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**Document Title: Family Bible of John Roberts and Sarah (Smith) Roberts of Lincoln and Bedford Cos., TN -- 1792 to 1898, with Newspaper Clipping & Family Sketch**

Source: Patricia West, St. Louis, Missouri has this Bible. The Bible was given to Patricia's mother by Mrs. Bessie Redd of Lincoln Co., TN in the 1950s.

**Bible Transcription**

The transcription of the Bible was published in *Middle Tennessee Genealogy*, Vol. VI, No. 3, Winter, 1993, p.103-4. Note two corrections in the transcription below to the printed version. *Tennessee Ancestors: A Publication of the East Tennessee Historical Society*, Vol. 9, No. 3, December 1993, pp. 207-8, also printed this record.

The Bible fragment consists of pages 581-1080 and pages 1-25 of the Psalms of David in Metre. The Bible is in fragile condition, with only a leather binding on the spine. The Bible register pages have been professionally restored--deacidified, cleaned, and strengthened.

	
<p>Sarah Morton (Gilbert) Morton, b 1834, and her husband William C. Morton.</p> <p>Sarah was the daughter of Rachel (Roberts) Gilbert (sister of Lucretia Roberts Gilbert), and her husband John C. Gilbert (brother of D.A. Gilbert).</p>	<p>Lucretia Roberts, b 1820, and her husband D.A. Gilbert. Lucretia was one of the sisters who married a Gilbert brother.</p>

## My Line

I descend from **three of the Roberts daughters**, two of whom married Gilbert brothers. The sisters Rachael and Lucretia Roberts married two Gilbert brothers, John C. Gilbert and D. A. "Doc" Gilbert, respectively. A third Roberts sister, Susannah, married John C. Morton Sr. All lived in Lincoln Co., or Bedford Co., Tennessee.

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### Births

Sarah M. Gilbert was bornd April 21, 1834 [married William C. Morton; d/o John Gilbert and Rachael Roberts Gilbert; see below for repeat]  
[Next entry is too faded to read]  
Mary An Gilbert was bornd August the 11, 1835  
Atemisia Gilbert was bornd December 1 + 1836 [yr?]  
A.B. Gilbert was bornd march the 23 + 1838  
John C. Gilbert was bornd march the 8, 1839

### Marriages [includes births]

Rezin Roberts was married September 11, 1826  
\_\_\_\_\_ [single line here] \_\_\_\_\_  
[the following 2 Roberts are children of Rezin Roberts, son of John and Sarah (Smith) Roberts:]  
John Roberts was bornd November 13, in the year 1827  
Ailcy Roberts was bornd December 18th in the year 1829  
===== [double line here] =====  
Sarah Morton Gilbert was borne April the 21, 1834 [married William C. Morton]

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**Births** [all 12 Roberts children below are known to be siblings; parents were John Roberts and Sarah Smith:]  
Elisabeth Roberts was born july the 26th 1792 [m. John England]  
Mary Roberts was born october 11 ----1794 [dashes there signify no omission] [m Samuel Moore]  
William Roberts was born october the 19th 1796  
John Roberts was born December the 25th-1798  
Juten or Justen (?) Roberts was born November 29th 1800 [Juten/Justin has the same birth date as Peter Roberts, as per his tombstone. They may be the same person or they may be twins]  
Nancy Roberts was born December the 23-1802 [m. James Littleton Foster in Nov 1820]  
Reason Roberts was born february the 19th-1805 [also spelled Rezin]  
Susannah Roberts was born june 23-1807 [m. John C. Morton]  
Sarah L. Roberts was born february the 18-1810  
Rachael Roberts was born March the 7-1812 [m. John C. Gilbert]  
Artamecy Roberts was born october the 18, 1814  
Lucretia Roberts was bornd october the 7 in the year 1820 [m. D.A. Gilbert, brother of John C. Gilbert]  
[The following Foster children are chn. of Nancy Roberts & James L. Foster:]  
William Foster was bornd 27th of November in the year 1822  
Sarah Foster was born March the 25 in the year 1824  
Joel Foster was borne September the 24 1825 [he is the 3rd child of James Littleton and Nancy (Roberts) Foster]

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### Births

[The following Ingold/Inglond/England children are chn. of Elizabeth Roberts, b 1792, & John England:]

Sarah Inglood bornd July 22---1813

Mibndy? [Malindy] Inglond bornd March 7th---1815 [she married Absolom Williams]

Jonathan England was bornd February 15, 1817

Tilman England was bornd may the 20th 1819

Martin England was borned July the 8th in the year 1821

[Moore chn. are probably chn. of Mary Roberts and Samuel Moore; can't prove marriage yet]

Henry Moore was born January the 21 [or 27]th in the year 1823

Addaline Moore was bornd August 13 in the year 1824

### Deaths

Elizabeth Gibson diseasd on the 2 day of March 1815 [1816??]

Elizabeth Smith diseasd on the 6th day of March 1818 [this entry has a single line crossed through it; her cemetery record shows her death as 6 Mar 1816; Elizabeth and John Smith Sr. are the parents of Sarah Smith Roberts. They moved to Bedford Co., TN from Pendleton District, South Carolina, in 1810.]

John Smith diseasd March \_\_\_\_\_ [Cemetery record of John Smith Sr. shows his death as 12 Mar 1816; John Smith Jr. d. 3 Mar 1816. Apparently, the Smith parents and this son died from a common illness.]

Elizabeth Smith diseasd on the 6 [?] day of March 1815 [see note above]

William Foster diseasd December 22d in the year 1822

Gerard? borned January (?) in the year 1824.

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### Deaths [actually births]

Newel England was born February 15th 1826 [before cleaning, appeared to be 1896]

Sally Moore was borne April 23d 1826

John Foster was born September 22d 1827

Susannah Moor--[ink blot & crossed out]

Susannah Moore was born July \_\_\_[ink spot] 1828

Rezin Morton was borned November the 2 in the year 1849

Deaths

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Artamecy Roberts departed this life April the 3rd in the year 1882, age 67 years, 5 months and 15 days

Rachel Gilbert departed this life August 2, 1898. Aged 86-4-25

[end of transcription]

Some entries are repeated in the old **William C. Morton & Sarah M. (Gilbert) Morton Bible, 1806-1919**, also available at the West, Kirkland & Allied Family website.

### Newspaper Clipping from Bible

"R.A. Wagster, of Chestnut Ridge, [Lincoln Co., Tenn.] has an heirloom in his family that is highly cherished. It is an old bible. It was first purchased by his great great grandfather, Jack Smith, who in turn handed it down to Rason Smith, who in turn handed it down to his [refers to R .A. Wagster] great grandmother, Sarah Roberts. She left it to her daughter, Rachael Gilbert, who gave it to Mr. Wagster for safe keeping. Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Wagster's grandmother is a very old lady, now living near Chestnut Ridge, and delivered this book to her grandson,

knowing it would be properly preserved by him and kept in the family as a reminder to the rising generation of the love for the book by their ancestors." [Mrs. Gilbert died in 1898.]

#### Family Sketch

John "Jack" Smith (b 1752 VA & d 1816 Bedford Co, TN), s/o William and Jean (\_\_\_\_) Smith, Sr. married Elizabeth ?Simpson or ?Gibson (b ca 1750 & d 1816 Bedford Co., TN). They were in North Carolina in 1774 and moved to Pendleton District, SC before 1792. They then moved to Bedford Co., TN before 1810 (see Deed Book C, p. 556, Bedford Co., Tennessee). Their 9 children, including Rezin/Reson Smith and Sarah Smith Roberts.

Rachel Roberts Gilbert was the daughter of John and Sarah Smith Roberts.

John Smith, Elizabeth (?Simpson/Gibson) Smith, and their son, John Smith Jr. died within days of each other in 1816, probably of the cold augue, a virulent flu.

Who was Elizabeth Gibson who died 1815/6? Was she the mother or grandmother of Sarah Smith Roberts?

John Roberts & Sarah Smith had 12 children listed in this Bible and were said by later family members to have had 16 children. Their daughter, Rachael (1812 GA & d 1898 Bedford Co.) m John C. Gilbert on 20 Jun 1833 in Bedford Co. He (b ca1810 & d before 1850 Bedford Co.) was s/o the Rev. John Gilbert and Sarah \_\_\_\_ (possibly Bourland), who were early settlers in middle Tennessee. Rev. Gilbert was a Baptist minister at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. John & Rachel (Roberts) Gilbert's daughter, Mary Ann Gilbert (1835 Bedford Co.-1894 Lincoln Co.) married W.C. Wagster on 12 Aug 1852. R.A. Wagster was their son.