

"Let the record be made of the men and things of today,
lest they pass out of memory tomorrow and are lost."

--- Kirkland

"The dry branches of genealogical trees bear many pleasant
and curious fruits for those who know how to search after
them." --- Henry Ward Beecher.

Vol. V, No. 1! Begins here-
with the fifth year of our Slusher
Family Newsletters, and the seven-
teenth issue thereof.

Did you ever see such a beau-
tiful October? Every year we say
the trees are more beautiful than
the years before, but this year
they're really bound to be. Even
the oaks which usually just turn
brown and wilt are a gorgeous
bronze color this year. We took a
wild ride in a Jeep way back in the
hills of Tennessee on a trail which
could not by the wildest stretch
of the imagination be called a road.
But it was so beautiful. We saw a
lovely waterfall, called Virgin
Falls, which fell a long ways down
into a hole in the ground and dis-
appeared, and a cave in a mountain-
side across a clear creek with an
old iron cook stove and a rather
disreputable mattress in it. Some-
one went to a lot of trouble to
haul that stove into that cave, and
someone told us that a man raised
his family there in the not too
distant past. We weren't really
sure we believed that tale, but
certainly couldn't think of any
other good reason someone would
cross the creek and climb the rocks
with an iron stove if it weren't
true. Curious!

We're sitting here in a coolish
room with the heat cut down more
than is comfortable trying to con-
form to the President's edict that
such things should and must be done
and incidentally, trying to do what
we can to pay our electric bill!
And anyway the TVA people keep com-
ing up with dire threats and warn-
ings about what's going to happen
this winter and the lady in Crab
Orchard, TN. who prognosticates the

weather from the fogs in August or
something says we're going to have
the coldest winter on record. The
whole thing is most discouraging,
really! And have you tried to buy
a loaf of raisin bread lately!!
Thats a profound shock.

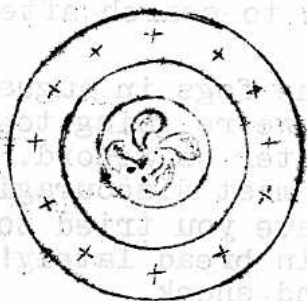
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We sent the picture of the symbol
on Jacob's gravestone to the Nation-
al Genealogical Society in Washing-
ton and they sent it to Pastor Fred-
erick S. Weiser in Hanover, Pa., who
is an expert in the field of early
Pennsylvania folk art. It had been
suggested that there might be some
symbolism in the design, but Pastor
Weiser says he is sure there is no
symbolism - just a common decorative
feature of Pennsylvania German folk
art. He says, "It is a grand ex-
ample, however." He gave us the
name of an author of a book on Vir-
ginia Folkart on Tombstones, and
thought we might like to have his
comments on the carving.

Janet Slusher Keith, the Organi-
zation secretary, has a book entitled
"Hexology - The Art and Meaning of
the Pennsylvania Dutch Hex Symbols"
by Herrera. He says, Lutherans and
the people of the reformed tradition
are those who are largely respons-
ible for the use of the Hex sign or
barn sign in Pa., and that there are
many variations on the basic patterns
each having a particular meaning for
the person or family. Jacob's stone
has the typical raindrop, which he
says is one of the most familiar
signs. "Whirling drops suggest
power in the sign itself."

On the next page is what we hope
will turn out to be a reasonable
facimile of the symbol. No claim is
made for artistic talent. Just hope

it comes out reasonably well when it pops out of the mimeograph machine. If there's a blur or a blob just below, you'll know what happened!



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Heard from Mr. Clark, the genealogist and he said he'd had two auto accidents this summer, but is alright now, for which we are thankful. He is working on unraveling that pesky DAR paper. The one which was all mixed up with two Peter Slusher's children and war service, etc. The mills grind slowly but one has to eliminate what isn't right before one can decide what is.

It involves two or three George Slushers and at least three Peters and a couple of Johns and Henrys. (Mr. Clark says that in his research he has found 28 different ways to spell the name Slusher!)

One George Schlosser (or Slosser) was the child of Peter Schlosser, date of birth unknown, who died in Oct. 1804 in Wash. Co. Md. This George went to Ohio.

At the same time in Wash Co. Md. there was a Henry Schlosser who had a son George. This George was b: 6 April 1788 d: 20 Dec. 1859, and is buried in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Churchyard at Utica, Md. This George's will is on file at the Frederick Co. courthouse where it was probated in Jan. 1860. His surviving children were Peter G. Schlosser, Keziah G. Keefer and Naomi G. Stait (State).

Mr. Clark says he is trying to prove that Peter, father of George, who died in 1804, and Henry, father

of George of Fred. Co. Md. were brothers and that their father was Peter Schlosser of Lancaster Co & Lebanon Twp and also the one who died in 1790 in Washington Co. Md.

(We also know that Peter Schlosser of Lancaster Co. Pa. had a son George born in 1746, and that our Chris had a son George born in 1776. This complicates it even more.)

One works backward as well as forward when trying to nail down certain people in genealogy. One wishes they had not been so fond of the names George, Peter and Henry!

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Our organization genealogists, Mr. & Mrs. Hatcher King, sent me an article from a Newspaper concerning the towns of Christiansburg, Va. (Montgomery Co.) and Christiansburg, Ohio, which is named after the Va. city. It is quoted below:

"Mrs. W. F. Pack, Jr., second vice-president of the Col. William Christian Chapter of the DAR in Christiansburg, Va. has a letter from the postmaster of Christiansburg, Ohio (1970 population 724). The 1972 copy of the "Rand McNally Road Atlas" has only two Christiansburgs listed -- one in Va. and one in Ohio.

"Don Kirk, postmaster of Christiansburg, Ohio, stated, "Joshua Howell came from Christiansburg, Va. and settled on a farm which he laid out in 1817 and called Christiansburg, in memory of from where he emigrated.

"In 1842 the name was changed to Addison but the postoffice retained the name of Christiansburg, Ohio. The town was incorporated in 1835 with a Mr. Bowinger as mayor. As they were unable to support a municipality, their charter was surrendered in less than a year. The first frame house was built in 1830. The town was incorporated again in 1915, the name being changed to Christiansburg once again.

"Col. William Christian's name was used again for a town because of a person wanting his home town name to live again many miles from his boyhood home. According to Kirk no record was found of Col. Christian ever being in the area.

"It is interesting to note that a Montgomery County is only about 20 miles from Christiansburg, Ohio."

[Just incidentally, there are only two McMinnville's in the country too, one we live in in Tenn. and one in Oregon which was named after the one in Tenn. in the same manner as mentioned for the Christiansburgs.]

The Joshua Howell mentioned as having started the town in Ohio was grandfather of Burwell Hylton, who married Mary Ann Slusher, Christopher's youngest daughter.

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The Kings also inform us that the Slusher family records in their possession have been accepted by The Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints of Salt Lake City, Utah, and a microfilm tape was made of Barbara Slusher Turman's descendants and placed in the Salt Lake City Library and in granite vaults located in the Wasatch Mountains in Utah. The Stephen Slusher and Mary Ann Slusher Hylton records are in the process of being filmed at the present time. The Kings are sending the records to Salt Lake City in family sections because of the volume. The other family records will be sent as the first ones are finished and returned.

If you are not positive that your family records are included in the Organization records, please do send in the information at once.

Which brings up this matter too: As has been stated, we are planning to compile our records in hard-cover book form within the next five years. If you have had

births, marriages, or deaths in your family that you yourself have not sent to Mr. & Mrs. King, PLEASE do so at once. Some of the later generations are woefully short of up-to-date information, and when we begin to compile the information for the book, what we have will be used in it. If it is incorrect, it will be then too late, you will be disappointed and we will be sorry. This has been mentioned in the last Newsletter and will be mentioned again from time to time, but please do be cooperative about this matter and do it now, while it's on your mind. Don't think "someone else has done it" - you do it. Mr. & Mrs. King would much rather have the information two or ten times than not have it at all.

And when that book is published, as we hope it will be, you'll hate yourselves [and probably us] if your family is not complete and correct.

We are publishing each issue some of the later generations of the descendants of Christopher's children, and if you find an error in these lists, or if you have additional information, also PLEASE let us know. Because the way it is down in the Newsletter is the way our records read and the way the records read is the way it'll go into the book.

If you aren't sure whether the Kings have your records correct, write and ask them! It is that simple! (Spout Spring, Va. 24593)

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Here are some more records which may or may not need correcting. If you know of any errors please let us know. They definitely need adding to. Where did these people live and die?

JACOB SLUSHER - JOHN B. SLUSHER, SR.

John B. Slusher, Sr. was b: 11 Dec 1822, d: 21 June 1849 while swimming in West Fork Creek. Married 23 Dec. 1843, Floyd Co. Va. Elizabeth Weddle, dau. Jacob and Mary S.

Rutrough Weddle, Austin Hylton, Minister.

Children:

Sarah Ellen Slusher, b: 1845, Floyd Va.

Zachary Taylor Slusher, b: 1848, Floyd, Va. m: Floyd Co. 1869, Arena Rosabell Jones, dau. Carter and Eva Jones

John B. Slusher, Jr. b: 1849, Floyd, Va. m: Eliza Hylton in 1872, dau. Richard & Nancy Ballinger Hylton. Both buried Pleasant Hill Ceme., Willis, Va.

Ezra W. Slusher, m: Sarah E. (Jacob Slusher's will)

JACOB SLUSHER - JOHN B SLUSHER, SR. - ZACHARY TAYLOR SLUSHER:

Children of Zachary Taylor Slusher:

Almedia Slusher, b: 1870, Floyd, Va. m: 10 Sept. 1891, Rutherford B. Anderson

Walter C. Slusher, b: 1872, Floyd.

Dora E. Slusher, b: 1874

(1880 Census, Floyd Co. Va.)

JACOB SLUSHER - JOHN B. SLUSHER, SR. JOHN B. SLUSHER, JR.

Children of John B. Slusher, Jr.

Jacob H. Slusher, b: 1874, Floyd m: (1) Zena Bryant 1894, dau. Elijah & Sarah Bryant. (2) Denie Clowers, 1905, dau. William Clowers.

Marrison (Marion) H. Slusher, b: 1875, m: 13 Dec. 1895, Ida A. Duncan, dau. Green B. & Melvina Duncan, Floyd, Va.

Henry Slusher, b: 1877, Floyd Co. m: Almeda Elizabeth Cannady, Floyd Co. 14 Feb. 1897, dau. George & Eliza A. Cannady.

Nettie E. Slusher, b: 1878, Floyd Co. m: 12 Dec. 1894, Noah L. Martin, son of M. M. & Hulda Martin, Floyd.

Ida Florence Slusher, b: 1881, m: 29 Dec. 1898, William Taswell Slusher, son of Albert Tell & Martha Gardner Slusher, Floyd Co. Va. d: 1972, Blandinsville, Ill.

Julian Norfleet Slusher, b: 30 Sep. 1891, Floyd, Va. m: 1910, Montgomery Co. Va. Celia A. Slusher, dau. Henry W. & Delarma Turman Slusher, Died 25 May 1950

Algie Slusher b: 11 June 1893, Floyd Va. m: 1917 Floyd, Va. Tempril M. Dickerson. Died 1954, buried Pleasant Hill Ceme. Willis, Va.

George A. Slusher, b: 1881, Floyd. m: 1900, Floyd, Flora I. Roop, dau. A. L. & Isabell Roop.

Donald Slusher, m: Myrtle Brown

Zettie Slusher, m: Walter Doyle

Beulah Slusher, m: Claude Brown

Lula Slusher, m: Luther Dickerson

James Slusher, died as an infant.

(From Nettie S. Martin's Bible)

Martha Slusher m: Lee Dickerson

JACOB - JOHN B, SR. - JOHN B. JR.

IDA FLORENCE SLUSHER:

Children of Ida F. and William T. Slusher:

Forrest May Slusher, b: 24 Nov. 1899 La Harpe, Hancock Co. Ill, m: 28 April 1920 Orin Myers.

Harold R. Slusher, b: 5 Apr. 1901

m: (1) Gladys Conover (2) Margueritte Kennedy.

Florraine Slusher, b: La Harpe, Hancock Co., Ill. d: 1923, run over by a car, coming from school.

Alma Slusher, b: 31 Apr. 1904, Niota Hancock Co. Ill. m: Eldon Thorell

William Slusher, b: Niota, Ill.

Vyolette Slusher, b: 15 June 1911, m: 14 June 1931 Virgil Kelly.

Anita Slusher, m: Keith Gordon

JACOB - JOHN B, SR. - JOHN B. JR. - JULIAN NORFLEET SLUSHER

Children of Julian N. Slusher & Celia Adline Slusher, dau. Henry Walker & Delarma Turman Slusher:

Frieda Gladys Slusher, b: 1914, Mont. Co. Va., living in Radford, Va. 1950. m: Montg. Co. 1938 Edward Allen Bechtler.

Mildred Pauline Slusher, b: 1921,
living Saltville, Va. 1950, m: in
Montg. Co. 1939 James A. Wright,
son of W.F. & Lelia Lawrence
Wright.

Julian Norfleet Slusher, Jr. b: 1931,
living in Christiansburg, Va. 1950
m: 1951 Mont. Co. Grace Elizabeth
Eanes, dau. John William and Ann
Elizabeth Russell Eanes.

Myrtle Slusher, living in Charlotte
N. C. 1950, m: Daugherty.

Kenneth Slusher, living Cambria, Va.
1950.

Alva, living Radford, Va. in 1950.

Robert Slusher, living Oak Ridge, TN
in 1950

James Slusher, living Cambria, Va.
in 1950.
(Heirs, 1950)

JACOB - JOHN B. SR. - JOHN B. JR. -
GEORGE A. SLUSHER

Children of George A. & Flora Roop
Slusher:

Margaret Estelle Slusher, living
Christiansburg, Va. 1973. m: Mont.
Co. 1938 Elvis Lee Dickerson.

Thurman C. Slusher, b: 1906. m:
Mont. Co. 1935, Lola Ercell Ed-
wards, dau. George & Effie Bishop

Velma Lee Slusher m: Ruth Wells
Linkous in 1951. (this is the
way it reads.)

Elizabeth Helen Slusher, b: 1920,
living Blacksburg, Va. 1973. m:
Floyd Co. 1941, Leonard A. Howery.

Jack (J. C.) Slusher

Eulalie Slusher, living Riner, Va.
1973, m: Edwards

Mary Slusher, living Radford, Va.
1973. Single.

Gertrude Slusher, living Christians-
burg, Va. 1973. m: Soloman.

Ray F. Slusher, living Roanoke 1973

V. L. Slusher, living Riner, Va. 1973

T. J. Slusher, living Floyd, 1973.

(From marriage Records & Obituary
notice, Floyd Press, 1973)

JACOB - JOHN B. SR. - JOHN B. JR. -
ALGIE SLUSHER

Child of Algie and Tempril M. Dick-
erson Slusher:

Sibyl, b: 1916 Floyd Co. (Copper
Hill) m: Floyd Co. 1935, Leonard
R. Coleman, son of P. H. & Alice
Brough Coleman.

JACOB - FRANCIS MARION - LEROY
CHRISTOPHER SLUSHER:

Leroy Christopher Slusher, b: 11 Jan.
1853, Floyd Co. Va. d: 4 Aug. 1926
Knob Nester, Mo. m: 23 July 1874
Louize Ellen Weddle, b: 12 Feb.
1857, Floyd Co. Va. d: 14 Aug. 1927,
dau. Alex and Susan Weddle.

Children:

Addie May Slusher, b: 8 Oct. 1877

Floyd, Va. m: Samuel McDaniel;
she d: 1901 in Missouri.

Samuel Walter Slusher b: 1875, Floyd,
Co. Va. d: 1876, buried in Va.

Flora Catherine Slusher, b: 12 June
1880, Floyd Co. d: 26 July 1957.
m: 15 Apr. 1901 Aaron Francis
Howe.

Emmazetta Ann Slusher, b: 23 Dec.
1882, d: 16 July 1956, buried
Sunset Ceme. Warrensburg, Mo. m:
Harvey Finley Howe 9 Dec. 1899.

Charlie Everett Slusher b: 4 Dec.
1889 in Mo. m: Ruby Mildred Long.

Artie Ethel Slusher, b: 25 Feb. 1894
d: 27 Jan. 1966, buried Warrens-
burg, Mo. m: 18 Jan. 1920 Robert
Isaiah Williams b: 10/12/1887.

Lawrence Hobart Slusher, b: 24 Aug.
1896 in Leeton, Mo. m: 18 Oct.
1919 in Mo. Fern Friendly b:
14 July 1901, Mo.

John Thermus Slusher, b: 12 June
1880 d: 17 Oct. 1887, Sweet
Springs, Mo.

JACOB - FRANCIS MARION - DOLLIE
ANN SLUSHER;

Dollie Ann Slusher, b: 9 Apr. 1872,
Floyd Co. Va. d: 29 June 1956. M:
Charles Madison Shockey, b: 12 June
1875, Floyd Co. Va. d: 21 Oct. 1954
(Texas?), son of Madison & Martha
Ann Martin Shockey.

Children:

Everett Mullins Shockey, b: 20 June
1897, Floyd, Va. d: 29 June 1956.
m: Flora Isabell White.

Lucy Dove Shockey, b: 5 Sept. 1899
m: (1) 17 May 1919 Andrew Rogers
(2) 7 Feb. 1936, Lemuel Parks.

Verlie Draper Shockey, b: 13 Apr.
1902, Roanoke, Va. m: 30 Dec.
1923 Margaret Ruth Shuford.

Allie Martha Shockey, b: Roanoke,
28 May 1905, m: 5 Aug. 1925,
George Alexander Hayden.

Alfred Roosevelt Shockey, b: 15 Mar.
1907 Roanoke, Va. m: 7 Aug. 1930
Lanella Roberson.

Essie Garnet Shockey, b: 16 Sept.
1909, Montgomery Co. Va. m: 19
Apr. 1930 Charles P. Stallings.

Paul McKinley Shockey, b: 28 Apr.
1915, Mont. Co. Va. m: 21 Feb.
1936 Eunice Helen Franks.

Lena Lou Shockey, b: 29 Jan. 1912,
Montgomery Co. Va. d: 30 Sept.
1913.

JACOB - FRANCIS MARION - TASWELL
HAYDEN SLUSHER.

Taswell Hayden Slusher, b: 27 Sept.
1856, Floyd Co. Va. d: 17 Feb. 1931.
m: 22 Dec. 1884 Julina P. Akers,
b: 1867, dau. Preston and Eliza-
beth Akers.

Children:

Frank Vaughn Slusher b: Floyd Co.
Va., died in Kansas City.

Magdalena Slusher, lives in Calif-
ornia, m: Frank Rogan, 10 ch.

Taswell Hayden Slusher, Jr., b:
13 Mar. 1897, m: Agnes Johnson.

JACOB - FRANCIS MARION - THOMAS F.
SLUSHER:

Thomas F. Slusher, b: 29 May 1864,
Floyd Co. Va. d: 22 Aug. 1947.
m: 25 Sept. 1890 Montgomery Co.
Va. Susan Rader, b: 29 May 1866,
dau. George Rader.

Children:

Baynard

Raymond

Vado

JACOB - FRANCIS MARION - SARAH ELLEN
SLUSHER

Sarah Ellen Slusher, b: 1855, Floyd
Co., d: 2 Mar. 1884, Floyd Co. m:
15 Oct. 1874, Floyd Co. Benjamin
Franklin Weddle, b: 15 Jan. 1856,
d: 28 Feb. 1934, son of Alex and
Susannah Weddle Weddle. He m: (2)
Laura Mabry in 1885, in Floyd, dau.
Jefferson & Mary Wade Barringer.
Moved to Kansas in 1886.

Children:

William Ira Weddle, b: 13 Feb. 1876,
Floyd, Va. d: 12 Aug. 1886.

James A. Garfield Weddle, b: 15 Sep.
1882, Floyd, d: 14 July 1883.

Elmer Ellesworth Weddle, b: 30 Aug.
1879, d: 1972. m: (1) Della
Stowell (2) Myrie Peterson.

Sarah Ellen Weddle, b: 2 Mar. 1884,
d: June 1942 Grant City, Mo. m:
William H. Job, no children.

Notice: All dues are now due. Dues are
\$5.00 for the two year period until June
1976. If you have not paid, please send
your check to Mr. F. M. Slusher, Rt. #3
Box 18, Floyd, Va. If you would like to
contribute to the research fund, any
amount you can send over and above your
dues will be useful.