The family Bible of Catherine McCall Rainwater, wife of James

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Photocopies of the original were contributed by Glidie Rainwater Mobley.
Catherine Rainwater was born July 20, 1895.

Catherine Rainwater enrolled this life Nov. 11, 1955.

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This is Catherine

Rainwater Bible, page 1
Births of James Rainwater

Elie J. Rainwater was born Nov. 14 day in the year 1810.

Miles M. Rainwater was born March the 7th 1816.

Phoenix Rainwater was born May the 21st 1819.

Nathan S. Rainwater was born June the 18th 1822.

Louisa E. Rainwater was born Sept. the 9th 1825.

William J. Rainwater was born Feb. the 17th day 1832.

End of all.

Harry C. Rainwater was born November 4th 1833.
Melvina Rainwater was born, the 27th day in the year 1856.

Catherine Rainwater was born and March 19th in the year of our Lord 1846.

Andrew J. Rainwater was born August 5th in the year of our Lord 1846.

The heirs of Win. Rainwater 1846.

Juliet C. Rainwater was born in October the 27th day in the year of our Lord 1853.

Jonathan Nelson Rainwater was born January 12th day in the year of our Lord 1833.

Sarah E. Rainwater was born November the 9th day of 1856.

James Monroe Rainwater was born September the 11th 1858.

Samuel M. Rainwater was born November 9th 1860.
DEATHS.

Melvina died 11 day of July 1845.

Heirs of William J. Rainwater.

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

Her J. Rainwater died December the 19 AD 1862.

July C. Rainwater died November the 11 AD 1863.

Samuel N. Rainwater died December the 20 AD 1863.

T. N. Rainwater died November the 20 AD 1877.
William J. Rainwater was married to Miss Mary Catherine Blackwell Slemm the 22d day of July the 26th 1832.

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

Mark Catherine Rainwater chester
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Farewell, mother.
John S. Rainwater to Mrs. Catherine Rainwater

Page 1: FAMILY RECORD
Catherine Rainwater was bornd July 20 1795
Catherine Rainwater departed this life Nov -- 1875 [unreadable]
This is Catherine McCall, born in Scotland. Married James Rainwater [unreadable]

Page 2: BIRTHS
Heirs of James Rainwater
Eli D. Rainwater was bornd Nov 4th day in the year 1811
Mileas W. Rainwater was bornd March the 7th, 1816
John S. Rainwater was bornd May the 21st, 1819
Maston C. Rainwater was bornd June the 18, 1822
Louisa C. Rainwater was bornd Sept. the 23, 1828
William I. Rainwater was bornd February the 17 day of 1832
--End of All--
Mary C. Rainwater was bornd November 4th day A. D. 1833

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Page 3: BIRTHS
Heirs of Maston C. Rainwater
Melvina Rainwater was bornd Sept. the 21st day in the year 1844
Catharine Rainwater was bornd March the 19 in the year of our Lord 1846
Andrew J. Rainwater was born August the 5th in the year of our Lord 1848
Heirs of William I. Rainwater
Juley C. Rainwater was bornd October the 29th day in the year of our Lord 1853
Jonathan Nelson Rainwater was born January 12th day in the year of our Lord 1855
Sarah E. Rainwater was bornd November the 9th day A. D. 1956
James Monroe Rainwater was bornd Sept. the 11th A. D. 1858
Samuel M. Rainwater bornd November 9th 1860

Page 4: DEATHS
Daughter of Mastin C. Rainwater, Melvina Rainwater died 12 day of July 1845
Heirs of William I. Rainwater
Sarah Elizabeth Rainwater departed this life October the 31 ar 8 o’clock A. M. 1857
William I. Rainwater died December the 19 A. D. 1862
Juley C. Rainwater died November the 11 A. D. 1868
Samuel M. Rainwater died December the 20 A. D. 1865
J. N. Rainwater died November the 20 A. D. 1877

Page 5: MARRIAGES
Eli D. Rainwater was married to Catherine Slover July the 26 1838
William I. Rainwater was married to Miss Mary Catherine Blackwell December 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

Notes:
1 The original inscription contains no punctuation of any sort, and very little capitalization. I have added this for clarity.
2 There is much controversy about which Scotland is meant. Possible and plausible meanings include the European country, the county in North Carolina, or the town in Halifax Co., NC.
3 Mary Catherine Blackwell, wife of William I. Rainwater. A second birth record is given for this individual on Page 5.