



Excerpts from

JOHN LYNN, 1795-1883, WITH RELATED FAMILIES
OF RAY, ESTILL, CHRISTIAN, CAMPBELL, AND JENKINS

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CHAPTER IX

THOMAS RAY

Thomas Ray married Priscilla Gold (Estill), daughter of John Estill and Rebecca Christian (page 136). Priscilla was born in Virginia in 1773 (77 in 1850) and died between 1850 and 1860. Thomas died between 1840 and 1850.

Children of Thomas Ray and Priscilla Gold (Estill)

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| 1 Martha | b 3 Mar 1806 Virginia |
| | d 7 Apr 1886 Kanawha Co. |
| | m 21 Nov 1818 John Lynn |
| | in Kanawha Co. |
| 2 William | b 1810 (40 in 1850) Augusta Co., Va. |
| | d 1875 |
| | m 15 Sept 1833 Mary Strain |
| | in Kanawha Co. |

I have no proof that the following children belong in this family but the evidence indicates that they do.

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| 3 John | probably married Dolly _____ |
| 4 Rebecca | m 24 Dec 1826 Andrew Skiles |
| | in Kanawha Co. |
| 5 Margaret | m 9 June 1825 Henderson Skiles |
| | in Kanawha Co. |
| 6 James | m 17 Mar 1825 Mary M. Calebs |
| | in Kanawha Co. |
| 7 Abigail T. | m 12 Nov 1834 Reuben H. Landy |
| | in Kanawha Co. |
| 8 Charles | |

My reasons for suggesting that these children belong in this family:

- (1) William (son of Thomas Ray) named one of his children Andrew Skiles Ray.
- (2) The EARLY HISTORY OF PIONEER DAYS IN JACKSON CO. (19) states that William Ray had a brother named Charles.
- (3) The marriages listed were all in the same time period with no indication that there was another-Ray family in the area.
- (4) Henderson and Andrew Skiles were brothers. Their mother, Jane, married (2) Farnham Marsh before 19 Nov 1827. In 1819 Thomas Ray sold 200 acres of his land on Davis Creek to Farnham Marsh.
- (5) Andrew Skiles and Wm. Ray were chairmen on a survey of land for John Lynn in 1830.
- (6) Joseph Lovell sold a lot in Charleston to John Ray in 1835. John Lynn and Dolly Ray administered the estate of John Ray in 1844.
- (7) On 7 Mar 1839 Mathias Bruen leased a farm on Sugar Camp Creek to John Lynn and John Ray.

On 27 June 1795 a suit is recorded in Kanawha Co. between Thomas Ray and George Lee and his wife. On 10 Sept 1804, Thomas Ray and John Wilson, his surety, were bound to George Lee for \$____. On 18 Apr 1805, Thomas Ray was ordered to pay George Lee and his wife \$6.67. In 1808, James Vance sued Thomas Ray in Kanawha Co. I

don't know if this is our Thomas Ray since there is no indication that he was in Kanawha Co. that early.

On 5 Aug 1774, John Estill of Boutetourt Col, Va., a Yeoman in ill health wrote a will. He left $3/4$ of his moveable estate to his wife Rebecca, and his land on New River on the east side and opposite the influx of Bluestone on the west side extending down the east side towards James McQuires' land. (This land would be in Summers Co., W. Va. today). To his beloved daughter, Priscilla Gold, he left the land on which is now living on Hands Creek next to Bond Estill at the lower end and James Ellison on the upper end and $1/4$ of his moveable estate. (This land is now in Monroe Co., W. Va. which was formed from Greenbriar Co. in 1799. Greenbriar was formed from Montgomery in 1778. Montgomery was formed from Fincastle, Boutetourt, and Pulaski Cos. in 1776-7. Boutetourt was formed from Augusta and Rockbridge in 1769-70). Executors were to be Benjamin Estill and William Hutchison. Witnesses were William Hutchison, Valintine Cook (Fely Koch) and Bond Estill.

The will was proved in Augusta Co., Va. on 18 Sept 1781. William Hutchison refused to be the executor. Rebecca Estill was appointed executrix on 20 Mar 1782. On 10 Sept 1781 it was recorded in Augusta Co. that Rebecca Estill did not accept the legacies from the will of her late husband. Witnesses to this were Ja^s Ray and Sam^l Armstrong.

No explanation has been found for John Estill's daughter to be named Priscilla Gold. Priscilla was listed in the 1850 census with the family of John Lynn as 77 years old. This would mean that she was born about 1773 and would have been about one year old when John Estill wrote his will. This means that she would have been too young to have been married unless the 1850 census was in error. Priscilla may have been an illegitimate child of John Estill or perhaps she was adopted. However, I am going to assume that Rebecca Christian Estill was her mother and trace her ancestry through this line.

In the Augusta Co. court records on 19 Feb 1872 Rebecca Estill was appointed guardian of Priscilla Estill, orphan of John Estill. Note that the name Gold is not used.

In Greenbriar Co., on 15 Mar 1786, a survey of 200 acres was made for Priscilla Gold on Hands Creek joining the lands of James Ellison and Rodger Kilpatrick. This survey contained part of a survey made for John Estill in 1774 which she was entitled to by virtue of a certificate from the District of Augusta, Boutetourt, and Greenbriar. She was assignee of Rebecca Estill administratrix of John Estill, deceased, who was assignee of Andrew Wilson. Note that the name of Priscilla Gold is used. Usually the land was not transferred until the child reached the age of 21. If this were the case here, Priscilla would have been born about 1765 instead of 1773. Also it appears that Thomas Ray and Priscilla were not yet married in 1786.

In Augusta Co., on 27 Sept 1797 Thomas Ray was suing a Mr. Ceiger. Thomas was about to remove from the county at the time. Apparently Thomas postponed his removal from Augusta Co. On 2 Apr 1798 a deed is entered in both Greenbriar and Augusta Cos. It states that Thomas Ray and his wife, Priscilla, of Augusta Co. traded land with Peter

Larew and his wife, Mary, of Augusta Co. The Estill's traded 200 acres of land on Hans Creek in Greenbriar Co., next to Alison and Kirkpatrick which was patented on 8 Aug 1794 for 88 acres in Augusta Co., in Beverly Manor.

After John Estill was murdered in 1780 by James Stewart in what is now Monroe Co., W. Va., his widow, Rebecca Estill, married Zachariah Fort Estill on 4 May 1785. On 7 Oct 1797, Zachariah F. Estill of Montgomery Co., appointed Gilbert Christian of Staunton, power-of-attorney to sell approximately 200 acres of land on Mary Creek on the border of Augusta Co., and Rockbridge Co., adjoining Amherst Co. Witnesses to this power-of-attorney were Robert Christian and Thomas Ray. Both witnesses proved the power-of-attorney in court in Augusta Co., on 7 Apr 1798. Rebecca Christian, wife of (1) John Estill and (2) Zachariah Fort Estill, was the daughter of Capt. William Christian (page 162), and Mary Campbell. She had brothers Gilbert and Col. Robert. The Gilbert and Robert mentioned above could be her brothers.

On 9 Dec 1800, an agreement was made between Jacob Larue and Thomas Ray. There was a shortage of land in the deed from Larue to Ray. The land was next to Thomas Caldwell. Jacob Larue agreed to pay the value set by Thomas Caldwell for the land shortage. On 26 Jan 1801, Jacob Larue paid Thomas Ray \$25 for the land shortage. In Apr 1801, Thomas Ray and Priscilla of Augusta Co., sold to Adam Shipe for \$275, the 88 acres next to Jacob Larue, where Thomas was living. Thomas and Priscilla Ray may have moved to Monroe Co., at that time. The 1810 census for Monroe Co., includes Thomas Wray.

On 6 May 1808, a survey was made for Gilbert Christian for 250 acres at the mouth of the second small branch of Davis Creek in Kanawha Co. This land was part of a military warrant of 1,000 acres, No. 1112, dated 30 June 1780. Gilbert was the assignee of William Christian. William may be the father of Gilbert. On 2 Apr 1810 this land was assigned by Gilbert Christian to Thomas Ray.

On 14 Feb 1809, Thomas Ray and Priscilla, his wife, formerly Priscilla Gold, legatee of the last will and testament of John Estill, deceased, deeded to William Young of Monroe Co., 150 acres on Hands Creek, a branch of Indian Creek. The land was sold for \$110 and was paid for by Robert Young. The tract is where William now lives. John Estill had been the owner of the land. It was a quit claim. There was an attachment to the deed from Kanawha Co., dated 14 Mar 1809, certifying this deed by Thomas and Priscilla Ray. This makes the exact time that Thomas and Priscilla came to Kanawha Co., questionable. Who was the Thomas Wray in the 1810 census of Monroe Co., if Thomas had already moved to Kanawha Co? David Jarrett brought suit against Thomas Ray in Kanawha Co., in 1810. Thomas was in the Kanawha Co., tax rolls in 1813.

On 9 Aug 1814, Thomas Ray and Priscilla, sold 50 acres of land on Davis Creek to James Gunter. This was the lower part of the tract where Thomas lived. On 11 Mar 1819, Thomas Ray sold 200 acres on Davis Creek to Charles Brown for \$50 and a title bond given by said Ray to Farnham Marsh. This was the land granted to Thomas Ray on 2 Apr 1810 except the 50 acres previously sold to James Gunter. The land was delivered to Joseph Lovell on 9 July 1829 - he having

become purchaser of the land. Joseph Lovell and his wife, Betty Washington, sold this land to James Mays for \$1,000 on 3 Oct 1829. There was a saw mill on the land at that time.

Thomas Ray was listed in the 1830 and 1840 census of Kanawha Co., with the following members of his family:

Date	Males				Females	
	age	5-10	15-20	20-30	50-60	15-20 50-60
1830		1		2	1	1 1
1840			1		1	

The census records are not usually very accurate, so we cannot rely too heavily on them. In 1840 there were no females listed and we know that Priscilla was still living in 1850. It is possible that she was living with her daughter, Martha Ray Lynn, and Thomas was living alone. Thomas Ray would appear to have been born about 1780 from the above records. This would make him quite a bit younger than Priscilla if it is true. We know that Priscilla was born before 1774 because she was mentioned in her father's will which was written in 1774.

Zachariah Fort Estill, who married Priscilla's mother (or perhaps, stepmother) after Priscilla's father was murdered, purchased a 260-acre tract on Davis Creek from Flemming Cobb on 8 Aug 1808. This included the site where Zachariah had built a saw mill and a grist mill. Sally Estill, daughter of Zachariah and Rebecca Estill, married Edmund Morris on 10 June 1804 in Kanawha Co. Zachariah left a will in Kanawha Co., dated 2 Apr 1832.

"The Ray family is of Scotch extraction, immigrating to Virginia in Colonial days. One branch of the family later found a home in Greene Co., Penn. It was here that Joseph Ray, professor of mathematics at Amherst College and author of the well known series of text books, was born. Dr. Ray, a relative of the author, was a pioneer teacher in Wirt Co., this State, having taught near Peewee in 1818.

"Shortly after the arrival of the first settlers in the Great Kanawha Valley, William Ray, (author's note: this should be Thomas Ray) noted scout and hunter from Boutetourt Co. Va., settled in Ft. Clendenin, now Charleston, when the city was a mere outpost. There is a family tradition that he refused a deed for 1,000 acres of land on the west bank of Elk River which is now West Charleston, for his beloved flintlock rifle and a bear dog.

"William Ray (or Thomas) had two sons, Charles and William, the former lost his life while serving in the Union Army." (19)

Martha Ray, daughter of Thomas Ray and Priscilla Gold (Estill) (page 108), was born 3 Mar 1806 in Virginia. She died 7 Apr 1886 in Kanawha Co. Martha married John Lynn on 21 Nov 1828 in Kanawha Co. Information on their children is found on page 6.

William Ray, son of Thomas Ray and Priscilla Gold (Estill) (page 108), was born about 1810 (40 in 1850) in Augusta Co., Va., and died in 1875. William married Mary Strain on 15 Sept 1833 in Kanawha Co. She was born in 1811 (39 in 1850) in Va., and died in 1866 in Jackson Co., W.Va.

CHAPTER XI

GILBERT CHRISTIAN

Gilbert Christian was born in 1680 in Scotland. He married Margaret (or Mary) Richardson in 1703 in Ireland.

Children of Gilbert Christian and Margaret Richardson

1 Robert	m	Isabella Tiffins
2 Capt. John	m	unknown
3 Capt. William	m	Mary Campbell
4 Mary	m (1) about 1730	John Moffett
	(2)	John Trimble

Gilbert Christian was born in Scotland in 1680 (13) (16). He moved to the Province of Ulster, North Ireland, about 1702. In 1703 he married Margaret Richardson. In 1726 Gilbert and John Campbell, with their families, moved to America. They settled near Lancaster, Pa. In 1732 Gilbert and John, with the Moffetts, McDowells, Mc Clungs, Trimbles, Lockharts, Hamiltons and Russels, moved to the valley of Virginia and settled on Christian's Creek near Staunton, forming quite a colony there.

Robert Christian, son of Gilbert Christian and Margaret (or Mary) Richardson (page 162), married Isabella Tiffins of the lower valley of Augusta Co. (13) Robert married Isabella while recruiting officer in the Indian War at Winchester, Va. (20)

Capt. John Christian, son of Gilbert Christian and Margaret (Mary) Richardson (page 162), was married. He was one of the first justices of the peace of Augusta Co., Va. (13)

Capt. William Christian, son of Gilbert Christian and Margaret (or Mary) Richardson (page 162), married Mary "Mollie" Campbell, who was the daughter of Patrick Campbell (page 179), or perhaps Charles Campbell, the son of Patrick. (16) (17)

Children of Capt. William Christian and Mary Campbell

1 Salley	m	Andrew Wilson
2 Gilbert		
3 John		
4 Mary M.	m	_____ Ray
5 William		
6 Rebecca	m (1)	John Estill
	(2)	4 May 1785 Zachariah Fortner Estill
7 Col. Robert	m	Mary Huston

The above children are from reference (3). The records of the DAR (18) list different children as follows:

1 Gilbert		
2 Patrick	m	Elizabeth Robinson
3 Elizabeth	m	David Carson
4 Mary	m	John Creely
5 Margaret	b	6 Jan 1745
	m	1762 Andrew Russell

The first group of children appear to be more accurate and I will use them in continuing this family history.

William Christian is thought to be the Capt. William who was a member of the Council of War in 1756. (13) Hugh L. Taylor (16) states:

"Capt. William Christian (third son of Gilbert and Margaret Christian) married Mary "Mollie" Campbell (the daughter of Patrick). This Patrick was the oldest son of John Campbell who came to Ireland with Gilbert Christian and was the grandfather of Gen. William Campbell who commanded the troops at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Mary Campbell, wife of William Christian, was the daughter of Patrick Campbell, the first immigrant to America who traced his ancestry to Duncan Campbell and Mary McCoy who left Scotland in 1642 and went to Ireland."

Other sources report different parents for Mary Campbell. The Estill-Christian-Masten family pedigree chart (17) shows her as the daughter of Charles Campbell who was the son of Patrick Campbell mentioned in the above paragraph. The ANNALS OF AUGUSTA CO. states that Mary Campbell was probably a sister to Col. Arthur Campbell.

Mary Christian, daughter of Gilbert Christian and Margaret (or Mary) Richardson (page 162), married (1) John Moffett about 1730 and (2) John Trimble. John Trimble was killed in an Indian raid in 1764.

Children of John Moffett and Mary Christian

1 Col. George	d (will proved 1 Jan 1811)	
	m	Sarah _____
2 Robert	m	wife's name is unknown
3 William		
4 John		
5 Mary		
6 Kitty	m	Benjamin Estill

Children of John Trimble and Mary Christian

1 Capt. James	b	1756	Augusta Co., Va.
	d	1804	
	m (1)	unknown	
	(2)		Jane Allen

The following is taken from the ANNALS OF AUGUSTS CO.: (13)

"John Moffett was among the first settlers of Augusta Co. His wife was Mary Christian. Their children were George, Robert, William, John, Mary, Kitty and Hannah. Prior to 1749, perhaps as early as 1742, he left Augusta Co. to go to N. C. and was never heard from thereafter. In time he was presumed dead - probably killed by Indians. His widow, Mary Moffett, qualified as administratrix 28 Feb 1749 executing bond with her brothers Robert and William Christian. Mary Moffett married John Trimble and had one son - James Trimble."

John Trimble was killed and his daughter, Kitty Estill was captured in an Indian raid in 1764. Benjamin Estill stated that a note due him was destroyed in a dwelling house of John Trimble, deceased, by Indians on 13 Sept 1764. (12) This must have been the raid when

John was killed.

The following paragraphs are from two sources in the ANNALS OF AUGUSTA CO.: (13)

"Mrs. Estill and young Trimble, her half-brother, were captured together in 1764 about the time of the second Kerr massacre. A man named Dickinson led about 30 Indians in a raid and killed John Trimble as he was going out in the morning to plow. James, about 8, Mrs. Estill, and a negro boy were taken prisoners. The trimble home was burned the morning after. Capt. George Moffett, step-son of John Trimble and brother to Mrs. Estill pursued Indians with 25 men. They found the Indians on the 5th day in the Allegheny Mountains. The prisoners were returned. Numerous other accounts of this event are given - all different. One states that Mrs. Estill gave birth to her first child a few weeks after her return. Another account states that she was a Mrs. Edmonson at the time of her capture and Mrs. Estill later."

"John Trimble came to America with four brothers from Armagh, Ireland between 1740 and 1744. He settled in Augusta Co. on Middle River about 2 miles from Churchville, 5 miles from Buffalo Gap and 8 miles from Staunton. He married Mrs. Mary Moffett, widow of John Moffett. He died in 1764, killed by Indians at second Kerr's Creek massacre. His widow and son James qualified as administrators 20 Nov 1764. He had one son, James, who was born in 1756 in Augusta Co. At age 8, he was carried off by Indians at the time his father was killed."

Rebecca Christian, daughter of William Christian and Mary "Mollie" Campbell (page 162), married (1) John Estill and (2) Zachariah Fortner Estill on 4 May 1785 in Augusta Co. John Estill was the son of Wallace Estill and Marcia Boude (page 132). He was born 5 June 1741 and was murdered in 1780 in what is now Monroe Co., W. Va. The family of John Estill and Rebecca Christian is given on page 136. The parents of Zachariah Estill are not known. His will was written 2 Apr 1832 and was probated 8 Oct 1832 in Kanawha Co.

"The Ruth History" of the Wallace Estill family, written by his daughter, Ruth in 1853, states that John Estill and Rebecca Christian had one son - William Christian Estill. The "Ruth History" was amended by J. F. Estill of Clarksburgh, W. Va., so we do not know for sure that Ruth made this statement. The following is from a record written by Rev. Reverdy Estill, Ph.D., DD, LL.D., of Louisville, Ky. and was included in J. H. Estill's book (5): "I am descended from Wallace Estill and Mary Boude through his third son, John, who was born 5 June 1741. He married Rebecca Christian, daughter of William, son of Gilbert Christian and Margaret Richardson of Augusta Co., Va. They left one son, William Christian Estill. Rebecca afterwards married Hezekiah Estill, of another branch of the family. They had one daughter."

William Christian Estill was born 10 May 1783. If this birthdate is correct, then he could not be the son of John Estill who was killed in 1780 or 1781. No mention of William Christian is found in John Estill's will or in the probate records.

Children of Zachariah Fortner Estill and Rebecca Christian

1 Sally

b Kanawha Co., W. Va.
m 10 June 1804 Edmund Morris
in Kanawha Co., W. Va.

A marriage bond is recorded in Augusta Co., Va. on 4 May 1785 for Zachariah Fort Estill and Rebecca Estill, widow of John Estill, deceased. The relationship of Zachariah to John Estill is not known. On 17 Feb 1790 a deed was entered in Augusta Co. transferring to Zachariah Fort Estill of Augusta Co. all interest accrued to Boud Estill, as heir at law of John Estill deceased, in the tract of 299 acres in Beverly Manor next to Nicholas Leiper. Wallace Estill was attorney in fact for Boud Estill. On 18 Sept 1792 Zachariah and Rebecca Estille of Augusta Co. sold 102 acres 60 poles in Beverly Manor to John Auston for 150 pounds. This tract was next to Samuel Hays and James Mitchell and was part of the tract Zachariah was living on. In June of 1793, Zachariah and his wife, Rebecca, sold approximately 200 acres in Augusta Co. to William Brown for 700 pounds. This was the tract where Zachariah was living and it was next to John Auston, Samuel Gipson and Mr. Hamilton. This may have completed the sale of land which had been purchased from Boud Estill.

On 7 Oct 1797, Zachariah F. Estill of Montgomery Co. appointed Gilbert Christian of Staunton, power of attorney to sell approximately 200 acres on Mary Creek on the border of Augusta Co. and Rockbridge Co. adjoining Amherst Co. The land was purchased by Zachariah from James Cull. Witnesses to this document were Robert Christian and Thomas Ray. At court held in Augusta Co. on 7 Apr 1798 these two witnesses proved the document.

On 8 Aug 1808, Fleming Cobb and wife, Sarah, of Kanawha Co. sold 260 acres on Davis Creek to Zachariah F. Estill of Kanawha Co. This included the site where Estill had built a grist and saw mill. Zachariah had probably lived in Kanawha Co. for several years since his daughter, Sally, had married Edmund Morris there on 10 June 1804. On 20 June 1811, Fleming Cobb and his wife, Sarah, sold 750 acres on both sides of Davis Creek to Zach^r. F. Estill for 85 pounds. This was known as mill tract. It was next to John Wilson and the fork of Davis Creek. A marginal note indicated that the property was delivered to L. Summers on 13 June 1812. On 14 Apr 1812, Zachariah sold 616 acres in Kanawha Co. on both sides of Davis Creek to Robert Christian for \$2,000. This tract had been sold to Zachariah by Fleming Cobb and was next to Thomas Cobb. On 15 June 1812, Robert Christian took a trust deed on this property. Lewis Summers of Gallipolis, Ohio was party of second part and Daniel Ruffner of Kanawha Co. and Edmund Morris of Cabell Co. were parties of the third part. Edmund may be the son-in-law of Zachariah and may have moved to Cabell Co.

On 18 May 1828, Zach^r. F. Estill sold 101 acres on the right hand fork of Davis Creek to Elisha Dotson for \$256. This land was next to Fleming Cobb. One acre known as mill seat was to be maintained in joint tenancy. On 2 June 1832, Zachariah assigned the reservation known as mill seat on the right hand fork of Davis Creek to Elisha Dotson for \$5.

Zachariah F. Estill of Kanawha Co. wrote a will on 2 Apr 1832. It was probated on 8 Oct 1832. Since he wrote a deed to Elisha Dotson on 2 June 1832, he died between June and Oct in 1832. His will includes the following provisions:

1 All perishable property was left to Elizabeth Mays now residing on land to be used by her for benefit of her family until Thomas Mays, Edmund Morris Mays and John Dickson Mays (infant children of Elizabeth Mays) become of age. Then the property was to be divided between them.

2 Elizabeth was to occupy the land on which she was living known as mile tract until the children were of age. This means the undivided half of the tract. The other half belongs to the heirs of William C. Estill, deceased.

3 Elizabeth was to have use of the tract of land lying below the right hand fork of Davis Creek, commonly called the Dotson tract, until the children were of age.

Friends, Thomas L. A. Matthews and Matthews Thomas were appointed executors. Witnesses were Guy P. Matthews, Wm. P. Wittington and Allen Thomas.

On 3 Jan 1838, the personal estate of Zachariah F. Estill was sold for \$50. It included one gold watch and key at \$25 and one gray mare at \$25.

The relationship of Elizabeth Mays is not given. She may be the daughter of Edmund Morris and Sally Estill Morris since one of the children is named Edmund Morris Mays.

Col. Robert Christian, son of Capt. William Christian and Mary "Mollie" Campbell (page 162), married Mary Huston (17)

Children of Col. Robert Christian and Mary Huston

1 Margaret	b 24 June 1790	
	d 1818	
	m 2 Apr 1807	William Christian Estill in Kanawha Co., W. Va.
2 Sally	m	James McKinsey
3 Isabella	m	John Porter
4 Rebecca	m	Daniel Snyder
5 Elizabeth		
6 Mary Huston	m (1)	John W. Love
	(2)	Thomas Maxwell
7 Cynthia	m	Edmund Adcock
8 Narcissa	m	Carson Adcock
9 Harriett	m (1)	_____ McDonald
	(2)	_____ Ware

Robert Christian and Thomas Ray proved a power of attny for Zachariah Estill in Augusta Co. on 7 Apr 1798. This was probably Col. Robert. On 14 Apr 1812, Zachariah Estill sold 616 acres of land in Kanawha Co. on both sides of Davis Creek to Robert Christian for \$2,000. On 15 June 1812, Robert Christian and his wife, Mary, used the 616 acres as surety on a \$950 loan from Lewis Summers of Gallipolis, Ohio. Robert was living on the land at the time. Parties of the third part on this trust deed were Daniel Ruffner of Kanawha Co. and Edmund Morris of Cabell Co. One third of the

debt was due on 1 June 1814. Lewis Summers transferred the deed to James Wilson. A marginal note indicates that the deed was delivered to James Wilson, attny on 25 May 1814.

On 14 Sept 1814, Robert Christian and his wife, Mary, sold the 616 acres on Davis Creek to William C. Estill for \$950. The land was located next to Thomas Cobb. On 29 Mar 1836, Robert Christian conveyed for \$5 the rights in the 616 acre Davis Creek tract to William M. Estill, Huston Estill, Davis Hudson Estill, Maria A. Hall, wife of John Hall, and Rebecca Fife, wife of Thomas Fife. These were the children of William C. Estill. On 14 Mar 1836, Robert Christian, William M. Estill and Catherine, his wife, Davis H. Estill, Huston Estill, John Hall and Antonia Maria, his wife, and Thomas Fife and Rebecca, his wife, of Kanawha Co. sold an island in the Kanawha River known as Tyler's Island and 4 or 5 acres lying on the north side of the river to George Wilson for \$200. This was the same land purchased by William C. Estill, deceased, from Reuben Slaughter. Robert Christian had a title by a title bond dated 15 Sept 1813 now in the hands of George Wilson and to which the others may have title to as heirs of William C. Estill.

Robert Moffett, son of John Moffett and Mary Christian (page 163), was married and had two sons.

Children of Robert Moffett and _____

- 1 John
- 2 George

The following is taken from the ANNALS OF AUGUSTA CO.: (13)

"Robert Moffett (son of John and Mary) moved to Kentucky in 1783. He settled in Jessamine Co. He had two sons who were captured by Indians soon after they arrived in Kentucky. Their ages were about 6 and 8. They were taken to the Indian town of Piqua on the Miami River in Ohio. John was adopted into the family of Tecumseh's mother. At Wayne's treaty in 1794 these prisoners were given up. Their father was with the Kentucky troops to receive the long lost sons. George, the younger, was eager to return home. John was reluctant but he went with his father. He was restless and unhappy and finally returned to Piqua. He remained there until the Indians sold the reservation and moved west of the Mississippi River. Additional information is given under John Moffett who lived with the Indians."

Capt. James Trimble, son of John Trimble and Mary Christian (page 163), was born in 1756 in Augusta Co., Va. and died in 1804 in Woodford Co., Ky. He married (2) Jane Allen, daughter of Capt. James Allen and Margaret Anderson.

Children of James Trimble and Jane Allen

- | | | |
|---------------|---|----------------|
| 1 Margaret | m | James A. McCue |
| 2 Mary | m | John M. Nelson |
| 3 Allen | | |
| 4 Joseph M. * | | |
| 5 William A. | | |
| 6 John A. | m | Miss Boys |

7 (son)

8 (son)

*Not clear in reference (13) - could be son of Allen Trimble and grandson of Capt. James Trimble.

The following items are taken from the ANNALS OF AUGUSTA CO.: (13)

"On 18 Mar 1768, George Moffett qualified as guardian of James Trimble, orphan of John Trimble."

"At 18, in 1774, James Trimble was a member of Capt. George Matthews company at Point Pleasant. During the Revolutionary War he was a Capt. of Rifle Rangers. His second wife was Jane Allen, daughter of Capt. James Allen of Augusta. In 1783, he and his family went to Kentucky and settled in Woodford Co. He liberated his slaves and was about to move to Hillsboro, Ohio when he died in 1804."

"Capt. James Trimble and wife, Jane Allen, had 8 children - six sons and two daughters. One daughter, Margaret, married a cousin, James A. McCue of Augusta and spent a long and honored life in the county. The other daughter, Mary, married John M. Nelson, a native of Augusta but a long resident of Hillsboro, Ohio. Allen Trimble, oldest son of Capt. James, was Governor of Ohio from 1826 to 1830. One of his sons is Rev. Joseph M. Trimble, of M. E. Church. William A. Trimble, another son of Capt. Trimble, was a Major in the War of 1812, Brevet Lt. Col. in US Army until 1819, member of US Senate from Ohio. He died in 1821 at age 35. John A. Trimble, of Hillsboro, the youngest son married a daughter of Dr. William Boys of Staunton."

"James Allen was Capt. of Militia in 1756. He was in the Battle of Point Pleasant and died in 1810 at age 94. He married Margaret Anderson, daughter of Robert Anderson. James and Margaret had 10 children. Their daughter Jane married Capt. James Trimble."

Margaret Christian, daughter of Col. Robert Christian and Mary Huston (page 166), was born 24 June 1790 and died in 1818. She married William Christian Estill on 2 Apr 1807 in Kanawha Co. He was born 10 May 1783 and died in 1818.

Children of William Christian Estill and Margaret Christian

1 Rebecca	m	Thomas Fife
2 Maria Antonette	b 6 Jan 1808	
	d 8 Jan 1851	
	m	John Hall
3 Huston Z.	b abt 1812	
	d during Civil War	
4 Morris William or William M.	b 1815	
	d 1870	
	m	Catharine Fife
5 Davis Hudson	b 6 May 1816 Kanawha Co., W. Va.	
	d 30 June 1887	
	m 2 Nov 1842 Maria Vosburg Masten	

Rev. Reverdy Estill, son of Davis Estill, wrote the following:
"William Christian Estill born 10 May 1783 married 1st cousin,
Margaret Christian daughter of Col. Robert Christian on 2 Apr 1807.

Both died in 1818 on the same day and were buried in the same grave. Children - Rebecca, Maria, Huston (Major 60th Va. in Civil War, died in prison at Fort Delaware just as War ended), William M. and Davis Hudson who was my father."

If the birthdate of 10 May 1783 is correct, John Estill could not be the father of William Christian Estill since John died in 1780. No sons were mentioned in the will of John Estill. After John Estill's death, Rebecca married Zachariah F. Estill in 1785. It does not appear that Zachariah was the father of William C. Estill either although the two families appear to be closely related since they occupied land in close proximity in Kanawha Co. for a number of years.

William C. Estill was in Kanawha Co. as early as 1805 because 13 June of that year he was appointed guardian of Epherem Davis, Reuben Slaughter and William Cunningham were his security. On 12 Nov 1808, a survey of 200 acres on the waters of the right hand fork of Davis Creek in Kanawha Co. was recorded for William C. Estill. The entry was made 5 Jan 1808. This was from a land office Treasury Warrant No. 19193 for 5,281 acres. He was the assignee of James Winn. The land was next to Thomas Upton. On 14 Sept 1814, Robert Christian and his wife, Mary, sold 616 acres on Davis Creek next to Thomas Cobb to William C. Estill for \$950. This tract had been purchased from Zachariah Estill earlier. On 16 Apr 1814, Seth Ward sold 50 acres to William C. Estill for \$50 and 400 acres on the south west side of Kanawha River at the mouth of Lick Branch. The 400 acres was next to the 50-acre tract and was part of 700 acres granted to John Childers and left in his will to Seth and Joseph Ward. On 15 Sept 1814, William C. Estill and Margaret, his wife, sold 5 acres 3 rods, 27½ poles on the south side of Kanawha River next to Langston Ward to Alexander Quarrier for \$290.09. On 11 Mar 1817, William C. and his wife, Peggy, sold Joseph Brown land on the south side of Kanawha River opposite Charleston for \$140. At a Court held on 13 Oct 1818 the inventory of the estate of William C. Estill was listed for a total of \$1,497.12½. The estate included 3 slaves. William Whitteker and Joseph Brown were administrators.

Rebecca Christian, daughter of Col. Robert Christian and Mary Huston (page 166), married Daniel Snyder.

Children of Daniel Snyder and Rebecca Christian

1 Mary A.	b 9 Jan 1819
	m Edward Scott
2 David Hall	b Feb 1825 Charleston
	d 19 Aug 1866
	m 23 Dec 1851 Mary Catharine Fife
	in Charleston

Hardesty (4) reports that David Snyder was the son of David and Rebecca (Christian) Snyder who came from Pennsylvania to Kanawha Co. I have assumed that this David is the David Snyder who is shown above and have placed David Hall Snyder in this family.

Margaret Trimble, daughter of Capt. James Trimble and Jane Allen (page 167), married James A. McCue of Augusta Co. He was a cousin. She lived a long and honored life in Augusta Co.

Children of James A. McCue and Margaret Trimble

1 Major J. M.

Rebecca Estill, daughter of William C. Estill and Margaret Christian (page 168), married Thomas Fife.

Children of Thomas Fife and Rebecca Estill

1 Charles Thomas

2 Julia A.

3 William E.

4 Mary Catherine

b 6 June 1828

m 23 Dec 1851 David Hall Snyder
in Charleston

Several deeds are recorded in Kanawha Co. which include Thomas and Rebecca Fife in the partitioning of the estate of William C. Estill. In about 1831, Thomas Fife and John Hall, brothers-in-law to Morris Wm. Estill, infant heir of William C. Estill, sold the 1/5 undivided interest of Morris Wm. Estill in all lands of William C. Estill to James A. Lewis for \$1,500. A similar deed written at the same time transferred the 1/5 interest of Huston Z. Estill to James Lewis. On 24 Apr 1833, Justin White and his wife, Margaret, sold a 40 foot lot on Water St. on the Kanawha River to William M. Estill. This lot contained a tavernhouse. The next lot had a brick tentament belonging to Thomas Fife. On 11 July 1835, Thomas Fife and his wife, Rebecca, sold to Huston Z. Estill for \$1,500 a lot and brick tentament on a lot purchased from Justin White. This lot was immediately in front of the Court House lot. That part of the tentament then used as a grocery by Huston was conveyed. A trust deed was written with Alexander W. Quarrier and Madison Street participating. On 14 Mar 1836, Thomas Fife and Rebecca, his wife, and others, sold Tyler's Island in Kanawha River and 4 or 5 acres on the north side of the River to George Wilson. On 29 Mar 1836, Rebecca Fife, wife of Thomas Fife, Robert Christian, William M. Estill, Huston Estill, Davis Hudson Estill, Maria A. Hall, wife of John Hall, gave up the rights to the 616 acre tract on Davis Creek. On 8 Sept 1848, Thomas Fife along with his children, Mary C. Fife, William Fife, Julia Fife and Thomas Fife, participated in a land division. Thomas Fife received lot no. 1 containing 93 acres. On 1 Sept 1859, this land was sold to David H. Snyder.

Maria Antonette Estill, daughter of William C. Estill and Margaret Christian (page 168), was born 6 Jan 1808 and died 8 Jan 1851. She married John Hall.

Children of John Hall and Maria Antonette Estill

1 Julia

b 1848

d 31 Nov 1853

On 6 Nov 1824, John Hall and his wife, Maria, sold the 1/5 interest in the lands left to Maria by her father, William C. Estill to Capt. James Wilson for \$1,000. This included the 400 acres on the south side of Kanawha River at the mouth of Lick Branch which had been conveyed to William C. Estill on 16 Apr 1814. It also included the 50 acre tract conveyed to Seth Ward et al and the 616 acre tract on

Davis Creek conveyed to William C. Estill by Robert Christian. Maria was to provide a deed when she reached 21. John Hall was also included in several deeds described above under Thomas Fife.

Huston Z. Estill, son of William C. Estill and Margaret Christian (page 168), was born about 1812 and died during the Civil War. No record of marriage was found.

About 1831, John Hall and Thomas Fife signed a deed with Huston Z. Estill, who was an infant, selling his 1/5 interest in the estate of his father, William C. Estill, to James Lewis. On 16 Mar 1833, Huston Z. must have reached his 21st birthday as he signed a deed selling his share of the inherited land to James A. Lewis for \$1. One tract on the southwest side of Kanawha River was not included. This tract had been divided by decree of the court and lot no. 3 was assigned to Huston. On 10 June 1835, Huston Estill purchased 1/5 interest in two tracts on Davis Creek previously sold to Joseph Lovell and his wife, Betty Washington, by James Wilson who had purchased the land from John Hall whose wife was a daughter of William E. Estill, deceased. Said Estill had three tracts. The largest called Mill Tract was sold to Willis and Goshorn by Lovell. On 11 July 1835, Huston Z. Estill purchased from Thomas Fife and his wife, Rebecca, the lot and brick tentament described in more detail under Thomas Fife. On 29 Mar 1836, Robert Christian gave up rights to 616 acres on Davis Creek to Huston Estill and others.

Morris William (or William M.) Estill, son of William C. Estill and Margaret Christian (page 168), was born in 1815 and died in 1870. He married Catherine Fife, who was born in 1816 and died in 1895.

Children of Morris William Estill and Catherine Fife

1 Mary Margaret	b	1835 Kanawha Co.
	d	1873
2 William H.	b	1837 Kanawha Co.
	d	1872
3 Maria Estil	b	1840 Kanawha Co.
	d	1910
4 Thomas E.	b	1842
	d	1842
5 Davis H.	b	1842 Kanawha Co.
	d	1865 Federal Prison, Ft. Delaware
6 Rebecca F.	b	1846 Kanawha Co..
	d	1909
7 Stuart M.	b	1848 Kanawha Co.
	d	1918
8 Edwin M.	b	1852 Virginia
	d	1892
9 Catherine A.	b	1854 Virginia
	d	1882
10 Charles M.	b	1856 Virginia
	d	1887

About 1831 John Hall and Thomas Fife signed a deed with Morris Wm. Estill, who was an infant, selling his 1/5 interest in the estate of his father, William C. Estill, to James A. Lewis. He sold all land except a certain tract on Davis Creek for \$1,500. Morris Wm. was to make a good deed to James Lewis on 24 Dec 1834. Evidently

he would have become 21 by that time. John Porter was to occupy part of the land until 1 Mar 1831. Morris William Estill and his wife, Catherine, did deed the land to James Lewis on 22 Dec 1834. This did not include lot no. 4 which was next to lot no. 3 sold by Huston Estill to James Lewis and the lot assigned to John Hall. On 27 Jan 1837, Notley Willis sold 1/10 part of the 616 acre tract on Davis Creek to William M. Estill for \$25. This was part of the tract conveyed to Willis and Goshorn by Lovell. Goshorn later sold his 1/10 part to William M. Estill. In the 1850 census, William M. was listed as a constable. In the 1860 and 1870 census he was listed as a grocer in the town of Charleston.

Davis Hudson Estill, son of William C. Estill and Margaret Christian (page 168), was born 6 May 1816 in Kanawha Co. He married Maria Vosburg Masten, daughter of Judge Henry Von Weyn Masten and Hannah Nicols, on 2 Nov 1842. She was born 13 Oct 1816 in N. Y., and died 2 Oct 1901.

Children of Davis Hudson Estill and Maria Vosburg Masten

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| 1 Irene May | b 6 May 1844 Kanawha Co. |
| | d Mar 1907 |
| | m 8 July 1886 Dr. John P. Woodward |
| 2 Ernest Masten | b 24 Aug 1846 Kanawha Co. |
| | d 13 Feb 1862 |
| 3 Reverdy | b 10 May 1848 Kanawha Co. |
| | d 23 May 1911 |
| | m (1) 21 Sept 1874 Edith Clagett |
| | (2) 28 Nov 1882 Louisa Merewether Christian |
| 4 Henry Van Warren | b 3 Feb 1855 Virginia |
| | m Stephen Hendricks |
| 5 William R. | b 12 Oct 1858 Virginia |
| | d 22 Dec 1927 |
| | m 27 May 1882 Anna S. Masten |

Davis Hudson Estill participated in several deeds described under Thomas Fife. On 9 May 1844, Davis H. Estill purchased $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in the mill tract on Davis Creek from Thomas M. Mays for \$50. This part was devised to Thomas M. Mays and his brothers, John D. and Edmund M., by Zachariah F. Estill. The other $\frac{1}{2}$ interest belonged to the heirs of William C. Estill. On 21 Sept 1847, Davis H. Estill and his wife, Maria V., sold 137 acres on Davis Creek to Ezekial W. Mays for \$224. The land was next to Jesse Mills near the top of the hill between Sugar Camp Creek and Davis Creek. In the 1850 and 1860 census Davis H. was listed as a merchant. Henry Van Weyn Masten, father of Maria Vosburg Masten, was born 25 Nov 1789 and died 13 Sept 1866. He married Hannah Nicholls on 18 Oct 1815. She was born 14 June 1797 and died 7 Feb 1856.

Rev. Reverdy Estill included the following information about this family in his article in J. H. Estill's book (5):
 "Henry V. W. Masten and Hannah Nicholls, his wife, were from Troy, N.Y. Davis Hudson Estill lived in Charleston until his death. He was a successful merchant and judge of Kanawha Co." At the time the article was written Irene was a widow; Ernest was dead; Reverdy was a Rector of St. Pauls Church in Louisville, Ky. His first wife, Edith Clagett, was from Alexandria, Va. and his second wife, Louisa Merriwether Christian, was from Richmond, Va.; Henry lived in Mo.; William lived on the original Christian Grant in Kan. Co.

Mary A. Snyder, daughter of Daniel (or David) Snyder and Rebecca Christian (page 169), was born 9 Jan 1819. She married Edward Scott.

Children of Edward Scott and Mary Snyder

- 1 Winfield D.
- 2 George W.

David Hall Snyder, son of Daniel (or David) Snyder and Rebecca Christian (page 169), was born in Feb 1825 in Charleston and died 19 Aug 1866. He married Mary Fife, daughter of Thomas Fife and Rebecca Estill on 23 Dec 1851 in Charleston. She was born in Kanawha Co. on 6 June 1828.

Children of David Hall Snyder and Mary Fife

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|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Thomas Fife | b 11 July 1854 |
| | d 22 July 1903 |
| | m 18 Oct 1893 Frances White |
| 2 William F. | b 28 July 1859 |
| | d 14 Sept 1898 |
| | m 11 Oct 1888 Iris Woodford |

Hardesty (4) for Kanawha Co. published about 1885 had the following: "David Hall Snyder, deceased, was the son of David and Rebecca (Christian) Snyder who came from Pennsylvania to Kanawha Co. David H. was born in Charleston Feb 1825 and was married in Charleston 23 Dec 1851. He was postmaster 10 or 12 years before the war. He was in the Confederate Army. He resigned due to ill health and died soon after. His wife was Mary, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Estill) Fife. Her parents came from Augusta Co. and are now dead. She was born in Kanawha Co. 6 June 1828. Their two sons live in Charleston. Thomas F., the oldest, is commandant of Kanawha Military Institute in Charleston."

Mary Catherine Fife, daughter of Thomas Fife and Rebecca Estill (page 170), married David Hall Snyder. (see above)

Irene May Estill, daughter of Davis Hudson Estill and Maria Vosburg Masten (page 172), was born 6 May 1844 and died in Mar 1907. She married Dr. John P. Woodward 8 July 1868. He died in Sept 1886.

Children of John P. Woodward and Irene May Estill

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|-------------------|----------|------|
| 1 Estill Woodward | b | 1870 |
| | d | 1894 |
| 2 Frank Woodward | b | 1872 |
| | d 27 Nov | 1906 |

Ernest Masten Estill, son of Davis Hudson Estill and Maria Vosburg Masten (page 172), was born 24 Aug 1846 and died 13 Feb 1862.

Reverdy Estill, son of Davis Hudson Estill and Maria Vosburg Masten (page 172), was born 10 May 1848 and died 23 May 1911. He married (1) Edith Clagett on 21 Sept 1874 and (2) Louisa Merewether Christian on 28 Nov 1882. Edith was born 9 Apr 1854 and died 5 Jan 1880. Louisa was born 1 Jan 1855 and died 4 June 1902.

Children of Reverdy Estill and Edith Clagett

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|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Elizabeth Vosburg | b 6 Oct 1875 | |
| | d 16 Aug 1876 | |
| 2 Reverdy Van Warren | b 8 Dec 1876 | |
| | m 28 June 1905 | Caroline Straub |
| 3 Barnes Clagett | b 12 Jan 1878 | |
| | d 16 Jan 1879 | |

Children of Reverdy Estill and Louisa Merewether Christian

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|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1 Louisa Christian | b 6 Oct 1883 | |
| | m 12 Nov 1902 | Walter Russell Winfree |
| 2 Heath James Christian | b 15 May 1889 | |
| | d 20 Oct 1892 | |

Henry Van Warren Estill, son of Davis Hudson Estill and Maria Vosburg Masten (page 172), was born 3 Feb 1855. He married Stephen Hendricks 10 June 1885. She was born 14 Mar 1862 and died 6 Apr 1917.

Children of Henry Van Warren Estill and Stephen Hendricks

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|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1 Katherine Vosburg | b 17 Mar 1887 | |
| | d 17 Mar 1887 | |
| 2 Huston Hendricks | b 5 Dec 1888 | |
| | d 3 Feb 1891 | |
| 3 Frank Hartley | b 23 Mar 1891 | |
| | m 3 Aug 1920 | Helen Williams |
| 4 Louise Damron | b 13 Apr 1895 | |
| | m 1912 | Donald Patterson |

Wilmer R. Estill, son of Davis Hudson Estill and Maria Vosburg Masten (page 172), was born 12 Oct 1858 and died 22 Dec 1927. He married Anna S. Masten on 27 May 1882. She was born 10 Apr 1858.

Children of Wilmer R. Estill and Anna S. Masten

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|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Davis Hudson | b 20 Aug 1885 | |
| | m (1) 21 Sept 1918 | Julia Shay Lewis |
| | (2) | Orissa Heninger |
| 2 Josephine Russell | b 5 Oct 1887 | |
| | m 27 June 1913 | Frank J. Rodes |
| 3 Anna Masten | b 17 Mar 1889 | |
| | m 27 June 1917 | Howard F. Wehrle |
| 4 Cornelius Masten | b 23 Nov 1891 | |
| | d 10 Oct 1918 | |
| | m 14 June 1916 | Elizabeth R. Savage |

Thomas Fife Snyder, son of David Hall Snyder and Mary Fife (page 173), was born 11 July 1854 and died 22 July 1903. He married Frances White on 18 Oct 1893. She was born 5 Dec 1872. Thomas was the commandant of the Kanawha Military Institute in Charleston.

Children of Thomas Fife Snyder and Frances White

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|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 Thomas Fife | b 16 Mar 1895 | |
| | m 27 July 1910 | Levis Larkin |

Cornelius Masten Estill, son of Wilmer R. Estill and Anna S. Masten (page 174), was born 23 Nov 1891 and died 10 Oct 1918. He married Elizabeth R. Savage 14 June 1916. She was born 18 May 1895.

Children of Cornelius Masten Estill and Elizabeth R. Savage

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| 1 Bettie Lee | b 13 Mar 1917 |
| | d 15 Oct 1918 |
| 2 Anna Louise | b 18 Aug 1918 |

Thomas Fife Snyder, son of Thomas Fife Snyder and Frances White (page 174), was born 16 Mar 1895 and married Levis Larkin on 27 July 1910. She was born 20 Nov 1893. No record of children was found.

Thomas Alonzo Snyder, son of William F. Snyder and Iris Woodford (page 175), was born 4 Sept 1889 and married Pattie Hubbard on 16 July 1909. She was born 8 Feb 1893.

Children of Thomas Alonzo Snyder and Pattie Hubbard

- 1 Graves Hubbard

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