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**Family Bible Records**  
**Collection Number: 1693 THL/WFCHS**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Initial processing undertaken in 2017. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in June 2024.

**EXTENT:** 1.04 linear feet, plus 10 complete family Bibles

**DATE:** 1747-1980

**LANGUAGE OF MATERIALS:** English and German

**EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES:** FamilySearch (then operating as the Genealogical Society of Utah) digitized this collection in 2007. The collection is available online through [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org). Use the catalog to search for author as “Handley Regional Library.” Click on “Virginia/West Virginia, genealogical collections, 1600’s-2005.” From there search for desired family name folder title. Please ask staff for assistance if needed.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** The Family Bible Records collection consists of a number of miscellaneous files with manuscript and photocopy excerpts from family Bibles belonging to individuals and families from the Winchester-Frederick County area. The excerpts generally record birth, death, and marriage dates and sometimes other personal and family information. The collection also includes complete Bibles. The family record information from these Bible has been photocopied.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** The practice of recording family information in a Bible has a long history, but became increasingly common as printing technology improved and Bibles became cheaper to purchase. In the late 1700s a printer in Massachusetts became the first to offer a Bible for sale with a section for recording births, deaths, and marriages. Bibles with these blank register pages were popular during the nineteenth century and often given as gifts to newly married couple.

For family history researchers these family Bible records are important sources of genealogical information, especially where vital statistics do not exist. Virginia did not begin to record vital statistics until 1853, and even then the information was not consistently reported to the state. Between 1896 and 1912 there was a hiatus when the state did not require the reporting of births and deaths. Bible records may help uncover family information when the record of vital statistics is absent or incomplete.

Researchers should pay close attention to the date of publication or printing of the Bible and the penmanship of the entries. In some cases people copied information into a Bible record from another source or from memory well after an event occurred and, while still valuable, the information may contain errors.

**RELATED MATERIAL:** Several other collections contain family Bible records and may be found by searching for "Bible Records" in the Handley Library Catalog.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift of multiple donors.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**COMPLETE FAMILY BIBLES, SHELVED WITH COLLECTION**

German Language Bible, Leather Bond, n.d., earliest inscription dated October 3, 1810, only name recognizable is George Snyder born 1812.

Old German Language Leather Bound Bible printed in Nuremburg, Germany, 1747

Stephenson, William (Grandfather of Maggie Henkel, 1888) Bible, 1829

Miller, Mary Stuart Bible, 1855

Stephenson, George G. Bible, 1853

Sloat Family Bible, [18??]

Staub and Hess Family Bible Records (1809-1947), American Bible Society, New York, NY, 1875

Miller, John S. and Meinke Families, Green Bound Cover Bible, English Language, Old and New Testaments, London and Philadelphia, PA

Douglass, Adam Bible, Black Cover inside Beige Box, English Language, Old and New Testament, Matthew Carey Publishing, Philadelphia, PA

Fawett Family Bible, Black Cover, Old and New Testament, A. J. Holman & Co., 1873, Philadelphia, PA (Genealogical data between the Old and New Testament, includes Fawcett and Ginn Families)

**BOX 1**

Box 1 contains photocopies of genealogical materials and loose items from the complete family Bibles listed above.

Douglass, Adam Bible Genealogical Material, transcript of genealogical material from Bible, 1771-1863, 2 leaves, typescript.

Fawcett Family Bible, 1873 (contains the following):

Pages from family Bible, 4 pages, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

Funeral book from service for Sarah Elizabeth Williams, July 16, 1935, 1 item

Report cards for Lucy Belle Fawcett and Denzel Fawcett, 1929, 1937-1938, 3 items, printed

Loose papers from Bible, 3 items

Loose items from Old German Language Bible, 1761-1812 (contains the following):

Pressed flowers

Records from Bible, no title page, 3 items

Funeral notice for Margaret Gallagher, March 24, 1818, 1 item, printed

Pages from 1887 calendar, 2 pages, printed

Clipping, religious observance, 1 item, printed

Receipt, 1 item, manuscript

Note, written in German, 1 item, manuscript

Loose items found in Old German Language Bible, 1747-1812 (contains the following):

Page from Bible, dated 1779, in German, with following note in English "Presented to the Young Mens Christian Association of Winchester by John [S.] Kline son of Daniel Kline," dated 1873, 1 leaf, photocopy

Article, "Dr. Clark Presents Bible to Eddy," *Winchester Evening Star*, October 1, 1952, 1 page, photocopy

Miller, John S. -- Genealogical Material from Bible dated 1850 (contains the following):

Pages from John S. Miller Bible, including title page, 5 pages, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

Loose items found in Bible, 3 items

Miller, Mary Stuart -- Genealogical Material from Miller Bible, 1824-1905 (contains the following):

Bible record, including title page, 5 pages, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

Family register of Abraham Miller, 1 leaf, printed, photocopy

Obituaries, 4 leaves, printed, photocopies

Sloat Family -- Genealogical Material from Sloat Bible, 1820-1940 (contains the following):

Family Bible record, includes title page, 5 pages, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

Transcript of Bible record, 1 leaf, typescript

Staub/Hess -- Genealogical Material, 1809-1947, 4 leaves, manuscript on printed form, photocopies.

Stephenson, George G. -- Genealogical Material from George G. Stephenson Bible, 1816-1924, Family record pages from Stephenson's Bible, including title page, 6 pages, manuscript on printed form, photocopies.

Stephenson, William, Genealogical Material from William Stephenson's Bible, 1782-1888 (contains the following):

Family Bible records, 10 pages, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

Death notices, 2 leaves, photocopies

Family registers and other data for Miller Family, 2 items, printed, photocopies

Genealogical notes, 3 leaves, manuscript

## **BOX 2 (Family Bible Records with A to L Surnames)**

[Folder 1693-8] Affleck Family Bible Records, 1823-1905 (contains the following):

Records of marriage, birth, and death from Bible printed 1854, 6 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

Newspaper obituaries, clippings and funeral cards, 20 leaves, photocopies

[Folder 1693-60] Anderson, Thomas Family Bible Records, 1799-1974 -- Records of marriage, birth, and death information pertaining to Anderson, Laura G Dunlap, and their family, 7 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-16] Baker, Benjamin Family Bible Records, 1792-1963 (contains the following):

Records from the pages of a Bible owned by Benjamin Baker (1824-1902), 11 leaves, manuscript, photocopies  
Transcript of Benjamin Baker Bible, 10 leaves, typescript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-13] Baker - Foster Family Bible Records, 1753, 1812 (contains the following):  
Transcript of records of marriage, birth, and death from Bible printed 1812, 9 leaves, typescript, photocopies  
List of German Baker (Becker) pioneers on the ship "Louisa" to Philadelphia and their progeny, 2 leaves,  
typescript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-25] Baldwin and Roe Family Bible Records, 1842-1942 - marriage, birth, and death information,  
3 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-2] Barr, Anna Wattson Family Bible Records, 1853 (contains the following):  
Records of marriage, birth, and death listed by Anna Barr in 1853, 8 leaves, manuscript, photocopies  
Typescript of records of marriage, birth, and death listed by Anna Barr in 1853, 7 leaves, typescript

[Folder 1693-9] Bell Family Bible Records, 1899-1974 (contains the following):  
Records of marriage, birth, and death, 8 leaves, manuscript, photocopies  
Funeral cards, newspaper obituaries, birth announcement, 5 leaves, photocopies  
Article, "The Origin of Evil," *The Present Truth*, Jan 1929, 4 leaves, photocopy

[1693-70] Borden Family Bible Records (contains the following):  
Family Bible record of Borden family Bible, 3 leaves, manuscript, photocopies  
Transcript of Borden family Bible listing of marriages, births, and deaths from 1850 -1922 in direct line of  
Abraham Perry Borden from Reinhard Borden, German immigrant circa 1738, 5 leaves, typescript

[Folder 1693-62] Bowen Family Bible Records (1840-1901)  
Records from Bible printed 1849 of J R Bowen (includes signature photocopy), records marriages, births,  
deaths, 6 leaves, manuscript, photocopies.

[Folder 1693-47] Bowman Family Bible Records, 1749-1820  
Records from a Bible on file with the Pensions of Lexington, KY, in the name of Abraham Bowman, 2 leaves,  
typed, photocopies.

[Folder 1693-48] Bowman Family Bible Records, 1874-1904 -- Original front page from the Sunday-School  
Teacher's Bible 1895, and manuscript list, on the reverse side of Concordance page, in pencil of births, deaths,  
and church confirmation from 1874 -1904; 2 leaves, manuscript

[Folder 1693-18] Campbell – Sonner Family Bible Records, 1833-1886  
Records from Sonner-Campbell Bible, 3 leaves, manuscript, photocopies  
Death notices from newspapers, 1 leaf, printed, photocopy

[Folder 1693-15] Cannon, Thomas Family Bible Records, 1810-1900 - Family Bible record for Thomas  
Cannon's Bible, 5 leaves, manuscript, photocopy

[Folder 1693-37] Carson Family Bible Records, 1772-1982 (contains the following):  
Records from Carson family Bible, 4 leaves, manuscript, photocopies  
Article, "Carson Family Bible, Winchester, VA" from the journal *Frederick Findings* (Summer 1996), 3  
leaves, printed

[Folder 1693-29] Childers Family Bible Records, 1819-1841 (contains the following):  
Records from Childers family Bible, 5 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

Information on Childers family, 3 leaves, typescript  
CD with copies of Bible records

[Folder 1693-52] Cole Family Bible Records, 1869-1943 – 5 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-65] Davison Family Bible Records, 1797-1874 – 3 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-32] Deeds Family Bible Records, 1890-1927 – 2 pages, manuscript

[Folder 1693-46] DeHaven Family Bible Records, 1856-1931 -- 3 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-67] Ebert Family Bible Records, 1822-1900 (contains the following):

Records of marriages, births and deaths, 5 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

Obituary notices, 2 leaves, printed, photocopies

[Folder 1693-14] Edwards, Mahlon Family Bible Records, 1825-1838 (contains the following):

Family record page with births and deaths, 1 leaf, manuscript

Census records for 1850 of Mahlon and Barbara Edwards, Loudoun County, VA from AncestryLibrary.com, photocopy

[Folder 1693-7] Elliott Family Bible Records, 1816-1888 – marriages, births, and deaths from a Bible published in Philadelphia, 1853, 7 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-31] Engleman Family Bible Records, 1893-1885 – 6 pages, including undated title page, manuscript on printed form.

[Folder 1693-49] Funkhouser Family Bible Records, 1801-1928 – Family record, 8 leaves, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

[Folder 1693-63] Gano Family Bible Records, 1794-1953 – Transcript of family records copied from family Bible of Daniel K. Gano, printed 1858, 10 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-66] Gray Family Bible Records, 1796-1927 – 4 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-26] Grim and Trenary Family Bible Records and Papers, 1780-1974 (contains the following):

Family Bible record from Bible published in 1849, 8 pages, manuscript

Genealogical notes, 5 leaves, manuscript

Deed, John W. Grim (grantor) and Mary Susan and Charles H. Trenary (grantees), February 26, 1884, 1 leaf, manuscript, 32 x 21 cm (21 x 8 cm folded)

Certificate of Baptism, Margaret Ann Faulkner, June 26, 1853

School Reports for Meta Trenary, 1902, 1907, 2 items, manuscript on printed form

Summons, Frederick Co., VA, October 4, 1887

Deed, Alfred and Roxaline Windle (grantors) and John W. Grim (grantee), July 27, 1846, 41 x 32 cm ( 21 x 8 cm folded)

News articles and funeral cards, 1889-1927, 10 items, printed

Letter, Notice of Meeting from Grand Lodge of Virginia, March 20, 1895, 1 leaf, typescript

Letter, T. B. Davis to Meta C. Wingfield, December 1, 1933, 1 leaf, typescript

[Folder 1693-24] Harmon, Henry Family Bible Records, 1744-1859 -- transcript of birth, death and marriages, 1 leaf, manuscript

[Folder 1693-23] Heronimus, Frederick N. and Mona Hutchinson Family Bible Records, 1815-1880 (contains the following):

Record of births, deaths and marriages from family Bible, 5 leaves, manuscript, photocopies  
Transcript of above record, 4 leaves, typescript

[Folder 1693-1] Kanode Family Bible Records, 1788-1975 (contains the following):

Pages from family Bible record, including title page and frontispiece illustration, 7 leaves, printed and manuscript, photocopies

Family tree and notes, 2 leaves, manuscript and typescript

[Folder 1693-56] Kelchner Family Bible Records, 1822-1889, 4 leaves, photocopy, births, marriages, and deaths, and Bible title page

[Folder 1693-43] Krebs, Conrad Family Bible Records and Genealogical Material

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[Folder 1693-51] Kemp Family Bible Records, 1787-1812, 5 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-61] Kump Family Bible Records, 1798-1932, includes Bible cover page, 6 leaves, photocopies

[Folder 1693-20] Lewis, James Bible Records, 1818-1900, pages from Bible, including family record and title page, 8 pages, printed and manuscript

[Folder 1693-71] Lewis, John Family Bible Records, 1713-1882 (contains the following):

Pages from Welsh Bible published 1727, 15 pages, printed and manuscript

Transcription of above Bible pages, 5 leaves, manuscript

[Folder 1693-44] Linch Family Bible Records, 1841- 1885 (contains the following):

Pages from Bible published in 1846, 8 pages, printed and manuscript

Transcription of Bible record, 2 leaves, manuscript

[Folder 1693-35] Long, Emanuel and Elizabeth Miller Family Bible Records, 1841-1920, pages from Bible, including title page, 3 leaves, printed and manuscript

### **BOX 3 (M – Z Surnames)**

[Folder 1693-21] McVicar Family Bible Records 1841-1884 (contains the following):

Family Bible record, including title page, 2 pages, manuscript on printed form

Ephemera, Poetry for a blind man and decorative card with Clara Belle in pencil on back, 2 items

[1693-28] Mauck Family Bible records, 1782-1927, also includes Ruffner, Rothgeb families (contains the following):

Family Bible record, 14 pages, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

Transcript of family Bible record, 5 pages, typescript

Transcript of family Bible record, 5 leaves

CD of family Bible record

[Folder 1693-41] Millson, Mary Sturman (Parker) Family Bible Records, 1834-1895 (contains the following)

Family Bible record, 2 pages, including title page, manuscript on printed form, photocopy

Transcript of family Bible record, 5 leaves, typescript

Transcript of family Bible record, 3 leaves, typescript

Transcript of family Bible record, 2 leaves, typescript  
Email concerning history of Bible, 1 leaf, printed

[Folder 1693-72] Miner Family Bible Records, 1769-1944 –*Family Bible Records*, Second Series, Compiled by Elizabeth Hayward (New Jersey, 1948), 1 item, printed.

[Folder 1693-11] Morris, Nathan Family Bible Records, 1771-1933 – *The Nathan Morris Bible: A Listing of Family History Information*, compiled by J. Norman Reid (1998), 1 item, printed.

[Folder 1693-39] Ogden Family Bible Records, 1860-1948 (contains the following):  
Family Bible record, includes title page, 8 pages, manuscript on printed form  
Newspaper Clippings, death, birth & marriage notices, 12 leaves, printed, photocopy  
Postcard to Mrs. Joseph Ogden, 1908, 1 item  
Funeral cards: Joseph Ogden, died 1931 and Dr. James R Fletcher, died 1926.

[Folder 1693-45] Payne Family Bible Records, 1778-1900 - Transcript of family Bible records, 6 leaves, typescript, photocopy

[Folder 1693-45] Plank Family Bible Records, 1894-1971 (contains the following):  
Family Bible record, 3 pages, manuscript on printed form, photocopies  
Article concerning Pansy Plank, “Out of the past,” *Winchester Star*, January 23, 2012, A8

[Folder 1693-69] Pratt Family Bible Records, 1802-1960 – 3 pages, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

[Folder 1693-2] Pulse, George Family Bible Records, 1797-1841 – 6 pages, including title page, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

[Folder 1693-57] Richardson Family Bible Records, 1822-1874 (contains the following):  
Family Bible record, 5 pages including title page from 1855 Bible, manuscript on printed form, photocopies  
Research history page, 1 leaf, typescript

[Folder 1693-54] Roach Family Bible records, 1849-1884 (contains the following):  
Family Bible record, including title page from 1903, 4 pages, manuscript on printed form  
Envelope containing “Mr. John Scott Roche’s Hair/also an account of his death/my Dear old Dad. Laura L. Lineburg,” 1 item  
Flyer, Church service at Burnt Presbyterian Church, Albin, Va., 1943, 1 item, typescript  
News clippings, 7 items, printed  
Funeral cards, 5 items, printed  
Envelope containing news clippings and notes concerning Harry A. Moorehead, 10 items, printed and manuscript  
Ephemera, 2 items, printed

[Folder 1693-34] Roberts, Thomas Family Bible Records, 1787-1896 (contains the following):  
Family Bible record, 5 leaves, manuscript on printed form, photocopy  
Information regarding Sarah Broom, 2 leaves, printed, photocopies

[Folder 1993-54] Roe Family Bible Records, 1848-1942-Family Bible record, includes title page from 1878 Bible, 3 leaves, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

[Folder 1693-53] Russell Family Bible Records, 1800-1877 (contains the following):  
Family Bible record, 2 leaves, manuscript on printed form, photocopies  
Obituaries, 2 items, printed, photocopies

[Folder 1693-3] Seibert Family Bible Records, 1848-1925  
Transcript of Seibert Bible, published 1874, 1 leaf, typescript

[Folder 1693-4] Sencindiver/Borum Bible Records, 1807-1959  
Transcript of Family Bible record from an 1840 Bible, 1 leaf, typescript

[Folder 1693-10] Shaffer, Daniel Family Bible Records, 1809-1980 – Family Bible record, 10 pages,  
manuscript on printed form, photocopies

[Folder 1693-55] Shumate Family Bible Records, 1790-1919 – Family record pages, 2 pages, manuscript on  
printed form

[Folder 1693-22] Smith, Nannie Miller Bible Records, 1768- 1962 (contains the following):  
Family Bible record, 14 pages, manuscript on printed form  
Marriage certificate, Wm. H. Smith and Nannie S. Miller, October 21, 1879, 1 item, manuscript on printed form  
Marriage certificate, Edward B. Sheetz and Caroline Smith, November 9, 1922, 1 item, manuscript on printed  
form, plus envelope  
Wedding invitations, 1910-1944, 5 items, printed  
Family history notes, 1 leaf, manuscript

[Folder 1693-73] Southerly, Harvey and Annie Family Bible Records, 1862-1969 – Family Bible record,  
2 leaves, photocopies

[Folder 1693-42] Staples Family Bible Records, 1875-1928 (contains the following):  
Family Bible record, with title page dated 1909, 8 pages, manuscript on printed form  
Family history notes, 1 leaf, manuscript  
Newspaper articles, inc. obituary of Robert N. Staples, 2 items, printed

[Folder 1693-27] Striker Family Bible Records, 1810-1889 – Family Bible record, includes title page dated  
1846, 4 pages, manuscript on printed form

[Folder 1693-50] Swimley Family Bible Records, 1811-1912 (contains the following):  
Family Bible record, with undated title page, 5 leaves, manuscript on printed form, photocopies  
Family history notes, 3 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-58] Vanzant, Isaiah Family Bible Records, 1793-1941 (contains the following):  
Family history notes, 3 leaves, manuscript, photocopies  
Transcript of family record, 1 leaf, typescript, photocopy  
Death notices, 1 leaf, printed, photocopy

[Folder 1693-38] Weis Family Bible Records, 1890-1905 – Family Bible record, 4 pages, manuscript on printed  
form

[Folder 1693-5] Welshaure/Welshans Family Bible Records, 1872-1882 – Transcript of family Bible record, 1  
leaf, typescript



[Folder 1693-33] White, C(harles) Ridgely White, Jr. Family Bible Records, 1760-1979 – Family Bible record, 9 leaves, manuscript on printed form, photocopies

[Folder 1693-19] Wilkins – Bradfield Family Bible Records, 1897-1957 (contains the following):  
Family record, 5 leaves, manuscript on printed form, photocopies  
Obituaries, 2 leaves, photocopies  
Clipping, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bradfield Anniversary, 1952, printed, photocopy

[Folder 1693-59] Williams – Frye Family Bible Records, 1823-1937 – Family record, with title page dated 1852, 8 leaves, photocopies

[Folder 1693-64] Wood Family Bible Records, 1796-1885 – Family record pages, 3 leaves, manuscript, photocopies

[Folder 1693-68] Wright Family Bible Records, 1793-1959 – Family record pages, including title page dated 1871, 6 leaves, manuscript on printed form, photocopies