

Notations from Opal's Copy of *Christy*

The notes made by Opal in her copy of *Christy* are in bold font.

THANK YOU PAGE

(Top of page) **These names on this page were real names. All in the book were changed to other people. The river is really the French Broad. I gave her the old Sunday school records and she looked in telephone books in Newport for names.**

(Bottom of page) **The Lee family that met them were the Ben Myers family
Ben (8/28/09 - 4/24/65) - Mr. Lee
Opal - Mary Lee
Boys - Cary, Seldon, Larry Conn**

THE CHARACTERS

Most of characters are two people put together as one

Christy Rudd Huddleston – **Leonora Whitaker, married John Wood**

Alice Henderson – **Not real person**

David Grantland – **John Wood**

Ida Grantland – **Leonora's sister**

Dr. Neil MacNeil – **Not real person**

Jeb Spencer – **Toliver (T.J.) Corn (7/9/1854 – 11/6/30)**

Fairlight Spencer – **Suzanne Corn (3/1/1855 – 5/10/28) & Carrie Teague**

Uncle Bogg McHone – **Bogg Click**

Tom McHone – **Tom Click**

Nathan O'Teale, rough highlander – **Click Family**

Swannie O'Teale, his wife.

 Their children: Wilmer, half-witted, epileptic son; Smith; Orter Ball; Mountie; George;
 Thomas; Mary

Ozias Holt – **D. F. Turner**

Bird's-Eye Taylor, feuder and blockader – **Tom Pack – 2 people in 1** – [couldn't read second name]

Lundy Taylor – **Wiley**

Duggin Morrison – **John Fish**

Ruby Mae – **Miss Minnie Fish**

The Beck Family – **The Hux Family**

 Their children: Will, Clarabelle, Rorex, Wanda, Ann, Joshua Bean

Aunt Polly Teague – **Marg Humphreys**

Granny Barclay – **Cassie Ball**

Mrs. Tatum, the boarding-house lady – **Beulah Burnette**

Ben Pentland, the mailman – **Belt or Jim Griffin, they both carried the mail, Belt was Miss Minnie's uncle.**

(Notes about Ruby Mae) **Minnie Fish “Ruby Mae” slept at my house for 12 years—going home each day for a while. The Ruby Mae in real life never married but she had many ‘fellows.’ Her lover was killed in WWI. His name was Carl Robinson.**

DOWN IN THE VALLEY

Christy's family lived in NC near by. She really got on the train at Asheville and came down by the French Broad River to Del Rio. I don't see why she changed the name of the Depot. Del Rio Post Office has been moved about 1/4 mile and depot moved away. Del Rio has no store now only a church and a few nice homes. One house that belonged to a wealthy family is being made into a ceramic plant. It's painted the prettiest yellow. Cutter Gap is really Ebenezer.

PROLOG

“The twelve miles from Lyleton to El Pano....” [Opal had underlined the words “Lyleton” and “El Pano and to the side wrote “**Newport**” and “**Del Rio**.”

“Mary and mother kept up a lively conversation...” [Opal had underlined the word “Mary” and written “**me**” to the side.

“The huge concert grand....” (entire sentence underlined)

“Father was certain he could entrust me to Dr. Ferrand...” [Opal underlined the word “Ferrand” and wrote “**Dr. Guarrant the father of the one that was at Highland when I got there.**”