

Then, after electing pastor Johann Friedrich Schmidt as President, still at the same Convention, it finally happened.

Candidates, Jung and Zimmerman, were ordained and solemnly consecrated to the ministry by the President in the presence of the Ministerium and several delegates of the congregations. [242] □

1. *Documentary History Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States: Proceedings of the Annual Conventions from 1748 to 1821* (Philadelphia: General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1898). Numbers in square brackets in the text here refer to page numbers in this volume.
2. Cf. William Edward Eisenberg, *The Lutheran Church in Virginia 1717-1962* (Roanoke, VA: Trustees of Virginia Synod, 1967), 78; John

Blankenbaker, *Communion Lists of the Hebron Lutheran Church* (Chadds Ford, PA: Blankenbaker, 2001), 11.

3. The reasons for this deliberate neglect will be discussed in another article based on Muhlenberg's less official and often more interesting *Journals*.
4. Christian Streit of Winchester [*1749] was a respected Muhlenberg disciple and became important in later years; little is known about Leps.
5. Obviously, the congregation wanted more than a renewal of Carpenter's license. Perhaps his essay was not good enough to give the licentiate more responsibilities. [Licentiates had no vote in the Synod.] Did Carpenter perform communions prior to 1791 without permission?

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The Moyers of Jefferson and Greene Counties in Tennessee

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Christopher Moyers, Jr., son of Christopher Moyer and Mary Catherine Vogt and grandson of the 1717 Germanna immigrants, George and Anna Barbara Majer/Mayer/Moyer, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia circa 1740/2. The only known Virginia records of Christopher Moyer, Jr., and his wife, Susanna, are found in the Hebron Lutheran Church, Madison Co., Virginia communion rolls.² In 1775, they attended church with Christopher's mother and father.³ Although Susanna's maiden name is not known, there is some circumstantial evidence that she may have been a Manspiel. On Whitsunday in 1776, a Jacob Manspiel and his wife Anna Maria, in their only known appearance at Hebron Lutheran Church, were sitting with Christopher Moyer and Susanna. This may indicate a close relationship with either Christopher or Susanna since family members usually sat with each other at church. Christopher and Susanna's last appearance in Hebron Church was in 1777 where, again, they were with Christopher's parents.

In the early 1780's, Christopher Moyer, Jr., his brother, Adam, with Broyles, Wilhoit, Layman, and others from the Germanna community, migrated to what was then Washington Co., North Carolina, and is today Washington, Jefferson, and Greene Counties in Tennessee.

Christopher Moyers⁴ served in the North Carolina army militia during the Revolutionary War.⁵ In 1789, he received a land grant of 100 acres of land on both sides of Long Creek, a branch of the Nolichucky River, in what is now Jefferson Co., TN. Christopher was probably living on this or nearby land as early as 1786/7. In a deed recorded in 1787, Jacob Johnson entered a claim of 200 acres of land on Long Creek and listed his next door neighbor as Christopher Moyers.

Jefferson Co., TN, then part of the State of Franklin (1785/7), received its first pioneer families as early as 1783. Christopher Moyers and Henry Randolph, who later married Christopher's daughter, Susanna, were the earliest settlers in the Long Creek area. By the early 1800's, they owned almost all of the land that would "one day comprise the town of White Pine."⁶

Christopher Moyers built his home, a two-room log cabin, and a mill on the south bank of Long Creek. There Christopher Moyers and

Susanna raised seven children.⁷

1. James (27 Mar 1767, Culpeper Co., VA – TN) m. Mary Blackburn 3 Nov 1789 in Greene Co., TN. Mary was the daughter of John Blackburn and Janet Matthews.
2. David (Culpeper Co., VA –) m. Margaret Gray 18 Jul 1797 in Dandridge, Jefferson Co., TN.
3. Susanna (1775 in Culpeper Co., VA –) m. Henry Randolph 9 Jan 1797 in Dandridge, Jefferson Co., TN. Henry was born in Culpeper Co., the son of James and Sarah Randolph.
4. Milly (Culpeper Co., TN –) m. _____ Williams who is believed to have been born in Culpeper Co.,
5. Sally (Culpeper Co., TN –) m. Edward Pankey 25 Sep 1797.
6. Amelia Elizabeth⁹ (19 Apr 1777 Culpeper Co., VA –) m. Silas Hall 24 Dec 1807 in Dandridge, Jefferson Co., TN.
7. Joshua (ca 1779 –) m.1 Eliza Witt, m.2 Mary Williams 27 Feb 1811 in "Dandridge Crossing," known today as White Pine, Jefferson Co., TN.

Christopher's two-room log cabin, built on Long Creek in the late 1700's during the time of the

State of Franklin, still exists. After the Civil War, the Moyers' heirs argued about the ownership of the cabin. The solution was to cut the cabin into two sections. Each part became a room in two new homes that were built. Today, these two homes containing the parts of the log cabin of Christopher Moyers can be found on Moyers Street in White Pine, Jefferson Co., TN. The original home of Henry Randolph and Susanna Moyers has also been preserved. It is contained in a home in White Pine, TN, that is known today as the "Biddle House."

In his journal in 1840, John B. Moyers, grandson of Christopher and Susanna, wrote "a short history of my forefathers."

My grandfather, Christopher Moyers was of German extraction, read that language fluently, was fond of books [. . .] He emigrated from Culpeper Co., Va. to Jefferson Co., Ten. & settled on Long Creek where he built one of the first grist mills in the County. He planted a fine orchard. The Milian apple tree and August pear of superior flavour was brought from Va. [. . .] He was an industrious farmer, and an upright & honest citizen [. . .] My grandmother Susannah Moyers was a thoroughgoing housewife, the best of cooks, fond of the dance and Christmas holidays. Grandfather Moyers lived to be about 75 years of age and Grandmother Moyers lived to be about 99 years of age. Both lie buried, side by side in their orchard.

My father, James Moyers was born in Va. He was of middle stature, had a free open Countenance, was very friendly, had dark hair and very expressive hazel eyes. He was a loving husband, an affectionate parent. He was much given to books, fond of poetry and sacred music [. . .] His intellect was clear, of strong mind, good judgment, a good farmer and provided well for the wants and education of his children [. . .]

This James Moyer and his wife Mary Blackburn were the parents of nine children who were all born in White Pine, TN:

- John Blackburn (30 Jan 1792 –) m. Mary Snoddy 15 Oct 1812. She was the daughter of Thomas Snoddy and Hannah Davis,
- Grizzelle (1794 –) m. John Mathis Patton 6 May 1813,
- Susanna (1796 –) m. Enoch Willoughby 6 May 1813,
- Christopher (1798 –) m. Sara McGowan 1 Feb 1822,
- James B. (24 Feb 1803 –) m.1 Cynthia Ann Carson 1 Sep 1824, m.2 June Mooneyham 16 Nov 1874 in Spencer, Van Buren Co., TN,⁸
- Jane M. (1805 –) m. Richard Hale 31 Dec 1831,

- George Alexander, (1805 –) m. Martha Catharine Nicholson 23 Nov 1826,
- Mary R. (1809 –),
- Alford Jefferson (24 Nov 1811 –) m. Jane Reams 29 Sep 1831.

Joshua Moyers (another son of Christopher, Jr.) and Joshua's first wife, Eliza Witt, were the parents of three children:

- Silas (1812 –) m.1 Elizabeth Ward 1 Feb 1840, m.2 Louisa _____ c 1842,
- John Coleman (1815 –) m. Phebe Ward 17 Oct 1833,
- Alfred J. (1823 –) m. Sara Davis 4 May 1839.

Adam Moyers, believed to be a younger brother of Christopher Moyers, Jun., was a communicant in the Hebron Lutheran Church in Virginia on Christmas 1775, sitting in the "single men's balcony" with Peter and Michael Koch, George Carpenter, Robert Fleishman, and Jacob Rousch. His last known appearance in Virginia was when he, along with Adam Koch, Nicholas Broyles, Michael Yager, and Samuel Rousch signed "*The Petition of the German Congregation of the County of Culpeper*," 22 Oct 1776.¹⁰

In 1781, Adam Moyers appears on the Washington Co., NC tax list with 100 acres of land, which he probably received for service in the North Carolina Army.¹¹ The location of this land is believed to be along the Nolichucky River near the border of present day Greene and Washington counties in Tennessee. Adam Moyers' neighbors in 1790 were Benjamin Eddings, Daniel Henderson, Casper & Jacob Miller, and Edmond & James Roberts.

The will of Adam Moyer was written on 7 Dec 1816 and probated on 25 Jan 1824. His wife, Mary, was to have the farm buildings, water, and timber during her lifetime or widowhood. The property was to be divided into two parts with the west side to go to the children of Adam's deceased son, William, and the east side to this son, John, and his heirs. The personal property was to be equally divided between his wife, Mary, and his four children or their heirs who were John, William deceased, Phebe Roberts, and Polly Ballard. The executors were Alexander Armstrong and John Rogers. One of the witnesses of the will was Nathaniel Smith, his brother-in-law. The other was Christopher Miller who married Adam's niece, Lee Ann Smith, daughter of Nathaniel Smith and Susanna Moyers.

The children of Adam and Mary Moyers were:

1. Phebe (c1764 –) m. John Roberts 7 Aug 1790,
2. William (1765/7 – bef. 1816),
3. John (1777/8 –) m. Lucinda (Lucy) Smith 1 Jan 1807. She was his first cousin, the daughter of Nathaniel Smith and Susanna Moyers,
4. Mary (Polly) m. John Ballard.

Phebe Moyers and John Roberts were the parents of seven children:

- William (23 Mar 1798 –) m. Mary Milard,
- Andrew (9 Jul 1800 –) m. Margaret McAmish,
- Elizabeth m. Joseph McNeese,
- Nancy m. Adam Buller,
- Jesse,
- Mary m. William McAmish,
- James V.

William Moyers and his wife Charlotte Smith were the parents of

- William, Jr. (1785/6 –) m. Charlotte Smith, his second cousin, daughter of Nathaniel and Susanna Moyers Smith. William Moyers was killed in the War of 1812 and Charlotte Smith Moyers m.2 William Pressley Holder and moved to Jefferson Co., TN where they were neighbors of David Moyers, son of Christopher and Susanna Moyers.

John Moyers and his wife Lucy Smith were the parents of eight children:

- John (1795 VA –),
- James (1808 –),
- Ezekiel (1812 –),
- John (1813/4 –),
- George A. (1817 –),
- William (1821 –),
- Nathaniel Smith (1824 –),

- Lucinda (1828 –).

1. Great, great, great granddaughter of Christopher and Susanna Moyer. She lives at 1009 S. Farragut Terr., Apt. 1, Philadelphia, PA 19143, PNDodge@aol.com.
2. John Blankenbaker, *The Hebron Communion Lists*, privately printed, 2001, p.5, 7, 9.
3. Ibid.
4. Christopher and his brother Adam were the only members of this family to add the "s" to their name.
5. Penelope Johnson Allen, *Tennessee Soldiers in the Revolution*, N.C. Rev. Army Accounts, 1935, v. 1, folio #4, p. 74.
6. *The Crossing, A History of White Pine, Tennessee*, 1986, p.8.
7. "Will of Christopher Moyers," *Will Book #1 Jefferson Co., Tennessee*, p.22 (probated 7 Sep 1813).
8. When James Moyers left Jefferson Co., he dropped the "o" in Moyers and his line became the first Moyers branch to be called MYERS. Christopher's other children retained the name MOYERS.
9. Even though Christopher and Susanna were communicants in the Hebron Lutheran Church in Virginia, Amelia is the only child found in the baptismal records. See George M. Smith, *Hebron Church Register 1750-1825*, 1981, v. 1, p. 16.
10. The Hebron Lutheran Church members petitioned for relief from support of the state church. See *Beyond Germanna*, v.4, n.1, p. 187f.
11. Allen, p. 92.

Documents Pertaining to the Gaars/Garrs

When Dr. John Wesley Garr and John Calhoun Garr (father and son) were working on the genealogy of the Garr family in the 1800's, they became aware that a member of the family held two documents which might tell something about the family. John Wesley Garr had them translated in 1840 by a Catholic priest of Jeffersonville, Indiana. (In 1894, the documents were in possession of Dr. James O. Garr of Kokomo, Indiana.) One document had been written by the pastor in Illenschwang, Germany, and the second by the Mayor and City Council of Dinkelsbühl in Germany. The texts follow.

From the Lutheran Minister at Illenschwang

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Whereas, Andreas Gar, subject of Dünkhofsbühl and weaver master of this town of Illenschwang has determined to leave this country with his wife Eve and his five children—viz., John Adam and Lorenz, Rosina, Maria Barbara, and Elizabeth Barbara—and as I have wished to dissuade the same and his family from their purpose, having been all along very dear parish children of mine, by the grace of God; but their purpose could not be altered, and so, at their request, I furnish them the following testimony, viz., That the said married couple have been lovers of the Word of God, have constantly attended public worship, and frequently received the sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" after having with devotion attended to the usual Confession and Repentance for sin; and in all other things have lived a Christian life; also that they have raised their children to perform holy and Christian works, so that they may now, as baptized children in the Christian doctrine, with the blessing of God, upon the foundation laid, build the superstructure. I now wish with all my heart that God may continue to govern the whole of them by His grace to preserve among them His Holy Word, to bless their outgoing and their incoming, to accompany them in all their ways, and to prosper their enterprise, that their spiritual and eternal welfare