

Birdwell Bible
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This Bible was given to Dr. Eleanor Jane Drake Mitchell in 1978 by her cousin, Frances Ford Neal. Dr. Mitchell donated the Bible to the Tennessee Room, Putnam County Library, November, 1980. It was transcribed by Mrs. Christine Spivey Jones on October 17, 1978.

WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER
Matthew XIX:6

This certifies that the rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between George W. Birdwell of Whitleyville, Jackson Co., TN and Eliza Ann Keith of Whitleyville on July 31, 1862 at Alexander Keith's by Thadeus Quarles.

Marriage Certificate

George W. Birdwell (George Welington Birdwell) of Whitleyville, Jackson Co., Married July 31, 1862, at Alexander Keith's By Thurton Quarles

Marriages

George W. Birdwell was married to Eliza Ann Keith, July 31, 1862
Mattie Birdwell was married to William L. Kettrell, January 21, 1885
Virginia Bell Birdwell (Virginia Belle Birdwell) was married to Thomas D. Ford, (Thomas Draper Ford) November 27, 1887
Alice Birdwell was married to Bunse Herod, March 16, 1890
Luella Birdwell was married to Wallis L. Fowler, October 14, 1896
Francis Naomi Ford was married to Howard Francis Neal, October 25, 1916, Wednesday, 9 o'clock in the morning by Dr. W. B. Boyd.

Births

Mattie Birdwell was borned July 4, 1863
Virginia Bell Birdwell was borned October 4, 1866
Alice Jane Birdwell was borned November 4, 1869
Samuel Joseph Birdwell was borned September 1, 1872
Luella Birdwell was borned August 28, 1876
Georgia P. Ford was borned September 4, 1888
Francis Naomi Ford was borned July 7, 1892
Alice Keith Ford was borned August 11, 1894
George Clark Fowler was borned October 22, 1897
Walter Thomas Fowler was borned July 13, 1904
Edward Ford Neal was borned June 26, 1923, at the Howard Hospital, Cookeville, TN

Deaths

Samuel Joseph Birdwell died January 15, 1879

Mattie Kittrell died November 11, 1885

Georgia P. Ford died August 26, 1891

George Clark Fowler died August 1, 1898

Eliza Ann Birdwell died January 20, 1910 at Whitleyville, 7:20 o'clock a.m., Thursday morning. Buried: Fryday (sic) afternoon

George W. Birdwell died Febreary (sic) 6th 1929, Wednesday night at his old home, buried Fryday (sic) morning at ten o'clock

Bro. Jim Draper conducted the funeral services for our darling mother

Bro. Louis Botts conducted the funeral services for our dearest daddy

Memoranda

George Birdwell was borned February 26, 1836

Eliza A. Birdwell was borned July 23, 1841

Thomas Draper Ford was borned June 19, 1862

Frances Naomi Ford obeyed the gospel May 6th 1906. Baptized by Bro. Les Boles

Alice Keith Ford obeyed the gospel December 6, 1908 and was baptized by Bro. Shipley

Virginia Belle Birdwell obeyed the gospel August 27, 1880. Baptized by Bro. Jimmie Turner at Whitleyville, Preaching by Bro. Perry of Kentucky.

Thomas Draper Ford obeyed the gospel on August 1885. Baptized by Bro. Wesley Birdwell on Breedings Mill Pond, south of Cookeville.

*See Thomas Draper Ford family information in Chapter 5.

Thomas Draper Ford - b. 19 June 1862, Cookeville, TN – d. 28 June 1945 –

Insurance Agent; Residence, Cookeville, TN –

s/o Charles Randolph Ford & Henrietta Pheobe Draper

md 27 November 1887, Whitleyville, Jackson Co., TN,

Virginia Belle Birdwell – b. 4 October 1866, Whitleyville, TN -

d. 1 September 1964, Cookeville, TN – d/o George

Welington Birdwell & Eliza “Liza” Ann Keith of Whitleyville, Jackson Co., TN

Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN

...George P. Ford – b. 4 September 1888, Whitleyville, TN – d. 26 October 1891 – Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN

...Frances Ford – b. 7 July 1911, Cookeville, TN – md 26 October 1916, Cookeville, TN, Edward Francis Neal – b. 3 March 1891, Carthage, TN

...Alice Keith Ford – b. 11 August 1894, Cookeville, TN



This home, known as Edgewood, was the residence of Thomas Draper Ford and Virginia Belle Birdwell. Built in 1896, this old house had 12 rooms and two halls which extended the length of the house. It stood on Jefferson Avenue, Cookeville, TN just south of the square about where K-Marts now stands. Courtesy of Geraldine Alloway from the book: Pictorial History of Putnam Co., Tennessee by 1st Federal Bank on pg. 187 – Picture of Thomas Draper Ford & Virginia Belle Birdwell is on pg. 113 of the same book.



Thomas Draper Ford & his wife, Virginia Belle Birdwell – Picture courtesy of Dr. Eleanor Drake Mitchell

BIRDWELL, George Welington

b. 20 FEB 1838 Tennessee
d. Whitleyville, Jackson Co., Tennessee
Parents:

Father: **BIRDWELL, Joseph Marion**
Mother: **TEMPLE\CANTRELL, Jane Elizabeth or Elizabeth Jane**

Family:

Spouse: **KEITH, Eliza "Liza" A. [aka: Eliza "Liza" Keith /BIRDWELL/]**
b. ABT 1842 Tennessee
d. 9 DEC 1927 Turner Cemetery, Clay Co., Tennessee
Children:

BIRDWELL, Mary A.
b. ABT 1863
BIRDWELL, Virginia "Belle"
BIRDWELL, Alice Herrod
b. ABT 1869
BIRDWELL, Mattie
b. UNKNOWN
BIRDWELL, Sam
b. UNKNOWN
BIRDWELL, Bell Ford
b. UNKNOWN
BIRDWELL, Louella Fowler
b. UNKNOWN

Family:

Spouse: **BIRDWELL, Margaret E. (Mrs.)**
b. ABT 1878 Tennessee

Note in file shown here as typed on original:

"July 9, 1951, Cookeville, Tennessee. This is my mother's bible, Mrs. Elizia Ann Keith Birdwell. I am giving it to Frances Ford Feal (tupe). Virginia Bell Birdwell Ford, their mother.

Given to Eleanor Jane Drake Mitchell by her cousin Frances Ford Neal, 1978.

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Note in Project 465-44-3-115, page 9: "Mrs. Eliza Keith Birdwell was a daughter of Alexander Keith and brother of Sam Keith of Nashville, Tennessee."

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~birdtracks/f_79.html#42

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~birdtracks/f_2.html#3

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