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Michael O. Raysor Family Bible

Additional Surnames: Johnson, Linton, Bird

Date Range: 1837 - 1860

Publication Date: 1858

Locations: Jefferson County, FL

History of the Bible: In 1988 the bible was in the possession of a person who did not want their name published. A copy of the title page was provided.

Additional Materials: Several undated, printed notices from unidentified sources:

- Obituary of Michael O. Raysor, a soldier in Jefferson Rifles Company H, 3rd Florida Regiment, died 27 January 1864;
- Obituary of Ella Bird, eldest daughter of the late Col. Pickens Bird of Monticello, Florida, died October 18th 1872.
- Marriage notice of Mr. Frank Linton to Miss Lucy Johnson at home of bride's father Mr. R. D. Johnson;
- Obituary of Sallie A. eldest daughter of Mary E. and Samuel Linton, aged 5 years and four months;
- Obituary of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Linton born Jefferson County, Florida, December 4, 1847, and died March 29, 1885. Married to Mr. Samuel Linton November 25, 1869.
- A hand written promissory note dated May 27th 1835 made to Robt D. Johnson by [H] F. Baker

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M. O. & S. J. Raysor

1860

FAMILY RECORD

Marriages

M. O. Raysor and S. J. Johnson was married 9th of August 1859

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Newspaper clipping of the Marriage of Michael O. Raysor & Sallie J. Johnson;

FAMILY RECORD

Births

M. O. Raysor was born April 13th 1837

Sallie J. Johnson was born August 8th 1842

FAMILY RECORD

Deaths

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Newspaper clipping of the Obituary of Michael O. Raysor

THE
HOLY BIBLE,

CONTAINING THE
OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS,

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The Original Tongues;

AND WITH THE
FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED.

NEW YORK:
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,
INSTITUTED IN THE YEAR MDCCCXVI.

M. O. + J. J. Payer
1860

Epineal.

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIED, on the 9th of August, by the Rev. Dr. Peeler, of Waukenah, Fla., Mr. MICHAEL O. RAYSON to Miss SALLIE J. JOHNSON, second daughter of Mr. R. D. and Amanda Johnson; all of Jefferson County Florida.

On 9th August, by Rev. Anderson J. Peeler, Mr. MICHAEL O RAYSON to Miss SALLIE J. JOHNSON, second daughter of Mr. R. D. Johnson, all of Jefferson Co., Fla.

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FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

OBITUARY.

DIED, at the residence of his uncle, A. RAYOR, Esq, on the morning of the 27th January, 1864, in Jefferson County, Florida, Mr. MICHAEL O. RAYOR, in the 27th year of his age.

The deceased was born in Colleton District, South Carolina, the 18th April, 1837, where he remained until he attained his 21st year, when he emigrated to Florida, in 1858. He was one among the first to volunteer in the defence of his country; took up arms at the first outbreak of our revolution. He attached himself to the Jefferson Rifles, Company H, 3d Florida Regiment, in June, 1861, and shared with them the toils and hardships of camp.

His sufferings were very great on the march through the State in the fall of 1862. At the battle of Perryville he was captured and fell into the hands of the enemy, where he suffered many hardships. He participated in the battle of Jackson, Miss., and from thence to the memorable battle of Oklawaha, where he received a wound in his right hand. He received a furlough and returned home on the 20th September last, where he received the nursing and attention of physicians and relatives and kind friends could bestow. But, alas! his frail constitution was so broken and shattered by disease that there was no hope of recovery, and, after four months of suffering and agony from Chronic Diarrhoea and Rheumatism, it terminated his short career upon earth, in the morning of life, in the bloom of youth. Thus has another victim in this unholy war been sacrificed. Thus he offered up on the altar of his country his short but useful life. Having been reared by pious parents, he was moral from his youth; and his character was blest with many noble and lovely qualities. As a husband, he was affectionate and devoted; as a brother, he was kind and affectionate; and as a soldier, patriotic and brave. Wherever he went he made many friends; for to know him was but to love him. In his death the family circle has lost one of its ornaments, and his country one of her noblest sons.

He was highly esteemed as a citizen and Christian by all who knew him, and has left behind him a good name. He had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for several years. His death was triumphant, and when life's pilgrimage was ended, and he came to the verge of the dark river, no wonder that he whispered back to his sorrowing and bereaved wife that Jesus was his strength and his Redeemer. He had no desire to remain on earth, but was anxious to depart and be with Christ. His last words were, "I am going home; I am going home to Heaven." Thou art gone from us, dear Mike; we shall no more behold thy face in this world; but we trust, by the grace of God, to meet thee in that country where there is no more sickness, sorrow, pain or death. We forbear to say more. God is his witness. His record is on high. Peace be to his precious memory.

Dearest Mike, thou has left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God who hast bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

Wm. J. Rayor, Jr.,
Jefferson Co., Fla.

J. R.

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1858.

May 27th 1835 - You is to certify
that I have 1091 or Muslard a road
given me by Pott & Johnson
for four Hundred Dollars which
I have now enclosed in
one for one thousand dollars
therefore that right if ever found
is null & void. // H/B att'd

Obituary.

ELLA BIRD, eldest daughter of the late Col. Pickens Bird, of Monticello, Florida, was born 24th September, 1855, and died October 18th, 1873.

Baptized in infancy, and nurtured in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, she gave, I learn, very early indications of a pious disposition, and in April, 1870, was brought to a happy realization of the pardoning love of God, and formally assumed the vows and obligations of church membership. Obedient, kind, gentle, affectionate, generous and self denying, she was a treasure of comfort to her widowed mother, a helper and guide to her brothers and sisters, beloved and admired by all who knew her; while her religious earnestness and devotion gave promise of great usefulness in the Church of God. My acquaintance with her dates from near the beginning of the present year, and as it progressed, I was more and more impressed by the modest, quiet, but unusually decided, firm and consistent character she had already matured, though then only in her seventeenth year. Her mother had been a pupil in the Wesleyan Female College, and she wished to complete her education there. She was all ready for her journey to Macon, when attacked by the fatal disease which, after several weeks of suffering, terminated in death. With her clear, vigorous, well-balanced mind, and good, preparatory training, she would have been an ornament to that noble institution. She endured her illness with perfect resignation, and death found her fully prepared. She frequently gave utterance to her faith and joy by quoting sweet scripture promises, and reciting some of our beautiful hymns. Nearly two weeks before she died, while I was speaking to her of our heavenly Father

chastening his children in love, she said, "O yes, I know it is to bring me nearer to Him." Taking leave of her brothers and sisters, she exhorted them to "be good and obedient to mamma, and meet her in heaven." To her old nurse she said, "Mamma take care of mamma, and I will watch over you all." May not this pledge be fulfilled? "Are they not all ministering spirits?" Just before she became speechless, as I approached her bedside, she raised her hand to greet me, and as I clasped it in tearful silence, she whispered, "almost gone." I said, "Yes, dear Ella, but going to Jesus," and again she whispered, with a lovely smile, "O yes, O yes!" Soon after, without a struggle, or the disturbance of a single feature, she passed away.

E. L. T. BLAKE.

pass.
Married on Thursday, Dec. 20th, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R. D. Johnson, by Rev. C. S. Rockwell, Mr. Frank Linton to Miss Lucy Johnson. The happy couple have our kindest congratulations and wishes for a pleasant wedded life.
We were pleased to meet

OBITUARY.

Died, on Monday evening, Jan. 3rd, after an illness of fourteen days, SALLIE A., eldest daughter of Mary E. and Samuel Linton, aged 5 years and four months.

Being one of those of whom the Savior said, "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven," no painful apprehensions oppress surviving friends.

But, although sundered ties leave bleeding hearts, the wounds are mollified by the assurance that, within the arms of the Good Shepherd, she is forever sheltered from the pitiless storms that beat upon those who linger behind.

Farewell, dear little Sallie! We have laid you to sleep beneath the sweet blue violets you loved so well, and clasped even in your dying fingers.

But we expect again to meet you in that

"Beautiful land by the spoiler untrod,
Unpolluted by sorrow and care,"

Knowing that—

"Of the dear little children who went to their rest,

Ere their lives had been sullied by sin,
While the angel of morning still tarried, a guest.

Their spirit's pure temples within;
All are there, all are there, in that beautiful land,

The land by the spoiler untrod,
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LINTON.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Linton was born in Jefferson county, Florida, December 4, 1847, and died March 29, 1885. She was married to Mr. Samuel Linton November 25, 1869, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1874.

From the time of her identification with the Church until her death her life was a continuous exhibition of her unswerving fidelity to the principles of the cross. Her religion was infinitely more than a creed; it was a glorious, comprehensive life. Christ was enthroned in her heart, and she could say: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Though modest and retiring, yet her influence was great for such a life recognizes no human limitations, and now that she has gone, the influence of her godly life remains, blessing and enriching those whom she loved, and in some indefinable way, touching with power the great world that knew her not. Verily her "good deeds blossom in the dust." Until within a short time before her death she was fully conscious and spoke of her willingness to depart and be forever with the Lord. Calling her children to the bed side she gave to each a mother's advice and a mother's blessing. But little remains to be said. Nerve for the last battle by a sublime faith in Christ, she fought, won, and went home rejoicing.

E. H. HARMAN.

MCSWAIN.—Brother