

In 1871 we find Robert Murray still working on the streets and ask to open a road to the cemetery. At the city council meeting held on September 25, 1871, the council passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Murray for his promptness and efficiency in grading up this street.

Then on January 8, ~~1872~~¹⁸⁷⁷ Christena's mother died at age 49 leaving a great sorrow. Christena was only 8 years old and without a mother. It was during 1873 that an diptheria epidemic swept through Wellsville that perhaps is what took her *mother*.

On March 16, 1874 her brother William married Sarah June Parker and began his own home. There were still John age 16 at home and Thomas age 13, George age 6. This gave Christena lots of work to do around home to help out.

There is no information as to how much schooling she had, but undoubtedly she attended some, as was the custom. Although her brother William said he attended very little, as he had no interest and I presume that for a young girl with no mother there was lots to do at home. She was baptized on July 18, 1875 in the creek just below the Brenchly home, where a box dam had been built to hold back the water so it was deep enough to make a place to be submerged totally under water.