

William Riley Gentry Bible
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This Bible is now in the possession of Mrs. Doyce Hawkins Smith, Dodson Branch, Jackson County, TN. The Bible was published by Jasper Harding, Philadelphia, 1846. This record was copied by Odell Bybee, December 17, 1969, when it was in the possession of Miss Effie Hawkins of Dodson Branch. Miss Effie Hawkins verified the information in 1969. Submitted by Mr. Idell Bybee, Gainesboro, TN. *William Riley Gentry was the s/o Jessie Gentry & Elizabeth Gallion. Shown right is an old tin type picture of William Riley Gentry and Mary "Polly" Mayberry. Courtesy of Roy Herschel Stone. William Riley Gentry was his gggrandfather.*

William Riley Gentry and Derusha Hampton (first wife).

Jesse Gentry was bornd the 27 of February 1838
Nancy N. Gentry was bornd the 17 of November 1839
Mary Gentry was bornd the 27 of July 1842
G. W. Gentry was bornd the 30 of August 1845
T.M. Gentry was bornd the 12 of December 1847
J. H. Gentry was bornd the 22 of February 1848



William Riley Gentry and Mary Polly Mayberry (second wife).

P.M. Gentry was bornd the 24 of June 1852
A.D.P. Davis was bornd the 16 of February 1854
Sirrildia Gentry was bornd the 10 day of May 1854
William C. Gentry was bornd the 15 January 1858 – d. ca. 1943 – age 76)
Persiley Gentry was bornd the 26 March 1859
Matildy Gentry was bornd the 4 of February 1860
M. J. (Jane) Gentry was bornd the 16 of January 1861
Joshua J. Gentry was bornd the 5 of March 1863
Clerndia Gentry was bornd the 1 of January 1865
Henry Gentry was bornd the 1 of November 1867
Sirenia Gentry was bornd the 13 October 1868

W.S. (Dock) Allen and M.J. Gentry was married August the 17, 1881
Henry Gentry and I.F. (Green) Gentry was married October 11, 1891
(I.F. (Green) is Ingia Francis Smith not Gree as stated in William Riley Gentry's Bible; her parents were Whitson C. Smith and Mary Ann Gree per her death certificate).
Henry Gentry Departed this Life December the 31, 1901

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Nancy N. Gentry was bornd the 17th of November 1839
Marey Gentry was bornd the 27th of July 1842
George Washington Gentry was bornd the 30th of August 1845
Thomas M. (Marion) Gentry was bornd 12th of December 1847

John H. Gentry was born 22 of February 1849
Prilley Marget Gentry was born 24 of June 1852
An Dru P. Davis Gentry was born the 16th of January 1854

Source: Loftis and the Descendants of Laban Loftis by Jimmie R. Loftis & Bobbie H. Byrant.

Loftis, Laban

b. About 1760, MD

d. 8 November 1850, Jackson Co., TN

s/o Job & Elvira (Goodlett) Loftis

Buried: Morrison Creek Cemetery, TN

md About 1790, **Elizabeth Holcombe**

b. About 1769/70, MD

d. 29 December 1859, Jackson Co., TN

md Elizabeth Dill

...**Laban Samuel Loftis Jr.** – b. 25 December 1813, Greenville Co., SC

d. 15 May 1882, Jackson Co., TN - md Sally Bean - b. 2 July 1813 – d. 9

February 1890, Jackson Co., TN – Buried: Minor Cemetery, Hurricane
Community – *Lived on Roaring River in Jackson Co., in her early marriage,
and moved over the Cumberland River in the Hurricane Community.*

...**Lemuel Loftis** – b. 1827/33, Jackson Co., TN

...**Polly Loftis** – b. 1827/33, Jackson Co., TN

...**Rowland C. Loftis** – b. 5 November 1834, Jackson Co., TN – d. 12 January 1890, Jackson
Co., TN: Buried: Minor Cemetery. – md 22 December 1857 to Nancy Jane Smith – b. 21
February 1834/44, KY or Jackson Co., TN – d. 14 November 1920 at the home of Allie
Bybee in OK: Buried: OK. She was the d/o Benjamin A. & Mary A. Shockley Smith.
She md 2nd Hense Dodson.

...**Thomas Jefferson Loftis** – b. 1835/36, Jackson Co., TN – md **Sally Young**, d/o Berry &
Winnie Walker Young. She was born 6 or 7 February 1836/37. Thomas Jefferson Loftis
is said to have left TN for MO and was never heard from again. Sally Young later md
Caleb Anderson.

...**Millard Filmore Loftis** – b. 7 April 1857, Jackson Co., TN – d. 12 July 1915, Clay Co.,
TN Buried: Minor Cemetery, md 18 August 1878 to **Persiley C. Gentry** – b. 26 March
1859, Jackson Co. TN – d. 29 August 1943, Clay Co., TN – Buried: Minor Cemetery,
**Jackson Co., TN. She was the d/o William Riley Gentry & Mary “Polly” Mayberry
Gentry.** Millard Filmore Loftis was reared on Blackburn’s Fork, Jackson Co., TN. At the
time he married Percillia C. Gentry they moved to Gentry Chapel on Blackburn’s Fork.
They lived there a short time and moved to a creek near Dodson’s Branch where he
operated a big sawmill, store and post office. He lived at Butler’s Landing at the mouth
of Dry Mill Creek at the time of his death. At one time he operated a ferry across the
Roaring River and Cumberland river

...**William “Bill” Loftis** – b. 16 August 1838 – d. 11 June 1920 – Buried: Hall Cemetery,
Jackson Co., TN – md Josephine Anderson – b. 6 July 1847, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 15 December 1921, Jackson Co., TN – Buried: Hall Cemetery. She was the d/o Thomas
& Souzy Johnson Anderson. William and Josephine had no children of their own but raised
9 girls and sent them to school. Among them were Melia D. Norris – b. 13/15 July 1866/67,
Cumberland Co. TN who md William Laborn Gentry (9.8.1) and Nettie Davis – b. 10
February 1885, Jackson Co., TN who md Dave Hall.

...**Henry Harrison Loftis** – b. 6 May 1840 – d. 18/19 September 1897 – Buried: Richmond
Cemetery – md 17 December 1862, Ellen Johnson – b. 5 September 1838 – d/o Daniel
& Margaret Lynn Johnson.

...**Elizabeth “Betty” Loftis** – b. 5 February 1842, Jackson Co., TN -d. 25 June 1911,
Flynn’s Creek, Jackson Co., TN – md 19 December 1867 – **Thomas Marion Gentry**
b. 12 December 1847 or 18 December 1844, Jackson Co., TN –
d. 15 June 1901 – **s/o William Riley & Derusha Hampton Gentry**

...**Clarendy (Clarinda) Loftis** – b. 21 February 1844, Jackson Co., TN – Buried: Minor Cemetery, Gainesboro, TN – md ca. 1866/67, Jackson Co., TN – **George Washington Gentry** - b. 30 August 1845, Jackson Co., TN d. 14 June 1908 – **s/o William Riley & Derusha Hampton Gentry**
 ...James Madison “Matt” Loftis – b. 8 February 1846, Jackson Co., TN – d. after 1923 Stellar, MO – Buried: Macedonia Cemetery, Newton, Co., MO – md ca. 1868 Polly Ann Stamps – b. 1848, Jackson Co., TN – d/o Sarah Young & Elijah Stamps. She died After 1923 Stella, MO – Buried: Macedonia Cemetery, Newton Co., MO.

Some of the children of Laban Samuel Loftis Jr., son of Laban Loftis married the children of William Riley Gentry & Derusha Hampton.

Millard Filmore Loftis, s/o Thomas Jefferson Loftis & Sally Young md Persiley C. Gentry.

Elizabeth “Betty” Loftis, d/o Laban Samuel Loftis Jr. & Sally Bean md Thomas Marion Gentry.

Clarendy (Clarinda) Loftis, d/o d/o Laban Samuel Loftis Jr. & Sally Bean md George Washington Gentry.

See Chapter 12 for the children of Laban Loftis.

Source: Siftings from Putnam County, Tennessee by Mary Hopson, pg. 188.



William Campbell Gentry, 15 January 1858 – d. ca. 1943, and **Mary Martha Mayberry**, b. 1861, and their children and grandchildren: Front row: L to R: William Campbell Gentry, Mary Martha Mayberry, Wesley Davis Gentry, Lee Gentry, son of Wesley, Susie Norris Gentry, wife of Wesley; Avo Lee, Russell Less, Carlos Lee, Martha Gentry Lee, and Campbell Lee. Back row: Carlos B. Gentry, Etta Gentry Henley Lee, Riley P. Henry, Henry Campbell Gentry, Josh J. Gentry, Marion Gentry, and Zeb Barnes Gentry. **William Campbell Gentry was the son of William Riley Gentry and Derusha Hampton.** Mary Martha Mayberry was daughter of Joshua M. Mayberry and Martha J. Anderson. Picture courtesy of Mitchell Judd. Siftings from Putnam County, Tennessee by Mary Hopson, pg. 188.



Henry P. Gentry & his wife Ingia Francis Smith; her parents were Whitson C. Smith & Mary Ann Green and their 1st child Herman Gentry.

Mayberry Family
By Mitchell Judd

Siftings from Putnam County, Tennessee
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Francis Mayberry (Maberry) (Maby) came from North Carolina, was in Grainger County, Tennessee by 1792 then moved to the 10th District of Jackson County, first appearing on the 1801 tax list. His property included Zion Church of Christ. **His son, Seth** born about 1784, is the only descendant of record. He **married Rebecca** and reared ten children. **Jefferson** born 1812, married Nancy Lee; Jesse born 1813, married Matilda McClellan born 1815, daughter of Josiah McClellan; William born 1815, married Elvira; Joseph born 1820, married Nancy Jane Fox; Seth Jr. born 1821, married Rebecca Allen; Solomon born 1824, married Nancy Chaffin; Irene born 1829; **Mary Polly born 1831 married William Riley Gentry, son of Jesse and Elizabeth Gentry; Francis (Frank) born 1833, married Barbara Gentry; sister of William Riley Gentry; Margaret born 1835.**

Almost all Mayberrys in the Upper Cumberland, are descendants of this family which acquired much land in the 9th and 10th Districts. They supplied land for Mabry school, which occupied three different buildings, before being consolidated with Dodson Branch.

Jesse and Matilda Mayberry's farm bordered Zion Church of Christ where they reared twelve children: George born 1836, married Nancy Loftis; Rhoda born 1838, married Thomas Gentry born 1817; Joshua M. born 1839, married Martha Anderson born 1840; John P. born 1842, married Margaret Matheney; Josiah born 1844; Elizabeth born 1846, married Sampson Bartlett; William Jefferson born 1847, married (1) Sarah Bean (2) Elizabeth Dowell; Andrew Davis Bailey born 1855, married May Smith; Asberry Stanton born 1857, married Amanda Allen; Margaret Ellen born 1860, married Lafayette (Fate) Bartlett.

This family supported the Confederacy and sent their four oldest sons into military service. George and Josiah did in battle.

This picture believed taken in 1899, shows Matilda and her seven children still in Tennessee with their spouses.

Matilda McClellan Mayberry and her family: Front row from left to right: Lafayette "Fate" Bartlett, Margaret Ellen Mayberry Bartlett, Matilda, Rhoda Mayberry Gentry, and Thomas "Tommy" Gentry. Second row: Joshua M. Mayberry, Martha Anderson Mayberry, John Preston Mayberry, Margaret Matheney Mayberry, and Sarah Elizabeth Bean Mayberry (widow of Jefferson). Back row: Anderson Davis Mayberry, Henry Jesse Mayberry, Martha Elily Proffit Mayberry, Asbury Stanton Mayberry and Amanda Allen Stanton Mayberry.

Joshua M. "Josh" and Martha Anderson Mayberry lived in the 15th Dist. of Putnam Co., TN. He was listed as a director of the 15th Dist. school on a deed for the school property in 1887. This school was located on the old Livingston to Gainesboro road. This school was later named Whitehall and was closed when the old Bangham consolidated school was built in ____ we now know this location as Whitehall Road running between the Hilham and Dodson Branch roads.

Josh later bought the Hatfield property which surrounded the school property on 3 sides as well as other property across the road from the school.

Their eight children were Sarah Fatima Mayberry who married Nathan Judd; Mary Martha who married William Campbell Gentry; Grieselda who died at age eleven; William Wesley who married (1) Loretta Phillips (2) Maynard; Delavine Mayberry who married (1) Norah Lou Pointer (2) Vallie

Bartlett; Sabrina Mayberry who married Joe Bartlett (*Joseph Perry Bartlett*); and Henry Davis Mayberry who married Daisy Clouse. (*See *obt. of Robert J. Mayberry*).

Their son Wesley Mayberry bought the farm after their death. He then sold part of it to his brother Davis Mayberry and this tract is now part of the "Pepsi Cola" farm operated by Tennessee Tech. The portion which Wesley kept was later owned by his son Jim Mayberry and is still owned by Jim's sons and James L. Mayberry, Howard Mayberry and H. C. Mayberry who have an excellent cattle operation.

Joshua Mayberry's daughter, Sarah Fatima born 1859. She married Nathan Judd in 1876 and Nathan Judd bought the farm after Matilda died and his son Perry Judd, lived on this farm most of his life, therefore, this author grew up and lived here until entering the Navy during World War II.

The Hickory tree in the picture was located at a fork in the road near the homestead and was a widely known landmark.

Source: Jackson County Tennessee Cemetery Inscriptions 1801 – 2003: Including Some Genealogy
By Larry Earl Mabry & Reda Knight Bilbrey: pg. 510:

Thomas Gentry Cemetery Old Gentry School Road

Civil District 09. Map 065. Parcel 027.01. Size 76 x 93. From Gainesboro take Hwy 53 toward Celina and turn right on Dodson Brach Hwy (135) and go several miles. Turn right on Blackburn Fork Road and go several miles and turn left on Langford Hill Road, this will be a gravel road. Turn left on Old Gentry School Road and go almost to the end of this road. On the Cook Allen Place which belongs to his son Dow Morgan Allen. Cemetery has been cleaned of growth. Only a few stones were found.

Row: 1, two fieldstone markers no names

Row: 2, four fieldstone markers with no names

Gentry, Thomas – b. ca. 1824 – d. ca. 1898 – s/o Jessie & Elizabeth (Gallion) Gentry

Gentry, Rebeckah – b. ca. 1826 – d. ca. 1886 – d/o Henderson & Melvina (Birdwell) Brown

Thomas md 2nd time to Rhoda CH: H.B., W.F., Barbara & Samantha stone is broken off base.

One field stone then Row 3, four fieldstones with no names.

Mabrey, Francis "Frank" – b. 15 August 1830 – d. 5 August 1875 – s/o Seth Sr. & Rebecca (Allen) Mabery
Mabrey, Barbra – b. ca. 1826 – d. May 1897 – d/o Jessie & Elizabeth (Gallion) Gentry

Three fieldstones with no names.

**Gentry, W.(illiam) R.(iley) – b. 24 September 1813 – d. 06 April 1894 –
s/o Jessie & Elizabeth (Gallion) Gentry**

Gentry, Pollie "Mary" – b. 14 April 1830 – d. 11 July 1925 – d/o Seth Sr. & Rebecca (Allen) Mabery

1925 Jackson Co., TN Death Certificate #366 has died 09 July 1925 and d/o Seth Sr. & Besty (Chaffin) Mabery. There is no proof that Seth Sr. married a Chaffin. This certificate is the only place that has This information. All researchers I know of says she was an Allen.

One fieldstone then Row 4 has six fieldstones with no names.

Allen, Srida – b. 10 May 1856 – d. 30 September 1885 – d/o William Riley & Mary (Mabery) Gentry
md 02 January 1879 1st w/o Duke Allen rock is leaning against a tree.

It is believed that the following are also buried here:

Gentry, Jessie

Gentry, Elizabeth – b. ca. 1787 – d/o _____ & _____ (____) Gallion