

It's rather dull to have to start every one of these letters with the words, "We're waiting to hear from the genealogist", but that usually seems to be the case! The mail comes every day and every day we expect to hear and all we get are cheese advertisements and cash burial plans and marvelous offers for free week-ends at some resort which has fabulous real estate for sale. Do you all get that sort of stuff?

Anyway, as it happens, we do have some good news for you left over from the last time we were waiting to hear from a genealogist and finally did. This was the one who was working in Lebanon, Pa. for us. She examined records of the Court House for deeds, administrations and wills and all the church records she could find and mostly came away with nothing at all. The early Slushers were very evidently of the breed of German who came to this country with a fervent, abiding distrust of all government agencies and they went about their business without bothering to record same in official records, which was (or is for us) a shame.

However, they did fortunately go to and support and bring their families up in the Church, so we have that source of information. In her examination of the records of the Tabor Reformed Church, Lebanon, which is the same church as First Reformed, the genealogist found George's birth date, which is something we did not have and never hoped to find. His name was JOHN GEORGE and he was Christopher's and Eva's second child and first son. The record reads as follows:

Parents:	Child	Sponsor
Christoph Schlosser	John George	D. George Kop
Eva	b: May 6, 1778 bapt. May 28, 1778	

That fills in one blank in the family tree very nicely.

But the best blank she filled in, in our estimation, came from the same Church records and that is the sponsor for Mar. Margaretha Schlosser, Chris' and Eva's first child.

That one reads thusly:

Parents	Child
Christoph Schlosser	Mar. Margaretha
Eva	b: Nov. 1, 1776 bapt. Nov. 3, 1776

SPONSORS: Peter & Mar. Margaretha Schlosser!!

NOW: Without finding an actual record of Christopher's birth and baptism, plainly stating said fact, we believe this comes as near as we are likely to get, along with other facts we have, to proving that Peter and Maria Margaretha Weschenbach Schlosser were Christopher's parents. And this is what is known and how this conclusion was reached:

1. We know the early Germans had near relatives as sponsors for their children.
2. We know Peter & Mar. Margaretha Weschenbach Schlosser lived in Lebanon County at the time Chris was born, before and afterward, from other Church records.
3. They seem to be the only Schlosser family in Lebanon at that time.
4. Christopher named his first child Mar. Margaretha Schlosser and Mar. Margaretha Schlosser was sponsor at that child's baptism, along with her husband, Peter.
5. We know that Peter and Maria Margaretha had a son John born in 1754, and we know Christopher had a brother John born in 1754, from John's Pension Application, to which Christopher made an affidavit stating that he was John's brother.
6. Christopher and Frederick, with few exceptions, named their children the same names as their brothers and sisters.

Therefore, it would certainly seem to be what is called a reasonable assumption that we have found Christopher's parents. Don't you think so?

Which, if this be so, gives us another generation of our family, and the maiden name of Christopher's mother, and opens up a whole new ball game.

Now, the next thing we need to find out is whether Peter is in fact the one we found who was born in 1710 in St. Armand, Nassau, Saarbruck, Germany and came to this country into the Port of Philadelphia in 1732 on the ship DRAGON, with his brother Leonard. As I believe we have told you, in one supposedly documented record we have found, four of Peter and Mar. Margaretha's children are attributed to this Peter who was born in 1710, but the wife's name is wrong, the places are wrong and several other things. So, either the supposedly documented record is incorrect, or our Peter is the one born in 1710, etc. We also have someone working on this, hopefully! They're supposed to be.

Back to our Peter, he was "Overseer of the Poor" in Lebanon Township in 1766. How 'bout that? And from the records of The Hebron Church, which was the First Moravian Church in Lebanon, the genealogist sent the following:

1764, Dec. 17 Lieut. Hunsicker and his parents-in-law (probably Daniel, L t. in Capt. Irving's Co., 1st Reg. Pa., served in the F. & I. War)

"Peter Schlosser visited us to give us the news of the last expedition of the Army..."

We don't quite know what that means or what it is doing in the Church records, but that's what she said. She also said this was possibly the Peter Schlosser who arrived at Philadelphia on Sept. 30, 1732 aboard the ship DRAGON.

Concerning this new ball game we have opened up, the only record we can find on the Weschenbach's here at home are these:

Henry Weschenbach and wife Elizabeth had a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, b: Jan. 27, 1746, bapt. May 14, 1746, Sponsors Jacob

Kemmerlin and wife M. Elizabeth. Hill Ch. Lebanon

And Henry Weschenbach and Thielman Weschenbach paid taxes in Lebanon Co. in 1750.

And if these assumptions above be fact this would mean that our Christopher had the following brothers and sisters:

1. A Peter, Jr. could be the elder son, born "before 1740".
2. John Frederick
b: Lebanon Co., Pa. (then Lancaster Co.)
bapt. 24 Aug. 1737, First Reformed (Tabor) Church, Lebanon.
m: probably Ann Collica
3. Anna Barbara
bapt. Apr. 29, 1739
4. Anna Christina
b: 12 Apr. 1742, bapt. 6 June 1742
First Reformed Ch., daughter of John Peter Schlosser.
5. A Henry Schlosser could come in here born in 1743.
6. Maria Barbara
b: 14 Jan. 1745, bapt. Hill Lutheran Church, Lebanon.
7. George Ernst, bapt, Aug. 8, 1746, Hill Church, Lebanon.
8. Catharina Margaretha, bapt. Jan. 10, 1748, Hill Lutheran Ch. Lebanon.
9. John,
b: Sept. 10, 1754,
10. And, of course, Christopher, born in 1757.

The Frederick Schlosser, whom we believe to be Christopher's brother, and who lived in Frederick Co. Va. before and during the time Christopher did, had these children, as copied from the records of church and court house of Lebanon and Frederick Counties:

1. Anna Christina

b: Sept. 8, 1762, bapt. Sept. 26, 1762, John Lucas Schalle & Anna Christina Schlosser, sponsors. Frederick Schlosser and Ann Collica, parents. She was bapt. in First Reformed Church, Lebanon.

(The Anna Christina Schlosser, who was sponsor, could be Frederick's sister, b: 1742.)

2. Barbara Slusher

m: Warner Buck 26 March 1782, Frederick Co. Va.; Frederick Slusher deeded land to Warner Buck on 3 June 1788, Frederick Co. DB 21 pg. 870

3. Susannah Slusher

m: Conrad Horse 28 Dec. 1790, Frederick Co. Va. Frederick Slusher deeded land to Conrad Horse 7 Apr. 1796, Fred. Co. DB 24B page 433.

4. Ingle Slusher

m: Leonard Weaver, Frederick Slusher father, 13 Aug. 1793, Frederick Co., Va. Frederick Slusher deeded land to Leonard Weaver, Jr. 7 Apr. 1796 Fred. Co. DB 24B-435.

5. Larvinia Slusher

m: Michael Funk, August 11, 1798, Frederick Slusher, father.

(Note that except for Larvinia and Ingle these are also family names.)

You will also note there are no sons in these records. Except, in the Frederick County, Va. marriage records there is a

Christopher Slusher, who married Christiana Gardner Dec. 12, 1787

and an Elisha Slusher, who married Matilda Riley in 1824, but we don't feel this one is a son of Frederick. We do feel that Christopher, above, must be.

Also listed in the Frederick Co. marriage records, but without any relationships mentioned are these:

Juliana m: William Crawford on March 1, 1790

Catherine m: Casper Schmidt 24 Mar. 1788

Mary m: Isaac Romine 23 Oct. 1807.

Catherine and Casper Schmidt (Smith) moved to Floyd County, Va. and had a daughter, Catharina b: Oct. 1807, bapt. 12 Oct. 1808, no sponsors listed, and a daughter Elizabeth b: 1 Feb. 1805, sponsors Christopher Schlosser and wife.

We have rather thought Catherine Slusher was a sister to Christopher but it seems more probably that she was a daughter of Frederick. If she was a sister of Chris, she was born in 1748 and would therefore have been forty years old when she married.

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Speaking of records that aren't, we found a book of abstracts of Wills, Inventories and Administrations of Frederick Co. Va. for the period 1742-1800 and would you believe there wasn't a single solitary lone Slusher (etc.) in the entire book, not even as witness or administrator. Thought that astonishing!

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The genealogist from whom we are now awaiting news is the one working for us in Washington Co. Md. Meanwhile, we have found some more deeds from Washington Co. the most important of which is what they call a "Bill of Sale", but what reads more like a will than anything else. It says:

"At the request of Mary Slusser, the following Bill of Sale was recorded Jany 26th, 1789 To Wit To all people to whom these presents shall come, of Peter Slosser do find Greeting

(I love that sentence.)

KNOW YE that I the said Peter Slosser of Washington County in the State of Maryland, for and in Consideration of the Love and good will and affection

which I have and do bear toward my loving wife Mary Slosser of the same County and State have given and granted and by these presents do freely give and grant unto my loving wife Mary Slosser her heirs Executors and administrators all and singular my goods and chattles and Likewise my Cash at my Decease to be at her Disposal an Inventory figured with my own hand and seal bearing (even?) date TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all the said goods and Chattles and Likewise my Cash to her the Said Mary Slosser her Executors and Administrators or assigns at my Decease as her and their proper goods and Chattles and Cash absolutely without any manner of Consideration IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this Twenty third day of January one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine

Peter Slosser (seal)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
In the Presence of

His
Conrad (C) Ringer
Mark

John Horone
(and someone who writes like Peter - in German, which we can't read.)

Remember last letter we told you we had a deed of a Peter Slosser who had a wife named Susannah - this was in 1786, and the above Bill of Sale was dated 1789, therefore, it must follow as the night the day, there were two Peter Slossers in Washington County at that time, and Susannah must have been the wife of the other one. Could be a brother of Chris - one record says he did have a brother named Peter, born before 1740.

Also, there is a deed, made in 1786, in consideration of six pounds, to Christopher Slusser by David Harvey for "all that lott or parcel of ground laid of (off) as an out lott to the town called Sharpsburgh containing twenty perches in width and forty perches in length... but with this reserve that the said Christopher Slusser nor his heirs nor assigns shall not make nor erect any house or building on the aforesaid lott more than a barn or stable."

After the signatures, this notation is made:

"On the back of the foregoing deed was the following indorsements. To wit - Rec'd Jany 30th 1786 of Peter Slosser six pounds it being the consideration within mentioned as witness my hand -
D. Harvey"

(In case a perch is not a common household word in your household, which it wasn't in ours, Mr. Webster says a perch is a linear measure of $5\frac{1}{2}$ yards or $16\frac{1}{2}$ feet.)

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Pursuant to our request for locations and relationships if known for the cemetery reports, we have the following information furnished by Mrs. Loretta Donnelly concerning the cemeteries mentioned in the last newsletter.

THE HYLTON CEMETERY is on Burk's Fork, about five miles south of Willis on County Road 787. And left out of the last report are these who are buried in this cemetery:

Susannah Slusher b: Nov.1, 1830 d: Sept. 14, 1857.
A still born infant b: Sept.8, 1857.

(Susannah was Lewis Hylton's first wife, and the dau. of Stephen and Charlotte Hylton Slusher)

Sol J. Vaughn b: Feb. 26, 1886, d: June 10, 1964.
Dora Mae Harmon b: Jan. 29, 1891
d: June 25, 1968

(Dora Mae was Henry Slusher and Nancy Harter's granddaughter)

Shirley Ann Slaughter b: May 1, 1935
d: May 9, 1935
Jess Berry Slaughter b: Oct. 19, 1940
d: Oct. 19, 1940.

(Infants of J. B. and Una Hylton Slaughter, Una's mother was Nola Slusher Hylton.)

(The four children mentioned below S. Claude Slusher and Ida Cora Hylton's names are theirs.)

In the BLUE RIDGE CEMETERY, which is located a mile southeast of Willis on road 799, church cemetery, Nola Slusher and George M. Hylton are the parents of Loretta H. Donnelly.

And David Jackson Hylton is the son of Elder A. J. Hylton and Dora Mae Moore, grandson of Nola Slusher & George Hylton.

THE PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY on highway 221 west, less than a mile from Willis, church cemetery: Nettie E. Martin, John Henry and Algie C. Slusher are brothers and sister - children of John B. & Eliza A. Hylton Slusher. John B. is Jacob Slusher's grandson.

Walter T. Slusher was son of S. B. & Sarah K. Staples Slusher. S. B. was grandson of David Slusher

Martin L. Harmon was grandson of Henry and Nancy Harter Slusher

David Arthur Wade was g-grandson of Arthur E. Wade, descendant of Peter & Celia White Slusher.

Waitman Wade was son of I. T. Slusher and Lou Wade, g-grandson of Peter & Celia.

Here are some more of Floyd County's Cemeteries: THE JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY, located in the town of Floyd, Va.

George William Slusher

Jan. 10, 1866 - Aug. 1, 1939

Clemmie D. wife of G. W. Slusher

Feb. 5, 1867 - Sept. 28, 1924.

Winnie Kate, daughter of Clemmie D. and G. W. Slusher

Sept. 6, 1907 - Oct. 13, 1925.

Pearl S. Slusher

March 22, 1892 - May 7, 1972

Peter Brainard Slusher

Nov. 22, 1868 - June 14, 1969

Pearl S. Lawrence, wife of P.B. Slusher

Dec. 4, 1894 - Dec. 9, 1947

David Slusher

July 15, 1850 - Nov. 15, 1931

Margaret Bowman, wife of David Slusher

June 4, 1851 - Feb. 24, 1936

Luther W. Slusher

July 21, 1892 - July 30, 1971

Cathleen O. Slusher

April 14, 1915 - Mar. 8, 1971

Walter Early Slusher

Nov. 14, 1881 - Dec. 26, 1956

William Oliver Slusher

April 27, 1887 - Mar. 22, 1961

Essie N. Slusher - 1895 - 1973

Darius W. Slusher

Sept. 4, 1858 - June 28, 1934

Minnie C. Sumpter Slusher

July 30, 1870 - Oct. 29, 1971

Ardella Howery Slusher

Mar. 26, 1877 - Feb. 7, 1966

Edgar A. Harmon

Sept. 2, 1888 - Nov. 8, 1965

Richard E. Harmon

Mar. 7, 1918 - April 30, 1972

Thornton W. Caldwell

Dec. 13, 1903 - Nov. 25, 1965

Abraham Madison Snead

Oct. 18, 1872 - Jan. 6, 1953

Angeline Slusher Snead

April 4, 1868 - Dec. 8, 1967

Abner Tyler Snead

Aug. 7, 1893 - April 9, 1972

This information sent in by Mr. Freeman M. Slusher, Floyd, Va.

TOPECO CEMETERY, located at Topeco Church 7 miles west of Floyd Court House.

Romney L. Slusher

Sept. 8, 1888 - Dec. 11, 1961

LAUREL BRANCH CEMETERY, located near

Laurel Branch Church, 5 miles west of Floyd, Va.

Noah Christian Slusher

Jan. 13, 1896 - Aug. 1, 1962

WILLIS CEMETERY located at town of Willis

Eliza M. Slusher Stover, wife of Jasper

L. Stover. Nov. 21, 1871 - Sep. 2, 1953

Joseph Garrett Conduff

Aug. 5, 1895 - Aug. 19, 1958

This sent on Willis Cemetery by Mrs. Martha Slusher Conduff, widow of J. G. Conduff.

We are in the process of compiling a paper on Christopher Slusher and three generations of his descendants, which will eventually end up in the Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington. Possibly other genealogical Libraries also. It seemed a good idea to compile what information we have and put it on record where it is available to people who are searching for ancestors and who do not know about our Family Organization. It is turning into quite a job - the indexing alone took 844 3x5 cards to put down the names of just the people in those three generations! And not many of them are duplicates, either.

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We want to ask you something - or ask you to be thinking about something - several somethings, in fact, between now and the reunion when it can be discussed by the membership of the Organization.

The first is this: It has been suggested to us several times lately that we put in the Newsletter the notice of the recent death of one of the members of our family. We haven't done so for any number of reasons, some of which are these: (1) We have members in a majority of these United States and to many of these the names would mean nothing more than reading the obituary column of a strange newspaper. (2) In order for this information to be of any genealogical value at all, the information would have to include survivors, and a sketch concerning from whom the person descended, all of which would take space and could conceivably become the main source of material in the letter, considering how much time is involved between letters and the number of families involved. (3) For purely 'editorial' personal reasons, the requests we have had so far have not included enough information concerning the person who died (just name and date), and if such items were sent to us handwritten, and we couldn't figure out some part of the handwriting, or by two dif-

ferent persons containing conflicting dates or spelling or names, we visualize copious correspondence for the sake of accuracy, or corrections of mis-information in every Newsletter.

We fully realize that these facts are genealogy of the future and we aren't trying to be arbitrary about the matter - if it is the wish of the majority of the Organization's membership, we'll do it anyway, of course, beginning next year.

We'd appreciate your letting us know your thoughts and desires concerning this subject (Mrs. William S. Slusher, 206 Rivermont Drive, McMinnville, TN. 37110) so that it can be brought up for consideration at the Reunion

WHICH IS:

June 29th, 1974, at the VFW Hall in Floyd, Va.

AND ALSO:

While you're writing concerning the above matter, let us know anything else you feel should be brought up for consideration and anything you would like to be included in the program for the Reunion.

We would really appreciate your cooperation on these matters. Thanks.

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Most of the dues of \$2.00 for this year, 1973-74 have come in - if you have not sent yours to our treasurer, please do so if you wish to continue to receive the Newsletter. Send them to Mr. Freeman M. Slusher, Box 18, Route #3, Floyd, Va., 24091. Thanks.

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"Deem no man in any age
Gentle for his lineage.
Tho' he be not highly born,
He is gentle if he doth
What 'longeth to a gentleman."

-- Chaucer