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**Prather Family Bible**

Additional Surnames: Danner, Thornton, Wright, Latimer, Burton, Venable, Stewart, Ailiff, Martin, Berman, Frieze, Powell, Pullems, Bryant

Date Range: 1853 – 1995

Publication Date: not given

Locations: Metasville, GA; Wilkes County, GA; Charlotte, NC

History of the Bible: In 1997 the Bible was in the possession of Dewitt Gipson Prather, of Tallahassee, FL. Henry Dewitt Prather, the original owner, bequeathed the Bible to his eldest son, Dewitt Gipson Prather. Henry Dewitt Prather lived in the “old family homeplace” (since burned, c.1948) just east of Metasville (pronounced MEET-us-ville), GA from his birth until he moved with his then-family to Charlotte, NC, about 1913-14. He eventually married two sisters, Ola Clyde, the eldest, and Molly Kate, both daughters of John Thomas Thornton and his wife Molly (nee Bell), also of Wilkes Co, GA. The family tradition has him having to “steal” Molly Kate from their large farm family for the second marriage, she being much needed as chief cook.

Other information from project cover sheet: Henry Dewitt Prather made most of the entries, as annotated, others were made by D.G. Prather, other by an unknown hand. At one time Dewitt G. Prather’s maternal grandfather, John Thomas Thornton, was the largest landowner in Wilkes Co., GA.

Additional Materials: Two loose pages, plain unlined, handwritten and correspondence.

Handwritten on title page: From Angela Karen Prather, b. 9/6/46, Waynesboro, PA, daughter of Dewitt Gipson Prather, Tallahassee, FL. {"Dewitt G. Prather is 86 now, and has a fantastic memory!" 4/9/97}

[History and notes by project participant Angela Karen Prather of Tallahassee, FL, daughter of Dewitt G. Prather]

**FAMILY REGISTER**

**GRANDPARENTS**

<u>Grandfather (Father’s side)</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
James Gipson Prather	Nov. 19, 1853	Oct.7, 1930 (77 yrs,43 days)
<u>Grandfather (Mother’s Side)</u>		
Cornealia Elizabeth Prather	April 3, 1860	Dec. 26, 1938 (76 yrs,9 mo,27-37da)
<u>Grandfather (Mother’s Side)</u>		
John Thomas Thornton	Nov 26, 1861	May 12, 1948 (87 yrs,5 mo,16 days)
<u>Grandmother (Father’s Side)</u>		
Mollie S. Bell Thornton	Feb. 19, 1863	Nov 29. 1911 (47+ yrs)

## PARENTS

Married Date: April 30-1915 Place: Lincolnton GA Lincoln Co.

Husband	Henry Dewitt Prather	Date of Birth: Sept 11, 1887	Place: Wilkes Co, Georgia
		Date of Death: March 10, 1974	Place:: Charlotte, NC
		Buried: Rehoboth Church, Metasville, Wilkes Co, GA	
First Wife	Ola Clyde Thornton	Date of Birth: Oct 28, 1884	Place: [unclear]
		Date of Death: Oct. 9, 1914	Place: Charlotte, NC
		Buried: Rehoboth Church, Metasville, Wilkes Co, GA	
Second Wife	Mollie Kate Thornton Prather	Date of Birth: July 3 <sup>th</sup> , 1897	Place: Wilkes Co., GA
		Date of Death: May 25, 1940	Place: Charlotte, NC
		43 yrs less 39 days	
		Buried: Metasville, Wilkes Co, GA	

## CHILDREN'S REGISTER

Tom Addison Prather Son by first wife, Ola C. Thornton Prather	Date of Birth: July 20, 1909	Place: Wilkes Co., GA
	Date of Death: Dec. 30, 1912	Place: Metasville, GA
	3 ½ years Diphtheria	
Mary Elizabeth Prather Daughter by first wife, Ola C. Thornton Prather	Date of Birth: Oct.25, 1912	Place: Wilkes Co., GA
	Date of Death: Feb 7, 1969	Place: Charlotte, NC
Marriage: to George Curtis Venable	Date: Dec 22, 1934	Place: Charlotte, NC
Dewitt Gipson Prather Son by first wife, Ola C. Thornton Prather	Date of Birth: March 13, 1911	Place: Wilkes Co., GA
	Date of Death: still living	
Marriage: to Rubye Mae Childers Rubye Mae Childers	Date: Aug. 11, 1935	Place: Charlotte, NC
	Date of Birth: 8-19-1910	
Bessie Viola Prather Daughter by first wife, Ola C. Thornton Prather	Date of Birth: June 21, 1914	Place: Charlotte, NC
	Date of Death: July 9, 1915	Place: Charlotte, NC
	1 yr 19 days	
Albert Marshall Prather Son by second wife, Mollie Kate Thornton Prather	Date of Birth: April 17, 1916	Place: Charlotte, NC
	Date of Death: Feb 19, 1981 (AM) Place: Susius City, CA	
	lived 61 years less 58 days	
Marriage to: Helen Grace Stewart	Date: Dec 31, 1957	Place: Las Vegas, Nevada
Ola Clyde Prather Daughter by second wife, Mollie Kate Thornton Prather	Date of Birth: July 29, 1917	Place: Charlotte, NC
	Date of Death: Feb. 8, 1993	Place: Charlotte, NC
Marriage to: Roscoe Leonard Ailiff	Date: March 31, 1934	Place: York, SC
[Information under Ola Clyde Prather entry, relationship unknown:]		

Theodore Baxley [blank]  
Robert Lee Powell Born 1922, AR

James Carlton Prather	Date of Birth: April 18, 1919	Place: Charlotte, NC
Son by second wife, Mollie Kate Thornton Prather	Date of Death: Dec. 8, 1944 24 yrs 7 mo 20 days	Place Veterans' Hospital, Fayetteville, NC

Claude Simpson, Prather	Date of Birth: Nov 23, 1921	Place: Charlotte, NC
Son by second wife, Mollie Kate Thornton Prather		
Married to Lenora Martin Prather	Date: June 13, 1949	Place: Lincolnton, GA

Charlotte Catherine Prather	Date of Birth: Feb 13, 1924	Place: Charlotte, NC
Daughter by second wife, Mollie Kate Thornton Prather		
Married to Bernard Berman	Date: June 10, 1944	Place: York, SC

Dorothy Louise Prather	Date of Birth: Jun 5, 1926	Place: Charlotte, NC
Daughter by second wife, Mollie Kate Thornton Prather	Date of Death: Dec 26, 1995 Buried St John's Episcopal, Charlotte, NC 10 days short of 70 years	Place: Tenn: Greenville
Marriage to: Walter Lee Frieze, Gastonia, NC	Date: Oct 1, 1944	Place: Charlotte, NC

[Note at bottom of page]  
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2 pages handwritten [possibly by Henry Dewitt Prather]

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	first wife of Henry Dewitt Prather	
	Wife	
Date	Married	Where
Ola Clyde Thornton		Charlotte, N. C.
Wilkes Co. Ga.		
Date of Birth	Oct. 28, 1884	Wilkes County, Georgia
		Place of Birth
Date of Death	Charlotte, N.C.	Wilkes County, Ga. Rehoboth Church Cemetery
	Where 19 da. less than 30 yrs.	
	Oct. 9, 1914	

FATHER'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS

[below additional notes by Angela Karen Prather]  
{ H. D. P. is my grandfather, DGP is father Note: we have a photo of J.G.P., C.E.D.P. & 6 of their children (1 missing fr, photo) listed here below }

George Gipson Prather married Della  
Born:    Died:  
where: Wilkes Co, GA    where Buried: Rehoboth

Myrtle married Lewellyn Wright  
Born: Wilkes Co., GA    Died:  
where:    Buried:

Cleifton Alphonso Prather married Lucy C. Latimer  
Born: Georgia, Sept 3, 188[5], Wilkes Co, GA  
Died: June 27, 1969 Buried Rehoboth Church, Georgia  
Lucy C. Latimer:  
Born Jan 10, 1883  
Died: Jan 10, 1974 Buried Rehoboth Church, Georgia

Henry Dewitt Prather married Ola C. Thornton  
Born Sept 11, 1887 Wilkes Co, GA  
Died March 10, 1974 86 1/2 yrs  
Ola C. Thornton  
Born: 10/28/84 Died: Oct.9,1914  
[married ] Mollie Kate Hornton  
Born: July 3, 1897 Buried Rehoboth May 25, 1940

Gladys Viola Prather  
Born: Nov 17, 1889 Wilkes Co., GA  
Died: Sept 9, 1986 96 + 10 Saluda, SC Nursing Home

Willie Joe Prather married Margaret  
Born: Wilkes Co, GA  
Died: Concord, NC

Emma married T. Carey Burton  
Born Wilkes Co, GA

[2<sup>nd</sup> loose page]

CHILDREN OF H.D. AND MOLLIE PRATHER (All born in Charlotte, N.C.)

[below additional notes by Angela Karen Prather]  
{Children of H.D. and Mollie Kate (Thornton) Prather}

Henry Dewitt Prather, Jr.  
Born Jan. 8, 1922  
Married July 12, 1952 where Waukegan, IL  
to whom: Mary Jane Powell  
Born April 5, 1930 where Iron River, MI  
Date of Death

Frances Jeanette Prather  
Born July 26, 1931 Charlotte, NC  
Date Married  
to whom: Rufus Pullems  
Died: July 8, 1985 St. Joseph's, Savannah, GA ,  
Buried: Hepzibah ME church, 3 mi S. Lincolnton. GA

William Allen Prather  
Born: Jan 22, 1934, Charlotte, NC  
Married April 29, 1955 to Kirby Bryant, Lincolnton, GA  
Children [I think]: W.A. Prather, Jr "Lynn" Marla Cindy Lara  
Kirby Bryant Born: April 5, 1936

Bobby Gene Prather  
Born: Jan 26, 1937  
Lives in New Orleans, LA, Franklin Ave.

HERTEL'S NEW STANDARD  
ALPHABETICALLY INDEXED BIBLE

from: Angela Karen Prather b. 9/6/46  
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Daughter of Dewitt Gipson Prather  
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# Family Register

## GRANDPARENTS



GRANDFATHER (Father's Side)	Date of Birth	Date of Death
James Gipson Prather.	Nov. 19, 1853	77 yrs - 43 Oct. 7, 1930
GRANDMOTHER (Father's Side)	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Cornealia Elizabeth Prather.	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 1860	76 yrs + 9 mos + 21 days 27-37 December 6, 1900
GRANDFATHER (Mother's Side)	Date of Birth	Date of Death
John Thomas Thornton.	Nov. 26 - 1861	87 yrs. 5 mos. 16 days May 12, 1948
GRANDMOTHER (Mother's Side)	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Mollie S. Bell Thornton.	Feb 19, 1863	47 + yrs Nov. 29, 1911.

## PARENTS



April 30 - 1915 - Married - Lincoln Co. Lincoln Co. Ga. Lincoln Co. Ga.

DATE WHERE

Henry Dewitt Prather.

HUSBAND		
Sept 11 - 1887	Lacked 1 day being 80 1/2 yrs old	Wilkes Co. Georgia.
Date of Birth		Place of Birth
March 10 - 1974	Charlotte, N.C. Rehoboth Church - Menasville	Wilkes County Georgia
Date of Death	Where Buried	Where Buried
Oct. 28, 1884	Charlotte, N.C. (1st Wife)	Oct. 9, 1914 - 30 years
Born	Where Buried	Died - 19 days less 30 years
Mollie Kate Thornton Prather.		
Second WIFE		
July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1897.		Wilkes, Co. - Georgia.
Date of Birth		Place of Birth
May 25 <sup>th</sup> 1940	Charlotte, N.C.	Menasville, Ga. Wilkes County
Date of Death	Where	Where Buried

# Children's Registered

Tom Addison Prather

Date of Birth	July 20 -- 1909	Where	Wilkes co. Georgia.
Date Married		Where	
To Whom	3 1/4 yrs		Diphtheria
Date of Death	Dec 30 - 1912	Where	Metasville Ga.

Remarks: Son by first wife  
Ola C. Thornton Prather

Mary Elizabeth Prather

Date of Birth	Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> 1912	Where	Wilkes Co. Ga.
Date Married	Dec 22, 1934	Where	Charlotte, N.C.
To Whom			George Curtis Venafse
Date of Death	Feb 7, 1969	Where	Charlotte, N.C.

Remarks: Daughter by first  
wife Ola C. Thornton Prather

Dewitt Gipson Prather

Date of Birth	March 13 - 1911	Where	Wilkes Co. Ga.
Date Married	Aug 11, 1935	Where	Charlotte, N.C.
To Whom			Flu by Mae Childers
Date of Death	9-19-10	Where	

Remarks: Son by first wife  
Ola C. Thornton Prather

Bessie Viola Prather

Date of Birth	June 21, 1914	Where	Charlotte N.C.
Date Married		Where	
To Whom	1 yr. 19 days		
Date of Death	July 9, 1915	Where	Charlotte N.C.

Remarks: Daughter by first wife  
Ola C. Thornton Prather

Albert Marshall Prather

Date of Birth	April 17 <sup>th</sup> 1916	Where	Charlotte N.C.
Date Married	December 31, 1937	Where	Las Vegas, Nevada
To Whom			Helen Grace Stewart
Date of Death	Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup> 1981 (AM)	Where	Sussex City, California

Remarks: son by <sup>second</sup> ~~second~~ wife  
Mollie Kate Thornton Prather  
lived 61 years less 58 days



# Children's Register

Ola Clyde Prather.

Remarks: Daughter by ~~present~~ <sup>SECOND</sup> wife Mollie Kate Thornton Prather  
Theodore Baxley  
Robert Lee Powell

Date of Birth	July 29 <sup>th</sup> 1917	Where	Charlotte N.S.
Date Married	March 31, 1934	Where	York, S.C.
To Whom	Roscoe Leonard Biliff		
Date of Death	Feb. 8 - 1993	Where	Charlotte, N.C.
	Son	Ark.	1922

James Carlton Prather.

Remarks: Son by ~~present~~ <sup>SECOND</sup> wife Mollie Kate Thornton Prather.

Date of Birth	April 18 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Where	Charlotte N.C.
Date Married	-	Where	-
To Whom	24 years. Times 20 days		
Date of Death	DEC. 8, 1944	Where	Veterans Hospital FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

Claude Simpson Prather.

Remarks: Son by ~~present~~ <sup>SECOND</sup> wife Mollie Kate Thornton Prather.

Date of Birth	Nov 23 <sup>th</sup> 1921	Where	Charlotte N.S.
Date Married	June 13 <sup>th</sup> 1949	Where	Lincolnton, N.C.
To Whom	Lenora Justice Prather		
Date of Death		Where	

Charlotte Catherine Prather.

Remarks: Daughter by ~~present~~ <sup>SECOND</sup> wife Mollie Kate Thornton Prather.

Date of Birth	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup> 1924	Where	Charlotte N.S.
Date Married	June 10, 1944	Where	York, S.C.
To Whom	Bernard Berman		
Date of Death		Where	

Dorothy Louise Prather.

Remarks: Daughter by ~~present~~ <sup>SECOND</sup> wife Mollie Kate Thornton Prather.

Date of Birth	Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> 1926	Where	Charlotte N.S.
Date Married	Oct. 1, 1944	Where	Charlotte, N.C.
To Whom	Walter Lee Frieze - Gastonia, N.C.		
Date of Death	DEC. 26 - 1995	Where	Tenn. Greenville Botted 52, Schuss F.P.P. Church Charlotte, N.C.

10 days short of 70 yrs

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First Wife of Henry Dewitt Prather

Date  
Ola Clyde Thornton  
Wilkes Co. Ga.

Wife  
Married

where  
Charlotte, N.C.

Date of Birth Oct. 28, 1884

Wilkes County, Georgia  
Place of Birth

Date of Death Charlotte, N.C.

Where 19da. less than  
Oct. 9, 1914 30yrs.

Wilkes County, Ga. Rehoboth Church Cemetery  
Where Buried

(below)  
H.D.P.'s  
My grandfathers  
Date  
father

Note: Fathers Brothers and Sisters  
★ we have a photo of J.G.P., C.E.D.P.  
George Gipson Prather married Della  
Born: where: Wilkes Co. Georgia  
Died where Buried Rehoboth here below  
with their children  
(listed in missing for photo)

Myrtle

Born: Wilkes Co. Ga.  
where:

Married Lewellyn Wright  
Died:  
Buried:

Clepton Alphonse Prather

Born Georgia Sept 3, 1888  
where Wilkes Co.

Married Lucy C. Latham or  
Died June 27 1969  
Buried Rehoboth Church Georgia

Born: Jan. 10 1883  
Died: Jan. 10. 1974  
Buried Rehoboth B.Ch. - Georgia

Henry Dewitt Prather

Born: Sept. 11, 1887 - 1da.  
Died March 10, 1974 86 1/2

Married  
Ola C Thornton B. 10/28/84 Oct. 9, 1914  
Died:  
Mollie Kate Thornton  
B. July 3 - 1897 Buried: Rehoboth  
May. 25. 1940

Gladys Viola Prather

Born Nov. 17 - 1889  
Wilkes Co. Ga.

Died: Sept. 9th 1986 - 96 + 10  
Saluda, S.C. Nursing Home

Willie Joe Prather

Born: Wilkes Co. Ga.  
Died Concord, N.C.

Married Margaret  
Born:  
Died:

Emma  
Born Wilkes Co. Ga.

Died Married

Born T. Carey Burton  
Died

children of  
(H.D. and Mollie Kate) ~~Prather~~ Prather (All born in Charlotte, N.C.)  
[Thornton]

Henny DEWitt Prather, Jr.

Date Married July 12, 1952

to whom: MARY JANE POWELL

Born - April 5, 1930

Date of Death

Born - Jan. 8, 1928

where  
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

where Iron River, Michigan

Frances Jeannette Prather

Date Married

to Whom: Rufus Pullens

Date of Death: July 8, 1985

Born July 26, 1931  
Charlotte, N.C.  
where:

St. Joseph's  
Where: Savannah, Ga.  
Buried at Hepzibah - Me. Ch.  
3 mi. S. Lincoln  
Ga.

William Allen Prather

Date Married April 29, 1955

to Whom: Kirby Bryant - April 5<sup>th</sup> 1936  
w. A. Prather, Jr. "Lynn"  
Marla Cindy Lara  
Date of Death

Born Jan. 22, 1934  
Charlotte, N.C.  
where,  
Lincolnton, Ga.

Bobby Gene Prather

Lives in New Orleans, La.  
Date Married Franklin Ave.

to Whom

Date of Death

Born JAN. 26, 1937  
Charlotte, N.C.

where:

where