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CROWNED "CHRISTIAN, KING OF DENMARK"

- CHRISTIAN I, 1426-1481, king of Denmark (1448-1481), of Norway (1450-1481), and of Sweden (1457-1464). Founder of the Oldenburg dynasty of Danish kings, he was succeeded by his son John.
- CHRISTIAN II, 1481-1559, king of Denmark and Norway (1513-1523) and of Sweden (1520-1523), son and successor of King John. A gifted and educated ruler, he nonetheless adopted despotic methods which led to his overthrow by rebellious nobles, who chose his uncle, Frederick I, as king.
- CHRISTIAN III, 1503-1559, King of Denmark and Norway (1534-1559). He was elected king of Denmark one year after the death of his father, Frederick I. It was he who in 1536 established Lutheranism in Denmark and imposed it on Norway. Called "Father of the People," he was succeeded by son Frederick II.
- CHRISTIAN IV, 1577-1648, king of Denmark and Norway (1588-1648), son and successor of Frederick II. After assuming personal rule in 1596, he devoted himself with energy to building the navy, industry, and commerce. He was succeeded by son Frederick III.
- CHRISTIAN V, 1646-1699, king of Denmark and Norway (1670-1699), son and successor of Frederick III. The monarchy was made absolute during his reign. His son Frederick IV succeeded him.
- CHRISTIAN VI, 1699-1746, king of Denmark and Norway (1730-1746), son and successor of Frederick IV. Christian in turn was succeeded by son Frederick V.
- CHRISTIAN VII, 1749-1808, king of Denmark and Norway (1766-1808), son and successor of Frederick V. Shortly after his accession to the throne, mental illness made him dependent on others for ruling the nations. His son and successor, Frederick VI, acted as regent after 1784; and among the liberal reforms was abolition of serfdom.
- CHRISTIAN VIII, 1786-1848, king of Denmark (1839-1848), nephew of Christian VII; successor of Frederick VI. His reign brought prosperity to Denmark. His son Frederick VII succeeded him.
- CHRISTIAN IX, 1818-1906, king of Denmark (1863-1906). Issued from the cadet line of Sonderburg-Glücksburg, he succeeded Frederick VII, last of the direct line of Oldenburg. During his reign there was continual agitation for a more democratic constitution. He was succeeded by son Frederick VIII.
- CHRISTIAN X, 1870-1947, king of Denmark (1912-1947) and of Iceland (1912-1944), son and successor of Frederick VIII and brother of King Haakon VII of Norway. Guardian of his subjects' liberties, in 1915 he granted a new constitution which included the enfranchisement of women. During Nazi Germany's occupation of Denmark between 1940 and 1945, the king defied their authority and became a symbol of national resistance. His son Frederick IX succeeded him.

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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# GERMAN ARMS & THE CHRISTIANS



Coats of Arms issued to Christian aristocrats in Germany include the three illustrated on the facing page:

Top center—Arms granted to Peter and Stefan Christán in 1659. In the same year Georg Kristán von Gorbonász received a similar coat of arms from the reigning Duke of Siebenburgen.

Lower left—Arms registered for the Kristan family of Nürnberg.

Lower right—Arms carried by Jobst Christian.

See page 419 for descriptive details and selected references.

## PRACTICES

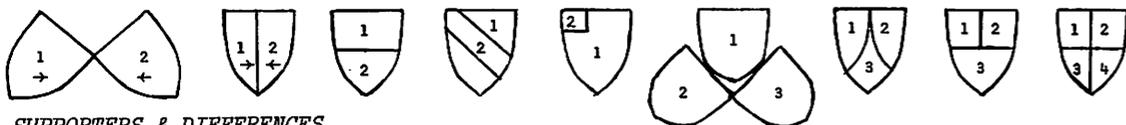
The laws governing heraldry on the Continent are similar to but by no means identical with British heraldic practices. Particularly in Germany, more is left to personal preference. For the Christian surname, even in current usage there is considerable variety in spelling; namely, Christán, Kristan, Christiani, etc. The coats of arms are usually described in the German language, as with those given above.

## MOTTOES

Several distinctive types of mottoes appear in Germany: the 'Wahlsprüche' (those dictated by personal choice); the 'armorial mottoes' (a type which has remained constantly and heritably attached to the armorial bearings—such as 'Gott mit uns' of Prussia); and the 'initial' or 'riddle mottoes' (types peculiar to Germany, of which a well-known example is 'W. G. W.' signifying 'Wie Gott Will' or 'As God Wills'). The most familiar of the Christian coats of arms carry no motto.

## MARSHALLING

Numerous methods of combining two or more coats of arms exist in Germany. Impaling two upon one shield to signify marriage is now rarely used. Instead, two shields are generally placed side by side, tilted toward each other; and German practice invariably reverses the charges upon the dexter shield so that the charges upon the two shields "respect" each other. Letters or words are not reversed, however. The conjunction of three or more coats of arms is usually left to personal selection, and the adaptability of the tinctures and charges themselves become a determining factor—carrying greater weight than the principle of heirship. Following are just a few illustrations:



## SUPPORTERS & DIFFERENCES

As with other aspects of German heraldry, choices are governed not so much by hard and fast rules as by artistic preference. Thus, single figures are frequently employed as supporters in Germany; and the position they occupy is often merely that of an artistic accessory. Although the label and bordure are sometimes employed, the usual method of differencing in Germany has been by the alteration of the tinctures or by the alteration of the charges. See Kristan family shields at bottom of facing page for variations in color and design adopted by different branches of the same family.

# GERMAN ARMS & THE CHRISTIANS

(continued from page 330)

The coats of arms pictured on page 331 for the Christian families of Germany have been described in various German-language books of heraldry. English descriptions precede each original in the following versions.

**CHRISTÁN** (illustrated top center, page 331)

Arms: A man in red and high yellow boots, headgear with eagle feathers, mounted on a white horse which is charging over green ground. At his hip there is a bent sword; in his lifted right hand, a sabre; the left, holding the reins of his horse. Crest: A bent arm clad in red, the fist holding a sabre with rod (a medieval defense weapon to ward off blows).

Wappen: In B. über gr. Boden auf w. Rosse scheinbar sprengend ein r. gekl. Mann mit hohen g. Stiefeln, Kalpag mit Adlerfedern und um d. Lenden gegürtetem Krummsäbel, in d. erhobenen Rechten einen Säbel, mit d. Linken die Zügel d. Rosses haltend. Kleinod: R. gekl. geb. Arm, ein Schwert mit Parirstange in d. Faust haltend. Decken: bg. —rs.

**KRISTAN** (illustrated lower left, page 331)

Arms: On a red field a silver "Hachmesser" (a heavy, sharp-bladed knife), the handle of it in the form of a snake; below pointing to shield's left a gold arrow with a stick point and feathers.

Wappen: In R. ein schräggestelltes s. Hachmesser, unten mit schlangenenedigem Griff, und darunter schräglinks ein g. Pfeil mit w. Spitze und Gefieder.

**CHRISTIAN** (illustrated lower right, page 331)

Arms: A horn of a deer without ribbon, both openings of the horn towards shield's left and pierced by an arrow pointing to shield's right.

Wappen: Ein Heifhorn, ohne Band, mit beiden Oeffnungen nach links gekehrt, schrägrechts durchschossen von einem Pfeil.

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FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, page 108

From the Editor:

A biographical sketch published in 1893 in *A Memorial and Biographical History of McLennan, Falls, Bell and Coryell Counties, Texas* furnishes the following corrections and additions regarding the family of Preston Riley Christian, son of Thomas Ewing and Mary Ann (Doughty) Christian. Rather than ending in divorce, his first marriage to Priscilla Boydston ended when she died in 1849. P. R. and Priscilla (Boydston) Christian thus had only three children: Robert R. Christian, not mentioned in the biography; Mary A., born about 1846, who had died before 1893; and Elizabeth, born about 1848, who also had died before 1893. The second marriage of Preston Riley Christian was to Mrs. Jane Stone (whose maiden name may have been Roundtree). They were married in 1851, and three of their children are mentioned in the biography: Julia Christian (not Eulia), born about 1851, married James Walden; Thomas W., born about 1853; and Emma, born about 1855, married John Walden. Four other reputed children—Almyra, John, Lynda, and Hestra—were not mentioned in the biography but were probably born to the second wife before her death in 1871. Preston Riley Christian married for the third time in 1875, and their children are those listed on page 109 of Volume No. II of *Christian Family Chronicles*.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. II, page 90

From R. J. Christian:

According to the Computer File Index (CFI) of the Isle of Man parish registers held in the Manx Museum, there is no record of the marriage between John Christian (1756-1829) and Margaret Taubman (1748-1778) at Kirk Maughold on 10 September 1775. However, there is a record of their marriage in Malew Church on 12 September 1775.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. IV, page 247

From Frank Asbury Christian:

The following sentences should have identified the brother as Thomas Jefferson Bankhead rather than as Thomas Mann Randolph Bankhead. "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."

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. IV, page 252

From Mrs. E. Houston Halstead:

The death date and place for Rachel Jane (Reed) Sigmon should have appeared as 20 February 1963 at South Charleston, West Virginia, buried at Oak Hill, West Virginia. The date and place previously listed in the line of descent chart were for Rachel's husband.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. IV, page 272

From Hallie Campbell Roup:

Family sources show that the husband of Emily Doughty (1856-1936) was named A. C. Gillilam rather than A. C. Gillilan, as it appeared in O'Neal's article.

FOOTNOTE to Volume No. IV, page 296

From Frank Asbury Christian:

According to the "Registered Pedigree" of Dublin, Ireland, William (son of William "I'lliam Dhone") Christian was born in 1639, *vivens* 1662.



CHRISTIAN COATS OF ARMS IN GERMANY

# CHRISTIANS IN NORTH CAROLINA



## NICHOLAS CHRISTIAN'S LIFE & MINISTRY

A desire to spread the word of God prompted the Reverend Nicholas Christian to travel from his station in Brunswick County, Virginia, into sparsely settled, central North Carolina. Some of the problems he encountered and his commitment to the Church are made known through a letter written by the young minister only a few years before he would settle among the people so desirous of his services.

Copy of his correspondence has been preserved in *The Colonial Records of North Carolina* (see Volume IX, pages 1022-1023) and is reproduced below:

Brunswick, July 27<sup>th</sup> 1774.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY  
FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL,

At five different places in the county I perform devine services (viz) in Brunswick Church, at the Norwest at Lockwood's folly, at the Boundary between the North and South province and at a place called Waccamaw: the two former places are near thirty miles from the Town of Brunswick where I reside and the latter places are upwards of forty miles, the road exceeding bad especially to Waccamaw and being upwards of twelve swamps to cross some of which are so deep that horses are frequently up to the Saddle in crossing them. In this place common prayer had never before been read nor the Gospel preached, so that the people are rather ignorant, but very desirous of being instructed which, according to the utmost of my ability, I shall endeavor to do. In this remote wild place there are above thirty families but very scattered. In my last visit I baptized many of their children some of them seven or eight years old having had no opportunity before of bringing their little ones to the Christian baptism. This place is situated on Waccamaw river near the green swamp entirely out of the way of all Society. I have baptized in all since my arrival which was on the fifteenth December last about 50 white children and 1 adult 70 years old, married 4 couples, buried 8 corpses, had at Whitsuntide 14 communicants and at Easter about 18, and on Sundays I

## NOTES, QUERIES, AND FOOTNOTES

81-24 Ms. Christine Olson  
20 Willowdell Drive, Mulvane, Kansas 67110:

My great-great-great-great-grandmother was Elizabeth Christian, born about 1748 in Virginia, died August 1844 in Buchanan County, Missouri; married about 1777-1778 in Montgomery County, Virginia to William Boydston, born 1753 in Maryland, died 1838 in Missouri, the son of David and Sarah (Pruitt) Boydston, Sr. Four children are known to have been born to William and Elizabeth (Christian) Boydston: Nathaniel, born 1780 in North Carolina or Virginia, died 1852 in Missouri, married Nancy Faubion; Thomas, born 1782, died 1862 in Missouri, married Elizabeth Gregg in 1807 in Tennessee; Priscilla, born 1785 in Tennessee, died 1853 in Missouri, married Jacob Faubion about 1804 in Cocke County, Tennessee (my great-great-great-grandparents); Sarah, born in Tennessee, died in Missouri, married John Sharp. I have been unable to gather much information about Elizabeth (Christian) Boydston's parents, Nathaniel and Jane Christian. What was Jane's maiden name?

81-25 Mrs. Ruth Walker Scantlin  
101 Michigan Avenue, Nitro, West Virginia 25143:

I am searching for the family of my ancestor, Catharine Christian, born about 1838 in Logan County, (West) Virginia, who married Daniel Gunnoe 12 March 1857 in Boone County, (West) Virginia. Who was her father? Was her mother the former Catharine Browning, daughter of William and Catharine (Anglin) Browning, who married a Mr. Christian but whose whereabouts were unknown in 1850 when William Browning's estate was settled? Thank you for any information.

81-26 Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706:

Circumstantial evidence would indicate that the Thomas Christian born 1776-1780 probably in Virginia who married Margaret "Rebecca" Pine was the son of Allen and Juda Christian. Can anyone offer proof? After their marriage Thomas and Rebecca lived in that part of Virginia which became Monroe County, West Virginia. About 1820 they settled briefly with their family at the mouth of Huff Creek of Guyandotte River later included in Logan County, West Virginia. Less than three years later they moved on to Perry County, Kentucky, where Thomas died before 31 March 1840. Information on Thomas Christian, his forebears, and his descendants is invited.

81-27 Mr. A. Munro Christian  
174 Trinidad Drive, Tiburon, California 94920:

As historiographer with H. M. S. Bounty Society, International, I would welcome data about descendants of Fletcher Christian and other members of the crew of the *Bounty* who settled on Pitcairn Island. Data will be placed in Society's research library and depository.

81-20 Mrs. Janice Ohning Gooch  
59 West Sumner Avenue, Martinsville, Indiana 46151:

Who were the parents of John G. Christian, born 11 May 1829 in Union County, Kentucky, died there 18 April 1908? He was married 12 January 1854 in Hopkins County, Kentucky, to Rebecca J. Givens, born 12 January 1832. Among their children was my great-grandmother, Mary Isobel Christian, born 2 February 1859, died July 1943, who married James Pinckney Pride about 1877. He died in Cullen, Union County, Kentucky.

81-21 Mr. Wilmer L. Kerns  
4715 North 38th Place, Arlington, Virginia 22207:

I'm seeking knowledge on the ancestry of Elizabeth F. Christian (born circa 1795 and no later than 1800) who married Silas P. Vawter on 19 January 1824 in Nelson County, Virginia. I have no idea where she fits into the Christian family tree but suspect that she is from the "Buckingham County clan" in that she lived there at Bent Creek on the James River, near present intersection with U. S. Route 60. They owned 1,000 acres and the property was known as the "Cove." As far as I know, Silas and Elizabeth had only two children: Mary Jane Vawter, who married John Walton, and Benjamin S. Vawter, M. D., unmarried. I would like to know more about this Elizabeth F. (Christian) Vawter: dates and places of birth and death; names and dates for brothers and sisters; and, most importantly, identity of her parents, grandparents, et al.

81-22 Mrs. Barbara A. Sjith  
Route 1, Box 168, Tazewell, Virginia 24651:

My paternal great-grandparents were second cousins: Lewis Christian—born March 28, 1849 to Alexander and Catherine (Vandike) Christian—and Dorinda M. Christian—born 10 October 1860 to Luther and Elizabeth "Bettie" (Nuckolls) Christian. Can anyone help me identify parents of Thomas Christian, the progenitor of these Tazewell County Christians?

81-23 Mrs. Shearl Roberts  
101 Oak Knoll, Oakwood, Ohio 45419:

If a reader has detailed information on the ancestry of Moses Christian of Tazewell County, Virginia, I would be most appreciative of receiving the same. Moses was born to Louisa Harman, wife of Thomas Christian, 13 May 1793 in what was then Wythe County, Virginia; he died 29 May 1853 in Tazewell County, Virginia, of a carbuncle. His marriage to Polly Beavers took place 20 August 1819 in Tazewell County. Why was only name of his mother, Louisa "Harman," given on his death certificate? Was Moses' name inadvertently omitted from the Bill of Complaint to settle estate of Thomas Christian or was Moses the son of Louisa by a prior marriage?

examine the youths and lecture them on the Church Catechism which I find is very pleasing and agreeable to many in the congregation. This parish is really a very poor parish, especially for the Minister, the Surplice fees being so trifling and no laws to empower the vestry to levy the usual taxes which goes very hard with a young person just setting out in life and little of his own to support him in these troublesome times. Now as this incorporated Society are a number of Gentlemen of sound judgment and acute penetration I shall submit the matter to their judicious consideration whether or no the duties of so large a parish and so many places to perform divine service at can be done without some expense and much fatigue, especially as horses are so monstrous extravagant in this province. As for my part I shall use every effort in my power to propagate the true Gospel of Christ, to the glory of my creator and the honor of so worthy a society but aware my circumstances are so narrow I can only wish well to so good a cause, and I am with all due deference, the societies most devoted &c,

Nich<sup>s</sup> Christian

On 11 January 1775 Nicholas Christian received land in Anson County, North Carolina, by deed of gift from John Smith and wife—presumably a wedding portion following Nicholas' marriage to their daughter, Sarah Smith.

This property, as well as other acreage acquired by land grants would later fall into that part of Anson encompassed by Montgomery County. From *Anson County Abstracts of Early Records* in the May Wilson McBee collection, mention is made of several grants to Nicholas Christian:

#3828-----3 March 1775 Little Rocky Creek  
#3829-----3 March 1775 Little Town Creek  
#3271-----4 March 1775 Little Rocky Creek  
#3272-----4 March 1775 Little Town Creek

Land survey #4255 dated 10 April 1779 and completed in March 1780 allowed him 500 acres west of Little River and southwest of a branch called Little Rocky beginning near John Kimbrough's line. William Love served as Deputy Surveyor with John Kimbrough and David Smith as Chainbearers. The 1782 tax list charges Nicholas Christian with 1,000 acres and one slave.

According to *Abstracts of the County Court Minutes* Nicholas Christian was one of the signators in 1788 to a petition wherein the inhabitants of Montgomery County pray to the General Assembly to be

annexed to Richmond County because swollen rivers make the set-up court house in Montgomery County inaccessible to certain inhabitants.

Following the Revolutionary War, reference to his status as Minister of the Gospel is infrequent; and it is likely he severed his connection with the Church of England during the conflict. Whether he afterwards held an active post with one of the American churches is not known. Census and tax lists refer to him simply as "Nicholas Christian."

He is listed as head of household in the North Carolina state enumeration of 1787 and the federal listing of 1790. On the basis of inferences from these and the 1800 census records, Nicholas and Sarah (Smith) Christian probably had the following issue:

- ?John Christian, a son born about 1774.
- ?William Christian, a son born about 1776.
- ?\_\_\_\_\_ Christian, a daughter born 1774-1787.
- ?Thomas Christian, a son born 1780-1784.
- ?\_\_\_\_\_ Christian, a daughter born 1774-1787.
- ?\_\_\_\_\_ Christian, a daughter born 1774-1787.

Whether children of the deceased Christopher Christian\* were living in Nicholas' household during the eighteenth-century census years has not been determined. Since Nicholas Christian's name does not appear on the 1800 census of Montgomery County and since there is no record of his having moved, it is likely that this clergyman and his wife had died by then.

\*Marshall McClanahan, whose unpublished manuscript was the source of nonattributed data in this article, presents convincing circumstantial evidence that Nicholas and Christopher Christian were brothers. If such a relationship proves to be the case, then the father of Nicholas Christian was one Thomas Christian who had died before November 1781 in Bedford County, Virginia. Several circumstances provide a basis for the foregoing conclusions: Nicholas Christian was one of three "beloved friends" named as executor in Christopher Christian's will dated 29 November 1781; Nicholas qualified in March 1783 at Montgomery County, North Carolina, court; in his will Christopher Christian named not only his four children (eldest but underage son John, son James, eldest daughter Patty, and daughter Lucy) but mentioned his father Thomas Christian in bequeathing four hundred acres of land "lying in the state of Virginia in Bedford County, on both sides of the Stanton River, it being the plantation whereon my father, Thomas Christian, deceased." Furthermore, like Nicholas, Christopher received land grants and purchased acreage between 1772 and 1779 in Anson County. Christopher also witnessed 1775 deed of the Smiths to Nicholas.

81-15 Mrs. Patricia Scruggs Trolinger  
Ottawa Hill Route 1, Box 226A, Miami, Oklahoma 74354:

Elizabeth Christian, daughter of Gilbert and Margaret (Anderson) Christian, married Michael Craft and lived in what is now Sullivan County, Tennessee until the late 1790's, when the Craft family moved to Cumberland County, Kentucky. What relation was Michael Craft to Thomas Craft who married Susannah Acuff and lived in Sullivan County near Blountville until his death in the early 1820's? If Michael and Thomas Craft were brothers, who were their parents and where were they born? I have data on this Christian and Craft line that I will be happy to exchange with others interested.

81-16 Mrs. Erma Christian Clemons  
Route 1, Box 656-A, Cedar Hill, Missouri 63016:

Can anyone offer proof that Robert and Mary (Adair) Christian were the parents of the Gilbert Christian who married Mary Terry 27 October 1825 in Roane County, Tennessee? If not, who were Gilbert's parents?

81-17 Mrs. Michael Miluck  
Box 200, Genoa, Nevada 89411:

I desperately need information on John Christian, born 1769 in Virginia, the father of Peyton Christian (only known child), born 1794 in Virginia, married 1820 to Sarah Neal in Warren County, Tennessee, and died 1855 of pneumonia in Little Rock, Arkansas. John secured a purchase grant (No. 5215, 29 December 1813) for 300 acres in Warren County and gave 100 acres to Peyton in 1822, land described as adjoining the lands of Drury Christian and Jacob Martin. (This Peyton Christian is not to be confused with Drury's son, Peyton, born in 1811). John Christian may have lived in North Carolina or Kentucky or perhaps Georgia except in 1830 when in Warren County, Tennessee.

81-18 Lt. Col. Elbert A. Newhouse  
1109 Westminster, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936:

Was my maternal grandfather, Francis Marion Christian (1844-1930), a son of Edward and Ruth Christian? This couple resided in Sugar Creek Township of Clinton County, Indiana, at taking of the 1850 census and had among others in their household a five-year-old boy named Francis M. Christian. A native of Bartholomew County, Indiana, my grandfather married three times: 1) Eliza Jane Bolander 7 November 1866; 2) Amanda Smith in August 1900; and 3) Nora Feign 17 January 1904.

81-19 Mr. John W. Christian  
135 East Ocotillo, Phoenix, Arizona 85012:

Was Harris Christian the father of John William Christian, born 1832-3 in Todd County, Kentucky? He married Sophronia H. Kidd 24 April 1854 in Georgetown, Pettis County, Missouri, and died there 11 March 1866. Any information regarding parentage and ancestry would be appreciated.

His father Reuben, undoubtedly the aforementioned Reuben, born 23 December 1823, married by a J. P. in Newton County, Georgia on 7 November 1848 to Francis Ann Bishop, born 1826 in North Carolina, and moved to Mississippi in 1859. His name said to be Reuben J. J. Hudson Christian.

81-11 Mrs. Claude E. Fitts  
Route 4, Box 274, Newnan, Georgia 30265:

I would like to know names of the parents of Mary Christian, born in 1801, who married 16 May 1830 William Henry Tolliver Fitts in Elbert County, Georgia.

81-12 Mrs. Grace Baccus  
106 Palm Springs Drive, Slidell, Louisiana 70458:

Does anyone know parentage of the Elizabeth Christian who married John Sewell of Franklin County, Georgia, 25 July 1811. I believe the Turner Christian who migrated to Elbert County, Georgia, in 1788 may have been her father. Turner married 1) Ann Payne in Virginia, and they had at least two sons: William Payne Christian and Charles Woodson Christian. Turner married 2) Elizabeth (Penn) Leek about 1788. My Elizabeth (Christian) Sewell named a son Charles Woodson Sewell. While Elizabeth is a common name, she could nonetheless have been named for her mother if she happened to be issue of the second marriage. Did Turner and Elizabeth Christian have any children between them? Also, where did Turner and his last wife die? Did he leave a will? Any help would be appreciated.

81-13 Mrs. Dennis Tate  
317 Westview Drive, Missoula, Montana 59801:

I need proof of parents of Francis "Fanny" Christian, born 24 June 1834 in Tennessee. She married Calvin Tate 5 October 1854 in Grundy County, Tennessee. I also desire information on descendants of Drury, John, Burrell, and Peyton Christian who lived in Warren and Grundy County, Tennessee, in early 1800's. I am willing to share information.

81-14 Mr. Les Tucker  
43463 Mintwood Street, Fremont, California 94538:

Who was the father of the Isham Christian who died in Maury County, Tennessee, in 1811? Was he the son of Richard Christian of Charles City County, Virginia, whose son Isham was mentioned in 1769 or was he the son of Nathaniel Christian, whose estate was administered in Montgomery County, Virginia, in 1779? The Isham Christian of Maury County was married about or before 1790. His children were Nathaniel, Martha, Nancy, Jane, Betsy, Isham/Isom, Charles, Zelpha, and Rhody. Marriages for most of the children were registered in Maury or Lawrence County, Tennessee; and some later lived in Lewis County, Tennessee.

# ANTHONY & SALLIE (EWING) CHRISTIAN AND SOME DESCENDANTS

BY

WAYNE S. O'NEAL

*(continued from Volume No. IV)*

One year after moving with his parents to Atchison County, Missouri, Lewis Calvin Christian\* married 25 August 1853 Sarah Marie Golden, who had migrated with her parents from Howard County, Missouri. In a 1904 letter to John Lewis Christian, his eldest son then living in Tarkio, Missouri, Lewis Calvin Christian reflects on his years in Rock Port—on his good fortune and longevity:

I write you to say that I celebrated yesterday my 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of my Residence in Atchison County. We arrived here on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1852. Some of the corn was as high as a man's knees. There was then about 350 or 400 voters in the county at that time. Now there is only 4 out of all that number living in the county that I can remember Viz: S. F. Roberts, Nate. Simpson, Joseph Worl and John Handby, and I only know of but two that lived here at that time that is now living out of Viz: W<sup>m</sup> H. VanLenven and George Klause; and it seems strange to think that I have been spared to live longer than all of those men most of them strong and harty when I was very weakly, only weight 113# had been reduced from 145# to 113# on account of bad health and now I have regained my health to some extent and weigh 145# and can do more work in a day than I could for several years after I came here; Another strange thing I became a Mason Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1863, and that time the Lodge had about 75 members, and not a single one of them are now living. It argues one thing—that is that I should feel grateful for being thus favored: Which I certainly do: There is one thing that I think had a good deal to do with it that is, I was peniless at first and had to rassel and stuck to hard work ever since at one time in 1854 I make a crop with 2 wild 3-year steers to brake up the Land. And these steers had never been worked until I yokes them up that spring; and after the land was broken up I plowed the corn with a horse, he having the sweeney

\*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. II, for additional biographical details.

at the time; and I raised a good crop too; there was one thing connected with year especially that spring. I had the chills, the fall and winter and until in the spring of 52 and to prevent the chills from coming on more than once a day, I kept my medicine at one end of the land and as the time came for taking my medicine I had it handy during that spell of chills. I chilled each day once and one day I chilled twice—this continued for 6 months. Well enough of that. How are you getting along: write me and if you need anything I can send it over by the Hack Man. . . .



*From the collection of Margaretta Tate Stewart*

Lewis Calvin Christian, seated front center, is pictured in a studio photograph with the six of his ten children who lived to maturity. His sons, standing from left to right, are William B. Christian, John Lewis Christian, James Thomas Christian, and Charles M. Christian; the daughters, seated from left, are Laura Christian, who married Jasper M. Johnson, and Allie Christian, who married first, Whitmer A. Thomas, and second, Marcus Jonathan Wells.

I have seen a letter to my great-grandmother Hix from Dadeville, Alabama, dated 9 February 1924, which appeared to be from her brother Charlie and wife Lulu Waldrup. Any information you can furnish will be greatly appreciated.

81-9 Mr. James M. Christian  
4439 Shelborne Drive, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338:

My father was George Cunningham Christian, 1873-1942, whose father was Milton Rufus Christian, 1847-1912, whose father was Rufus Christian, 1815-1892, whose father was Isaac Christian, 1787-post 1860. My search begins here. Who was Isaac's father? Also, who were the parents of Serena Elizabeth Christian, who married Isaac's son, Rufus? Additional data about these ancestors appears in the lineage below:

Isaac Christian, born 14 July 1787 in Virginia, died after 1860; married 12 February 1807 in Elbert County, Georgia, Mildred "Milly" White, born 30 April 1789 in Georgia, died between 1850-1860.

Rufus Christian, born 7 June 1815 in Georgia, died 5 June 1892 in Rockdale County, Georgia; married 28 January 1838 Serena Elizabeth Christian, born about 1820.

Milton Rufus Christian, born 5 February 1847 in Georgia, died 6 November 1912 in Rockdale County, Georgia; married 28 November 1872 Mary Lou Cunningham, born 18 August 1855 in Newton County, Georgia, the daughter of George M. and Martha H. (Pullen) Cunningham. Mary Lou died 19 March 1920 at East Point, Georgia. Her paternal grandparents were George and Agnes (Patrick) Cunningham.

George Cunningham Christian, born 9 October 1873 in Rockdale County, Georgia, died 29 November 1942 at East Point, Georgia; married 29 December 1917 in Bogart, Georgia, Martha Reese Jarrett, who was born 22 January 1889 in Jackson County, Georgia, and died 14 April 1977 at East Point, Georgia.

81-10 Dr. Louis Koenig  
Route 10, Box 108, San Antonio, Texas 78216:

I seek to identify the following Christians in Newton County, Georgia, variously between 1827-1850: Milton, born 1750-60; Reuben, born 1770-80; Isaac, born 1788; John L., born 1804; Elijah W., born 1800-05; Milton, born 1807; Rufus, born 1810-20; Presley F., born 1817; Abda, Isaac, born 1822; Reuben, born 1824; and Cephus, born 1828. Are some of these descendants of John and Mary Christian of Franklin County, Georgia, whose sons included a Reuben, Drewry, Gabriel, Rufus, and R. B.? I have some additional data on wives and children that may help identify them, given a clue. One descendant is a Marjorie (Mrs. Nash) Burger of New York City about twenty years ago, granddaughter of George W. Christian, born 18 September 1850 near Covington, Georgia.

81-4 Mrs. Sheila Loveday Higginbottom  
120 Styal Road, Gatley, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8-3TG, England:

My maiden name was Christian, and we have managed to trace the family back, via Cornwall (and Australia!), to a Captain John Christian who married Ann Hiscutt. They had two children, John and Ann, born in 1755 and 1756 at St. Martin on Looe Bay, Cornwall. Captain Christian must have died prior to 1770 when Ann, daughter of Elias Hiscutt, re-married John Turnavine Budd at Crantock Parish Church. Has anyone help to offer regarding birth, date of marriage, or death of Captain John Christian?

81-5 Mrs. Jean M. Brewer  
RD #1, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania 18657:

Who were the parents of Elisha Christian, born 18 June 1789, died before 14 November 1871? He married 1) Mary Nixon 1 January 1810 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and 2) Catherine Decker. Who were the parents of Mary (Nixon) Christian, who died 31 March 1849 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey? I would also like to learn when and where the first Christians of this family settled in this country.

81-6 Mrs. Kenneth A. Barnard  
910 Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814:

I descend from Gideon and Margareta Christian through one of my Revolutionary ancestors, Philip Christian, who died in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. He lived at Eldorado, Pennsylvania, and may have had a brother named Ludwig Christian. Philip joined the Revolutionary forces at the age of seventeen in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Descendants migrated to Ohio, Indiana, and later as far west as Kansas, Idaho, and Washington Territory. I have done extensive research on my family line but can't get farther back than Gideon. Can anyone help?

81-7 Mr. Kelly R. Williams  
R. D. 1, Box 7-D, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022:

I'm looking for any information on any Christian family in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, especially Pottsville and Ashland. Any time period is all right. The first indication I've found of anyone by that name there is 1819. I'll be glad to swap any information I have.

81-8 Ms. Frances Law Crull  
1395 Tara Road, Charleston, South Carolina 29407:

I am interested in beginning research into my family ancestry. My grandmother was Abbie Saphronia (Christian) Poteet, born 14 July 1873 in Alabama, died 11 January 1952, and buried at Sanger, Denton County, Texas. Her parents were William W. Christian, born 25 January 1849, place unknown, died 27 February 1889, and, I think, buried at Allen, Texas. My great-grandmother was Matilda (?Waldrup) (Christian)(Sharp) Hix, born 12 June 1851, died 5 June 1926 at Allen.

From letters<sup>+</sup> still in possession of his descendants, it is apparent that Lewis Calvin Christian remained in close communication with family members who moved from Rock Port. Born to his first wife, Sarah Marie Golden, were ten children, most of whom have left descendants:

Martha M. Christian (8 July 1854-14 July 1854)

John Lewis Christian (28 Dec. 1855-24 Oct. 1920) = Martha Wilson Hefner

Floyd Frederick Christian (10 June 1878-c. June 1941) = Izetta Hill  
(no issue)

Harriet Myrtle Christian (9 Aug. 1880-May 1962) —never married

Sarah Evaline "Eva" Christian (20 July 1882-15 Oct. 1956) = Wade Derwood Tate  
[See Juliet (Christian) Tate family for descendants]

Minnie Pearl Christian (13 Apr. 1884-1965) —never married

Mary Ann Christian (28 May 1889-3 Mar. 1955) = John Veeder

Laura Adeline Christian (30 May 1858-7 Mar. 1935) = Jasper M. Johnson

Letha Johnson ( - )

Ollie Johnson ( - )

William Bell Christian (7 Oct. 1860-25 Feb. 1909) = Jennie Holland

Nannie Bell Christian (1885- ) = Herman Wells Greenley

Ruby Claire Greenley (1905- ) = Bernhard Behrend Gebhards

Robert Gebhards (1931- ) = Elizabeth Ann Hilger

David Gebhards (1955- )

Karen Gebhards (1957- )

Anna Marie Gebhards (1936- ) = James L. Meade

Diane Meade (1960- )

John Herman Gebhards (1940- )

Susan Claire Gebhards (1946- )

Wilfred Christian Greenley (1911- ) = Virginia G. Buckham

Lois Lee Greenley (1913- ) = 1) R. Townsend, 2) Burtis Harger

Berta Lee Harger ( - )

Herman Wells Greenley, Jr. (1915- ) = Kathleen Cloepfil Needham

Brenda Carol Greenley (1948- )

Harry Philip Greenley (1951- )

Charles Waite Greenley (1917- ) = 1) Evelyn Louise Masters, 2) Jewell

Carol Jane Greenley (1947- ) —child of first marriage

Anita Greenley ( - ) —child of second marriage

Walter Edmund Greenley (1924- ) = Marilyn Louise Salfrank

Lezlie Greenley ( - )

Lorilyn Greenley ( - )

Rob Roy Greenley (1926- ) = Naomi Roach

Nancy Greenley ( 1950- )

Jack Wells Greenley (1951- )

<sup>+</sup>Original of the letter quoted herein is in the collection of Margaretta Tate Stewart.

Robin Greenley ( - )  
 Mabel Christian (1889- ) = Edmund Jefferis — of Rock Springs, Wyoming  
 Jennie Jefferis (1911- ) = J. C. Hays — of McAllen, Texas  
 Mabel Ann Hays (1945- )  
 Edmund Jefferis, Jr. (1926- ) = Shirley \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anna Lee Christian (1896- ) = J. W. Opp — of Hannibal, Missouri  
 Frances Ellen Opp (1918- ) = A. A. Lister, Jr.  
 Jennie Christian Lister (1945- )  
 Marcia Ann Lister (1953- )  
 Marjorie Ann Opp (1922- ) = T. R. Taylor — of Columbia, Missouri

Jefferson Lee Christian (17 Jan. 1863-7 Mar. 1863)  
James Thomas Christian (18 Aug. 1864-22 Aug. 1918) = Wilhelmina Baker  
 Cecil Jean Christian (1892-1930) = Edgar Roy Ellis  
 James Newton Ellis (1914- ) = Annie Rose Harrison — of Ohio  
 Julie Ann Ellis (1955- )  
 Nina Lee Ellis (1916- ) = M. O. Rice — of Hollywood, California  
 Carolyn Mae Ellis (1924- ) = J. C. Orr — of Columbus, Nebraska  
 James N. Orr (1945- )  
 Phillip Orr (1948- )  
 Roy Joseph Orr (1952- )  
 Mathew Orr (1957- ) (twins)  
 Mark Orr (1957- )  
 Della Marie Ellis (1927- ) = D. L. Rhoades — of Florissant, Missouri  
 Michael Rhoades (1949- )  
 Dennis Rhoades (1951- )  
 Mary Loretta Rhoades (1955- )  
 Matthew Rhoades (1957- )  
 Mina Rhoades (1958- )

Grace Barbara Christian (1901- ) = J. P. McCoy — of Omaha, Nebraska  
 James Thomas McCoy ( - ) — of Bayshore, Long Island, New York  
 Mary Margaret McCoy ( - ) = \_\_\_\_\_ Close — of Fairfax, Missouri  
 James Porter McCoy, Jr. ( - )  
 William Russal McCoy ( - )  
 Jessie Jane McCoy ( - )  
 Patricia Lynn McCoy (1933- ) = 1) F. D. Record, 2) T. D. Mercer  
 Frank Darrel Record/Mercer (1950- ) Children born "Record";  
 Ralph Martin Record/Mercer (1950- ) became "Mercer" by adoption  
 Lynetta June Record/Mercer (1953- )  
 Barbara Jean McCoy (1908- )  
 Portia Ann McCoy ( - )  
 Sarah Golden Christian ( - ) = Van Vuren — of St. Petersburg, Florida  
 Thomas Henry Christian ( - ) = Juliet C. Hunter (1889-1955)  
 Mary Elizabeth Hunter (27 Aug. 1915- ) = Harold Paul Johnson  
 Carol Jean Johnson (7 Mar. 1943- ) = Charles Putney  
 Christine Putney (c. 1965- )  
 Carrie Putney (c. 1967- )  
 James Paul Johnson (12 Apr. 1947- ) = 1) Janet Carolyn Long  
 (issue by second marriage only) = 2) Lou Ree Larson



## 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.*

81-1 Mrs. William J. Kiley  
 623 South Euclid Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60304:

I need names of parents, dates, and proof of marriage for Jane Christian, born on the Isle of Man about 1799, possibly in the parish of Ballaugh; married about 1825 William Teare, born in 1799 at Ballaugh, son of Robert and Isabel (Kelly) Teare. Jane moved with her husband to Liverpool, England, and lived there until about 1838, when he died. Jane returned to the Isle of Man with their children: William, Jane, and Henry, born in 1830. Jane (Christian) Teare died on the Isle of Man between 1841 and 1851, probably at Ballaugh.

81-2 Mrs. Ethel Robb  
 7306 North Omaha, Portland, Oregon 97217:

Can you help in finding parents of one of my husband's ancestors? According to a daughter, David Watson Christian was "born on the Isle of Man near Leeds, England," 9 May 1833. When about fourteen years of age, he stowed away on a ship and came to the United States. He was married 31 December 1866-68 in Charles City, Iowa, to Sarah Almira Stevenson, who was born 29 March 1844 in Olean, New York, but who moved to Iowa as a young child. Sarah died 11 March 1900 and David died 10 April 1909. Both are buried in Plymouth, Iowa. David was one of several children—none of whom settled in the United States. Two sisters, however, visited with his family for awhile but returned to the Isle of Man.

81-3 Mrs. R. Lynette Harpham  
 120, Fourth Avenue, Tauranga, New Zealand:

I would like to share information with anyone engaged in research on the Lincolnshire, England, Christian families.

Margaret Hampson Christian (1907- ) = E. R. Rathburn — of  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Flora D. Christian (1909- ) = M. C. Hokensted, Sr. — of Nebraska  
Merl C. Hokensted, Jr. (1936- ) — of New York City  
Douglas Loren Hokensted (1940- ) — of Lincoln, Nebraska  
Diane Kay Hokensted (1942- )

Bernice May Christian (1911- ) = T. M. Dunn — of Mitchell, S. Dakota  
Mary Jean Dunn (1932- ) = G. E. Bollinger  
Karen Ann Bollinger (1954- )  
Debra Marie Bollinger (1956- )  
Mark Thomas Bollinger (1959- )  
Scott William Bollinger (1961- )  
Thomas Robert Dunn (1936- )  
James Michael Dunn (1939- )

Pauline Christian ( - ) = J. R. Verschoor — of Chamberlin, S. Dakota  
Judy Verschoor (1942- )  
John J. Verschoor (1946- )  
Margaret Mary Verschoor (1949- )  
Jane Ann Verschoor (1951- )

Mary Christian (1889-1978) = Harry Ward — of Long Beach, California  
Mary Lou Ward (1916- ) = Garnett Bruce Cloud  
Virginia Lee Cloud (1935- ) = 1) Philip Van Spanji, 2) R. C. Hubbert  
Lee Ann Spanji (1953- )

Virginia May Ward (1919- ) = R. W. Pilgrim — of Lynwood, California  
Robert Leland Pilgrim (1940- )  
Nancy Lee Pilgrim (1941- ) = James Digney  
Tracie Lee Digney (1962- )  
James William Pilgrim (1944- )  
Larry Bruce Pilgrim (1950- )

Harriet Jane Ward (1922- ) = M. N. Carpenter — of Whittier Park, Calif.  
Sandra Carpenter (1946- )  
Cathy Lee Carpenter (1949- )

Mattie Gray Christian (1890-1964) = Gordon F. Jones  
Donald Fowler Jones (1917- ) = Florence Bell Pryor — of Albuquerque, N.M.  
Donna Kay Jones (1941- ) = Mario Trillanes — of Paso, Texas  
Dona Michelle Trillanes (1961- )  
Patricia Lyne Trillanes (1963- )

Harry Stone Christian (1892-26 Oct. 1965) = — of Drexel, Missouri  
Mary Christian ( - ) = \_\_\_\_\_ Franzen — of Kansas City, Missouri  
George Edward Christian ( - ) — of La Mesa, California  
Harry Joseph Christian ( - ) — of Richmond, California  
William Alexander Christian ( - ) — of Warrensburg, Missouri  
Kenneth Paul Christian ( - ) = — of Junction City, Kansas  
Kenneth Paul Christian, Jr. (1942- )  
Terrance Charles Christian (1948- )  
Creighton Eugene Christian (1945- )  
Renny Lee Christian (1958- )

Ruth Hope Christian (1895-1960) = Manning J. Mayfield  
Sarah Jane Mayfield (1917- ) = R. Reagan  
Maureen Elizabeth Reagan (1941- )

(d) Daniel Reed, born 2 October 1835; married Winnie Mullins  
17 June 1858.  
(e) Wesley Reed, born 10 June 1837; married Mary Gibson  
6 July 1856.  
(f) Mathias Harman Reed, born 1 March 1839.  
(g) Thomas Mastin Christian Reed, born 13 February 1841.  
(h) Elias Friendly Reed, born 19 June 1843, died 14 January 1844.  
(i) Levicy/Louisa Ruthe Reed, born 30 December 1844, died about  
1930-31; married a Mr. Murphy.  
(j) Henry James Hoover Reed, born 11 August 1847.  
(k) Amanuel Reed, born 9 November 1849 in Tazewell County,  
Virginia, died 8 July 1923 in McClure, Dickenson County, Vir-  
ginia; married Robina Beavers 17 April 1876 at Bandy, Tazewell  
County.  
(l) Moses David Reed, born 31 March 1852, died 5 July 1854.

(10) Thomas S. Christian, born about 1815, married Anna Altizer  
23 October 1836—ceremony performed by David Payne in Tazewell County. They  
had the following children:

(a) A son, born 1836-1840, who apparently died before 1850.  
(b) A son, born about 1840, who also must have died before 1850.  
(c) Lilly Christian, born about 1841; may be the one who married  
Thomas Bandy 23 July 1853.  
(d) Mary "Polly" Christian, born about 1843, died October 1858.  
(e) Thomas Christian, born about 1845; may be the one who married  
Euphemia A. Chambers 20 March 1865.  
(f) Robbin Christian, a son born about 1847.

After the death of his wife Louisa Harman, Thomas Christian married  
a second time on 18 June 1829 Mary Altizer. Mary was probably a widow  
with a young family of her own since their 1830 household numbered more  
children than can be accounted for otherwise. Six children were born  
to Thomas and Mary:

(11) Louisa Christian, born about 1831, married 10 June 1847  
John Hile Gates, born 1 June 1824, as his first wife. Their children were:  
(a) Thomas Jefferson Gates, born 18 November 1847; married  
Mary Jane Hammon, daughter of Andrew Jackson and Margaret (Evans)  
Hammon.  
(b) Amanda Gates, born about 1851, married Diel Perkins.  
(c) Sarah Gates, born about 1855, married Tom Altizer.  
(d) Columbus Gates, born about 1859.  
(e) James Gates, born about 1862  
(f) Jeremiah Gates, born before 1850 who may have died.

(12) Mathias Christian, born about 1834, married Eleanor Beavers  
5 September 1854, daughter of William and Nancy (Harrison) Beavers. They had:  
(a) Nancy Christian, born about 1856, married \_\_\_\_\_ Grogen.  
(b) Mary Belle Christian, born about 1858, married John Baldwin  
2 February 1882 in Tazewell County.  
(c) Martha Christian, born about 1861, married James Clyburne  
3 July 1884 in Tazewell County.

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(d) Lavisia "Vica" Christian, born about 1863, married James R. Barrett 28 December 1882; may have married later Columbus.

(e) George R. Christian, born about 1864, married C. S. Davis 28 September 1889.

(f) Lilly Belle Christian, born about 1866, married William Gus Beavers 22 December 1892, died in McDowell County, West Virginia.

(g) Allie Christian, born about 1868, married Samuel Dunford 9 September 1891, brother of her sister's husband.

(h) Susan Christian, born about 1873, married James Dunford 11 October 1890, brother of her sister's husband.

(i) William Christian, born about 1879.

(13) George Christian, born about 1836, about whom nothing more is known.

(14) Susana Christian, born about 1838, married James Stephenson.

(15) Sarah "Sally" Christian, born about 1840.

(16) Lilly Christian, born about 1842, married Henderson R. Wingo 17 August 1859.

Wherever possible, information obtained from secondary sources was compared with original records or family papers in order to make the foregoing genealogy as accurate as possible. When it could be ascertained that errors had been perpetuated in published accounts, only corrected data have been retained. For example, on page 70 of his oft-quoted *Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia*, Volume I, Harman erroneously transcribes name of "Masteon" Christian's bride as Jane "McVeinster," a name which should have been interpreted as Jane McKenster. The same type of error occurs on page 85, where Harman identifies Thomas Christian's bride as Mary "Alizer" rather than the correct "Altizer." In Volume II of his *Annals* a similar mistake appears on page 12; there the bride of Mathias Christian is listed as Eleanor "Beaden" instead of Beavers.

The family Bibles and personal papers of descendants could provide many of the answers to questions left unanswered by the public records. It is hoped, therefore, that anyone with pertinent material in his or her possession will submit copies of such material to the editor so that the information can be incorporated in future installments about the Tazewell County, Virginia, Christian family settlement.

## NOTES REGARDING REFERENCES

In addition to the Tazewell County, Virginia, vital registers, probate records, deeds, tax lists, court minutes, and the U. S. Census enumerations, three major secondary sources were consulted in preparation of this article: Lyman Chalkley's *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*, 1912; John Newton Harman's *Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia*, 1925; Netti Schriener-Yantis' *Annals of the Pioneers of Tazewell County, Virginia*, 1973.

## ANTHONY &amp; SALLIE (EWING) CHRISTIAN AND SOME DESCENDANTS

Bonnie Johnson (12 June 1979-25 July 1980)

Amy Johnson (9 Dec. 1980- )

David Arthu Johnson (13 Apr. 1951- ) = Bethanne Blank

Lars Johnson (c. 1975- )

James Christian ( - c. 1978) = \_\_\_\_\_ — had issue

Reed Christian ( - ) = Alice \_\_\_\_\_ — later divorced

William Christian ( - ) — of Glendale, California

Lewis Calvin Christian (1910- ) = Bessie S. Stewart — of Akron, Ohio

Lydia Almyra "Allie Lillian" Christian (17 Feb. 1867-5 June 1960)

= 1) Whitmer A. Thomas, 2) Marcus Jonathan Wells

Aileen Lois Thomas (28 June 1901- )

Charles McCurley Christian (29 Mar. 1870-11 July 1950)

= Sarah Maud Shackelford

Lorence Albert Christian (13 July 1872 - 6 May 1874)

Alva Curtis Christian (23 Jan. 1875 - 19 June 1875)

Like his brother, James Cannon Houston Christian accompanied his parents to Atchison County, Missouri. His marriage to Mary Ann Tate took place in Rock Port 5 February 1857. Following is a listing of many of their numerous descendants.

Columbus Alexander Christian (1859-1921) =

Bennett Ford Christian (1879-1951) =

Wayne Ford Christian (1904- ) — of Wynewood, Pennsylvania

Blaine Thomas Christian (1905- ) = \_\_\_\_\_ — of Portland, Oregon

Thomas Culby Christian (1940- )

Blaine Alan Christian (1945- )

Dean Bennett Christian (1907- )

Mary Alice Christian (1913- ) = James Geary — of Pine River, Minnesota

Mary Ann Geary (1936- ) = Robert Kline

James Jan Geary (1937- )

Alan Bennett Geary (1942- )

Carolyn Geary (1947- )

Lynn Christian Geary (1953- )

Paula Jean Geary (1956- )

James Cannon Houston Christian (1882-1962) — never married

Mayme Christian (1883-1961) = Burton Ellsworth Wetherell

Flora Frances Wetherell (1907- ) = G. S. Beimdiek — of Branson, Missouri

Nellie Faye Wetherell (1909- ) = J. F. Smith — of Boise, Idaho

Donya Diane Smith (1942- ) = T. A. Gibson

James Michael Smith (1944- )

Nell Christian (1885-1938) = Chauncey E. Clark

Helen Nelle Clark (1917- ) = J. D. McCary — of Garden Grove, California

Dennis Owen McCary (1946- )

Chauncey Christian Clark (1921- ) — of Long Beach, California

George Christian (1886- ) = Mary Hampson

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Another of several unions between the Christian and Tate families occurred when Juliet Ann "Julia" Christian married James Tate in 1860. Born in Kentucky 27 March 1830, James had moved to Rock Port, Missouri,



JAMES TATE



JULIA (CHRISTIAN) TATE

*Photographs from the collection of Margaretta Tate Stewart*

before his marriage and remained in Atchison County until his death 8 December 1894. Julia died 4 March 1929, surviving her husband for over a quarter century.

Their ten children were born in Atchison County, and at least half had issue.

Mahalia Tate (1860-1872)

Virginia Tate (1862-1954) = 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Davis & 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Zook  
 Leah \_\_\_\_\_ ( - ) = \_\_\_\_\_ Row — of St. Louis, Missouri

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- (b) Ruth Christian, born about 1827, married James W. Low between 1850 and 1854.  
 The other children were probably born to his later marriage or marriages:
- (c) Daniel Christian, born about 1829, married Sarah "Sally" Mounts 20 August 1850.  
 (d) Addison Christian, born about 1830, married 30 March 1849 Rebecca Christian, probably daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Harrison) Christian.  
 (e) Sally Christian, born about 1830, apparently died unmarried before 1855.  
 (f) Nancy Christian, born about 1832, married Noah Birchfield before 1850.  
 (g) Hiram Christian, born about 1835, married Lucinda Graham 4 March 1856.  
 (h) Thomas Christian, born about 1837, married about 1858 Nancy \_\_\_\_\_, perhaps Nancy Cline.  
 (i) Moses Christian, born about 1843.  
 (j) Mathias Christian, born about 1845.  
 (k) Mastin Christian, born about 1848, married 1) Mary Cline 17 January 1867 and 2) Martha Harman 23 May 1870, both marriages in McDowell County, West Virginia.  
 (l) Nathan Christian, born about 1850.  
 (m) Louisa "Lovace" Christian, born about 1852; may be the one who married Henderson T. Perry 3 February 1874 in Wyoming County, West Virginia.
- (5) David Christian, born about 1801-2, died 14 August 1861; was married in 1822 by Isaac Quinn to Linea/Linney Trent, daughter of Frederick and Lydia Trent. Their children were born at the home on Sinking Waters:
- (a) Louisa Christian, born about 1824. (See "m" above.)  
 (b) Lidda/Lydia Christian, born about 1826; may be the one who married William Pruitt 3 April 1856.  
 (c) Anthony Christian, born about 1828, married Nancy Vandike 23 March 1848.  
 (d) Nancy Christian, born about 1830.  
 (e) Thomas Christian, born August-September 1831, married 21 February 1855 Martha Vandike, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Vandike.  
 (f) Polly Christian, born about 1833.  
 (g) Ruth Christian, born about 1835; may be the one who married George W. Hurst 9 January 1851.  
 (h) Rachel Christian, born about 1837; may be the one who married Harvey Claypool 15 November 1866.  
 (i) Frederick Christian, born about 1839, married Nancy Fealty 8 March 1861.  
 (j) Luther Christian, born about 1840, married Bettie Nuckolls 17 November 1859.  
 (k) Malvina Christian, born about 1842, married 30 July 1863 Chapman L. Johnson, son of George and Mary Johnson.

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- (1) Rebecca Christian, born about 1843.
- (m) Israel Christian, born about 1845.

(6) John Christian, born about 1804, thought to have been married twice: 1) to Cathan McKenster 4 August 1823 and 2) to Catherine "Katy" Altizer 27 July 1837. The children of his first marriage are not known with certainty but may have been:

- (a) John Christian, born 1820-1825, married about 1839, perhaps to Malinda.
- (b) Daniel Christian, born about 1831, married Lurana/Susanna Pruett 12 August 1849.

At least three children were born to the second marriage:

- (c) Lidda Christian, born about 1840.
- (d) Louisa Christian, born about 1843.
- (e) Rebecca Christian, born about 1847.

(7) Daniel Christian, born about 1807, died post 21 December 1883 and ante April 1884; married 23 April 1831 Hannah Harrison, daughter of Thomas, Jr., and Rebecca (Perry) Harrison. Insofar as is known, they had the following children:

- (a) Rebecca Christian, born about 1832; apparently the one who married 1) Addison Christian, son of Mastin, and 2) Henry Davis.
- (b) Louvisa Christian, born 1832-1835; probably the one who married James H. Asbury 6 February 1850.
- (c) Nancy Christian, born about 1835; may have been the one who married James Bandy 14 June 1855.
- (d) A daughter, born about 1837, who apparently died before 1850.
- (e) David Christian, born about 1839.
- (f) Polly Christian, born about 1841; married before 1884 a Mr. Prewitt.
- (g) John H. Christian, born about 1842.
- (h) George Christian, born about 1844.
- (i) Eleanor "Ellen" Christian, born about 1846; married John Beavers 3 November 1868.
- (j) Richard Christian, born about 1848.
- (k) William Christian, born about 1849.

(8) A son, born between 1805 and 1810, who apparently died without issue between 1820 and 1850.

(9) Nancy J. Christian, born 3 October 1812, died 2 December 1887 at Avondale, McDowell County, West Virginia; married John Wesley Reed 13 June 1830. They had twelve children:

- (a) Jackson Reed, born 29 May 1831; married Charlotte Moran 9 September 1852.
- (b) Nancy Jane Reed, born 4 December 1832; married Jesse Bean 1 August 1853.
- (c) John Lindsey Reed, born 11 March 1834; married about 1859 Pricy \_\_\_\_\_.

ANTHONY & SALLIE (EWING) CHRISTIAN AND SOME DESCENDANTS

Creed Fulton Christian (1859-1942) =

- Bessie Christian (1886-1957) = Charles J. Custard
- Thelma May Custard (1914- ) = E. C. Phillips — of Salida, Colorado
- Ernest Edmond Phillips (1937- ) = — of Holyoke, Colorado
- Timothy Kevin Phillips (1958- )
- Mark Edmond Phillips (1961- )
- Donald Arthur Phillips (1939- )
- Michael Kent Phillips (1942- )
- Kathleen True Phillips (1945- )
- Stephen Lee Phillips (1954- )
- Lloyd Charles Custard (1916- ) = — of Pueblo, Colorado
- Lowell Lloyd Custard (1939- ) = — of Shawnee Mission, Kansas
- Lea Rae Custard (1960- )
- Joyce Elaine Custard (1942- )
- Jerry Dean Custard (1945- )
- Thomas Fulton Custard (1921- ) = — of Pueblo, Colorado
- Michael Thomas Custard (1952- )
- Debra Jean Custard (1954- )
- Glenn Leland Custard (1924- ) = — of Salida, Colorado
- Charles David Custard (1960- )
- Lee R. Christian (1887-1938) =
- Mary Lee Christian ( - ) = Ben Harris
- Hermie Jane Christian (1889-1847) = Glenn H. Scott
- Virginia Mary Scott (1918- ) = C. E. Thomas — of Raytown, Missouri
- Beverly Jane Thomas (1942- ) = R. S. Sager
- Jane Rae Thomas (1948- )
- Scott Eugene Thomas (1950- )

Margaret May Christian (1861-1941) — never married

Thomas Tate "Tarkio Tom" Christian (1863-1923) =

- Helen Margaret Christian (1894- ) = K. R. Peterson — of Kahoka, Missouri
- Kyle Raymond Peterson, Jr. (1920- ) = — of Denison, Iowa
- Kyle Raymond Peterson III (1955- )
- Eric Roger Peterson (1956- )
- Lyndon Todd Peterson (1959- )
- Donald Christian Peterson (1923- ) = — of Sycamore, Illinois
- Margaret Ann Peterson (1956- )
- Ellen Claire Peterson (1958- )
- Julia Lynn Peterson (1960- )
- Laura Jane Peterson (1962- )
- Anna Madge Peterson (1925- ) — of St. Louis, Missouri
- Helen Margaret Peterson (1927- ) — of Richmond Heights, Missouri
- Charlotte Kathleen Peterson (1935- ) = A. D. Luke — of Lancaster, Ohio
- Lisa Ann Luke (1962- )
- Thomas Ralph Christian (1895-1956) =
- Thomas William Christian ( - )

Sophia Lydia Christian (1866-1883) — never married

Jesse Christian (1872-1958) — never married

TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CHRISTIAN FAMILY SETTLEMENT

The exact date of Thomas Christian's marriage to his first wife is not known, but sometime between 1792 and 1796 he married Louisa Harman, the daughter of Mathias and Lydia (Scaggs) Harman. As their children reached maturity and married, each established a home in Tazewell County not far from the parental establishment.

(1) Moses Christian, born 13 May 1793, was listed as a son of "Louisa Harman" on the Death Register following his death from a carbuncle 29 May 1853. Significantly, his name does not appear among the issue of Thomas Christian on the 1855 Bill of Complaint (see page 303 of *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. IV) although he did carry the Christian surname throughout life. Moses Christian was married in Tazewell County 20 August 1819 by David Young to Polly Beavers, daughter of Alexander, Jr., and Sarah "Sally" (Rice) Beavers. From Moses' will, proved in May 1855, it can be ascertained that Moses and Polly had at least the following issue:

- (a) Thomas B. Christian, born about 1821, married three times: 1) Polly Barnett 24 February 1848; 2) Elizabeth Whitt, widow of John Bird Brewster and daughter of Milburn and Mahalo (Harman) Whitt, on 3 January 1864; 3) Mary Blankenship about 1872.
- (b) Louisa Christian, born about 1821, married Luther Low 6 May 1840.
- (c) Alexander Christian, born about 1822, married Catherine Vandike 2 February 1848.
- (d) Samuel Christian, born about 1827, married Isabel Brewster 27 April 1854.
- (e) John Christian, born about 1835, married Clemtine Harman 7 January 1857.
- (f) Shone/Shane Christian, born about 1837, about whom nothing more is known.
- (g) Mastin Christian, born about 1840, one of several of his kinsmen to carry this name.

(2) James Christian, born about 1795, married about 1819. He is listed in the 1820 Tazewell County census with a wife but apparently died without issue between 1820 and 1830. Neither he nor his heirs are listed in the aforementioned Bill of Complaint.

(3) Ruth Christian, born about 1797, died before December 1854; married by David Young 20 August 1819 to Adam Harman. They had one daughter:

- (a) Louisa Harman, who married William Altizer.

(4) Mastin Christian, born about 1799, died between 1850 and 1854; married 1) Jane McKenster ♯ September 1822 and apparently divorced before he married 2) Maria \_\_\_\_\_ about 1828. His widow's name has also appeared as Margaret, so he may have married a third time. His two eldest children were by his first wife:

- (a) William Christian, born about 1824, married Sarah "Sally" Altizer 10 September 1845.

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Ida Tate (1865-1947) = Grant Wyatt

- Grant Wyatt, Jr. (1893- ) = Marcia Plumerage — of Kirkwood, Missouri
- Marcia Jeanne Wyatt (1923- ) = Paul Brackman
- David Christian Brackman (1952- )
- Thomas Grant Brackman (1954- )
- James Paul Brackman (1956- )
- Doris Wyatt (1927- ) = Robert Virden — of Kansas City, Missouri
- Craig Virden (1953- )
- Carol Virden (1955- )
- Archibald Earl Wyatt ( - ) = Marie Martin
- Prudence Wrenshall Wyatt ( - ) = Joseph Leahy
- Christine Leahy ( - )
- Patty Leahy ( - )
- Peggy Leahy ( - )
- Roger Trumbell Wyatt ( - ) = \_\_\_\_\_ — of Wilmington, Delaware

Minnie B. Tate (20 Aug. 1867-3 Mar. 1955) = Frank S. Travis

- Marguerite Travis (1889-1891)
- Jean Travis (1891-1894)
- Joseph W. Travis (1895-1965) = Alice Campbell — of Menlo Park, California
- Betty Jo Travis (1922- ) = Samuel I. Taimuty — of Palo Alto, CA
- Matthew Travis Taimuty (1955- )
- Martha Alice Taimuty (1959- )
- J. Edward "Brick" Travis (1897- ) = Margaret Martin — of St. Charles, MO
- Anne Fielding Travis (1926- ) = Robert F. O'Connell
- Margaret Grey O'Connell (1949- )
- Anne Fielding O'Connell (1952- )
- John Travis O'Connell (1956- )
- Sally Patricia O'Connell (1962- )
- James Edward Travis (1934- )
- Dorothy Travis (1904- ) = Ethan A. McCoy — of Denver, Colorado
- Suzanne McCoy (1929- ) = Robert Mueller
- Robert Mueller, Jr. (1951- )
- Richard Mueller (1952- )
- Edward Mueller (1957- )
- Mark Mueller (1959- )
- Patricia McCoy (1934- ) = Donald Helm — of Blytheville, Arkansas
- Laurie Helm (1955- )
- Michael Helm (1958- )
- William B. Travis (1908- ) = Gladyce Donnell — of Rapid City, South Dakota
- Billie Jean Travis (1936- ) = Tommy Joe Alley
- Jeffrey Travis Alley (1958- )
- Thomas Joseph Alley (1961- )

David Tate (1870-1872)

Clyde Tate (1872- )

William Tate (1874-1965) — never married

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FROM THE EDITOR'S FILES

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

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Wade Derwood Tate (1877-1942) = Sarah Evaline "Eva" Christian  
 Virginia Tate (1904-1935) = David E. "Jud" Miller — of Sedalia, Missouri  
     Barbara Lee Miller (1927-1935)  
     John Dean "Jack" Miller (1929-1935) The mother & children were killed  
     Virginia Miller (1931-1935) in Christmas tree fire in Sedalia.  
 Caroline Tate (1909- ) = J. Franklin Lowery  
     Patricia Lowery (1933-1980) = Wayne Stacy  
         Cathy Stacy (1953- ) = Timothy Schur  
             Mandi Schur (1975- )  
             Molly Schur (1977- )  
             Sy Schur (1978- )  
     John Stacy (1956- ) = Denise Tiner  
         Cheyenne Stacy (1977- )  
         James Stacy (1980- )  
     Randolph Stacy (1957- ) = Denise Jarnagan  
         Joshua Stacy (1980- )  
     Melissa Stacy (1966- )  
 Virginia Lowery (1935- ) = Cecil Heitmann  
     Timothy Heitmann (1956- )  
     Kurt Heitmann (1963- )  
 Michael Lowery (1937- ) = Janet Johnson  
     Debby Lowery (1956- ) = Stephen Moore  
     Amy Lowery (1963- )  
     Carolyn Lowery (1966- )  
 Margaretta Tate (1911- ) = William Stewart — of Lawndale, California  
     (no issue)  
 Suzanne Tate (1913- ) = 1) Robert Franklin Hitchens & 2) Melvin Julian  
     Michael Tate Julian (1952- ) = Cher \_\_\_\_\_  
         Michael Sean Julian (1977- )  
 John Tate (1916- ) = Evelyn Petersen  
     Judith Karen Tate (1943- )  
     John Tate (1950- )  
     Carol Tate (1953- )  
     Jean Tate (1955- )  
     Diane Tate (1957- )  
 Carl Tate (1879-1881)  
 Grace Tate (1881- ) = \_\_\_\_\_ Stafford — of Pasadena, California

*(to be continued)*

NOTE: Like the previous installments of "Anthony & Sallie (Ewing) Christian and Some Descendants," the foregoing outline is incomplete in that representatives of all branches of the family did not respond to O'Neal's requests; in addition, the author's 1968 manuscript has since been only partially updated, and the copy provided the editor did not contain names of many wives. Additions and corrections are invited.

From depositions\* obtained during Thomas Christian's attempts to gain clear title to property he first purchased on Indian Creek of Clinch River, it can be ascertained that the land was located within the bounds of Washington County at time of purchase in 1794, later in Russell and Wythe Counties, and finally in Tazewell County, Virginia. Also, it can be learned that buyer and seller "were both orphans."

By his own statement in a deposition to support the Revolutionary War pension application of Hezekiah Whitt, Thomas Christian further revealed that he had been raised by Thomas Mastin\* after becoming orphaned. As yet, no records have appeared to identify the deceased parents of Thomas Christian or to indicate whether young Thomas, born about 1770, was somehow related to his foster parents.

\*Lyman Chalkley in *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia, Volume II*, page 91, summarizes the bill of complaint thus: Thomas Christian vs. Wray—O. S. 54; N. S. 18—Bill, 23d July, 1803. Joseph Wray obtained a certificate by settlement right in Washington County (afterwards Russell), now Tazewell County. Joseph died intestate, leaving his son John Wray heir-at-law, who sold to orator. In 1799 John Wray lived in Kentucky. Joseph's widow deposes in Madison County, Ky. The land was on Clinch River called Indian Crick. John Ray deposes in Clermont County, Ohio, where he then resided 18th February, 1806. Deed 26th September, 1794, by John Wray to Thomas Christian of Sumner County, territory south of the Ohio. William Lockhart deposes in Tazewell County 28th September, 1805; aged 50 years. John Hawkins [?Hankins] deposes in Tazewell County, 28th September, 1805; aged 65 years. John Deskins deposes in Tazewell County 28th September, 1805; aged 31 years. James Brown deposes in Tazewell County 28th September, 1805; aged 50 years. Lawrence Murray deposes in Tazewell County 28th September, 1805; aged 53 years. Oliver Wynne deposes in Tazewell County 28th September, 1805; aged 36 years.

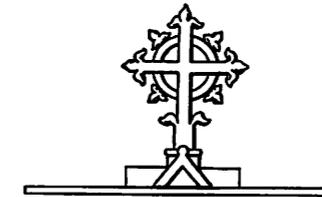
\*On page 264 of *Annals of the Pioneers of Tazewell County, Virginia*, Netti Schreiner-Yantis offers the following data about Thomas Mastin from DAR Application No. 134687: Thomas Mastin was born October 7, 1749 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. He married Agness \_\_\_\_\_ on 4 January 1773. Died October 3, 1810 in Sumner County, Tennessee (which is the reason Thomas Christian was in Sumner County, Tennessee in 1794, no doubt). . . .

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STATE	COUNTY OR DISTRICT	TOWNSHIP OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE MALES			FREE WHITE FEMALES			FREE BLACKS	SLAVES		
					0-10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45&ON	0-10			10-16	16-26
Pennsylvania	Somerset		275	Christie, William	2	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	3	0
Pennsylvania	Washington		802	Christie, Thomas	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Washington		731	Christy, James	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Washington		861	Christy, James	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland		1065	Christy, Andrew	2	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland		990	Christy, Andrew	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland		1066	Christy, James	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland		1181	Christy, James	1	1	3	0	1	3	1	1	1	0
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland		1181	Christy, John	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Westmoreland		1238	Christey, William	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	York		1293	Christine, George	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Pennsylvania	York		1368	Christine, Peter	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	4	0	1
Pennsylvania	York		1393	Christy, Samuel	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Pennsylvania	York		1292	Christine, Simon	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Rhode Island				(Nil for Christian, Christie, etc. entries)										
South Carolina	Charleston		153	Christie, Alexander	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
South Carolina	Charleston		93	Cristum, Elizabeth	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1
South Carolina	Charleston		98	Christian, William	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0
South Carolina	Edgefield		188	Christian, Gideon	2	1	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	0
South Carolina	Edgefield		181	Christian, Jesse	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
South Carolina	Edgefield		183	Christian, William	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
South Carolina	Greenville		259	Cristee, W <sup>d</sup>	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
South Carolina	Laurens		36	Christian, Lewis	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	1	1	0
South Carolina	Newberry		70	Cristie, Peter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Tennessee				(No census extant)										
Vermont	Chittenden	Burlington	54	Christie, Lawrence	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	1	0
Vermont	Franklin	Highgate	75	Christie, John	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0
Vermont	Windsor	Hartland	165	Crista, Thomas	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0
Vermont	Windsor	Royalton	172	Crista, John	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
Virginia				(No census extant)										

IRISH CHURCHMAN



Members of the Christian family have played an active role in church affairs from an early date. This was no less true on "The Emerald Isle" than in other parts of the world if one may judge by the following excerpt from BUTLER'S LIVES OF THE SAINTS, edited by Herbert Thurston, S. J., published in 1962. Copy was provided to CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES editor by Diane Browning.

BD CHRISTIAN, ABBOT OF MELLIFONT  
(A.D. 1186)

Beyond the fact that he was abbot of the first Cistercian monastery ever established in Ireland, practically nothing at all can be stated with certainty about Bd Christian, otherwise called Christian O'Conarchy or Giolla Criost Ua Condoirche. The various traditions and legends are confused and conflicting. According to some accounts, he was born at Bangor in Ulster, and Colgan says that he was the disciple and afterwards the archdeacon of St Malachy of Armagh, and that he probably accompanied that prelate on a visit to Rome, staying at Clairvaux on his way there. He would appear to have been one of the four disciples who remained behind at Clairvaux on the homeward journey and who received the habit from St Bernard himself. Upon his return to Ireland, St Malachy was anxious to introduce the Cistercian Order into his country, and at his prompting Donough O'Carroll set about building Mellifont. Malachy applied to the founder for a superior and some monks to start the new foundation, and St Bernard sent Christian and several French brothers in 1142.

Abbot Christian is said by some writers to have become bishop of Lismore and papal legate for Ireland. An ancient anonymous Irish annalist notes the year 1186 as the date of the death of Christian, the illustrious prelate of Lismore, "formerly legate of Ireland, emulator of the virtues which he saw and heard from his holy father St Bernard and from the Supreme Pontiff, the venerable man Eugenius, with whom he was in the novitiate at Clairvaux".

See Colgan, *Acta Sanctorum Hiberniae*, and LIS., vol. iii, p. 839

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If not, mail them today!

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## AND HIS FAR-FLUNG DESCENDANTS

BY

JAMES L. CHRISTIAN

(continued from Volume No. IV)

### COMMENTARY

How fortunate are we today that John and Judith (Leake) Christian raised a literate, closely-knit family\* whose correspondence has been preserved through the generations! I have become better acquainted with my predecessors by reading their letters; and finding their wills, deeds, obituaries, and other papers during "an ancestor hunt" has enabled me to present a fuller resume than would otherwise have been possible.

The reader may perceive, however, that much remains to be done to make the record complete. This serialized account revolves around my ancestors and those relatives who lived in proximity or who retained close ties to them.

### FAMILY LETTERS

That his brothers and sisters missed him and were concerned for his welfare is apparent from the letters written to Samuel Christian and wife Fanny following their move from Amherst County, Virginia. Although undated, the following letter from sister Judith carried the address on the outside and is thought to have been written about 1821:

M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel L. Christian  
Warren County  
Kentucky

Dear Brother an Sister — I want to see you all We are all well and I hope that these few lines may find you all well Oh my Brother, if I cold se you o what a pleasure it would be to me You [k]now how it is hear I am as much confined as ever The neighbours is generly well time is short You must rite both of you to me You must not forget me for I never shal you Dear Brother an Sister Pray for me Oh that I cold se you all one month a weak a day O how glad I would be I must conclude my letter your afectinate sister til death

Judith F. Christian

To Samuel L and Fanny Christian

\*Family group record for John and Judith (Leake) Christian appears on page 262 of Volume No. IV of *Christian Family Chronicles*. For analysis regarding identity of their parents, see "New Leads —Parentage of John and Judith (Leake) Christian" following this article in this issue.

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Pennsylvania	Adams		469	Cristy, Marshall	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Allegheny		13	Christy, Daniel	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Allegheny		44	Chrysty, John	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Allegheny		9	Chrysty, William	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Berks		642	Christine, Gotlob	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Berks		597	Christian, Jacob	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Berks		597	Christian, John	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Bucks		279	Christine, _____, Widow	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Bucks		204	Christine, Daniel	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Bucks		282	Christine, Nicholas	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Bucks		300	Christian, Sety	1	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Butler		327	Christy, Andrew	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Butler		323	Christy, Archibald	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Butler		334	Christy, Archibald	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Butler		342	Christy, James	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Butler		352	Christy, John	5	2	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	1
Pennsylvania	Butler		352	Christy, John	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Butler		341	Christy, Thomas	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Chester		700	Christie, John	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	1
Pennsylvania	Chester		718	Christey, Mary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Chester		821	Christy, William	2	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Crawford		26	Christy, Neal	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Cumberland		260	Christian, Ludwick	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Dauphin		189	Criston, Henry	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Fayette		617	Christy, John	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Huntingdon		124	Christian, Gideon	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Huntingdon		159	Christie, John	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1
Pennsylvania	Huntingdon		124	Christian, Ludowick	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Huntingdon		124	Christian, Philip	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Pennsylvania	Lancaster		342	Christy, David	4	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Lancaster		144	Christian, Eby	2	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Lancaster		140	Christian, Koneg	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Pennsylvania	Luzerne		328	Christian, _____	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Mercer		438	Cristey, John	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Pennsylvania	Mercer		435	Cristy, Samuel	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Mifflin		479	Christy, Daniel	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Mifflin		512	Christy, James	2	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Montgomery		853	Christian, _____	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	7	0	1
Pennsylvania	Montgomery		713	Christian, Christian	2	0	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Pennsylvania	Northumberland		777	Christy, Samuel	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia		334	Christy, _____, Mrs.	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia		231	Christy, _____, Widow	2	2	9	0	0	2	1	2	0	1
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia		258	Cristie, David	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia		134	Christian, Elizabeth	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia		376	Christine, George	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia		113	Christie, Hugh	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	1
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia		385	Cristy, James	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia		367	Christine, John	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia		94	Christy, Robert	1	0	5	1	0	1	0	3	0	0
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia		413	Christine, Thomas	4	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0

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STATE	COUNTY OR DISTRICT	TOWNSHIP OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE MALES				FREE WHITE FEMALES				FREE BLACKS	SLAVES		
					0-10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45&ON	0-10	10-16	16-26			26-45	45&ON
New York	Dutchess	80 or	70	Christian, Richard, Jr	1	2	3	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
New York	Dutchess		8	Christie, Richard	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
New York	Dutchess	80 or	70	Christian, William	4	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
New York	Dutchess		7	Christie, William	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
New York	Herkimer		463	Christian, James	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
New York	Herkimer	463 or	453	Christian, Jemima	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
New York	Herkimer		460	Christian, John	3	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0
New York	Montgomery	43 or	358	Christian, Adam	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
New York	Montgomery	49 or	350	Christian, Huffomget	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
New York	Montgomery		392	Christy, Nathan	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
New York	New York		902	Christy, Alexander	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
New York	New York		715	Christie, George	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
New York	New York	70A or	763	Christian, Jonathan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
New York	New York		693	Christie, Mary	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1
New York	New York		668	Christy, Rachel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
New York	New York		669	Chritie, Richard	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
New York	New York		720	Christie, William	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
New York	New York		791	Christie, William	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
New York	Onondaga	173 or	186	Christian, John	0	0	?	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	Ontario		316	Christie, John	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	0
New York	Orange		307	Christie, Andrew	2	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
New York	Orange		307	Christie, David	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
New York	Saratoga	508 or	50	Christian, John	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
New York	Ulster		198	Christian, George	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
New York	Washington		489	Christe, Peter	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
New York	Washington		554	Christee, Thomas	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
New York	Westchester		148	Christin, Zachariah	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	Anson		221	Cristian, Thomas	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
North Carolina	Brunswick	16/39		Cristy, Nathan	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
North Carolina	Buncombe		166	Chastain, James	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
North Carolina	Chatham		226	Christian, John	1	3	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	Duplin		423	Chasten, Richard	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
North Carolina	Guilford		667	Christy, Daniel	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	Guilford		635	Cristy, Daniel	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	Guilford		634	Cristy, John	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	Halifax		298	Christie, Jesse	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
North Carolina	Halifax		298	Christie, John	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	Halifax		298	Christie, Thomas	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	6
North Carolina	Iredell		653	Christy, Andrew	2	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
North Carolina	Iredell		653	Christy, Joseph	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	Martin		391	Christie, David	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	Montgomery		485	Christian, John	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
North Carolina	Montgomery		490	Christian, John	3	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	2
North Carolina	Montgomery		488	Christian, William	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	Orange		553	Christian, James	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	Stokes		547	Christian, George	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
North Carolina	Stokes		583	Christian, John	2	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	3
North Carolina	Wilkes		31	Christley, Jeremiah	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	1	0

Ohio (No census extant)

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

In 1822 Samuel and Fanny heard from his brother, William Leake Christian, who himself would later move to Bowling Green, Kentucky:

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel L Christian  
Kentucky Warren Cty  
In the care Mr. Bales

Amh<sup>t</sup> County Virginia  
July 21 1822

Dear Brother

I once more take my pen in hand to write to you to inform you of my health and hope these lines will find you and family enjoying the same state of health I have not time to write as much as I<sup>d</sup> wish as Mr. Bales cant wait — I have been at work as pedler with Haner all this spring I wish to come out to see you all as soon as I can settle my business here This partner ship business has ruined me I have quit work at the valley all together Times are harder here than they ever was in the world no money can be collected by no means except by law and that has offended all the customers The neighbourhood has generally been healthy this sumer There has been great disturbance about John Campbell and Patsy Tyler in this neighbourhood They both are good neighbours and I would not medle at all with them I have nothing particular at present but remain your most aff<sup>r</sup> Brother till death

W L Christian

[To] Samuel & Fanny Christian

Within a year after receiving these letters, Samuel L. Christian had died, apparently without having seen again "in this life" his beloved brothers and sisters His widow and two young children survived him.

HUSBAND		CHRISTIAN, Samuel Leake		Father	CHRISTIAN, John "B"
Born		Aug. 1794 Amherst County, Virginia			
Flourished					
Married		c. 1819			
Died		1822-1823 (ante Apr. 1823) Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky			
Buried					
Other Marriages					
WIFE		MADISON, Frances "Fanny"		Father	MADISON, Francis
Born		c. 1802 Virginia			
Flourished					
Died		post 1850 probably Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky			
Buried					
Other Marriages					
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	TOWN/CITY COUNTY/PROVINCE STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	CHRISTIAN	Born	1821	?Bowling Green Warren Kentucky	NEWMAN, _____
M	John Francis	Married	4 Sep. 1851		Sarah Evaline
		Died	14 May 1878	Covington Kenton Kentucky	
2	CHRISTIAN	Born			none
F	Mariah Coziah	Married			
		Died	prob. young		

Francis (Madison) Christian continued her association with her husband's family, but the letters from W. L. Christian naturally ceased after the brother-in-law moved to Warren County with his wife and children. Exchange of letters between Fanny and the Christians again became more frequent when another brother-in-law, John F. Christian, made the move to that part of Morgan which became Moniteau County, Missouri. Their "children," now young adults and many with children of their own,

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often wrote of family matters in great detail. One can guess at Fanny's relief to hear of the safe arrival of the large, extended family of John and Judy through their daughter Betsy Ann.

Morgan County Missouri  
May the 27th 1839

Dear Aunt I now take my pen in hand to inform you that we arrived Safe to this Country the 22nd of April and was all well and hope these lines may find you all well. Brother Peter is very low he has not recovered from chills and fever and I am sure he never will. One of Polly Ellersons children is very sick the rest of there family is well Amanda is well and seems satisfied she is not gorn to her uncles yet but is going shortly We want to see Elisa and Mr. Harkins very much and all our friends in your country give my love to all my friends and acquaintances Tell John and Ann I want to see them I told you I would write to you about the country and whether I heard about Mr. Hickman but he never has been near here by any person his sister lives here and is distressed about him and believes with us that he is murdered. I cant write to you about the country until I get better acquainted with it. O my dear Aunt my mind will never get settled enough to write a letter as I want again. Write to me. Tell John and Ann all the children wishes to see them. I must conclude by subscribing myself your Affectionate Niece

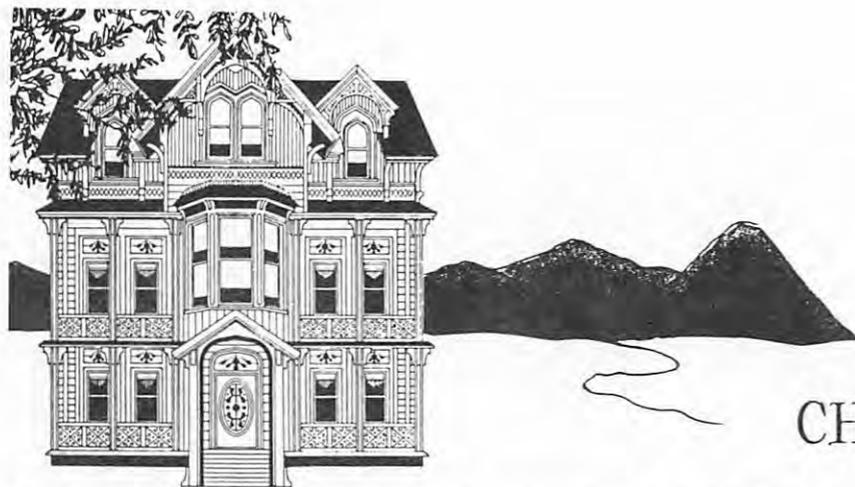
Betsy Ann Hickman

to Fanny Christian

Another letter posted with the same packet to Bowling Green, Kentucky, was apparently sent from John F. Christian to his brother William:

HUSBAND		CHRISTIAN, William Leake	Father	CHRISTIAN, John "B"	
			Mother	LEAKE, Judith	
Born	3 Apr. 1778 Amherst County, Virginia				
Flourished					
Married	15 Apr. 1811 Amherst County, Virginia				
Died	Apr. 1851 Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky				
Buried					
Other Marriages					
WIFE		APLING, Nancy	Father	APLING, Thomas	
			Mother		
Born					
Flourished					
Died	ante 1835 Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky				
Buried					
Other Marriages					
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	TOWN/CITY COUNTY/PROVINCE STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES
1	CHRISTIAN	Born			EVANS, Levi S.
F	Elizabeth N.	Married	20 Nov. 1839	Bowling Green Warren Kentucky	
		Died			
2	CHRISTIAN	Born	c. 1815		Mary R.
M	Albert F.	Married			
		Died	July-Aug. 1854	Bowling Green Warren Kentucky	
3	CHRISTIAN	Born	c. 1816		STANLEY, Shadrack W.
F	Jane Ann	Married	9 Mar. 1841	Bowling Green Warren Kentucky	
		Died			
4	CHRISTIAN	Born	14 Aug. 1821	Bowling Green Warren Kentucky	CONWAY, Pleasant
F	Louisa Ann	Married	2 Oct. 1843	Bowling Green Warren Kentucky	
		Died	8 May 1871	Princeton Caldwell Kentucky	
5	CHRISTIAN	Born			GAINES, Thomas H.
F	Catherine "Kitty"	Married	13 Apr. 1844	Bowling Green Warren Kentucky	
		Died			
6	CHRISTIAN	Born	c. 1823		
	?William P.	Married			
		Died			

STATE	COUNTY OR DISTRICT	TOWNSHIP OR TOWN	PAGE	HEAD OF FAMILY	0-10	FREE WHITE MALES	10-16	FREE WHITE FEMALES	16-26	26-45	45&ON	FREE BLACKS	SLAVES
Connecticut				(Nil for Christian, Christie, etc. entries)									
Delaware				(Nil for Christian, Christie, etc. entries)									
District of Columbia		Washington	892	Christy, John	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Georgia				(No census extant)									
Kentucky				(No census extant)									
Maine	Cumberland		290	Christie, John	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0
Maryland	Baltimore	Baltimore	179	Cristen, Anthony	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
Maryland	Harford		97	Christie, Gabriel, Esq.	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
Maryland	Harford		108	Cretin, Patrick	2	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	2
Maryland	Harford		126	Cretin, Pricilla	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	Harford		116	Cretin, Robert	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0
Maryland	Talbot		71	Christian, John	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Maryland	Washington		131	Christian, Daniel	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Massachusetts	Barnstable		36	Christie, James	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0
Massachusetts	Essex		129	Cristee, John	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Massachusetts	Hampshire		195	Christie, William	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	0
Massachusetts	Middlesex		82	Christy, Thomas	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0
Massachusetts	Nantucket		9	Cristian, Peter	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mississippi				(No census extant)									
New Hampshire	Hillsborough		580	Christy, Jesse	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
New Hampshire	Hillsborough		580	Christy, Jesse, Jun.	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
New Hampshire	Hillsborough		581	Cristy, Moses	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
New Hampshire	Hillsborough		581	Cristy, Robert	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
New Hampshire	Hillsborough		464	Cristy, Samuel	2	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0
New Hampshire	Rockingham		881	Christian, James	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
New Jersey				(No census extant)									
New York	Albany		38	Christiance, Asasurhus	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
New York	Albany		38	Christiance, Cornelius	0	1	2	0	1	0	3	0	0
New York	Albany		38	Christiance, Isaac	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	0
New York	Albany		12	Christie, William	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
New York	Delaware		1309	Christian, John	1	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
New York	Delaware		1278	Christy, John	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
New York	Delaware		1278	Christey, Philip	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0
New York	Dutchess		6 or 5	Christian, Cornelius	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0
New York	Dutchess		32	Christie, James	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
New York	Dutchess		8	Christie, John	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
New York	Dutchess		6	Christian, Martin	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0
New York	Dutchess		80 or 70	Christian, Rachel	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
New York	Dutchess		80 or 70	Christian, Richard	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0



## CHRISTIANS

# IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

Much of the second United States Census—taken in 1800—has either been lost or destroyed. This creates an especially regrettable gap for Christian family researchers since so many individuals with this surname resided at that time in those southern and border states most affected by the loss or destruction.

Abstracts from only those states for which census records are still extant appear in the following tabulations. The data presented herein were obtained primarily from the Accelerated Indexing Systems publications edited by Jackson with Teeple, Schaefermeyer, Moore, or Welch. Also utilized were Bentley's index for North Carolina and McMullen's index for New York. Names and age categories for the states of North and South Carolina were personally reviewed for accuracy by the editor. As with any index, omissions may have occurred and errors in transcription could have taken place. Caution in use should, therefore, be observed—particularly in the case of New York, where pages on microfilm of the original were out of order and paging not easily decipherable.

Listing is alphabetical by state, then county; and there are entries for all variations of the surnames Christian and Christie. Spelling found in source material is retained throughout.

Readers having access to substitutes for the missing census records are invited to submit the Christian household entries for publication in a future issue of *Christian Family Chronicles*. As usual, corrections and additions should be sent to the editor.

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

May the 29<sup>th</sup> 1839 Morgan Ct Mo  
Dear brother I know take this opportunity of informing you that we are all well except Peter he is very low and I hope these lines will find you all well and I want to see you in this country and tell George Davenport and John Francis that I want to see them very much and I want them to come to this country

In the same mail Fanny's son, John Francis Christian, received a note from his first cousin, Samuel Marshall Christian:

Dear Cousin I take this opportunity of informing you that we all arrived at the Missouri safe and well and I would be glad if you came to this country and tell Cousin Ann that this is a very Good place and tell Cousin George Davenport that this is a very good place and all of our friends and Relations. I must conclude by Subscribing you my affectionate cousin  
Samuel M Christian  
to  
John F Christian

Before a decade had passed, death had claimed Betsy Ann and her parents. On 30 May 1848 John Francis Christian wrote to Fanny Christian from Cooper County, Missouri, while visiting John and Sarah Colbert. His letter begins, "Dear Mother," and proceeds to say that they had "gone down into Moniteau County to see Uncle John Christian's family."

Uncle John and Aunt Judy are both dead. They died some two years ago. So is Cousin Elizabeth Hickman and Cousin Hannah [Woods]. They all sleep together on the banks of the Moreau River. Cousin Hiram [and] Woodson are living on the old place with the children.

John's letter to his mother continues with genealogical and biographical details<sup>+</sup> about these and other cousins, some of whom are easily identified as children of his uncle, John F. Christian. The relationship and exact identity of some relatives he mentions has not yet been determined, however.

Aunt Elizabeth . . . Cousin John has four children, two boys and two girls. . . .  
Cousin Sarah . . . Cousin William Neal and Cousin Polly had twelve children, three of whom are dead. Among them is Samuel. . . . One is Ellen (married a John Burk).  
Cousin William King and Cousin Jane had nine children, three of whom are dead. . . .  
Cousin Jane's health is not good and she is the largest woman that I have seen for some time. . . . Cousin Samuel Colbert resides some 50 or 60 miles from aunts in Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri (had six children, two of whom are dead).

Cousin Hannah left three children. . . . Cousin Martha Jane is living with Cousin John, and Hannah's children is with her. . . . Cousin Polly Elison is living nearby with such a houseful of children that my treacherous memory won't keep the exact number. . . . I saw Cousin William married while I was down there and it was a crowding wedding for pound cake they had sweet cake made into sticks and built into a log cabin frosted over with the white of an egg. . . .

Samuel is teaching school. . . . Benjamin Hickman is living near John and keeping widowers hall. His two sons are grown and have made very smart boys. . . . I saw old Uncle David and Aunt Patsy [Polly?] Ketchum. . . . the old woman is like she use to be all the time grunting about. . . . Mary Ann is married and has one child. The other girls are all grown. So is Hickman and Joel. . . . Joel is teaching school. . . .

<sup>+</sup>None of the letters so far discovered refers to the maiden name of Judith, wife of John F. Christian. Neither has a marriage bond or minister's return been found which identifies her parents. Readers having such information are requested to send the names to the editor.

HUSBAND		CHRISTIAN, John F.		Father	CHRISTIAN, John "B"	
				Mother	LEAKE, Judith	
Born	noon 20 May 1776 Amherst County, Virginia					
Flourished						
Married						
Died	c. 1846 California, Moniteau County, Missouri					
Buried						
Other Marriages						
WIFE		Judith "Judy"		Father		
				Mother		
Born						
Flourished						
Died	c. 1846 California, Moniteau County, Missouri					
Buried						
Other Marriages						
SEX	CHILDREN	DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	TOWN/CITY COUNTY/PROVINCE STATE/COUNTRY	NAMES OF SPOUSES	
1	CHRISTIAN	Born			HICKMAN, Benjamin T.	
F	Judith F./Leake	Married	28 June 1826	Henry Virginia	(brother of Wm.)	
		Died	ante 1849	Clarksburg Missouri		
2	CHRISTIAN	Born			HICKMAN, William	
F	Elizabeth Ann "Betsy"	Married			(brother of Ben.)	
		Died	ante 1849	Moniteau Missouri		
3	CHRISTIAN	Born	11 Feb. 1804		ALLISON, Robert	
F	Mary L. "Polly"	Married	12 Sep. 1831	Henry Virginia	(also spelled	
		Died	4 Sep. 1874	near Tipton Morgan Missouri	ELLISON)	
4	CHRISTIAN	Born				
M	Peter L.	Married				
		Died	ante 1849	?Missouri		
5	CHRISTIAN	Born	25 Dec. 1809	Lynchburg Virginia	(perhaps earlier wife)	
M	John James "Jack"	Married	29 Nov. 1855	Moniteau Missouri	DAVIS, Savilla Ellen	
		Died	6 Feb. 1877			
6	CHRISTIAN	Born			WOODS, Joseph	
F	Hannah	Married			(who later married	
		Died	ante 1849	Moniteau Missouri	her sister)	
7	CHRISTIAN	Born	17 Mar. 1817	Amherst Virginia	1) SMITH, Elizabeth	
M	Samuel Marshall	Married	19 Aug. 1858	Moniteau Missouri	2) SMITH, Clarinda A	
		Died	19 Dec. 1894		(sisters)	
8	CHRISTIAN	Born	12 Mar. 1818	Lynchburg Virginia	KETCHAM, Nancy Jane	
M	Joseph Hiram	Married	6 Sep. 1848	Moniteau Missouri		
		Died	1878			
9	CHRISTIAN	Born	c. 1820		KELLY, Nancy Ann	
M	William Preston	Married	19 Apr. 1848	Moniteau Missouri		
		Died	1878-1879	Savoy Fannin Texas		
10	CHRISTIAN	Born	22 Mar. 1823			
M	Wade Woodson	Married				
		Died	11 June 1856	near Tipton Morgan Missouri		
11	CHRISTIAN	Born			WOODS, Joseph	
F	Martha Jane	Married	post 1848		(after death of	
		Died			first wife)	

— SEVENTEENTH CENTURY —

In the continuing series of seventeenth century abstracts from Manx records, the entries below list vital data on the Computer File Index\* for individuals named Robert Christian. No abstracts using nicknames of Bob, Bert, or Robin appeared for years between 1600 and 1700 although abbreviations often appeared. Births are designated by "B" and christenings by "C" in the list below.

TOWN OR PARISH	NAME	PARENT OR PARENTS	DATE	
Jurby	Christian, Robt.	Do. Christin	19 Nov. 1631	B
Jurby	Christian, Robert	Do. Christian	19 Nov. 1631	C
Maughold	Xtin, Robt.	Wm. Xtin	26 Sep. 1648	C
Maughold	Christin, Robt.	Robt. Christin	8 Dec. 1648	C
Maughold	Xtin, Ro.	Edwd. Xtin	27 July 1651	C
Maughold	Christin, Robt.	Wm. Christian	20 Dec. 1655	C
Maughold	Christin, Robt.	Jo. Christin	19 July 1657	B
Maughold	Christin, Ro.	Jo. Christin	4 Aug. 1667	B
Jurby	Christian, Robertt	Jon & Emey (Cleark) Christian	19 June 1668	C
Maughold	Christian, Robert	Rob. Christian	7 Oct. 1668	C
Braddan	Christian, Robt	Pat. Christian	17 June 1673	C
Maughold	Christian, Robt.	Edmo. Christian	31 Jan. 1679	C
Jurby	Christian, Robert	Jon & Emey (Cleark) Christian	22 Feb. 1679	B
Jurby	Christian, Robertt	Jon & Emey (Cleark) Christian	22 Feb. 1679	C
Maughold	Christian, Robert	Edw. Christian	2 Apr. 1682	B
Maughold	Christian, Robert	Edmdi. Christian	2 Apr. 1682	C
Maughold	Christian, Robert	Edw. Christian	4 Dec. 1682	B
Maughold	Christian, Robt.	Patr. Christian	26 Apr. 1683	C
Maughold	Christian, Robt.	Edwd. Christian	4 Dec. 1683	C
Maughold	Christian, Robt.	Jo. Christian	22 Apr. 1686	C
Onchan	Christian, Robt.	Donald Christian	17 July 1693	C
Jurby	Xtian, Robt.	Tho. & Kath. (Harrison) Xtian	21 Apr. 1694	C
Maughold	Christian, Robt.	Will. Christian	12 Mar. 1696	C
Bride	Christian, Robert	Will. Christian	Nov. 1698	C

CHRISTENED 'CHRISTIAN' ON ISLE OF MAN

Although vital data without a given name is of limited value, sometimes such information offers just the clue researchers need for establishing identity. Therefore, the following list from the Computer File Index\* is offered. It contains abstracts of males born or christened on the Isle of Man during the seventeenth century. Designations: "B" for birth and "C" for christening.

TOWN OR PARISH	NAME	PARENT OR PARENTS	DATE	
Malew	Christian, _____	Robt. & Amy Christian	July 1654	C
Maughold	Christin, _____	Jo. Christin	17 Oct. 1660	C
Ballaugh	Christian, _____	William Christian	16 Oct. 1663	C
Andreas	Christian, _____	Tho. Christian	28 Mar. 1673	B
Andreas	Christian, _____	Thomas Christian	28 Mar. 1673	C
Kirk German	Christine, _____	Daniel Christine	30 Apr. 1678	C
Maughold	Christian, _____	Christo. Christian	29 May 1679	C
Kirk German	Christine, _____	Daniel Christine	1 Jan. 1680	C
Maughold	Christian, _____	Ewan Christian	12 Nov. 1682	C

\*The Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has prepared the Computer File Index abstracts, which are available on microfiche.

Fanny Christian's response to her physician son reveals much about her concerns and offers news she has received about other family members.

June the 11th 1848

To John F. Christian—  
at Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri

Dear Son I embrace the opportunity of writing you a few lines in answer to your letter which I received on yesterday It gave me a great deal of satisfaction to hear from you but would have given me a great deal more to have seen you. I have been expect-

LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO, ANCESTORS

Joseph S. CHRISTIAN = Sarah GREEN  
s/o David and Abigail (White) Christian born Sep. 1851 Lawrence Co., Ohio  
married c. 1871 Ohio

At least eight children were born to Joseph S. and Sarah (Green) Christian:

1. Hamilton Christian, born 1 Nov. 1873 Lawrence Co., Ohio.
2. William Christian, born 26 Sep. 1875 Lawrence Co., Ohio
3. Vina Christian, born Sep. 1877 Ohio.
4. Dora Christian, born Nov. 1881 Ohio.
5. Abby Christian, born June 1884 Ohio; married Colonel Locke.
6. David Christian, born Mar. 1886 Ohio.
7. Amos Christian, born July 1887 Ohio.
8. Bridget "Biddie" Christian, born Mar. 1895 Ohio.

David CHRISTIAN = 1) Hannah "Alonza" JUSTICE  
s/o David and Abigail (White) Christian born 17 Dec. 1859 Lawrence Co., Ohio died 23 Dec. 1922  
buried The Plains Cemetery, Lawrence Co., OH  
married 1) 6 Oct. 1880  
married 2) c. 1897

2) Emma WILLIS  
died c. 1964 California  
she married 2) \_\_\_\_\_ PRICE  
she married 3) \_\_\_\_\_ HARRIS

David and Hannah (Justice) Christian had at least the following issue in Lawrence County:

1. Joseph Christian, born July 1881.
2. Charles W. Christian, twin born 19 May 1883, died 1933; married Bethel O. Hollingshead.
3. Frank Christian, twin born 19 May 1883, died 24 July 1883.
4. Emma Christian, born Mar. 1885, died ante 1979; married Roy Patterson.
5. Susanna Lucinda "Susie" Christian, born 25 Feb. 1887, died 8 July 1923 at Millfield, Athens Co., Ohio; married 16 Nov. 1907 at Beaumont, Athens Co., Ohio, to Hoyt Andrew Heightland, born 26 Mar. 1886 Amesville, Ohio, died 23 Nov. 1969 Nelsonville, Ohio, son of Mervin and Isabel (Hungerford) Heightland.
6. James Clarence "Jimmy" Christian, born 9 Feb. 1892, died 29 Nov. 1948; married in Pike Co., Kentucky, 3 Oct. 1925 Verdie Clark, born 9 Jan. 1893, died 12 Feb. 1977.
7. William "Candy Bill" Christian, married 1) Chrystal Lauder and 2) Minnie/Jamia \_\_\_\_\_, widow of Mr. Goodfellow.
8. Della Christian, twin born 11 Feb. 1895, died 23 July 1895.
9. Stella Christian, twin born 11 Feb. 1895, died young.

David and Emma (Willis) Christian had five or possibly six children in Ohio:

10. Ethel Christian, born July 1898; married Gilbert Johnson.
11. Mary Elizabeth Christian, married 1) Pearl Phillips and lived in Athens, Ohio; 2) George Allen and lived in Zanesville, Ohio; and 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Lutes, living in California in 1979.
12. Abigail Christian, who changed name to Agnes Christian; married Joseph Mind/Mino and lived in Pennsylvania.
13. Roseann Christian, married Clarence Bibler and lived in Zanesville, Ohio.
14. Gerald Christian, known as Gerald Christman; married 1) Kay \_\_\_\_\_ and 2) Lillian Lowe; lived in Columbus, Ohio, and California.
15. Margaret Christian, who may have been issue of father's first marriage; married \_\_\_\_\_ Hill.

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STATE MILITIA ROLLS FOR LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO

1864 List:

Matthew Christian	?
Harrison Christian (Ex.C.)	23
John Christian	36
Amos Christian (Ex.C.)	19

1865 List:

John Christian	26
Harrison Christian	24
Amos Christian	21
Granville Christian	29
Tim Christian	35

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

ing you to come home or to have received a letter from you for the last four weeks and I have wearied myself sick about it. It did not surprise me to hear that you was sick for I was afraid that you was dead. I could not have been any more miserable about you unless I had have known that you was dead for neither myself nor any of your friends here could hear from you from any quarter and O my Son I am afraid you have not wrote me the particulars yet for I am afraid that you was so sick when you wrote to me you was not able to sit up and if that be the case you was very wrong that you did not write me the particulars what your disease was how long you had been sick and where you was staying at for you know that I should be anxious to know all them things but it is as it is. May the Lord heal your afflictions and restore you to health and may I meet you again in this world is the prayer of your mother continually You must write to me as soon as you receive this and let yet the case be good or bad or your condition be good or bad write to me all the particulars. You must write me a great deal oftener than what you do whether you have good news to send me or bad and now my son you wrote to me to know what I thought of your staying in Missouri to practice medicine for one summer I will tell you now what I think. I think the climate will never suit your health and you wrote to me that a Doctor there booked five thousand dollars. To book it is one question and to collect it is another and O my child I would not have you to sickness and die in that country for all the money that Missouri State will know and with industry and economy you have got a good living at home and O John if you loved home and our domestic affairs as well as I do we would be a happy family and I hope the Lord will restore your wandering mind and once more restore you at home with your mother and family. I have never seen the country and don't know anything about the situation and don't know what to say to you about it and I don't see the use of your living in one part of the world alone by yourself and I in another alone by myself and negroes but you would not be resigned for me to choose your changes therefore you must use your own pleasure but while we live separated as we do there is no happiness health nor contentedness for me and I don't suppose there is for you and I don't see how you can practice medicine and preach the Gospel too, for one of the professions I am afraid is more than your constitution is able for I will now inform you of the health of myself and family. My health is about as it was when you left home with the exception of being so much wearied and fatigued about you I been a good deal sick since you went away but thank the Lord I am spared to attend to my family. The servants has been a good deal sick. On the third day of April Cassandra had a daughter born. I think it is the finest child I ever saw. Her little boy neither walks nor crawls and it is quite a task to have them taken care of. I had them all vaccinated when the small pox was so thick in the city and they was all very sick from it and had the worst arms I ever saw but they are all about well but Adelines and I don't know what makes hers so much worse unless it is owing to her situation and from her looks I don't know what moment she may be confined and I don't know what we are to do with all these young negroes unless you marry and get you a farm and take them home. . . . I heard from Virginia by a letter that James Christian sent here to you that your Uncle Grisse Christian is dead and his wife and his wives mother and four of their children all died in North Carolina in a month of one another. Your Uncle William Christian was here from Bowling Green some three or four weeks ago and he was on his way to Lexington, Missouri to see his daughter Mrs. Evans and he told me he got a letter from Davy Applin of Virginia . . .

This letter from Louisville, Kentucky (which has a section missing), concludes with a discussion of rental problems and house hunting—and maternal admonitions:

. . . We shall have to pay up our rents better or I shall have to give up the house and I don't know where I can get another for Mr. Atchinson sold his place on Broadway and wanted me to give him up this house in May and I agreed to do so. He hunted three weeks to get me a house and I hunted myself and I could not find but one but what was a higher rent than this and that had but four rooms and a very small kitchen and that was a hundred and eighty dollars per year and I concluded to keep the one I have . . . I must draw to a close by saying that if we ever meet on earth again I hope we'll meet in heaven where parting will be no more I wish you to write me word whether you received my last letter I sent you. I remain your affectionate Mother

(to be continued)

Frances Christian

## NEW LEADS

### REGARDING

## PARENTAGE OF JOHN & JUDITH (LEAKE) CHRISTIAN

In evaluating whether Judith (Leake) Christian could have been the daughter of Walter and Judith (Mask) Leake, I reasoned in "Elusive Connections" (*Christian Family Chronicles*, No. IV, pages 263-265) that she could have been. Therein I stated that I was inclined to accept her placement among their children "unless newly discovered evidence should point toward a different background." Such evidence has now been produced. Not only does it change my views concerning this Judith Leake's parentage, but it raises anew the probability that her husband John Christian "B" was the son of Charles by second wife Mary Leake rather than by first wife Judith Woodson, as originally postulated.

#### New Leads from a Family History

Foremost among the new leads received by the editor are those sent by Jane G. Putnam, a descendant who had been attempting to identify the parents of her ancestors, John and Judith (Leake) Christian. In her research Mrs. Putnam started with the observation that this couple had thirteen children, most of whom carried the middle initial of either "L" for "Leake" or "F" for "Ford" in their names.\* She therefore began a search for a female Ford wife with a male Leake husband as Judith's parents. Following is some of what she found.

In James Ray Andrews' *Genealogy of the Andrews-Maxey and Related Families of Henrico County in Colonial Virginia*—Bondurant, Ford (Faure), Salle, Sampson, mention was made of just such a union during the time period expected. Among the children listed for Peter Ford was a Judith Ford who married a John

\*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. IV, page 262, and preceding article in this issue for data concerning the children of John and Judith (Leake) Christian.

Leake. Names of her siblings and information about her parents is quoted below from pages 105 and 106 of Andrews' book, published in 1965:

Pierre Faure (Peter Ford) was born ca 1675, in France. His wife, Elizabeth Ager (Agee) was born ca 1687, in France. This couple and their son, Jean (John) arrived at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1700, in the Ship LaNassau. Pierre Faure was naturalized May 12, 1705, taking the name Ford. (*Henrico County Order Book*, May 1705.) He was one of the founders of the Huguenot settlement at Manakin Town, in Henrico County. (Ref: Unpublished Documents Relating to Settlement of Manakin Town, by R. A. Brock of the U. S. Historical Society. Published 1886.) In his will, dated April 29, 1744, prob. in Goochland County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, Peter Ford named the following sons and daughters. [Generation from immigrant appears in parentheses.]

- (2) James Ford, b. 1708, d. 1810 (?)  
m. Anne Bondurant, daughter of John Peter Bondurant and his wife, Ann Bondurant. . . .
- (2) Peter Ford, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_;  
m. (1st) in 1728, Judith Maxey;  
m. (2nd) Marie \_\_\_\_\_, in 1741. . . .
- (2) Pierre (Peter) Ford and his wife, Judith, were baptized by Mr. Mason, July 16, 1729. Godfather Joseph Binngli, Godmother Judith Binngli. (Unpublished documents relating to Huguenot Emigration. By R. A. Brock—page 82.) [Putnam states that it was Joseph, son of Peter and Judith, who was baptized at this time, not the couple.]
- (2) John Ford, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. 1753.  
(*CORW*) d.s.p.
- (2) Daniel Ford, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_;  
a daughter, Louise, was born 4-11-1730. The King William Parish Register failed to record the mother's name.
- (2) Judith Ford, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. John Leake.  
(*CORW*)
- (2) Mary Ford, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Wm. Fuqua, Jr.  
(*CORW*) William Fuqua, Jr., was the

## LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO, ANCESTORS

#### Melvina CHRISTIAN

d/o David and Abigail (White) Christian  
born 10 Jan. 1856 Elizabeth Twp., Lawrence Co., OH  
died 14 Apr. 1923 Harlan Co., Kentucky  
buried Middlesboro Cemetery, Bell Co., KY  
married 6 Nov. 1872 Lawrence Co., Ohio

#### = Hamilton SHOPE

s/o John and Elizabeth (Harper) (Halterman) Shope  
born 17 Oct. 1847 Decatur Twp., Lawrence Co., OH  
died 20 Aug. 1924 Harlan Co., Kentucky  
buried Middlesboro Cemetery, Bell Co., KY

Hamilton and Melvina (Christian) Shope had twelve children, the first ten in Lawrence County:

1. Joseph Shope, born about 1873 in Lawrence Co., Ohio; died as an infant.
2. Abigail Gertrude Shope, born 21 Sep. 1874, died 12 Nov. 1940 Harlan Co., Kentucky; married 8 June 1891 Benton Daniel Wolbrecht, born 8 Apr. 1861 Pedro, Lawrence Co., OH, died 27 Feb. 1941 Coalgood, Harlan Co., KY, s/o Hugh and Ruth (Doty) Walbrecht.
3. David Shope, born 21 Apr. 1876, died 3 Mar. 1940; married Etta Neikirk, possibly d/o Z. J. Neikirk.
4. Ellen Romaine Shope, born 21 Jan. 1878, died 27 Aug. 1943 Harlan, Kentucky; married Horace Maynard Hatmaker, born near Nashville, Tennessee, died c. 1926 Harlan Co., KY.
5. Sarah Elizabeth Jane "Lizzie" Shope, born 2 June 1881, died 21 Apr. 1953 Harlan, KY; married 1) James Richard Hammond, born 28 Oct. 1874 Marion, Smyth Co., Virginia, died 2 Jan. 1925 Harlan, KY, s/o Alfred and Lucinda (Musgrove) Hammond; married 2) Simon Buckner Howard, s/o James B. and Louisa (Thomas) Howard.
6. John Elmer Shope, born 24 Nov. 1883, died 24 June 1959 Harlan, KY; married 28 Oct. 1928 Cora Wagoner.
7. Amos Clark Shope, born 7 Mar. 1885, died 23 Oct. 1965 Harlan Co., KY; married 1) Carrie Sewell; married 2) Della Raines, born 18 July 1890 Procter, Tennessee, died 16 Aug. 1975 Harlan, KY; married 3) Mossie Crider, born 31 July 1903 Harlan Co., KY.
8. Samuel Shelton Shope, born 13 Mar. 188, died 4 Nov. 1954 Union Co., Tennessee; married 1) Georgia Victory Givens, born 6 July 1891 Meldrum, Bell Co., KY; married 2) Nora Parrott.
9. Matthew Shope, born 1890, died July 1902.
10. Idella Mae Shope, born 9 Sep. 1893, died 27 Dec. 1950 in California, buried Middlesboro Cemetery, Bell Co., Kentucky; married in Bell Co., KY 19 Feb. 1910 John Lawrence Perkins, born 26 Nov. 1886 Whitley Co., KY, died 11 Jan. 1924 Gatliff, KY, s/o James Westley and Tacy (Beard) Perkins.
11. Lillian Frances "Fannie" Shope, born 1 Apr. 1897 Mingo Hollow, Claiborne Co., Tennessee, died 2 Mar. 1967; married 16 Nov. 1916 Alfred L. Farmer, born 1895, died 16 Nov. 1967.
12. Harriet Louella Shope, born 9 July 1900, probably Forkridge, Claiborne Co., Tennessee, died 9 Feb. or 6 Mar. 1933; married Noah Crider.

#### Lucinda "Cindy" CHRISTIAN

d/o David and Abigail (White) Christian  
born 8 May 1857 Lawrence Co., Ohio  
died 26 Nov. 1919, Bicknell, Indiana  
married 6 May 1874

#### = John A. GREEN

died post 1919

According to her obituary,\* Lucinda (Christian) Green had ten children by John A. Green:

1. Charles W. Green, born c. 1875, died 24 Nov. 1915.
2. John E. Green.
3. Abigail Green, married Charles Tittle.
4. David M. Green, born c. 1882.
5. Hamilton Green, born c. 1884.
6. Effie Green, married Frank J. Lands.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Green, married James Mullin.
8. Elizabeth Green, married Charles Messel.
9. William E. "Eddie" Green.
10. Benjamin "Bennie" Green, born c. 1889.

\*Lucinda (Christian) Green left her testimony that she was "happy in Jesus" and "ready to go." In addition to her husband and nine remaining children, she left 38 living grandchildren and "a host of kind friends and loved ones." She was remembered as a good wife and a fond mother.

Matthew CHRISTIAN = 1) Amelia/America HOWARD  
 s/o David and Abigail (White) Christian  
 born c. 1840-1845  
 died c. 1912 Middleboro, Bell Co., Kentucky  
 married 1) 3 Sep. 1863 Lawrence Co., Ohio  
 married 2) 31 Dec. 1873 Lawrence Co., Ohio  
 married 3) 25 Mar. 1887 ?Lawrence Co., Ohio

Whether Matthew had issue by his first two wives is not known; however, at least one child was born of the third union:

x. Eva Christian, born 31 Mar. 1889 Lawrence Co., Ohio.

James R. CHRISTIAN = Sarah E. HARDEN  
 s/o David and Abigail (White) Christian  
 born 9 Apr. 1846 Lawrence Co., Ohio  
 died 17 May 1916  
 married 31 Dec. 1867 Lawrence Co., Ohio  
 buried Sugar Creek Cemetery

James R. and Sarah E. (Harden) had six children as far as is known:

1. Alva Seymour Christian, born Oct. 1868.
2. John D. Christian, born Mar. 1872.
3. Amos C. Christian, born 29 July 1873.
4. Maggie Christian, born c. 1876.
5. Ella Christian, born Feb. 1878.

Romaine CHRISTIAN = William CLARK  
 d/o David and Abigail (White) Christian  
 born c. 1848 Lawrence Co., Ohio  
 died post 1902 when living in Wellston, Ohio

At least one child was born to William and Romaine (Christian) Clark:

x. Charley Clark, born 21 Nov. 1873 in Lawrence Co., Ohio.

William CHRISTIAN = 1) Anna Eliza "Lide" JONES  
 s/o David and Abigail (White) Christian  
 born c. May 1850 Lawrence Co., Ohio  
 married 1) 4 Aug. 1870 Lawrence Co., Ohio

William and Anna Eliza (Jones) Christian had five children:

1. Abigail "Abbie" Christian, married \_\_\_\_\_ Richardson.
2. Louella Christian.\*
3. Will Christian.
4. Nannie Christian, married \_\_\_\_\_ Goggin.
5. Dave Christian, married Cornelia Neikirk at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee.

William and \_\_\_\_\_ (?Duncan) Christian had four children:

1. Joseph "Joe" Christian, murdered during 1930's on Apr. 25.\*
2. George Christian.
3. May Christian.\*
4. Minnie Christian.\*

\*Newspaper accounts of the murder of cab driver Joe Christian by robbers identify survivors of the 48-year-old Louellen, Kentucky, resident as two brothers, Dave Christian of Harlan, Kentucky, and Will Christian of Middlesboro, Kentucky; five sisters, Mrs. Stanley Ditty of Harlan; Mrs. John Heaton of Louellen; Mrs. Thomas Dalton of Middlesboro; Mrs. Nannie Goggin of Mecker, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Abbie Richardson of Springfield, Ohio; and "an adopted brother," Frank Patton, of Russell, Kentucky. The newspaper articles furnished the editor were not dated, but family members recall events as having taken place during the 1930's. Joe Christian's parents were not identified in the newspapers, but names of siblings correspond to children of William Christian named by a granddaughter.

son of William Fuqua and his wife, Elizabeth Fuqua. William Fuqua, Sr., died in Lunenburg County, Virginia, ca 1761. His will was probated March 3, 1761. (The will of (2) John Ford, recorded in Will Book 1, 9-24-1753, named his sister, (2) Mary Ford, the wife of William Fuqua, Jr.)

(The names, birth dates and parents of the children of (2) James Ford, (2) Peter Ford, and (2) Daniel Ford were recorded in the King William Parish Register, Goochland County, Virginia.)

Jane Putnam's analysis of her findings adds a few points to Andrews' genealogy and differs with his conclusions in one important respect. Other than the family tradition which he had accepted, she found no evidence that the immigrant, Pierre Faure (anglicized to Peter Ford) had a wife named Elizabeth Agee, whereas there are several references to a wife named Judith. Furthermore, in his 1744 will, Peter Ford made bequests to daughters Judith and Mary in which they were to inherit their portions at age 21 or at marriage. Thus, Judith's birth can be estimated as 1723-29 and her marriage as about 1748—certainly before 1753 when brother John Ford specifically named his sister, Judith Leake, and appointed John Leake as executor to his will, proved in Cumberland County, Virginia.

As can be noted from the preceding, the names Peter Ford, Daniel Ford, John Ford, and Judith Ford are all names of the children of the original Huguenot immigrant and were passed down in just that form to four of the children of John and Judith (Leake) Christian. The common Leake family names given to their children were Walter, Elisha, William, Elijah, Samuel, and Mary Leake—most of whom carried the "L" or "Leake" as a middle name. Even the son apparently named for his paternal grandfather was called Charles L. Christian.

#### A Lead through Family Tradition

Just as I was incorporating the information provided by Mrs. Putnam into my notes, I received some provocative recollections from Edna M. Russell, another descendant of John and Judith (Leake) Christian.

Mrs. Russell's great-grandfather was their son, John F. Christian, who

also married a woman named Judith, but whose maiden name is not known. Mrs. Russell is still trying to find out if, as she believes, it was Ford. She knows from discussions between her mother and aunt that John F. Christian's wife was a cousin to the husband and was of French extraction. She remembers how her mother would quote "Pa"—John F. Christian's son—saying his mother "was a French woman, a Ford, and a cousin to her husband." Mrs. Russell recalls, too, how the older generation would speak of the Leakes and of the Fords.

#### New Look at the Facts

Although the new leads do not constitute proof, they seem sufficient to provoke revised speculation as to the identity of both John and Judith (Leake) Christian's parents.

Based on this couple's tendency to attach ancestral surnames to the first given names of their children, one would expect at least one child to have carried a "W" or "Woodson" as a middle name if John's mother had been Judith Woodson. Besides, if, as now seems probable, John's wife Judith Leake were a niece or a cousin rather than a sister to Charles Christian's second wife Mary Leake, then John Christian "B" could just as likely have been a child of that second marriage—what with no taboos against marrying cousins, even of the first degree.

Exactly which John Leake married Judith Ford has not yet been determined; but Mrs. Putnam currently believes him to have been the John Leake born about 1718 to Walter and Judith (Mask) Leake. There is a possibility, however, that John was the son of a William Leake, in which case John might have been a younger brother of Walter, the son of William and Mary (Bos-tick) Leake.

Further research, of course, is needed to establish with certainty that John and Judith (Ford) Leake were indeed the parents of the Judith Leake who married John Christian "B". Proof also is still wanted for identity of John Christian's parents, now thought to have been Charles and Mary (Leake) Christian.

The fascination of finding new leads gives way to the desire to discover more!

Agnes Branch Pearlman  
 Editor

# A CHRISTIAN GROUP OF NEW YORK

*CHRISTIAN GENEALOGY, an undated book by Alfred R. Christian (born 12 October 1829), presents a brief genealogy of the author's Christian family. The family group below has been excerpted from his book, which may be consulted for later generations. Also summarized is the Revolutionary War service record of John Christian, Sergeant, which was abstracted by Annie Walker Burns and is reproduced from her CHRISTIAN FAMILY HISTORY RECORDS. Although the veteran's affidavit gives no family data, comparison between vital dates in the pension application and those from the Bible handed down to descendants confirms that the John Christian whose children are listed below was the same John Christian whose file can be found among the military records in the National Archives.*

In the words of Alfred R. Christian: This record will commence as far back as my great-grandfather (a Dane by birth), Buhand Christian, who came to this country from the Isle of Man . . . and settled on the Hudson River near Peekskill, New York. He married a Dutch lady [name unknown but probably of Dutch ancestry].

Buhand Christian was born 24 March 1725. At least two sons were born to him and his wife: James Christian and John Christian.

John Christian, born 1 November 1753, died 9 January 1835, was in the Revolutionary War. He married Jane Brower, born 22 February 1755, died 14 March 1813. They had the following children:

Martha "Patsey" Christian	born 16 December 1774 married 1) Obadiah Bates and 2) Martin Vandusen
Charles Christian	born 1 January 1776 married Betsy Sweet
Jane Christian	born 10 October 1779 married Freeborn Baker
Ann Christian	born 27 February 1782 - died 24 September 1844 married Charles Brown—New York
John Christian	born 13 April 1784 - died 1 April 1853 married Ruth Sweet 25 June 1805 New York
Phebe Christian	born 28 July 1786 - died 16 September 1872 married Robert Sweet June 1804 New York
Polly Christian	born 18 October 1789 - died 21 April 1840 married John Paddock—New York
James Christian	born 26 August 1791 - died 24 August 1831 married Lucy Stebbins
Amy Christian	born 22 May 1793 married Martin Potter—went to Utah with Mormons
Jeremiah Christian	born 5 September 1795 - died 14 August 1820 married Hannah Harrington
Moses Christian	born 24 January 1798 married Rebecca Bailey—went to Rosendale, Fonduloc County, Wisconsin

According to Pension File S-12700:

John Christian was born 1 November 1753 in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York. He first enlisted for Revolutionary War service about January 1777 in Philipstown, Dutchess County, New York; and thereafter he served for varying periods up to eight months or more each year until November 1782. With the exception of a brief stint as private in Capt. Elijah Townsend's Company, all enlistments were as sergeant in Capt. George Lane's Company, Col. Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment. The party to which Christian belonged was called by the enemy, "Lane's Blood Hounds," owing to its energy and perseverance. Most regular service was for the spring and summer months. In addition, during the mild and open seasons in winter (years and length of service not stated) he was called out and served as sergeant. John Christian was allowed pension 20 September 1832 in Montz, Cayuga County, New York. He died 9 January 1835.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO, ANCESTORS

<u>Lamenda CHRISTIAN</u> d/o David and Abigail (White) Christian born 29 Jan. 1842 Ironton, Lawrence Co., Ohio died 21 May 1916 Richardson Co., Nebraska married 1) 25 Dec. 1856 Lawrence Co., Ohio married 2) post 1883	= 1) <u>Anthony Bowen BOGGS</u> —as his second wife s/o Hamilton and Luticia (Bowen) Boggs born 25 Dec. 1832 Frankfort, Greenbrier Co., VA died 3 Oct. 1883 St. Derion, Richardson Co., NE buried Barada, Nebraska
	= 2) <u>William Raines</u>

Anthony and Lamenda (Christian) Boggs had the following children, most of whom were born in Lawrence County, Ohio, before the move to Nebraska:

1. Abigail Boggs, born 22 Jan. 1858, died 28 February 1865.
2. Mary Luticia Boggs, born 10 Nov. 1859, died 11 Mar. 1948.
3. Elsie Jane Boggs, born 3 Feb. 1861, died 16 Apr. 1930.
4. Andrew Anthony Boggs, born 8 Nov. 1864, died 2 July 1947.
5. Sarah Lucinda Boggs, born 7 Mar. 1867, died 27 June 1906.
6. Louisa Alice Boggs, born 12 July 1869, died 3 Nov. 1932.
7. Lilly Sebetha Boggs, born 14 Feb. 1872, died 26 Mar. 1872.
8. August Valentine Boggs, born 2 Apr. 1873, died 28 Mar. 1956; married 2 Apr. 1903 Aimmie Bridgemon.
9. Josephine Elizabeth Boggs, born 9 Mar. 1876, died 24 Jan. 1957.
10. Della May Boggs, born 24 June 1882, died 9 Jan. 1890.

<u>Amos Burgess CHRISTIAN</u> s/o David and Abigail (White) Christian born 1 May 1844 Lawrence County, Ohio died 23 Oct. 1921 Athens County, Ohio buried The Plains Cemetery, Lawrence Co., OH married 1) 6 Apr. 1865 Lawrence Co., Ohio married 2) 6 Sep. 1884 Lawrence Co., Ohio	= 1) <u>Rachel SHARP</u> d/o Leonard and Rebecca (Layne) Sharp born c. 1846 Ohio died c. 1883 Ohio
	= 2) <u>Mary SHAY</u> born May 1861 Kentucky died 25 Oct. 1932 Kentucky

Amos Burgess and Rachel (Sharp) Christian had at least ten children in Lawrence County, Ohio:

1. David Christian, born 1866; moved to West Virginia
2. Olive June Christian, born 5 January 1870, died 26 Mar. 1902 Vesuvius, Ohio; married in Catlettsburg, Boyd Co., Kentucky 10 Jan. 1889 Joseph Stricklen, born 14 Nov. 1869, died 26 Mar. 1920, s/o John R. and Henrietta (Currington) Stricklen.
3. Rachel A. Christian, born 1 Dec. 1871, died 20 Apr. 1873.
4. Mary E. Christian, born 1 Dec. 1871, died 20 Apr. 1873.
5. Abigail "Abby" Christian, born 9 Nov. 1873; married Malen Davis and may have lived in Michigan.
6. Ida Bell Christian, born 23 Dec. 1875, died 14 Sep. 1930 in Wheatland, Indiana; married in Jackson Co., Ohio 26 Mar. 1895 James Stricklen, born 11 Aug. 1876, died 8 Sep. 1959, s/o John R. and Henrietta (Currington) Stricklen.
7. Amos Burgess Christian, born 8 Oct. 1877.
8. James Christian, born 27 Dec. 1879.
9. William "Billy" "Little B" Christian, born Sep. 1881; married Columbia \_\_\_\_\_; became minister of Church of God in Williamson, West Virginia; widely known as fiddler.
10. Elmer Christian, died in teens.

Amos Burgess and Mary (Shay) Christian had at least six children in Lawrence County, Ohio:

11. John Edward Christian, born 8 Dec. 1887, died 14 Oct. 1969; married 1910 Tessie Ann Vernon, born 17 Sep. 1893, died 30 Mar. 1930; became minister of gospel.
12. Margaret Louise "Maggie" Christian, born 29 May 1890, died in Huntington, Cabell Co., West Virginia; married 1) Charles Matheny, 2) Ed Lowe, and 3) Harley Buck; moved to Richmond Virginia.
13. Melvina "Vinie" Christian, born 15 Feb. 1892; married George Reynolds; lived at Mundy, Ohio.
14. Joseph Henry Christian, born 27 Mar. 1894, died May 1968-9 in Logan, Logan Co., West Virginia; married 1) Marie Stillwell of Carroll, Ohio, 2) Maude Jones of Ashland, Kentucky, and 3) Betty \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Lily May Christian, born 4 Nov. 1897, died 1917; married Alfred May of Buchtel, Ohio; had no children that lived.
16. Charles Christian, born Mar. 1900, perhaps died young.

Of the eleven children of David and Abigail (White) Christian,\* six are pictured in the current installment. Record of descendants, insofar as provided to the editor, will continue until data available are published. As always, additions and corrections are invited.

—ABP



*From the collection of Wilma Coats*

Amos Burgess Christian, fourth of the children of David and Abigail (White) Christian, was photographed at about the same time as others.

<u>John CHRISTIAN</u>	=	<u>Elizabeth HOWARD</u>
s/o David and Abigail (White) Christian		born ?
born c. 1838 Lawrence Co., Ohio		died ?relatively young, not long after
married 7 May 1865 Scioto Co., Ohio		marriage
died ?c. late 1920's in Kentucky		

According to tradition, this couple had no children and John never remarried. In 1902 he was living at Grayson, Carter County, Kentucky.

\*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume Nos. II, III, and IV for information on the earlier generations of Christians in Lawrence County, Ohio.

Records for this series of articles have been submitted by the following: Lana Christian, Wilma L. Coats, Bertha D. Farmer, Marjorie J. Frey, Vivian H. Johnson, Robert D. Steinmeyer, and Merri Vinton.

# WEST VIRGINIA'S CHRISTIAN FAMILIES



BY

AGNES BRANCH PEARLMAN

## PART V

### CIVIL WAR & ITS AFTERMATH

Although the Christian family farms of Logan County escaped plunder and destruction during the War Between the States, death of loved ones in the conflict created voids which persisted for years afterwards. Except for the grief suffered from these personal losses, however, life for the children and grandchildren of James Pine and Anne (Moore) Christian\* did not change appreciably in the aftermath of the War.

Like other families along the upper Guyan, they continued to till their land and to care for their livestock as before; and they were able to raise plentiful food for their tables. Indeed, early in the conflict inclement weather disrupted the harmony of their existence more than the distant battles. Just a few months after the guns had thundered at Bull Run, a quaint break in the daily routine during

\*See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume Nos. I, II, III, and IV for previous installments on the Christians of Logan County, West Virginia.

the big tide or freshet in the fall of 1861 figured in the earliest memories of Pat Christian<sup>†</sup>:

We were all up at Uncle Charles Vances. He had some fat hogs in a rail pen near the creek and when the water got up in the pen, he waded in and laid the rails down and let the hogs out. I remember seeing them swim out with just their noses out of the water.

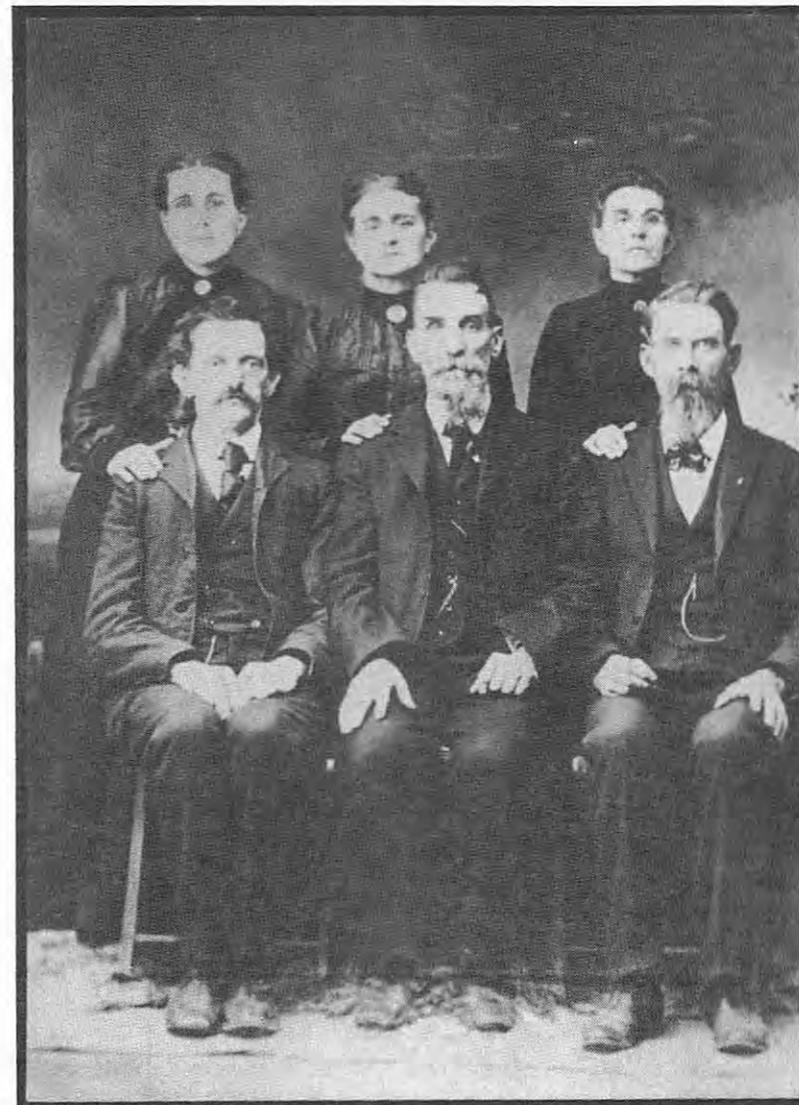
During the same high waters, what had been a distant war moved closer. The first of only two battles within Logan County's boundaries took place at Chapmanville Gap. The actual fight twenty-seven miles down the Guyan from the Christian settlement at the mouth of Elk lasted only ten minutes and resulted in defeat of the Virginia Home Guard forces by the United States Zouave Regiment.

The second major foray of Union soldiers into the county ended in withdrawal of the northern troops and with their burning of Logan Courthouse and all the records in it on 15 January 1862—certainly an unfortunate occurrence for future historians. The commander justified his destruction of the courthouse and other town buildings in his report to the Adjutant General in Washington with this explanation:

. . . as the inhabitants of this town had acted with so much animosity and other buildings of this place had long ago been converted into barracks used as a principal point of refuge for rebel cavalry, I thought it to be my duty to deprive the enemy of such position, only valuable to him and useless to us, and ordered to set fire to these buildings before my departure.

The "departure" was precipitated by casualties inflicted by persistent sniper fire from the male inhabitants, all of whom had taken positions in the mountains on the opposite side of the Guyandotte.

<sup>†</sup>Reminiscences entitled "A Brief History of James P. Christian and His Son Rev. Byron Christian" and written in 1938 by the latter's son Andrew Patterson Christian offer a glimpse into family life along the Guyandotte Valley during and after the Civil War.



*From the collection of Vivian H. Johnson*

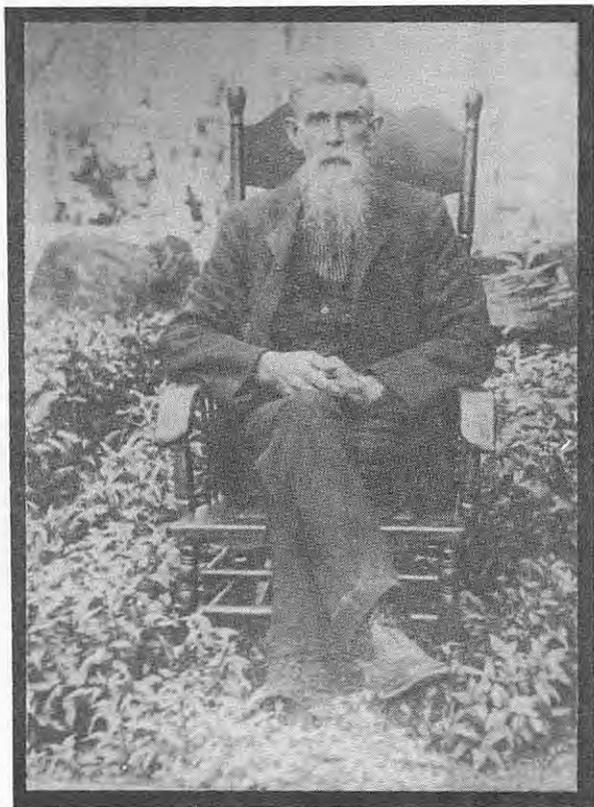
Three of the four daughters of David and Abigail (White) Christian stand in typical studio pose (left to right): Lucinda (Christian) Green, Melvina (Christian) Shope, and Romaine (Christian) Clark. Their brother, Matthew Christian, seated in center, is flanked by his brothers-in-law, John Green on left and William Clark on right.

# LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO, ANCESTORS

(continued from Volume No. IV)

--ONGOING SEARCH--

As descendants continue their search for information regarding their Lawrence County, Ohio, Christian family forebears, they graciously share their findings for publication in these pages. Sometimes a photograph is added to the collection before vital statistics are obtained; at other times, receipt of information regarding descendants precedes discovery of the likenesses.



*From the collection of Merri Vinton*

John Christian, eldest son of David & Abigail (White) Christian, sat for his portrait in the type of outdoor setting popularized by traveling photographers of the period.

## WEST VIRGINIA'S CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Insofar as is known, the men upstream from the county seat who did join the Confederate forces marched with companies which engaged in battle elsewhere—two sons and a son-in-law of James Pine and Anne (Moore) Christian in the ranks.

Their eldest child, Rebecca Jane Christian, already once widowed and remarried before the conflict erupted, became a widow again when her second husband met death in a skirmish fought about a week after a truce had been effected.

Born 1 March 1827, Rebecca first married 3 April 1845 Grayson White, born 4 September 1819, the son of James P. and Mary (Robinette) White. A few years later they acquired a family Bible<sup>+</sup> in which the births of their three children were entered. Grayson died 12 June 1851 in Logan County, where he had served as sheriff and blacksmith. Born to them were:

James West White, born 14 February 1846, died 7 April 1860 unmarried.

Mary Ann White, born 23 March 1848; married Isaac E. "Squire" Browning in Logan County 2 November 1869.

Sarah Sabastine "Bastine" White, born 15 November 1850; married in Logan County 23 October 1875 Harvey Buchanan, born about 1849, son of Henry and Nancy (Wilson) Buchanan.

On 25 August 1853 Rebecca Jane (Christian) White married a 25-year-old school teacher, Charles Harrison Vance, son of Abner and Jane (Perry) Vance. Of the six children conceived of this union, the youngest was born just a few months after his father was killed 13 June 1864 at the Battle of Piedmont, Virginia. Rebecca's parents helped their daughter in raising her fatherless youngsters:

Penelope "Nellie" Vance, born 23 May 1854.

Martha Jane Vance, born 5 March 1856, died 10 October 1859.

Araminta Isabella "Mint" Vance, born 1 March 1858; married in Logan County 12 July 1877 James M./H. Trent, born about 1852, son of Alexander and Eliza (Mounts) Trent.

Judah "Judy" Vance, born 11 April 1860, married in Logan County 21 November 1878 Leander S. "Lee" Hatfield, born about 1861, son of John W. and Martha (Tiller) Hatfield.

Charles Franklin Vance, born 5 March 1862; married in Logan County 11 December 1885 Harriet Emaline "Emma" Mitchell, daughter of James P. and Jane (Lewis) Mitchell. Franklin died in Cabell County 5 August 1937.

Grayson Patterson Vance, born 17 September 1864, died 9 September 1875.

<sup>+</sup>Published in 1849, the Bible is now in the possession of Truby Vance Hager.

Patterson Christian, second child and eldest son of James and Anne (Moore) Christian, was born 26 December 1828 and died at the age of 94. As a young man he became a blacksmith, a trade in which he was still active when appointed to the position of deputy sheriff in 1860. From all indications, his contributions centered around civic rather than military commitments during the war years. Afterwards he served as one of the county justices.

During the course of his long life Patterson married five or six times. The first marriage (which lasted almost thirty years until his wife's death about 1876) was to Mary Ann Mitchell, born about 1825 to Jordan D. and Isabel J. (Gore) Mitchell. Patterson and Mary Ann had at least seven children:

Valeria Ann Christian, born in 1849; married George Johnston and moved to Kentucky.

Lodosky "Dosky" Christian, born 11 December 1851, died after 1952; married W. A. "Andy" Lee. They had no issue.

James P. Christian, born 4 July 1857, died 25 August 1857 of flu.

Sarah Emmeline Isabel Christian, born 6 June 1858; married 1) James Harvey Fillingier 29 March 1877 and 2) Nute Harlen.

Patterson Clinton Christian, born 6 November 1860, died in January 1861.

Micajah H. "McCager" Christian, born about 1864; married 1) Sarah Elizabeth Vance 22 November 1882 in Logan County and 2) Sarah Viol Browning.

Thomas Rector Christian, born about 1866; married 17 August 1891 in Logan County Tamey Ellen Niece, widow of \_\_\_\_\_ Nelson/Nolson.

Patterson Christian's second marriage 1 March 1884 to 33-year-old L. Jane Steel, a "divorced widow" ended in divorce that same year—apparently without issue. The bride's parents were George and Sarah "Sally" (Ellis) Steel. M. A. Robinson performed the ceremony.

According to the Logan County marriage register, Patterson Christian was married again 24 August 1884 by M. A. Robinson to Phoebe Ellis, daughter of Simpson and Florence (Cartright) Ellis. Before Phoebe's death of consumption at age 28 on 8 December 1890, one child had been born to them:

Arnold Simpson Christian, born 22 April 1882, died 23 January 1935 at Paeonian Springs, Louden County, Virginia; married 16 April 1910 in Logan County to Mary Essa Ferrell.

In May 1893 Patterson Christian was remarried by L. E. Harrison to a Mrs. Johnson, a 37-year-old divorcee. Nothing more is known of this union.

On 6 July 1896 John F. Farley joined in marriage Patterson Christian and Mary Jane Johnston, the 26-year-old widowed daughter of E. and B. (Hall) Johnston. It is likely that this is the same individual identified as his wife, Mary J. Martin (born May 1875 in Kentucky), to whom two children were born before 1900:

I give and bequeath to my grandson William, the son of daughter Sally Dec'd., 50 acres of land lying between my son Thomas and Samuel Bailey, with the improvements.

I give and bequeath to my son William the place I now live on, joining Cindy below and Peggy above, with the buildings and improvements.

If my wife Peggy should out live me, I allow William, Cindy, and Peggy to divide the household and kitchen furniture between her three youngest children at her discretion. I allow her also to have use of the mansion house and one third of the farm during her life. I also nominate her Executrix of this Will. I also nominate my son William my other Executor.

Whereas I have been informed that my son Lewis Christian JF has a bond in possession with my mark or signature to the same purporting to be a title bond with a penalty of \$1500 dollars in default of making him a title to certain lands. I have no recollection of any such transaction and if he has any such bond, he obtained it in an unfair manner, when I was not in my right mind.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my mark. This 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1822.

Lewis <sup>(his)</sup><sub>(mark)</sub> Christian SF

Acknowledged in the presence of us,

Geo. Maxwell, Reuben Skelton, Geo. Curry

I, Lewis Christian SF of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, do this fifteenth day of December, make and publish this Codicil to my last Will and Testament in the manner following, that is to say. I give to my granddaughter Sally, the daughter of Cindy Christian, one bed and furniture, one puter dish, one tin pan, one dozen teacups, three bowls, one pitcher, two glasses, two tumblers, six plates, one table cloth and one set of curtains, also one cow and calf, one sow and pigs, one horse colt, and whereas in my last Will and Testament I have given to my daughter Cindy the lower end of my place, beginning at a Mulberry at the mouth of a hollow, also I do bequeath to her a part of the two last locations I make below the same hollow, and lastly it is my desire that this my present codicil be annexed to and made part of my last Will and Testament to all intents and purposes. In Witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal the fifteenth day of December 1828.

Lewis <sup>(his)</sup><sub>(mark)</sub> Christian

Wit: William Feagins, James Lyons

N.B. It is my desire that the above mentioned property should be equally divided among the heirs of my daughter Sindys body at her deceas.

Wit: our hand and seal, William Feagins, James Lyons

A codicil or supplement to my Will & C & C—

Whereas I in my former Will give or bequeath to my grandson Thomas Christian 52 acres of land, I now in this my last Will bequeath and give the aforesaid 52 acres of land to my son Thomas Christian, being the same land whereon he then lived, to be his just right. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, This 26th day of March 1830.

Wit: William Feagins, James Lyons  
Lewis <sup>(his)</sup><sub>(mark)</sub> Christian

ABSTRACTION:

XII. Lucinda Christian (c. 1796- ) had a daughter Sally Christian, probably the one who married as his first wife Joseph Christian, son of Allen Christian.

COMMENTARY:

two daughters born 1820-25, one son born 1825-30, and one daughter born 1825-30. Whether William or his brother Lewis married Betsy Bailey has not yet been determined. Neither is it known what his children were named or where the family moved. Can anyone help?

In a codicil to his will, Lewis Christian refers to "my granddaughter Sally, the daughter of Cindy Christian" but does not specify whether Lucinda had married a Christian cousin or whether she had her daughter out of wedlock.

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WILL & CODICILS TO WILL OF LEWIS CHRISTIAN, SR.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three persons, but God, I Lewis Christian Sen<sup>r</sup>, of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, calling to mind the certainty of death, and yet the uncertainty of the time when, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the words and form following to-wit: After commending my soul to God and my body to the dust, to be burried in a decent Christian manner, hoping they will be again united at the resurrection and enjoy a glorious immortality.

I dispose of my worldly goods as follows:

I allow all my just debts to be paid in the first place.

I bequeath to my sons, John, Thomas, Lewis J<sup>r</sup>, Allen and James, to each one dollar.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucinda the lower end of my place, beginning at a Mulberry at the mouth of a hollow at the upper end of the old peach orchard and south side of the creek, and including the field and all the land to the lower end of the survey.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Peggy the upper end of my place, beginning at Maxwell's line, running forty poles down the river and then a straight line across the upper end of the mountain.

I give and bequeath to my daughters, Betsy, Polly, and Nancy, each one dollar. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy and her children forty-nine acres of land whereon she lately lived, joining Francis Goddard.

I also give and bequeath to my son Lewis 50 acres of land joining his old survey, Alex. Smith and Alex. Patterson, where he now lives, more or less.

I give and bequeath to my grandson, Tho<sup>s</sup> the place whereon my son Thomas now lives, containing 52 acres, reserving to my son Thomas the use and privileges of the place during his life.

Greenway Christian, born in January 1897.

Belzora "Bella" Christian, born 8 June 1898.

For Byron Christian, born 25 May 1831 to James and Anne (Moore) Christian, the war years proved to be trying times. As explained in the biography, "Rev. Byron Christian Household," *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume III, he managed to avoid military service and lived to minister to the needs of the community. [See Volume III for pictures and vital data regarding Byron, his wives Elizabeth White and Clarissa (Trent) Ellis, and his children.]

Paren C. Christian, born 26 July 1833, the fourth child, third son, of James and Anne (Moore) Christian, volunteered for the Confederate forces by joining the "Logan Hunters" company of the 36th Regiment of Virginia Infantry 3 July 1861—less than three months after the start of hostilities. Except for an illness which forced him to take leave the January and February following, Paren survived the war without injury or mishap. [See *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume Nos. II and IV for pictures, biographical details, and genealogical data about Paren, his wife Isabel J. Mitchell, his children, and grandchildren.]

Clifford Christian, the fifth child born to James and Anne (Moore) Christian 5 February 1836, was the only one of their issue who did not live through the conflict, having died more than a decade before its start.

Holden Christian (named James Thomas Holden Christian by his parents, James and Anne (Moore) Christian, at his birth 27 July 1838) reluctantly joined the Rebel army after being drafted. To the despair of his family, he was captured at the Battle of Piedmont and incarcerated at Camp Chase, a Union prison near Chillicothe, Ohio, where he died. The text of the sermon preached at his funeral made a lasting impression on his young nephew, Pat, who in his memoirs recalled attending the service at the mouth of Elk Creek. Although he was at the time too small to understand how the Rev. Burrell Chambers explained the text, Pat remembered the passage:

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

Zechariah 13. 7.

Several years before entering the military ranks Holden Christian had married Elizabeth M. "Betty" Canterbury (born about 1839, daughter of Samuel and Mary "Polly" (Elkins) Canterbury), and they had issue:

Burwell T. Christian, born 20 June 1859; married 1) Clarissa Ellis, daughter of Madison and Clarissa (Trent) Ellis. After a divorce Burwell married 2) 14 March 1895 M. Frances (Vance) Christian, widow of Allen D. Christian and daughter of James P. and Lucy (Burgess) Vance.

Chloe A. Christian, born about 1861; married 25 October 1878 Anderson M. Trent, born about 1856, the son of Alexander and Eliza (Mounts) Trent.

Sarah Parthena Christian, born about 1864; married 3 April 1880, G. Whitten Grimmett, born about 1858 in Wyoming County, the son of Anderson and Priscilla (Blankenship) Grimmett.

Martha Ann Christian, born 16 July 1841 to James P. and Anne (Moore) Christian, was married in Logan County 12 February 1857 by W. Hinchman to Robert Patterson Spratt, son of William North and Jane ( ) Spratt born about 1835. Both Ann and Patterson died in Cabell County, West Virginia, after 1912—he at Pearidge and she in nearby Barboursville sometime later.

Alongside the tragic consequences suffered throughout the war years were the aggravating inconveniences with which those who remained behind had to contend. According to Pat Christian's recounting of events, one night about two years or so after start of the war:

Lloyd Ellis, being an officer, decided to round up the Rebel draftees; he came to Elk Creek and captured James "Slater" Hatfield and his son George, who were building a chimney for Uncle Pat Spratt and took them to the Army.

No word is given as to how and when the chimney was completed or as to the fate of the Hatfields. It was the next day that Holden Christian and his brother-in-law Charles Vance were inducted.

All the children of Patterson and Ann (Christian) Spratt were born in Logan County:

Venila A. Spratt, born about 1858.

James Totten Spratt, born 7 May 1860.

Matilda J. Spratt, born about 1865, died 1890-1900; married 7 April 1880 James Edward Browning, son of Oliver and Amanda (White) Browning.

Sarah Yantee Spratt, born about 1868; married 1) 21 April 1884 P. Dexter Bradbury, son of J. and Mary Bradbury. After their divorce Yantee married 2) 26 August 1909 William Hall, son of Allen and Tempy (Sturm) Hall.

Susan B. Spratt, born 5 January 1872; married 10 March 1892 C. W. Kinnison, born about 1869 in Putnam County, West Virginia, the son of James and \_\_\_\_\_ (Doctor) Kinnison.

Sarah Yantee Christian, born 21 February 1844, the youngest child of James and Anne (Moore) Christian, spent the war years as a single girl in the home of her parents. She died of pulmonary tuberculosis 8 March 1926 in the town of Logan. About 1869 she married Robert Preston "Doctor" Ellis, born March 1848, the son of Lloyd and Flora (Spratt) Ellis. By the birth of their last children, Yantee and Preston had settled at the county seat, where "Doc" became a member of the police force. All children were born in Logan County:

## ABSTRACTION:

- X. James Christian (c.1792-1857) married in 1811 Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of David and Elizabeth Anderson. All children born in Hawkins County:
1. David Christian (c.1816- ) m. Polly Ann Vaughan.
  2. James Christian (c.1818- ) m. 1) Mary Holt & 2) Mary Grissom.
  3. Lewis Christian (c.1820- ) m. in 1838 Sally Vaughan.
  4. Elizabeth Christian (c.1822- ) died unmarried.
  5. Joseph W. Christian (c.1824- ) m. Sarah Anderson.
  6. Virginia Jane Christian (c.1826- ) m. in 1849 Thomas Allen.
  7. John Christian (c.1829- ) m. in 1857 Lucinda Robinett.
  8. Thomas Christian (c.1832- ) m. in Indiana c. 1858 Prudence Harmon.
  9. Allen Christian (c.1833- ) m. 1) in 1853 Margaret Jane Vaughan & 2) in 1895 Mary Lindsey.
  10. Lucinda Christian (c.?1841- ) no further record.
- XI. William Christian (c.1794-c.1833) m. c.1815 Mary \_\_\_\_\_. Children:
1. Martha Christian (c.1816- ) m. before 1833 George Jones.
  2. Mary Christian (c.1817- ) m. before 1833 Charles Hester.
  3. Susanna Christian (c.1822- )
  4. Margaret Christian (c.1824- )
  5. Allen Christian (c.1825- )
  6. John Christian (c.1827- )
  7. Thomas Christian (c.1829- )

## COMMENTARY:

Descendants of James and Elizabeth (Anderson) Christian are listed in Bailey's book between pages 144 and 164.

With the exception of his name, everything Bailey records about this William Christian is erroneous. Birth and death dates are incorrect, and the wife and children attributed to him belonged to another William Christian, born almost a half century earlier—a man who lived in altogether different locations. (On page 368 in this issue of *Christian Family Chronicles* is an article about the family of the William Christian whom Bailey mistakenly confuses with the son of Lewis and Margaret Christian.)

Their son William was born between 1800 and 1810 and apparently married about 1822, if one may judge by ages of his children in the 1830 census:

ABSTRACTION:

III. Allen Christian (c.1781-c.1828) married \_\_\_\_\_ & moved to Monroe Co., Tenn. Nothing known of their children except next to youngest, Joseph, who returned to Hawkins Co. — Joseph Christian (1823-1886) m. 1) Sally Christian, perhaps his cousin.

IV. Mary Christian (c.1782- ) married Samuel Bailey in Hawkins Co., Tennessee. See Bailey's BAILEY-BRITTEN BOOK.

V. Betsy Christian (c.1784- )

VI. Nancy Christian (c.1785- ). Her children mentioned in father's will, but they were not named.

VII. Lewis Christian, Jr., (c.1787- ) apparently married Betsy Bailey, daughter of John, granddaughter of William. Lewis left few records in Hawkins Co. and was not in the 1830 census.

VIII. Sally Christian (c.1788-ante 1822) married \_\_\_\_\_ and had at least one son, William, about whom nothing more is known.

IX. Peggy Christian (c.1790- ) married about 1809 William Gray. They had twelve children born between 1810 and 1834. Names of ten children and some descendants are listed on page 92.

COMMENTARY:

Allen Christian's widow Mary appears on the 1830 Monroe County, Tennessee, census with a large family:

1. William C. Christian, living nearby, may have been oldest son, born c.1800.
2. Son born 1800-1810.
3. & 4. Sons born 1810-1815.
5. & 6. Daughters, 1815-1820.
7. Son born 1815-1820.
8. Daughter born 1820-1825.
9. Son born 1820-1825: Joseph.
10. Son born 1825-1830.

Can any reader identify wife and children or location to which family moved after 1830?

It is likely that both Betsy and Nancy married, but no hint of spouses' names appear in Bailey's book or in their father's will. Estate settlement records, if searched, might reveal this information.

The editor invites readers to send additional information about Lewis Christian, Jr. Did he or his brother William marry Betsy Bailey?

Although Bailey places Peggy Christian before her brother James in birth order, she was actually born after him. The three youngest of Lewis & Margaret Christian's children were Peggy, William, and Lucinda.

Robertson Ellis, born about 1870.

Ira J. McGinnis Ellis, born 3 November 1873; married 19 June 1895 Lodoska "Doska" Ferrell, daughter of Oscar Fenton and Zerilda Caroline (Christian) Ferrell

James L. Ellis, born 28 July 1876 in Tirdelphia District of Logan County.

Julia/Lulu Ellis, born about 1879, a "beautiful girl" who married Harry Ewing.

Edward Ellis, who became a medical doctor and died after 1900 of tuberculosis.

Joe Ellis, born in July 1884.

French Ellis, born in May 1887; married Pansey Mahone, twin of Ansey Mahone.

George Ellis, born 3 December 1890 near Logan Courthouse, the eighth child of family, according to birth register.

Lenoir "Nora" Ellis, who was living in Morehead, Kentucky, in mid-1900's.

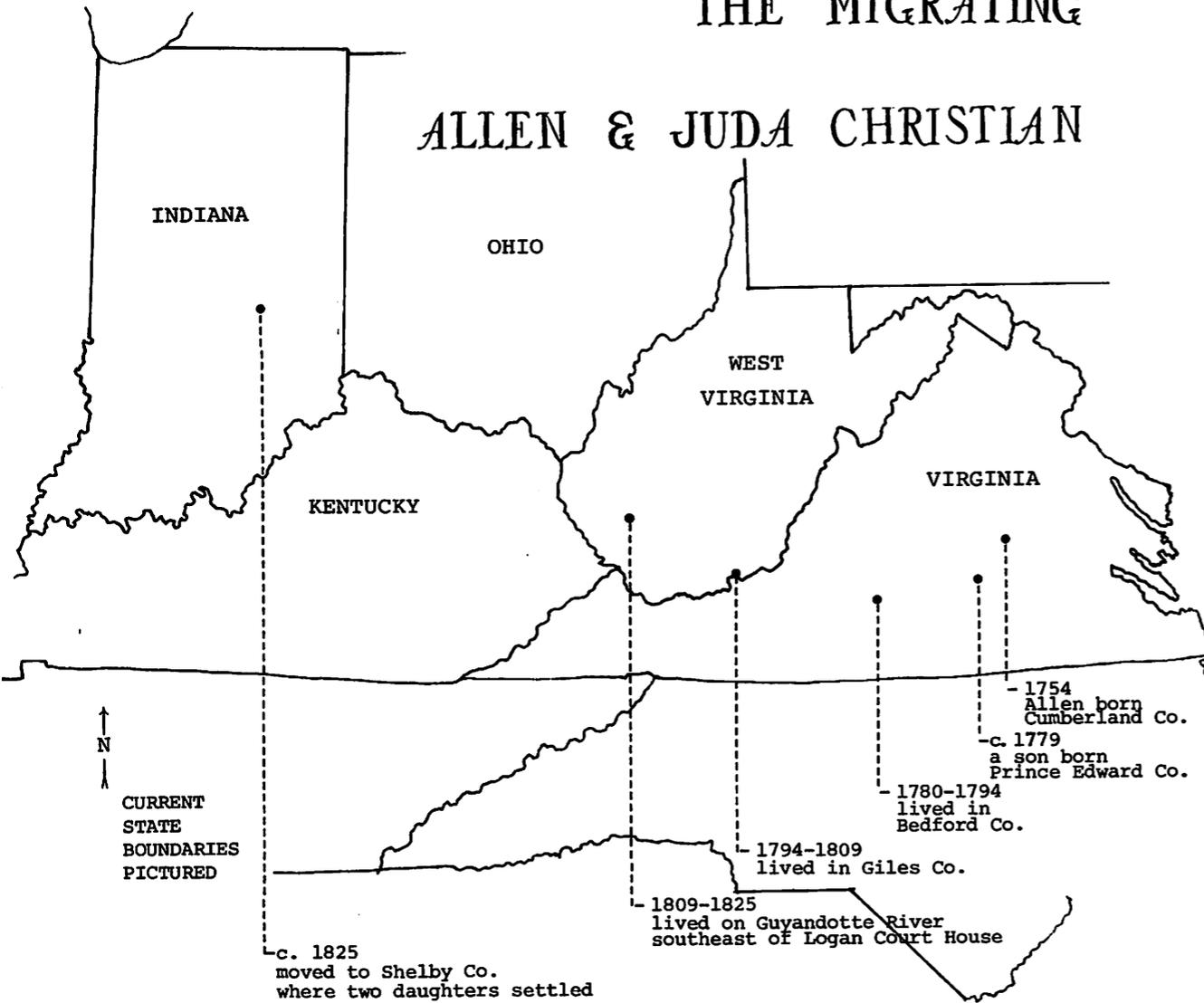
All the surviving grandchildren of Logan County's Christian family progenitor reached adulthood in a new state—Logan being among the counties taken from the Old Dominion and admitted to the Union 20 June 1863 as part of newly-formed West Virginia. Two more years were to elapse before War's end, but the heartbreak and bitterness lingered and would echo through the years. C. Russell Christian, one of the grandchildren, gave poetic expression to the futility and the hope in his "Song of War":

Of War to overturn a thousand thrones—  
 War to establish Barbarism and Night—  
 Loud War to drown a thousand victims' groans,  
 Sing—fiery Muse!—and guide the strains aright!  
 The voice of War—to say the least—is doom;  
 The tread of War is ruin to the land;  
 The crown of War is Death's most horrid plume;  
 The rights of War are written in the sand.  
 War roars—and horrid thunder shakes the spheres!  
 War sleeps—and Peace attempts to heal the wound;  
 War speaks—and vengeance of a thousand years  
 Urges the fray, and scatters bale around:—  
 Thus hath it been—shall be—since War began,  
 Foe to the world—to Science—and to man!

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### ALLEN & JUDA CHRISTIAN



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# CHRISTIANS REVISITED

From time to time, the editor will utilize this section to republish data from out-of-print books and to evaluate some of the conclusions presented therein.

## THE HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE, LINE

(continued from Volume No. III)

With the exception of miscellaneous information in the introductory chapters of CHRISTIAN-SKELTON HISTORY & GENEALOGY, T. H. Bailey concentrated primarily on those descendants of Lewis and Margaret (?Felkner) Christian who remained in Hawkins County, Tennessee. Most of the data is well documented and correct; however, some of his assumptions have been proven erroneous or questionable. This second installment of "Christians Revisited" republishes on the left below family group records abstracted from Bailey's book with commentary on the right by the editor.

### ABSTRACTION:

- I. John Christian (c.1778-1845) married about 1802 Nancy Skelton, daughter of William Skelton. All children born in Hawkins County:
  1. William L. Christian (c.1803-1861) m. 1) Aggie Bailey & 2) Elizabeth Thrasher.
  2. Margaret Christian (c.1805- ) m. George Arnold.
  3. Ruth Christian (c.1807- ) m. John Felkner & moved to Iowa.
  4. Lewis Christian (c.1810-1843) m Mary Cavin (1807-1862).
  5. Thomas Jefferson Christian (c.1812-?c.1848) m. Casandra Thrasher, d/o Isaac.
  6. Nancy Christian (1814- ) m. Thomas A. Long (1816- ).
  7. John Christian, Jr. (1816-1892) m. Polly Skelton (1819- ), d/o John.
  8. Seth Christian (c.1819-1870) m. Margaret Skelton, d/o James & Anna (Curry) Skelton.
  9. Allen Christian (c.1822- ) m. 1852 Sarah Jane Skelton, d/o James & Anna (Curry).
  10. James Christian (1825-1875) m. 1850 Mary Jane Staples (c.1830- ).
  11. George Christian (1828- ) m. Nancy McCarroll (1827-1917).

- II. Thomas Christian (c.1779-?post 1836), for whom there is no marriage on record.

### COMMENTARY:

Bailey cautions that the indefinite birth dates given in his work are sometimes estimates only and, therefore, the order of birth might be different from that which he gives. On the basis of census records, it seems unlikely that any of the sons of Lewis and Margaret Christian were born before 1780

Although John is mentioned first in the will of his father Lewis Christian, another of the sons could have been the eldest since it has been determined from other records that the sons are not necessarily listed in order of birth in Lewis's will.

The pages between 93 and 144 of Bailey's book trace the descendants of John and Nancy (Skelton) Christian.

Records purporting to be of this Thomas and descendants received too late for this printing

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| <p>1169. Joane _____<br/>f. Surreyshire, England</p> <p>1170. Thomas BURTON<br/>b. c. 1634 England<br/>d. 1689 VA</p> <p>1171. Susannah ALLEN</p> <p>1248. ?William/?Thomas CHRISTIAN<br/>1652 to VA from Isle of Man</p> <p>2304. William PENN<br/>b. c. 1548 Minty, Gloucestershire, England<br/>d. c. 1586 Malmesbury, Wiltshire, England<br/>m. 1570<br/>(died before his father &amp; was great-grand-<br/>father of William Penn, the Quaker)</p> <p>2305. Margaret RASTALL</p> <p>2340. Richard BURTON<br/>b. England (?London)<br/>m. 3 Mar. 1605</p> <p>2341. Catherine CHRISTIAN<br/>b. England</p> <p>2342. Valentine ALLEN</p> | <p>2343. Mary PAGE</p> <p>4608. William PENN<br/>b. c. 1525 Minty, Gloucestershire, England<br/>d. 12 Mar. 1591/2 Minty, Gloucestershire,<br/>England (bur. before altar of the<br/>Church in Minty)<br/>m. c. 1547</p> <p>4610. John RASTALL<br/>(Alderman of Gloucestershire, England)</p> <p>4611. Ann GEORGE<br/>(sister of Christopher George,<br/>Councillor at Law)</p> <p>4680. Francis BURTON, Gentleman<br/>of Newcastle &amp; York Burtons; of London</p> <p>4682. _____ CHRISTIAN<br/>b. England</p> <p>4686. Colonel Thomas PAGE</p> <p>9216. John PENNE<br/>b. 1500 Gloucestershire, England<br/>d. 1560 Minty, Gloucestershire, England<br/>m. 1522 Gloucestershire, England</p> |
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IN MEMORIAM

In memory of William Christian, who died December 7th, 1908, at Laxey Glen, and whose remains were interred in Kirk Lonan Churchyard on Dec. 11th; and who was a son of the late William Huan Christian, Esq., late of the Parish of Bride.

We have to mourn the loss of one  
We did our best to save;  
Beloved on earth, regretted, gone,  
Remembered in the grave.

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Two sisters provided copy of the foregoing obituary published at the death of their grandfather—with reference to their earliest known Christian ancestor. Their mother, Linorah Annie (Christian) Cox, was the daughter of William and Emily Louise (Magee) Christian. Born 21 May 1878 at South Cape, Surey, Lonan, she married their father 9 April 1909 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died 18 January 1960 in Cleveland. The sisters still reside in Ohio, their place of birth: Linorah Francis Cox, born 16 June 1911 in Cleveland, and Emily E. Cox, born 2 April 1913 in Cleveland.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:  
Misses Emily & Linorah Cox  
1763 Coit Road  
East Cleveland, Ohio 44112

TIES OF THE MIGRATING ALLEN & JUDA CHRISTIAN

Proving the relationship of Allen Christian to other Christians of his time and place presents numerous difficulties. Indeed, without the declaration he made in 1833 "in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832," it might never have been possible to ascertain that the Allen Christian of more than ten different counties was one and the same.

This Allen's presence can be documented in Virginia's Cumberland (1754), Prince Edward (c. 1779), Bedford 1780-c. 1792), Montgomery and Greenbrier (c. 1793-1798), Monroe (1799-c. 1806), Giles (c. 1806-1809), Cabell (1809-1824), Logan (1824-c. 1826), and in Shelby County, Indiana (c. 1826 until death between 1835 and 1843). Only four major moves during a period of frequent boundary changes accounts for the seemingly excessive number of counties.

The limited resources available in some of his counties of residence handicap the researcher in reconstructing the genealogical line of Allen and Juda Christian. Furthermore, they died intestate, apparently without estate for probate, so there is no record of heirs; neither has Allen's name nor that of his wife been found in a parent's will.

Nevertheless, family ties can be inferred and in several cases proven from the limited record of his associations and deeds along the migratory route. By using Allen Christian's Declaration as a guide, that route can be retraced. Additionally, the Declaration and accompanying affidavits provide proof and details of his Revolutionary War service—information of special interest to descendants.

DECLARATION

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832  
State of Indiana) ss  
Shelby County )

On the 12th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Probate court of Shelby County now sitting Allen Christian a resident of Liberty Township in said County aged seventy nine years on the 22nd day of May last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated Viz. As nearly as his recollection, now greatly impaired by old age can particularise dates he was drafted into said service as a Private Soldier of the Militia about the middle or last of April 1780. He then resided in Bedford County Virginia. The company of Militia to which he then belonged at home was under the command of Captain Nathaniel Tate. He does not know the number of the Company & thinks he never did know it. It belonged before entering the service to a regiment commanded by Colonel Calloway, the number of which he has also forgotten or never knew. During six weeks as nearly as he can remember after the time of the above mentioned draft, his company the whole of which was drafted (himself among the rest) being still under the command of Captain Tate, and to be under his command in the expectation of which it was about to start, was marched at five or six different times to the town of Bedford the seat of Justice of Bedford County for the purpose of taking their departure on the campaign for which it was destined but at each & every time they were marched there during this space of time they were marched back by the reason that Capt Tate was not prepared to start in consequence of a delay in the arrival of the orders intended to govern his conduct and movements. At the end of about six weeks however the orders arrived & said company (and he this claimant) marched from the said town of Bedford to join the army of General Gates in Carolina. When Claimants Company was called into service Stephen Goggins either was appointed or had been and continued to be its Lieutenant and the four following persons its sergeants, to wit William Tirry (who had been ensign) William Toney, John Teinesher[?], and

William Bryant. They marched through New Pittsylvania and Old Pittsylvania Counties in Virginia, then to Hillsborough a town in North Carolina, and thence to a place called Haw River, which he thinks is also in North Carolina where his company met General Gates' forces and joined them. He does not remember the names of any of the officers of the Regular Army here present except General Gates & Colonel Stubblefield. At this place (Haw River) he and nine others were ordered to accompany, as a guard, the waggons which were then sent out in search of food, and the army passed on. The guard and waggons, after obtaining what provisions they could followed after and arrived at a place called Deep River, which he thinks is in South Carolina and which the army had previously passed. After proceeding a short distance from this place they met a number of Gates' men returning, who informed them that Gates' army had been defeated in an engagement with the enemy about seven or eight miles (as they judged) from Deep River, at Camtden in South Carolina, and that a retreat was ordered. This claimant and the rest of the waggon guard had reached the place called Deep River at the time of the battle as they knew from the firing of guns which they heard, & from which they judged the battle ground to be the distance above stated. They now according to orders retreated to Hillsborough, North Carolina where they put up what they called "Bush Barrack's", being constructed by setting poles on and in a leaning position after the manner of the rafters of a house, and then covering them with bushes of trees. These Barracks must have been from a quarter to a half mile in length. In there they lived miserably for several weeks until they were almost literally starved. At length about the last of August or the beginning or middle of September of the same year 1780 (Gates defeat was about the middle of August) at least four months and one half after the time he had been called into the service by the abovementioned draft & three months from the time they started from Bedford, Virginia, they were dismissed at Hillsborough, and Claimant returned home, which journey he performed in the space of ten or twelve days entirely exhausted by fatigue and want of food. During the engagement he was in no battle, being saved from that in which Gates was defeated by being sent to guard the provision waggons as above stated. He received on this occasion a written discharge which he has since lost, not having until lately considered it a paper which it would be to his advantage to preserve. The only portion of the regular army with which he was in company was that commanded by General Gates. He does not know of any other name used to distinguish it than Gates' army or Gates' men or Gates' Regiment. Besides the circumstances mentioned he would further state that while at the Bush Barracks in Hillsborough a great number of the men on account of their hard living and scarcity of food became dissatisfied and deserted, for which, all such were (as he understood) returned for eight months. The married men were however discharged after serving four months, but the unmarried men were compelled to serve the whole period.

2nd About the middle of July 1781 he was again drafted with the same company under command of the same officers as in the first engagement. He was drafted as a private soldier of the militia and in that capacity he served both in this & the former engagement. He was still living in Bedford County, Virginia. As in the first engagement they were delayed in starting for five or six weeks and for the same reason. They marched as before five or six times to the town of Bedford, and back again in full preparation for starting but waiting for the orders by which Captain Tate was to be governed. At length at least five weeks after they were called out by this second draft they marched from Bedford with the intention of again joining the general army, in the southern part of Virginia against which the movements of the enemy under the command of Cornwallis were directed. They marched through Buckingham, Amelia and Cumberland counties in Virginia to the best of claimants recollection. While in Cumberland county, where they had arrived after much delay, they heard that Cornwallis had been captured, and that their services would not be required. They were accordingly discharged while in Cumberland county, which discharge was in writing from his captain but he has since lost it. This took place in the latter part of October 1781, & though he does not remember precisely the dates, at least three months from the time he was called into the service and six weeks after they had started from Bedford. He returned home immediately in doing which he spent about eight or nine days. He was in no battle during this engagement, Cornwallis was taken before he (this claimant) arrived at their destination. He did not during this engagement meet with any of the regular army. There was but one company with him in this march. He had a written discharge on this occasion also from his captain which was lost.

Claimant was born in Cumberland County in the state of Virginia on the 22nd day of May 1754. He has no record of his age at present, though he once had in a bible which has been lost. He has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any living witness whose testimony he can procure as to the same. He refers to David McNeely, William McNeely, Thomas Haymond, Owen Haymond & Squire Love respectable persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He cannot

48. Henry ALBRANT (United Empire Loyalist)  
b. c. 1756 ?NY  
d. Dundas Co., Ontario, Canada
50. John COLLISON (United Empire Loyalist)  
b. c. 1761 Ireland  
d. Dundas Co., Ontario, Canada
62. Peter BERK  
b. 1792 PA  
d. ?OH, ?MI
63. Catherine/Elizabeth MAN/MANN  
b. 1798 PA  
d. ?OH, ?MI
72. Colonel Abraham/Abram PENN  
b. 27 Dec. 1743 Caroline Co., VA  
d. 26 June 1801 Patrick Co., VA  
m. 3 Mar. 1767 Amherst Co., VA
73. Ruth STOVALL  
b. VA  
d. c. 1810 Patrick Co., VA
74. Peter LEATH  
b. VA  
d. July/August 1804 Patrick Co., VA  
m. 14 Jan. 1787 VA
75. Barbara BAKER (widow of Solomon GORDON)  
b. VA  
d. VA
76. James KENNERLY  
b. 13 Aug. 1743 Augusta Co., VA  
d. 19 Feb. 1827 VA
77. Susannah LONG  
b. 9 Dec. 1747 VA  
d. 5 Apr before 1789 VA
78. Robert CHRISTIAN  
b. VA  
d. Sep. 1791 Amherst Co., VA
79. Mary \_\_\_\_\_  
b. VA  
d. after 1801 VA
96. ?Johanis ALBRANT  
d. Kingsborough Patent, ?NY, ?Canada
144. George PENN  
b. VA (?Westmoreland Co.)  
d. will filed Sep. 1749 Caroline Co., VA
145. Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (?FLEMING)  
b. VA  
d. June/July 1794 Amherst Co., VA  
m. 2) Thomas Dudley
146. George STOVALL, Jr.  
b. ?Henrico Co., VA  
d. 1782 VA
147. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (?COOPER)
150. Thomas BAKER
152. James KENNERLY  
d. c. 1797 Augusta Co., VA
153. Elizabeth Winston James  
b. VA  
d. before June 1797 VA
156. Robert CHRISTIAN  
b. VA  
d. 1748 Albemarle Co., VA
157. Lucy BRADLEY
288. John PENN, Sr.  
b. 1650  
d. 1721 Westmoreland Co., VA  
m. 1690  
(grandfather of John Penn, signer of Declaration of Independence)
289. Lucy GRANVILLE
292. George STOVALL, Sr.  
b. 1705 VA  
d. 1786 Campbell Co., VA
293. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_
304. Samuel KENNERLY  
b. England  
d. between 27 Sep. 1749 & Jan. 1750  
Orange (now Culpepper) Co., VA  
m. 2) \_\_\_\_\_
305. Ellin \_\_\_\_\_  
b. England  
d. 1756-9
306. John JAMES  
d. ?VA
312. Thomas CHRISTIAN  
d. will probated 16 Oct. 1736  
Goochland Co., VA
313. Rebecca ?STITH/?NEW
576. Ensign William PENN  
b. c. 1608-9 Minty, Gloucestershire, Eng.  
d. 1676 ?VA  
m. 1648 ?VA
577. Elizabeth MARKHAM
578. Sir Beville GRANVILLE (?GRENVILLE)  
b. ?Gloucestershire/?Cornwall, England  
d. ?Cornwall, England  
m. 1672
579. Lady Jane WYCHE  
b. ?Gloucestershire/?Cornwall, England
584. Bartholomew STOVALL  
b. 24 Aug. 1665 Alborough, Guildford, Surreyshire, England  
d. 1721 Henrico Co., VA  
m. 8 Aug. 1693 Henrico Co., VA
585. Ann(e) BURTON
624. Thomas CHRISTIAN  
m. 1660's Charles City Co., VA
625. \_\_\_\_\_ ?CORBIN
626. ?Drury STITH/?Edmund NEW
627. Susannah BATHURST
1152. George PENN  
b. 1570-71 Gloucestershire, England  
d. 4 Nov. 1632 Brinksworth or Penn's Lodge, Braydon Forest, Wiltshire, England
1153. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_
1158. Sir Philip WYCHE  
f. England
1168. George STOVALL?STOWELL  
d. 1666 Alborough, Guildford, Surreyshire, England

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1. Berenice Elaine MAYS  
b. 14 Apr. 1922 Fresno, Fresno Co., CA  
m. 28 Dec. 1943 Fresno, Fresno Co., CA  
to Harry Bennett, b. 17 Nov. 1922  
Gadsden, Etowah Co., AL  
children born in Fresno, CA:  
Bruce Alan Bennett, b. 23 June 1947  
Lance Evan Bennett, b. 7 Nov. 1954
2. Walter Lee MAYS  
b. 8 Oct. 1891 Waxahachie, Ellis Co., TX  
d. 8 Apr. 1961 Yountville, Napa Co., CA  
m. 11 June 1919 Fresno, Fresno Co., CA
3. Maybelle Genevieve ALBRANT  
b. 18 Apr. 1900 near Letcher, Fresno Co., CA  
d. 22 Sep. 1973 San Francisco, CA
4. Penn Jackson MAYS  
b. 21 Nov. 1868 Patrick Co., VA  
d. 4 Feb. 1920 Bakersfield, Kern Co., CA  
m. c. 1890 Waxahachie, Ellis Co., TX
5. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Clarissa WILLIAMS  
b. 22 Mar. 1865 probably TX, possibly LA  
d. 2 Feb. 1954 San Diego, San Diego Co., CA
6. Daniel ALBRANT  
b. 1 Oct. 1853 Dundas, Ontario, Canada  
d. 26 June 1938 Fresno, Fresno Co., CA  
m. 1) Matilda Mary Trudeau c. 1875, MI  
m. 2) 28 Feb. 1899 Fresno, Fresno Co., CA
7. Edith Belle NARRAGON  
b. 15 Jan. 1880 Crystal Twp., Montcalm Co., MI  
d. 3 Jan 1953 Fresno, Fresno Co., CA
8. John Walter MAYS  
b. 22 Apr. 1837 VA (possibly now Appomattox Co.)  
d. 26 Feb. 1905 Galveston, Galveston Co., TX  
m. 4 Oct. 1865 Patrick Co., VA
9. Martha Frances "Fannie" PENN  
b. 21 Mar. 1842 Patrick Co., VA  
d. 6 Nov. 1899, Waxahachie, Ellis Co., TX  
m. 2) Harkey
10. Thomas WILLIAMS (said born Anton DOMINGO)  
b. c. 1830 Azores  
d. after 1880 TX  
m. c. 1859
11. Margaret McLACHLAN  
b. 1834 Ireland  
d. post 1880 TX
12. Samuel ALBRANT  
b. 10 Oct. 1812 Dundas, Ontario, Canada  
d. 17 Jan. 1892 Raglan, Ontario, Canada  
m. 17 Sep. 1833 Dundas, Ontario, Canada
13. Amelia CAMPBELL  
b. June 1814 Dundas, Ontario, Canada  
d. 11 Jan. 1889 Raglan, Ontario, Canada
14. Frederick Rodney NARRAGON  
b. 21 Mar. 1852 PA (possibly now Cameron Co.)  
d. 10 Dec. 1914 Sanger, Fresno Co., CA  
m. 21 Nov. 1875 Ferris Twp., Montcalm Co., MI
15. Geneva BARROWS  
b. 12 Mar. 1859 Crystal Twp., Montcalm Co., MI  
d. 4 Oct. 1930 Fresno, Fresno Co., CA

16. Drury D. MAYS  
d. June 1888 Lunenburg Co., VA
17. Elizabeth F. HAWKINS  
d. Jan. 1864 Lunenburg Co., VA
18. Andrew Jackson PENN  
b. 27 Mar. 1811 Patrick Co., VA  
d. 27 Mar. 1877 Patrick Co., VA  
m. 2 Oct. 1832 Patrick Co., VA
19. Martha Ann KENNERLY  
b. 18 May 1816 Patrick Co., VA  
d. 15 June 1887 Patrick Co., VA
20. \_\_\_\_\_ DOMINGO
21. \_\_\_\_\_
22. \_\_\_\_\_ McLACHLAN
23. \_\_\_\_\_
24. John ALBRANT  
b. c. 1787 ?Canada  
d. Dundas Co., Ontario, Canada  
m. or came of age 5 Mar. 1810/25 Jan. 1808/  
3 Mar. 1809
25. Nancy COLLISON  
b. c. 1788 ?Canada  
d. Dundas Co., Ontario, Canada
26. \_\_\_\_\_ CAMPBELL
27. \_\_\_\_\_
28. \_\_\_\_\_ NARRAGON  
b. c. 1810 possibly near Oswego, New York  
d. c. 1859 possibly NY, PA, or MI  
m. c. 1831 possibly near Oswego, New York
29. Mary GASKILL/GASKELL  
b. c. 1810 possibly near Oswego, NY  
d. possibly Montcalm Co., MI
30. Henry BARROWS  
b. 1798 NY  
d. c. 1882 Crystal Twp., Montcalm Co., MI  
m. 2) 1855 OH, possibly Ashland Co.
31. Rachel Roella BERK  
b. 5 Jan. 1832 Ashland Co., OH  
d. 29 Apr. 1912 Mason City, Custer Co., NE
32. \_\_\_\_\_ MAYS
33. \_\_\_\_\_
34. Obadiah HAWKINS  
f. VA
35. Sallie SCOTT  
f. VA
36. Capt. Thomas PENN  
b. 15 June 1781 Henry Co., VA  
d. 29 Mar. 1858 Patrick Co., VA  
m. 26 Nov. 1805 Patrick Co., VA
37. Martha Frances "Patsey" LEATH  
b. 15 Apr. 1790 VA  
d. 28 Aug. 1816 Patrick Co., VA
38. Joseph KENNERLY  
b. 23 Dec. 1776 VA  
d. 1864 Patrick Co., VA
39. Sarah CHRISTIAN  
b. 8 Sep. 1778 VA  
d. 24 Dec. 1835 Patrick Co., VA

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state the periods of his services with more accuracy than he has done above—to wit—that in the first engagement he served as a drafted private of the militia at least four months and one half from the time he was drafted till he was discharged & that in the second engagement he served in the same capacity at least three months from the time he was drafted till he was discharged, making in all seven months and one half, without counting at least eighteen days which he spent in returning home after being discharged, but for which also he claims an allowance if consistent with the regulations of the department. After the Revolution he continued to live in Bedford county Virginia for 10 or 12 years. Then he removed to Giles County Virginia where he lived 10 or 15 years, then to Guiandott Virginia where he lived 10 or 12 years, and removed to Shelby County Indiana where he now lives. During the time of his two engagements he was occupied in no civil pursuit. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Role of the agency of any state or territory.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Witness H. F. Robison

Allen (his) Christian  
(mark)

We Dudley Mitchell a Clergyman residing in the neighborhood of Allen Christian and John McNeeley residing in the same neighborhood do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the said Allen Christian who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to have been seventy nine years of age on the twenty second day of May last, that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Dudley Mitchell

John (his) McNeeley  
(mark)

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the court further certifies that it appears to them that Dudley Mitchell who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman residing in the neighborhood of the said applicant and that John McNeeley, who has signed the same, is a resident in the same neighborhood & is a credible person and that their statement is worthy of credit.

Erasmus Powell, Probate Judge  
of Shelby County  
I.A.

I Sylvan B. Morris Clerk of the Probate Court of Shelby county (Ind) do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings in the matter of the application of Allen Christian for a Pension—that the said court is a court of record and that Erasmus Powell above named is Judge thereof & that the foregoing is his genuine signature.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal of office this twelfth day  
of November 1833

Sylvan B. Morris Clerk

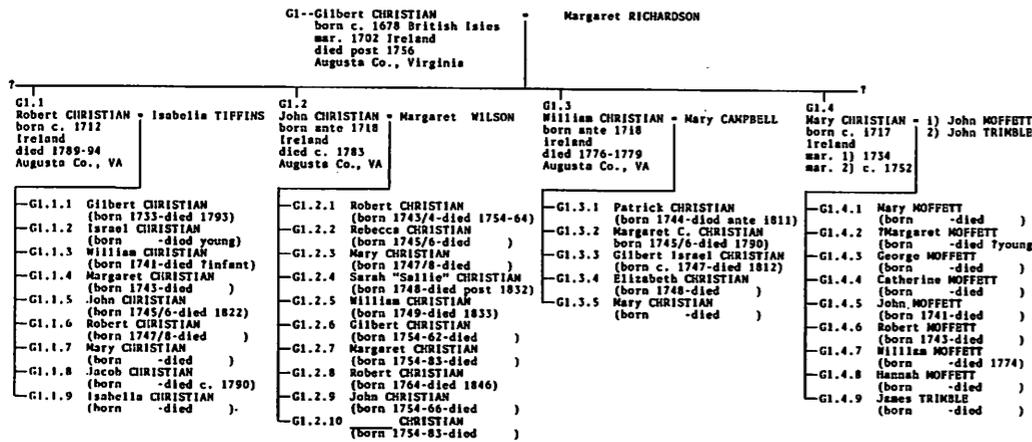
Although Allen Christian's statement mentions no relatives by name, his birth 22 May 1754 in Cumberland County, Virginia, indicates kinship to the Christians in that area descended from the immigrant Thomas Christian of Charles City County. There is a strong likelihood that Allen was a grandson of the Thomas Christian whose will was probated 17 May 1737 in Goochland County, Virginia, since some of Thomas' lands on the tributaries of Willis River left to his children subsequently fell within the bounds of Cumberland. Allen might have been a grand-nephew or cousin of some degree to Thomas, however.

(to be continued)

# THE GILBERT CHRISTIAN LINE

By "the Gilbert Christian line" American researchers usually mean the descendants of that Gilbert Christian who settled with three sons and a daughter in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1732. Whether any of his issue remained in Ireland or Pennsylvania following his reputed sojourns there has not been determined by the editor. Questions concerning this Gilbert Christian's birthplace and parentage also remain unanswered although several possibilities have been introduced in genealogical writings.

Repetition of given names among Gilbert Christian's grandchildren and great-grandchildren complicates making proper identification of their spouses and relationships. Nevertheless, by careful comparison and evaluation of a variety of records and references, the editor has attempted to eliminate discrepancies between the sources or to reconcile the numerous inconsistencies. Although much work remains to be done in order to achieve complete and incontestable results, the following genealogy\* offers as accurate a reconstruction of Gilbert Christian's line as readily available sources allow.†



## GI--Gilbert CHRISTIAN:

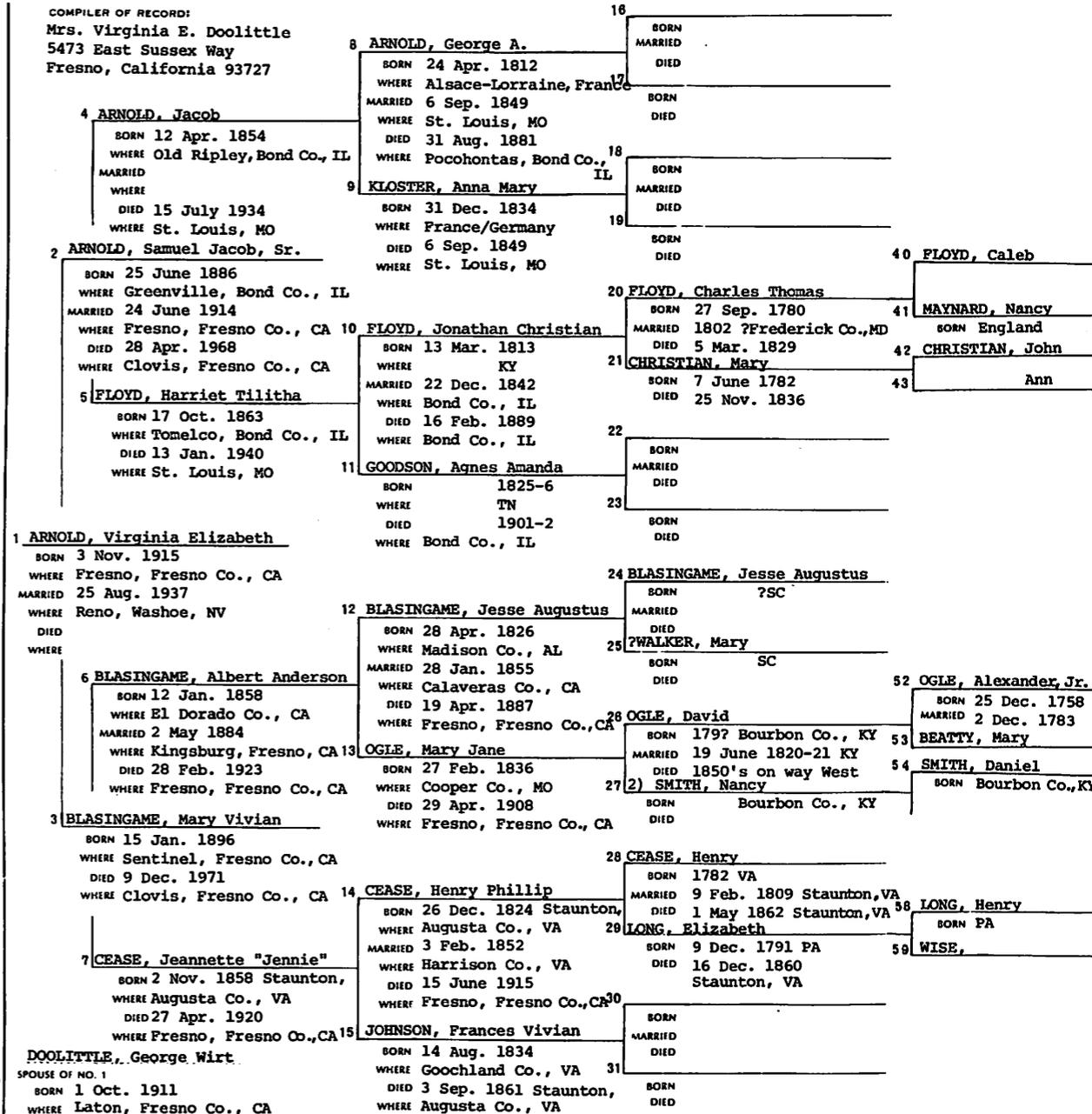
A birthdate of about 1678 and death date after 1756 are based on information from Gov. David Campbell's letters to Lyman C. Draper, nineteenth century historian whose papers are currently housed with the Wisconsin Historical Society. On 2 April 1840 Gov. Campbell states that his father John Campbell served at the age of eighteen under the celebrated Indian fighter, Capt. Gilbert Christian, of Augusta County. In a letter of 29 December 1842 he gives Gilbert Christian's age as "about eighty years old" when Campbell fought under his command in an Indian battle. [Since John Campbell was born 20 April 1741, the Indian battle to which Gov. Campbell referred would have been the well-known encounter of 1756 during the French and Indian War.]

\*To aid readers of this series of articles in distinguishing between so many closely related individuals with identical names, the charts are combined with a numbering system. The "G" designates the Gilbert Christian line; "GI" refers to the progenitor by that name; "GI.1" refers to the eldest known child of the progenitor; "GI.2," the next known issue; and so forth.

†The earliest available records or abstracts thereof served as authority for vital statistics and biographical details whenever the editor encountered discrepancies. Readers are urged to submit any data they may possess about Gilbert Christian and his connections.

## LINE OF DESCENT

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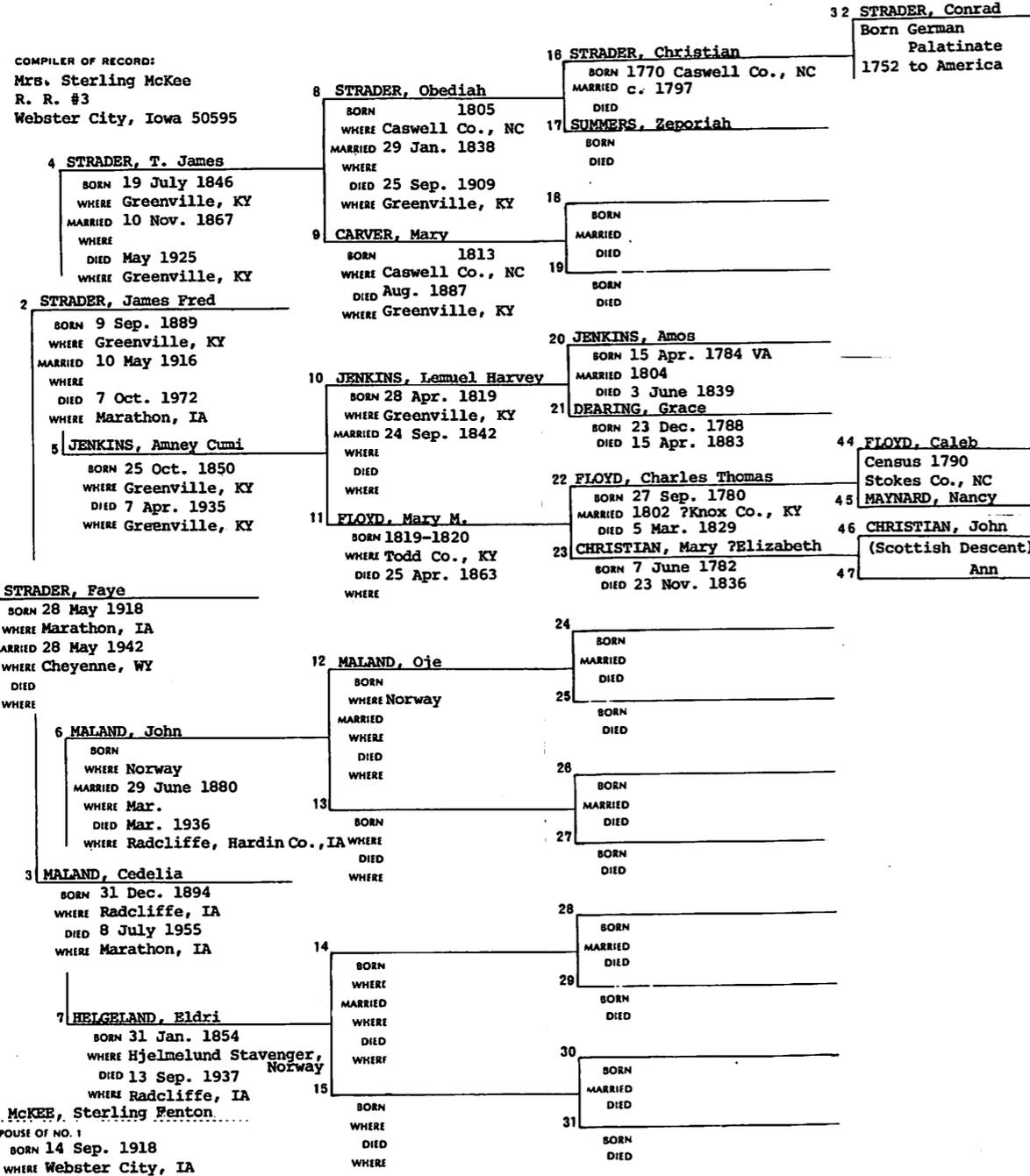


LINES OF DESCENT

THE GILBERT CHRISTIAN LINE

COMPILER OF RECORD:

Mrs. Sterling McKee  
R. R. #3  
Webster City, Iowa 50595



Gilbert Christian was born in the British Isles—whether in Scotland or Ireland is still debatable. Writing in *The Sentinel* (date and place missing from editor's copy but probably Knoxville, Tennessee, in this century), headline for Selden Nelson's article on East Tennessee families reads, "Christen Family of Scotch Origin," with subheading, "Gilbert Christen Was Born in Scotland in Year 1680." Nelson's account of events in Gilbert's life corresponds with that repeated by various descendants.

... He removed [from Scotland] to the province of Ulster in North Ireland about the year 1702. In 1703 he married Margaret Richardson. During the year 1726, Gilbert Christian and John Campbell removed with their families to America and settled near where Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is now located. In the year 1732 Gilbert Christian and John Campbell, with the Moffetts, McDowells, McClungs, Trimbles, Lockharts, Hamiltons and Russells removed to the Valley of Virginia and formed quite a colony near Staunton, Va.

J. Lewis Peyton, in his 1882 *History of Augusta County, Virginia*, reproduces a brief memorandum from A. G. Christian, great-great-grandson of Gilbert Christian, a portion of which covers the same events:

... Gilbert Christian married Margaret Richardson in Ireland. Their children, who came to America, were: Robert, John, William and Mary. They all settled on Christian's creek about 1733, and took deeds from Beverly (grantee of Crown) about 1736, recorded in Orange county, Va.

The expression, "children, who came to America," implies that there may have been older children of Gilbert and Margaret (Richardson) Christian who remained in Ireland. It is, of course, also possible that other children landed at New Castle, Delaware, with the parents and that they established permanent homes in or near Derry, Pennsylvania, during the six or more years the family dwelt there.

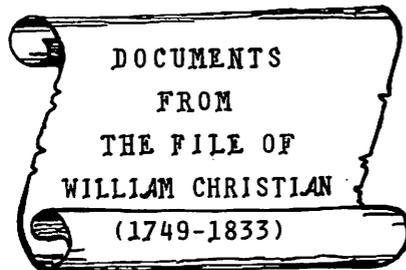
Nothing is known of Gilbert Christian's wife beyond her name, usually given as Margaret Richardson. Although occasionally identified as Mary (particularly by those quoting "The Estill-Christian-Masten Families" chart), the editor has adopted the more widely-used Margaret Richardson for this series of articles.

Gilbert Christian has been repeatedly identified as an uncle of Israel Christian, another immigrant to Augusta County from Ireland; and their kinship to the Isle of Man Christians was mentioned by F. Johnston in his column, "Local History," in the *Pincastle Herald* 18 June 1874. "... There is a tradition in the family of Israel Christian that his immediate ancestors passed from the Isle of Man to Dublin." Although George Christian, great-grandson of Gilbert, does not cite place of origin, he does substantiate the belief that Gilbert and Israel belonged to the same Christian line in his response to Lyman C. Draper in an 1842 letter:

With respects to the relationship between [my father and Israel's son] Col. Wm. Christian who commanded the Campaign in '76 against the Cherokees I could not speak with any degree of certainty than it is always understood they were from the same ancestry.

Little agreement exists regarding identity of Gilbert Christian's parents, though the connection to Israel may prove significant in future searches. Mrs. Rita Christian Browne's unsupported theory that Israel was the grandson of Patricius Christian (1649-1687) and Mary Nettles, daughter of John Nettles, High Sheriff of Tourneen, county Waterford, Ireland, has been presented as fact by Mrs. Hicks Beach in *The Yesterdays Behind the Door*, published in 1956. Other than Patricius' Manx connections and his presence in Ireland at the opportune time, there seems to be insufficient evidence to substantiate such speculation. Gilbert could as easily have been the son of Patricius' brother, William, about whom less is known. T. H. Bailey (in *Christian-Skelton History & Genealogy*, 1964, page 39) erroneously attributes parentage to individuals who lived more than a century before; that is, to John Christian and Isabella Percy, daughter of Henry the Great, Duke of Northumberland, of Alnwick Castle, "who became famous for her charities, talents, and worth." A limited search of Scotch and Irish records failed to reveal birth or marriage entries for either Gilbert Christian or his nephew Israel.

(to be continued)



REVOLUTIONARY WAR PAY ROLLS & MUSTER ROLLS  
 CERTIFIED COPY OF MARRIAGE BOND  
 PENSION APPLICATIONS & SUPPORTING AFFIDAVITS  
 LAST WILL & TESTAMENT  
 WIDOW'S APPLICATIONS FOR PENSION & BOUNTY LAND  
 MISCELLANEOUS LAND & CENSUS RECORDS

LINES OF DESCENT

When one considers the primary source material available for this William Christian, it is surprising that so many errors\* concerning his connections and whereabouts have been perpetuated by twentieth century researchers. In an effort to set the record straight, the editor presents a resume and excerpts from his file. In preparation, we ordered photocopies of his military record as well as pension papers and bounty land warrant applications (a total of 92 pages in all) and obtained recorded copy of his will and probate papers. In addition, other miscellaneous data were consulted. Transcriptions in full of the two most significant genealogical documents follow the brief biographical account below.

Of Augusta County, Virginia, when commissioned a lieutenant in the Continental establishment in 1776, William Christian served in that capacity during his first Revolutionary War tour of duty; later his commission was that of adjutant major. About 1792 he moved to Montgomery County, Virginia, where he married and settled on a life in agriculture. Shortly after 1830 he retired with his family to Ross County, Ohio. The tombstone erected at his grave in the Christian cemetery near Bourneville declares he died 23 January 1833 "aged 83 yrs. 8 mos."

William Christian's will as well as his pension and bounty land warrant applications provide from his own hand vital details regarding himself and his children. His widow's applications for benefits verify that she was formerly Mary Ally, daughter of Thomas Ally; and absence of information regarding prior marriages indicates that neither she nor William had been married before. Their marriage bond carries license date of 17 November 1792. According to her tombstone, Mary died 25 March 1858 "aged 89 yrs."

William and Mary (Ally) Christian had eight children who survived to adulthood: 1. Martha Christian, born about 1793, "the eldest daughter," married George Jones in Montgomery County, Virginia, 17 February 1818; 2. Susanna Christian, born 5 April 1795; 3. Allen Christian, born 29 June 1799, apparently the one who died in Ross County, Ohio, 9 April 1882 and who had been married first to Mary \_\_\_\_\_ and second to Catherine \_\_\_\_\_; 4. Margaret Christian, born 25 April 1800 and still single in 1850; 5. John Christian, born 25 September 1803, died 28 May 1886, apparently married and had children; 6. Mary Christian, born 15 May 1805, married Charles M. Hester; 7. Gordon Christian, born 10 November 1808; and 8. Thomas J. Christian, born in early 1812, living in Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio, in 1860.

\*Perhaps because William is such a popular given name in so many branches of the Christian family, records about a particular William Christian are often misinterpreted by researchers. As a result, deeds accomplished by one may be attributed to another; or children fathered by one may be "assigned" to another. In the case of the subject of this article, T. H. Bailey mistakenly assumed that he was the same William mentioned in the will of Lewis Christian, settler of Hawkins County, Tennessee. (See page 389 for abstraction from Bailey's *Christian-Skelton History & Genealogy* with editor's commentary.) Although Annie Walker Burns correctly names William Christian's place of death as Ross County, Ohio, in her *Christian Family History Records*, she inadvertently places his death in Kentucky in some of her writings—an error repeated in correspondence received by the editor. In biographical sketches too numerous to mention, this William Christian's Revolutionary War accomplishments have at times been confused with those of his kinsmen, Col. William Christian and Capt. William Christian.

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| I. <u>Elisha CHRISTIAN</u><br>born 18 June 1789<br>died ante 14 Nov. 1871<br>mar. 1) 1 Jan. 1810 Hunterdon Co., NJ                         | = 1) <u>Mary NIXON</u><br>born<br>died 31 Mar. 1849                                       |
|  | = 2) <u>Catherine DECKER</u>  |
| 1. Margaret Christian (1803-1851)  | = ..... McCoy   |
| 2. Rebekah Ann Christian (1811- )  | = George Brotzman   |
| 3. *John Nixon Christian (1813-1880)   | = Hannah Brotzman   |
| 4. Mary Jane Christian ( - )   | = ..... Gross   |
| 5. Elizabeth Christian ( - )   | = ..... Johnson   |
| 6. Elisha Hughett Christian (1829- )   | = Isabelle Ribble   |
| II. <u>John Nixon CHRISTIAN</u><br>born 8 Feb. 1813 Sussex Co., NJ<br>died 30 Dec. 1880 Laceyville, PA<br>mar. 25 Oct. 1835 Warren Co., NJ | = <u>Hannah BROTZMAN</u><br>born 15 June 1814 prob. NJ<br>died 7 Nov. 1888 Laceyville, PA |
| 1. William H. Christian (1836-1912)  | = Laura Transue   |
| 2. Theodore B. Christian (1838-1840)   | =   |
| 3. Martin V. Christian (1839-1907)   | = Helen Spaulding   |
| 4. Sarah A. Christian (1842-1898)  | = Charles H. Johnson  |
| 5. Mary E. Christian (1845-1913)   | = Peter C. States   |
| 6. Suzanne Christian (1846-1924)   | = Henry F. Terry  |
| 7. Abraham B. Christian (1849-1924)  | = Teressa J. Lacey  |
| 8. Margaret Christian (1854-1923)  | = Leonard Warner  |
| 9. *John Nixon Christian (1860-1923)   | = Mary Elizabeth Stansbury  |
| III. <u>John Nixon CHRISTIAN</u><br>born 23 Sep. 1860 prob. NJ<br>died 2 Dec. 1923 Laceyville, PA<br>mar. 12 May 1885 Laceyville, PA       | = <u>Mary Elizabeth STANBURY</u><br>born 21 Dec. 1864<br>died 20 Feb. 1953                |
| 1. Ethel Christian (1886- )  | = Charles Radlein   |
| 2. Henry Stansbury Christian (1891- )  | = Mae Arney   |
| 3. Florence Christian ( -inf.)   | =   |
| 4. *John Nixon Christian (1903-1956)   | = Dorothy Helen Gardner   |
| IV. <u>John Nixon CHRISTIAN</u><br>born 3 Mar. 1903 Laceyville, PA<br>died 19 May 1956 Laceyville, PA<br>mar. 12 Oct. 1936 Binghamton, NY  | = <u>Dorothy Helen GARDNER</u><br>born 23 Apr. 1914                                       |
| 1. Nancy Louise Christian (1939- )   | = Lee Elmer Bendinsky   |
| 2. *Jean Margaret Christian (1941- )   | = Richard Neal Brewer   |
| 3. Dorothy Grace Christian (1946- )  | = Mark Allen Holgate  |
| V. <u>Jean Margaret CHRISTIAN</u><br>born 13 Jan. 1941 Laceyville, PA<br>mar. 19 Sep. 1958 Skinners Eddy, PA                               | = <u>Richard Neal BREWER</u><br>born 24 May 1937 Meshoppen, PA                            |
| 1. Jeffrey Michael Brewer (1960- )   | =   |
| 2. Stephen Scott Brewer (1961- )   | =   |
| 3. Peter Christian Brewer (1964- )   | =   |

COMPILER OF RECORD:  
 Mrs. Jean M. Brewer  
 RD #1  
 Tunkhannock, PA 18657

LINEs OF DESCENT

SWORN STATEMENT OF WILLIAM CHRISTIAN

COMPILER OF RECORD:

Mrs. Christine E. Carthew-Yorstoun  
4661 Southern Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75209

<p>4 SIMRELL, Henry Paris</p> <p>BORN 25 Jan. 1852 WHERE Sparta, White Co., TN MARRIED 2 Nov. 1868 WHERE DIED 17 Aug. 1880 WHERE Sparta, White Co., TN</p>		<p>8 SIMRELL, Daniel</p> <p>BORN 1797 WHERE NC MARRIED 13 May 1824 WHERE DIED 1860 WHERE Sparta, TN</p>		<p>16 SIMRELL, James</p> <p>BORN c. 1750 NC MARRIED c. 1770 DIED c. 1820 White Co., TN</p>	
<p>2 SIMRELL, Daniel LaFayette</p> <p>BORN 22 Dec. 1873 WHERE Aparta, White Co., TN MARRIED 23 Jan. 1896 WHERE DIED 12 June 1962 WHERE Dallas, TX</p>		<p>9 HUNTER, Rachel</p> <p>BORN 1800 WHERE Sparta, TN DIED 10 Aug. 1877 WHERE Sparta, TN</p>		<p>17</p> <p>BORN DIED</p>	
<p>5 CLARK, Roxie Ann</p> <p>BORN 22 July 1853 WHERE White Co., TN DIED c. 1910 WHERE Dibrell, TN bur. DeKalb Co., TN mar. 2) Frans Helton</p>		<p>10 CLARK, Judge Joe W.</p> <p>BORN c. 1815-16 WHERE TN MARRIED c. 1837 WHERE DIED post 1830 WHERE White Co., TN</p>		<p>18 HUNTER, William</p> <p>BORN NC MARRIED DIED 1813-14 White Co., TN</p>	
<p>1 SIMRELL, Christine Elizabeth</p> <p>BORN 28 Sep. 1902 WHERE Decatur, AL MARRIED 28 July 1928 WHERE DIED WHERE</p>		<p>11 1) SCOTT, Margaret 2) Elizabeth Ann</p> <p>BORN 25 Jan. 1818 WHERE DIED 6 June 1878 WHERE White Co., TN</p>		<p>19 THOMAS, Fanny</p> <p>BORN DIED d/o Alexander Thomas</p>	
<p>6 CHRISTIAN, Hiram Jefferson</p> <p>BORN 8 Jan. 1842 WHERE Warren Co., TN MARRIED 20 Jan. 1870 WHERE DIED 2 Nov. 1910 WHERE Dibrell, Warren Co., TN</p>		<p>12 CHRISTIAN, Peyton</p> <p>BORN 1794 WHERE VA MARRIED 1820 WHERE DIED 1855 WHERE Little Rock, AR</p>		<p>20 CLARK, Darius, Sr.</p> <p>BORN 1794 NC MARRIED 1814 SC DIED 29 Jan. 1853 TN</p>	
<p>3 CHRISTIAN, Elizabeth Ann</p> <p>BORN 22 Sep. 1876 WHERE Dibrell, Warren Co., TN DIED 3 June 1964 WHERE Greenville, AL bur. Dallas, TX</p>		<p>13 NEAL, Sarah</p> <p>BORN 26 Nov. 1801 WHERE TN DIED c. 1860 WHERE McMinnville, TN</p>		<p>21 Celia</p> <p>BORN 1794 SC DIED 1860</p>	
<p>7 REEDER, Sallie Parthena</p> <p>BORN 20 Jan. 1848 WHERE Warren Co., TN DIED 6 Sep. 1889 WHERE Dibrell, TN</p>		<p>14 REEDER, William</p> <p>BORN 20 Sep. 1828 WHERE MARRIED DIED 10 Nov. 1898 WHERE</p>		<p>22</p> <p>BORN MARRIED DIED</p>	
<p>CARTEW-YORSTOUN, Charles M. SPOUSE OF NO. 1</p>		<p>15 FUSTON, Elizabeth Ann</p> <p>BORN 28 June 1824 WHERE Gath, TN DIED 1897 WHERE Warren Co., TN</p>		<p>23</p> <p>BORN DIED</p>	
		<p>24 CHRISTIAN, John</p> <p>BORN 16 Oct. 1761 VA MARRIED VA DIED 6 July 1838 VA</p>		<p>25</p> <p>BORN DIED</p>	
		<p>26 NEAL, William</p> <p>BORN 18 Nov. 1777 VA MARRIED VA DIED 21 July 1865 TN</p>		<p>27</p> <p>BORN 17 Sep. 1774 DIED 25 July 1860</p>	
		<p>28 REEDER, Samuel</p> <p>BORN MARRIED DIED</p>		<p>29</p> <p>BORN DIED</p>	
		<p>30 FUSTON, Sammy</p> <p>BORN 1807 Gath, TN MARRIED DIED 31 Aug. 1853 Wilson Co., TN</p>		<p>31</p> <p>BORN 1802 DIED 1863 Gath, TN</p>	

VIRGINIA

At a Court of Quarterly Session continued & held for Montgomery County at the court house on Wednesday the 7th day of November 1821.

It is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the war department of the United States, that William Christian who is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia and has resided in the County of Montgomery and state aforesaid for upwards of Twenty five years, and is aged about Seventy one years, personally appeared in open court, the same being a court of record; and on oath declared that in the latter part of the Summer or early in the fall of 1776, he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the army of the revolution of the United States on continental establishment. He then resided in the County of Augusta, Virginia, where he qualified to said Commission and enlisted his full quota of men, and joined the 10th Virginia regiment, commanded by Colo. Edward Stevens, and was attached to the company of Capl John Sims, and he served in said regiment and under said officers as a Lieutenant until sometime about the spring in the year of 1778 when the 10th and 14th Virginia Regiments were consolidated and the command given to Colo. Charles Lewis, he then was directed to return home as a supernumary officer, and he did return home to Augusta County where under an appointment of the field officer of the militia of said county, he mustered the militia for about two years; and he further stated that about the first of March preceeding the battle of Gilford he took seven or eight men which he found in said county of Augusta, who belonged to the army and marched with them and joined General Green in North Carolina, the men were placed under Capt. Thomas Smith, and he further stated that he then was appointed an aid to Colo. William Campbell, in which office he remained and acted in the battle of Gilford after which Colo. Campbell was appointed General, he stated he was then appointed a quarter master to provide provisions for all the light Troops, under the command of Genl Campbell in which station he remained and acted until the death of said Campbell, after which he was appointed an Adjutant to a regiment of Rifle men commanded by Colo. Samuel Lewis in which he remained and acted until the siege of York, and the taking of Cornwallis, where he was present; he was then directed to return home which he did; he further stated that his commission and other papers containing evidence of his service are lost, and he has no other evidence in his power of the said service; He further stated that his occupation when able to labour was a farmer, and at this time from age and infirmity he is unable to maintain himself by labour, and that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support; He further states upon oath that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818, and that he has not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of his property so to diminish it, as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed the 18th of March 1818. And that he has not, nor has any person in Trust for him, any property or securities contracts or debts, due to him, nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule of the Estate of William Christian. I have one small mare about ten or twelve years old, and worth about \$30. one other small mare worth \$15. one cow and calf for which I owe \$20. to be paid the first day of October last. one bed and furniture worth about \$12; which is all the property I own (the wareing apparel of myself & wife excepted) my wife is about 47 years of age. I have seven children living with me, whose names and ages are as follows, Susanna born the 5th of April 1795; Allen born the 29th of June 1799; Margaret born the 25th of April 1800; John born the 25th of September 1803; Mary born the 15th of May 1805; Gordan born the 10th of November 1808; and Thomas the particular day of his birth is not certainly recollected, but it is believed he was born early in the year of 1812. The two first named children work for themselves, and are not under my controul. Given under my hand this 7th day of November 1821.

W. Christian

It is further ordered to be certified that it is the opinion of this court, that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is not more than Seventy seven Dollars, and that the said William Christian is in such indigent circumstances as that he is entitled to his pension under the acts of Congress aforesaid. It is also ordered to be certified that a number of respectable Gentlemen appeared in court, and upon their oaths, stated that they had been long acquainted with the aforesaid Christian, and that his deportment in life as far as they knew it had always been correct, and that he is in their opinion entitled to full credit.

VIRGINIA—Montgomery County To wit,  
I Charles Taylor, clerk of the County court of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is truly copied from the records of said county court

(Seal)

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said county court this 12th day of January 1822

Charles Taylor

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM CHRISTIAN

In the name of God Amen I William Christian of the County of Ross in the State of Ohio being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First and principally I commit my soul unto the hand of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my beloved wife hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows Viz Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Christian all my household and kitchen furniture and I give and devise unto my said beloved wife one third of all the lands that I own or am possessed of. I do likewise give and bequeath unto my said wife one Sorrel Mare and one dun horse. I do likewise give and bequeath unto my said beloved wife all the cattle and hogs belonging to me for the use of the family. Item I do give and bequeath unto my two oldest sons Viz Allen and John Christian the large Waggon and Gear. Item I do likewise give and devise unto my son Allen Christian the place he is now improving and two hundred acres of land with and adjoining it. Item I give and devise unto my son John Christian the place he now lives on and two hundred acres of land with and adjoining it. It is likewise my will and desire that my wife and all the family should live with my eldest son Allen Christian. Item I give and devise unto my youngest son Thomas Christian all that land known by the name of the little flat supposed to be forty acres and sixty acres adjoining it. Item I give and bequeath unto my said son Thomas Christian one black mare saddle and bridle. Item it is further my will that the small Waggon should be left in my wife and my son Allen Christians possession for the use of the family. Item I give and bequeath unto my second daughter Susannah Christian one chesnut sorrel mare and her colt likewise one side saddle & bridle. Item I give and bequeath unto my third daughter Margaret Christian one dark bay mare side saddle and bridle. Item I give and devise unto my three daughters Viz Susannah Christian Margaret Christian and Mary Hester wife of Charles M. Hester three hundred acres of land being and laying in the County of Union and State of Ohio to be equally divided amongst them according to quantity and quality. Item I give and bequeath unto all my family that sum of money now in the hands of William Kyles in the State of Virginia Viz one hundred and fiftyeight dollars to be equally divided amongst them. Item it is likewise my will that the gray horse should be sold for the purpose of buying a set of smith tools for the use of the family. It is likewise my will that my eldest daughter Martha Jones widow of George Jones deceased should live with the family while she remains single and likewise her four children that to be discretionary with herself. Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Martha Jones widow of George Jones deceased the sum of two dollars a year as long as she lives single. And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Mary Christian and my beloved son Allen Christian to be the sole executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made Ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament. In Testimony whereof I William Christian have to this my will consisting of two pages set my hand and seal at the bottom of the second page this 9th day of January 1833.

William Christian (Seal)

Signed sealed published & declared by William Christian the above named testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Andrew B. Alley  
Nathan Hays

Issue of John Alexander and Mary Elizabeth Susan (Fletcher) Christian (continued from preceding page):  
Carl Lee Christian--born 4 Dec. 1887 Slidell, Wise Co., TX, died c. 1971 Decatur, Wise Co., TX; mar. 1910 in Rome TX to Sallye Bobo, born 4 Nov. 1888, Rome, TX. Issue: 2 daughters.  
Charles Dudley Christian--born 21 Oct. 1889 Slidell, Wise Co., TX, died 9 Aug. 1973 Decatur, Wise Co., TX; mar. 1) 1912 in Slidell, TX Marvel Harper and 2) 1922 in Iredell, Bosque Co., TX Nancy Isabelle Simpson. See additional data below.  
Alma Christian--born 19 Feb. 1895 Slidell, Wise Co., TX, died 2 June 1980 Decatur, Wise Co., TX; mar. c. 1923 in Decatur, TX Elbert B. Brown. Issue: 1 daughter.  
Ray Fletcher Christian--born 30 July 1898 Slidell, Wise Co., TX; mar. in Denton, Denton Co., TX in 1929 Alma Rita Simms, born 2 Jan. 1902, died 13 Oct. 1970 at Vernon, TX. Issue: 1 son and 1 daughter.

Charles Dudley CHRISTIAN

born 21 Oct. 1889 Slidell, Wise Co., TX  
mar. 1) 1912 Slidell, Wise Co., TX  
mar. 2) 1922 Iredell, Bosque Co., TX  
died 9 Aug. 1973 Decatur, Wise Co., TX

When the first wife contracted tuberculosis, the family moved to Arizona, where in earliest years Kitty's playmates were Navajo children. After her mother's death, Kitty lived in Decatur with her paternal grandparents and Aunt Alma, a teacher. When her father remarried, Kitty returned to her father's household, where she remained until her stepmother's death. At that time she went to live with stepmother's sister, Miss Grace Simpson.

Children of Charles Dudley and Marvel (Harper) Christian:

John Harper Christian--born 21 Nov. 1915, died c. 1917-1918.

Kitty Beth Christian--born 25 Feb. 1917 Decatur, Wise Co., TX; mar. 7 June 1939 Ralph Jordan Dodson, born 1 Aug. 1915 Sanger, TX. Issue: 2 sons and 1 daughter, all married. Kitty graduated from Sunset High School in Dallas, TX; later graduated from C. I. A. in Denton, TX, and taught a year or two before marrying Ralph Dodson, who received his B. S. and M. S. from Texas A & M. They lived in Pt. Arthur, TX, before moving to Decatur in late 1942 or early 1943.

Child of Charles Dudley and Nancy I. (Simpson) Christian:

Nancy Christian--born 29 Aug. 1932 San Antonio, Bexar Co., TX; mar. 26 Dec. 1964 in San Francisco, San Francisco Co., CA, Michael Thomas Miluck. Issue: 2 daughters--Mary Grace Miluck, born 1966, and Elizabeth Christian Miluck, born 1970. Nancy Christian grew up in Dallas and Decatur, Texas, and graduated from the University of Texas in 1953; M. A. in 1955. She worked for both newspapers in Dallas and two weeklies (as editor and free-lance), taught briefly, then worked for Mexicana Airlines as a sales representative. She also lived in Mexico City, Aruba, N. A., and in San Francisco, where she met and married Michael Miluck while working as a sales representative for Varig Airlines. Michael Miluck attended the University of North Dakota on a basketball scholarship but left to join the R. A. F. He served in Squadrons 71 and 121 in England and Africa (El Alamein Campaign) before transferring to U. S. Army Air Corps in 1943. He had flying school and restaurant in San Antonio before being recalled to Korea. He ran officers' clubs and hotels in Japan, then returned to the United States for a restaurant business in San Francisco. In 1969 the couple moved to Genoa, Nevada, in order to raise their children away from the city.

COMPILER OF RECORD:

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LINES OF DESCENT

John CHRISTIAN =  
 born 16 Oct. 1769 VA  
 died 6 July 1838  
 Bought Tennessee land on 29 Dec. 1813 (Grant No. 5215 signed by Territorial Gov. William Blount. On 26 Jan. 1822 (Warren Co., TN, Deed Book, pp. 268-9) he deeded 100 acres of the 300-acre-grant to his son, Peyton.

Peyton CHRISTIAN = Sarah NEAL  
 born 1794 VA born 26 Nov. 1801 TN  
 mar. 1820 Warren Co., TN died 1860 Warren Co., TN  
 died 1855 Little Rock, AR d/o William & Hannah (Jones) Neal  
 Family listed in 1850 census of Warren County, Tennessee (p. 118). Sometime thereafter, they went to Arkansas where he died of pneumonia. After death of her husband, Sarah "turned wagons around and returned to Warren County, Tennessee to raise her children."

John Christian--born 18 Feb. 1824; killed in Civil War.  
 Mary Frances "Fannie" Christian--born 18 Feb. 1828, died 5 May 1905; mar. c. 1845 John Cantrell, born 26 Oct. 1824, died c. 1859. Issue: 6.  
 William T. Christian--born c. 1829; killed in Civil War 1865.  
 Pleasant Christian--born c. 1832; killed in Civil War.  
 Mary Christian--born c. 1833. Listed in 1850 census but not in family records; however, her presence tallies with total of eleven children mentioned by family.  
 Lucy Christian--born c. 1834; mar. c. 1849-50. The 1850 census states that she was married within year but name of spouse not evident.  
 Fidillo Christian--born c. 1835 Warren Co., TN, died Slidell, TX; mar. c. 1856-57 AR Elizabeth "Betty" Childers. See additional data below.  
 Hanna Jane Christian--born c. 1837; mar. 25 Nov. 1854 1) Bufford Potter, who died 18 Feb. 1859; mar. 2) Sam Greene.  
 James M. Christian--born c. 1839; killed in Civil War.  
 Hiram Jefferson Christian--born 8 Jan. 1842, died 2 Nov. 1910; mar. 20 Jan. 1870 Sallie Partheni Reeder, born 28 Jan. 1848, died 6 Sep. 1889. Issue: 9.  
 Sarah Christian--born c. 1845; mar. Buck Graves.

Fidillo CHRISTIAN = Elizabeth "Betty" CHILDERS  
 born c. 1835 Warren Co., TN born 2 Nov. 1836 Lawrence Co., AR  
 mar. c. 1856-57 Lawrence Co., AR died 16 Aug. 1903 Slidell, TX; bur. Dalhart, TX  
 died Slidell, Wise Co., TX d/o Alexander Crockett and Matilda (Fortenberry) Childers  
 He left home for Powhatton, Lawrence County, Arkansas; then he obtained a land grant in Wise County, Texas; later lived in Collin County, Texas.  
 John Alexander Christian--born 11 Apr. 1858, died 12 July 1944; mar. 14 Mar. 1885 Mary Elizabeth Susan Fletcher. See below for further data.  
 Lucy Christian--born c. 1860 Collin Co., TX; mar. after 1870 Major Jones.  
 Absolem Jefferson Christian--born c. 1862 Collin Co., TX, died 1908; mar. Adele Alice Simpson. Issue: 3 sons, 2 daughters.  
 David Leander "Lee" Christian--born c. 1864 Collin Co., TX.  
 Fulton Christian--born c. 1866 Collin Co., TX; mar. Kezzie Doyle. Issue: 1 son orphaned young.  
 William Christian--born c. 1868 Collin Co., TX.  
 Minnie Christian--born c. 1871 TX; mar. Floyd Doyle.  
 Vertie Christian--born c. 1873 TX; never married. Slightly retarded.  
 Nannie Christian--born c. 1875 TX; mar. J. W. Morman of Dalhart.

John Alexander CHRISTIAN = Mary Elizabeth Susan FLETCHER  
 born 11 Apr. 1858 Benton Co., AR born 29 Dec. 1867 Lee Co., VA  
 mar. 14 Mar. 1885 Slidell, Wise Co., TX died 29 July 1950 Decatur, Wise Co., TX  
 died 12 July 1944 Decatur, Wise Co., TX d/o Garrett Henderson & Evalina Zion "Ava" (Ely) Fletcher  
 Between 1858-60 he moved to Collin Co., TX; in 1881, moved to Slidell, Texas. At marriage they settled on 1000-acre stock farm. (See following page for issue.)

DOCUMENTS FROM THE FILE OF WILLIAM CHRISTIAN (1749-1833)

Andrew B. Alley and Nathan Hays of lawful age personally appeared in open court and being first duly sworn depose and saith that they are subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of William Christian that they were present when he signed the same that the contents of the will were made known to them that he was of full age and of sound and disposing mind and memory and under no constraint whatever that they subscribed their names as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request.

Sworn to in open court June 7th 1833 Nathan Hays  
 Humphrey Fullerton Clerk Andrew B. Alley  
 The State of Ohio Ross County Sct  
 I Humphrey Fullerton Clerk of the court of common pleas for the county aforesaid  
 I certify that the foregoing is truly copied from the records of wills in my office  
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of our said court this 5th day of December A D 1833 & of this state the 32nd  
 (Seal) Humphrey Fullerton Clerk

At Montgomery County, Virginia, February Court 1834  
 This legally authenticated copy of the last will and testament of William Christian deceased was presented in court and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Thomas Crandall who made oath & together with Andrew Thompson his security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Four hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs a certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the Estate of the said William Christian deceased with the said will annexed in due form.

Teste  
 R. D. Montague C.

State of Ohio--Ross County  
 A true and accurate Inventory of the goods and chattels of William Christian late of the Township of Paint in the County of Ross Deceased as presented to the undersigned Adam Kerr William Brown and John Sommerville appraisers appointed by the court of Common Pleas of said county by Allen Christian and Mary Christian Executors of said Estate this eight day of August A D 1833

one bed & bedding with striped tick	\$16.00
one ditto ditto with white tick	10.00
one 30 hour mantle clock	20.00
one four horse waggon with the hind geers	50.00
one two horse waggon and hind geers	32.00
one sorrel mare	50.00
one brown horse	40.00
one bay mare	40.00
one chesnut sorrel mare	35.00
one red Bull	9.00
one brindle Heaffer	8.50
one brindle cow with white buck	14.00
Eight head hogs	12.00
Twenty two small shoats	6.00
one yearling sorrel horse colt	24.00
Total Amount of the Appraisalment	\$366.50

Given under our hands and seals the day and year aforesaid  
 This property is all devised) Adam Kerr )  
 in the will of the decedant ) W<sup>m</sup> Brown ) Appraisers  
 John Sommerville)

All the debts due or owing to the above Estate is William Kyle's receipt for sundry notes left with him amounting to one hundred and fifty eight dollars 52 cts

Mary Christian )  
 Allen Christian) Executors

None of the documents so far examined identifies with certainty the parents of the William Christian born in May 1749. If, as seems likely, the 25-year-old volunteer resided in 1776 at his place of birth, then his father was probably the John Christian whose 1754 will names a son William (determined to have been born between 1748 and 1754). See "The Gilbert Christian Line" elsewhere in this issue.

# DEEMSTER KIN IN THE EMPIRE

## LINES OF DESCENT

Extracts from *THE LIFE OF EWAN CHRISTIAN* (privately printed after his death) were provided in a handwritten, unsigned manuscript to Elizabeth Simpson, F. S. G., who in turn furnished copy of the summary to the editor. That article has been revised for the following presentation in order to avoid duplication of material already covered in "Generations of the Deemsters," published in prior issues of *CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES*. Furthermore, the genealogical data has been supplemented with vital statistics from Volume I of *THE ROYAL LINEAGE OF OUR NOBLE AND GENTLE FAMILIES* compiled by Joseph Foster in 1887.

### EWAN CHRISTIAN

#### ARCHITECT

Born 20 September 1814 in London, Ewan Christian carried the given name so popular among the Manx Christians. The name, "Ewan," or as it is sometimes spelt, "Huan," is probably a Celtic form of "John" and has been borne by some member of the family in almost every generation.

Architect to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, Ewan Christian, Esq., designed St. Thomas's Church, Douglas, Isle of Man, in 1849. He was not the first in his direct line to have close professional ties to the Church of England. His great-grandfather, Thomas Christian, A. B., was Vicar of Crosthwaite. Of the fourteenth generation from John McCristen, earliest known deemster of the line, the Reverend Thomas Christian (born 17 March 1697 - died 12 October 1770) was the son of Ewan and Mary (Caine) Christian and was married three times. [See Volume I, pages 7-14, of *Christian Family Chronicles* for thirteen earliest generations.]

A man of strong and independent character, Rev. Thomas Christian married first 15 August 1728 Elizabeth Monkhouse, daughter of Thomas Monkhouse of Winton, near Kirby Stephen, Westmorland; she died 24 November 1732, having had two daughters:

Dorothy Christian, who died unmarried 4 September 1773;  
 Mary Christian, died without issue 1 July 1774, having married John Scales, Esq., of Thwaitehead, county Lancaster.

Rev. Thomas Christian married secondly Jane Scott of Broughton, near Cockermouth, who died 7 September 1737, leaving a son:

John Christian, born 27 August 1737, who died at sea in 1757.

Rev. Thomas Christian married thirdly Emma Naylor of Leeds; she died 27 November 1794, aged about 82, having had a daughter and son:

Emma Christian, born 14 October 1742, died 8 February 1743.  
 Joseph Christian, born 3 March 1744 at Crosthwaite, died 15 March 1829 at Mortlake. See following paragraphs for biographical details regarding this grandfather of Ewan Christian, subject of this sketch.

As England extended its influence throughout the nineteenth century, the children and grandchildren of Joseph Christian would choose careers which would take them to posts or assignments around the globe—even as they retained close ties to the Isle of Man.

CHRISTIAN, Thomas =  
 born c. 1635  
 flourished 1657 in  
 Charles City Co., VA

CHRISTIAN, Thomas =  
 born c. 1670-84  
 Charles City Co., VA  
 will proved 17 May 1737  
 Goochland Co., VA

CHRISTIAN, Ann Mourning =  
 born c. 1710  
 Charles City Co., VA  
 mar. 17 July 1731  
 died ante June 1778  
 Goochland Co., VA

NEW, Rebecca  
 d/o Edmund New of  
 Henrico Co., VA

COLEMAN, Samuel  
 born c. 1706 VA  
 will proved 20 Sep. 1748  
 Goochland Co., VA

COLEMAN, James =  
 born c. 1732  
 Goochland Co., VA  
 mar. 1751  
 died ante Sep. 1796  
 Albemarle Co., VA

COLEMAN, Judith =  
 born c. 1753  
 Goochland Co., VA  
 mar. ?2) 1798  
 died post 1820  
 Casey Co., KY

?COLEMAN, Ann =  
 born c. 1772-1775  
 Goochland Co., VA  
 mar. c. 1793  
 died c. 1838  
 Casey Co., KY

SIMS, Judith C. =  
 born 1802  
 Albemarle Co., VA  
 mar. 23 Dec. 1821  
 died 1865-1869  
 (See #31 on facing page  
 to trace this line to  
 the present)

COMPILER OF RECORD: Mr. Richard Brenneman  
 (above left) 84 South 10th Street  
 San Jose, California 95112

LEAKE, Elizabeth

1) ?COLEMAN, \_\_\_\_\_  
 ?2) POLSON, Thomas

SIMS, Francis

LUCAS, Hezekiah

COLEMAN, Samuel =  
 born c. 1734  
 of Goochland Co., VA  
 mar. 30 March 1756  
 will pr. 11 July 1803  
 Buckingham Co., VA

COLEMAN, John =  
 born 1776  
 Buckingham Co., VA  
 died Wilson Co., TN

COLEMAN, William J. =  
 18 Apr. 1818  
 Buckingham Co., VA  
 died 12 July 1889  
 Wilson Co., TN

(Contact compiler of  
 record for later  
 generations)

COMPILER OF RECORD: Mr. Ronald D. Coleman  
 (above right) 528 West Huntington Drive  
 Monrovia, California 91016

1) WRIGHT, Ann  
 born c. 1734  
 died ante June 1778  
 d/o John & Ann (Pryor)  
 Wright

HARRIS, Julia "Fanny"  
 born 1785  
 Buckingham Co., VA  
 died 1870  
 Wilson Co., TN

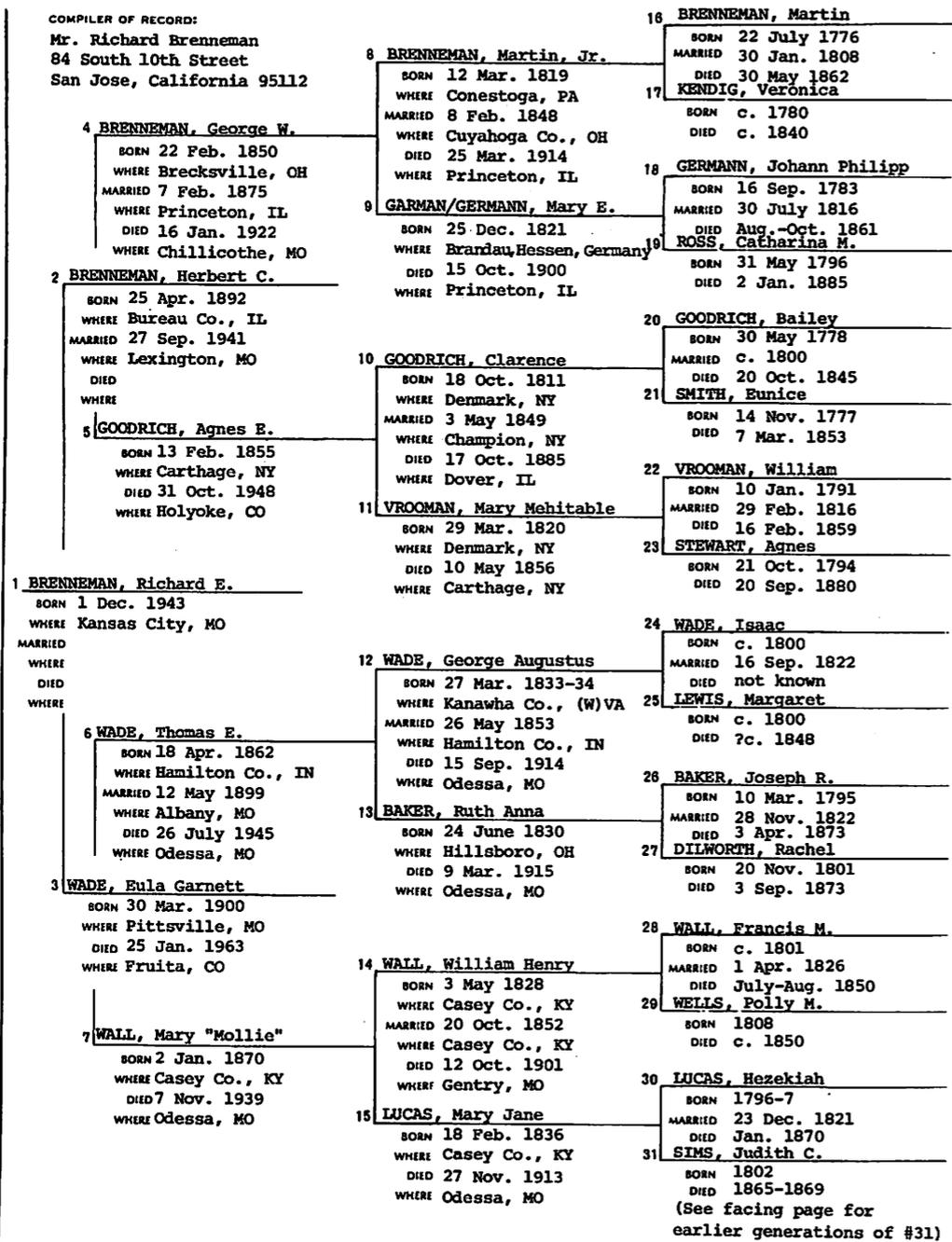
MOUNT, Elizabeth

LINES OF DESCENT

DEEMSTER KIN IN THE EMPIRE

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Joseph Christian, of the Strand and Wigmore Street, London, and lastly of Mortlake, Surrey, married 10 August 1769 Margaret Wattleworth, daughter of Samuel Wattleworth of Peel, Isle of Man, merchant. She died at Mortlake 19 July 1825, aged 79, having had eight sons and four daughters:

Thomas Christian, born 23 June 1770, died 4 April 1773.  
Joseph Christian, born 29 August 1771, died 10 June 1821, of whom more presently.

John Christian, born 29 July 1778, died 9 May 1790.  
Henry Curwen Christian, born 17 July 1780, died 12 April 1846; married at St. George's, Bloomsbury 3 December 1818 Christian Wattleworth; she died 23 October 1861, having had a son and four daughters: Joseph Henry Christian, architect, born 27 April 1832, married 14 January 1873 Caroline, widow of his cousin, Ewan Christian; Elizabeth Christian, born 9 December 1820, died 22 December 1879, having married 2 January 1845 Rev. John William Hall; Sarah Christian, born 15 March 1824; Hannah Christian, born 26 June 1827, married 29 April 1852 William Fine Moore of the Isle of Man; Gemima Christian, born 12 October 1829, married John Longborough Pearson, R. A.

Thomas Christian, born 14 September 1782, died 14 February 1783.  
Ewan Christian, merchant of the Cape of Good Hope, born 25 March 1784, married and had, with other issue, four sons and three daughters: Henry Bailey Christian of Port Elisabeth, South Africa; Ewan Christian, killed by a tiger in India, unmarried; George B. Christian of King William's Town, married 6 January 1881 Agnes Arnold; Edward Oakes Christian, youngest son, died 10 October 1861, aged 25; Christian, second daughter, married a Mr. Burton; Emma Christian, third daughter, married at Cape Town 1 September 1853 Robert Kindersley, Madras C. S., died 6 July 1874; Mary Margaret Christian, married at Cape Town 26 January 1860 John B. Currey of Dulwich.

Samuel Christian, of Malta, born 6 April 1786, died 14 August 1853, having married 27 July 1818 Georgette Gregorie, daughter of George Gregorie of Dunkerque; she died 17 February 1879, having had five sons and five daughters: Alfred Christian, C.M.G., born at Amsterdam 18 December 1820, married at Malta 5 May 1855 Frances Emily Hall, daughter of Capt. Basil Hall, R.N.; George Christian of Bighton Wood, Hants, who married; Henry Christian, rear-admiral R.N., chief constable of Gloucestershire after 1865, born 29 October 1828, married 31 October 1865 Emily Margaret Moore, daughter of James Moore, Esq., of Liverpool; Ewan Christian, born 23 September 1833, died at Palermo, Sicily 16 December 1870, married 10 September 1864 Caroline Whitaker, daughter of Joseph Whitaker, Esq., she remarrying her husband's cousin, Joseph Henry Christian (see above); William Christian, merchant of Bombay and London, born 11 July 1838, married 6 July 1871 Alice Emma Tod, daughter of Alexander Tod, Esq., of Richmond, S.W.; Susanna Christian, died without issue 11 July 1844, having married 14 September 1842 as first wife to Frederick Holland, commander R.N.; Anna Ward Christian married 26 July 1856 George Bouchier Ward, H.M., consul at Galatz in Moldavia; Frances Maria Christian married first 20 January 1844 Robert Arbouin Hunter, Esq., and remarried as second wife Edward Holland, Esq., M.P., of Dumbleton, county Gloucester; Jane Christian died unmarried 16 January 1856, aged 23; Emma Christian, died in infancy.

Thomas Christian, born 16 March, died 11 May 1778.  
Emma Christian, born 20 June 1773; married Maitland Falcon.  
Margaret Christian, born 1 June 1775, died 24 December 1778.  
Dorothy Christian, born 23 August 1776, married Henry Nourse of Cape of Good Hope.  
Mary Christian, born 20 April 1789, died unmarried in January 1836.

Joseph Christian, Jr., of Wigmore Street, London, married 14 October 1799 Katherine Scales, daughter of John Scales, Esq., of Thwaitehead, county Lancaster. She died 8 October 1822, having had five sons and five daughters:

- John Scales Christian, born 3 April 1802, died unmarried at St. Mary Church 20 January 1877.
- Thomas Christian, of the Cape, banker, born 14 July 1808, died 27 November 1850, married at Capetown Jessie Eyre, daughter of John Eyre of Capetown; she died 2 April 1848, having had a son and two daughters: Arthur William Christian, born 5 July 1843, an officer in the Northern army, killed at the battle of Bull's Run in the American war 6 May 1864; Katharine Christian, born 14 March 1844, died at Brussels 2 May 1875, married 7 February 1873 Jean Fassin and had a daughter, Jessie; Jessie Christian, born 27 August 1845.
- Ewan Christian, the subject of this article, born 20 September 1814, died in February 1895.
- Joseph Christian, of Pembroke College, Cambridge, born 13 January 1817, died unmarried in California.
- William Frederick Christian, born 30 July 1819, died unmarried in New Zealand.
- Margaret Christian, born 31 August 1800, died in 1859, having married 1 February 1851 G. H. Wood, onetime of the 67th regiment, son of General Wood.
- Agnes Christian, born 14 May 1804, died 2 December 1804.
- Emma Christian, born 24 November 1805, married in February 1827 Joseph Wontner of Islington, and died in 1847 leaving issue.
- Agnes Christian, born 1 June 1810, died 12 October 1876.
- Katharine Christian, born 7 August 1812, married 4 April 1831 William Lloyd, R. N., and had issue.

Ewan Christian married 6 July 1848 Annie Bentham, younger daughter of William Walker Bentham, consul and notary, Rochester; and they had four daughters:

- Eleanor Katharine married 25 June 1872 Rev. Joseph Hargrove, vicar of Silsoe, Beds., M. A., Clare College, Cambridge, and had at least two daughters: Eleanor Mabel Hargrove and Dorothy Elisabeth Hargrove.
- Annie Elizabeth Christian.
- Agnes Mary Christian.
- Alice Margaret Christian.

Erected in 1850 and dedicated to St. Thomas, the elegant church pictured at right stands as a fitting tribute to its designer, Ewan Christian, who—like so many Christians with Manx origins—retained a sense of identification with that land of his ancestral roots.

*Illustration after sketch in Kneale's GUIDE TO THE ISLE OF MAN: Therein St. Thomas's Church is described as being in the early English style of architecture, consisting of a nave, with clerestory, north and south aisles, and a deep chancel—the lofty interior featuring an open roof of stained timber.*



ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH

## LINES OF DESCENT

COMPILER OF RECORD:  
Miss Elsie Simmers  
1713 East Cork Street  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

16 SIMMERS, William		BORN 1794
MARRIED 3 June 1819		
DIED 8 Apr. 1873		
17 WALTON, Mary		BORN 1800
DIED 1850-1860		
8 SIMMERS, William T.		BORN 21 Mar. 1822
WHERE Tuscarawas Co., OH		
MARRIED 17 Sep. 1846		
WHERE Tuscarawas Co., OH		
DIED 12 Apr. 1857		
WHERE Hicksville, OH		
9 HARRIS, Sarah Ann		BORN 17 Mar. 1828
WHERE PA		
DIED 11 Dec. 1898		
WHERE Hicksville, OH		
20 HANDY, Reveras		BORN 1790-1800 MA
MARRIED ante 1850?		
DIED ante 1850?		
21 KIBBEY, Abbicas		BORN 1790-1800 CT
DIED ante 1850?		
22 BELL, William		BORN c. 1795 England
MARRIED 1833		
DIED 21 May 1839		
23 ROSE, Elmira		BORN 28 Aug. 1814 NY
DIED 26 Nov. 1910		
24 CHRISTIAN, Elijah L.		BORN 28 July 1794
MARRIED 16 Jan. 1821		
DIED c. 1848		
25 COLEMAN, Rebecca		BORN Mar. 1799
DIED Aug. 1827		
26 CLICK, Jacob		BORN 21 Dec. 1787
MARRIED		
DIED 22 Feb. 1875		
27 RATTS, Margaret		BORN 19 Mar. 1798
DIED 11 Oct. 1870		
28 MIESSE, John		BORN 5 Sep. 1779
MARRIED 1801		
DIED 18 Feb. 1862		
29 KLINE, Catherine		BORN 26 Jan. 1781
DIED May 1842		
30 STOVER,		BORN
MARRIED		
DIED		
31		BORN
DIED		
4 SIMMERS, Arthur Orlando		BORN 30 May 1850
WHERE Tuscarawas Co., OH		
MARRIED 31 Dec. 1878		
WHERE Paulding Co., OH		
DIED 18 May 1889		
WHERE Antwerp, OH		
2 SIMMERS, Harry Earnest		BORN 1 Oct. 1881
WHERE Antwerp, OH		
MARRIED 18 Oct. 1918		
WHERE Noblesville, IN		
DIED 7 Aug. 1965		
WHERE Kalamazoo, MI		
5 HANDY, Mercy Eurena		BORN 18 July 1856
WHERE Antwerp, OH		
DIED 27 Feb. 1929		
WHERE Albion, MI		
11 BELL, Electa Ambrasia		BORN 12 July 1834
WHERE Jonesville, MI		
DIED 26 Feb. 1915		
WHERE Antwerp, OH		
1 SIMMERS, Elsie		BORN 23 Aug. 1926
WHERE Albion, MI		
MARRIED		
WHERE		
DIED		
WHERE		
12 CHRISTIAN, Daniel Ragsdale		BORN 19 Nov. 1821
WHERE Elbert Co., GA		
MARRIED 27 Aug. 1843		
WHERE Salem, IN		
DIED 4 Mar. 1865		
WHERE Goldsboro, NC		
6 CHRISTIAN, Franklin Pierce		BORN 27 May 1852
WHERE Hamilton Co., IN		
MARRIED 1 Oct. 1884		
WHERE Noblesville, IN		
DIED 9 Feb. 1910		
WHERE S. of Noblesville, IN		
13 CLICK, Eliza Ann		BORN 4 Jan. 1825
WHERE Salem, IN		
DIED 29 Apr. 1884		
WHERE Noblesville, IN		
3 CHRISTIAN, Joyce Maria		BORN 18 Oct. 1890
WHERE Noblesville, IN		
DIED 17 June 1964		
WHERE Kalamazoo, MI		
7 MIESSE, Elmira		BORN 15 Apr. 1856
WHERE Pickaway Co., OH		
DIED 13 June 1933		
WHERE Albion, MI		

# LINES OF DESCENT

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

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

## COMPILER OF RECORDS:

Miss Portia Christian  
49 East Madison Street  
Franklin, Indiana 46131

1. CHRISTIAN, Portia  
born 12 Jan. 1908 Hamilton Co., IN  
living in Franklin, IN
2. CHRISTIAN, Paul Durbin = BOOTH, Julia Frances  
born 10 June 1885 Hamilton Co., IN  
died 20 Nov. 1959 Johnson Co., IN  
mar. 6 Mar. 1907 Hamilton Co., IN
4. CHRISTIAN, Ira Washington = DURBIN, Mary Susan  
born 25 Oct. 1855 Hamilton Co., IN  
died 22 Feb. 1922 Hamilton Co., IN  
mar. 19 Apr. 1883  
He had brothers: James Raford Christian  
John Willis Christian  
Franklin Pierce Christian  
William Seward Christian  
George Siegel Christian  
His sisters were: Mary Ann Christian (died at 18)  
Jenny Christian (Mrs. George Young)
8. CHRISTIAN, Daniel Ragsdale = CLICK, Eliza Ann  
born 19 Nov. 1821 Elbert Co., GA  
died 4 Mar. 1865 Goldsboro, NC, Hospital  
mar. 27 Aug. 1843  
He went to Indiana in 1839, taught school in Salem,  
IN; entered land in Hamilton Co., IN; volunteered  
for Fifth Indiana Cavalry in 1862; taken prisoner to  
Andersonville; died of food poisoning in Goldsboro,  
North Carolina, Hospital.  
He had two brothers: Jesse Turner Christian, b. 15 Nov. 1823  
John Willis Christian, b. 7 Dec. 1825
16. CHRISTIAN, Elijah L. = 1) COLEMAN, Rebecca  
born c. 1794 prob. Elbert Co., GA = 2) FITTS, Mary J.  
died c. 1844  
mar. 1) 16 Jan. 1821  
2) 19 Dec. 1832  
Who were his parents, brothers, and sisters?
32. CHRISTIAN, \_\_\_\_\_
64. CHRISTIAN, Charles, Jr. (son of Charles, Sr., who was son of Thomas)  
Family tradition so identifies the lineage for this generation.

# THE CHRISTIAN FAMILIES OF ENGLAND:

## A SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE, LINE

BY

R. LYNETTE HARPHAM

### INTRODUCTION

Seeking a pattern of the Christian family name in Lincolnshire, England, I analyzed parish record evidence from the New Zealand Branch Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Quite a long process, this involved using alphabetical print-outs from the computer file index dated October 1976 in order to obtain a series of individual cards in chronological order from which I built up a geographical pattern to the year 1730.

The results are far from being a definitive picture, for undoubtedly some parish records had not been computerized and the available parish records themselves are not complete.

### OVERVIEW

The first appearance of the name in this study is that of Ann Crysteyn whose baptism was recorded at Timberland 22 November 1565. Though the names of her parents were not given, it seems probable a family continued there as forty-one years later there is another baptism, that of Bridget, daughter of Thomas Christian, 20 December 1606. Interestingly, the parish of Timberland is very central to the county of Lincoln.

In 1573, 1578, and 1584 baptisms are recorded in Frampton, near the ancient port of Boston; while Gainsborough near the borders of Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire in 1585 had the first of a long series of baptisms in a Presbyterian church there.

The fourth parish in which the name appears—in 1589—is Stainley on the border of Leicestershire and one parish away from the county border with Rutland. Although the name is later recorded in other parts of Lincoln, it was in the general area where the counties of Lincoln, Leicestershire, and Rutland meet that the greatest concentration of Christian families sprang up and flourished in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. The name occurs again and again there, particularly in the Lincoln villages of Stainley, Skillington, Colsterworth, and North Witham.

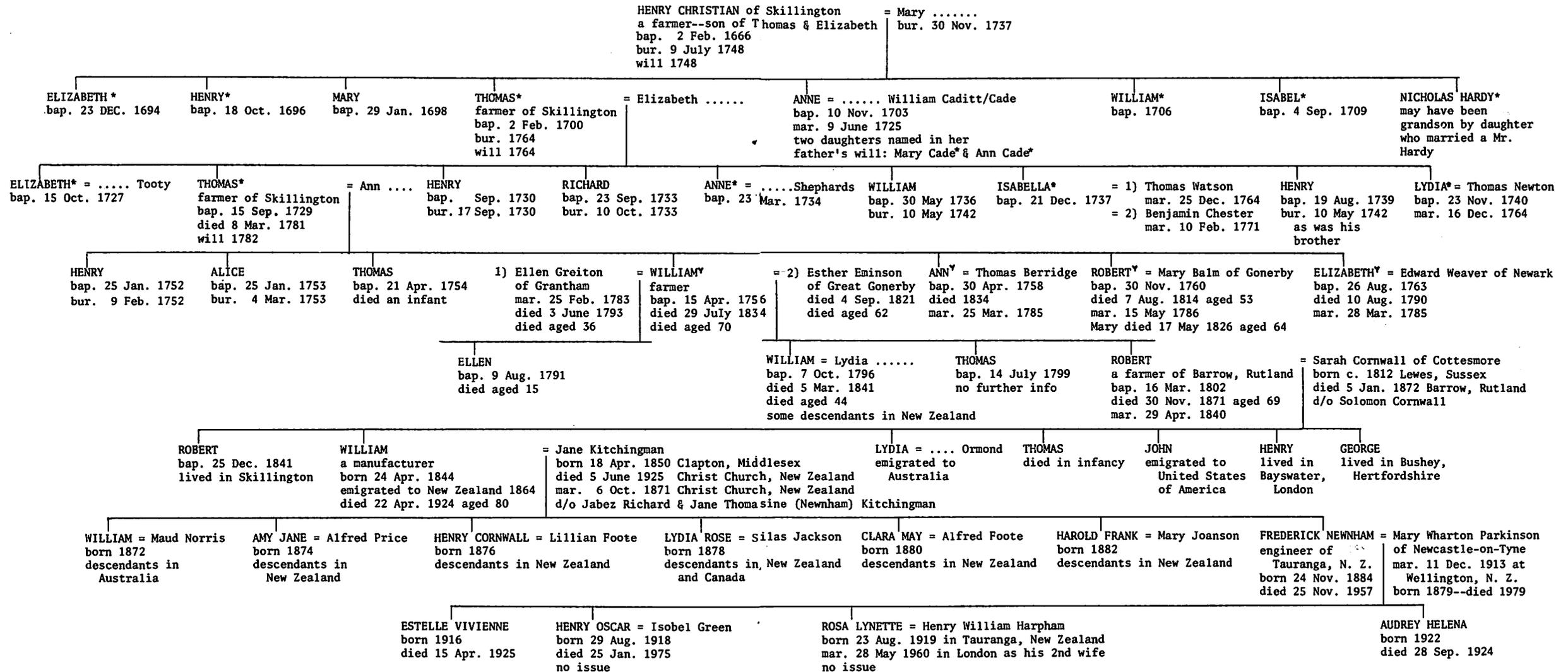
My own family roots are in Skillington (a village mentioned in the Domesday Book), where the baptism of Ann, daughter of Thomas Christian, is recorded in 1629. The earliest will is that of Thomas, Senior, dated 1611. In the 1665 Hearth tax returns, six Christian households are listed.

From a dramatic conversion in the Wesleyan revival of the eighteenth century, stories have come down of my family's participation in that era. So it was with great interest and comparative ease that this present-day Methodist traced back by this route. No one of the family name lives there today, but in company with a distant relative I visited Skillington in July 1980.

### About the author:

*R. Lynette Harpham, whose paternal forebears lived in Lincolnshire and neighboring counties of England for many generations, has collected considerable vital data about her direct and collateral lines. A member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, she is pleased to share the results of her research with other interested parties.*

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILIES OF ENGLAND: A SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE, LINE



LEGEND: \*Named in the 1748 will of Henry Christian  
 \*Named in the 1764 will of Thomas Christian  
 \*Named in the 1782 will of Thomas Christian  
 SOURCES: LDS Computer File Index & Bishops' Transcripts of Parish Records  
 Society of Genealogists Archives, London, England  
 Methodist Literature  
 Tombstone Inscriptions (personal inspection)  
 Photocopies of Wills  
 Family Records

NOTE: At some time prior to his marriage in 1840, my great-grandfather Robert Christian moved from Skillington some twelve to fifteen miles to farm at Barrow, a tiny hamlet near Cottesmore in Rutland. From "down under" in New Zealand it is difficult to do early research in Lincolnshire prior to the period of parish registration, but my link with Barrow brought me into correspondence with fellow researchers who have introduced me to the complexities of very old Christian families in Rutland. Strangely, one apparently unrelated Christian family lived in Barrow as far back as 1395 and were still there until the late nineteenth century. In Harborough, Rutland, Richard Christian witnessed a charter in 1251, and the family continued there as landowners until at least 1406. --R.L.H.