

attaching comments by Timothy Barlow; 2018 thank you for the information Mr. Barlow. Your comments are very helpful in distinguishing George Christian Sr. from George W. Christian his son. I haven't made corrections to the following notes yet with the exception of a correction noting Harriet Christian married to James Eldridge was the sister of George Christian and not his daughter who is also named Harriet. (debra 2018)

George Christian Sr was never referred to as George W. Christian, only as George Christian. Whenever you see George W. Christian it refers to his son (1802-1892). In fact it is modern descendants like myself that calls old George Christian (1769-1770) George Christian Sr. He never used Sr or any middle initial W., Or a middle name. George W. Christian was a very wealthy man. He did a lot of business in the Upper Cumberland and regularly in Nashville. Lumber and the making of barrels out of his lumber. He bought and sold land. He was elected 3 times as Overton Co Circuit Court clerk. Elected Overton Co Sheriff. He paid the bank note in question by himself.

The following court mins. involve Thomas Eldridge. In some of the mins. Thomas is mentioned with George Christian also. Christian was the brother in law of my 4th Great Grandmother Catherine Eldridge McCormick. These records give me a connection to Thomas Eldridge being the brother of Catherine Eldridge. The court mins. also reveal to me that these family's who are shown in census records to hold valuable property and assets began in 1860 at the time of the Civil War to experience financial repercussions of that period. George McCormick my 4th Great Grandfather and husband of Catherine is also mentioned in the following excerpt' of those mins.? *(not sure if the following court entries are referring to George Christian Sr. or George Worth Christian Jr.)*

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I have only posted a few of the court entries that are related to family members, but must mention that I was so suprised to see that there were a great number of entries for divorce in this area during the time period. Also several entries for tresspass, assault were seen among the neighbors of my family. What a trying time for these folks to endure. With the everyday life responsibilities of keeping a home, working a farm and providing the basics needed for the family the Civil War brought so many new hardships. Disputes of neighbors that disagreed on the issue's of the war. The often documented strife of living with the threat of Bushwackers or those that took advantage of the men folk being off fighting then robbing, raping and sometimes killing those elderly or very young male and female family members that remained at home. Our family's home state of Tennessee was known to be split in the decision to join the succession of the Union and become involved in the Civil War. Tennessee being one of the last states to join the succession. How sad that the issues of slavery though not directly connected to many of the family's of the area that never believed in slavery or owned slaves still created suffering and hardships for them simply because they had farms in this area.

This story will be updated and information added as it is found. It is to be continued.
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