

We have several new members. You are invited to send us names and addresses of anyone you know you think would be interested in joining the organization. We've also lost some by virtue of the fact that the post office returned their last letters marked something like "Addressee Unknown", or "Moved, left no address". 'Twould be helpful if you would let us know when you change your address - when we get letters returned as above, we don't know what to do but drop you until we hear where you are.

First of all, we need to make a couple of corrections in the last letter, which some of our members were extremely nice enough to write us about - and incidentally, you don't know how much we appreciate their taking the time and effort to send in these corrections. We do try so hard not to make mistakes, but our records have been copied and recopied so many times from so many people and besides that, we're not above making typographical errors either, though we surely do try not to. Here are the corrections:

On Page 6, Vol. I, No. 4: Mary Elizabeth and Jeremiah Harmon are buried in the Slusher Cemetery, Burksfork, Floyd County, Va., rather than the Henry Slusher Cemetery in Christiansburg, as reported.

At the bottom of the same page as above: Nancy Elizabeth, daughter of Mary Ann, should be Mary Elizabeth instead.

And Archelous & Catherine Weddle Hylton are buried in the old Topeka Cemetery, Floyd Co., just west of the Topeka Church.

Before we follow through with Stephen's children not listed last time, our genealogists, Mr. & Mrs. Hatcher King, have given us the following information, which seems to pretty well tie Stephen's birth date to 1800, which is a great addition to our information, because he is one of the ones whose birthdate we did not know. Mr. & Mrs. King visited Mrs. Ella Harmon Harris, granddaughter of Henry Slusher, son of Stephen. Mrs. Harris had found an old song book called "Hymn and Tune Book" which was published by Silas H. Durand and P. G. Lester in 1886 and which belonged to Henry Slusher. In this Hymn book they found two slips of paper - one had all of

Stephen Slusher's children's birth dates and names, which were the same as were listed in Stephen's Bible. (Mr. Norman Quesenberry, great-grandson of Stephen has this Family Bible). The other slip of paper was a letter dated August 1868 and read as follows:

"Dear Cousin Henry, I have tried to get Uncle Stephen Slusher age - the nearest I can get to it is, he was born in 1800. Some time in that year, I would say in the directions born in the year 1800.

s/ J. H. Slusher"

A letter which Mr. & Mrs. King have, dated Sept. 4th, 1870, North Salem, Indiana, from one S. P. Weddle, addressed to Samuel Slusher, son of Stephen Slusher, states:

"The work you requested me to do is all completed. Old Mr. Turner showed me your father's grave. I cleaned all the bushes off of the grave and put up the stone myself complete."

This goes far to prove that Stephen had been dead some years before 1870. Samuel, Stephen's son, had written to his brother Henry Slusher, to get the date of their father's birth to place on the stone at his grave. Henry, in turn had asked Jeremiah Slusher, his cousin, the date and the first note is the reply to Henry.

An 1830 census record lists:

Stephen Slusser, Montgomery County, Va.
1 male under age 5, 1 male age 20-30
1 female under age 5, 1 female age 20-30.

Putting this all together, we are pretty sure that Stephen was born in 1800, and we wish everyone of us could turn up little pieces of paper like these every day!

Now, for Stephen's children: Last time we listed Elizabeth, Henry, Susannah and Mary Ann and their families. These are the others:

5. SAMUEL J. b: Dec. 1, 1836 in Indiana
d: March 19, 1898 in Stillwell, Kansas.
m: Susan Levina Van Hess Aug. 19, 1873 in Jackson County, Kansas. Samuel moved to Kansas in 1865, bought a farm near Stillwell and operated a small blacksmith shop where he made his own tools, some of which are still in existence today. Buried in Stillwell Ceme., Jackson Co. Kansas.

Susan Van Hess Slusher was b: June 18, 1851; d: Oct. 25, 1885.

Their children:

Lee Roy b: June 14, 1872 d: Aug. 7, 1875.

John Henry b: Jan. 24, 1876

d: August 14, 1934

m: Nettie Haskins June 21, 1906

Della May b: Oct. 7, 1877

d: Sept. 1, 1955

m: Charles Taylor April 26, 1899

Ann Elizabeth b: July 10, 1881

d: Jan. 31, 1921

m: Henry Lindewood Dec. 31, 1907

Ernest Elbridge b: Mar. 12, 1883

d: Oct. 11, 1964

m: (1) Bertha Stuteville Sept. 12, 1907

(2) Claudia Baumgardner

6. EVA JANE

B: Sept. 2, 1838 in Indiana

d: Nov. 11, 1926

Buried in Quesenberry Cemetery on

Mira Fork Creek, Floyd Co.

m: Lewis Quesenberry on Nov. 15, 1855

b: Apr. 8, 1833 d: May 4, 1911

He was a brother to James Quesenberry, who married Eva Jane's sister Mary Ann.

Children:

Hannah Isobell Christine b: 9/1/1856

m: Elijah Stillwell

Charlotte Margaret b: Feb. 14, 1858

m: John Dalton

William L. b: 1864;

m: Sarah Phillips in 1885 in Floyd Co

Elijah Marion b: 1866; m: Molly Hill

Henderson Martin b: Oct. 25, 1869

m: Emlyne Moar

James L. b: Mar. 3, 1872 d: 5/31/1941

m: Amanda Goad

b: 8/3/1873 d: 6/16/1966

Louvenie b: 1874

m: John Jackson b: 31 Mar. 1860

Sylvester Leaburn b: Aug. 25, 1877

d: 8/17/1955

m: Parthena Turman in 1896.

b: 11/20/1877 d: 9/8/1914

7. KATHERINE (Katie)

b: Mar. 8, 1832 in Floyd Co.

d:

m:

JACOB SLUSHER

Jacob Slusher, son of Christopher and Eva Slusher was born on Sept. 2, 1797, probably in Frederick Co. Va. He died in

Floyd County on Oct. 3, 1871, age 76 yrs. 1 mo. and 1 day. He married Telithe Hylton, daughter of John B. Hylton & Nancy Howell, on Nov. 5, 1818 (Bond Nov. 3). She was born Feb. 8, 1800 and died March 26, 1875, 75 years 1 mo., 18 days. Both are buried in cemetery on their farm on Dodd Creek, Floyd County.

(Three of Christopher's children married grandchildren of Elijah Hylton: Burwell m: Mary Ann; Charlotte m: Stephen and Talithe m: Jacob; one granddaughter, Roenna m: a great-grandson of Elijah, Homer Hylton).

1. JEREMIAH H. b: June 2, 1820 d: June 21, 1904 (84 yrs. 19 days). He m: Sarah I. Weddle on Feb. 17, 1842, daughter of Andrew Weddle (b: 8/13/1787 d: 8/7/1847) granddaughter of Benjamin Weddle and Ann Mary Eiler, early settlers of Floyd County.

Sarah was b: Sept. 22, 1821, d: Nov. 24, 1904. Jeremiah H. Slusher was a minister of the Church of the Brethren for many years.

Quoting from his obituary, which I presume was printed in The Floyd Press: "He was a public man and Captain of the militia, but when the Civil War ended he enlisted under King Jesus, the Captain of salvation. His ministerial work was principally among the hills of Floyd, Carroll, and Grayson Counties, Va.; Alleghanny, Ash, Surry and Forsyth counties, N. C. All of his travel was done on horseback, and now I must say a few words in behalf of Celem, the brother's horse, that knew the roads and paths nearly as well as his rider (Yonder comes Uncle Jerry on old Celem, as was often remarked.) He often made these trips alone. When he made an appointment he was prompt to fulfill. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker by trade and with his tools fashioned many a pleasant dwelling and we see on his diary from 1845 to 1875 that he made 165 coffins." (The obituary was signed/ Harvey Weddle.)

2. FRANCIS MARION

b: March 24, 1829 d: Feb. 23, 1900

m: Lucy Turman, dau. Matthew and Sarah Cox Turman, on Nov. 1, 1849. She

was born June 8, 1825, d: June 7, 1890.

Francis Marion fought in the Civil War in Clark's Battalion, 30th Va. Inf., and was wounded in the left hip.

3. OLIVER PERRY

b: April 8, 1831; d: Apr. 26, 1899

m: Mary Jane Wood, b: 1831 d: 1892, dau. of John R. Wood & Lucinda Dehart.

m: (2) Letha Jones in 1892. (She was a granddaughter of Jacob's brother David.)

Oliver Perry enlisted April 6, 1863 in 30th Battalion of Virginia Infantry in the Civil War. He was a farmer and took great pride in his horses and was a pioneer in experiments in perfecting seed wheat.

4. JOHN B.:

b: Dec. 11, 1822 d: July 21, 1849

m: Elizabeth Weddle, dau. Jacob and Mary Weddle, on Dec. 21, 1843.

Jacob's will mentions 4 children of John.

5. LEROY

b: May 17, 1826 d: June 20, 1878- 2 years old.

6. GEORGE WASHINGTON

b: Feb. 2, 1835 d: May 26, 1864 in a hospital in Atlanta. He was a private in Co. D. 54th Va. Regiment.

m: Leah Wood Oct. 30, 1856 (Note that George Washington and Oliver Perry

m: sisters. Leah was dau. of John Wood and Lucinda Dehart Wood also.)

7. MARY MALISSAb: Nov. 10, 1839 d: Aug. 10, 1853.
Never married.

In various court proceedings in Floyd Co. Jacob Slusher was referred to as Col. Jacob Slusher. He and Burwell Hylton were administrators of Christopher Sr.'s Estate.

Following is the will of Jacob Slusher as recorded in Will Book D, pg. 329, in the Clerk's office, Floyd County, Va.

"In the name of God Amen I Jacob Slusher of Floyd County, Va. being of sound and disposing mind and memory weak in bodily health do make this to be my last will and testament as follows, first I desire that my body may be decently buried and all my funeral expenses and just debts be paid second I give and devise unto my two sons Jeremiah Slusher and Frances M. Slusher all my lands lying south of the following described line, Beginning at a locust and hickory on the bank of the west fork of Little River at or near the foot

log and just above the fence thence a strat line to a corner of a fence in a branch one rod north of a double maple marked for pointers in side of T.M. Slusher's line and I give and devise unto my son Oliver P. Slusher all of the lower end of my land in cluden my saw mill up to a large red oak now dead near the saw mill pond supposed to contain about fifteen acres fourth I give and devise unto my Executor hear after mentioned one acre of land in cluding my school house sade acre to be lade of in a square lot for school purpose and Publich worship my said Executor to have full controle of said house and lot Fifth I give and devise unto my beloved wife Telithe Slusher all the remainder of my home tract or parcel of land not hear to fore devised to my three sons duren her natural life I also give and bequeath unto my sade beloved wife Telithe all my house hold and kitchen furniture all so two milk ccws the choyes out of my stock five head of sheep four hogs and my executor hear after named shall sell all my property both roal and persnal not given nor devised to others and after paying debts and charges devide the proceeds between my one children and grand children it is my will and desire that after the decease of my beloved wife Telith that my Executor hear after named do sell the land or real estate given and devised to my said wife Telithe duren life and convey title to the purchaser by proper deed and out of the proceeds of said sale pay to my three grandchildren the children of George W. Slusher deceased namely Analiza, Lucinda Catherine, Sarah Levina Slusher two hundred fifty dollars and the remainder of the proceeds of sade last mentioned sale be made and devided between my three sons Jeremiah Slusher, Frances M. Slusher, Oliver P. Slusher each taken one shear and my grand children the heirs of John B. Slusher decd Jzear(?) Slusher, Sarahellen Slusher, Taylor Slusher and John P. Slusher one shear (Ed. Note: These children's names were Ezra W.; Sarah Ellen; Zachary Taylor, and John B., Jr.) and my grandchildren the heirs of George W. Slusher, namely Analiza Slusher, Lucinda Catherine Slusher and Sarah Levina Slusher shall have one shear in adetitions to the two hundred and fifty dollars hear to fore given in this will and I do hear by nominate and

APPOINT MY TWO SONS Jeremiah Slusher and Francis M. Slusher to be the Executors of thes my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other will by me at any time or times here- to fore made and do here by declare these presents to be and contain my last will and testament, In witness whereof I the said testator Jacob Slusher hav this my said last will set my hand and seal this 9th day of August 1871.

s/ Jacob Slusher (Seal)

The will was witnessed by Asa Bishop, Lewis H. Slusher, and Robert (His X Mark) weeks and was presented for probate 10 Oct. 1871.

DAVID SLUSHER

David Slusher was born on Sept. 6, 1790 probably in Maryland, and died April 6, 1840, age 49 years, 3 months. He married Nancy Cox, but we do not have the date of their marriage - does anyone? Nancy Cox was the daughter of Carter and Ann Cox, granddaughter of Matthew and Lucy Dickerson Cox, and was born on August 7, 1794 and died June 26, 1880. She and David and two of their sons, Ananias and Landon are buried in the Goodykoontz Cemetery in Floyd Co. Va. and the birth and death dates above came from their gravestones.

After David's death, Nancy Slusher married Luke Cox (b: 1792 d: 1862) on Mar. 9, 1853, and we have a copy of their marriage contract which we will give you later. They apparently both had property and the contract certifies that their property shall go to their own children rather than be left to the surviving party to the contract.

We believe Luke Cox to have been a first cousin of Nancy's, son of Carter's brother Ambrose N. Cox.

Children of David and Nancy Cox Slusher:

1. ANANIAS

b: May 9, 1818 d: Sept. 19, 1852 in a typhoid epidemic. Ananias was a waggoner and drove his wagons to Lynchburg for salt and sugar and coffee and other things the local people needed and could not raise. He married Margaret Phlegar, daughter of Joseph Phlegar and Nancy Boone. She was born May 23, 1824, (Margaret) d: April 28, 1898. Joseph Phlegar was b: _____ d: 1875, the son of George Phlegar and Maria Magdalena Goodykoontz. Nancy Boone Phlegar was b: 1791 d: 1863, daughter of John Ananias & Margaret m: Dec. 23, 1841, had 5 children.

Boone, Sr. (we have Joseph Phlegar's cane which has a deer horn handle and has J I P carved in the top of the handle.)

Ananias' wife Margaret Phlegar Slusher m: (2) Joshua A. Edwards on Nov. 23, 1854, after Ananias' death, and moved to Carroll County about 1866. They had eight children.

2. SPARRELL J. b: 1 Oct. 1823 d: 1878
m: Margaret Bishop Feb. 26, 1846
b: 1828 d: 21 Sept. 1881, daughter of John Bishop.

3. LANDON
b: July 9, 1829 d: Apr. 14, 1859
age 30 yrs. 3 mo. 5 days. He is buried in the Goodykoontz Ceme. in Floyd Co.
m: Mary Todd b: 1834 d: _____
m: (2) Jacob C. Peterson, son of Eli Peterson, in 1868, Floyd Co.

4. CYNTHIA
b: 1815 d: _____
m: Costillo Jones (Costly) on Mar. 23, 1842. He was b: 1816 d: 1884(?)

5. LEWIS HAMILTON
b: 1833 d: 1887
m: Sarah Wade July 18, 1852 in Floyd Co. She was a daughter of Henry Wade and Elizabeth Cox.

6. SUSAN b: _____
b: 1821 (?) d: 1907
m: Amos Cox on Oct. 3, 1844, Floyd Co.
b: June 10, 1821 d: Apr. 24, 1896
Both buried at Cox cemetery on Rt. 221 near Colliers store, Dugspur

7. Louicie D: _____
b: _____
m: Solomon Kitterman on July 21, 1831, moved to Indiana. A deed dated 1871 Solomon and Levisa Kitterman of Wayne Co. Ind. deeded their interest in the estate of a relative in Floyd Co., Va. (The relative is not clear) CONSISTING OF 300 ACRES ON Huckleberry Creek and one of 200 acres on Burks Fork Creek, Floyd Co., also not clear to whom.

There seems to be various ways of spelling her name.

8. ELIZABETH

b: 1837

d:

m: George Winters on May 16, 1853 in
Floyd Co.

9. JULIANA

b: 1834 d:

m: Joseph D. Sowers on June 28, 1855.
He was 26, she 22). He was son of
John & Catherine Sowers.

10. MARY (Polly) b: 1828 d:

m: Amos Dickerson on Nov. 11, 1850

b: 1832 d:

See how woefully short the information is about David's children??? Can't someone fill in some of the dates. We have the children of Ananias, Sparrell J., Landon, Lewis H. and Cynthia pretty well tied down, but not the rest of them! We would appreciate any information anyone has on the descendants of David.

Here is the inventory of the estate of David Slusher "Pursuant to an order of Court made at April Court 1840 to us directed we have this 12th day of May 1840 proceeded to appraise personal Estate of David Slusher Deceased as follows:

1 lot forks & shovels	1.00
1 pole axe & mattock	.75
1 log chain	1.00
1 mattock	.38
4 shovel plows	5.00
3 Disk plow	.75
5 cliveres	1.25
3 stretches & single tree	2.50
5 weeding hoes	.38
2 double trees	1.25
1 Dogen plow	4.00
2 5th chains	4.00
1 old Dagon plow	1.00
1 Mattock	.75
1 plow & colln	1.00
1 lot of halter chains	2.25
4 Reap hooks	.38
1 Cup and saw	5.00
1 hand saw	.75
1 harrow	2.33
1 lot old scyths	.92
1 pair stilyard	2.50
1 lot of old tools	2.25
1 pr. scales weights	1.50
2 pole axes	1.00
1 waggon	35.00
2 old flour wheels	.12
1 Rifle gun	8.00

2 flour barrels	.38
2 brandy barrels	1.60
1 clever & pitchfork	.50
1 Clock	45.00
1 corner cupboard & contents	21.82
1 folding table	2.50
1 stone jug	.37
1 chest	2.00
1 Bedstead & Furniture	21.00
1 Bedstead & furniture	15.00
2 flat irons	1.00
1 Be dstead, bed, furniture	8.00
1 Bedstead, bed, furniture	10.00
1 Bedstead, bed, furniture	12.00
1 side saddle	5.00
8 chairs	.80 ?!
2 pairs of fire irons	.25
1 scythe anvil & hammer	.30
1 loom, appurtens	4.00
1 copper kettle & coffee kettle	6.50
1 copper tea kettle & gallon pot	4.00
1 water pot & sugar bowl	1.00
1 lot tin ware	.38
1 bugle horn & cutler auger	1.00
1 Wind Mill	10.00
1 grind stone	3.00
3 Bed steads	.25 !
9 sacks salt	54.00
72 lbs. coffee	12.00
146 lbs. manuf'd tobacco @15¢	21.90
142 lbs. " " @ 8¢	11.84
137 lbs. " " @ 8¢	10.96
34 lb. " " @ 10¢	3.40
4½ lbs. pepper @ 25¢	1.12
6½ lb. ginger	1.62
2 lb. spice	.50
1 box window glass	4.14
1½ bushels of pleshin	5.50
1 pr. saddle bags	3.50
1 stone hammer	.25
2 flax wheels	4.00
1 cotton wheel, cut reel	.75
1 set horse gear	2.00
1 set plow gear	8.00
1 pair of gear	4.00
1 set of hind gear	10.00
1 set plow gear	1.50
1 butter box	.75
1 man's saddle	.50
1 pole axe, iron wedge	1.00
1 lrg jug	.75
10 young hogs	12.50
1 sow & seven pigs	3.00
1 kitchen dresser & contents	6.00
1 lot of castings	7.00
1 large kettle	.50

1 frying pan	1.00
1 kitchen table	.50
2 water buckets	.50
1 set measures	1.00
800 lb. bacon @ \$6½ per hundred	52.00
1 still	75.00
1 still	35.00
1 apple mill trough	5.00
1 set smiths tools	20.00
1 lot iron scraps	.75
1 lot old tools	.50
129 lbs. iron @ 4¢	7.68
40 water pipes	5.00
2 row heder	5.00
1 Acct Nancy Cockran dated June 20, 1839	1.50
1 Acct George Quesenberry dated June 20, 1839	1.63
1 Acct Sally Phillips (same date)	1.28
1 " Nancy Goad " "	.63
1 " Nancy Cook " "	1.02
1 " Daniel Nester " "	6.00
1 " Jarvis Gardner " "	5.25
1 " Matthew Turman " "	1.69
1 " John N. Wood " "	9.05
1 due bill on Eli Williams due 23 Jan. 1840	25.54
1 note Luke Cox due 20 Feb 1839	50.00
1 sow	1.25
39 young hogs	58.00
1 Bay mare and colt	16.50
1 gray horse	50.00
1 young bay mare	35.00
1 horse colt	25.00
1 saddle and blanket	7.00
2 hogs	2.25
1 Cow & calf (lill)	14.00
1 Cow & calf (Gentle)	15.00
1 Cow & calf (rose)	14.00
1 Cow & calf (roney)	15.00
1 Cow & calf (pink)	15.00
1 "ind Mill	8.00
48 old sheep & 11 lambs	73.75
11 2-yr. old cattle @ 8	88.00
1 spayed heifer	15.00
6 old sheep & 5 lambs	13.75
5 4-yr. old steers at 17 dollars	85.00
1 3-yr old heifer	11.00
8 head hogs	10.00
1 account Robt. Jones to cash	.15
1 bay horse	2.66
1 dark bay mare	60.00
1 young bold face mare	60.00
1 horse	40.00
1 rifle gun	70.00
1 Cow & calf (July)	10.00
	16.50

1 Cow & calf (Flower)	14.00
1 cow & calf (whiteface)	18.00
1 cow & calf (mulberry)	15.00
1 cow & calf (close)	17.00
1 cow & calf (cherry)	15.00
1 sow & 7 shoats	8.50
6 yearlings, 4 bulls, 2 heifers at 6	36.00
1 bull at 10	10.00
6 3 yr olds @ \$10	60.00
1 barrell with 3 gal. lard	.75
8 3 yr old steers @ 10	80.00
2 sows 10 pigs	6.00
1 acct on Matthew Cox dated 6/20/1839	3.75

The Administrators were Burwell Hylton, Ananias Slusher, Mannasses Tice, Andrew Weddle and Benjamin Dodd. Ordered to be recorded in June court 1840. (Reference Will Book "A", page 143. Floyd Co. Va.

It occurs to us that with all that coffee and 'manufactured' tobacco (whatever that is) and bacon and water pipes and such items on hand that perhaps David was a storekeeper of some kind - perhaps he started the business Ananias took over.

Next time probably Barbara, Elizabeth and whoever else we have room for! Anyone have any good things about them?

DATE OF THE REUNION NEXT YEAR IS:

July 30, 1972, Sunday

MAKE PLANS NOW!

This paper sent out quarterly by the Slusher Family Organization, William S. Slusher, president.

Annual Dues are \$2.00 from July to July. Treasurer is Mr. Freeman M. Slusher, Rt. 3 Box 18; Floyd, Va. 24091.

Appropos of nothing, we got an advertisement the other day for a "SLUSHER HOIST" (\$2,295) and in the grocery they have a container which is called a "SUPER SLUSHER" which is a thing to make icy drinks with. Did someone we know invent the hoist? Perhaps?

Did you all know this is the football season? We usually have one on the radio and one on TV at our house ad infinitum! Hope your teams win.