

Richard & Sarah Fowler Family Bible

Transcription of the Original Fowler Bible

The following is a precise transcript of the information recorded on the family pages of Richard and Sarah Fowler's Family Bible. The Bible is now owned by my cousin, Ms. Barbara Brantley. It is fragile and the writing quite faded and difficult to read in places. In particular, several of the Fowler daughters have their nicknames recorded in the Bible rather than their full names. Several different descendants have transcribed the information from the Bible, and most of them have made the same mistake, interpreting the Bible entry recording the birth of Richard and Sarah's daughter "*Mantha*" as "*Martha*." This mistake is understandable, as "*Mantha*" is not a common name, and unless you read the Bible entry carefully, the "*n*" resembles an "*r*." But a meticulous examination reveals that the entry is indeed for "*Mantha Fowler*," the name she went by as a child and young woman. In her later years, she went by "*Samantha*."

The spellings punctuation used in the transcription below are precisely as in the original Bible record. The Bible was published in 1835, so all births recorded on the first page were written after those events occurred. It is not known who recorded the Fowler births on the first page.

The Original Pages of the Richard & Sarah Fowler Bible

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1. *Elisabeth Fowler Was Born February 2nd in the Year of Our Lord 1813*
2. *Elvy Fowler Was Born June 24th 1814*
3. *Sheny Fowler Was Born January 22nd 1816*
4. *Milly Fowler Was Born December 23d 1817*
5. *Mantha Fowler Was Born November 19 1819*
6. *Sarah an Fowler Was Born Aug 22nd 1823*
7. *R. U. Fowler Was Born June 26th 1825*
8. *Susanah Fowler Was Born Dec 3d 1827*

Parents Age

Richard Fowler was Born Jan 17th 1792

Sarah Fowler Was Born May 3d 1790

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Wm F. Robinson was Born February 10th 1836
Enoch Richard Albritton Was Borne June the 20 1843
James Adrew Albritton Was Borne July 13 1846
George Anderson Albritton was born on march the 15 1870
Eliza Roann Albritton was born march the 22 1872
Gorver Sharrock was born Oct 1 1900

Joseph Washington Dean was born March the 4 1876

Thomas Birtum Dean was born August the 16 1877

Sallie May Dean was born May the 20 1879

Caray Etta Dean was borned July th 5 1881

Addie Pearl Dean Was borned Aug the 7 1884

Lissi Dean Was born November the 24 1885

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Sarah an Albritton died 4th of Oct 1875 aged 52 yrs 1 month and 12 days

George W. Dean Was borned december the 21 1888

Eunice Dean was borned march th 20 1891

Emma Rebecca Dean Was borned May th 6 1893

Comments

1. All the births recorded on the second and third pages, except for William F. Robinson, are known to be the children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of Richard and Sarah Fowler. Enoch Richard and James Andrew Albritton are sons of George Washington Albritton and his first Fowler wife. George and Eliza Albritton were children of James Andrew Albritton. The Dean entries are for the children of Thomas Allen Dean and Rebecca Francis Albritton, the eldest child of Sarah Ann Fowler and George W. Albritton. "*Gorver Sharrock*" should be "*Grover Sharrock*," is the daughter of Caray Etta Dean Sharrock. Grover was actually born in 1905, not 1900 as recorded in the Bible.
2. The first entry recorded in the Bible on page two was William F. Robinson. We cannot positively identify this person, although it seems certain that he is a grandson of Richard and Sarah Fowler. Their daughter "*Sheny*" or "*Phiney*" married to William Robinson/Robeson in Wilcox County, Alabama on 28 December 1834. Since every other Bible entry is for a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of Richard and Sarah Fowler, undoubtedly William F. Robinson must also be one of their grandchildren. Richard and Sarah's daughter Elvira (Elvy) married Amos Robinson in August 1835, but unless it was a *shotgun* wedding, there was not enough time following their marriage for William to have been Elvira's son. In addition, none of the known children of Elvira and Amos Robinson had their births recorded in the Bible.

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