

McClanahan Family Bible

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Note from Linda: I am a descendant of Andrew Jackson McClanahan and his wife Elizabeth Broyles. My lineage is: Linda Kay Taylor Sonnenberg, 7; Everett William Taylor, 6; Frances Elizabeth Dishion Taylor, 5; Mattie Lee Crow Dishion, 4; Sarah Ann McClanahan Clay Crow, 3; Andrew Jackson McClanahan, 2; Job McClanahan, 1.

I do not have possession of this bible. In 1999, I was allowed to scan copies of it. At that time it was in the possession of my Aunt, Celia F. Taylor Ruple, Spokane, Washington. She said that the bible was mailed to her sometime in the 1970's by Stanley Potter, (a McClanahan descendant). It arrived in a manila envelope and in very bad condition.

The bible is large, about 14 inches tall and 11 inches wide. It is unfortunate that it is in such terrible condition for it was once a gorgeous book. At one time it was very ornate with gold embossing on the center pages. It does not have a front or back cover. Several books including Genesis, Exodus and Revelation are missing. There are water marks throughout the entire book and the pages are tattered on the edges. The handwritten family records are in the center of the bible. Some of the handwriting is very faint and written in pencil. It appears that several persons recorded these records because there are at least 3 different handwriting styles. Because the front portion of the bible was missing, I was unable to find a copyright date. But it does appear to be authentic and at one time was the family bible of the Andrew Jackson McClanahan family.

While transcribing, I did not correct any spelling errors. However I did add some punctuation and capitalization. My comments are in parentheses.

PAGE 1:

“What God hath joined together let not man put asunder”

CERTIFICATE

This Certifies That The Rite Of Holy Matrimony Was Celebrated Between
Jackson McClanahan of Cooper County, MO
and Elizabeth Broyles of Cooper County, MO
on January 21st, 1840 at Mrs. Broyles
by Hawkins Barnes, Esquire

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BIRTHS

Jackson McClanahan, the Son of Job McClanahan and his wife, formerly Elizabeth Berry,
was born the 21st Day of March A.D. 1818.

Elizabeth Broyles, the Daughter of Lewis Broyles and his wife, formerly Elizabeth Calvert,
was born the 31st Day of July A.D. 1824.

Mary Ellen, Daughter of Jackson McClanahan and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born the
27th Day of November A.D. 1842.

Thomas Benton, Son of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born the 20th Day of
March A.D. 1845.

Sarah Ann, Daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born February 1st A.D.
1848.

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BIRTHS

Elizabeth Berry, Daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born September the
30th A.D. 1850.

Lydia Caroline, Daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born the 13th Day
December A.D. 1853.

Nancy Jane, Daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born 11th Day
September A.D. 1856.

Susan Sharp, Daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born the 21st Day
October A.D. 1858.

Jackson Davis, Son of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born the 4th Day September A.D. 1861.

Job Lewis, Son of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born the 14th Day October A.D. 1864.

Lucy Lee, Daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born the 7th Day October A.D. 1867.

Isaac Ida Ella, Daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, was born the 9th Day of May A.D. 1869.

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DEATHS

Mary Ellen, Daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, Departed this life the 12th Day October A.D. 1843.

Thomas Benton, Son of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, Departed this life the 12th Day May A.D. 1863.

(The handwriting changes here.)

Jackson McClanahan, Departed this life September 24th, 1877.

(Again the handwriting changes.)

Lydia Caroline, Daughter of Jackson and Elyzabeth McClanahan, Departed this life April the 21 Day A.D. 1883.

Jackson Davis, Son of Jackson and Elyzabeth McClanahan, Departed this life the 16 Day of November, A.D. 1883.

PAGE 5:

(The following was on a loose piece of notebook paper and tucked into the center of the bible. There are several different writing styles on this page.)

DEATHS

Elizabeth Berry *(This is believed to be an error and should say Elizabeth Broyles)*, wife of Jackson McClanahan, Departed this life November 17th, A.D. 1895.

Job, Son of Jackson and Elizabeth McClanahan, Departed this life September 23rd, A.D. 1898. *(This is crossed out and overwritten with 1896.)*

Lewis F., Son of Mathew and Lucy Potter, Departed this life October 6th, 1898.

Ida E. Williamson, Wife of Isaac Williamson, Departed this life December 13, 1902.

BORN

Born January 16, 1829, Louisa (*or Lucas a or Liuasa?*) Potter and died January 16, 1900.

Born Frank L. Potter, year 1822 and died January 1, 1886.

Louis Potter died October 6, 1898 at Missouri.

H.C. Potter November 5, 1937, Los Angeles, California.

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(The following was on a small loose piece of paper and tucked into the center of the bible).

BORN

Matthew L. Potter was born July 10, 1863.

Lucy L. Potter was born October 7, 1867.

Matthew Longstreet Potter died April 6, 1939.

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(The following was on another loose piece of notebook paper and tucked into the center of the bible.)

DEATHS

Elyz Berry Williamson, Departed this life May 20, 1926.

Nancy Jane Galowway, Departed this life July 31, 1933.

Susain Sharp W., Departed this life April 1936.

Elisabeth McClanahan, Departed this life November 17th, 1895.

Job Lewis McClanahan, Departed this life September 23rd, 1896.

Sarreh Ann Crow, Departed this life, January 16, 1897.