

The Sanford Family Bible

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Since the death of my husband, Ben H. Sanford, in 1999 I have had the privilege of having the Sanford Family Bible in my care. I have felt the urge to share with the family some facts about it and some of my own observations and opinions relative to it.

Tracing the care of the Bible back in time (I hesitate to use the word 'ownership'), it appears from the first entry in the Genealogical Register to have originated with the younger Lawrence Sanford (II). We can assume that his only son, Walker Sanford, got it from him who in turn left it in the care of his son, Harry Estil Sanford. At the death of Harry Estil Sanford in 1946, his wife, Mary L. Sanford, took on its care until her death in 1984 when her son, Ben H. Sanford, assumed it.

In the very front of the Bible there is a page with blanks not filled in that says:

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is a shareholder of the
Book and Tract Society
of the
Conference
To the amount of
One Hundred Dollars
Which entitles _____to
This Bible
And for _____self and those inheriting the same
To
Perpetual Membership in Said Society
And to
_____dollars annually
In Books and Tracts at
Catalogue Prices
Forever

A quick search on the internet didn't turn up anything that I could relate to this "Book and Tract Society" but I think the above establishes that the original cost of the Bible could have been \$100.

The title page reads:

The
Holy Bible
According to the Authorized Version
With a
Perpetual Genealogical Family Register
Entirely New and Original

Nashville
Published by the Southern Methodist Publishing House
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The above fits with what we know of Lawrence Sanford II. He lived from 1817 to 1898 and was a devout Methodist.

There are another couple of pages entitled "Prefatory Note" in which there is a statement that reads:

"Every family needs *something* to use as a sacred depository
of its domestic events, that they may be properly recorded,
and faithfully preserved from generation to generation."

I would like to be able to say that the genealogical family register has been 'properly recorded and faithfully preserved'. It seems relatively complete with few exceptions through the grandchildren of Harry Estil Sanford. As for Harry Estil's brother, Wallace, his sisters, Ellie, Lucy and Lelia, entries end with their children. I don't have much of an excuse except data is continually changing. I do have tucked away in the Bible a copy of Bart Hinkle's "Descendants of Robert Sanford" which has much of the needed information plus several generations preceding Lawrence Sanford II.

The most striking observation to me regarding the genealogical record is the beautiful penmanship of the first entries. Few of us today with our decidedly better tools can produce anything to compare. One has to wonder who made these entries. This handwriting continues into the next generation. These early entries appear to be in brown ink.

There are two additions on these first pages. In the top margin a notation signed by R. L. Sanford list the father and first Lawrence Sanford, Born 1778 and Died 1858, and two of his children from information taken from the Sanford Cemetery at the old Sanford 'Home Place' in Stafford County. (In addition to those children we know that there were at least nine children born to that Lawrence and his wife, Apphia Farmer Sanford.) On the opposite page someone has attached a record of Benjamin Walker 1797-1867 and his wife, Elizabeth V. (Henshaw), parents of Lucy Henshaw Walker Sanford.

The first generation entries are as follows:

Lawrence Sanford
of Virginia was
Born in Stafford County
On the 2nd day of June AD 1817
By Rev. Nelson Head (?) (?)
Died in Orange County of Virginia
On the 11th day of November AD 1898
Aged 81 years 5 months 9 days

This certifies that
Lawrence Sanford
Son of Law. Sanford, Sr
and Lucy H. Walker
Were married
in Orange Co Virginia
On the 22nd day of May AD 1844
By Rev. M. A. Dunn of
The Va Conference

Lucy H. Sanford
Of Virginia was
Born in Orange County
On the 21st day of September AD 1824

The five children of Lawrence & Lucy follow:

1.

Jane B. Sanford
Of Virginia was
Born in Orange County
On the 10th day of March AD 1845

Jas. W. Row
Son of ? Row of Caroline Co
And Jane B. Sanford
Daughter of Lawrence & Lucy H. Sanford
Were married
In Orange Co Virginia
On the 8th day of December AD 1868
By Rev Robert Watts of
The Va Conference

James and Jane's two children:

Carlton Row
Of Virginia
Born in Orange Co
On the 20th day of Oct AD 1869

L. Sanford Row
Of Virginia
Born in Orange Co
On the 2nd day of Oct AD 1871

(Note: According to information gathered by Richard Sanford this daughter, along with her husband is buried in the Rhoadesville Baptist Church Cemetery. She lived in Unionville next door to the Methodist Church and died July 11, 1923. I know nothing of further generations in this branch of the family.)

2.

Mary Susan Sanford
Of Virginia was
Born in Spottsylvania Co
On the 26th day of March AD 1847
Died in Orange County
On the 3rd day of August AD 1873

Aged 26 years 4 months 8 days

R. T. Walker
Son of Jas. W. Walker
And Mary S. Sanford
Daughter of Lawrence & Lucy Sanford
Were married
In Orange Co. Virginia
On the 20th day of Dec AD 1871
By Rev Robert Watts of
The Va Conference

James Walker
Of Virginia was
Born in Orange County
On the 25th day of Sept AD 1872
Baptised in Madison Co AD 1872
By Rev. Robt. Watts
Died in Madison County
On the 13th day ?? AD 1879

Marrion Walker
Son of R. T. Walker and
M. S. Walker
Born in Orange County
On the 3rd of August 1873
And died in Orange County
On the 25th of Aug 1873

(Note: We can conclude rather sadly that Mary Susan died from child birth and the baby, a son, survived her by about three weeks. This branch of the family tree was completely severed with the death of her remaining child in 1879. From the Walker Genealogy it appears that Mary Susan Sanford and her husband R. T. (Reuben Thom Walker) were cousins. The infant was named Marion S. Walker. Mary Susan and her children were buried in the Newington Cemetery along with her parents and her sister Lulie.)

3. Walker Sanford

Walker Sanford
Of Virginia was
Born in Orange County
On the 22nd of April AD 1851
Son of Lawrence & Lucy Sanford
Died in Orange Va (Woodley)
On the 17th day of January AD 1921
Aged 70 years 8 months 15 days

Walker Sanford
Son of Lawrence & Lucy H. Sanford
And Lelia Johnson
Daughter of Joseph H. Johnson
Were married
In Orange County
On the 28th day of Jan AD

A listing of their 5 children, 2 sons and 3 daughters, follows:

(1) Harry E. Sanford
Of Virginia was
Born in Orange County
On the Feb 28th AD 1881
Son of Walker & Lelia Sanford
Died in Rapidan, Va
On the 6th of January AD 1946
Aged 67 years 10 months 5 days

(Harry's marriage, his children, his grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren are recorded on later pages.)

(2) Wallace Sanford
Of Virginia was
Born in Orange County
On the 22nd of March AD 1882
Son of Walker & Lelia Sanford
Died in Charlottesville
On the July AD 1954

Ada Woodriff Sanford
Wife of Wallace Sanford
Died in Richmond Va April 1945

(Wallace and Ada's children are listed on the next several pages and I have attempted to include their next generation on the same entry as their parent from information given me by Bart Hinkle.)

(3) Elmira Andrews Sanford
Of Virginia was
Born in Orange County
On the 13th September A D 1884
Daughter of Walker & Lelia Sanford
Died in Enfield, North Carolina
On the May AD 1967

Ivy Watson
And Ellie Sanford
Daughter of Walker and Lelia Sanford
Were married
In Orange Presbyterian Church
1914

(There is no record of the birth of their son, Ivy Watson, Jr.)

(4) Lucy Henshaw Sanford
Of Virginia was
Born in Orange County
On the 5th of June AD 1887
Daughter of Walker & Lelia Sanford
Died in Accomac, Va
On the 27th of June AD 1977
Aged 90 years 0 months 22 days

Barton Kelley Lilliston
Son of Alfred J. Lilliston
And Lucy Henshaw Sanford
Daughter of Walker & Lelia Sanford
Were married
In Orange Va

On the 26th of June AD 1912
By Rev Coxe

Barton Kelley Lilliston
Son of Alfred & Ellen Lilliston
Born in Accomac, Va
On October 25th 1881
Died in Accomac, Va
Dec. 1947

(Lucy and Barton are buried in Edgewood Cemetery in Accomac, VA)

(5) Lelia Johnson Sanford
 Of Virginia was
 Born in Orange Co
 On the 26th of November AD 1890
 Daughter of Walker & Lelia Sanford
 Died in Gordonsville, VA (Hospital)
 Feb AD 1969

(Lelia is buried in Graham Cemetery in Orange, VA. She spent most of her life in Nelson County, VA where she taught school and worked in a mission program.)

4. Lizzie H. Sanford
 Of Virginia was
 Born in Orange County
 On the 21st day of May AD 1858

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 Preston Brooks Emanuel
 Son of William Emanuel
 And Lizzie H. Sanford
 Daughter of Lawrence & Lucy H. Sanford
 Were Married
 In Orange Virginia
 On the 10th day of Dec AD 1879

William Sanford Emanuel
 Of South Carolina was
 Born in ?

On the 1880

Lulie Preston Emanuel
Of South Carolina
Born in Marleborough Co
On the 10th December AD 1883

A brief check on a genealogical site on the internet revealed a number of people that seem to be related to this branch, some in Marlboro, SC and some in Marlboro, NC. Someone apparently has done a family tree but I can't access the tree without joining which I had rather not do at this time. Some names that seem to relate:

Preston Brooks Emanuel 1859 - Marlboro, NC
Lizzie Sanford 1859 - Virginia USA - Marriage Marlboro, NC USA - Spouse:
Preston Brooks Emmanuel
Wm. Sanford Emanuel - Parent Preston Brooks Emmanuel
Lulie Preston Emanuel - 1882
Lulie Preston Emanuel married Robert Henry Witherspoon
Bessie Emanuel - Birth 1885 - Parent Preston Brooks Emanuel
Sanford Brooks Emanuel - Parent Preston Brooks Emanuel Death Arizona
Reginal Brooks Emanuel 1894 - Parent Preston Emanuel

There may be more.

It seems very likely to me that the Sanfords have many unknown cousins out there descended from Lizzie, a sister to our Walker.)

5.

Lulie F. Sanford
Of Virginia was
Born in Orange County
On the 12th of April AD 1861
Died in Orange Co
On the ? day of September AD 1880
Aged 18 years 5 months 26 days

(Lulie's tomb stone in the Newington Cemetery says: "To the Memory of Our Dear Child Lulie Sanford Born April 12, 1861 Died Sept. 28, 1880." One has

to wonder about her death at so young an age. Apparently Lizzie and Lulie attended Bowling Green Female Seminary in Caroline County, Virginia as there are various Certificates of Distinction issued to them and kept among the papers with the Bible. There is a diploma granted to Miss Lulie Sanford for "having undergone a thorough and satisfactory examination in the School of Physical Science" on June 12, 1878. Walker Sanford's Diploma declaring him a graduate of Randolph Macon College in the School of Chemistry and dated June 24, 1869 is among the papers. Also included are several Certificates of Distinction in various subjects earned by Walker.)

I will not attempt to copy the remainder of the genealogy entries which include the children of Wallace & Ada Sanford and the children and grand children of Harry and Mary Sanford. With few exceptions those entries are complete. Mary Sanford once suggested to me that she believed if you were not born a Sanford or married to a Sanford you would be dropped from the pages of the Sanford Bible. This would eliminate a number of Perrys, Cantrells, Hinkles, and Priggs which I have taken the liberty to include. This task was made easier by using information from Bart Hinkle's genealogical research. Even with our large family there appear to be plenty of pages to take us into many future generations.

I also have numbered the pages. As it was, it was difficult to follow ones line forward or backward as others are listed in between. A page number beside an entry refers one back to the parent's entry or forward to a child's entry.

My children and I have discussed the future care of this Bible. While any one of them would be honored to have this responsibility, we feel that it should ultimately be with someone who carries the Sanford name into the future. The fact that "Woodley" which was home for the Bible for many years is now back in the family reinforces our reasoning. So with that said we propose to turn the Sanford Family Bible over to Steve Sanford of Woodley for safe keeping.