

"It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors." --Plutarch

"He lives with his ancestry, and he lives with his posterity; to both does he consider himself involved in deep responsibilities." -- Washington Irving

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Here is your newsletter with the report of the Biennial Reunion. We've been out of town and had company and this precluded any editorial activities for the week or so since the reunion ----

which, we thought and think, was a tremendous success. The weather we ordered was perfect, the food delicious and plentiful, the people nice and friendly and glad to see each other, and Virginia was so beautiful. They must have a special process by which they make flowers grow along the roadsides in Virginia; they were covered in cornflowers, and daisys and sweet peas and black eyed susans and all kinds of colorful wild flowers.

There were over 200 people present - some didn't get registered - but a "goodly" crowd. Every time we have a few more than last time, which is the way it should be.

These are some of the things discussed at the Executive Committee meeting and presented to the membership for their consideration and all were passed upon unanimously:

First (last and always!) - money! Due to the awful rise in postage and paper, etc., it was thought best to raise the dues to \$5.00 for the two year period between Reunions. This is a raise of 50¢ a year, or \$1.00 for the two year period. Also, since it will save book work and since there was considerable "forgetfulness" when it came to paying dues for this past year, as compared to the year be-

fore, it was decided that it would be better all around if dues were paid for the two year period at one time; thus, if you didn't pay yours at the Reunion, you now owe dues for 1974-75 of \$5.00 if you wish to receive the Newsletter. You will find a slip in the letter. Please, if you did pay at the Reunion, ignore the slip - we don't have the list of those who did pay yet.

Also, we retained the Sustaining Membership category. This is for those of us who wish to contribute to the genealogical research fund and consists of no special amount, just whatever you wish to contribute over and above your regular dues to the genealogical research into the background of the family. We hope there will continue to be the same interest shown in this project of our Organization as was shown last time and over the past two years. It was voted to continue the research, and funds we must have therefor!

The cost of back Newsletters has gone up to 50¢ a letter, since they are getting scarce and are expensive to mail.

The financial report of the Organization as presented by the treasurer, Freeman M. Slusher, follows:

Receipts:

Bal. July 1972	\$120.37
Contrib. to Research	239.85
Back Newsletters	38.25
Dues paid	486.00
Total Receipts	\$884.47

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Brought Forward:	
Total Receipts	\$884.47
Disbursements:	
Research	\$222.00
Newsletter	
Expenses	333.21
Reunion Exp.	17.61
Total Disbursements	\$572.82
Bal. on hand July 1974	\$311.65

So much for the financial situation.

The Executive Committee discussed the need for By-Laws for the Organization, and it was decided to draw up a set of By-Laws to be presented to the Organization at the next Reunion in 1976. What we need is a member of the Organization who is conversant with the idiosyncracies of By-Laws to volunteer to draw them up for us. PLEASE??!!

The matter of putting our records in hard-cover book form was discussed and it was decided to make this a five-year project. Meanwhile, it should behoove all of you to be sure your family records are up to date with our genealogists, Mr. & Mrs. Hatcher King, Spout Spring, Va 24593 - if you have new children and/or grandchildren, if your children (or you) have married, if you've had deaths in your family, please do let them know so we can keep the records up to date and please do remember to include full names, dates, places of birth, death and marriage, and to print or write legibly, and, please, don't wait for someone else to do it! Its better for the Kings to have this information twice than not at all. If possible, it was thought better to await the discovery of as much of Christopher's background as possible before beginning this project, but it cannot be done suddenly, and it is best to keep all our records up to date so that when it is started the needed information will be at hand.

The Organization officers are still the same, primarily because not one single person showed any inclination whatsoever to run against the incumbents, or to volunteer for the offices. Therefore, the following were re-elected by acclimation: (This isn't like Tennessee, where we presently have 12 people running for Governor of the State and 8 have already dropped out - there were 20 to begin with):

President: Mr. William S. Slusher
206 Rivermont Dr. McMinnville,
TN. 37110

Treasurer: Mr. Freeman M. Slusher
Route #3, Floyd, Va. 24091

Secretary: Mrs. Janet S. Keith,
Rt. #3, Willis, Va. 24380

Genealogists: Mr. & Mrs. Hatcher
King, Spout Spring, VA. 24593
and: Mrs. Robert Norris, 1301
Libbie Ave., Richmond, Va. 23226

Historians: Mrs. R. R. Robertson,
Jr., 5105 Fleming Dr. Annandale,
Va. 22003, and

Mrs. William S. Slusher (who is also editor of the Newsletter, since also nobody offered to take that over.)

It was voted to put copies of the Newsletter in the Floyd County Library and the Floyd County High School Library and also to send it to various genealogical and historical libraries in Penn., Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

Mrs. Fannie Slusher Jones was given special recognition as the Senior member of the family present, and Charity Woods was youngest. Mr. Ted Turman had traveled some 2000 miles from Salt Lake City to attend the reunion and Mrs. Frank R. Duke, III, was the newest married member of the clan.

All in all, it was very enjoyable and if you weren't there, we wish you could have been. We missed you! There were families from Ohio, N. J., N. C., Tennessee, Maryland, Florida, Utah, West Virginia and Va.

We especially want to thank Betty and Bob Nestor of Floyd who did all the dirty work in setting up the tables and cleaning up the VFW Hall, both before and after the meeting. We are everlastingly grateful for their help.

The next reunion is set for an unspecified date in the summer of 1976.

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We guess our genealogist is taking a vacation since we haven't heard from him for awhile.

However, since the April Newsletter, he has sent us some things he has found, the most important of which are the names and some of the mates of the children of Peter. We had some of this, but not all.

He also found out that Maria Margaretha Weschenbach was born in 1715 in Germany and arrived in Philadelphia September 1734. She was Peter, Sr.'s wife and probably Christopher's mother.

Mr. Clark gave this list of Peter's children, and these would have been the brothers and sisters of Christopher, Sr., (if we can ever prove he was Peter's son.

1. Peter, Jr., whom we have also not proven to be Peter's son.
2. John Frederick, bapt. 24 Aug. 1737 in Lancaster Co., married Anna Otillia (We have had this name as "Collica").
3. Anna Barbara, bapt. 22 Apr. 1739 m: 27 Mar. 1759 Balthasar Schally.
4. Anna Christina, b: 12 Apr. 1742, Lancaster Co. Pa.
5. Maria Barbara b: 14 Jan. 1745, m: Dewald Girst.
6. George Ernst, b: 8 Aug. 1746, Lancaster Co.
7. Catharine Margaretha, b: 10 Jan. 1748, Lancaster Co.

8. John Heinrich, b: 2 Aug. 1751, (this one we did not have, but he evidently lived in Wash. Co. Md. at the same time the others did, then called Henry in the records.)

9. John, b: Sept. 1754, Lancaster Co.

10. And, Christopher, if we can ever nail him down!

He also found the following concerning Peter, Jr.'s family. He was married to Susan (probably Reginoff) He died in 1804 in Washington Co., Md. and left four children and is buried on the family farm at the Iron Bridge over the Antietam Creek. His children were:

Elizabeth, b: 23 or 28 or 30 of March 1770, d: 10 Mar. 1853, buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Md. m: after 1790, Leonard Middlekauff (b: 18 Oct. 1763, d: 24 Jan. 1851, buried same ceme.) Leonard owned a tan yard (from his will) and there were 10 children from this marriage.

George, b: 1772 d: 1843, age 71 or 73; married 10 Sept. 1805, Wash. Co., Md. m: Mary (Polly) Painter, dau. of Harmon and Elizabeth Painter (Panther). She was born ca 1787 and d: 1840, aged 53. George moved to Jefferson Co. Va., (Now W.Va.) and then crossed the Ohio River in 1830 and lived east of Tiffin and in 1832, he moved to Hopewell Township in Seneca Co., Ohio. He had 9 children.

Catharine, died in 1816 or earlier because Jacob Cauffman m: Nancy, or Anna Painter 23 Dec. 1816. She m: 17 Oct. 1803 in Wash. Co., Md. Jacob Koffman (Coffman, Cauffman) He d: 4 March 1859 aged 95. Nancy Coffman, (his second wife) died 11, July 1851, buried Rensburg Farm near Sharpsburg, where Chris lived.

John, was born 2 Apr. 1782, Wash. Co., Md., died 20 Aug. 1862, buried Reformed Ch., Boonsboro. He lived his entire life in Wash. Co. and was a basketmaker (1860 census). Elizabeth Painter, his wife

died 19 July 1855, buried Reformed Ch. graveyard, Boonsboro, aged 71 yrs. 9 mos. & 8 days. There were 7 children.

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Getting to something a little closer home, here are some miscellaneous records Mr. & Mrs. King have found in various courthouses as noted:

The following was found in an old Montgomery Co. record book. They went back in two weeks to finish copying the records in this book and found it had been lost - disappeared! Some one had carried it off. This type thing is pure disaster!

1823 - Slusher, Lt. Stephen, 3rd Battalion 7th Regt. Virginia militia.

1826 - Slusher, Capt. Stephen, 130th Virginia Regiment.

1826 - Slusher, Ensign Allen, 2nd Batt. 130th Virginia Regt.

Stephen Slusher was a younger son of Christopher, Sr. and Allen Slusher was Christopher Jr.'s oldest son.

--These were found in Grayson Co.

Matilda Slusher, dau. of Stuffle Slusher, m: 14 Jan. 1827, Nicholas James, Lewis Starr, surety.

(Matilda was dau of Chris, Jr. who was called 'Stuffle'. Lewis Starr was Matilda's brother-in-law, husband of her sister, Catherine)

Christopher Slusher, Jr. bought land in 1819 in Grayson Co. and sold it to John Green in 1828 - DB3, p351. Grayson County.

Christopher Slusher, Jr. lived on this land when he sold it to John Green. Green sold it to Gardner (DB5, p 274, Grayson Co.) There has always been a trading post and tavern at the site where today the Town House Motel stands.

--These records from Surry Co. N.C.

William Slusher, m: Elly DeLong 24 April 1837, Surety John Peek.

(William was son of Solomon Slusher, Sr.)

George A. Slusher (son of William) m: Mary Mundy 20 Dec. 1865. Married by Marlin Spargue, J.P.

Solomon Slusher, Jr. m: 11 Sept. 1852 Luiza Compton; surety, William Slusher. m: by A. Simons, J.P.

Lafayette Slusher m: 7 Aug. 1863 Louisa Ballinger, Surety, S. J. Slusher, married by Wm. P. Bray, J.P. (Lafayette was son of Ananias Slusher, son of David. Sparrell J. Slusher was son of David - uncle to Lafayette)

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CHRISTOPHER, SR. - SUSAN CATHERINE SLUSHER SIMMONS - NOAH SIMMONS, James Monroe Simmons, eldest son of Noah & Eliza Phlegar Simmons:

JAMES MONROE SIMMONS:

b: 1 June 1865, Floyd Co. d 3 Jan. 1938, Floyd Co.
m: Lydia Darrow Dickerson, dau. Amos and Mary Slusher Dickerson (dau. David Slusher) 23 Jan. 1895.
b: 15 Mar. 1871, Floyd Co.
d: 7 Jan. 1938 (double funeral was held, burial Topeka Ceme.

Children:

Lillian Monroe Simmons

b: 13 June 1897 d: 19 Aug. 1961
m: Olie Warren Shelor 9 June 1918.

2. Olivia Mae Simmons

b: 1900 m: (1) Harry Stump
(2) Wm. Stuart Barger

3. Harman Noah Simmons

b: 10 Nov. 1902, m: (1) Florence Harter 16 Feb. 1924 (2) Georgia Wilson.

4. Howard Taft Simmons

b: 1909 m: Ruby Hartley

5. Percy Amos Simmons, b: 28 June

1907. m: Geneva Harris, dau. Clarence & Lura Alderman Harris on 26 Dec. 1935.

6. Ora Verbena Simmons
b: 7 July 1911
m: Leonard Harrison Early
7. James Hugh Simmons
b: 21 June 1914
m: Neva Dale Slusher, dau.
Roger Oliver Slusher 27 Oct.
1937.

MARY SIMMONS, dau. Noah & Eliza
Phlegar Simmons.

b: 17 Sept. 1860, Floyd Co.
d: 12 July 1942
m: William Joseph Boone

Children:

1. Asa Clarence, b: 6 Sept. 1881
d: 1945; m: 1903, Floyd, Lucy
Hylton, dau. Jacob and Margaret
Hylton.
2. Stella, b: 23 Mar. 1883, d: 5
Jan. 1956, m: Floyd Co., 26 Mar.
1925 Charlie Pugh.
3. Annie, b: 23 Jan. 1885, d: 12
Apr. 1914, m: Floyd Co. 8 Nov.
1906 Sam Smith.
4. Liza Margaret, b: 22 Sept. 1887,
m: Floyd Co. 17 Nov. 1910 Pey-
ton Graham.
5. Elmer, b: 10 Feb. 1889, d: Dec.
1965; m: Chloe Weddle.
6. Lillie Clementine, b: 5 Oct.
1890 d: 29 Sept. 1969.
7. Henrietta b: 13 Nov. 1892.

SARAH SIMMONS, dau. Noah & Eliza
Phlegar Simmons
b: 13 Aug. 1867.

MILLARD SIMMONS, son of Noah &
Eliza Phlegar Simmons. b: 13 Feb.
1872, d: 13 Feb. 1872.

HENRY SIMMONS, son of Noah & Eliza
Phlegar Simmons, b: 10 Aug. 1875,
d: 15 July 1969, m: 23 Jan. 1899
Maude Dillion, Floyd Co. She b:
16 Feb. 1879 d: 15 Aug. 1965.
Children:

1. Julian Oscar, b: 30 Jan. 1900
Floyd Co. Va. d: 4 Nov. 1943,
m: Alma Dillion.

2. Nannie Kate b: 23 July 1904, d:
12 Feb. 1966, m: Henry Clay
Harmon.

3. Mollie Elmetta Simmons, b: 18
Aug. 1912, m: Cabell Carroll
Ratliff.

4. Allie Emmazetta Simmons, (twin)
b: 18 Aug. 1912, m: Henry Dayton
Burgess.

ELMETTIE SIMMONS, dau. Noah and Eliza
Phlegar Simmons.

b: 16 June 1877, Floyd Co. d: 7 Feb.
1961; m: Elder Leroy Merit Weddle
in 1903. He b: 11 June 1871, d:
30 Oct. 1945.

Children:

1. Davie Jane b: 29 June 1905 d:
27 Jan. 1906.
2. Prudence Velma, b: 29 June 1906,
d: 10 Feb. 1907.

CALVIN LEWIS SIMMONS, son of Noah &
Eliza Phlegar Simmons, m: 26 June
1902 Mary Ellen Weddle.

Children:

1. Troy, m: LaVera Eloise Harmon
2. Ilar Myrtle, m: Simon James Rad-
ford.

JOSEPH SIMMONS, son of Noah and Eli-
za Phlegar Simmons.

(Since we are thinking of putting
our records in permanent form in a
book, if anyone knows anything about
these families which are recorded
here, which is different, additional,
incorrect from what is shown here,
please let us know, because if the
book is ever published, these are
the records we have, and this is the
way they will be published. What
information is shown here is all we
have. We'd so much rather have it
correct, and now is the time to cor-
rect any errors or add to what is
shown!)

CHRISTOPHER, SR. -- PETER -- MARTHA
SLUSHER WADE -- MARY JULIA WADE
QUESENBERRY.

Here are some descendants of Peter

Slusher and Celia White Slusher. Peter and Celia had a dau. Martha, b: 1814, who married Isaac Wade, son of John Wade.

Isaac and Martha had a daughter, Mary Julia, born 24 Nov. 1844, d: 6 June 1908, who married Peter Quesinberry 12 Nov. 1865. He was b: 19 Oct. 1844 d: 19 July 1919 in Rowan co., Ky. Their children were:

1. Perry J. Quesinberry, b: 6 Mar. 1866, d: Jan. 30, 1946.
m: 14 Mar. 1888 Samaria Gardner, b: 29 Aug.—, d: 1918.
2. Lavenia Margaret Quesinberry
b: 3 Sept. 1868 d: 10 July 1934
m: Aug. 11, 1886, James Perry Dickerson (b: 30 Oct. 1867)
3. Posey E. Quesinberry
b: 22 June 1875, d: 7 Feb. 1934
m: Isobel Eliza Jennings 11 July 1894.
b: 1 Nov. 1877
d: 3 July 1974
4. Walker Quesinberry
b: 1877 d: 23 Sept. 1960
m: Nancy Huff.
5. Barnett Quesinberry, m: Ellen Gardner, was divorced and re-married (?)
6. Ellen Quesinberry
b: June 27, 1871 d: June 3, 1927.
m: Dexter Goad 1 Jan. 1889
b: 5 Nov. 1867
d: 1 July 1939
7. Eliza Rosabel Quesinberry
b: 2 July 1877 d: 15 Apr. 1965
m: 25 Apr. 1894 Amos Dickerson Goad, b: 24 Nov. 1870
d: 30 June 1926.
8. Tiny Abbie Quesinberry
b: 4 Nov. 1881 d: 25 Nov. 1935
m: Norman Branscome, b: 3 Feb. 1880.

When we were in Floyd, after the Executive Committee meeting, the Freeman Slushers took us to see the little cemetery where Jacob and his family are buried. It is high on a lovely hilltop, all by itself and full of day lillies and century plants blooming. We took pictures of Jacob's gravestone, which has an unusual symbol carved on it. We are going to send the picture to someone who should know what the significance of the symbol is, if any.

Also, we found the grave of Jacob's eldest son, Jeremiah Slusher in this cemetery. His name was not mentioned as being buried here in the list of the Jacob Slusher cemetery copied in Vol. IV, No. 3.

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Have a chance at a mimeograph machine today -- mustn't miss such a chance! See you in October.

P.S. If anyone has some special family record they would like to see copied into the record, if they will let us know, we'll be glad to do so -- otherwise, they just come up as we get to them. Let us hear!