



**FAMILY PEARLS**

*Appalachian Ancestors—Their Kith & Kin*

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THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

A new sound in a new county! James Pine Christian's clock--the first in Logan County--added to the excitement of citizens already enthused about having their own seat of government. Whereas previously visitors stopping by his upper Guyan Valley inn had been mainly settlers on the move westward, his recently-acquired marvel beckoned the merely curious from miles around. The question of the day: Have you seen Christian and his clock?

Born March 16, 1800, in Monroe County, Virginia, this son of Margaret "Rebecca" (Pine) and Thomas Christian settled early at the mouth of Elk Creek. Following family custom, he took an active part in governmental affairs and served not only on the initial Logan County Court in 1824 but during subsequent sessions as well. It was he who in 1850 administered the oath of office to fourteen justices designated by the Commonwealth of Virginia to organize the Wyoming County government. Before his death December 11, 1891, James P. Christian was the last surviving member of Logan's first court.

Already a planter of considerable means when an agent of Eli Terry brought a horse laden with the renowned clockmaker's wares into the Allegheny hills, the acquisitive Christian determined that one of the timepieces should be his. Capturing his fancy was a shelf model featuring carved posts and splat with a painted glass tablet. This mantelpiece would continue to mark the family's passing moments years beyond Christian's life span. At his death the clock went to his youngest surviving son, Paren, who in turn left it to his youngest son,

George Thomas, who in 1908 willed it to his youngest son, George T. Christian, Jr., with the request that his widow "teach him its value as a keep sake." That it has indeed been cherished is evidenced by not-so-mute testimony. It still keeps time in the descendant's home today.

Sharing the good fortune of James P. Christian's life was "pretty Anna Moore," whom he married in 1826. They managed to maintain on their mountain lands a living style similar to that of piedmont Virginia. As with others of their station, the Christians had slaves as part of their domain. Neighbors were known to comment, however, that they didn't know why "cause all Daddy Jim ever does is pamper them." They knew, too, that the lady of the house sympathized with the growing abolitionist sentiment. Nonetheless, way of life prevailed and, when the crisis erupted into cannon fire, the sons joined forces with the South.

Seven children of Judge and Mrs. Christian reached adulthood. The three daughters (Rebecca Jane, Martha Ann, and Sarah Yantee) married into prominent pioneer families. Four sons (Patterson, Byron, Paren, and Holden) contributed to the cultural, political, and religious development of the area. The mother also provided her share of humanitarian services. Until doctors were more readily available in the latter part of the century, she attended women at the birth of their offspring. There is no record of who acted as midwife when her own babies were born, however.

Patterson, born about 1830, served like his father as one of the county justices and, in addition, as a deputy sheriff. He married Mary Ann Mitchell, four years his senior and a daughter of Isabel J. (Gore) and Jordan D. Mitchell. After his first wife's death about 1882, Patterson was married five more times: March 1, 1884, to L. Jane Steel; August 24, 1884, to Fhoebe Ellis; May, 1893, to a Mrs. Johnson; July 6, 1896, to Mary Jane Johnston; and apparently the next year to Mary Martin. Unusual as marriage dissolution was during the nineteenth century,

two of his later wives were divorcees, and at least Patterson's union to L. Jane Steel ended in divorce.

The youngest son, James Holden, born about 1839, was the first of the brothers to die. He gave his life during the Civil War to the cause of the Confederacy. His widow, the former Elizabeth M. Canterbury, and three young children survived him.

Paren, whose birth date was July 26, 1833, also enlisted in the Confederate States Army. He first joined the 36th Regiment of Logan Hunters as 2nd Sergeant and later enrolled in the state troops as 2nd Lieutenant. On returning from service he devoted his energies to farming and lumbering and to the educational requirements of the community. Considered one of the leading citizens of the county, he was elected to the Board of Education in 1882 and was subsequently reelected several times. He reputedly sold much of his land to coal companies and at his death July 23, 1900, left sizable inheritances to his children. Paren was married February 19, 1854, to Isabel J. Mitchell, another daughter of Isabel J. (Gore) and Jordan D. Mitchell.

Byron helped to provide for the religious needs of the county during a long and active career as an ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Born about 1831, he and Elizabeth White married in their teens. When widowed later in life, the Reverend Byron married again September 21, 1893, to Clarissa (Trent) Ellis, widow of M. Ellis and daughter of M. (Smith) and U. Trent. Elizabeth, the daughter of Mary (Robinette) and James P. White, shared her husband's concern for the spiritual and cultural life of the region. Their son, Charles Russell Christian (1860-1889), became known as "The Mountain Bard" and recounted in rhyme the history of the treasured family clock and of those for whom it chimed;

GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

I.

Enthroned upon thy ancient mantel-tree  
O king of clocks! thou'rt ever dear to me,  
As with a tireless stroke that scorns at rest,  
Thy ticks and tecks--  
O king of clocks!--  
Cry out aloud to all, "To work is best!"

II.

Thou first of clocks that ever told the time  
In grand old Logan! o'er thy throne sublime  
Have more than fifty armed winters rolled  
And yet thy tecks--  
O king of clocks!--  
Are clear and sweet as in the days of old.

III.

Immortal fame to Terry and his son,  
Thy valor gives, as standing on thy throne  
Thou mak'st thy impress on the sands of Time;  
Thy ticks and tecks--  
O king of clocks!--  
Preserve their names and make thy throne sublime.

IV.

Let others share thy master's hidden gold  
When he shall sleep in Death's eternal fold,  
If I survive I'll only ask for thee!

Thy ticks and tocks--

O king of clocks!--

Were legacy and wealth enough for me!

V.

Since first thy race began, one race of men  
Has lived--and died--and turned to dust again;  
And yet thou seem'st in vigor's prime of youth!

Thy ticks and tocks--

O king of clocks!--

Are like the workings of eternal Truth.

VI.

Grim War hath swept around thy peaceful throne,  
And hurled into the land of the unknown  
Some of thy household resting now afar;

And yet thy tocks--

O king of clocks!--

Did never halt to curse the murderous War.

VII.

And now of late thou art again bereft,  
Another faithful friend! yea, thou art left  
To unskilled hands that on thy wants attend;

And yet thy tocks--

O king of clocks!--

Gave but a single day to mourn her end!

VIII.

Thou first and last of clocks! when thou art done  
Thy mortal race, and standest on thy throne  
A lifeless thing, my tears thy fall shall weep!  
For with thy tocks--  
O king of clocks!--  
So often hast thou reeked my youth to sleep!

The "faithful friend" the poet mourned was his grandmother Anna (Moore) Christian, who died December 13, 1881. Her husband, who survived her by a decade, was buried alongside his wife in the family cemetery on Elk Creek. His will was admitted to probate February 8, 1892, and was recorded in the records of Logan County, West Virginia:

In the name of God, Amen.

I James P. Christian being old but sound in mind, wishing to dispose of what property God has blessed me with to my six Children.

First--I give to Faren Christian all the lands I hold on Elk Creek in Logan County, West Virginia, from the lower end of my lands on said Creek, up to the upper end of what is called the little Meadow, opposite the lower end of the Bear Branch field.

Second--I give to Patterson Christian all the lands I hold on Elk Creek in said County from Faren Christian's line as above described up the Creek to the second drain below the Turkey Pen Field, thence with the Creek to the lower end of the Low Gap Field, then across the ridge to Dingess Run, thence including all the land I hold on the right hand fork from said Dingess Run down to Faren Christian's line.

Third--I give to Byron Christian all the lands I hold on Elk Creek from the line of Patterson Christian as above described up the Creek including the Low Gap Field running up the Creek to the line between said Byron Christian and Rebecca Vance.

Fourth--I give to Rebecca Vance all the land I hold on Elk Creek from the line of Byron Christian up to the lines of John Vance. Also Four Hundred Dollars.

Fifth--I give to Martha Ann Spratt Four Hundred Dollars.

Sixth--I give to Sarah Y. Ellis a note of Four Hundred Dollars that she owes me.

Seventh--I give to Burwell T. Christian, Heir of Holden Christian, Twenty-five Dollars.

Eighth--I give to Chloe Trent, Heir of Holden Christian, Twenty-five Dollars.

Ninth--I give to Parthena Grimett, Heir of Holden Christian, Twenty-five Dollars.

Lastly, I appoint Patterson Christian and Poren Christian Administrators.

July 8th AD 1884.

James P. Christian

Witness--W. A. Lee

M. Justice

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[PICTURE CAPTION]

In his home overlooking the Guyandot River, George T. Christian stands beside Logan County's first clock. Made about 1820 by Eli Terry of Plymouth, Connecticut, the family heirloom was purchased shortly thereafter by James P. Christian, the present owner's great-grandfather. Inscribed on the back of the clock's face are the following notations: repaired by D. C. Ross Nov. 29, 1876--by Ross again Dec. 10, 1877--R. J. Dempsies--P. G. Wood '78--repaired by Paren Christian Sept. 19, 1879--oiled by M. Ross May 17, 1880--repaired by J. H. Floyd 1916--oiled by Mary Christian Dec. 8, 1917--repaired by R. E. Good, Elbert, W. Va. Aug. 3, 1939.

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THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Part II

As PAREN Christian was loved in life, he was honored in death. His legacy extended beyond the money and lands distributed to his children --beyond the coveted clock and other keepsakes bequeathed to them. He left heirs who through love of God and love of their fellowman demonstrated belief in the motto emblazoned on the family coat of arms: Salus per Christum.

Christian was not just a name for the children of Isabel J. (Mitchell) and PAREN Christian. It symbolized a way of life. Except for their first-born, Elizabeth Frances, who lived little more than a year (June 10, 1855, to September 16, 1856), their offspring married and had children of their own to whom they "showed the way."

Zerilda Caroline, born January 27, 1857, married Oscar Fenton Ferrell, son of George Ferrell, September 4, 1873. James Jordan, born August 22, 1859, married Alice Virginia McClure December 12, 1883; and when she died, he remarried. PAREN Bilton, born March 23, 1862, wed 21-year-old Rebecca Varina Godfrey April 12, 1888. Albert Leander, born April 15, 1865, married his first cousin, Emma Lodesky Mitchell, September 23, 1886; and after her untimely death he wed March 9, 1896, Sarah Alma Perry, daughter of Mary and Andrew Perry. Rebecca Ann, born July 8, 1868, married William Altizer July 17, 1884. Cora Isabel, born June 3, 1871, married his brother Emory Altizer December 30, 1886. Their parents were S. (Scaggs) and Aaron Altizer. Mary Spicie Emaline, born October 1, 1874, married April 8, 1896, William Austin Stanley, son of

M. (Holinsworth) and J. Stanley. George Thomas, born December 6, 1876, married Martha Ann Duff May 1, 1901. Albert's birth was registered in Boone County, West Virginia, but the other brothers and sisters were born in Logan County.

Regardless of the means chosen for earning their daily bread, this generation of Christians retained a love for the land and espoused the faith of their fathers. Albert is still remembered twenty years after his death November 10, 1949, for his revival-meeting appearances. When the needs of his family did not demand attention to farming, he devoted his energy to preaching the Gospel throughout the southern counties of the state. This devout man was not beyond indulging in puns on the family name, however. When asked, "How long have you been a Christian?"

His tongue-in-cheek, "Every minute of my life," on more than one occasion brought the quick and ready response,

"God bless you, brother."

Once asked his name at a prayer meeting in Beckley, he replied, "Christian!" Where he was born, "Christian!" Where he lived, "Christian!" At times there seemed to be nothing to which Albert could not <sup>truthfully</sup> answer, "Christian!"

Jordan also grew up in the little town which bears the family name; and he, too, gave overt witness to the Lord. He was always ready when called on for prayer and never hesitated to respond to his minister's teaching with a fervent and audible "Amen."

While maintaining an ever-constant faith, the Christian brothers encountered numerous changes in day-to-day living. Bilton, particularly, entered fields which paralleled the development of the area--from farming to lumbering to railroading. Not one, though, turned to coal mining. Bilton's wife, Varina, who died February 14, 1967, after celebrating her 100th birthday the previous

month, often indulged in reminiscences about the active life led around the turn of the century. Shortly before her death she recalled how lumberjacks worked in the late winter months getting timber cut and snaked to the bank of a stream, ready to float as a raft after spring rains raised the river to "log tide." She related that her husband often joined the raft hands at Christian and piloted them through the rough waters of the Guyan to Peck's Mill. Then he would return to Christian by horseback and, as often as not, pilot a second raft the same day.

The women were not idle at such times. According to Mrs. Christian, "When it commenced raining, we started killing chickens and baking pies ---sometimes cooking all night---for we knew the raftsmen were coming and they'd be hungry." In times of calm as well as crisis she and her sisters-in-law were ready to lend a helping hand. Spicie (Christian) Stanley almost matched Varina's longevity, dying at 94 years of age this past summer. Cora (Christian) Altizer's life was cut tragically short. She was killed July 3, 1916, when a runaway horse overturned the carriage in which she was riding. Caroline (Christian) Ferrell died the next year on August 17.

The eulogy which appeared in the church bulletin the day following George T. Christian's demise April 10, 1908, reveals his family's characteristic faith and courage. It reads in part: "Taken with a hemorrhage less than two weeks ago, he steadily failed until the end came. His death was triumphant. Those who saw him during the last two or three days will never forget his testimonies and the glory that lit up his countenance." George had grown to manhood during the years his father served on the Board of Education and had matriculated at Merris Harvey College before going into business.

Paron Christian's sons and daughters married into families which generally shared their educational and religious values. Rebecca (Lester) and Capt.

Luossa Armour Godfrey, Sr., Varina's parents, were both teachers. The father had attended Marshall University in the 1840's when it was a two-room school known as Marshall Academy, and he had graduated from an Ohio college.

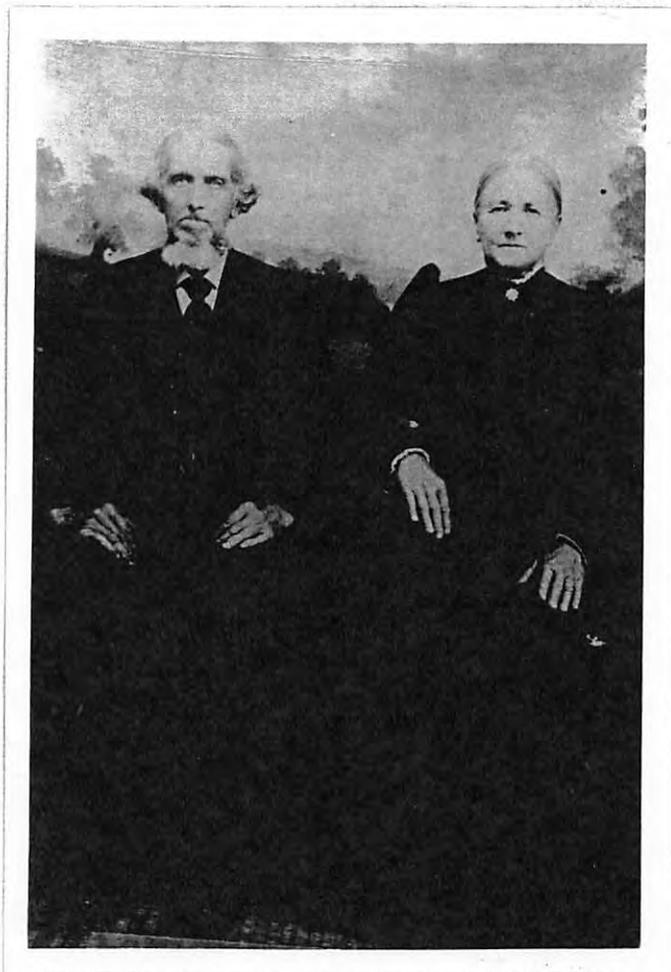
Mary Jane (Fletcher) and Charles Edward Duff, were strong advocates of education for everyone; and their daughter, Martha Ann, became a school teacher following her studies at Marshall College. Mr. Duff was well-read on Biblical subjects and took great pleasure in discussions with country preachers or circuit riders who came to his home in Jackson County. He had high aspirations for his children, wanting them "to amount to something." Emma Mitchell's mother and father fostered such hopes for their progeny, too. Clarinda (White) and Misajah Goodwin Mitchell--like their Christian cousins--would have been pleased to see the ever-greater contributions later descendants would make to mankind.

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[PICTURE CAPTION]

About 1893 Parn Christian and his wife, the former Isabel J. Mitchell, posed for a photographer in front of their home on Elk Creek. A farmer and noted timberman, Mr. Christian was active in the cultural and economic growth of Logan County following the Civil War.



Maybe - Nancy Peariman found this picture 2021  
unattached and thinks it belongs here

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Part III

November 8, 1907, arrangements were complete for the "big move." Although the Christians had been happy and prosperous in the heart of Appalachia for upwards of a century, hopes for a more healthful climate prompted some members of the clan to travel over 1,000 miles westward for a fresh start. Like their forebears one-hundred years earlier, two brothers and a sister with children, nieces, nephews, cousins, and widowed mother decided to migrate together. [See photo.]

Believing that a higher, drier climate would prove beneficial, George T. Christian, Sr., sold his general merchandise store at the mouth of Elk Creek and acquired an interest in a similar enterprise in Longmont, Colorado. His wife, Martha Ann (Duff), optimistically joined in preparations for the move. When her husband returned from a preliminary trip West, she was waiting with their four pre-school youngsters: Paren Charles, born June 11, 1902; George Thomas, Jr., July 7, 1903; Mary Isabel, November 26, 1904; and Maud Truby, July 2, 1906.

Rebecca Ann (Christian) Altizer was also ready with some of her brood when the conductor called, "All aboard." A son, Bert, had already left with the furniture on an earlier train; and her husband, William, had stayed behind because of sickness in his family. Ozie, William Ray, and Ruth traveled with their enthusiastic mother.

Albert Leander Christian was equally keen about the plans for living at the foot of the Rockies. He was accompanied by his wife, Sarah Alma (Perry) and their son, Andrew, and daughter, Inez. In addition, three of Albert's five children by his deceased first wife, Emma (Mitchell), made the journey. Choosing to remain behind was the eldest daughter, Emma Pearl, born December 10, 1887, and married September 5, 1906, to Totten E. Browning. The three teenagers who went along with their father and step-mother never forgot the tantalizing sojourn "out West." Alden, born March 22, 1889, and Icy Maud Amelia, born May 12, 1891, subsequently captivated the imagination of their children with accounts of the train ride and the spectacular beauty of Pike's Peak. Twenty-five years later 40-year-old Thomas Richard would revisit the Colorado towns remembered from his youth.

As with all who made the original trip, Tom found the delights of their stay tempered with sadness. Illness and death struck quickly. On his visit in 1932, Tom would stop at the grave of his Uncle George, who was stricken only a few months after making the hopeful move to the 5,000-foot elevation. Buried beside her father, Gladys Virginia was born after his death and died May 26, 1908, at eight days of age. Little Ruth Altizer, too, was buried nearby.

For the living, frustration over economic conditions was added to the sorrow caused by these personal losses. When a money panic tied up their funds in the bank, the new environment seemed as direful as it had once seemed promising. The changing conditions compelled the new settlers to consider returning to the familiar hills of West Virginia.

Also contemplating such a change were Bilton Christian and his wife, Varina (Godfrey). About the time his sister and brothers established residence in Colorado, Bilton had moved to Oklahoma Territory with his

family: Addie, born May 1, 1889; Ann, November 2, 1891; Homer Bilton, December 23, 1896; Rose, May 4, 1898; Betty Jo, May 29, 1900; and Julius Horace, November 13, 1903. Rebecca Isabel was born while her family lived in the Indian Territory soon to be admitted to statehood.

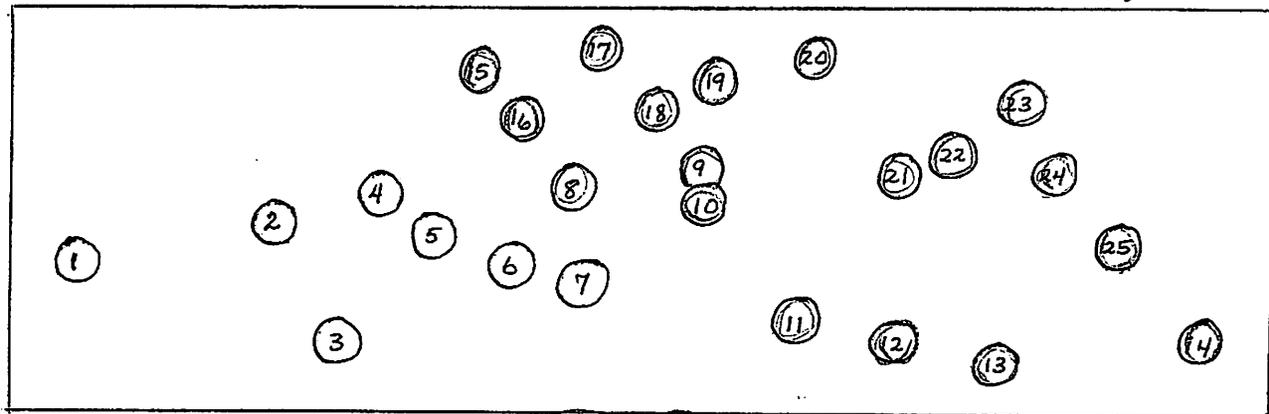
With the encouragement of relatives "back home" and deeming a return East in the best interests of their families, the Christians and their kin once more packed their belongings--having added a prized cow--and returned to the farms they had left behind.

The official records might indicate that with but few exceptions the Logan County Christians never strayed far from the banks of the Guyan. Indeed, most of the early generations did marry and die near the site of their births; but between the vital dates they did not hesitate to make whatever moves seemed necessary or advisable.

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[CHART FOR IDENTIFICATION]



[PICTURE CAPTION]

Ready to ride in style--The Christians and their kin wait in November 1907 at the C & O Depot in Logan, West Virginia, to board the private railway car which will carry them to Colorado. (See numbered chart for identities.)

[CHART CAPTION]

1--Icy-Maud Christian. 2--Ozie Altizer. 3--William Ray Altizer. 4--Rebecca Ann (Christian) Altizer. 5--Ruth Altizer. 6--Ines Christian. 7--Sarah Alma (Perry) Christian. 8--Thomas Richard Christian. 9--Isabel J. (Mitchell) Christian. 10--Albert Leander Christian. 11--Andrew Christian. 12--Mary Isabel Christian. 13--George T. Christian, Jr. 14--Paren Charles Christian. 15--Clarissa Ann (Ferrell) Justice. 16--Effie (Davis) Ferrell. 17--Julius Justice. 18--Frances Ferrell. 19--Alfred Walter Ferrell. 20--Sidney Chambers. 21--Maud Truby Christian. 22--Martha Ann (Duff) Christian. 23--Alden Christian. 24--Bilton Browning. 25--George Thomas Christian, Sr. Not present for the photograph were Bert Altizer, who traveled ahead on the baggage car hauling their furniture, and William Altizer, Sr., who followed later.

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POSTSCRIPTS and QUERIES

Christian Family Postscripts--[See Hillbilly November 22 and subsequent issues]

Rebecca Jane, the eldest child of Anna (Moore) and James P. Christian was born about 1827. She was first married to Grayson White, the son of Mary (Robinette) and James P. White. They had three children. Following his death, she remarried August 25, 1853, Charles Vance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Vance.

Another daughter, Martha Ann Christian, was born about ~~1840~~ ~~1841~~ 1842 and was married February 12, 1857, to R. Patterson Spratt, son of Jane and William Spratt.

Sarah Yantee, the youngest child of Anna (Moore) and James P. Christian, was born about 1845 and married D. P. Ellis.

As lumbering and mining operations altered the Guyan Valley lands left by James P. Christian to his descendants, so fire and flood destroyed many of the keepsakes passed on to his heirs.

For years Zerilda Caroline (Christian) Ferrell treasured her grandfather's specially-built chair. With a 36-inch-wide seat and back of hickory bark and legs no more than 12 inches high, its very dimensions served as an ever-present reminder of "Daddy Jim's" 400-pound frame. About 1914, though, lightning struck the building in which it was housed; and only its ashes remained.

In 1937--when the Ohio River overflowed its banks--flood waters destroyed several prized family portraits and an old family Bible long in the possession of another of James P. Christian's grandchildren: James Jordan Christian and his wife, Lillie May (Smoot).

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Query #1: CHRISTIAN--

Wanted! Names of parents of the Thomas Christian who married Margaret "Rebecca" Pine. They had at least three sons: Thomas, Allen, and James Pine. Thomas and Allen reputedly moved westward about 1830.

Query #2: MOORE--

Who were the parents of the Anna Moore, born October 4, 1804, in Monroe County, [West] Virginia. She married James P. Christian in 1826.

Query #3: MOORE--

Needed! Information on F. S. Moore, who lived in Little Otter, West Virginia, in 1917. Where, oh where, is Little Otter?

Query #4: MOORE--

Benjamin D. Moore, born 1770-1780 in Virginia (where?), married about 1814 in Virginia (where?) to Cattline [Cathline?] Pine, born 1770-1780 in Virginia (where?). They died in Shelby County, Indiana, after 1841.

Query #5: PINE, PYNE, etc.--

Send any information on southwestern Virginia Pines prior to 1850.

Query #6: See names below--

What was the relationship of Martha Gatlive [Gatliff] to the following, who in 1805 were listed as her "heirs and representatives"? Charles Gatlive; Hanna Dailey; William Wiley and Happy, his wife; William Toney and Leah, his wife; Thomas Christian and Rebecca, his wife; Joseph Gear and Martha, his wife; Absolom Pine; Nancy Pine; James Pine; Squire Pine; Mary Pine; and Alexander Pine. Martha Gatlive was widowed by James Gatlive March 20, 1758. At that time they lived in Augusta County, Virginia.

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If readers can identify any individuals designated by initials only, please send given names to your genealogical correspondent, [See below].

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[PICTURE CAPTION]

One of the Christian family homes on Elk Creek as it appeared in 1923. Built by Poren Christian sometime after the Civil War, it continued to be occupied by his descendants until well into the twentieth century. All but the chimney was consumed by fire some years after this photograph was taken.

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Apocryphal tales abound in the annals of family history, and the Pines have contributed a particularly significant account of the origin of one Alexander Pine. Today many descendants of this Colonial ancestor of the early West Virginia family accept as fact the story surrounding his infancy. He is said to have come by his name as the result of a gentleman named Alexander finding him under a pine tree, where the newborn baby had been left. Since his parents were never discovered, the circumstances surrounding his birth remain a mystery.

Although an Alexander Pine born in Pennsylvania or Virginia during the mid-1700's is believed to be the one referred to, it is possible the tale concerns an even earlier progenitor. Some family skeptics contend this Pine actually descended from those of that surname living in the northern colonies. However, the absence of definitive evidence directly linking him to other pre-Revolutionary Pines would tend to support the more fanciful family tradition. In any case--as with much oral legend--there might have been a tendency to mix or skip generations in telling of the babe beneath the pine.

Certainly, the association between the family and the pine tree was not a New-World development. The Pine family coat of arms in England, for example, reveals "gules a chevron ermine between three pine cones or" [red arms with a spotted black-on-white charge between three gold pine cones]. The crest is "on a mount, in base a pine tree fructed proper" [with the lower portion having

a natural-colored, fruit-bearing pine tree].

Several descendants of an early seventeenth-century New York settler, James Pine, are known to have migrated into Pennsylvania. Whether any continued into Virginia has not been fully documented. It is possible, though, that the 62-year-old, Pennsylvania-born Sarah Pine listed in the 1850 United States census of Mercer County, [West] Virginia, was one of these (or the wife of one). Living in Sarah's household at that time were James Pine, 23, Melinda Pine, 20, and Nancy Pennington, 60. A next-door dwelling was occupied by Green V. Pine, 27, his wife, Mary A., 22, and their children, James B. Pine, 2, and Lydia B., 6 months. Another next-door dwelling housed an Alexander Pine, his wife, and their first two children. This Alexander had been born on May 12, 1818, in Mercer County and his wife, Rebecca (Smith), on January 24, 1820. All their children were born at Round Bottom, Mercer County: Elizabeth, November 7, 1847; Sarah F., October 4, 1849; Emily L., December 21, 1851; Martha M., December 29, 1853; Lewis Alexander, November 9, 1856; Mary C., April 6, 1859; and Josephine, September 14, 1860.

Between 1750 and 1850 southwestern Virginia had numerous residents named Pine--including those with the ever-popular given names of James and Alexander. In 1790 a James Pine lived in Greenbrier County, and by 1810 he or another had settled in that part of Cabell which became Logan County. A line was established by Daniel Pine of Docksville, [West] Virginia. Born in 1792, he married Hannah Roberts, and they had a son, William McKendree Pine, born in 1826, who later married Ann Eliza Foote. Between 1810 and 1820 a Robert and an Abraham Pine were living in Virginia's frontier settlements, while in 1830 a Robert and a William Pine were heads of households in Greenbrier County.

Among the marriages recorded in Cabell County are the following: Jacob Pine to Polly Fudge in 1813; John Pine to Polly Heckett on March 1, 1814; Nancy Pine to Philip Highsey, November 24, 1831; Alexander Pine to Patsey Barbour,

February 15, 1834; Overton C. Pine to Nancy E. Bellamy, January 18, 1855; and James E. Pine to Phoebe F. Bellamy, December 23, 1857. The latter two were sons of Julia and Alexander Pine.

The Alexander Pine "found beneath the pine tree" reputedly had at least two sons--a James and an Alexander--as well as two daughters: Rebecca, who married Thomas Christian sometime before 1800, and Martha, who married Joseph Gore [Goar] before 1805. It is believed there were additional children named Thomas, Nancy, and Mary. All apparently left issue in the area which subsequently became West Virginia.

Many questions remain concerning the pioneering Pines: When did they first settle in western Virginia? Who were their wives and husbands? What was the exact relationship between the various lines? And perhaps most intriguing of all: Was little Alexander really found under the pine tree?

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THE GATLIFF [GATLIVE] FAMILY

Martha M. Gatliff [Gatlive] typifies the hardy and resourceful pioneer women who settled west of the Blue Ridge. While many braved the perils of the sparsely-populated frontier settlements with their mates, she continued the westward trek alone--never remarrying in over forty years of widowhood.

As early as 1753 Martha's husband, James Gatliff, purchased one of the choice tracts of land on the Roanoke River. The next year he sold this property fronting on "Buffalo Creek north of the Stone House land" to James Neely, who conveyed it to Robert Neely. It is doubtful the Gatliffs actually lived on this and certain other acreage they acquired. More likely, it was obtained for the purpose of planting or resale.

Like so many of his neighbors in old Augusta County, James Gatliff was actively engaged in the periodic struggles with the native tribes. On March 20, 1758, he was killed by Indians along the Roanoke. He left his wife and at least one son and five daughters.

Undaunted by her loss, the widow resolutely set about protecting the interests of herself and her children. Although Robert Montgomery was at first appointed administrator of the estate, the court on February 15, 1763, revoked the appointment and granted administration to Martha, who then qualified. The following June the property was appraised by John McFerren, Thomas McFerrin, and Pat Sharkey from the Catawba, which would indicate that the family then resided there. By 1764, however, Martha Gatliff was returned "no inhabitant."

Each move she made brought the widow and her children closer to what is now West Virginia. Eventually, all settled there. Along the way Mrs. Gatliff apparently acquired and disposed of additional tracts of land. In a lawsuit filed in Augusta County against her heirs, one Henry McDaniel claims he purchased from her in 1795 or 1796 a piece of land in Botetourt for which he never received title, land which Martha had obtained through a grant. In 1805 those whom McDaniel sued were the following "heirs and representatives" (several under 21 years of age): Charles Gatliff; Hanna Dailey; William Wiley and Happy, his wife; William Toney and Leah, his wife; Thomas Christian and Rebecca, his wife; Joseph Goar and Martha, his wife; Absolom Pine; Nancy Pine; James Pine; Squire Pine; Mary Pine; and Alexander Pine.

In his suit McDaniel categorically states that Martha Gatliff "died intestate." Quite the contrary was actually the case. A will was dictated by her in 1798 in Greenbrier County and probated in 1799 in newly-formed Monroe County. A copy of that will written by a scribe who was not too careful or consistent with spelling and punctuation follows:

I Merthew Gatliff of the County of Greenbriar--Virginia do make this my last will and Testament

I direct that all my just debts and funeral expences be paid

I give to my Son Charles Gatlif one Dollar

I give to my Daughter Hannah Neely Eighty four Dollars

I give to my daughter Leah Toney one Dollar

I give to my Daughter Mary Pine Sixty Dollars

I give to my Daughter Happy Wiley Eighty Dollars

I give to my Daughter Abby Tremble Eighty dollars

I give to my Grandson James Wiley forty Dolars to pay for his learning

I Allow my plantation known by the name of the Chesnut flat in Montgomery to be sold my debts collected the Above Legacys paid out of the money d[ue] me the

price of the land and what ready money is [?by---]

I Also Apoint all my personal Estate to be sold for the same purpose Save my cloths I give them to Happy Wiley and Aby Tremble. I Alow them to be equally divided between them when the land & personal estate is sold the debts Collected if they be anything remaining I Alow it to be divided equalley between Aby Wiley Betsy Neeley Mary Trimble and Marry Pine

I Apoint [blank space in original] Executer of this my last will and Testament which I declare to be such in revocation of all others heretofore made in Witness whereof I have hereunte Subscribed my name and Afixed my Seal this 11th day of June 1798

her  
Marthew M Gatlif (Seal)  
mark

Acknowledged in our presence  
and we Subscribed our names  
in presence of the Testater  
and by her directions

Alexr. Stuart

Isaac Clendennen

Jseph Geare

Whether Martha Gatliff signed with her mark because of age and infirmity--as sometimes occurred--or because she could not write--as was the case with many women of the period--is not known. That she died within the following year, however, is evidenced by an order for probate:

The commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Monree Greeting we command you to Summon Joseph Gore to appear before the Justice of our Said County Court at the house of James Alexander on the third Tuesday in this month to testify and the truth to say Respecting the Signing and acknowledging the last will and testament of Martha Gatliff Deceased--by her the Said Martha and have then there this writ witness John Hutchison Clerk of our Said Court the Sixth day of August

one thousand Seven hundred and ninety nine in the XXIV year of the Commonwealth--

[Signed] John Hutchison

Martha Gatliff's oversight or intentional omission of naming an administrator was to cause disagreement among heirs--and in-laws--after her death. The Estate Settlement File of Monroe County contains a memorandum concerning disposition of the matter:

On the motions of James Pines and William Toney for administration with the will [?omered?] of the estate of Martha Gatliff the latter introduced Happy Wiley as a witness in his favor to which the former objected alledging that she was interested as a legatee of the deceased and as the mother of two other legatees. The Court overruled the objection. Their opinion is excipited to

James Alexander (L S)

John Byrnside (L S)

James Handley (L S)

Wm Haynes (L S)

Joseph Alderson (L S)

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POSTSCRIPTS and QUERIES

Dear Readers:

So many correspondents have asked about the nature of my interest in Appalachian families that an explanation by open letter seemed appropriate for responding to all of you who may have wondered.

Like most hillbillies, I've always been interested in my own family connections. As a transplanted hillbilly, I've found my interest increasing and extending to the whole West Virginia "family."

A small collection of material (primarily from the state's southern counties) has been expanded to include data on thousands of related and non-related families. These genealogical, biographical, and historical notes have been organized into cross-reference files, indexed according to name, spouse, researcher, etc. A limited number of old photographs and reproductions complements the collection.

What better use could be made of these family pearls than to share them with you?

If you desire information about any early Virginia families, I would be pleased to check my records. If the needed facts are not there, a query will then be placed in this column with the request that all replies be submitted to me. After adding the new data to my files, the replies will be forwarded to you who made the original inquiry.

Hopefully, through our Appalachian exchange you'll receive answers to

your questions and I'll obtain material for future articles. So keep the letters coming--and don't forget the photos!

Now for a postscript:

In the December 20, 1969, Hillbilly the father of Rebecca Varina (Godfrey) Christian should have appeared as Armour L. Godfrey, Sr. According to some branches of the family, the middle initial stands for "Luossa." According to others, the middle name is thought to be "Lawson." Thanks go to E. E. Godfrey for calling this to my attention.

For the queries today, it's parents, parents! Who were the parents?

Query #7: BROWNING--

Who were the parents of Oliver Browning, reputedly born about 1824 in North Carolina and brought as a baby to southwestern Virginia? He married Amanda White sometime before July, 1850, in Logan County, [W.] Va.

Query #8: ENOCH--

Were Elizabeth (Ross) and Henry Enoch parents or grandparents of the Henry Enoch who married Elizabeth Teagard [Teagarden]? With his family one of these or another Henry Enoch moved in 1748 to what is now Hampshire County, W. Va.

Query #9: GROSE--

Wanted: Names of parents of Sammel Grose of Bath County, Virginia. After serving in War of 1812, he settled on Lime Creek in what is now Nicholas County, W. Va. His wife was Rebecca Hinkle.

Query #10: HALE--

Who were the parents of Mary Ann Hale? Born January 6, 1816, she became the wife of James Whitman. They lived in Logan County in 1850.

Query #11: LOHR [LORE]--

Needed: Parents and/or siblings of the Henry Lohr who was married to

Margaret Abernathy December 22, 1839, in Hampshire County, [W.] Va., by  
Rev. William Welch.

Query #12: PRITT--

Desire names of parents of James Pritt, who married Sidny McLoughlin  
October 3, 1844, in Randolph County, [W.] Va. They are known to have had three  
sons: James, William, and John Wesley Pritt.

Query #13: WILLIAMS--

Alexander Williams was the father, but who was the mother of Cilvester  
Galford Williams, born about 1873 in Nicholas County, W. Va.? Cilvester's wife  
was Charlotte Ann Kincaid.

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THE COON [KOON] FAMILY

For the frontiersman a nearby fort often meant the difference between life and death. In that portion of old Augusta which ultimately became Marion County, West Virginia, Joseph Coon and his sons provided just such a refuge for their own families and neighbors before, during, and after the Revolutionary War.

Born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 4, 1720, Joseph was the son of Philip Coon, who had arrived from Holland only the year before. The Coons remained in the Philadelphia area until around 1760 when they joined the migration to German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. There they lived for almost a decade until they again moved westward.

Apparently Joseph accompanied his brother-in-law, Thomas Hellen, on an advance trek in 1769. Hiking to the Monogahela River, the party turned south until they arrived in an uninhabited region about seven miles up West Fork River. Hellen built the first cabin in the district at the junction of the West Fork and what became known as Hellen's Run.

About 1773 the rest of the family--including the aging Philip--joined their relatives in western Virginia and settled up Coons' Run approximately four miles from what is now Everson. By 1774 fifty or more families had located in the general vicinity.

To protect the settlers from marauding Indians, Joseph and his sons constructed a fort eighty feet long. The stockade contained eight cabins and billets for a

company of forty soldiers and a cellar for powder and other supplies. [See illustration.]

In spite of these protective measures, one of the daughters of Joseph Coon was fatally shot by an Indian just outside Coons' Fort in the summer of 1777. The James Coon killed at the forks of Bingamon Creek in 1781 was reputedly a son of Joseph. Other children of Catherine (Cunread) and Joseph Coon--married in 1748 --were the following: Conrad, born in 1751, near Philadelphia as were all his brothers, died at Coons' Run in 1818. Joseph, Jr., born May 2, 1752, married Elizabeth Snider April 9, 1793, and died in Ogdenburg, New York. Anthony, named for his maternal grandfather Anthony Cunread, was born March 4, 1755; he married in 1782 his first cousin Anne Nancy Hellen, daughter of Nancy (Coon) and Thomas Hellen; and he died in Werthington, [West] Virginia, in 1835. Philip, born August 15, 1757, moved in 1797 to Monroe County, Ohio, and died sometime after 1834 in Washington County, Ohio. Mary, whose birthdate is not known, married George Tetrick January 28, 1787; Elizabeth married George Smith July 22, 1800; and Catherine married John Brooker November 2, 1798. Both Mary and Elizabeth died in Harrison County, [West] Virginia.

Much of this pioneer family's energy was spent battling hostile forces. Joseph Coon, who fought and worked with his sons to build Coons' Fort lived to see them serve not only in the French and Indian Wars but to see them become soldiers in the American Revolution as well.

After returning from service, Conrad and Anthony remained in the area where the first settlements were made. The other two brothers, however, moved away. About 1803 Joseph, Jr., went to New Jersey. There he married Mrs. Hunt, a widow with two children. They subsequently moved to upstate New York, where he died in 1830. Four years later his survivors departed by ox team for Lake Orion,

Michigan. There, like their predecessors in years gone by, the Coons were victimized by natives. While the rest of the family were twenty miles away at Pontiac for supplies, Joseph, Jr.'s, widow Elizabeth and her infant granddaughter Susan were burned to death when Indians set fire to their cabin.

Joseph Coon, Sr., was not alive to grieve these losses. Shortly after April 6, 1798, he had died and been buried near the fort he was responsible for building.

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The men who built Coon's Fort and tilled their farms along Coon's Run have numerous descendants residing in West Virginia. Some live on land which has never been bought or sold--having entered the family through government grants and then handed down from generation to generation.

All the children of Anne Nancy (Hellen) and Anthony Coon were born at what is now Worthington in Marion County. Their son Benjamin [see picture] continued to live at the "home farm" throughout his life. Like his father, Ben married a first cousin. The marriage to Mary Elizabeth Catherine Smith took place September 5, 1822.

A successful farmer, hunter, and businessman, Ben Koon tried logging in his early years. He found floating rafts of logs down the West Fork and Monongahela Rivers 100 miles to Pittsburg profitable enough in season but gave up the venture because his crew of six men and their teams "ate up the profits during bad weather when they couldn't work."

Ben's youngest brother, William Ellen Koon also married a first cousin, Amelia Davis, in 1832. Following his older brother's lead, he too tried his luck at logging. One day as Ellen was riding a raft down the river, bedecked as always in a stove-pipe hat, he lost his topper in the swift-flowing stream. Putting dignity aside, he jumped off the raft and swam down-stream one and one-half miles in order to retrieve it. After all, a boss must look the part!

Before turning to logging, Ellen had started a wagon freight line between Wheeling and Baltimore. He was doing fine until the railroad to Wheeling was completed. Quite simply: It put him out of business.

Ben and Ellen were not the only off-spring of Anthony Coon and his wife. Brothers and sisters included: Mary (born about 1784, died about 1828), who married Robert Davis June 19, 1799; Isaac (born November 16, 1786, died May 11, 1847), who had a wife named Sarah; Jacob E. (born in 1790, died September 29, 1882), who married Sarah Crouch February 27, 1812; Abraham (born 1794, died 1847), who married Rhode Sharp March 8, 1817; Samuel (born February 13, 1796, died April 7, 1870), who married Margret Petitt June 4, 1819; and Nancy (born May 1797, died October 12, 1852), who married Aaron Petitt September 11, 1817. William Ellen was born June 6, 1806.

Although Benjamin Keon never moved in his lifetime, the county boundaries changed several times so that the property on which he made his home was variously under the jurisdiction of Monongalia, Harrison, and Marion Counties. By the time he wrote his will April 17, 1873, his residence was in Marion County.

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[PICTURE CAPTION]

Benjamin Koon, born October 12, 1800, lived his entire life on the family farm, located about a mile north of Worthington on the road between Clarksburg and Fairmont. He died there July 6, 1878.

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Through his will, which was probated July 20, 1878, in Marion County, West Virginia, Benjamin Koon provided for (among others) his three children--all grown and married: Matilda Fletcher, Mary Straight, and Jacob Cline Koon.

Jacob, who was born May 28, 1824, had managed a good start in his young married life by raising potatoes and selling them to the Irish crews that built the B & O Railway between Grafton and Parkersburg and between Grafton and Wheeling. Living in the forks of the two lines he could take his dun mare Snap, hitch her to a cart he had made, and choose either route. The cart, with wheels sawed from sections of a gumwood tree, was equipped with shelves and a bed made from a ten-bushel box. One season he sold 500 bushels of potatoes to the laborers and got \$1.00 a bushel. He also got the nickname, "Tater Jake," which stuck with him until the day of his death September 22, 1901.

An even more lasting reputation was acquired by Jacob Cline Koon and his family, however, because of their contributions to the Worthington Baptist Church (formerly known as Hopswell Baptist Church). Koon and his wife [pictured] were baptised and admitted to the church in 1857. From that time to the present numerous descendants have been members of the church, almost continually occupying positions of responsibility. Jacob was ordained a Deacon in 1861 and Moderator in 1866. He was considered a pillar in the church, "a power in the work of the Lord."

Of his eleven children--all of whom were born in Worthington--nine survived infancy and joined the church during the 1860's and 1870's. Mariah H. was born November 20, 1848; she married Silas E. Morgan April 18, 1868; and she died in Ritchie County, West Virginia, September 16, 1939. Benjamin Titus was born December 22, 1850; married Sarah R. Hardesty April 2, 1871, and died August 6, 1939. Joseph S. was born March 4, 1853; married Sarah F. Nichols December 24, 1874; and died April 14, 1901. Nancy A. was born March 8, 1855; married Francisco Sturm March 19, 1874; and died October 5, 1933. Mary C. was born January 1, 1858; married Sylvestus L. Shaver March 2, 1876; and died January 9, 1952. George W. was born April 2, 1860; married Dora A. Swiger July 13, 1878; and died February 28, 1942. Cynthia R. was born November 11, 1863; married the brother of her sister Mary's husband, James Otis Shaver, March 28, 1886; and died July 30, 1937. An unnamed son was born March 8, 1865, and died on the 15th of the same month. Weaden C. was born February 4, 1866; married Loda F. Wilson; and died October 4, 1952. Emma Zetta May was born May 10, 1868, and lived less than two years, dying January 31, 1870. Minnie F. was born January 25, 1872; married Charles U. Morgan, brother of Silas, on April 18, 1889; and died August 4, 1922. All except Mariah died in Marion County, West Virginia.

In 1882 Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Koon deeded the Worthington Baptist Church a piece of property for a building site. When the congregation decided to proceed with the construction of the new church building in 1899, they voted not to let Deacons Jacob C. Keen and Thomas Nichols pay any additional funds for the new building because they had already given so much.

Jacob's children followed their father's example in church work. His second son, Joseph, served as a Trustee of the church in 1877 and as Moderator and Deacon in 1885. After Jacob's death in 1901, George W., who had been

licensed to preach in 1896, also became a Deacon. He remained active in the church until failing health prevented him from doing so. Another son, Dr. Weaden C. Koon, devoted considerable energy to church-related activities. He taught Sunday School, was a Trustee, and from October 3, 1891, until April 7, 1945, acted in the capacity of Clerk.

Although descendants of Jacob C. Koon have scattered throughout the United States and abroad during the past half century, many are still worshipping Baptists. Most continue to work actively for the values established by their forebears.

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[PICTURE CAPTION]

Jacob Cline Koon and his wife, the former Charlotte Titus Snider,  
pose for portrait a few years before they celebrated their golden wedding  
anniversary on January 2, 1898.



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## QUERIES

Queries--and the responses to former queries--have been arriving almost daily, so here's another set for your appraisal.

Send any information you may have about early southwestern Virginians engaged in the professions and trades. One reader is hunting specifically for data on the following: Peter Rife, an early furniture maker; Peter Whipple, a clock maker; and \_\_\_\_\_ Swope, a builder of houses in southwest Virginia. All three lived prior to the Civil War.

BARTON: [See REGISTER family below.]

BURFORD: Who was the wife of Daniel Burford, who died "old and infirm" about June 1787 in Amherst County, Virginia?

CARDER: Seek parentage of Dennis Carder, born 1821 in Doddridge County, [West] Virginia, or vicinity. He married Phoebe Statler, also born 1821, daughter of Leah (Hughes) and Robert Statler.

CHAMBERS: Desire any information regarding Jacob Chambers and his wife Sarah, who lived in Monroe County, [West] Virginia, about 1800. Names of parents, siblings, and children wanted.

COOPER: Leonard Cooper in 1774 came as a young man from Maryland to participate in the Battle of Pt. Pleasant. Who were his parents and from which county in Maryland did he come?

CRISS: Who were the parents of Aaron W. Criss, born about 1822 in Monongalia County, [West] Virginia? What was the maiden name of his wife Elizabeth, born about 1828 in the same county?

DENT: Dudley Evans Dent, born May 1, 1787, died by drowning in Little Kanawha River July 20, 1840. What were events surrounding the drowning? He married Martha Berkshire, daughter of Ralph Berkshire of Pennsylvania. Who were their children? Also want names of Alpheus Wilson Dent's parents and siblings. Born in Monroe County May 5, 1813, he lived in Wirt County after marrying Sarah Dulin.

DULIN: Who were the parents of the Sarah Dulin who married Alpheus Wilson Dent? [See DENT above.]

ERVIN: [See HOUCHINS below.]

FARIS [FARHUS]: This family settled in Bridgport, Harrison County, [West] Virginia. Does anyone have information on James Faris who took up lands there in 1785 and whose wife may have been Mary Bell?

GREGG: Elza Gregg and his wife Mary received a land grant on Buck Run, Ritchie County, [West] Virginia, in 1847. Where did they live prior to this time? What was wife's maiden name?

GULLETT: Where did William Gullett go with his family after selling his land at the Sinks, Monroe County, [West] Virginia? He had moved there from Prince Edward County. He married Fanny Nichols in 1808. They had at least Andrew, Mary, and William, Jr., who went to Ohio in the early thirties. Desire any information about William, Sr., and his brother John.

HEMMINGS: Desire any information about Levi Hemmings who married Mildred Jane Snodgrass. He lived in the upper Kanawha Valley and died June 15, 1895.

HOLSTON [HOLSTEIN]: Was Stephen Holston [Holstein] the father of a Peter Holstein? Stephen was an early southwestern Virginia settler for whom the Holston River takes its name; he took part in the battle of Pt. Pleasant. Desire any information concerning these two men and their connections.

HOUCHINS: Any information on the William Houchin, Sr., family wanted. He married Nancy Ervin in Bath County, Virginia, in 1792. Who were their parents? Their brothers or sisters? Did William marry more than once? He had at least two

children: William, Jr., who married Barbara Snider in Highland County, Virginia, and Patsy, who married Jacob Gum.

LIVESAY: Desire additional information about the following: Thomas Livesay, Jr., who married Margaret Walton; Peter Fountain Livesay (1789-1884), who married Mary "Polly" Legg; John Joseph Livesay II (1833-1883), who married Nancy M. Neil; and William Livesay, who lived in Franklin County, Virginia, and married a Hedrick.

McLAUGHLIN: Any information on Sidna McLaughlin, who married James Pritt October 3, 1844, in Randolph County, [West] Virginia.

MITCHELL: What was the maiden name of the mother of Archelaus Mitchell, Jr., so many of whose descendants settled in West Virginia? Archelaus, Jr., married Spicy Goodwin March 7, 1791, in Campbell County, Virginia. His father, Archelaus Mitchell, Sr., may have been married more than once.

MORGAN: Information on any of the descendants of Edward Morgan, an early Methodist preacher--the first west of New River. Believed born about 1751, he came from England about 1767 and married twice before 1791 (perhaps first to a Miss Crow of Alexandria, Virginia). He died in 1844.

MYERS: Any information about Nathaniel Myers and his wife, Margaret Sheets. Their daughter, Anne Frances Myers, was born June 26, 1867, and married George W. Welsh.

NICHOLSON: [See SWISHER below.]

REEDER: [See SMITH below.]

REGISTER: What was maiden name of Joseph Register's wife, Elizabeth. They came from Pennsylvania to the West Virginia area about 1848-9. A daughter, Mary, was married (when and where?) to William C. Barton, who died March 20, 1856, in a fire on Hoeker's Creek in Upshur County, leaving the widow with three children. She married second Moses H. Bennett. Mary died after 1890 (when and where?).

SHEETZ: [See MYERS above.]

SMITH: Who were the parents and siblings of the Susannah Smith who married Joseph Reeder March 19, 1798, in Harrison County, [West] Virginia? Joseph was the son of Joseph Reeder and his wife Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_\_). What was her maiden name?

STEVENS: Lucy Belle Stevens was born about 1872 in Pearisburg, Virginia, and

later went to Pikesville, Kentucky. Does anyone know her parents' names?

SWISHER: Desire names of parents of John Calvin Swisher and of his wife Amanda Melving Michelson--probably born in early or mid-1800's. She was widow of a Mr. Dennison when J. C. Swisher married her. They and their family lived in the Big Isaac Country of Doddridge County.

THAXTON [THACKSON]: Where did the Thaxtons who settled around 1840 on Tupper's Creek in Kanawha County, [West] Virginia, originate? Did the David Thaxton who married Martha ( ) and wrote his will in 1872 come from Prince Edward or Bedford County, Virginia?

WELSH: Who was the wife of the John Welsh, who died March 1, 1803 in Jefferson County, [West] Virginia. Their son, John, Jr., married Ann Hite.

WHITE: Desire any information about the parents, siblings, or children of Benjamin Harrison White. He married Nancy Goodwin July 10, 1787, in Amherst County, Virginia; and about 1810 they settled in the area from which Logan and Boone Counties would later be formed. Was Micajah Goodwin White their son or their grandson? Was this the Benjamin who was also known as Chicasaw Ben? Why?

WHITECOTTON: Any information on the James Whitecotton who married Naomi Houchin, daughter of William Houchin, Jr. The Whitecottons came to Wirt County, [West] Virginia, about 1856.

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THE ENOCH FAMILY

Part I

The deeds of the Enochs who dwelt in the counties bordering colonial [West] Virginia and Pennsylvania appear in numerous records and chronicles of the times. The exploits of one Henry Enoch and several descendants with the same name figure prominently in the accounts. Subsequent historians, however, have reached conflicting conclusions regarding the family makeup of these early Enoch generations.

Whether the records designate a Henry Enoch surveying land or list a Henry Knocks volunteering for the militia or show a Henry Enix purchasing acreage, the varied spelling of the surname has posed fewer difficulties for the researcher than has the repeated use of the given name. Exactly which "Henry" is meant? Even where "Sr." or "Jr." is found appended, identification is often still uncertain when father, son, grandson, and several nephews, uncles, and/or cousins--all named Henry Enoch--live or transact business in the same region.

In a journal entry on April 23, 1750, George Washington notes that he surveyed 388 acres of land at the forks of Cacapon for Henry Enoch. Three days later Washington mentions Henry Enoch as his chain bearer. Records on the Upper Ohio indicate that a Henry Enoch from the Shenandoah Valley settled about this time in what later became Hampshire County, West Virginia. In fact, in 1756 a line of forts was proposed "to start at Henry Enoch's place on the Great

Cacapon." In 1759 a Henry Enoch married Elizabeth Teagard (or Teagarden). It is possible that this Henry's father had also married an Elizabeth Teagarden or, as believed by some, an Elizabeth Ross.

Numerous grants and deeds to Henry Enoch and wife Elizabeth are recorded during the ensuing years. By 1765 a Henry with wife Elizabeth was referred to as Sr., and a Henry, Jr., (with no wife listed) began to appear on the record books of both Virginia and Pennsylvania. In 1794 Henry Enoch and a wife Sarah deeded property to their son Henry. On September 25, 1797, there was an appraisal of the estate of Henry Enoch, Sr., and among his children is listed another Henry Enoch, who in turn had another Henry. One of these chose an Elizabeth Jennings as his bride.

The Revolutionary War and the French and Indian hostilities preceding it had active participation by "Henry Enoch." On May 16, 1775, Henry Enoch, Sr., became a member of the Commission of Observation for that part of the District of Augusta, Virginia, known as Laurel Hill. In 1776 Henry Enoch, Sr., and Henry Enoch, Jr., were on the Muster Rolls of Washington County, Pennsylvania. That same year a Henry Enoch was listed as Lieutenant-Colonel.

Of the sons of Elizabeth (?Ross) and "Old" Henry Enoch who settled about 1748 at the forks of the Cacapon River, it is thought that only Enoch Enoch remained in Hampshire County. There he was listed as the head of a family of thirteen whites in 1782. His wife was Rebecca Morris and among their sons was a Henry. Another son of Elizabeth and "Old" Henry was Abraham, who after the Revolution settled on Grave Creek near Crow's Mill in Wirt County. Of Abraham's three sons, one was Henry. In addition to Enoch and Abraham, "Old" Henry had other sons who served in the War of Independence: John, David, and Henry. This Henry was reputedly born about 1732 and died in 1797. His wife could have been Elizabeth Teagard (or Teagarden) or the one called Sarah; on the other

hand, she could have been both or someone else. This Henry also had a son named Henry, making a total of five known Henry Enochs living in the northwestern area of [West] Virginia about 1760. The question remains: Did John and David also have sons named Henry?

Before "Old" Henry's death about 1782-1784 he and his wife were also said to have had three daughters: Rachel, who married Henry Sargeant; Mary, who married Isaac Cox; and Elizabeth, who married William Craig.

Another source gives a different version of "Old" Henry Enoch's family. It shows his wife as Elizabeth Teagarden from Wales and their children as follows: Abraham, born 1729, serving in the Colonial Army and never marrying; Henry, born 1732, marrying Elizabeth Teagard; Enoch, born 1734, marrying Rebecca Bell; Sara, born 1736, marrying William Bell; and Anne, born 1739, marrying Patrick Galloway. Which account is correct remains in doubt.

From such contradictory data, the researcher must reconstruct the relationships. With the Enoch family it is not until the third and fourth generations after Old Henry's that family historians are in agreement.

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THE ENOCH FAMILY

Part II

Although Henry Enoch, Sr., who died July 14, 1797, apparently left no will, the settlement of his estate does provide clues concerning his progeny. Nevertheless, ~~lists~~ (which refer to his wife as well as his children and their spouses) are not identical.

One historian concludes that this Henry Enoch's wife was Elizabeth Teagard and that their children were as follows: Abraham, born 1760, killed by Indians in 1791 near Grave Creek, [West] Virginia; William, born 1762, owned property in what is now Parkersburg; Armanela, born 1764, married Jeremiah Sargent in 1782, and settled near Elizabeth, Wirt County, where she died in 1824; Hannah, born 1766, married Thomas Pribble in 1784, died 1846 in Wood County, and buried on Plantation Pribble Flats; Hiram, born 1768, still unmarried when attacked and killed by Indians in 1785; Nancy, born 1770, married Hugh Craig; Elizabeth, born 1777, married Major Benjamin Bell in 1791, and they subsequently moved to Pribble County, Ohio; Isaac, born January 24, 1774, married Amy Tracy February 4, 1800, settled near the junction of Hughes and Little Kanawha Rivers in Wirt County, died in 1852; and Henry, Jr., born July 25, 1780, married first Elizabeth Jennings in 1801 and second Mary Hall in 1813.

Another source identifies Henry Enoch, Sr.'s, wife as Sarah and their first-born (about 1748) as Henry, Jr. Other children are listed as: Enoch, born 1750, married Mary (?Doughty), lived in Ohio County, [West] Virginia;

Isaac, born 1752; Sarah, born 1754, married a Mr. Bell; David, born 1756, married Elizabeth Peck; William, born 1758; Ann, born 1760, married Patrick Galloway; Hannah, born 1766, married Thomas Fribble; and Elizabeth, born 1770, married Benjamin Bell, son of Hannah and Nathaniel Bell.

Several heirs of Henry Enoch, Sr., traveled from [West] Virginia to Pennsylvania on the death of their father, who had been living in Washington and Greene Counties. Isaac, in fact, remained in Pennsylvania for several years thereafter. Following is a transcript of the most significant of the estate papers.

Waynesburg, Penna.  
Sept. 18, 1797

Orphans Court  
Greene County, Pa.

We desire Benjamin Bell may administer on the estate of Henry Enoch, the elder, our father, deceased July 14, 1797.

his sons: Isaac Enoch  
Henry Enoch, Jr.  
William Enoch

Request approved and honored by Major Benjamin Bell, Sept. 19, 1797.

Bondsmen: James Hooker  
Phillip Ketchum

Bond: £1000

Witnesses: John Boreman  
Sally Boreman

In Deed Book I, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, Clerk's Office:

Appraisal of the estate of Henry Enoch, Sr., Sept. 25, 1797, in Greene County, Pa.

Household goods and appurtances	s.374	33d
Sales in field	s.768	30d
2 notes Hugh Brackenridge	s.147	

Accounts after 1798 in U. S. Currency.

April 7, 1798, Amt. paid by Major Benjamin Bell, Adm.:

To John Bell, M. D.	\$ 2.00
For services to Henry Enoch, Sr.	
To Charles Wheeler, M. D.	\$ 2.00
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To Charles Wheeler, M. D.	
Several visits to Henry Enoch, Sr.	\$15.35
Acct. ended July 14, 1797--	Total
	\$19.37
Paid Henry Enoch, Jr.	\$71.63
Paid Isaac Enoch	\$82.13
Paid Hugh Craig	24.15
Paid Enoch Galloway	16.12
Paid Enoch Enoch	16.12
Paid Sara Bell	16.12
Paid John Bell, M. D.	5.40
Paid Enoch Bell	16.12
Paid Hugh Craig	57.00
Paid Henry Enoch, Jr.	66.36
Paid Isaac Enoch	220.00
Paid Robert Whitehall, deferring	
E. Enoch's suit	9.00
Paid Major Benjamin Bell, Adm's for 46 days	48.00

Other records are found in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

When Henry Enoch, Sr., died, his sons William and Isaac are said to have been already in financial difficulties; and by 1799 the sheriff of Greene County took over and sold the available assets, including a grist mill and iron works along with their plantation lands.

After Isaac married and moved to Wirt County, however, he was able to recoup. He had a mill at Lee's Falls on the Little Kanawha and by 1807 also operated an inn and a ferry. Isaac served in 1800 as Captain of the first military company in Wood County under Colonel Deason Barnes. In the War of 1812 he held the rank of Lieutenant. During 1806 this public-spirited citizen officiated as Sheriff of Wood County and for many years was a Notary Public.

Two years after their marriage Amy (Tracey) and Isaac Enoch had their first child. The others--for a total of eight--arrived at about two-year intervals: William, born 1802, married Sidney Lee; Abraham, born January 4, 1804, married Nancy D. Gibbons October 30, 1830; Druzilla, born 1806, married George Peck in 1831; Nancy, born 1808, married Adolphus Peck January 2, 1838; Amy, born 1810, married James Clark in 1840; Evaline, born 1812, married Ephraim Foutty November 29, 1838; Lovena, born 1814, married Elishia Hickman June 13, 1833; and Isaac, born 1817, married a Miss Lee.

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**THE ENOCH FAMILY****Part III**

In many ways, the Enochs of Wood and Wirt Counties were typical of other West Virginia pioneers. However, unlike the nineteenth-century families for whom farming was the sole occupation, the Enoch men were drawn to work associated with the river. Isaac LaFayette Enoch--as father and grandfather before him--was one of these.

He was the eldest child of Nancy Dent (Gibbens) and Abraham Enoch, who were married at the Buckner plantation in Wood County on October 30, 1830. The family lived in Newark until 1837, when they moved to the home of Abraham's father (who as early as 1807 had operated a ferry and owned a mill at Lee's Falls on the Little Kanawha River). Isaac Lafayette, namesake of his grandfather, was born in 1831. He subsequently assisted his father in boat building. On October 5, 1856, he married Teressa Gale Vaughn. The brothers who with Isaac assisted their father in boat building were the following: Martin Van Buren, born 1832, who married Mary Louise Bailiss in May of 1856; John Theodore, who was born in 1834, first married October 20, 1856, to Mary Ellen Stanley and second in 1869 to Emma Hannaman; Alfred Fought, born in 1835, who was also married twice--in 1861 to Elizabeth Jane Fought and later to Artimelia Lott; James Gibbens, born in 1836 and married to Elizabeth Mohr in 1866. Three of Isaac's siblings were born to Nancy and Abraham Enoch after the family move to the farm near Greenville: Katherine Hosbaugh, born in 1840, died in 1853; Abraham, Jr., born 1843, died 1871; and Alexander Buckner, born 1846, wed Mary Sherman in 1873.

It was while living on the farm near Greenville that Abraham and his sons engaged in boat building. In 1852 the father built a fine home facing the north side of what was then known as Staunton Pike. The stage traveled along this route and stopped at the Enochs twice daily. Until 1865 the family entertained tourists there.

During the Civil War Abraham Enoch took the oath of allegiance to the Union. At that time he was serving as a Justice of the Peace and a Notary Public. His son, Isaac, attained even higher positions. After serving as Assessor from 1856 to 1866, Isaac LaFayette was elected to the House of Delegates from Wirt County and filled the office from 1872 to 1875. Martin Van Buren, another of Abraham's sons, was promoted at the start of the Civil War from Captain of the First Military Company in Newark to Colonel of the State Militia; however, he resigned this commission, choosing to remain neutral throughout the struggle. Like his brother, he assumed the duties of Assessor. He also accepted school offices as well as the post of Road Surveyor. Under President Grover Cleveland, he was appointed to fill a special mission but became ill before his assignment was finished. Both Isaac and Martin Van Buren Enoch died in 1900.

Except for a brief period following the Civil War, when Abraham and three of his sons (Abraham, Jr., Alexander, and John Theodore with wife and four children) resided in Rochester, New York, the families made their homes in Wood and Wirt Counties. Whether in and around Greenville, Newark, Freeport, or Elizabeth, the Enochs ably served family and community. Isaac, for example, not only fulfilled the duties of public office previously mentioned but maintained a farm and functioned for many years as proprietor of Virginia House. There he provided for the needs of travelers through Elizabeth--whether they arrived by river or highway. For sometime after 1874, river traffic exceeded that over land since with the coming of the locks and dams on the Little Kanawha the "Old Road"

to Elizabeth was abandoned.

After his father died in 1881, Isaac Enoch moved to Freeport to care for his mother until her death January 12, 1887. On his return to Elizabeth, though, he took charge of Wells Locks, apparently unable to stay longer away from work along the banks of the river.

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[PICTURE CAPTION]

This old "sternwheeler" was carrying freight before 1910 on the Ohio from Parkersburg to Creston, West Virginia. Prior to the turn of the century, rivers in Wood and Wirt Counties provided the major routes of transportation. The Enoch family took an active part there in boat construction, ferry operation, and other businesses connected with the waterways.

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Somerville, H. D. A Pioneer History of Wirt County.

Wirt County Journal, 23 April 1948. Elizabeth, West Virginia.

Land and Probate Records as indicated.

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QUERIES

In order to simplify correspondence, queries appearing in this column will henceforth follow name and address of individual desiring information. Responses to queries should be addressed to persons making inquiry.

Mrs. Cloyd C. Smith  
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WILLIAMS: Desire any information about a James Williams, born 1742, and second wife, Mary Ann Legg, born November 5, 1751. They left Virginia, probably Rockingham County, sometime after 1791; were in Kentucky until 1802, when they moved to Highland County, Ohio. James' first wife was supposed to have been Rebecca Wallace. Mary Ann's mother was reputedly a Ridenour. When did Rebecca die? When was the second marriage? What about children of the first marriage?

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Mr. Pinkney Saurborn  
1803 Evergreen Avenue  
Antioch, California 94509

WILSON: A Benjamin Wilson--not Col. Benjamin Wilson, first clerk of Harrison County, [West] Virginia--came with four brothers to America from England. All fought in American Revolutionary War. His first wife was Eleanor Margaret Wilson, daughter of William Wilson of Maryland Wilson line; his second wife was Rebecca Ferguson, daughter of John; and name of third wife is not known. Who were Benjamin's parents and brothers?

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Mrs. Richard Gregg

1309 Buford Road

Richmond, Virginia 23235

PUGH: Did Lawson Pugh, who died in 1904, come to West Virginia from Franklin County, Virginia? His father was Richard Pugh.

CASDORPH: Any information on John Casdorph, who married Deligha Lacy in Kanawha County, [West] Virginia, in 1835. They had a daughter Lucinda, who died in 1928.

PRICE: Who were the parents of William Price (of Wetzel and Doderidge Counties), who married Nettie Shaddock in mid-1800's?

Does anyone have data on the following upper Kanawha Valley settlers: Cephas Paxton and Sally Slack? Lucinda McCormick of Poca District? Julia Ann Lane?

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Mr. Paul Smith

3655 Eve Drive West

Jacksonville, Florida 32216

CLONCH: Desire information on the Scotch ancestors of William Clonch, born about 1800, died about 1854. He married Polly Doss, who died about 1892 at over 90 years of age. Who were parents of Polly Doss?

LEMASTER: Mary Ellen Lemaster, born November 7, 1847, in Mason County, [West] Virginia, died in 1921 in Cabell County, was the daughter of Richard Lemaster. She married John William Clonch, son of Polly (Doss) and William Clonch. Who was Mary Ellen's mother?

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Mrs. Curtis B. Smith

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Anza, California 92308

McKENNEY/McKINNEY: John McKenney, in Virginia line of Revolutionary War, born in Virginia, may have had a service land grant in Pennsylvania. He was

married in Harrison County, [West] Virginia December 1792 to Mary Wiseman, daughter of George Wiseman. Were the following McKinneys (in Harrison County about the same time) brothers of John Archibald, who married Magdalen Koon in 1792, and James, who married Mary Beaty in 1785? There are marriages in Lincoln County, Kentucky, for the same McKenney names: Archibald to Jean McClure in 1788; James to Levisa Whitley in 1798; and John to Nancy Buchanan in 1805. Were these men the same or related? John McKenney may have had other brothers named George W., Johnathan, and/or Harrison. Where did they live? In Virginia, [West] Virginia, Pennsylvania, and/or Maryland?

An Archibald and a John McKenney were in Revolutionary War with Morgan's Rifles. Were they related to John of Augusta County, Virginia, or John of Culpepper County, Virginia?

Among the sons of Mary (Wiseman) and John McKenney was George Washington McKenney of Logan County, Kentucky. He married Lucinda Davis, daughter of Ben, 1816 Kentucky legislator. Any clues to legal residence or ancestors of these people most welcome.

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Mrs. Hayward S. Stevens

P. O. Box 1102

Cape Coral, Florida 33904

BRISTOW: Who was the Bristow who married Margaret Powell, daughter of William Powell of Prince Edward County, Virginia? Their son Jasper was born in Virginia about 1784 and married first Clarissa Elliot in Shelby County, Kentucky. Bristow must have died in Virginia as Margaret and children (William, Thomas, James, Peyton, Levin, Jasper, Henry, Nancy, Margaret, and Benjamin) were apparently in Shelby County, Kentucky, without him.

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Mr. Elroy W. Titus

1256 Ashland Avenue

Columbus, Ohio 43212

BEALS: Information on parents of Elizabeth Beals, probably born about 1820 in or near Morgantown, and married Moses D. Wells. Also desire dates of birth and death of Elizabeth (Beals) Wells.

DUNN: Information on parents of Thomas Dunn, born January 7, 1787, resident of Monongalia County, probably of Morgantown, and husband of Temperance (Pierpoint) Dunn. His father's name may have been James Dunn. Also desire date of death of Thomas Dunn.

REDFOX: Information on parents of Frederick Simon Redfox, born May 24, 1855, probably near Marietta, Ohio, and later lived in Harrison and Ritchie Counties, West Virginia. His father came from Germany and the name was probably changed to Redfox after his father came to the United States.

WARMAN: Information on parents, wife, children, and date of birth and death of Thomas Warman, Captain, 3rd Virginia, Revolutionary War. Believed living in Berkeley County, [West] Virginia, at outbreak of Revolution. Granted 4,000 acres by state of Virginia in 1783 for three years service in Revolution. Believed resident of Monongalia County after the Revolution. Also desire names of parents of James D. Warman, born February 26, 1813, died January 13, 1896, of Monongalia County. This James D. Warman was the husband of Mary (Dunn) Warman.

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TRIBUTE

To be in West Virginia to celebrate Uncle Will's 100th birthday with him meant traveling from California, but I was determined to be there. And I was not alone in my wish to honor him. The President, the Governor, Senators, Congressmen, and numerous other dignitaries as well as "butchers, bakers, and candlestick makers" visited or sent greetings in recognition of his age and achievements or in consideration of their affection and respect for him.

W. A. Stanley, distinguished citizen of Beckley, was born March 25, 1871, in Raleigh County. During the century following his birth--and now into the second century--his life and works have had a profound influence on those they touched. Testimonials to his philanthropy and accomplishments have been given with increasing frequency as beneficiaries acknowledge their gratitude to this man.

Individual scholarships and gifts have made an education possible for many who might otherwise have been deprived. Such bequests for students are legion. Particularly significant for the growth of numerous colleges and seminaries have been Will Stanley's generous financial support and moral encouragement. Important, too, are the contributions made to community projects through the years.

Known as "Mr. Disciple Layman of West Virginia," he was the first recipient of the Order of Alexander Campbell from Bethany College. Whether teaching

Sunday School, chairing the Beard of the Church, or serving on various committees, this dedicated participant has played an effectual role in the local and national life of his church and its institutions.

Even into this, his hundredth year, W. A. Stanley continues his active leadership in business affairs. He still acts as Chairman of the Board of Beckley National Bank, and he is President of the world's largest, privately-owned water company (Beckley Water Company). For almost seventy years he has been an Elder in the First Christian Church. Among other past positions, he was a president of Beckley Rotary Club.

In spite of my awareness of his stature in public life, to me he is still the very private person a member of the family always remains. So he also seems to my cousin Alma Williams, with whom I drove across country. We arrived a few days late for an early party, but we were just as enthusiastic with our belated "Happy Birthday, Uncle Will."

Strictly speaking--genealogically, that is--Uncle Will isn't exactly our "Uncle." Specifically, it should be "Great-uncle." And even more correctly, "Great-uncle-in-law," since it was his wife Mary Spicie Emaline Christian who was our maternal great-aunt. They were married in Logan County April 9, 1896. Aunt Spicie--quite a remarkable woman in her own right--lived just short of 95 years, dying less than two years ago.

Unable to recall for whom Uncle Will was named, I asked him on that recent visit. He replied that it wasn't an easy decision for his parents. His mother Martha Briscoe (Hollandsworth) wanted to name him for her father William Oliver Hollandsworth. On the other hand, his father John Anderson Stanley was just as anxious that he be named after the preacher, Sammel Austin. As is so often the case, they compromised, and he became William Austin Stanley. His brother, Philip Sheridan Stanley, was born in June 1872; and his sister, Elizabeth Stanley, in October 1873. Their father, who had been born March 23,

1848, died January 10, 1874. Following his death, the widow married George Taylor; and this couple also had children.

As hale and hearty as Uncle Will was on his 100th birthday, he'll probably be ready for visitors on his 101st. I guess I'd better start planning another trip for next spring so he can tell me more about the older generations--about how his grandfather Fleming Stanley of Henry County, Virginia, came north and westward with the Baileys to what is now West Virginia; how Fleming married Mary Bailey, daughter of John. Then, too, he can tell me more about how Fleming Stanley disappeared during the Civil War and about all the other members of past generations of whom he knows.

How wonderful to have such a memory and such zest for living at a hundred!

[PICTURE CAPTION]

On the 100th anniversary of his birth, W. A. Stanley stands beside birthday cake in his Beckley home, where he greeted friends who came to honor him. Mrs. Betty Harman, hostess at the reception, snapped the photo to record the event.