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Dear Mrs. Berger,

Your letter in response to my query in the Genealogical Helper came today. We read and re-read it in order to absorb and organize your interesting data of the various families of Obadol.

We were surprised! We have only worked on our family research since 1974. We haven't had much faith in finding someone with the Obadol name, so frankly this was our first try.

Ben's mother was Mary Obadol; and she has been gone since 15 February 1974. Ben's mother had two brothers, Frank and John, who never married so of course that left no one to carry on their direct line with the name Obadol.

Ben's grandfather, Josef Obadol, Mary's father, was born July 14, 1838 in or near Vsetin, Czechoslovakia. Ben has in his possession, the passport and birth certificate of Josef Obadol. Last year we wrote via the Czech Consulate in Washington D.C. to try to complete our family records of our Obadol line. Much of <sup>the</sup> pages of records we received from there coincided with data contained on the passport and birth certificate. The records from Czechoslovakia of Josef's family were full of names and dates not found in this country or elsewhere (to our knowledge.) (It took some time finding someone to translate the language - Ben had not ~~learned~~ the ability to speak, read or write Czech - and few others, <sup>who are</sup> older here, we've discovered.)

Ben's family Obadol lived near Caldwell, Texas in Burleson County in the 1870's until about 1879 when, for some reason (to buy land) they came to Kansas (Ellsworth County). Josef married Ben's grandmother, Teressa Polcak, in Burleson County Oct. 4, 1873.

Have you done research in Czechoslovakia?

We were looking at a map today noting the location of Novo Mesto and see that is not far from Josef's birthplace - Usetin.

We are anxious to write to the Obadols that you named in your letter to us. We will write soon to them!

Ben was born in Ellsworth County and his family still consider it as "home". His brother, John is now living in (Ellsworth Co.) Holyrood which is only about ten miles from Bushton - which is in Rice County. Ben says Ellinwood is not far from Great Bend. Do you have family or friends in Bushton and Ellinwood?

Is your husband's mother still living?

Thank you so much for the Obadol names and addresses!

We do hope to hear from you again, soon.

Ben & Anna Neuschaefer

Family  
History  
Clark

PRESENTED BY

MISS TOMMIE MARTIN, ROANOKE ROAD, LAGRANGE, GEORGIA  
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DESCENDANT OF

CHRISTOPHER CLARK OF

ALBEMARLE AND HANOVER COUNTIES, VIRGINIA

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DISTINGUISHED DESCENDANTS

1964

## CHRISTOPHER CLARK

Mrs. Cooper says the foregoing is our Christopher and that John is the father of George Rogers and Gen. William Clark. (Note by J. E. McN. This cannot be as the John who was father of George Rogers Clark was born in 1725, and was son of Jonathan. John was not the son of Ann Allinson, first wife of Edward, but was son of Ann -- third wife whom Edward married in 1708.

This Edward who married Ann Allinson in 1681 could be the son of Christopher, son of Christopher (with wife Rebecca), son of Edward and Diana (Haywood) Clark.

In one branch the tradition exists that Christopher and the father of George Rogers were half-brothers. (Not possible. J.E.McN.) Another line claims that Christopher was the son of Jonathan, grandfather of George Rogers Clark, but examination of dates makes this seem impossible.

Some descendants claim that the family came from Isle of Wight, via Barbadoes to Virginia. Henry Whittemore in his History of the Adams family says: "The Clark family was of English descent. It is probable they came to America by way of the Babadoes for in the list of inhabitants of Christ Church Parish, Barbadoes, in 1680 appear the names of Christopher, Francis, Thomas, and Edward, as large land and slave owners. It is probable that they emigrated to Virginia as the family names are the same."

The Register of Christ Church, Barbadoes, gives a Christopher Clarke as early as 1644, and said Register gives many Clarkes during the period 1644-1708, as evidenced by records sent in 1923 by Reverend Percy A. Farrar, Rector of Christ Fauntleroy of Avoca, Altavista, Va., for Mrs. J. F. McNaught. Mr. Farrar states: "These old registers were not as carefully kept as those of later years, and there seem to be many gaps in the entries of births, deaths, and marriages." He also wrote: "I have no record of tax-lists or of sailings."

In Moorman family records as given in 1907-08 by Mr. Jesse Bryan (a Moorman Family Historian) to Mrs. J. F. McNaught, we find that Zachariah Moorman was emigrant from the Isle of Wight to the Barbadoes, that "in the Spring of 1669, he, with his sons Thomas and Charles, dau. Sally Ann (wife of Micajah Clark); Micael and Margaret Clark with their sons, Micajah, Francis, Edward, Roger, William, Thomas, and Christopher, and David Terrell, embarked at Southampton, England, on the ship Glasgow, and sailed to Barbadoes, West Indies. (Hotten's Lists Barbadoes)

Early in 1670 Zachariah Moorman and family, Micajah and Sally Ann Clark joined the immigrants who passed Barbadoes on their way to South Carolina, and landed with them near the site of Charleston, S.C. During the same year (1670) the Moorman and Clarke families proceeded to Virginia and settled at Somerton, Nansemond County.

The relationship between Michael Clark and Micajah Clark (husband of Sally Ann Moorman Clark) is not known, but without doubt the relationship was close, brothers, or father and son. Possible Micajah was the oldest (first named) in family of Michael and Margaret.

It is stated that "Michael and Margaret Clark and most of their sons settled on the Island", which implies that some of them went to the mainland, and one of these may have been Edward who accompanied his uncle or brother Micajah and could have been the Edward Clark of whom we find record in Middlesex Co., Va. (Christ Church Register) as marrying in 1681 (as first wife) Ann Allinson, daughter of David Allinson. This would corroborate the tradition in one branch of the family of "Edward from the Isle of Wight, father of Christopher of Louisa Co." (Christopher may have been the youngest son in family of Michael and Margaret Clark, or son of Micajah and Sally Ann (Moorman) Clark.

Celeste Terrell Barnhill (Mrs. John F.) wrote in 1929, that in her family history Christopher Clark of Louisa Co. is said to be the son of Micajah and Sally Ann (Moorman) Clark. Mrs. Barnhill's line from Christopher is: Agnes married Benjamin Johnson; issue:--Sarah Johnson married David Terrell who was gr. gr. grand-father of Mrs. Barnhill.

In the Clark-Terrell line, it is believed that Christopher was son of Micajah and Sally Ann (Moorman) Clark, who came via the Barbadoes to Virginia in 1670.

Whether our Christopher descended from Edward and Diana (Haywood) Clark from England to Virginia, or from Michael and Margaret Clark; or Micajah and Sally Ann Clark from Isle of Wight to the Barbadoes, thence to Virginia, we find him in 1742 one of the Pioneers of Louisa Co., Va. (Wood's History of Albemarle County, Virginia)

Christopher Clark was Justice on the first Bench of Magistrates of Louisa Co. established Dec. 13, 1742, formed of Col. Robert Lewis, Capt. Christopher Clark, Thomas Meriwether, and others. (Records of Louisa Co., Va. Order Book I, page 1).

He was law partner of Nicholas Meriwether (ancestor of Meriwether Lewis). He was a wealthy man for that time. Land records show purchase of lands in Hanover Co. on Cedar Creek in 1705-6. It is also stated that he bought large tracts in 1702-5 with Nicholas Meriwether, Hanover County records show patents of thousands of acres to him from 1722 to 1739, prior to the formation of Louisa County from Hanover in 1742. In 1730, he with Nicholas Meriwether patented 17,952 acres (records in Land Office at Richmond, Va. State Library, Archives Division).

Executive Journals of Council of Va. Vol. III, p. 243, show patents of 3400 acres in New Kent Co. in Nov. 1716; p. 502 same book, shows patents of 15,000 acres in Hanover Co., Va., May, 1719.

"Christopher Clarke's home was at Green Springs, Louisa Co., Va., on part of a rich body of land supposed to be the former bed of a lake. From there he cut a road to his lands in Albemarle Co., near present Charlottesville, which was called "Clark's Trace" or "track" and is so called on old maps to this day." He was a tobacco planter, and owned slaves. In 1742 he was a Justice of Louisa Co., Va. He is called Captain of the House of Burgesses, and father of Micajah Clark, Sr. (From Va. Mag. VI 277).

CLARK FAMILY

FROM KEY AND ALLIED FAMILIES

From Mary Lizzie Wright:

Christopher Clark who m. Penelope Massie Bolling was a Capt. in militia of Va. in 1727, one of first Justices of Louisa Co., and patented land in 1722, 1742, was one of first merchants in Louisa Co., joined Quakers in 1743-4. His son Micajah b. 1718, m. 1736 Judith Adams, daughter of Robert Adams and wife Mary Lewis. One book says Robert Adams' wife was Mary Lewis and one says Mourning-- do you know which is right? Robert Adams was Ensign in Am. Rev.

His son, Christopher Clark, b. April 20, 1737, d. 1795, m. May 3 1757 Mildred Terrell, b. June 7, 1741, d. 1790. He was in the Am. Rev. and references are: p. 628, Ga. and Ga. People by George Smith (a Methodist minister), p. 400 Ga. Roster of Rev. by Lucien Knight. His daughter Judith m. Peter Wyche. This is my grandfather, Zachariah H. Clark's grandfather. He is listed in Lucien L. Knight's Ga. Landmarks as one of first settlers of Elbert Co. Elbert Co. was created in 1790. It seems that Christopher Clarke and Peter Wyche both went to Elbert Co. about the same time. Christopher Clark was b. in Albemarle Co., Va. and died in Elbert Co., Ga. in 1803.

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I have also this about Christopher Clark who m. Mildred Terrell, March 13, 1757, was the first child (not the 2nd) of Micajah and Judith Adams Clark, was b. April 20, 1737, Mildred his wife was b. June 7, 1741, was dau. of David and Agatha (Chiles) Terrell, children of Christopher and Mildred Clark were

- Micajah b. Feb. 24, 1758;
- Christopher b. June 6, 1760;
- David b. April 8, 1762 m. Mary Clark in 1794;
- Mourning b. Aug. 12, 1764 m. Wm. Bibb Key, son of Martin Key;
- Judith b. Oct. 22, 1766 m. Peter Wych (my ancestor);
- \*Rachel b. Oct. 8, 1768 m. John Bowen (1) m. (2) John Dailey;
- Agatha b. Aug. 28, 1770 m. George or John Wyche;
- Mary b. Oct. 1, 1772 m. Thomas Oliver;
- Samuel b. Oct. 5, 1774;
- Joshua b. July 7, 1777;
- Mildred b. March 24, 1779 m. Shelton White Terrell b. Sept. 3, 1781;
- Susan b. March 5, 1783 m. McCarthy Oliver;
- Lucy b. April 19, 1786 m. Jas. Oliver;

according to Mrs. McNaught's record, the Micajah Clark who m. Miss Gatewood in 1786 was not the son of Christopher Clark, but the sixth son of his younger brother, Robert Clark and his wife Susanna Henderson. He was therefore the cousin of Micajah, son of Christopher Clark. (This last item is a copy from a D.A.R. paper sent in by Mrs. J. F. McNaught, Hermiston, Oregon, a number of years ago and I only found it a few days ago). This gives where the Oliver lines come in.

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BOWLING FAMILY

Statement of Lyon G. Tyler, Editor of Tyler's  
Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine  
State Library Building  
Richmond, Va.

This family resided in the Northern Neck of Virginia, and is not to be confused with the Bolling family that settled on the N. and S. side of the James River.

The first of the name of Bowling in the Va. records was William Bowling, who on April 4, 1669 (1606?) patented 887 acres in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester County, adjoining Col. Augustine Warner. (Va. Land Register, Vol. 6, p. 151 (or 131?). Some of this family appear to have made their way into Maryland, for between 1684 and 1713 there were several recorded. The inventories of James and Thomas Bowling are recorded in Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles counties, Md. Those of them who remained in Va. pushed up into the Northern Neck. There we find a William Bowling in the records of Richmond Court in 1701, and in 1722 a Robert Bowling in Stafford county, who also declares in the court that he is then 50 years of age. There was later an Edmund or Edward ? Bowling of Stafford County who married Mary Suddeth on May 4, 1744, and had issue: John, Elizabeth and Nancy (named in the Parish Register).

But there was also a George Bowling who lived in Prince William County and died 1736 and apparently left three sons, William, Robert and Joseph.

William, who died before 1754, gave bond April 21, 1730 for the administration of the estate of George Bowling, deceased, and voted at the Fairfax County election in 1744. He was dead before 1754, when his wife "Penelope" of Truso Parish in Fairfax County describes herself as "widow" in a deed to her son William in Fairfax County records.

I think that there can be no doubt that PENELOPE BOWLING, who married Christopher Clarke, was a daughter of WILLIAM BOWLING and PENELOPE, his wife, of Fairfax County, Virginia.

(Signed) LYON G. TYLER  
April 16, 1924

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CLARK FAMILY

FROM KEY AND ALLIED FAMILIES by  
Mrs. Julian Lane, Statesboro, Ga.  
Pub. by J. W. Burke Co., Macon, Ga.

Capt. Christopher Clark, gent. (1690-1754) b. in England came to America via Barbados, settled in Virginia. He m. Penelope Bolling the grand-daughter of the Earl of Shaftsbury. To this couple were born the following children:

- 1. Edward b. 1710 d. s.
- 2. Agnes b. 1712 m. Benjamin Johnson
- 3. Rachel m. Thos. M. Moorman, son of Chas. Moorman (see his will Louisa Co., Va.)
- 4. Sarah m. (2) Wm. Ballard, nor issue by 2nd m. M. Charles Lynch, 2nd Maj. John Ward, no issue by 2nd m.
- 5. Bowling m. Winifred-- he inherited the "Great Bible"
- 6. Micajah M. b. Sept. 16, 1698, m. Judith Adams b. 1716, she was the daughter of Robert and Mourning Adams (Robert Adams' will is in Goochland Co., Va., dated 1738)
- 7. Elizabeth b. Feb. 26, 1720 m. Joseph Anthony b. May 2, 1713, d. Nov. 23, 1785. They were married April 27, 1741. He was the son of Mark Anthony, the Genoese Italian who cam to Va. After the death of Joseph Anthony, his widow and most of the children moved to Georgia. There were fourteen surviving children.

MICAJAH CLARK b. 1718, m. Judith Adams Oct. 1736.

Children:

- 1. Christopher m. Mildred Terrell
- 2. Robert m. Susannah Henderson
- 3. Mourning b. April 6, 1740
- 4. Micajah Jr., m. Mildred Martin
- 5. John m. Mary Moore
- 6. Edward
- 7. Penelope m. 1st Rewen Roland, 2nd Jonathan Saunders
- 8. Judith m. Andrew Moorman
- 9. Bolling m. Elizabeth Cheadle
- 10. Elizabeth m. Joseph Anthony, Jr.
- 11. James Cravin m. Lucy Cheadle
- 12. Jon. William Clark m. Judith Cheadle

Christopher, son of Micajah and Judith (Adams) Clark b. April 20, 1737 m. Mildred Terrell b. June 7, 1741. She was the dau. of David and Agatha (Chiles) Terrell of Caroline Co., Va.

Christopher Clark and Milley Terrell his wife removed to Elbert Co., Ga. Their Children:

- 1. Micajah b. Feb. 24, 1758 m. Ella Gatewood (ch. Amelia m. Nicholas Gilmer)
- 2. Christopher, Jr. b. Jan 6, 1760 m. (1798) Rebecca Davis
- 3. David b. April 8, 1762 m. his cousin Mary Clark

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Christopher Clark and Milley Terrell children continued:

4. Mourning b. Aug. 12, 1764 m. William Bibb Key
5. Judith b. Oct. 22, 1766 m. Peter Wyche
6. Rachel b. Oct. 8, 1768 m. (1) John Bowen, (2) John Daley
7. Agatha b. Aug. 28, 1770, m. John Wyche
8. Mary b. Oct. 1, 1772, m. Thomas W. Oliver, son of Dionysius and Mary Ann (Winfry) Oliver of Elbert Co., Ga.
9. Samuel b. Oct. 5, 1774, d. single
10. Joshua b. July 7, 1777, d. single
11. Mildred b. Mar. 24, 1779, m. (1794) Shelton White
12. Terrell b. Sept. 3, 1781
13. Susan b. March 5, 1783 m. Rev. F. McCarthy Oliver, bro. of Thos.
14. Lucy b. April 19, 1786, m. James Oliver, also son of Dionysius.

Christopher Clark, Jr. b. Jan. 6, 1761 m. Rebecca Davis in Elbert Co., Ga. in 1798

Their Children: Samuel b. 1800;  
Margaret Ann b. 1802 m. her cousin James Opher Clarke Mar. 29, 1821, Elbert Co., Ga.  
Christopher Hall b. 1804;  
William b. 1806;  
Jefferson b. 1809;  
Geo. Washington b. 1811, d. Sept. 29, 1868;  
Mary b. 1813.

Christopher Clarke, Sr. and Jr. were Revolutionary soldiers.

Jefferson, son of Christopher Clark, Jr. m. (1) 1837 Sarah Catherine Bowen, granddaughter of Rachel (Clark) Bowen, children:

Sarah Estelle b. June 28, 1838, m. Nov. 1857 to W.C.H. Buck;  
Martha Bowen (1840-1841);  
Christopher Bowen b. July 22, 1842;  
Jefferson Clark m. (2) June 1854 to Elizabeth Jane Hood, children: Margaret Ann b. July 11, 1855; Samuel Hood b. July 24, 1857; Rebecca Davis b. Mar. 22, 1861, and Thomas Jefferson Clark, Jr. b. Sept. 29, 1868.

Margaret Ann, dau. of Christopher and Rebecca (Davis) Clark, m. James Opher Clark, her cousin, and had issue:

Micajah m. (1) Miss Parish of Kentucky; (2) Miss Elmire Munger of Texas;  
Christopher m. (1) Elvira Nail, Fayette Co. Texas; (2) Hannah Anderson;  
Mary Penelope b. Sept. 16, 1828, m. Geo. S. Turner, Fayette Co., Texas, June 4, 1848;  
Rebecca Davis m. (1) V. H. Glass, Nov. 8, 1849; (2) Robert Chappel;

1681 - 1754  
of  
Louisa County, Virginia

Dr. James Christopher Mathews, late of Gay, Georgia, gives the following: Edward Clarke, who planted the family in America, was of the Devon Co., England or East-Anglia family. Tradition says he came to America in 1607, but I find no written history of him until 1623, at which time he and his family lived near old Jamestown, Virginia. He married Diana Haywood, October, 1611, in Suffolk, England. Just when he came to America is not told in history."

Christopher Clarke: - possibly the son of Edward and Diana Haywood Clarke, was born sometime between 1612 and 1620 in England or Virginia. He married Rebecca--about 1646-7. Their children were:

1. Susannah Clark, born February 23, 1648.
2. Dorothea Clark, born January 6, 1649.
3. John Clark, born December 3, 1651.
4. Peter Clark, born June 14, 1654.
5. Rebecca Clerk, born May 4, 1657.
6. Christopher Clark, born June 19, 1659.
7. Daniel Clark, born February 10, 1661.
8. Elizabeth Clark, born August 4, 1663.
9. Mary Clark, born November 17, 1666.

Dr. Mathews says the "Christopher in above family was the father of Christopher Clarke of Louisa County, Virginia, whose sister, Sarah Clarke, was baptized Feb. 7, 1695". (Dr. Mathews' line from Christopher is found in that of Christopher and Milly (Terrell) Clarke.)

The following was copied in 1881 from a Bible in possession of Mrs. C. M. Hudson of Elberton, Georgia: "Christopher Clarke, son of Christopher Clarke, born in Virginia in 1698. Micajah Clarke, son of Christopher Clarke, born in Virginia April 20, 1737. Milly Terrell born in Virginia June 7, 1740, wife of Christopher Clarke."

Mr. H. M. Faser, of Oxford, Miss. is the owner of an ancient Bible which shows his descent from Christopher Clark born 1737 and wife Milly Terrell. This Bible contains the following records: "Thomas Edward Clark was born in 1818, who was the son of Christopher Clark born November 12, 1796, the son of David Clark, born April 8, 1762, the son of Christopher Clark born 1737, son of Micajah Clark born in 17--(Torn leaf), son of Christopher Clark born in 1698, who was the son of Edward Clark -----on the Jamestown-----(torn leaf)".

The above, with other records, gives Christopher's birth in 1698, which must be wrong as land record show Christopher Clark buying land in 1705/6.

Mrs. Elvira Cooper, of Ottawa, Canada, a descendant in the Clark-Anthony line, give the following: "Edward Clark married Ann Allison in 1681 (Christ Church records, Middlesex Co., Virginia). Children: (1) Christopher Clark born 1681. (2) Allison Clark; (3) Francis Clark; (4) John Clark.

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COPY OF WILL OF CHRISTOPHER CLARK

In the name of God, Amen, I, Christopher Clark, being in sound mind and memory, thanks to Almighty God for it, but calling to mind the uncertainties of ye life, make this my last Will and testament as follows, etc.:

1st. I give to my loving son Edward one gun and all my wearing clothes and all things else that he was possessed of that were ever mine.

2nd. I give to my loving daughter, Agnes Johnson, one negro wench her increase and whatever else she has or ever had in possession that was mine.

3rd. I give my loving daughter, Rachel Moorman, four hundred acres of land in Hanover County near to Captain Thomas Dancey and one negro woman named Moll with her increase, and all things else that she has in her possession whatever that was mine.

4th. I give to my loving daughter, Sarah Lynch, one negro boy and all things else that she is or ever was possessed of that was mine.

5th. I give my loving son, Micajah Clark, five hundred acres of land in Hanover County the same whereon I now live with all rights and herediments thereto belonging and one negro boy named working tools and whatever else he is or was possessed of that was mine.

6th. I give my loving son, Bowling Clark, four hundred acres of land in Hanover County lying on the northwest side joining on the land of Mr. Thomas Carr and on ye County , two young negroes named Nance and Robin and one horse named Spret, one gun, one feather bed, and furniture, two cows and calves, my trooping arms and my great Bible, and all my law books.

7th. I give my loving daughter, Elizabeth Anthony, four hundred acres of land in Goochland County on Footer Creek near South forks of James River, two young negroes, Moll and Jenny, cows and calves, one feather bed and furniture.

All the rest of my estate be it what nature or quality soever I leave to my loving wife during her natural life, who I appoint Executrix and further my will and desire is that my loving granddaughter, Penelope Lynch, at the death of her grandmother, Penelope Clark, my wife, that then she, the said Penelope Lynch be paid out of my estate, if there be so much remaining, forty pounds good and lawful money of Virginia and the rest, if any left, to be equally divided among my said children but not to be appraised.

In witness to the above premises I have hereto set my hand and fixed my seal this fourteenth day of August, 1741.

Christopher Clark (Seal)

COPY OF WILL OF CHRISTOPHER CLARK

Test) At a Court held for Louisa Co. the 28th day of May, 1754, this  
 Thomas Martin) Will was proved this day in open Court by the oath of  
           her      ) Thomas Martin and affirmation of Ann Martin and  
 AnnX Martin   ) admitted to record and is recorded. Test--James  
           mark   ) Littlepage, Cl. St. A copy Test. Jessie J. Porter  
           his      ) C. C. The above copy is from copy sent by Jessie J.  
 James X Waring) Porter Clark of Louisa Co. Court, Va. Received by  
           mark   ) me Feb. 17, 1895. Robert W. Conall, Cincinnati, Ohio.

In the Will of Nicholas Meriwether, dated Dec. 12, 1743, he is called Captain Christopher and was undoubtedly Capt. of Va. Mounted Troops, as evidenced by the following: "In the Year Book of the Society of Colonial Wars, p. 41, Rool of Ancestors: Captain Christopher Clarke, Virginia, born in Virginia, died in Va. 1753. Captain of Militia, Hanover Co., Va. 1727". Same record as above in Year Book Ohio Society of Colonial Wars, and in supplement to General Register to Society of Colonial Wars, 1911-- p.330".

This service has been used by following named in gaining admission to Society of Colonial Wars: Mr. Clifford Greve, St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Charles Clark Evans, Sedalia, Mo.; J. Burton Hendrick of Ky.; and Achilles H. Pugh of Cincinnati, Ohio.

This service of Christopher Clark is not accepted by Colonial Dames Society of Virginia, as he held no elective order and we find no recorded proofs of service in actual warfare.

Alexander Brown in "Cabells and Their Kin" says: "The Clarks were the first settlers of Albemarle, once part of Hanover, afterwards Louisa--and the records of the period in which it was one of the most prominent families (1748-1763) were lost, disappearing at the time of Tarleton's raid and supposed to have been destroyed by the British troops who took possession of the Court House", which, with the loss of Micajah's Bible, as well as the "Great Bible" of his father, prevents the complete tracing of the family line previous to Christopher and Penelope.

In his Will, dated Aug. 14, 1741, proved May 28, 1754, Louisa Co., Va., Christopher Clark bequeathed to his son Bowling, his trooping arms, his law books, and his Great Bible. This "Great Bible" bequeathed to Bowling was carried into Georgia, and later was lost. This, with the subsequent loss of the Bible of his Son Micajah, which it is said had the "records copied from his father's "Great Bible" prevents the certain tracing of Captain Christopher's ancestors.

Following is quoted from Mr. C. L. DeMott: "I had a few hours to spare in Louisa Court House one day and looked up the Wills of Christopher Clark, Benjamin Johnson, Abraham Venable. They were interesting. Then I turned to the inventories of their "Personal property". They were not only interesting but entertaining. My companion and I along with the clerk of the Court, enjoyed many a hearty alugh that day. One item of interest. They each left on hand "20 cider casks"--I wondered--finally I turned to Nicholas Meriwether's inventory. The parallel items were 40 cider casks and a still."

In his Will were bequests to each of his children, and it seems to have been made to equalize his property among his children, he having previously given them land and servants. His Will was witnessed by Thomas and was recorded in Louisa Co., Va., May 2, 1754, which is thought to be the year of his death though the Year Book of Kentucky Colonial Society gives it 1753.

1681 - 1754

Clark "Arms and Significance" said to be those of Christopher Clark's line and progenitors.

Crest - Dove with olive branch in mouth denotes Peace.

Field - Four quarters, 1st and 4th red stands for military bravery. 2nd and 3rd Ermine belongs to royalty and means concession from the King.

Piles of blue - blue is emblem of love and fidelity also strength.

The mailed hand - concealed power.

The Gold Star stands for generosity, brilliancy, denotes descent of Arms from father to son - see "Christmas Star in Heraldry" "very rare"

Bend of Blue - Fidelity

Swans - The Ancients called Swan bird of Apollo or Orpheus. Swans according to English law are Birds-royal when in wild state on rivers belong to the Crown and is a prerogative of the Crown though it is sometimes given to a subject. The Royal Bird is the Kings herd and important. A subject is not entitled to a Swan mark unless standing high with royalty and has Motto in Greek - meaning "Through Difficulties  
we Rise

or

We Rise by overcoming Difficulties".

CHRISTOPHER CLARK  
and Some of his Descendants

The name Clarke, Clerk, etc., was employed in England as early as the 11th century. It undoubtedly referred in the first place to the office of clerk, a clergyman, a clerk in Holy Orders, etc.; as at that time the Church was the only source of learning.

One writer states that the name particularly meant a person who could read and write ancient and medieval lore, and therefore medieval bearers of this name were very proud of it. The Clarks lived in East Anglia and were influential in building and managing priories and abbeys of that part of the country. They had been dwellers in England before the Norman Conquest.

The name of Milo le Clerk is found in "One Hundred Rolls" compiled in the reign of Edward I, which contains records of persons who owned lands in the time of William the Conqueror, for which they paid rent in money, etc. or gave service as soldiers.

There is a tradition which connects the Clark family with that of the descendants of Joseph of Arimethea.

CHRISTOPHER CLARK  
and some of his Descendants

Thomas Clark of Bury, St. Edmunds, Gent, mentions in his Will, dated 1507, a St. Anthony Cross of gold in the shape of a "T" of great weight which was borne in an armorial coat and worn by Nicholas Brury, his great grandfather in the expedition of Spain in 1386, with John of Gaut, Duke of Lancaster.

Many of the names were Colonial immigrants to America, among whom we find the mate of the Mayflower, Hon. Thomas Clark of Plymouth 1625, Hon. and Captain Daniel Clark one of the first settlers of Windsor, Conn. 1639.

(Collected and compiled by W. M. Creasy, Wilmington, N.C., Oct. 11, 1925.)

"there is an exquisite pleasure in reviving the memory of past days from the dust scattered over it by time, of which none can have an idea but those engaged in the pursuit.

Imagination loves to look back upon former ages and fill up the remaining outline, which seems so dull to the incurious, with colors more vivid even than they ever possessed in reality.

The memories of old age throw a fairy gleam over the enjoyments of youth, more enchanting than the light in which they appeared when present.

These are the feelings which actuate the labours of the antiquary of true taste; reviving the features of the dead, and the manners and acts of ages that are gone"

J. E. McN.

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of  
Louisa County, Virginia

There seems to be no proven record of the ancestry of Christopher Clark. Some authorities and descendants name him as the first of the family in this country, but the record kept by one branch, that of Christopher, son of Micajah, son of Captain England in the early settlement of Jamestown. No further mention of his parents nor date of his birth, but this Edward may have been the "Edward Clarke of Suffolk, England, who married Diana Haywood, October, 1611, in Suffolk, England, and who came to Jamestown sometime between 1611 and 1622", (who appears on York Co. records in 1625 and is referred to in 1651 as an ancient planter). If so, he could have been the father of Christopher who, with wife Rebecca, lived near Jamestown in 1679.



Azure, a chevron between three trefoils slipped, or  
Crest Lynx passant coward argent-  
Motto nec temere, nec timide, translated into English,  
means Neither rashly nor timidly.

Some of the Lynchs settled in S.C. One of them, Thomas Lynch, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, was son of Thomas Lynch, who m. Hannah Motte, daughter of Jacob Motte, Treasurer of Colonial S.C. Some of the Lynchs settled in New York and intermarried with the best families.

#### VENABLES AND MOORMANS

Abraham Venable came from England to Va., m. Sarah Lewis, daughter of Mr. Lewis in Kent Co., Va. She died Feb. 1688. They were members of St. Peter's Church in New Kent Co., Va. Their son, Abraham Venable was born 1700, baptized in that Church in 1701. See Church Register-- m. Martha Davis, daughter of Nathaniel Davis. His youngest sister, Mary Venable m. Charles Moorman of Louisa Co., Va. Her home was then Byrd's Creek in Goochland Co., Va. The Byrd's and the Rogers' formerly resided on Byrd's Creek in Goochland Co., Va.

Charles Moorman came from the Isle of Wight, England. He was a leading citizen of Louisa Co., Va. In 1735 he patented land in Albermarle Co., Va. but never lived on it, also patented land on Totier Creek and gave it to his sons--Thomas and Robert Moorman.

Charles Moorman's sons were Thomas Moorman, m. first Rachel Clark, daughter of Christopher Clark and Penelope Bolling Clark-- and he m. 2nd, Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Robert Adams and Mourning Adams.

Thomas Moorman's brother Achilles m. Mary Adams, daughter of Robert and Mourning Adams, and removed to Bedford Co., Va.

Robert Adams gives these two daughters, Elizabeth Adams, 2nd wife of Thomas Moorman and Mary Adams, wife of Achilles Moorman, land in Mechum River in Albermarle Co., Va., which they sold when they moved to Bedford Co., Va., to Dr. George Gilmer.

Charles Moorman's daughter, Judith Moorman, m. Christopher Anthony--who was a grandson of Christopher Clark and Penelope Bolling--being a son of Joseph Anthony and Elizabeth Clark.

Charles Moorman's daughter, Agnes Moorman m. her cousin John Venable. Judith Venable m. William Moorman of Campbell Co., Va. and his brother John Moorman m. Mary Venable in Campbell Co., Va., grandparents of Charles Moorman and Mary Venable.

William Venable, son of Abraham Venable 2nd, m. Ann Clark, daughter of Isaac Clark of Louisa Co., Va.

VENABLES AND MOORMANS

Nathaniel Venable (grandson of John Moorman and Mary Moorman-- daughter of Charles Moorman 1st) died 1778. His will was proved in 1778 Prince Edward Co., Va. His daughter Martha E. Venable m. Richard Moorman and other children intermarried with the Clairbournes and Michens and Watkins and Carringtons of Virginia.

I found a Thomas Moorman, vestryman of St. Peter's Parish Church in New Kent Co., Va., his wife, Elizabeth had Mary Moorman baptized 1686 in St. Peter's Church, also Andrew Moorman baptized there Nov. 1689.

I forgot to mention that Rachel Clark, daughter of Christopher Clark and Penelope Bolling m. first Thomas Moorman and 2nd, William Ballard.

*This Christopher & Joseph <sup>Anthony</sup> were bros.*

Christopher Anthony, Jr. m. Judith Moorman. ~~They had son,~~ Joseph Anthony, b. 1713. He m. April 1741 Elizabeth Clark, born 1723, daughter of Christopher Clark and Penelope Bolling. They claimed kinship with John L. Adams, Captain of Pittsylvania County, Va., who was a son of Capt. Robert Adams and wife Mourning.

<sup>same</sup> Another Joseph Anthony m. <sup>is</sup> Rhoda Moorman. The Anthonys though Quakers contributed money and provisions in abundance to the American Army in 1776-1782. They were patriotic and removed after the war to Georgia and Kentucky.

There was an Andrew Moorman, Jr. who m. a Venable.

There was a Bolling Clark who m. a Winifred --. They had a <sup>son Christopher II</sup> son William Clark, born 1746, and baptized in Briston Church Prince George Co., Va.

K. J. Hently

Edward Clarke bought one share in the London Co. May 1620 (100 acres was a share to settle land in Va., see page 303 Va. Mag. Vol. 4)

George Clarke bought one share, June 1620 from Sir Thomas Gates.

George Butler Clarke bought one share Nov. 1621.

Mr. John Clark (Gent) bought 2 shares Feb. 1621.

Mr. Wm. Clarke (Gent) admitted to the London Co., May 1622- page 308 Samuel Gordon bought one share 1622, July from Mary Tue- page 308 Vol 4 Va. Mag. In 1766 Samuel Gordon and John Campbell represented Buckingham Co. and Fred Maclin with Wm. Thornton represented Brunswick Co. 1768 See page 380 Vol. v, Va. Mag.

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