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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.

 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BELOVED MAN PASSES HERE</b></p> <p>Matthew A. Masterson, age 94, passed away last night at 10:30 at his home 914 E. Jackson Street.</p> <p>Funeral services will be in charge of Rev. C. L. Cobbs and Rev. Frank Smith, Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. at the Sixteenth Avenue Baptist church, interment at the city cemetery, Brown directing.</p> <p>The deceased is survived by three daughters, Miss Mae Masterson, Mrs. C. L. Buck and Mrs. R. E. Ellis, all of Decatur; four sons, J. P. Masterson, Boulder City, Nevada; C. E. Masterson, Sentinel, Okla.; H. H. Masterson, Birmingham; W. E. Masterson, Decatur; one sister, Mrs. L. M. Ware, Moulton; one brother, A. H. Masterson, Hartselle; thirty-three grandchildren and thirty-two great grandchildren.</p> <p>His grandsons will act as pallbearers and the Young Ladies Sunday school class of the Sixteenth Avenue Baptist church will have charge of flowers.</p> <p>Mr. Masterson came to Decatur in 1908 from Lawrence county and during his long life in this community made many friends. He was a member of the Sixteenth Avenue Baptist church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HERE TO ATTEND MASTERSON RITES</b></p> <p>Members of the family attending the funeral of the late Mathew A. Masterson, 94 who passed away on Monday night were Mrs. R. T. Johnson, H. H. Masterson and family, Miss Hazel Masterson, Mrs. Alice Kirkland West and Dave Srygley of Birmingham; Mrs. Gaddis Maddox and Mary Ann Maddox, Rockford; W. E. Morrow, Columbiana; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Carr, Bessemer; A. B. Masterson, Mrs. Howard Burleson, Mrs. George McGregor, Hartselle; Rev. Will Wear, Mrs. L. M. Wear, Miss Leslie Wear, Mrs. Percy Elkins, Mrs. Garth Clark, Moulton; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Overton and H. B. Overton Jr., Huntsville; Mrs. D. H. Kelley, Arthur Young, Arthur Roberts, Landersville; Mrs. Irri-dell Milam, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pickens, Mrs. Artie Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Young, Mrs. Dee Stinson, Hubert Elkins, Everett Elkins, Mount Hope.</p>
<p>Robert Archibald Kirkland and his wife, Mary Emily "Molly" Masterson Kirkland (top) and Molly as a young woman (bottom).</p>	<p>Death and funeral notices for Matthew Andrew Masterson, b 14 June 1848 and d 3 April 1942 in Alabama. He was a brother to Molly Masterson Kirkland.</p>	

Bible Transcription

( ) Material torn, faded or can't read.

[ ] Transcriber's comments

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:]

(Robert A. Kirkl)and

(October) 31st 1848

(Mary E.) [Masterson] Kirkland

(Ma)rch 7, 1858

ulta? [can't read]

( ) Kirkland

Dec. 9th 1885

(Patri)ck G. Kirkland [Note: m Gertie B. Morton; d 1974 Colorado]

Oct. 13th 1887

(Pa)ttie Lee Kirkland [Note: died 1931 Alabama; never married.]

Oct 13th 1887

(Li)llian Panola Kirkland [Note: m Jasper Moore; d 1928 Alabama]

Nov 3 1889

(Ro)bert (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]

September 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

Feby 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 Clementine "Money" Roberts, (b. Feb. 15, 1825 AL and d. Nov. 2, 1906 AL). John and Matilda (Roberts) Masterson were married on 30 January 1845 (Abstract of Book C: 14-, Lawrence Co., AL). Robert and Molly Kirkland married in Lawrence Co., AL on 4 March 1885 (Marriage Book J:50, Lawrence Co., AL).

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.