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Letter from Mrs Linwood Hall's letter of Jan 25, 1955 to Irene Myers Rogers.....sent to D.A.R. Registrar fpr permit to copy papers.

Dear Mrs. Rogers,

I should address you as "Dear Irene" as we are cousins:

I was so happy to receive your letter. It came to me while I was in the hospital recovering from an operation-just came home Sunday and am at the up and down stage- in a few days or weeks I will be perfectly recovered.

Your ancestor was Rev. John Moyers, [first wife Mary Snoddy] and I decended from his youngest brother Alfred Jefferson Moyers, whose wife was Jane Reams. Rev. John and Alfred J. Moyers were sons of James Moyers and Mary Blackburn. James was the son of Christopher Moyers Jr and wife Susannah- do you have any idea as to the last name of Susannah? I know she lived to be 99 years old. I am writing all of this from memory as I must'nt get into my records yet--can't life boxes--but will give you in detail at a later date. I'm so happy to tell you all I know. I've made many trips back to Virginia doing research and proved the Moyers line back to 1717 and feel I am correct., but if you have any clues or traditions concerning the early ones- do wish you would pass them on to me- as more proof, the better. I have the exact date of James Moyers [wife Mary Blackburn] birth which was in Culpepper Co. Va. I don't have the birthday of Christopher Moyers Jr, but his will is recorded in Jefferson Co. Tenn. about 1790-92. He was son [according to proof which satifies me] of Christopher Sr. and wife Catherine. This Christopher Sr. was son of George Mayer or Moyer [s] and wife Barbara. This George was in 1717 Colony that landed in Va. This Colony had hard luck as the Captain of the ship deserted them and they were made to pay for their passages over by Gov. Spottswood. Finally the eighth year they rebelled and went to court.

In 1726-28 George received a land grant. The story of this 1717 Colony is written up in Virginia Magazine, also in History of Hebron Church of Madisin Co. Virginia. You have probably read the sad story. I read it a long time before I found our Moyers were in this group. The original German records are now in the courthouse at Madison Va. As you know, the county lines changed. Our Moyers were in Spottsylvania Co., Orange Co., and Culpepper- later Madison Co. came out of this area.

If you have any traditions which were handed down in family will you please tell them to me.

From Ruth Carpenter Hall to Irene Moyers Rogers, Feb. 18, 1955 letter continued.

Old Hebron Church is where the early Germans attended church, it is near banks of Robinson River- I was there one Sunday and sat next to a Mr. Blankenbeker. This was a name in the 1717 Colony with our Moyer family. The records of this church are in the original German [also transcribed] in the courthouse at Madison Co. - seat of Madison Co. These land records of George Moyer also appear in the German records in the Madison Courthouse.

In the baptismal records of these Germans is name of CHristopher and Susannah Mayer and Amilia- April 19, 1777- May 18, 1777. And in the Easter Festical list of the Hebron CHurch are following names- Susanna Mayer, Christopher Mayer, Sen. wife Catherine. Under thesse names are Moses Clore, Eliz. Fleshman, Magdalene Mayer, Communicants of Hebron Church- 1775. Pg. 2 [Chrsitmas] Dec, 25, 1775

Andrew Carpenter- wife Barbara

Cornelius Carpenter

John Wayland wife Catherine

Christoper Mayer wife Susannah

Christopher Mayer wife Catherine

Valentine Hart wife Anna Maria

Adam Mayer

Michael Creil
Peter Clore wife Maria
George Christopher wife Magdaline
Adolph Uback wife Anna Maria
Christopher Blankenbecker wife Christina
Benj. Garr wife Margaret
Michael Clore wife Margaret
John Wilhoit

August 29, 1784- members who partook of the Holy Communion Hebron Church

Christopher Mayer wife Catherine

Joshua Yager
Zacharias Fleshman
Michael Hause

Communicants on First Sunday after Easter 1787

Christopher Meyer [this spelling] wife Catherine

Baptismal records

Jacob Tanner
Frederick Tanner
Elizabeth Holtzclaw
Samuel Rausch
Joseph Schneider
Dan. Telp
Wm. Carperter- wife Maria
Eliz. Blankenbeker
Maria Utz
Nicholas Wilhoit
John Finks
Barbara Carpenter
Eva Fisher
Maria Wayland
Christopher Meyer, Jun. [Mayer]
Magdalene Mayer
Peeter Clore

[date prob. 1776, not clear]

And there were many more records- I believe this will show you that the Mayer family was there! As you know the spelling of the name was many different ways. I was told by a Mr. Moyers of Va. [he was very old] that the name was spelled M-A-Y-E-R in beginning.

This deed Jan. 9, 1745 between George Moyer of Co. Orange on one part of Peter Weaver of same co. - 198 acres being part of patent formerly granted to sd. George Moyer, for 498 acres bearing date the 28 day of Sept. 1728, etc. signed by George Moyer. The witnesses to deed were G. Home, George Utz, George Glore [Clore] OrangeCo. Va. Apr. 24, 1746. Deed book 10, p. 294.

Deed of Gift from George Moyer to his first son Christopher Moyer, Orange Co. Va. March 24, 1749.- Orange Co. and Parish of St. Mark. land containing 300 acres lying in Orange Co. on north side of Robinson River - this part of the patent to George Moyer dated Sept. 28, 1728. Deed book 4, p. 356, Orange Co. Va. Courthouse. In Aug. 1744 Christopher Moyer sold this land to Michael Clore. See deed book 9, p. 197, Orange Co, Courthouse. His wife Catherine appeared in Court and relenquished her right of dower.

Well, it seems George was the immigrant, Christopher Sr. was his son and Christopher Moyer, Jr. [wife Susannah] was son of Christopher Sr. I would say our Christopher Jr was born about 1740 and was the one that was in Revolutionary War, the one that went to Jefferson Co. Tenn. about 1790. I do wish we could find the last name of Susannah--do you have any clues? Somewhere there was a marriage record of Christopher Moyers who married a Miss Dictum. A cousin in Chicago wrote me about finding this marriage but I never did run it down.

I was quite interested in what you said about your grandfather saying that three of his ancestors went to Tenn. and fought in Battle of King's Mt. seeing the rich land and later returned to Tenn. and you named John Blackburn, John Davis, John Snoddy and Christopher Moyers. This is four! Will you please make this more clear-DID HE SAY CHRISTOPHER MOYERS WAS ONE OF THE THREE THAT FOUGHT? I am very anxious to prove this point. I sent in to D.A.R. as supplemental, Christopher Moyers, Myer etc. as a Lieut. in Rev. Was and it was accepted. See Hist. Register of Virginians in the Rev. by John H. Gwathmey- page 576. He was at Valley Forge. He was Lt. in 8th Va. Reg. May 1778-see W.D. payroll Washington 173, 1 was also in 4th Va. Reg. Dec. 1778 under Maj. Wm. Croghan W.D. page 86,2. He rec'd Bounty Warrant, awarded 2666 acres of land. If you can give me more proof of our Christopher's service I should appreciate it. I am wondering if records in Tenn. , prob. Jefferson Co., would show any Rev. service?

One point I would like to have an opinion from you- in the scrap book of Rev John Moyers it was stated that Christopher never did profess religion. I am wondering if they did not consider the church in Virginia as having professed religion.It appears to me he was very active. What do you think? Also Susannah.

If you see anything in this I am sending that ties in with what you have always heard about the family will you please tell me. Sometime when you are in Nashville Library look in William and Mary College Quarterly Vol. 26 [1st series] pages 82, 94, 186, 187. This gives the early history of the 1717 Colony, all about their struggles with Gov. Spottswood. Also ask for History of Hebron Lutheran Church, Madison Co. Virginia from 1717 to 1907, by Rev W.P. Huddle, Pastor. Published by Henkle & Co. New Market, Va. 1908.

Your saying your grandfather told about the ill-fated voyage from Germany to America and they had to work very hard to pay for passage, gives me great satisfaction as it helps to prove I am correct in assuming The George Moyer of 1717 is our immigrant ancestor. I have never heard anything about this story in my family. I found it in the Va. State Library, in the Spotsylvania Co. records. These people worked seven years in iron mines to pay for passage then had to go to court trying to free themselves form Gov. Spottswood who wanted them to work another year. They were not allowed to own land at first. You must read about them in the William and Mary Quarterly books. If you can think of anything more that your grandfather told you about the first ones please let me know. Every tiny clue helps! Do you know from what part of Germany they came? I intend to be in Germany next summer, might get a chance to have research done there. I know a young Judge in West Berlin who was a guest in our home the past winter, he was a student at college here and came to see us about three times a week.

Well, cousin Irene, in the enclosed material I have tried to give you the main points. It is a pleasure to find another who is interested and working for a "common cause"- let's keep up the good work and maybe one of these days we will have the complete picture. I suppose there are many decensants of our Moyers family in Tenn. and all over, as far as that is concerned, so it is my hope that somewhere we will find one who has kept the family records from the beginning! What I have uncovered has not been easy- has taken many year, trips back to Va. & much letter writing.

You are probably closely related to Mrs. Jack Perkins of Dallas. She was Winnie Moyers of Tenn., a descendent of Rev. John Moyers and wife Mary Snoddy.

Yes, you have my permission to copy my D.A.R.line of Christopher Moyers, Jr.My D.A.R. no. is 311870. I have this in supplemental line. Have three lines established and four more pending.. I have the Blackburn line already established. All my Moyers dates are not complete. D.A.R. is getting very strict about records.

The marriage of James moyers [wife Mary Blackburn] is Greenville Tenn. [Greene Co. records]

I am so very happy we have found eachother, and later I'll give you data in detail. In the meanwhile please tell me what you know about the earlier ones. The more complete the picture theb etter.

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Best Wishes,
Ruth Hall