Document Title: Bible of Robert Archibald Kirkland & Mary Emily Masterson Kirkland of Morgan Co. & Lawrence Co., AL, 1817-1896, with Family Sketch

Source: According to family lore, this Bible page, written on both sides, was torn from the Bible of Robert Archibald Kirkland after the funeral of his wife, Mary Emily “Molly” Masterson Kirkland, in 1934, by their son Daniel. There was a family dispute over who was to get the Bible. This page was given to me by mother. The page is in terrible shape. It was stored inside sticky plastic sheets for protection over 40 years ago and can’t be salvaged.

Bible Transcription
Please note there are two sets of twins listed below.

**BIRTHS**

[The following list is of births of Robert and Mary Kirkland and their children:

(October) 31st 1848  
(Mary E.) [Masterson] Kirkland  
(March 7, 1858  
utra? [can't read]  
( ) Kirkland  
(Dec. 9th 1885  
(Patrick G. Kirkland [Note: m Gertie B. Morton; d 1974 Colorado]  
(Oct. 13th 1887  
(Pattie Lee Kirkland [Note: died 1931 Alabama; never married.]  
Oct 13th 1887  
(Lillian Panola Kirkland [Note: m Jasper Moore; d 1928 Alabama]  
Nov 3 1889  
(Robert (E.) Kirkland [Note: m Bessie Lee Barnes; d 1963 North Carolina]  
Jan 10th 1893  
blank line  
James Matthew Kirkland [line crossed out]  
May 3rd 1896  
William Jacob Kirkland [line crossed out]  
May 3rd 1896 [line crossed out]  
James (M.) Kirkland [Note: m Annie Blanche Neyman; died 1941]  
May 3rd 1896  
William Jacob Kirkland [Note: never married; d ca 1984 in Texas]  
May 3rd 1896  
John Daniel Kirkland [Note: m Jessie Louise Mathis; d 1967 Alabama]  
Sept 2, 1899

[The following are the parents and siblings of Mary Emily Masterson Kirkland:]

John P.G. Masterson  
March 8th 1817 [Note: other records show him born 1824]  
Matilda C. Masterson  
Feb 15th 1825  
Georgian Masterson  
May 15th 1846  
Mathew A. Masterson [Note: m Martha M. Sandlin; d 1945 Alabama]  
June 14th 1848 [see death notice and funeral notice, above]  
Margaret S. Masterson [Note: m Howard B. Irwin]  
Sept 10th 1849  
Permelia A. Masterso(n) [Note: m Lucius M. Wear; d 1952]  
Sept 18th 1851  
James T. Masterso(n) [Note: m Anne Stephenson; d 1942]  
Sept 11th 1853

**DEATHS**

John P.G. Masterson [Note: murdered during a slave uprising at the end of the Civil War.]  
April 3rd 1865  
Matilda C. Masterson
Nov 2nd 1906  
H.B. Irwin  
Oct (20) 1907  
Mag. S. (Irwin)  
can't read  
A____ W. Windom  
July 4th 1907  
Willie L. Irwin  
Oct 1st 1894  
Infant [dau. of R.A. Kirkland & Mary E. Kirkland,  
Dec. 9, 1885]  
D. G. Kirkland(d) [Note: father of R.A. Kirkland]  
Jan 25 189[7]  

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Kirkland Family Sketch

This Bible belonged to Robert Archibald Kirkland and his wife, Mary Emily “Molly” Masterson,  
d/o John Patrick G. Masterson (b. Mar. 8, 1817 AL and d. April 3, 1865 AL) and Matilda  

Robert A. Kirkland is a son of Daniel G. Kirkland (b 1814 TN & d 1897 TX) and his second wife,  
Tabitha Octavia (Yearby) Albritton (b 1818 NC & d 1864 AL), who was first married to David  
Walker Albritton. Daniel is a son of Archibald Kirkland and Mary Chaney Kirkland and grandson of John Kirkland and his wife, Mary deLot.

The Kirklands went from South Carolina to Tennessee about 1800 and then floated down the  
Tennessee River to Fayette Co., AL about 1818. The Mastersons were in middle Tennessee in  
the 1790s and went to Lawrence Co., AL about 1817-18. Mary Emily Masterson Kirkland descends from two Revolutionary War soldiers, John Chilcoat (1758 MD-1851 MO) and James Gheen (ca 1740-1796 NC), for whom additional information is available on the West, Kirkland & Allied Families website.