

The second Slusher Family Newsletter will deal with some of the earliest Slushers whose names we find on shipping lists and tax records, etc. We will talk some more about Christopher, Sr., and what we know about him; introduce something new in the letters: a Query Column; give in its entirety one of the early letters we have; fuss at those of you who haven't (1) paid your dues; (2) returned the genealogical sheets sent you; and (3) sent in the names of other members of the family you know that we don't know! Maybe a few other little goodies. Depends on space.

To begin with we have changed the size of paper used. We did this because if you all ever send in all the names you know, we will have to have the newsletter printed and probably it will be on this size paper. Also; if it should occur to you to save these letters they can be filed in an ordinary school notebook if they are this size. We're sorry about that first one - you'll just have to bend the bottom of it.

We are learning, slowly, things we ought to know about family newsletters. For instance, we learn that we should find names of Slushers in the phone books as we travel around and send them a letter telling of our organization and asking if they are interested. (One of our Senior Citizen members who is a much traveled individual has anticipated this and sent in a long list of people already). We will try to get a letter out to these people soon.

Also, we learn that we should have only one of perhaps two existing kinds of newsletters; either 'newsy' (weddings, births, deaths, etc.) or genealogical. The editorial staff (!?) has decided on the genealogical type for the simple reason that with our family spread out as it is all over the U. S., part of us don't know the other part well enough to be specifically concerned with each other's small triumphs. However: if you are elected president of the U. S. or something as equally earth shaking, we guarantee it will be published.

We find also, that you should be sending in family data; articles on the family; Bible records, questions; suggestions; and especially old letters, wills, and the names and dates off the old stones in the

cemeteries should be copied and printed in the newsletter from time to time so that if nothing else, they are preserved from the ravages of time and wind and rain, and entered into the permanent archives of the family. This is especially true of the old cemeteries in Floyd County, Montgomery Co. and places like Lexington, Mo., where there are many descendants of an original settler. Such names and dates should be copied very carefully, with great accuracy and your sending some of this type material in at your earliest convenience after weather gets better will be greatly appreciated by the editorial staff.

EARLY SLUSHER EMMIGRANTS

SO far we can't claim kin to any of the following Schlossers. The ones we have the most complete material on are:

I. PETER SCHLOSSER, who came to this country into the Port of Philadelphia and took the oath of allegiance on Sept. 30, 1738. He arrived aboard the DRAGON, with his brother, Leonard (Leonhardt). He was

b: in 1710 in St. Armand, Nassau, Saarbrück, Germany.

d: after 1790 in Whitehall Township, Northampton County, Pa.

Children:

Peter, Jr. b: before 1740

Henry b: 1743

Mary Barbara b: 1/14/1745

George Ernst b: 8/8/1746

Catherine Margaret b: 1/10/1748

JOHN b: Sept. 10, 1754 (NOTE: this is the same year our John, brother of Christopher was born!)

In the DAR records where this information came from, no other children are listed. This Peter Schlosser fought as a private in Capt. Daniel Shnyder's 8th Co. of Col. George Branig's 2nd Battalion of the Northampton Co. Militia (Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 19, p. 129)

II. GEORGE ERNST SCHLOSSER

B: October 27, 1714 in St. Armand, Nassau, Saarbrück, Germany.

d: Feb. 25, 1802 in Philadelphia.

m: Fredericka M. Rudhardt in Germany in 1738 and divorced her in 1748

(2) Anne Mary Peter in 1754

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Children by first marriage:

1. Christina Fredericka Marg. b: 2/20/1744 m: Jacob Christ on Oct. 25, 1771
2. Ernst b: 12/9/1745 m: Maria Herman on May 4, 1767.
3. (died in early youth)

Children by second wife:

1. Mary Magdalen b: 3/13/1755 m: Jacob Frank on Jan. 9, 1772.
2. Anna Maria b: 7/16/1756 m: Adam Esler on Aug. 24, 1780
3. Rosina Maria b: 12/17/1757 d: 7/24/1823. Single
4. Christina Sybilla b: 7/27/1759 (single)
5. Jacob Henry b: 5/22/1761
6. John George b: 1/1/1763 d: 4/8/1764
7. Theodore Elizabeth b: 6/6/1765 d: 5/2/1837 (single)
8. Johanna Fredericka b: 4/23/1767 m: Samuel Sauer
9. Jacobina Charlotta b: 5/30/1769 m: James Yard.
10. John George b: 2/22/1773.

This George Ernst Schlosser was active in the government of Pennsylvania during 1774-1778. We do not think he could have been Christopher's father, perhaps an uncle, or a cousin of his fathers.

III. FREDERICK SLUSHER

A Frederick Slusher lived in Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania and Frederick Co. Va. at the same time as did our Christopher.

He was listed as father of the following people on marriage bonds in Frederick Co. Va.: Ingle Slusher to Leonard Weaver on Aug. 13, 1793; and Larvinia Slusher to Michael Funk on 11 Aug. 1798.

He deeded land to Warner Buck, who m: Barbara Slusher 26 Mar. 1782; Conrad Horse who m: Susannah Slusher 28 Dec. 1790, and to Leonard Weaver who m: as above. All these transactions took place in Frederick County, Va.

Also, during these same years, a John Slusher, Christopher Slusher and George Slusher are listed as buying and selling land in Frederick County, Va.

Casper Smith m: Catherine Slusher 24 Mar. 1788. We think this may have been a sister to Christopher and John and believe they moved to Floyd County about the time Chris did. A Casper Schmitz & wife Catherine had a child in Floyd, who was baptized in the Zion Lutheran Church

on April 30, 1805, sponsors, "Christopher Schollosser and wife."

There are records of a Peter Schlosser who came to this country in 1751 aboard the Edinburgh: A Johann Jacob Schlosser arrived aboard the Edinburgh on 5 Sept. 1748. And there are others. We have some records of church membership, baptisms etc., which we will write up later in another letter. The trouble with our records right now is that they come so near to tying the different members of the early generations together, but they just don't quite manage to prove factual. We need more research on the early Slushers who came to this country.

MORE ABOUT CHRISTOPHER, SENIOR

We believe that he was a master carpenter from tradition and the several pieces of furniture which have been handed down with the tradition that they were made by Christopher Slusher. He was a farmer - at least he owned a lot of land; he was probably a locksmith also, from the evidence in his estate inventory and he must have been thrifty and healthy as evidenced by the fact that he left about 900 acres of land when he died; after having deeded several hundred acres to his sons before his death. The fact that he lived to be over 88 years of age attests the state of his health.

His wife Eve was listed in the 1830 census as "over 45 female" and was not in the 1840 census, so it is presumed she died somewhere between 1837, when she signed a deed for transfer of land to David Slusher, her son, and 1840 when the census was taken.

Christopher died Dec. 11, 1845, aged 88 years, 1 mo., 26 days. He died intestate, which began a period of time when some member of the Slusher family turned up in every single session of court in Floyd County for the next ten years or more. The final disposition of his estate has never been found to our knowledge. (Anyone have it?) He had already deeded land to members of his family as follows:

in 1829: Christopher & wife to Stephen Slusher, 100 acres.

October 20th, 1834:

Christopher to Solomon, 200 acres on Greasy Creek.

Christopher to Jacob, 200 acres, part of an 1816 Survey.

Christopher to Peter, 200 acres on Miry Fork	1 table	1.75
	1 bedstead & furniture	4.00
Christopher to Elijah Turman & wife Barbara part of a 670 acres survey of 1833, 200 acres.	1 bedstead & furniture	6.00
	1 silk handkerchief	.75
And in 1837, he and wife Eva deeded 180 acres to David Slusher.	1 lot books	1.50
	1 book case	3.00
	1 lot baskets	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1 pot	1.25
	1 box screws	1.25
	1 box spokes	4.00
	2 hammers	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1 pr. stretchers	.50
	1 reel	.50
	1 lot bushels	.87 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1 lot carryalls	3.50
	1 lot leather	1.25
	1 saddle & bridle	6.00
	1 lot socks	.50
	Total of first page	71.57 $\frac{1}{2}$

At the time of Christopher's death in 1845, his wife Eva was dead; his sons George, Stephen and David were dead; Chris Jr. had moved to Missouri (**mistake in last letter: Chris, Jr. moved to Mo. in 1828 not 1827); Barbara and her family had moved to Carroll County; Susannah had disappeared - either moved, died, or remarried - we don't know what happened to her.

Peter, Solomon and Jacob were living in Floyd County as were Elizabeth, Caty and Mary Ann.

Inventory of Christopher's estate was ordered in January of 1846, and Jacob Slusher, his son, with whom he evidently lived, and Burwell Hylton, husband of his daughter Mary Ann were appointed administrators.

He had, or had had, 89 grandchildren that we know of:

Peter	4	Caty	7	Elizabeth	9
Chris	11	Solomon	8	David	11
George	5	Jacob	7	Stephen	7
Mary Ann	15	Susannah	?	Barbara	5.

The following is a list of his property appraisement 16 January 1846, for the February Court 1846, by Joseph Phlegar, Isaac Goodykoontz and Benjamin Dodd:

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1 Chest	1.75
1 blanket, 2 pieces of cloth	2.00
1 jug	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 set chairs	1.00
Shovel & Tongs	1.25
1 stove	12.00
shaving instruments	.75
still yards	1.00
1 slate	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 spade	.20
1 lot crocks & candle molds	.25
1 glue pot & kettle	1.50
1 lot loaks (sic)	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 clock	9.00
1 lot bottles & tumberlors	1.50
1 lot earthen ware	1.25
1 lot knives & forks	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$

Page 2:

1 box locks	.75
1 box - a bell	.75
1 large straw gun	.75
1 box paints	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 box jugs	.75
winding blades	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 bedstead & furniture	1.50
1 lot locks	.50
4 chairs	.25
1 smoothing plain	.75
1 pick axe	.50
1 barrell gun - saddle bag	.25
1 Asa plow & dog	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 madaxe axe	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 salt barrell & salt	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 lock chain	2.00
1 dresser & contents	3.00
1 lot pewter & tin ware	2.00
1 half bushel 1 peck	.25
coffee mill - flat iron	.75
1 set dog irons	1.00
1 pot chain, shovel baker	.25
1 skillett oven & lid	1.25
1 kneading trough	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 crow bar, swing tree, harnis	1.25
1 barrell keg, tub, churn	1.25
1 stove No. 2	11.00
1 set bedsted post	1.00
1 grindstone frame & crank	4.00
1 bench carpenter tools	10.50
1 wheelbarrow	.50
2 sythes & hoes	.75
1 milk cow	5.50

1 blendmill	6.00
1 cutting box	1.00
Bal. principal on note due	
13 Mar 1845 of Harvey Deskies	50.00
1 note on Joseph hert due	
6 Mar. 1833	5.00
1 note on Eizehill Gilham for	
6 bushels corn	no amount
Total Page 2	116.75

Page 3:

1 note on David Slusher due	
15 Sept. 1833	5.50
Cash	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 yearling	4.50
1 lot Walnut planks	2.09
1 lot Cherry planks 120 ft	.90
1 lot Pine planks 124 ft.	.93
1 lot Walnut planks 264 ft.	1.98
1 lot pine planks, 112 ft.	.80
Total page 3.	17.82 $\frac{1}{2}$

Christopher also left approximately 900 acres of land, which presumably was the source of all the litigation which ensued.

Powers of Attorney for the settlement of Christopher's estate which we have found so far were issued by: Chris, Jr. to his brother Peter; the children of George to George B. Slusher, about whom we know very little else. J. N. Zentmeyer was appointed guardian for the minor children of David & Stephen, both of whom were deceased, to defend them in the suits involved.

QUERIES

This column will carry questions, the answers to which we hope someone will have and share with us by way of this column:

Question #1: Does anyone know the marriage date of David, son of Christopher, and his wife, Nancy Cox?

#2: William Slusher, son of Solomon, Sr. married Ellen _____ who?

#3: Albert Tell, son of Solomon, Jr. married Martha (Patsy Jane) _____ who?

Now you send in a Query, OK? Send them to W. S. Slusher, 206 Rivermont Dr., McMinnville, Tenn. 37110. Also answers to these if you have them.

LETTER

Floyd Ct. Va. th
November 27 day 1833

To Mr. Christopher Slusher of Missouri
dear brother I now take the opportunity

of writing a few lines to inform you we are all in joying good health at present excepting bad colds and hoping these few lines may find you all injoying the same state of health.

I have received two letters from you since I have written any one to you one I received February last with a twenty dollar bill which you say was condemned as counterfit and the other I received the last part of October with a ten dollar bill and another you say you have yet. the money I sent by Mr. (Harris)? I got primarily from Colonel Thomice and John peterman from blacksburg who was gathering cattle at my house I did not take the numbers of the note the confidence I have in Mr. Thomice judgment in money betrayed me the two teen dollar bills I am not able to say where I got them for I had collected some little United States money before I eschanged with them the money that I got of them gave Virginia money for it which I got out of the bank principle of my own money.

The twenty dollar note if it be the same that I sent I got it from Mr. Thomas and I have never been able to see hym since of which has been the caus of my not writing to you sooner. he has a part in a store in our county and ushally atended on court day and I have atended five or six corts to see hym and have not seen him yet and as the note has not been proven bad it is uncertin whether he will take it or not.

however all the twenty dollar notes that I sent I got from hym a hundred dollar note that I sent I got from Peterman and further we have but few men in this country that are judges of the united states paper and about the time that I sent that money the united States paper that is counterfit began to make its aparence and I believe that two thirds of that money in our country is counterfit. I am varry sorry that it is as it is and will do the best I can for you with it and if I cannot get to see Mr. Thomice shortly I will go to Blacksburg and see hym and as for the other as it bears a indorsment on the bank I am in hopes I can get shet of it but the other you need not send for I do not think I can doo any thing with it.

I am making arangements to lieve this country in the Spring I shold have left

be some advantage to me to stay till spring on the account of making sale of my property and hoping that I can get my business so arranged as to not have to come back to this country again. I hope to leave this country in tolerable circumstances. I am in hopes of getting something like a thousand dollars cash in hand when I go and I have four good work horses and two good waggons one good fore horse waggon and the other a large two horse waggon which I intend to engage some person to take for me.

Sir I am obliged to you for the proffer made to me in your last letter but at the same time I must inform you that I have no intention of ever coming to your country.

My notion leads me to a free state and I rather intend going to the upper end of Indiana or Illinois further the information that Mr. Harris (?) gave you repeating a letter that should have sent by mail is all together a mistake for I have sent no

There has been a great alarm in this country which took place on the morning of the 13th this instant before day. I did not see it myself but many of our respectable citizens say that they saw it and that it resembled a squall of large drops of snow falling which was said to be the stars or some thing resembling them.

Also granny Myers has been weary poorly this fall. Also I want you to write to me immediately to note with who I shall leave your business with.

No more at present but remain yours truly

Stephen Slusher

The letter was addressed:

To Christopher Slusher
Lafayette Ct. Missouri
Lexington Post Office

Written upside down from the above but next to it is

Stony Fork, Va.) 25
Decr 5th)

STATISTICE

(These will not add up, so don't even try to make them add up. I counted them about a month ago and since have added a few here and there, and have forgotten where!)

There are some 260 plus on the mailing list, divided more or less thusly:

2 Ala	3 Fla	4 N. D.	10 Ohio
2 Ariz	2 Ill.	1 Neb.	4 Pa.
2 Conn	3 Kan	1 N. Y.	5 Tenn.
7 Calif	2 Mich	1 N. J.	169 Va.
2 Colo	5 Md.	2 Okla	2 W. Va.

64 (or so) have paid dues

81 Slushers on the list

Also some Slussers

(It adds up even worse that I thought it would - somebody's missing)

Since the last letter, Mr. & Mrs. Hatcher King have been to Carroll Co. and rounded up much information about Barbara and her family we did not have, and also found out that Peter was born in Maryland!

Next letter, we will go into the dates of birth and death, marriages and wives and children of some of the children of Christopher.

Our thanks to all who have said they enjoy the newsletter. All who have paid their dues and sent in the genealogical sheets as requested. Before another of these things goes out postage is almost sure to have gone up to 8¢.

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The Slusher Family was organized in July 1970 for the purpose of furthering the study of the genealogy of the family. Officers are as follows: President, Mr. W. S. Slusher, McMinnville, Tenn.; Secretary, Mrs. Janet S. Keith, Willis, Va.; Treas.: Mr. Freeman M. Slusher, Floyd, Va.; Genealogists: Mr. & Mrs. Hatcher King, Spout Springs, Va. and Mrs. Robert M. Norris, Hampton, Va. Historians: Mrs. W. S. Slusher, McMinnville, and Mr. Ronald Miller, East Hartford, Conn.

Request: Please send your dues to Mr. Freeman M. Slusher, Route #3, Box 18, Floyd, Va., 24091. Send genealogical sheets to Mrs. W. S. Slusher, 206 Rivermont McMinnville, Tenn. 37110. Queries to the McMinnville address. Amount of dues is \$2.00.

Do send in the names of the members of your families. We heard about one member of the family who met another in a store in a town neither of them lived in, and the first told the second he certainly was enjoying the newsletter, and his name isn't even on the mailing list! We are glad

someone is sending it to him, and that he's pleased with it, but why do you suppose someone in his family doesn't send his name in? Why doesn't he?

NOW!!

HERE ARE SOME JOBS FOR THE WINTER MONTHS:

Copy the information in your family Bibles and send it in for publication. It is most important that this information be permanently filed in the family archives. Send names and addresses of Slushers you find in the phone books wherever you travel - in your own home town!

Go to the genealogical section of your local library and look up whatever you can find on the Slushers and send us that.

Go to the court houses and copy deeds, wills; marriage records, etc. which apply to the early Slusher clan.

If you happen to live in Pennsylvania, we need lots of help from the libraries, churches, and archives of that state.

If you'll think about it, you'll see that

The reason this is divided as above is because we thought surely the United States Post Office would let us staple these sheets without an envelope and mail it for less than 6¢. But it would apparently cost more to get a permit for 3rd class mail than it's worth, so: from now on we are going to stop discussing the matter with the Post Office and from henceforth these cometh by A-No. 1- First Class Mail!

No use wasting this space: Couple of comments: One of the most imagination-sparking articles in Christopher's inventory, to us, is that "1 silk handkerchief," valued at 75¢ - as much as a coffee mill and flat iron together. We wonder where it came from, when he used it, why, for instance it wasn't just included in "1 dresser & contents"? Except for 1 lot socks, it is the only article of personal clothing included.

Also, the Grannye Myers mentioned in Stephen's letter as being weary

all this information will become vitally important to future generations and some one is going to want to know things as badly as we now want to know who Christopher's parents were.

There is absolutely nothing we can do about our ancestors, but we can make arrangements to see to it that our descendants are pleased with us, or try to anyway. The very least we can do is keep up our own family records for posterity (AND for the family archives!)

All over your house you will probably find newspaper articles concerning births, deaths, marriages, important events in the lives of the members of your family, and probably there isn't a date on them anywhere - there may be a month and day, but no year. This type thing found years and years later in greatgrandmother's Bible or scrapbook, or attic trunk, makes a genealogist want to sit down and cry and bang his head on the floor. 's' Truth!

poorlye was Chris Jr's mother-in-law, his wife's mother, we think. It's interesting that Christopher Jr. & Anna Myers were married in Frederick Co. and when they came to Floyd Co., evidently she came with them and then did not go to Missouri with them.

PETER SLUSER

Son of Christopher Slusher and Eva, his wife, was born in 1784, in Maryland. This information derived from the 1850 Census of Floyd Co. which states that he was 66 in 1850 and that he was born in Maryland.

He died in 1870, and this information came from the information in a small receipt which reads:

"Received of Jacob S. Harmon four dollars for making Peter Slusher's coffin March the 12th, 1870.

s/ P. H. Slusher"

We do not know who P. H. Slusher was.

MORE LATER!