigtown, his manor house or habitation of Monkhill¹ with orchard and meadow and the mote of Monkhill in favour of Margaret Schaw, his spouse, in life-rent, who was then infeft therein by the said bailie.²

Witnesses: John Makkimay, Alexander Schankis, Robert Buchane, James Portare and John Dyksoun.

from Barnbarroch Charters

¹In a duplicate the lands are described as—all his lands of Mote (montis) of Monkhill with the orchard adjoining, paying 18d. yearly to the community of Wigton.

²The family of McCristin is one of the oldest in the burgh. John McCristin, burgess and provost of Wigtown, received in 1471 a charter from Gilbert McDowell of Remiston, of the 2 merkland of Carsregane in the parish of Kirkeowan 'from the midstream of Bladnacht to the midstream of Duffpoll' (R.M.S., 1424/1513-1624). He was succeeded by his son Simon, who in 1484 had a charter from the provost and bailies of the lands of Monkhill resigned by his father (R.M.S., 1424/1513-1623). In 1499 he acquired from Patrick Dikonsen of Clontis and Mariot Hannay spouses, the 4 merkland of Kilsture in the parish of Sorbie, resigning to the spouses a 2 merkland of Clontis which Simon held on charter from Gilbert Dikonsen, father of the said Patrick. Gilbert had been infeft in 1461. Much earlier at the close of the reign of Robert I the Crown had gifted these lands to one Richard McGuffok (R.M.S., 1306/1424, app. i, 101). There were several dealings between the two families before the property came into the possession of the McCristins. It was a 7½ merkland and included Kilsture (a 2 merkland) and Blair (R.M.S., 1424/1513-769). Gilbert's son Patrick in 1491 received from his father a grant of the whole property (R.M.S., 1424/1513-2056). In 1506 Patrick finally sold out to Simon McCristin of Carsregane and Monkhill (*Ibid.*, 2975). As early as 1497 Simon had been a bailie of Wigtown (*Ex.R.*, xi, 62) and figured again as such in 1510 when he and Cuthbert Cunyngham were joint customars of Wigtown (*Ex.R.*, xiii, 373, 379). In 1513 Simon along with Dominick McClellane had to compound in the Justice Ayre for the oppression of the community of Wigtown. They had taken the best merchandise coming in ships to Wigtown, hiding it in their cellars, ingathering the profits of the town and burgh lands and the common liberty of the community. They were also charged with oppression of the McKies (*Piteairn*, i, 93). There were many temptations for a customar. Simon must have died in 1513 when William McCristin was infeft in the 7½ merkland of Clontis (*Ex.R.*, xiv, 539). William in turn was dead by Nov. 1517, when the Crown gifted the ward of his lands, as to half, to his widow Elene Gordon along with William Gordon of Craichlaw, and as to the other half to his brother Simon (R.S.S., i, 2943). William apparently had no issue and was succeeded by his brother Simon, who in turn was followed by his son William, who had a lawsuit as to Carsregane on the death of Gilbert McDowell of Freugh, the superior (A.D.C., xxix, f. 74, and xxx, f. 221V). His son John McCristin in July 1534 resigned Kilsture for a new infeftment with Egidia Kirkpatrick his spouse (R.M.S., 1513/46-1991). John died in 1545 and the ward of Clontis, Kilsture and Blair with the marriage of his son John was gifted to a relation, John McCristin, burgess of Wigtown, whilst the ward of Carsregan was granted to Fergus McDowell of Freugh (R.S.S., iii, 1346, 1999). Two sons are recorded, John and Simon. John McCristin of Monkhill was dead by 1624, having married Jean Cunyngham. His son John was served as his heir in 1630 (*Retours*). The later history of this well-known family can be easily followed.

At a court held for Amherst County on the 20th day of December 1830 this report of the Division of the personal estate of John Christian .B. deceased was produced in open court and ordered to lie for exceptions till the next court and at a court held for the said county of Amherst on the 19th day of July 1841 no exceptions being filed thereto the same was confirmed and ordered to be recorded.
Teste: Sam M. Garland Ck.

In recording the contents of the 1830 bond, the clerk erroneously wrote "John J. Christian" rather than "John F. Christian" whenever referring to the deceased Samuel's son. Similar errors in transcription have occurred from time to time in other records; however, in most cases the correct rendering can be ascertained by comparing a sufficient number of the documents available.

Thus, for example, researchers can identify the youngest daughter of John and Judith (Leake) Christian as Judith Ford Christian even though only her middle name is given on copy of a family Bible* register. Her letters and her father's will and probate papers prove her name and place among her siblings. Furthermore, although my mother's chart had named her ancestor Samuel before Charles, it is apparent from the Bible entries and a letter Charles L. Christian wrote from Amherst County, Virginia, to his brother Samuel in "Kaintucky—boling green" that Charles was the eldest of the sons.

Beyond the value of verifying names, ages, and relationships or making known the whereabouts of various family members as they moved to new homes, the letters in particular reveal beliefs and attitudes influencing the Christians' lives and show the special concerns they had for one another. Charles' letter, illustrative in so many respects and the earliest in the Munson collection, carried the addressee's name and address on the back and was folded according to the custom of the time:

[To] Samuel L. Christian
in
Kaintucky
boling green

Amherst County October 7 day 1821

Dear brother

Thes lines comes hoping to find you all well as we are at preasant nothing strange to rite to you I should be glad to see you all but dont no when but remember we are all got to die but death is nothing judgement is all O grim be judgement I was and you[r] friends was glad to hear from you last [y]ear and in hopes you had got true religon but I fear you have lost it again I see one of your Cuntry men and I fear you have forgot you have got to die O brother remember your Father and Mother how they have gi'n you all the good advise they could but you think that I am the oldest I ought to have set better exampels before you ind what I did but O brother if I did not before I must now Let us try to meat in glory where we never shall part 'gain I expect to see you all nex [y]ear if I have god luck I shall get through all my difficul-ties I have bin in and I shall trovel the best part of a 2 monts and will come by and see you all. Farwell If I never see you in this world again O remember to try to meat in heaven where we never shall part

Charles L. Christian

*Mrs. Edna Mae Russell provided information copied in 1925 by Col. John B. Christian (West Point Class of 1896) from the Christian family Bible in home of R. A. Christian, who lived in 1925 on site of old Christian homestead and whose address was Route 1, Amherst, Virginia.

THE AMHERST, VIRGINIA, JOHN CHRISTIAN "B" AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

The Amherst County family group of John and Judith (Leake) Christian presented below has been prepared with birthdates obtained from the family Bible transcriptions and with spouses' names plus miscellaneous data from the family letters and public records.

HUSBAND		CHRISTIAN, John "B"		Father	?CHRISTIAN, Charles				
Born		?c. 1742-1748	Virginia	Mother	?WOODSON, Judith				
Married		9 May 1771 St. James Northam Parish, Goochland County, Virginia							
Died		26 Sep. 1823 Amherst County, Virginia							
Buried		near Buffalo River, Amherst County, Virginia							
Other Marriages									
WIFE		LEAKE, Judith "Juda"		Father	?LEAKE, Walter				
Born		c. 1750		Mother	?MASK, Judith				
Died		18 July 1830 Amherst County, Virginia		"at age 80"					
Buried									
Other Marriages									
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN/CITY	COUNTY/PROVINCE	STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	CHRISTIAN	Born	27	Feb.	1772		Virginia	Virginia	DAVENPORT, Richard
F	Mary Leake "Polly"	Married	1	Sep.	1796		Virginia	Virginia	
		Died							
2	CHRISTIAN	Born	3	Dec.	1774		Virginia	Virginia	WILLIAMSON, Susannah
M	Charles L.	Married	13	Oct.	1812	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	
		Died	24	Oct.	1840	?Jackson	?Alabama		
3	CHRISTIAN	Born	20	May	1776	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	Judith
M	John F.	Married							
		Died			1846	California	Moniteau	Missouri	
4	CHRISTIAN	Born	3	Apr.	1778	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	APLING, Nancy
M	William Leake	Married	15	Apr.	1811	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	
		Died			Apr. 1851	Bowling Green	Warren	Kentucky	
5	CHRISTIAN	Born	18	Feb.	1780	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	MARTIN, Sally H.
M	Elijah L.	Married	20	Jan.	1805	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	
		Died			?1843				
6	CHRISTIAN	Born	18	Oct.	1782	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	
M	Walter L.	Married							
		Died			?1850-1860				
7	CHRISTIAN	Born	27	May	1785	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	
M	Peter F.	Married							
		Died			post 1860				
8	CHRISTIAN	Born	9	July	1788	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	
M	Elisha	Married							
		Died			1823-1830				
9	CHRISTIAN	Born	13	July	1792	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	COLEMAN, Polly/Deily
M	Daniel F.	Married	15	Jan.	1818	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	
		Died			c. 1835				
10	CHRISTIAN	Born			Aug. 1794	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	MADISON, Frances
M	Samuel Leake	Married							
		Died			1822-1823	Bowling Green	Warren	Kentucky	
11	CHRISTIAN	Born	29	May	1796	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	FEAGAN, Jane
M	Drury	Married	30	June	1826	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	
		Died							
12	CHRISTIAN	Born	10	Apr.	1798	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	WOODSON, Charles
F	Judith Ford	Married	31	Dec.	1833				
		Died			post 1850				
13	CHRISTIAN	Born	21	Aug.	1800	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	CHRISTIAN, Emily M.
M	James Grisham	Married	18	Mar.	1830	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	
		Died			ante June 1848	?North Carolina			

(to be continued)

TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CHRISTIAN FAMILY SETTLEMENT

To the Hon. Geo. H. Hopkins, Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Tazewell:

The Bill of Mathias Christian & George Christian, the latter of whom being an infant, sues by the former, his next friend, respectfully represents that in the latter part of the year 1852 Thomas Christian, the father of your orators, duly made & published his last will & testament, which was drawn by one H. R. Bogle & acknowledged & attested in the manner prescribed by law. The said Thomas Christian had been married twice & had children by both wives. His children of the first marriage were John, David, Daniel, Thomas S., Nancy, (the wife of John Reed) Ruth, & Mastin, the two last of whom are now dead; Ruth leaving a daughter, Louisa, wife of William Altizer, & Mastin leaving eleven children, viz: William, Ruth, wife of Ja^s W. Low, Nancy wife of Noah Birchfield, Addison, Daniel, Hiram, Thomas, Moses, Mastin, Nathan, & Lovace, the six last of whom are infants. The children of the last marriage are six, viz.: your orator^s Louisa, wife of John H. Gates, Susana, wife of James Stephenson, Sarah, & Lilly, the two last being infants.

The children of Thomas Christian by his first wife had all been advanced, & in fact received, more than an equal portion of his estate at the time of the publication of the will above mentioned. The said Thomas owned nothing but a tract of land in the county of Tazewell on which he resided, supposed to contain some 150 or 200 acres, & a little personal property worth about \$_____ & consisting of a horse, a few cattle, & a little furniture.

By the will above mentioned the said Thomas Christian devised all his lands (being the tract aforesaid) in fee to your orators, & required them to pay \$100. to each of his three daughters by the last marriage, viz: Susan, Sarah, & Lilly. Louisa, the other daughter of said marriage, & the wife of John H. Gates, received what her father considered a full advancement, & so your orators were not required to pay anything to her. The said testator moreover directed that his wife should be supported by your orators or that she should be maintained from the land, & he also bequeathed her the whole of his little personalty for the support of his family. After the making & publishing of said will the said Thomas Christian sold a small part of his lands to his son _____, who, as your orators learn, paid him therefor.

Your orators are advised that Equity will set up & establish the said will, tho' now lost or fraudulently suppressed, if its contents & due & legal execution can be shown. They hazard little in saying that the substantial provisions & legal execution of said will can clearly be proven, & therefore they resort to Equity & pray that David Christian, John Christian, Daniel Christian, Thomas S. Christian, John Reed & Nancy, his wife, Mary Christian, John H. Gates & Louisa, his wife, James Stephenson & Susan, his wife, William Altizer & Louisa, his wife, Sarah Christian, Lilly Christian, William Christian, James W. Low & Ruth, his wife, Addison Christian, Daniel Christian, (son of Mastin), Noah Birchfield & Nancy, his wife, Hiram Christian, Thomas Christian, Moses Christian, Mastin Christian, Nathan Christian, & Lovace Christian, heirs at law of Thomas Christian deceased be made defendants to this Bill & answer the allegations thereof on oath fully & distinctly, that the will & testament of said Thomas Christian deceased herein declared & decreed operative & valid, that the rights & title of your orators under said will be confirmed & made perfect, & that all such other & further proceedings be had & such additional relief & assistance rendered as Justice may sanction & the case under any circumstances require. May it please your Honor to award the compl^{ts} Sp² directed &c.

S tras for Compl^{ts}

Virginia, In the Circuit Court of Tazewell County, Thursday, the 13th day of Sept. 1855.

Tho^s Christian George & Mathias Christian Piffs)
Will) vs.) On issue out of Chancery
David Christian & others Def^{ts})

This day came the parties by their attorney and thereupon came a jury, to wit: William P. Claytor, James H. Gillespie, Henry A. Yost, Thomas Maxwell, James W. Neel, James Hankins, Peter Ratliff, Thomas Steel, George W. Lockhart, Robert Barrett, Calvin Nuckols and John W. Gillespie, who being sworn to try & inquire into the issues upon their oaths returned the following verdict, "We the jury find that, Thomas Christian, senior in the latter part of 1852 duly made and published his last will and testament; that by said will he devised to his sons George and Mathias all the lands owned by said testator at the time of his death, subject to the maintenance of the widow of said testator during life. By said will the said testator directed his said sons, Mathias & George, to pay to each of his daughters, Susan, Sarah & Lilly \$100 in property. The personal property of said testator was bequeathed by said testator to his wife (now his widow) except his smith tools, which were bequeathed to his sons Mathias & George. We the said jury further find that the said will was never revoked.

Teste Samuel L. Graham, C

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TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CHRISTIAN FAMILY SETTLEMENT

FROM THE EDITOR'S FILES

SUPPLEMENTED BY DATA FROM JUANITA S. HALSTEAD & WALTER M. ELSWICK

Although not the first Christian to have his name appear on the records of Tazewell County, Virginia, Thomas Christian was the first to establish his permanent home there and the first to leave descendants carrying the Christian surname there.

Benjamin Christian, on 23 October 1793 among the signators to a "Petition of Inhabitants of Wythe and Russell Counties to Form a New County," signed another such petition 25 November 1795. From depositions in a civil suit (Thomas Christian vs. Wray), it can be ascertained that in September of 1794 Thomas Christian was still "of Sumner County, territory south of the Ohio." By 31 November 1796, however, Thomas had moved from that Tennessee county to Virginia since both he and Benjamin Christian, "inhabitants of Wythe County," petitioned with others to form a new county. Again, on 6 December 1797, both Thomas Christian and Benjamin Christian* petitioned once more—this time identified among the inhabitants of "the upper end of Russell County and that part of Wythe County which lies north of the Clinch Mountains."

With formation of Tazewell County finally completed in 1800, Benjamin Christian's name appears on the first enumeration of taxpayers in 1801 and continues there through 1810 whereas the name of Thomas Christian was not added until 1805. Thomas continued thereafter during his life, however, to be a land-owning taxpayer.

Thomas Christian was a member of the jury at the June 1807 court and served on the Grand Jury in 1808. Before Benjamin's departure in 1811 (apparently to Wayne County, Kentucky, then to McMinn County, Tennessee, and ultimately back to Wayne County), Benjamin Christian, too, accepted jury duty several times.

The United States census enumerations of 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850 show Thomas Christian as the head of a household in Tazewell County. Location of his residence on Indian Creek is substantiated by probate as well as land records. A list of his land holdings on Indian Creek—13 and 15 miles northwest of the courthouse—include four parcels: 395 acres, 150 acres, 225 acres, and 50 acres.

Loss of the will Thomas Christian wrote before his death in December 1854 resulted in the filing of a Bill of Complaint which provides many more genealogical details than would probably have been revealed in the will itself. The contents of that document follow:

*Relationship, if any, between Thomas and Benjamin Christian has not been determined.

ELUSIVE CONNECTIONS

PARENTAGE OF JOHN & JUDITH (LEAKE) CHRISTIAN

Parentage of neither John Christian "B" nor of his wife Judith Leake has yet been proven. Both "of Goochland County," Virginia, when married 9 May 1771 by the Reverend William Douglas, they have understandably been assumed to belong to Goochland residents. The most frequently advanced possibilities identify John's father and mother as Charles and Mary (Leake) Christian and Judith's as Walter and Judith (Mask) Leake. That John would marry his mother's younger sister seemed to me so unlikely that I decided to review the literature and re-examine other alternatives.

After careful evaluation I believe the Leake relationships appear more convincing than do those attributed to the Christians. Walter Leake of Goochland County, Virginia, made the following bequest in his will dated 31 October 1757 and proved 16 May 1758:

. . . I give and bequeath to my three Daughters,
Mary Christian, Christian Johnston and Judith Leake
twenty Pounds apiece after their Mother's decease.

From this clause one can infer that Mary was already married, Judith not yet wed, and that their mother was still living. Elsewhere in the will Walter referred to his "loving wife, Judith Leak," known from nineteenth century family sources to have been the former Judith Mask, whose birth date appears in the Register of St. Peter's Parish:

Judith Daughter of John Mask born ye 14th April
and baptized the 10th July 1698.

If Judith (Leake) Christian—born about 1750 according to her death notice—were indeed the same Judith mentioned as a daughter in Walter Leake's will, then she would have been the child of her mother's late middle age. The fact that she herself gave birth to

her youngest child at about fifty years of age would lend credence to her mother's having given birth at age fifty-two.

Therefore, unless newly discovered evidence should point toward a different background for Judith (Leake) Christian (conceivably as a granddaughter of Walter through son William or John), I am inclined to accept placement of Mary (Leake) Christian and Judith (Leake) Christian among the children of Walter and Judith (Mask) Leake; namely, Josiah Leake; Samuel Leake; John Leake; William Leake; Mask Leake; Elisha Leake; Elizabeth (Leake) Coleman, wife of James; Mary (Leake) Christian, wife of Charles; Christian "Kitty" (Leake) Johnston, wife of William; and Judith (Leake) Christian, wife of John.

Since I still consider it unlikely—although not impossible—that John Christian "B" married his aunt, who besides Charles and Mary (Leake) Christian might his parents have been?

Could John "B" have been the son of Robert and Lucy (Bradley) Christian? Certainly they had a son called John, for one was named in Robert's 25 March 1748 will witnessed by Walter Leake, William Leake, Charles Christian, and William Christian and proved in May Court of Albemarle County, Virginia. Because John Christian "B" did not name a single child Robert or Lucy, I would discount the likelihood that his parents were so named. It is far more reasonable that another John Christian was their son—maybe the John Christian who married Mary Harvey about 1770.

Could John "B" have been the son of one of the other Christian couples of Virginia? Perhaps, for not all known John Christians have parents completely accounted for. Much confusion, for example, exists between the aforementioned John and Mary and the John who married Mary Maynard 3 February 1768 in Charles City County, Virginia. (One of the two moved to Franklin County, Georgia, and died there before February 1805.) Documents may yet be found to clarify the numerous discrepancies in manuscripts and published works.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES—WILLIAM "ILLIAM DHÔNE" CHRISTIAN

responsible for Christian's blood "unjustly spilt" were only the beginning of the reverses suffered by them and their families.

*Myrgedelin ny dunveryn hug Illiam mow
Nyn dhielyn e' nyn dhalloo, 's nyn enny ren loau,
Son Ithee ad ersooyl myr ragh theh-rio ny hoie,
As ta dty vaase, Illiam Dhône, brishey nyn gree.*

<p>So it fared with the band by whom Willie did die, Their lands are a waste, their names stink to the sky; They melted like rime in the ruddy sun's glow: Thy murder, Brown William, fills Mona with woe.</p>	<p>Perdition, too, seized them who caused thee to bleed; To decay fell their houses, their lands, and their seed, Disappear'd, like a vapour when morn's flush'd with gold: And thy fate, Illiam Dhône, sickens my soul.</p>
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Saddened as they were by the death of Brown William, the Manx took heart from the return of good fortune to his descendants.

*Agh naem's mee hene y gheriagh lesh moode my hreishteil
Dy vaikym banglane my ghrath ny hoie ayns y whaiyl
Coyrt sneih er e noidyn lesh ordys y Ree
Ga dy vel dty vaase, Illiam Dhône, brishey nyn gree.*

<p>But comfort I take, for 'tis common report, There are shoots of dear Will who are sitting at court, Who have punished his foes by king's mandate, although Thy murder, Brown William, fills Mona with woe.</p>	<p>From grief, all corroding, to hope I'll repair, That a branch of the Christians will soon grace the chair, With royal instructions, his foes to control: And thy fate, Illiam Dhône, sickens my soul.</p>
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*Dreamal ren mish er y chreg chreoi my lhis
Dy beagh slaight Illiam Dhône ayns Runnyafie,
E noidyn ghawil castit as eh-hene ec shee
As clein Chrisjeen gennal as slane ec nyn gree.*

<p>O 'tis pleasant to think when one's wither'd and grey, There's race of Brown William in fair Ronaldsway, That his foemen are crush'd and their faces can't show, While the clan of Christeen have no trouble or woe.</p>	<p>With a rock for my pillow, I dreamt, as I lay, That a branch of the Christians would hold Ronaldsway; His conquest his topic with friends o'er a bowl: And thy fate, Illiam Dhône, sickens my soul.</p>
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*Da fir-choyrlee foalsey ayns Agglissh y Theay
Ver cummaltee Vannin slane dooate as feoh
Coyrt caarjyn bunryskyn, 's brishey nyn shee,
Myr ta dy vaase, Illiam Dhône, brishey nyn gree.*

<p>To the counsellors false, both in church and in state, Bear the public of Mona both loathing and hate, Who set man against man, and the peace would break now, As thy murder, Brown William, broke hearts long ago.</p>	<p>And now for a wish, at concluding my song: May the Almighty withhold us from doing what's wrong, Protect every mortal from enmity foul: And thy fate, Illiam Dhône, sickens my soul.</p>
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ELUSIVE CONNECTIONS—PARENTAGE OF JOHN & JUDITH (LEAKE) CHRISTIAN

Nonetheless, with parents of most mid-eighteenth century, contemporary John Christians* of Virginia identified and with no other John as likely to have been the one mentioned in the 18 September 1783 Goochland County, Virginia, will of Charles Christian, I am ready to conclude that Charles was the probable father of John Christian "B." Significantly, John "B" named his first-born son Charles. As for the mother: John "B" was probably born between 1742 and 1748 to Charles' first wife, Judith Woodson, rather than to his second wife, Mary Leake.

As a son of the Christian-Woodson union, John Christian "B"* would not have had to cope with any social taboos against marrying "an aunt of the blood"; instead, he would have been at perfect liberty to choose his step-mother's sister, Judith Leake, as his bride. And, indeed, I believe he did.

Agnes Branch Pearlman
Editor

*The Virginians named John Christian are too numerous to list in this brief article. Vital data about them will be included in articles published from time to time in *Christian Family Chronicles*.

*See "The Amherst, Virginia, John Christian 'B' and His Far-Flung Descendants" elsewhere in this issue of *Christian Family Chronicles* for information pertaining to the life and family of John Christian.

Can you add any facts or insights to the "Elusive Connections" already published?

What about your own "Elusive Connections"?

LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO, ANCESTORS

(continued from Volume No. II)

--FOLLOW-UP--

Before proceeding to publish names of the descendants of David and Abigail (White) Christian through several of their children, the editor wishes to present another Lawrence County, Ohio, Christian settler and to acquaint readers with the successes—and failures—of the research efforts made since the notes on Lawrence County ancestors appeared in Volume No. II of *Christian Family Chronicles*. Some corrections and



From the collection of Merri Vinton

Widowed in 1889 when David Christian died, Abigail (White) Christian—pictured above—later moved to Claiborne County, Tennessee, to be with the family of a son living there. At death in 1902 her body was returned to Lawrence County, Ohio, for burial.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES—WILLIAM "ILLIAM DHÔNE" CHRISTIAN

Never brought before the Court, Christian denied its right to try him and refused to plead. This proved a fatal mistake because he thereby subjected himself to the same judgment as if he had pleaded guilty. He did, however, petition the King and Council, arguing that the proceedings taken against him were in violation of the Act of Indemnity; but the plea (delivered by his brother John and nephew Edward Christian) did not reach London until a week after the execution—making the resulting order for reprieve of no avail.

*Vad gra dy daink screewyn dy choyrnt oo dy baase,
Lesh feantshyn foalsey va follym dy'n ghrayse
Yn ving ver nym agglagh dy bein dt' aggail mooie
As ta dty vaase, Illiam Dhône, brishay nym gree.*

'Twas said at thy trial, by men void of faith,
The king, by a letter, demanded thy death:
The jury was frightened, and dared not say "No!"
Thy murder, Brown William, fills Mona with woe.

Thy pardon, 'tis rumour'd, came over the main,
Nor late, but conceal'd by a villain in grain.
'Twas fear forced the jury to sentence so foul:
And thy fate, Illiam Dhône, sickens my soul.

Found guilty, his sentence was to be "hanged, drawn, and quartered," but upon the "earnest peticon" of the prisoner's wife and in "consideration of her very disconsolate condition," the punishment was commuted to an order that he be "shot to death, that thereupon his life may depart from his bodie."

An entry relating to the execution in the Parish Register of Malew states that "he died most penitently and most curragiously, made a good end, prayed earnestly, made an excellent speech, and next day was buried in the Chancel of Kirk Malew." His grieving widow died less than three years later on 19 November 1665.

Illiam Dhône's sons, George and Ewan, presented petitions for redress; and after some delay the earl, deemsters, and other members of the Court were brought before the King in Council, who decided that "the Act of General Pardon and Indemnity did and ought to be understood to extend to the Isle of Man."

The punishments meted out by the Privy Council to the men*

*Many stanzas of "Baase Illiam Dhône"—not reprinted here—identify those who played a part in William Christian's death and describe the retribution and misfortunes befalling them and their kin.

the agreement was, in reality, a mere pretence for the sake of gaining time. These troops arrived on the 20th of October, but, being delayed by storms, they did not land till the 28th. They had been assured by Christian that they would not be opposed by the soldiers under his command. On the 3rd of November, the countess, finding that she could not rely upon the fidelity of her soldiers, surrendered the castles of Rushen and Peel, and soon afterwards she left the island.

With the supremacy of Oliver Cromwell and the Commonwealth established, William Christian and his brother John, the Deemster, were summoned to London to be consulted about the Manx laws and other matters. They were described in the Journals of the House of Commons as "two of the ablest and honestest gentlemen in the island."

Illiam Dhône was continued in his office of Receiver under newly appointed Lord Fairfax; and between 1656 and 1658 he also held the post of Governor—relinquished in the latter year following Cromwell's death to James Chaloner. Chaloner ordered Christian's arrest for misappropriation of revenues—a charge which was often used against political enemies and a charge which was never proved. In fact, through his son George, Christian produced statements showing the accuracy of his accounts. Before the matter was fully settled, however, William left for England, where he lived quietly in Lancashire for the next two years.

At the Restoration of Charles in 1660 he "went to London with many others to have a sight," as he said, "of my gracious King." While there, he was incarcerated in the Fleet prison upon an action of £20,000 and was not freed for nearly a year. Being assured after his release that the Act of Indemnity secured him against all the legal consequences of any past political offences, he rashly returned to the Isle of Man. (His advisors had forgotten that any offences were in the technical sense not against the Crown but against the Lord of Man.) Thereupon, Christian was imprisoned in Castle Rushen in September 1662 when Charles Stanley, eighth Lord of Derby then seated at Man, issued a mandate to his officers to proceed against William Christian "for all his illegal actions and rebellions" in 1651 or before.

additions have already been printed in the "Footnotes" of Volume Nos. III and IV.

Exciting finds for descendants have included discovery of long-lost cousins and locating numerous family photographs, one of which is published on the facing page with others to appear in forthcoming issues.

In spite of diligent study and several leads, name of the mother of the John Christian who first married Johanna Farley continues to elude identification. Information of a more accurate, but still incomplete, nature has been found regarding John's subsequent marriages, however: His second wife, Nancy Blankenship, had previously been married but her maiden name is not yet available; and it has been determined that John married a third time—7 March 1853 to Martha, widow of Simeon Shattock (a marriage erroneously attributed to his grandson John on page 151 of Volume No. II).

Information on the family of John's brother, David Christian, is much sketchier than that for John. Sometimes referred to as Davis Christian, this elder David (for whom his nephew was probably named) moved from Virginia and settled at the head of Storm's Creek in Lawrence County about 1811. Vital data, so far as is known or can be inferred from census records, follows. —ABP

David/Davis CHRISTIAN	= 1) Mary "Polly" KELLY
s/o John and _____ Christian	d/o B. and _____ Kelly, Sr.
born c. 1778 Virginia	born c. 1790-1793
mar. 1) ?c. 1809	died c. 1849 Lawrence Co., OH
mar. 2) 18 Oct. 1850 Lawrence Co., OH	= 2) Phila/Zila (_____) COLEMAN

David and Mary "Polly" (Kelly) Christian probably had the following children unless he was married previously and married Polly at a later date than that estimated:

1. A son, born 1800-1810.
2. A daughter, born 1810-1815.
3. A son, born 1810-1815.
4. A daughter, born 1815-1820, possibly the Nancy Christian born about 1820, still unmarried in 1860 and living with Charles and Elizabeth (Christian) Frad.
5. A son, born 1820-1825.
6. A son, born 1820-1825
7. Henry Christian, born 1825-1830, died before 1905; married 1) Angela Isabella Rumburg 22 August 1849 in Lawrence County, Ohio, and 2) Isabella Brooks.
8. Rhoda Christian, born about 1831 in Lawrence County, Ohio; married Elijah Frad, son of John and brother to Charles below.
9. Elizabeth Christian, born about 1834 in Lawrence County, Ohio; married Charles Frad, son of John and brother to Elijah above.

NOTE: Information on the Lawrence County, Ohio, Christian families is provided to the editor on a continuing basis by several dedicated researchers: Wilma L. Coats, Bertha D. Walbrecht Farmer, Vivian H. Johnson, and Merri Vinton.

ANTHONY & SALLIE (EWING) CHRISTIAN

AND SOME DESCENDANTS

BY

WAYNE S. O'NEAL

(continued from Volume No. III)

Among the children of Thomas Ewing and Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian was a daughter Elizabeth who married her first cousin, Sampson Doughty,* son of Benjamin and Polly (Camp) Doughty. To supplement the vital data I had gathered about their line, a descendant provided a twenty-five page narrative* describing the characteristics and activities of that branch of the family.

Benjamin Franklin Doughty, the first child of Sampson and Elizabeth, was born in 1851 in Knoxville, Tennessee. By his first marriage to Rachel Burchfield there were six children, and by his second marriage, two more. It is from the writings of Ben and Rachel's daughter, Adda B. (Doughty) Brookhart, that we can follow the family's moves and once more share in some of their joys and sorrows.

By the birth of Adda in 1878 the Doughtys were living on the banks of the Nodaway River near Maryville, Missouri. Four years later they moved to Nebraska, where she started school at Johnston. Her memories of "a happy home" with her three brothers and two

*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. II, page 110, for vital data on Sampson and Elizabeth (Christian) Doughty and their earlier Christian ancestors.

*The narrative submitted by Lester Brookhart was written in 1935 by his mother, Adda B. (Doughty) Brookhart, granddaughter of Sampson and Elizabeth (Christian) Doughty. Abstracts from her account provide the biographical details for the current installment of "Anthony & Sallie (Ewing) Christian and Some Descendants."



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WILLIAM "ILLIAM DHÔNE" CHRISTIAN

died in 1687; married in 1670 Mary Nettles, daughter of John Nettles, High Sheriff of Tourneen, County Waterford, Ireland. Graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, Patricius became Prebendary of Lismore Cathedral. He and wife had issue.

William Christian, born 1640-1651; no further information.

So great was Lord Derby's confidence in his Receiver that, when the Earl left the Island in August 1651 to join the Royalist forces, he not only put Christian in command of the insular militia but committed his countess, Charlotte de la Tremoille, to William's care.

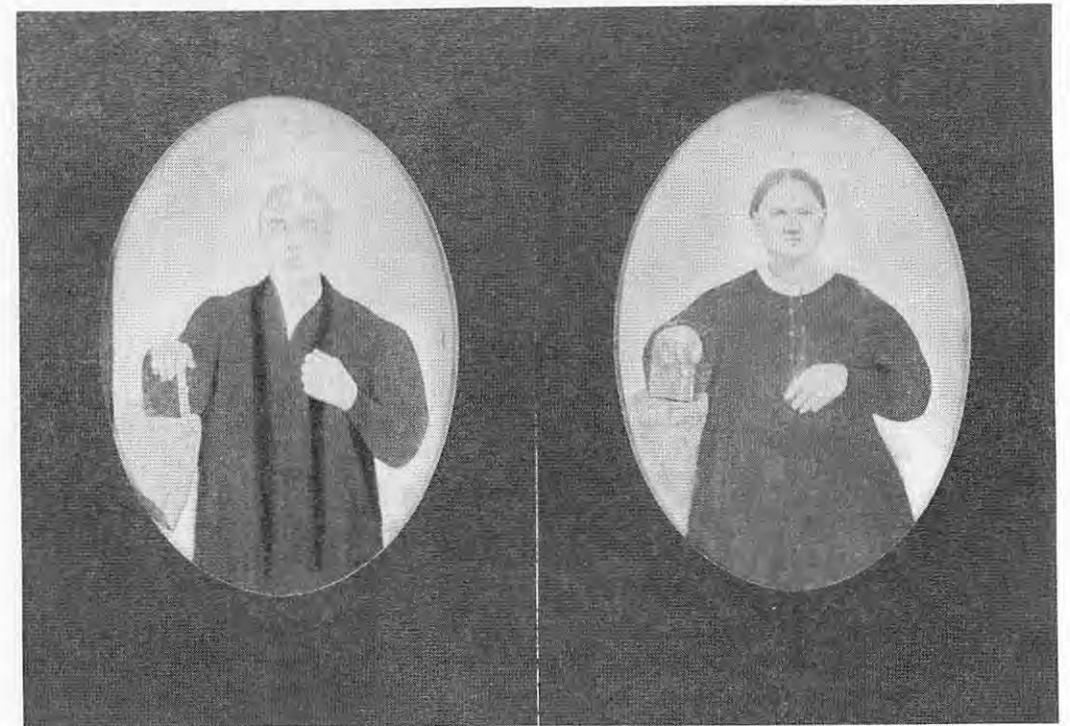
Accounts regarding Christian's role in subsequent events are conflicting and obscure. Nonetheless, it can be ascertained that, while he shared the Manx support for the Crown in Charles II's fight with Parliament, his foremost interests were patriotic concerns for Man. Thus he, like most influential Manxmen, became alarmed when hearing that the countess had made proposals to Parliament for the surrender of the Isle of Man in what would prove to be the vain hope of saving the life of her husband—who had been made a prisoner following the battle of Worcester and, unbeknownst to her until later, was beheaded at Bolton 15 October 1651.

Such were the complex developments of the era that shifting alliances were not uncommon. Believing that the Royalist cause was lost, Christian apparently looked to the new regime to establish a Manx National Government. To further the cause of the Manx people, he agreed to carry their demands to the countess. In addition, the militia under his command rose and seized all Man's smaller forts but failed to take Rushen and Peel. The fast-moving events are succinctly described by A. W. Moore in *Manx Worthies*:

[Governor] Musgrave demanded an explanation of the rising from Christian, who replied that it was to procure redress of certain grievances; and he added that the countess had sold the country into the hands of the Parliament. These grievances we know to have been connected with the 7th earl's action in depriving the people of their old system of land tenure, and there were also complaints of the free quarterage of troops upon them. It is said that an agreement was then entered into between Christian and the governor to defend the island until satisfactory terms could be obtained, but, as both parties were negotiating with the Parliament, whose troops were now mustering for its capture,

sisters included remembrance of a father away from home a great deal, visions of "trees, birds, a garden, flowers, and the love of a delicate, brooding mother." But then, as Adda wrote:

. . . a great change came into the home; my father became tubercular. I remember my parents discussing the various plans of action and deciding that we should seek a higher, drier climate. Father earnestly talked about the new West—the land on which no one had yet lived—where millions of acres were waiting to be homesteaded. Mother objected because there were no schools, churches, towns, and railroads but was finally persuaded . . . So the home was sold, all the household effects, except the most necessary articles, were parted with.



From the collection of Marilyn Campbell Bressler

THOMAS EWING CHRISTIAN
1799-1875
Son of Anthony & Sallie (Ewing) Christian

MARY ANN (DOUGHTY) CHRISTIAN
1802-1877
Wife of Thomas Ewing Christian

Two covered wagons and teams were purchased and plans made for the journey. . . . My father and his brother John Doughty, age 23, and oldest son, Frank, were to start with the two wagons and locate a home site. My mother, brothers, sisters, and I were to stay with my grandmother [Elizabeth (Christian) Doughty near Nishnabotna, Missouri] and travel by train to the new home later.

At last the morning arrived when the trip was to start. We were up early finishing the last details of packing the two covered wagons. Their white canvas tops were all clean and new. Articles of food and clothing were stored in the wagons for the long trip. . . . We watched until they passed from sight . . . to wait and wait for letters or news of the westward-bound travelers.

That summer was a great landmark in our lives. My twelve-year old sister "Mollie" and I liked to read, to write little plays, and to act them out. We took turns reciting "Paul Revere's Ride," "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight," "I stood on the Bridge at Midnight," and similar poems. Sometimes our programs were changed to "camp meetings." We took turns conducting the revival services, prayers, and all. Our grandmother thought this a terrible waste of time and sacrilege and thought we should be learning to cook and sew. Our mother, who had been a teacher, rather sided with us girls.

One "adventure" followed another—each described in vivid detail: the building of their "secret" tree house, rummaging through old trunks, "stripping" the cows of a nearby dairy herd and "making butter to sell," as they had seen their grandmother do. Little could the children realize what fate had in store for them, what hardships were awaiting them.

Toward summer's end we received a letter from my father telling us he had arrived in Colorado, selected a homestead of 160 acres, a tree claim of the same acreage, and was going to drive to Denver to file on the land (situated along the Republican River about two and one-half miles east of where the town of Flagler now stands).

. . . On the morning of 26 August 1886 the train stopped at Hugo, Colorado, forty miles away but the nearest railroad town to our new home. My father was there to meet us with our covered wagon. We were all very excited actually to see the west with its Indians, cow-boys, coyotes, and other strange sights we had heard so much about.

The father was very enthusiastic about the possibilities of the new land, but the mother regretted that they were so far from schools and doctors—and that their nearest neighbor was eight miles away. Her worries proved a premonition of the discomforts and misfortunes they would have to face within the year. First, even their temporary

affected by the ramifications of the prolonged Civil War in England. At least the first two of their children were born at Nether Sparth, the Lancashire house William purchased with Elizabeth's dowery of six hundred pounds. Located near his embryo coalpits at Freckleton and Warton Manor (the moiety settled on him to meet his bride's dowery), Nether Sparth was home to the Christians until their move to Ronaldsway in 1637. One daughter and nine sons* are known to have been born to them:

Ewan Christian, the first son, born about 1632 in Lancashire, England; died as an infant.

George Christian, born in Lancashire and christened 8 February 1633/4, died 28 March 1693; buried in Parish Malew on Isle of Man. Of Ronaldsway and Nether Sparth, he married 1) Thomasine _____ and 2) Ellinor _____. He enthusiastically defended his father against what the family considered false charges. He left issue.

James Christian, christened 11 April 1637, reputedly died young without marrying.

Ewan Christian, the second of the sons to be so named, was born between 1637-1640, died 25 April 1671 and buried in Parish Malew on Isle of Man; married Martha Tolhurst, daughter of Col. Jeremiah Tolhurst.

John Christian, born about 1640, died 1671 unmarried. He attended Trinity College in Dublin, where he was a fellow in 1667. He is recorded "of Waterford."

Mary Christian, born about 1641 at Ronaldsway, the only daughter; married Charles Stanley of Ballacaighen in Rushen, Isle of Man.

Thomas Christian, born 1641-47, died 21 June 1700 and buried at Malew, Isle of Man. A merchant and shipowner of Liverpool, England, he married Mary Birch, daughter of Col. Thomas Birch, M. P. They had issue.

Charles Christian, born about 1648; educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and became merchant of Liverpool. No further information.

Patricius Christian, born about 1649, the eighth son,

*Genealogical and biographical details regarding the families of Illiam Dhône Christian's children are invited by the editor. Some of his descendants are believed to have settled in America.

office of Receiver-General. In this capacity Christian was a sort of Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the "Great Stanleigh" put nearly everything under the command of his trusted Receiver during the ensuing years.

*V'oo dty Resouyr Vannin, ard-ghooinney ny cheerey,
V'oo goit son dooinney-seyr as dooinney creeney,
As jeh dty ghellal vie cha row shin rieau skee,
Nish ta dty vaase, Illiam Dhône, brishey nyn gree.*

Thou wast the Receiver of Mona's fair state,
Thy conduct was noble, thy wisdom was great,
And ne'er of thy rule did she weariness show:
Thy murder, Brown William, fills Mona with woe.

You were Derby's Receiver of patriot zeal,
Replete with good sense, and reputed genceal;
Your justice applauded by the young and the old:
And thy fate, Illiam Dhône, sickens my soul.

*V'oo laue-yesh yn Earley, as sooill-yesh y Theay;
Shen hug er dty noidyn gatt wheesh dy'oi ayns jeh:
She trooid farg as eulya ver mow dooinney erbee
Añ ta dty vaase, Illiam Dhône, brishey nyn gree.*

Thy right hand was Earley, and Theah thy right eye;
Thy state caused thy foemen with rage to swell high;
And envy and rage will lay any man low;
Thy murder, Brown William, fills Mona with woe.

A kind able patriot both to church and to state,
What roused their resentment but talents so great?
No character's proof against enmity foul:
And thy fate, Illiam Dhône, sickens my soul.

William Christian's good fortune was shared by his wife and growing family. About 1630 he had married Elizabeth Cockshutt[†] or Cottier, daughter of George Cockshutt or Cottier of Harwood, Lancashire. They subsequently established residence in the southeast of the Isle of Man at Ronaldsway—called variously Rognvald's-Vagr (Reginald's Bay), Rognalwath, Rannesway, and Ramsway. That the Christian estate at this significant harbor was spacious and beautiful is corroborated in a verse of the ballad:

*B'aalin dty state-halloon eo Runnysfie,
B'eunynagh dty gharaghyn—b'ooasle dty hie,
She troo, farg as goanlys ver mow dooinney erbee
Son ta dty vaase, Illiam Dhône, brishey nyn gree.*

How blest thy condition in fair Ronaldsway!
Thy mansion, how stately! thy garden, how gay!
But oh! what disasters from envy do flow:
Thy murder, Brown William, fills Mona with woe

Unequaled thy villa in woodlands and springs
Thy garden like Eden, thy house like a king's.
No character's proof against enmity foul:
And thy fate, Illiam Dhône, sickens my soul.

At such a prosperous, happy period of their lives, William and Elizabeth could not guess that their destiny would be increasingly

[†]Some researchers identify Elizabeth as Elizabeth Cottier (pronounced "Cotcher") whereas others designate Cockshutt as her surname. The editor does not possess documentation which would clarify the seeming discrepancy.

sod quarters had to be made ready for occupancy. Before they were settled, young John Doughty developed typhoid fever, from which he shortly died. With the severe winter snow storms, the father's condition worsened, and his generally weakened condition was aggravated by hemorrhaging from the lungs. The Christmas of 1886 was to be their last in an unbroken family circle, for the mother became ill during that winter's "big storm" and expired before medical help could be summoned. Surprisingly, the father Ben's condition gradually improved with the coming of spring, so much so that he recovered and subsequently remarried.

That first year might have been even more difficult than it was had it not been for the kindness of a rancher who encouraged the grieving family to spend the winter months at his old ranch house (about forty miles from their homestead), where the family had taken refuge during John's autumn illness. To return to the words of Adda:

Soon my grandmother arrived—all worn out and broken-hearted at the loss of her baby boy, the last who had been left at home of a large family. The little funeral group wended its way to Hugo, and burial was made there. Grandmother returned to her home, lonely and sad, leaving the loved son in a grass-covered grave, I believe the first to be buried there.

. . . Life was so different from in Nebraska or Missouri, no neighbors nearer than twenty miles, no means of getting in touch with the outside world except long, wearisome, dusty trips to Hugo. As we were told the roads would soon be impassable for wagons, on account of snow drifts, we must lay in a supply of necessities.

With the death of the mother Rachel, the widowed grandmother once again made the trip from Missouri to Colorado, but this time to stay permanently. Now it was she who prepared the meals for the cowboys during roundups and, like the rest of the family, settled into all aspects of the new, "far-western" way of life.

Following are the descendants of Sampson and Elizabeth (Christian) Doughty of whom I have record:

Benjamin Franklin "Ben" Doughty (1851-1907) = 1) Catherine Rachel Burchfield

Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Doughty, Jr. (19 Sep. 1872 -)



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

WILLIAM "ILLIAM DHÔNE" CHRISTIAN

Popularly known to his island compatriots as "Illiam Dhône," the third son* of the powerful Deemster Ewan Christian was recognized by admirers and detractors alike as a remarkable, courageous Manxman. Labelled patriot and traitor, hero and villain, William Christian was indeed a man of his revolutionary times. His fate at the hands of a firing squad 2 January 1662/3[†] made him a martyr to succeeding generations of his countrymen, who have mourned his demise in the strains of "Baase Illiam Dhône"—each stanza of which ends with slight variations of the plaintive refrain:

She dty vaase, Illiam Dhône, ren brishy nyn gree.

It is thy death, Brown William, that did break our hearts.

Set to the tune of a Manx air, the well-known ballad, "The Death of Brown William," extolls the virtues of the dark-haired Illiam and bemoans the heartbroken state of his supporters following his execution on a charge of treason at Hango Hill near Castletown. According to a purported record of his dying speech, which is eloquent and dignified in style, he protested against the charges brought against him by "a prompted and threatened jury, a pretended Court of Justice, of which the greater part were by no means qualified." He appealed to those present to bear witness how unjust the accusations against

*William "Illiam Dhône" Christian's ancestral line can be found in "Generations of the Deemsters," *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. I, pages 7 through 11.

†The year of 1662 is according to the Julian, or "Old Style" calendar in which the legal year began on Annunciation Day, March 25. The year of 1663 would conform to conversion to the Gregorian, or "New Style" calendar.

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Brenda Jean Westhusing () =
 Herbert Vern Jones (1923-) = — of Woodston, Kansas
 Virginia Mearl Jones (1948-)
 Herbert Michael Jones (1949-)
 Margaret Kay Jones (1953-)

Preston Riley Doughty (1859-1894) =
 Ida May Doughty (1882-) = 1) G. F. Daniels and 2) Otis Lingle
 Edna May Daniels (1900-) = J. W. Barnes — of Tempe, Arizona
 Richard William Barnes (1957-)
 James Robert Barnes (1960-)
 James Harrison Daniels (1902-) = Lyla Clarfred Gregg— of Cajon, CA
 Maxine Beryl Daniels (1924-) = P. V. Tosch
 Richard Paul Tosch (1945-)
 Kent William Tosch (1953-)
 June LaVonne Daniels (1926-) = 1) G. C. Grimes, 2) A. F. James
 & 3) R. L. Ludlow
 Michael Gary Grimes (1947-)
 Debora Sue James (1949-)
 Sheldon Lowell Ludlow (1960-)
 James Gregg Daniels (1927-) =
 Beckie Lynn Daniels (1953-)
 Cheryl Loraine Daniels (1957-)
 James Harrison Daniels (1938-) =
 Darla Jean Daniels (1959-)
 James Gregg Daniels (1960-)
 Linda Jo Ann Daniels (1962-)
 Mary Elizabeth Daniels (1904-) = Geo. T. Barnes — of Madison, Iowa
 Myron Thomas Barnes (1924-) =
 Cecil Myron Barnes (1947-)
 Cheryl Edith Barnes (1950-)
 James Francis Barnes (1925-)
 Dennis Eugene Barnes (1956-)
 Marie Ann Barnes (1957-)
 Earnest Wayne Barnes (1958-)
 Paula Jean Barnes (1959-)
 Carolyn Jo Ann Barnes (1960-)
 Walter Raymond Daniels (1910-) =
 Huella Dea Daniels (1946-)
 Glenida Rae Daniels (1949-)
 Russel Louis Daniels (1950-)
 Phyllis Jenneane Daniels (1951-)
 Dorothy Deane Daniels (1912-) = 1) Adrian Newton, 2) G. Patterson,
 3) W. C. Lewis, 4) E. H. Rogers, 5) Ben Paul Nelson
 John Raymond Newton (1931-) = — of Oakland, Calif.
 Linda Lee Newton (1952-)
 Susan Lee Newton (1955-)
 Delphia Irene Daniels (1916-) = C. D. Sexton — of Bonaparte, Iowa
 Claudell Joyce Sexton (1936-) = C. L. Jenkins

ANTHONY & SALLIE (EWING) CHRISTIAN AND SOME DESCENDANTS

Steven Lynn Jenkins (1960-)
 Robin Renee Jenkins (1961-)
 Cinthy Dee Sexton (1939-) = L. W. Hines — of Waterloo, Iowa
 Brad Kavin Hines (1958-)
 Kirk Kendall Hines (1960-)
 Michelle Kay Hines (1963-)
 Thomas Bruce Sexton (1944-)
 Clara Belle Doughty (1886-1935) = 1) F. O. Gregg and 2) O. A. Haney
 Lyla Clarifred Gregg (1906-) = 1) J. H. Daniels and 2) H. M. Alt
 for Daniels children, see James Harrison Daniels (1902-)
 John Harlan Alt (1938-)
 Paul Orville Haney (1912-) = — of Lebanon, Oregon
 Sharon Darlene Haney (1937-) = 1) _____ & 2) Robert Dudley
 Alyce Clarissa Haney (1917-) = J. L. Rohlena — of Fairfax, Iowa
 Neil Alan Rohlena (1939-) =
 Randy Alan Rohlena (1962-)
 Sharon Jeanne Rohlena (1942-) = V. V. Schminke
 Tammy Kay Schminke (1963-)
 Charles Edwin Haney (1920-)
 Phillip Alvin Haney (1922-)
Julia Adeline Doughty (1863-1937) = Abram B. Miller
 Guy B. Miller (1893-1936) =
 Guy B. Miller, Jr. (1922-)
 Arline Olive Miller (1924-)
 Sylva Irene Miller (1930-)
 James Irwin Miller (1935-)
 Marguerite Miller (1895-) = W. H. Weirather — of Paramount, California
 Elizabeth C. Weirather (1924-) = C. H. Brown—of Alameda, New Mexico
 Elizabeth Ann Brown (1950-)
 Nancy Claire Brown (1952-)
 Marguerite Joyce Brown (1953-)
 Clark David Brown (1955-)
 Edward Hal Weirather (1926-) = — of San Diego, Calif.
 Donna Lee Weirather (1948-)
 Edward Guy Weirather (1951-)
 Mike Scott Weirather (1956-)
 Ralph T. Miller (1907-) = — of Phillipsburg, Kansas
 Rodney Ralph Miller (1934-) =
 Michael Miller (1963-)
 Mercedes Marie Miller (1929-) = Lyman Wilmot
 Adele Anne Miller (-)

John Doughty (1865-1887) died unmarried of typhoid fever

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Births and deaths occurring after Wayne S. O'Neal's death in 1970 do not appear in the current article. The manuscript furnished to the editor does not contain names of most female spouses. Additions and corrections are invited.

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ber 1943 in Huntington, West Virginia. The four eldest children started life in Logan County and the youngest, in Longmont:

Parent Charles Christian, born 11 June 1902, died suddenly following innoculations in the U. S. Navy 19 October 1932 in Norfolk, Virginia, just over two months after his marriage there 2 August 1932 to Lorraine Warrell.

George Thomas Christian, Jr., born 7 July 1903, was married in New York City 13 February 1929 to Irene Mildred Killoy, born 8 April 1905 in New Haven, Connecticut, to William Patrick and Katherine Agnes (Maher) Killoy; later separated.

Mary Isabel Christian, born 26 November 1904, married as his second wife Robert Edmond Wright 21 May 1938 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky; he the son of Samuel Ulysses Grant and Sarah Jane (Rose) Wright born 3 November 1899.

Maud Truby Christian, born 2 July 1906, married 13 January 1977 as his second wife Grant Litster Rasmussen, son of Joseph S. and Rosalyn (Litster) Rasmussen, born 22 July 1904 in Cleveland, Utah.

Gladys Virginia Christian, born 18 May 1908, died 26 May 1908.



From the collection of Maud Christian Rasmussen

The widow, Isabel (Mitchell) Christian, sits with her daughter-in-law, Martha (Duff) Christian, and grandchildren, Paren, Mary, Maud, and George.

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George Thomas Christian, Sr., born 6 December 1876 in Logan County, died of tuberculosis in Longmont, Colorado, 10 April 1908. In his brief life, he became a successful merchant—as the record of accounts still in the possession of descendants will attest. Educated at Morris Harvey College, he chose for his wife a Marshall College-trained school teacher who had stayed with his family while teaching in Logan County. The marriage, however, took place at her home in Kentuck, Jackson County, West Virginia, 1 May 1901. Martha Ann Duff, who later would nurture the memory of her deceased husband in the minds of their offspring, was born to Charles Edward and Mary Jane (Fletcher) Duff 17 January 1873 in Jackson County and died 17 Decem-



George, Sr., about 1881



George and Martha (Duff) Christian with their two oldest children, Paren and George, Jr.

Photos from the collection of Maud Christian Rasmussen and George Christian, Jr.



Maud, Mary, George, Jr., & Paren with animal cart

The extensive photographic collection of Maud Christian Rasmussen and her brother, George Thomas Christian, Jr., offers a glimpse into life at the turn of the century.



BY

AGNES BRANCH PEARLMAN

PART IV

TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY ALBUM

The devotion to their children of Paren and Isabel J. (Mitchell) Christian* was repaid with expressions of honor and esteem coupled with mutual help and cooperation. The frequent, enthusiastic visits from children and grandchildren sometimes resulted in photographic sessions that today provide a record of the likenesses of these forebears and their spouses.

As family members began settling at greater distances from the parental home (and once they were no longer limited to one-of-a-kind daguerrotypes or tintypes), the receipt of photographs became an oft anticipated occurrence. With twentieth century technical advances, the multiple prints the Christians exchanged appeared on an amazing variety of surfaces.

Of course, relatives received portraits on the customary, plain photographic paper or on the popular post cards of the period. Beyond that, however, a family group might arrive pictured on a pillow cover. Such novelties as colorful tin lids with sepia-toned portrait insets gained favor for awhile.

*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. II, page 78, for genealogical and biographical data on this couple and their children.

So far as is known, no picture was ever taken of Paren and Isabel Christian's first-born, Emizella Frances, who died at twenty-six months of age in 1856. Indeed, twenty or more years were to elapse before any of the family "sat" for one of the traveling photographers and still another twenty years before the Logan and Cabell County subjects were photographed with any frequency.



From the collection of Agnes Branch Pearlman

Pictured at a favorite photographic site about 1897 are four generations tracing descent from Logan County's Christian progenitor. Standing on the left is Kenna Hatfield beside his mother, Ella (Ferrell) Hatfield, next to her mother, Caroline (Christian) Ferrell. Seated are her parents, Paren and Isabel (Mitchell) Christian.

Mary Spicie Emaline Christian, known throughout life as Spicie, was born in Logan County 1 October 1874 and died just short of 95 years 26 June 1969 in Beckley, Raleigh County, West Virginia. This quite remarkable woman married an equally remarkable man 8 April 1896, the ceremony being performed by her uncle, Rev. Byron Christian. During their long, productive lives, the Stanleys responded to community needs through philanthropic works and civic contributions. She was a dedicated helpmate to her husband, who became President of the world's largest, privately-owned water company (Beckley Water Company) and at age 100 was still Chairman of the Board of Beckley National Bank. Both were active in the First Christian Church, where he was an Elder. Will Stanley was born just outside the town of Beckley 25 March 1871 to John Anderson and Martha Briscoe (Hollandsworth) Stanley, and he died in the modest family home in Beckley 22 August 1971. Their Bible gives birth dates for their five children:

Tessa Mae Stanley, born at Christian in Logan County 8 April 1897, died in Beckley 3 March 1969; married 19 September 1918 George Oley Mills, born 10 August 1896 at McComas, Mercer County, West Virginia, the son of William Thompson and Electa Jane (Clendenen) Mills.

Frederick Orion "Oren" Stanley, born 10 February 1899 at Christian, died of burns before 1972; had four marriages, the last to Mary Houck.

Paul Overton Stanley, born 24 August 1900, also at Christian, died before 1974; married Mabel Warner.

Wilmer Austin Stanley, born 17 December 1907 in Beckley, is still living there; married in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, to Kathryn Booth Banta, born 20 February 1910 at Carlyle, Nicholas County, Kentucky, the daughter of John and Rosa (Booth) Banta.

Mary Emyl Stanley, born 31 October 1912 in Beckley; married there 9 July 1938 Jack Asher Nuckles, born 3 July 1912 in Pineville, Bell County, Kentucky, son of Leon and Chesney (Asher) Nuckles; later divorced.

NOTE: A tribute to William Austin Stanley by Agnes B. Pearlman appeared 19 June 1971 in *The West Virginia Hillbilly* following the occasion of his 100th birthday. The President, the Governor, Senators, Congressmen, and numerous other dignitaries sent greetings in recognition of his age and achievements or in consideration of their affection and respect for him. In addition to the contributions mentioned above were numerous bequests and scholarships for students as well as generous financial support and moral encouragement to various colleges and seminaries. As long as she lived, Spicie shared wholeheartedly in her husband's efforts and service.



From the collection of Andrew Perrion Christian

Standing behind William and Spicie (Christian) Stanley are children Paul, Tessa, and Orion. Wilmer is on his mother's lap. The photographer who made prints of the Stanley family portrait taken about 1907 provided a variety of surfaces—among them a pillow cover given to the editor by Andrew Christian from his collection.

Zerilda Caroline Christian (pictured on previous page), was born 27 January 1857 at the family home on Elk Creek in Logan County and died 17 August 1917 in Pearidge, Cabell County, West Virginia. She married 4 September 1873, more than ten years before the next of her siblings to wed. Her husband, Oscar Fenton Ferrell, was the son of George and Nancy (Farley) Ferrell. His birth took place 26 January 1850 at Malden, then in Kanawha County, Virginia (later Boone County, West Virginia). He died 4 March 1919, also in Pearidge, where the family had moved in 1908. Their children were born in that part of Logan which became Mingo:



From the collection of the late Omar Ferrell
"FENT" FERRELL

Louisa Ella Ferrell, born 25 October 1874, died during 1920's; married "Pomp" Hatfield 19 December 1889.

Lodoskie E. "Doska" Ferrell, born 8 April 1876, died about 1950 in Wayne County, West Virginia; married 19 June 1895 Ira J. McGinnis Ellis, son of Robert Preston and Sarah Yantee (Christian) Ellis.

Alfred Walter Ferrell, born 30 January 1878, married 10 February 1905 Effie Davis of Pike County, Kentucky.

Lewis Donley "Don" Ferrell, born 30 October 1879, died about 1945-1948; married 1) Dixie Almedia Browning 4 July 1900 and 2) Flora Harmon. All his children were born to Dixie, daughter of James Edward and Matilda (Spratt) Browning. After divorce, Dixie married Claude Jones.

Clarissa Ann "Clercie" Ferrell, born 28 Spetember 1881, died in Oceana, Wyoming County, West Virginia; married 8 November 1907 Julius Justice, son of Mitchell and Emily (Browning) Justice.

Ada M. Ferrell, born 19 August 1883, married 5 April 1902 Thomas Elswick, by whom she had several children.

Luther H. Ferrell, born 24 March 1885, died 12 May 1931; married 1) in Logan County 15 September 1905 Caroline "Tiney" Mitchell, daughter of Micajah Goodwin and Clarinda (White) Mitchell, and after her death married 2) Mahala Grimmitt 11 September 1907.

Noah Ferrell, born 23 January 1887, died 25 January 1887.

Mary Francis Ferrell, born 19 March 1888, died 5 July 1888.

James Leonard Ferrell, born 7 January 1890, married Mazie Fertig 11 February 1919.

Hettie Luvina Ferrell, born 13 November 1891, died December 1971 in Baltimore, Maryland; married 8 February 1913 Leander Justice, son of Mitchell and Emily (Browning) Justice.

Omar Albert Ferrell, born 18 February 1896, died 11 May 1980; married 5 February 1918 Bertha Baumgardner, daughter of Charles and Maggie Mae

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(Forgey) Baumgardner. Marriage and death were in Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia.

Wiley Forest Ferrell, born 24 January 1903 to Clarissa Ann and adopted by his grandparents; married Marie Perry.



From the collection of Maud Christian Rasmussen

Jordan Christian and his first wife, Allie McClure, about 1898 sent relatives this photographic post card showing them with their four surviving children: Craig, Herbert, Edgar, and Ida May.

James Jordan Christian, "guardian" of many prized keepsakes, felt the family's loss keenly when irreplaceable photographs, Bibles, and other treasures in his possession were washed away, destroyed, or damaged in the Ohio River flood of 1937. Remembered by family and friends as "the counsellor," this former school teacher and lay minister of the Southern Methodist Church made time available to those needing advice. In later years some may have stopped by his Huntington home simply to hear him reminisce because he could "really spin a tale."

Born 22 August 1859 in Logan County, he died 26 November 1941 of uremia in Cabell County, West Virginia. He was first married 12 December 1883 in Wyoming County to another school teacher: Alice Virginia McClure, who was born 29 August 1859 and died of cancer in Cabell County 16 June 1913 following a horseback riding accident. Jordan and Allie Christian were parents to five children:

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Listed below are the eight children born to "Em" and Cora Altizer:

Etta Mae Altizer, born 10 July 1888, died 16 May 1967 in Huntington, Cabell County; married in Cabell County 5 July 1906 her second once-removed, Otis "Ote" Cook, son of John Henderson and Buena Josephine (Mitchell) Cook. He was born 2 March 1883 in Raleigh County, West Virginia and died in Huntington in 1974.

Frank Edwin Altizer, born 12 November 1890, died in Cabell County 22 February 1970; married Minnie Honaker after the family's move to Cabell County.

Grace Lillian Altizer, born 9 May 1893, died 18 September 1965 in Huntington of arteriosclerotic heart disease; married in Huntington 12 March 1921 to Albert Morris Adkins, born 20 March 1896 in Lincoln County, the son of Charles and Mary (Messenger) Adkins. After their divorce he married Edna Johnson and died 26 January 1976 in Sandusky, Ohio.

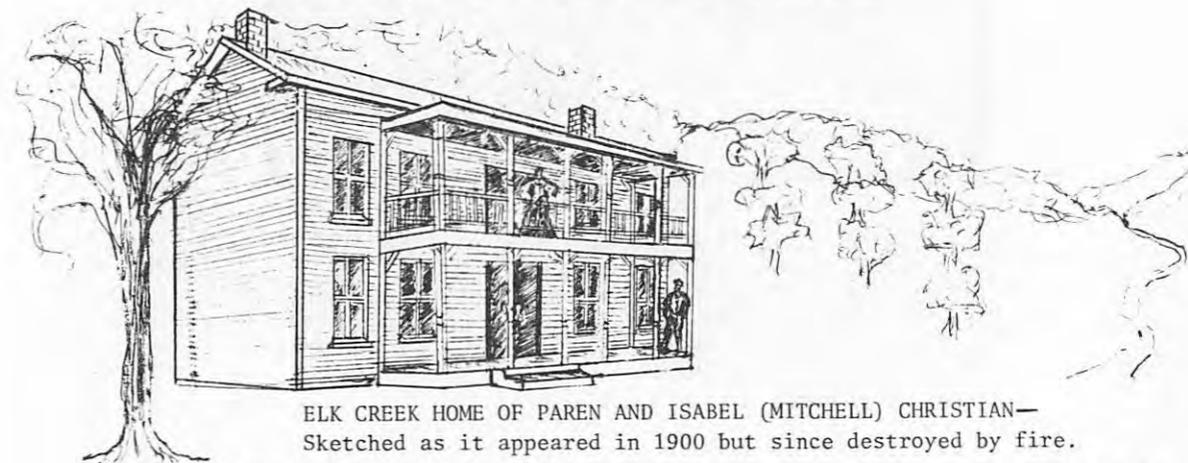
Emery Jordan Altizer, called Jordan, was born 10 August 1898; married 13 May 1919 Ruby Edith Waugh, born in Barboursville, Cabell County, 3 October 1901, the daughter of James Hamilton and Anna Hadsel (Floyd) Waugh.

George Lee Altizer, born 15 September 1901, died 11 December 1971 in Huntington; married in Barboursville 30 October 1925 Ruth Waugh, another daughter of James Hamilton and Anna Hadsel (Floyd) Waugh.

Irene M. Altizer, born 21 June 1904, died 17 August 1904 in Logan County.

Elbert Clay Altizer, known by his middle name, was born about 1906; married 1) Grace Livingston 7 July 1930 in Huntington and 2) Kay _____.

Gwendolyn Altizer, born about 1908, died as an infant.



ELK CREEK HOME OF PARN AND ISABEL (MITCHELL) CHRISTIAN—
 Sketched as it appeared in 1900 but since destroyed by fire.



From the collection of the late Frank Altizer

Emery and Cora (Christian) Altizer are shown about 1897 with their three eldest children: Frank on the left, Grace in the center, and Etta on the right.

Cora Isabel Christian was born in Logan County 1 January 1871. Like her sister before her, she was married there by her uncle, the Reverend Byron Christian, to a son of Aaron and Sarah (Scaggs) Altizer: The wedding to Emery Altizer took place 30 December 1886. The newlyweds settled on a farm in Logan County but moved to Cabell County shortly after their youngest child was born. Cora's life was cut short when she was killed 3 July 1916 riding near her home in a buggy overturned by a runaway horse. Emery died in Cabell County 2 August 1932 of pyelitis secondary to chronic prostatitis.

Clarence E. Christian, born about 1885 in Wyoming County, died there 2 September 1889.

Ida May Christian, born June 1887, died in Huntington, Cabell County, 1920; married Mike Cline of Wyoming County.

Craig C. Christian, born 19 June 1891, died in Barboursville, Cabell County, 16 September 1913; married Blanch Adams.

Herbert D. Christian, born 28 July 1893, died 16 February 1923; never married.

Edgar J. Christian, born July 1896, died 1942 in state of Indiana; married Minnie Rice of Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

Not long after Allie's death, Jordan Christian remarried in Ironton, Ohio, Lillie May Smoot, widow of Charles Reynolds, and daughter of DeWitt Clinton and Elizabeth (Ferrell) Smoot. Lillie May was born 28 August 1877 in Wayne County, West Virginia, and died 4 June 1965. She and Jordan had one daughter:

Lillian Isabel Christian, born 11 March 1919 in Summerdale, Baldwin County, Alabama; married 28 August 1943 in Huntington, West Virginia, to Rev. Ned L. Stout, son of Joseph and Gravelot (Lilly) Stout.



From the collection of Lillian Christian Stout

Jordan and Lillie May Christian posed for the photographer in the summer of 1919 with their daughter, Lillian, on his lap. Behind them are Lillie's sons by former marriage, Roy and Herchel Reynolds, flanking Herbert Christian, one of Jordan's sons by first wife.

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Paren Bilton Christian, known as Bilton, was born 23 March 1862 in Logan County and died there 17 January 1928 of bronchitis. He married in neighboring Wyoming County 12 April 1888 Rebecca Varina Godfrey, born 9 January 1867 at Morris Spring, Wyoming County, to Capt. Luossa Armour and Rebecca (Lester) Godfrey.* Varina lived over



From the collection of Addie C. Allen

Pictured with Bilton and Varina (Godfrey) Christian about 1897 are their two eldest daughters, Addie and Ann, and their oldest, then-surviving son, Homer. The photograph was taken outside the family home in Christian, West Virginia.

*Capt. Godfrey's given name is spelled "Luossa" by this branch of the family; however, the Godfrey descendants generally give his name as Capt. Lawson Armour Godfrey.

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born to Bill and Becky Altizer, only three boys survived childhood. Both parents died in Cabell County, West Virginia, the father 8 May 1941 and the mother 1 February 1946. Children were born in Logan County:

Oza Winfred Altizer, born 13 April 1885, died 8 September 1946 in Washington, D. C.; married in Barboursville, Cabell County, 3 July 1915 Sarah Elizabeth Adkins, born 10 June 1894 in Lincoln County, West Virginia, died 5 April 1949 in Bethesda, Maryland, the daughter of Charles and Mary (Messinger) Adkins.

Bertie Lee "Bert" Altizer, born in July 1887, died in November 1952; married Margie Leona Cline, daughter of Melvin and Vicy (Cline) Cline, born 8 May 1894. She married Henry Moore after 1944 divorce.

Earl Altizer, born 18 June 1889, died at age seven of diphtheria.

Myrtle Altizer, born about 1895 and died at about age three.

William Ray Altizer, called Ray, was born 28 August 1901 and died 3 June 1965. He married three times: 1) Dessa Crump in 1921, divorced in 1924; 2) Gladys E. Bowen 26 February 1930 in Cabell County; and 3) Ina Edwards in 1949.

Ruth Altizer, twin to Ray, born 28 August 1901 in Man, died of typhoid fever 23 June 1904.

Mary Altizer, born in 1906, died in 1908 in Longmont, Boulder County, Colorado, during the family's brief residence there.



From the collection of Maud Christian Rasmussen

Following the common turn-of-the-century practice, the parents arranged for a funeral portrait when daughter Mary Altizer died in 1908. Their son Ray stands beside his deceased sister.

Rebecca Ann "Becky" Christian, born 8 July 1868 in Logan County, was married there 17 July 1884 by her uncle, Rev. Byron Christian, to William A. Altizer, son of Aaron and Sarah (Scaggs) Altizer, born 26 June 1865. She grew into a resolute, stylish woman who loved "dressing up" her youngsters even when there was no appointment with the photographer or other special occasion to warrant it. Of the seven children



From the collection of Helene Altizer Odum

Their front yard provides the setting for 1907 picture of William and Rebecca (Christian) Altizer and three of their children—Bert and Ray standing with Mary on mother's lap.

100 years, active until the end with her hobbies of sewing and quilt-making. She died 14 February 1967 in Huntington, West Virginia. In addition to his major business interests as a timber dealer, Bilton Christian served as postmaster at Christian, a job his widow later assumed when she was appointed postmistress. All except their youngest children were born at Christian in Logan County:

Addie Mae Christian, born 1 May 1889, is still living. She married 1) Ira Kelley 15 May 1936 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and 2) George Mason Allen 6 September 1951 in Palmer, Alaska Territory.

Hester Ann Christian, born 2 November 1891, died about 1960 in Akron, Ohio; married about 1922 Bill Webb of Akron, Ohio.

Paren Luossa Christian, born 17 October, died 22 January 1895.

Homer Bilton Christian, born 23 December 1896, died about 1932; married 1) Bertha Dillon 30 June 1920 in Huntington and 2) Lela. No children by either marriage.

Rose Lance Christian, born 4 May 1898, killed in automobile accident with husband and youngest child 16 January 1938 at North Spring, Wyoming County; married about 1921 Lou Vernor Riffe, son of Frederick Kemper and Amanda (Riffe) Riffe.

Betty Jo Christian, born 29 May 1900; married 1) Charles Guy Kelley, son of George Washington and Clara Melissa (Fox) Kelley, 6 July 1926 in Catlettsburg, Boyd County, Kentucky. After his death she married 2) Charles Ray Hunter on 1 March 1952, also in Catlettsburg.

Julius Horace "Spooks" Christian, born 13 November 1903, died 21 August 1963 of lung cancer. He lived in Akron, Ohio, and never married.

Rebecca Isabel Christian, born 30 January 1908 in Indian Territory, Oklahoma, has always been called by her middle name like her parents and sister Ann. She married 1 August 1931 Ray Jackson in War, McDowell County, West Virginia. He was the son of Frank and Elizabeth (Lipford) Jackson.

Kathleen Teressa Christian, born 19 March 1910 in Cabell County after the family's return to West Virginia, was married about 1936 to Anzie F. Hamm.

Lucian Norwood Christian, born 1 January 1914 to Ann but raised as son by his grandparents, died 5 March 1979. He married in Tazewell County, Virginia, 16 September 1939 Lettie Beatrice Hagerman, daughter of Mack and Belle Christine (Day) Hagerman.

Albert Leander Christian, lay preacher and farmer, always placed the spiritual before the material—often to the chagrin of his family who might be in need of help tending to such worldly matters as crops

and livestock. Nonetheless, if a call came from a congregation planning a revival anywhere in southern West Virginia, this proud and very proper man packed his satchel and, with cane in hand, was on his way. Born on Big Coal River in adjoining Boone County, where his mother's parents and other Mitchell relatives were living at the time, he died in Wyoming County 10 November 1949 of bronchitis complicated by myocarditis.



From the collection of
Agnes Branch Fearlman

Albert Leander Christian
in a familiar studio
portrait



From the collection of Claude Walls

Pearl, Alden
Tom Dick, Icy Maud

Albert Christian first married 23 September 1886 his cousin, Emma Lodosky Mitchell, born in Boone County May 1870 to Micajah Goodwin and Clarinda (White) Mitchell. A tiny, gentle woman, Emma died of tuberculosis about 1896. Of their five children, four lived to maturity:

Emma Pearl Christian, born 10 December 1887, died in June 1934 at Huntington; married 1) on 5 September 1906 James Edward "Totten" Browning, son of James Edward and Matilda J. (Spratt) Browning, and 2) Lewis Pettry.

Alden Carlos Christian, born 22 March 1889, died 4 October 1935 in Wyoming County; married 1) in Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio, 5 December 1911 Sally Marie Gibson, daughter of Frank and Nancy (Davis) Gibson, and 2) in Wyoming County 4 January 1925 Fannie Belle Paynter, daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Maynard) Painter.

Icy Maud Amelia Christian, born 12 May 1891, died 3 April 1943 in Huntington; married as his first wife William Norwood Branch, son of Washington Lenoir and Sue T. (Robertson) Branch on 18 December 1918 in Logan.

Thomas Richard "Tom Dick" Christian, born 14 January 1893, died 24 June 1957 in San Diego, California; married 1) Agnes Clark in eastern Virginia, and 2) Stella Jones, widow of Sam McCowan, and daughter of Eli Cleveland and Sophie (Crawford) Jones.



From the collection of
Sally Branch McNair

Emma (Mitchell) Christian
in an artist's rendering
from a damaged tintype

Fannie E. Christian, born 21 October 1894, died as an infant.

After his first wife's death, Albert married Sarah Alma Perry at her home in Wyoming County 9 March 1898. This daughter of Andrew J. and Mary "Polly" (Lester) Perry was born 8 January 1879 in Logan County and died in North Carolina in July 1978. Their offspring, other than several still-born infants, numbered six:

Andrew Perrion Christian, born 12 January 1903, married 1) 19 October 1921 Ocie Perry, daughter of Press and Emily (Bailey) Perry, and 2) in Pike County, Kentucky, 12 October 1940 Virginia Rose, daughter of James Harrison and Bessie (Lamb) Rose.

Mary Inez Christian, born 14 August 1905, burned to death in household fire in June 1938; married as his first wife Marshall Hazel Perry 15 October 1922, he the son of Napoleon French and Causby (Morgan) Perry.

Albert Leander "Bill" Christian, Jr., born 31 May 1908, killed in a construction accident 2 August 1952; never married.

James Oswald "Jim" Christian, born 31 July 1911; married 11 April 1936 Dollie Marie Coldwell, daughter of John and Frances (Maynard) Coldwell.

Robert Ernest "Bob" Christian, born 29 January 1916, married 2 August 1941 Lula Belle Toler, daughter of Perry and Pinia (Graham) Toler.

Ruth Isabel Elizabeth Christian, born 16 July 1917, married 1) Orville Toler about 1936 and 2) Theodore "Ted" Peterson.

Jim, Inez, Bill



Ruth, Bob



Center are Albert Christian and Sarah Perry in a popular outdoor setting about 1897.