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**Document Title: Family Bible of William C. Morton and Sarah M. (Gilbert) Morton of Lincoln and Bedford Co., Tennessee, 1806-1919, and Family Sketch**

Source: Mrs. Bessie Wagster Redd of Petersburg, Lincoln Co., TN gave the Bible to my mother in the 1950s. The leather cover has been replaced and the entire Bible is in excellent condition. The Bible now belongs to Butch West.



Undated photo of William C. Morton and Sarah Morton (nee) Gilbert Morton. Both descend from John and Sarah (Smith) Roberts. They were first cousins.



Thomas Roberts Morton (1865-1907), son of Wm and Sarah (Gilbert) Morton, with his wife Alice E. (Gilbert) Morton (1867-1919), and two of their four daughters, baby Velma (1902) and Lera, standing. Two daughters, Gertie B. Morton and Marchie May Morton were students at the Alabama School for the Deaf.

## Bible Transcription

### [ ] Transcriber's comments

#### Births

Wm Morton was born May 27th 1829

Sarah M. Gilbert was born April 21st 1834

[The following are the seven children of William C. and Sarah Morton:]

John C. Morton was born May 13th 1851

Buenavista Morton was born Sep. 17th 1854

Talitha Cami Morton was born Dec 13 1857

Barachias Morton was born Jan 21st 1859

Zacharias Morton was born May 15 1861

Thomas R[oberts]. Morton was born Dec 15th 1865

Mary Ann Morton was born Feb 23 1869 [last of chn. of Wm & Sarah]

Velva T. Morton was born March 6, 1902 [d/o T.R. Morton]

Zacharias Morton & Martha Mortons first son William C.

Morton March 10th 1884

Thomas R. Morton. and. A. E. Mortons first daughter Arty Lera was born September the 20th 1888 [A.E. Morton was Alice Eugenia (Gilbert) Morton]

#### Marriages

Zacharias Morton and Martha Bledsoe were married Dec 7th 1882

T.R. Morton and A.E. Gilbert was married nov 20th 1887

B.C. Morton & Mary Sorrells was married Oct 7th 1890

S.A. Crane & B.V. Morton was married Dec 26th 1889

E.E. Reece and Mary Crane was married July th 22 1906

B.D. Morton [Bessie D.] was born Nov. 6th 1903 [g/c of Wm & Sarah]

Gertie B. Morton & Patrick G. Kirkland were married April 7, 1919

Marchie M. Morton & James Howell Davenport were married November 16, 1919

[Gertie and Marchie Morton are d/o T.R. Morton]

#### Memoranda

Susanah Morton (was born) [parentheses in original] June 23d 1807. [nee Roberts; mother of Wm C. Morton and wife of John Morton]

Rachel Gilbert March 7th 1812 [mother of Sarah M. Gilbert Morton and wife of John C. Gilbert; sister to Susannah Roberts Morton]

Rachel Gilbert Died Aug the 1 1898

Artamacy Robberts [misspelled in original] was born Oct. 18th 1814

Artamacy Roberts died april the 3th 1882

John Morton Was born Oct 9th 1806 [father of Wm C. Morton]

John Morton died May 23th 1879

Susanah Morton died Sep 30th 1891 [nee Roberts; mother of Wm C. Morton]

[The six following are grandchildren of Wm C. & Sarah Morton:]

Mary Crane was born Nov 16 1890 [d/o Buenavista Morton Crane]

Cordie L. Crane was born Oct 16 1891 [d/o Buenavista Morton Crane]

Eddie Crane was borne Mar 4 1893 [d/o Buenavista Morton Crane]

Arty Lera Morton was born Sept. 20 1888 [d/o T.R. Morton]

Marchie M. Morton was born March 13 1890 [d/o T.R. Morton]

Gertie B. Morton was born Jan 9, 1892 [d/o T.R. Morton]

#### Deaths

T.R. Morton died March the 13th 1907 [in Huntsville, AL]

Z.S. Morton died March the 16th 1907

[Transcriber's note: These two brothers died within days, which inadvertently caused hard feelings among their families. Both widows, T.R.'s in Alabama and Z.S.'s in Tennessee, were angry that the brothers didn't attend each other's funerals.]

John C. Morton died Feb 19th 1855 [s/o Wm. C. & Sarah Morton]:

B.V. Crane died Jan 11th 1909 [d/o Wm. C. & Sarah Morton]:

Talitha Cami Morton died Jan 26th 1858 [d/o Wm. C. & Sarah Morton]

Edgar Crane died Oct. 4, 1893

Mary Reese died Feb. 4th 1910

Velva T. Morton died Feb. 10, 1911 [d/o T.R. Morton]

William Morton died July 24, 1911 [husband of Sarah M. Gilbert Morton]

M.R. Morton died June 19th 1898

William C. Morton died July 30th 1884

Sarah M. Morton died May 5, 1901 [wife of William C. Morton]

John Morton died March 26 1914

### Family Sketch

This is the family Bible of William C. Morton and Sarah M. Gilbert who were married on July 18, 1850 at the home of her parents, John C. Gilbert Sr. and Rachael (Roberts) Gilbert in Lincoln Co., TN. William and Sarah Morton were first cousins.

William C. Morton, born in Tennessee, was the s/o John Morton and Susannah (Roberts) Morton, the sister of Rachael (Roberts) Gilbert. Rachel Roberts Gilbert and Susannah Roberts Morton were the d/o John and Sarah (Smith) Roberts.

A third Roberts daughter, Lucretia, married D.A. Gilbert, brother of John C. Gilbert. These families lived near the Lincoln Co./Bedford Co. line around Chestnut Ridge or Petersburg and were living in Tennessee before 1820. They emigrated from North and South Carolina.

### Research Sources

Transcribed from the intact Bible. Relationships identified are from family records, census records, official records, obituaries and clippings. The late Bessie D. Morton of Nashville, Tennessee, cousin of my grandmother, and Bessie Morton Spencer of Nashville, Tennessee also contributed their research.