

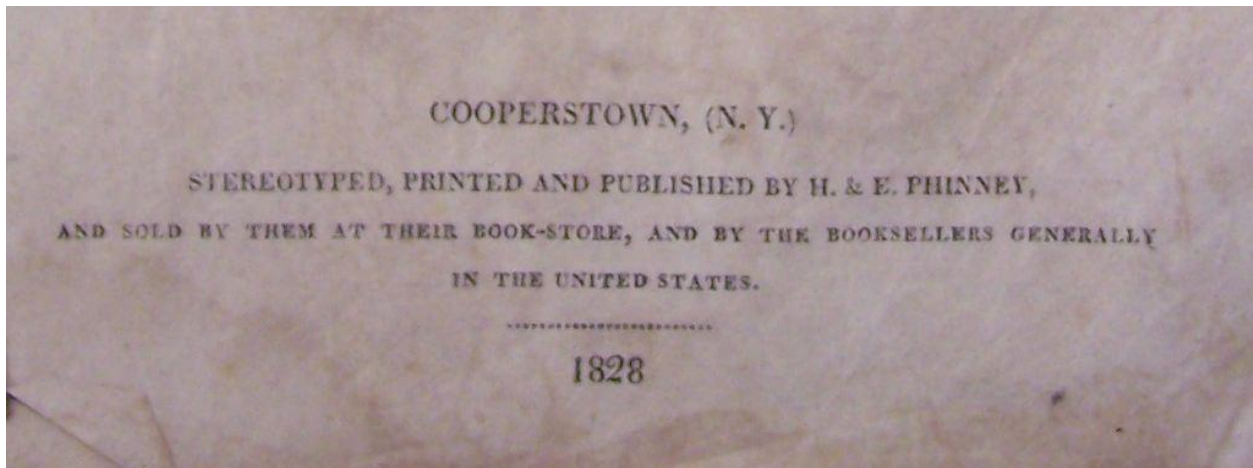
The Story of the John Vincent family Bible

The bible belonged to John Vincent (1787-1871), a Methodist Minister who was born in Johnston County, N.C. John was a young orphan by the time he was 4 years old who was bounced around from one relative to another until he came of age and married Nicey Hawes in Lincoln, GA. They had 10 children there before moving to Alabama where he and Nicey had 6 more children. He was buried near Vincent, AL.

At his death, his personal bible, containing much family information, fell into the hands of his youngest daughter, Euzebia Vincent Wilson (1838-1914). Euzebia's niece Ida Vincent (1863-1938) next owned the old bible. Ida was committed to a mental institution whereupon the bible became the property of Ida's brother Oakley Vincent (1870-1955).

When Oakley died, his daughter, my aunt Evelyn Vincent Farris (1913-1980), inherited it. I asked for the bible and other cherished family heirlooms when she thought I was old enough. She gave it to me about 1975. For fear my children would not care for the deteriorated old book, and with a desire to share it with all other family members, I donated the bible to Samford University, in Birmingham, AL to be kept with Vincent Family records in Maud Kelly's "Bledsoe-Kelly" Collection. It remains there today (Feb. 21, 2015). ~ Ron.V.

Please find included herein, a photo record of the old bible along with a letter of appreciation given me by Samford University for the donation. The bible was printed in 1828:



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September 27, 1990

R.E. Vincent
Route 1. Box 163
Woodstock, Al 35188

Dear Mr. Vincent:

Once again, on behalf of Samford University, I want to thank you for a gift to our library. The Vincent Family Bible has some important historical information and we are most grateful to receive it. It will be placed in our Special Collection Department.

We are endeavoring to build our collection and provide superior facilities for our students, faculty, and patrons, and gifts such as yours are a great help in attaining this goal.

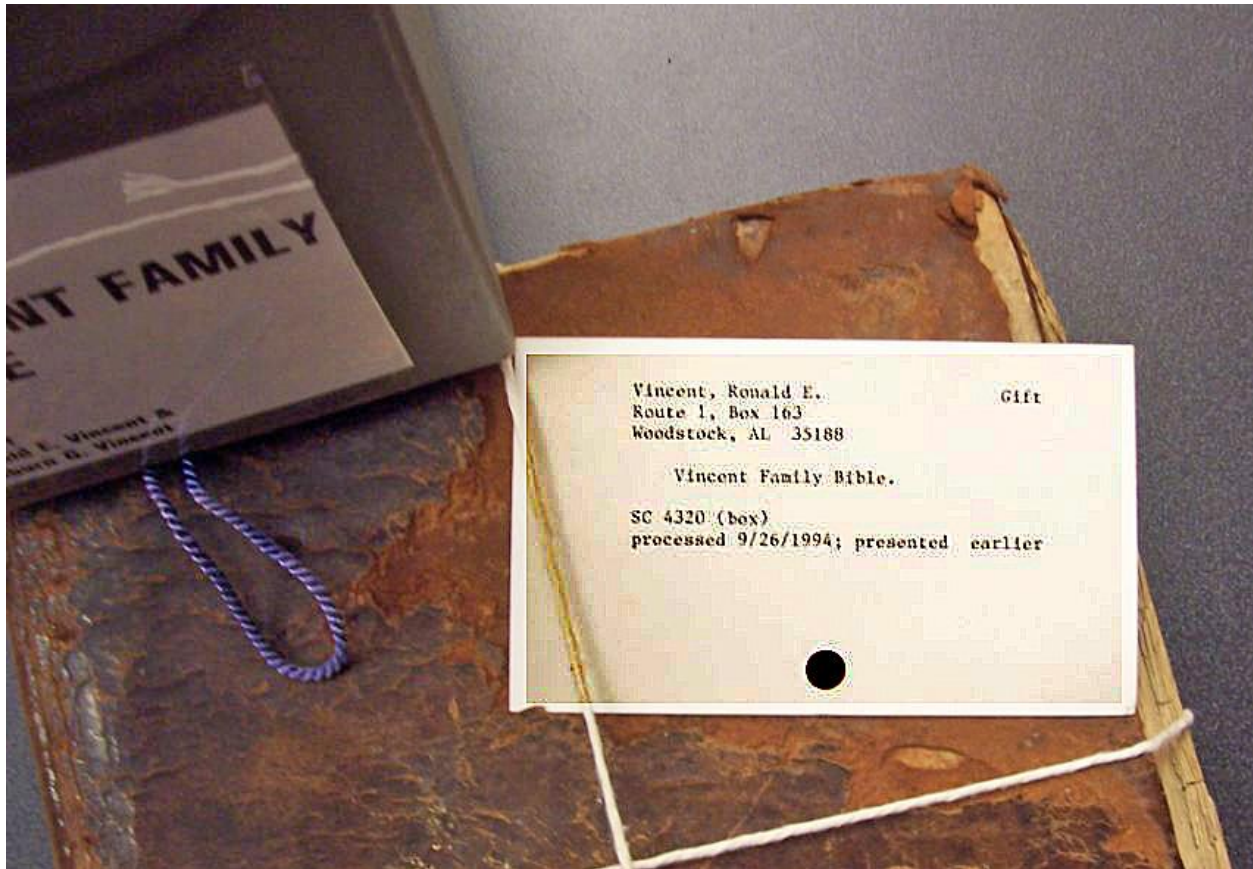
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William N. Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

William N. Nelson, Ph.D.
Director of Libraries

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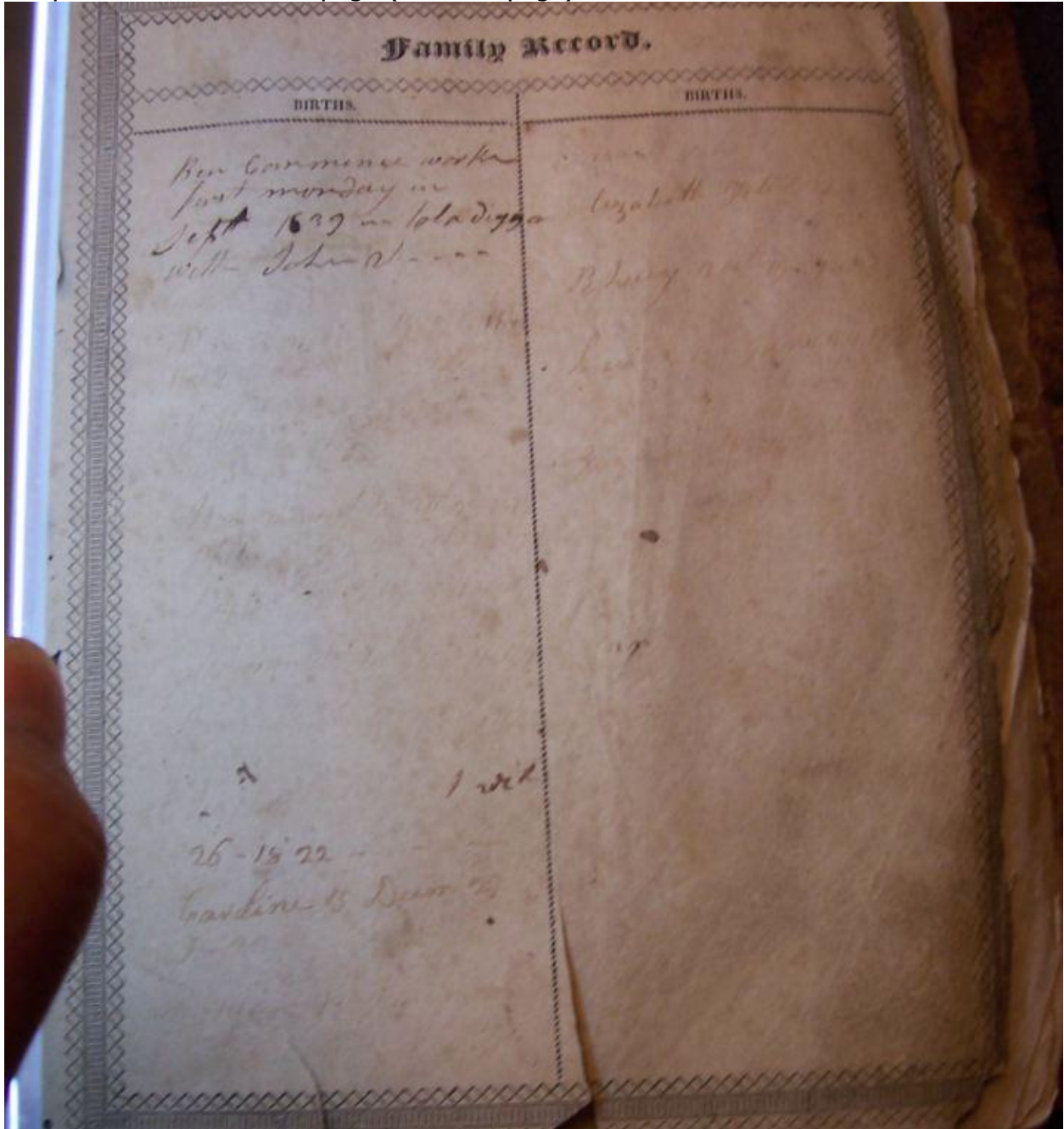
Here is what the cover of the bible looks like along with the card included in the box it's kept in.



John Vincent's death date is clearly visible in this enlargement:

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John Vincent, Grandpa
departed his life
may the 13 1871

Ida Vincent said many of the names and dates were unreadable (see below) so they recopied them on another page (see next page).



This page is readable. No one knows when this was written but it was most likely re-written at the time of John Vincent's death in 1871. His death is very readable in the full page view below. ~Ron.V

Family Record.	
DEATHS.	DEATHS.
Pendleton V. B. 25 April 1812	Rhury B. V. B. ^{out} 19 - 1829
Isaac Vincent V. B. 5 Dec 1815	Louiza V. B. ^{hus} 24 - 18
Isaac V. B. Sept. 25 - 1815	Jurgen V. B. March 25 - 18
Phoebe V. B. March 27 - 1817	Isaac Mariani Vincent was B. 12 Oct 1843
Robert V. B. June 5 - 1820	
Wilbourn V. B. ^{June} 15 - 1827	
Abner V. B. Feb. 13 - 1835	
Charlotte V. B. April 26 - 1822	
Nancy Caroline V. B. Dec 29 - 1823	
Mary Ann V. B. June 25, 1825	
Louisa America V. B. June 12 - 1831	John Vincent, Grandfather departed his life May the 13 1871
Elizabeth V. B. Feb. 21 - 1833	