

"People will not look forward to posterity who never look back to their ancestors."  
-- Burke.

"See how the generations pass, Like sand through an hour-glass."  
Lindsay.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY ORGANIZATION!!

The Reunion was held as planned July 18, 1976, and, from what we hear, was a great success; many family members present, delicious food and much discussion and congeniality.

The Executive Committee met on Saturday before the Reunion on Sunday, July 18. The William Slushers of McMinnville could not attend the weekend festivities and were represented by Archa Vaughan, Jr., who also conducted the business meeting on Sunday. Some of the items decided upon were as follows. First, we have some new officers:

PRESIDENT:

Anne (Capps) Robertson (Mrs. Robert R.), 4600 Tony Lema Dr., Virginia Beach, Va. 23462.

SECRETARY:

Janet (Slusher) Keith, (Mrs. David J.) Rt. 3, Willis, Va. 24380, was reelected Secretary.

TREASURER:

The Reverend Lance K. Knowles, 704 First Ave., Farmville, Va. 23901. Mr. Knowles took the place of Mr. Freeman Slusher who had served as treasurer since 1970.

GENEALOGISTS:

Mr. & Mrs. Hatcher King, Spout Spring, Va. 24593, were reelected for another 2-year term.

HISTORIANS:

June (Capps) Norris, (Mrs. Robert M.) 1301 Libbie Ave., Richmond, Va. 23226, and

Marguerite G. Slusher (Mrs. William S.) 206 Rivermont Drive, McMinnville, TN. 37110, were reelected.

DUES were continued at \$5.00 for the next two-year period. The Sustaining Membership category was retained. This consists of those of us who give whatever more we wish than the basic dues to be used for research and to help defray expenses for the Newsletter, the Biennial Reunion, publication of the book, etc. We urge your participation as a Sustaining member.

In this connection, we also want to put some ads in national genealogical magazines in the hope that we can find someone who can give us proof of Christopher, Sr.'s background. Such ads don't cost much, but some times bring in needed material. And we may need a genealogist to look for something specific before the book is printed.

Send your dues to the Reverend Mr. Lance, address above.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$241.85 in his financial report.

Marguerite Slusher was asked to write three Newsletters over the next two years. This one, to inform you of the decisions made; one in 1977 to let you know what goes on and that you aren't forgotten; and one before the 1978 Reunion to tell you to be sure to be there.

It was decided that the Newsletter would print births, deaths,

and marriages of active, dues-paying families, and it is respectfully, but fervently requested that such items sent in for the Newsletter be TYPED OR PRINTED and that they contain full information: dates, names, and places. PLEASE. Also, if possible, from which of Christopher's children the person descends. There are several of our people who have the same name, and we don't want to turn someone out bigamously married or dead when they aren't. This irritates people.

The membership voted, of course, to have another reunion in the summer of 1978, but there are some members who have requested it be held on a SATURDAY, instead of SUNDAY. You are please to let us know your preference right away, before you forget to, and this will decide whether the Sunday meeting will be changed to Saturday.

It would be a shame if 90% of our membership can't come on Saturday and only the Saturday preferences were registered and vice-versa. So do write Mrs. W. S. Slusher, 206 Rivermont Dr., McMinnville, TN. 37110 and say "Saturday" or "Sunday" or "it doesn't make any difference to our family."

Marguerite Slusher was also given formal approval to continue work on the genealogy of the descendants of Christopher Slusher, Sr. for future publication by the Family Organization. This work, due to personal problems, has slowed down somewhat lately, but it does progress. It would be a monumental help if the membership would begin to cooperate by sending us changes and additions to their families and answering the requests for information sent to you. It really would! It has been discovered that there isn't any way to prepare a perfect genealogy of as many lines as we have, but

a little more cooperation from those of you who will eventually be interested in seeing your family registered in the book with complete accuracy would certainly make it more perfect. You're going to be sorry if the name of your beautiful grandchild isn't listed because we don't know he or she exists!.

The names of the descendants we have of all the children of Chris. Sr. have been put on index cards (thousands!) with the exception of the descendants of Chris. Jr., and a rough copy made of the lines. We wish to tell you numbering systems for all those people are a royal pain in the brain. So far, we have about 10 numbering systems for the eleven children of Christopher for whom we have lines, but have complete faith it can be eventually boiled down to one. Nine generations of large families gets very complicated

There also isn't any way to compile a complete genealogy because every day someone gets married or has a child or dies. And if this book is finally typed up for off-set printing (which is less expensive) there isn't going to be any way we can go back and make insertions and additions. So there will have to be a cut-off date and therefore, the sooner you get your information in the surer you will be of getting it in the book!

Ask your relatives if data on their families has been sent in and encourage them to do it if they haven't. Make no mistake about it! We want it, we need it, and we will thank you for getting a any and all family data to us. Too much time and effort has gone into this genealogy already to abandon any extra effort that can add to its completeness.

Have you noticed how almost every magazine you pick up now has an article on how to trace your ancestors. Genealogy is becoming a national passtime. Its easy to get "hooked" on, too.

A little over two years ago, when this project was started, we were stupid enough to think all that was necessary was copying the family sheets on paper and sending it to a printer. It is infinitely more complicated than that as can be attested by the editor and the Kings, who have been helping check the various sections and sending additions and corrections as they come upon them. The very typing of these lines is tortuous. But as was previously stated, it progresses and it is much further along now than it was then, though you might not think so to see it in its present state.

We just fervently wish someone would be able to find proof that Christopher was a son of Peter and Maria Margaretha (Weschenbach) Schlosser before the book is finished. That would be such a fine thing.

Mrs. Della (Slusher) Guinn approaching her 83rd birthday, was honored as being the eldest family member present at the Reunion; Ellen Vaughan, 16-month old daughter of Dr. & Mrs. George Vaughan was the youngest member present and Mr. Richard Slusher of Aurora, Ill. had traveled farthest to join our reunion.

It is with a deep sense of personal sorrow that we tell you of the sudden death of Alberta Louise (Smith) Slusher (Mrs. Benjamin E. Slusher,) of Lexington, MO. on September 30, 1976.

Mrs. Slusher was a descendant of Christopher Slusher, Jr., as is her husband, and she had worked with us for over 10 years on corrections and additions to the Christopher, Jr. line.

A competent and meticulous genealogist, she had a great deal of interest in the family genealogy, the organization, and publication of the history.

Her friendship, ability and knowledge of the Chris. Jr. line will be sorely missed personally, and by the Organization as a whole, in preparation of the genealogy.

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Don't forget!

Family information to be sent in.

Your preference as to the Reunion date to be sent in. (You can do it both at the same time.)

Dues to the treasurer.

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Let us hear from you - we are sorry we can't continue with the quarterly Newsletter but its impossible under circumstances beyond our control. Thanks for all your help!