

The *Bounty's* Primogeniture and the Thursday-Friday Conundrum

Dr. Donald Albert, a PISG member and professor of geography at Sam Houston State University in Texas, has authored a deeply researched treatise on Thursday October Christian. He has made the article, published in the *Athens Journal of Humanities and Arts* (April 2020), available to reader of the *Log* free of charge (see information below).

The article is an academic biography of an obscure individual born of the ashes of the HMAV *Bounty* on remote, inaccessible, and uninhabited Pitcairn Island in 1790. Thursday October Christian is best known to amateur and professional historians, philatelists, and others interested in the romance and adventure of the South Seas.

He was 18 years old when he first had contact with the outside world with the arrival of the American sealer Mayhew Folger of the *Topaz* in 1808. In the 40 years of his life he would meet, greet, and otherwise interact with sealers, whalers, naval officers, traders, and others calling on Pitcairn.

This article synthesizes these disparate encounters while exploring a name change conundrum revolving around the protagonist. Thursday October Christian was an ordinary person whose life story

now lingers in disparate reports, notices, and accounts of archived and otherwise rare documents.

To read the entire article, go to <https://doi.org/10.30958/ajha.7-2-1>



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Norfolk Island stamp honoring Thursday October Christian.

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