

CHRISTMAS DAY 1992 GENEALOGY TIDBITS

Dear Dan:

Thank you for the great "CHRISTMAS EVE" that has become "Traditional" family night, in your home.

Thank you for your reading of the Bible, your gentle reminder "all on CHRISTMAS EVE" was not just Santa and toys." This was appreciated.

You know of your Dads Catholic background and he was baptised in the Catholic Church serving as Alter Boy married in the Catholic Church. The first Catholic and non-Catholic marriage allowed inside a Cathedral...Your grandmther Margaret Martin asked and received a special dispensation from the Pope for this.

I could not rightfully join the Catholic Church because I could not believe in going to Confession for forgiveness through a Priest. I told the Father who married us....if I did wrong, I felt it was my place to ask forgiveness and do better directly to God. His reply " George I wish we could make a Catholic out of her...for she would be a darned good one!"

I do not remeber if I , on my own, was Baptised at the Linwood Presbyterian Church (about 13 to 16) yrs of age or not. Less than you think I had no religion in my background....I attended Bible School as a child and sang in the Junior Choir. The Hallelula Chorus at Easter was one of my finest hours. Our Junior choir had practised every week our parts, but never worked with the other choirs. When the professional Choir behind the pulpits and, we came in with our younger voices, the little childrens Choir with the baby voices followed as baby angels. HARRY ROGERS our minister, was nationally known His church the finest (architectually and religiously) in the entire Country. Linwood Blvd was lined with fine churches of all religions. Today one cannot drive safely in this area even to reminsce.....what a pity.

In my genealogy research of the Crutcher ancestors I found many ministers, Presbyterian, Baptists. Being most Confedate and southerners they were mostly Southern Baptists.

My Dad was the most generous and kind man that ever lived. He would and did give his last quarter "to someone who needed it more than me."