

"Without genealogy the study of history is lifeless." -John Fiske

"Record it for the grandson of your son." - Nicholas Vachel Lindsay

The first quotation above brings to mind an article we read in the Spring 1975 issue of PROLOGUE, The Journal of the National Archives. The article, entitled "History and Genealogy: Patterns of Change and Prospects for Cooperation," by Samuel P. Hays, states that after years and years of more or less mutual contempt between historians and genealogists, within the past ten years or so, they have both begun to realize that closer cooperation and respect for the work they both do would be mutually advantageous. Makes sense.

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This Newsletter is about two months late - the first time one has been late since 1970 when we first began sending them. We beg forgiveness, but under the circumstances it has been absolutely impossible to get it out sooner. There is presently a lull in the redecorating and addition to the house which we are undertaking; between the sawing and banging and the moving of furniture which we could do ourselves inside the house, and the same which will begin shortly (hopefully!) when the contractor begins work, if he ever does. We figured we better take advantage of this time, because heaven knows when there will be another lull of which advantage can be taken!

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First of all, from the last Newsletter, the Solomon book turned up - thanks! Also, two people have written adding to their lines which appeared in the Newsletter and correcting some mistakes. We are most grateful to these folks and wish some more would do the same.

Secondly, an important date for you to make a note of on the last page of this year's calendar if you don't have a 1976 calendar. And that is the date of the 1976 Biennial Reunion of the Slusher Family Organization in Floyd, Va. at the VFW Hall. The date is:

JULY 18, 1976

We think this will be a pretty good date. Those of you serving on your local Bicentennial committees should have your main projects complete and can take a short vacation and sally forth to Floyd, Virginia. So make plans now - and don't forget to put down the date. You'll be reminded from time to time hereafter, but you might as well make a note of it so nothing interferes.

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Just after the last Newsletter our genealogist notified us that he had gone to work full time in a Library and would have to stop our research. So we have a new genealogist. He has gone through the material at the National Archives, the Library of Congress and the DAR Library, which he says is the best genealogical library in the country except the one in Salt Lake City, and he has also gone through all the documents, papers and reports of other genealogists, and he says that there just isn't much else that can be done, or much of anywhere else to look for proof of the relationship between Christopher and Peter Schlosser. He is going to go through whatever he can find on Lancaster Co., Pa. and possibly Bucks Co., Pa. where Christopher, Jr. is supposed to have been born.

He says it is really quite

evident that Christopher is Peter's son, but so far the proof is non-existent. Maybe it'll turn up out of clear blue sky some day, and maybe we can never find it because it just isn't there.

The genealogist went through some of the same things some of the other genealogists have done and found nothing they hadn't found, as well as many sources that had not been searched. This was a good thing because it takes away any doubt that all sources have been covered and nothing has been overlooked. Its too bad, really. That Christopher is a pesky ancestor to have, with respect! We're so close and yet so far away - Its certainly frustrating.

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We spent most of the months of February, March and April putting the names of the descendants of Peter and Barbara on index cards. It had not been planned to make all those index cards, But trying to find a proper format and numbering system for the up to 10 generations and get it on paper in a straight line from Peter and Barbara to the youngest child born in 1975, turned out otherwise to be an impossible job. Those people kept slithering around in and out of the proper generation - or out altogether! So now we have cards with names, a family sheet number and a pedigree all the way back to Peter or Barbara on each card, and there's no way those people can get lost now. Several are descended from two of Christopher's children too - through both parents. Its interesting, but awfully complicated. And if it never gets published, we, at least, will have a pretty good history of the Slusher family. What we're hoping is

that it can be complete in at least rough draft form by July 18, 1976, and it can then be properly discussed at the Reunion on said date. But with all this construction going on around here it depends on how long they keep the files covered up with all the stuff they don't seem to be able to think of anywhere else to put.

Would you believe some 1,500 - 2,000 index cards in just those two lines? In less than 175 years? And this does not include many lines we seem to have no information on. What an index! And do you know what's missing from the family pages more than anything else?

PLACES!!

ALSO LOTS OF DATES!!

People were born, married or died in thin air - not a place mentioned. This is ridiculous! That sort thing does not look well in a published genealogy. Also, parents of the brides are missing. We're not Women's Libbers at all, but any one who has done any work on the genealogy of their family knows what a hassle it is to find so many of the wives names, much less their parent's names and we are really just as much descended from our mothers as from our fathers! Aren't we?

If you have any idea at all that your family data has been sent in without the places and dates of birth, etc. of the members of your family, the very least you can do is rectify the situation by sending this information in to the Kings or to us, so that it can be included. Really, now.

If we are going to compile this genealogy at all, and it seems foolish not to since we do have so much more information than most

families, it surely needs to be much more detailed than what we have seen of Peter's and Barbara's lines.

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CHRISTOPHER, SR. - STEPHEN - HENRY:

Here is a letter from Henry Slusher, son of Stephen and Charlotte Hylton Slusher to his brother, Samuel. This letter was printed a couple of weeks ago in THE FLOYD PRESS, but needs to go into the record.

Floyd County, Va.
August 3, 1967

Dear Brother

This wet morning afords me the pleasure of answering your kind let ter which came to hand day before yes ture day bearing date June 30th was a long time getting her. I was glad to her from you all I hear you all was well and satisfide I leart from a letter that A. Dickerson that I J was not satisfide. We are all in comon health the health of the county is only Tolerble at present Chrisly Bowman is dead & John Poff died very sudet he cradle grain all day and was Taken that evening and died next morning with cramp colick case by drinking cold water the doctor Thought our wheat was not very good Rye was Tolerble damage by the storm oats is good som complain of rust on late oats and coen is late and uneven grass is good as ever growed her cattle is bring a good Price good year olds from 10 to 15 2 year olds from 20 to 30 dollars carn 60 cts rye 75 to \$1.00

I now will say something about our afairs so from your leter and what you rote you had som fears that I might act the rufe

with you by taken the benefit of the stay law I never have had one thought of it I intend pay all that ou you as soon as I can posable do it no man can ever say and tell the truth that they ever herd me say that I intend to take the beafiet of that law all i as of you is to give me a chase I have confidene in you that you will do so as far as your afairs will alow you. I think can Pay the most of it this fall I will let the last thing go that I can spair and if there is chance to Borow anuff to pay it all off I will do so you wis me to send you a statement of our afars I now will give you a lis of the property belonging to u I have sold all the stalk except the horses and the cowues Wagon and 4 Pair of gears 2 shovel plowes 1 colter Whaeat fan 2 Axes 2 iron wedges 1 set cooper tools 1 set plains, 1 hillside Plow 2 hoes 2 matoock 2 mowing sythe 1 sythe and blade 1 doble tree 5 bee stands 2 single tree one cuting base 1 shovel 1 4 prong fork the grind stone is worn out and some other things I will be acontable for there may be som other things left out I haven tim to study on present. I will now give you the amount that I hav in hand in money and du u is one hundred and fifty doars forty odd odd dollars of this is gole, and there is \$27 of this amount be hind the stay law 15 dollars of it on uncl John Harman I recon they will pay it. Arch has got your Saddle there has no price ben set on it So I must come to a close I started a leter to I J Martin som time back give my respects to my aquaintee Nancy and the children sends ther love to you all you must write when you expect to come in This from your affectionate Brother Henry Slusher to Samuel Slusher Jackson Co. Kansas Write soon.

Another letter written by Henry Slusher to his brother Samuel, may be found in Vol. III, No. 1, pg. 6.

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Here is a line from the Turmans which we would like for you to check to see if you can correct or add to:

Christopher, Sr. - Barbara Slusher
- George H. Turman - William Turman

WILLIAM TURMAN⁴, 3rd child of George H. Turman, son of Elijah and Barbara Slusher Turman, was born in 1846, Carroll Co. (age 4 in 1850 Census). Married in 1865 Sarah Frances Sutphin, dau of Thomas and Rachel Sutphin. Sarah Sutphin was b in 1844. They had 11 children, all born in Carroll Co. All ages taken from Carroll County census records and birth register.

5a Richard M. Turman, b 1872, m Victoria Sutphin

6a Arnold Turman, b 1913 Carroll Co., m Neva Sutphin, dau of Jordon and Ellen Sutphin in 1936, Carroll Co.

5b Lewis Florida Turman, b 1867 m 1893 Mahala Montgomery, b 1868 Carroll Co., dau of Harrison and Hannah Montgomery. Ch. all b Carroll Co.

6a Tabitha Hannah Turman, m at age 66 in 1962 Roy Al-erson Martin, son of Charles and Mary Webb Martin.

6b Leonard G. Turman, b 1897 m 1921 Carroll Co., Iowa E. Gray, dau of Edward and Martha Gray.

6c Lola J. Turman, b 1898, m 1924 W. M. Huff, son of W. H. & Mary E. Huff.

6d E. E. Turman, b 1903, m in 1925 Carroll Co. Bessie P. Marshall, dau of Daniel and Mary Marshall.

5c James E. Turman, b 1868

5d Elizabeth Susan Turman, b 1870 m 1893 Carroll Co. James F. Finn, b Patrick Co., son of William and Mahala Finn.

5e George D. Turman, b 1874, m 1894 Columbia Louvanna Goad, dau of Eli and Mary A. Goad.

6a Alma M. Turman, b 1900 Carroll Co., m 1929 at age 21 Charles M. Smith, son of L. A. Smith.

6b Ruth Turman, b 1908 Carroll Co., and m in 1929 at age 21 Delmar Thompson, son of Bill and Ellen Thompson.

5f Johnson Curtis Hall Turman, b 1877, m in 1900 Elmanda M. Sutphin, who was 20 at marriage dau. of L. Z. and Oney E. Sutphin.

5g Laden F. Turman, b 1879, m in 1899, Carroll Co. Ora Sutphin, 19, dau. of L. Z. and Oney Sutphin.

5h Landon Turman, b 1880, m Carroll Co. in 1901 Lillie Burnette who was 27 at marriage, dau of Jene and Emaline Burnette.

6a Rush Turman, b 1902, m Floyd Co. 1934 Vinnie Vaughan, dau of John and Julia Turman Vaughan.

6b William Jeremiah Turman, b 1904, Carroll Co. m 1930, Carroll Co. Oka Mae McPeak, 19 at marriage, dau. of James and Rena Goad McPeak.

7a Carl Lewis Turman, m Welda Lee Hamlett, dau. James and Frances Smith Hamlette.

6c Tirzah Carmon Turman, b 1915 Carroll Co., m 1952 Carroll Co. Jefferson Dewey Semones, son of Johnson & Mary Bolt Semones.

6d Charlie Turman.

5i Mahala Turman, b 1885, m at 20 in 1905 Joseph Burnette, age 21, son of Jene and Emaline Burnette. (cont'd)

5j Jefferson Turman, b 1 May 1888
d 12 March 1906, buried in Eli-
jah Turman Cemetery.

5k Lydia Turman, b 1891, age 22
in 1903 when she married Luth-
er Goad, age 23, son of Willie
and Margaret Goad.

Surely some of those 11 child-
ren had greatgrandchildren - or
even children? We don't have any
information other than the above.

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Mrs. Ben Slusher in Lexington,
Mo. sent us a clipping from their
local paper, THE LEXINGTON ADVER-
TISER-NEWS, of Thursday, May 29,
1975. Lexington is in Lafayette
County, Mo. where Christopher, Jr.
took his family to live in 1828.
The article is written by Mark
Poindexter and is entitled Lafay-
ette County may get sister in
France and is quoted in part below:

"The mayor of the French village
of Chavaniac-Lafayette, birthplace
of the French general for whom La-
fayette County is named, has indi-
cated that he favors his town be-
coming a sister community with La-
fayette County (Mo.) Georges Au-
tuche, mayor of Chavaniac-Lafayette
indicated his support for the pro-
posal in his response to a letter
from Charles G. Coy, president of
the Lafayette County American Revo-
lution Bicentennial Commission.
"We would be most happy should
this project be realized," Autuche
told Coy in a letter received in
Lexington this week.

Chavaniac is located in south-
ern France in the department of
Haute Loire.

Mayor Autuche said that both
he and the Chavaniac-Lafayette City
Council were moved by Lafayette
County's request that their city
pair with Lafayette County in a
program of cultural exchange as a
lasting Bicentennial project.

Autuche enclosed with his let-
ter a brochure about Chavaniac La-
fayette and its most famous inhabi-

tant, General Gilbert Roch Motier
de Lafayette, the American Revolu-
tionary War hero."

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Here is a line from Peter Slu-
sher:

Christopher, Sr.¹ - Peter Slusher²
Elizabeth Slusher³ - Bethel Davis
Dickerson⁴

Bethel Davis Dickerson was b 27 May
1861, Carroll County, youngest
child of Henry H. and Elizabeth
Slusher Dickerson. He d 12 April
1931, is buried in Dickerson Ceme.
Indian Ridge, Carroll Co. Va. He
m 19 Nov. 1885 Vina Goad, b 1 Feb.
1869, d 21 Sept. 1952. We do not
have a place of marriage or her
parents names. Nor any places to
go with the names of their children
below:

- 5a Early Waitman Dickerson, b 9
Sept. 1886, d 11 Nov. 1950, m
Bertha E. Burnett
- 5b Susannah Demaris Dickerson, b
18 Nov. 1887, d 29 June 1964,
m Irving Austin Burnett
- 5c Moten Harrison Dickerson, b
25 Jan. 1889, d 14 Feb. 1962
m Gracie Burnett
- 5d Garrett L. Dickerson, b 22 Mar.
1890, d 16 Feb. 1898
- 5e Rena Dickerson, b 2 May 1892,
d 5 Oct. 1937, m Curtis Caleb
Cock.
- 5f Roy Wales Dickerson, b 28 May
1895, m Ona Turman 9 Feb. 1916.

Continuing one of these lines:

Roy Wales Dickerson^{5f} was married in
Willis, Va. in 1916 to Ona Turman,
b 9 June 1896, dau of John Preston
and Margaret Ann Hurst Turman.

6a Vina Evalene, b 25 Jan.
1917, m 7 Mar. 1953 William
Hardin.

6b John Bethel Dickerson, b
24 Jan. 1922, m 12 Aug. 1949
Freida Worrell

6c Tucker Wales Dickerson, b

23 Jan. 1924, m 28 June 1947 Mildred Cochran

6d Dexter Elwood Dickerson,
b 23 July 1930, m 14 Dec.
1952 Iris Hicks

6e Ansel Frederick Dickerson,
b 23 Dec. 1931, m 1 Feb.
1953, Nadine Johnston.

Here is a line descended from
Peter and Stephen both:

Christopher, Sr.¹ 3 Peter Slusher²
Elizabeth⁴ Slusher³ - Demaris M.
Dickerson⁴ - Mandy E. Sutphin⁵ and
Christopher, Sr.¹ - Stephen Slu-
sher² - Mary Ann Slusher³ -
Ananias Quesenberry⁴

Ananias Quesenberry, son of James
and Mary Ann Slusher Quesenberry
m Mandy E. Sutphin, dau of Chap-
man L. & Demaris M. Dickerson Sut-
phin on 4 December 1884, Floyd Co.
Va. He was b in Floyd Co in 1857.
Mandy E. Sutphin was b 1866

5a Thomas Lee Quesenberry, b
1 Nov. 1885, d 17 Dec. 1955
m Rettie Quesenberry, b 9
Feb. 1876, d 28 Feb. 1950.

6a Junnie Earls Quesenberry
b 27 Sept. 1907, d 9 Jan
1970, m 3 Feb. 1928
Goldie Avis Goad

6b Rollie C. Quesenberry
b 11 Sept. 1909 d 31 Oct.
1955, m Thelma Matherly

6c Dorothy Velma Quesen-
berry, b 28 Nov. 1911, m
Kelley Buckner

6d Zena L. Quesenberry, b
28 Aug. 1914, m Fuster
Quesenberry

6e Clark Venton Quesen-
berry, b 23 Jan. 1917
m 5 Oct. 1943 Alice
Dickerson

6f Delmon Quesenberry m
Mollie Quesenberry

5b Della Quesenberry, b 23 Jan.
1892, m 5 July 1909 Levi J.
Quesenberry.

One record we have seen of
this family says there were also
two other children,

German, b 1889 and

Zenia, born 1891.

Would appreciate confirmation
of this if anyone can do so.

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The next Newsletter will be
along as soon as possible - or
as near the regular time as pos-
sible. Can't promise anything
definite. Thanks for your
patience, and for writing if you
missed your last copy!