

The family Bible of Catherine McCall Rainwater, wife of James

This Bible was given as a gift to Catherine McCall Rainwater, the estranged wife of James Rainwater, by her son, John Sanford Rainwater. Based on the clues he provides in the flyleaf inscription correlated with other known data, the gift was sent between 1851 and 1870. At Catherine's death in 1875, the Bible must have passed into the hands of one of the children still living in Tennessee, probably the family of William Inman and Mary Blackwell Rainwater. Whether the Bible still exists and who presently owns it, is not known.

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1895

Catherine. Rainwater
was Born July 20th
1895

Catherine
Rainwater
Schmidt
born July 20th
1895
in the presence
of
John
Schmidt
and
Mary
Schmidt

This is Catherine Rainwater
born in the presence of
John Schmidt, and
Mary Schmidt

Witnessed by
John Schmidt

BIRTHS.

Heirs of James Rainwater.

Eli J. Rainwater was

born Nov 4 day in the year
1811

Miles W. Rainwater was

born March the 7. 1816

John J. Rainwater was

born May the 21. 1819

Master C. Rainwater was

born June the 18. 1822

Louisa C. Rainwater was

born Sept the 23. 1825

William J. Rainwater

was born February

the 11 day 1832

End of all

Harry C. Rainwater was born

November 4 day A.D. 1833

Martin C. Rainwater heirs

Melvina Rainwater was born Sept the 21 day in the year 1844

Catharine Rainwater was in born March the 19 in the year of our lord

Andrew J. Rainwater was born August the 5th in the year of our lord

Heirs of Wm. J. Rainwater 1848

1 Puley C. Rainwater was born October the 29 day in the year of our lord 1853

2 Jonathan Nelson Rainwater was born January 12th day in the year of our lord 1853

3 Sarah E. Rainwater was born November the 9th day A.D. 1856

4 James Monroe Rainwater was born Sept the 1st 1858

5 Samuel M. Rainwater born November 9th 1860

D E A T H S .

Daughter of Hastings Rainwater D. D.

Melvina ^{Rainwater} died
12 day of July 1845

Wife of William Rainwater

Sarah Elizabeth Rainwater
Departed this life October
the 31: at 8 o'clock, A.M. 1857

Wm J Rainwater died
December the 19 AD 1862
July 6 Rainwater died
November the 11 AD 1868

Samuel M Rainwater died
December the 20 AD 1863

J M Rainwater died
November the 20 AD 1877

MARRIAGES

Mr. W. Rainwater was married to
his Catherine Blackwell the 26. 1858

William J. Rainwater
was married to Miss
Mary Catharine
Blackwell, Decem
the 19th day in the
year of our Lord
1852.

Mary C. Rainwater
was born November
the 4th day in the year
of our Lord. 1833.

1853

1833

20 years
November
1853

Dear mother It would afford me much
 pleasure to see you once more twenty five
 years has elapsed since I have seen your face
 but mother I have not forgotten you yet I did
 calculate to see you this winter but owing to my
 cotton crop I have on hand - it will be out of
 my power to come there this winter without loosing
 part of my cotton and mother if I never
 see you on this Earth I hope I will see you
 in a better world than this; My family are
 all tolerable well at this time father is in
 tolerable health for a man of his age but
 still remains blind I have another little
 girl near 3 months old the children are going
 to school at this time I will write again soon
 I think Farewell mother

John S Rainwater to
 Mrs Catherine Rainwater
 Sign on