

Well, Hello there again! The Slusher Family Organization Reunion is a thing of the past, and we feel it was a tremendous success. It rained - Oh! how it did rain - the day of the Reunion and four days beforehand, and we do feel that if it hadn't more people would have come, but we counted 150, if they all signed the register, and we don't feel that's bad at all - the first reunion only 70 people came. Next time we expect 300!

Members of our family came from many distant places: Ohio, West Va. Tenn., N. C., Florida, Maryland, and from many cities in Virginia several hours away from Floyd Co. We feel we ought to thank the local Slusher Family in Floyd County for bringing extra food and making all the arrangements for the luncheon and the VFW Hall, and for doing all the little extra things which are necessary to make a gathering of this sort a success. We hope next time you all can come - we had a good time, and we missed you!

First of all we want to give you a report on the Executive Committee meeting and the business meeting so you will know what was decided by the organization:

(1) Dues were set at \$2.00 a year, or \$4.00 for the two year period between meetings. You will find a slip in your letter this time which you can file with your bills so you won't forget to mail your check. You may pay for one year only, or for the two year period (\$4.00) to save you the trouble of remembering. Also, if you paid at the Reunion, ignore said slip - we didn't have time to go through the mailing list and take out those who paid.

(2) The Newsletter will be continued, but can only be sent to those members who care to pay their dues. This was necessary, because of the high cost of postage, paper, ink, etc., and it was thought only fair to those who do pay them. Also, of course, we realize that there are those who really have no interest at all in the letter. This does not affect in any way your membership in the Family Organization - it will simply mean the difference between whether you receive the Newsletter or don't.

(3) A Sustaining Membership category was created at the Executive Committee Meeting and voted upon by the membership. This

membership category will consist of those of us who are willing and pleased to donate any extra sum, over and above the dues of \$2.00 a year, for the purpose of hiring professional genealogists to pursue the study of the background of Christopher Slusher, Sr. and his wife.

Since we who have worked on the genealogy of the family have no access to the records, (which may or may not even exist,) which would give us this information, it was felt that the only way to obtain it would be to hire someone to do it who does have access to records and who knows how to go about finding the information we need in the most expeditious manner, if indeed it does exist.

This Sustaining Membership money will be spent for highly recommended professional and competent genealogists and they will work only on the records of the earlier 1700's. What we hope to find is who Christopher's parents were, his brothers and sisters, and when the Schlosser family came to America and from where.

For those of you who don't realize what a difficult thing it is to find this type of information, let me try to explain: Primarily it is a matter of hours and hours of reading old records and extracting anything you find that seems to concern the names you are looking for. There are libraries full of information, but since our family has never been researched, it has to be gotten from many sources - you don't just go to a book and look for Slusher and write down what you find. First of all you have to find the records to go to that may apply before you even start looking for our family.

There is no guarantee that the information we need is available at all - it may have been in a burned courthouse, or eaten by mice or ruined by mildew - but the only way to find out is to search and see, and the only way we can figure to do this is to hire someone who knows how to go about it professionally.

So this is the background of our thinking on the Sustaining Membership. You may donate any amount you care to - we did not set a specific amount. If we get enough to start on, we'll start - we feel that it will probably run into several hundred dollars

before we can be sure that we have examined all the possibilities. We do feel that the records exist though, and that the information can be found. We feel that since we are interested in our genealogy and that finding the background of our family was one of the main reasons for Organizing our family, it is foolish not to go back as far as we can.

So any amount you feel like contributing to this project will make you a Sustaining member of the Slusher Family Organization!

(4) The next Reunion will be held in July of 1974.

(5) The officers were reelected for another two year term, with the exception of Mr. J. Ronald Miller, who was replaced by Mrs. Robert R. Robertson as Historian.

William S. Slusher, president

Freeman M. Slusher, Treasurer

Janet S. Keith, Secretary

Hatcher & Alta King and

June Norris, Genealogists

Anne Robertson and

Marguerite Slusher, Historians.

(6) The treasurer reported a balance in the treasury at the end of our first two years of \$120.37.

Now for some of the good things that turned up at the Reunion: Mr. & Mrs. King have prepared booklets of family sheets and information on each of Christopher, Sr. children. These booklets are for you to copy what information you desire from and are presently being circulated through the family. In order for you to get on the list, write Mrs. King at Spout Spring, Va. 24593 and request to be put on the list and you will eventually receive the booklet you are interested in (please DO indicate which of the lines you want - they are separate). The only requirement is that you copy what data you want as soon as you can and mail it on to the person next on the list, which is attached to the booklet. You also must let the Kings know when you mail it on and your responsibility for it is passed to someone else, so they can keep up with it. It must be back in their hands by February of 1974 for corrections so it will be ready for the reunion.

The Kings have put an enormous amount of time and work into these booklets so that other members of the family can have access to what information we have.

Also, this same data may be obtained by writing Mr. & Mrs. King, and requesting that they have it Xeroxed for you at a cost of 10¢ a page, <sup>plus</sup> postage for mailing it to you.

We have a whole bunch of tentative feelers out toward our genealogical research. For instance, two of our officers live near sources of information and records and are willing to do research as far as they are capable and time permits. We also have a member of the family who lives in Germany right now, reads and speaks German, and who is interested in looking into our genealogy from that angle - maybe eventually we can find enough information to link the family to their German ancestors. A member of the Slusser family has been doing research on the Slusser-Schlosser branch in Pennsylvania and is going to share her records with us. She heard about the reunion from someone in Texas and came to Floyd to join us for the meeting.

Back copies of the newsletter may be obtained for \$2.00 by writing Mrs. Wm. S. Slusher, 206 Rivermont Drive, McMinnville, Tn. 37110.

Please send us the names of any member of the family you think may be interested who is not on our mailing list.

P. S. Y'all stick with us, ya heah? Each and everyone of you have something to contribute to your Family Organization and we need you! We have great faith in our future!

Now for some family information: In Lexington, Mo. where Christopher Jr. went with his family to live in 1828, there is a Slusher Cemetery on Highway 24, about 6½ miles east of Lexington. In 1969, Mr. J. Ronald Miller wrote down all the information on the tombstones in this cemetery which has been sent us by Mrs. Paul V. Slusher, of Lexington, and which is printed here for the record. Mrs. Slusher wrote: "The heirs of Christopher, Jr. were deeded a small plot by Chris, Jr. and those living closest have always cared



for it 'after a fashion'. There will probably be no more burials there for lack of space, but we are trying to preserve it. It joins our farm, we hope if any of you pass by you will stop to see it and us." Anyone wishing to contribute to this perpetual care fund may contact Mr. & Mrs. Paul V. Slusher, R.R. #2, Box 108, Lexington, Mo. 64067.

(Words in italics are descriptive - not on the stones.)

Caldwell, Maria Jane b: March 9, 1848 -no date of death on the stone.  
 Caldwell, John Madison, b: Jan. 26, 1846 d: Aug. 2, 1903.  
 Caldwell, Eula B. (*dau. of J. M. & Annie*) b: Apr. 25, 1876 d: Oct. 28, 1892  
 Caldwell, Annie (*wife of J.M.*) b: Sept. 26, 1851 d: Feb. 20, 1887  
 Caldwell, George b: Feb. 8, 1870 d: 1950  
 Cooper, Bettie Jan. 12, 1860 d: Dec. 10, 1942  
 Cooper, Maria Jane (*wife of Geo. W.*) b: Feb. 10, 1826 d: Mar. 11, 1907  
 Cooper, George J. Age 20 years, 5 days at death d: Feb. 3, 1870  
 Cooper, John C. b: Jan. 24, 1853 d: Feb. 7, 1928.  
 Cooper, John Washington b: Jan. 8, 1818, d: Sept. 29, 1897.  
 Cooper, William A. Nov. 2, 1855 d: Aug. 9, 1920.  
 Cooper, Thomas S. died age 4 mo. 28 da. Aug. 17, 1859  
 Garr, Alice Marion (*wife of Lee J. Slusher*) b: July 26, 1866 d: Feb. 17, 1957  
 Garr, George W. b: May 4, 1827 d: Apr. 20, 1918  
 Gilham, Isaac (*Part of stone gone*) d: Aug. 8, 1840  
 Gray, Mary Eudore (b: Aug. 11, 1853 d: Nov. 14, 1877  
 Hockensmith, William Henry Harrison b: Oct. 9, 1818 d: May 13, 1884  
 Hockensmith, Susannah (*wife of W.H.H.*) b: Sept. 2, 1818 Oct. 17, 1894  
 Hockensmith, Mattie (*Dau. of W. H.H.*) b: Sept. 10, 1858 d: Dec. 3, 1864  
 Hockensmith, John A. b: July 18, 1856, d: Dec. 24, 1864.  
 Kensler, Dollie b: 1892 d: 1965  
 Kensler, Thomas Earl (Sr.) b: 1884 d: 1933  
 Kensler, Isabelle J. (*wife of Alvin B.*) b: Apr. 27, 1855 d: July 12, 1885.  
 Majors, Addie M. (*Dau. of Henry Slusher*) b: Feb. 2, 1859 d: Aug. 28, 1889

Mason, Robert W. b: June 12, 1857 d: Aug. 16, 1886  
 Mason, Lillie Jane (*wife of Robt. W. born Lillie Jane Slusher*) b: May 11, 1858 d: July 22, 1934.  
 Moore, Martha (*dau. Seth H. & M.J.*) b: Oct. 28, 1865 d: Nov. 2, 1867  
 Patterson, William T. b: Nov. 14, 1848 d: Feb. 7, 1898.  
 Patterson (*Infant son of M.J. & M. Patterson*) born & died Mar. 30, 1884.  
 Pflieger, William C. b: Feb. 16, 1851 d: May 1, 1932  
 Pflieger, Magdalene (*Wife of Wm. C.*) b: Apr. 23, 1848 d: Dec. 30, 1940  
 Pflieger, George W. (*son of David & Nancy*) b: Jan. 29, 1855 d: July 8, 1955  
 Pflieger, Eliza F. b: Dec. 2, 1847 d: Oct. 21, 1852.  
 Pflieger, Lydia (*dau. of David & Nancy*) b: Sept. 5, 1838 d: Aug. 30, 1882  
 Pflieger, Henry (*son of David & Nancy*) b: Nov. 10, 1841 d: July 14, 1961  
 Pflieger, Nancy (*dau. Christopher, Jr.*) b: Apr. 9, 1811 d: Apr. 20, 1896  
 Pointer, Gracie B. (*dau. of R.S. & E.J. Pointer*) b: June 18, 1889 d: July 30, 1891  
 Slusher, Floyd C. (*son of Creed & Rachael*) b: June 21, 1871 d: Nov. 22, 1871  
 Slusher, Andrew Jackson (*son of Chris, Jr.*) b: Mar. 5, 1829 d: Dec. 11, 1900  
 Slusher, Susannah Jane (*wife of And. J.*) b: Apr. 1, 1832 d: Feb. 19, 1914  
 Slusher, Minnie (*dau of S. & A. J.*) b: June 10, 1876 d: Sept. 15, 1876  
 Slusher, Archie (*son of S. & A. J.*) b: Sept. 6, 1853 - d: Sept. 27, 1853  
 Slusher, Mary Caroline (*called Mollie -dau. of S. & A. J.*) b: Apr. 12, 1856 d: Feb. 12, 1859

Slusher, Lee Jackson, (*son of S. & A.J.*) b: June 4, 1863 d: Nov. 22, 1941

This will be continued in the next Newsletter.

We wish someone would copy the information on the stones in the cemeterys in Floyd County for us!!!!

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Dr. Garland N. Emerson, great-grandson of George Washington Slusher has donated a copy of George Washington Slusher's Civil War Record for our records: Geo. Washington Slusher was son of Jacob, grandson of Christopher:

CHRISTOPHER, SR. - JACOB - GEORGE W.

Confederate S / 54 / Va.

George W. Slusher Private Co. D. 54th Regt.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the Organization named above, for July 9 to Dec. 13, 1863.

Enlisted:

When Mch. 24, 1862

Where Abington, Va.

By whom Lt. Harman

Period War

Last Paid

By Whom Capt. Elliott

To what time Nov. 1, 1863

Present or absent Present

Remarks Detailed for Ordinance

Teamster Dec. 1863

Confederate S / 54 / Va.

Pvt. G. W. Slusher Co. D 54 Regt. Va.

Appears on a Register of Confederate States Hospital, Petersburg, Va.

Date Jany 1, 1863

Confederate S / 54 / Va.

George W. Slusher

Pvt. Co. D 54 Regt. Va Inf.

Name appears on a Register of officers and soldiers of the Army of the Confederate States who were killed in battle or who died of wounds.

When deceased May 26, 1864

Where and from what cause

Cannon Hos. La Grange, Ga.

Effects: Sundries

In whose charge In Hospital

When received July 15, 1864

Number of certificate 1392

Confed. Arch. Chap. 10 File No. 8, pg. 235

Confederate S / 54 / Va. Geo. W. Slusher,

Pvt. Co. D. 54 Regt. Va.

Appears on a Register of Effects of deceased soldiers turned over to Quartermasters, CSA. Receipts filed 1864 No. 5631 Amt. \$5.00. Confed. Archives, Chap. 10, File No. 21, pg. 583

Pvt. Geo. W. Slusher Co. D 54 Va. Regt.

Name appears on a register of Claims of deceased Officers and soldiers from Maryland and Va. which were filed for settlement in the office of the Confederate States Auditor for the War Department States Hospital.

By whom presented Leah Slusher Wid.

When filed Oct. 15, 1864

Confed. Arch. Chap. 10 File No. 34 pg. 109.

George W. Slusher, Co. D. 54th Regt. (Inf)

Appears on a Receipt Roll for clothing or  
Date Issued Apr. 1, 1864.

The Confederate States Dr.

To G. W. Slusher, Pv. Co. D. 54th Regt. C. S. Army.

For monthly pay from 1st July 1863 to 1st Sept. 1863 being four months at \$11.00 per month \$44.00. I certify that I have endorsed this payment on G. W. Slusher  
D. W. Elliott

Descriptive Roll

Received Rome Ga. this 23rd day of November 1863 from Capt. J. M. Elliott Asst Quartermaster C. S. Army the sum of forty four Dollars being the amount and in full of the above Acct.

George W. Slusher.

The Confederate States

To Private George W. Slusher

1863 For comimntation (sic) of ration on sick furlough on Surgeon certificate going from Emory & Henry Hospital Va. to Floyd Co. Va. from August 21st to December 21st 1863 at 33 cts per day \$39.60.

I certify that the above account is just and correct and was made by Surgeon in charge at Emory and Henry Hospital Va. an that it was unpractible to take rations in Kine. A. H. Booth Co. D. 54 Regt. AES will pleas pay the above account. M. J. Wade, LT. Col. Inf. 54 Va. Regt.

Rec. at camp near Challanauga (sic) Tenn of Capt. J. Smith AES October 8th \$39.00 in full of the above account /G. W. Slusher

George Washington Slusher died May 26, 1864 in a hospital in Georgia. He married Leah Wood, Oct. 30, 1856, dau. of John and Lusinda Dehart Wood, and sister of Mary Jane Wood, who married Geo. W. Slusher's brother Oliver Perry.)

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Now here in incontrovertible proof that Christopher, Sr. did have a son George, even if we haven't found out much about him.

CHRISTOPHER - GEORGE - ASABEL

George B. Slusher from A. Slusher Adm: Letter of Attorney

Know all men by these present that witness Asabel Slusher Dec'd late of the County of Page and state of Virginia, was the son and

heir at law of George Slusher Dec'd, who was son and heir at law of Christopher Slusher Dec'd late of the County of Floyd and state of Virginia, now know ye, that I, John Linburger Adm of Asabel Slusher Dec'd do hereby make constitute and appoint George B. Slusher of the County of Page my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, as Adm. of Asabel Slusher Dec'd, to ask, demand, sue for, and receive of and from the executor or executors, Adm. or Adms. of the said Christopher Slusher Dec'd all the money, goods, chattles, and personal estate whatsoever to which the said Asabel Slusher Dec'd was entittled as heir at law through his father, the said George Slusher Dec'd who was son and heir at law of the foresaid Christopher Slusher Dec'd, and upon receipts thereof by or payment thereof to him, my said attorney a general release or discharge for the same to make execute and deliver hereby satisfying confirming and allowing all and whatsoever my said attorney as foresaid shall lawfully do in the promise. In witness whereof I the said John Linburger, Adm. as foresaid account set my hand and seal this 12th day of March 1850.

John Linburger Adm of Asabel  
Slusher Dec'd.

Signed and sealed in the presents of M.A.  
Cave Jas. E. Almond.

State of Virginia  
Page County

I Wesley Bear, a justice of the peace for the County of Page State of Virginia, certify the John Linburger party to the within power of Attorney, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the use and purpose therein mentioned. Given under my hand and seal this day 12 March 1850

Wesley Bear (seal)

Page County to wit

At a court held for the County of Page on Monday the 24th day of February 1850 John Linburger was appointed Adm. of the goods and chattles and credits of Asabel Slusher Dec'd who gave bond and security and qualified according to law

J. M. Watson C. P. CC

In the clerks office of Floyd County Court this day 1st April 1850 this letter of attorney from John Linburger Adm. of Asabel Slusher Dec'd to George Slusher was

received and with the certificate thereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste J. M. Zentmeyer Clerk.

This information is of record in Deed Book F, Pg. 17, Floyd County, Va.

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Here at long last is the letter I promised to publish last October. It got lost in a pile of papers and I just found it since April! This is the letter in answer to the one Burwell Hylton wrote to Chris, Jr. on June 4th 1836, which we published in July 1971 Newsletter (Vol I, No. 4) about some land Chris Jr. had sold Burwell Hylton and about which there was some question as to boundaries. Chris, Jr. left Floyd County in 1828 = we don't know whether the land was sold before he left or afterward. He has addressed the letter to his brother-in-law, Solomon Harmon, instead of Burwell, but the subject matter leaves no question but that it is in answer to Burwell's letter of June 1836. Some of the relationships mentioned in the letter are:

Chris, Sr. - Chris, Jr.  
Chris, Sr. - Mary Ann m: Burwell Hylton  
Chris, Sr. - Elizabeth m: Sol. Harmon.  
Chris, Sr. - Chris, Jr. m: Anna Myers  
Chris, Sr. - Chris, Jr. - Catherine m:  
Lewis Starr

Mr. Solomon Harmon 25¢ Postage  
Floyd County, Virginia  
To Jacksonville Post Office

Lafayette County, Missouri

November the 6, 1836

Dear Sir I take my pen in hand to inform you that we are all well hoping these few lines will find you all in good health I will inform you that I have received a letter from Burwell Hylton dated June the 4th 1836 he stated in his letter that I had sold him vakend land so it depears that he is not willing to pay the balance that is coming to me. I remember well that when Hylton bought the land I showd him all the corners except one which I tote him I did not know where it was and I also tote him that I knew not where the lines ran when I bought the land from Gardner he could not show me the lines and I agreed with him to take the land let the lines run where they like and when Hylton bought the land from me he agreed to take it in the same way. So I will not be



accountable for any vakened land that joins it. I think Hyltons deed calls for 260 acres more or less if he hath more than 260 acres he is welcome to it and if he hath less he ought to put up with it So I shall contain for the balance of my money if he is not willing to pay it I want you to put it in a lawyers hands to collect and you can git some of Lewis Starrs money which is in Jerry Starrs hands for to pay the lawyers fee and as for your trouble I will pay you well for it.

We will now tell you something about the times in this country The times at present are peacible and plentiful money is very plenty This country is improving very fast land is selling from ten to fifteen and as high as twenty dollars per acre. produce of all kind is at a fare price as it respects our crops this season they are very good wheet is a cash articl at one dollar per bushel our murchands buy it and ship it down the river Corn I can not tell what it will be worth porke is Selling from 3 Dollars and fifty cents to four Dollars per hundred beef is from two Dollars and fifty cents to three Dollars per hundred I will also inform you that I am at present ingaged in bilding a Saw and Grist mill it will in a few days be ready to put in operation They cost me counting my own labour abought twenty five hundred Dollars thay mill rights bill was one hundred and twenty Eight Dollars and fifty cents.

So no more at present but please to give our compliments to all inquiring friends and perticulary to our aged Father and Mother tell them we are all well and doing well. Anna Slusher wishes to be remembered to her mother and Elizabeth 3 Harmon she also wishes for her mother to right to us and let us know how she is doing.

Lewis Starr and his family is well and well pleased with the Country I must now come to a close with my letter by subeiling my self your frend and well wishes for Ever

Christopher Slusher

To Solomon Harmon.

Pleas to right to us as soon as possible and let us know how you are all doing.

(Obviously the land was sold before Chris, Jr. left Floyd County!!)

Here is something from the 1870 Census of Floyd County, Va.  
(Chris, Sr. - David - Cynthia m: Costello Jones)

"Costello Jones 54; Cynthia 55; Adeline 26; Mary 23; Lethey 21; Nancy L. 15; Sparrel 16; Rush F. 11; Robert A. 8. Improved acreage 60; woodland 90 acres; unproved 40 acres valued at \$600; Amount paid hired hands \$30; 2 horses, 3 mules; 3 oxen, 11 sheep, 9 swine - value of stock \$270; 57 bu. winter wheat; 42 bu. rye, 19 pounds wool, 225 bu. Indian corn, 50 bu. oats, 40 lbs. butter sold, \$50 orchard produce, 2 tons hay, 10 lbs. flax, 3 lbs. flax seed, molasses; value home manufacture \$30; animals slaughtered and sold \$90. Total Value \$630."

"Hylton & Slusher Furniture business 1870 Val. \$150; hand powered machinery, 2 workers, 4 months in action, used Walnut and Maple lumber, business, 20 Val. \$200, safes 4, val. \$40, tables val. \$60, all others val. \$10.

Allen Slusher, 1870 census: Smithy, Val. \$150, hand power. 1 man, 6 mo. working. Iron, 1,000 lbs., val. \$70; custom work Val. \$200; Steel 20 lbs. val. \$10, all others \$50. Casting 1,200 lbs. Val. \$80. Thrashing machine, val. \$300.

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How 'bout somebody send us some good stuff to put in the next newsletter? Bible records, family history, letters, stuff like that?