

January 7, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
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Dear Agnes:

I am beginning to try to get back into the groove with my family research since the respite during the holidays. It always takes some doing on my part to get my "hunting cap" back in place and to know just where I left off.

I am sure that you all must have had a most enjoyable trip to the northeast. That is one section of the country I have missed and I have always had a yen to see the New England states. My youngest niece spent some time in New Hampshire with friends of ours when she was quite young. Not too long ago, she and her husband went back to have a "looksee" and they really had a nice time.

As I promised you, I am now enclosing the pictures of mamma, Rachel Christian, and Grandfather Reed's family. I shall attempt to make some explanations of same:

The picture of Mamma and Rachel Christian was made from an old tintype which had not stood the ravages of time too well. I thought that you might be able to get some notion as to how Rachel Christian looked. I feel that I should give you a short history as to who she was: Her parents were Alexander Beavers and Elizabeth Hankins. Alexander having been the son of Robert "Robin" Beavers and Catherine Harman Beavers. Catherine, of course, was the d/o Mathias Harman, Sr. and Lydia Skaggs. Elizabeth Hankins was a daughter of Moses Hankins who was a s/o John Hankins and Elizabeth Skaggs (a sister to Lydia Skaggs). Alexander married the second time to Rachel Barnett and they were the parents of my grandmother, Robina Beavers Reed. Rachel Beavers, d/o Alexander and Elizabeth, married William Christian. I cannot give you William's family background because I have not concentrated on it to that extent.

The picture of Mamma with her dog was probably taken ca 1898 or '99. She and Daddy were married in March 1897, and I don't think that this was too long after that because this dog was their first one of many. I can't remember a time that we didn't have dogs at home--Boston Bull Terriers, Bird Dogs, Collies, etc.

The picture of The Reed Family doesn't need too much explanation because you have had most of it from time to time as I have written to you. Thomas and Martha were twins and I find it interesting to note that the Bandy family also had twins with these same names. Mamma had just recovered from a severe case of typhoid fever when this picture was taken--thus, the gaunt look on her face. Mamma was the oldest child; Uncle Henry was the third in line; their brother, John, drowned in the creek back of their home when he was quite young--possibly about 7. I'm not taking time to look up dates just now. Aunt Nancy married John Holbrook. Aunt Lydia married Cecil Sprouse. Aunt Pearl devoted her life to medicine, having taken a course in

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anesthesiology a number of years after she received her RN. She was working as an anesthetist at the time of her retirement. She was a charter member of the West Virginia Nurses Association. She worked for many years with Dr. Hix (who married one of the Harman descendants) at Grace Hospital in Welch, West Virginia. For some time she worked for the Decatur and Macon County Hospital in Decatur, Illinois. She was working at the Oak Hill Hospital in Oak Hill, WV, when she retired. She never married; but she was one of the most devoted aunts that any nieces or nephews could ever hope to have. She and I had many a bout over taking castor oil and I am sorry to say that, most of the time, she won the battle. I remember one time, though, when almost a full bottle had been used up before she felt that I had retained enough. If one of the family had to be hospitalized, she would take a leave-of-absence and come to our bedside. My sister and I had most of the responsibility for her care when she needed it. My husband and I made many trips to Oak Hill to see about her needs and I had her here with me as much as I could, seeing her through one cataract extraction, as well as going to her aid on other occasions for other reasons. I was happy that I could repay her in some small way for her years of devotion. She died when she was in her 80s.

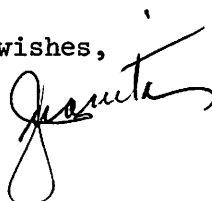
If you do find out more about Thomas B. Christian and his guardianship of Mastin Christian, I shall be most pleased to know what it is. This does intrigue me.

I had word from Uncle Henry's granddaughter over the holidays that an old Bible which belonged to Aunt Woodie (Uncle Henry's wife) had been located. I am hoping against hope that it might be the old Reed family Bible. My sister seemed to believe that one did exist and that Aunt Pearl had told her that Aunt Woodie had it. Of course, it may be grabbing at a straw again because the old Reed family home burned some time after Grandmother had died and Grandfather had remarried. Anyway, we shall see what we shall see!

I hope that this hasn't been boring to you. I could give you more of a breakdown of the lives of the children of Amanuel and Robina; but, I won't--unless you would like to know more.

I do hope that the New Year will be a happy one for you and yours and I wish you much success in your endeavors.

Best wishes,



Enclosure/pictures: Rachel Jane Reed Sigmon  
Rachel Beavers Christian  
Rachel Jane Reed Sigmon  
Amanuel Reed Family Group



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*January 27, 1985  
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*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Like you, I'm trying to "get back in the groove with my family research" after weeks of bringing subscribers of my publications up to date on future plans. The enclosed announcement pretty much tells the story.*

*I have also made copies of the pictures you sent with your letter of January 7. Your prints are being returned herewith--although they are "on hold" as far as mailing is concerned since I want to be sure that my negatives and prints turned out properly. Thank you so much for sending them so that they can be published in one of the future issues of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. I know that other relatives will also appreciate having them appear.*

*If I ever get around to restoration work again, I will try to make a higher contrast print of your mother with the dog so that the outline of the dog will be more distinct. It will be relatively easy to "remove" the crack marks across the faces of Rachel Jane Reed and Rachel Christian with a retouch pencil.*

*I thought that I had a ready answer to the background of Rachel (Beavers) Christian's husband, William Christian; but the information is apparently buried in my files. Their marriage occurred too late for the present status of my cross-reference file except in specific instances.*

*I really enjoyed your account of the relatives and thank you for taking the time to let me know something about them.*

*May you and yours have a wonderful 1985.*

*Sincerely,*

*Enclosures: Pictures  
Amanuel Reed Family Group, Rachel Jane Reed Sigmon, and Rachel  
Jane Reed Sigmon with Rachel Beavers Christian.*

*See next letter of February 26, 1985, enclosed.*

February 16, 1985

Dear Juanita:

Yes, the pictures did arrive and, in fact, have been in an envelope with a letter dated January 27 to be returned to you. I have been waiting for the prints to be processed so that I am sure my copies are all right before returning your originals to you. They have been promised to me next week --the copies, that is. The originals are here with me here in the envelope.

I do thank you very much for sending them and am sorry to have been so long getting them back to you.

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot  
West Virginia 26060



February 21, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes,

It is obvious that I failed to do something--"make myself perfectly clear" (as Nixon would have said)--when I sent those pictures to you. I gave you those pictures and I can't tell you how sorry I am that you have gone to the expense of having them reproduced. I should have told you this clearly when I sent them to you.

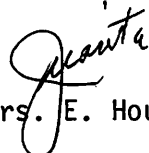
I am still making every effort to get this Sigmon history into print this year if at all possible. Therefore, I am not spending too much time with correspondence nor with research on my maternal lines. When I receive queries about some one in mamma's family, I do try to respond as quickly as possible in an effort to help them. But I have not tried to open any new doors lately.

Our weather has been horrible--one of the largest snows in the last several years. This has kept Houston and me close to home because I don't want him to take any chances at his age with driving, etc. I thought that this would give me much extra time for typing up the book--wouldn't you know that my typewriter decided to go on the blink just at that time and we couldn't even get it out to the repairman. However, I am now over that hump and "back in business."

Have you found out anything more about Thomas B. Christian?

Hope you and yours are well.

Warmly,

  
(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

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*February 26, 1985*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*I was just ready to mail your pictures with my letter of January 27 when your letter of February 21 arrived stating that you had intended for me to keep the pictures.*

*Thank you so much! It is always best to have as few "generations" of copies as possible when publishing because there is always some loss of fidelity.*

*I have not found out anything more about Thomas B. Christian--not because there isn't more to discover but I simply have had no time for research. I'm still picking up the loose ends on all I had postponed while trying to become current with my publication schedule.*

*I wish you much success with your Sigmon history. I can certainly sympathize with you, knowing how much time every detail takes. I always found that, just as I thought I was "through" with copy preparation, there were always unexpected days of work remaining to be truly through.*

*Again, thank you for the pictures. I already have more than enough material for another issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, but final preparations will have to wait until a few other projects have been completed.*

*I hope that by now the severe winter weather back there has eased and that you are enjoying at least a few days of "sunny California" weather.*

*Sincerely,*

*Enclosures*

March 18, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
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Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes,

I have been concentrating on the Sigmon family history, and, consequently, my correspondence has suffered. However, I am taking a breather today and making an attempt to answer a few letters.

I am pleased that you think the pictures will be useful. I was sorry that the one of Mamma and Rachel Christian had suffered so badly with the ravages of time. Your idea of restoring it sounds good--I know nothing about this process. It would be nice, too, if you could make the dog show up in a better light. That dog was special to my mother and father, and they had several tales which they told about his intelligence.

I don't believe that I will order the index to THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES; however, I do want to place an order for the next issue of the Chronicles. Do you want your money in advance for this? Please let me know.

I recently purchased a book SHIRT TAIL KIN by a Mrs. Bone in Illinois. I bought this in hopes of finding a clue to my HUFF family puzzle. In this book, she gives some family history and mentions family members of the family of Isaiah Huff and Elizabeth Christian--I don't need to tell you that this Elizabeth Christian was a d/o Anthony and Sallie [Ewing] Christian. If you want to know more about what she has included in this work about this family, please let me know. I shall not take the time right now to elucidate.

However, a piece of evidence came to my hand this past week that I am anxious to pass along to you. First, let me make some explanations: My Peter Sickman, Sr. had 13 children; two of these children migrated to Indiana. John Sigmon settled in Indiana ca 1814 or 1816. Catherine Sigmon married William Jackson Griffith in 1799 in Franklin County, and they moved to Kentucky first. They were there long enough for William to have been chosen as an overseer for one particular road, viz: ". . .that part of the road to Waller's ferry which lies between Frankfort Road and the Bear Wallow....." This was a Court Order issued in May 1811 in Shelby County, Kentucky. Catherine's husband was known as Jackson Griffith and, as I said, he was appointed as overseer of this particular road with the following men to assist him: "John Ellis, William Ellis, John Peters, Samuel Sellers, John Thorp, Joe Goe, Thomas Lemmons, Richard Lemmons, Benjamin Griffith, William Griffith, Lewis Wentworth, William Plaster, WILLIAM CHRISTIAN, and James Hackett." The Ellises intermarried with the Griffith girls; we find that many of the Sigmons intermarried with the Peters family in Franklin County, Virginia; William Plaster (or one of the Plasters) married one of the Griffith girls (sisters to Jackson Griffith); but, the \$64,000 question is: which WILLIAM CHRISTIAN is this? I seriously doubt that it was the William Christian who later (or earlier--whichever) his home in Louisville. So, is this a member of the Nathaniel Christian family whom one finds listed in early Pittsylvania county records and in Franklin Co? Were these Franklin County families who had moved west together? I thought that you might be interested in this

*The Thorp family were neighbors of Peter & he was a witness on a will done in of them*

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I know that the SKAGGS family and others who moved into the Kentucky area are found in the same location in Virginia. One of Peter's ~~daughters~~ sons married a Mary Brumley in Greene County, Tennessee; a daughter married one William Brumley in Virginia; and one finds an Isaac Brumley (whom I believe to have been a brother to Mary) married a Malinda Jones in Kentucky and, if I am not mistaken, this occurred in Shelby County. Another good indication of these families staying together. This Malinda Jones, if I be correct in my deduction, is a member of my Jones family of Franklin County. Really gives one something to think about.

If you would like a copy of this court order, I shall be pleased to copy same and mail it to you.

I must go now and prepare lunch for my hungry husband. Hope this will be of some benefit to you.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeanita".

(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*March 29, 1985*

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*Dear Juanita:*

*You always bring such interesting information to my attention, and I appreciate the reference you sent about William Christian of Shelby County, Kentucky, in your letter of March 18.*

*There are several possibilities for this William. One of the most likely would be the William Christian, born 1784-1794, who was of Giles County, Virginia, in 1810 with wife and two children under 10 in the household. He left that area, and I do not know where he went. If you recall, there were two other heads of household named Christian living there: Ellison Christian, who apparently died before 1815 and whose widow married Peter G. Cozort; and John Christian, presumed to have been the one who moved to Lawrence County, Ohio. Another possibility for the William Christian of Shelby County, Kentucky, would be an unidentified son among the children of Samson Christian. Remember him? He had a brother named William, so it is likely that he named one of his own sons William. I could give a few other possibilities, but at the moment it would probably be an effort in futility.*

*It is possible that the following descendant of Isaiah and Elizabeth (Christian) Huff would be interested in Mrs. Bone's work if she is not already in contact with her:*

*Mrs. George S. Jacob  
907 Wyandotte Avenue  
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067*

*See pages 793 and 794 of Volume No. IX of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES for the family group record of Isaiah and for Mrs. Jacobs' line of descent.*

*You may be sure I will let you know about any future publications. There is no need to send any money now.*

*There is no need, either, to send photocopy of the court order.*

*Sincerely,*

*P. S. Incidentally, I have always believed that the above-mentioned Giles County, Virginia, Christians were closely related to the earlier Ellison Christian and the Allen Christian who came to the same area from Bedford County, Virginia, with others from the Bedford and Franklin County, Virginia, vicinity.*

April 12, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
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Dear Agnes:

We have returned from Illinois this week, and I am now attempting to get letters answered so that I can face spring-cleaning and the completion of this Sigmon history. We dodged tornadoes all day this past Friday--this is one of the things which I don't like about flat country. There just isn't any protection from these storms other than basements or such. Fortunately, they set down north and south of West Frankfort. But we did have a bad day all day. There is much flooded land, also, along I-64 in Illinois after one crosses the Wabash. The family was all right and Houston helped John put in a partition in a large upstairs room. John can always find something for his dad to do while we are there.

I must disagree, again, with reference to the William Christian whom one finds in Shelby County, Ky, with William Griffith. Of course, I could be wrong. However, since many of the names listed as helpers of William Griffith in this road work are definitely Franklin County names. On top of this, one finds in the 1786 tax list of Franklin County one William Christian listed. William Griffith was born in 1778, and I feel that there is every possibility that this William Christian was a contemporary of his and had also moved to the Kentucky area when these other men did. One of the men on this road work was one John Ellis--there is a John Ellis listed in 1786 in Franklin County. The men listed were: John Ellis, William Ellis, John Peters (many by this name in Franklin and the Sigmons intermarried with this family) Samuel Sellers (also find this surname there), John Thorp (The Thorps lived in Franklin and William Thorp was a neighbor of Peter Sigmon), Joe Goe (can't account for this name), Thomas Lemmons and Richard Lemmons (another surname found in Franklin), Benjamin Griffith and William Griffith (brothers), Lewis Wentworth (can't account for this name), William Plaster (one of the Griffith girls married a Plaster, and they are found in Franklin), William Christian, and James Hackett (can't account for this name). Some how I feel confident that this is the William Christian of 1786 in Franklin County. The William Christian of Giles County (1784-1794--possible birth dates) would be too young to have been this William. Too, I feel that he would have been less likely to have joined with these men who were leaving Franklin County for the west. From what data I have collected, they went to Kentucky by way of Wheeling and down the Ohio River. William and Catherine [Sigmon] Griffith spent about a year in Marietta, Ohio. William and Catherine later moved on across the Ohio River and made their permanent home in Switzerland County, Indiana.

I just can't get it out of my "craw" that Nathaniel Christian's family in some way connects with our family. Bear in mind the fact that the Scaggs, as well as the Bandys, were in this area, and we know that Nathaniel Christian was in Pittsylvania County early on. Richard Bandy is listed on this 1786 tax list of Franklin County (the petition for the formation of Franklin County was signed by many of these men in 1785); one James Beavers and one Christopher Beaver is listed. Evidence that these families more or less stayed together.

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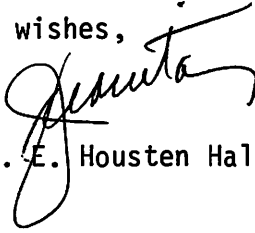
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I have recently been sent about 73 pages or so of information on the Beavers family, dating back to early New Jersey. As I seem to recall, John Hankins (who married Elizabeth Skaggs) and some others had migrated from New Jersey. Please don't think that I am just being argumentative--I am just attempting to stimulate both of our minds and examine all the evidence at hand. I really feel that we would be safe in saying that the William Christian of Shelby County was, indeed, the William Christian of 1786 in Franklin County. I feel that because there are so many "Franklin County" names involved in this list, we must be dealing with the same man.

I must write to Mrs. Bone to comment on her book, and I shall, at that time, relay the information about Mrs. Jacob. Then, if she wants to, she can write to her--unless they already are aware of each other.

Thanks for your comments and do keep in touch. If anything else of interest comes to hand, be assured that I shall be pleased to share it with you.

Best wishes,

  
(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*April 16, 1985*

*Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*What a coincidence that your letter should arrive just as I was thinking about you and the Christian genealogical puzzles. It was nice to hear that you had had a pleasant trip--barring the weather.*

*I agree with you wholeheartedly about the William Christian of Shelby County, Kentucky. I did not previously consider such a possibility because I did not know that a William Christian had been listed in the 1786 Franklin County, Virginia, tax list. If you recall, Franklin was formed from Bedford in 1785, but there was no William listed in Bedford that year. I had always intended to pursue research in Franklin but had never found the time--always being behind, as I was, with my publication schedule. Do you have all the Christian listings for 1786 Franklin County? If so, I would certainly appreciate having a copy of whatever statistics are listed for them.*

*Was William Christian of an age to have been a possible brother to Allen Christian, who moved to the New River settlement from Bedford about that time?*

*Recently, I have been actively corresponding with a descendant of the Rev. John Christian of Todd County, Kentucky, but born in North Carolina--probable son of either Christopher or Nicholas Christian, who had the Bedford County, Virginia, connections. As you may recall, Christopher moved in the eighteenth century to that part of Anson which became Montgomery County, North Carolina. In fact, when Anson was split, another part became Richmond County. Many of the Virginia Mask and Agee families moved there, too. They carry given names that appear among the West Virginia Christians that I had previously been unable to account for; namely, Dudley and Noah. In studying some of the North Carolina abstracts he sent, I was struck by the appearance of the name William Bunday as a witness to the will of Nicholas Smith. Do you think the name Bandy was intended? I would certainly consider it a variant.*

*Remember, too, that the widow of the Thomas of the October 1743 Goochland County, Virginia, will married a Joseph Smith and moved away. It is in the next generation that the name Nicholas appears among the Christians--possibly from their step-siblings?*

*Anyway, I believe more and more of our answers will be found among the records for the Manikin, Virginia, French Huguenot settlement. All these recent findings made me recall a comment of my mother that we were connected in some way to the Agee family. If this were truly the case, it had to be in a very early period because I have a virtually complete record from 1775 to the present.*

*By the way, I wonder if the name Christopher came into the Christian family because of an early connection to the Christopher Beaver you mention in your last letter.*



Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead

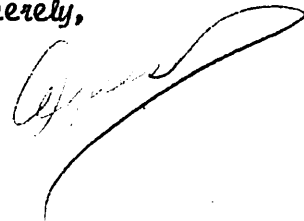
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I hope that I haven't rambled too much but wanted to touch on all these coincidences while they were fresh in my mind. I am certainly going to make a search of the Franklin County, Virginia, records for what they might reveal about the distribution of the Thomas Christian estate. Because several of the Farley and Blankenship groups ended up in Franklin before the move to Montgomery County, it is likely that the same could be said for the Christians. As you can tell, I'm fairly convinced at this point that my Thomas Christian was a son of Allen and Juda and that Allen in turn was a son--or at least a nephew of the Thomas Christian of Bedford.

I will certainly keep in touch. In the meantime, good luck on your Sigmon book.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'C. J. Sigmon', written in black ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

May 6, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
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Dear Agnes:

It seems that there are just not enough hours in the day for me anymore--my responsibilities and interests are pulling me in all directions. Even though I carry much weight (literally), I just cannot spread myself thin enough to cover all bases when I would like to do so. I let my correspondence rest while I did some work on the Sigmon history, after our return from Illinois in the middle of April. I am just now getting to the place that I can take some time to write letters.

In response to your inquiry about the William Christian who is found on the 1786 tax list for Franklin County, I found nothing further on him there. This certainly does seem to indicate that he moved "west" with Catherine (Sigmon) and William Griffith and seems to suggest beyond doubt that it is he whom one finds "working the road in Kentucky" with William Griffith. William and Catherine Griffith were married in 1799 and I believe that they left Franklin County shortly thereafter. This road work was being done in 1811 in Shelby County, Kentucky. Catherine and William were first in this area and it seems that two or three of their children were born in Kentucky. They didn't settled finally in Switzerland County, Indiana, until ca 1816 or 1817--and there they stayed until their demise. I have not checked for Christians in Indiana; nor have I done that much research on them in Kentucky. Yet, I do feel that it opens up a new "vista" for your research. As to the formation of Franklin County, it is true that it was formed in 1785, but it was not taken wholly from Bedford County--part of it was taken off of Henry. It was in Henry County where I found my progenitor, Peter Sickman, Sr., signing the petition for the formation of Franklin County. While we are searching this area, I believe that we also must keep Pittsylvania County in mind because, as you well know, ~~the~~ other counties sorta "dribbled down" from these larger counties.

Because my Christian research has been mostly limited to my own family, and what I have gleaned from my connection with you, I am not at all familiar with this Nicholas Christian about whom you wrote in your last letter. It has always been Nathaniel Christian who has "bugged" me because of the records which we find on him (and I have in my files) in Montgomery County, Virginia. I have copied some excerpts from Maud Clement's HISTORY OF PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA and am enclosing them for your use. You will notice that Nathaniel was on the 1767 lists of tithables for this County--this list having been taken by one John Wimbish. To me it is very significant to notice that also, in the same year, one finds Charles Scaggs (a brother of our Lydia who married Mathias Harman, Sr.), William Blevins, Elisha Wallen (a Long Hunter and a peer of Henry Skaggs--another of Lydia's brothers)--this list having been taken by one Peter Copland. I have also copied some pages which show that Henry Scaggs was also in this region, at this time (see pg. 89, and pg. 90 and pg. 91.) It is quite evident that the Scaggses migrated from this region, and we also find Nathaniel here. Of course, we find the "blending" of these families later in the Tazewell, Giles, Washington areas of Virginia and on farther west in the Tennessee area. As well as different counties of Kentucky. My John Wesley Reed was in Kentucky

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for a time (under the care of the Hoovers) until we find him in 1830 in Tazewell at the time he married Nancy Christian.

The William Christian, whom one finds on the 1786 Tax list of Franklin County, is not to be found again in the census records which I have. He is not there in 1810, 1820. Logical to assume that he has moved west with Catherine and William Griffith. In fact, I find no other Christians at all in this area. I was impressed with the fact that Mrs. Clement mentions one Thomas Mustain in these early Pittsylvania records and this has caused me to wonder if this name is a variant of Mastin. There is also an early Daniel Smith named. Of course, you know that our Thomas Mastin and the Daniel Smith (who became the Tennessee Statesman) were close friends in Virginia and historians feel that Thomas Mastin followed Daniel Smith to Tennessee. Keep in mind, also, that John Donelson was also from this area and moved into Tennessee--he having been the father of Rachel Jackson; and going on down the line--Andrew Jackson was a close friend and neighbor of Daniel Smith (and known by Thomas Mastin, I am sure) in Tennessee. Our John Wesley and Nancy (Christian) Reed named their first son "Jackson." This, again, I feel is significant.

Yes, I feel that it is highly possible that the William Bunday on the list which you sent to me could be a variant of "Bandy." We all know that these "human-recorders" were prone to spell as it sounded and it would depend entirely how that name was pronounced for them. It might be a lead. I don't know about the Christopher Beaver/Christopher Christian connection. However, I shall be watchful for this.

I have, this past week, been sent some family data on Henry Harman, the son of our Mathias Harman, Sr. and Lydia (Skaggs) Harman. In this, I have found another Christian connection. I cannot, though, tie them in with our Tazewell County Christians and I am guessing that they belong with the Long County Christians. I shall elucidate:

Henry Harman married Sara Mitchell in 1798 in Montgomery Co. (one source says Washington County), Virginia. Their children were: Mathias, who married Polly Barnett in 1823; Clementine who married Guy Harrison; Charter who married Elizabeth Webb; Henry Mitchell who married Susan Christian in 1847 in Tazewell (this wasn't our Thomas' Susan because she married James Stephenson); Thomas; Nancy; Sally; William M., who married Harriet Browning in 1846 in Tazewell. (On second thought, I suppose this Christian does fit in some place with the Tazewell County group. But let's go on: William M. Harman had several children: Polly Ann who married a Powell; Lizzie who married Smith Hatfield; Jesse who married 1) Nancy A. Browning and 2) Martelia (Ferrell) Vance; Henry who married Mary J. Browning; James H. who married Dora Browning; John Wesley who married Martha Lee; Narcissus who married William "Dixon" Black; and Rebecca who married Henry Vance. Jesse's children were: Harriet who married Walter Gibson; James Robert who married Nannie Christian (father Burl Christian); Joseph who married Tescola Tiller; Wilson who married Virgie Justice and Mary Allen; Roy who died young. Jesse's family lived in Logan and Mingo Counties. I would assume, then, that this Nannie and Burl Christian were from that area. I have never seen the name "Burl" in our group of Christians; but, of course, "Nannie" is quite familiar. I just thought that you might like to have this data. I plan to put this into a chart and, if you would like to have a copy of same, I shall be pleased to share it with you.

Must go! I have already stopped to cut potatoes for Houston to plant, put two loads of clothes in to wash and dry, potted two plants, and now my husband says he is hungry. As I said, I just can't seem to spread myself thin enough to go around. Hope some of this helps.

Warmly,  
*Jessie*



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*May 26, 1985*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Thanks so much for answering my questions regarding the William Christian found in Shelby County, Kentucky, in 1811. I agree that he probably was the one on the 1786 Franklin County, Virginia, tax list. Was this on a personal property tax list? Or was it for real estate?*

*I wonder if the Martin S. Christian found as head of household on the 1820 Shelby County, Kentucky, census was his son? I even wonder whether what I originally interpreted as Martin S. Christian could have been Mastin S. Christian. You know how easy it is to confuse the two. I will enter the information in "Census Corrections" in the next CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. There is a William Christy listed in Shelby County in 1820!*

*I believe strongly that the Thomas Mustain mentioned by Mrs. Clement is a variant of Mastin.*

*Just recently I have been corresponding with Darlene Stevenson, who is a descendant of a Nathaniel Christian born in Cocke County, Tennessee, in 1827. She may have written to you since she indicated to me that she was contacting the CHRONICLES' subscribers who had expressed any interest in anyone named Nathaniel Christian. She has just started research recently, but I believe her diligent effort may provide some heretofore elusive answers.*

*I wonder with which of his neighbors Nathaniel Christian may have moved to Pittsylvania County, Virginia. The only familiar name in the same group of tithables was that of Smith. If you recall, Nathaniel's mother, Rebecca, married a Joseph Smith after the death of Thomas Christian. I wonder if Samuel Smith were a half-brother or a step-brother. Another familiar name is that of Henry McDaniel. One of that name moved into the New River settlement in Montgomery County, Virginia, and married Catherine (Keller) Gore, widow of Henry Gore, who was killed 20 April 1791 by Indians. I wonder if the Henry McDaniel was the same man. Henry Gore's son, Joseph Gore, owned much property in Logan County, West Virginia, with my ancestor, James Pine Christian. The first wife of Joseph Gore was Martha Pine, sister of James Pine Christian's mother.*

*I appreciated receiving the information on the Harmon-Christian connections. In case you don't have the following dates, I offer them so that the records will be easier to decipher.*

*Betty or, as you called her, "Lizzie" Harmon, daughter of William M. and Harriet (Browning) Harmon, was born about 1849; married 10 May 1874 Smith Hatfield, twin son born about 1854 to Ephraim and Nancy (Vance) Hatfield. His older brothers married in Pike County, Kentucky; but I do not have locale for Smith's marriage.*

May 26, 1985

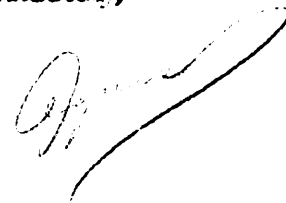
Do you have any dates for the James Robert Harmon who married Nannie Christian, daughter of Burl Christian? It would help in determining whether he was the same as Burl/Burwell T. Christian, born 20 June 1859 in Logan County, (West) Virginia, son of James Thomas Holden and Elizabeth M. (Canterbury) Christian. My records on Burl Christian are not complete as far as his children are concerned. Burl T. Christian married 1) Clarissa Ellis 11 December 1879 but was divorced before 27 October 1887, when she married Floyd Musick. Burl T. Christian married 2) M. Frances (Vance) Christian, daughter of James P. and Lucy (Burgess) Vance and widow of Allen D. Christian. The second marriage took place 14 March 1895. Whether there were any children born after 1900 I do not know. Perhaps the Nannie Christian who married James Robert Harmon was one.

I have hundreds of Browning records, but they are not indexed yet by names of females; thus, I cannot easily identify parents of the Browning women who married Harmons.

Speaking of identity: I wonder who the parents of Henry Mitchell Harmon's wife, Susan Christian, were. She was probably a granddaughter of Thomas and Louisa (Harmon) Christian but by which of their sons? Have you any ideas on the subject?

Again, let me say that I always enjoy hearing from you with your details and documentation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'E. Houston Halstead', written in dark ink.

P. S. I do have birth dates for three of the sons of Henry and Sarah "Sally" (Mitchell) Harmon:

Mathias, born 24 June 1800

Clementine, born 16 April 1805

Charter Mitchell B. Harmon, born 26 April 1807

As you can guess, Sarah was the daughter of Charter Mitchell, who came to the area Tazewell County, Virginia, between 1789 and 1800 from "eastern Virginia," presumably Westmoreland, Lancaster, or Norfolk County.

June 5, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

Now you've gone and done it!! Opened up a new can of worms to puzzle me.

I didn't know that much about Nathaniel Christian's background other than what I have found in the records just about him. So, I didn't know that his mother, Rebecca, married a Joseph SMITH after the death of Thomas Christian. You know me and my mind by now, I am sure. This immediately set me to thinking about DANIEL SMITH the close friend of THOMAS MASTIN. Could this be the same family of Smiths? If so, does this explain the attachment these two had for each other and more than this, are we getting warmer on the trail of our own (at least, my own) Thomas Christian? Actually I think that historians have confused the Daniel SMITH who became the statesman from Tennessee with another Daniel Smith. In the current issue of THE MOUNTAIN EMPIRE, Mr. Emory Hamilton gave the lineage of the Augusta County Daniel Smith rather than the Daniel Smith who went to Tennessee. He had the name of the wife incorrect--I am certain of this because I have a copy of Daniel Smith's will in which he names his wife. Too, I have exchanged several letters with Mr. Walter Durham who wrote THE GREAT LEAP WESTWARD as well as DANIEL SMITH--FRONTIER STATESMAN. He and I have pondered the question of Thomas Mastin's relationship to both Daniel Smith and our Thomas Christian. He had no pat answers other than the fact that he was positive about which Daniel Smith was which. He is interested in anything further which I find with reference to either of them. Now, I am wondering if this Daniel Smith of Tennessee could also have been in the Pittsylvania County area as were many others who moved to Tennessee such as John Donelson, the Scaggs, Elisha Walden, et al. I am also fairly certain that I have seen a Daniel Smith listed some place on some of these records.

Yes, I did have a letter from Darlene Stevenson and I answered same. I shared with her what I knew about our Christian family and offered some speculations of my own. I have not had an answer from her to date.

It could well be that the Martin S. Christian listed in Shelby County in the 1820 census could have been his son. However, I have no way of being certain about this. I also had another thought here: Could this name Martin S. Christian actually have been "Mastin" Christian? It seems to me (and I have forgotten who told me) that I had correspondence some time back from some searching records in Kentucky who had found a Mastin Christian. I know that "Mastin" and "Martin" are often misread in records (one finds Thomas Mastin listed as Martin in records. In fact, his will is listed as such). When one obtains the document and looks at it carefully one sees that the writer often neglected to connect the loop in the "s" and this made it appear to be an "r." Might be worth checking further. Of one thing I am certain, the lady in Bowling Green latched onto the wrong Thomas Mastin--so I feel certain that there were other Mastins abroad in Kentucky. If this 1820 Martin Christian were a son of William Christian who left Franklin County, and his name were Mastin rather than Martin, we might have a pretty good

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Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names. . ."

**Maternal Surnames:**

Sigmon, Jones, Hill, Price, Babgy  
Shores (La Shores), Huff, Van Metre (?)  
Du Bois (?) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes  
Woodson (last four not proven)

**Maternal Surnames:**

Reed, Beavers, Barnett,  
Christian, Harman, Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

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case.

As to whether or not the tax list on which William Christian is found in Franklin County were personal property or real, I don't believe that it says. However, I can guess as to which it is by this: My Peter Sickman, Sr. bought his first property in Franklin County in 1786--he bought two tracts from two different people. He is listed twice on this list--once as Peter Seekman and once as Peter Sickman. For this reason, I am guessing that it was real property.

I am enclosing some family group sheets and a compilation of data which I received from Craig Harmon. I believe that this will answer the questions which you posed with reference to the various individuals mentioned therein. I have made contact with Craig again with particular reference to the CHRISTIANS mentioned. He has promised me that he will check with relatives in Logan and Mingo and will let me know who Susan Christian was, if he can find out. Also, he believes that the Burl whom you mentioned is the same Burl whom he listed. He is working on this and I will let you know further with reference to this.

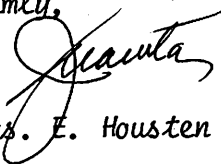
Since Susan was a name which Thomas Christian and Mary Altizer gave to one of their daughters, I would be more inclined to wonder if George or Mathias, sons of Thomas and Mary, might have named a daughter Susan for their sister. I don't find the name Susan among the children of Thomas and Louisa (Harman) Christian. I hope Craig can find the answer to this one for us.

These charts which I am sending have been passed around among those of us doing this research, thus the many different scribes and such. Yet, it is a dandy way to collect information. Notice on Henry Harman's chart (wife Sarah Mitchell) one had listed the 4th child as Henry Mitchell Harman. You gave me the name for the 3 child as Charter Mitchell B. Harman. Wonder which is correct? Or do you think they might have given two sons the middle name of "Mitchell?"

Thanks for the kind words. I enjoy digging this family information out of the past, and I love to share it with those whom I think it might help. I know that occasionally I take a wrong turn and go down the wrong road for a time; however, once I have been shown the right direction, it doesn't bother me to turn back and get on the right road. I have enjoyed very much our exchange of letters and I know that you have been most helpful to me in many ways. For this I am grateful.

Hope this material will be helpful. Let me know what you think of my thoughts on some of these people.

Warmly,



(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

Enclosure/Harman data and Charts.



FAMILY GROUP No. *IV*

Husband's Full Name *Jenny Harmon*

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Data | Day | Month | Year        | City, Town or Place           | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|----------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth          |     |       |             |                               |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr'nd         |     |       |             |                               |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.           |     |       | <i>1798</i> | <i>Washington County, VA.</i> |                          |                  |                       |
| Death          |     |       |             |                               |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial         |     |       |             |                               |                          |                  |                       |

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|---|--------------------|---------------|
| Places of Residence   | Church Affiliation | Military Rec. |
| Occupation  |                    |               |
| Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |                    |               |

His Father *Matthew Harmon* Mother's Maiden Name *Lidia Kruger*

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Luad Mitchell*

| Wife's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |

|             |                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Compiler    | Places of Residence                |
| Address     | Occupation if other than Housewife |
| City, State | Church Affiliation                 |
| Date        | Her Father                         |
|             | Mother's Maiden Name               |

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)                     | Children's Data | Day             | Month       | Year        | City, Town or Place      | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child |
|-----|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | <i>Mathias</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Polly Burnett</i>           | Birth           | <i>24</i>       | <i>June</i> | <i>1800</i> |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                 |             | <i>1823</i> | <i>Tazewell Co., VA.</i> |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
| 2   | <i>Clementine</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Jay Harmon</i>           | Birth           | <i>16</i>       | <i>Apr</i>  | <i>1805</i> |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
| 3   | <i>Charlee Mitchell</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Elizabeth Webb</i> | Birth           | <i>26</i>       | <i>Apr</i>  | <i>1807</i> |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
| 4   | <i>Jenny Mitchell</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Susan Christian</i>  | Birth           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            | <i>Aug. 10,</i> | <i>1844</i> |             | <i>Tazewell Co., VA.</i> |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
| 5   | <i>Rhoda</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                     | Birth           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
| 6   | <i>Nancy</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                     | Birth           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
| 7   | <i>Sally</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                     | Birth           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
| 8   | <i>William M.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Harriet Manning</i>      | Birth           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            | <i>19 Jan</i>   | <i>1846</i> |             | <i>Tazewell Co., VA.</i> |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                 |             |             |                          |                          |                  |                     |



FAMILY GROUP No. IV Husband's Full Name Mathias Harman

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth          | 24 June 1800   |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr'nd         |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.           | 1823           | Tazewell Co., VA    |                          |                  |                       |
| Death          |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial         |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |

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|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Places of Residence            | Church Affiliation  | Military Rec.                              |
| Occupation                     | Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |  |
| His Father <u>Henry Harman</u> |   | Mother's Maiden Name <u>Sarah Mitchell</u> |

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |

Wife's Full Maiden Name Sally Bennett

|             |                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Compiler    | Places of Residence                |
| Address     | Occupation if other than Housewife |
| City, State | Church Affiliation                 |
| Date        | Her Father                         |
|             | Mother's Maiden Name               |

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)                      | Children's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child |
|-----|---|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | <u>Ethel</u><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                      | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 2   | <u>Thomas</u><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                     | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 3   | <u>Daniel Beach</u><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><u>Hannie</u>              | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 4   | <u>William</u><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><u>Leopoldy</u><br><u>Smith</u> | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 5   | <u>Christina</u><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><u>Whitt</u>                  | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 6   | <u>Rebecca</u><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><u>Lawrence</u>                 | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 7   | <u>Mary</u><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><u>Stallace</u>                    | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 8   | <u>Andrew</u><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                     | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                     |

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. Info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

*Georg Harrison*

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Date | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth          |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr'nd         |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.           |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Death          |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial         |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name

*Clementine Harrison*

| Wife's Date | Day Month Year       | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       | <i>16 April 1895</i> |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |                      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |                      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |                      |                     |                          |                  |                    |

Compiler

Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father

*Henry Harman*

Mother's Maiden Name

*Martha Mitchell*

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Date | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|--|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1   | <i>Lucy</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                  | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| 2   | <i>Matt</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                  | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| 3   | Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| 4   | Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| 5   | Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| 6   | Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| 7   | Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| 8   | Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Death           |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |                        |

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. Info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

*Charter Mitchell*

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Date | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth          | 26 Apr 1867    |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr'nd         |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.           |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Death          |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial         |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |

|   |            |                    |               |
|---|------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Places of Residence   | Occupation | Church Affiliation | Military Rec. |
| Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |            |                    |               |

His Father *Henry ...* Mother's Maiden Name *Mrs. ...*

| Wife's Date | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |

|  |                     |                                    |                    |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Compiler   | Places of Residence | Occupation if other than Housewife | Church Affiliation |
| Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |                     |                                    |                    |

Her Father ... Mother's Maiden Name ...

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)                 | Children's Date | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place   | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child |
|-----|--|-----------------|----------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | <i>Clementine</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>John Christian</i>   | Birth           |                | Tazewell Co, VA.  |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            | 7 Jan 1857     | Tazewell Co, VA.  |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
| 2   | <i>Thomas</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                | Birth           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
| 3   | <i>Sally</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
| 4   | <i>Cuthbert</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Rachel Brewster</i>    | Birth           |                | Tazewell Co, VA.  |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            | 12 Dec 1854    | Tazewell Co, VA.  |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
| 5   | <i>Mary "Pally"</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>L. R. S. Davis</i> | Birth           |                | Tazewell Co, VA   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            | 25 March 1855  | Tazewell Co, VA   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
| 6   | <i>Elias</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
| 7   | <i>Aurica</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Thomas Rose</i>          | Birth           |                | Tazewell Co, VA.  |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            | 17 May 1867    | McDowell Co, W. Va  |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
| 8   | <i>Lucinda</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>William Brewster</i>    | Birth           |                | McDowell Co, W. Va  |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            | 11 Feb. 1870   | " " " "   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
| 9   | <i>Lericy</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Joseph Brewster</i>      | Birth           |                | McDowell Co, W. Va.   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            | 28 April 1854  | " " " "   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                | This one is questionable. Probably not Charter & Elizabeth's. |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
| 10  |  | Birth           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |                |   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |                |   |                          |                  |                     |

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. Info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

**FAMILY GROUP No.**

**Husband's Full Name**

*Henry Mitchell Harman*

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Data    | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth             |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr <sup>nd</sup> |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.              | 10 AUG 1847    | Tazewell            | County, VA.              |                  |                       |
| Death             |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial            |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |

|   |                    |               |
|---|--------------------|---------------|
| Places of Residence   |                    |               |
| Occupation  | Church Affiliation | Military Rec. |
| Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |                    |               |

His Father *Henry Harman* Mother's Maiden Name *Susan Christian*

| Wife's Data       | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth             |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr <sup>nd</sup> |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death             |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial            |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |

|             |  |                    |
|-------------|--|--------------------|
| Compiler    | Places of Residence  |                    |
| Address     | Occupation if other than Housewife   | Church Affiliation |
| City, State | Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |                    |
| Date        | Her Father   |                    |

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|--|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|-----|--|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|

*1st*

|   |  |        |               |                     |  |  |  |
|---|--|--------|---------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | <i>Mary Fletcher</i><br>Full Name of Spouse* | Birth  | 11 March 1856 | Tazewell Co., VA    |  |  |  |
|   |  | Mar.   | 24 Dec 1868   | McDowell Co., W. VA |  |  |  |
|   |  | Death  |               |                     |  |  |  |
|   |  | Burial |               |                     |  |  |  |

|   |  |        |          |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| 2 | <i>John E.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse* | Birth  | ca. 1847 |  |  |  |  |
|   |  | Mar.   |          |  |  |  |  |
|   |  | Death  |          |  |  |  |  |
|   |  | Burial |          |  |  |  |  |

|   |  |        |             |                      |  |  |  |
|---|--|--------|-------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| 3 | <i>Thomas</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*          | Birth  |             | Buchanan Co., VA     |  |  |  |
|   | <i>Rebecca Patrick</i><br>Full Name of Spouse* | Mar.   | 12 JUN 1878 | McDowell Co., W. VA. |  |  |  |
|   |  | Death  |             |                      |  |  |  |
|   |  | Burial |             |                      |  |  |  |

|   |   |        |            |                      |   |   |  |
|---|---|--------|------------|----------------------|---|---|--|
| 4 | <i>Nancy</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*      | Birth  |            | McDowell Co., W. VA. |   |   |  |
|   | <i>Bud Harman</i><br>Full Name of Spouse* | Mar.   | 4 OCT 1884 | "                    | " | " |  |
|   |   | Death  |            |                      |   |   |  |
|   |   | Burial |            |                      |   |   |  |

*2nd*

|   |   |        |             |                      |  |  |  |
|---|---|--------|-------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| 4 | <i>Nancy</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*            | Birth  |             | McDowell Co., W. VA. |  |  |  |
|   | <i>John Henry Cline</i><br>Full Name of Spouse* | Mar.   | 10 OCT 1894 | McDowell Co., W. VA. |  |  |  |
|   |   | Death  |             |                      |  |  |  |
|   |   | Burial |             |                      |  |  |  |

|   |                      |        |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 6 | Full Name of Spouse* | Birth  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Mar.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Death  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Burial |  |  |  |  |  |

|   |                      |        |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 7 | Full Name of Spouse* | Birth  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Mar.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Death  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Burial |  |  |  |  |  |

|   |                      |        |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 8 | Full Name of Spouse* | Birth  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Mar.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Death  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Burial |  |  |  |  |  |

|   |                      |        |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 9 | Full Name of Spouse* | Birth  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Mar.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Death  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                      | Burial |  |  |  |  |  |

|    |                      |        |  |  |  |  |  |
|----|----------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 10 | Full Name of Spouse* | Birth  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |                      | Mar.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |                      | Death  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |                      | Burial |  |  |  |  |  |

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use separate sheet for address...

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**FAMILY GROUP No.**

**Husband's Full Name**

*William M. Harman*

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year  | City, Town or Place         | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Hus |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Birth          | ca 1824 or 1825 |                             |                          |                  |                   |
| Chr'nd         |                 |                             |                          |                  |                   |
| Mar.           | 19 Nov. 1846    | Tazewell Co., VA.           |                          |                  |                   |
| Death          | ca 1900         | Mingo County, West Virginia |                          |                  |                   |
| Burial         |                 |                             |                          |                  |                   |

|                     |            |                    |               |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Places of Residence | Occupation | Church Affiliation | Military Rec. |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father *Henry Harman* Mother's Maiden Name *Sarah Pittchill*

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       | 1825           |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |

|             |                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Compiler    | Places of Residence                |
| Address     | Occupation if other than Housewife |
| City, State | Church Affiliation                 |

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father *Jesse Browning* Mother's Maiden Name *Malinda*

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)              | Children's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place  | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child                 |
|-----|---|-----------------|----------------|--|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1   | <i>Polly Ann Powell</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                   | Birth           |                | Family lore says that they moved to Montana and took up a Homestead.   |                          |                  | see chart attached                  |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Death           |                | One of her grandson's became a U.S. Senator from Montana.  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
| 2   | <i>Lizzie Elizabeth Smith Hatfield</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*    | Birth           | 1849           | Known as "Aunt Betty." Smith's parents were Ephriam & Nancy (Vance) Hatfield. Ephriam a brother to "Devil Anse" Hatfield.            |                          |                  | Nancy Hatfield - see attached chart |
|     |   | Mar.            | 10 May 1874    |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
| 3   | <i>Jesse</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>1) Nancy A. Browning      | Birth           | May 1850       | After Nancy's death, Jesse married 2) Martelia (Ferrell) Vance in May 1874.  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Mar.            | 26 Oct 1882    |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Death           | 1934           |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                | See attached chart for more on family.   |                          |                  |                                     |
| 4   | <i>Mary J. Browning</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                   | Birth           |                | He was shot and killed in his early thirties near "Hatfield Bottom" in Logan County, WV  |                          |                  | See Char attached.                  |
|     |   | Mar.            | 2 Nov 1884     |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
| 5   | <i>James H. Dora Browning</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*             | Birth           | April 1868     | James was a coal miner who lived in Mingo County, WV   |                          |                  | See char attached.                  |
|     |   | Mar.            | 13 Apr. 1892   |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
| 6   | <i>John</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>Martha Lee                 | Birth           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Mar.            | 1884           |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
| 7   | <i>Narcissus</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>William "Dixon" Black | Birth           | 1846           | Wm. Black was a school teacher in Logan County. They moved to Cuba at the time of the Spanish War. No one has heard from them since. |                          |                  | See chart attached.                 |
|     |   | Mar.            | 16 Sept 1873   |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
| 8   | <i>Rebecca</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>Henry Vance             | Birth           |                |  |                          |                  | See chart attached.                 |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Death           |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                |  |                          |                  |                                     |

HARMAN

This chart will cover the descendants of Henry Harman, s/o Mathias Harman, Sr. and Lydia [Skaggs] Harman. I am sure that most of those searching the Harman family are familiar with the HARMAN GENEALOGY by John Newton Harman, Tazewell, Va. This genealogy supplies all the data which we need on Heinrich Adam Harman to bring us to the descendants of his children. We know that one of his sons was Mathias Harman, Sr. and most of us know who Mathias' children were. However, for the sake of this chart's accuracy, I shall pick up with Mathias Harman, Sr.:

MATHIAS HARMAN, SR., b. 1736 near Strasburg, Virginia; d. 2 April 1832 on Dry Fork, Tazewell County, Virginia; m. Lydia Skaggs. Children:

1. Catherine "Katie" Harman, b 1779; m. Robert "Robin" Beavers; d. 4 April 1855 of consumption.
2. Mathias Harman, Jr., b 15 Jan 1885; m. 16 August 1775 to Nancy Vance; d. 14 Feb 1850.
3. Pheby Harman (Phoebe), b ca 1798; 9 Feb 1819 to Moses Beavers.
4. Adam Harman, m. 5 April 1812 to Levicy Harman.
5. Henry Harman, m. 1798 to Sarah "Sallie" Mitchell. Sarah was a d/o Charter Mitchell.
6. Louisa Harman, m. Thomas Christian.
7. Rebecca Harman; never married.

I, Juanita Halstead, descend through two of Mathias Harman, Sr.'s daughters, Catherine and Louisa. However, I shall not, at this time, include data which I have on them. I am only interested now in extending the data which we now have on the descendants of Mathias and Lydia's son, Henry:

5. Henry Harman; m. Sarah Mitchell in 1798 (Craig says in MONTgomery County-- another source gave me the county as Washington County, Virginia).  
Children:

- a. Mathias Harman, m. Polly Barnett in 1823. *mathias b. 24 June 1800-*
- b. Clementine, married Guy Harrison. *Clementine b. 16 Apr 1805.*
- c. Charter Harman, married Elizabeth Webb. *Charter Mitchell B. Harman, b. 26 Apr 1807.*
- d. Henry Mitchell Harman, married Susan Christian in 1847.
- e. Thomas Harman.
- f. Nancy Harman.
- g. Sallie Harman.
- h. William M. Harman, married Harriet Browning in 1846.  
William "Bill" M. Harman was born ca 1824 or 1825; m. 19 November 1846 in Tazewell, Virginia, to Harriet Browning (b. July 1825). Her parents were Jesse and Malinda Browning. Children:
  - (1) Polly Ann Harman.
  - (2) Elizabeth Harman.
  - (3) Jesse Harman.
  - (4) Narcissus Harman.
  - (5) John Wesley Harman.
  - (6) Rebecca Harman.
  - (7) Henry Harman.
  - (8) James H. Harman.

William M. Harman was born in Tazewell County in the section which is now McDowell County, WV; and he was raised on Dry Fork near Welch, WV. He moved to Logan County during the early 1850s. He was described as having been a small man, with dark hair and dark complexion. He was not of a friendly disposition and people were said to have been afraid of him. It is said that he was a gambler; and that he was involved with witchcraft--

MATHIAS HARMAN, SR. (Heinrich Adam Harman and Louisa Katrina) cont'd.:

5. Henry Harman - cont'd.:

h. William M. Harman - cont'd.:

he was run out of tazewell County, Virginia, according to data from Craig Harmon. He died in Mingo County, WV, in 1900. He settled near Barnabus on Cow Creek when he went to Logan County, WV.

Children:

- (1) Polly Ann Harmon, lived in Logan County, WV. As a young woman, she had a daughter out of wedlock. It is said that she married a Powell and they moved to Montana, and took up a homestead there. The incentive for this move came about after the passing of the Homestead Act.

Craig says that one of her grandsons became a well-known U.S. Senator from Montana.

- (2) Elizabeth Harmon, b. 1849; m. Smith Hatfield. <sup>on 10 may 1871</sup> His parents were Ephraim and Nancy [Vance] Hatfield. Ephraim was a brother to "Devil Anse" Hatfield--so says Craig. (I did not check this for accuracy. While my mother's family did know "Devil Anse" in McDowell County as he would travel through from time to time; and my brother went to West Va. University with one of his grandsons; I have still not been interested enough in the Hatfields to check for siblings of "Devil Anse"--jsh) Elizabeth was known as "Aunt Betty." Children:

- (a) Nancy Hatfield; m. Greenway Vance. Children:

- 1-a Mary Vance.  
2-b May Vance.  
3-c Eliza Vance.  
4-d Jesse Vance.  
5-e Roy Vance.  
6-f Lee Vance.  
7-g Ried Vance.

- (3) Rebecca Harmon; m. Henry Vance. Lived at Newtown, Mingo Co., WV.

Children:

- (a) Betty Vance.  
(b) Eliza Vance.  
(c) Laura Vance.  
(d) Zetta Vance.  
(e) Joe Vance.  
(f) Greenway Vance.  
(g) Epp Vance.

- (4) Narcissus Harmon, b. 1846; m. 16 Sept 1873 to William "Dixon" Black. (Craig had first listed Polly Ann as the oldest child; he then listed Narcissus as the oldest--can't have it both ways. Therefore, I will use this daughter because of the date of her birth--jsh) William Black was a school teacher in Logan County. He was partially crippled. Narcissus and her husband moved to Cuba during the Spanish-American War, and no one heard from them after that time. Children:  
(a) Mary H. Black--6 yrs. of age (Craig evidently used the 1880 census in obtaining the names and ages of these children.--jsh)  
(b) William J. Black, 3 yrs. of age.

MATHIAS HARMAN, SR. (Heinrich Adam Harman and Louisa Katrina):5. Henry Harman - cont'd.:h. William M. Harmon - cont'd.:(4) Narcissus Harmon - cont'd.:(c) John S. Black, 2 yrs. of age.(d) George A. Black, 2 months old in 1880.(5) John Wesley Harmon; m. 1884 to Martha Lee. Lived at Barnabus on Cow Creek in Logan County, WV. No information available on this son. It is thought that John suffered from mental illness.(6) Henry Harmon; m. 2 November 1884 to Mary J. Browning who was born May 1864. Henry was shot and killed when he was in his early 30s. He died near "Hatfield Bottom" in Logan County, WV. Children:(a) Polly Harmon, b in 1886; m. John Butcher.(b) Alice Harmon, b. Feb 1888; m. a Ferrell near Gilbert, WV.(c) George Harmon, b. March 1891.(d) Sydney Harmon, b. August 1893.After Henry was killed, Mary remarried to Francis Browning and they had twins: Pheba Browning and Natie M. Browning, b. June 1899.(7) James H. Harmon, b. April 1868; m. 13 April 1892 to Dora Browning who was 21 years of age at the time of their marriage. James was a coal miner; and Dora was a midwife, and an article about her was carried in LIFE magazine from an appearance at Grand Old Opry. Her parents were Adam and Elizabeth Browning--Adam having been a minister of the Gospel. James and Dora resided in Mingo County, WV. Children:(a) George Harmon, b. Aug. 1890. He lived in Logan County and had a large family. I have no data on this, however.(b) William Rices Harmon, b. 1893; lived in Mingo County and Logan County. He, too, was a preacher. He also had a large family, and I have no data on them.(c) Jesse J. Harmon, b. April 1894. Died as a young boy.(d) Allen Harmon, b. November 1896. Lived in Mingo County, WV. He, too, had a large family and I have nothing further on them.(e) Lizzie B. Harmon; b. 1904; m. Lowe Robinson. No children. They lived in Logan County, WV.(f) Sarrah Mae Harmon, b. 1907; m. William "Billy" Baisden. Lived in Mingo County, WV.(g) Ellen Harmon; m. Alvin Russell. They lived in Logan County and had a large family. I have nothing further on them.(8) Jesse Harmon, b. May 1850; d. 1934; m. 26 Oct 1882 to Nancy A. Browning. Jesse was 32 years of age at the time of his marriage to Nancy; she was 18 years of age--her father was Kemper Browning. Nancy died at an early age at Big Muncey; and Jesse then married Martelia [Ferrell] Vance in 1892. Martelia was born in May 1874.Children by Nancy:(a) America Harmon, b. 1884; m. Robert Adkins. They lived in Newtown, Mingo County, WV. They had one child:1-a Vivian Adkins--died very young.(b) Leonard Harmon, b. April 1886; m. May Dingess as his first wife; m. 2) Sara Patrick and they had no children. Leonard sold insurance which was a responsible position, necessitating his traveling over much of the United States. His residence was near



MATHIAS HARMAN, SR. (Heinrich Adam Harman and Louisa Katrina) cont'd.:

5. Henry Harman- cont'd.:

h. William M. Harmon - cont'd.:

(8) Jesse Harmon - cont'd.:

(b) Leonard Harmon - cont'd:

Barnabus, Logan County, WV. He died in 1964. He had one child by May Dingess:

1-a Judge Harmon, b. 1909.

(c) Milton Harmon, b. April 1888; m. 1912 to Tina Adkins whose parents were Alvin and Micki Adkins. Milton and Tina lived on Pigeon Creek and Newtown, Mingo County, WV. At one time, Tina's father is said to have owned all of what is now Delbarton, WV. Children:

1-a Glady Harmon.

2-b Vivian Jane Harmon.

3-c Leonard Rex Harmon.

4-d Milton Harmon, Jr.

5-e Alvin Adkins Harmon.

6-f Walter Carl Harmon.

7-g Beula Glendene Harmon.

8-h Herbert Russell Harmon.

Craig, at this point in his data, inserts this bit of information: "My grandpa was a coal miner all his life. He had a big job for 40 years. He was over all of the supervisors and foremen in the mines. He had the first car in the area. My grandma was very active person--she was a member of the borad of directors of Matewan Bank. She also worked for the Federal Government. He and she owned lots of lands and had two farms in Ohio."

He told me that he was a descendant of Jesse's, but he failed to tell me which of Milton's children was his parent.

Jesse's children by Martelia:

(d) Harriet Harmon; m. Walter Gibson. They lived in Ben Creek, Mingo County, WV. Children:

1-a Hazel Gibson.

2-b Clifford Gibson

3-c L. T. Gibson.

4-d Ersel Gibson.

5-e Rena Gibson.

6-f Pearl Gibson.

7-g Dorothy Gibson.

8-h Nadine Gibson.

(e) James Robert Harmon, b. 1897; m. Nannie Christian whose father was Burl Christian. James was a coal miner. Children:

1-a Elmer Harmon; m. Elsa Mahon.

2-b Inez Harmon.

3-c Reaford Harmon.

4-d Leige Harmon.

5-e Ruth Harmon; m. Ben Bailey.

6-f Johnny Harmon.

7-g Phyllis Harmon; m. Dora Hickman.

8-h Donald Harmon.

9-i Earl Harmon.

10-j Henry Harmon.

MATHIAS HARMAN, SR. (Heinrich Adam Harman and Louisa Katrina) cont'd.:

5. Henry Harman - cont'd.:

h. William M. Harmon - cont'd.:

(8) Jesse Harmon - cont'd.:

(f) Joseph Harmon, b. 25 Nov 1906; m. Tescola Tiller; d. 26 June 1961. Tescola was b. 4 August 1908 and d. in Sept. 1973. Her parents were R. W. and Dixie [Akers] Tiller.  
Children:

1-a Mary Lou Harmon, b. 11 August 1929; m. 7 April 1947 to William T. Varney; d. 19 December 1982.

2-b Betty June Harmon; m. Beacher Varney.

3-c Tiny Merrill Harmon.

4-d Eugene Glen Harmon, b. 19 May 1939; m. 9 March 1963 to Ruby Taylor who was born 7 December 1942.

(g) Henry Harmon. No data. Died as a child.

(h) Wilson Harmon, b. 1914; m. 1) Virgie Justice; and m. 2) Mary Allen Varney. Wilson is a coal miner and a minister who lives at Oak Hill, WV. He is the only living child of this family. Children by Virgie:

1-a Sherman Roy Harmon.

(i) Roy Harmon. The youngest child of Jesse's family. He died when he was seventeen years of age. He tried to hop onto a truck and he was killed.

June 21, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
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Dear Agnes:

My sister, our husbands and I recently made a flying trip into Virginia, stopping first at Tazewell for a couple of days, and then on to Rocky Mount. While in Tazewell, I took the opportunity to do some more searching at the Court House. A friend helped to get permission for me to go into the room where their Chancery and Law Order books are stored. This room really has a treasure trove hidden there in those records. I just simply did not have the time which I would have liked to have had to delve into these records deeper. However, I do believe that some of the things which I found might be a key to helping us solve some of the puzzles in the Christian family. Some of the notes which I jotted down need further searching. I am hoping that I can persuade this friend to go back and re-check some of these things for me. Anyway, I have revised the family group sheet which I had on Thomas Christian (and I believe that I had sent you a copy of the first), as well as the comments which I had made some years ago with reference to the 1850 census of Tazewell. I shan't repeat my thoughts to you in this letter--they have been set forth in the enclosed papers. I truly believe that I have just started to "unearth" (or exhume, if you will) what the problem was between Thomas and Moses Christian. If I can find out more about this grievance, I shall certainly share it with you. You will also find enclosed a copy of Moses Christian's will. I believe that this is very enlightening and certainly displays the stubbornness and vindictiveness which seems to be evident, at times, within this family circle. Whatever Shone did, left no room for repentance--possibly, "not even with tears." I also wonder what happened to Samuel? I have not remembered seeing his name in other records other than the 1850 census and this will. Did he die?

I believe that I will send back for a copy of Mastin's will, as well as Anthony's. I am now curious to see what was outlined in these two documents. To date, I have not been able to place Anthony in the proper niche--the will might help me to do so.

While reviewing my CHRISTIAN files after returning home, I looked through the data which Frank Christian had sent to me some time ago. It had been a long time since I had looked at it, and what with this Sigmon book on my mind, I had let some of the data slide to the back of my "computer" and forgotten it. Frank had mentioned that Nathaniel's mother had been one Smith. It certainly does make one wonder if they might have been the same family of Smiths as those of Daniel Smith's family.

I did hear more from Craig Harmon with reference to the CHRISTIANS in his family. This is what he reported to me: "I checked on Burl Christian in Mingo County. James Harmon married Nannie (Harrison) Christian. Nannie's mother was married to a Harrison, and she remarried to Burl Christian. This was Nannie's step-dad, but she changed her maiden name to Christian." He told me that his uncle would know more about Burl and he is going to try to find out this data for me. In this last communication, Craig brought his

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Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names. . ."

**Maternal Surnames:**

Sigmon, Jones, Hill, Price, Babgy  
Shores (La Shores), Huff, Van Metre (?)  
Du Bois (?) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes  
Woodson (last four not proven)

**Maternal Surnames:**

Reed, Beavers, Barnett,  
Christian, Harman, Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

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family up-to-date for me. As soon as I can, I wanted to revise the Harmon data which I had previously compiled from his data and add this latest information thereto. I believe that I sent you a copy of what I put together first.

I don't know if I will ever get my SIGMON history to the printer. It seems that one tangent after the other takes me out into orbit. I am worse than a bloodhound--once I get the scent of a new lead on the family, I take off in leaps and bounds.

Hope all are well.

Warmly,



(Mrs. E. Houston H. Alstead)

Enclosure/Revised Thomas Christian family group sheet with comments on 1850 census, Moses' will, etc., attached thereto; copy of Moses' will.

*For also enclosing a better copy of the Master Christian's (Thomas P.) guardianship acc.*



**FAMILY GROUP NO.**

**Husband's Full Name** THOMAS CHRISTIAN

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Data  | Day    | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Hus.      |
|---|--------|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1850 Census, Vantis   | Birth  | ca    | 1770 |                     |                          |                  | * Orphaned & raised by  |
| Archives of Tazewell Co. Christian vs. Christian                      | Chr'nd |       |      |                     |                          |                  | Capt. Thoma             |
| (suit between children of First Marriage & children of 2nd marriage). | Death  | Dec.  | 1854 | Tazewell Co.,       | Va.                      |                  | Mastin (part of time in |
|   | Burial |       |      |                     |                          |                  | Sumner Co. T            |
| Places of Residence Tazewell Co., Va. & Sumner Co., TN.               |        |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                         |

\* Hezekiah Whitt's pension file.

| Occupation  | Church Affiliation             | Military Rec. |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. | Mary Altizer (m. 18 June 1829) |               |
| His Father  | Mother's Maiden Name           |               |

Christian vs. Wray (Ray) (suit in Augusta Co., Va.) Tazewell County, Va., birth, death, and marriage records.

**Wife's Full Maiden Name** LOUISA HARMAN

| Wife's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |

Compiler Juanita S. Halstead

| Places of Residence         | Occupation if other than housewife   | Church Affiliation                |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Address 6 Saunders Add'n.   |  |                                   |
| City, State Scott Depot, WV | Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |                                   |
| Date 19 June 1985 /25560    | Her Father Mathais Harman, Sr.   | Mother's Maiden Name Lydia Skaggs |

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| Sex | Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place  | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|---|-----------------|-----|-------|------|--|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|     | 1 Moses Christian                                   | Birth           | 13  | May   | 1795 | 1850 Census has age as 56 - bd 1794?   |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse* Mary "Polly" Beavers           | Death           | 29  | May   | 1855 | Will on record in WB #3, pgs. 186-187, Tazewell Co., Va. Not named in suit of Christian vs. Christian.   |                          |                  |                        |
| **  | 2 David Christian                                   | Birth           | ca  |       | 1787 | Death Record in Tazewell: 12 March 1861, d. in Baptist Valley, of Kidney disease, 74 yrs. 2 mos.   |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse* Sina Trent                     | Death           | 12  | March | 1861 | 15 days, s/o Thomas & Louisa Christian, lived in Sinking Waters - informant: Lavisa Christian.   |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 3 Nancy Elizabeth Christian                         | Birth           | 18  | Oct   | 1812 | 1850 census says age was 44. The date on tombstone is the one used here  |                          |                  | dau                    |
|     | Full Name of Spouse* John Wesley Reed               | Death           | 9   | June  | 1889 | for birth and death dates.   |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 4 John Christian                                    | Birth           |     |       | 1804 | 1850 census gives age as 46.   |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse* Cathan McKenster               | Death           | 4   | Aug   | 1823 |  |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 5 Mastin Christian                                  | Birth           |     |       | 1793 | 1850 census gave age as 57. Don't have date of death, but he was dead in 1855 when the Christian vs. Christian suit was brought to court.  |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse* Maria-1850/Margaret ***        | Death           |     |       |      |  |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 6 Thomas S. Christian                               | Birth           |     |       | 1815 | 1850 census gives age as 35.   |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse* Anna Altizer                   | Death           | 23  | Oct   | 1836 |  |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 7 Ruth Christian                                    | Birth           |     |       |      | All I know here is what is in the Bill of Complaint (Christian vs. Christian) which says she is dec'd. and left a dau., Louisa, who is the wife of William Altizer.  |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Death           |     |       |      | ** The record which was first given to me on David gave his death date as 14 Aug 1861. I personally checked this record and found the date which I now list above. Too, his bd was given as 1801--obviously, if one uses the age given at death, this date is not correct. |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 8   | Birth           |     |       |      |  |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Death           |     |       |      |  |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 9   | Birth           |     |       |      |  |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Death           |     |       |      |  |                          |                  |                        |
|     | 10  | Birth           |     |       |      |  |                          |                  |                        |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Death           |     |       |      | ***The 1860 census record as compiled and published by Norma P. Evans (McDowell Co.) says that one Margaret listed there was his wife. (Over)  |                          |                  |                        |

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or info.



\*\*\* Mastin - cont'd.:

I found a record of a divorce in Tazewell County of one Mastin Christian which reads thusly: "14 May 1851--divorce granted, with right to re-marry, to Mastin Christian and Jane Christian." Apparently all this does is make the waters "muddier." I don't have the answer.

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A Bill of Complaint, filed in Tazewell County, Virginia, in 1855, in the case of Christian vs. Christian (children of Thomas Christian's second wife vs. children by the first wife) one finds the following list given as children of Thomas Christian and Mary (Altizer) Christian:

George  
Mathias  
Louisa - wife of John H. Gates  
Susan - wife of James Stephenson  
Sarah  
Lilly

In this same Bill of Complaint, one finds mention made of the fact that two of the children of Thomas Christian and Louisa (Harman) Christian were dead at the time of the complaint, viz: Mastin and Ruth.

Ruth's daughter:

Louisa - wife of William Altizer

Mastin's children:

William  
Ruth - wife of James W. Low  
Nancy - wife of Noah Burchfield  
Addison  
Daniel  
Hiram  
Thomas  
Moses  
Mastin  
Nathan  
Lovace

Other children of Thomas and Louisa named were:

David  
Nancy  
John  
Thomas S.

Which, of course, leaves MOSES CHRISTIAN unaccounted for in this action of Christian vs. Christian. We know that Moses died in 1855 and one might think that this was the reason for the omission. Yet, please note that Ruth and Mastin were also dead and they were mentioned and their children named. Recently, I spent some time searching the records in Tazewell County for Christians, et al. I may have found an inkling as to why Moses is not mentioned in this case; and also why his mother is given simply as "Louisa Harman" and no father listed on his death record: In Law Order Book which covered the years 1844-1859, pgs. 128 & 144, one finds a suit of Thomas Christian vs. Moses Christian. At the first day set for trial, it was continued; at the next scheduled time, it was dismissed. While the action does not stipulate the cause for this grievance, I strongly suspect that it might account for Moses' not being named when this suit was brought by the children of Mary Altizer. They both were probably aged and infirm--possibly ill--and just didn't appear to further this cause. I am hoping that I may find out more about this later. They may have each gone to his grave without this dispute ever having been resolved. No doubt, the living children knew of this and, consequently, left Moses' children out of the law suit. Moses did this to one of his daughters, Shone. In his will, she is given one dollar "and not a cent more." It

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Moses Christian - cont'd.:

certainly indicates that Shone had displeased her father and she was cut off from her inheritance. Was Moses dismissed in much the same way from inheriting anything from the estate of Thomas Christian? His daughter was the informant for this death record. Did she give his mother simply as "Louisa Harman" to emphasize the fact that that branch of the Christian family had withdrawn themselves from the others?

While I am well aware that much of the foregoing is speculation based on extant records (and, for that reason, probably not worth a plugged nickel in the genealogical community), I do believe that there is enough evidence to warrant further investigation and perhaps, thereby, we might resolve this question as to why Moses was not named in the suit of Christian vs. Christian. I might also remind the reader that my great grandfather, John W. Reed, had evidently borrowed money from Moses and his note was included as part of the assets in the inventory taken of Moses' estate. This certainly leads me to conclude that we are dealing with "family" with Moses; and if not family, definitely a close association for John W. Reed to have borrowed money from him.

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Family groups taken from the 1850 census of Tazewell County, Virginia, showing the offspring of Thomas and Louisa (Harman) Christian:

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Masten Christian | 57 |
| Maria            | 40 |
| Daniel           | 21 |
| Hiram            | 15 |
| Thomas           | 13 |
| Moses            | 7  |
| Mathias          | 5  |
| Masten           | 2  |
| Noah Birchfield  | 24 |
| Nancy "          | 18 |
| Sally Christian  | 20 |

Note: William, Addison, Lovace, Ruth, Nathan are missing from this list. A Mathias is listed here and not in the Bill of Complaint. Too, Nancy and her husband, Noah Birchfield are living in this household; but, I don't know who this Sally Christian is.

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| John W. Reed | 47 |
| Nancy        | 46 |
| Jackson      | 18 |
| Nancy J.     | 17 |
| John L.      | 16 |
| Daniel       | 15 |
| Wesley       | 13 |
| Mathias H.   | 12 |
| Thomas M.    | 8  |
| Louisa       | 6  |
| James H.     | 4  |
| Amanuel      | 1  |

Note: This John W. Reed and Nancy (Christian) Reed were my great grandparents. Another individual copied records from this census and they listed Nancy's age as 44 (when I viewed the film, it appeared to have been 46 to me). In either case, these ages do not agree with the tombstone record--I still will go with the stone. Amanuel Reed was my grandfather and he married Robina Beavers. The full name of the "Nancy J." is Nancy Jane; John L.'s full name is John Lindsay; James H.'s full name is Henry James Hoover Reed.

I also have notes which my mother made years ago and she says: "John W. Reed was born July 25th, 1804; Nancy Reed was born October 18th, 1812.



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Family groups - cont'd.:

Addison Christian 20  
Rebecca 19  
Mastin 11/12

Note: This is a grandson of Thomas and Louisa Christian. He was a son of Masten (listed earlier).

David Christian 48  
Linny 47  
Louisa 26  
Lidda 26  
Nancy 21  
Thomas 19  
Polly 17  
Ruth 15  
Rachel 13  
Frederick 11  
Luther 9  
Malvina 8  
Rebecca 7  
Israel 5

Note: Another son of Thomas and Louisa Christian. Is it significant that he named a son "Israel?" Does this possibly indicate a family connection with the Israel Christian? Also, it intrigues me that so many of these grandchildren of Thomas Christian, Sr. carried the name "Ruth." Whence came this name?

While I was in Tazewell, Va., recently, I found the death record for David Christian. I now quote it as is: "David Christian, d. 12 March 1861, in Baptist Valley, of Kidney disease, at the age of 74 years, 2 mo., 15 days, s/o Thomas & Louisa Christian, b. in Sinking Waters, married, dau. Lovisa Christian was informant."

Thomas S. Christian 35  
Anna 34  
Lilly 9  
Polly 7 \*  
Thomas 5  
Robbin 3

Note: This is another son of Thomas and Louisa Christian. \*I found the death record of their dau. Mary (Polly) when I was recently in Tazewell, Va. It reads as follows: "Mary Christian, d. October 1858, on Indian Creek, cause of death was pneumonia (numonia-- as spelled on the record), at the age of 15, d/o Thomas and Anna Christian, unmarried, father was informant."

Could this child, Robbin, have been named for his father's uncle, Robin (Robert) Beavers?

John H. Gates 25  
Louisa 20  
Thomas 2  
Germina 1 mo.

Note: This Louisa Gates was a daughter of Thomas Christian and Mary Altizer. By using this age, one may deduce that she was born in 1830--another source had listed her as having been born in 1810. I believe this bd is incorrect.

Anthony Christian 22  
Nancy 19  
David 1

Note: I have been unable to categorize this individual. However, the name of his child certainly would lead one to think that this was probably a grandchild of our Thomas, but I have not yet determined whose son he was.

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Family groups - cont'd.:

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Daniel Christian | 43 |
| Hannah           | 36 |
| Nancy            | 13 |
| David            | 11 |
| Polly            | 9  |
| Jno.             | 8  |
| Geo.             | 6  |
| Eleanor          | 4  |
| Rich             | 2  |
| Wm.              | 1  |

Note: This, too, is another son of Thomas and Louisa (Harman) Christian. An interesting observation to me with reference to Daniel's and David's children's names is this: Daniel has a William Christian; David has an Israel Christian--does this indicate a family tie with the William Christian and the Israel Christian?

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| William Altizer | 30 |
| Louisa          | 30 |
| Ruth            | 11 |
| Jno.            | 8  |
| Adam            | 7  |
| Riley           | 3  |
| Thos.           | 1  |

Note: This is the granddaughter of Thomas and Louisa. Her mother was Ruth, d/o Thomas and Louisa. Another observation with regard to names: notice how often we find the name "Ruth" cropping up in these families--does this indicate a grandmother "Ruth" some place?

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Thomas Christian | 29 |
| Polly            | 26 |
| Hannah           | 23 |
| Moses            | 2  |
| Elenor Bennett   | 16 |

Note: I now believe that this Thomas Christian is the Thomas B. Christian whom we find listed in these county records so many times. I believe that his wife was one Polly Barnett; therefore, it is probably Eleanor Barnett listed rather than "Bennett."

It is interesting to note that this Thomas Christian was in Household #1169 in the 1850 census; our Thomas, Sr. was listed in Household 1170--next-door neighbors. If this is indeed Thomas B. Christian, then he was a s/o Moses Christian. After viewing Moses Christian's will, as well as this 1850 census, I have reached this conclusion, as well as others: First--Moses left the home place to his son Mastin (10 years of age in 1850) with the stipulation that he care for this mother during her lifetime. The practice of leaving the home property to the youngest son along with the responsibility for the care of his widowed mother seemed to prevail in those times because my grandfather, Amanuel Reed, (the youngest child) received the home place with the same stipulation attached to this "gift" deed--that he care for his mother during her lifetime. Moses' son, Thomas, was not in his household in 1850 which leaves one to conclude that he was an older son, with his own home and family. The Thomas Christian living next neighbor to Thomas, Sr., fits this bill.

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Family groups - cont'd.:

Thomas Christian            29 - Cont'd.:

Note: On 19 February 1862, Thomas B. Christian presented to the Tazewell County Court for record the settlement of the estate of Mastin Christian, infant heir of Moses Christian. Thomas B. Christian had been the guardian of Mastin (keep in mind that Mastin was only 15 when Moses died; and would not have come into his majority until 1861) who was now deceased. Thomas B. therefore had the duty to attend to this task, to see that "the heirs of his ward Mastin Christian" received their just dues from this estate. I now feel confident that the "Mrs. Mary Christian estate" mentioned in this settlement would have been the estate of Mary (Beavers) Christian, the widow of Moses Christian. One must recall that Moses Christian married Mary "Polly" Beavers, a d/o Alexander and Sary (Rice) Beavers. Mary was a sister to Nancy Beavers, wife of Archibald Barnett. Of course, also bearing in mind that Thomas B. Christian's wife was one Polly Barnett. (How these families intermingled!! It's enough to make one "swear off" family research!) My guess would be, also, that the John Christian mentioned in this settlement is the brother of Mastin, Thomas B., et al. Also, I will even "go out on a limb" and say that I wouldn't be at all surprised if the "B" in Thomas' name stands for "Beavers." My uncle Tom, s/o Amanuel and Robina (Beavers) Reed, was named Thomas Beavers Reed.

One other thought: This estate settlement of Mastin Christian states that he "was infant heir of Moses Christian" which leaves no doubt when one compares ages, etc.

Something else to consider: I found the birth (25 Nov 1866) of one Archibald Christian, b. on Sinking Waters, father: Thomas B. Christian; mother: Bettie Christian. The person who gave this information was the father, Thomas B. Christian. I also found a death record of 13 May 1854, for one Nancy Jane Christian, b. in Tazewell Co. Father: Thomas B. Christian; mother: Mary Christian. The mother, Mary Christian, gave this data. Question: Did Mary (Beavers) Christian die and Thomas B. remarry to a Bettie \_\_\_\_\_?

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Family groups - cont'd.:

Thomas Christian, Sr. 80  
Mary 40  
Mathias 16  
George 14  
Susanna 13  
Sally 13  
Lilly 8

Note: This is our boy! By this age, we have determined his birth year. An interesting observation: Notice how he maintained using the Harman and Skaggs names in naming these children: George, Mathias, and Susanna. Property value at this time was \$2,000.00.

Alex Christian 25  
Catherine 25  
Louis 1  
Mary Iyva (?) 19

Note: This was a son of Moses Christian and Polly (Beavers) Christian. I call the reader's attention to the fact that Polly named this son for her father.

In my recent visit to Tazewell, Va., I found a death record for one of Alex's daughters: "Sarah Christian, d. 31 Dec. 1869, on Sinking Waters, of liver disease, at the age of 5 years, d/o Alex and Cat Christian of Sinking Waters; father was informant."

Daniel Christian 19  
Susanna 20  
Nancy 4/12

Note: I believe this individual was a grandson of Thomas and Louisa, but I am not sure whose son he was.

Moses Christian 56  
Polly 50  
Saml. 23  
Jno. 15  
Shone 13  
Masten 10  
Alex Beavers 77

Note: This age would indicate that Moses was born in 1794. Our Thomas would have been 24 at the time of his birth, and he was probably in the midst of his litigation over the property he bought from John Wray on Indian Creek (where many of his children, including my great grandmother, Nancy, wife of John W. Reed, was born). In the papers of the litigation, there is a paper signed by John Wray which designates Robert Preston as the one to draw up a plat of this property for Thomas Christian--the year was 1794. A deposition in the same papers, made by John Hankins in 1805, mentions that Thomas Christian was making his home with him at the time of one of the discussions with John Wray about this land--John Hankins was in Tazewell at the time. John Hankins, of course, married Elizabeth Skaggs, an aunt to Louisa (Harman) Christian, wife of Thomas Christian. What was more logical than that they would stay with relatives while this dispute over the land was being settled. However, the question is: Where did Thomas and Louisa marry and when? I am now positive that this Moses Christian is the one believed to be the son of Thomas and Louisa. The Alex Beavers living in his household at this time was bound to have been his wife's father, Alexander Beavers. Sary has, no doubt, died before this time.

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Family groups - cont'd.:

Moses Christian

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Note: Moses Christian's will is to be found in WB #3, pgs. 186-187, Tazewell Co., Va., dated 7 May 1855, and the following children are named as heirs: John, Thomas, Alexander, Samuel, Louisa Low, Shone and Mastin.

Mastin was to receive the farm on which Moses was living at that time and it was near Indian Creek. Mastin was to have the care of his mother. If Mastin failed to care for his mother, then in that event the land was to be divided equally with the other sons and daughters with the exception of Shone. John was to have the farm on which his son Thomas was living at that time--known as the Warren farm. Samuel was to have 100 acres more or less lying on the west side of Laurel Creek. His sons Thomas and Alexander and daughter Louisa Low were to equally divide 888 acres by drawing lots, if they can't divide it otherwise. His wife was to receive live stock, house, and household furniture for as long as she lives. His daughter Shone was to receive \$1.00, to be paid at the death of her mother, "and not one cent more." H. R. Bogle was named as executor. Witnesses were: H. R. Bogle, David Christian, and Nancy Harman (by making her mark).

There was a codicil made to this will: It stipulates that Mastin was to have all his blacksmith tools, for benefit of the farm and not to be sold off the farm; Mastin was also to have his "rifle gun;" John was to have "the rifle gun I gave him some time ago;" also, as long as Mastin remained his dutiful son, he was to have the privilege of "getting stove cole (coal) (for his own use) on any of the lands willed in this my last will & testament to my sons Thomas, Alexander, Samuel and John, and also the land willed to my daughter Louisa Low." This codicil was dated 8 May 1855. Witnesses: H. R. Bogle, David Christian and James Bandy (by making his mark).

This will was made 22 days before his death; the codicil 21 days before same. The cause of his death was probably infection from a carbuncle. Refer back to page #1 of this addendum to compare my thoughts there with those in this place.

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Family groups - cont'd.:

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| William Christian | 26   |
| Sarah             | 27   |
| Julia             | 3    |
| Marilda           | 4/12 |
| Jane Christian    | 52   |
| Ruth       "      | 23   |

Note: I suspect that this William Christian was one of the sons of Mastin Christian, s/o Thomas and Louisa. Remember, he is not listed with Mastin's household in this 1850 census; therefore, one would judge that he had his own household--which appears to be the case.

I found something in the Chancery Order Books of Tazewell County on my recent visit which may explain this Jane's presence in William's household: On 14 May 1851, Mastin and Jane Christian were granted a divorce, with the right to re-marry given to each of them. Did Jane go to the home of her son, William, while this case was pending? Were Mastin and Maria living together, waiting for the outcome of this divorce proceeding? Frank Christian, on one of his communications to me, mentioned that it was possible that Mastin had been married to one Jane McKenster. Is this she? Is this Mastin's daughter, Ruth, who later married James W. Low, but is now living with her brother, William, in 1850? She, too, was not listed among Mastin's children in the 1850 census; yet, she was listed as a child in the suit of Christian vs. Christian.

In view of all the facts which I have viewed, I do believe that I have made a correct assessment of this situation.

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| John Christian | 46 |
| Cathan         | 45 |
| Lidda          | 10 |
| Louisa         | 7  |
| Rebecca        | 2  |

Note: This is a son of Thomas and Louisa. Observe the Skaggs and Harman given names which come through here.

The next household on the film at this point were for STEPHENSONS and WHITTS. I was getting tired, and didn't stop to realize that I would need these for collateral lines, so I just didn't copy them. This film is on file at our State Archives--one of these days, I may look at it again to pick up what I didn't get the first time around.

In District No. 61 of this film, I found one more Christian. I cannot, at this time, place him in the right niche. However, you will notice that the names certainly do appear as though they belong to "family." I hope make contact with some one some time who is descended through him and, therefore, find out where he belongs:

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| John Christian | 40 |
| Malinda        | 32 |
| John           | 11 |
| Mastin         | 10 |
| Ann            | 9  |
| George         | 7  |

John Christian - cont'd.:

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| James    | 6    |
| Rudolph  | 4    |
| Wm.      | 2    |
| Winfield | 3/12 |



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*June 26, 1985*

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*Dear Juanita:*

*I was just ready to respond to your "Harmon letter" of June 5 when the "Christian letter" of June 19 arrived--so here goes for both of them.*

*Thanks so much for sending the Harmon family group sheets. Having that information helps to make my records more complete. Apparently, two of the sons of Henry and Sarah (Mitchell) Harmon carried the surname of Mitchell as a middle name; that is, Charter Mitchell B. Harmon, born 26 April 1807, and Henry Mitchell Harmon. It is even possible that their brother, William M. Harmon also had Mitchell as a middle name! Charter, of course, married Elizabeth Webb; Henry married Susan Christian; and William married Harriet Browning. I still have not identified the parents of this Susan Christian but am fairly certain that she was a granddaughter of Thomas and Louisa (Harmon) Christian. The most likely possibilities for her father would be either Moses or John Christian.*

*I believe you have deduced the probable reason for Moses to have been the "unrecognized" son of Thomas Christian--estrangement or even outright disinheritance. I wish I could have been in Tazewell County, Virginia, with you recently. What fun it would have been!*

*Your new family group record for Thomas and Louisa (Harmon) Christian lists only seven children. I believe they had at least the ten I named on pages 410-413 of Volume No. V of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. I will not take the time to review that information here since you have access to that volume. You will notice that in addition to the extra three children of this first marriage, I name spouses (even from the multiple marriages). Your discovery of the divorce order for Mastin confirms my speculation that he and his first wife were divorced.*

*In passing, I might point out that Ruth was married to Adam Harmon 20 August 1819. Another Harmon tie! I assume that this was Adam Harmon, son of Mathias and Lydia (Scaggs) Harmon. Was this a second marriage for Adam, who is shown on your notes as having married Levicy Harmon 5 April 1812? Or are we dealing with two different men named Adam Harmon? After due consideration, I believe there must have been at least two Adam Harmon's since I doubt that Ruth married her uncle--more likely a cousin of some degree.*

*Smith Hatfield, born c. 1854, who married Betty "Lizzie" Harmon 10 May 1874, was a twin brother of Patterson Hatfield, who married Jane Lockhard 20 January 1879. These two were, indeed, younger brothers of William Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield, born in September 1839. Their parents, Ephraim "Big Eaf" and Nancy (Vance) Hatfield,*

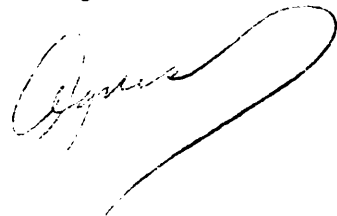
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had a total of nineteen children--only sixteen conceptions since there were three sets of twins. Nine of the children died in infancy or childhood, but ten lived to maturity to have children of their own. I heard from one of Smith's daughters just last year with details about the family. Betty Harmon was her step-mother, Smith's first wife. Smith married 2) Louise Reynolds of Floyd County, Kentucky. I know these details are of only passing interest to you, but it is startling to realize that a granddaughter of Ephraim and Nancy (Vance) is living today--in fact, more than one.

To get back to the Christians: Juanita, have you ever explored what happened to Nathaniel Christian's brother, David? He could have been the father of your Thomas Christian. When one looks beyond the Harmon names in the grandchildren of ~~Thomas~~ and Louisa (Harmon) Christian, I still believe it is significant that there is a Nathaniel and an Anthony and a David. The other major name of significance is John. I have not yet ruled out the John Christian of Augusta County as Thomas's father, either. By the way, do you know how the given name of Daniel came into the family?

I believe all this is about enough for one day. Do compare the Volume V data with what you now have, and I look forward to your future comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'E. Houston Halstead', written in dark ink.



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A Bill of Complaint, filed in Tazewell County, Virginia, in 1855, in the case of Christian vs. Christian (children of Thomas Christian's second wife vs. children by the first wife) one finds the following list given as children of Thomas Christian and Mary (Altizer) Christian:

George  
Mathias  
Louisa - wife of John H. Gates  
Susan - wife of James Stephenson  
Sarah  
Lilly

In this same Bill of Complaint, one finds mention made of the fact that two of the children of Thomas Christian and Louisa (Harman) Christian were dead at the time of the complaint, viz: Mastin and Ruth.

Ruth's daughter:

Louisa - wife of William Altizer

Mastin's children:

William  
Ruth - wife of James W. Low  
Nancy - wife of Noah Burchfield  
Addison  
Daniel  
Hiram  
Thomas  
Moses  
Mastin  
Nathan  
Lovace

Other children of Thomas and Louisa named were:

David  
Nancy  
John  
Thomas S.  
Daniel

Which, of course, leaves MOSES CHRISTIAN unaccounted for in this action of Christian vs. Christian. We know that Moses died in 1855 and one might think that this was the reason for the omission. Yet, please note that Ruth and Mastin were also dead and they were mentioned and their children named. Recently, I spent some time searching the records in Tazewell County for Christians, et al. I may have found an inkling as to why Moses is not mentioned in this case; and also why his mother is given simply as "Louisa Harman" and no father listed on his death record: In Law Order Book which covered the years 1844-1859, pgs. 128 & 144, one finds a suit of Thomas Christian vs. Moses Christian. At the first day set for trial, it was continued; at the next scheduled time, it was dismissed. While the action does not stipulate the cause for this grievance, I strongly suspect that it might account for Moses' not being named when this suit was brought by the children of Mary Altizer. The both were probably aged and infirm--possibly ill--and just didn't appear to further this cause. I am hoping that I may find out more about this later. They may have each gone to his grave without this dispute ever having been resolved. No doubt, the living children knew of this and, consequently, left Moses' children out of the law suit. Moses did this to one of his daughters, Shone. In his will, she is given one dollar "and not a cent more." It

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A letter from Agnes Pearlman, dated 26 June 1985, caused me to take a second look at data which I had at hand. She reminded me of THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, Volume V, which had outlined much of THOMAS AND LOUISA's family therein. My first draft of this compilation was done hurriedly and simply using data which I had at hand from recent "gleanings" from Tazewell County. I wanted to get them down in print before they became buried in my files. Thus, with apologies to Agnes, I failed to go to her excellent Christian records. I failed to put Daniel Christian on the family group sheet--and this was simply an oversight because I am well aware of Daniel and have documents in my files with reference to him and, in fact, some of his own documents. The two sons which I also failed to list was not an oversight, but simply a lack of knowledge. I knew nothing of them and would not have known of had Agnes not brought them to my attention. Therefore, I would like to add this to DANIEL CHRISTIAN's family group (I have listed the 1850 census record but these are children who were not in the household at that time):

Daniel Christian

Rebecca Christian, b ca 1832 --apparently the one who m. 1) Addison Christian, s/o Mastin; and m. 2) Henry Davis.

Louvisa Christian, b 1832-1835--probably the one who m. James H. Asbury 6 Feb 1850.  
A daughter b. ca 1837 and who apparently died before 1850.

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Please refer to my remarks on THOMAS B. CHRISTIAN. Apparently my guess was correct that he had been married more than once. Agnes says that he married: 1) Polly Barnett on 24 Feb 1848; and 2) Elizabeth Whitt, widow of John Bird Brewster and d/o Milburn and Mahalo (Harman) Whitt, on 3 January 1864; m. 3) Mary Blankenship about 1872. This would explain the birth and death records which I found on two of his children. Too, Agnes made no comment on my conclusions with reference to this Thomas B. Christian and Mastin Christian. I still believe that I put the right "handle" on this matter.

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Also, after checking Agnes' records, I now know that the Anthony Christian listed in these family groups was a son of David Christian, s/o Thomas and Louisa. My guess was correct in this case, also. I felt that he had to have been ~~of~~ s/o Thomas and Louisa. He married Nancy Vandike on 23 March 1848.

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I was puzzled about the Samuel Christian, s/o Moses Christian, and couldn't understand why I had never seen records on him. A visit to our State Archives revealed this in McDowell County, WV: Births--2 September 1899--Christian (F); parents: Sam and Rachel Christian; born at Eckman, WV. Why this child was not given a first name, I know not. Since death records are almost non-existent for McDowell County, WV, I could not check to see if it died. There were very few death records and they started in 1894. However, I do suspect that this is Moses' son, Samuel, now living in McDowell County in 1899.

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One other observation: Agnes asked me how the name "Daniel" came into the Christian family. I don't really know, but I strongly suspect that it came through the Harman connection. I imagine that all of the relatives wanted to name a child for "Uncle Dan'l"; as my mother used to say when she referred to her Uncle Daniel Reed. As I said, everybody had to get into the act!

**FAMILY GROUP NO.**

**REVISION**  
**Husband's Full Name** THOMAS CHRISTIAN

This Information Obtained From:

1850 Census, Yantis  
 Archives of Tazewell Co.  
 Christian vs. Christian  
 (suit between children  
 of 2nd marriage and  
 children of first marriage).

|                     |                                       |                     |                          |                  |                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth               | ca 1770                               | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
| Chr'nd              |                                       |                     |                          |                  | *Orphaned             |
| Mar.                |                                       |                     |                          |                  | raised by             |
| Death               | Dec. 1854                             |                     | Tazewell Co., Va.        |                  | Capt. Thon            |
| Burial              |                                       |                     |                          |                  | Mastin -              |
| Places of Residence | Tazewell Co., Va., Sumner Co., TN & ? |                     |                          |                  |                       |

\*Hezekiah Whitt's pension file.

Christian vs. Wray (Ray)  
 (suit in Augusta Co., Va.  
 Tazewell Co., Va., birth  
 death, and marriage  
 records. Also some from  
 McDowell Co., Va (WV).

|  |                                |               |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Occupation   | Church Affiliation             | Military Rec. |
| Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.<br>Make separate sheet for each mar. | Mary Altizer (m. 18 June 1829) |               |
| His Father   | Mother's Maiden Name           |               |

**Wife's Full Maiden Name** LOUISA HARMAN

|   |                     |                      |                          |                  |                    |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth   |                     | City, Town or Place  | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
| Chr'nd  |                     |                      |                          |                  |                    |
| Death   |                     |                      |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial  |                     |                      |                          |                  |                    |
| Places of Residence   |                     |                      |                          |                  |                    |
| Occupation if other than housewife  | Church Affiliation  |                      |                          |                  |                    |
| Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.<br>Make separate sheet for each mar. |                     |                      |                          |                  |                    |
| Her Father  | Mathias Harman, Sr. | Mother's Maiden Name |                          |                  | Lydia Skaggs       |

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| Sex | Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Date | Day  | Month | Year                               | City, Town or Place   | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children  |
|-----|---|-----------------|------|-------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|---|
|     | 1 Mastin Christian                                  | Birth           |      |       | 1793                               | 1850 census gave age as 57.   |                          |                  | Don't have date of death, but he was dead                           |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Mar.            |      |       |                                    |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | 1) Jane Mckenster **                                | Death           | **   |       | see back                           |   |                          |                  | in 1855 when the Christian vs. Christian suit was brought to court. |
|     | 2 David Christian                                   | Birth           |      |       | ca 1787                            |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Mar.            |      |       |                                    |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Sina Trent  | Death           | 12   | March | 1861                               | Death record in Tazewell: 12 March 1861, d. in Baptist Valley, of Kidney disease, 74 yrs. 2 mo 15 days, s/o Thomas & Louisa Christian, lived in |                          |                  |   |
|     | 3 Moses Christian                                   | Birth           | 13   | May   | 1795/                              | Sinking Waters--Informant: dau. Lavisa Christian  |                          |                  |   |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Mar.            |      |       |                                    | 1942/ 1850 census has age as 56--bd. 1794? Will   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Mary "Polly" Beavers                                | Death           | 29   | May   | 1855                               | on record in WB #3, pgs. 186-187, Tazewell Co. Va. Not named in suit of Christian vs. Christian   |                          |                  |   |
|     | 4 James Christian                                   | Birth           | b ca |       | 1795                               | Agnes Pearlman says he was listed in 1820   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Mar.            |      |       | ca 1819                            | census with a wife; but, apparently, he died  |                          |                  |   |
|     | ?   | Death           |      |       |                                    | without issue between 1820 and 1830 because he  |                          |                  |   |
|     | 5 Ruth Christian                                    | Birth           |      |       | ca 1797                            | had no heirs listed in the Christian legal suit   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Mar.            |      |       |                                    |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Adam Harman *** see back                            | Death           |      |       | ante Dec. 1854                     |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | 6 John Christian                                    | Birth           |      |       | 1804                               | 1850 census gives age as 46.  |                          |                  |   |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Mar.            |      |       | 4 Aug 1823                         |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Cathan Mckenster                                    | Death           |      |       |                                    |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | 7 Son - name not known                              | Birth           |      |       | between 1805 & 1810.               | Died without issue.   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Mar.            |      |       |                                    | Source: Agnes Pearlman  |                          |                  |   |
|     | 8 Daniel Christian                                  | Birth           |      |       | ca 1807                            |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Mar.            |      |       | 23 April 1837                      |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Hannah Harrison                                     | Death           |      |       | post 21 Dec 1883 & Ante April 1884 |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | 9 Nancy Jane Christian                              | Birth           |      |       | 18 Oct 1812                        | 1850 census says age was 44. The  |                          |                  |   |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Mar.            |      |       | 13 June 1830                       | date on tombstone is the one used here for  |                          |                  |   |
|     | John Wesley Reed                                    | Death           |      |       | 9 June 1889                        | birth and death dates.  |                          |                  |   |
|     | 10 Thomas S. Christian                              | Birth           |      |       | b ca 1815                          |   |                          |                  |   |
|     | Full Name of Spouse*                                | Mar.            |      |       | 23 Oct 1836                        |   |                          |                  |   |
|     |   | Death           |      |       |                                    |   |                          |                  |   |

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side for additional children, other notes, references

\*\* I found a record of a divorce in Tazewell County for one Mastin Christian which reads thusly: "14 May 1851--divorce granted, with right to re-marry, to Mastin Christian and Jane Christian." This seems to verify that Mastin did indeed get a divorce from Jane Mckenster and married Maria \_\_\_\_\_. Agnes Pearlman alluded to this situation in her CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, Volume V; and even went further in saying that his widow is referred to as "Margaret" which suggests still another marriage. However, there is nothing like adding "more fuel to the fire" and causing added puzzlement to all this, so I now pose this question: If, as Agnes says, Mastin and Jane were supposedly divorced before he married Maria \_\_\_\_\_ in 1828, how do we account for the fact that the divorce is not on record until 1851??? I believe that, in view of this additional knowledge, I have made a correct judgment that the Jane Christian (as well as the Ruth) who are living with William Christian in the 1850 census, were, indeed, his mother, Jane (Mckenster) Christian and his sister, Ruth. I leave this question open for discussion--but, I know what I saw and I had the record in my "own little hands" before "my own little eyes."

\*\*\* Agnes Pearlman records in her CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, Volume V, the fact that Ruth, d/o Thomas and Louisa Harman, married one Adam Harman. Since the HARMAN GENEALOGY only lists a marriage between one Adam Harman and one Ruth Christian on 20 Aug 1819, and I could find no further listing included in the different family groups, it would be most difficult to surmise which Adam Harman Ruth married--if this is our Ruth. This I do know: One can find enough Adam Harmans listed in this Harman genealogy, as well as all the Harman family group sheets which I have in my files, to "choke a hog!" Every one wanted to get in the act and have an offspring named for "great-granddaddy (however many times over) Heinrich Adam Harman." I did find one sheet which lists a son Adam for Daniel Harman, Sr., s/o Heinrich Adam and Louisa Katrina. There was no listing for a spouse for this Adam and the ages of these children range from birth dates of 1767 to 1777, with marriages dates from 1804 to 1836. Could this Adam be the husband of this Ruth? I don't know. The time element seems to be right.



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Dear Agnes:

Shades of DALLAS!!!! The antics these early ancestors and their kin got into would put the soap operas of today to shame! I hardly know where to start to tell you what I now know and what I suspect after having carefully reviewed the information which I dug out, and which I had re-checked and sent to me, while I was recently in Tazewell. As my mother used to tell me when I had done something incorrectly and had to redo it: "Juanita, you will have to tick your calf again!" Methinks you will want to do the same thing after I have finished with this letter. Of course, some of it is of a delicate nature, so to speak, and I believe should be used sparingly and with discretion.

First, I am enclosing a family group sheet for Thomas Christian and Louisa Harman--second revision. You were right, of course, about the children of this couple. As I have clarified on this new sheet: My leaving Daniel off was simply an oversight; my leaving the other two children off, was a lack of knowledge and the fact that I did not go to your CHRONICLES when I was making up this chart (my apologies are included in this re-write). I also corrected the first page of the addendum by inserting Daniel's name, and I have added another page to this addendum with some observations and added data in answer to questions posed in your letter. However, I must say now, before you spot it and again call an error to my attention, that I now know that the Samuel Christian and wife Rachel in McDowell County with the unnamed child in 1899 was not Moses' Samuel unless he had remarried after having married Mary VanDike in 1864--which wouldn't surprise me at all--I am beginning to believe that anything is possible when dealing with these early families. Interestingly enough, at the time Samuel married in 1864, it would appear that this was a marriage after a divorce: "29 March 1864, Samuel Christian m. Mary Vandike--he 36, she 25; he divorced, she widowed; both born and reside in Tazewell Co; his parents: Moses and Mary Christian; her parents: Wilkerson and Rutha Patrick; he was a farmer; married by Thos. S. Christian." Also, I now have the record of Thomas B. Christian's marriage to Elizabeth Brewster: "3 January 1864, Thomas B. Christian, age 41 years and 30 mos., widowed; m. Elizabeth Brewster, 35, widowed; both born and reside in Tazewell Co.; his parents: Moses & Mary Christian; her parents: Milbourne and Mahala Whitt; he was a farmer; married by Thos. S. Christian." It would appear that Thomas and Louisa's son, Thos. S. Christian, was kept busy marrying the various members of this active family. (Forgive these many corrections in type--I am working against time because I want to finish this before returning to church this evening.)

Certainly, I do agree, it is hardly possible that the Ruth Christian who married in 1819 would have married her uncle, Adam Harman. I have offered a possible explanation in the material enclosed. I don't know how we can make a positive determination--unless some one knows other than us who is in the direct line--as to which Adam Harman she married--they are a "dime a dozen." (The same observation goes for the Mastin Christians.)

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Reed, Beavers, Barnett,  
Christian, Harman, Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

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The thing which I believe that you will want to clarify in your records is this: You say in your Volume V, CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES , pg. 410: "(4)Mastin Christian, born about 1799, died between 1850 and 1854; married 1) Jane Mckenster 1 Sept 1822 and apparently divorced before he married 2) Maria \_\_\_\_\_ about 1828....." Tain't so! Actually, he didn't get his divorce until 1851 from Jane; and, more than this, if one uses the 1850 census, he and Maria were living together at that time because she is listed as though she were his wife. But (and this is a big BUT) listen to this:

"Chancery Records-Tazewell County Court House - 24 Feb. 1851: Deposition to be had as evidence for Mastin Christian in suit in chancery in said (Tazewell Co.) circuit court in which Mastin Christian is plaintiff and Jane Christian defendant. Charter Mitchell of lawful age knows that Jane Christian has been guilty of adultery since her separation from her husband, Mastin Christian. /s/ Charter Mitchell (Making his mark.)

There's more:

"Moses Christian--of lawful age--after separation of Mastin Christian and his wife Jane he inquired of said Jane the cause of her leaving him and she assigned as her reason that she wished to have no more children by him. Deponent further states that since that time he knows that said Jane lived for a considerable length of time, probably 18 months, in the same house with one CHARTER MITCHELL as man and wife, though deponent never saw them bed together. /s/ Moses Christian."

(There just ain't any better way of being positive about a thing than just simply being a party to it--n'es pas?)

But, there is more:

"Thomas Christian--of lawful age--Mastin tried to get Jane to go back with him (Jane was staying up at Thomas' father's) several times but she would not go. He understood that one time she had consented to live with him if he would move from Sandy to Clinch and he did move up part of his property but she still refused. Adultery? with Calvin Harrison."

And more!:

"Deposition of Mastin Christian....in the year \_\_\_\_\_ a marriage was solemnized between himself and one Jane \_\_\_\_\_ which was a happy one on his part for several years. At the expiration of this time his wife abandoned your orator and positively refused to live with him. She had no complaints except she did not desire to have any more children. She was not justified....although since their separation he may have been guilty of many indiscretions. She has been very 'ploffligate'." (Whatever that means!!)

Stras for complainant on 14 May 1851--decree final." So there you have it. If he professed marriage before this date, he evidently was a bigamist. One thing which we know without question, this Maria was, indeed, in his household in 1850 and he, himself, has confessed to "indiscretions."

I am sure that you will want to change your thinking as to the 1828 date; how you handle the rest will take some delicate maneuvering on your part.

Now, let's talk about the Susan Christian who married Henry Harman: Since we have the will of Moses Christian and his children are named--even to the exclusion of poor little Shone, I doubt that she was a daughter of Moses. I claim ignorance about John because I know very little about him--you may be right there. As I recall from Craig's last letter, he was still checking on this Susan for us and promised to let me know.

I can tell you more about David Christian and his family. This is some more of the "good stuff" which I uncovered in my digging in Tazewell. In 1866, Thomas B. Christian filed a suit against Lovis Christian, et al, over David Christian's land in Tazewell.

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This suit was pending and in the court from 1866 until the 4th day of March 1871. In this action (a 30-page record which I have in my files) David's children are named with some names of Spouses whom you do not have. Lidia married a Smith Asbury. She is deceased at the time this suit was brought and her children are named: William and Mary Asbury. You have no spouse for Mary; but her husband was Robert Patrick. Also, you had no spouse for Rebecca (and incidentally her initial was H.--Rebecca H.) and he was Thomas B. Brewster. Luther was dead at this time and his children are named: Louisa and Marinda Christian. Frederic Christian was deceased and his daughter was named as "Lydia Christian." It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to figure out the substance of this suit, but what it all boils down to is this: Thomas B. Christian had bought some of this land from Israel Christian. David had died intestate and Anthony had been made administrator. Apparently there was indebtedness which Anthony had not taken care of and, consequently, getting possession of the land became a problem. So, Thomas B. was attempting to get the court to rule that a partition of the land must take place--this took five years to bring it all to an agreement which was suitable to all concerned. How they fussed over land!! Even starting with Thomas Christian, Sr., if you will remember.

Which brings me to another part of the story: In July 1860, Thomas Christian (of David) brought a suit against Thomas B. Christian for pulling the same trick on Thomas and Luther that had been pulled on Thomas, Sr. by John Wray. It would seem that Thomas B. sold this tract of land to Thomas and then sold it to Luther--Thomas trusting Thomas B. to have it recorded and handled legally. I have a copy of the deed and it is plain to see that Thomas' name was written in, and then scratched out, and Luther's name inserted. I don't have the outcome of this suit, but I do have a deposition made by Luther's daughters, Marinda and Florence, infant heirs of Luther, by P.R. Spracher their guardian ad litem to a Bill in Chancery exhibited against them and Thomas B. Christian (of Moses) in said Court by Thomas Christian, would respectfully state that the present suit is a fraudulent attempt by complt. to commit an act of great injustice. They understand that after complts. purchase of the land from Thomas B. Christian, he sold the same to Luther Christian the father of respondents and assigned him the title bond executed by Thomas B. Christian for a conveyance of the land and this will appear by examination of the said title bond which the said Thomas B. Christian still holds. Respondents aver that the said deed was made, with the consent and by the direction of the said Thomas Christian who sold and conveyed the land to their father....." So there! As I said, it would take a Philadelphia lawyer....

Now, to poor little Shone who ended up with just a dollar from her father. I do think I can tell you what happened to her--she apparently married Elijah Barnett, her first cousin. Elijah was a son of Archibald Barnett and Nancy [Beavers] Barnett; Shone, of course, was a d/o Moses Christian and Mary [Beavers] Christian--Mary and Nancy having been d/o Alexander Beavers and Sary [Rice] Beavers. In 1848, Alexander Beavers, whose wife was Sary, and Archibald Barnett had a legal action in court over some bonds. It would seem that Alexander Beavers had loaned some money to Archibald and one William Harrison. William Harrison went off to live in Missouri and left Archibald "holding the bag" on payment on those bonds. John Waldron, an in-law of Alexander, got his hands on the bonds and was insisting that Archibald repay them. Alexander had not wanted it to go to court, but John Waldron was adamant. It seems that the bonds came to him as pay for Alexander's keep. Anyway, the agreement seemed to have been that the bonds could be repaid with cattle and Archibald had offered livestock to repay them. This was not what John Waldron wanted--he wanted cash! My guess is that this affair caused a rift between these families and Shone and Elijah were caught in the middle. In the 1860 census of McDowell County, one finds Elijah living next door to Archibald with wife Shone. The ages are just right! The sad thing to me is this: She named her first child, Moses, for her father--the child was 3 years of age at that time. In spite of her ill-treatment, she still loved him enough to name a child for him. In the 1880 census of McDowell, Elijah and Shone are still living next door to Archibald, one house in between and that is a Robert Beavers, and they have a daughter named Mary (her mother's name) and a son, James; and ~~another daughter named Shone~~ a granddaughter named Shone who is 2 years of age.



In 1848, April 26, was the date when Thomas Christian brought action against Moses Christian; it was again brought to court on 28 Sept 1848. Action was "trespass quare c.f." I don't know what this means. I have asked an attorney friend of mine and he doesn't know either; nor did a friend of mine who taught Latin for years. That "quare" sounds more French than Latin. Anyway, the case was dismissed because "the parties having settled and adjusted the same." Yet, I can't help but think that it was still nagging in their minds and never actually settled. The date is what interests me--this was the same year of the hassle between Alexander Beavers and Archibald Barnett, involving, I feel sure, Moses Christian and his family secondarily. It sounds as though the whole family was "fussin' fightin' and feudin' " as the song goes.

Rachel Christian, wife and widow of William Christian even had a suit in court against John W. Beavers in 1896. It seems that John W. Beavers had been named as administrator of William Christian's estate and he had failed to carry out his duties responsibly. He had taken William's money out of the Clinch Valley Bank and failed to pay this to Rachel before he, John W. Beavers, died. It was decided that this was not misconduct because he was truly an honest man. The thing which surprised me was the fact that this suit mentions that Rachel had recently married \_\_\_\_\_ Hankins. Yet in a deposition of W. B. Greer and others on 24 July 1902, it is stated that Mrs. Rachel Christian is now Mrs. Rachel Brewster. I tell you the truth, I can't keep up with their marriages. I don't remember mamma ever having said anything about all this. I did find the death record of William Christian in McDowell County on 19 Aug 1896 (date reported); d. on 12 August 1896, in Iaeger, WV of ~~Renovated tuberculosis complicated~~ (sorry I was looking at the wrong line) Tuberculosis complicated by cirrhosis of the Liver--occupation: Saloonist. 'Nuf said! James Bandy was the administrator of John W. Beavers estate in the action which Rachel Christian filed in 1902.

Other Christian deaths which I found in McDowell County: "Polly Christian--reported on 20th March 1897; d. 18 Jan 1897 (I don't know why the long delay in reporting); age 67, married, born in Virginia; d. in Iaeger of Pneumonia, buried in Virginia on 21 January 1897; Jno. Baldwin undertaker of Iaeger and C. K. Harris, physician." "Rosa Christian, 24, housekeeper; d. 8 March 1898--reported 20 June); cause: tuberculosis; buried in Iaeger on March 10; C. K. Harris, physician."

In Logan County, I found these births: James Christian , Sand Lick Creek, 19 March 1898; parents: Burall and Francis (Vance) Christian; informant, Malinda Ellis." Is this the Burall we are interested in? "John Christian, 15 August 1877; parents: DANiel and Rachel Christian; informant, Daniel Christian."

Marriages in McDowell County: "17 January 1867--Mastain Christian, age 20, to Mary Cline, age 20, d/o Wm. Cline." "27 April 1870--Masten Christian, 22, to Martha Harmon, at Daniel Harman's." "21 March 1874--Masten Christian, 24, to Dicy Godfrey, 20." "8 Aug 1874--Masten Christian, 24, to Hanah Trent, 22." "14 Aug 1873--Thomas Christian, 29, to Lucy M. Day." "9 Aug 1877--Masten T. Christian, 19, to C. C. Gillespie, 45." (How about that one?) "21 Oct 1877--David Criger, 26 to Hanah Christian, 21." "4 Feb 1880--Adam Payne, 30, to Mary Christian, 19." "7 June 1880--H. B. Christian, 19, to Armanda Lambert." "7 Oct 1880--H. Christian, 44, to Sarah Beavers, 18." "25 Nov 1880--M. J. Christian, 26, to Jane Wilhite, 14." "31 March 1881--Shade White, 20, to Visa Christian, 17." "4 November 1881--Robert Steele, 21, to Margaret Christian, 20." "3 Dec 1881--John Christian, 21, to Margaret Asberry, 21." "9 May 1882--Marshall Roberts, 21, to Armanda Christian, 15." "16 Feb 1885--~~xxxxxxGreenwald, 25, xxxxxRoberta~~ Wm. Kenedy, 24, to Elhen Christian, 21." "12 July 1886--Thos. A. Murphy, 20 to Mipania Christian, 20." "28 March 1887--Mastain Christian, 21, to Mary Hicks, 17." "19 Oct 1887--James F. Christian, 30, to Manerva Mullens, 18." "8 Nov 1887--Moses Christian, 26, to Minnie McCoy, 17." "25 July 1889--Henry P. Christian, 19, to Aley Ann Day, 18." "12 April 1890--Mack Muncy, 23, to Hannah Christian, 19." "12 July 1890--Elijah Christian, 21, to Agatha Powell, 19." "30 July 1890--Henry Stevenson, 20, to Vicy Christian, 17."

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"2 Oct 1890--Daniel Christian, 23, to Arzula Mullens, 14." "15 Aug 1893--J. C. Christian, 33, to Victoria Lambert, 26." "1 Feb 1894--Jacob Christian, 21, to Victoria White, 17."  
"24 Oct 1895--Isaac Cole, 18, to Margaret Christian, 18." "8 Dec 1895--James Criger, 27, to Mary Christian, 26." "1 July 1896--Wilby Miller, 23, to ~~Mary~~ Lucinda Christian, 13."  
"30 Sept 1896--Robert Christian, 27, to Alice Fortner, 21." "5 Feb 1897--Joseph Christian, 21, to Clementine William, 21." "6 May 1897--William Coles, 23, to Sarah Christian, 22."  
"12 Aug 1897--Moses Riffe, 27, to Alice Christian, 21." "18 Aug 1897--James Christian, 19, to Nora Cyphers, 19." "25 Nov 1897--Frank Christian, 21, to Lula Swim, 21." "29 Nov 1897--Floyd Christian, 22, to Sallie Cyphers, 17." "13 Dec 1897--A. M. Gregon, 38, to Nancy Christian, 38." "22 Dec 1897--Daniel Christian, 20, to Mary Patrick, 19."  
"28 May 1898--J. T. Altizer, 23, to Rebecca Christian, 18." "31 July 1898--Jacob Christian, 27, to Matilda Gross, 16." "1 Dec 1898--John Short, 20, to Lula Christian, 17."  
"25 June 1899--Robert Christian, 30, to Fannie Laurence, 20."

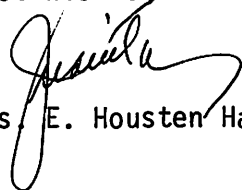
I know that the foregoing is a mess when it comes to typing. However, as I said, I am working against time and truthfully getting just a mite sick of Christians--they seem to have been as thick as pea soup--especially the Mastins. You were pointing out to me not long ago just how many Mastins we were dealing with, so I thought that I would give you a few more to worry with. When that lady in Bowling Green who claims to have descended from Thomas Mastin told me that her family had never heard tell of the Christians, I knew something was bad wrong. I can tell you true--the Christians certainly did hear tell of Thomas Mastin!!!!!!!!!!

Housten and I have spent two afternoons at our State Archives. He helped me immensely because he copied most of these births, deaths and marriages for me while I was checking other records. I started the 1880 census of McDowell County this past visit and plan to go back to that if I get there this week. We spent two afternoons in the Court House at Tazewell--really, most of the day on the second day. I believe that if I had the time to do it, I could soon ferret out some of the answers which we need to some of these puzzles. Yet, I just don't dare let myself get too far afield if I ever hope to get the Sigmon history finished.

I don't know if I have missed anything, but I have tried to bring you abreast of my latest findings. I shall be interested in your reaction to some of these findings--I know one thing: some one's cork is going to be set to bobbin'!!!!!!

Forgive the messy letter. I hope you can read around the mistakes and that it will be helpful to you.

Best wishes,



Mrs. E. Housten Halstead

Enclosure/corrected Family group sheet for  
Thomas Christian; new pages for the  
addendum.



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July 14, 1985

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Dear Juanita:

Wow! You certainly hit the jackpot by going to the miscellaneous Tazewell County, Virginia, court records. In essence, I agree with your evaluation of those records with one or two minor reservations which I will discuss below.

First, Mastin Christian, born 1793-1799: His birth date is still subject to question but of no major significance. Since his children are named as legal heirs in the Bill of Complaint, he must have married his second wife before 1854 (easily possible since his divorce was a matter of record in 1851). Would a late second marriage have legitimized the children by the second wife if they were born out of wedlock (after 1828 when he was separated from his first wife and before 1851 when the divorce apparently became final)? I know that in some cases, as long as the father recognized the children as his own, a legal marriage was not absolutely necessary. Certainly, in southern West Virginia and southwestern Virginia there has always been a forgiving tolerance for children born out of wedlock--this, in spite of or perhaps because of the strong, prevalent religious beliefs.

Secondly, Samuel Christian, son of Moses: From what you have discovered, it would appear that he had at least ~~three~~ marriages. His first marriage was in Tazewell County, Virginia, 27 April 1854 to Isabel Brewster, whom he must have divorced since when he married Mary (Patrick) Vandike 29 March 1864 he was listed as divorced. In order to determine whether this Samuel had a third marriage to Rachel \_\_\_\_\_, we would need to learn age of Rachel's husband in 1899 or 1900. The census might provide the answer.

To return briefly to Mastin: Now I wonder if many of the children still living with Mastin in 1850 were, in fact, children of Jane! If so, their separation may not have occurred until much later than my tentative date of 1828. All this makes one wonder just who the mother of each of his children was--or, for that matter, who the genetic father may have been! I agree that much of this must be handled with discretion in published works. In such cases, I try simply to quote the documents and the known facts, allowing the reader to make his or her own judgment.

Thirdly, the family of David Christian: Do you think his daughter Lydia may have been the one who married William Pruitt 3 April 1856 and later married Smith Asbury? If not, then who was the Lydia who married William Pruitt--since you now have proof that she did marry Smith Asbury? I suppose it might have been the much younger Lydia (~~young-  
daughter of David through son John~~) who married William Pruitt. Do you have these Christians on the 1860 census? Age of Lydia Pruitt there might provide the answer.

Fourthly, Luther Christian, son of David: In one place, you list only two children--Louisa and Marinda Christian; later you refer to his infant heirs, Marinda and Florence. According to

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a correspondent, Luther had the following children: Dorinda M. (could this be Marinda?); Eliza (perhaps Louisa was meant?); Florence; and Jennie. Luther died May 1863.

Fifthly; per the lawsuit of Thomas Christian against Moses Christian: I looked up "trespass" in my Webster's unabridged and found the following:

The action of trespass quare clausum fregit (from words in the old Latin writ) is for breach of the close (see 5th CLOSE, 4).

In looking up the recommended "close":

Law. A parcel of land in which a person has an interest involving at least a right of present possession, whether enclosed or not, an ideal boundary being there in legal fiction; also, the interest itself, which will entitle the owner to an action of trespass for breach of the close.

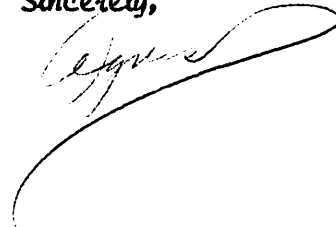
So there you have it for "trespass quare c.f."

Sixthly, what of William Christian, who left widow Rachel before 1896: Exactly which William Christian was this. If I search through my records again, I might find him; but at the moment I'm lost.

Speaking of lost, I won't attempt right now to sort out the many Christian marriages you abstracted from McDowell County, West Virginia, although I do have the answers regarding parents for many of them. I'll let you know when I enter the answers on my forms. Hope you will do the same for me if and when you come across more data. Do you think the records in McDowell will have names of parents on them? Or were the transcriptions at the state archives complete?

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'E. Houston Halstead', written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the main body of the signature.

July 24, 1985

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Dear Agnes:

First, I am enclosing copies of some documents which I found in the Smith-Riffe papers which are on file at our State Archives. I seem to remember that at one time you were interested in finding out more about the PINE family. While it is quite possible that I am merely adding clutter to your files because you may already have these records, I felt that I would be remiss in my desire to help others doing family research if I did not send them on to you. If you have them--just discard these because I have copies; if you had not seen them--I am pleased. There are some notes in these files on the members of this family which either Smith or Riffe had made. I did not copy these; however, if you think they might be useful to you, I will ask for this file again and have them copied. They were more or less random notations which he had made in his search.

Now, let me see if I can handle any of these questions which you have posed in your last letter: Mastin Christian--I am not in a position to argue one way or the other as to his birth date. I have checked the ages of his siblings<sup>2</sup> and attempted to place them in the correct birth year by using the only record (at times) which I have for a guide--the various census records of that area. Consequently, 1793 seems to fit very well in comparisons with the ages of his siblings. As to the dissolution of his marriage to Jane McKenster, we certainly cannot argue with the record; and we now know beyond doubt that it was in 1851. This, of course, places the status of the "Maria" in his household in 1850 in jeopardy. It would be logical to conclude that he and she did, indeed, marry after this divorce became effective. Also, I do believe (but I have not checked with an attorney to make sure) that any children born to such a liaison would then be considered legitimate. I seem to recall that such marriages did take place for this express purpose. With the "indiscretions" which he, himself, confessed to, it would be difficult for us--in this time and place--to determine whose ~~were~~ whose. Maybe we will get lucky again and find other records which might clarify this. However, for the time being, I believe that we are safe in saying that: William Christian--1824; Ruth Christian--1827; Addison Christian--1827 (could they have been twins?); Daniel Christian--1828 and possibly Nancy [Christian] Birchfield--1832 were children by Jane. Yet, it is equally as likely that Nancy was a d/o whomever???. We know, without any question, that Hiram--1835 (19 years old in 1854); Thomas--1837 (17 yrs. old in 1954); Moses--1843 (11 yrs. old in 1854); Masten--1848 (6 yrs. old in 1854); Nathan; and Lovace were all said to be infants when the Bill of Complaint of Christian vs. Christian was filed in 1854. Therefore, I feel that we can safely say that these infants were the children of another woman whether it be Maria or some other--the logical conclusion would be that it was Maria. I don't know where you obtained your date for his "supposed" divorce in 1828; nor do I know where the notion came from that he might have had still a third wife by the name of Margaret. I picked this up without too much investigation, but I am now beginning to have my serious doubts about this contention. I suppose that "c<sup>all</sup> licking" time is upon us again!!!!!! I do know that Norma Pontiff Evans in her 1860 census of McDowell County first latched onto this idea on pg. 19; possibly because of the Nathan, age 13, Mastin, age 10; and Louisa, age 8 in the household. Also, the

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Moses Christian, age 18. However, in her addendum she changes this Margaret's husband to Moses Christian because of data which she received from Rodney Veitschegger. Had she had the proper records, she would have known that Mastin Christian was deceased before 1854 when the Bill of Complaint was filed. But, as always, we must wonder if she obtain data on one of the other Mastin Christians and, therefore, has this confusion? Also, I notice that Ms. Evans has Charter Mitchell listed as a s/o Elizabeth Mitchell whose husband was either William Mitchell or John William Mitchell and that he moved to Kanawha County, Virginia, after his marriage to Elizabeth Payne in 1844. If this be the same Charter Mitchell who struck the fancy of Jane McKenster Christian, they surely had a "fur piece" to travel for their "hanky" and their "pany." No wonder she tried to strike a bargain with Mastin to move to "Sandy" from "Clinch."

I am afraid that I cannot enlighten you further with regard to Samuel Christian. He was an enigma to me to begin with--what little I know, I have already told you. I went through the entire 1870 Census for McDowell County on my trip to the State Archives last week and I did not find him at all.

Since I have mentioned the 1870 census, let me say this: There is now absolutely no remnant of doubt left in my mind as to the correct name of my great grandmother Nancy Christian Reed, d/o Thomas and Louisa Christian and w/o John Wesley Reed. First, I must tell you this: My mother's sister, Nancy, was always known in the family as "Nannie." The 1870 census shows the household of Nancy Jane [Reed] Bean--she having been the d/o John Wesley Reed and Nancy Jane Christian Reed. It is recorded thusly: "1/1--Jesse Bean, 52, millwright; Anna J., 28, wife; William, 18, son; John R., 14, son Angeline, 12, daughter; Edwin J., 10, son; Robert Lee, 7, son. Notice she is listed as "Anna J." Her name was Nancy Jane. Say the "Anna J." out loud to yourself! What do you have? "Nannie J." This is what they have said to the enumerator and he understood it as "Anna J." Now, let's move to the household of my great grandparents: "5/5--John W. Reed, 76, farmer; Anna J., 65, wife, keeping house." What do you have? Exactly the same situation!!!! She has been known as "Nannie J." just as my Aunt Nannie. The enumerator heard and wrote just what I have said in the case of Nancy Jane Reed Bean. My grandfather, Amanuel Reed, 31, farmer; Robina, 24, wife; Rachael, 2, daughter, were right next door in household 5/6. In fact, I should have said right in the same home because this is the way it was. Grandfather received a "gift deed" to the home place with the provision that he take care of his mother until her demise. Another thing which I noticed, and one which I have told you repeatedly I cannot dismiss from my mind: In the next household--5/7 --lived one Moses Adair, 50, farmer, with his family. And not too far from Jesse Bean, lived another Adair--William, 55, farmer, and his family. I can't help but believe that my mother received her name "Jane" for some reason from Jane Adair Christian (and I do believe that Jane Christian was a d/o of the Adair who assigned his property to one Thomas Christian. It was interesting to me to note that the Cartright families were in close proximity also. Remember Agnes Christian married one Thomas Cartwright in Sumner County with Thomas Mastin as surety. I shan't copy the Christians from the 1870 census for you now. If you need them, I will do it later. I am working against time again today. I have a lesson to prepare to teach tonight and I still want to get back to my Sigmon history. I have just packed a canner of beans to process before I started this.

As to my judgement with reference to David Christian's daughter Lydia having married one William Pruitt before marrying Smith Asbury, I cannot say. I have not investigated this family to this degree. I can only tell you what I found in this 30-page record of this land dispute which went on for at least 5 or 6 years. I did go back through this case--page by page--and I will attempt to elucidate on my findings again: I know that Luther's daughters are confusing--I noticed that the first time around; but I must tell you that this is exactly as I found it. Remember that I told you that Thomas B. Christian first sold some land to Thomas (of David) and then he marked out the Thomas and wrote in "Luther" which seems to have been a family problem from 'way back when one remembers the dispute Thomas Christian had with John Wray. I shall quote: This land was sold in 1860, 16 July, first to Thomas (of David) next to Luther. "Since

the execution of said deed the said Luther Christian has departed this life leaving two children his sole heirs at law, to-wit Larinda Christian and Florence Christian both of whom are infants." It also says in this document: "Thomas B. Christian (of Moses)." I suppose those people making the records had as much trouble as we in trying to sort out all of these Thomases, Moseses, Mastins, et al. Then in the answer to the Bill of Complaint which was filed for these heirs of Luther one finds this: "Answer given to Bill of Complaint by P. R. Spracher, their guardian ad litem, for Larinda and Florence Christian, infant heirs of Luther C.--this was on 2 Oct 1869. Also, the summons in this case is issued for Thomas B. Christian (of Moses), Larinda Christian and Florence Christian--issued 15 day of July 1869.

Now, let me go to the Bill of Complaint of Thomas B. Christian vs. Lovis Christian, et al (That doggone Thomas B. Christian was always mixed up in these suits in some way it seems): "David Christian departed this life on the      day of      186      intestate, leaving as his heirs at law a numerous family of children and grandchildren. His children now living are Lovis Christian; Nancy Beavers formerly Nancy Christian wife of Thomas Beavers; Melvina Johnson wife of Chapman Johnson; Ruth Christian; Rachel Christian; Anthony Christian; Rebecca Christian; Israel Christian; and Thomas Christian. His grandchildren are William Patrick, s/o Mary Patrick w/o Robert Patrick, formerly Mary Christian; William and Nancy Asbury, children of Lidia Asbury, formerly Lydia Christian; Louise and Marinda Christian daughters of Luther Christian dec'd.; and Lydia Christian d/o Frederic Christian, their parents being deceased. These grandchildren are all infants and under the age of 21 years." Come to think of it, I believe that I have probably answered your question about Lydia right here and hadn't caught it before. This suit was started in 1866 and not completed until 1871. Don't you think that if Lydia had been married to a Pruitt before the Asbury that it would have given her name as Lydia Asbury, formerly Pruitt and nee Lydia Christian? Too, wouldn't her children have been Pruitt instead of Asbury unless the Pruitt marriage was short-lived and no children resulted from same? No, I believe that we can safely say that the Lydia who married the Pruitt must have been a different Lydia.

In Lovace Christian's answer to this Bill of Complaint, the name of Luther's daughters are given as Louisa and Malinda; also in the infants answer, their names are given as Louisa and Marinda. Therefore, I can only offer this as a possible solution to this problem: Could these girls have had two names each? Florence Louisa or Louisa Florence; and Malinda which was corrupted into Larinda in one case and Marinda in the other???? One thing of which I am certain, Luther only had two heirs, both girls, and these are they if we can just reach a reasonable status for their names.

The reason that I know that Rebecca married Thomas G. Brewster (remember at the beginning of this action, she was listed simply as Rebecca Christian--so she has married during the time of this litigation), on the 29th day of August 1868, she and Thomas G. Brewster sold her share of David's land to Ebenezer Brewster (all their title and interest). They were residents of McDowell County, WV. She had one-eleventh share in the real estate of David Christian dec'd seized. Thomas Beavers and Nancy [Christian] sold their share to John B. Bandy; Ruth Christian sold her share to Ebenezer Brewster. When Anthony was asked who had taken possession of the land, he answered: Lovis Christian had had possession since the year 1861 when her father died--she was in possession of the entire tract. Thomas Beavers and wife came upon it in the spring of 1865 and from that time she (Lovis Christian) and Beavers held together until spring of 1866 when Chapman Johnson moved into the house with them where he still remains (Methinks it would be getting a mite crowded by this time--n'es pas?). In the spring of 1866 Ebenezer Brewster took possession of two interests and has held them every since. There is no William Pruitt listed in the 1860 census of McDowell Co. I just can't believe that the child named "Jennie" was a dau. of Luther's. These papers I have cited prove conclusively that Luther was deceased and only two heirs are named. The dates given exclude the rest. Not even a Jennie is mentioned among David's heirs.

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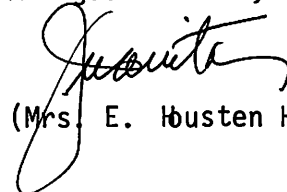
I am glad that you found the answer to the legal terminology as used in the case of Thomas Christian vs. Moses Christian. The young attorney I consulted had spent the last 8 years in the Attorney General's office and not in private practice. The department over which he served would not have been too interested in legal actions such as this. He had intended to inquire further for me, but has been away on vacation. Of course, without the meaning of the c.f., my friend who is an ex-Latin teacher would have been at a loss because the ending for the quare is just not suggestive of a Latin term. I am confident of this, though; I believe that Thomas and Moses never really settled this dispute in their own thinking--the judge may have put the action to rest, but not their thinking.

I thought you knew the William Christian to whom I referred and that is why I didn't enlarge on that. He married Rachel Beavers, d/o Alexander Beavers and Elizabeth [Hankins] Beavers. His full name was William Crockett Christian and that is all that I know. Rachel Beavers Christian is the one in the picture with my mother, Rachel Reed Sigmon, which I sent to you. We descend through Alexander Beavers and his second wife, Rachel Barnett. So, mamma and Rachel Beavers Christian were cousins. I don't know anything else ab out William, but with a middle name of "Crockett" it certainly seems to suggest a Crockett connection--whether close association or relationship--I know not.

As to the Christian marriages which Housten abstracted from records at the State House, I have not had time to give them much thought. When I can, I will check the films of the actual records to see what I can find. Right now, I must try to get back to rooting out more Sigmon data. When I find more, I shall certainly let you know.

Now, I must get my thoughts collected and quit thinking ~~adjusted and quit thinking~~ "Christian Family" and start thinking "Christian living." My girls in class tonight will want to know more of what the Bible says about that, and certainly not what I have found on this "colorful" family whence I sprang.

All good wishes,

  
(Mrs. E. Housten Halstead)

Enclosure/Christian deed - Thomas & Bexey  
and Pine History.





Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

July 30, 1985

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Dear Juanita:

Don't be distracted too long from your Sigmon project. I just wanted to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24 and answer the few questions you pose there.

First, thanks so much for the photocopies. As you guessed, I already have the information in my files. In fact, several years ago, I laborously copied the Giles County, Virginia, records at a time when the clerk's office was no longer allowing photocopies to be made. Obviously, at some point in time Giles County has allowed photocopies unless the one you sent was from microfilm—a possibility. The section of Logan County History is from Ragland's History (later reprinted by Swain). I prepared an index of the entire history since there are so many interlocking relationships between the Logan County families. You know how that is! That first statement identifying Thomas Christian as "a nephew of Colonel William Christian of Montgomery" has been a source of confusion.

You asked about the John Christian in the 1830 Tazewell County, Virginia census. I believe that the John Christian of the household was the son of Thomas and Louisa (Harmon) Christian born about 1804 and that the older man in the household (born 1760-1770) was an older relative, possibly his wife's father. I know that such assumptions are risky, but that certainly seems to be the case here. You will notice that the sole female is in the age group born between 1800-1810. The 1830 household of my own ancestor, James P. Christian in Logan County is similar. In that instance I know the facts.

Now to tackle Masten Christian once again: On the basis of the information we now have available (due to your efforts), it is obvious that Masten's children by at least two women were recognized as legitimate in the Bill of Complaint. It seems fairly certain that the woman identified as Maria in the 1850 census was one and the same as the one identified as Margaret in 1860. Since ~~Marisa~~ Christian identified her parents as Masten and Margaret Christian, when she married Henderson T. Perry, it is obvious that Margaret came into Masten's life by about 1852 (if different person than Maria). However, it seems likely that what has been interpreted as "Maria" might have been an abbreviation for "Margaret," as in "Margo" or "Marge." It has been so long since I checked the microfilm of the original that I don't know how close this speculation might be to the truth. Certainly, it seems to me that the widow and children in the 1860 McDowell County census were for the family of Masten—not Moses. Veitschegger's notes seem in error when he lists Moses—the names don't fit for that assumption. As for the mother of Masten's children, it is possible we will never be able to determine for sure. The marriage or death records of some of the "in-between" children might furnish a clue. Sometimes, however, these are not accurate because the name of the woman who raises children rather than the birth mother will be given in such records.

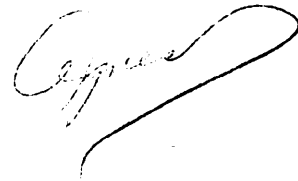
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The Charter Mitchell with whom Jane (McKenster) Christian reputedly engaged in adultery: I doubt that it was the younger man who married Elizabeth Payne in 1844 although such liaisons undoubtedly occurred then as they do today. There was at least one older man named Charter Mitchell in Tazewell County. He had two children marry into the Harmon family and three marry into the Hankins family, so you know they were near neighbors. As far as I know, the Charter Mitchell line is not related to my Mitchells, so I have not pursued research on his descendants beyond gathering enough data to distinguish his descendants in southern West Virginia and southwestern Virginia from mine. The Charter Mitchell born during the 1820's who married 1) Elizabeth Payne in Tazewell County and 2) Malinda Evans in 1857 in Wyoming County was a grandson of the older Charter. There may have been other grandsons carrying the name of Charter Mitchell; and, indeed, I can't really be sure that the same man was involved in the two marriages I mentioned above. Someone else gave me the data, and I have not verified it.

The name, Crockett Christian, figures several times among the descendants of the Christians who moved from McDowell County, West Virginia, to the state of Washington in the early part of this century. Most were called Crockett; and if you recall, Harman refers to the man who married Rachel Beavers as Crockett Christian—not as William. I wonder if this might be the same Crockett Christian who married a Miss Lambert, daughter of Hiram Lambert or if we are dealing with two different men.

That's about all for today. I'll be in touch if I discover anything significant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Crockett", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

August 9, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
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Dear Agnes:

When I get off a missle to you hurriedly (as I did the last time), I often find, on re-reading same that, I have made several mistakes--both grammatically as well as other-wise. I shan't attempt to correct those in the first category; I would like to say, though, that it was the 1880 census of McDowell County which I recently reviewed and not the 1870. So much for that.

Now, to attempt an answer to your letter of recent date: Thanks for the clarification on the John Christian of the 1830 census. When I first viewed this census, I was of the same mind as you and had so stipulated on the border of same. However, a new contact asked me about him and started me to thinking more about the older male in the household. Yet, I believe you are correct and that it was probably either his wife's father or some other older male relative who was making their home with them. So much for that!

And back to poor old Mastin, again: I went to the State House yesterday afternoon and I made an especial effort to review the 1850 census of Tazewell again with Mastin and his spouse/consort/whatever in mind. I must tell you that the "Maria" could not have been written any plainer. It is definitely M - a - r - i - a --Maria. No ifs, ands or buts about it. The Maria in 1850 was listed as having been 40 years of age; the Margaret of the 1860 census of McDowell is listed as having been 48 years of age. Give or take a year or so here for human error, I suppose that one could conclude that this might be one and the same person. Realizing, of course, that she could have been known earlier by her nickname (if such it were) and now by Margaret. Also, realizing, of course, that she could have had two names and one was used in one place and the other in the other. I know not. I do know what I saw yesterday. I do agree with you that I am more inclined to think that the children in 1860 were Mastin's rather than Moses' Chhildren. I suppose that unless something else comes to light to clarify this, we will have to leave it as is.

Frankly, on the Charter Mitchell proposition, I paid no particular attention to age when I made my remarks. I would judge, however, thibt with a name like that, there must be a family connection some place. I know another lady who has always wanted to know more about the first Charter Mitchell and I am not so sure that she will want to know what I have found out. She, too, has the Mitchell family connection with those of Tazewell and elsewhere.

I must diagree with you with reference to the William Christian who married Rachel Beavers and what HARMAN said about him in his works. J. Newton Harman in his HARMAN GENEALOGY does, indeed, refer to him as WILLIAM CHRISTIAN and, in one instance, in this way only. I, too, have Harman's genealogy in my library and I can readily refer to same and I now quote: "On page 269, as pertaining to the family of MATHIAS HARMAN, SR.: (2) Alex Beavers (Katie, Mathias, Sr., Heinrich Adam), married Elizabeth Hankins (d. of Moses Hankins). Their children: John (Beardy), who married Lucy Bandy; Mathias, who died

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Hoover (?)

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Robert Beavers, who  
to Alby Beavers & his  
second wife Rachel  
Barnett

during Civil War; William, who married Rebecca Harrison; Nancy, who married James Williamson; Lydia; and RACHEL, who married WILLIAM CHRISTIAN." Remember, of course, that this is my family line and I do know that I have the correct Rachel Beavers and William Christian as I have outlined to you previously in several of my letters. I am confident that the death record which I found for William Christian, dying in Taeger, WV, was the husband of the Rachel who later figured in the litigations which I outlined for you in other letters.

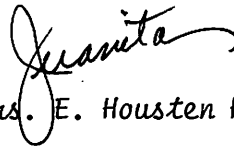
One other thing which I want to mention to you with reference to the 1880 census of McDowell: I found in Household 26/27, one Hiram Christian, age 44, lawyer, who had one Sasahia Beavers, 18, in his household as a housekeeper. I suspect that this might be the Hiram who was Mastin's son. One finds a Hiram in the 1860 census of McDowell, aged 24, with a wife, Lucinda, 19, a son, Mastin, 2, and a dau. Mary, 1/12. Of course, this one was a farmer at that time; but, the age figures out perfectly on this one. In household 29/30, 1880, one finds one Mastin Christian, 22, Cosby C., 19, wife, and a son, Hiram, age 1. This certainly leads one to suspect that we have the same family close together. When I have the time, I will copy for you what I transcribed from the 1880 census of McDowell. It seems that I am always working against time. I did some research yesterday for a friend in Tazewell and this took time, and I still have my responsibilities here at home.

I had a severe attack of diverticulitis since I wrote to you last. This laid me low and put me behind on my research. My doctor had me on liquids for several days and then graduated to soft foods. I just didn't feel up to too much work during that time.

Now, I must string beans in preparation of canning tomorrow. So far, we have canned 84 quarts this year and will probably have more. The last two years were not good bean years and our canning was next to nil--this year, we are making up for it in the event that we have some more sparse years. However, we don't use all of these ourselves--we always share with our son in Illinois.

Hope you are well. Let me know if anything else of interest comes to the surface.

Best wishes,



(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

September 2, 1985

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Dear Agnes:

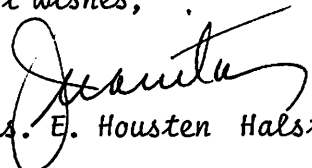
I took time to re-write the HARMAN mini-history which I had sent to you earlier in the year and added the material which Craig Harman sent to me at a later date. Just add this to the group sheets which I sent to you on Henry Harman's family and get rid of the first ones. I did the complete history over. Of course, you remember that this is the Henry Harman who was a s/o Mathias Harman, Sr. and Lydia Skaggs. I hope that this will be helpful to you. Craig has still not come forth with identification of the Susan Christian who is mentioned in one of these families.

It seems that I have a zillion Harman family group sheets in my files, and I have picked out some with other family surnames thereon which I thought were of interest to you. These sheets were passed around somewhat like a "round-robin" letter and thus the many different hand-writings. As you will notice, several of these sheets also carry CHRISTIANS and VANCES. I believe that you showed an interest in the Vance family.

I am also enclosing copies of two newspaper clippings which I thought you might find interesting. It is amazing what the thoughts of "money" will do to people. In spite of the fact that they have been told that there is no such fortune, they are hanging in there like a "bull dog" with tenacity. I knew that I was swamped with people searching the same family as I listened to the conversations around me that last day that I was up to the State House.

Hope that all is going well. I still haven't taken the time to copy the Christian names from the census records which I obtained on one of my recent visits to the State House--these were those in McDowell County. I concentrated on the Sigmons during my last visit.

Best wishes,

  
(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

Enclosure/Harman data (Craig Harmon);  
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# Thousands Seek Piece Of Texas Estate

BLUEFIELD (AP) — County clerks across southern West Virginia are arriving at work to find lines of people hoping to confirm family ties to a reclusive Texas oil developer who left a multibillion dollar estate.

"All of a sudden there are a million relatives of the Meador family — and we are getting most of them in our office," says Mercer County Clerk Rudolph Jennings.

Meadors, Meadows and Lillys — plus hundreds of others who can claim kinship with the southern West Virginia families — have been showing up for several weeks at the Mercer, Summers and Raleigh county courthouses. There, they pore over geneological and real estate records in an attempt to bolster their claims.

The frenzy was touched off last month, when officials in Texas revealed that the estate of oil developer James Meadows had gone unclaimed since his death in 1939, and that it is worth several billion dollars.

Meadows, whose family reportedly came from the Little Bluestone area of Summers County, owned one-eighth of

the famed Spindletop oil field in Texas.

Banks that have administered the estate since his death say no one claimed it because Meadows was committed to a mental hospital in the 1930s and people in the oil field lost contact with him. With investments and interest income, his fortune has continued to grow since his death.

Local officials say that determining rightful heirs is difficult because the oilman's family alternately spelled its last name Meador, Meadors, Meadow and Meadows. In addition, several members married into the Lilly family, which is one of southern West Virginia's largest clans and holds an annual reunion in Beckley that attracts thousands of relatives.

As many as 60 people a day have descended on the Mercer courthouse to examine records, Jennings said, and officials in Beckley and Summers County report similar turnouts. Jennings said his office has made nearly \$500 from selling copies of maps, birth certificates and other records.

"They're lined up at the door when

we get to work in the morning," he said.

Cybele B. Sturgeon, a Cincinnati woman who claims to be a direct descendant of Meadows, has offered to help settle the estate but wants 1 percent of each descendant's share in return. Many of those at the county courthouses said they wanted no part of the offer, believing they can produce a valid, documented claim on their own.

One woman at the Mercer courthouse was reluctant to provide any details, however, fearing that she might reveal something helpful to the other would-be inheritors.

"I came from Virginia but I'm not going to tell you where or my name," she said.

## State Officials Say Fortune Doesn't Exist

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Would-be heirs hoping to claim a share of a supposed multi-billion dollar oil legacy probably will end up empty-handed because the whole story is a myth, West Virginia and Texas officials say.

Hundreds of people hoping to share the reputed fortune of oil baron James Meadows have flocked to southern West Virginia courthouses in efforts to trace their lineage through the late reclusive.

Legend has it that the West Virginia native died forgotten in a Texas mental hospital in 1939, leaving billions of dollars made in the Spindletop oil field. But so far, there's no proof he left any money at all, said Patty White, Texas' assistant director of unclaimed proper-

ty.

"Even if they can establish they're part of the family, I don't know what they can gain," she said. "No one has established an estate that they would be an heir to . . .

"Everybody likes a good myth and a good cowboy story, and Texas is good for that," White said. "I really think that it's someone taking advantage of a lot of people."

In some places, meetings have been called by individuals offering to help settle the estate, and some have offered to work for only a share of the earnings.

But state officials say people who are asked to put money up front stand a good chance of losing the money they already have.

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*These people were all around me in the viewing room during my last trip to the State Archives. I could tell from the conversations around me that they were bound to be searching the same family. The librarians said that they didn't know how I stood it-- they are really giving them a time. One of the girls in my Ladies' Bible Class is the secretary for the Speaker of the House, and her husband is the director of the Vital Statistics section of the Health Department. She said that they were driving them wild in an effort to obtain birth, death, and marriage certificates.*

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GENEALOGY - J. Newton  
Harman; and data furnished  
by Craig Harmon of Ripley,  
WV; as well as group sheets  
on various members of the  
Harman family.  
13 August 1985.

### HARMAN

This chart will cover the descendants of Henry Harman, s/o Mathias Harman, Sr. and Lydia [Skaggs] Harman. I am sure that most of those searching the Harman family are familiar with the HARMAN GENEALOGY by John Newton Harman, Tazewell, Va. This genealogy supplies all the data which we need on Heinrich Adam Harman to bring us to the descendants of his children. We know that one of his sons was Mathias Harman, Sr. and most of us know who Mathias' children were. However, for the sake of this chart's accuracy, I shall pick up with Mathias Harman, Sr.:

MATHIAS HARMAN, SR., b. 1736 near Strasburg, Virginia; d. 2 April 1832 on Dry Fork, Tazewell County, Virginia; m. Lydia Skaggs. Children:

1. Catherine "Katie" Harman, b 1779; m. Robert "Robin" Beavers; d. 4 April 1855 of consumption. (This writer is a descendant of this couple.)
2. Mathias Harman, Jr., b. 15 Jan 1885; m. 16 August 1775 to Nancy Vance; d. 14 Feb 1850.
3. Pheby Harman (Phoebe), b ca 1798; m. 9 Feb 1819 to Moses Beavers.
4. Adam Harman, m. 5 April 1812 to Levicy Harman.
5. Henry Harman, m. 1798 to Sarah "Sallie" Mitchell. Sarah was a d/o Charter Mitchell.
6. Louisa Harman; m. Thomas Christian. (This writer is a descendant of this couple.)
7. Rebecca Harman; never married.

Even though I, Juanita Halstead, am descended from Catherine and Louisa, I shall not include data which I have on them with this chart. I am only interested now in extending the data which we now have on the descendants of Mathias and Lydia's son, Henry:

5. Henry Harman; m. Sarah Mitchell in 1798 (Craig says in Montgomery County-- another source gave me the county as Washington County, Virginia).  
Children:
  - a. Mathias Harman; m. Polly Barnett in 1823. Mathias was b. 24 June 1800.
  - b. Clementine, b 16 April 1805; m. Guy Harrison.
  - c. Charter Harman (Charter Mitchell B.), b 26 April 1807; m. Elizabeth Webb.
  - d. Henry Mitchell Harman; m. Susan Christian in 1847.
  - e. Thomas Harman.
  - f. Nancy Harman.
  - g. Sallie Harman.
  - h. William M. Harman; m. Harriet Browning in 1846.  
William "Bill" M. Harman was born ca 1824 or 1825; m. 19 November 1846 in Tazewell, Virginia, to Harriet Browning (b. July 1825). Her parents were Jesse and Malinda Browning. Children:
    - (1) Polly Ann Harman.
    - (2) Elizabeth Harman.
    - (3) Jesse Harman.
    - (4) Narcissus Harman.
    - (5) John Wesley Harman.
    - (6) Rebecca Harman.
    - (7) Henry Harman.
    - (8) James H. Harman.

h. William M. Harman - cont'd.:

William M. Harman was born in Tazewell County in the section which is now McDowell County, WV; and he was raised on Dry Fork near Welch, WV. He moved to Logan County during the early 1850s. He was described as having been a small man, with dark hair and dark complexion. He was not of a friendly disposition and people were said to have been afraid of him. It is said that he was a gambler; and that he was involved with witchcraft--he was run out of Tazewell County, Virginia, according to data from Craig Harmon. He died in Mingo County, WV, in 1900. He settled near Barnabus on Cow Creek when he went to Logan County, WV.

## Children:

- (1) Polly Ann Harmon, lived in Logan County, WV. As a young woman, she had a daughter out of wedlock. It is said that she married a Powell and they moved to Montana, and took up a homestead there. The incentive for this move came about after the passing of the Homestead Act.

Craig says that one of her grandsons became a well-known U.S. Senator from Montana.

- (2) Elizabeth Harmon, b. 1849; m. Smith Hatfield on 10 May 1874. His parents were Ephraim and Nancy [Vance] Hatfield. Ephraim was a brother to "Devil Anse" Hatfield. When Craig first told me this, I was not well enough versed in the family of "Devil Anse" to verify this. However, I have learned from other sources that this is true. My mother often told me that her family had known "Devil Anse" and that she had seen him as a young girl. My brother attended West Virginia University with one of "Devil Anse's" grandsons. Craig said that Elizabeth Harmon was known as "Aunt Betty."

## Children:

- (a) Nancy Hatfield; m. Greenway Vance. Children:

- 1-a Mary Vance.  
2-b May Vance.  
3-c Eliza Vance.  
4-d Jesse Vance.  
5-e Roy Vance.  
6-f Lee Vance.  
7-g Ried Vance.

- (3) Rebecca Harmon; m. Henry Vance. Lived at Newtown, Mingo, Co., WV.

## Children:

- (a) Betty Vance.  
(b) Eliza Vance.  
(c) Laura Vance.  
(d) Zetta Vance.  
(e) Joe Vance.  
(f) Greenway Vance.  
(g) Epp Vance.

- (4) Narcissus Harmon, b. 1846; m. 16 Sept 1873 to William "Dixon" Black. (Craig had first listed Polly Ann as the oldest child; he then listed Narcissus as the oldest--can't have it both ways. Therefore, I will use this daughter because of the date of her birth--jsh) William Black was a school teacher in Logan County. He was partially crippled. Narcissus and her husband moved to Cuba during the Spanish-American War, and no one heard from them after that time.



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- h. William M. Harman - cont'd.:  
(4) Narcissus Harman - cont'd.:

Children:

- (a) Mary H. Black--6 yrs. of age (Craig evidently used the 1880 census in obtaining the names and ages of these children--jsh.)
  - (b) William J. Black, 3 yrs. of age.
  - (c) John S. Black, 2 yrs. of age.
  - (d) George A. Black, 2 months old in 1880.
- (5) John Wesley Harmon; m. 1884 to Martha Lee. Lived at Barnabus on Cow Creek in Logan County, WV. No information available on this son. It is thought that John suffered from mental illness.
- (6) Henry Harmon; m. 2 November 1884 to Mary J. Browning who was born May 1864. Henry was shot and killed when he was in his early 30s. He died near "Hatfield Bottom" in Logan County, WV. Children:
- (a) Polly Harmon, b. in 1886; m. John Butcher.
  - (b) Alice Harmon, b. Feb 1888; m. a Ferrell near Gilbert, WV.
  - (c) George Harmon, b. March 1891.
  - (d) Sydney Harmon, b. August 1893.

After Henry was killed, Mary remarried to Francis Browning and they had twins: Pheba Browning and Natie M. Browning, b. June 1899.

- (7) James H. Harmon, b. April 1868; m. 13 April 1892 to Dora Browning who was 21 years of age at the time of their marriage. James was a coal miner; and Dora was a midwife, and an article about her was carried in LIFE magazine from an appearance at Grand Old Opry. Her parents were Adam and Elizabeth Browning--Adam having been a minister of the Gospel. James and Dora resided in Mingo County, WV. Children:
- (a) George Harmon, b. Aug. 1890. He lived in Logan County and had a large family. I have no data on this, however.
  - (b) William Rices Harmon, b. 1893; lived in Mingo County and Logan County. He, too, was a preacher. He also had a large family, and I have no data on them.
  - (c) Jesse J. Harmon, b. April 1894. Died as a young boy.
  - (d) Allen Harmon, b. November 1896. Lived in Mingo County, WV. He, too, had a large family and I have nothing further on them.
  - (e) Lizzie B. Harmon; b. 1904; m. Lowe Robinson. No Children. They lived in Logan County, WV.
  - (f) Sarah Mae Harmon, b. 1907; m. William "Billy" Baisden. Lived in Mingo County, WV.
  - (g) Ellen Harmon; m. Alvin Russell. They lived in Logan County and had a large family. I have nothing further on them.
- (8) Jesse Harmon, b. May 1850; d. 1934; m. 26 Oct 1882 to Nancy A. Browning. Jesse was 32 years of age at the time of his marriage to Nancy; she was 18 years of age--her father was Kemper Browning. Nancy died at an early age at Big Muncey; and Jesse then married Martelia [Ferrell] Vance in 1892. Martelia was born in May 1874.

Children by Nancy:

- (a) America Harmon, b. 1884; m. Robert Adkins. They lived in Newtown, Mingo County, WV. They had one child:  
1-a Vivian Adkins; died very young.

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h. William M. Harman - cont'd.:

(8) Jesse Harmon - cont'd.:

Children by Nancy - cont'd.:

(b) Leonard Harmon, b. April 1886; m. May Dingess as his first wife; m. 2) Sara Patrick and they had no children. Leonard sold insurance which was a responsible position for him and necessitated his travelling over much of the United States. His residence was near Barnabus, Logan County, WV. He died in 1964. He had one child by May Dingess:

1-a Judge Harmon, b. 1909.

(c) Milton Harmon, b. April 1888; m. 1912 to Tina Adkins whose parents were Alvin and Micki Adkins. Milton and Tina lived on Pigeon Creek and Newtown, Mingo County, WV. At one time, Tina's father is said to have owned all of what is now Delbarton, WV.

Children:

1-a Gladys Lucille Harmon, b. 19 April 1913; m. 1) Robert Hunt; m. 2) Samuel Abraham; and m. 3) Oscar Boggess; d. 14 March 1977. Children:

aa. Roberta Hunt; m. Patrick Borelli. Children:

(1-a) Patricia Borelli.

(2-b) Nino Borelli.

(3-c) Denise Borelli.

(4-d) Annette Borelli.

bb. Annette Hunt.

cc. Wanda Joyace "Bobo" Abraham.

2-b Vivian Jane Harmon, b. 27 Sept 1914; m. 22 Dec 1934 to Clair E. Harth, s/o William and Sally [Gillespie] Harth. Vivian Jane is a nurse and her husband, Clair, is a coal miner and merchant.

Children:

aa. Kathleen Harth, b. 7 Oct 1935; m. 17 June 1958 to Bob Bergeron. Kathleen is a teacher in college; Bob is a Federal Judge in Jacksonville, FL. Children:

(1-a) Brian Edward Bergeron, b. 11 March 1964.

(2-b) Leigh Anne Bergeron, b. 17 July 1967.

bb. Shirley Harth, b. 10 Aug 1938; m. 28 Aug 1958 to Jesse S. Robertson. Shively is a teacher in college; Jesse is the First Commissioner of The Sun Belt College League Conference and is also a professor at Jacksonville University.

Children:

(1-a) Daniel Rex Robertson, b. 9 Sept 1964.

cc. Billy Rex Harth, b. 1 June 1942; m. 15 April 1965 to 1) Linda Miller; and m. 2) Nancy Brooke. Billy Rex is in charge of the Public Relations Department of Madra Car Corporation in the Eastern part of the United States--from Maine to Florida. Children:

By Linda:

(1-a) Kyle Frank Harth, b. 28 Feb 1968.

By Nancy:

(2-b) Kristopher Rex Harth, b. 10 Jan. 1978.

3-c Leonard Rex Harmon, b. 29 April 1916; m. 23 March 1940 to Hester Chafin (b. 28 May 1918). Leonard is now retired, but has been a merchant, magistrate and school bus driver. He is now chairman of the County Committee. Children:

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h. William M. Harman - cont'd.:

(8) Jesse Harmon - cont'd.:

(c) Milton Harmon - cont'd.:

3-c Leonard Rex Harmon - cont'd.:

aa. Paul Edward Harmon, b. 25 Sept 1943; m. Candice O'Neal. Paul Edward is employed by the Federal Government as a Nuclear Physics Instructor. Children:

(1-a) Paul Samuel Harmon.

(2-b) Michael Edward Harmon.

(3-c) Diane Marie Harmon.

bb. Charles Alvin Harmon, b. 9 Nov 1944; m. 1) Margaret Varjai and m. 2) Nelli Dudley; and m. 3) Susan Collins. Charles Alvin is a welder and coal miner. Children:

By Margaret:

(1-a) Thomas Andrew Harmon.

(2-b) Jennifer Lynn Harmon.

(3-c) Hester Desiree Harmon.

By Susan:

(4-d) Natalie Diane Harmon.

cc. Thomas Milton Harmon, b. 30 Aug 1947; m. Judith Ann Clusky. Thomas Milton is an electrician and Judith is a school teacher. Children:

(1-a) Diana Lynn Harmon.

(2-b) David Rex Harmon.

dd. Samuel Rex Harmon, b. 15 January 1950; m. Sherry Mayberry. Samuel graduated from Marshall University and is a County Sanitation Director; Sherry is a counselor of the Logan Branch of Marshall University.

ee. Linda Lee Harmon, b. 23 May 1953; m. 18 Feb 1972 in Belfry, KY, to Roy Calvin Damron. Linda Lee is a merchant and postmistress; Roy is a merchant and school bus driver. Children:

(1-a) Roy Calvin Damron.

(2-b) Heather Lee Damron.

ff. James Daniel Harmon, b. 24 January 1957; m. Margaret Young--divorced. James Daniel is a school teacher and State Beer Inspector.

4-d Milton Harmon, Jr., b. 3 June 1918; m. 3 Oct 1938 in Belfry, Ky., to Georgia Chafin (parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chafin); and m. 2) Billy Joe Sparks. Children:

By Georgia:

aa. Betty Dare Harmon, b. 26 Sept 1939; m. 26 March 1964 to Steve Jarvis. Betty Dare is a school teacher; Steve has a responsible position with the State Highway Department--he was a resident of Madison, WV.

bb. Walter Andrew Harmon, b. 6 Aug 1943; m. 1) Alice Faye Chafin; m. 2) Brenda Lemaster; m. 3) Donnie Colangelo; m. 4) Shari Kauffer; and m. 5) Darlene Malon. Walter is a railroad employee. Children:

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h. William M. Harman - cont'd.:

(8) Jesse Harmon - cont'd.:

(c) Milton Harmon - cont'd.:

4-d Milton Harmon, Jr. - cont'd.

bb. Walter Andrew Harmon - cont'd.:

By Alice:

(1-a) Steven Andrew Harmon, b. 1 March 1963.

By Brenda:

(2-b) Donald Michael Harmon, b. 14 Feb 1966.

By Donnie:

(3-c) Frances Angelina Harmon, b 15 Sept 1967.

By Shari:

(4-d) Walter Andrew Harmon, Jr., b. 28 April 1969.

By Darlene:

(5-e) Brandy Harmon, b. 6 July 1981.

By Billy Joe:

cc. William Jesse Harmon, b 19 Feb 1953.

dd. Volandra Harmon, b. 23 Feb 1956.

ee. Garnet Joe Harmon, b. 23 July 1967.

5-e Alvin Adkins Harmon, b. 5 April 1920; m. 11 Feb 1946 to Edith Gertrude Hammond (b. 6 Oct 1922) a d/o George Washington Hammond. Alvin is a coal miner and plant worker.

Children:

aa. Linda Gale Harmon; d. as an infant.

bb. Craig Stanley Harmon, b. 6 Nov 1947; m. 11 Aug 1973 to Janice Carol Rose (b. 22 April 1950) a d/o Robert and Blanche Rose.

Craig is a school teacher and coach in the schools at Ripley, WV; Janice Carol is also a school teacher.

Children:

(1-a) Ryan Craig Harmon, b. 29 May 1976.

cc. Drema Kay Harmon, b. 2 June 1949; single. Drema is a beautician and hair dresser. She is very active in church work.

6-f Walter Carl Harmon, b 18 Jan 1922; m. 9 Feb 1946 to Delores Cisco (b. 22 April 1928) a d/o William and Hattie [Kennedy] Cisco. Walter is a retired steel worker. Children:

aa. Douglas Keith Harmon, b. 27 Oct 1947; m. Pam Gielow. Douglas is an attorney in Phoenix, Arizona. They have one child--a boy.

bb. Martin David Harmon, b. 16 Dec 1953; m. 17 Dec 1977 to Jannetta Trella. Martin is a boilermaker.

cc. Rena Gay Harmon, b. 25 Feb 1958; d. 3 Oct 1959.

7-G Beula Glendene Harmon, b. 10 Nov 1923; m. July 1948 to Lee Vance (b. 18 Aug 1917) a s/o Greenway Vance. Beula is a housewife and Lee is a coal miner and plant worker. Children:

aa. Nancy Lynn Vance, b. 25 March 1949; m. Steve Tongel. Nancy is an Airline Stewardess with other stewardesses working under her supervision; Steve is an electrician.

bb. Bonnidean Vance, b. 7 May 1950; m. John Homestead.

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h. William M. Harman - cont'd.:

(8) Jesse Harmon - cont'd.:

(c) Milton Harmon, Jr. - cont'd.:

7-G Beula Glendene Harmon - cont'd.:

bb. Bonnidean Vance - cont'd.:

Bonnidean is a school teacher; John is a railroad supervisor. Children:

(1-a) Lisa Marie Homestead.

8-H Herbert Russell Harmon, b. 9 March 1926; m. 1) 1948 to Phillis Smith; and m. 2) 28 Dec 1983 to Eva Lee Hylton (b. 17 Sept. 1956). Herbert works for the Federal Government and owns a small trailer court. Children:

By Phillis:

aa. Beverly Ann Harmon, b. 1948; m. Robert Laudermelt.

bb. Vivian Marie Harmon, b. 1949; m. Sonny Mayard.

cc. Vicki Lynn Harmon, b. 1951.

dd. Herbert Russell Harmon, b. 1953.

ee. Tina Sue Harmon, b. 1958.

By Eva Lee:

ff. Angela Dawn Harmon

At this point, Craig in his data inserts this bit of information: "My grandpa was a coal miner all his life. He had a big job for 40 years. He was over all of the supervisors and foremen in the mines. He had the first car in the area. My grandma was very active person--she was a member of the board of directors of Matewan Bank. She also worked for the Federal Government. He and she owned lots of lands and had two farms in Ohio."

Jesse's children by Martelia:

(d) Harriet Harmon; m. Walter Gibson. They lived in Ben Creek, Mingo County, WV. Children:

1-a Hazel Gibson.

2-b Clifford Gibson.

3-c L. T. Gibson.

4-d Ersel Gibson.

5-e Rena Gibson.

6-f Pearl Gibson.

7-g Dorothy Gibson.

8-h Nadine Gibson.

(e) James Robert Harmon, b. 1897; m. Nannie Christian whose father was Burl Christian. (Note: Craig later gave me this data on Nannie: James Harmon married Nannie [Harrison] Christian. Nannie's mother was married to a Harrison, and she remarried to Burl Christian. This was Nannie's step-dad; but she changed her maiden name to Christian.") James was a coal miner. Children:

1-a Elmer Harmon; m. Elsa Mahon.

2-b Inez Harmon.

3-c Reaford Harmon.

4-d Leige Harmon.

5-e. Ruth Harmon; m. Ben Bailey.

6-f Johnny Harmon.

7-g Phyllis Harmon; m. Dora Hickman.

8-h Donald Harmon.

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h. William M. Harmon - cont'd.:

(8) Jesse Harmon - cont'd.:

(e) James Robert Harmon - cont'd.:

9-i Earl Harmon.

10-j Henry Harmon.

(f) Joseph Harmon, b. 25 Nov 1906; m. Tescola Tiller; d. 26 June 1961. Tescola was b. 4 Aug 1908 and d. in Sept 1973. Her parents were R. W. and Dixie [Akers] Tiller. Children:

1-a Mary Lou Harmon, b. 11 Aug 1929; m. 7 April 1947 to William T. Varney; d. 19 Dec 1982.

2-b Betty June Harmon; m. Beacher Varney.

3-c Tiny Merrill Harmon.

4-d Eugene Glen Harmon, b. 19 May 1939; m. 9 March 1963 to Ruby Taylor who was born 7 Dec 1942.

(g) Henry Harmon. No data. Died as a child.

(h) Wilson Harmon, b. 1912; m. 1) Virgie Justice; and m. 2) Mary Allen Varney. Wilson is a coal miner and a minister who lives at Oak Hill, WV. He is the only living child of this family. Children:

By Virgie:

1-a Sherman Roy Harmon.

(i) Roy Harmon. The youngest child of Jesse's family. He died when he was seventeen years of age. He tried to hop onto a truck and he was killed.

**FAMILY GROUP No.**

**Husband's Full Name** *William Bayliss Harman*

|  |                       |            |              |             |                            |                                 |                         |                              |
|--|-----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>This Information Obtained From:</b> | <b>Husband's Date</b> | <b>Day</b> | <b>Month</b> | <b>Year</b> | <b>City, Town or Place</b> | <b>County or Province, etc.</b> | <b>State or Country</b> | <b>Add. Info. on Husband</b> |
|  | Birth                 | 24         | July         | 1826        |                            |                                 |                         |                              |
|  | Chr'd                 | 2          |              |             |                            |                                 |                         |                              |
|  | Mar.                  | 21         | July         | 1846        | Tazewell Co., VA.          |                                 |                         |                              |
|  | Death                 |            |              |             |                            |                                 |                         |                              |
|  | Burial                |            |              |             |                            |                                 |                         |                              |

**Places of Residence**  
**Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Military Rec.** \_\_\_\_\_

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.  
**His Father** *Mathias Harman Jr.* **Mother's Maiden Name** *Nancy Vance*

**Wife's Full Maiden Name** *Rinda Hater*

|                    |            |              |             |                            |                                 |                         |                           |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Wife's Date</b> | <b>Day</b> | <b>Month</b> | <b>Year</b> | <b>City, Town or Place</b> | <b>County or Province, etc.</b> | <b>State or Country</b> | <b>Add. Info. on Wife</b> |
| Birth              |            |              |             |                            |                                 |                         |                           |
| Chr'd              |            |              |             |                            |                                 |                         |                           |
| Death              |            |              |             |                            |                                 |                         |                           |
| Burial             |            |              |             |                            |                                 |                         |                           |

**Compiler** \_\_\_\_\_ **Places of Residence** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Occupation if other than Housewife** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Her Father** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mother's Maiden Name** \_\_\_\_\_

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)                     | Children's Date | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place  | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children               |
|-----|--|-----------------|-----|-------|------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1   | <i>Lepida</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Salena Rouse</i>             | Birth           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Mar.            | 1   | July  | 1851 | McDowell Co., W. VA. |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
| 2   | <i>Nancy H</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Castrell</i>                | Birth           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
| 3   | <i>Elizabeth</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Vance</i>                 | Birth           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
| 4   | <i>Mathias</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Ellen Annie Steele</i>      | Birth           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Mar.            | 2   | AUG   | 1850 | McDowell Co., W. VA. |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
| 5   | <i>Charlotte</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Wm Whitcher Keene</i>     | Birth           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Mar.            | 5   | NOV   | 1834 | McDowell Co., W. VA. |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
| 6   | <i>William Bayliss Jr.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Annie Vance</i> | Birth           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  | <i>William, Alice, Harry Jackson</i> |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
| 7   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
| 8   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                      |                          |                  |                                      |

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

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**FAMILY GROUP No.**

**Husband's Full Name** *Daniel Howard Sherman*

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Date | Day Month Year       | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth          | <i>3 Sept 1821</i>   |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr'nd         |                      |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.           | <i>19 Sept. 1844</i> |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Death          | <i>29 July 1908</i>  |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial         |                      |                     |                          |                  |                       |

**Places of Residence**

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Military Rec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. *Margaret Beaman*  
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father *Richard Sherman* Mother's Maiden Name *Margaret Beaman*

**Wife's Full Maiden Name** *Susan Hatch*

| Wife's Date | Day Month Year     | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       | <i>1 Nov 1823</i>  |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |                    |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       | <i>25 Aug 1889</i> |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |                    |                     |                          |                  |                    |

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**Places of Residence**

**Address**

**Occupation if other than Housewife**

**Church Affiliation**

**City, State**

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.  
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

**Date**

**Her Father**

**Mother's Maiden Name**

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)                       | Children's Data                  | Day Month Year  | City, Town or Place  | County or Province, etc.              | State or Country   | Add. Info. on Children                               |
|-----|--|----------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1   | <i>Nancy Louisa</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Capt. David B. Sayre</i> | Birth<br>Mar.<br>Death<br>Burial | <i>13 Aug 1843</i><br><i>16 Sep 1861</i><br><i>10 Oct. 1892</i> | <i>Tazewell</i><br><i>"</i><br><i>"</i>                            | <i>County</i><br><i>"</i><br><i>"</i> | <i>VA.</i><br><i>"</i><br><i>"</i>   |  |
| 2   | <i>George W. B.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Rebecca J. Hagaman</i>   | Birth<br>Mar.<br>Death<br>Burial | <i>16 JAN 1851</i><br><i>30 NOV 1872</i>                        | <i>McDowell</i>  | <i>County</i>                         | <i>W. VA.</i>  |  |
| 3   | <i>John Edward W.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Lida Perry</i>         | Birth<br>Mar.<br>Death<br>Burial | <i>24 MAR 1880</i>  | <i>Tazewell Co. VA. Charles</i><br><i>McDowell Co. P.V. Robert</i> |                                       |  |  |
| 4   | <i>Daniel H. Jr.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Margaret Beaman</i>     | Birth<br>Mar.<br>Death<br>Burial | <i>Sept. 1886</i>   |  |                                       |  | <i>Sgt - Texas - Texas</i><br><i>Robert, John D.</i> |
| 5   | <i>Mollie M.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>William Harrison</i>        | Birth<br>Mar.<br>Death<br>Burial | <i>3 July 1884</i>  | <i>McDowell</i><br><i>McDowell</i>                                 | <i>Co. W. VA</i><br><i>Co. W. VA.</i> | <i>Marshall, Henry</i><br><i>Lyle, George</i><br><i>Kiefer, Cady</i><br><i>Perry</i> |  |
| 6   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth<br>Mar.<br>Death<br>Burial |   |  |                                       |  |  |
| 7   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth<br>Mar.<br>Death<br>Burial |   |  |                                       |  |  |
| 8   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth<br>Mar.<br>Death<br>Burial |   |  |                                       |  |  |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth<br>Mar.<br>Death<br>Burial |   |  |                                       |  |  |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth<br>Mar.<br>Death<br>Burial |   |  |                                       |  |  |

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Edward Harman & Edna Perry

Issue

Charles P. - Flora Graybeal

David Robert

Daniel H. Harman, Jr. & Hannah Beavers

Issue

Twins | Ida - Dr. Charles F. Hicks 14 Jan 1915

| Grace - Thomas H. S. Curd 28 Feb 1910

Robert

John D. - killed in France WW 26 Sept 1918

Grace and Thomas Curd

Issue

Howard

Chandler

Mollie Harman & William Harrison

Issue

Margaret - Samuel Wagoner

Hency

Rebecca

George

Rufus

Cosby

Nancy

Daniel Howard Harman elected constable and deputy sheriff of Tazewell Co., in 1843 held office from 1843 to 1854 and reelected 1856 to 1866. He served as deputy surveyor under Moses Hankins Surveyor of Tazewell Co., Va., Elected Assessor Jeffersonville Township in 1874. Deputy Clerk in 1875 also served official capacities in McDowell Co., Va.

FAMILY GROUP No. \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Full Name *Mathias Skaggs Har*

*Mathias Skaggs Har*

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Date | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place            | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Birth          | 18 July 1836   |                                |                          |                  |            |
| Chr'nd         |                |                                |                          |                  |            |
| Mar.           | 11 Nov. 1853   | Horman Genealogy               |                          |                  |            |
| Death          |                | NOT IN TAZ. Courthouse Records |                          |                  |            |
| Burial         |                |                                |                          |                  |            |

Places of Residence

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Military Rec. \_\_\_\_\_

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father *Mathias Harman Jr* Mother's Maiden Name *Nancy Vance*

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Charlotte Vance*

| Wife's Date | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |

Compiler \_\_\_\_\_

Places of Residence

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation if other than Housewife \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Her Father \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)             | Children's Date | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place     | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child                                 |
|-----|--|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| 1   | <i>Charles B.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Nancy Harman</i> | Birth           | 6 Aug. 1866    |                         |                          |                  | <i>Charles B. Ross</i>                              |
|     |  | Mar.            | 20 Dec. 1900   | Bristol, Tenn.          |                          |                  | <i>Nancy Belle, Edna</i>                            |
|     |  | Death           | 3 March 1924   | (Nancy born 4 Aug 1879) |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
| 2   | <i>Tate</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Lucinda Morgan</i>     | Birth           | 7 Sept. 1867   |                         |                          |                  | <i>Bradley, John, Getz</i>                          |
|     |  | Mar.            | 27 July 1898   | McDowell Co., W. Va.    |                          |                  | <i>Nancy, Katie, Bessie, Edna</i>                   |
|     |  | Death           | 12 Feb 1919    |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
| 3   | <i>Vicie</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Annie Peery</i>       | Birth           | 30 June 1870   | Tazewell Co., VA.       |                          |                  | <i>Helen, Amelia, John, Ross, Mabel, Charles E.</i> |
|     |  | Mar.            | 8 Feb 1900     | Tazewell Co., VA.       |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Death           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
| 4   | <i>Eveline *</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                         | Birth           | 1860           |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Death           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
| 5   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Death           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
| 6   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Death           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
| 7   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Death           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
| 8   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Death           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     | * Oldest child. See  | Burial          | 1860 Census    | Tazewell Co.            |                          |                  | died before   |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           | 1870 Census    | "                       |                          |                  | "   |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Death           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Mar.            |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Death           |                |                         |                          |                  |   |
|     |  | Burial          |                |                         |                          |                  |   |

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Andrew

Charles G. Issue: Charles G. Jr, Rosa, May, Daisy Belle and Etline

Fate Issue: Glendon, John, Fate Jr, Maudie, Lattie, Peiser and Ed

Vivie Issue: Helen and Et. Galati, Amelia, John, Rose, Marshall and Charles G.

**FAMILY GROUP No.**

**Husband's Full Name**

*Mathias Herman Jr.*

**This Information Obtained From:**

*On Nov. 1832 Mathias Herman petitioned the Va. Legislature. Lady to change the name of his son, Philip David and William Bruce; from Vance to Herman, as they were born out of wed lock - he states he inter-married with Nancy Vance in 1829.*

*Mathias Jr local Minister - Methodist - he was known as "Trey"*

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth          | 15 JAN 1745    |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr'nd         |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.           | 16 Aug 1817    | ?                   |                          |                  |                       |
| Death          | 14 FEB 1850    |                     | Tazewell County, Va.     |                  |                       |
| Burial         |                |                     |                          |                  |                       |

| Places of Residence | Church Affiliation | Military Rec. |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
|                     |                    |               |

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.  
 His Father *Mathias Herman* Mother's Maiden Name *Lidia Skaggs*

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |

| Compiler | Places of Residence | Church Affiliation |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
|          |                     |                    |

| Address | Occupation if other than Housewife | Church Affiliation |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
|         |                                    |                    |

| City, State | Her Father | Mother's Maiden Name |
|-------------|------------|----------------------|
|             |            |                      |

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)                    | Children's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place              | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1   | <i>Elias Vance</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Sarah Mc Guire</i>     | Birth           | 12 Jan. 1819   |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | 17 AUG 1841    | Tazewell County, VA.             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           | 18 Nov 1877    |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
| 2   | <i>David Howard</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Susan Hatch</i>       | Birth           | 3 Sept. 1821   |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | 19 Sept. 1844  | Tazewell County, VA.             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           | 20 July 1908   |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
| 3   | <i>William Bays</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Kinda Hatch</i>       | Birth           | 24 JULY 1826   |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | 21 JULY 1876   | Tazewell Co., VA                 |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
| 4   | <i>Mathias Skaggs</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Charlotta Vance</i> | Birth           | 18 JULY 1836   |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | 11 NOV 1855    | - ? NOT RECORDED @ TAZEWELL C.H. |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
| 5   | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
| 6   | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
| 7   | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
| 8   | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                                  |                          |                  |                        |

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FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

*Elihu Vance Harmon*

This Information Obtained From:

*Records of Elihu's  
desc. were furnished  
by grandsons  
Adrian Harmon*

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year      | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth          | <i>12 Jan 1819</i>  |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr'nd         |                     |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.           | <i>17 Aug 1841</i>  |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Death          | <i>18 Nov. 1877</i> |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial         |                     |                     |                          |                  |                       |

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father *Mathias Harmon Jr.*

Mother's Maiden Name *Marcella Cox*

Wife's Full Maiden Name

*Sarah Mc Guire*

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |

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Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)  | Children's Data | Day Month Year       | City, Town or Place          | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child |
|-----|---|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | <i>Andrew Jackson</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           | <i>21 Aug 1842</i>   |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           | <i>19 June 1863</i>  | <i>killed while scouting</i> |                          |                  | <i>13 June 1863</i> |
|     |   | Burial          |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
| 2   | <i>David Coxe</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           | <i>15 Sept. 1845</i> | <i>Tazewell County, VA</i>   |                          |                  |                     |
|     | <i>Mary Alley</i>   | Mar.            | <i>9 Nov. 1868</i>   | "                            | "                        | "                |                     |
|     |   | Death           | <i>15 Sept. 1917</i> | "                            | "                        | "                |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
| 3   | <i>Anna Eliza</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           | <i>31 Dec. 1848</i>  | <i>Tazewell County, VA</i>   |                          |                  |                     |
|     | <i>William Harrison</i>   | Mar.            | <i>4 Sept. 1875</i>  | "                            | "                        | "                |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
| 4   | <i>Laura Matilda</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           | <i>11 Jan 1851</i>   | <i>Tazewell County, VA</i>   |                          |                  |                     |
|     | <i>Samuel Lambert</i>   | Mar.            | <i>15 Dec. 1868</i>  | "                            | "                        | "                |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
| 5   | <i>Nancy Lucinda</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           | <i>17 Feb. 1854</i>  | <i>Tazewell County, VA</i>   |                          |                  |                     |
|     | <i>Thomas E. Crabb</i>  | Mar.            | <i>10 Oct 1872</i>   | "                            | "                        | "                |                     |
|     |   | Death           | <i>22 Sept. 1919</i> |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
| 6   | <i>Rachel Malona</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           | <i>8 May 1856</i>    | <i>Tazewell County VA</i>    |                          |                  |                     |
|     | <i>F. Marion Shradler</i>   | Mar.            | <i>13 April 1876</i> | "                            | "                        | "                |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
| 7   | <i>William Oak</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Francis</i><br>1. <i>Thomas Shradler</i><br>2. <i>Felix Sinton</i> | Birth           | <i>1 May 1859</i>    | <i>Tazewell County, VA</i>   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            | <i>5 April 1877</i>  | <i>Tazewell Co. VA</i>       |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
| 8   | <i>Adam</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           | <i>9 March 1862</i>  | <i>Tazewell County, VA</i>   |                          |                  |                     |
|     | <i>Esther Bendig</i>  | Mar.            | <i>15 Jan 1880</i>   | "                            | "                        | "                |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
| 9   | <i>Martha Jane</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Sam F. Allison</i>   | Birth           |                      | <i>Tazewell County, VA</i>   |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            | <i>7 Feb 1883</i>    | "                            | "                        | "                |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
| 10  |   | Birth           |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Mar.            |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Death           |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |
|     |   | Burial          |                      |                              |                          |                  |                     |

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. Info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children. other cases references or information

Andrew Jackson left Tazewell with first company of Volunteers in 1861, 45th Regiment; was shot at Bunker Hill, Virginia, while doing scout work for General Floyd on 13 June and died 19 June 1863.

FAMILY GROUP No. \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Full Name *Moses Pearson*

This Information Obtained From: \_\_\_\_\_

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Hu. |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Birth          |                |                     |                          |                  |                   |
| Chr'nd         |                |                     |                          |                  |                   |
| Mar.           |                |                     |                          |                  |                   |
| Death          |                |                     |                          |                  |                   |
| Burial         |                |                     |                          |                  |                   |

Places of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Military Rec. \_\_\_\_\_

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.  
 His Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Phoebe Harman*

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |

Compiler \_\_\_\_\_ Places of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation if other than Housewife \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Her Father *Mathias Harman* Mother's Maiden Name *Lydian Skaggs*

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)  | Children's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country  | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|---|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1   | <i>Mathias</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Feggy Whitely</i>                                    | Birth           | 5 Feb 1822     |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
| 2   | <i>Lydian</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>William Seabolt</i>                                   | Birth           | 15 May 1825    | Tazewell Co., Va.   |                          | Andrew Jackson  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | 24 April 1841  |                     |                          | Hungry, Betty, M. Anne  |                        |
|     |   | Death           | 28 Aug 1868    |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
| 3   | <i>Lizzie Elizabeth</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>John Waldron</i>                            | Birth           | 1 Feb 1826     |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
| 4   | <i>Rebecca</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>John Waldron</i>                                     | Birth           | 10 Aug 1830    | Tazewell Co., Va.   |                          | Mr. John, Hester, Mary, Guilford, Raleigh, Edwanda, R. E. Light     |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | 27 Feb 1851    |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
| 5   | <i>Alexander</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Polley Skynn</i>                                   | Birth           | 12 Apr. 1828   |                     |                          | Lindie Harman, Harriet, Edlin, Jennie, Hannah, and Samuel H. Harman |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
| 6   | <i>Moses Jackson</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>1. <i>Lacey Hankins</i><br>2. <i>M. M. Sparks</i> | Birth           | 28 Aug. 1834   |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | 13 Feb 1865    |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Death           | 14 July 1923   |                     |                          | Lacey dau. of James Hankins   |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          | Born March, 1846 - Died 14, 1868                                    |                        |
| 7   | <i>Lettie</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>J. S. Seabolt</i>                                     | Birth           | 15 May 1826    |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Death           | 28 Aug 1868    |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
| 8   | <i>Harman Skaggs</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           | 15 Apr 1832    |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
| 9   | <i>Nancy</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           | 22 Nov 1824    |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Death           |                |                     |                          |   |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |   |                        |

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Mathias Beavers  
Peggy Whitley

Issue

Eleanor - Charles H. Peery  
Wm. Kutton - Lettie Crockett  
Dexter E. - Corrie Kiser  
Charles P. - Lettie May Brown  
George - Elvira Compton  
Sterling -  
Lal - Hettie Roberts  
Edward -

All Beavers and Polly Dixon

Issue: Thomas, Isabelle, Linden  
Harman, Hannah md Daniel H Harman Jr,  
Ellen, Jennie md. W. Burbridge. Peggy  
Hannah + Daniel Issue: Ida + Grace twins,  
Robert + John  
Jennie + Burbridge Issue: Robert M,  
Meldeam, W. Burbridge Jr.

Rebecca Beavers, Rice Waldron Issue: Dr John W.  
md 1st Mary E. Hamble 2nd Michael Baldwin,  
Rensley Moses md Lettie Payne, Julia md Mack Payne,  
Raleigh md Nora Hamble, Alexander B,  
Elizabeth md Leah Beavers

Dr John W. wife #1 Issue: John, Thomas,  
Hetti and Kate, wife #2  
Issue Cecil

Shirley Moore Issue: Amanda  
Julia Issue: Charles

Lizzie Beavers

John Sheldon

Issue

Dr Mathias Harman - B. Dec 12, 1843 - wed. May 15, 1871

Hackawick  
Shuman

Jane - Alex Pate  
Blade - Lettie Daugherty  
Kufus - Margaret Jane Beavers 1/9/1881

Issue

Samuel - Lettie Seabolt  
Octavia - Thomas Beavers  
Augustine S. - 1. Mary E. Graham 2. Lettie Altizer  
William Floyd - Mattie Seabolt  
Mary - single

John, Julia, Robert, Walter, Edward  
John, Mary, Lettie, Fannie, Jennie  
John, Lettie, Fannie, Jennie  
John, Lettie, Fannie, Jennie  
John, Lettie, Fannie, Jennie

Moses Jackson Beavers b. 28 Aug. 1834 - d. 14 July 1923 md. 13 Feb 1865  
#1. Lucy Harkins b. 1 Mar 1846 d. 14 May 1868 dau. of James Harkins

Issue

Ellen Phebe B. 2/24/1866 - Frank T. Wall  
James M. B. 10/27/1867 - 11/2/1920 Nellie Jane Cicue

#2. Martha Spacke

Issue

Lucy - Thomas S. Beavers  
Alexander - Sarah Harman 7/21/1897  
F. Lawrence - Geo. St. Jones 10/11/1899  
Mary - Greener Dykine 11/14/1904  
J. Newton - Lydia Seabolt  
Isabell Matilda - Crockett Harrison 11/22/1904  
Arthur - d. 5/14/1919 - Lou Ann Mitchell 5/19/1910

Lydia + Wm Seabolt  
Issue  
Andrew Jackson - ? Hubble  
George  
Bettie - Samuel Waldron  
Marion  
Andrew Jackson Issue:  
Mattie + Lydia  
Bettie + Issue  
George + Snow

Ellen Phebe + Frank T. Wall  
Issue: Frank T. Jr, md. Pearl Cole, Lillian,  
Luth md. Paul Steven Ricketts, and Naomi.

James M. + Nellie Jane

Issue: Catherine  
Lucy and Thomas S.  
Issue: Herbert, Fred, Reba, Nellie,  
George, Fannie, and Mary.

Alexander + Sarah  
Issue: Mattie md. Letz Harman, Mathe md.  
Art Whitley, Rose J. and Wm/T.

Florence + Geo. W.  
Issue: James Moore, Clarence,  
David A., Ella, Walter F., Edgar S.,  
Joseph C., Mattie M. and Thelma R.

Mary + Greener  
Issue: Moses Jackson + George

J. Newton + Lydia  
Issue: Irene, Ruth J. Newton Jr  
+ Lucie

Isabell Matilda + Crockett  
Issue: Mabel V. Grace J.,  
Janis Red and Alice

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

*Samuel Boone Sherman*

This information obtained from:

*1870 Census  
TAZ. CO. 35/*

| Husband's Data    | Day       | Month        | Year        | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth             | <i>15</i> | <i>Sept</i>  | <i>1845</i> |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr <sup>nd</sup> |           |              |             |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.              | <i>9</i>  | <i>Dec.</i>  | <i>1869</i> |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Death             | <i>5</i>  | <i>Sept.</i> | <i>1917</i> |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial            |           |              |             |                     |                          |                  |                       |

| Places of Residence   | Church Affiliation   | Military Rec. |
|---|----------------------|---------------|
|   |                      |               |
| Occupation  |                      |               |
| Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |                      |               |
| His Father  | Mother's Maiden Name |               |
| <i>Eliza Vance Sherman</i>  | <i>Sarah McQuinn</i> |               |

| Wife's Full Maiden Name |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Wife's Data             | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
| <i>Mary Alley</i>       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Birth                   |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr <sup>nd</sup>       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death                   |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial                  |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |

| Compiler    | Places of Residence  |
|-------------|--|
|             |  |
| Address     | Occupation if other than Housewife   |
|             |  |
| City, State | Church Affiliation   |
|             |  |
|             | Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |

| Date | Her Father | Mother's Maiden Name |
|------|------------|----------------------|
|      |            |                      |

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)                  | Children's Data | Day       | Month        | Year        | City, Town or Place         | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|---|-----------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1   | <i>Jennie Belle</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Tom S. Staton</i>   | Birth           | <i>1</i>  | <i>Oct.</i>  | <i>1867</i> |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | <i>11</i> | <i>MAR</i>   | <i>1889</i> | <i>Tazewell Co., VA.</i>    |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
| 2   | <i>Nickatie F.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Luther J. McCann</i> | Birth           | <i>8</i>  | <i>Feb.</i>  | <i>1872</i> |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | <i>15</i> | <i>Feb.</i>  | <i>1898</i> | <i>TAZEWELL County, Va.</i> |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
| 3   | <i>Mrs L.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Hyle Cooper</i>           | Birth           | <i>30</i> | <i>Nov.</i>  | <i>1874</i> |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | <i>18</i> | <i>July</i>  | <i>1898</i> | <i>TAZEWELL County, VA.</i> |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
| 4   | <i>Andrew J.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Mary Jane Sparks</i>   | Birth           | <i>27</i> | <i>March</i> | <i>1880</i> |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            | <i>10</i> | <i>APR</i>   | <i>1901</i> | <i>TAZEWELL County, VA.</i> |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
| 5   | <i>William Deak</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Maggie Taylor</i>   | Birth           | <i>11</i> | <i>Nov.</i>  | <i>1885</i> |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |           |              | <i>1906</i> |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
| 6   | <i>Shower C.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>May Robinson</i>       | Birth           | <i>17</i> | <i>Oct.</i>  | <i>1888</i> |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |           |              | <i>1914</i> |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
| 7   | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
| 8   | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*  | Birth           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Mar.            |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Death           |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |
|     |   | Burial          |           |              |             |                             |                          |                  |                        |

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FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

*Samuel H Lambert*

From this information Obtained From:

Husband's Data Day Month Year City, Town or Place County or Province, etc. State or Country Add. Info. on

|                   |                    |  |                             |  |  |             |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Birth             |                    |  |                             |  |  |             |
| Chr <sup>nd</sup> |                    |  |                             |  |  |             |
| Mar.              | <i>10 Dec 1868</i> |  | <i>TAZEWELL COUNTY, VA.</i> |  |  | <i>1868</i> |
| Death             |                    |  |                             |  |  |             |
| Burial            |                    |  |                             |  |  |             |

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name

*Laura Matilda Yarnall*

Wife's Data Day Month Year City, Town or Place County or Province, etc. State or Country Add. Info. on Wife

|                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Birth             | <i>11 Jan 1851</i> |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chr <sup>nd</sup> |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Death             |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Burial            |                    |  |  |  |  |  |

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Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father *Ellis Vance Yarnall*

Mother's Maiden Name *Sarah M<sup>c</sup> Guise*

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Sex Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth) Children's Data Day Month Year City, Town or Place County or Province, etc. State or Country Add. Info. on Child

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)           | Children's Data | Day       | Month      | Year        | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child                    |
|-----|--|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| 1   | <i>James C</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Sarah Sparks</i>  | Birth           | <i>15</i> | <i>Aug</i> | <i>1870</i> |                     |                          |                  | <i>Laura Matilda Yarnall, Virginia</i> |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  | <i>Laura, Va.</i>                      |
|     |  | Death           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  | <i>Earl, Edward, Walter</i>            |
|     |  | Burial          |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 2   | <i>Thomas</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Mrs Belle Rudy</i> | Birth           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  | <i>Charles, Dan</i>                    |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  | <i>Laura, Sylvia</i>                   |
|     |  | Death           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  | <i>Earl</i>                            |
|     |  | Burial          |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 3   | <i>Eliza</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                           | Birth           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Death           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Burial          |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 4   | <i>Mary</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                            | Birth           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Death           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Burial          |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 5   | <i>Spring</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                          | Birth           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Death           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Burial          |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 6   | <i>Marion</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                          | Birth           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Death           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Burial          |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 7   | <i>Sally</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                           | Birth           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Death           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Burial          |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 8   | <i>Laura</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                           | Birth           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Death           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Burial          |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 9   | <i>Mandy</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                           | Birth           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Death           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Burial          |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 10  | <i>Ella</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                            | Birth           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Death           |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |
|     |  | Burial          |           |            |             |                     |                          |                  |  |

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11. Carrie

James C. & Sarah Sparks

Issue

Lee - Della Askew

Mildred - Charles Steele

Della - Fred Lambert

Virginia

Laura

Irene

Elmer

Walter

Earl

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

*Gillespie*  
*Thomas H. Crockett*

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Hu |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Birth          |                |                     |                          |                  |                  |
| Chr'nd         |                |                     |                          |                  |                  |
| Mar.           | 10 Oct. 1872   | TAZEWELL            | County, VA.              |                  |                  |
| Death          |                |                     |                          |                  |                  |
| Burial         |                |                     |                          |                  |                  |

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father *Samuel Peery Crockett* Mother's Maiden Name *Vance*

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Nancy Lucinda Sherman*

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wif |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Birth       | 17 Feb 1854    |                     |                          |                  |                   |
| Chr'nd      |                |                     |                          |                  |                   |
| Death       | 22 Sept 1919   |                     |                          |                  |                   |
| Burial      | 16 MAR 1921    |                     |                          |                  |                   |

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Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father *William Sherman* Mother's Maiden Name *Frank Mc Guire*

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)                        | Children's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child   |
|-----|---|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| 1   | <i>Lucaton H</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Lillie O. Brown</i>          | Birth           | 28 Dec. 1873   |                     |                          | Sam Barnes       | Joe B.<br>Zarilda<br>Marric Bell<br>H.W. Jr.                                    |
| 2   | <i>Elise Sidney</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Eliz Christian</i>        | Birth           | 21 Nov. 1879   |                     |                          |                  | David Russe<br>Helen<br>Charles House<br>Sydney Mack                            |
| 3   | <i>Anna Belle</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Robert Addison Crockett</i> | Birth           |                |                     |                          |                  |   |
| 4   | <i>SARAH Frances</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>J. H. McGuire</i>        | Birth           | 27 JUNE 1881   |                     | J.H. Jr.                 | Shields          | Herman<br>Clarence<br>Henry Franc<br>Holland                                    |
| 5   | <i>Thomas H</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Nina M. Walman</i>            | Birth           | 19 APR. 1878   |                     |                          |                  | Winnifred E<br>Thos. H<br>Curtis W.   |
| 6   | <i>John Edward</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Eliz Mc Guire</i>          | Birth           | 17 MAR. 1889   |                     |                          |                  | Hubert  |
| 7   | <i>Eugene E</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Mabel Childress</i>           | Birth           | 30 MAR 1892    |                     |                          |                  |   |
| 8   | <i>Samuel J.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Nannie Rebecca Bogle</i>     | Birth           | 7 July 1873    |                     | Tazewell County, VA      |                  | Earl, Ural, Marjor<br>Clara, Mary Franc<br>Anna M, Samuel J.<br>Nannie Virginia |
| 9   | <i>Victor Hoque</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           | 19 APR 1884    |                     |                          |                  |   |
|     |   | Mar.            | Never married  |                     |                          |                  | No ISSUE  |
|     |   | Death           | 17 MAR 1904    |                     |                          |                  |   |
|     |   | Burial          |                |                     |                          |                  |   |
| 10  | <i>J. H.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Tura B. Kirk</i>                 | Birth           | 8 SEPT 1855    |                     |                          |                  | Lowell<br>Hilton  |

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional info.

**FAMILY GROUP No.**

**Husband's Full Name** FRANCIS F. MARION SLADE

his Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Data    | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|-------------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth             |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr <sup>nd</sup> |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.              | 13  | Apr   | 1876 | TAZEWELL            | County,                  | VA.              |                       |
| Death             |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |

**Places of Residence**

| Occupation | Church Affiliation | Military Rec. |
|------------|--------------------|---------------|
|            |                    |               |

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name Rachel M. Sherman

| Wife's Data       | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth             | 9   | May   | 1856 |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr <sup>nd</sup> |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death             |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |

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**Places of Residence**

**Address**

**Occupation if other than Housewife**

**Church Affiliation**

**City, State**

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

**Date**

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children                                     |
|-----|--|-----------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| 1   | Sarah<br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>Joseph Rudy         | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  | Gray, Martha, Md.<br>Richard Clyde, Mo.<br>Abraham, Kansas |
| 2   | Ella<br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>Lillian Fleckman     | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  | Skilled, Nevada<br>High, Ernest                            |
| 3   | Alice<br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>William Lane        | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  | Ray, Everett, Okla.<br>Hill, Claude, Ill.                  |
| 4   | Dexter<br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>Bertrude Wiley     | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  | Hill, Dallas   |
| 5   | Nella<br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>Harman Bayless      | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  | Claring, Okla.   |
| 6   | Effie<br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>Bina Neel           | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  | Dexter, Francis, Mo.<br>Eliot, Rachel                      |
| 7   | Homer<br>Full Name of Spouse*<br>Virginia Wilburn    | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  | Grant, Mayola,<br>Homer, Jr., Texas<br>Laylor, E. Louis    |
| 8   | <br>Full Name of Spouse*                             | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 9   | <br>Full Name of Spouse*                             | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |  |
| 10  | <br>Full Name of Spouse*                             | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |  |

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

AMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name *William Noah Harman*

This Information Obtained From:

*1880 Census TAZ CO, 451*

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year    | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. o. |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Birth          | <i>1 May 1859</i> |                     |                          |                  |               |
| Chr'nd         |                   |                     |                          |                  |               |
| Mar.           |                   |                     |                          |                  |               |
| Death          |                   |                     |                          |                  |               |
| Burial         |                   |                     |                          |                  |               |

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

*#1. Nancy Shadler 5 Apr. 1877*

His Father *Edward James Harman*

Mother's Maiden Name *Sarah McQuinn*

Wife's Full Maiden Name *#2 Nellie Sretor*

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |                |                     |                          |                  |                    |

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Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

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| Sex     | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)                | Children's Data | Day Month Year      | City, Town or Place      | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child    |
|---------|---|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| wife #1 | <i>Knola</i><br>Full Name of Spouse<br><i>George Pollard</i>        | Birth           | <i>31 May 1888</i>  |                          |                          |                  | <i>Adrian Dale</i>     |
|         |   | Mar.            | <i>1905</i>         |                          |                          |                  | <i>Edward Perry</i>    |
|         |   | Death           |                     |                          |                          |                  | <i>Robert, Ruth</i>    |
|         |   | Burial          |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
| #2      | <i>Dexter</i><br>Full Name of Spouse<br><i>Eva McCall</i>           | Birth           | <i>9 Sept 1889</i>  |                          |                          |                  | <i>Beryl, Ucc.</i>     |
|         |   | Mar.            | <i>1909</i>         |                          |                          |                  | <i>12 Wagon</i>        |
|         |   | Death           |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Burial          |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
| #3      | <i>Grattor</i><br>Full Name of Spouse<br><i>Hertie McCall</i>       | Birth           | <i>30 Jan 1891</i>  |                          |                          |                  | <i>Emory, Virginia</i> |
|         |   | Mar.            | <i>1910</i>         |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Death           |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Burial          |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
| #4      | <i>Mary</i><br>Full Name of Spouse<br><i>Louis Keeler</i>           | Birth           | <i>14 Apr 1893</i>  |                          |                          |                  | <i>Ottawa, Uelwa</i>   |
|         |   | Mar.            | <i>1910</i>         |                          |                          |                  | <i>Kee, Uelwa</i>      |
|         |   | Death           |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Burial          |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
| #5      | <i>Althea</i><br>Full Name of Spouse<br><i>Albert DeJarnet</i>      | Birth           | <i>12 Dec. 1894</i> |                          |                          |                  | <i>Kuressi</i>         |
|         |   | Mar.            | <i>1914</i>         |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Death           |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Burial          |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
| #6      | <i>Benil</i><br>Full Name of Spouse<br><i>Lucy Story</i>            | Birth           | <i>22 Feb. 1897</i> |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Mar.            | <i>1916</i>         |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Death           |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Burial          |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
| #7      | <i>Richter</i><br>Full Name of Spouse<br><i>Audrey Phelan</i>       | Birth           | <i>4 Feb 1908</i>   |                          |                          |                  | <i>Uelwa Billie</i>    |
|         |   | Mar.            | <i>1919</i>         |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Death           |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Burial          |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
| #8      | <i>Bryan</i><br>Full Name of Spouse                                 | Birth           | <i>1 Aug 1908</i>   |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Mar.            |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Death           |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Burial          |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
| #9      | <i>Lavada</i><br>Full Name of Spouse                                | Birth           | <i>6 Sept. 1912</i> |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Mar.            |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Death           |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Burial          |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
| wife #1 | <i>Adam V.</i><br>Full Name of Spouse<br><i>Nannie Ethel McCall</i> | Birth           | <i>18 Nov 1879</i>  |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Mar.            | <i>22 AUG-1902</i>  | <i>Tazewell Co., VA.</i> |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Death           |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |
|         |   | Burial          |                     |                          |                          |                  |                        |



11. Elias V. + Annie Goens, md. 26 June 1905, McDowell

12 Robert

13 Manza B. 3 Jan 1878 md. Henry B. Henkel  
D.

Adam + Nannie Ethel M<sup>c</sup>Call  
Jessie  
Ada  
Marjorie  
Rudolph  
Lottie  
Marvin  
Elizabeth  
Leibert  
Maude

Altha + Albert DeJarnett  
Jessie  
Russell

Richter + Audrey Phelan  
Jessie  
Vera Belle

MAIZA V.  
Manza + Henry B. Henkel md. 17 FEB. 1897, Tazewell Co., VA.

Jessie  
Pearl  
Eva  
Lomer  
Grace  
Willa  
Gladys

Krola + George Pollard  
Jessie  
Alfred  
Dale  
Everett  
Jerry  
Robert  
Lith

Arthur + Cora M<sup>c</sup> Cully  
Jessie  
Karyl  
Vibe  
Wayne

Gratton + Bertie M<sup>c</sup> Cully  
Jessie  
Tomery  
Valeria

Mary and Louis Keeler  
Jessie  
Orena  
Velva  
Hal  
Idus

**FAMILY GROUP No.**

**Husband's Full Name** *[ADDISON] Adam Harmon*

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|----------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth          | 9   | March | 1862 |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr'nd         |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.           | 15  | Jan   | 1880 | TAREWELL            | Co, VA                   |                  |                       |
| Death          |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial         |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                       |

| Places of Residence   | Church Affiliation | Military Rec.                            |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Occupation  |                    |  |
| Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |                    |  |
| His Father <i>John Vance Harmon</i>                                     |                    | Mother's Maiden Name <i>Sarah McHune</i> |

| Wife's Full Maiden Name <i>Ellen Sandy</i> |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
|--|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Wife's Data                                | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
| Birth                                      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd                                     |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death                                      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial                                     |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |

| Compiler    | Places of Residence  |
|-------------|--|
| Address     | Occupation if other than Housewife   |
| City, State | Church Affiliation   |
| Date        | Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. |
|             | Her Father   |
|             | Mother's Maiden Name   |

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)                   | Children's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child |
|-----|--|-----------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | <i>Virginia</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 2   | <i>Janice Sandy</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Sallie A. Harmon</i> | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            | 25  | MAY   | 1960 | MCDOWELL            | Co, VA.                  |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 3   | <i>Elmer</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                   | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 4   | <i>William</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*                                 | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 5   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 6   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 7   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 8   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                     |

AMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

*Sam F. Allison*

This Information Obtained From:

| Husband's Data | Day      | Month     | Year        | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|----------------|----------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth          |          |           |             |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Chr'nd         |          |           |             |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Mar.           | <i>7</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>1883</i> | <i>TAZEWELL CO,</i> | <i>VA.</i>               |                  |                       |
| Death          |          |           |             |                     |                          |                  |                       |
| Burial         |          |           |             |                     |                          |                  |                       |

Places of Residence  
 Occupation Church Affiliation Military Rec.  
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.  
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name

*Martha Jane Harmon*

| Wife's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|-------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Chr'nd      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Death       |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |
| Burial      |     |       |      |                     |                          |                  |                    |

Compiler Places of Residence  
 Address Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation  
 City, State Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.  
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date Her Father *Oliver Linn Harmon* Mother's Maiden Name *Sarah M<sup>c</sup> Guire*

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| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)             | Children's Data | Day       | Month       | Year          | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Child |
|-----|--|-----------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | <i>Maudie</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Luther Gillespie</i> | Birth           | <i>7</i>  | <i>Nov.</i> | <i>1884</i>   |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 2   | <i>Donna</i><br>Full Name of Spouse*<br><i>Ruth Lowe</i>         | Birth           | <i>27</i> | <i>Jan</i>  | <i>1883-5</i> |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 3   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 4   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 5   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 6   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 7   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 8   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 9   | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
| 10  | Full Name of Spouse*   | Birth           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Mar.            |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Death           |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |
|     |  | Burial          |           |             |               |                     |                          |                  |                     |



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

September 6, 1985

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

I was just ready to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 9 when yours of September 2 arrived today. These past few weeks have been busy ones for me removing and replacing books and furniture while having the interior of our house painted. All except one room completed, so I now have a little time to catch up on correspondence.

I enjoyed the clippings you sent regarding the fortune hunters among the Meador/Meadow/etc. connections. Thanks for sending them. I'll pass them along to another nearby researcher here in Orange County, California, who has a Meador connection--if memory serves me correctly!

Since I seldom, if ever, throw anything away, I'll make a note on your old Harmon family group records that they have been updated and corrected. That will keep me from wasting time with them in the future. . . . A reminder to refer to the later versions.

By the way, I do notice one error on the new ones that you might wish to correct on page #2 of the 13 August 1985 typed material follow "Child (2) Elizabeth Harmon, b. 1849; m. Smith Hatfield on 10 May 1874. You state that Ephraim was a brother to "Devil Anse" Hatfield. Smith was actually the younger brother of Anse. Ephraim and Nancy (Vance) Hatfield were their parents. I thought you might wish to make this correction on your records.

I do appreciate all the comments and new data you have sent. You may be sure I will send to you whatever insights or possibilities come to the fore during the process of "computerizing" my records. Progress is finally being made in that regard although I am working on families other than Christian at the moment--easier to handle since I have accumulated much less material on them.

Take care of yourself, and enjoy the summer's green beans, come winter. My mother always canned some every year, but I must confess that I take the easy, less tasty, way out by purchasing mine at the market.

Sincerely,

September 17, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

I am enclosing some more data which came to my hand this past week. I made copies of all of it for you because I could readily see that much of it as per the Mitchells, Vances, et al, would more than likely be of interest to you. This came from a fellow-researcher in Tazewell, Virginia, and I feel that much of it she has obtained by searching records, talking with the "old folks" and sharing data with others. She seems to be just starting with her searching and is still trying to get "the hang of it" as far as making records, etc. I know that there will be times that I will find it useful in checking on some of these lines.

I have been busy "licking my calf" and, as I write to those to whom I sent the Harman/Haromn data, I am clarifying the Smith Hatfield and Ephraim Hatfield mistake. I was attempting to follow Craig's notes (which were a little unclear at times) and just wrote the wrong name in the wrong place. I do thank you for catching it and bringing it to my attention. As I said in the beginning, I have not been all that interested in the Hatifield family even though the paths of members of our different families have crossed from time to time. The grandson of Devil Anse whom I mentioned in the Harman data as having gone to WVU at the same time as my brother was really a very close friend of my brother's. George spent much time in our home as he and Walton were busy in many of their school activities. I really believe that Walton met him first at New River State (High School) now West Virginia Tech. After Walton was accidentally killed in 1926, George spent the rest of the summer with us. It was a big help for us in trying to fill the void which was left after my brother's demise. Too, I believe that Dr. Hatfield at one time was in charge of one of the hospitals in Welch, WV, and Aunt Pearl worked under him for a time. So much for that.

Now to address myself to an observation which you made in your letter of July 30, 1985 in regard to the copy which I sent to you on the matter of the Indenture between Thomas Christian and Bexey and Joseph Gore, et al: I quote: "As you guessed, I already have the information in my files. In fact, several years ago, I laborously copied the Giles County, Virginia, records at a time when the clerk's office was no longer allowing photocopies unless the one you sent was from microfilm--a possibility." I want to say this: What I had in my little "pinkies" was neither a photocopy nor one taken from a microfilm--it was an old, well-worn, yellowed copy which had all the appearance of being the original document--even to the type of ink thereon. I meant to mention this in my last letter, but let it slip by. However, Houston and I have recently had occasion to go back to those Smith-Riffe papers in search of other family lines found therein and we found another document pertaining to Aaris Meadows and William and Sarah Meadows which couldn't be anything but an original document. Old, well-worn, yellowed

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Du Bois (?) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes  
Woodson (last four not proven)

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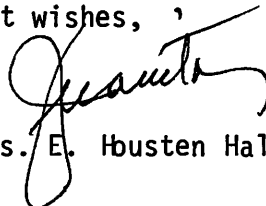
Reed, Beavers, Barnett,  
Christian, Harman, Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

#2 - Agnes B. Pearlman - September 17, 1985

old ink--the works. A friend of mine who is also checking the Meadows family in Boone County went to look at this file after I told her about it. She concurs with my conclusion. More than this, this file had several other documents therein--all with the definite appearance of having been the original documents. I can assure you of one thing--they were not photocopies. I have no explanation--and shan't look for such--I was told that this Riffe was a Judge. In any event, what I sent to you was not a photocopy of a photocopy; it was a copy of what appeared to be the "real McCoy." It had been folded and such as one finds these things in these old files such as I went through over at Tazewell--note the edges--as they made this copy for me, they were picking up what was on the back of this folded copy.

As usual, I am working against time--I must go up to church to help with some work up there and took this time to get this material together and mailed to you. Just overlook the miserable typing--I hope that I do better once I start on the final copy of the book. Too, if letters are missing or I am adding extra letters--please overlook that also.

Best wishes, ,



(Mrs. E. Husten Halstead)

Enclosure/Christian, Beavers, Mitchell, Vance, et al  
data from Betty Williams.

omas R. Beavers  
ncy Christian  
2 Oct. 1850 Taz.

David Beavers  
1.          Pruitt  
2. Mattie Seabolt  
Waldron

1. Liza Beavers  
         Bandy
2. Nancy Beavers  
         Bandy
3. Mandy Beavers  
         Reynolds
4. Sally Beavers  
         Mitchell
5. Tom Beavers  
         Altizer
6. Bill Beavers  
         Elswick
7. Rob Beavers  
         Evans

William Beavers  
Nancy Asbury

1. Gus Beavers  
         Sparks
2. Guy Beavers  
         Dunford
3. Floyd Beavers  
d. in 30's
4. Rhoda Beavers  
         Clyde Phillips

1. William Beavers
1.          Barnes
2.
2. David Beavers  
Cora Asbury
3. Robert Beavers
1. Florie Altizer
2. Alice Erice
4. Ellen Beavers  
Will H. Whitt
5. Mary Jane Beavers  
Elijah Vance
6. Pearl Beavers  
Rufus Harmon
7. Lydia Ida Beavers  
Charles Moses Baldwin
8. Belle Beavers  
Grenville Brewster

<sup>RHS</sup>  
Erastus Beavers  
Ella Bandy

1. Glenn Beavers
2. Jess Beavers
3. Arvil Beavers
4. Orden Beavers
5. Hattie Beavers
6. Bertha Beavers
7. Ridey Beavers
8. Geneva Beavers
9. Meadie Beavers
10. Carrie Beavers

Mary Jane Beavers  
Malcolm Payne

1. George Payne
1.          Brewster
2. Bertha Little

1. Paul Mitchell <sup>1893</sup>
2. George Mitchell
3. Darve Mitchell
4. Elsie Mitchell
5. Floyd Mitchell
6. Gene Mitchell
7. Vida Mitchell
8. Violet Mitchell
9. Minnie Mitchell
10. Ruby Mitchell

Lynn Beavers  
Joe Bandy

1. Flora Bandy  
Tom Mitchell
2. Bill Bandy  
         Altizer
3. Jim Bandy  
         Brewster
4. John Bandy  
         Creed
5. Blair Bandy  
         Beavers

2. Alex Payne  
         Atwell
3. Minnie Payne  
         Hinkle
4. Floyd Payne  
died young

fo. Guy Beavers, c 84 yrs. old, living in Abingdon, Va.  
n of; David & Mattie Seabolt Waldron Beavers

*you would like to write to ...  
in who lives here in ...*

Atty. Jane Vance M. Doyle Wesley Williams Oct. 9, 1953 Taz. Co. Va.  
esse Abner Vance M. Daisy Irene Hash Nov. 29, 1926 Taz. Co. Va. New Shiloh Church  
Mary Jane Beavers M. Elijah Vance 10) 1902 Taz. Co. Va. Rev. Willey Yost

"Bill Maryland"  
"Wild Bill"

William Beavers  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ 1851 Taz. Co.  
D. 9 Sept. 1932 Taz. Co.

Thomas R. Beavers  
B.  
D.

M. 2 Oct. 1850 Taz. Co.  
Rev. Wm. McGuire

*I believe this must go back  
to the Rev. Beavers who  
was married*

David Christian

Nancy Christian

M. \_\_\_\_\_ 1822

Sinia (Linny) Trent

M. 19 Oct. 1876 Taz. Co.  
Rev. Thomas S. Christian

Mary Jane Beavers  
B. July 1877

Frederick Co. Md.  
D. 17 Aug. 1935  
Taz. Co. Va.  
Bur. Family Cemetary  
Sinking Waters  
Bandy, Va.

Thomas W. Harrison Asbury

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Ca. 1854 Taz.  
D. 11 Feb. 1925 Taz. Co.  
Bandy, Va. Sinking Wat.

Manassas Smith Asbury  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ 1831 Taz. Co.  
d. 1-3 July 1863 Battle Of  
Gettysburg

M. 23 Mar. 1820

- 1. Levicy Brooks
- 2. Charlotte Hankins  
22 Feb. 1837 Da. Moses  
& Martha Mitchell Hankins

Nancy (Nan) Asbury

M. 22 Jan. 1852 Taz. Co.

David Christian

Lydia Christian (1st.)

M. \_\_\_\_\_ 1822

2. Amanda J. Asbury

Sinea (Linny) Trent



Vance

Elijah Vance + Mary Jane Beavers Family

- 1. Rebecca Vance m. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Rye, Ida Shillita (Philadelphia)
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Messer 3 children: Thaxter, Maria, Marie + Estelle m. Tom Simsky
- (3) Bane Ashbury 7 children Violet, Pansy, Bane Jr Mary Dove, Ernestine, Cosby + Newton (all living)

2. Jesse Abner Vance b. 29 Oct. 1926 d. 20 Jan 1979  
 m. Daisy Irene Hask b. 30 July 1910 d. 27 May 1978  
 Da: John Daniel + Cora Alberta Davis Hask - Grayson Co.  
 Children: (1) Jesse Carl b. 31 July 1928 d. 4 Feb 1957 - one of 37 men killed at Bishop Mines in an explosion - <sup>only son</sup> never married.

(2) Dorothy Irene b. 30 Aug. 1930 (lives in Tagwell)  
 m. Arthur James Little (son of Ambrose A + \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>Archie Co NE</sup> Davis Little  
 + children Jesse Andrew, Dora Irene, Patricia Ann + Susan

(3) Mary Ellen b. 29 Sept 1932 (lives Elkton, Md.)  
 m. James Paul Smith from Hurley Va. 5 children: Diana, Gary, J.P., Annette + Thomas Jesse

3. Elijah Vance died young possibly m. a Graham Ida Mary Jane Haskins - lives in area - but don't think she knows this - looks tall

4. Dewey Vance m. Francis White 2 children: Reuben Shields + Louise (Harmon names still) died young.

5. Henry Vance m. (1) Gussie Byce (2) Lucy Ashbury 3 sons: John Henry, David + \_\_\_\_\_ (3) Alice Price Beavers  
 I know John Henry - the 2 younger boys live 2 houses over

Family of William Beavers wife M. Nancy "Nan" Ashbury

1. William Beavers

M. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Barnes (2) \_\_\_\_\_

2. David Carl Beavers (Children: Alene Myers + Jim)

M. Cora Ashbury (Da. William Kirk "Buddy K." + Elizabeth Jackson Ashbury)

3. Robert Beavers

M. 1. Florie Altizer (2) Alice Price (his children were the farm on Sinking water)

4. Ellen Beavers

M. Will H. Thitt (had brother Melburn, Rector) (10 children she raised by herself)

\* 5. Mary Jane Beavers

M. Elijah Vance (4th wife) Son of Elijah + Jane \_\_\_\_\_ Vance

6. Pearl Beavers

M. Rufus Harman

7. Lydia "Ida" Beavers

M. Charles Moses Baldwin 1922

8. Belle Beavers

M. Grenville Brewster

Grant Brewster, Annie Lowe, Mae Hankins still living in Ohio  
Daniel, Mack, Thelma. I believe 2 of her sons died young. The  
were real close to Aunt Bell. family. They were more like  
Daddy's brother + sisters instead of 1st. cousins

(over)

Hydrochloric Acid had aches in Mary +

Billy K. she died when Mary 8, Billy K. 4 - line

you another child to be born - Trying to find out about this

Smith Bakery named again - trust have had

more children before he died at Milliperry

Billy K. 11 - Mary 9 - both parents dead - I ask who

named Billy K. + Mary - where named she believed she had

heard her Grandfather Billy K. say there some names

named them

then children's names Mary Bakery covered at court

But the children + names didn't pay this way about now!

I believe names of father's matter is a doubt

of Smith Bakery and the road signs - there

working on this now - good thing they didn't have children

who parents have always been grand with the names

family - father + mother father's names are Christian

identical too

Company came - there company for snakes - James

found Mary's granddaddy of the No. 2 Ferry

she mother was found but such - Mary's name - none

Ferry. Mary was 29 Friday and took party gone - no

father or mother. She + James have been friends

since high school. She afraid to marry anyone here -

too many relatives

Oct 9, 1953, Fay Co., Va.  
 Betty Jane Vance  
 Gay Yost  
 Elizabeth (Fetty) Gay Yost  
 Hannah Asbury  
 M. Elizabeth Williams  
 M. William Milburn Williams  
 M. William Ruffin Williams  
 M. Hannah Asbury

William Asbury  
 B. --- 1776-7 Taz. Co.  
 D. --- 1835 Taz. Co.  
 Bur.

Thomas W. Harrison Asbury<sup>M</sup> M. \_\_\_\_\_ 1797  
 E. \_\_\_\_\_ 1798 Russel B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 D. \_\_\_\_\_ 1858 Taz. Co. D. \_\_\_\_\_ 1806  
 Bur.

M. 23 Mar. 1820 Taz. Co.  
 1. Hannah Harrison  
 2. Polly Smith \_\_\_\_\_ 1807

James Harvey Asbury  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_ 1829-30 Taz. Co.  
 D. \_\_\_\_\_ 1890 McDowell Co.

B. 2 Sept 1791  
 D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur.

William Brooks  
 B. 3 Feb. 1752  
 D. 24 Jan. 1841  
 Bur. Thompson Valley

Levicy Brooks (1st. wife)  
 2. Charolette Hankins  
 22 Feb. 1837 Da. Moses  
 & Martha Mitchell Hankins

M. 7 Nov 1769  
 D. 21 Oct 1843  
 Nancy Ann Locke

Hannah Asbury  
 B. 6 June 1855  
 Taz. Co.  
 D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 McDowell Co. W. Va.

M. 6 Feb. 1850 Taz. Co. Va.  
 Rev. Wm. McGuire

Daniel Christian  
 M. 23 Apr. 1831 Taz. Co.

Thomas Christian  
 M. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Taz. Co. Va.  
 D. \_\_\_\_\_ 1900-1910  
 Mc Dowell Co. W. Va.

1. Louisa Harman  
 2. Mary Altizer

Levicy Christian

Thomas Harrison (Jr)

Hannah Harrison (JR)

M. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.W. a dear aunt of both of  
 Tho. Harrisons since "*

*This Hannah, I believe to be a  
 da. of Thomas Harrison Jr.*

*Thomas Jr - son of Thomas  
 & first wife Hannah Dennis*

Rebecca Perry

William Milburn Williams b. 7 Feb. 1895 d. 8 Sept. 1959  
Elizabeth (Betty) Gay Zast b. 12 Oct. 1900 d. 22 Apr. 1972  
Da: John Shelby & Catherine Money-Low Zast

1. Th. M. Williams Jr. b. 13 Mar, 1921 { 250 Cherokee Road  
M. Mary Catherine Boy { Bristol, Va.  
1 son Dr. John Edward Williams, Lynchburg Va.  
1 da Susan Moore teaches Physics in Newport News, Va.

2. Forrest Edward Williams b. 7 Dec. 1922 d. Oct. 1952 <sup>25 yrs. out heart.</sup>  
M. Joyce Horner (Bristol) 1 da. Ellen. Joyce M (2) Ross  
Jones and moved to Dethan, Ala. Ross adopted Ellen.  
Ellen M. a boy from this - had 2 children Ross + Jay - deceased.  
Ross + Joyce Sr. adopted Ellen children. Ross Sr. d. Aug. 85 Cancer.

3. Brooks Richard Williams b. 4 Sept. 1924 d. 24 Feb. 1972 <sup>45 yrs heart</sup>  
M. Gladys Louise (Shel, W. Va) 1 da. Roseanna - living in Texas.

4. Lytle Josephine Williams b. 23 Oct. 1924 (all living, New Orleans, La.)  
M. Thalter Vampaine 5 children: Thalter, Jr, Sylvia Ann,  
Betty, William + George

5. A daughter still born - Cur: family cemetery between Keystone + Mullins <sup>1928 on mountain</sup>

6. Doyle Shelby Williams b. 27 Feb. 1930 (Fayetteville, Va.)  
M. Betty Jane Vance 9 Oct. 1953

Children: Jessica Irene b. 26 Oct. 1954 M. Randal Johnson <sup>deceased</sup> 1976

2. Daniel Avery b. 18 Sept. 1955 M. Peggy McHittaker 1979 Aug 8

3. Mary Catherine b. 16 Nov. 1962 last year Pharmacy School Richmond Va.

4. Anna Maurine b. 29 Nov. 1965 2nd year Blvd. College

7. Charles Alexis Williams b. 25 Feb. 1932 (Atlanta, Ga).  
 M. Mary Mann (Montgomery, Ala.) Children Charles Jr. +  
 Ellen, living Georgia + Charleston, S.C.
8. Elizabeth Ann Williams b. 5 Mar. 1934 (Daywell, Va.)  
 M. Bill S. Kitts 1 son. Thomas Edward Kitts - Day, Va.
9. Rev. Fred Franklin Williams b. 22 June 1936 (Bristol, Va.)  
 M. Iris Harless 2 da. Savannah + Elizabeth Gay - both  
 teach school in McDowell Co. N.C.

They are a scattered family.

The date on D. The mother's tomb stone for her death is  
 wrong - D.W. gave it from memory and gave Apr. 20  
 Just 2 days different - but how many dates are given wrong?  
 his bro. died in April - a Barnett boy raised by his grand-  
 father 20 Apr. - his mother 22 Apr. All lived next door to  
 us.

Family of Olivia Ruggin Williams also M. Hannah, Coburn  
 (not in order of birth)  
 (see James Harvey + Nancy about in  
 Coburn)

1. James Harvey Williams  
 M. Mary Jones b. in England  
 children: Ann + Sam

2. Cleat Williams  
 children: Roy + Hattie, Annie, Riel, Rosa  
 M. Since Lambert  
 Frank, Al, Kate, Walter, James, Bernice

3. James Williams  
 Killed in mines when young - several  
 children - trying to get near to (Ohio)

4. Bertha Williams  
 killed in car wreck when young 15 or  
 M. met this woman once - learned her name

5. \* William Williams  
 "Riel"  
 3 children ever made list  
 M. Elizabeth Kelly "Ray" York

6. Olivia Ruggin Williams "A.R."  
 (the last was) Williams  
 M. Mary (the children named John)

7. Mary Williams  
 large family - the 10 children  
 M. Frank Jones (Tom) (at need to collect)

8. Mattie Williams (larger)  
 the children she and Sam  
 M. Judge Ross Thron

9. Ora (Ore) Williams  
 1 son living, many others  
 M. (1) Bummer (3) Soudler (3) ?  
 the lady ever made list  
 part one and was more fun - loved to dance a jig - sister  
 & that would try to correct her - she could get anywhere (over)

A very lonely person - Almost lost her home to be  
a church on the mount ain where they lived

10. Ethel Williams (School teacher) Raised her children by herself  
M. \_\_\_\_\_ Rush Husband died young.  
Children Helen - Lucy - Tommy - Mary - Sarah - Mattie

11. Florence Williams 'da in Hawaii - other's dead.  
M. Frank Gordon  
never met her - but she loved chicken + dumplings

12. Rebecca Williams several children - 1 son Gordon  
M. Matthew Hicks still runs a little store on the mount ain  
Beck out lived all the children - one of eldest children

Abner R. married a 2nd time \_\_\_\_\_  
after Hannah died. Wife trying to trace him from  
Rockingham N.C. 1850 - was years - living in  
Grayson Co. Va. 1870 - 14 yrs old. Three of them came  
to the coal fields - his two Brooks married a da of  
Preston + Ellen Christian Beaman. Ellen da. of Daniel  
His sister Elizabeth "a" a William Milburn Pierce (Fam)  
Pierce Hanna name  
Brooks + Elizabeth twins



Asbury  
James Haryey Asbury  
and  
Levicy Christian

1. Hannah Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
M. M. Alvis Ruffin Williams  
Son of: William or John Williams + Mary Rhodes
2. Rebecca Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
M. \_\_\_\_\_ Jewell  
Son of: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Angeline Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
→ M. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Reed  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Botton
4. Lottie Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
M. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Berbye  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Kennedy
5. Sally Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
M. \_\_\_\_\_ Kennedy  
Son of. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Margaret Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. died young  
M. John Christian  
Son of. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Amanda Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. died young  
M. \_\_\_\_\_ Collins  
Son of. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Elizabeth Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
M. Daniel Powell  
Son of. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Mary Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
M. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Collins  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Evans
10. Dave Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
M. \_\_\_\_\_  
Da. of. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Henry Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
M. \_\_\_\_\_  
Da. of. \_\_\_\_\_
12. George Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. \_\_\_\_\_  
M. \_\_\_\_\_  
Da. of. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Daniel Asbury B. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. died young  
M. \_\_\_\_\_

I have William Brooks, Nancy Ann Locke family if  
you ever need them.

From Tay. Co. Marriage Records

Sept. 5, 1854 Mathias Christian 22 M. Eleanor Beavers 18

Parents: Thomas + Mary Christian William + Nancy Beavers  
Rev. Bird Lockhart.

June 14, 1855 James Bandy 19 M. Nancy Christian 19

Parents: Thm. + Nelly Bandy Daniel + Hannah Christian  
Rev. John Christian

1854 Samuel Christian 21 M. Isabel Brewster 18

Parents: Moses + Mary Christian James + Rachel Brewster

1854 John Thomas Barrett 20 M. Catherine Beavers 20

Parents: Robert + Margaret Barrett Thm. + Nancy Beavers  
Rev. Bird Lockhart

(This must be Thm. + Nancy Harrison Beavers.)

Nov. 22, 1877 Malcolm Payne 20 M. Mary Jane Beavers 18

McDowell Co. N. Va

Tay Co. Va

Parents: H. H. + A. Payne Thomas + Nancy Beavers



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*September 24, 1985*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Thanks so much for the clarification on copies of the papers from the Smith-Riffe papers. I will certainly check them more carefully at the first opportunity since whatever I previously had in my files on the indenture was from recorded copy--not from the original. In fact, I wanted to review the copies you sent just now but find that I have "filed" them so securely that I can't find them where they should be among documents relating to Thomas Christian. I know that they are in the file cabinet, so it's just a question of taking the time to sort them. Original documents are so much more valuable than recorded copies, which are more likely to contain mistakes.*

*Did you notice that John Christian was a minister in 1855 (referred to as Rev. John Christian)? Don't you think this was probably the son of Thomas and Louisa (Harmon) Christian? Or do you think this was another John?*

*Was John Beavers who married Ellen Christian 3 November 1868 also known as Preston? I notice that the researcher who sent you the material you sent to me called him "Preston" in her notes.*

*Isn't it interesting how people use the expression, "died young"? Even for individuals who have been married and who have had several children? I usually reserve the expression for someone who died in youth or at latest in the early twenties, but the expression "died young" seems just as often to mean someone who is not "aged." These comments were prompted by the lineages you sent wherein the researcher used the term quite often.*

*My husband just arrived home, so I'd better stop and prepare dinner.*

*Sincerely,*

October 19, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

I have really put my correspondence aside in the last month and have been concentrating on this Sigmon history. Of course, as always, I have had other tasks of my everyday living which had to take precedence over even that. Anyway, I now have a break in my writing of the history and want to answer some letters.

If you don't find the copy of the CHRISTIAN document which I found in the Smith/Riffe papers, let me know and I will copy another one for you.

Yes, I did notice that John Christian of 1855 was referred to as "Rev." John Christian. I am afraid that I can't give you a positive answer as to whose son he was, but I would guess that you are close in your judgment that he was a son of Thomas and Louisa [Harman] Christian. If I remember correctly, and I am not going to the file just now to verify this, another of their sons was also a minister of the Gospel. Neither can I answer your question about John Beavers who married Ellen Christian--if he was also known as "Preston." This lady writes to me in "spurts" and much of the data is disjointed. Since, at the present time I am not spending that much time with my maternal lines, I have not taken the time to sort her data out. I sent it to you for whatever it might be worth to you. As I can, I will attempt to obtain more information from her; and, I will later attempt to sort this data out and properly place it.

Yes, it is strange how the term "died young" is used so loosely. When I find an early demise, I attempt to place it either in infancy, early childhood, or early adulthood--whatever. This lady is a "new convert" in the field of genealogy and one can hope that, with time and usage, she will be able to be more specific with her terminology.

My Kentucky and Indiana contact gave me some additional CHRISTIAN data which she had found in her searching Kentucky records. I thought you might like to have it since we have discussed the William Christian who left Franklin County, Virginia, and moved to Kentucky in some of our recent correspondence.

"KY GAZETTE 1801-1820 (Green SPC 929.3769G, p. 227; Vol II, #4) Mon. 22 Jan. 1816: Marriage: James McKinsey to Miss Sarah Christian, both of Lexington, married Thurs. eve. 18 Jan. 1816 by Rev. Mr. Cunningham." (I would guess that this is an Episcopal marriage because of the reference to the minister--the "Rev. Mr." I know that the Episcopalians used this terminology in regard to their ministers--I worked for one at one time; and my sister and her daughters are members of this church.)

"p. 312, #51, Vol. VI, Thurs, 21 Dec. 1820; Vol. 34: Notes re the Fayette Hospi-

*Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names. . ."*

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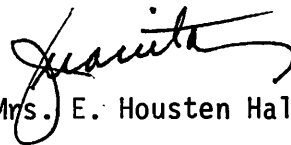
Reed, Beavers, Barnett,  
Christian, Harman, Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

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tal & Transylvania University mention John Christian's will. John is only s/o Col. Christian of Jefferson County who was killed by Indians many years ago. The author: Karen M. Green, P. O. Box 12933, Gainesville, FL 32604 ."

I am sorry that I can't be of more help to you--I have never really taken the time to sort out all of the families of Thomas and Louisa's children. Maybe some day I can do it.

Best wishes,



(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

February 20, 1986

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

My family history THE SIGMONS OF VIRGINIA is now in the hands of a publisher and the type-setting is being done--I am doing a great amount of proofreading. Yet, this did let me "come up for air" and get some other data put together which I had wanted to do for some time.

I am enclosing a copy (as I promised you that I would do) of the birth and marriage records which we copied from records at the State Archives last summer. Too, I have also put together some data on the 1880 census of McDowell County with notations made thereon as I was able to comment on the various families listed in this census record. I may, later on, use data which I have compiled and shared from time to time to compile a history on mamma's family. At this point, I am wondering if I would be stupid enough to undertake such a task after all the time which I have spent in research on the Sigmon family.

My "Sigmon" correspondent from Indiana (who has spent the winter in California at Long Beach) recently sent me some more CHRISTIAN data from Kentucky records: "Ky. Ancestors, 1 October 1966, p. 82 in queries: Wm. Christian, b. Va 1758; d. Ky 1828 - Rev. War Land Grant in Ky. enlisted Hanover Co., Va.- Will: 6 sons-- John, William, Thomas, James, David and Turner. John Christian, b (1783?); d. 1849 - Will probated in court near Athens (must be Athens, KY?) Children: Caroline Nicholas, Harriet Edelman, William Christian, Martha Tomlinson, Sally Allen, Susan Harris. Wife: Anne and young dau. Annis. Susan Christian, b. 16 Jan 1828; d. 27 Nov 1870; m. 1) Greenberry Morrow on 5 Dec 1843 in Fayette Co.-- Greenberry Morrow died in 1846. Children: Mary Eliza, b 17 May 1846; d. 25 Dec 1900. Susan married 2) James Harris on 8 Oct 1847 and they moved to Owen Co; and are buried in Odd Fellow's Cem, Owenton, KY. Mary Eliza Morrow m. Lucumgus Threlkeld in 1863/64. Children: Susan E., b. 8 Nov 1865; d. 4 Aug 1912; m. Thos. Edward Gray, M.D. on 28 Oct 1885 in Owen Co., Ky. (Note: The Gray family intermarried with the Sigmon and Griffith families in Switzerland Co., In. which is not too far removed from this section of Ky.) Also Note: There is an old Christian Cemetery near Bethel Church on old Versailles Road (not near Athens).

The note about the Sigmons and Griffiths was inserted by me. However, it would seem that most of this data from this query came from one Gypsy Gray, 604 Greenup Street, Covenington, Ky--this was a 1966 address. I may try writing to this person too to see if I can find out anything more about the Sigmons. Remember that William Christian must have left Franklin County with William Griffith

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**Maternal Surnames:**

Sigmon, Jones, Hill, Price, Babgy  
Shores (La Shores), Huff, Van Metre (?)  
Du Bois (?) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes  
Woodson (last four not proven)

**Maternal Surnames:**

Reed, Beavers, Barnett,  
Christian, Harman, Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

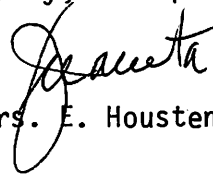
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et al when they removed from Franklin County to Shelby County, Ky., and later the Griffiths went across the river to Switzerland County, Ind. to make their permanent home.

Hope that some of this data will be useful to you. As I said, I may use some of the data which I have shared with you from time to time in a compilation of a history on mamma's family--if I can muster the courage to tackle it!

Hope all are well. I am now dealing with osteo-arthritis and my right leg is giving me "fits." It makes walking painful, but I still hope to get back to the State Archives when the Legislature completes its present session.

Warmly,



(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

Enclosure/ Births and marriages of  
McDowell County; 1880 census of  
McDowell with notations thereon.



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*February 28, 1986*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Congratulations on having The Signons of Virginia in the hands of your publishers!*

*I appreciate having the information regarding the family of John Christian, son of William and Martha (Evans) Christian, of Fayette County, Kentucky. I have added it to the data previously collected on John's family group.*

*Mrs. Gypsy Gray and I corresponded with each other some years ago, but I have not heard from her since 1969. Her address at that time was the same as the one you have.*

*If you ever publish a volume on your mother's lines, be sure to let me know so that I can purchase it. I want to have as complete a Christian family record as possible.*

*In fact, I would love to be able to identify all those Tazewell and McDowell County families through 1900. I have not yet had time to try to sort out the various ones who were getting married between 1875 and 1900. Do let me know if and when you make any positive identifications.*

*I have enclosed a few notes on the abstracts you sent. I believe they are self-explanatory.*

*With many thanks,*

*Enclosures*



March 25, 1986

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes,

We went to Illinois to visit with our son, John, and his family and have just returned this past week. I am now attempting to catch up on correspondence which accumulated while we were away.

I am glad that you will find the data useful which I recently sent to you, and I want to thank you for your comments on the abstracts which I sent. I shall go through this material and add the notes which you have sent to me. I don't know when I will be able to get to the State House to check further on this information. Of course, the legislature is over and parking should not be too difficult right now, but "spring has sprung!" and Houston can't wait to get his hands in the soil. So, now, since I don't drive, I will simply have to wait for his convenience. Anyway, I do need to get some things done here with the house.

The book is coming along. They are now typesetting the last of the data and will soon be ready to organize it all--place the pictures and maps in the proper places--and then send it for binding. So, it will still be a little time before it is ready for distribution. I am thinking about starting to get something written in an organized way about mamma's family; but, I suspect that it will be winter before I give it too much of my attention. I have so much in my files (and I know that John would never put it together--and might not know what he had when he did, anyway) that it seems a shame not to get it organized and compiled for posterity. I have thought about donating some of my papers to the State Archives after I am gone, but they certainly would have to be "culled" out before I would want every "Tom, Dick and Harry" going through them. I'll have to give them some more considered thought before making such a move. One of my nieces might be an apt person to handle this job.

No, I can't, at this time, identify Arminda Beavers. Nor do I know anything about Lottie Beavers. However, if I later identify them, I shall certainly apprise you of my findings. My doctor's nurse is Peggy Beavers and her husband and his people are from Tazewell, Virginia. I have tried my best to get Peggy interested enough to "pull" some of this family data out of her husband, but haven't been successful to date. I met him one Sunday at a local restaurant where we all were eating Sunday dinner. I even attempted to whet his interest. He seemed to be, at the moment, but not enough to follow up on it. I shan't give up, though. I did get my doctor to read "Follow The River" which tells of Mary Ingles capture and escape from the Indians--of course, Adam Harman is mentioned in this story. Peggy read it too. They are both so busy because his practice is a large one, so I can understand their not taking time for genealogy.

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**Maternal Surnames:**

Sigmon, Jones, Hill, Price, ~~Bagby~~ Bagby,  
Shores (La Shores), Huff, Van Metre (X)  
Du Bois, (X) Linus, Carter, Crews, Hughes  
Woodson (last four not proven)

**Maternal Surnames:**

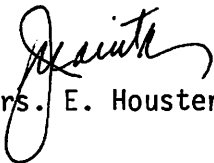
Reed, Beavers, Barnett,  
Christian, Harman, Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

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I do have another lady in Tazewell writing to me now about the CHRISTIAN family. She is doing much reading of books at the library, as well as some research at the court house, but, so far, I haven't been able to piece together much of what she writes. So many times she rambles along about so many other things (Look who is talking!) that she loses me. She has been to the old home place (or site, I should say) on Indian Creek. So, I keep hoping that with time we will hit a chord which will produce the right kind of "music." When I can find the time to put together some of what she is telling me, I shall share with you.

Hope that things are going well with you and yours.

Best wishes,

  
(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD

6 Saunders Addition

Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

17 October 1987

SURNAMES

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Paternal:

Sigmon  
Jones  
Hill  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Huff  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Linus  
Hale

" Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman  
" 2001 North Westwood Avenue  
" Santa Ana, CA 92706  
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" Dear Agnes,  
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" It has been a long time since we have communicated with each other,  
" and I am certain that there has been much "water over the dam" for  
" each of us during that time. I did finally complete my history of the  
" Sigmon family and it was published last September--but not before I  
" had many problems with my publisher and then a printer. Last January,  
" I suffered a compression fracture in my spine and spent three months  
" flat of my back. I wore a back brace all summer, and am just now able  
" to leave it off from time to time. My back still gives me considerable  
" pain, but I can now type for short periods. Most of the housework,  
" however, is being done by my husband because I am not permitted to lift,  
" stoop, bend, etc.  
"  
" So much for that. I do hope that you and yours have been well. I  
" have wondered if you have published another CHRISTIAN CHRONICLES since  
" we last wrote to each other. If so, I am interested.

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

" I am now attempting to write a paper on my mother's family lines. I  
" shan't attempt to give genealogies for each of her family lines, but I  
" am giving what historical background that I feel is necessary to apprise  
" the family of such. If they are interested, they will have to search  
" those lines out for themselves. When I reach the REEDS, I will give  
" genealogies.  
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" I have been contacted recently by a Christian family researcher who had  
" some data which I found interesting. She descends through Thomas C.  
" Christian who married Allie Fair Chambers. She says that this Thomas'  
" name was Thomas Christian Christian and that his father was Thomas Skaggs  
" Christian. I had long suspected that Thomas S. Christian's middle name  
" was Skaggs, and this seems to verify it. I suggested that she write to  
" you to find out about back issues of the CHRONICLES. If she has not  
" written to you, and you want copies of her chart, I shall be pleased to  
" share it with you. Lillie Belle Christian, d/o Thomas C. and Allie,  
" married Hiram Whitaker. Apparently, they have a family Bible which be-  
" longed to Lillie Belle and have obtained data therefrom. She also sent  
" me a paper written by a great-aunt with family information in it. Some  
" of it is a little doubtful to me, viz:  
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" "The first Thomas Christian came to America at the age of twelve.  
" He worked as a cabin boy on the boat to pay for his passage to  
" America. A family by the name of Scaggs looked after him on the  
" way over."

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"When he grew up in America and married, he called his son Thomas S. (Scaggs) Christian after the family who befriended him. When Thomas S. Christian grew up and had a son, he named him Thomas<sup>C</sup>(Christian) Christian--my grandfather."

The rest of her dissertation is interesting and she mentions that her grandfather made furniture. Of course, we know that our Thomas Christian was a wheelwright.

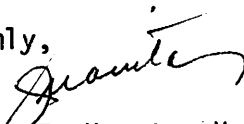
We know that the Skaggs family was among the very early settlers in southwest Virginia, James Skeggs having been among the group in the German New River Settlement in 1749. Therefore, I doubt that our Thomas Christian is the Thomas Christian about whom she has written because we know that he was born ca 1770. However, I am now beginning to wonder if there is enough truth in this family lore to suggest to us that an early Thomas Christian (ancestor to our Thomas) could have migrated to America when the Skaggs came. Or, as is, I suppose, the most logical explanation, that fact that Louisa Harman Christian was related to the Skaggs the reason that her son, Thomas Skaggs Christian, received this middle name?

Also, I wanted to tell you that we are going to have to change the name of the wife of Robert Beavers, s/o Alexander Beavers and Elizabeth Hankins. Agnes Rudberg and I have been exchanging data on this for some time and she has convinced me that this Robert Beavers married Lydia Brown in 1853 in Tazewell County. The Robert Beavers who married Lydia Mitchell in 1851 in Tazewell may well have been a s/o Alexander Beavers and Sary (Rice) Beavers. This Alexander Beavers was a brother to my Robert "Robin" Beavers who married Catherine Harman. Apparently Robert Beavers and Lydia Mitchell were much older than the Robert who married Lydia Brown. Agnes says that she has family data to verify this. Too, I believe that I saw some records which seem to indicate that Lydia Mitchell may have been married previously. This older Robert Beavers is in the household of a Nancy Gates in 1850, and he was 35 years of age.

We have now found our John W. Reed in Floyd County, Ky, in 1816/1817/1821. He was apprenticed to Abraham Beavers as a shoemaker at the age of 14 years. In 1821, he had left Abraham and it was noted that he sometimes used the name of "Hoover." So, this verifies family lore: We were told that he was raised by a Hoover family in Kentucky; he did make shoes; and did leave his benefactor because he told the family that he was not treated well. However, this leaves us with 9 years unexplained--he didn't marry Nancy Jane Christian until 1830. Too, it doesn't tell us where he was for the first 14 years of his life. So, while we do have more to work with now, we still have many unanswered questions. I know who this Abraham Beavers was: He was a brother to my Robert "Robin" Beavers who married Catherine Harman. Since the Harmans established Harman's Station in eastern Kentucky near what is now Paintsville and Prestonsburg, this helps to understand how John Wesley Reed came into contact with Nancy Christian and her family. Of course, the Skaggs family was "big" in Kentucky also. This Abraham Beavers was a Capt. in the Cornstalk Militia in Ky.

Must go. My back won't let me type more. Hope to hear from you when you feel like writing.

Warmly,



(Mrs. E. Housten Halstead)



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

October 20, 1987

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

How nice to hear from you again! It's been such a long time; but because I have been so busy, that time has flown.

Congratulations on completion of your Sigmon family history. I can well appreciate the effort that goes into such projects.

In fact, you will shortly be receiving an "official notice" of the publication of Volume No. XI of *Christian Family Chronicles*. It's finally almost ready after an hiatus of several years.

Ever since hearing from Cheryl T. Duke, I have thought of writing to you. She mentioned that she had sent the article by Lillie Belle Whitaker to you as well as to me. In fact, I will be including it in the forthcoming issue of the *Chronicles* with appropriate footnotes, etc. Usually such stories of the immigrant contain a germ of truth. The tale opens several provocative questions, however: Was the Thomas Christian who first married Louisa Harmon the immigrant? Or was he of a later generation? Is it possible that Thomas Mastin's wife was a Scaggs? Or was the Scaggs connection only through Louisa (Harmon) Christian?

We do know that there was a John Christian of Fayette County, Kentucky in 1832, born in Ireland in 1752, came to America at the age of 12 in 1760, whose father had record of his age. He resided on the Clinch River and afterwards in Washington County, Virginia, where he enlisted in the Revolutionary War. If we didn't know that Thomas Christian was an orphan, we could guess that this John might have been his father because of age, place of residence, etc. I wonder if this man might have been his uncle? Ah, well, much more research required.

I hope by now you have fully recovered from the compression fracture although it is my impression that one must always "take it easy" after such an injury.

It's always good to hear from you, and I do appreciate your corrections, additions, and comments.

Sincerely,

JUANITA SIGMON HALSCEAD

6 Saunders Addition

Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

26 October 1987

SURNAMES

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" Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman  
" 2001 North Westwood Avenue  
" Santa Ana, CA 92706

Paternal:

- Sigmon
- Jones
- Hill
- Price
- Bagby
- Shores  
(La Shores)
- Huff
- Van Meter
- Du Bois
- Bodine
- Blanchan
- Linus
- Hale

" Dear Agnes,  
"  
" I don't want to start a "rapid fire" exchange of communications; however  
" I did want to add some of my thoughts as to the family relationship of  
" Agnes Mastin, if such there be. Since I have just recently gone through  
" all of my Skaggs files and other information pertaining to this family,  
" there is just no way, right now, that I can agree to the possibility  
" that Agnes Mastin was a Skaggs. As I have brought out in the mini-  
" history which I did on the BANDY family, I lean heavily toward the idea  
" that she was either a Bandy or a Christian.  
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" Agnes Mastin mentions a BANDY nephew in her will, and makes no mention  
" of children whatsoever. (Thus, I seriously doubt that the data in  
" ARCHIVES OF TAZEWELL COUNTY by Yantis is completely correct. I believe  
" Mrs. Hardcastle could well have latched onto the wrong Thomas Mastin.)  
" The Bandy and Christian families did intermarry, and I have shown this  
" connection in this Bandy paper. I believe that I sent you a copy of same.  
" I recently updated this with some additional Bandy data. I can send you  
" a copy, if you like.

Maternal:

- Reed
- Beavers
- Rice
- Barnett
- Christian
- Harman
- Skaggs
- Hoover (?)

" Our Skaggs family was in this country long before 1770 (the date of our  
" Thomas Christian's birth). If we accept the fact that our Thomas Christian  
" was the immigrant, then we must accept the fact that he was born abroad  
" since this lady says that "he was a cabin boy, working to pay his passage  
" to America." Then, undoubtedly, we would have to locate Skaggs who came  
" to America ca 1782 or 1783. James Skeggs was among those in the German  
" New River Settlement in 1749, and I do believe that this is our James  
" Skeggs, the father of Lydia, Henry, Moses, et al. We also have to recog-  
" nize the fact that Henry (whom we know for certain was one of ours) was  
" hunting and exploring the Wilderness in what is now Kentucky and on to  
" the Mississippi ca 1779--if not earlier--I'm not going to look for dates  
" just now. I know it was early. Too, our Mathias Harman, Sr. was one of  
" the very early explorers and Long Hunters of this region and his wife was  
" Lydia Skaggs. No, I just cannot accept the idea that our Thomas Christian  
" was the cabin boy spoken of in this paper. I can accept the notion that  
" his father might have been this cabin boy, coming at a much earlier date  
" and could very well have been with the Skaggs. Some of the earliest  
" Skaggs came in the late 1600s and the very early 1700s. I just wanted to  
" throw this in the ring for your consideration--it makes more sense to me  
" than the former notion of our Thomas having been the immigrant. I still  
" believe that Thomas Skaggs Christian received his middle name because his  
" mother wanted to add her maiden name to his name. Too, Henry Skaggs, and  
" others of his family are found in Pittsylvania County, Va. in 1761. He  
" says in the pension application of Archibald Skaggs that he and Archibald  
" had known each other from childhood and that they were born in 1759 in

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*7 I'm not sure we should think some of Archibald's*

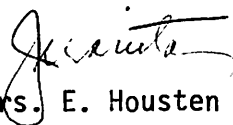
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South Carolina. Apparently, the family started moving north and west after that time. We find Rachel and James Skaggs making several land transfers in Montgomery County, Va. from ca 1769 to 1773 when Thomas Mastin bought a tract of land from ~~land~~ <sup>James</sup> on Meadow Creek. I feel strongly that James and Rachel are our ancestors, but have no proof positive to date. Yet, they transferred land to James, Jr. (no doubt, a brother to Henry and Lydia) and Rachel later transferred a tract of land to Henry. Our Skaggs connection to Thomas Christian may be through Thomas Mastin rather than his wife, Agnes. Some more thoughts for you to ponder.

I forgot to mention to you that while I was searching the records of Floyd County-Ky, for more information on John Wesley Reed, I found Gilbert Christian listed in that county also. Gilbert has showed up several times when I was looking for Christians and I know that you dissuaded me from even considering him when we were thinking of possibilities for parents of our Thomas. Yet, it is intriguing to find him in Floyd County along with Abraham Beavers, et al, whom we know to have been in the general area of our families in southwest Virginia. I now suspect that John Wesley Reed knew of Thomas Christian and Louisa Harman (since we know that Mathias Harman and Henry Skaggs were in Floyd early--in fact, while it was still Fleming County--when they, among others established Harman's Station) through some contact which he made while there in Floyd County. On the lighter side, I now can understand more fully why it is said that Uncle Dan'l (as mamma called grandfather's brother Daniel) would leave home in a tiff when the children got on his nerves too much, got in a john boat, and took off down the river to Kentucky. Some in the family thought that he had another family there. I always laughed about this, but my Aunt Pearl could never see the humorous side of it. (I wouldn't include this last bit in any publication--there would be those in the family who would have my hide.)

My back is gone, and so I must go too. No, I am not without pain--and seriously doubt that I will ever be again. However, I have "come back" from so many illnesses which were serious that I hope I still have enough resilience to cope with this misfortune also. Always good to hear from you. I shall look forward to the notice of your next CHRISTIAN CHRONICLES.

Best wishes,

  
(Mrs. E. Hosten Halstead)



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*October 30, 1987*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Agreed! We won't get into a "rapid fire" exchange, but I did want to thank you for your letter of October 26 and add a few additional comments.*

*I am ~~in~~ basic agreement with your analysis of the Mastin-Skaggs-Christian connections. Certainly, with your more thorough search regarding the relationships, you are in a better position than I am to evaluate the possibilities.*

*My comments concern possibilities for your Thomas Christian's parents. I now believe his father could have been one of the many men named Gilbert Christian. Precisely, I am more and more inclined to believe that he was a brother of the Benjamin Christian, also found in Tazewell County, Virginia. If you recall, Benjamin was a son of \_\_\_\_\_ and Nancy (Allison)(Wright) Christian. Benjamin named his eldest son Thomas Christian, possibly for his father or grandfather. I have wondered if Nancy's husband might have been a Gilbert. There seems to be no record anywhere that would identify him. Some believe that Benjamin is the same Benjamin listed in the will of the Gilbert Christian who married Lucy (Richards)(Thomas). If so, then this Gilbert would have been married to Nancy before marrying Lucy. I had always eliminated this Gilbert as your Thomas's father since Gilbert did not die until 1812, and Thomas was known as an "orphan." Could that have been simply because his mother died? Of course, no Thomas was named in this Gilbert's will.*

*Well, I won't ramble on except to say that if the "cabin boy" story is correct in naming the immigrant "Thomas," perhaps this Thomas is the one who married Nancy Allison, widow of Mr. Wright. I have never followed through on the Wright connection.*

*I'm glad you're feeling better and hope that you don't have too much pain.*

*Sincerely,*



JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD

6 Saunders Addition

Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

21 December 1987

(Birthday of my oldest grand-daughter)

SURNAMES

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Paternal:

Sigmon  
Jones  
Hill  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Huff  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Linus  
Hale

" Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman  
" 2001 North Westwood Avenue  
" Santa Ana, California 92706

" Dear Agnes,

" I am enclosing a completed order form for Vol. XI of CHRISTIAN  
" FAMILY CHRONICLES, as well as a check in the amount of \$7.50 to  
" cover the cost of this volume. I shall be looking forward to read-  
" ing this additional volume to your series.

" I have been so busy in an effort to do some baking and such for Xmas,  
" that I have neglected correspondence. I have found that I am very  
" limited in what I can do as far as baking is concerned--my back simply  
" tires out on me and my back aches worse than the toothache. I am so  
" thankful that I have a husband who doesn't mind working in the kitchen.  
" I called for his assistance many times and he helped me through these  
" tasks. We want to go to John's for the holiday and he always expects  
" some of mom's cookies and other goodies.

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

" I have finished my CHRISTIAN chapter on the Reed history; but, I certain-  
" ly could not say with absolute certainty who our Thomas Christian's  
" parents were. I have speculated on various points of consideration and  
" shall leave it to posterity (if I am not able to ferret out the facts  
" before I go) to take up the mantel and carry on with this search. Your  
" comments on the various Gilbert Christian's are interesting and well  
" taken. I, too, have wondered if our Thomas were related to the Benjamin  
" Christian of Tazewell County. Your evaluation of this Benjamin and the  
" fact that he named a son Thomas certainly leads one to suspect that there  
" is a relationship. Yet, I keep asking myself, "Why do we not find a  
" Benjamin or a Gilbert in our family if our Thomas were related to them?"  
" I am sure that the Gilbert Christian whom I found in Floyd County, Ky,  
" ca 1814-1823 must have been a younger Gilbert than the one finds at times  
" in the same company with Thomas Mastin.

" Have you considered this: You once said that you thought that Mary Altiz-  
" er, our Thomas' second wife, was a widow when she married him. I have  
" noticed and so stated at different times, that it seemed strange that  
" Thomas and Mary continued to use "Harman" names in naming their children,  
" viz: Mathias, George, Susan, etc. Could Mary have been a Harman before  
" she married the Altizer? Something for you to "chew" on.

" I do hope that you all will have a pleasant holiday and a very happy  
" New Year.

Best wishes,

(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

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their fathers' houses, according to their number of names. . ."



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*January 18, 1988*

*Dear Subscriber:*

*Thank you for your order for Volume No. XI of Christian Family Chronicles, which will be mailed to you in February.*

*"Why so late?" You might ask. In all candor, I must confess that family festivities during the holidays kept me happily engaged--as did a remodeling project. The major reason for deciding to postpone printing until next month, however, relates particularly to the wonderful response from correspondents following my announcement of publication.*

*Many orders, still arriving daily, were accompanied by additional genealogical data! Since Volume No. XI will be the final issue of Christian Family Chronicles (other than the forthcoming Master Index), I wanted to include as much up-to-date material as possible. This necessitated rewriting some copy I had thought ready for the printer. I believe that you share my goals of accuracy and completeness so that you will welcome Volume No. XI even at this later date.*

*Best wishes for a happy, successful year in your pursuits.*

*Sincerely,*



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*January 20, 1988*

*Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
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*Dear Jaunita:*

*As always, it was good to hear from you and to learn of your new insights regarding Christian family relationships. I was especially interested in your observations that Thomas Christian's second wife, Mary Altizer (whom we have both speculated may have been a widow at marriage) could have been a Harman at birth. Because the children of Thomas and Mary carried "Harman" names, she was probably closely related to the Harmans if not, in fact, actually one of them. We may yet find the answer in one of the Tazewell County, Virginia, records.*

*As for the Gilbert Christian found in Floyd County, Kentucky, about 1814-1823: There is no doubt in my mind that he was a younger man than the one found at times in the same company of militia as Thomas Mastin. There were so many men named Gilbert Christian living at the same time that it is difficult to determine exactly which one is referred to in a given situation. The most likely possibility for the Gilbert of Floyd County is Gilbert, born 1790-1800, son of Gilbert and Lucy (Richards)(Thomas) Christian. This couple also had a son named Benjamin, whom I believe to have been the same mentioned in early Tazewell County, Virginia, records. I should add that Lucy Richards may not have been the mother of these men since other evidence would indicate that like Lucy, Gilbert also had had a first marriage (possibly Nancy Allison, who also married a Wright).*

*As for why there is no Benjamin or Gilbert in your Thomas Christian's family: Even if Thomas were closely related to the "Gilbert line," it is possible that sons given one or another of those names may have died at a young age. Often, when this happens, the name is "lost" in the family. If Thomas were not closely related, then there would have been no reason to give children these names.*

*It seems you have come to the same approach I also found expedient in order to publish. At some point we must go with what we have and leave it to posterity to carry on.*

*Again, best wishes for the coming year. I do hope your back condition does not worsen. I have just about decided backs seldom get better, and the best we can hope for is that we get no worse. My husband suffers from nerve and disk damage in his back.*

*Sincerely,*



JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD

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20 June 1988

(West Virginia's Birthday!)

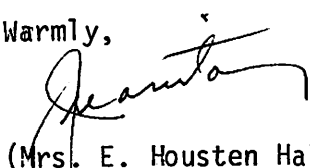
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Sigmon  
Jones  
Hill  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
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Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Linus  
Hale

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

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" Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
" 2001 North Westwood Avenue  
" Santa Ana, CA 92706  
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" Dear Agnes,  
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" Another of our puzzles has been solved! We now know that Mary Altizer,  
" second wife of Thomas Christian, Sr., was not a widow but a d/o David  
" Altizer who died in Tazewell County in 1854. I have incorporated this  
" information into my history on mamma's family by using it as an Addendum.  
" Rather than try to outline all of this in a letter for you, I am enclos-  
" ing a copy of that section of my history for you. It never ceases to  
" amaze me when I discover just how many times over these families of  
" Tazewell County intermarried. It would appear that we all are cousins  
" in one way or the other--in fact, I believe that we meet ourselves coming  
" back at times!  
"  
" Franki Christian of Washington state called me Saturday, and we had a  
" nice long conversation. She told me that she had talked with you and  
" that you were again working with the upcoming issue of the Chronicles,  
" and found that you were going to have to publish it in two volumes.  
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" I do hope that this means that you are now feeling much improved and  
" able to be about with your work again. I am so much better than I was  
" this time last year, and I am very thankful. But I still tire very  
" quickly and must go rest from time to time. My first inclination was  
" not to attempt to write a history on mamma's family, but the temptation  
" was too great and I am doing it. I haven't touched the Mastin, Rice,  
" Hoover or Reed chapters yet, and I have already typed about 140 pages  
" or more. The doggone thing is just like Topsy--"it just growed." I  
" keep finding data that is just simply too interesting to cast aside and  
" I go back for a re-write. I am even contemplating re-writing on the  
" Harmans because I recently learned some things which I believe should  
" be mentioned.  
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" Do hope the enclosed information will be helpful to you. I now believe  
" that we cast aside Emry Altizer too soon--I definitely believe that  
" further research is needed in this regard.  
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" Warmly,  
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" (Mrs. E. Hosten Halstead)  
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" Enclosure/Christian/Altizer Addendum

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CHRISTIAN/ALTIZER

For years, we Christian family researchers have pondered over the parentage of Mary Altizer who married our Thomas Christian, Sr. as his second wife. Agnes Pearlman, compiler and publisher of "The Christian Family Chronicles," has entertained the notion that she may have been a widow; and I have thought that, if so, perhaps she had been a Harman because of the names which she and Thomas gave to their children. Certainly these names were very suggestive of a Harman relationship. However, now we have the answer to this puzzle thanks to the efforts of Pat Surface, genealogist and historian of Tazewell, Virginia. We are most grateful to Pat for this find, and I shall now present a short explanation and genealogy in regard to this Altizer connection.

According to the death records of Tazewell County, Virginia, as found in Schreiner-Yantis' "Archives of the Pioneers of Tazewell County, Virginia," David Altizer died on the 26th September 1854, on Dividing Ridge, of Dropsy, at the age of 70 years, parents unknown, place of birth unknown, married at the time of death, and informant of his death record was John Christian, a son-in-law. Pat Surface found a deed recorded in Deed Book #11, at pg. 436, Tazewell County records, in which all the heirs of David Altizer are named, but David's wife is not mentioned. In this deed, we find that William Altizer, s/o David, wishes to buy a "certain tract or parcel of land belonging to David Altizer, dec'd. supposed to be in the county of Tazewell and Wyoming in the state of Virginia," from the other heirs of David Altizer. They agreed to sell him this parcel of land, and he was to pay each heir \$10.00 for their share in this possession. This deed was dated the 11th day of November 1854, and was signed by each heir of David, as well as the spouses in the case of the girls. This leaves no doubt that Mary, wife of Thomas Christian, Sr., was one of the daughters of David Altizer. Another interesting observation, Thomas Christian, Sr. signed this deed by making his mark. We know that he could write because we have other documents on which we find his signature. Yet, we must

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remember that Thomas Christian, Sr. died in December 1854--just a month later than this deed; which may indicate that he was now too feeble to write.

Before I list these heirs of David Altizer with discussion on each, I want to incorporate some earlier data which I now believe to be pertinent and connected with these Altizers of Tazewell County, Virginia. Too, it may be another missing link to our Reed family history:

In Anne Lowry Worrell's "A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733-1831," we find that Emry Altizer's will was probated in October 1819. In it he named his wife, Mary; and children, John, Elias, Emry, William, David, Jonas, Betsy, Read, and Nancy Akers. Notice that he had a son named David and that his wife's name was Mary. Later, you will see that David Altizer of Tazewell gave his children many of these same names. I frankly now believe that this Emry was quite likely the father of the Tazewell County David. Mrs. Worrell also listed some marriages in the aforementioned booklet that I believe needs close examination as to possible connection with our family, viz: George A. Reed and Ann Altizer, d/o Emry Altizer, married 31 Dec. 1829. George Reed, Jr. and Nancy Skaggs; Joseph Skaggs, surety, m. 6 Nov. 1821 (Mary Kegley in "Early Adventurers on the Western Waters," also listed Emry as a surety for this marriage. No doubt but what this Emry would have been Emry, Jr.). On 8 September 1819, James Akers married Peggy Altizer, d/o John Altizer. I suspect this John was a s/o Emry, Sr. Mrs. Schreiner-Yantis in "Archives of Tazewell County," shows David Altizer as being listed on the 1820 Personal Property Tax List of Tazewell County. One Jonas Altizer is also to be found on lists in Tazewell County. With this in mind, we shall now proceed to the heirs of David Altizer and I know you will be surprised to see just how closely connected all these families are. First, let me make one other observation which does puzzle me: We

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have seen that David's death record shows that he died in 1854; yet, we do not find him on the 1850 census in Tazewell. Some one might say that he was in Wyoming County; but he died in Tazewell County. Wyoming county was formed in 1850 from Logan County; Logan County was formed in 1824 from parts of Giles, Tazewell, Cabell and Kanawha; Wyoming and Logan were both counties of Virginia until 1863 when West Virginia became a state. David might have been living on this parcel of land mentioned in this deed, but we have nothing to say that he was. I took a closer look at the 1850 census of Tazewell County in search of members of the Altizer family, and what I found simply heightens the puzzle which I have mentioned. In the 1850 census, we find the Altizers, and related families, all lined up in a neat little row with one Susan Altizer, aged 63, nestled in between these related families as though it were to protect her; and she has a son, Thomas, 19, living with her. I really believe this is David's son Thomas who married Rebecca Beavers in 1851. Yet, I can't say with certainty that this Susan is widow (or wife) of David Altizer. We must remember that there was no widow's share mentioned in the foregoing deed. Let me list these households for your knowledge of same: Household 1157, R. Altizer, age 23 and wife, Louise; Household 1158 - John Altizer, age 25, and wife Sally, age 30; Household 1159 - Thomas S. Christian, age 35 and wife Anna, age 34; Household 1160 - Richard Gates, age 28 and wife Lilly, age 29; Household 1161 - Susan Altizer, age 63 and son, Thomas, age 19; Household 1162 - John H. Gates, age 25 and wife, Louisa, age 20; Household 1163 - William Altizer, age 30 and wife Louisa, age 30. I really wonder if we have correct dates, or if David was elsewhere?

Now, let's have a look at David's heirs and the information which I was able to compile hurriedly on them: (Note: Marriage records from Harman's "Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia.")



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1. Lilly Altizer married Richard Gates on 6 September 1840 with Elder William Henkel performing the ceremony.

I wonder how, or if, Richard Gates was related to John H. Gates who married Louisa Christian, d/o Thomas Christian, Sr. and Mary [Altizer] Christian. We now know that this Lilly Altizer and Mary Altizer were sisters. Also, this gives the explanation of why Mary named one of her daughters "Lilly."

2. Sarah Altizer married William Christian on 10 September 1845 with William Henkel performing the ceremony.

This William Christian was a s/o Mastin Christian, a s/o Thomas Christian, Sr. and Louisa [Harman] Christian. Again, we see that Mary Altizer Christian named a daughter with the same name as one of her sisters.

3. Mary Altizer married Thomas Christian, Sr. on 18 June 1829 with William McGuire performing the ceremony. This, of course, is our Thomas Christian. So many doors have been opened to disclose that several of Thomas and Louisa's children and grandchildren intermarried with Mary's siblings.

Children of Mary and Thomas: George, Mathias, Louisa (wife of John H. Gates), Susan (wife of James Stephenson), Sarah and Lilly.

4. Anna Altizer married Thomas S. Christian on the 23 October 1836 with David Payne performing the ceremony. Thomas S. Christian was a s/o Thomas Christian, Sr. and Louisa [Harman] Christian. From information received from descendants of Thomas S. Christian, we now know that his middle name was "Skaggs." One would assume that Louisa gave him the surname of her mother's (Lydia Skaggs) family.

5. Catherine Altizer married John Christian on the 27 July 1837 with William McGuire performing the ceremony. Her name was given as "Katy" Altizer on this record.

At the present, I don't know which John Christian this is. Agnes Pearlman says that Thomas, Sr.'s son, John, married Cathan Mckenster; and there is a record of such a marriage on the 4th August 1823 with David Young performing the ceremony. To the reader: You have these data before you--perhaps you have put the pieces into place!

6. John Altizer married Sally Beavers on the 16th July 1841 with William Henkel performing the ceremony. Sally (Sarah) died on the 8th January 1855 on Beech Fork, of Dropsy, at the age of 35 years; her parents were Alexander and Sary Beavers, and she was born in Giles County, Virginia; John Altizer, her husband, was the informant for this death record.

I have long suspected that this Sally/Sarah Beavers was a d/o Alexander and Sary Beavers--this death record proves it. John Altizer was one of the deponents for Archibald Barnett in 1848 in the case of Beavers for Waldron vs. Archibald Barnett and William Harrison. The complainant

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6. John Altizer (cont'd.)

Beavers was Alexander Beavers, Sr., father of Sarah [Beavers] Altizer. (Sarah's death record found in Schreiner-Yantis' "Archives of Pioneers of Tazewell County, Va.")

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8. Thomas Altizer married Rebecca Beavers on 31 July 1851 with William McGuire performing the ceremony. If the Thomas Altizer found in household 1161 in the 1850 census is this Thomas, he would have been 20 in 1851. Since these census records didn't always have the exact age, we can say that he was about 20 or 21 at the time of this marriage.

I have a family group sheet in my files on Alexander Beavers, Jr.'s (s/o Robin) family which was compiled some time ago by Mr. Gifford White, with Jessie Mitchell of Ohio adding some marriage records. Jessie listed this Rebecca Beavers as having been a d/o Alexander, Jr. and his first wife, Elizabeth Hankins, with birth date for Rebecca being ca 1830. I checked the 1850 census and found two Rebecca Beavers listed at that time--Alexander's daughter, Rebecca, aged 20; also Moses Beavers (s/o Alexander, Sr. and Sary) had a d/o Rebecca, aged 18. I am taking Jessie's listing on this, but I caution the reader that the incorrect Lydia was listed on this same sheet as wife of Alexander and Sary's son, Robert--the sheet lists Lydia Mitchell as his wife, when in actuality it should have been listed as Lydia Brown. My suggestion: Do further research on these Rebeccas.

9. William Altizer married Loves Harman on 20 January 1839 with William McGuire performing the ceremony. This, of course, is the son who wanted the tract of land described in the aforementioned deed. In the 1850 census, he was living in household 1163, giving an age of 30 years; Louisa, aged 30; Ruth, age 11; John, age 8; Adam, age 7; Riley, age 3; Thomas, age 1.

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*June 29, 1988*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
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Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Thank you so much for sending your latest discoveries concerning the Christian family and related lines.*

*I was particularly pleased to receive the information concerning Mary (Altizer) Christian. The verification that her maiden name was Altizer arrived just in time to include in the current **Christian Family Chronicles**. A paragraph will have to be rewritten, but it's possible. If Mary were a widow, then she would have been married to another Altizer. Of course, the unidentified children in the 1830 household might have been grandchildren of Thomas--or even other relatives.*

*As it turns out, subscribers will be receiving two volumes instead of one. There was simply too much data that I wanted to include to limit myself to one volume. I doubt, therefore, that I will be able to break even. Of course, I still have much unpublished material; but I will continue to share with correspondents.*

*Again, I appreciate your continuing to keep me informed of your discoveries.*

*Sincerely,*

*P.S. The book should be in the printer's hands next week, so you'll see it in your copy in July.*



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*July 4, 1988*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
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Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Another quick note while I wait for the *Chronicles* to be returned from the printer!*

*Since you are now gathering Altizer material, I thought that you might like to have the enclosed family group record that shows how my two Christian great-aunts married two Altizer brothers. You will notice that these brothers were sons of Aaron and Sarah (Scaggs) Altizer.*

*Of more interest to you, perhaps, is the fact that Aaron's father was Emery and M. (Griffy) Altizer, Jr. This Emery, of course, was the son of the Emery Altizer, Sr., of the October 1819 Montgomery County, Virginia, will probate.*

*Incidentally, although Emery or Emory became a name in its own right among the later generations of Altizers, Emery, Sr., was known by family members as Emeriah Altizer.*

*Do you think that the 65-year-old Susan Altizer in the Tazewell County, Virginia, 1850 census might have been the wife of David Altizer? It would seem so to me, but I can't explain David's absence unless the enumerator simply failed to write his name above Susan's.*

*In passing, I might mention that the Christians, Whites, and Altizers were all living in the same vicinity of Montgomery County, Virginia, before they began scattering westward and southward.*

*Recently, one of my correspondents quoting another who was basing the remarks on tradition identified the Thomas Christian of Tazewell County, Virginia, as the son of Nathaniel and Jane Christian--impossible, since that Thomas moved to Cocke County, Tennessee, and was some twenty or so years older. Since the same tradition said that Nathaniel's son Thomas married "several" times and moved often (including Tazewell), I began thinking about the possibility that your Thomas may have been the son of the other Thomas and was orphaned only by his mother. This line of research might be worth pursuing.*

*Sincerely,*

*Enclosure*

JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD

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14 July 1988

SURNAMES

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Paternal:

" Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman  
" 2001 North Westwood Avenue  
" Santa Ana, CA 92706

Sigmon

Jones

Hill

Price

Bagby

Shores

(La Shores)

Huff

Van Meter

Du Bois

Bodine

Blanchan

Linus

Hale

" Dear Agnes:

" Thank you for the additional ALTIZER data. I am enclosing additional  
" copies to the Addendum which I prepared in the beginning. (I should  
" have said copies of pages--I am working against time and not thinking  
" too well this morning.)

" My sister had corresponded with Mrs. DePauk who was able to supply  
" much information on the early Emera/Emra/Emry Altizer. No doubt in  
" my mind but what this is the book for which Pat Surface is searching.  
" I felt that additional data must be added to this Addendum for the  
" benefit of those interested in the Altizers. Of course, our interest  
" is whetted because of the REED connection to this family. Yet, it will  
" take some time to make the connection, if such there is, with our John  
" Wesley Reed. We now have court records to show that John Wesley Reed  
" was an apprentice to Abraham Beavers in Floyd County, Ky, ca 1816 to  
" 1821 to learn to make shoes. This ties in with family lore because mamma  
" told us many times that grandfather used to make their shoes. So,  
" apparently John Wesley taught some of his sons the trade also. We know,  
" too, that John Wesley left Abraham Beavers and at that time he was, at

Maternal:

Reed

Beavers

Rice

Barnett

Christian

Harman

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Hoover (?)

" times, using the alias of "John Hoover." Again, this ties in with family  
" lore. However, we don't know where he was from 1821 until 1830 when he  
" married Nancy Jane Christian in Tazewell County, Virginia. Since David  
" Christian was born in Kentucky, we now must assume that Thomas Christian  
" and Louisa Harman Christian were living there for a time. Is this when  
" John Wesley and Nancy met??? Also, we know that Mathias Harman and  
" Lydia Skaggs were among the group who founded Harman's Station near what  
" is now Prestonsburg and Paintsville, Ky. So, maybe this is where Thomas  
" Christian and Louisa were. Abraham Beavers was a brother to my Robert  
" "Robin" Beavers who married Catherine Harman, another d/o Mathias Harman  
" and Lydia Skaggs.

" Of course, according to the Altizer book, Margaret Griffith/Griffin/  
" Griffy was the second wife of Emery Altizer, Jr. I have found Margaret's  
" last name spelled in these three different ways. However, this does not  
" puzzle me because I did considerable work with the Griffith family while  
" I was compiling my Sigmon family history. William Griffith married  
" Catherine Sigmon (oldest daughter of Peter Sickman, Sr.) in Franklin Co.,  
" Va., in 1799. They immediately left Virginia and migrated first to Kentucky  
" and then to Indiana where they made their permanent home. This name is  
" often found in all of these spellings. In fact, there is a town in Indiana  
" named "Griffin."

*Time element  
see my file  
Whom I didn't check*

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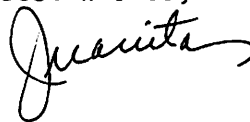
I definitely believe that the Susan Altizer, age 63, in the 1850 census was the mother of Mary Altizer, et al. Please note Pat's explanation. I believe that she is correct.

The fact that all of these families--Christians, Whites, and Altizers--were living so close together in Montgomery County, Virginia, certainly explains the fact that one continues to find them intermarrying and closely associated with each other in later times.

Another puzzling fact was brought to my attention recently. It seems that Mathias, s/o Thomas and Mary [Altizer] Christian, in the 1900 census said that his father was born in Tennessee. This might be accounted for by the fact that we know that Thomas C. lived with Thomas Mastin for a time in Tennessee. We do know that when the 1850 census was taken in Tazewell County, Thomas gave his birth place as Virginia. We know that Kentucky and other states on to the Mississippi--Illinois for instance--was considered to be a part of Virginia. In fact, George Rogers Clark took the Illinois from the British and claimed it for Virginia. Tennessee was a territory when Thomas Mastin first went there, but I don't believe that Virginia claimed it. I could be wrong; but I do know that there was a dispute with the Carolinas over boundary lines. Right now, I am just exploring possibilities. We certainly do need some leads in finding out the parentage of Thomas Christian. I have long since given up the notion that he was the "cabin boy" who arrived late (considering the arrival of others of this area) in America as being our Thomas. He was a boy of 9 years of age when he was with Mastin at the time of Hezekiah Whitt's service with Mastin. I figured this out from dates in Hezekiah's application file in which one finds a deposition made by Thomas Christian. So, if he were 9 years of age at that time; he certainly was not the 12 year-old who was the cabin boy.

Just sharing my thoughts with you; and also this additional data on the Altizers. I am so glad that you are now much improved and able to be about your endeavors again.

Best wishes,



Enclosure/more pages to Addendum on Christian/Altizer



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So now we have the Christian/Altizer connection sorted out thanks to the diligent searching efforts of Pat Surface, and some extra work in research on my part. I can now understand why Thomas and Mary gave their children the names which they did. Too, there was a Harman connection through William Altizer's wife, but I don't know who the parents were of this Louisa Harman. The fact that Thomas and Mary named a daughter "Susan" firms up my belief that the Susan in household 1161, aged 63, 1850 census, was probably the mother of this brood of Altizers.

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Some additional information has come to my hands, and rather than re-writing what I have written previously in this Addendum, I decided to just add what I now know and let the reader sort out these Altizers because they aren't really in our direct line--our ancestor was Louisa Harman; not Mary Altizer.

My sister, Elsa Stout, received a letter on 28 April 1985 from Mrs. Nyla Creed DePauk, who is a direct descendant of these Altizers. Mrs. DePauk, while visiting at the Library of Congress, found a family history entitled "Emera Altizer and His Descendants" by Ruby Altizer Roberts and Rosa Altizer Bray. I feel certain that this must be the family history which Pat Surface told me that she was attempting to locate. This history does help to clarify information on this family; but Mrs. DePauk found some errors. I shall quote from her letter to my sister as I proceed with this addition.

Pat Surface wrote to me after I sent her a copy of this Addendum and was able to add data which will answer some of the questions which I posed heretofore. Pat said that David Altizer was Emra Altizer's son; but, at that point, Pat was not able to sort out the David Altizer's. She quoted from deeds as follows: "Deed Book #3, pg. 244, 28 January 1822 - Thomas Molloy and Sally his wife to David Altizer of Tazewell County--100 acres--ridge--Andrew Lockhart's beginning corners.....big

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stomping rock..... Recorded 23 April 1822." And in Deed Book #9, pg. 481, 25 April 1846--David Altizer and Susan his wife of Logan County, Virginia.... to Bird Lockhart.....\$200. ....53 acres N. side Morrison's Knob...to the Stomping rock.... David X Altizer." Pat's explanation of the whereabouts of David Altizer when the 1850 census was taken is this: "I do not know exactly what happened (to David), but apparently they went to Logan County before 1846, and then David came back to visit or to live, and died. Almost surely the land they owned in Wyoming County was where they were when they were 'of Logan County' in 1846." This explanation certainly seems plausible, and I suspect that Pat is very close to the truth in this case.

Ruby Altizer Roberts and Rosa Altizer Bray had this to say about Emera (also known as "Emeriah") Altizer in their family history:

- A. Emera Altizer, b ca 1736 at Bingen on the Rhine, Hesse, Germany; d. in Montgomery in September 1819; m. 1) Mary Pitzer who was b. ca. 1740; d. ca 1771. Mary was the d/o Christian and Mary Pitzer (?). The children of Emera and Mary were:
  1. John Altizer, who m. Elizabeth Elkins.
  2. Emery Altizer, Jr., who m. 1) Mary Reed; and m. 2) Margaret "Peggy" Griffith (one researcher has this name as "Griffin." Since I did research on the Griffith family for my history of the Sigmon family, I found that this name is often found spelled as Griffith or Griffin.) "Margaret "Peggy" was the widow of George Reed.
  3. Elias Altizer.
  4. William Altizer.

Emera Altizer married 2) Mary Miller in July 1773. Mary Miller was born in Berkeley County, Virginia, in 1758; d. 25 August 1850 in Montgomery Co., Va. She was the d/o David and Hannah Miller. The children of Emera and Mary were:

5. David Riley Altizer, b. ca 1785; m. Susan \_\_\_\_\_; d. ca 1860. (Data from Altizer family history mentioned previously.) According to David's death certificate, he died 26 September 1854 at the age of 70; parents not listed; reported by John Christian, son-in-law. (See foregoing data.) Children (as found in Altizer family history):
  - a. Mary Altizer.
  - b. Annie Altizer.
  - c. William Altizer, b. in Montgomery County. According to the book "Emera Altizer and His Descendants" by Ruby Altizer Roberts and Rosa Altizer Bray, William was m. 1) Alice Harmon on 20 January 1839. (Mrs. DePauk, who shared this information with my sister, Elsa Stout, told her that "Annals of Tazewell

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c. William Altizer (cont'd.)

Co.: and xeroxed copy of marriage record gave Alice's name as "Loves." The census record shows the name as "Louise." William married 2) Louvisa Asbury. (This Louvisa, says Mrs. DePauk, was a widow of Joseph Sparks, and also in Mrs. DePauk's family line. Mrs. DePauk believed her name was Lavisa, and that she was nicknamed "Vicey."

William m. 3) Zippy Wyatt. (Mrs. DePauk also copied this record, and she says that her name was "Vippy" Wyatt. The marriage record of William and Vippy lists his parents as David and Susan Altizer. William's children:

- (1) John A. Altizer.
- (2) Adam Altizer.
- (3) Thomas Vernon Altizer.
- (4) Riley Altizer.
- (5) William Altizer.
- (6) James Altizer.
- (7) David Altizer.
- (8) Rutha-Susan Altizer.
- (9) Nancy Altizer. The Emera Altizer book says that Nancy married Noah Anderson, but Mrs. Depauk says that this is incorrect. There may have been one Nancy Altizer who married one Noah Anderson, but not this one. Nancy Jane Altizer married Thomas William Sparks, who was the s/o Joseph and Lavisa [Asbury] Sparks. (Note: Mr. Russell Bidlack, Secretary-Treasurer of the Sparks Family Association, was good enough to share with me a copy of the SPARKS QUARTERLY. In this issue, one is told that Joseph Sparks was a s/o Jonas and Mary [Brown] Sparks. Jonas was born ca 1794 in Wilkes or Surry County, North Carolina, a s/o Reuben and Cassie [Buttery] Sparks. He and Mary Brown were married in 1817 [marriage bond dated 27 Sept 1817 with John Brown as Bondsman.] Mary was a d/o John Brown. Reuben Sparks was a s/o Solomon and Sarah Sparks.) Joseph Sparks who married Lavisa [Asbury] Sparks was b ca 1838; he joined the Confederate Army during the Civil War and was killed in service.

After the death of William's first wife, Louise/Loves, he married Lavisa [Asbury] Sparks. This marriage occurred after the marriage of Thomas William Sparks and Nancy Jane Altizer. William's children by this marriage were:

- (10) Henry D. Altizer.
- (11) Joseph E. Altizer.

Note: Refer to my first family group on William's family. The reader will see that I mention William's will. We now know that these last two sons were issue of his last marriage.

5. David Riley Altizer (cont'd.)

The reader must refer back to my original listing for David's family to see who the other children were of David Riley and Susan Altizer.

6. Jonas Altizer m. 1) Sarah "Sally" Ratcliffe; and m. 2) Sarah "Sally"

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6. Jonas Altizer (cont'd.)

Simpkins. (Mrs. DePauk obtained this information from a family group sheet from the LDS library that shows only the first marriage on 28 August 1819.

7. Elizabeth Altizer married George Reed. (Is this the marriage found listed in Mrs. Worrell's booklet--George A. Reed and Ann Altizer, d/o Emry Altizer, on 31 Dec 1829? I suspect that it might be; if so, Elizabeth's name was probably Elizabeth Ann, or vice versa.

8. Nancy Altizer married Adam Akers.

I want to make one additional observation of material found in Mrs. DePauk's letter: She cites data from the 1860 census of Tazewell County in which one finds Joseph Sparks living in household #1365/1329, and listings as follows:

Sparks, Joseph - aged 24 - born in NC - (killed in Civil War ca 1863).  
Lavisia - aged 21 - born in VA - (m. William Altizer as second wife).  
James R. - aged 2 - born in VA - (Is this Reuben?)  
Thos. W. - aged 1/12 - born in VA (Mrs. DePauk's grandfather)  
Rebecca - aged 9 - born in VA  
Charles J. - aged 7 - born in VA

Mrs. DePauk says that perhaps this Rebecca is the same person that Thomas is living with in 1870. "It was interesting to see that my Thomas William Sparks was living next door to your BEAVERS family." So said Mrs. DePauk. She wondered what the relationship was, if any?

I have included this information for the reason that one can easily see that these early families of Tazewell County were closely related in one way or the other. By doing this, I hoped that this material might be helpful later on to those attempting to make the connection with these various families.



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Dear Agnes,

Please excuse this scribbling on this legal Pad, but I am again handicapped because of a very painful back ailment which will not permit my going to the typewriter to write. I am better, but not completely without pain as yet. This has been going on since the last of July.

The current issues of "The Chronicles" arrived in good shape and I have enjoyed going through them. Thanks for mentioning our recent find in re the Altijos. While I can understand your judgement re the number of young children in Thomas' household in 1830, I am more inclined to think these may have been "relatives" or children of friends who were without a home and thus given a home. Remember Thomas' own background. Too, our family seems to have been great ones for doing this - I have found this to be true in my own family (both sides - Squires and Beets). In different records which I have seen, as well as in my own lifetime experience, I found this. Gramma & Kaddy could always seem to find



another bed and set another plate for those who needed such. Of course, you could be perfectly correct in your observation and Mary may have been a widow when she and Thomas married. The 1850 census gives her age as 40 and his as 80 — 40 yrs. age span. If we use the 1850 age for Mary, this gives a birth year of 1810. In 1830, she would have been 20 — 19 when she married Thomas. They did marry as early as 16 yrs — so she could have had 3 children; 4, if she married at 15. Yr, we could be looking at twins. So, this would explain the 4 younger ones. Thomas' household in 1830 consisted of: 1 male 5-10; 1 male 15-20; 1 male 50-60; 2 females 0-5; 1 female 5-10; 2 female 15-20; 2 females 30-40. Who were the females in the 30-40 age group? Mary would have been in the group of 15-20 — if we use the 1850 census. I knew ~~as~~ you know this; I just jotted it down for us to consider again. Where did Susie Strader of Cedar Bluff get her birth date for Mary as 1790? Using this date, we have a wife (new wife) for Thomas of 39 years of age. This would show her starting at age 39 to again give birth to six more children — possible, I know — but surely hard on the constitution! Her Mary's



death record ever been found to your knowledge?  
I shall write to Susie Shroder to see if we  
might be helped to each other.

If someone would check the Altizer  
marriages from 1853 or '04 forward, they  
might help determine if some of the Altizers  
were children of Mary by an earlier union.  
I have the Blewett & Barnetts from 1854  
forward - some as late as 1932. They  
started giving parents names on these records  
in 1853 + 1854 forward. I found this  
most helpful while considering the Tignow  
family history. One Altizer m. a member of  
the Blewett family - no help; one Altizer, in 1932,  
m. a member of the Barnett family - no help.

Let's look at the 1850 census again for  
Thomas household & make a comparison of  
the ages of the children as opposed to the two possible  
birth years for Mary:

|   |    | Mary's age |         |
|---|----|------------|---------|
|   |    | 1790       | or 1810 |
| Arcia (apparently older sister than<br>her age) |    |            |         |
| Mathias - age 16 in 1850 (b. ca 1834)           | 44 | 24         |         |
| George - age 14 in 1850 (b. ca 1836)            | 46 | 26         |         |
| Susan - age 13 } twins (b. ca 1831)             | 47 | 27         |         |
| (Sister) Sally - age 13 }                       |    |            |         |
| Lilly - age 8 (b. ca 1842)                      | 52 | 32         |         |

Using the 1850 census, Thomas was 64 when Mathias



was born; 66 when George was born; 67 when Susan + Sarah were born; and 72 when Lilly was born. Isn't it strange that he and Mary would give their first child the name of his former wife? So much for Thomas & Mary. I don't intend to use these calculations in my history of the Reed family. I have only covered the collateral lines in a general way, using some genealogy for me in only a very brief manner as I deemed it necessary to explain Nancy's ancestry to the reader. One thing we'll have to say about these early pioneers: they were a hardy, prolific group!!

I haven't heard from Luida La Force for a while — her correspondence with me is sporadic. However, I believe I will have to write to tell her that if Martin Christian, of Thomas + Louisa, married Margaret Robesier <sup>in 1828</sup>, it was not legal. You remember I told you that I found the record of Martin's divorce, granted on 14 May 1851, with each given the right to remarry — It was an unsatisfactory divorce action with each party accusing the other (and, apparently, rightly so) of cohabitation with others. One of the witnesses, who seems to have been one of the participants in this whole affair, was one Chertin



Mitchell. Jane Mckenzie Christian, first wife  
of Mrs Madin, is in the household of her  
son William in 1850 - daughter, Ruth,  
is also there. One does not always want to  
accept these finds when doing genealogical  
research, but one cannot avoid truth nor  
the obvious. My thought is that children  
sired by Madin ca 1828 need to be  
examined more closely in the light of  
the date of this divorce.

Glad you are back "on your feet"  
and hope you will be able to continue with  
your work.

Best wishes,  
Juanita

Mrs.  
Juanita S. Hildred

P.S. You say there was a James Christian in the  
1820 Census - which County? I have copies  
of the Tezomell Co. Census & do not find  
him listed.

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*September 24, 1988*

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*Dear Juanita:*

*As always, I especially appreciate your evaluations of the possibilities regarding the Tazewell County, Virginia, Christians.*

*I had never realized that Mary (Altizer) Christian's birth date had been given anywhere as 1810. I do notice in rechecking my records today, however, that Suste Shrader shows her age as 40 in Shrader's 1850 census abstracts. My abstracts of the same census--taken many years ago--show her age as 60 in 1850. Now, I want to look at the microfilm of the original census again to see what my present interpretation of the age would be. I do know that a four and a six can often be mistaken for each other in the nineteenth century records and would want to check the enumerator's entries for many children to determine how he made his "4" and his "6." The 1840 census gives the elder female's age as 30 to 40. Because of the extra people in the 1830 household, no definite determination can be made. Was Mary still living in 1870. I do not have the census of Tazewell County for that year.*

*I would agree that the extra members of the 1830 household of Thomas Christian could have been various relatives--a not uncommon situation.*

*As for Thomas and Mary naming their first daughter Louisa: I have found that naming a child for a deceased first spouse was a rather frequent occurrence in a second marriage.*

*If I had recalled that Mastin's divorce from first wife became final so late, I would certainly have mentioned the date so that readers could have come to their own conclusion. I will notify the descendants with whom I correspond of the situation. It seems likely that all the children of Mastin and Nancy (Robinet) were born out of formal wedlock.*

*By the way, I did refer Mr. Nelson Grubb to you. He is descended from Thomas and Nancy (Cline) Christian.*

*The James Christian about whom you asked is listed in my abstracts of the 1820 census of Tazewell County, Virginia, as James Cristan, (#246). See page 481 of *Christian Family Chronicles*, Volume No. VI.*

*That's about all for the day except that I hope you're feeling much better quite soon.*

*Sincerely,*



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29 Sept 1988

Dear Agnes,

Where to begin? First, I do appreciate your prompt reply to my last letter. Yet, it prompted me to further contemplation and looking at my sources of data where I knew some of the answers were located:

I had, before I wrote to you last, checked my original note on the 1850 Census. I had read this census myself and jotted down data therefrom. Mary Altizer's age was given (without my placing a question mark if it is illegible) as 40 yrs. Thomas was 80. Since I have received your last letter, I went to another of my files from a Beards family researcher, and she, too, had read this age as 40 yrs for Mary. This researcher is very reliable and she copied the complete 1850 Census and sent it to me. So, now we have my reading, Sue Shender's reading, and this reading all in agreement. But, I believe the "Chincher" in this is the age of Mary's father at death in 1854. (Too bad you didn't include that much of the excerpt from my history of the family. David Altizer died in Nov. 1854 at 70 years of age! Figure it out — this means he was born in 1784. You say Mary was born in <sup>ca</sup> 1790. Sired by a



~~Five~~ <sup>Five</sup> year old boy? Hardly! In the case of David's death, we are using the death record, not a guess. Alas, the deed cited in my excerpt is also record - not guess - I believe we are going to have to say these four young children in Thomas' household in 1830 were "kin." More than this, I suspect the two females 30-40 years of age could well have been the mothers of these children. Also, I now have no doubts that one of the 2 females aged 15-20 was Mary Altizer, aged 20. It threw me at first when I read the date of birth <sup>of Mary</sup> in the excerpt which you printed of my Christian Altizer Addendum. I didn't think I had said that & I checked my copy - sure enough, it was in it. However, I did take responsibility when I wrote to Guida & Force, but I clarified my thinking on this whole matter to her.

I had Bausten pull your file for me - I still can't stop. I found a letter to you in which I told you that I went back to the State Archives and rechecked the 1850 census on Mastin (3/4 Thomas & Jessica). I told you then that the film was not hard to read & that it was quite plain that the woman living in Mastin's household in 1850 was one m-a-r-i-a - no question. Guida



glossed this over in her explanation, but our  
knowing of Martin's indiscretion makes one  
wonder. I'll agree, however, it could have  
been another name <sup>like</sup> which Margaret  
was known. (see my letter to you of 9 Aug. 1985)

Poor Martin & Jane!! Refer to  
my letter to you of 7 July 1985 in which this  
whole sordid mess is outlined. There is  
no way that Martin could have legally married  
another in 1828. More than this, (see letter  
of 24 July 1985) I believe the children whom I  
have designated as Jane's in this letter are  
probably just ~~that~~ that. We know that Jane  
and Ruth were living with Wm. in 1850. Notice  
that Jane said that she didn't want to live with  
Martin because she wanted "no more children  
by him" Notice, too, that it was said she lived  
with Charles Mitchell for 18 mos (1 1/2 yrs). Also, it  
was stated that Martin tried to get her to return to him -  
she said she would if he would move from Brady  
to Clinch. It could well be that the children up to  
and including 1843 were Jane's. Anyway, review  
my letters. I certainly believe this information  
should dispel any notion of children as  
early as 1828 having been another wife's. I  
didn't give Linda all the facts, but I certainly  
told her enough to dissuade her contentions - if  
she will just believe me.



and 1830

I have Nathl Schreiner - 'gnatis' 1820 Census of Tezevell Co., Va. I suppose the person she has listed as "James Cartan, must be the person you saw as "James Cristan". He was in the 26-45 age group; the female was in the 26-45 age group. — No children.

Back to Thomas & Mary — if the 1840 Census gives her age as 30 to 40, that would be exactly right — She would have been 30 in 1840, having been born in 1810. I don't have the complete 1870 census of Tezevell — just bits, and this was mostly Beavers & Barnetts. If my back were better, I would surf for the 1870 and view it. I recently had the 1880 and couldn't view it because of my back — my niece came up from Pt. Pleasant and viewed it for me. I was especially interested in Rachel Barnett Beavers — both she and Alexander were still living then. Martha joined the Christians'.

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Daniel — age 13 | } Daniel & Hannah were parents of Tom. Christian whom Rachel Beavers, d/o Alex & Elizabeth — you have picture of her & mamma |
| Hannah — " 68   |  |
| Marion — " 23   |  |

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Crockett — age 22 |
| Bethie — " 20     |
| Maud — " 2 dau    |
| Eliza — " 9/12 "  |



William m; age 25 } s/o Daniel + Hannah  
 Rachel - " 20 } d/o alex + Elizabeth Beavers  
 Elizabeth Hankin, 1st wife  
 alex; Rachel Barnett, 2nd  
 wife of alex and my gr. grand.

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 1838

George - age 42 s/o Thomas + Mary  
 Nancy - ~~42~~ 42  
 John - " 19, son  
 Mathias - " 16 "  
 James - " 13 "  
 Ellen - " 10 dau  
 Mary - " 8 "  
 Vira - " 6 "  
 Rebecca - " 1 "  
 William - " 1 "

(Probably Levicy)

Thomas - age 31  
 Euphemis - " 25  
 Lilly - " 11 dau  
 Mary E. - " 9 "  
 Sarah E. - " 6 "  
 Eva M. - " 2 "  
 George W. - " 3/2 son



|          |       |    |      |                   |
|----------|-------|----|------|-------------------|
| Mathias  | - age | 45 | -    | Sto Thomas + Mary |
| Ellen    | - "   | 31 | Wife | - (2nd wife?)     |
| Nancy    | - "   | 24 | dau  |                   |
| Mary     | - "   | 22 | "    |                   |
| Martha   | - "   | 19 |      |                   |
| Ucin (?) | - "   | 17 | dau  |                   |
| George   | - "   | 16 | son  |                   |
| Lilly    | - "   | 13 |      |                   |
| Allie    | - "   | 12 |      |                   |
| Susan    | - "   | 7  |      |                   |
| William  | - "   | 1  | son  |                   |

Probably Larkin

In 1900 Mathias gives his birth yr. as 1834, b. in Va. Said his father was b. in Va. His wife in 1900 was Bettie A., b. in 1837 & m. for 3 yrs. Son, Tom. G., b. in 1879, 20 yrs. of age & single.

It appears that Mathias married several times. I believe he gave his father's birth date as Tennessee because he knew his father was there for a time. Thomas himself gave Va. as his birth state in 1850 (This info. is another bit of evidence that dispels the "Cabin boy" story — must have been a father or grandfather. Family lore has a way of either losing something or adding something in translation.)

Mary - age 22 (head of household)  
 James - " 4, son  
 John - " 1, son



Hd 25/25 Thomas S. - age 66 (3/10 Thomas & Lucien)  
 Anna Eliza - " 66 - wife  
 George C. - " 24 - son  
 Hannah - " 27 - dau  
 Margaret - " 12 - dau  
 William - " 8 - son  
 Laura - " 1 - dau

Hd 26/26 Robert - age 33 (Wife if this is Thomas S.'s  
 son?)  
 Elizabeth - " 40 wife  
 Dorinda - " 20 dau  
 Florence - " 17 dau  
 Ann Eliza " 11 dau  
 Hannah " 9 "  
 Jennie " 7 "  
 Thomas J. " 5 son  
 Charlotte " 3 dau  
 James P. Campbell age 1 son

Dorinda - age 20 Head of Hd  
 George A - " 4 son  
 Charles - " 2 "

Jackson - " 27  
 Vicie " 23 wife  
 George " 4 son  
 Tom " 2 son  
 Mary " 3 1/2 dau (b. in March)



One still finds the Altizers living close to the Christians (Maiden Spring area) in 1880. I shant copy them all, but we find:

|       |               |        |                         |
|-------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 54/54 | Altizer, Tom. | Age 60 | (This must be Tom,      |
|       | Vice          | " 42   | wife bro. to Mary, wife |
|       | John A.       | " 17   | of Thomas Christian.    |
|       | Wm. R.        | " 13   | He was 30 in 1850.      |
|       | Joseph E.     | " 5    | This is his second      |
|       | Henry D.      | " 4    | wife, Leticia [Ashurst] |
|       |               |        | Sparks. See Christian)  |
|       |               |        | Altizer address -       |
|       |               |        | is this Tom. R. the one |
|       |               |        | called "Wm. R. Pruitt"  |
|       |               |        | in his will of 1892?)   |

|       |                    |             |
|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| 57/57 | Christian, Anthony | Age 52      |
|       | Nancy              | " 40 - wife |
|       | Finna              | " 25 - dau  |
|       | Octavia            | " 24 - "    |
|       | Israel             | " 23 son    |
|       | Crockett           | " 19 "      |
|       | Catherine          | " 16 dau    |
|       | Andrew             | " 14 son    |
|       | Elizabeth          | " 13 dau    |

|  |                   |           |
|--|-------------------|-----------|
|  | Christian, Samuel | " 53      |
|  | Mary              | " 42 wife |
|  | Louisa            | " 20 dau  |
|  | Joseph E.         | " 14 son  |
|  | Mose W.           | " 12 son  |
|  | Alice             | " 11 dau  |
|  | Wency             | " 8 son   |

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Christian, Samuel (cont'd)

|   |           |       |          |
|---|-----------|-------|----------|
|   | James W   | age 7 | son      |
|   | Reese W   | " 4   | "        |
|   | Wm. A     | " 1   | "        |
| " | Alexander | " 50  |          |
|   | Catherine | " 40  | wife     |
|   | Lewis     | " 27  | son      |
|   | Israel    | " 24  | "        |
|   | Marilee   | " 20  | daughter |
|   | Nancy     | " 18  | "        |
|   | Luena     | " 12  | "        |
|   | Julia     | " 6   | daughter |
|   | Vicie     | " 4   | "        |

|     |          |      |      |
|-----|----------|------|------|
| "   | Katid K  | " 22 |      |
|     | Amanda   | " 23 | wife |
| (2) | Chas. E. | " 2  |      |
|     | Nancy    | " 1  |      |

|   |         |    |      |
|---|---------|----|------|
| " | Henry W | 20 |      |
|   | Mary V  | 16 | wife |

Hope you can use some of this info in case you have those interested in these later dates. My back is better, but I am still not able to sit at the typewriter to write.

Best wishes,  
Maudie

Maudie S. Halstead





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*November 7, 1988*

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*Dear Juanita:*

*Your welcome letter of September 29 was in my waiting mail when I returned from an overseas trip--thus the delay in responding.*

*I am always impressed by the thoroughness of your research when a question arises. There is now no doubt in my mind that Thomas Christian's second wife, Mary Altizer, was born about 1810. As you say, the clincher is the birth date of her father, David Altizer. The correction for Mary's date of birth will certainly appear in any future installment of the series or in a "footnote." I am somewhat annoyed with myself for accepting too readily the 1790 estimate for Mary's birth date.*

*Also, I feel that I was somewhat lax in not reviewing again the material you had sent several years ago on Mastin Christian. I did recall the information regarding the many "indiscretions" but failed to include the data in the recent installment. Actually, I wish I had, but it will have to be included in any future "footnote" also.*

*Thanks so much for sending the 1880 census abstracts. They provide a number of clues to family relationships. You mention that in 1900 Mathias is shown with wife named "Hattie A." A few years ago I copied the Christian entries from the Wyoming County, West Virginia, Marriage Index and made note that a Mathias Christian is listed as having married a Hettie Adams in 1898. Since I have not looked at the register itself, I do not know whether she was a widow, etc. This was probably the entry for Tazewell's Mathias.*

*Yes, I would agree with your speculation that the 1880 HH 26/26 Robert Christian was the son of Thomas Scaggs Christian, who had a son "Robbin" in 1850. This was a common nickname for children named Robert.*

*Although listed as son and daughters, I doubt that the three youngest children in HH 25/25 were, in fact, the children of Thomas S. Christian and his 66-year-old wife.*

*Have you any idea who Jackson Christian's parents were? Was he perhaps another son of Thomas S. Christian?*

*Again, many thanks for your gracious cooperation.*

*Sincerely,*



JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD

6 Saunders Addition

Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

29 November 1988

SURNAMES

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"  
"

Paternal:

"Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
"2001 North Westwood Avenue  
"Santa Ana, CA 92706

Sigmon

Jones

Hill

Price

Bagby

Shores

(La Shores)

Huff

Van Meter

Du Bois

Bodine

Blanchan

Linus

Hale

"  
"Dear Agnes,  
"  
"I do hope that your overseas trip was enjoyable. Many of the foreign  
"countires I would love to see--yet, I have never been able to figure  
"out how to get to them without flying or going by water. So, I have  
"never even considered it. I have a fear of flying and travelling by  
"water.  
"  
"Needless to say, I am pleased that you agree with me about the age of  
"Mary Altizer Christian. This information has all been incorporated in  
"my chapter on the Christian family, and I certainly wouldn't want to  
"have a historian of your expertise disagreeing with me. I attempted to  
"write to Linda LaForce to relate to her the recorded facts about Mastin  
"and Jane[McKenster]Christian. However, her letter was returned to me  
"with the notation that she had moved and left no forwarding address. I  
"used the address in Fair Oaks, CA - 8161 Molokai Way--95628. Do you have  
"a later address from her? Since Mastin and Jane were only living apart  
"for 1 1/2 years, I have no doubt but what some of the children Linda  
"has assigned as children of Maria/Margaret are bound to have been children  
"of Jane. This will make a big difference in some of her thinking, I am  
"certain.

Maternal:

Reed

Beavers

Rice

Barnett

Christian

Harman

Skaggs

Hoover (?)

"  
"I agree with you about the young children in Thomas S. Christian's house-  
"hold in 1880. I didn't catch that at first. Martha, my niece, took a  
"day off from the bank and came up to read that film for me. Since she was  
"not used to watching these things, she probably saw "children" or "son"  
"or "daughter" and didn't notice the "g" before it. I am guessing that this  
"is what happened. If I ever get my hands on that film again, I will re-  
"check it. I was so happy to have it read. I had ordered it some time  
"before I became ill, and wouldn't you know that it came in when there was  
"no way that I could sit and view it.  
"  
"I have nothing in my records to indicate whose son Jackson Christian was.  
"Yet, if we follow the numbers of the households in the 1880 census, it  
"would be a logical conclusion to draw that he was a son of Thomas Skaggs  
"Christian. We know that my great grandmother, Nancy Christian Reed, named  
"her oldest son Jackson. What would be more logical to assume that Thomas  
"Skaggs Christian also named a son Jackson. My guess is that they have  
"heard glowing accounts of Andrew Jackson from their father, Thomas Christian,  
"Sr., and consequently wanted to name a son for him. We know, too, from  
"information in re Thomas Mastin and Daniel Smith that Andrew Jackson was  
"a neighbor and active in Davidson and Sumner counties' politics and  
"settlement the same as Mastin and Smith. We also know that Thomas Christian  
"is bound to have been in Tennessee for a time with Mastin. We have the

Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by  
their fathers' houses, according to their number of names. . ."

#2 - Agnes Pearlman - 29 November 1988

the court record of Thomas Mastin's having paid 5 schillings for one of Thomas Christian's indiscretions in Sumner County. I still wonder who the Agnes Christian was who married Thomas Cartwright in Sumner County with Thomas Mastin having been surety for this bond. Since I am now fairly certain that Agnes Mastin was either a Bandy or a Christian, it makes me wonder the more.

A friend and fellow-searcher in the Harman family, et al, has shared with me an extraction of all the BEAVERS and BARNETT marriages in Tazewell County records from 1854 to 1911. I looked through these to see if by chance that Jackson Christian might have married into one of these families. Couldn't find anything, but did find that many of those in the Christian family married those of the Beavers family with Thomas S. Christian having performed the ceremonies:

5 September 1854 - MR #3, pg. 2, line 52

Mathias Christians married Eleanor Beavers

Husband, age 22; wife, age 18.

Both Single

Both born in Tazewell

Husband's parents: Thomas & Mary Christian (our Thomas, Sr.)

Wife's parents: William and Nancy Beavers (This William Beavers

was a s/o Robert "Robin" Beavers and Catherine [Harman]

Beavers--Catherine's parents were Mathias Harman, Sr. and Lydia Skaggs.)

Minister: Bird Lockhart

30 November 1865 - MR #3, pg. 19, line 92

Guy L. Beavers married Hannah Christian

Husband, age 20; wife age 16.

Both single

Both born in Tazewell

Husband's parents: William and Mary Beavers (s/o Robert and Catherine)

Wife's parents: Thos. S. and Anna Christian (s/o Thomas, Sr. and Louisa Harman).

Minister: Thos. S. Christian (Surprisingly, many of these Beavers marriages were performed by Thos. S. Christian. I really shouldn't be surprised because of the close family relationship between these families.)

11 November 1868 - MR #3, pg. 27, line 40

Mathias Beavers married Ruthy Christian

Husband's age 22; wife's age 28

Both Single

Both born in Tazewell

Husband's parents: Wm. & \_\_\_\_\_ Beavers (Robert and Catherine's son?)

Wife's parents: D. & L. Christian

Minister: Thomas S. Christian

3 November 1868 - MR#3, pg. 29, line 61

John Beavers married Ellen Christian

Husband, age 25; wife, age 23

Both single

Husband born in MdDowell Co.; wife born in Tazewell

Husband's parents: John and Polly Beavers

Wife's parents: Daniel and Hannah Christian (my great grandmother's brother & s/o Thomas, Sr. and Louisa)

Minister: Wm. P. Linkous



14 February 1872 - MR #3, pg. 35, line 13  
Wm. M. Christian married Rachel Beavers  
Husband's age 21; wife's age 21  
Both single  
Both born in Tazewell  
Husband's parents: Daniel & Hannah Christian  
Wife's parents: Alexander Beavers (and Elizabeth Hankins Beavers)  
Minister: G. F. Bruster

Please note: Some time ago, you and I discussed this William Christian and some how it was thought that his middle name was Crockett. 'tain't so! I have also found his death record and other records pertaining to him and his middle initial is definitely "M." This Rachel Beavers is the Rachel Christian who was in the picture with my mother, Rachel Reed. Remember, I sent a copy of this picture to you. Rachel Beavers was a half-sister to my grandmother, Robina Beavers Reed. Rachel was a d/o of Elizabeth Hankins, Alexander's first wife; and Robina was a d/o Rachel Barnett, Alexander's second wife. Of course, I have already pointed out that Daniel Christian was a brother to Nancy Christian Reed, my great grandmother, and a d/o Thomas, Sr. and Louisa Harman. Hannah was a Harrison.

22 December 1892 - MR #3, pg. 103, line 200  
W. G. Beavers married Lettie B. Christian  
Husband's age 22; wife's age 25  
Both Single  
Husband's birthplace: McDowell Co.  
Wife's birthplace: Tazewell  
Husband's parents: John and Ellen Beavers  
Wife's parents: M.M. and Ellender Christian  
Minister: G. F. Bruster

I am not sure who this is. I do know that after Wm. M. Christian died Rachel Christian married a Brewster.

4 October 1903 - MR #3, pg. 161, line 215  
J. G. Beavers married Eva. M. Christian  
Husband's age 24; wife's age 25  
Both Single  
Husband born in McDowell  
Wife born in Tazewell  
Husband's parents: James and Rachel Beavers  
Wife's parents: Thomas C. and A. Christian (This must be Thomas Christian Christian, s/o Thomas Skaggs Christian - ancestor of Cheryl Duke.)  
Minister: J. G. Dula

8 June 1904 - MR #3, pg. 165, line 95  
Jas. P. Beavers married cie Christian  
Husband's age 25; wife's age 18  
Both Single  
Husband born in McDowell  
Wife born in Tazewell  
Husband's parents: Jack and Susan Beavers  
Wife's parents: Thos. E. and Hallifer Christian (beats me!)  
Minister: J. E. Linkous

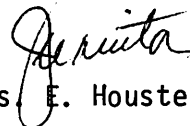
#4 - Agnes Pearlman - 29 November 1988

I noted as I checked these lists that several of the Beavers married members of the Bandy family with Thomas S. Christian having performed the ceremony. This certainly reveals a close association, relationship, or whatever with these two families which just made me wonder more than ever about Agnes Mastin.

While discussing the name Jackson in our family, I started thinking about Jackson's home, The Hermitage, near Nashville. Several years ago, Houston and I visited in Nashville and we went to The Hermitage. It, of course, is a lovely old home which has been well preserved by those interested in history there in Nashville. I have a picture of me which was taken in the burial grounds there on the estate, and I was standing amid the flowers and near the tomb of Andrew and Rachel. Rachel was a d/o John Donelson who left Franklin County, Virginia, to go with those who were opening up the wilderness in what was later to become Tennessee. John Donelson and my ancestors, Robert Hill and Robert Jones, were among the very earliest settlers in what was later to become Franklin County. Robert Jones married Mary Van Meter and it is through her that my ancestry goes back to Chrieste(sp) Du Bois of France. Robert Hill had an old fort in Franklin County and a portion of it was still standing just a few years back. John Donelson had an iron works in Franklin and I believe that some of the remains of these works are still there. Little did I know when I had that picture taken that my ancestors had figured so prominently along with those early adventurers in that area of Tennessee.

I didn't mean to write this much, but remembered these marriage records and thought that they might prove to be useful to you later on. Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving and that the upcoming Holidays will be very pleasant.

Best wishes,



(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*December 6, 1988*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Thank you so much for your letter of November 29 with the record of the Christian-Beavers marriages.*

*Quite by coincidence, I received a card today from Linda LaForce, which gave her new address:*

*16001 Frederick Road  
Rockville, Maryland 20855-2217*

*I doubt that she has details on all the discoveries regarding Mastin and Jane (McKenster) Christian. I'm sure Linda would appreciate receiving your letter to her.*

*Your mention of Andrew Jackson, et al, brought to mind the fact that my great-great uncle, John Branch, was Secretary of the Navy under Jackson. John Branch was also three times governor of Florida and two times governor of North Carolina. This is a relation on my paternal side. Although this John Branch was born in the eighteenth century (4 November 1782--to be precise), only two generations separate us. That is the result of my ancestors being born late in the life of the fathers in the Branch family line. Interestingly, Gov. John Branch's daughter, Margaret "Peggy" Branch, married Daniel Smith Donelson. Is it possible that he was a son of the John Donelson you mention? Note the middle name of Smith!*

*"It's a small world!" is a common expression, but it's especially true in the world of genealogy.*

*May you and yours have a very merry Christmas and a new year fulfilling your desires.*

*Sincerely,*



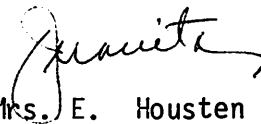
#2 - Agnes Pearlman - 14 December 1988

The family Bible mentioned in this quotation is said to be in the possession of Miss Sarah Berry of Hendersonville, Tennessee.

Walter Durham and I have exchanged correspondence in re Daniel Smith and my interest in Thomas Mastin. He is very knowledgeable of Daniel Smith and did include much data in his books about Thomas Mastin. I have read his book, "Daniel Smith--Frontier Statesman," but I don't have a copy of it. I do have a copy of his "Great Leap Westward." In "Daniel Smith," he has much to say about Thomas Mastin and the friendship between these two men. I shall use some of the data from these books in my history (chapter of the Reed Book) of Thomas Mastin. Nothing that I found in either of these books, however, shed any light as to the relationship, if any, between Thomas Mastin and Thomas Christian. I still firmly believe that we will eventually find that the relationship, if any, was between Agnes Mastin and the Christian and Bandy families. We know beyond doubt that she was related to the Bandys; and we also know that Thomas Bandy's first wife was a widow who had been married to a Christian. If we could only find that "missing link."

Hope this information will be helpful to you. We do wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As ever,



(Mrs.) E. Houston Halstead



Ring in the new!



Ring out the old!

Dear Juanita,  
I found the details regarding the Donaldson wedding quite fascinating. Thanks for sending the details.  
Have you corresponded with Christine Lester, 10119 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601? She is descended from Thomas and Louisa (Hornor) Christian also. I will refer her to you when I respond to a letter recently received from her.  
Wishing you a wonderful Christmas!  
Agnes

Whether you celebrate the new year at

ADVENT

TISHRI for "Rosh Hashanah"

MUHARRAM

or at another time --

We take this opportunity to wish you  
a happy, healthful, and memorable year.

AGNES and CARL PEARLMAN



JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD

6 Saunders Addition

Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

24 January 1989

SURNAMES

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Jones  
Hill  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Huff  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Linus  
Hale

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

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"  
Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, California 92706  
"  
Dear Agnes,  
"  
I am pleased that the Smith/Donaldson data was helpful to you .  
Mr. Durham has much informative data in his publications with regard  
to the early settlers of the area of Tennessee.  
"  
Walter Elswick recently sent to me information on Jackson Reed's  
family--Jackson having been the eldest son of John Wesley Reed and  
Nancy Christian. In this, I found some additional Christian data  
which I thought that you might like to have:  
"  
This daughter of Jackson Reed's (wife Charlotte Maynard)  
was:  
"  
Nancy Reed, who married Moses Christian. Children:  
a. Carl Christian  
b. Samuel Christian  
c. Doak Christian  
d. Reese Christian  
e. Mamie Christian  
f. Zell Christian  
"  
This Moses Christian has me stumped--I have no idea whose  
son he was. I have asked Walter if he can help me.  
"  
Walter, of course, is now in his latter 80s and not at all well. I  
am afraid that he won't be able to help me too much longer with Jackson's  
family. He has a benign brain tumor which has really slowed him down.  
"  
I am about ready to start compiling the data on the Reeds for my mater-  
nal family history. However, I am thinking seriously of rewriting the  
Harman chapter because of additional personal reference to Mathias  
which I have found and I believe this will enhance the reading thereof.  
I also recently obtained pictures of the old Harman home site on Dry  
Fork and I love the setting--it was absolutely beautiful in that valley.  
"  
"  
Best wishes,  
"  
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"  
(Mrs. E. Housten Halstead)

Num. 1:18 - ". . .and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to their number of names. . ."



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*January 30, 1989*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Thank you for forwarding the information on the family of Moses and Nancy (Reed) Christian.*

*Like you, I am not certain which Moses that would be? Since I have never indexed the Reed family notes you have sent through the years, I also am not certain of the approximate birth dates for Nancy Reed or for her husband, Moses Christian.*

*Is it possible he was the Moses C. Christian, born about 1878, son of Thomas B. and Christian and his third wife, Mary Blankenship? I have no further data on him.*

*Do let me know if you are able to identify his parents.*

*Sincerely,*

The Santa Monica Mountains, a unique blending of mountains and seashore, extend 52 miles from downtown Los Angeles to the Pacific Ocean. These rugged mountains, chaparral-covered hillsides and white sand beaches could become Southern California's only National Park, serving millions year 'round.

February 9, 1989

Dear Juanita,

Thanks for the magazine article about "Rock Castle."

Reading it reminded me of my visit to Hendersonville many years ago--before my interest in genealogy had been aroused.

Your thoughtfulness in sending such items is certainly appreciated.

Sincerely,

2001 N. Westwood  
Santa Ana, California 92706

Photo by Nevis Fortney



POST CARD  
ADDRESS

Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot  
West Virginia 25560

Information: SMMTF, 2410 Beverly Blvd., L.A., CA 90057

JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD

6 Saunders Addition

Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

22 February 1989

SURNAMES

Paternal:

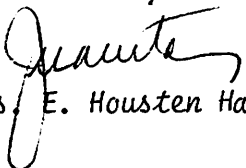
Sigmon  
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Blanchan  
Linus  
Hale

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"  
" Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
" 2001 North Westwood Avenue  
" Santa Ana, CA 92706  
"  
" Dear Agnes,  
"  
" I have found out which Moses Christian married Nancy Reed, the d/o  
" Jackson and Charlotte (Maynard) Reed. However, I don't have the date  
" of this marriage (which I will attempt to find out), and I don't know  
" which Samuel was this Moses' father. Here is the data:  
"  
" Marriage Book #3, pg. 82 -  
"  
" M. W. Christian married Nancy R. Reed; both age 18;  
" both single; both born in Tazewell County; both  
" residents of Tazewell Co.; his parents were Samuel and  
" Mary Christian; her parents were Jackson and Lottie Reed;  
" he was a farmer; married by J. R. Sparks.  
"  
" From other records which I have from Tazewell County, I suspect that  
" this marriage recorded in Book #3, at pg. 82, was ca 1888. I know that  
" Moses Christian, s/o Thomas and Louisa, had a son named Samuel, but his  
" wife's name was Isabel in some of the records which I have. Could he  
" have married a second time? Was there another Samuel Christian, to your  
" knowledge, whose wife's name was Mary?

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

Best wishes,

  
(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)





*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*February 25, 1989*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Thank you for your letter of February 22 with the additional data on the marriage of Moses Christian and Nancy Reed.*

*Your speculation is correct regarding at least two marriages for Samuel Christian, son of Moses and Mary (Beavers) Christian:*

*Samuel Christian, born c. 1826, married 1) Isabel Brewster 27 April 1854 in Tazewell County, Virginia, and they later divorced. My records show one daughter, Louisa, born to them c. 1860; but there may have been other children of this marriage.*

*Samuel Christian, born c. 1826, married 2) Mary (Patrick) VanDike, a widow and daughter of Wilkerson and Rutha Patrick, 29 March 1864 in Tazewell County, Virginia. I have seven children listed for them:*

*Joseph E. Christian, born 22 January 1865 Tazewell Co., VA*

*Moses Wilson Christian, born 3 November 1866 Sinking Waters, Tazewell Co., VA*

*Alice Christian, born c. 1869*

*Wency Christian, a son, born c. 1872*

*James W. Christian, born c. 1873*

*Reese D. Christian, born c. 1876*

*William A. Christian, born c. 1879*

*There may have been others, but I do not have a follow-up.*

*Interestingly, you are the one who gave me the information on Samuel's second marriage! I have a note that he may even have married a third time.*

*Anyway, the above clarifies identity of Nancy (Reed) Christian's mother-in-law and father-in-law.*

*I'll be referring another researcher to you on the chance that you have some information about Rutha Christian who married Thomas Chafin as his first wife. Rutha was the daughter of Daniel and Sarah "Sally" (Mounts) Christian. The researcher is:*

*Mr. James E. Wuthrich*

*Post Office Box 2843*

*Vero Beach, Florida 32961-1832*

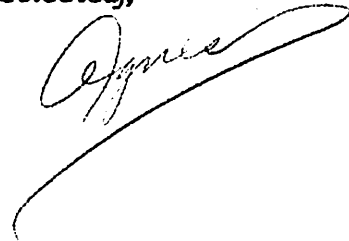
*Mr. Wuthrich's records show that this Daniel was the son of Daniel and Hannah (Harrison) Christian rather than Mastin and Margaret "Peggy" (Robinet) Christian, as my files indicate.*

February 25, 1989

Do you have anything that would document which is correct? Obviously, I would want my records for this period of the Tazewell County, Virginia, Christians to be accurate but must confess that there is no proof in my file. In fact, I even have a note questioning whose son Daniel it was who died in the Civil War and whose son Daniel died in Wayne County, West Virginia, 4 July 1911. I would certainly be interested in whatever you have since I notice that at least two of the children of Daniel and Hannah (Harrison) Christian married Beavers.

We no sooner solve one puzzle than another presents itself!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Houston Halstead", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

JUANITA SIGMON HALSUEAD

6 Saunders Addition

Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

9 March 1989

SURNAMES

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"

" Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
" 2001 North Westwood Avenue  
" Santa Ana, CA 92706  
"

Paternal:

- Sigmon
- Jones
- Hill
- Price
- Bagby
- Shores  
(La Shores)
- Huff
- Van Meter
- Du Bois
- Bodine
- Blanchan
- Linus
- Hale

" Dear Agnes:  
"  
" I always knew that it was going to happen: If I kept going "around  
" the barn" in this Christian research, I was going to meet myself coming  
" back! The reason that I didn't refer to the list which I made of the  
" Christian marriages in Tazewell County was the fact that I had not  
" filed them as yet. Because of my back problem, I have had to depend  
" on Hosten most of the time in filing for me and getting items from the  
" file for me. After your last letter, I started searching the unfiled  
" items and found the list. I am hampered very much in my genealogical  
" work because of the fear of bending and lifting in filing--that was what  
" caused my backset last summer. Anyway, I do believe that I can help you  
" with your last question. I do not believe that Daniel who married Sarah  
" Mounts was a s/o Daniel and Hannah (Harrison) Christian. Here are my  
" reasons:  
"

" The first piece of evidence is Daniel's will: This is recorded in the  
" Tazewell County records and John Newton Harman, in his "Annals of Taze-  
" well County," gives an abstract of this will:  
"

Maternal:

- Reed
- Beavers
- Rice
- Barnett
- Christian
- Harman
- Skaggs
- Hoover (?)

" Vol. II, at pg. 160 - "Daniel Christian. Will probated in April  
" 1884 - Will Book 5, pg. 424. Devises his property to his wife,  
" Hannah, during her life, and then to be equally divided among the  
" following heirs: Rebecca Davis, Louvisa Asbury, David Christian,  
" John H. Christian, Polly Prewitt, Ellen Beavers, Rachel Vandike,  
" Sarah Sparks, Louisa Harrison, Rebecca Bandy, M. Christian, Wm. M.  
" Christian, C. H. Christian and James Bandy."  
"

" In comparing the 1850 census with this abstract, and also referring to  
" marriages on record in Tazewell, one finds this:  
"

- " Daniel Christian, age 43
- " Hannah Christian, age 36
- " Nancy Christian, age 13 - m. James Bandy on 14 June 1855
- " David Christian, age 11 - m. Amanda Elswick on 26 Jan. 1859
- " Polly Christian, age 9 - named as "Polly Prewitt in will.
- " Jno. Christian, age 8 - m. Clementine Harman on 9 Jan 1857
- " George, age 6 - no mention of him in will
- " Eleanor Christian (Ellen), age 4 - m. John Beavers on 3 Nov 1868
- " Richard Christian (was this Rachel?), age 2
- " William Christian, age 1 - m. Rachel Beavers on 14 Feb 1872
- "

" ~~Not listed in household in 1850 were: Rebecca who married Henry Davis on~~  
" ~~26 Oct 1865 (I believe this may have been a granddaughter because one of~~

#2 - Agnes Pearlman - 9 March 1989

I just found an explanation which I had overlooked about this Rebecca: A correspondant who has shared Christian data with me says that it was Mastin's daughter, Rebecca, who married as her second husband Henry Davis on 26 October 1865. It could be that she referred to the actual records on file in the court house and John Newton Harman didn't take the trouble to give the parents' names in his records. This same correspondant says that Addison Christian, s/o Mastin, married Rebecca Christian, d/o Daniel, as his first wife. I can't explain this Rebecca Davis, unless this researcher is incorrect and Rebecca married first to Addison and then married Henry Davis in 1865--which may be the case. This marriage between Addison and Rebecca took place on 30 March 1849. It could well be that Rebecca married the second time to HENRY Davis. This, then, would explain her not having been on the 1850 census in Daniel's household and also a Rebecca Davis having been named as the first heir, other than Hannah, in Daniel's will. In fact, I go with this rather than the other way around.

Louvisa Asbury was not listed in the 1850 census either--she married James Harvey Asbury on 6 Feb 1850. This correspondent I mentioned told me this about this couple: Their daughter, Hannah Asbury, married Alvis R. Williams; one of their sons was W. M. Williams; and W. M. Williams' son was D. W. Williams and husband to my informant. David Christian's daughter, Lydia, married Smith Asbury, who was a brother to James Harvey Asbury. David Christian's daughter, Nancy, married Thomas Beavers on 2 October 1850; their son, William, married Nancy Asbury, d/o Lydia and Smith Asbury; Nancy and Thomas Beavers' daughter, Mary Jane Beavers, married Elijah Vance, a son of ~~Jesse Abner Vance~~ this couple was Jesse Abner Vance and father to my informant.

The M. Christian mentioned in the will is the s/o Daniel and Hannah who is listed with them (only other listing) in the 1880 census. His name was Marion. Under the heading of "Sparks Family" in Harman's "Annals of Tazewell County," it is said that William Sparks married Sarah Christian. My assumption is that this is Daniel's daughter named in the will. If we had the 1870 census, it might list this C. H. Christian--otherwise, I don't have anything on him. I am wondering if Louisa Harrison and Rebecca Bandy were grandchildren--I found nothing to help me on them.

Out of all of this, the most important item for your attention is the fact that Daniel did not list an heir named "Daniel." We do know that Mastin had a 21-yr. old son named Daniel in the 1850 census. Daniel Christian married Sarah Mounts on 20 Aug 1850; minister, David Payne. Certainly, it is easy to see that more than likely this was the Daniel who is the ancestor of your correspondent. We know, too, that Mastin had a son named Daniel who was named as being among those being sued in the case of Christian vs. Christian (the lawsuit brought by the children of Thomas, Sr.'s last marriage vs. the children of the first marriage). You will note, too, that Mathias is named in the 1850 census, but not in the Bill of Complaint. There was a 19-yr. old Daniel Christian listed as head of household #1176 in 1850, with wife, Susanna. So, this doesn't fit your correspondent's ancestors, either.

After I found the divorce proceedings in the chancery files in Tazewell County, I was dissuaded from any belief that Jane McKenster Christian had left Mastin in 1828. Where did this idea develop? In the proceedings, it is said that she had been away from Mastin about one year (and a few months, as I remember it--I don't want to look for the record right now). He had been trying to persuade her to return home and she had said that she would, if he would move to a certain place. There is no notion there that this separation had been going on for 22 years and a divorce finally granted on May 14, 1851. We know that she was in the household, (with daughter, Ruth, there also) of her son, William, when the census was taken in 1850.

#3 - Agnes Pearlman - 9 March 1989

My personal opinion, reached by an extensive study of the records extant, is that most of the children of Mastin's were Jane's--possibly those born after 1848 might have been issue of the other consort. We know that the "Maria" with whom he is living in 1850 was not a legitimate spouse. I am afraid that this must be a hard "pill" to swallow for descendants. I wrote to Linda LaForce after I had a card from her at Christmas, giving her the information which I had on this situation, and I have not heard from her to date. Possibly she doesn't believe me and wants to check it out more carefully. From what I saw in the proceedings, it isn't a pretty picture. We do know that Mastin and Jane both were "carrying on." Charter Mitchell played a big part in Jane's life for a time.

Maybe I have just muddied the waters more for you. But I do believe that your best proof is Daniel's will--no Daniel mentioned as an heir.

Best wishes,



P.S. Did you find any evidence in your original research on Thomas, Sr. and Mary Altizer to indicate that they might have had a son named Samuel who died as an infant? The correspondent about whom I mentioned in this letter says that death records show that Thomas B. Christian and Mary lost a son named Samuel on 7 June 1832 at the age of 1 year, 8 months. She uses this to prove that our Thomas Christian's middle initial was "B." I believe that somehow this record has been confused with Thomas B., the son of Moses--his first wife, I believe, was Mary "Polly" Barnett. In all of the records which I have on Thomas, and ones which he signed himself, he never used the initial "B." I know that this child couldn't have been the son of Thomas B. because he would have been too young.





*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*March 13, 1989*

*Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*I know exactly what you mean in going "around the barn" in the Christian research. I have met myself coming back more than once!*

*After last writing to you, I came to the same conclusion as you regarding parentage of the Daniel Christian who married Sarah Mounts. All the evidence points to his having been a son of Mastin Christian--by which name we have no real way of knowing. There is, of course, the will of Daniel Christian who was married to Hannah Harrison in which there was no mention of a son Daniel. Furthermore, Daniel and Sarah Mounts did not marry until 20 August 1850 (after the taking of the 1850 census); and there was no younger Daniel in the household of the senior Daniel. There was, of course, a Daniel, aged 21, in the household of Mastin. The Daniel, aged 19, with wife Susanna was the son of John and Cathan (McKenster) Christian, who married Susanna Pruett 12 August 1849. I might add that in the 1840 household of Daniel [and Hannah (Harrison)] Christian, there are no males who could have grown to marriageable age by 1850±, thus verifying the entries of 1850.*

*Although I have no proof, it is my opinion that Mastin and Jane (McKenster) Christian separated many years before the divorce became official. Certainly, I am convinced that Mastin did have children by Maria or Margaret Robinet before he was divorced. At least three of the children had names popular in the Robinet family. The most obvious is the son, Nathan Robinet Christian, born about 1850. Daniel Robinet was also a popular name (true for the Christians as well, however); and Hiram was a common given name among some of the Robinet connections. Even today there are on-again, off-again marriages. One of my brothers was married twice to the same woman.*

*My notes indicate that after study of the records I accepted Rebecca Christian, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Harrison) Christian, as having married 1) Addison Christian, son of Mastin, and 2) Henry Davis.*

*You show John, son of Daniel and Hannah, as having married Clementine Harman. That may not be correct. I show the John who married Clementine Harman as being son of Moses and Mary "Polly" (Beavers) Christian. Then, I show John, son of Daniel and Hannah (Harrison) Christian, as having married Nancy Vance. Circumstantial evidence and family traditions seem to support this placement. You will notice that in his will, Daniel refers to his son John as John H. Christian.*

*As for a death record for a Samuel Christian, who died at the age of 1 year, 8 months, son of Thomas B. Christian and Mary: I believe the record must have been dated 7 June 1852, not 1832. There was no death register at the earlier period, and someone may have inadvertently entered the wrong date--probably when copying. It is likely that this was the son of Thomas B. Christian and his first wife, Polly Barnett. It could be checked out, but I don't know when I would have the time to do so.*

*Sincerely,*

*100% Recycled Paper*

C Saunders Addis.  
Scott Depot, WV  
25560-9693

13 April 1989

Dear Agnes,

Well, my back has me out of "Commissioner"  
again, and I must write by holding this pad on  
my knee. I can only sit up for a short time  
until I must go back to bed to stop the pain. I  
have now been in this condition for almost five  
weeks.

I do appreciate the information which you  
gave to me in your last letter. Some of it, however,  
I do want to make some observations thereto: (1)  
I do believe that my informant in re The Thomas  
B. Christian and Mary Christian's son, Samuel, was  
incorrect in her date of 1852 as death date for this  
child. I was assured by another correspondent that  
these records didn't begin until 1852. So, this had  
to have been a son of Thomas B. Christian, 3/4  
Moses. (2)

I have no doubt but what I am wrong  
about the John Christian who Mr. Clementine Herman I  
found this marriage listed in Herman's "Annals"  
and just jumped to the wrong conclusion probably.  
If I ever get so I can search my files again,  
I'll see if I can find anything further on this.

(3) You asked me one time if I knew  
how the name "Daniel" got into the Christian



family, at the time, I was thinking "Harmon".  
 Since that time, I have written a lengthy  
 Chapter for the Reed family history about Thomas  
 Mastin. I now believe there is every possibility  
 that Thomas named a son "Daniel" in honor  
 of Daniel Smith — we do know he and Mastin  
 were great friends, and it is obvious that our  
 Thomas Christian had high regard for Thomas  
 Mastin. Too, our Thomas is bound to have  
 known Daniel Smith while he was in the care  
 of Thomas Mastin.

(4) Now for some additional thoughts on  
 Mastin Christian and his first wife, Jane McKester.  
 When one reads the depositions, etc., in this  
 Chancery suit, one does not get a picture of a  
 separation of 23 years. I, too, know that on again /  
 off again marriages do exist, but my judgment in  
 this instance was based on sworn statements in  
 this file, viz: "Tazewell Co. Court House — Chancery  
 Ended 24 Feb, 1851 — Filed in Section 1, File 14 —  
~~Mastin's deposition.~~" Charter Sutchell's deposition:  
 "I know that Jane Christian has been guilty of  
 adultery since her separation from her husband  
 Mastin Christian." (Note: He should know because  
 he lived with her.) Moses Christian's deposition:  
 "After separation of Mastin Christian and his  
 wife Jane he inquired of said Jane the cause



of her leaving him and she assigned her reason that she wished to have no more children by him. Dependent further states that since that time he knows that said Jane lived for a considerable length of time, probably 18 months, in the same house with one Charles Mitchell as man and wife, though dependent never said them together." (Note: This is the reason Charles was so certain of her adultery — "It takes one, to know one.") Thomas Christian deposed & said, "Master tried to get Jane to go back with him (Jane was staying up at Thomas's father's) several times but she would not go. He understood that one time she had consented to live with him if he would move from Sandy to Clinch and he did move up part of his property but she still refused." (Note: Question — Do you think Master would have been trying to get her back if he were living with Maria/Margaret, and fathering more children? It's hard for me to accept a 23-year span of separation here.)

Then, Master made his deposition:  
 " — marriage solemnized between herself and one Jane — which was a happy one on his part for several years, at the

1828 to 1851



expiration of this time his wife abandoned  
 your mother and positively refused to live  
 with him. She had no complaints except  
 she did not desire to have any more children -  
 she was not satisfied - although since  
 their separation he may have been guilty  
 of many indiscretions. She was very  
 "foligate" (note: Surely if all the  
 children born to his consort from 1820  
 forward were from one other than  
 Jane, he would have known for  
certain if he were indiscreet.) Divorce  
 decree was final on 14 May 1851.

Martin's Children

1850

| <u>Name</u> | <u>age</u>  | <u>birth date</u> |                   |
|-------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| William     | 26  | ca 1824           | In own household  |
| Ruth        | 23  | ca 1827           | In Wm's household |
| Daniel      | 21  | ca 1829           |                   |
| Nancy       | 18  | ca 1832           |                   |
| Isaac       | 15  | ca 1835           |                   |
| Thomas      | 13  | ca 1837           |                   |
| Moses       | 7   | ca 1843           |                   |
| Mathias     | 5   | ca 1845           |                   |
| Martin      | 2   | ca 1848           |                   |
| Adison      | 20  | ca 1830           | In own household  |
| Nathan      | (Must have been born after 1850 census was taken) |                   |                   |
| Lolace      | (Not in household of Martin in 1850)              |                   |                   |



As you say, one cannot say positively that most of these children were Jane's; but since she was tired of child-bearing, one would have to speculate that several of these children were hers. The longest time span one sees between these children is from 1837 to 1843 (Thomas to Moses). Is this where the new consort entered the picture - 14 years before the divorce? Or, do we hark up to Diana in 1835?

It is hard to accept the idea that after separating from Jane, Martin would have waited until 1851 to make the children of this second alliance legitimate. Possible - it's true! But would Margaret have been willing for that many of her children to not have a legal name?

While I am aware that this proves nothing as far as when the separation first took place, I believe that all these "facts" presented in this suit causes me to pause for more considered thought in this regard.

I hope you can read this. I must go to rest my head.

Best wishes,  
Quinta

Rebecca Christian, to Daniel Henry, and m. 2 Henry Davis -  
 you! did on. I address Christian, and m. 2 Henry Davis -



Agnes

Best wishes for  
improved health.  
—not just for me but all!  
It is what the most  
likely to remain interesting  
would be the reason  
for the most

(2)

April 17, 1989

Dear Juanita,

I do hope that you  
are feeling much better!  
Chronic and recurrent back  
ailments are so difficult  
to treat and control.

Under the circumstances,  
I am especially appreciative  
of the letter you wrote while  
suffering so much pain.

In reflection, I believe  
the twentieth century birth  
records for Martin's children

JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD

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6 September 1989

SURNAMES

Paternal:

- Sigmon
- Jones
- Hill
- Price
- Bagby
- Shores  
(La Shores)
- Huff
- Van Meter
- Du Bois
- Bodine
- Blanchan
- Linus
- Hale

Maternal:

- Reed
- Beavers
- Rice
- Barnett
- Christian
- Harman
- Skaggs
- Hoover (?)

"  
 "  
 " Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
 " 2001 North Westwood Ave.  
 " Santa Ana, Ca. 92706  
 "  
 " Dear Agnes,  
 " I'm much improved, but still wait  
 " chance using the type writer until I feel that  
 " my back is stronger.  
 "  
 " One of my correspondants recently  
 " sent to me data, which he had found in a  
 " book in the pension application for service in  
 " the Revolution, on Emery Altizer. It occurred  
 " to me that possibly you would like to have  
 " it for your Altizer file. Therefore, I now  
 " copy it for you:  
 "  
 " Altizer, Emery (Mary) W. 4720  
 " 5 Oct. 1840 Montgomery Co., Va. Mary (X)  
 " Altizer of said county, aged about 81,  
 " declared she is widow of Emery Altizer  
 " who entered service under Capt. Adam  
 " Wallace or Capt. Paxton and Ben. Green  
 " and served until the taking of Corn-  
 " wallis, for at least eighteen months.  
 "  
 " She was married in July 1773 in  
 " Hagerstown, Md. One of her parents  
 " was opposed to her marriage and they  
 " ran off and were married by a minister  
 " of the Gospel by publication of banns. She  
 " lived in Berkeley Co., Va. When they ran  
 " off - Her husband died in Sept. 1819.

Num. 1:18 - "...and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to their number of names. . ."

- " 6 Oct. 1840. Montgomery Co., Va., Samuel Lucas, aged about 63, declares that when he was a boy Emery and Mary Altizer and several children come to the house of his father in Salt County and remained there five or six weeks before they got a home.
- " 16 Nov. 1840. Montgomery Co., Va. John Gardner, aged 65, declares he became acquainted with Emery and Mary Altizer about 1789 and they then had several children.
- " Mary Altizer of Montgomery Co., Va., widow of Emery Altizer who died in Sept. 1819, private in Company with Capt. Wallace under Gen. Breen in Virginia Continental Line for 18 months, was placed on the Richmond, Va., pension roll at \$6.00 per annum under the act of 1836. Certificate 3472 was issued 25 Nov. 1840."

I plan to, when my book will let me, write the Altizer addendum to the Reed history and include this bit of info. It might be helpful to those doing research in years to come.

I agree about the birth records for Martin's children — if they exist and contain names of parents — they would be the final say as to parentage. However, as it stands now and what the divorce record reveals, I feel that many of these first children were Jane's because I know that they didn't divorce until 1851 and Jane & Martin both seem to indicate that they had been separated for only 2 or 3 years at the most. If I can ever get back to Tozwell, I'll see what I can find.

Best wishes,  
 Quanita



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*September 27, 1989*

*Mrs. E. Houston Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*How thoughtful of you to send copy of the pension application of Emery Altizer! I know how much effort it must take since your back is not yet strong enough to allow your return to the typewriter.*

*Doesn't the wife's affidavit provide an interesting bit of family history? Have you yet identified Mary's maiden name? I notice that I still do not have that in my files.*

*In recent months I have had no time--not even a little time--for research. The situation is unlikely to change, so I don't know when I might be able to check the Tazewell County, Virginia, records to learn more about Mastin's children. If and when you do find some information, your letting me know would certainly be appreciated.*

*Although the findings do not relate directly to your Christian ancestry nor to mine, Michael Berry and Louis Koenig have uncovered documentation that proves that the John Christian who married Mary Maynard 3 February 1768 in Charles City County, Virginia, was not the one who moved to Georgia. Mary was the former Mary Royster. Although she had children from her Maynard marriage, she and John did not have a family and did not leave Charles City County.*

*The John Christian of Franklin County, Georgia, was the one who married Mary Bryant. She was descended from one of the French Huguenot immigrants.*

*I mention the above to let you know that I still receive information showing that some individuals still have time for active research. So we shouldn't give up hope that definite answers can still be found regarding our earliest known progenitors.*

*Sincerely,*

**JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD**  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

15 June 1990

SURNAMES

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Jones  
Hill  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Huff  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Linus  
Hale

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes,

While I have not been able to get back into "the harness" full force in genealogical research, I still keep some of it going and am still attempting to put together a history of mamma's family. Recently, this has led me to some additional pieces to the puzzle which we have been attempting to work for many years.

My local library was able to obtain for me on interlibrary loan a book, "The Big Sandy Valley," by Jillson, and in it I have found some interesting bits of information. Those of us who have been doing Harman research have known for some time that our Matthias Harman, Sr., as well as members of Lydia's Skaggs family were early adventurers in the Big Sandy valley area of Kentucky. In fact it was in this area where Matthias as well as Henry Skaggs, et al, founded Harman's Station. In order for the data which I have located to make sense, one must go back to some of the Tazewell County records:

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

In 1803, Tazewell County, Matthias filed a suit against John Graham. In this action, it is noted that it was ordered that a commission issue for the examination of LOVICE CHRISTIAN, Solomon Stratton, and Thomas Stratton to be read as evidence in this cause (Harman vs. Graham). The said commission was to be directed to Cornelius McGuire, Goodwin Likins, James Brown, ABRAM BEVERS and John Spurlock to be executed by them on any three of them. This case was still being mentioned in the court records of 1804, but I have not been able to find out why it was brought about. I am of the belief that the aforesaid LOVICE CHRISTIAN was Matthias' daughter Louisa. I know that this Abram Beavers was ordered by the court of Floyd County, Ky., to take my great great grandfather into his care as an apprentice to learn the shoemaking trade--this was in 1816 when John Wesley Reed was 14 years of age. I found data in the aforementioned book to the effect that Cornelius McGuire was a Methodist Minister from Tazewell County, Va., and was instrumental in establishing the Methodist church in Kentucky (one can't get much more "Methodist" than John Wesley--the name given to my great grandfather).. But, more importantly, we know that Robert "Robin" and Catherine (Harman) Beavers' daughter, Annabell, married Andrew McGuire. I have found him on documents listed along with Robin and others. Too, we know that W.M. McGuire was the minister who married John Wesley Reed and Nancy Christian in 1830. Cornelius McGuire organized the church in the home of Henry Stratton, Floyd County, Ky., in the year 1796.

Now, let's look at John Graham: He was a well-educated and opulent native of Virginia, gifted and experienced as a land surveyor, appeared in Kentucky

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Num. 1:18 - "... and they declared their pedigrees after their families,  
by their father's houses, according to the number of names ..."



Agnes Pearlman - 15 June 1990 - #2

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and began surveying and taking up ~~surveys~~ of a strictly legal manner vast stretches of wild land. Although his first surveys were laid down on lands closely bordering on the east the far-famed Bluegrass Country, his largest group of surveys--some 110 or more, involving a calculated 366,771 acres were located in what was at that time--1808-1819--Floyd County in the upper Big Sandy Valley. He was a Judge of Floyd County, an individual banker in Prestonsburg and a member of the Kentucky Legislature seated at Frankfort.....Later on, in the book, I found John Graham--1800 to 1820--opened the first store or trading post in that region. There is extant an old home-made calf-bound account book in which most of the names of the pioneers of that part of the Levisa River are found--evidently, they had done business with him. In this account book are the names of: Capt. Abram Beavers, THOMAS CHRISTIAN, Adam Harman, Adam Harmon, Daniel Harmon, John McGuire, James Gooding Lycan, Esq. (could this have been Goodwin Likins?), Charles Skaggs, John Spurlock and Solomon Stratton. Capt. Abram Beavers took my great grandfather, John Wesley Reed, as an apprentice to learn shoemaking (Floyd County) in 1816. I feel confident that this Thomas Christian was our Thomas. Remember that the 1850 census gave David Christian's birth place as Kentucky. Since David was born ca 1801, this falls within this time period. Possibly Matthias wanted Lovice/Louisa to testify (or make a deposition) in the case of Mathias Harman vs. John Graham because they knew Graham from having dealt with him at this trading post. One of these Adam Harmans might have been a s/o Mathias or perhaps a nephew; Daniel could have been a nephew. This Charles Skaggs, more than likely, was a brother to Lydia--she had a brother, Charles. John Spurlock, Solomon Stratton and Goodwin Likins are names found in the legal action aforementioned.

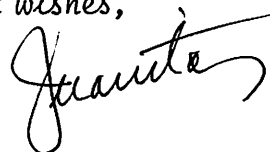
Under the heading "First Plan of Prestonburg," we find this: A plan of a town laid off on the north side Sandy River opposite the mouth of middle Creek, and to be known by the name of Prestonsburg as surveyed May 3rd 1797, by direction of Mayor Andrew Hood, Matthias Harman and Solomon Stratton Agents for the adventurers on Sandy under Col. John Preston's Grant.....town boundaries were given next. Then it was signed by JOHN GRAHAM, D.S.M.C. Showing, of course, a working communication between these men named. It leaves no doubt in my mind but what John Graham and Mathias had been having legal dealing heretofore. I still, though, have no notion as to why Mathias sued him.

Mathias Harman, Henry Harman, Henry Skaggs, James Skaggs, Robert Hawes, some of the Damrons and a man named Draper are mentioned among the early settlers of this region. This was in 1787 when the first Harman's Station was built. It was rebuilt in 1790, after the Indians had burned the first station. <sup>Early!</sup> Floyd County records were burned when the first court house was burned. This may be one reason that we will never be able to find some of the information which we need so badly.

I am now wondering if others of Thomas and Louisa Christian's children might have been born in this region. We know that Kentucky became a state in 1792, but it was Kentucky County of Virginia before that. Knowing how, oftentimes, the early settlers received news slowly and also changed old habits slowly--could they have thought that they were still in Virginia? Certainly, there does seem to have been much travelling back and forth between Tazewell and this region in Kentucky.

Forgive the messy letter. I am still having some problems with my back and tire very easily--thus many typos. Hope you are well.

Best wishes,





*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*June 29, 1990*

*Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*I was so pleased to hear from you and to know that you are still working on your history of your mother's family. I know only too well how difficult it is to get back into "the harness" full force. Like you, I have been trying for months but still am making unbelievably slow progress on my projected book, **Branch Family Lines**, to be devoted to my father's family. I don't recall whether I have ever mentioned that my maiden name was "Branch."*

*Thank you for keeping me up to date on your progress. You always manage to find such interesting information. Obviously, the families who lived along the Big Sandy River and its tributaries lived and/or carried on their affairs on both sides of the waterways. Your recent discoveries reinforce that conclusion. During the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century, it was often easier to travel along or across rivers than it was in the mountainous, wooded terrain.*

*Just recently, I heard from another correspondent who is interested in the Tazewell County, Virginia, Christians; however, he has not indicated to me how much research he has done. In case you wish to contact him, his name and address are as follows:*

*Mr. Scott C. Cole  
Post Office Box 226  
Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609*

*I had hoped to attend Huntington High School's Fiftieth Reunion this weekend, but circumstances prevented my doing so. When I do get back to West Virginia next, you can be sure I will let you know. I will also notify you of any discoveries I might make. As you know, I haven't made any recently though.*

*Have a wonderful summer.*

*Sincerely,*

**JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD**

6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

16 February 1996

SURNAMES:

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Hale  
Huff  
Jones  
Hill  
Linus  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Hendrickson  
Crocheron

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

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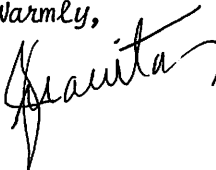
Dear Agnes,

I have wanted to write to you ever since I received your thank you note in August. However, as my Christmas note indicated, I had my time taken up with health problems. So, I just didn't- get around to writing as I wanted to do. (Please overlook this typewriter--it puts a dash in on its own ever now and then.) I am feeling some better, but still not completely up to par as yet.

You whetted my curiosity when you mentioned the research of David Stewart as regards the Christian family. You said that he had found some answers which we had missed, and suggested that he probably would find more. Would you care to elucidate on this further? I do hope that some one comes up with the answer as to who his parents were. I have certainly looked for this for years in every nook and craney I could think of.

I had the "cabin boy" story come to me again just recently. If the 1850 census is correct, then our Thomas was born ca 1770. Add 12 years for the age of the cabin boy, and one has the year 1782. When Thomas Christian made his deposition for Hezekiah Whitt, he stated that he had been orphaned and raised by Thomas Mastin. That he had known Hezekiah at the time of the Indian campaign which Thomas Mastin led into Tennessee; (and this campaign, we know, took place in 1779). This being the case, Thomas Christian was a boy of 9 years of age. Certainly these data alone would exclude the cabin boy. Perhaps it was an earlier Thomas Christian who might have been a father (?) to our Thomas. We know, too, that those of our Skaggs family were in America earlier than 1782. I believe that Thomas Christian's son Thomas Skaggs Christian received the Skaggs name because of Louisa's grandmother, Lydia Skaggs Harman.

I'LL be anxious to have your thoughts on this.

Warmly,  




*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*February 20, 1996*

*Mrs. Juanita S. Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*How nice to receive your letter of February 16! I was pleased to learn that your health problems are on the mend. I do not say "fully recovered" because, as I recently said to my husband, "we will never be nineteen again."*

*The past few months have left little time for genealogical pursuits. I had a brief bout with the flu and also was serving on a jury until Carl's condition forced me to resign. He was in the hospital during two weeks of January with pneumonia—a condition that caused scheduled surgery to be postponed. Then earlier this month he had the by-pass operation on his right leg. The results are labelled "successful," but he still has considerable discomfort during the recuperation phase. Nevertheless, he hopes that he will be able to return to his favorite hobby, playing golf, one of these days.*

*As for the research of W. David Stewart: As you will notice from photocopies of two letters from our correspondence last year, his findings do not relate to identity of your Thomas Christian's parents. I am sorry if my comments misled you into believing such discoveries were made. You will see that they relate primarily to the children of Gilbert Christian and Lucy (Richards) (Thomas) Christian. I mentioned David's research to you because of his interest in Tazewell County, Virginia.*

*One major aspect that David and I failed to discuss in detail is the possibility that Lucy's Thomas children assumed the surname of their step-father, Gilbert Christian. That has happened quite frequently following death or divorce—and still does.*

*What do you think of it all?*

*Sincerely,*

*Enclosures*



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Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

February 27, 1999

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

Dear Juanita:

It has been quite a while since we have exchanged genealogical data, but I recently heard from another descendant of Thomas and Louisa (Harman) Christian. She believes, as you once speculated years ago, that Thomas was the son of Nathaniel and Jane Christian. Through the years we have proved that this could not have been the relationship since Nathaniel's son Thomas is well-documented in Cocke County, Tennessee, during the same years that your Thomas was in Sumner County, Tennessee, with Thomas Mastin and in Tagewell County, Virginia, after he established residence there.

I gave her your name and address. She is Karen Hill 4404 Washington Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21227.

I should also add that a tremendous amount of erroneous Christian family information appearing on the World Wide Web and Family Tree Maker. It distresses me, but I suppose it is to be expected. I haven't had time to place data on the web, but others have entered my name and some information there—usually without any of the qualifiers that are so necessary for accuracy.

Progress on my line has been limited but encouraging. Circumstantial evidence indicates that my Thomas Christian who married Rebecca Pine was the son of the Allen Christian who married Juda. I believe but have not yet proved conclusively that Allen was the son of Thomas Christian of Bedford County, Virginia. This Thomas was the brother of the above-mentioned Nathaniel, and I have been able to follow their movements from 1752 in that part of Lunenburg that eventually became Bedford. It appears that Thomas died in Bedford before 1781 whereas Nathaniel had moved on to Montgomery County, Virginia, where he died in 1779.

As I have been reviewing all my notes, I view the distinct possibility that your Thomas was a son or grandson of one of the not-fully documented other brothers of Nathaniel and Thomas—leaving your Thomas an orphan.

What are your thoughts on this? I look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,



JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

24 March 1999

SURNAMES:

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Hale  
Huff  
Jones  
Hill  
Linus  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Hendrickson  
Crocheron

Mrs Agnes Branch Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706-3541

Dear Agnes,

It was good to hear from you again, and I am sorry that I have been so long in answering your letter. However, I have not been too well, having had another kidney stone recently and then an attack with a "bug" which was making the rounds here in the valley. I am now feeling some better and attempting to get back into my regular routine.

Needless to say, I have not been spending much time in research lately. I have had some requests about our Christian family; and have shared the chapter which I wrote about them with some who were interested. I did specify that should they use same to please give me credit for the time and energy which I spent in compiling this material. I am not going to have the money to have this work published (much to my regret), but I will have completed this history for posterity (and maybe some of them will publish it later). I have not heard from Karen Hill.

Yes, there was a time when I latched on to Nathaniel and Jane Christian as possible parents of our Thomas. I think there are some dregs of this belief still in my "craw." For instance, knowing how these families continued to use the same given names over and over, I have never found any other mention of a "Jane" other than in the case of Nathaniel. Too, one does find a Nathan in Thomas' descendants. John Wesley Reed and Nancy (Christian) named a daughter "Nancy Jane." I have since found in census records where Nancy Christian Reed was also known as "Nancy Jane." I feel sure that Louisa Harman named the first Nancy for one of her mother's sisters - a Nancy Skaggs; which left me to wonder if Thomas named her "Jane" from either a mother or a close relative. My mother was named Rachel Jane Reed. Whence cometh the "Jane."

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

As I said previously, I have shared my Christian Chapter of the Reed history with those doing research on this family. I explicitly asked that should they use it any way that they mention the source. I knew that I took a chance in so doing. People will latch on to misinformation and use it at times, I am afraid. Thus what you are seeing on the Wide World Web. I have no computer.

I am enclosing a copy of my chapter on the Mastin family for your use. I find it quite interesting to note how often Thomas Mastin was among those who were close to our family. Too, I feel confident that Agnes Mastin had either a BAndy tie or was, actually, a Christian. So, we see them taking

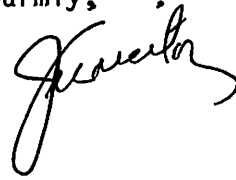
AGNES PEARLMAN  
24 March 1999  
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our Thomas Christian under their care. I opted to send you the complete chapter rather than to try to explain my thoughts on this in a letter. I would like to have your thoughts on this after you have read same.

I remember finding an actual legal paper in some Christian material at our State Archives and sending it to you some years back. I know, at the time, you questioned its being an actual paper, but I recall that in no way did it look to be a copy. This was about your Thomas Christian and Rebecca Pine.

Anything which you find additionally about my THomas Christian, I would be most interested in having. Thanks for keeping me in mind.

warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Agnes Pearlman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "warmly,".

Enclosure/Mastin Chapter



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

April 3, 1999

Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

Congratulations on an outstanding job! Not only have you included detailed information on Thomas Mastin but it is done in an interesting fashion. I am delighted to have it for my files.

Sending that chapter is far and away more than an occasional photocopied page, so I am enclosing \$6.00 which I hope will cover your copying and mailing costs. If not, let me know so that I can reimburse you for your expenses.

Would it be possible to obtain your chapter on the Christian family? Actually, it would be great to have the entire unpublished manuscript if you could make it available and let me know the price. You may be sure if I ever used any of the data, I would give you full credit.

But to get back to specifics: I can see why you may at one time have thought that your Thomas Christian was the son of Nathaniel. Have you ever considered the possibility that he could have been a grandson or grandnephew?

At present I am working on the theory that my Thomas was a grandson of Nathaniel's brother, Thomas Christian, through a son Allen Christian. The brothers Nathaniel and Thomas were in 1752 on tax lists in that part of Lunenburg that became Bedford County, and I have record of the distance both lived from the Bedford County, Virginia, courthouse. Whereas Nathaniel and some sons later moved on to the New River Settlement (as did Thomas Mastin), the brother Thomas apparently remained and died in Bedford County. The Mastin as well as the Bandy references for Bedford County are quite intriguing to me. My thoughts on this are still in the formative stage, and I need to engage in more research to solve the problems.

I notice that some years ago you sent a record of Agnes Christian marrying Thomas Cartwright in 1791 in Sumner County, Tennessee, with Thomas Mastin as security. Have you ever been able to identify her parents? Could she have been the sister of your Thomas Christian? Did she later marry Thomas Mastin or was she related to the Agnes who did? Questions! They still remain.

I look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

P.S. If you prefer to have your pages back, simply let me know so that I can photocopy and return the originals to you.

Recycled Paper

JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

14 April 1999

SURNAMES:

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Hale  
Huff  
Jones  
Hill  
Linus  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Hendrickson  
Crocheron

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

Mrs Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 N. Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706-3541

Dear Agnes,

Thank you for the kind words--I appreciate very much <sup>your</sup> ~~for~~ comments in re the work which I compiled about Thomas Mastin. I firmly believe there is a connection between Agnes Mastin and the Christian family. Did I ever send to you the paper which I put together about the Bandy family? Also, thank you for the \$6.00 for copying and mailing this material to you. I usually ask for this, but I wanted to share with you.

I am enclosing, as you requested, the chapter on the CHRISTIAN family, as well as the chapter on the Christian/Altizer connection. Too, I felt that it would help you to have the chapter on the Harman family; and I wanted you to read what I said about my mother when I started to give the history of her family group. I am not too pleased with how I wrote the Christian chapter--I found myself jumping ahead at times and at other times going back and picking up. I suppose my mind just was not in a mood to follow too closely in sequence at that time. Anyway, I do believe that I have the important part of Thomas's family listed and what I was able to find on them. As I said, it really needs to be written more fully, but I was more concerned with getting my Reeds sorted out at that time.

Yes, I remember very well the Agnes Christian who married Thomas Cartwright in Sumner County and Thomas Mastin was security. I thought then, and I still wondered if she should have been a sister to our Thomas. I could never find out. But, this I do know, there were later Cartrights in McDowell County and I wondered if they were of the same family. Yes, many times I do think of Nathaniel Christian and wonder if there was some sort of family connection.

No, I do not want the Mastin Chapter back. I copied it for you. Same thing with what I am mailing to you now. I shall be interested in your thoughts on what I am sending now.

Best of wishes,

Enclosure

*my Reed History  
will be over 400 pgs.  
too long to copy!!*





Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

April 22, 1999

Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

Wow! What a beautiful job you have done with your Reeds in the Wind! I am delighted to have the chapters you sent. After I have had the opportunity to read the Christian and Harmon chapters and re-read the Mastin chapter, I will let you know if I can glean any clues to your Thomas and mine.

First, though, I must say that after reading the chapter on your mother, I feel as if I know her. A truly remarkable woman! And I know how privileged you must feel to have had her as your mother. Your writing certainly made her "alive."

You did not indicate what your costs were, so I hope that the enclosed \$15.00 is adequate.

Again, thank you so much, and you will be hearing from me again.

Sincerely,

Enclosure



JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

29 June 1999

SURNAMES:

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Hale  
Huff  
Jones  
Hill  
Linus  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Hendrickson  
Crocheron

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 N. Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706-3541


Dear Agnes,

I have had my hands full since April and haven't taken the time to reply to your letter. Hosten has not been a bit well: We now know that he has an infection in the optic artery which has caused much of his difficulty. Too, most of this past year, the doctors were searching for the cause of his having pains in his left eye, similar to a pleurisy. Every test in the book was taken to no avail. Then, after the infection in the eye was determined, he was put on predisone and, wouldn't you know, he broke out with shingles on that side. Now, he is suffering much pain--but the eyesight is improving. I haven't had time to even think about my ailments.

The sum you sent for the copying and mailing was fine. Thanks. I do hope that by now you have had time to read and check data in the chapters which I sent to you. I do feel that some place in the various bits of information which we have collected ~~that~~ <sup>there</sup> is buried an answer which we are overlooking.

I do hope that you are well and finding pleasure in your research.

Warmly,

  
Juanita S. Halstead

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

*P.S. Did I ever  
send you a copy  
of the Bandy papers  
which I did?*



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

July 3, 1999

Mrs. Juanita S. Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
South Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

Thank you for your letter of June 29.

I was so distressed to learn of the difficulties that Houston has been having and hope by now that he has fully recovered from the infection affecting his eyesight and that he is steadily improving with the shingles. My sister had a severe case of shingles several years ago, and it took her more than a year before she was free of pain and discomfort. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you both.

Because of home repairs, I have had little time to work on the article relating to the Bedford County, Virginia, Christian connections but should be able to return to that project after the roofers leave at the end of next week. I hope to be able to have the painting and recarpeting done without as many demands on my time.

It would undoubtedly be helpful to have a copy of your Bandy paper if you could send it to me. Let me know, too, the cost so that I can reimburse you.

Again, be assured of my appreciation for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Agnes

JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

19 July 1999

SURNAMES:

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Hale  
Huff  
Jones  
Hill  
Linus  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Hendrickson  
Crocheron

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

Mrs Agnes Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706-3541

Dear Agnes,

Again, I was delayed in getting the enclosed copy of the Bandy paper ready to mail to you. My getting to the copying machine, oftentimes, is what causes these delays. This was true this time. Do not send reimbursement for this--I am giving this to you.

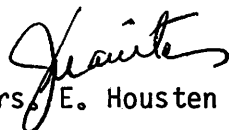
I did this paper over once; but, after additional material came to me, and since I do not have a Bandy, I did not revise it again. Therefore, I have penciled in corrections--but, I hope it will still make sense to you. I have shared this paper with others, and copies are in some libraries.

Do pay especial attention to the Thomas BAndy who married Mary "Polly" Christian as his first wife and notice, too, that they were once in Bedford County, Va. Of course, we must remember that Franklin County, Va., was taken off of Bedford and Henry counties, Va. My Sigmons were among the partitioners for the forming of Franklin County, and they were in Henry County at the time of the petition. This was in the mid-1780s. I don't to take time to look up the date just now. However, I do have a copy of this petition. As you will notice, This Tomas Bandy was in Franklin Co., Va., before he left for Tennessee.

Too, I believe that in this paper is proof that Agnes Mastin was, indeed, related to the Bandy family. We know that she was an aunt to at least one of them. Since Christians are also related to the Bandys, even in Tazewell County, later on, we have strong evidence that they were closely associated in some way.

I hope thia paper will be of additonal help to you in your research.

Best wishes,

  
(Mrs. E. Houston Halstead)

Enclosure/Bandy paper.



*Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706*

*July 25, 1999*

*Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560*

*Dear Juanita:*

*Again, many thanks for receiving an excellent manuscript. I appreciate your consideration in providing it for me and would be more than pleased to send reimbursement.*

*The BANDY work is quite provocative for Christian family researchers. As you indicate, further research and evaluation is needed. I will see what I can determine in that regard. Like you, I believe there is no doubt that Agnes Mastin was related to the Bandy family, but the question remains—exactly how? Was she a Bandy or was she a Christian?*

*I have been busy obtaining original Christian records from the following Virginia counties: Lunenburg, Cumberland, Bedford, Franklin, Henry, etc. in the hope that I can find some new leads. I have found a few and will send a report to you when I have organized the material.*

*As always, I appreciate your continued interest and cooperation.*

*Sincerely,*



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

August 5, 1999

Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

Following is some information I just received from a descendant of the Lewis Christian family of Hawkins Co., TN. Here goes with a quotation from one of three volumes of a Monroe Co., TN, History. I thought you would be interested because of the Bedford Co., VA, references and another marriage into the Christian family.

Aaron Brown was born Mar. 1756 in Cumberland County, VA, lived there a few years until his family moved to Bedford County, VA, moved to Hawkins County, TN, in 1803 and to Monroe County in 1826. He was a Revolutionary War Soldier and drew a pension after applying in Monroe Co. in 1833. Aaron Brown died on April 29, 1836. He and his wife, Nancy Payne, are probably buried in Monroe County. From the pension records, Aaron had a brother, Alexander Brown and Nancy Payne Brown had a sister, Dicy Payne Brown, who were in McMinn in the 1830 and 1850 time period. Alexander and Dicy were assumed to be husband and wife.

Aaron married Nancy Payne (died December 7, 1842 in Monroe County) on January 14, 1784 in Bedford County, VA. Their children were: Eligabeth m. Hunley(?); Dicy m. Samuel Harrell; Mary m. Christian; Joseph m. Catherine Harrell; Pheby m. Stables; George; Loucinna; Nancy; Wilson; James; Sarah m. Purvines; and John (O). Of these, Dicy, Mary, Joseph, Sarah and John appear in Monroe records. Wilson and Nancy are found in the Murray County, GA, census records. . . .

As you can see, here we have another Mary who married a Christian. The question is: Which one? And is she connected to the other women who married into the family?

Until next time,

Sincerely,



JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

27 August 1999

SURNAMES:

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Hale  
Huff  
Jones  
Hill  
Linus  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Hendrickson  
Crocheron

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 North Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana California 92700

Dear Agnes,

Thank you for the information which you recently sent to me in re another MARY CHRISTIAN, who is to be found in the Bedford County, Va., records as of 1784. This is very intriguing; and, yet, we just can't seem to link all of these various Christians together in the same branch of the family.

When I was researching data for my Sigmon family history, I found one WILLIAM CHRISTIAN in the 1786 tax list of Franklin County. I could not find him in later tax lists nor census records. However, I did later find him in the Shelby County, Kentucky records as of 23 May 1811 when he was ordered, along with Jackson Griffith, John Ellis, William Ellis, John Peters, Samuel Sellers, John Thorp, Joe Goe, Thomas Lemmons, Richard Lemmons, Benjamin Griffith, William Griffith, Lewis Wentworth, William Plaster, James Hackett to work on the road between Waller's Ferry and the Frankfort road and the Bear Wallow. These Griffiths (as well as many of these other men) are found in the early records of Franklin County, Va. Catherine Sigmon married William Jackson Griffith in 1799 in Franklin County. They must have left Va soon thereafter because they are found in Shelby county in 1811. However, they later left Shelby County and moved across the river to Switzerland County, Vevay, Indiana where Catherine's brother, John Sigmon, later came there to live. I have suspected that many of this group may have moved from Franklin County to Kentucky and Indiana together. One of Catherine and William's granddaughters later left for posterity a record of their travelling to this new land. I have included this record in the Sigmon Book. (Forgive these mistakes, Agnes, I am working against time in order to get this in the mail.)

Housten is still not doing a bit well and will have a cat scan this coming Monday. This has caused me not to be too prompt in replying.

Did I share with you my Christian family group sheet, with notations I made in re the 1850 census? It was a working record for me and I have included much of it in the Christian chapter.

Best wishes,

*Juanita*

JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560  
28 January 2000

SURNAMES:

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Hale  
Huff  
Jones  
Hill  
Linus  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
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Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Hendrickson  
Crocheron

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
2001 N. Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes,

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping which I thought you might enjoy reading. The editor of THE CHARLESTON GAZETTE made a request for family histories which he planned to use in the paper. I sent him a 11-page article which I had written some years ago for the University Library at Morgantown. I knew that he would condense it because he wanted short articles. Notice, too, that Houstens's ancestor, Philip Harless, is also mentioned in a short article.

At this same time, I decided to share with our State Archives copies of the Van Meter article, as well as a 100-page (plus) article which I wrote in regard to my mother's family, using material on all of the collateral lines. This manuscript is also in the WV University Library. At the time that I did this, I was suffering from one of my many compression fractures in my back--couldn't complete the typing myself and hired a girl to finish it for me. Consequently, in trying to meet a deadline, I wasn't able to proofread it as I would have liked to do, so I had to pen in corrections. This is against my policy but it couldn't be helped at that time. Nevertheless, the University commended me on my work and the Archives were most pleased to have the copy which I sent to them. Those looking for information will just have to look over the corrections.

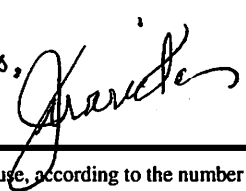
Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
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Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

I never heard again from the man in Virginia who was seeding CHRISTIAN family information. I offered to share what I had written with him if he were willing to pay for copying and a little additional for the work which I had put into the compilation of this material.

Hope you are well. I have been through a seige of diahhrea which I believe was association with my diaverticulosis. I am better now--but not completely out of the woods.

Best wishes,



Enclosure/Newspaper clipping



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

February 4, 2000

Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

Thank you so much for sharing The Charleston Gazette article, "From these roots, a state grew," with me. I truly enjoyed reading all the entries—especially your story and the one about Houston's ancestor.

Like you, I never heard again from the man in Virginia seeking information on the Christian family. It is my guess that he is one of those who really did not want to know the true facts, opting instead to accept the erroneous lineage that the Thomas Christian who married Louisa Harmon was Thomas, the son of Nathaniel.

I am well and quite busy with far too little time to devote to genealogy. I begin to wonder when I will complete the monographs on some of my ancestral lines. You have done a great job in that regard, and I congratulate you.

Until next time --

Sincerely,



JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

14 October 2000

SURNAMES:

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Hale  
Huff  
Jones  
Hill  
Linus  
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Van Meter  
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Bodine  
Blanchan  
Hendrickson  
Crocheron

Mrs. Agnes Pearlman  
2001 N. Westwood Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes,

This past summer, I was able to get a reporter to cover a story about the building of Kingston, WV, because it was one of the outstanding mining camps in West Virginia. Recently, they have begun to operate one of the mines again at Kingston even though the camp has long since been torn down and is gone. I didn't have an extra clipping from the paper to send to you, but one of my friends made a copy which I hope will be legible for you to read. I just thought that you might like to see it.

My husband and I are overseeing the Bible Correspondence Course work at the church which we attend. In the course of working with these students, we receive many new starts from various locations in the state and elsewhere. Recently, I received names of new students from the Princeton area. When I saw Lisa Christian's name, I wrote to her, thinking that she might be a member of our branch of the Christian family. After reading her letter, I rather suspect that she might be in your branch of the family. Therefore, I am enclosing a copy of her letter to me for your scrutiny. I don't recognize any of the names which she sent to me.

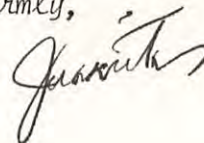
Maternal:

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Hoover (?)

Hope you are well. I have had a basal cell carcinoma removed from the top of my head and had to have a skin graft. Consequently, right now, I am staying pretty close to home until I am certain that this graft has taken well and there is no long danger of infection.

Let me know about these Christians.

Warmly,



Enclosure: Kingston story;  
Copy of Christian letter

Rt. 6 Box 593-C3  
Princeton, WV 24740

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**Lisa A. Christian**

September 26, 2000

Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, WV 25560

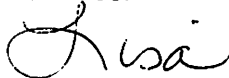
Dear Juanita:

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to answer your letter. I have been trying to find some information for you. I have spoken with my mother-in-law, she does quite a bit of research through the internet concerning the family history, and the following information is all I have thus far.

My husband's name is Kevin, his father is George, grandfather was Frank, great grandfather was Preston, great great grandfather was Byron, and great great great grandfather was James. This branch of the Christian family settled in Wyoming and Logan Counties in the early 1800's. They came from Monroe and Montgomery Counties.

If I get more information, I will pass it on to you. Good Luck to you on getting your family history published.

GodBless!



Lisa Christian

*For God So loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have  
everlasting life. John 3:16*

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Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

October 20, 2000

Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560

Dear Juanita:

What an interesting article about Kingston! During the period when the town was flourishing, it must have been an interesting time in your life (as well as your father's). I am so pleased that you sent a copy to me.

Thank you, too, for forwarding the copy of Lisa Christian's letter. You are correct in your speculation that her husband traces descent from the same James Pine Christian from whom I am descended. Whereas her husband is descended from James' son Byron, I trace descent from James' son Paren. You will find installments about them and their families in Christian Family Chronicles.

I hope you have recovered completely from the skin graft following the basal cell carcinoma removal. Until total healing takes place, there is always the danger of infection.

My youngest granddaughter has just recuperated at my home from an emergency appendectomy. I'm pleased that her surgery went well. It's not easy for a seventeen-year-old teenager to have an operation, but she has really taken it in stride.

I have been busy (as time permits) working on my long-overdue Branch Family Lines and Pearlman Family Connections. I sometimes wonder where the years have gone.

Best wishes for the coming holiday season.

Sincerely,

JUANITA SIGMON HALSTEAD  
6 Saunders Addition  
Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 -9693

12 April 2002

SURNAMES:

Paternal:

Sigmon  
Hale  
Huff  
Jones  
Hill  
Linus  
Price  
Bagby  
Shores  
(La Shores)  
Van Meter  
Du Bois  
Bodine  
Blanchan  
Hendrickson  
Crocheron

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman  
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Dear Agnes,

I intended to write to you long before now to explain my "silence" during the holiday season. I just simply did not send cards this year because it had been such a bad year for Houston and me with the illnesses we were experiencing.

Houston was diagnosed with renal insufficiency late in July and spent days in the hospital because of this. After he came home, even with "home health care" I was still carrying a heavy burden in caring for him as well as my own health problems. I won't go into details; but we are both better now. Yet Houston must continue to have "shots" almost every week for this condition.

I received ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> request from Romona Hall for assistance with her CHRISTIAN RESEARCH. Since I did not want to spend time in writing a letter with many pages, I decided to simply share with her the chapters which I had written on the CHRISTIAN, MASTIN, CHRISTIAN/ALTIZER FAMILIES. Too, I copied my Christian family group sheet with the notes attached thereto; as well as the BANDY paper. I felt that all of these papers would assist her in her research.

Maternal:

Reed  
Beavers  
Rice  
Barnett  
Christian  
Harman  
Skaggs  
Hoover (?)

She tells me that she also has a Beavers connection. I offered to help her with this if she would tell me what branch of the family she descends through. Long ago, I found that most all of the families in the Tazewell area are related in one way or another.

Hope that you are well.

Best wishes,





Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

April 20, 2002

Mrs. Juanita Sigmon Halstead  
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Dear Juanita:

Like you and Houston, last year was a "bad" year for me. I'm quite pleased that you two are both better now, and I wish you the best for the rest of this year. I, too, am better now after having suffered a stroke, a heart attack, and a "near-death" experience from lack of blood. Finally, though, I have recovered with only a minimal degree of aphasia—search for the right word.

Thank you so much for assisting Romona Hall in her Christian research. The wonderful papers you sent to her should be invaluable for her. Yes, most of the families in the Tapewell area are related in one way or another, so she should find her Beaver connection.

Although I have had very little time to work on Pearlman Family Connections and Branch Family Lines, I plan to publish the Pearlman Family Connections with what I already have. It's almost complete now. I then plan to do the same with Branch Family Lines.

The best to you and Houston.

Sincerely,



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

May 14, 2004

Mrs. Juanita S. Halstead  
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Dear Juanita,

It was so nice to hear from you

As Carl used to say before his death, it's no fun to get old. However, I guess it's much better than the alternative. At present, I'm much better and hoping to finish the Branch Family Lines.

I hope that your osteoporosis is under control. It's amazing that you have recovered from six fractures. Like you, my eyes are no better. I suppose that I should get cataract surgery, but I hesitate because of my other surgeries.

I hope that Huston has a good result from the dialysis for his renal insufficiency. Carl was a urologist so had a number of patients on dialysis.

Must get back to work on the Branch family.

Sincerely,

Agnes