

GREETINGS: And a Happy Spring to you, if Spring you have as yet. We here have full faith in the fact that Spring will eventually reach Tennessee, but only because it always has to date, not because there are many signs of its advent as yet!

We hope you have your spring cleaning all done, the garden in, the income tax (ugh!) all figured and paid, and your bonnet bought for the Easter Parade.

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BIBLE RECORDS

The following are excerpts from the Bible Records of Burwell Hylton's Family Bible.

He was born on December 28, 1801 in Floyd County, Va., the son of John D. and Nancy Howell Hylton, who were married in 1798. Burwell Hylton married Mary Ann Slusher on March 20, 1823. She was born April 26, 1803, the youngest daughter of Christopher and Eva Slusher. Mary Ann was born after Christopher and Eva came to Floyd Co.

Burwell and Mary Ann had 15 children, all but one of whom is listed in the Bible records under Births. The only one not listed is Absalom, who, if he was a child of Burwell and Mary Ann was born and died in 1825, and is almost bound to have been a twin of Ira S. below: It is possible that Absalom was not their child.

IRA S. HYLTON was borned September 6th in the year of our lord 1825.

RILEY HARRISON HYLTON was borned May 26th in the year of our lord 1827.

JULIA HYLTON was borned Nov. 28th in the year of our lord 1828.

LORENZO D. HYLTON was borned August 16th in the year of our Lord 1830.

NATHAN HYLTON was borned Nov. 24th in the year of our lord 1831.

JACOB S. HYLTON was borned Nov. 1st in the year of our lord 1833

JOHN HANCOCK HYLTON was borned May 30th in the year of our lord 1835.

MATTAHIAS (Mathias) F. HYLTON was borned December 2th in the year of our Lord 1836.

EVE ELIZABETH HYLTON was borned Sept. 29th, in the year of our Lord 1838.

NANCY HYLTON was born June the 10 in the year of our lord 1840.

HENDERSON HYLTON was borned the March 7th in the year of our lord 1842.

ANANIAS HYLTON WAS BORNED Sept. 28 in the year of our lord 1843.

MARYEN SLUSHER late Maryen Hylton was borned Apr. 26th in the year of our lord 1803 (Presumably this is our Mary Ann, mother of all this crew.)

LEVI WOODBURY HYLTON was borned Dec. the 22 in the year of our lord 1845.

KATHIARINE L. (Lucretia) HYLTON was borned July 9th in the year of our Lord 1847.

ISABEL HYLTON was borned July the 23rd day of the year of our lord 1855.

(Isabel was the oldest daughter of Nathan.)

ELLEN B. WEEKS HYLTON was borned March 10, 1845.

(This is the wife of Mathias).

Death and marriage records from this Bible will be continued in a later letter: Also the Civil War service records of the sons of Burwell Hylton, which are quite remarkable.

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Following is another letter to Christopher Slusher, Jr. who moved to Missouri in 1828. This one is from his brother-in-law, Solomon Harmon. Solomon Harmon married Chris Jr's sister, Elizabeth.

Floyd County, State of Virginia
October 1st day 1835

Deare Brother I now Take my Pen in Hand to let you now that we are all well at this Time and all our Relations as fur as I know, Thanks Be to God for His mercies. Hoping these few lines will find you all in the same State of Helth. You Rote to me that you wished Joseph Phleager and Archeles Hylan (Archelaus Hylton) as Referies on your Part concerning the Land of Phillips. Helms Administrators choosed David Weddle and Adam Harter the Administrator is John W.

Headon and Mises Helms Administrator of and the Referees decided in your favor, also I will State to you that Jacob Helms Dec'd on 28th day of May last, also you Rote to me to let Granne Mierors (Myers - Christopher Jr's mother-in-law) have Fifteen or Twenty dollars as she needed it. I Raised sum Money - directly after I received your letter and I Received sum Since, and I Thought as I had a convenient Chance I wood Send you all the money I have in Hand By Lewis Star, (Chris Jr's son in law) and you wish to know the amount of the Balance on the Bond. the Balance of the Principle and Intrust is \$205.18 from this daide, and I will send you \$115. I can also furnish Grane Miers with money as She needs it. I can inform you that I Sold Lewis Star a horse at \$65.00 and if his Payment will answer you on the Bond say so and If not you can Right to me in the next letter. father-in-law and Mother in-law is Giting very febel and also Graney Miers is very weeke and febel. I can inform you that the Administrators of Jacob Helms Dec'd agreed to pay me the same amount that I paid with Intrust from the Time I paid for the Said Land. I will inform you that we have Had Very Cold Seson. There Hase Bin frost nerly Every month in this yeare. The crops in this Country or Very late our father Generely Got frost Bit But I hop the Corn is not much Ingerd as yet. We have a Tolerable mast in this County. There is a Tolerable Good Chance of Small Grain Thru the Cuntry at the ushel Price.

I must Bring my Leter to a close and I Remain your Brother untill Deth so ----- farwell

Solomon Harmon

Christopher Slusher

I think I'll tell a little story. One of our number asked her daughter-in-law to call the Slusher's in the telephone book of a large industrial city and tell them of the Slusher Family organization and ask them if they would be interested in joining us. The daughter-in-law was hesitant about intruding, wondering if the people would think she was some sort of crank or crack-pot and would be ugly to her. The lovely lady who is one of our Senior members said to her daughter-in-law, "If they

are real Slushers they won't reject you or be ugly to you". and so she called, and 30 minutes later was still talking to a nice man who was interested and who was a "real" Slusher.

I think that's a nice story, as well as being a true one: because, since I am only a Slusher by marriage, I can say I have always found that the Slushers are above average "real" people.

Here are some notes from the Bible of Jeremiah (Jerry) Slusher, son of Jacob.

February 1880 had 5 Sundays - it came in on Sunday and went out on Sunday.

Women shall not wear man's clothing. Deut. 22:5

166 coffins made in the shop of J. H. Slusher, by him and his instructions from May 1845 to April 1874.

(after this, the gentleman who made the coffin for Peter Slusher in 1870 (see last paragraph in newsletter #2) must have been J. H. Slusher, not P. H. Slusher as was reported. The letter as it was written could have been either.)

Snow fell 23 inches deep on the 16-17 of Dec. 1890.

Eternity only one time. Isaiah 57.

Neighbors of Jerry Slusher Ara Hylton, (Ira?), Asa and Annias Harman, Jesse Boothe, Daniel Bowman, Elder Amos Dickerson.

In the year of 1971, only three of Jerry Slusher's 40 grand-children are living: Calvin Slusher, Julian Whitly and Della Guinn. The above notes were copied by the wife of Hamilton Slusher; only two of his grandchildren are living: Fannie Slusher Jones and Della Guinn.

From: Deed Book D Page 246: (Floyd County) Slusher)
from) Power of Attorney Slusher)

Know all now by these present that I Christopher Slusher of the County of Lafayette and the State of Missouri being of sound mind and lawful age have made

constituted and appointed and by these present do make constitute and appoint in my place and stead put and depute Peter Slusher of the County of Floyd of the state of Virginia my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name place and stead to grant bargain and sell my share and portion estate right title and interest in the real estate of my father Christopher Slusher deceased (all of which said real estate of my father amounts to 900 acres or thereabout lying and being situated in the County of Floyd and the state of Virginia on the waters of West Fork of Little River in said County of Floyd).....

..... In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Christopher (X) Slusher
(Seal)

Floyd May Court 1846

This power of attorney for Christopher Slusher to Peter Slusher was received in court and with the certificates thereon endorsed order to be recognized.

J. N. Zentmeyer CK

(Christopher Sr. died Dec. 1845)

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Here are some excerpts from Solomon Slusher's Will: (Solomon Slusher was born on April 27, 1796, and died June 2, 1878. These dates are from his tombstone. He married Permelia (Milly) Reed on Jan. 2, 1816, William Reed Surety. She was born June 16, 1793 and died March 9, 1878.) The will is dated March 29, 1875, and witnessed by Alexander Gardner, Harvey L. Wade (Possible grandson of his brother Peter) and William A. Carter. It can be found in Will Book E Pg. 196, County Court Clerk's Office Floyd County, Va.

First he bequeathed his soul to God who gave it "and have full faith in the attonement of the blood of Christ and hope for Eternal Life beyond the grave."

Second his estate left to his wife, Permelia during her lifetime.

Third, should he outlive her, all estate to be reduced to money and after payment of debts, be divided equally between his children except that Serena Helms wife of

Hamilton Helms was to have the sum of \$100; William Slusher one share; Allen Slusher one share; the children of Solomon Slusher, Jr. one share; Serena Helms one share; Eva Jones one share; Sarah Creasey one share; Celia Sutphin one share.

Fourth - Eighth he certifies and confirms prior deeds of land and property to:

- Carter Jones
- the children and heirs at law of William: 5 acres of land in addition to land in above deed, to be taken from South end of the new tract adjoining land deeded to them and adjoining Elisha Jankens and Sarah and Walter Creasey;
- Thomas Slusher, son of Allen Slusher;
- to Allen Slusher, Mill, millhouses and $2\frac{1}{4}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land and water rights for mill purposes and land 10 ft each side of the entire length of the mill races through his land.
- to Solomon Slusher, Jr. and to the heirs of Solomon, a tract of $48\frac{1}{2}$ acres on waters of North Shady branch, known as North Shady tract.
- to Celia Sutphin and Albert T. Slusher the residue of the new tract of land not given to Williams heirs - he supposes it contains 25 acres and adjoins Elisha Jenkins and Sarah and Walter Creasey
- to Celia Sutphin and Albert T. Slusher 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land near the mill.
- deed to Sarah and Walter Creasey made several years ago.

He appointed his grandson Albert T. Slusher and friend James L. Tompkins exutors and it was dated March 29th, 1875.

Sarah's husband was named William Creasey. We believe the Walter mentioned here to be their son, who was a "powerful preacher" and presiding elder in Mt. Airy, N. C. at one time. Albert T (ell) was son of Solomon, Jr.

Soloman Sr. and some of his family are buried in a small cemetery on the Troy Woolums farm near Mira Fork grocery in Floyd County, alone with these others. The stones there read as follows:

S. Slusher	Permelia E. Slusher
b: April 27, 1796	b: June 16, 1793
d: June 2, 1878	d: March 9, 1878
	(cont'd)

Wm. Slusher
d: Oct. 26, 1881
Age 63 yrs, 3 mo
7 da.

James A. Slusher
b: Dec. 8, 187(8?)
d: June 14, 1880

Bayemus Slusher
b: Feb. 4, 1837
d: Mar. 3, 1837

M. W. Sutphin
b: Oct. 13, 1818
d: Oct. 26, 1870

Verde Louisa F. dau
of F. B. & Mary A.
Slusher
b: Oct. 12, 1885
d: June 18, 1890

Cora Mae, daughter
of F.B. and Mary A.
Slusher, b: Aug. 20,
1880 d: Feb. 20, 1890

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The 1810 Census Records for Montgomery County show the following:

Christopher Slusher, Sr.
2 males under 10 years of age.
2 males of 10 and under 16
1 male of 45 and upwards
1 female under 10
1 female of 10 and under 16
1 female of 16 and under 26
1 female of 45 and up.

Proceeding under the following chronology this proves two things almost without doubt: (1). Stephen was one of Christopher's older children in spite of the fact that he was one of the last married (1824); and (2) that Christopher had two youngsters and probably one teenager living with him who were not his own children, the 2 males of under 10 years of age, and one of the females between 10 and 26, depending on the time of year the census was taken:

2 males of ten under 16: Solomon and Jacob
b: 1796 and 1797 respectively
1 male of 45 up. Christopher himself
1 female under 10: Mary Ann b 1803
1 female over 10, under 16: Caty could have fallen into this category, but it is more probable that she was at least 17 in 1810. Her age is figured from the census of 1850 at which time she was 58 - this sort of figuring, even considering the fact that the census taker took the info down correctly (and the parents remembered all the birthdates) gives about a 3-year span to reckon with.
1 female over 16 and under 26: Barbara definitely falls into this category. Elizabeth would too, but she married on March 6 of 1810, and had probably left home.

So Christopher could have had two boys under 10 and 1 teenaged girl living with him at that time who were not any of his

children that we know of - could have been a baby who died young, but surely not two. Could have been children of Stephen, maybe or of Susannah, although we have no record of an earlier marriage of Stephen's or of any record on Susannah beyond her marriage.

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The following tells a very graphic story all within itself of the last week in the life of Chris Slusher, Jr. He cut his knee while obtaining a piece of walnut for a gunstock on Dec. 15, and he died from blood poisoning Dec. 24:

1855 In a/c with Wm. Webb & P.H. Chambers
Aug. 31 to visit & medicine for Jim 2.50
Sep. 2 " call visit & " " " 1.25
Sep. 2 " visit & medicine for self 2.50
Dec. 17 " " " " " " 2.50
Dec. 18 " " " " " " 2.50
Dec. 19 " " " " " " 2.50
Dec. 20 " " " " " " 2.50
Dec. 21 " " " " " " 2.50
Dec. 21 " " night visit & detention 8.00
Dec. 23 " visit & medicine for self 2.50
Dec. 23 " " 1 bottle brandy 1.00

Rec'd payment 30.25

Webb & Chambers

(The Physicians)

State of Missouri)
County of Lafayette)

(Jim, above, was in the list of slaves he had when he died. The bill was paid by David Phlegar & Henry Slusher, administrators.)

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On the following page, there are listed the children of Christopher and Eva Slusher as far as we have determined, their birth, marriage and death dates if we have them and, the name of the person they married. In the next newsletter, we will begin to give the children of the first and second generations beyond Christopher.

(INCIDENTALLY: There were no answers to the QUERIES in last quarter's newsletter and no queries sent in so we won't fool with that business any more right now - if you have any questions however, we'll be glad to put them in.)

SUSANNAH: b: _____ d: _____ m: Henry Bayne
Sept. 15, 1804, John Bayne, Security.

GEORGE: B: _____ D: _____ m: Mary _____.

CHRISTOPHER, JR. b: June 14, 1781 in Pennsylvania. d: Dec. 24, 1853 in Missouri.
 m: (1) Anna Meyers on Dec. 25, 1801 in Frederick County, Va. (Bond by Samuel Rogers, Sec. She was born Oct. 28, 1785 d: Sep. 9, 1837.
 (2) Susan Houx b: June 2, 1800, m: 14 June 1838
 (3) Christina Nevins (1815-1879) m: 18 Aug. 1845.
 Anna was the mother of all his children.

STEPHEN: b: _____ d: about 1840-41 in Indiana. m: Charlotte Hylton on Dec. 21, 1824, daughter of Archelous and Katherine Weddle Hylton. "Stephen Slusher and Charlotte Hylton his wife entered into wedlock on the 30 day of December in the year of our Lord 1824" -- Stephen Slusher's Family Bible) Charlotte was born May 19, 1804, died in 1894. She married (2) Jackson Harris in Indiana

PETER: b: 1784 in Maryland, d: 1870. (See pg. 6, Vol. I, No. 2) m: Celia White Nov. 12, 1812 in Montgomery Co., Va. Richard White, Security.

ELIZABETH: b: January 14, 1787, (probably in Maryland) d: Nov. 11, 1869. m: Solomon Harmon on March 6, 1810, Christopher Slusher, surety. Solomon Harmon was born OCT. 24, 1779 D: 17 June 1842 (Christopher Harmon was father of Mathias Harmon; Mathias & wife Elizabeth were parents of Solomon who m: Elizabeth Slusher and Jacob who m: Christena Mock. -- Harmon Genealogy, Southern Branch by John Newton Harmon, Sr., Pg. 298, Floyd County Branch.)

BARBARA: b: January 14, 1789 (1850 census) d: 1856 in Carroll County, Va. m: Elijah Turman on Aug. 20, 1812, Christopher Slusher, security. Elijah Turman was b: April 28, 1790 d: Nov. 9, 1868, son of Charles Turman and Lucy Hylton Turman. He & Barbara buried in Turman cemetery in Carroll Co.

DAVID: b: Sept. 6, 1790 d: April 6, 1840 (buried in Goodykoontz Cemetery in Floyd County, Va., along with wife, two sons Landon and Ananias and granddaughter.) David m: Nancy Cox (have no marriage date). She was born August 7, 1794 d: June 26, 1880, daughter of Carter and Ann Cox. Carter Cox was a son of Matthew Cox, Sr. who fought with

Washington in 1755 in Pittsburgh. Nancy Cox Slusher apparently m: (2) Locke (Luke) Cox on March 9, 1853 at 58 years of age. Acopy of a marriage contract between them will be printed later.

CATHERINE (Caty) b: 1792 d: _____ m: Cary Simmons on April 9, 1815, Christopher Slusher, surety. Cary Simmons was born in 1782 a son of Thomas Simmons (birth dates from 1850 census).

SOLOMON: b: April 27, 1796 d: June 2, 1878. m: Permelia E. (Milly) Reed on Jan. 2, 1816, William Reed, Surety. She was born June 16, 1793, d: Mar. 9, 1878.

JACOB: b: Sept. 2, 1797, possibly in Frederick County, Va. d: Oct. 3, 1871, age 76 yrs., 1 mo & 1 day. m: Telithe Hylton, on November 5, 1818 (Bond Nov. 3). She was the daughter of John and Nancy Howell Hylton, as was Burwell Hylton, Mary Ann's Husband, their son.

MARY ANN: b: Apr. 26, 1803 d: 7 July 1888, m: Burwell Hylton on March 20, 1823, (witnesses Christopher Slusher, father and Jacob Slusher, brother). Burwell Hylton was b: Dec. 28, 1801 d: Aug. 30, 1883.

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In a paragraph from the Amplification Notes on Chapt. IV, pg. 685 of The Conquerors by Allan W. Eckert, he tells of Fort Schlosser, which was located within the limits of the present Niagara Falls, N. Y. The fort, he says, was named after John Joseph Schlosser, who was commissioned a lieutenant on Dec. 27, 1755 and was one of the first officers in the Royal American Regiment. Promoted for bravery in July 1756, to the rank of Captain, he succeeded to the command of the company of Baron Munster and was wounded at Ticonderoga on July 8, 1758. It was this John Joseph Schlosser who rebuilt the French fort in 1759, just above the Falls, and it was named in his honor. Though the relationship is not positive, it is thought Ensign Francis Schlosser, commander of Fort St. Joseph, was a son of Capt. John Joseph Schlosser.

Other references to Ft. Schlosser may be found in National Geographic Jan. 1932 and publications of the Buffalo, N. Y. Historical Society.

WE do so enjoy the letters you write to us and are sorry we can't answer each of them personally. Keep sending in your names - we have 300 plus now on the mailing list. If you think your line isn't on record, please do send it in - there are several branches of the family still missing. We especially need information on the descendants of David and Caty and Peter and Elizabeth - all of them really. We've scratched the surface, that's about all!

Thanks to all of you also who have sent in Cemetery records; Bible records and other good things for us to publish. Please keep this up.

Any suggestions you may have we would be glad to hear about. We repeat, as we said to begin with this is a totally amateur effort and we can use all the help we can get.

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