

Well! Guess What? Someone in our family did invent a hoist!! (See Vol. II, No. 1, Pg. 6) Mr. Emmett Garr Slusher of Lexington, Mo., a descendant of Chris, Jr. did so. How about that? He was nice enough to send us these brochures about his invention.

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NOW: Who's next on our list of the children of Christopher and Eva Slusher? Elizabeth! Elizabeth Slusher Harmon. Herewith is what we have on her family:

ELIZABETH SLUSHER HARMON

b: January 14, 1787, probably in Washington County, Maryland.  
d: November 11, 1869 in Floyd County, Va.  
m: SOLOMON HARMON on March 6, 1810, Christopher Slusher, surety, in Montgomery Co. Va.

He was born Oct. 24, 1779  
died June 17, 1842

They are both buried in the Goodykoontz Cemetery in Floyd County, Va.

Children:

1. Peter S. b: 31 July 1825  
d: 29 Apr. 1914  
m: Sarah Jane Grady in 1847, Floyd Co.  
b: 1828 d: 1893  
They had 16 children

2. Jacob S. b: 1 Oct. 1811  
d: 4 Dec. 1882  
m: Sophia Weddle in 1836  
b: 7 July 1811, d: 15 Mar. 1880  
They had 7 children.  
Jacob and Peter and their wives are all buried in the Goodykoontz Cemetery.

3. Benjamin b: 13 June 1816 d: 1904  
M: Susannah Huff 10 Jan. 1838, dau. of Samuel & Margaret Weddle  
They had 12 children.

4. John b: 30 Mar. 1814 d: 27 Dec. 1893  
m: Mary Bishop 9 Feb. 1843  
b: 1 Mar. 1820 d: 3 Feb. 1897. Both are buried in Goodykoontz Cemetery.

(From Zion Lutheran Church records:  
Pg. 4: "Sallomon Hurman & his wife her son Johannes born the 30th Mar. 1814. Bapt. the 21st May 1815. God parents are Georg Pflieger and wife).

5. Mary Ann (Polly)  
b: 7 Apr. 1821 d: Oct. 31, 1890  
m: John P. Phlegar 29 Oct. 1832  
According to the 1850 census they had these children:

John Phlegar age 30

Mary A. 28

Luanne 6

Sarah 4

The 1860 census shows John age 40 and Mary age 39, and these two children:

Nancy A. 8

Calahill (Male) 5 mos.

6. David b: 8 May 1831  
d: 21 Jan. 1907  
m: Orlena Jane Southern 24 Nov. 1858  
b: 1841 d: 25 Feb. 1902  
They had 6 children

7. Mathias - died in infancy

8. Stephen b: Jan. 1, 1824  
d: during Civil War.

9. Margaret b: Nov. 9, 1818 d: 12 May 1870  
m: Isaac Phlegar on Feb. 6, 1841, brother of John Phlegar who m: Mary Ann, above)  
b: 8 Sept. 1818 d: 4 June 1885  
Isaac Phlegar m: (2) Mary Ann (Polly) Harmon, dau. of John and Cely Hylton Harmon on Jan. 23, 1873. He was 54 and she was 34.

Margaret and Isaac had 3 children:  
Harvey C. b: 1842 d: 24 Nov. 1862  
Elzey N. b: 1844 d: 12/17/1863  
Marcus Lafayette b: 9/25/1846  
d: 9/22/1922, m: Va. Peterman on March 11, 1875.

Mary Ann and Isaac Phlegar had 3 children:  
Joseph Henry b: 2 Jan. 1874 d: 1890  
John Calvin b: 11 June 1876 d: March 21, 1963 m: (1) Stella F. Weeks on July 18, 1906, (2) Lura Amanda Conduff

Milissa Ann b: 10 Oct. 1878 d:  
m: John A. Thompson

Isaac Phlegar was a son of Joseph Phlegar, who was b: 1794 d: 1875, m: Nancy Boone May 1, 1817. Joseph Phlegar's father was George Phlegar, who m: Maria Magdaleana Goodykoontz on May 6, 1788. Her parents came from Haiterbach, Wurttemberg, Germany. Hans

George, her father, was a soldier of the Revolution and was buried in Frederick Co. Va. Her mother, Anna Margaretha is buried in the Zion Lutheran Church cemetery in Floyd Co. - in the old section, and written on her grave is the following:

Margaret Goodykuntz

Died 3/1819

Widow of George Gutekunst

1732 - 1784

A Soldier of the Revolution

From Northhampton Co., Pa.

Born Heiterbach, Wurtemberg,

Germany

Buried Frederick Co. Va.

This is the type of gravestone we wish we could find more of.

We have a small piece of paper which says

"Received of Jacob S. Harmon two hundred dollars in part payment of a tract of land called white place wick hea is to pay \$300<sup>00</sup> for the hole tract of land this the 14th day of February 1852.

s/ Jacob Slusher

Test:

David Harmon.

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There is a long, long list of marriages between the families of Slusher, Hylton, Phlegar, Harmon, Gilliam, Turman, Cox, etc. in the descendants of Christopher Slusher. Brothers m: sisters in many cases. Several times it was the grandchildren of one family marrying the sons or daughters of a younger member of the descendants of the early settlers. It's interesting. Just for instance, of Christopher's children: four married grandchildren of Elijah Hylton

Barbara m: Elijah Turman, son of Elijah's daughter Lucy

Jacob m: Telithe, dau of Elijah's son, John

Mary Ann m: Burwell Hylton, son of Elijah's son John, and

Stephen m: Charlotte Hylton, daughter of Elijah's son Archelaus.

Mary Ann and Jacob, brother and sister, m: Hylton brother and sister.

Two of Peter's children, Martha (m: Isaac Wade) and Joseph (m: Nancy Wade) married brother and sister.

Chris Jr.'s dau. Nancy m: David Phlegar, first cousin of Margaret Phlegar, who m: Ananias Slusher, grandson of Chris, Sr.; and Isaac Phlegar, brother of Margaret m:

m: Margaret Harmon, daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth Slusher Harmon, and John Phlegar, Isaac's brother m: Mary Ann Harmon, Margaret Harmon's sister.

Sarena, dau. of Solomon Slusher, Sr. m: Hamilton Helms, son of John and Susannah Cox Helms. Susanna's sister, Nancy, m: David Slusher, brother of her son's father in law. And Susannah's and Nancy's sister, Sarah, m: Matthew Turman, whose brother Elijah m: Barbara Slusher.

Carter Cox, Jr. m: Naomi Gilham, dau of Ezekiel Gilham, whose brother Isaac m: Chris, Jr's daughter Mary.

And if all that bit of information does not make your whole day I don't know what will. You can clearly see that everybody in Floyd County and points north, east south and west are kin to each other somewhere back along the line!

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#### \* BARBARA SLUSHER TURMAN

B: Jan. 14. 1789 d: 2 June 1856,

m: Elijah Turman, bond Aug. 4, 1812, m: on Aug. 20, Christopher Slusher, Sec. b: 28 Apr. 1790 d: 9 Nov. 1868,

son of Charles &

Lucy Hylton Turman, Barbara and Elijah Turman are buried in the Elijah Turman Cemetery in Carroll County, Va. The cemetery is located high on a hill above the Willie Cruise home, and there are rough hewed stones there marked E. T. and B. T. Elijah and Barbara moved first to the eastern end of Grayson Co., which was later formed into Carroll county.

Children:

1. Charles b: 16 June 1813
2. Christopher b: 10 Dec. 1814 in Grayson Co. d: 6 Apr. 1885, He was a Major in the Civil War and is buried in the Elijah Turman cemetery.
3. Elizabeth b: 7 Sept. 1816 m: Martin Montgomery 26 June 1834, Grayson Co.
4. George H. b: 1820 d: 1898 m: Elizabeth Sutphin 15 Apr. 1841
5. Matthew S. b: 24 Aug. 1822 d: Dec. 31 1849
6. Huldah b: 3 Sept. 1824 m: Wm. C. McGrady
7. Joseph P. b: 8 Aug 1826 d: 8 Aug. 1904 m: Susan (Sarena) Helms. (Cont'd)

8. Mary b: 27 Aug. 1828  
d: 3 Apr. 1851  
m: Jeremiah Hylton 23 Mar. 1846  
Elijah Turman's Estate settlement mentions Mary's heirs as Susannah, Barbara and Charles.

9. Benjamin b: 16 May 1831, went to Mo.

Here is the Sale Bill for the estate of Elijah Turman, recorded on 2 Mar. 1869 in Carroll County Court House:

1 foder stock	.25
1 pan steel yards	.50
1 fro	.45
1 frying pan	.20
1 smoothing iron	.50
1 tiner	.50
1 plane 1 drawing iron	1.00
1 lot old irons	.10
1 steel trap	1.65
1 reel	1.65
1 cutting knife	.80
1 sythe and cradle	.25
1 sythe and cradle	2.50
1 cow	26.25
1 big wheel	3.00
1 auger	.65
1 auger	.60
1 auger	.25
1 auger	.35
2 madoes	.85
1 lot hoes	.25
1 iron wedge	.50
2 axes	.80
1 pr. hames old pr briches	2.00
1 oven	.80
1 baker	1.10
1 iron wedge	.50
1 oven	.80
1 large oven	1.60
1 large oven	1.55
1 large kettle	3.25
1 pr. skales and wates	.75
1 flax hackle	.75
1 flax wheel	.25
1 large wheel	.15
1 flax wheel	1.90
1 iron square	.70
1 pr 2 horse stractures	.95
1 strainer and ten pan	.75
1 jug	.40
1 man saddle	11.25
1 lot hames	1.50
1 lot sythes	.50
1 pot rack	1.40
1 scythe and sneed	1.30
1 scythe and sneed	1.90
1 sifter	.75
1 table	.65
$\frac{1}{2}$ bu. flax seed	.50
1 slay	.30
1 slay	.40
1 slay	.70

1 table	3.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel	.75
1 bushel basket	.50
1 pr. candle moles	.25
sugar bowl and dish	.50
7 pewter plates	1.75
1 pewter dish	.65
1 churn	.30
1 chest	2.15
1 clock	7.50
1 cupboard & furniture	6.50
1 Bible	.50
1 roses and books	.80
1 bed	15.75
1 bed	12.00
1 bed	22.00
1 lot tubs	.20
14 gal. mollasses	9.00
1 lot salt	1.10
6 chairs	1.05
1 table	.25
1 bed cover	6.50
1 loom & c	5.25
1 lot of old tubs	.35
1 lot of old planks	.50
1 lot of old pine planks	.80
1 lot of old walnut planks	2.75
1 lot of old walnut planks	1.50
1 big plane	4.30
1 lot leather	1.75
1 lot leather	1.10
1 lot leather	1.35
2 plows and stock	1.60
1 wheat fan	16.25
1 grind stone	6.00
1 dry hide	1.00
1 green hide	2.00
1 log chain	3.55
1 ox cart	18.00
1 bee gum	2.50
1 bee gum	2.00
1 bee gum	1.00
2 hogs	11.25
4 hogs	34.75
2 jugs	8.50
1 yearling	8.95
2 calves	11.75
2 yearlings	27.50
1 cow	30.00
1 cow	27.25
1 yoke oxen	86.00
1 huffer	14.25
1 cow	28.50
1 bull	11.50
1 mule	80.25
1 hay stack	6.40
1 hay stack	7.50
1 hay stack	4.80
1 hay stack	4.50
1 lot straw	.75
1 hay stack	2.45
$\frac{1}{2}$ hay stack	1.25
Total.	\$684.41



SUSAN CATHERINE SLUSHER SIMMONS

(Caty)

- b: July 26, 1792, no birthplace mentioned in 1850 census.  
 d: Dec. 11, 1880. Buried Simmons Cemetery on West Fork of New River.  
 m: CARY SIMMONS on April 9, 1815, Christopher Slusher, surety.  
 b: 11 Apr. 1793 d: 5 Jan. 1818, son of Thomas Simmons. Also buried in Simmons Cemetery.

## Children:

1. Eva b: 9 Apr. 1816, baptized in Zion Lutheran Church 10 Aug. 1816, Christopher Slusher and wife sponsors. This from Church records. There is a span of 10 years between this child and the next one, which we have wondered about. There are several small unmarked graves in the Simmons cemetery which could have been infants. We have no other record on Eva - she could have died young.
2. Lovanna b: 18 Jan. 1826  
 d: 8 Dec. 1870  
 m: John B. Weddle. Both are buried in Weddle Cemetery on Rt. 221. 7 children.
3. Elizabeth b: 1828 (22 in 1850 census)  
 d: 4 Apr. 1903, single
4. Noah b: 1827 d: 1901  
 m: Eliza Phlegar 19 Feb. 1857. Both buried in Goodykoontz Cemetery. 10 children.
5. Obediah b: 15 Aug. 1830 d: 14 Jan. 1899  
 m: Eliza A. Wade in 1869, dau of Isaac and Martha Slusher Wade. Martha was a daughter of Peter, son of Chris, Sr. Both buried in Simmons Ceme. 2 child.
6. Mary Ann b: 22 Feb. 1832  
 d: 26 Nov. 1897  
 m: Joshua Weddle in 1856 in Floyd Co. 8 children. Both are buried in Weddle Cemetery, Rt. 221.
7. Margaret Catherine (13 in 1850 census)  
 m: Dennis Hylton (b: 1832) in 1858, son of James & Elizabeth Hylton. 7 children.
8. Barbara Elaner m: Jesse Pratt in 1839  
 Carry Simmons, Surety,

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SOLOMON SLUSHER

- b: April 27, 1796 d: June 2, 1878  
 m: Permelia (Milly) Reed on Jan. 2, 1816.  
 William Reed, Surety.  
 b: June 16, 1793 d: March 9, 1878.

## Children:

1. Eva b: 1823 (age 27 in 1850 census)  
 d: Wed. Aug. 13, \_\_\_\_\_, in East Radford, Va., 93 yrs., 3 mo. 7 days old.  
 m: Carter C. Jones Feb. 20, 1846  
 b: 1820
- Children:  
 Henry C. b: 1844  
 James B. b: 1846  
 Cealy Ann b: 1848  
 Arena Rosabell b: 1854, m: Zackary Taylor Slusher, grandson of Jacob, Solomon's brother.  
 Taswell P. b: 1856 m: Permelia Helms 15 Oct. 1877,
2. Sarah b: 1827, 23 in 1850 census.  
 d: \_\_\_\_\_ m: William Creasey on Sept. 24, 1846. Son, Walter Creasey, was a "powerful preacher"
3. Celia b: 1830 d: \_\_\_\_\_  
 m: Milton W. Sutphin on Nov. 26, 1857  
 b: Oct. 13, 1818 d: Oct. 26, 1870  
 (Deed of Marriage Allotment made Nov. 21, 1857: Milton W. Sutphin to Celia Slusher, Book J, Pg. 344, Floyd County Courthouse).
4. Sarena b: 1822 (age 48 1870 census)  
 m: Hamilton Helms (b: 1822) son of Burksfork John Helms. (There were "Burksfork" John Helms and "Little River" John Helms around there about that time and the records usually denoted the difference.)
- Children:  
 Madison b: 1841  
 Susan b: 1842 m: Joshua P.C. Mabry  
 Adison b: 1844  
 McCabe b: 1846 m: Elizabeth Mabry  
 Solomon b: 1848  
 Permelia E. b: 1851 m: Taswell Jones
5. William M. b: 19 July 1818 d: 26 Oct. 1881, age 63 yrs, 3 mos, 7 days.  
 m: Ellender \_\_\_\_\_ b: 1818
- Children:  
 George A. 1839 m: (2) Ellena weeks  
 Eva Jane b: 20 Jan. 1842 m: (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Collier (2) m. Quesenberry.  
 Buford b: 1843

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Mary E. b: 1848  
 Sallie M. b: 1852 m: Abram Styson  
 Amos T. b: 1855 m: Permelia C. Slusher, in 1885, dau of Solomon Slusher Jr.,  
 Frances b: 1857  
 Susan b: 1860  
 William was in Co. H. 4th Va. Reserves in the Civil War.

6. Allen b: 1822 d:  
 m: Margaret Helms 27 Feb. 1845  
 b: 1822, dau of Thos and Mary Weddell Helms  
 Children:  
 Milly b: 1847  
 Polly b: 1848  
 Thomas b: 1852 m: Frances Connor 1872  
 Landon b: 1854 m: Silena Slusher  
 Frederick b: 1856 m: Mary Connor 1874  
 Carter b: 1859 m: Isabell Dickerson  
 dau. Michael, Catherine Dickerson 1877  
 Solomon b: 1861  
 Eva b: 1863 m: Andrew J. Duncan 1886  
 Alley b: 1865.

7. Solomon, Jr. b: d:  
 m: Louisa Compton b: 1829  
 Children:

John Sidney b: 1855 m: Louisa Quesenberry in 1877  
 Elmira Elizabeth b: 1858 m: John Hylton 21 Apr. 1879  
 Eldridge Edward b: 1860 m: Amanda Catherine Sutphin 10 Feb. 1880, Carroll Co  
 Mildrage A. b: 12 Dec. 1861 m: Sarah Duretha Hollingsworth in 1879  
 Permelia Cornelia b: 1865 m: Amos T. Slusher, son Wm. & Ellen

Solomon Slusher, Jr. died during the late Civil War years, leaving his wife with these small children.

The birth dates given here, when only the year is given were taken from a census record and may be a year or so off.

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Here are the Civil War records of the sons of Mary Ann and Burwell Hylton, which make a remarkable story in anyone's family history: Of their 10 sons, all but one, Nathan, was either, captured wounded and/or was killed

Ira S. was in Co. D. 54th Va. Regiment, was captured in 1864 and paroled at Louis-

ville, Ky. He had to remain north of the Ohio River until the war was over.

Riley Harrison was in Co. A. 24th Va. Reg., captured at Farmville, taken to Point Lookout Md, parolled June 14, 1865.

Lorenza D. was in Co. D, 54th Va. Reg., was wounded at Missionary Ridge, Tenn. and died 25 Nov. 1863.

Nathan was a member of the 4th Va. Reserves.

Jacob S. was in Co. K. 22nd Va. Inf. Reg., was captured at Droop Mountain, W. Va. in 1863, died at Fort Delaware.

Mathias F. was in Co. A. 24th Va. Inf, was wounded and in a hospital in Lynchburg, Va. when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, and was on the list of soldiers surrendered by Gen. Lee on Apr. 9, 1865.

John Hancock was in Co. A. 24th Va. Inf. Captured in Farmville, Va. died at Point Lookout, Maryland.

Henderson H. was in Co. A, 54th Va. Inf, was captured at Blackwater Creek Va. in Feb. of 1863.

Ananias was in Co. A. 54th Va. Inf. captured Peach Tree, Ga. 25 June 1864. Died at Camp Douglas, Ohio.

Levi Woodbury, the youngest, was in Co. E. 18th Battery Virginia Heavy Artillery, was captured at Farmville, Va., taken to Point Lookout, Md. and parolled 14 June 1865.

Some of this information came to us from Mr. John H. Mitchell of 1902 N. Old Orchard Springfield, Missouri 65802, who is compiling a history of the Hylton family.

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You all know what we need?? (1) we need someone who will do research for us in Christiansburg to find what they can about John Slusher's family (Christopher's brother). (2) Someone who will do research for us in Frederick Co., Va. to see if we can match Christopher's family with some of the other Slusher's we found there. (3) Someone to do research for us in Pa., so that we can find out from whence 'sprang' Christopher in the first place! we do indeed need these things. Or perhaps someone to do research in the State genealogical Libraries which might take care of the whole lot maybe.

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HERE IS THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER SLUSHER, JR.

(Excerpts) "Know all men by these presents being the same conveyed to me by Samuel Evans by Deed bearing date June 5th, 1833 and now of record in Book D, pg. 132.

Fifth: ... to David Pflieger... Twenty acres off the south side of the North west quarter of section 35 in township 51 of Range 26, also 30 acres out of a tract of 245 acres conveyed to me by Stephen Donohoe as above mentioned, which said 30 acres is to be laid off in as near as may be done in a square from at the mouth of Tabbo Creek on the west side so as to make Tabbo the east boundary and the Missouri River the northern boundary of said 30 acres.

Sixth: ... to Harrison Hawkinsmith (Hockensmith) the sum of one thousand dollars.

Seventh: ... to the children of Lewis Starr the sum of \$1000 to be equally divided...

Eighth: ... son in law Washington Cooper the sum of \$1000

Ninth: ... to the 4 children of my son Allen Slusher the sum of \$800 to be equally divided.

Tenth: ... to the seven children of Isaac Gilham the sum of \$100 to be equally divided.

Eleventh: ... to Jordan James the sum of \$500.

Twelfth: ... to the children of Roland Slusher the sum of \$1000 to be equally divided between them and no more.

Thirteenth: ... to my wife Christina Slusher the sum of \$4,200 also a good Horse, Saddle and Bridle, one bed, all my cooking utensils, one good cow, and six chairs and one table.

Lastly, appoint my son Henry Slusher and son in law David Pflieger Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this 16th day of May 1853.

His  
Christopher Slusher  
Mark Seal

Witnesses: L. W. Smallwood, R. B. Bradford, Robert A. Barnett, Wm. H. Russell.  
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NEXT TIME: Jacob's grandchildren and David's if I can find enough of them and plans for the REUNION on July 30th. You Coming?

P.S. We've been telling ourselves, editorially speaking, for a month and a half that we weren't going to do this, but knew all the time we were if there was room: we have a new granddaughter, Jennifer Marie Slusher, born Dec. 7, 1971 to Mr. & Mrs. William S. Slusher, Jr. There, now.

First: My will is that all my just Debts be fully paid.

Second: ... to my son Andrew J. Slusher, his heirs and assigns forever the following lands situated in the county of Lafayette aforesaid to wit, the west half of the North East quarter, and the west half of the South East quarter of Section 27 in Township 51 of Range 26, containing 160 acres. Also the Southeast quarter of the North East quarter and the North East Quarter of the North East quarter of Section 35 in the Township and Range aforesaid containing 80 acres, also a certain other tract of land containing 141 17/100 acres being the same conveyed to me by Joseph Dixon by Deed bearing date Aug. 6, 1833, and now on record in said County in Book D at page 137. Also one other tract of 179 acres, being the same conveyed to me by James Campbell by deed bearing date the 24th day of November 1846 and now on record in the Recorder's Office of said county in Book L at page 252.

Third: ... to my son Henry Slusher, heirs and assigns forever The East half of the North East quarter and the East half of the South East quarter of Section 27 in Township 51, Range 26, containing 160 acres. Also 140 acres off the North side of the North west quarter of section 35 in Township 51 of Range 26 - also 1 other tract of two hundred & fifteen acres being all that part of a tract of 245 acres conveyed to me by Stephen Donohoe, except 30 acres thereof hereinafter devised to David Pflieger, also one other tract of 60 80/100 conveyed to me by Joseph Dixon by Deed bearing date August 6th 1833, and now of Record in the Recorder's office in Book D at pg. 135. Also one other tract of ten acres conveyed to me by David Pflieger by Deed dated April the 8th 1842, and now of Record in Book H at pages 356 and 357.

Fourth: ... to my son Thomas Slusher.. tract of 187 acres being the same conveyed to me by William M. Turpin, by deed bearing date March 25, 1847, and now of record in Records office in Book L at pages 456 and 457. Also one other tract of 111 52/100 acres



Children of Henderson Hylton continued:

Simon A. b: 1872

m: Virginia Atabel Harmon, b: 1871,  
dau. Peter & Sarah Harmon.

Fannie M. b: 1874 m: Martin.

Lucinda b: 1875 m: Carper

Abigail b: 1879

Charley b: 1881

Albert A. b: 1883

Paul B. b: 1884 m: 1905 Mandy E.  
Weeks, b: 1886, dau of A. F. & Sarah  
Weeks.

We have members in these states: Del.(2);  
Utah (1); N.Y. (3); D.C. (2); Neb. (1); Md.  
(7); Ala. (2); Colo. (1); Fla. (2); Wash.  
(2); Ark. (1); Tenn. (5); Kan. (3); Conn.(2);  
Okla.(2); Miss. (1); W.Va. (3); Oregon (1);  
N. J.(2); N.C. (5); Texas (7); Pa. (6);  
Mich. (3); Ohio (12); Calif. (10); Mo. (20);  
Ky. (1) and in Va.: Roanoke 31; Willis 18;  
Blacksburg 9; Pulaski 9; Christiansburg 13;  
Floyd 42; and Miscellaneous Va. 33.

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I suspect that all of us with the last  
name of Slusher received recently a communi-  
cation from a firm in Ohio purporting to  
send us for the price of \$2.00 a "research  
report" on the Slusher family. We, for one,  
sent for it to see what it says and, among  
other things, it says that there are approx-  
imately 1000 heads of households in the U.  
S. with the "old and distinguished Slusher  
name", which, estimating 3.2 persons per  
household in America today would yield an  
approximate total of 3,200 people in the U.  
S. with the Slusher name. They sent a coat  
of arms, - a picture of it - which is not  
exactly like the one we sent out with the  
1st anniversary letter, but mostly in that  
it has no key on it, and has above the  
shield "an oval shield changed as the arms  
bordered silver with natural colored pea-  
cock plumes."

We have had one person ask us if we sent  
our mailing list to this person, and we  
would like to put on record the answer: a  
flat "NO". Under no circumstances is our  
mailing list available to ANYONE. We do not  
believe in selling mailing lists or passing  
it around in any form!

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We received a note, in answer to our re-  
quest, from an Historical and Genealogical  
Researcher in Frederick County, Va. stating  
his fees for research are \$3.00 an hour,  
which doesn't seem too much (and isn't for  
genealogical research by a qualified person)  
but when you stop to add up \$3.00 an hour  
for just 4 eight-hour days, you have nearly  
\$100.00 contracted for and our treasury  
doesn't qualify for this type expenditure.

XII. ANANIAS (9th son, 12th child)

b: 28 Sept. 1843 d: at Camp Douglas  
Ohio during the Civil War. Never  
married.

XIII. LEVI WOODBURY (10th son, 13th child  
of Burwell & Mary Ann Hylton)

b: 22 Dec. 1845 d: 13 May 1916  
m: Emaline Dickerson in 1871  
(2 children)

XIV. CATHERINE LUCRETIA (4th dau. 14th  
child of Burwell & Mary Ann Hylton)

b: 9 July 1847 d: 4 Mar. 1881  
m: John Weeks in 1874, son of  
Thompson & Matilda Weeks.

She is buried in Old Hylton family  
Cemetery.

XV. ABSALOM

b: 1825 d: 1825

We have no information about this  
child except that we think he was a  
child of Burwell and Mary Ann. His  
name was not mentioned in the Bible  
Records of the family.

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Speaking of children of the family,  
the founder of our Slusher Family Organi-  
zation and her husband, Commander & Mrs.  
R. R. Robertson, have a new baby girl,  
Anne Stewart, who was born Jan. 3, 1972.

And: Miss Nancy Slusher, daughter of  
Mr. & Mrs. Freeman M. Slusher, the trea-  
surer of the Organization, has signed a  
contract with Windfall Press in Chicago  
to publish her book, JUST WATCHING FOR  
GRIFFONS, to come out within the year. The  
book consists of 45 poems. Congratulations  
to both these members of our family

The primary reason that there are four pages to the letter this time, instead of the usual three, is that there is a possibility, though hopefully not a probability that this will be the last of these letters you will receive. Or there is a possibility that we will be sending the letter to those only who have paid their dues. The only expenses our organization has had so far are the expenses for mailing the Newsletters. The miles the Kings put on their automobile and the time they spend on the records, and the time it takes us to compile, stencil, mimeograph, fold and stuff the letter into envelopes, and the time the envelope addressers put in don't cost us anything. They are labors of love and friendship because we are interested in the progress of our Organization. There is an infinite amount of all these things 'spent', but not for money - only the postage, paper, stencils, envelopes, etc. cost us money. Mostly postage, since the cost of sending a letter has gone up - without that we'd have been in better shape.

We realize that some of us have a monumental lack of interest in the genealogy of our family and that the letters are probably like so much Greek to us. There are some of us, who didn't ask to receive the letter in the first place, who just throw it out every quarter, though some probably save it in case anyone ever is interested in it! If you are one of these you might send us a postcard asking that your name be removed from the list if you don't mind, please.

One of the main Aims in the Organizing of the Slusher Family was stated as "To further the study of the genealogy of the Slusher Family". We have done very little of this. Though we have gathered into a central file a considerable amount of the family data, we know nothing about the antecedents of Christopher that we did not know two years ago. This is not progress!

One of the main troubles with the world today, if you can believe what you read, is said to be the breakdown of the family unit.

This was supposed to be one of the reasons why Rome fell, too! We believe that it is important to have a strong and interested Family Organization in this world today. We do not believe that our Family Organization can survive on Biennial Reunions, to which many of us can't always come. We believe that this is one of the reasons to continue the Newsletter!

We have plans for it, if we continue it after July. We have quite a lot of data that there has not been time or space to publish yet. And we have the families of several of the distaff sides of the family which run back much farther than the Slusher family currently does.

So, if there are any of you who have not paid your \$2.00 dues for the past year, it would be a wonderful thing if we could receive them before the July Reunion, so that our Treasury wouldn't be such a pitiful little thing. Perhaps some of us have just forgotten - its awfully hard to remember to pay things for which we don't receive a bill.

Our treasurer is Mr. Freeman M. Slusher, Route #3, Box 18, Floyd, Va. 24091

If we could receive a portion of the unpaid dues, it might make the difference as to whether the Newsletter continues for another two years.

Anyway, whether it does or not, we would like to tell you we've enjoyed writing it, and enjoyed the letters we've received from so many of you showing interest and sending us material. Thanks for being so nice, and thanks for listening!

Bill & Marguerite Slusher

SEE YOU AT THE REUNION JULY 30, 1972!!!!

1:30 P. M.

V. F. W. Hall, Floyd, Va.