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Document Title: Family Bibles of William Sorrells (1810 -1857) & his grandson, Henry Clay Sorrells (1855 - 1923) of Lincoln Co., Tennessee and Family Sketch

Source: A copy of a published transcription of these two Bibles was sent to me by Betty Nye in 1996. The first page of the published record is missing. I would love to have the first page of the William Sorrells Bible if anyone has it. I don't know where this Bible record was published, but it had to be after 1972, the latest death record listed below. Pages numbers on the published pages are 32 and 33.

	
<p>My Aunt Margaret, who was named after her great-grandmother, Margaret T. (Sorrells) Gilbert, daughter of William Sorrells (I) and Eleanor "Nellie" (King Sorrells). My aunt and Margaret Sorrells Gilbert shared a common birthday.</p>	<p>My mother Alice, who was the great-granddaughter of Washington A. and Margaret T. (Sorrells) Gilbert. My mother was named after her grandmother, Alice Eugenia Gilbert Morton, daughter of Washington and Margaret (Sorrells) Gilbert.</p>

Partial Bible Record of William Sorrells

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Bible of William Sorrells

Margaret T. Sorrells was born November 19th 1846 [married Washington A. Gilbert, 3December 1865)

Nancy C. Sorrells was born May 20th in the year of our Lord 1848

Needham Jefferson Sorrells was born October 5th in the year of our Lord 1849

Ephraim M[arion] Sorrells was born March 12, 1851

I[sham] S. Sorrells was born in the year of our Lord December 16, 1854

Henry Clay Sorrells was born March 1st in the year of our lord 1855

Newton A[lexander] Sorrells was born March 17th in the year of our lord 1857

John M. Sorrells died August in the year of our Lord 1840

Margaret P. Sorrells died September 24th in the year of our Lord 1841 [first wife, Margaret P. Harkins]

Elener's [Eleanor King Sorrells, 2nd wife] child died October 8th in the year of our Lord 1845

William Sorrells died September 10th in the year of our Lord 1857. [1810 is the birthdate on his monument in Harkins Cemetery]

Ephraim M. Sorrells died December 17th in the year of our lord 1884

E[leanor] M. [King] [Sorrells] Holly died March 19th in the year of our Lord 1892 [Her second husband was John Holly.]

William T. Sorrells died Oct. 2nd 1898 [son of William Sorrells I, d 1857)

I[sham] S. Sorrells died May 24th 1914

[end of William Sorrells Bible transcription]

Bible of Henry Clay Sorrells (grandson of Thomas Sorrells)

In possession of Mrs. Joe Jefferson Sorrells, Fayetteville, Tennessee; Published by John A. Dickson - Chicago, Illinois, 1909; Copied by Mary E. Scott and Clara Wagster Sorrells.

This is to certify that H.C. Sorrels and Fannie B. McKenzie were united by me in Holy Matrimony at Belleville [Tennessee] on the 27th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety [1890] in the presence of W.B. McKenzie and N.A. Sorrels.

/s/ Rev. Tigert

Great Grand Parents:

Father's Grand Parents: Ephraim King & Jane Harkins

Mother's Grand Parents: D.B. Shull & Sallie Higgins

Grand parents:

William Sorrels - Nellie [Eleanor] King - W.B. McKenzie - Ann E. Shull

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Parents

H.C. Sorrels born March 1, 1855

Fannie B. Sorrels born June 6, 1869

Children

Daisy May Sorrels born May 26, 1881 married Feb. 4, 1906 to Jackson Armstrong
Esther Nellie Sorrels born March 6, 1886 married Oct. 26, 1906 to R[oscoe] B[enton] Scott
Joe Jefferson Sorrels born May 30, 1892 married Aug. 21, 1912 to Clara Wagster
Helen C. McKenzie born Jan. 2, 1897
Clara Wagster Sorrels born Sept. 9, 1893

Grandchildren (*births omitted below for privacy.)

Grace Josephine Armstrong born *
Frances Evelyn Sorrels born *
Henry Sorrels Warren born *
Marcia Ann Warren born *
Joe David Warren born *

Paralee Josephine Renfro was born Feb. 23, 1856 married to H.C. Sorrels Feb. 27, 1879 Died March 20, 1889

Jackson Armstrong died Oct. 10, 1909
Henry Clay Sorrels died Oct. 1, 1923
Fannie Boone Sorrels died May 7, 1941
Joe Jefferson Sorrels died Jan. 1, 1957
Daisy May Sorrels Armstrong died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1964
Esther Nellie Sorrels Scott died Feb. 20, 1972

Family Sketch and Research Questions

William Sorrells (I) married, first, Margaret P. Harkins who died in 1841; they had six children:

1. Susannah Katherine Sorrells, 1833-1889
2. Joseph F. Sorrells, b 1835
3. James M. Sorrells, 1836-1904
4. Mary Jane "Jane" Sorrells, 1837-1920
5. John M. Sorrells, 1939-1840
6. William Thomas Sorrells, 1841-1898

He married, second, Eleanor "Nellie" King, daughter of Ephraim King and Jane Harkins King. William Sorrells (I) had eight children by his second marriage. Eleanor King Sorrells married, second, John Holly, and had four children. The children of William Sorrells I and Eleanor King Sorrells:

1. ___ Sorrells (m), b & d 1845?
2. Margaret T. Sorrells, b 1846
3. Nancy C. Sorrells, 1848-1889
4. Needham Jefferson Sorrells, 1849-1922
5. Ephraim Marion Sorrells, 1851-1884
6. Isham S. Sorrells, 1853-1914
7. Henry Clay Sorrells, 1855-1923
8. Newton Alexander Sorrells, 1857-1926

William (I) Sorrells was born in Georgia, according to the census of 1850, in 1810. A summary of possible connections follows: Is William Sorrells (I) a brother or cousin of Isham Sorrells (1816-1881) who is also buried in Harkins Cemetery? William Sorrells (I) named one son Isham S. Sorrells.

In the 1820 Bedford Co., Tennessee census, there are two Sorrel families. Edward Sorrels is listed as 020000-11000, which means 2 males 10 to 16 years old and 1 female under 10 and 1 female 10 to 16 years old in the household. Ephriam Sorrells is listed with all "0"s.

Four King families and one Sorrell family were enumerated in consecutive households in the 1830 Lincoln Co., Tennessee census. The only Sorrell listed is Needham Sorrell, 00110001-00001001. The household included 1 male 10-15 years old, 1 male 15-20 years old, 1 male 50-60 years old, 1 female 20-30 years old and one female 50-60 years old. Needham Sorrell was enumerated after Ephraim King. After Needham Sorrell are Joshua King (50-60 years old), Ebenezer King (15-20 years old), and another Ephraim King 1001-1001, who was 30 years old and the father of Eleanor "Nellie" King, William Sorrels (I)'s second wife. William Sorrells (I) would have been 20 in the 1830 census and we know he was not married until 1832, and thus could have been the male 15-20 years old in the household of Needham Sorrell in 1830.

In the Bedford Co., Tennessee 1850 census, Needham Sorrells, age 45 and born in North Carolina has the following household: Nancy (wife) 33, NC; John 17; Jephtha, 15; Mary, 10; Franciss E. , 8; Needham, 12; Araminta, 6; Henry, 4; William, 10/12. He must have been in North Carolina until 1845/6 because only sons Henry and William were b in Tennessee. The rest of the children were born in North Carolina. John M. England, age 7 was also in his household.

In the Lincoln Co. 1850 census, Thomas Sorrell, 57 and b in North Carolina has the following household: Elizabeth, 40 Tennessee; James, 16; Thomas, 14; Adaline, 13; Sarah, 10; William, 6; John, 3; Henry Nichols, 23; and Malinda Nicols, 19.

DEEDS: A David Sorrel witnessed a deed on 23 Nov 1810 between Enoch Enochs and James Ellis, land lying on Mulberry Creek in Bedford Co., Tennessee (Bedford Co. Deed Book A:246). On 1 Jun 1832, land in Bedford Co. on McBrides Creek, a branch of Garrison Fork of Duck River, is described as land David Sorrel purchased of A. Erwin, J. Patton & Erwin and deeded by Sorrel to Waugh Finley and Johnson and by Waugh Finley and Johnson to Samuel Hannah, deceased. /s/ 11 Feb 1831 (Bedford Co. Deed Bk CC:8). A deed registered 22 Oct 1814 for land in Bedford County on Rich Creek, called Michael's Creek, is noted to border Thomas Sorrells. The land was surveyed Aug 1810 (Bedford Co. Deed Book E:273. Another deed between John Ellison and his son, Thomas Ellison for land on Rich Creek is noted as bordering Thomas Sorrells, and was registered 27 Dec 1819 (Bedford Co. Deed Book L:247). On 18 Aug 1818 heirs of Thomas Sorrells received a Tennessee Grant for 640 acres, # 7636, for military service by Thomas Sorrells to North Carolina, Warrant No. 2961, dated 20 Sep 1785 and entered 19 Aug 1807 by No. 229. "Granted to the heirs of Thomas Sorrells, land in Bedford Co., Tennessee, on waters of Rock Creek." Surveyed 6 Jan 1807 (Bedford Co. Deed Bk J: 16). Therefore, this Thomas Sorrells, who completed military service in North Carolina, was probably in Bedford Co., TN by 1807 and died by Aug 1818. A Thomas Sorrells, his wife and child are buried in Sorrell Cemetery, 3-1/2 miles northeast of Petersburg, Tennessee (near Bedford and Marshall County lines), near Hannah Gap. No other information is given. This is the area our family lived in.

Walter S. Sorrel is mentioned as an heir of Peter Boswell (deceased and formerly of Fairfax Co., Virginia) through his marriage to Peter Boswell's daughter, Martha. The settlement was /s/ 9 Nov 1825 and registered 19 Nov 1825, at which time the heirs "now being of full age." That means this Walter Sorrel was born by 1804. (Bedford Co. Deed BK W:158). In a deed /s/ 3 Dec 1824, Walter B. Sorrells of Hardeman Co., TN sells land to Alfred Jacobs of Bedford Co., TN., land in Bedford Co. on the headwaters of one fork of the Garrison Fork. Borders John McBride, Samuel Hanner, Joel Dashiell, and the ridge that divides the waters of the Garrison Fork and McBrides Creek. Reg. 7 Apr 1836 (Bedford Co. Deed Book FF:271. This latter deed indicates that Walter Sorrells had land in the same area that David Sorrells did: Garrison Fork and McBrides Creek on Duck River.)

Our Williams Sorrells (I) was guardian for the children of Samuel C. Harkins: Susannah A. Harkins, 1842; Thomas M. Harkins, 1842, 1844-46; Esther E. Harkins, 1842, 1844; and Samuel A. Harkins, 1844 in Marsh, [ITAL:][:ITAL]Early Unpublished Court Records of Lincoln Co., TN[ITAL:][:ITAL], 1993. In the 1850 Lincoln Co. census, his household is as follows: William, 39 GA; Elen 26 TN, Catharine 16, Joseph 15, James 14, Jane 12, Thomas 8, Margaret 4, Nancy 2 and Needham 6/12 (page 261, line 247). Note the repetition of male names in the King and Sorrell lines--Needham, Ephraim, William, Thomas, James, Isham. It's enough to cause a headache!