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FAMILY GROUP No. I 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 Husband
Hamlin Papers, P.3	Birth							
Ist Families of	Chr'nd							
America..Compend.	Mar.							
of Amer. Genealogy	Death							
	Burial							

William & Mary Quarterly	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		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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	Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		
	Her Father	Mother's Maiden Name	

Address	City, State	Date
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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	Thomas II Full Name of Spouse* Rebecca Stith	Birth	1670						
		Mar.							
		Death	1736			Probably Goochland Co. Va.			
		Burial							
2	Charles Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	James Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	John 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							

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The Compendium of American Genealogy -- First Families of America :

"Thomas Christian, from Isle of Man to Charles City Co., Va., 1657; patented 100 acres on north side of James river and east side of Chickahominy river, Charles City Co., 1657. As Mr. Thomas Christian, he patented 1,080 acres Oct. 21, 1687 in Charles City Co. Later, in 1694, he patented 193 acres in Charles City Co., south of Chickahominy Swamp."

Genealogist Charles Hughes Hamlin of Richmond, Va. : "Patent Book, P 167 shows: "Jan. 15, 1657 - THOMAS CHRISTIAN granted 100 acres of land in James City County adjoining lands of Captain Bridges Freeman and Thomas Young - for the transportation of two persons, viz. THOMAS CHRISTIAN (probably himself or his son) and John Wilkerson.

IDEM - P 77 - " March 18, 1662 - THOMAS CHRISTIAN renews his patent for 100 acres of land in James City County.

"QUIT RENTS OF 1704 : The only record available for this or later periods revealing the names of the land-owners of Virginia who owed a yearly rental of one shilling per 50 acres to the King. The list was actually a Tax List on land but it serves us now as a Census of the land-owners in Virginia for that year. The only one of the surname "CHRISTIAN" was: THOMAS CHRISTIAN CHARLES CITY CO. 1273 acres.

Hamlin also cites earlier background of the CHRISTIAN FAMILY from BURKE'S GENERAL ARMORY:

CHRISTIAN - (Unerigg Hall - County Cumberland, England) - descended from the ancient family of M'Christen, of the Isle of Man, who for several generations have been Dempsters or Judges of that Island. The name first appears to have been written CHRISTIAN about the year 1600.

ARMS: - Azure, a Chevron humettee between three covered cups, gold.

CREST: - A Unicorn's head erased - silver collared and armed gold.

CRESTS OF ENGLAND IRELAND shows at least 7 different crests belonging to Christian families. (Only one has a collar on the neck.)

WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY: "At one time there were 12 connecting plantations owned and occupied by Christians on both sides of the Chickahominy river. An old silver teaspoon was found in a rat's nest in the ceiling of one of the houses. On the handle is stamped a unicorn's head that plainly has a collar on its neck. This was later owned by Judge George Christian."

NOTE: During a visit to Williamsburg, Va. In December, 1961, Sutton Christian and his wife, Nevada, made a brief visit to Locust Hill, which was at that time owned by Mr. Stuart G. Christian. Portions of this house were built about 1690, when it was part of the land patented to the first Thomas Christian along the Chickahominy river. Mr. Stuart Christian was an attorney in Richmond, Ba., and the old plantation house was maintained as a vacation home for him and the families of his two sons. The caretaker took Sutton down into the basement to show him the antique beams supporting a portion of the house. The attached snapshot was taken by the visiting Christians on this occasion.

Mr. Stuart G. Christian replied to a letter from Sutton as follows
Jan. 17, 1961 :

"At this point let me correct a misunderstanding. The original tract, once owned by Thomas Christian, was divided into two parts, "Locust Hill" containing 550 acres, and "Green Oak", erroneously described as Cherry Bottom, containing 450 acres. The name "Green Oak" is established by many old letters which are at the place.

"The Locust Hill tract passed out of the family for some years and was subsequently purchased by me and a few months ago was conveyed by me to my two sons, Raleigh Colston Christian and Stuart G. Christian, Jr. I am sorry that you saw the old house after it had been winterized. It is attractive in the summer months, particularly when all of my seven grandchildren are in "full cry".

He also enclosed the following excerpt from "Old Virginia Clerks":
"Robert Walker Christian, who was clerk of the circuit and county courts of Charles City county from 1817 to 1846, was the eldest son of Turner Christian by his first marriage with Sarah Walker. He was born at 'Kimmages' on the James river, just above 'Westover' in Charles City, on the 13th day of December, 1783. His father was a descendant of that family of Great Britain universally styled by British chroniclers 'the ancient family' of Ewanrigg Hall in Cumberland, and Milltown and Ronaldsway in the Isle of Man. During the troublous times of Cromwell several members of this family came over to this country and settled in Virginia, and we find from the records of the Virginia land office, in Richmond, that as early as the year 1657, one of them, named Thomas Christian, obtained a grant for land in James City county, then the very heart of the colony, and that between the years 1657 and 1764, numerous tracts, containing several thousand acres, were granted to different members of this same family, in the counties of Charles City, Henrico, Goochland, Albemarle and Augusta. One of these tracts in Charles City county, which was granted to Thomas Christian in 1657, has been owned and occupied by Capt. Thomas L. Christian (a nephew of Robert Walker Christian, and as gallant a Confederate soldier as any in the army) and Louisa Christian, his wife, who was also a Christian, and a lineal descendant of the original grantee.

"(The place referred to above is Green Oak, now owned by me."



GREEN OAK

FAMILY GROUP No. 2

Husband's Full Name

Thomas Christian II

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	1670				
Chr'nd					
Mar.					
Death	1736	Goochland Co., Va.			
Burial					

Places of Residence	Henrico, Goochland		
Occupation	Church Affiliation	Military Rec.	
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.			
His Father	Thomas Christian	Mother's Maiden Name	

Wife's Full Maiden Name Rebecca Stith

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

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

Date

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	Thomas III Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
2	Robert Christian Full Name of Spouse* Lucy Bradley	Birth	1700				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
3	William Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
4	Mary Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
5	Constant Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
6	Rebecca Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
7	Ann Morning Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
8	James 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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REGISTER OF THE KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY , Oct. 1949 Vol 47 #161
pp 304 -308 "Christians of Virginia and Kentucky" by Ruth Nelms
Hooker, Memphis, Tenn. "Mrs. Rita Browne of Somerset, England,
says that descendants of William Christian who married Elizabeth
Collier and who settled in Virginia in 1655, have done much research
on this (Christian) family. This William Christian's son, Thomas
Christian was patenting land in Virginia in 1657. Mrs. Browne
believes William Christian to have been the grandson of Daniel Christ-
ian of Baldronia, Isle of Man, who was the son of Demster John
McCrystyn IV of Milntown, living 1498-1511. "

FAMILY GROUP No. 3 Husband's Full Name Robert Christian

This Information Obtained From: Will of Robert C. Hamlin Papers, p 4 Wm & Mary Q Vol 5, p 261-263	Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
	Birth	1700				
	Chr'nd					
	Mar.					
	Death	1748/49	Will dated Mar. 25, 1748; probated 1749			

Places of Residence	Occupation	Church Affiliation	Military Rec.
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.			
His Father Thomas		Mother's Maiden Name Rebecca Stith	

Wife's Full Maiden Name Lucy Bradley

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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	Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		
	Her Father		Mother's Maiden Name
	Address		
	City, State		

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	Drury Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	2/23/1751	Goochland			
	Lucretia (Lucy) Williams	Death	1783	Will prob. Oct. 3, 1783, Amherst, Va.			
		Burial					
2	John Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
3	Robert II Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
4	Lucy Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	1784				
	Drury Bradley	Death					
		Burial					
5	Elizabeth Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

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HAMLIN PAPERS: quote Goochland Co. Deed Book 2, p 146 : "Nov. 17, 1735, I , THOMAS CHRISTIAN of Goochland County and the Parish of St. James, for fatherly love, I doe hereby freely and absolutely give unto MY SON, ROBERT CHRISTIAN and his heirs forever the tract or parcel of land whereon he now lives - beginning at a small branch of Beaverdam Creek - to Thomas Baley's corner - Adam's corner tree - etc. containing by estimate 300 acres - etc. Recorded Nov. 18, 1735

IDEM: Albemarle Co. Va., Will Book i, P 2 (Albemarle formed 1744 from Goochland Co.,) "Will of ROBERT CHRISTIAN of St. Ann's Parish, County of Albemarle, dated 25th March 1748 - probated May Court 1749 - Legatees) :

"To my three sons, John Christian, Robert Christian and DRURY CHRISTIAN, one tract of land that I now live on containing 1,000 acres to be equally divided amongst them - etc!"
Executors : "Lucey Christian (wife) and my friends, William Bradley, her brother, " etc. Witnesses: Walter Leak, Charles Christian, and William Leak.

FAMILY GROUP No. 4.

Husband's Full Name

Drury/Christian I

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

P 2, Hamlin	Birth						
Wm & Mary Q Vol.15-25	Chr'nd						
P 3, Hamlin	Mar.	2/23/1751	St. James Northham	parish, Goochland			
Wm & Mary Q .5	Death				Deed bk		
261 - 263	Burial						

P 4, Hamlin	Places of Residence	
Deed Bk	Occupation	Church Affiliation Military Rec.
	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.	
	His Father Robert Christian	Mother's Maiden Name Lucy Bradley

Wife's Full Maiden Name Lucretia (Lucy) Williams

	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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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	James Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	4/23/1758	St. James Northam Parish,		P 35	
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
2	Ann Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	3/3/1764			P 114	
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
3	Drury Jr. Full Name of Spouse* Sarah M. Peyton	Birth	8/16/1766	Va P 4, Hamlin.		Goochland, P 115	
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
4	Gideon Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1760				
		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					

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William & Mary Quarterly Vol 15, P 25: Register of St. James Northam Parish Goochland Co., Va lists: MARRIAGES - Nov. 23, 1751 - DRURY CHRISTIAN to Lucy Williams. BIRTHS (P 35) - Born April 23, 1758, James, son of DRURY CHRISTIAN and Lucy Williams (P 114) - Born Mar. 3, 1764, Ann, daughter of Drury Christian and Lucy Williams. (P 115) - Born Aug. 16, 1766 - DRURY, son of Drury, Christian and Lucy Williams.

Hamlin Papers : CENSUS Of 1790 - "Note: This record was burned by the British in the War of 1812. We therefore use the Tax Lists of 1782 - 1787. as a substitute. The Christian families of Virginia had increased wonderfully in a 100-year period, and we find them listed in the following counties, to wit - Amherst, Bedford, Fayette, Buckingham, Chales City, Dinwiddie, Augusta, Montgomery, James City, Washington, Northampton, Mecklenburg, New Kent, Gloucester, Shenandoah, Rockingham, and Norfolk. DRURY CHRISTIAN OF GOOCHLAND COUNTY had already left Virginia, for North Carolina soon after the year 1766. There were only two heads of families of the said surname left in Goochland County by the year 1782. They were: Charles Christian and Turner Christian.

Warren Co. (N.C.) Deeds, Book 2, 1767 -1783, PP 176-177:

"This indenture made the seventh day of December in the year of our Lord 1767. between Sam Jones & Agnes, his wife, of the county of Bule in the Province of North Carolina of the one part and DRURY CHRISTIAN OF THE COUNTY OF GOOCHLAND IN THE COLONY OF VIRGINIA, of the other part witnesseth that the said Sam Jones and Agnes, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of 105 pounds to them in hand paid at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the rest whereof the said Sam Jones and Agnes, his wife, doth hereby adknowlege hath granted bargained and sold, alienated, imposed, released and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto DRURY CHRISTIAN, his heirs and assigns a certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Bule on the south side of Roanoke river, being part of a tract of land belonging to Col. Benj. Harrison, Deceased, and bounded as followeth, etc. Witnesses: John Noseley and Thomas Phillips. Registered : July 29, 1769

FAMILY GROUP No. 5 Husband's Full Name Drury Christian II

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
Hamlin, P 7	Birth	8/16/1766				
U.S. Census	Chr'nd					
Warren Co. (N.C.)	Mar.		Chatham, N.C.			
Deeds	Death	1833	Warren Co. Tenn.			
Barnes Papers	Burial					

Fred Biles	Places of Residence	Va., N.C., Tenn.				
	Occupation	Church Affiliation		Military Rec.		
	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.					
	His Father Drury Christian I Mother's Maiden Name Lucy Williams					

Wife's Full Maiden Name Sarah M. Peyton

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	1787		N.C.		
Chr'nd					
Death					
Burial					

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Address	Occupation if other than Housewife	Church Affiliation				
City, State	Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. Jacob Evans, Warren Co. Tenn Bk P299					
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	William Thornton Full Name of Spouse* Mary Elizabeth Lusk	Birth	1806.			N.C.	
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
2	Hiram Full Name of Spouse* Sallie Burk	Birth	1808				
		Mar.	1833				
		Death					
		Burial					
3	Peyton Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1810			Tenn.	
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
4	Elizabeth Full Name of Spouse* Columbus Wiggin Bohney	Birth	1811				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
5	Anna Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
6	Burrell (?) 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					

BARNES PAPERS (McMinnville, Tenn.) : reported by Robert McBride, genealogist, Nashville : "DRURY CHRISTIAN appears in Warren Co. (Tenn.) as early as 1819 when he buys land on Panther Creek. He died about 1833. His wife was Sarah M. Peyton (born in North Carolina in 1787). She later married Jacob Evans (Warren County Book K, P 299.

The Barnes Papers state that Drury and Sarah Christian had five children and possibly six: The first listed is W. THORNTON, later referred to as William Thornton. Mr. Barnes has a question mark beside the name "Burrell", who appears in Warren Co. records.

Fred Biles of McMinnville, Tenn., a great grandson of Thornton Christian, reported to Sutton that he could find no record (in 1958) of Drury Christian's will. He did find a record of land grants made to him and a deed made by him to Hilly Pepper on 14 January, 1824. It was a tract of land on Collins river at the mouth of Panther Creek (sometimes spelled "Panter"). According to Biles it is "a small creek entering Collins river near the old church site of Smyrna, about 5 or 6 miles from McMinnville. Drury Christian made his mark on this deed and it was witnessed by Peyton Christian and Jacob Christian. From this, it seems to be a fact that Drury Christian lived near Irving College a short time before his death."

IDEM : "On July 1, 1824 there was a grant made to Drury Christian consisting of 51 acres on Cumberland Mountain on water of Rocky river, on both sides of turnpike, including the place where he was living at that time...

"On May 3, 1826 he had another grant made to him consisting of 50 acres on the waters of Collins river on the side of the mountain adjoining him, so he must have moved in the meantime, or else there is another Rock river, which we have not located.

"The old Christian home about which you asked near Irving College apparently has no connection with Drury Christian and perhaps not any with Thornton Christian. The old Christian home place where grandmother Mary and grandfather Bradley Christian died came into their possession as a result of their taking care of "Aunt Nety Martin, widow of Mose Martin. Aunt Nety was an aunt of our grandmother, Mary E. Martin. Our great grandmother was Harriet Freeman, a sister of Nety, who married Mose Martin. As told to me by West Dodson, a contemporary of Tom Barnes, Harriet Freeman, a sister to Nety Freeman, and a sister-in-law to Mose Martin was made pregnant by her brother-in-law, Mose Martin, and bore him a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Martin, our grandmother.

"It's a fact that later Harriet Freeman, our great grandmother married William Thornton Christian, our great grandfather. She bore him two children, Eugene and Athelia."

FAMILY GROUP No. 6 Husband's Full Name **William Thornton Christian**

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
Barnes Papers		Birth	18	06			Chatham Co.	N.C.	
Robert McBride		Chr'nd							
Nat'l. Archives & Records Service		Mar.							
Census 1850		Death	18	76		Murfreesboro,	Tenn.		
Fred Biles		Burial							

Places of Residence		Church Affiliation	Military Rec.	Civil War
Occupation		Harriet Freeman (2)		
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.				
His Father		Drury Christian II	Mother's Maiden Name	Sarah M. Peyton

Wife's Full Maiden Name		Mary Elizabeth Lusk		
Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place
Birth				
Chr'nd				
Death				
Burial				

Compiler		Sutton Christian		
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 Lusk III	Mother's Maiden Name
		Sarah Davidson		

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	Sarah Malvina Full Name of Spouse* Randolph Drake	Birth	7	11	1830				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	Martha Jane Full Name of Spouse* LaFayette Cartright	Birth	8	1	1832				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	John H. Full Name of Spouse* Mary Jane Duckworth	Birth	2	6	1834				
		Mar.	1	22	1853				
		Death							
		Burial							
4	Samuel L. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	12	1	1835				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	America A. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	3	6	1838				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	William Bruce Full Name of Spouse* Margaret Turner	Birth	11	20	1841				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Orlando Bradley Full Name of Spouse* Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Martin	Birth	12	25	1844	Warren Co.,	Tenn.		
		Mar.	5	5	1871				
		Death	7	15	1915	Warren Co.	Tenn.		
		Burial							
8	Calhoun S. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	18	47					
		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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BARNES PAPERS record that Thornton Christian was married the second time to Harriet Freeman, by whom he had two children : Eugene ("Doc") Christian (married to Mollie Griswold) and Athelia (died unmarried in 1881)

National Archives & Records Service : W.T. Christian, Capt. Co. D, Mountain Rifle Regiment Tennessee Volunteers. Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above for Sept. 6 to Oct. 4, 1861. Enlisted Sept. 7 at Camp Smartt for 12 months.

IDEM: Wm. T. Christian, 1 Sgt. Capt. W.T. Christian's Company, 5, Tenn. Reg't Provisional Army. Age 53 years. Company Muster-in Roll of the organization named above. Roll dated : Bowling Green, Ky. Oct. 31, 1861. Muster-in to date Sept. 7, 1861. Remarks: Promoted to captaincy Sept. 11, 1861. A footnote explains: This company subsequently became (1st) Company D, 35th Regiment Tennessee Infantry. It was disbanded about April 1862, and the men assigned to other companies of the regiment. The regiment was organized September 11, 1861, and accepted into the service of the Confederate States Oct. 31, 1861. It was known in the field as the 5th Tennessee Regiment Provisional Army and as the Mountain Rifle Regiment Tennessee Volunteers, but was officially designated the 35th Regiment Tennessee Infantry by the A. & I.G.O.... About Apr. 9, 1865 the 4th, 5th 19th, 24th, 31st, 33rd, 35th 38th, and 41st Regiments Tennessee Infantry were consolidated and formed the 3d Consolidated Regiment Tennessee Infantry, which was paroled at Greensboro, N.C., May 1, 1865.

FRED BILES REPORTS: "Today I learned where William Thornton Christian was buried and I went to Shiloh, an old church and cemetery just off the Sparta highway (#70) about 6 miles from here (McMinnville). He has a stone which has been erected at his grave within the last 20 years by some Confederate agency. It reads: "Captain W.T. Christian. Co. D 35 Tenn. Inf. CSA". It does not give the date of birth or death."

NAT'L ARCHIVES & RECORDS SERVICE: William Thornton Christian was born in Chatham, N.C. in 1806; died in McMinnville, Ten. (1959)

AFFIDAVIT/OF Herve M. Christian : "I hereby certify that my father was Orlando Bradley Christian, who was born in Warren Co., Tenn., on Dec. 25, 1844, and who married Mary Elizabeth Martin on May 4, 1871; that my grandfather was William Thornton Christian, who was born in North Carolina in 1806 and who married (1st) Mary Elizabeth Lusk; that, according to the best information and knowledge available to me, such as deeds, census records, and written local history, my great grandfather was Drury Christian, who came to Warren county and settled near what is now Irving College in about 1819...."

FRED BILES: Concerning Harriet Freeman Christian: "She died Apr. 15, 1926 and is buried in Riverview Cemetery, McMinnville. Although no record has been found of date of her birth, she is reputed to have been over 100 years old. Records of newspaper "Southern Standard" were destroyed by fire. "Mary Elizabeth Ramsey Clemmings gave me some info concerning Harriet C. It seems that she used to stay at the old "Smartt House", which later became our famed "Sedberry Hotel" and Mary C went to dances at this place. She, Mary Cynthia, said that Harriet Christian, in her last years, would watch them dance for a while and then she would kick off her shoes and get on the floor and dance 'like a youngster'."

HISTORY OF TENNESSEE, Pub'd 1887 : "The 5th Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers Infantry, later known as 35th Regiment, was organized at Camp Smartt near McMinnville Sept. 6, 1861. Benjamin J. Hill of McMinnville was Colonel of the regiment. There were 5 companies; Capt. W.T. Christian was in Company D. Orlando B. Christian served in Company H.... Irving

FAMILY GROUP No. 7 Husband's Full Name Orlando Bradley 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 Husband
Barnes Papers	Birth	12	25	1844				
Nat'l Archives & Records	Chr'n'd							
Fred Biles	Mar.	5	4	1871				
Robert McBride	Death	7	15	1914				
	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 Wm Thornton Christian's Maiden Name Mary Eliz. Lusk

Wife's Full Maiden Name Mary Elizabeth Martin

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	7	31	1846				
Chr'n'd							
Death			1874				
Burial							

Compiler Sutton Christian's 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 Moses Martin Mother's Maiden Name Harriet Freeman

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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	Ernest Full Name of Spouse* Martha Clendenen	Birth	6	18	1872	Warren Co.		Tenn.	
		Mar.	10	9	1891				
		Death	2	11	1939				
		Burial				Nashville, Tenn.			
2	Blanche Full Name of Spouse* Charles A. Biles	Birth	12	7	1874	Warren Co.		Tenn.	
		Mar.	12	23	1896				
		Death			1954				
		Burial							
3	Isaac Hartwell Full Name of Spouse* Zay Williams	Birth	10	12	1876				
		Mar.							
		Death	12	24	1951				
		Burial				Weatherford, Tex.			
4	Oda Lee Full Name of Spouse* Fred Nicodemus	Birth	3	6	1878				
		Mar.							
		Death			1958				
		Burial				Oklahoma City			
5	Herbert (Hervey) Full Name of Spouse* Vera Parks	Birth	4	8	1881				
		Mar.			1935				
		Death			1959				
		Burial							
6	William Thornton Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1882	Irving College, Warren Co.,		Tenn.	
		Mar.							
		Death			1941				
		Burial				Opaloosa, Ala.			
7	Clyo. Full Name of Spouse* H.T. Dodson	Birth	7	23	1886				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Lona Full Name of Spouse* Gilley	Birth			1890				
		Mar.							
		Death	May	20,	1951				
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							

NAT'L ARCHIVES & RECORDS SERVICE: Orlando Bradley Christian was born 12/25/1844 in Warren Co., Tenn. During the Civil War he served in the Confederate Army 16th Tenn Regiment, CSA (Co G & H). He died July 15, 1914 in Warren Co., Tenn. He served as a private, for which he was later pensioned.

FRED BILES : Mary Elizabeth Martin married William R. Martin before she married Orlando Bradley Christian. There was a mystery regarding her parentage. She was the daughter of Mose Martin, who was married to "Aunt Nety" Martin, whose sister was Harriet Freeman. Biles wrote: "Aunt Nety was an aunt of our grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Martin... Our great grandmother was Harriet Freeman... Here is the story as told to me by West Dodson, a contemporary of Tom Barnes (historian of War County) - - Harriet Freeman, a sister to Nety Freeman Martin, was made pregnant by her brother-in-law, Mose Martin, and she bore Mary Elizabeth, who became our grandmother. It is a fact that later Harriet Freeman, our great grandmother married William Thornton Christian, our greatgrandfather (father-in-law of her daughter Mary Elizabeth). Harriet as the second wife of Thornton Christian bore him two children, Eugene, "Doc", and Athelia. "Doc" Christian was the food specialist who married Molly Griswold. He died in New York. Athelia, his sister, died at the age of 23, unmarried.

ROBERT MCBRIDE (Senior Archivist, Tennessee State Library) : "The Barnes collection is really a little gold mine of information on Warren Co. families, as you will see. It is not in the best condition, and has been difficult to work with, but it has been a pleasure nevertheless and I have the feeling of a creative accomplishment in the abstract I am sending..... Barnes' sources are "censuses, court records, obituaries, some printed material, Bible records, his personal knowledge, and notes made from what must have been a deep interest in and extensive conversations with a great number of people".

FAMILY GROUP No. 8 Husband's Full Name Ernest 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 Husband
Birth		6/18/1872		Warren Co. Near McMinnville,		Tenn.	
Chr'nd							
Mar.		10/9/1891		Warren Co.			
Death		2/16/1939		Nashville, Tenn.			
Burial				Nashville, Tenn.			

Places of Residence See reverse side of this form

Occupation Minister Church Affiliation Ch. of Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Bernetta Tinsley, 7/15/1929, Celina, Tenn. ^{Christ}

His Father Orlando B Christian Mother's Maiden Name Mary E. Martin

Wife's Full Maiden Name Martha Clendenen

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	5/10/1872	Warren co.,	Tenn.		
Chr'nd					
Death	11/29/1925				
Burial		Anson, Tex.			

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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 Chas. Washington Mother's Maiden Name Elizabeth Barnes

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	Oma Lee Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	12/17/1892	Warren Co.	Tenn.		
		Mar.					
		Death	10/3/1894				
		Burial		Armstrong Cemetery, Warren Co.			
2	Livingston De Witt Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1894	Irving College, Warren Co.,	Tenn.		
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
3	Herbert Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	6/15/1896	Irving College, Warren Co.,	Tenn.		
	Audra Lawrence	Mar.	3/1/1920	Anson, Tex.			
		Death	4/25/1947				
		Burial		Wichita Falls, Tex.			
4	Charles (Brady) Bradley * Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	4/15/1899				
	Jewell Grogan	Mar.	1931				
		Death					
		Burial		Ft. Worth, Tex.			
5	Larrimore Sutton Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	8/8/1902	Warren Co.,	Tenn.		
	Nevada Semenza	Mar.	9/17/31				
		Death	11/22/1963	Hampton, Va.			
		Burial		Body given to science			
6	Gladys Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	9/17/1902				
		Mar.		Warren Co.,	Tenn.		
		Death	8/12/1920				
		Burial		Anson, Tex.			
7	Ora Lee Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	7/22/1907	Pendleton, Tex.			
	John Reagan Ferrell	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
8	Clariene Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1/1/1909	McGregor, Texas			
	Charles B. Watson	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
9	Ernest Jr. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	3/5/1913	Hillsboro, Tex.			
	Marie Logsdon	Mar.	1/8/1937				
		Death					
		Burial					
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					

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* Charles was undoubtedly christened Charles Bradley, the middle name for his grandfather, Orlando Bradley. However, he used the name Brady on his marriage license and on the marriage announcement of his daughter, Martha, so it has to be Brady on the genealogical record.

SUTTON CHRISTIAN wrote the following summary account of the Ernest Christian -Martha Clendenen family in 1961 :

"Ernest Christian and Martha Clendenen (Christian) and their five children left Warren County, Tenn. about 1906 -07 and settled on a farm near Pendleton, not far from Belton, Texas. He became a minister of the Church of Christ in the 1890's and conducted revival meetings at various places while not farming in Texas. About 1909 he abandoned farming to devote full time to the ministry, moving first to McGregor, Tex. He was minister of Churches of Christ at the following places: Hillsboro, ca. 1911-14; Anson, 1914-17; Wichita Falls, 1917-19; Anson, 1919-21; Snyder, 1921-24. For a period of two or three years, 1925-27, he was inactive due to ill health. About 1928 he became minister of the Church of Christ in Monroe, La. Four years after the death of Martha, his wife, he married Mrs. Bernetta Tinsley in Celina, Tenn., July 15, 1929. He and his second wife lived for a while in Hermitage Springs, Tenn., and moved (about 1936) to Nashville, Tenn., where he died in 1939. Bernetta Tinsley was married first to a veteran of the Civil War. Her children by her first marriage were: Harry Glynn Tinsley, b. 11/18/1912, and Elizabeth Tinsley (Sedivi), born 5/9/1916.

"Ernest Christian was widely known among his colleagues and townspeople as a raconteur and humorist. He had a remarkable personality and such was his power of attraction that he was always surrounded by people, whether in a barber shop, a news stand, a drug store, or in a train lounge. "Preacher ' Christian's quips on assorted subjects were often quoted. This talent for story-telling established for him a rapport that shattered many of the prejudices separating people of differing religious faiths. Wherever he preached, the church was usually filled to capacity. In the pulpit there was no nonsense. He preached the gospel with vigor, his great voice rising like a clap of thunder when he wished to underscore a point. A sudden change of tone and pace might follow an illustrative anecdote, which had been related in conversational tone. He probably did not have the equivalent of a high school education. He was not always grammatical, although it seems certain, to one who recalls the era, that he was adequate for the times and places. Much of the traditions of the Old West prevailed in Texas for the first two or three decades of this century. Texans wanted no stuffy, unbending religion. They preferred preachers who were good humored and human, understanding and understandable. On the debit side, Ernest Christian at times permitted anger to unbalance his judgment of people who offended him with real or imagined wrong-doing. One cannot say how he would have managed his financial affairs if he had ever had an adequate salary. For the years 1910 to 1915 it is doubtful that his average salary exceeded \$125 a month, and there were years when he preached for as little as \$80 a month. Probably the highest salary was in Wichita Falls, where as I recall, he received between \$300 and \$400 a month. With the exception of Wichita Falls, he preached in communities before the oil-rich days, largely dependent on agriculture and ranching. A crop failure would mean that the preacher would go for months without salary. Family income could not be supplemented by the children taking odd jobs after school, for such were not always available in small towns. The crisis was relieved considerably as some of the older children were forced to leave school, before graduation, to take jobs. During all those years of inadequate salaries (and it should be stated that the manse was not provided by the church) visiting preachers and lay members were frequent guests in a household heavily burdened with debts. It would have been a helpful education and good training for the older children

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If Ernest Christian had held a monthly "economic council" , at which he could have assembled all debt figures for discussion and assignment of responsibilities. But he was not a business man nor an organizer, and thus the older children, even when they were working, were never aware of the full extent of family debts and did not assume an adequate share of responsibility."

His wife, Martha Clendenen Christian, died in Wichita Falls, Tex. as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was buried in Anson beside the grave of Gladys, the daughter who had preceded her in death by five years. Mother was an ideal minister's wife - - kind, generous, thoughtful. And her resourcefulness in the kitchen often recalled the Biblical miracle of stretching the five loaves and two fishes to feed the multitude. She earned the affection of every congregation. "

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF SUTTON CHRISTIAN

Sutton Christian came at about midpoint in a large and poor family. He was a sensitive child, who must have listened carefully to the moral precepts he heard from his father and have emulated the kindness and thoughtfulness of his mother from an early age. Ambition for an education dominated his thought throughout adolescence. It might have seemed hopeless to anyone but Sutton in such a home environment, yet he persisted in the dream. In his senior year in high school he was invited by his Uncle "Harty" and Aunt Zay to live with them in Weatherford, Tex., where he was graduated. Somehow he managed to get to Columbia, Mo., where he enrolled in the University of Missouri, his heart set on graduating from its famed School of Journalism. He was entirely on his own in his struggle for higher education. Every summer he signed up with a magazine sales team and sold subscriptions throughout Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, an experience that was to serve him well in later years. During the school year he waited on table in restaurants, cafeterias and fraternity houses. Many times he went hungry for days, subsisting on bread and milk. He was not to realize his ambition to obtain a degree, however. In his final semester he was called home by his mother's death. He was confronted with a discouraging family situation. His father was not well, and the three youngest children, Ora Lee, Clariene, and Ernest, needed his help and guidance. He cancelled his plan to return to finish his course.

Sutton worked as a reporter in Vernon and Lubbock, Texas, for a few years. In 1930 he and a colleague, Alan Carney, sailed from Galveston aboard a British freighter bound on a vagabond trip around the world. He had \$80 in his pocket. They wound up in Shanghai months later after many adventures. There Sutton went to work in February, 1931, on the China Press, a morning daily published in English but Chinese owned. The same day another American, Nevada Semenza, reported for work on the China Press staff. Within a few months, on Sept. 17, 1931, they were married in the American Community Church. The Sino-Japanese war began almost simultaneously. On their honeymoon to Peking they traveled by train with refugees from Manchuria who told them about the Japanese occupation, and in the Forbidden City and elsewhere they heard young students in mass meetings call on Chiang Kai-shek to mount an immediate defense against the Japanese. Returning to Shanghai, they found themselves war reporters as the Japanese planes and gunboats attacked the city. In March, 1932, they returned to the U.S. It was the depth of the Depression, and jobs were non-existent. In August of that year they joined Stanley Netherton, a printer, in a partnership publishing a weekly newspaper in a small town, Soquel, in Santa Cruz County, Calif. Their success led to an offer by the owner of the Pacific Grove Tribune, where Sutton's management brought an ailing paper out of the red. In 1935 Sutton became editor of a morning daily in Santa Cruz, Calif., The Sentinel. It was there that they built their first home in 1939.

When World War II began, Sutton, beyond draft age, but eager to serve his country, enlisted in the American Red Cross as a field service director, assigned to Alaska and the Aleutians. Nevada moved from Santa Cruz to San Francisco and became Director of Public Information for the Pacific Area office of the Red Cross. In 1943 both of them joined the staff of the Office of War Information, Overseas Branch, and Sutton asked for an overseas assignment. He flew from New York via Casablanca in the fall of 1944 to the China Theater. There he took charge of OWI operations in Chungking, Chengtu, Sian and, eventually, Peking. In that historic city, as the highest ranking American, he formally accepted the surrender of the commander of the Japanese occupation forces. Returning home in November,

1945, Sutton first published the San Gabriel, Calif. Sun. In the spring of 1947 he and Nevada purchased a half-interest in a weekly newspaper in Mountain View, Calif., called the Register-Leader. Within a few months they converted it to a five-day paper, anticipating industrial growth and population growth in the area. In 1949 they acquired full ownership of the paper. Sutton suffered a heart attack in February, 1951. This led to their decision to sell their newspaper. Sutton was never again able to return actively to newspaper work, but turned his interests to political and civic affairs.

During a period, 1960-61, they lived in Gatlinburg, Tenn., where Nevada managed the Arrowcraft Shop for her sorority. Sutton became director of public relations for the Southern Highlands Craftsman's Guild. He roamed through the hill country of Tennessee, North Carolina and Kentucky interviewing and writing the stories of men and women making a living of wood carving, weaving, ceramics, basketry, and cabinet work. They returned at the end of 1961 to their home in Los Altos, Calif. and decided to sell it and begin a new chapter somewhere. They wanted to learn more first-hand about the problem of our black-white relationships. They applied for public relations posts at several Negro colleges and in November, 1962 went to Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. There Sutton directed the college's publicity office and Nevada worked on a fund-raising campaign timed for the college's Centennial. Founded immediately after the Civil War, to educate freed slaves, Hampton was embarking on a program of attracting white students to accomplish reverse integration. Sutton rose to the challenges of a biased press and succeeded in making some real advances placing an impressive number of news stories in the local papers and gaining the interest of radio stations. Sutton died while supervising a visiting television crew from Paris that wished to show the process of integrating white students on a predominantly Negro college campus. The day was Nov. 22, 1963. The cause: shock from the news of President Kennedy's assassination. Sutton's ailing heart could not withstand it.

Of him it was said in a memorial service: "Some men, said Emerson, serve their day and generation by what they do, and some by what they are. Sutton Christian was a man who did both... Mr. Christian was a man of character, of culture, deep experience, eminent ability in his special field of work, and in every respect a 'gentle' man..."

"The degree to which our beloved associate, Mr. Sutton Christian, will not only keep but even deepen his influence over us in a way strangely independent of any physical presence is a fact that will be a matter of personal, intimate experience for us. But I dare say that his memory will for many of us touch even a common day with significance, will speak with quickening power to the best within us.

"Utter simplicity, respect for personality, complete devotion to his task, marked this man whom we honor this evening."

This genealogy occupied Sutton's interest and attention during the period from 1959 to 1961, after he had visited his birthplace in Warren County and his last living uncle, "Herve" Christian.