

WHEN: JUNE 29, 1974, FIFTH SUNDAY IN JUNE

WHAT: SECOND BIENNIAL REUNION OF SLUSHER FAMILY

WHERE: At the VFW Hall, Floyd, Virginia

Now that you all know when, what and where, we do hope you will make plans now to attend the Reunion next June. Plenty of time for you to do so, and we hope many of you who couldn't come before will be able to come next year. Please.

This ends our third year of existence as a family organization, and we don't think we have done too badly. There are still many things to be learned and much research to do, but we surely know more than we did when we began three years ago this month.

Also, of course, dues for another year are due for those of us who only paid for the year 1972. If we have you down as only paid for the year 1972, you will find a slip in the letter for your 1973 dues. Please fill it out properly, since it is left from last year and mail your dues to Mr. F. M. Slusher, Rt. #3, Box 18, Floyd, VA. 24091. They are \$2.00 until the Reunion next year. OK? If you have a slip in your letter, and feel you have paid for both years, please let us know. We could have made a mistake.

In the last newsletter we printed the children and grandchildren of Henry and Nancy Harter Slusher (Christopher-Stephen-Henry-Samuel), and didn't put in the children of Samuel Johnson Slusher, which we have since received. They are as follows:

1. Charlie b: 26 May 1895 d: single in 1966 in Kansas City, Mo.
2. Henry b: 1 June 1898 d: 16 Sept. 1942 in Kansas City, Mo.
3. Ernest b: 1902 d: 7 Dec. 1969 in Kansas City, Mo.
4. Alta b: 1904; m: Ted Cook (2 children)

The response to the request we made last Newsletter for the cemetery information has been extremely gratifying, tho there is more to do. Mrs. Loretta H. Donnelly has copied the stones in three cemeteries, and Mr. & Mrs. Freeman M. Slusher in the fourth.

1. HYLTON CEMETERY ON BURKS FORK, Floyd, Co.

S. Claude Slusher b: 1885 d: 1936
 Ida Cora Hylton Slusher b: 1887 d: 19--
 Rheda Norine Slusher b: Mar. 11, 1912
 d: June 23, 1913
 Theo Eveline Slusher b: Apr. 25, 1916
 d: Aug. 27, 1919
 Lorace French Slusher b: May 26, 1913
 d: Mar. 17, 1922
 Melvin Arvin Slusher b: Mar. 12, 1924
 d: Oct. 23, 1925
 Frank Slusher Hylton b: Oct. 2, 1918
 Aug. 20, 1920
 Son of George M. & Nola Slusher Hylton

2. BLUE RIDGE CEMETERY, FLOYD CO. VA.

Nola Lillian Slusher Hylton
 b: May 4, 1892
 d: Oct. 6, 1953
 George Matthew Hylton b: Dec. 31, 1885
 d: 19--
 David Jackson Hylton b: May 17, 1949
 d: Dec. 3, 1970

3. PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY, FLOYD CO. VA.

John Henry Slusher b: July 19, 1876
 d: Aug. 1, 1939
 A. Elizabeth Slusher b: July 29, 1876
 d: June 1, 1966
 Sarah K. Staples Slusher b: Mar. 2, 1854
 d: Jan. 17, 1935
 S. B. Slusher b: May 27, 1851
 d: Sept. 29, 1922
 Nettie E. Slusher Martin b: 1878 d: 1969
 Noah L. Martin b: 1870 d: 1954
 Quinton Rosco Martin b: Feb. 4, 1919
 d: Dec. 9, 1934
 (Son of Nettie E & Noah L. Martin)
 Geneva Ginla, dau of Nettie and Noah Martin
 1921-1921
 I. Thomas Wade b: July 19, 1872
 d: Dec. 7, 1956
 No. 1 Ellen Quesenberry Wade (buried else
 where)

No. 2 Lou Tabbie Quesenberry Wade
 b: May 15, 1873
 d: Nov. 1, 1961
 Guida Ibra Wade Spence b: Sept. 2, 1908
 d: Aug. 9, 1958
 (dau. of I. T. & Lou)

Arthur W. Wade b: Sept. 19, 1881

d: Feb. 13, 1960

Elizabeth E. Quesenberry Wade

b: Nov. 12, 1883

d: Jan. 21, 1970

David Arthur Wade b: July 9, 1965

d: July 11, 1965

Millard F. Wade b: Apr. 5, 1867

d: May 3, 1951

(I. Thomas Wade, Arthur W. Wade, Millard F. Wade and Randolph T. Wade (below) are brothers, and great-grandsons of Peter and Celia White Slusher.)

Nancy Goad Wade b: Feb. 5, 1876

d: Feb. 13, 1950

Lauretta Goad Wade b: Jan. 12, 1896

Elizabeth Slusher, age 83 years.

Infant Babe of H & L Slusher 6/27/1915

6/30/1915

John B. Slusher b: 1849 d: 1932

Eliza A. Hylton Slusher b: 1853 d: 1926

Algie C. Slusher b: June 11, 1893

d: Apr. 13, 1954

Walter T. Slusher b: 1873 d: 1962

Clelia Etta Duncan Slusher b: 1878 d: 1956

Martin L. Harmon b: Sept. 10, 1880

d: Aug. 29, 1962

Cordelia Weddle Harmon b: Jan. 21, 1879

d: Feb. 28, 1970

Raldolph T. Wade b: Oct. 15, 1874

d: Jan. 8, 1936

Sarah A. Wade b: Sept. 15, 1871

4. THE OLIVER PERRY SLUSHER CEMETERY

This cemetery is on the family farm of Mr. Freeman Slusher on Rt. #3, 3 miles west of Floyd Va. (Relationships in parentheses)

Oliver Perry Slusher 4/8/1831 - 4/26/1899

Mary G. Woods Slusher 6/11/1832 - 9/16/1892

(His first wife)

Letha A. Slusher Weeks 9/10/1848-6/27/1923

(His Second wife)

Asa L. Slusher 9/12/1856 - 5/6/1878 (His son)

Peter Asa Slusher 1/26/1887 - 6/17/1890

(His grandson - Mr. Freeman Slusher's brother.)

Asa E. Hylton 11/25/1880 - 12/25/1880

(His grandson, 1 month of age)

We surely need some of the others, are very grateful for these and suggest that, if you know any of the relationships involved that you do mention them, and the geographical location of the cemetery.

We have been rummaging around in the archives of Washington Co. Maryland and Frederick Co. Va. (by mail) and have come up with some very interesting and informative deeds. We fervently hope you aren't bored with deeds because we have to print them for the record and also because they are interesting and informative. We have several, but they are so long and redundant (as legal documents tend to be) that we can't put them all in the letter at once. So we'll tell you what we have found and print them as space permits. One's brain boggles at the handwriting and trying to find out what the deeds say around and under and hidden in the legal terminology. We have developed a great respect for the old Clerks of Court who had to handwrite all that language in those enormous books day in and day out in that Flowery and beautiful (and sometimes hard to read) script.

Herewith is a short synopsis of what we have gleaned from the documents we have so far. In

1766 Frederick Slusser leased land in Frederick Co. Va. from Adam Wagener of same County for 5 shillings current money of Va. and 1 "peper corn" a year rent - 360 acres. We believe this must be Christopher's and John's brother, because in

1789 John Slusher, for the purpose of transferring some property to Peter Fulk, gave his power of attorney to "trusty friends John Smith and Frederick Slusher" in Frederick Co, and in

John Slusher leased 150 acres from the executors of the estate of George Folk for 5 shillings and 1 "peper corn" per year rent. (to be paid "on Satyday next"). Does anyone know the significance of the pepper corn? Is it like "one dollar and other considerations" of the present day documents? We would like to know why a peppercorn!) And then, in

1804 along came George Slusher (who is almost certainly Christopher's son George) and Mary his wife, and sold Henry Bordon Lot No. 24 in Middletown, Frederick Co. Va. Middletown is right on the southern border of Frederick Co.

Va., and only 55-60 miles from Sharps- AT THE REQUEST of Christopher Schlusser
burgh, Maryland, which is on the Wash- the following deed was recorded March 28th
ington Co. Maryland-West Va. (then Va.) 1787 To wit Whereas a certain William
state line, where, in Strump late of Frederick County in the col-
lony of Virginia (Probably deceased)

- 1787 Christopher Schlusser of Washington Co. Md. bought from William Merrett and wife Lott No. 3 in Sharpsburgh, which "lott", almost exactly a year later, in
- 1788 Christopher sold to Christopher Orendorff. Christopher's wife Eve, or Eva gave up her right of Dower all le- gal and nice. It's lovely to have hervince of Maryland and after the decease of mentioned by name because this makes said William Strup the said lott or portion them definitely our Chris, and because of ground was given to a certain George we have come up with a Peter Slosser Merret son in law to said William Strup as (another one??!) who, in part of the legacy bequeathed to him by his father in law and the said George Merret did
- 1786 sold land to one Conrod Ringer in Washington Co. Md. and Peter's wife SUSANNAH (for heaven's sake) gave up her right of Dower after having been privately examined out of the hearing of her husband and testifying that she hadn't been threatened by him and had no fear of his Displeasure.

We're rather sorry this Susannah turn- ed up because that means, if she's not a second wife, that there's another Peter Slusher wandering around in Pa. & Md. Washington County in the province of Mary- about whom we are going to have to do some- land of the other part WITNESSETH that the thing and separate and untangle from the said William Merret and Margaret his wife others of the same name, of which we al- for and in Consideration of the sum of ready have too many! Eighty five pounds Current money of Mary-

There is another deed for a "Christian" Slusser in 1786 in the Washington Co. land records, which we have not as yet received. We think this is our Chris, because one of the other deeds called him Christian in the Index. However, this time we are only going to give you the two deeds of Christo- pher's that we have, both because we feel they are interesting and because we are sure he is the Christopher who belongs to us. OK?

(Notice that the clerk hasn't spelled poor Mrs. Merret's name the same way twice in the entire document. Since we have the name Marguerite, which nobody can spell and most people refuse to even countenance the possibility of, we feel great empathy for her. Although she couldn't even spell her own name! Ed.)

This indenture made this fifteenth day of March in the year of our lord one thou- sand seven hundred and eighty seven BETWEEN William Merret and Margrett his Wife of Bar- kely County in the Colony of Virginia of the one part and Christopher Shlusser of Washington County in the province of Mary- land of the other part WITNESSETH that the said William Merret and Margaret his wife for and in Consideration of the sum of Eighty five pounds Current money of Mary- land to them in hand paid by the said Chris- topher Schlusser The receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted, bargained and sold and doth by these presents grant bargain and sell unto the said Christopher Schlusser all that lott or portion of ground in Sharpsburgh Washington County No. 3 Con- taining one hundred and three feet in breadth and two hundred and six feet in length with all profits advantages and appurtenances to the said lott or portion of ground belonging or appertaining TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to him the said Christopher Schlusser his heirs and assigns forever to his and their own use and to no other use Intent o. purpose Whatsoever yeiking and paying therefore yearly and every year for- ever on the first day of July yearly and every year hereafter from the first day of July last unto Joseph Chapline his heirs or assigns the annuall rent of three shil- lings and six pence sterling from the date

hereof and said William Merrett and Margett his wife for themselves and their heirs doth Covenant agree to and with the said Christopher Schlusser his heirs and assigns that he and they shall and may have hold and peaceable enjoy and possess the said lott or portion of ground and other the premises hereby bargained and sold yeilding and paying the rent aforesaid as herein before reserved in manner aforesaid free and Clare of and from above besides the quit rent that may grow due on said lott or portion of ground to the lord proprietor his heirs and successors freely and absolutely Discharge from all other claims Incumbrances and charges Whatsoever IN WITNESS whereof the said William Merret and Margitt his wife hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above WRITTEN

s/ William Merrett (seal)
 Her
 s/ Margrett (X) Merrett
 Mark

Signed Sealed and Delivered
 in the presence of
 Joseph Chapline
 Alex^r Clagett

On the back of the foregoing Deed was the following Indorsements to Wit
 March 15th 1787 Received of Christopher Schlusser the sum of eighty five pounds Current money it being the Consideration with-
 in mentioned

Rec^d by us
 Teste
 Joseph Chapline
 Alex^r Clagett

William Merrett
 Margett (X) Merrett
 Mark

WASHINGTON COUNTY etc March 15, 1787
 Came William Meret and Margett his Wife within mentioned and acknowledged the Within Instrument of writing to be his act and Deed and the lott and premises therein mentioned thereby bargained and sold to be the right and Estate of the within named Christopher Schlusser his heirs and assigns forever.

BEFORE US
 Joseph Chapline
 Alex^r Clagett

The following is the second deed and may be found in Deed Book E, pgs. 791-792, as above.

At the request of Christopher Orendorff the following Deed was recorded March 26,

1788 to wit THIS INDENTURE made this twenty sixth Day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and eighty eight BETWEEN Christopher Sloser of Washington County in the State of Maryland of the one part and Christopher Orendorff of the same County and State aforesaid of the other part WITNESSETH that the said Christopher Slosser for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five pounds Specie to him in hand paid by the said Christopher Orendorff the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold and doth by these presents grant bargain and sell unto the said Christopher Orendorff all that Lott or portion of ground in Sharpsburgh Town in Washington County No. 3 Containing one hundred and three feet in breadth and two hundred and six feet in Length with all profits and advantages and appurtenances to the said Lott or portion of ground belonging or appurtenant TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to him the said Christopher Orendorff his heirs and assigns forever to his and their own use and to or for no other use Intent or purpose Whatsoever yeilding and paying unto Joseph Chapline his heirs and assigns for the said Lott three shillings and Six pence Sterling money of great Brittain on the ninth Day of July yearly and every year from the ninth Day of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight thereafter and the said Christopher Sloser for himself and his heirs doth covenant and agree to and with the said Christopher Orendorff his heirs and assigns that he and they shall and may have hold and peaceable enjoy and possess the said Lott or portion of ground and other the premises yeilding and paying the rent aforesaid herein before reserved and any rent that may grow Due to the Lord proprietor freely and absolutely discharge from all other claims Incumbrances and charges Whatsoever IN WITNESS hereof the said Christopher Sloser hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the Day and year above Written.

s/ Christopher Slusher (seal)
 Signed Sealed and Delivered
 in the presence of
 Joseph Chapline
 H. Shryock

On the back of the
 foregoing Deed was
 the following indorsements to Wit Received this 26th day of March 1788 of Christopher Orendorff one hundred and five pound pounds it being the

consideration within mentioned as Witness-- Children:

eth my hand

Test Joseph Chapline

H Shryock

s/ Christopher Slusher

Washington County etc. March 26th 1788

There came the within named Christopher Sloser before us two of the States Justices of the peace for said County and acknowledged the within Deed of land and premises to be the right of the within named Christopher Orendorff his heirs and assigns forever at the same time came Eve wife of the within named Christopher Sloser and relinquished her right of Dower freely and willingly, she being privately examined out of the hearing of her husband according to the Directions of the act of assembly in that case made and provided.

BEFORE US { Joseph Chapline
H Shryock.

The signatures on the deeds of Christopher and Peter Slusher are wonderful to behold! They must be written in German script, and the "opl" on the end of, presumably Christopl is the only legible part of the signature.

The possibilities are that Chris' children, Peter, Barbara and Elizabeth were born in the Sharpsburgh area of Washington Co., Maryland. There is also a possibility that George, and perhaps the elusive Mar. Margaretha were married there, since George is not listed on any marriage record we have seen from Frederick Co. Va. We need much more research done in these two counties!.

CHRISTOPHER, JR.

Since Christopher, Jr. had 80-some grandchildren, it is not possible to list all of them at one time with the dates of their births, marriages and deaths, so here they are in short form. We will reprint the different families more completely later.

CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF CHRISTOPHER SLUSHER, JR. AND HIS WIFE ANNA MYERS:

I. Catherine Slusher, b: Dec. 2, 1803, d: Sep. 9, 1837, m: Lewis Starr.

1. John Starr m: Malinda Crabtree of Jackson County, near Independence, Mo.
2. Christopher Starr m: Jane Crabtree of Jackson Co.
3. Matilda Starr m: Job Crabtree of Jackson Co., Mo.
4. Anna Starr m: James Monroe Crabtree of Jackson Co. Mo.
5. Joseph Starr
6. Jeremiah Starr
7. William Henderson Starr m: Pricilla Crabtree of Jackson Co. Mo.
8. Mary (Polly or Dolly) Starr m: George W. Hylton of Jackson Co., Mo.

II. ALLEN SLUSHER, b: Jan. 17, 1805, d: Oct. 9, 1842 m: Mahala Harris

Children:

1. Wilburn L. Slusher, died young
2. Julia A. Slusher, m: Matt F. Sharp of Jackson Co., Mo.
3. Virginia Slusher, m: Charles F. Thomas Jackson Co. Mo.
4. Mahala (Tillie) Slusher, m: (1) Benjamin Camp, Jackson Co. (2) _____

III. MATILDA SLUSHER, b: Dec. 28, 1806, d: Nov. 13, 1828, Montgomery Co. Va. m: Nicholas James, Montgomery Co. Va.

Children:

1. Matilda (This family went to California - no knowledge of them.)
2. Jordan
3. Jefferson

IV. MARY SLUSHER, b: Mar. 2, 1809, d: 1846 Saline Co., Mo. m: (1) Isaac Gilham (2) John Talbott

Children:

1. Hugh Gilham
2. William Washington Gilham
3. Eliza (or Mary Elizabeth) Gilham m: W. J. Byars.
4. Maria L. Gilham m: W. K. White, Saline County, Mo.
5. Martha Gilham m: John Shaw, Saline Co.
6. Nancy Gilham m: Matthew Wakefield Saline Co., Mo.
7. _____ Talbott
8. Virginia Talbott

V. NANCY SLUSHER, b: Apr. 9, 1811, d: Apr. 18, 1896; m: David Phlegar, 1806-1869)

Children:

1. Allen Phlegar m: Maremina Fox, Dover, Mo.
2. Elizabeth Phlegar m: John Staley
3. Calvin Phlegar, m: Margaret Wilds
4. Susannah Phlegar m: James Phlegar

(cont'd)

5. Mary Jane Phlegar, m: Seth Moore
6. Lydia Phlegar, never married
7. Rebecca Phlegar m: Simon P. Phlegar, son of Benjamin & Mary Weddle Phlegar
8. Henry m: Hannah Seeley
9. Mahala Phlegar, m: William Christopher Slusher, son of Thomas Holt Slusher
10. Maria Phlegar m: Wm. H. Patterson 1880
11. Elizabeth Frances Phlegar; died at 5yrs.
12. Martha (Mattie) m: Frank Thornton
13. William Christopher Phlegar m: Maggie Evers
14. George W. Phlegar, d: 6 mo. old.

VI. ROLAND SLUSHER, b: Mar. 22, 1814 d: Aug. 18, 1843; m: Lockie Trigg Jennings (1816-1903)

Children:

1. David Christopher Slusher m: Rachel Ann Elizabeth McCormick
 2. Mary Paulina Slusher m: Joseph H. Pointer
 3. Martha Slusher m: Henry Utt
 4. Sarah Ann Slusher m: Wm. C. Gresham
 5. Thomas Slusher
 6. Charles Slusher
 7. Julia Ann Spencer*
 8. William Spencer*
- *Lockie Trigg Jennings Slusher m: (2) Christian T. Spencer in 1845.

VII. HENRY SLUSHER, b: Mar. 26, 1816 d: Aug 10/11, 1893. m: (1) Rebecca Robinson (2) Cassandra Hogan. Children by first wife:

1. Euphemia Ann Missouri Slusher m: James Hogan.
2. Christopher Creed Slusher m: Rachel Senter
3. Perry Slusher, died young by his second wife:
1. Alexander Bolivar Slusher m: Glovinia Blackburn
2. William Brown Slusher, died young.
3. Mary Elizabeth Slusher m: John C. Woods.
4. James Jackson Slusher m: Sallie Miller
5. Thaddeus Walden Slusher m: Minnie Corder
6. Madison Tecumseh Slusher m: Mary Elizabeth Chandler
7. Emma Jane Slusher m: Robert S. Pointer
8. Adda W. Slusher m: (1) William Unroe (2) Henry Majors.
9. Cassandra Slusher m: Thomas Jones Miller
10. General Beauregard Slusher m: Betty Nees
11. Lulu Leonora m: Jesse L. Neer
12. Henry Jr., m: Nancy Miller Foulds.

VIII. SUSANNAH SLUSHER b: Sep. 2, 1818 d: Oct. 17, 1894; m: Wm. Henry Hockensmith

1. Hulda Hockensmith m: David Moore
2. Caltha Hockensmith m: David Asa Slusher (son of Thomas Holt)
3. Beadie Hockensmith m: John Limric
4. Clark Hockensmith (rode with Quantrill)
5. Maria Hockensmith
6. Henry Hockensmith.

IX. THOMAS HOLT SLUSHER, b: May 8, 1822 d: Aug. 15, 1874 m: Minerva Sylistina Beck

1. William Christopher Slusher, m: Mahala Phlegar.
2. Mary Ann Elizabeth Slusher m: George Willis Garr.
3. David Asa Slusher m: Caltha Hockensmith
4. James Monroe m: Alberta Victoria Payne
5. Susan Huldah Slusher, died young
6. Isobel Jane Slusher m: Alvin Kensler
7. Sarah Ellen Slusher, died young.

X. MARIA JANE SLUSHER, b: Feb. 10, 1826 d: Mar. 11, 1907; m: George Washington Cooper

1. Maria Jane Cooper m: James W. Caldwell
2. George Jackson Cooper
3. Annie Elizabeth Cooper m: John Madison Caldwell.
4. John Cunningham Cooper m: Mary Elizabeth Dysart
5. William Allen Cooper
6. Steven Thomas Cooper
7. Sallie Carter Cooper m: Charles Y. Gray

XI. ANDREW JACKSON SLUSHER, b: Mar. 5, 1829 d: Dec. 11, 1900; m: Susannah Jane Woods.

1. Archibald Slusher, died young
2. Annie Elizabeth Slusher m: John Jones
3. Mary Caroline Slusher, died young.
4. Lillie Jane Slusher m: Robert Mason
5. Martha Maria Slusher m: James Stivers
6. Lee Jackson Slusher m: Alice Marion Garr
7. John Davis Slusher m: Mary Slusher, dau. Tecumseh Slusher
8. Nancy Katherine Slusher m: James Dillard
9. Bird May Slusher, never married
10. Minnie Slusher, died young.

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The sympathy of the entire Slusher Family Organization is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Robt. M. Norris of Richmond, Va. in the death of their daughter, Ann Henley Norris, who was drowned June 9 of this year near Provo, Utah. Mrs. Norris is an officer in our Organization.

Our congratulations to Cdr. & Mrs. R. R. Robertson on the birth of a son on June 4, whom they have named Christopher Boyd. Mrs. Robertson is also an officer in the Slusher Family Organization.