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Gearheard and Rhodes Family Bible and Records

Additional Surnames: French, Wilson, Lyles, Durham, Nevinger, Drawdy, Eyster, Punshon, Covington, Craig, Moormann, Comer, Heinold

Date range: 1800 – 1971

Publication date: not given

Locations: IN, LA, IL, MO, GA, FL, MS, CO

History of the Bible: In 1987 the bible was in the possession of Shirley (Moormann) Punshon of Tallahassee, FL, the granddaughter of Orville Gearheard. There is no information about the Bible itself. The title page was not provided. Some of the pages are difficult to read and other loose pages may be out of order.

Additional Materials: Three newspaper clippings/obituaries - Gearheard and Rhodes

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J. M. Gearheard, Aged 80 Years, Dies

J. M. Gearheard, father of Orville E. Gearheard, 311 North Elmwood avenue, a man most highly regarded by all who knew him, died in this city yesterday at the age of 80 years. He was known as a devoutly Christian gentleman, possessed of traits of high character which had won him affection and esteem.

Mr. Gearheard was better known in and about New Orleans, La., where he had spent the greater span of his long and fruitful life. He had been employed for a number of years with the Litcher and More Cypress Lumber company of which his son, A. G. Gearheard, is vice-president and general manager. Since the death of his wife in 1916, he had been living with his children and had resided here for the past several years. Mr. Gearheard had been seriously ill for the past two years, part of which time he was confined to the Methodist hospital.

The deceased had been a faithful member of the Methodist church for the past 60 years. Funeral services and interment will be made in his former home city, New Orleans tomorrow afternoon and his son Orville Gearheard and wife left this morning to accompany the body to its final resting place.

OBITUARY

Samuel A. Gearheart was born November 26th, 1826, and died April 3d, 1898, aged 71 years 4 months and 8 days.

He was married to Miss Sarah Chitwood, April 15th, 1847, to this union was born twelve children of whom eight are now living. Their wedded life was one of joy and happiness until November 19, 1869, when his wife went to her reward, aged 44 years, 8 months and 18 days. July 17th, 1877, he was again joined in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth A. Shelly, who died Feb. 2, 1892, aged 53 years, 5 months and 21 days. To this union there was born two children, of whom both are living. At the age of 27 he joined the Baptist church. He assisted to organize the Judson Baptist church, and gave the ground upon which the church was built. He served with honor as Deacon, Superintendent of the Sunday School and Sexton, and was always an active member. He gave up a portion of his house to the Christian people to hold their meetings in until the Judson church was built. He served his country in the Mexican War.

His remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic Order, of which he was a faithful member.

The following memorial from an old friend explains itself:

DEGO, IND., April 12, 1898.

My first acquaintance with S. A. Gearheart was in the winter of 1859. The Judson church was organized the April following, and he was one of the five organizing members. The next June he was with John H. Arthur, chosen as Deacon, which place he filled faithfully and true until he moved his membership to Galveston. I was his pastor for fourteen consecutive years, and I always found him at his post and could depend upon him under all circumstances. Considering the trials he has passed through, I can say that our loss is his final gain.

THOMAS RHODES.

This week the press of New Orleans recorded the death of Mr. Thomas Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Rhodes. The strange and unfathomable hand of fate seems to be following this family, for in but six weeks, this removes from the family sphere the third member. Only a short time ago the writer spoke to the deceased, and he appeared hale and hearty, and in referring to the death of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Rhodes, who departed this life a short while ago by a lapse of but fifteen days, he showed and expressed the utmost resignation, stating that it seemed a beautiful and happy married life of over fifty years, that as in life they had been united, they were so in death.

Mr. Rhodes was stricken with an acute disease, and though immediately removed to New Orleans, and the most skillful medical attention was given him, he succumbed to the attack. Tom Rhodes, as he was called by his friends, was but 45 years of age. About 15 years ago he was married to Miss Agnes Brown, daughter of Geo. Brown a former clerk of the district court of this parish, and the wife with several children are left to mourn his loss.

The Chamber joins their many friends in sympathy over their irreparable loss.