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From The Editor

Well, another issue is upon us. As promised, this issue is primarily dedicated to the Bible believed to have belonged to Betty Sophia Butler Summitt, the wife of Jonathan Summitt. Jonathan was the son of Daniel Summitt and the grandson of Francis Summitt. He was also James Lee Summitt's father. This Bible has been used to provide documentation of the births and deaths of many of our ancestors by many researchers.

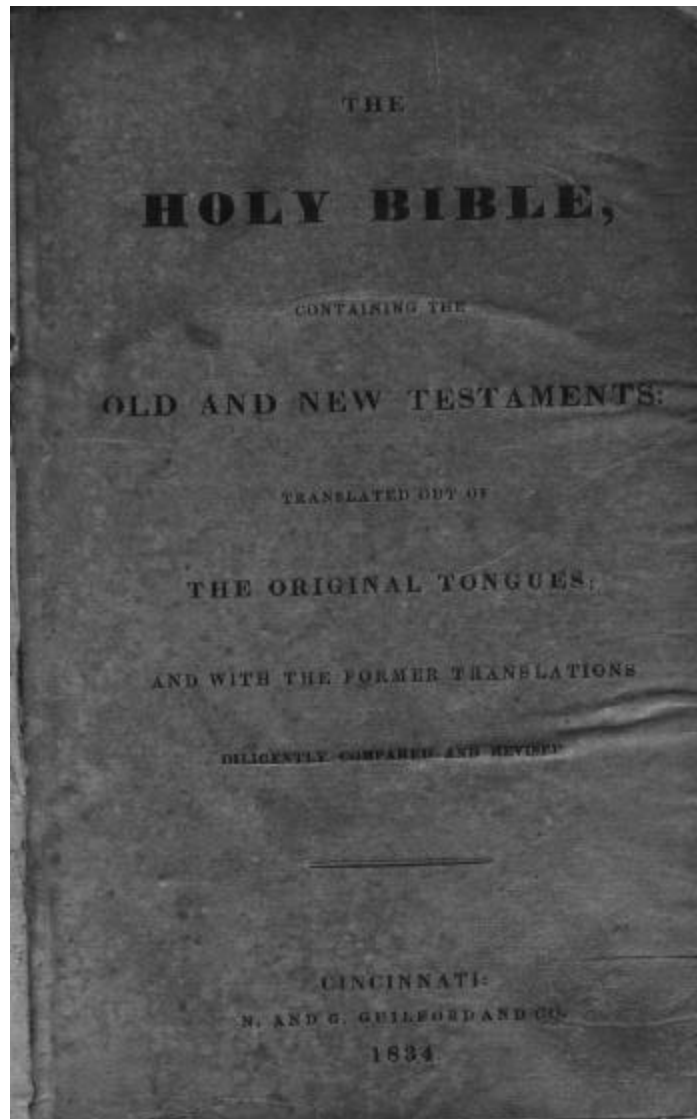
It is now, luckily and happily, in my possession. My father, C. Moody Summitt, recently placed it in my care. He had received it after his father, Chester A. Summitt died in 1970. Several researchers have referred to it in their correspondence as "Uncle Chester's Bible." I can only assume that he took possession of the Bible after James Lee Summitt, who had come to live with him here in Southeast Missouri in the early 1900's, died in 1927.

Is this Betty Sophia Butler Summitt's Bible? We believe so. As can be seen by the image on page 6 of this newsletter, Betty's name is written in the inside cover of the Bible in my possession.

Paul C. Summitt has a Bible handed down in his branch of the family believed to have belonged to Jonathan. Starting

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The Bibles of Jonathan and Betty S. Butler Summitt



Reads:
The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments: Translated out of the Original Tongues and with the former translations diligently compared and revised. Cincinnati, N. and G. Guilford and Co., 1834.
(from what is believed to be the Bible of Betty Sophia Butler Summitt.)

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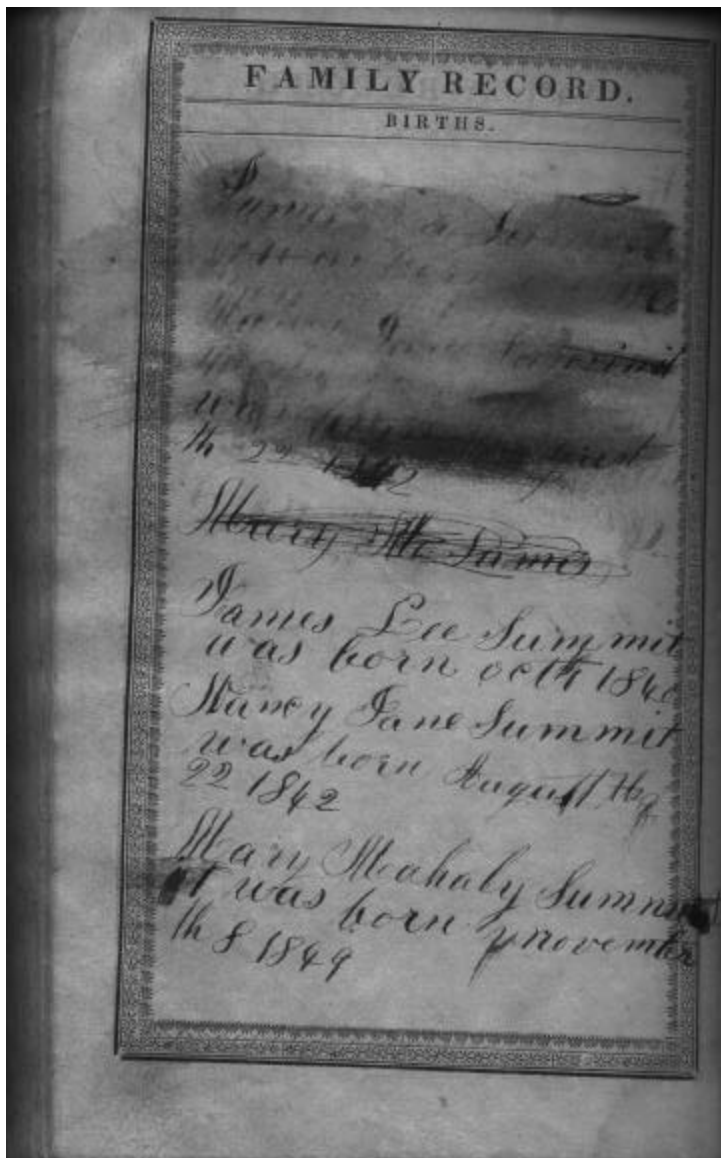
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**Reads:
Family Record,
Births**

(Editor's Note: It appears as though the same information was entered twice. Someone apparently attempted to change the information at the top of the page and then decided to re-enter it near the bottom.)

James Lee Summitt was born Oct 1 1840
Nancy Jane Summitt was born August the 22 1842

Mary Mahaly Summitt was born November th 8 1849 (from what is believed to be the Bible of Betty Sophia Butler Summitt.)



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on page 7 we've included scanned images from that Bible also.

Not only did Betty Sophia Butler Summitt's Bible contain valuable information in the form of birth and death records, there were also pages of information stuck into the Bible such as grocery lists and draft registration information. Some of this information we've published in previous issues of the newsletter.

We hope that our decision to dedicate most of this issue to providing you with pictures of these documents and what we believe to be said in them will provide you with valuable information for your continued family research as well as a look into the lives of these two ancestors.

Also in this issue, by an interesting coincidence and a valuable piece of luck and timing, JoAnn McLaughlin, a descendent of Lydia Summitt, recently joined our small group of

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LYDIA SUMMIT

(1818 - After 1880)

Daughter of Daniel and Sarah Moser Summitt

By: JoAnn McLaughlin
Editorial Advisor: Paul Summitt

Note: I am the great, great granddaughter of Lydia Summitt, wife of Parmenus Taylor Butler. I am interested in any information on the Butler, Summitt and Taylor families of East Tennessee. Please send information to this publication or to myself at 1450-D Morena Blvd., San Diego, CA 92110 or e-mail at jmclaug1@san.rr.com

LYDIA SUMMIT'S EARLY LIFE.

Lydia was the fourth child and second daughter of Daniel (1795 – 1838) and Sarah Moser (1796 – 1856) Summitt. For further information on Daniel Summitt and family, see Summitt Family Quarterly, Vol. 2, Issue 1, P.1 (Spring, 1996), Vol. 3, Issue 2, P. 4 (Summer, 1997), and Monroe County, Tennessee, Genweb site at URL <http://www.tngenweb.org/monroe/daniel~1.htm>

Daniel Summitt was the youngest of twelve children of Francis and Dolly Summitt of Lincoln County, North Carolina and the first to leave home to settle new lands over the mountains on the more remote Tennessee frontier. For further information on Francis Summitt, see Summitt Family Quarterly, Vol. 1, Issue 4, P. 1 (Winter, 1996) and Catawba County Genweb site at URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/nccatawb/summit2.htm> Daniel and Sarah had been married in Lincoln County on December 3, 1813 and were active members of the St. John's Lutheran Church located north of Conover, North Carolina, where David and Philip Henkel were ministers. About 1816, this young family moved to a growing early German Lutheran settlement in Greene County, Tennessee, where Philip Henkel had moved about two years prior to serve a number of congregations in the area, including St. James Lutheran Church.

It is believed that Daniel and Sarah had two children in North Carolina before the move to Tennessee. Sarah's father, Francis Moser Sr., also went to Greene County with his grown children about the same time following the death of his first wife in North Carolina.

The old German records of St. James Lutheran Church in Greene County show that "Lity" Summitt was born in Greene County, Tennessee on February 17, 1818 -- just ten days before the death of her grandfather, Francis Summitt, back in Lincoln County -- and baptized March 11,

1818. Thus commenced the life of Lydia Summitt as a woman in a frontier farm setting of a German Lutheran community that probably was to be the dominant feature of most of her life.

Lydia's early life was no doubt just the typical farm experience. About 1822, Daniel and Sarah Summitt move with their growing family to follow Francis Moser Sr. to Jefferson County, Tennessee to the south. There they settled on land adjacent to Francis Moser Sr. in the remote southeast corner of the county "on the waters of Muddy Creek" on the line between Newport and Sevierville. This was apparently close to a German community just across the county line in Sevier County and probably close to a Lutheran Church. To the modern traveler, the location seems more convenient to Sevierville than the Jefferson County seat at Dandridge, but the creek and river network may have made a difference. Records of the region show Daniel Summitt serving on juries, heading tax districts, and otherwise engaging in activities in Dandridge.

By the time Lydia Summitt was about 15 or 16 years old, the family had grown to 13 children, consisting of Lydia's older siblings -- Eusebius, Sarah and Jonathan -- and young siblings -- Lucinda, Margaret, Joseph, Francis, Susannah, Elizabeth, John, Daniel and Peter. Some lists of children do not include John and Daniel and nothing is known about them. About this time, Daniel and Sarah decided to move on down to Monroe County where Francis Moser Sr. and most of his children had finally settled. By this time, numerous German Lutheran families mostly from the Lincoln County area of North Carolina were living in Monroe County and the St. Paul's Lutheran Church was a thriving center for this community. Daniel, Sarah, and the children became a part of this community. Unfortunately, Daniel died at the early age of 43 on September 30, 1838, leaving Sarah with seven children in the household as noted in the 1840 census, including the then single daughter Lydia. Sarah was to live to June 30, 1856, with only son Peter in her household in the 1850 census.

LYDIA SUMMIT AND HER FAMILY

At the age of 22, Lydia Summitt married Parmenus Taylor Butler on July 28, 1840 in Monroe County, Tennessee. This was not the first connection of the Summitt -- Butler families. Lydia's older brother, Jonathan, had married Elizabeth (Betty) Sophia Butler, Parmenus twin sister, on November 5, 1837, also in Monroe County, this in essence making their children "double cousins". For further information on Jonathan and Betty S. Butler Summitt and family, see Summitt Family Quarterly, Vol. 1, Issue 2, P. 1 (Spring, 1995), Vol. 3, Issue 1, P. 1 (Spring 1997), Vol 3, Issue 3, P. 4 (Fall, 1997), Vol. 3, Issue 4, P. 2 (January, 1998).

Lydia and Parmenus spent the early years together in the Bat

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Creek area of Monroe County well to the east of current Sweetwater and close to the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church. They were active members of St. Paul's Lutheran, along with her brother and sister-in-law Jonathan and Betty S. Summit, at least until 1855. At some point between 1855 and the 1860 census, Lydia and Parmenus moved a few miles west to Sweetwater.

Little is known about their lives apart from historical knowledge of living in a mostly rural farm county. Pramenus is listed as a 35 year old wagonmaker with assets worth \$560 in the 1850 census, then living with his wife, Lydia age 32 and children Alvira age 9, Mary age 6, William age 4, Nancy age 3 and Synthia age 1. Parmenus' father Jesse, died without a will in 1854, creating a number of court documents relating to his tenuous financial situation and, in the absence of a will, causing much dissension and eventually rifts between the children.

By the 1860 census, Lydia and Parmenus are living in Sweetwater. He is listed as W.P.T. (the W. standing for William) Butler age 45, still a wagonmaker with now real property valued at \$3000 and personal property valued at \$1000. Lydia is listed as age 43, with children Elvira age 19, William age 13, Mary age 10, Synthia age 8, H. age 7, my grandfather James age 4, Laura age 3, and J.A. (now identified as Judy Arles) age 2. By the time of the 1870 census, Parmenus is listed as P.T. Butler, a 42 year old farmer with real property worth \$1500 and personal property valued at \$200, with wife Lydia age 52 and children James age 14, Bittie age 8, and Annie age 2. This significant drop in personal wealth probably reflects losses during the Civil War common to the area. Parmenus filed a claim for reimbursement of Civil War damage with the Southern Claims Commission in the early 1870's – which, as was common, was disallowed.

Unfortunately the National Archives has informed me that the file for this claim cannot be found, thereby depriving researchers of potentially significant insights into the effects of the Civil War on Lydia and Parmenus.

The last known reference to Lydia and Parmenus comes from the 1880 census reflecting Taylor Butler, a 64 year old farmer (personal and real property value not listed) living with Lydia age 62 and children James age 23 and Bittie age 17.

WILLIAM PARMENUS TAYLOR BUTLER'S ANCESTORS

The Butler Family

Parmenus Taylor Butler and Jonathan Summit's wife, Elizabeth (Betty) Sophia Butler, were born to Jesse and Mary (Polly) Taylor Butler on July 1, 1816 in Blount

County, Tennessee. Jesse was born May 14, 1794. Mary was born January 11, 1794. According to the 1850 census, Jesse was born in South Carolina and Mary was born in Tennessee. Jesse and Mary were married July 27, 1815, probably in Blount County, Tennessee (no official record of marriage has been found), since the family is recorded in that county as early as 1815. On March 15, 1820, they moved permanently to the adjacent county of Monroe, where Jesse served as the first postmaster for Eave's Mill post office and probably did some farming. Jesse and Mary had at least 8 children, including our Parmenus Taylor and Elizabeth Sophia. Jesse Butler died September 30, 1854 and Mary Taylor Butler died on March 4, 1880. Both are buried in the old Bat Creek Cemetery in Fowler's Mill, Monroe County described by one researcher as a tiny cemetery in a cow pasture on Oak Grove Road less than a mile from Fowler's Mill and near the Loudon County line. This location is close to the farm of Jonathan Summit and Betty S. Summit that went from the jurisdiction of Monroe County to Loudon County at the time Loudon County was formed in 1870.

Little is known about Jesse Butler's ancestors and even that is speculation at this point. It is possible that Jesse came to the Butler Hollow area in Cocke County from South Carolina either as a child with his parents, or he may have ventured to that area as an adult. Butler Hollow is located just miles northwest of Newport and slightly northeast of Taylor's Bend, the latter location being the frontier home of Parmenus Taylor and his family. This author has been unable to develop this theory beyond the close proximity of Jesse Butler in Blount County as early as 1815.

Another theory is that the Thomas Butler family apparently moved to the east Tennessee frontier shortly after Jesse's birth where Thomas Butler served under Governor John Sevier, the first governor of Tennessee following statehood in 1796. In this capacity, he was active in dealing with the Indian tribes in the area and was a commissioner appointed by President Adams to negotiate the First Treaty of Tellico between the United States and the chiefs of the Cherokee nation signed in the Cherokee House near Tellico October 2, 1798. Thomas Butler and the Commissioner George Walton signed on behalf of the United States. This treaty contained the usual stipulations for peace and friendship, with regulations for intercourse between the whites and the Cherokees. It raised the price of stolen horses to \$60. It ceded to the United States certain lands affording relief to the advancing settlers, of which two detached portions lay in Tennessee. The United States agreed to pay for this cession \$5000 and an annuity of \$1000. A number of letters during this period between Governor Sevier and Thomas Butler relating primarily to Indian incidents have been preserved in the Tennessee archives.

Recently this author discovered evidence that casts considerable doubt on this second theory. Penelope Johnson Allen,

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in her work relating to early East Tennessee history noted that "in the fall of 1796 the Fourth Regiment of United States Infantry, commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas Butler was transferred from Detroit to the Tennessee frontier to preserve order. This regiment was stationed at Fort Southwest Point" and "in 1799 the two Monravian missionaries, Steiner and De Schweinitz, were at Fort Southwest Point. Col. Thomas Butler, the commanding officer, was away, having gone to Bethlehem, PA to place his daughter and niece in school there" Penelope Johnson Allen, *Leaves From the Family Tree*, Pages 354-355.

This indicates that this Thomas Butler was a professional soldier in the U.S. Army stationed in Tennessee for only a limited time while his family remained in Pennsylvania. Some evidence exists that this Thomas Butler, following a Court Martial, died in New Orleans in 1805.

This author has concluded that the first theory relating to Butler Hollow in Cocke County would probably be the more fruitful path to research the ancestors of Jesse Butler at this point.

THE TAYLOR FAMILY

Mary (Polly) Taylor was a daughter of Col. Parmenus Taylor and Elizabeth Sophia White married about 1779. Parmenus Taylor was born in Virginia in the 1750's to William and Sarah Bradford Taylor. It is worth noting that Jesse and Mary Taylor Butler named their first two children (twins), Parmenus Taylor and Elizabeth Sophia Butler, for their maternal grandparents. One might even suspect that, since it is known that the full name of Parmenus Taylor Butler was William Parmenus Taylor Butler, that his grandfather's first two names were William Parmenus. Researchers have found that Col. Parmenus Taylor and his brother, Col. LeRoy Taylor, obtained land in Washington County, North Carolina (later Tennessee) in 1778 and moved over the mountains to that area in the 1780's. This branch of the Taylors had migrated to Virginia from England at a very early date. Some say they are related to President Zachary Taylor and are 4th cousins to President George Washington. Both Parmenus and LeRoy served in the Revolutionary War and were active in the early governing of early East Tennessee, LeRoy being a signer of the Constitution of Tennessee. One researcher estimated that together they had at least 25 children, over 180 grandchildren, and so on. Parmenus Taylor and his wife had eleven children, including our Mary (Polly) Taylor.

Parmenus died in 1827 and is buried at Taylors Bend in Jefferson County, Tennessee, on the family farm at the end of Harrison's Ferry Road overlooking the French Broad River (now on the shore of Douglas Lake). Parmenus' widow is probably buried there also. Fortunately for

researchers of this prominent East Tennessee family, a great deal of material has already been compiled and this short summary cannot rival the extensive published information. See Carl J. York, "A Preliminary Examination of the Children and Grandchildren of Col. Parmenus Taylor and Col. Leroy Taylor of Virginia, North Carolina and East Tennessee" (Parts 1-3), *Tennessee Ancestors*, Vol. 13, pp. 4-18 (Part 1), 108-125 (Part 2), and 217-255 (Part 3) (East Tennessee Historical Society, 1997); Ruth Bradfield, "The Ancestry and Some Descendants of Parmenus Taylor of Taylor Bend", *Tennessee Ancestors*, Vol. 1, No. 3, pp. 143-150 (East Tennessee Historical Society, December 1985).

Descendants of LYDIA SUMMIT

Generation No. 1

1. LYDIA⁴ SUMMIT (*DANIEL³, JOHNNES FRANTZ², JACOB¹*) was born February 18, 1818 in TENNESSEE, and died Aft. 1870. She married PARMENUS TAYLOR BUTLER July 28, 1840 in MONROE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, son of JESSEE BUTLER and MARY TAYLOR.

Children of LYDIA SUMMIT and PARMENUS BUTLER are:

- i. ALIVIRA OR MARSHA⁵ BUTLER, b. 1841, TENNESSEE.
- ii. MARY BUTLER, b. 1844, TENNESSEE.
- iii. WILLIAM BUTLER, b. 1846, TENNESSEE.
- iv. NANCY BUTLER, b. 1847, TENNESSEE.
- v. CYNTHIA BUTLER, b. 1849, TENNESSEE.
- vi. MARY ANN BUTLER, b. 1850.
- vii. LAURA CORDELIA BUTLER, b. September 11, 1853, MONROE COUNTY, TENNESSEE; m. JAMES HENRY NORTH, November 23, 1869, MONROE COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
2. viii. JAMES HAMILTON BUTLER, b. January 28, 1857, TENNESSEE; d. September 22, 1926, SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE.
- ix. JUDY ALLIES BUTLER, b. March 05, 1858, MONROE COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
- x. BITTIE BUTLER, b. 1863.
- xi. ANNIE BUTLER, b. 1868.

Generation No. 2

2. JAMES HAMILTON⁵ BUTLER (*LYDIA⁴ SUMMIT, DANIEL³, JOHNNES FRANTZ², JACOB¹*) was born January 28, 1857 in TENNESSEE, and died September 22, 1926 in SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE. He married LILLIE MAE VIARS May 31, 1885 in LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, daughter of ROBERT VIARS and FRANCIS HUTCHESON.

Children of JAMES BUTLER and LILLIE VIARS are:

- i. ROBERT⁶ BUTLER, b. March 24, 1886, TENNESSEE; d. March

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- 24, 1886, TENNESSEE.
- ii. TAYLOR BUTLER, b. March 24, 1886, TENNESSEE; d. March 24, 1886, TENNESSEE.
- iii. SYTHA PEARL BUTLER, b. July 25, 1887, TENNESSEE.
- iv. BERTHA MAE BUTLER, b. July 21, 1889, TENNESSEE; d. April 12, 1973.
3. v. JOHN HENRY BUTLER, b. February 19, 1891, LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE; d. April 12, 1936, CINCINNATI, OHIO.
- vi. MATTIE LEE BUTLER, b. December 12, 1893, TENNESSEE; d. January 26, 1951, TENNESSEE.
- vii. WILLIAM PARMENUS BUTLER, b. July 16, 1896, TENNESSEE; d. July 31, 1969, TENNESSEE.
- viii. ETHEL VILISTA BUTLER, b. February 15, 1899, TENNESSEE.
- ix. GRACE NEOMA BUTLER, b. March 19, 1902, TENNESSEE.
- x. HELEN LOITHA BUTLER, b. March 04, 1908, TENNESSEE.
- xi. JEWEL ONITA BUTLER, b. July 24, 1910, TENNESSEE; d. March 05, 1933, TENNESSEE.

Generation No. 3

3. JOHN HENRY⁶ BUTLER (*JAMES HAMILTON⁵, LYDIA⁴ SUMMIT, DANIEL³, JOHNNES FRANTZ², JACOB¹*) was born February 19, 1891 in LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, and died April 12, 1936 in CINCINNATI, OHIO. He married ADDELINE LENORA CHAMBLEE December 23, 1909 in MADISONVILLE, TENNESSEE, daughter of JAMES CHAMBLEE and LENORA JOHNS.

Marriage Notes for JOHN BUTLER and ADDELINE CHAMBLEE:
MONROE COUNTY

MONROE COUNTY

Children of JOHN BUTLER and ADDELINE CHAMBLEE are:

- i. JOHN FRANCIS⁷ BUTLER, b. September 11, 1910.
- ii. GILBERT JAMES BUTLER, b. August 25, 1912.
- iii. EVELYN LENORA BUTLER, b. October 08, 1914; m. DWIGHT SHARP.
4. iv. CLIFFORD LEE BUTLER, b. July 03, 1919, SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE.
- v. LULA LOVE BUTLER, b. April 26, 1922; m. WILLIAM BLACKWOOD.

Generation No. 4

4. CLIFFORD LEE⁷ BUTLER (*JOHN HENRY⁶, JAMES HAMILTON⁵, LYDIA⁴ SUMMIT, DANIEL³, JOHNNES FRANTZ², JACOB¹*) was born July 03, 1919 in SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE. He married VIRGINIA MICHELENE DEL NEGRO June 01, 1946 in

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Marriage Notes for CLIFFORD BUTLER and VIRGINIA DEL NEGRO:
MT. CARMEL CHURCH

Children of CLIFFORD BUTLER and VIRGINIA DEL NEGRO are:

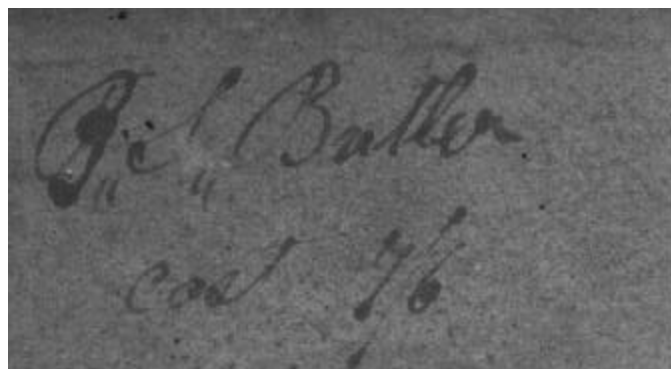
- i. NINA LEE⁸ BUTLER, b. May 03, 1947.
5. ii. JOANNA KATHLEEN BUTLER, b. June 25, 1948, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Generation No. 5

5. JOANNA KATHLEEN⁸ BUTLER (*CLIFFORD LEE⁷, JOHN HENRY⁶, JAMES HAMILTON⁵, LYDIA⁴ SUMMIT, DANIEL³, JOHNNES FRANTZ², JACOB¹*) was born June 25, 1948 in CINCINNATI, OHIO. She married (1) GARY EDWARD WILSON December 06, 1969 in SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. She married (2) GORDON ANDREW MC LAUGHLIN January 1990 in SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

Child of JOANNA BUTLER and GARY WILSON is:
i. CHAD EDWARD⁹ WILSON, b. November 03, 1972.

I submit this article on Lydia Summit and Parmenus Taylor Butler for those with a continuing interest in the East Tennessee families of Summitt, Butler, and Taylor. A secondary motive is to encourage further inquiry on these fascinating families from the early American frontier and the transition through the Civil War to the turn of the 20th Century. I would appreciate receiving any new information.



Reads—B. S. Butler, cost 7/6.
Taken from the front cover of the Bible believed to have belonged to Betty Sophia Butler Summitt.

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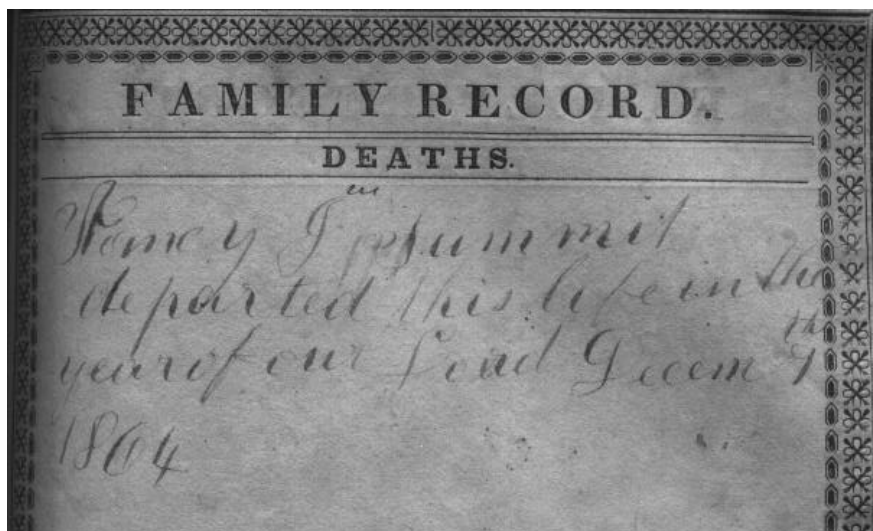
online family researchers and a subscriber to this newsletter. JoAnn provides us in this issue with an extremely interesting look at Lydia Summitt who was the sister of Jonathan Summitt and who was married to Betty Sophia Butler Summitt's brother.

Another wonderful find was made recently by Paul C. Summitt. On page 15 you will find a copy of the death certificate of Mary M. Summitt Oady. We receive many wonderful items of interest each month and try to make them available either here in the newsletter or on the website as soon as we can. Glen Summitt and John Allen Summitt have posted some extremely interesting research items on the discussion site of the web. We want to thank everyone that has contributed to the growing bank of knowledge about the Summitt(t) family.

Now, for a bit of personal news. As of June 4, 1999 I no longer work at KAIT television in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Back in March I passed the first of my Microsoft Certification exams, Supporting Windows 95. By passing this test I became a Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP). Currently there are less than 400,000 MCP's in the world. I am continuing my studies that will lead to my Microsoft Certified Software Engineer (MCSE) certification. I hope to pass the other six exams and complete this certification in late August of this year. There are less than 175,000 MCSE's in the world currently.

Since passing the test in March, I have received several calls from companies around the country wanting to know if I'd be interested in working for them. Microsoft Certified Professionals appear to be quite in demand. I have taken a contract position as a programmer/analyst with Solution Services in Columbia, Missouri.

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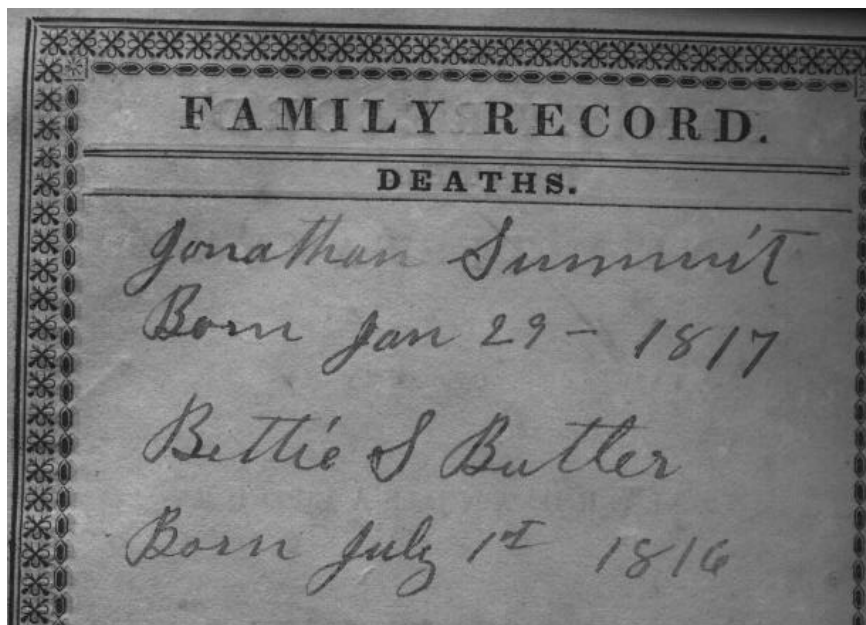


Reads:

Family Record, Deaths

Nancy J. Summitt departed this life in the year of our Lord December 9th, 1864.

(from what is believed to be the Bible of Betty Sophia Butler Summitt.)



Reads:

Family Record, Deaths

(Editor's Note: This is the flip side of the page shown above. While the page is labeled Deaths it is apparent that the information provided on this page is birth dates.)

Jonathan Summitt Born Jan 29, 1817

Bettie S. Butler Born July 1st 1816

(from what is believed to be the Bible of Betty Sophia Butler Summitt.)

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There I will be doing Visual Basic database programming and E-commerce web design among other projects.

Mary and I have purchased a house in Columbia and will be moving into it in Mid-July. Mary's mother, whom some of you may have met at the Summitt Family Reunion we sponsored here in Cardwell the third of July, will be living with us. We'll be providing our new address, phone numbers, FAX numbers, and other pertinent information in the next issue. The Web site and email addresses remain the same. I look forward to seeing and talking with each of you. Till next time . . .

paul

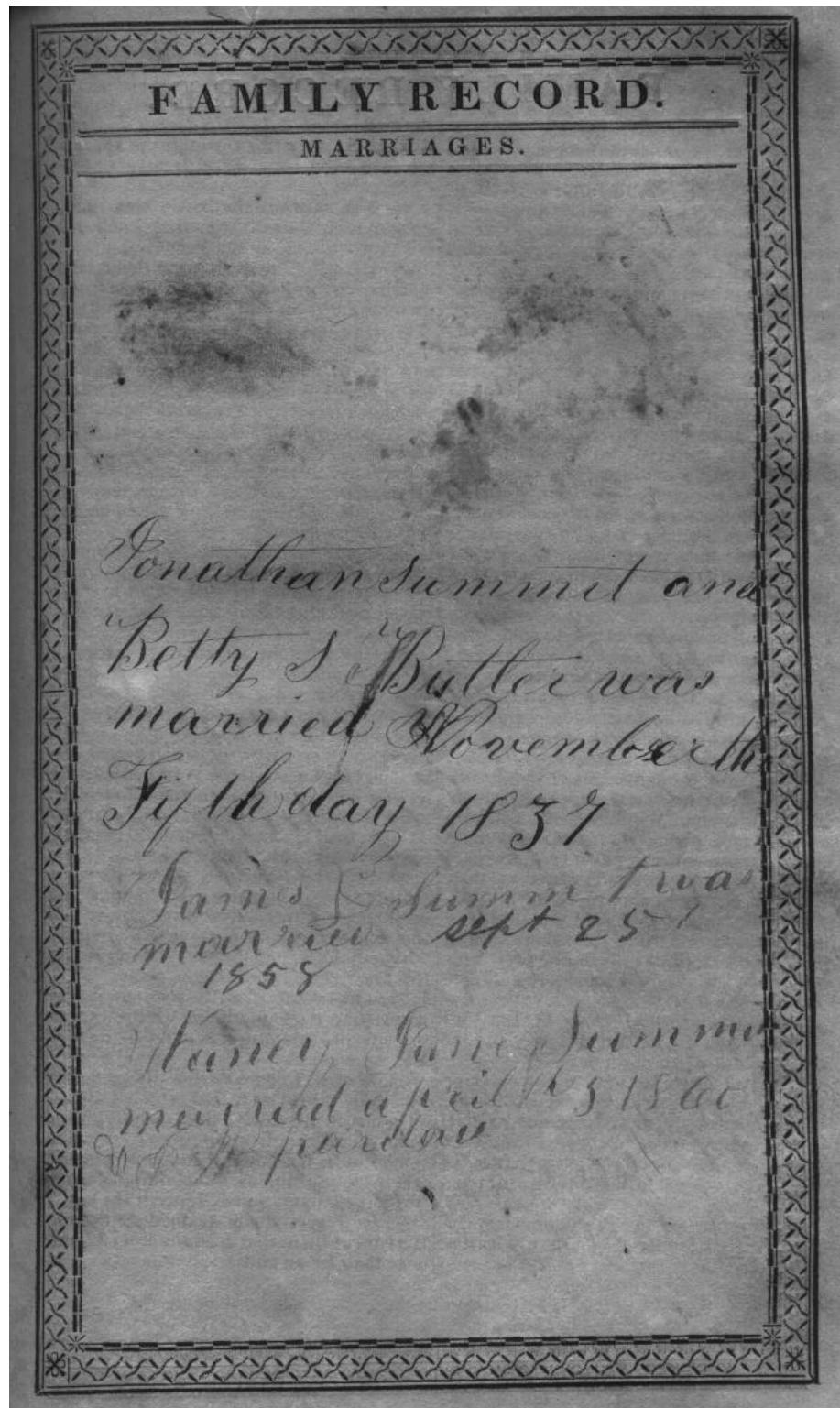
Found in the Bible

On page 9 we've shown one of the pieces of paper found in the Bible we believe to be Betty's. Apparently, some previous family researcher left their notes.

The original pages from the Bible that the researcher was attempting to transcribe can be seen on page 10. Here's the transcription of the information (*Editor Note: the question marks signify missing words from the tear in the upper left portion of the page.*):

Daniel Summitt Born the 5 day of April 1795
Sarah Summitt was ? (*Editor Note: born in original*) the 24 day of May 1795
? (*Editor Note: I believe in the original this reads J. Eusavius*) Summitt was born the 10 of February 1815

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Reads: Family Record, Marriages

Jonathan Summitt and Bettie S. Butler was married November the fifth day 1837.

James L. Summitt was married Sept 25th 1858

Nancy Jane Summitt married April th 5 1860 J. W. Pardue
(from what is believed to be the Bible of Betty Sophia Butler Summitt.)

Darn' Summitt Born the 5 day
 April 1795 - Sarah Summitt was
 the 24 day of May 1795
 Summitt was born the 20 day
 July 1815 - Sary Summitt was
 the 27 day of Jan 1816
 Thar was born the 26 day Jan 1817
 Sarah Summitt was born the 18
 day of Feb 1818 was the 25 day of July 1840
 Lucinda Summitt was born the
 14 day of Dec 1819 Margaret Summitt
 was born the 17 day of Sept 1821
 Joseph Summitt was born the
 16 day of May 1822 Thomas Summitt
 was born 16 day of February 1824
 Susie Summitt was born the
 10 day of Nov 1827
 Elisabeth Summitt
 Daniel Summitt
 Peter Summitt
 John Summitt

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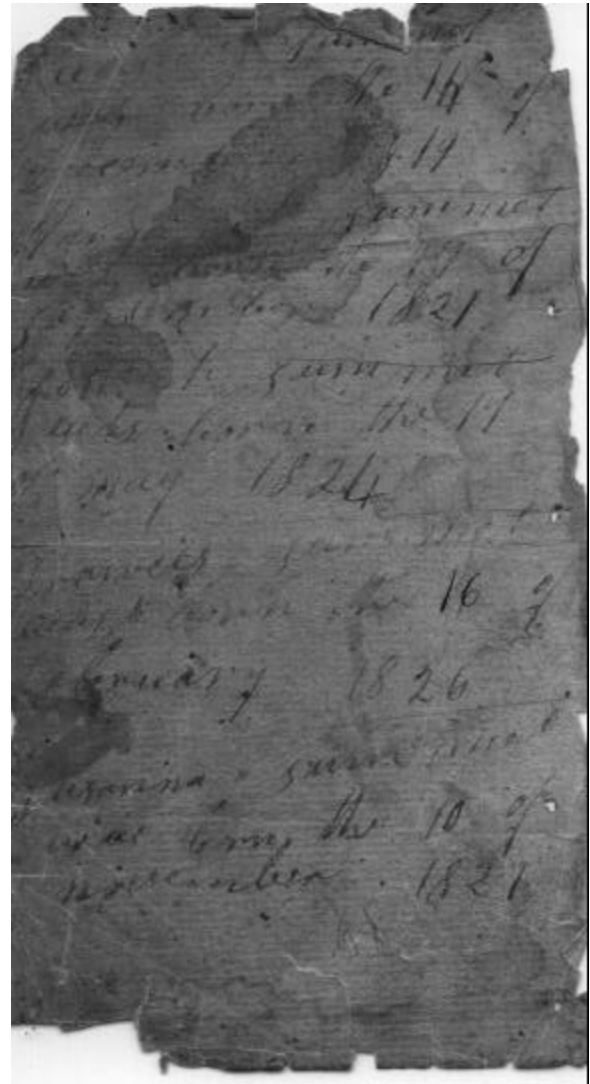
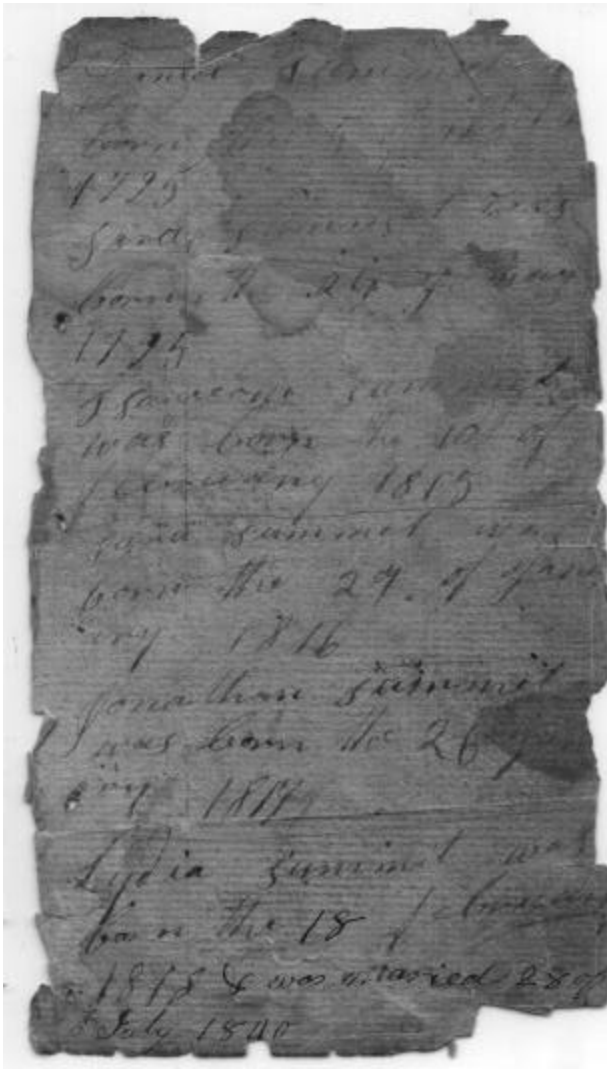
Sary (Editor Note: Sara in the original) Summitt was ? (Editor Note: "born the 27" in original) day of Jan. 1816.

? (Editor Note: "Jonathan") Summitt was born the 26 day of January 1817

Lydia Summitt was born the 18 day of Feb. 1818 (Editor Note: In the original you can also read "& was married 28 of July 1840.")

Lucinda Summitt was born the 14 Day of December 1819

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Margaret Summitt was born the 17 day of September 1821

Joseph Summitt was born the 19 of May 1824

Francis Summitt was born the 16 day of February 1826

Susie (Editor Note: "Susanna" in original) Summitt was born the 10 day of November 1827

(Editor Note: This is all that are listed on the original pages shown above. Four other names, as listed below, are shown in the image on page 9.)

Elizabeth Summitt

Daniel Summitt

Peter Summitt

John Summitt

(Editor Note: Now, compare the information in the preceding images to that shown on page 11 from the Bible in Paul C. Summitt's possession.)

Daniel Summitt was born the 5 day of April 1795

Sarah Summitt was born the 24 day of May 1795

Esabius Summitt was born the 10 day of February 1815

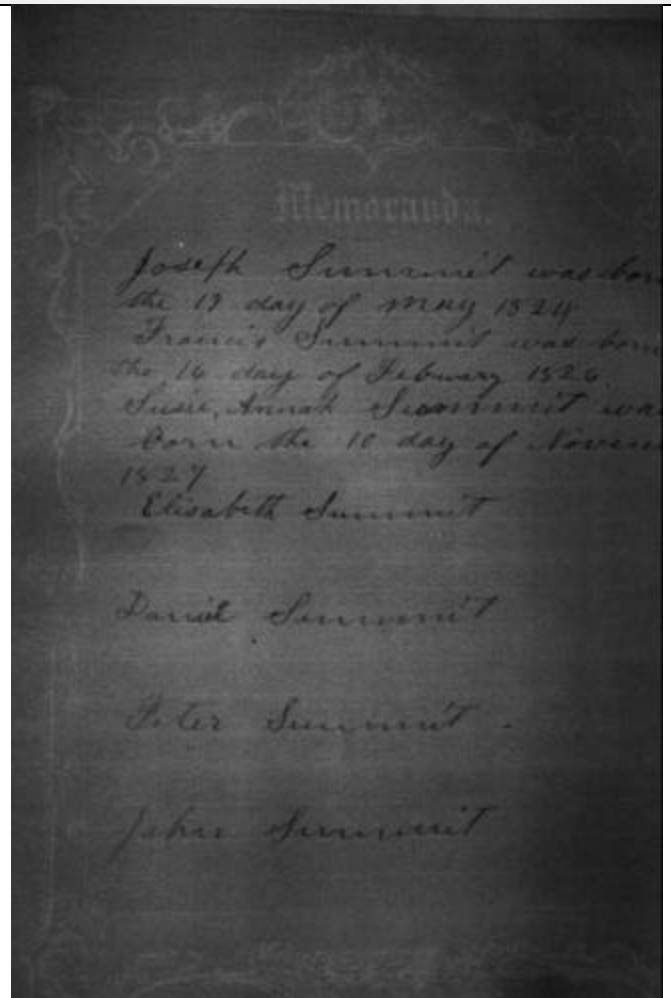
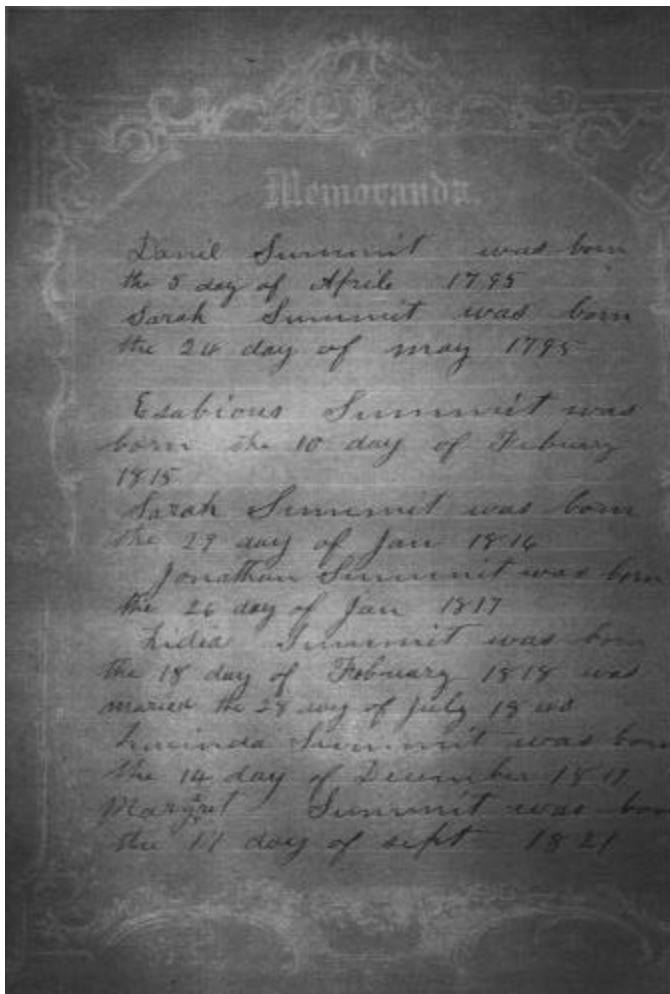
Sarah Summitt was born the 29 day of Jan 1816

Jonathan Summitt was born the 26 day of Jan 1817

Lidia Summitt was born the 18 day of February 1818 was married the 28 day of July 1848

Lucinda Summitt was born the 14 day of December 1819

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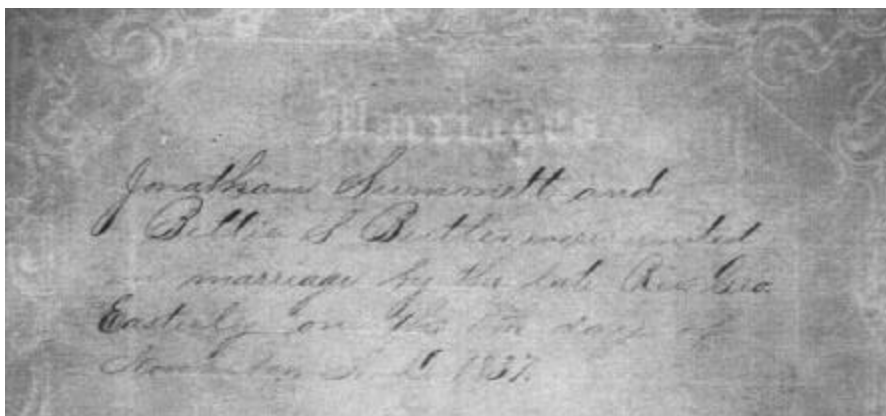


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Margaret Summitt was born the 17 day of September 1821
 Joseph Summitt was born the 19 day of May 1824
 Francis Summitt was born the 16 day of February 1826
 Susie Annah Summitt was born the 10 day of November 1827
 Elizabeth Summitt
 Daniel Summitt
 Peter Summitt
 John Summitt

(Editor Note: In the January 1999 issue a lineage listing titled "Descendants of Daniel Summitt" prompted many of our readers to politely dress me down for not better checking what admittedly turned out to be incorrect information. One reader asked who the contributor was. The answer to that question is that the file was generated apparently by my Family History data files that seem to have been corrupted

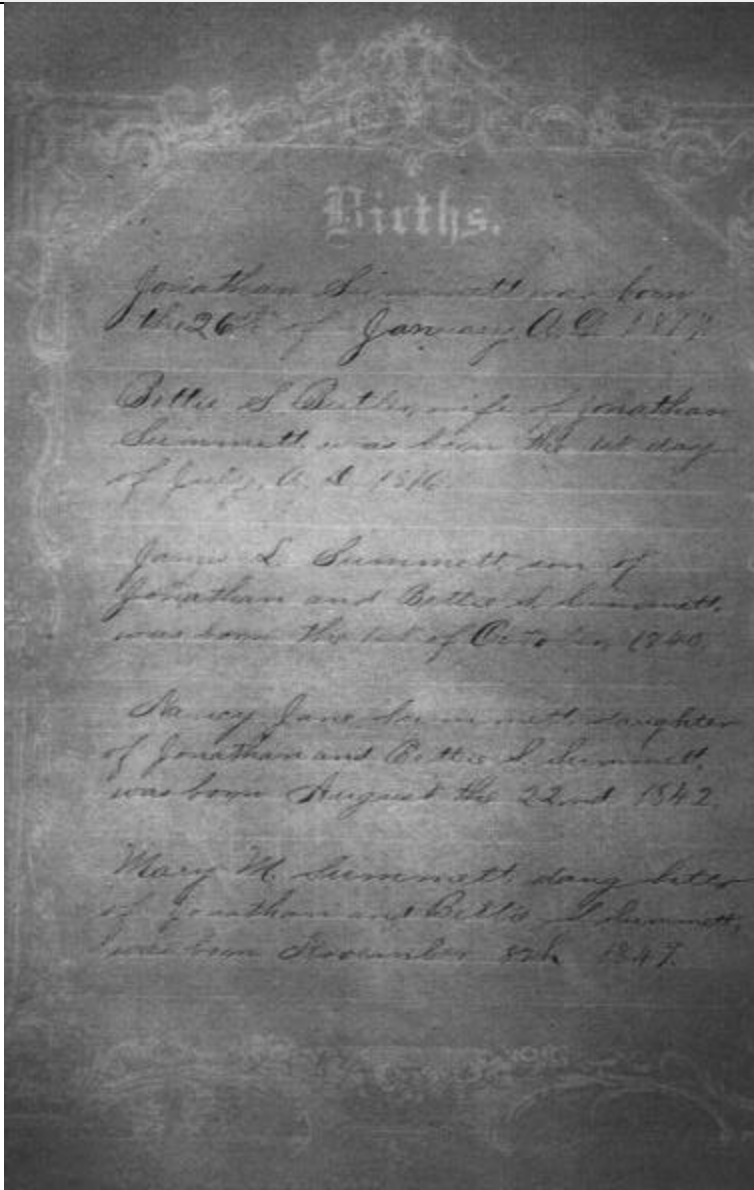
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From the Bible in Paul C. Summitt's possession

Reads: Jonathan Summitt and Bettie S. Butler were united in marriage by the late Rev. Geo. Easterly on the 5th day of November A.D. 1837.

(Editor Note: Notice the spelling with two "t's". This Bible is the first and only place where I have ever seen Jonathan's last name spelled with two t's.



From the Bible in Paul C. Summitt's possession.

Reads:

Jonathan Summitt born the 26th day of January A.D. 1817

Bettie S. Butler, wife of Jonathan Summitt was born the 1st day of July A. D. 1816

James L. Summitt, son of Jonathan and Bettie S. Summitt, was born the 1st of October 1840

Nancy Jane Summitt, daughter of Jonathan and Betty S. Summitt, was born August the 22nd 1842

Mary M. Summitt, daughter of Jonathan and Bettie S. Summitt, was born November 8, 1849

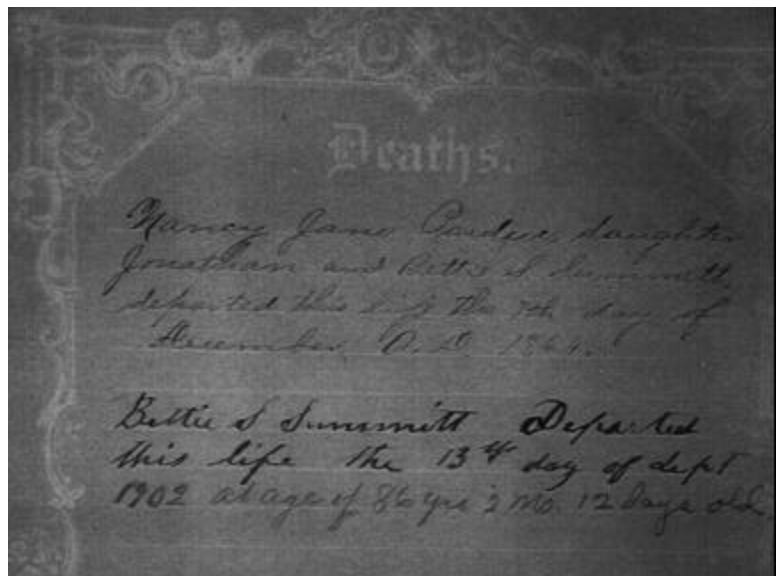
(Editor Note: Again, notice the use of two "t's" on Summitt. You can also see where the "i" in Mary M. Summitt almost looks like an "e" in the original.)

From the Bible in Paul C. Summitt's possession.

Reads:

Nancy Jane Pardue, daughter of Jonathan and Bettie S. Summitt, departed this life the 7th day of December A.D. 1864.

Bettie S. Summitt Departed this life the 13th day of Sept. 1902 at age 86 yrs 2 mo 12 days old.





James Hamilton Butler

Son of Lydia Summitt Butler
Picture provided by JoAnn McLaughlin

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during a merge with someone else's file. Another questioned where the spelling Eusabius originated. As with Summitt, Summitt, Summet, Sammet, and others, Eusabius, Eusebius, and Esabius (as well as others) can be found among the different census reports, family Bibles, and researcher mistakes.

Finally, the comment that I would like to address here questioned whether the information had been validated by the Summitt Family Organization. I wish there were a Summitt Family Organization. At present there is a small group of individuals who email one another about family history. When there is time, several of these people will read, proof, and comment on the materials submitted. If we know something is wrong we try to correct it or at least comment on it. If there is time to do so. If we disagree about something, we discuss it.

That's what we are doing in this newsletter. We're discussing the history of the Summitt(t) family and those families who are related by marriage.

So when you send your story about your family in to us, I'm not going to tell you how to spell your sister's name. I assume that you are the expert that will validate that portion of your story. But I will be here, along with several others online (especially if you send it in early enough) to help make sure it's in the correct format for the newsletter, to double check some of the dates, and, of course, I'll be here to take the heat when I mistype the spelling of your sister's name.

We really want to see an article about your branch of the family. Please take the time and write something about your line. We're looking forward to hearing from you.



In March of 1982 I had just gotten out of the Marine Corps and was working for KARK in Little Rock. The picture to the left shows me (I'm the one holding the other two with the big smile on my face), my son Paul Michael, and the baby, my daughter, Jaclyn Katie. Michael turns twenty this month. Jackie, who wrote an article for this newsletter once before, will be eighteen next March. They've both grown a little since this picture as both stand at least six foot tall. I'm five foot ten inches.

Mary Gunn moved to Rockwood May # 3 1888

This information is from a slip of paper found in the Bible in our possession. This slip reads: "Mary Gunn moved to Rockwood May 3, 1888." (Note: Mary M. Summitt's first husband was a Gunn.)

Nancy June Gunn was born in the year of our lord April 4 1868 and departed this life Sept the 26 1868

This information is from a slip of paper found in the Bible in our possession. This slip reads: "Nancy June Gunn was born in the year of our lord April 4, 1868 and departed this life Sept. 26, 1868."

Journal
Sept. 28-76
Dead at 124

**He Thought
He Might
Live Forever**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Just a week ago, William S. Summitt told friends he might live forever. Perhaps, he said in good humor, he was "God's chosen one."

Summitt suffered a heart attack Friday morning and died Sunday night. He claimed to be 124 years old, born on a farm in Spencer County March 3, 1852.

"He raised up after the heart attack and said he was going to come out of this," said his sister-in-law, Laura Miller, her voice quivering. "He was a wonderful person."

For the last 20 years, Summitt lived with Mrs. Miller, who said she took him in because there was no one else to care for him.

Summitt was proud of his status as one of America's oldest living citizens, Mrs. Miller said, even though records that would confirm his age are long since gone.

He "couldn't see or hear too good but could still walk," Mrs. Miller said, and he liked to sit and talk of the past.

"He talked about all the presidents. He said he could remember the first Kentucky Derby. He was a very religious man, he didn't smoke and he didn't drink," she said.

"He liked to walk, and he'd just walked a block and a half when he had the heart attack."

Last week, Mrs. Miller recalled, "He said, 'You know what — I am God's chosen one. I'm going to be here forever. I'm never going to die.' He looked on the bright side of life and he worked very hard. He always said that hard work, living for God, and being happy was why he lived so long."

Mrs. Miller said she's worried now about his funeral. Her husband died several years ago, she's living on a small pension and can't afford to pay for it herself, she said.

"I've done all I can, and he told me not to do it anyway," she said. "I've got his grave paid for, and we're talking to the undertaker and minister now to try to work out the funeral."

The Melbourne Heights Baptist church, where Summitt was a member, is trying to raise money to give him "a decent funeral," Mrs. Miller said.

Charlie Smith of Bartow, Fla., who claims to be 133, is the oldest living citizen, said the Rev. Hadley Hall, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Plant City, Fla., and coordinator of the National Centerarian Fellowship, an organization for persons who have reached the age of 100.

Hall said there was no question that Summitt was one of the oldest people in America, and Mrs. Miller, 68, said she had known the man herself for 54 years.

She said she thinks Summitt's survivors include a sister and two adopted children, "but he hasn't heard from anyone in years. I was all he had."

Clipped from the September 28, 1976 *Louisville Courier Journal*. Provided by James B. Summitt.

1 PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF TENNESSEE		73 801
County <u>Loudon</u>		STATE BOARD OF HEALTH Bureau of Vital Statistics		
Civ. Dist. <u>1st</u>		Registration District No. <u>45401</u>		File No.
OR Village <u>Loudon</u>		Primary Registration District No. <u>45401</u>		Registered No. <u>4</u>
OR City (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)				[If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number.]
2 FULL NAME <u>Mary Oady</u>				
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
3 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>Widow</u>	16 DATE OF DEATH <u>2</u> <u>26</u> 19 <u>24</u> [Month] [Day] [Year]	
6 DATE OF BIRTH _____		17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>2/20</u> 19 <u>24</u> to <u>2/26</u> 19 <u>24</u> that I last saw her alive on <u>2/26</u> 19 <u>24</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>5:00</u> P.M. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Streptococci Infection</u> <u>Left Lung</u>		
7 AGE <u>75</u> yrs. mos. da. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?		Contributory [SECONDARY] _____ [Duration] yrs. mos. da.		
8 OCCUPATION <u>Housewife</u> (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)		Signed <u>Arthur M. Quinn</u> M. D. <u>2/26</u> 19 <u>24</u> Address <u>Loudon</u>		
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Tennessee</u>		* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.		
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Not known</u>		19 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR REGENT RESIDENTS) At place of death yrs. mos. da. In the State yrs. mos. da.		
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) _____		Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence _____		
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____		19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Watson Cemetery</u>		
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) _____		20 UNDERTAKER <u>F. M. Quinn</u>		
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE [Informant] <u>Fred Oady</u> [Address] <u>Loudon Tenn</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>2-27</u> 19 <u>24</u> ADDRESS <u>Loudon Tenn</u>		
15 Filed <u>2-26</u> 19 <u>24</u> <u>F. M. Quinn</u> REGISTRAR				

Mary M. Summit Oady, youngest daughter of Jonathan and Betty S. Butler Summit, died February 26, 1924 in Loudon, Tennessee. The names of her mother and father were apparently not known by those filling out the death certificate nor apparently by Fred Oady, the family member who signed the document. At the age of 75, she apparently died of a strept infection in her left lung.

If you think you'd like to have a copy of the certificate for your files you can find the order information at: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Historical and Genealogical Information, <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pusvs/d-loud3.htm>.

Tennessee Death Index 1914-1925, Loudon County: Part 3 (N-Z)
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