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**Document Title: Family Bible of Major Matthew Roberts and Susan (Wells) Roberts of Lawrence Co., AL--1776-1888**

Source: Bible record contributed by Mrs. T.E. Baker of Decatur, Alabama, n.d. Photocopies of two typed copies of this Bible record were sent to me from the Wheeler Basin Regional Library in Decatur, Alabama. The records were located in the Roberts surname file submitted by the Morgan Co., Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc.

1. The first Bible record was printed in a book for which I do not have full publication data. I assume the person who originally submitted the record, Mrs. T.E. Baker of Decatur, AL, was also the transcriber. The top of the page is titled, Bible Records.

2. *Family Ledger and Bible Records*, compiled by Erline A. Hardin, Jane Shelton, and Virginia W. Walker, notes the Bible records are in the possession of "the Julia Almon's Family." Unfortunately, no date or other publication data are on the copies I received.

The second record differs slightly from the first and I will indicate differences in the second publication with an \*.



Lillian Kirkland Moore, great-granddaughter of Matthew & Susan (Wells) Roberts

Patrick G Kirkland, great-grandson of Matthew & Susan (Wells) Roberts, and brother to Lillian Kirkland Moore (left)

## Family Note

The daughter of Matthew and Susan (Wells) Roberts, Clementine Roberts married John P.G. Masterson. Clementine was the mother of Mary Emily "Molly" Masterson Kirkland. Both Matthew and Susan (Wells) Roberts descend from Revolutionary War soldiers. Matthew Roberts' grandfather, James Gheen served from North Carolina. Susan Wells Roberts' grandfather and greatgrandfather, Richard Wells Jr. and Richard Wells Sr. served in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

## Bible Transcription

TITLE PAGE: New Illustrated Devotional and Practical Polyglot FAMILY BIBLE containing the OLD and new testaments, TOGETHER WITH THE apocrypha, concordance, and psalms in metre. . . . Also, a Carefully Abridged Edition of DR. WM. SMITH'S COMPLETE DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE. . . . Published by THE NATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY, NEW-WORLD PUBLISHING COMPANY, JONES BROTHERS & CO. [\*This is missing.]

## MARRIAGES

Matthew Roberts and Susan Roberts married the 14th day of April 1819 [Have marriage license from Lawrence Co., AL, also.]

## BIRTHS

Matthew Roberts was born August the 20th, 1797  
Susan Roberts wife of Matthew Roberts born September 10th, 1802  
[\*shows the phrase "the son (or daughter) of Matthew Roberts and Susan Roberts" inserted after the name of the child and before the birthday.]  
Nancy Roberts born and deceased this life January 4th, 1820  
John Chapman Roberts born February 14th, 1821  
Hiram Mitchell Roberts born December 11th, 1822  
Matilda Clemintine Roberts born February 15th, 1825  
Permelia Adaline Roberts born April the 12th, 1827  
Matthew Howard Roberts born November the 19th, 1828  
Thomas Jefferson Roberts born the 5th March, 1831  
William Washington Roberts born January 19th, 1833  
James Marion Roberts born October the 23, 1834  
Franklin Alexander Roberts born February the 4th, 1836  
Martha Susan Roberts born October the 8th, 1837  
Houston Warren Roberts born November 2, 1839  
Mary Catherine Roberts born March the 24th, 1842  
Absolom Henry Roberts born February 11th, 1844  
Birth and death of Infant son the 11th January, 1846  
Birth and death of Infant daughter December 11, 1849  
James W. Sandlin bon July 30th, 1865

## MY FATHER'S FAMILY (Listed on sheet with births)

John [\*M.] Roberts [\*the husband of Sarah Roberts] born December 28th 1779  
Sarah Roberts wife of John [\*M.] Roberts born June 16th, 1776 [maiden name: Gheen]  
Jessee B. Roberts [\*the son of John M. Roberts and Sarah Roberts] born May 12th, 1796  
Matthew Roberts born August 20th, 1797 [\*entry not listed here in second record]  
John Roberts [\*the son of John M. Roberts and Sarah Roberts] born April the 12th, 1799  
Mary Roberts [\*the daughter of John M. Roberts and Sarah Roberts] born February the 19th, 1801

John W. Roberts[\*the son of John M. Roberts and Sarah Roberts] born June the 21st, 1804  
Catherine Roberts [\*the daughter of John M. Roberts and Sarah Roberts] born December 17th, 1805  
Hiram Roberts [\*the son of John M. Roberts and Sarah Roberts] born March 13th, 1808  
Howard Roberts born September 1st, 18\_\_ (blurred) [\*entry not listed here in second record]  
William C. Roberts [the son of John M. Roberts and Sarah Roberts] born April 20th, 1816

## DEATHS

### M. Roberts Family

William W. Roberts departed this life the 5th July 1852  
Permelia A. Montgomery departed this life September 27th, 1852  
Matthew H. Roberts departed this life July 18th, 1859  
Absolom Henry Roberts departed this life January 6th in year of our Lord 1863  
Thomas J. Roberts departed this life May 4th, 1863

### My Fathers Family

Sarah Roberts wife of John Roberts departed this life the 11th of November 1838  
John Roberts departed this life the 23 of June 1842

## MARRIAGES (on another page)

Matthew Roberts and Susan Roberts was married april 14th in the year of our Lord 1819  
John C. Roberts and Emeline Roberts was married in the year of our Lord 1841

## DEATHS (on another page-excerpted those not already given)

Matthew Roberts deceased July 8th, 1882  
Susan [\*Wells] Roberts his wife deceased Jan. 1, 1888 [\*omits Jan.1]  
James M. Roberts departed Nov. 9, 1882

STATE OF ALABAMA)

MORGAN COUNTY )

I, Barbara T. Glenn, A Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the following pages are a Xerox copy of what apparently is a record of births, marriages and deaths of the family of Matthew Roberts and his wife, Susan Roberts, and that the pages on which said record is made appear to have become loosened from and to be a part of a very old Bible of which a copy of the title page is included. This the 6th day of February, 1969.

/s/ Barbara T. Glenn, Notary Public.

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