

PART 3 - Family Records

This part of the monograph presents vital statistics of each family (marriages, births, deaths). While many entries are outside of the region, some names tie to Livermore families such as Black, Wagoner, and Christensen. The photographs from these family pages in the center of some Bibles allow inspection without handling the fragile originals.

Some photos are magnified to show penmanship and formatting differences from family to family and within the family over generations.

Look for the mannerisms for listing dates. Example formats include:

- 1st Mo 1st Dy 1850 (To avoid writing pagan month/day names in a Bible)
- First day of January Anno Domino 1850
- January 1 Anno Domino 1850
- 1st Day of January 1850
- January 1st, 1850
- Jan. 1, 1850

Look for the frequent use of middle names of children to honor prior generations. While hyphenated married names for women became common after 1970, it appears all children from these pioneer valley families used the last names on their maternal side of either grandparent as their middle name. This local commonality personally surprised me and perhaps would be worthy of a research paper to determine its scope nationwide.

The data from these statistic pages are transcribed as searchable text below or near the source pages. The transcribed text uses a common format for dates and place names. Bracketed [text] is not on the specific transcribed page but discovered elsewhere.

1831 Black/Wagoner (LHG 2013.02.08)

Marriages

Nathan W [Wright] Black [b 1790]	and Sarah Ellis	married 1/31/1828 [in New Jersey]
William G [Gatzmer] Wagoner [b 1831]	and Mary E Black	married 11/17/1858 [in New Jersey]
Joseph French Black [b 1834]	and Mary Elliott Simpson	married 4/18/1865 [in Alameda County]

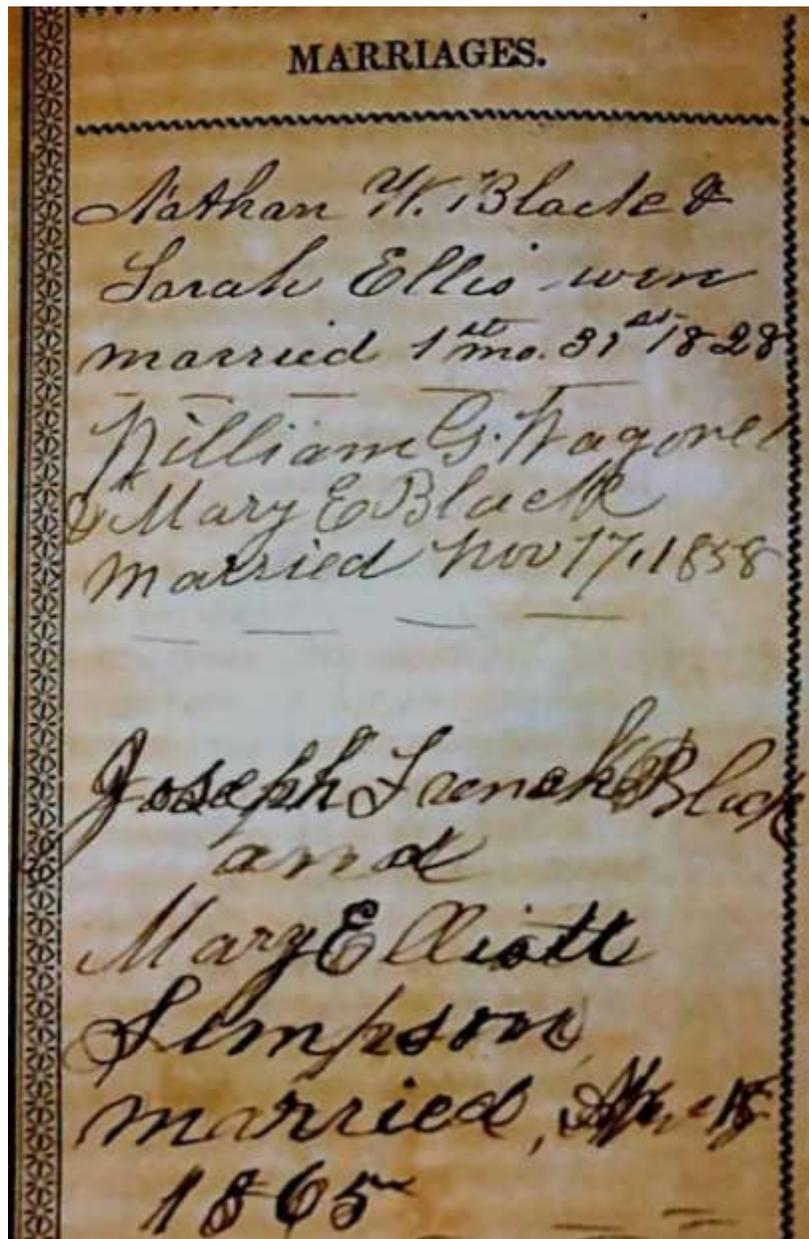


Figure 54 - LHG 2013.02.08 Marriages

BIRTHS.	BIRTHS.
Nathan W. Black son of William & Hope Black born 10 ^{mo} 21 st 1770	Nathan Black son of Nathan W. & Sarah Black born 7 ^{mo} 15 th 1837
Sarah Ellis daughter of Amos & Mary Ellis born 6 ^{mo} 4 th 1802	Amos Ellis son of Nathan W. and Sarah Black born 12 ^{mo} 1 st 1842
Annie B. Black daughter of Nathan W. and Sarah Black born 10 ^{mo} 4 th 1830	Henry B. son of William G. and Mary E. Wagoner born Aug. 28 th 1867
William Black son of Nathan W. and Sarah Black born 9 ^{mo} 27 th 1831	Nathan B. son of William G. and Mary E. Wagoner born Oct 10 th 1861.
Joseph French son of Nathan W. and Sarah Black born 4 ^{mo} 1 st 1834	Charles B. son of William G. and Mary E. Wagoner born Jan. 31. 1865.
Mary E. Black daughter of Nathan W. and Sarah Black born 27 th 9 ^{mo} 1836	

Figure 55 - LHG 2013.02.08 Births - A and B

BIRTHS.

May Saunders
daughter of
Joseph French
and Mary Elliott
Black born Jan^y
1866.

Kate O. daughter
of Joseph French
and Mary Elliott
Black, born July
12th 1867

Joseph French
son of Joseph
French and
Mary Elliott
Black born
Feb 24th 1869

Sarah Ellis
daughter of Joseph
French and Mary
Elliott Black born
Aug 3rd 1871

Frank Simpson
son of Joseph French
and Mary Elliott
Black born
May 17th 1873

Figure 56 - LHG 2013.02.08 Births - C

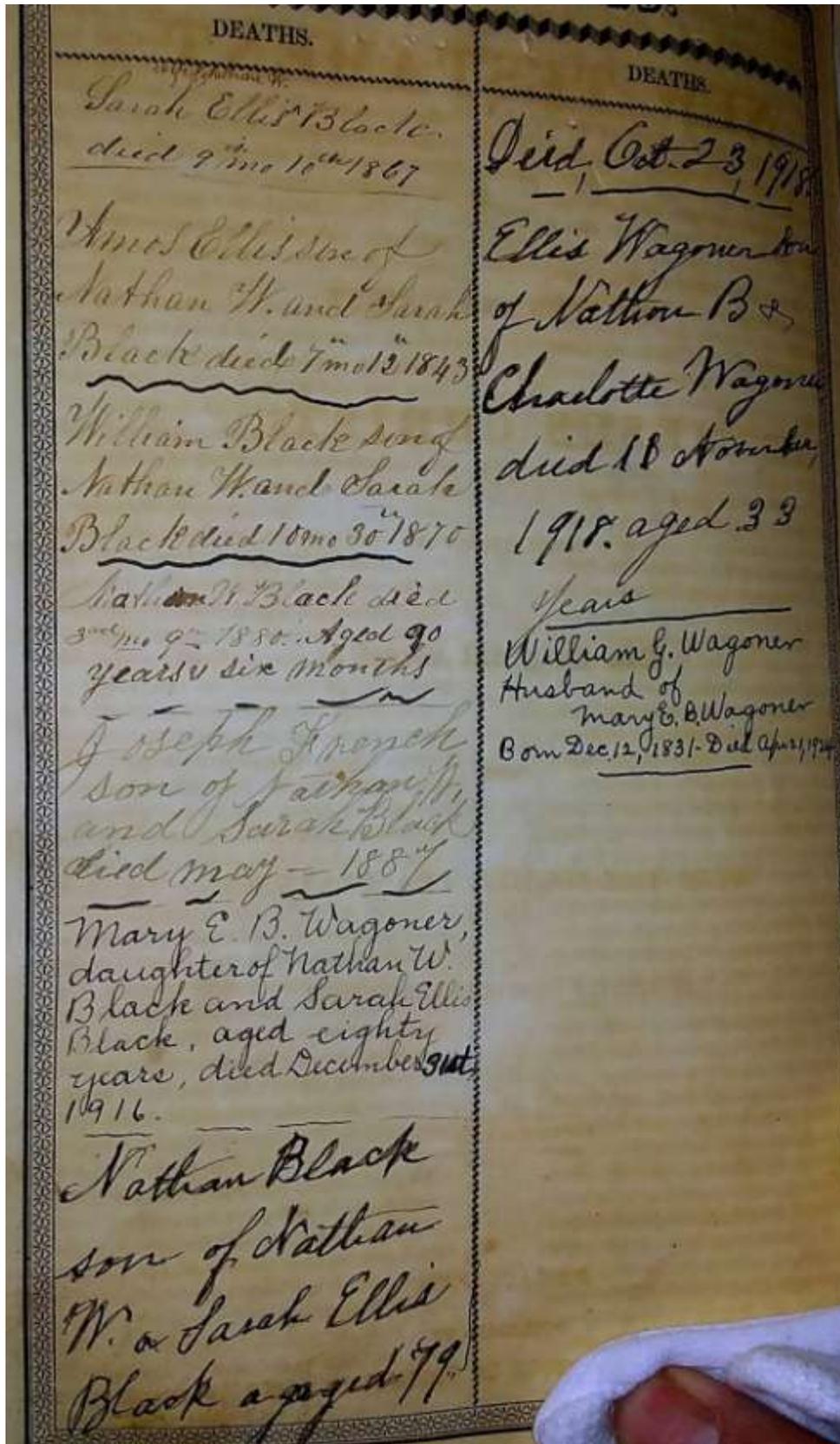


Figure 57 - LHG 2013.02.08 Deaths

P.Kitchingham (edited):

This Bible published in 1831 was likely given to Nathan W BLACK and Sarah Black (nee ELLIS) near the 9/1831 birth of first son, William, in New Jersey.

Nathan Wright BLACK's parents were William BLACK and Hope FRENCH which is where the French middle name originates [for Joseph in the lists].

The Bible [assigned to Annie B Black, eldest daughter], appears to have found its way into the hands of their younger daughter, Mary Ellis BLACK, who married William Gatzmer WAGONER in 1858 in New Jersey. They had 3 sons - including Henry Black WAGONER (the Livermore [bulk] wine shipper).

Henry Black WAGONER married Mary [L] Madeline FRANK in 1889 and had five children - including Henrietta Gatzmer WAGONER [b.10/9/1890]

Henrietta married Ernest Kilburn MACLEAN in Livermore in 1916. They had two sons - including Nathan Black MACLEAN [(see Maclean Bible below)].

After Ernest died in 1956, Henrietta [moved into son Robert's home in Davis. She much later] married Leo Albert JACKER (1885-1972) in 1971 in Yolo. Leo died a year later and soon after, Henrietta returned to Yolo until her death in 1984.

Money in the Family

B.Maclean

The Black and Wagoner families in New Jersey were financially well off. Both families were prodigious savers and generous with both their time and money. Volunteerism appeared to be a multi-generational trait within the families.

Henry's wife, Mary Frank, at age 9 sailed around the Horn with her family from Boston to the Bay Area. She was the maid for his uncle Joseph [French] Black.

Viticulture (grapes) and viniculture (wine) were well known in New Jersey:

Wealthy New Jersey landowners produced wines during the colonial period (with awards in 1767). Those early developments did not become a long-term success. But in 1859, an agricultural society in Egg Harbor City tested over forty different grape varieties for local cultivation. Those grapes and fruit trees supported a flourishing wine industry in the late nineteenth until the Prohibition Era. - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_wine (edited)

When Joseph French Black came to California, he was much involved in local viticulture and by late 1850's planted wheat. Henry arrived in 1879 at age 20 to work for his uncle Joseph. Henry married Mary ten years later. He had or soon earned sufficient funds in wholesale bulk wine shipments using the nearby railroad tracks to purchase significant acreage throughout the Livermore Valley.

Henry came from New Jersey in 1876 to visit. He met and fell in love with his Uncle's maid, Mary Frank, a widow with two children. She and Henry married in 1879 [but more likely 1889 given Henrietta's 10/1890 birth]. There were five Wagoner children – William and Anne from Mary's first marriage, and Henrietta, Marian, and W. [William] Gatzmer from the second [with Henry].

Henry bought grapes from local vineyards and workers carted it on wagons in 160-gallon wooden containers called puncheons. Between March and September 1889, he shipped two to three railroad cars weekly, each holding 1800 gallons of wine to a company in San Francisco. In 1893, he was listed with cooperage of 45,000 gallons; 9,000 in oak and 36,000 in redwood barrels.

*Every July, the whole Wagoner family travelled to Capitola [a beach four miles east of Santa Cruz] for six weeks of vacation away from the Livermore Valley heat. They journeyed by [horse drawn] surrey and bicycle with an overnight in Los Gatos. Aside from the winery, the family bought local ranch lands and raised sheep, grapes, and cattle. Henry died in 1927 and Mary in 1935.
- Historic Livermore, California: A-Z, by Anne Marshall Homan (edited)*

Starting a mission Episcopal Church

Henry's first daughter Henrietta received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism via the Grace Episcopal Church of Livermore at almost nine years old on 6/24/1900. Beryl found the replacement copy of the Baptismal Certificate (freshly typed on 10/22/1966).

The Wagoner family helped start this fledgling Episcopal congregation, which predated the 1953 St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Indeed, the new mission congregation was not formally organized until two months after Henrietta's childhood baptism!

Grace Episcopal Mission was organized on 26 August 1900 by Archdeacon John A. Emery. Sunday services were first held in the Masonic Hall. On 12 January 1901, the congregation purchased a lot on Fifth Street. The little church was built and consecrated in September 1902. The Wagoner family was in the original congregation, but [this church] never had enough members for a full-time rector.

*The last marriage entry in the church register was that of Henrietta Wagoner to Earnest Maclean in 1916. By 1926 members were meeting only rarely, and they rented out the building in 1932 (and sold it in 1936).
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The baptismal records showed the three Wagoner children from Henry were baptized on the same June day, followed by their mother in September 1900, two full years before the church had their own building. Clarence Crane as an infant in 1903 was the fifth baptism and the first in the new building (see Crane Bible below). [Records transcribed by Richard Finn as project leader for The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society.]



Figure 58 -Henrietta Wagoner, c.1910 (B. Maclean)

B.Maclean:

Henry B Wagoner gifted Earnest and Henrietta [for their 1916 wedding] about 120 acres sited between the Wentle and Concannon vineyards. The property once hosted a stagecoach stop. While Earnest [continued to be] a licensed Pharmacist, he mostly attended to growing grapes (sold to the wineries), alfalfa, and sheep on that ranch. It was always called “The Ranch”. It was rural living where every child had many chores beyond schoolbooks.



Figure 59 - Maclean Ranch Home, c.1916 (B. Maclean)



Figure 60 - Henrietta c.1916 -Four Generations 1921 (B. Maclean)

B.Maclean:

The baby in the four-generation Wagoner photograph is 3-week old Robert Millington Maclean born in 1921. Henrietta and Ernie married in June 1916. Born in 1890, Henrietta was 26 when married and 31 when she had Robert. Henry Black Wagoner (Henrietta's father, standing) was 61. His father, seated, William Gatzmer Wagoner born in 1831 was 90.

1846 Fish/Millington (LHG 2013.02.11)

The flyleaf inscription states “The family Bible of Mr. John [Coffing] Fish and his wife Lydia E [Emeline] Fish, containing records ____”. Many 1800’s entries in this Bible list the years as Anno Domino (A.D. or “In the Year of Our Lord”).

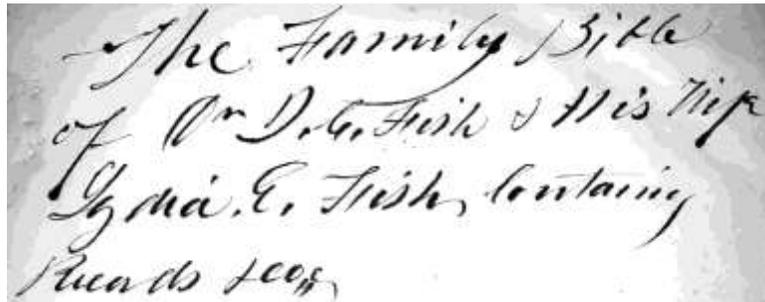


Figure 61 - LHG 2013.02.11 Flyleaf

John Fish moved his family from New York on the ship Arkansas to San Francisco during the 1849 Gold Rush, arriving December 19. John died in late 1850 at almost 29 years old. Almost two years later, Lydia married James Millington in 1852, whom she had met on the Arkansas during their nearly six month ocean voyage around the horn.

P.Kitchingham:

This Bible must have been given to Lydia Emeline KILBURN in 1846/1847, possibly on the death of one (or both) of her children in 1847 in New York.

The entries show that this family moved around a bit. Lydia had been born in New York in 1826. She married John Coffing FISH (born in Connecticut in 1822) in Ohio in 1843 and they moved back to New York where they had 2 children - sadly both children died in 1847 in New York.

Happily they had another son, Sherman Joseph FISH in 1848 in New York. They moved to California. Husband John appeared to have been shot in Nov 1850.

Lydia remarried in 1852 to James MILLINGTON and had 5 children - the youngest child, Eva Elizabeth married Marcus Alexander MACLEAN in 1884 in Oakland, and had 6 children, including Ernest Kilburn MACLEAN (1891-1956).

Ernest married Henrietta Gatzmer WAGONER in Livermore in 1916. They had two sons - including Nathan Black MACLEAN.

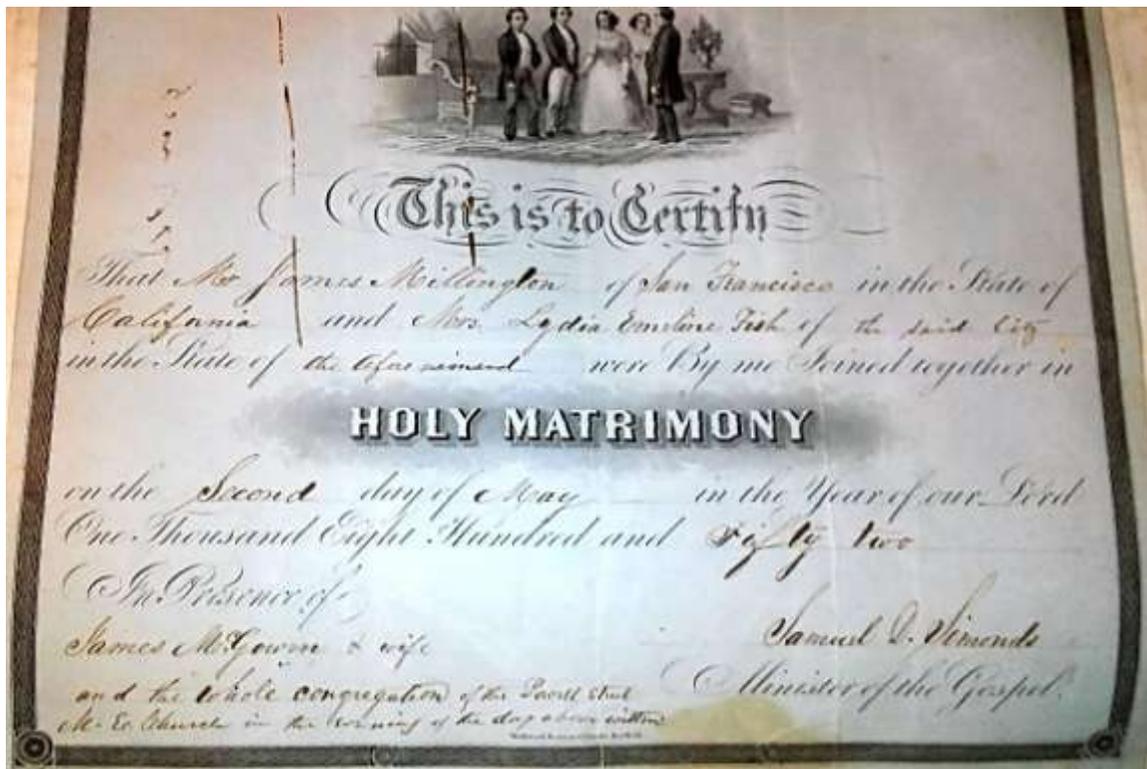


Figure 62 - LHG 2013.02.11 Marriage Certificate

Mr. James Millington of San Francisco, California
Mrs. Lydia Emeline Fish of the said city aforementioned

On 5/2/1852 In the Presence of James McGown and wife
and the whole congregation of the Powell Street [San Francisco]
M.E. [Methodist-Episcopal] Church in the evening of the day above written.
Minister of the Gospel: Samuel D Simonds

B.Maclean:

James Millington was active in Alameda city affairs [since 1853]. Both East Coast families had sailed around the Horn of South America [on a six-month voyage]. In the Bay Area triangle, my related families traveled by horse and wagon between the Livermore Valley, San Francisco, San Jose [and on vacation to Capitola beach north of Santa Cruz]. The 232-acre Mountainview Cemetery at 5000 Piedmont Avenue in Oakland hosts the Millington family in Plot 15.

“The Bay of San Francisco, Vol. 2: The Metropolis of the Pacific Coast and Its Suburban Cities; A History”, wrote about James Millington in 1892 (pages 578-580). This multiple volume set was equivalent to a modern “Who’s Who in the Bay Area”. The Oakland Herald (4/16/1906, Fourth year Vol.VII No.14) in a front page article copied the 1892 biography nearly word for word as “Honorable Career of Alameda Pioneer Ended”.

The combined biographical data follow (edited):

James Millington, a pioneer in 1849 and member of the first Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, passed away on 4/15/1906 at the home of his daughter in Stockton, where he went a month ago for his health. He resided in Alameda since 1853 and was well known to local pioneer settlers. He had kind and charitable impulses and was esteemed by all who enjoyed his acquaintance.



Born near New York City on 6/19/1825, he was in Galveston Texas at the outbreak of the Mexican War. He enlisted and suffered hardships. Taking sick he was placed on a two-mast schooner for 24 days to New Orleans. He was in critical condition for the next two months. In spring 1845, he went to Illinois and soon returned to New York.

In June 1849, as Vice-President of the California Mutual Benevolent Association, he organized a [six-month] expedition sailing from New York for San Francisco in their ship, the Arkansas, arriving 12/19/1849. While rounding Cape Horn they encountered a heavy gale for seven days running with no sails spread. Their first landing was at Talcahuano, [a port city on the central coast of] Chile, when all their [remaining] fresh water was contained in a single cask.

On the first night in San Francisco, the Arkansas drifted upon Alcatraz Island and stove a hole in her hull. She was towed to the mud flats (now Pacific and Battery streets), where she was fitted up as a store ship, with one apartment as a saloon.

With three others, Mr. Millington went up the Sacramento River in 1850 in a [small] boat built during the voyage from New York. It was loaded with tenting, provisions, and tools for mining. Leaving the boat tied to a tree at Sacramento they went on foot to the mines in the American River above Mormon Island.

After four months, some of the party with Mr. Millington then prospected where Nevada City now is. They next started for the Trinity mines but at Redding one was attacked with brain fever and Mr. Millington stopped to care for him. When his partner recovered, Mr. Millington went up the Feather River above Marysville to work a claim until winter set in. The following spring, he worked two months at Horseshoe Bend on the Merced River. Returning to San Francisco he took charge of the India Warehouse, a large three-story building at the water's edge.

Early in 1852, he embarked with a partner in the wood and coal business at Front and Oregon streets, bringing wood from San Mateo County by ship. He married Mrs. Lydia Emeline Fish, a widow, in [May] 1852. She was a passenger on the Arkansas when he came to California. He built a house where his eldest child

was born. In late 1853, he sold out to his partner and moved to Alameda for the contracting and building trade. In 1854, he built his home in Alameda.

In the fall of 1854, Mr. Millington was elected to the first Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, as the first Justice of the Peace of Alameda Township, and to the Board of three School Commissioners. He [helped purchase] the first public school for Alameda, a one-story building of 16 by 20 feet. [See related article below.] He managed school interests for ten years.

He constructed the First Methodist-Episcopal Church in Alameda in 1854. This structure stands on Webb Avenue, known as Blanding Hall. He was in these early days a member of the truck company of the volunteer fire department.

Locally, Mr. Millington was independent, but in general elections he voted Republican. He was a life member and Past Master of Oak Grove Lodge 215 of Free and Accepted Masons. He belonged to Yerba Buena Lodge 15 IOOF and was the last survivor of its charter members. When Alameda incorporated in December 1884, he was elected City Clerk, a position he filled for ten more years.

He leaves his wife, four daughters, and a son: Mrs. May Hardy of Seattle, Mrs. **Eva Maclean** of Stockton, Mrs. George Hildreth and Mrs. D.W. Martin, of this city and Frank K Millington, of this city. The later is the assistant chief of the fire department and was the second male child born in [the city of] Alameda.

In 1961, Kathleen Madison wrote a history article about the first school (edited):

Alameda's public school system dates back 107 years to July 12, 1854, when they appointed as "Commissioners of Alameda School District": James Millington, E. M. Taft, and James T. Stratton. There were not a dozen families on the Encinal of Alameda but between them they had 19 children. They needed a schoolhouse.

Alameda's first schoolhouse was purchased for [either] \$150 [or] \$450. It was a small unoccupied house on a corner lot of Mound and Van Buren Streets owned by a bachelor, John Schermerhorn of San Francisco. Millington went to San Francisco, found Schermerhorn willing to sell, and "closed the bargain on the spot" according to an early Argus [newspaper] account. Millington donated \$50 toward the purchase. The remainder was raised by public subscription.

A lady teacher, Miss Sleight, was hired for \$75 a month and room with board. To pay her salary, rates of tuition were: Children under 10 years of age, \$1 per month [per week?]; under 14, \$1.50; and over 14, \$2. Alameda's first [19] school children [included first grader] Sherman [Joseph Fish] Millington.

By 1867, 110 children attended several one-room schools throughout the town. Tuition charges were abolished because expenses were met out of public funds.

MARRIAGES.	MARRIAGES.
<p>John, Coffing Fish was Married to Lydia Emeline Kilburn in New London, Huron Co., Ohio on the first day of October Anno Domino 1843 M.DCCCXLIII</p> <p>John, C. Fish</p>	<p>John, Coffing Fish to Lydia, Emeline Kilburn</p> <hr/> <p>James. Millington. was Married to W. Lydia Emeline Fish on the 2nd day of May 1852. in the City of San Francisco. Cal.</p>
<p>Alice. E. Millington was Married to Geo. J. Hildroth. Dec 30th 1874. by R. L. Tabor in Alameda California.</p>	<p>Eva. C. Millington was Married to Marcus J. Maclean in Oakland, Oct. 20th 1884 by Rev. F. A. Horton</p>
<p>Sherman. J. Fish was married to Alice. Boston June 1870. in San Francisco California</p>	
<p>Minnie G. Millington was married to David W. Martin Nov 2nd 1874 Rev R. L. Tabor in Alameda California</p>	
<p>Frank K. Millington was married to Fanny Haide Aug 20th 1882. by Rev Chas Miel of Oakland in that city</p>	
<p>May. C. Millington was married to W. A. Hardy at Seattle Nov. 14th 1883. Rev. C. Strange, Pastor of Crosby Union Church</p>	

Figure 63 - LHG 2013.02.11 Marriages

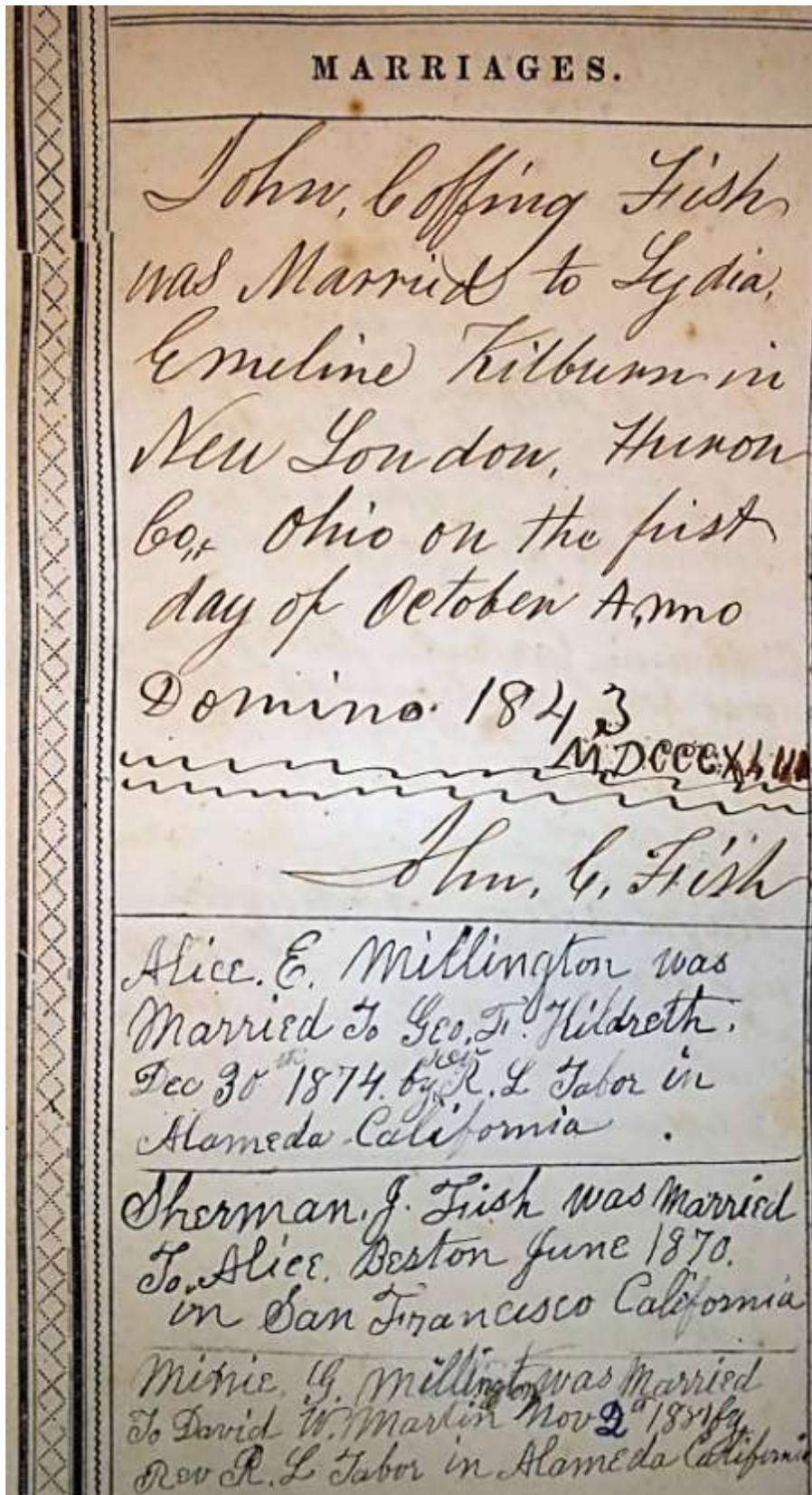


Figure 64 - LHG 2013.02.11 Marriages Close-up

Marriages re-arranged in Date Order:

John Coffing Fish was married to Lydia Emeline Kilburn
in New London, Huron County, Ohio 10/1/1843

James Millington was married to Mrs. Lydia Emeline Fish 5/2/1852
In the city of San Francisco, California

Sherman J [Joseph] Fish was married to Alice Berton 6/1870
in San Francisco, California

Alice E Millington was married to George F Hildreth 12/30/1874
By Rev. R. L. Tabor in Alameda, California

Minnie G [Gertrude] Millington was married to David W Martin 11/2/1881
By Rev. R. L. Tabor in Alameda, California

Eva E [Emeline] Millington was married to
Marcus A [Alexander] Maclean 10/20/1884
[with occupation as a train conductor – B.Maclean]
In Oakland by Rev. F. A. Horton
[Paternal grandparents of Nathan Black MacLean]

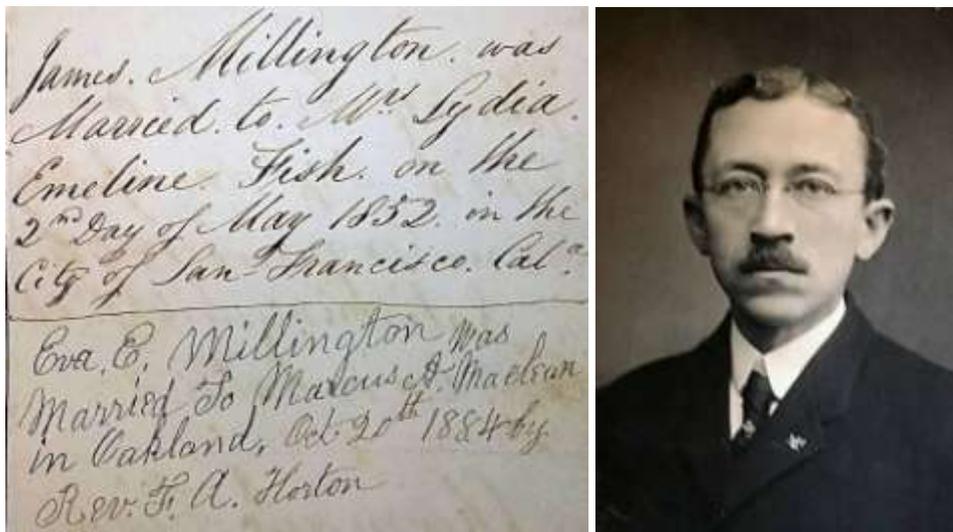


Figure 65 - LHG 2013.02.11 Marriages and Marcus Maclean c.1884 (B. Maclean)

Family Record.	
BIRTHS.	BIRTHS.
<p>Rebecca Fish was born 2^d day of October Anno Domini 1844 in New London, Huron Co; Ohio.</p>	<p>Alice E. Millington. was born February 12th 20 minutes before 12 o'clock P.M. 1853 in San Francisco, California.</p> <p>Frank Kilburn Millington was born July 28th 1855 at 9 o'clock P.M. in the town of Alameda Alameda County, California.</p>
<p>Henry Fish was Born 24th day of May Anno Domini 1846 in Salisbury, Litchfield Co; Connecticut</p>	<p>Minnie Gertrude Millington was born September 10th 1857 at 6 o'clock P.M. in the town of Alameda Alameda County California.</p> <p>May Emeline Millington was born November 5th 1859 at 6 o'clock A.M. in the town of Alameda Alameda County California.</p>
<p>Sherman Fish was Born 19th day of March Anno Domini 1848 at Lombille, Lewis Co; New York State named by Mrs Hitchcock</p>	<p>Eva Elizabeth Millington was born June 29th 1865 at 8 o'clock A.M. in the Town of Alameda Alameda County State of California.</p> <p>James Millington was Born June 1825th in New York City, New York State</p> <p>Lydia Emeline Millington was Born in Nov 16th 1826 at Johnstown Herkimer Co New York State</p>

Figure 66 - LHG 2013.02.11 Births

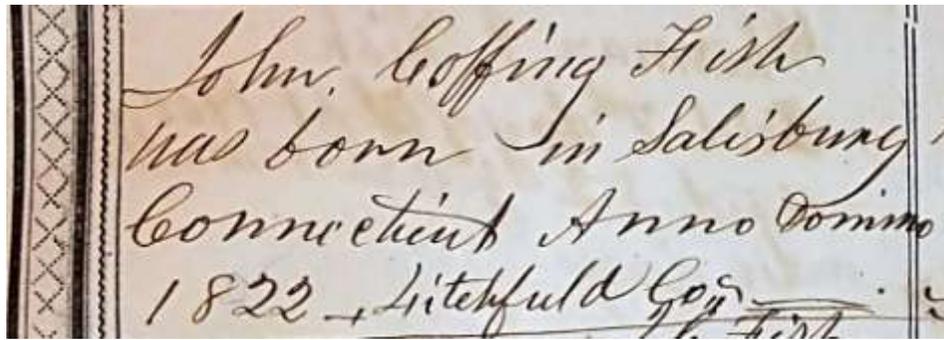


Figure 67 - LHG 2013.02.11 Births Continued

Births re-arranged in Date Order:

John Coffing Fish was born 1822 [died 1850]
In Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut

James Millington was born 6/1825
In New York City, New York State

Lydia Emeline Millington was born 11/16/1826
In Johnstown, Herkimer County, New York State

Rebecca Fish was born 10/2/1844 [died 1847]
In New London, Huron County, Ohio

Henry Fish was born 5/24/1846 [died 1847]
In Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut

Sherman J [Joseph] Fish was born 3/19/1848
In Lowhille, Lewis County, New York State
Named by Mrs. Hitchcock

Alice E Millington was born 2/12/1853
20 minutes before 12 o'clock p.m.
In San Francisco, California

[All the rest born] in the town of Alameda, Alameda County, California:

Frank Kilburn Millington was born 7/28/1855 at 9 p.m.

Minnie Gertrude Millington was born 9/10/1857 at 6 p.m.

May Emeline Millington was born 11/5/1859 at 6 a.m.

Eva Elizabeth Millington was born 6/29/1865 at 8 a.m.

Family Record.	
DEATHS.	DEATHS.
<p>Henry Fish Died 4th day of March Anno Domini 1847 at Louville Lewis Co., New York State died of inflammation of lungs with Spotted Scarlatina</p>	<p>Sherman J Fish Died 7th day of Sept 1900 aged 52 years 5 months and 16 days. In Alameda California</p>
<p>Rebecca Fish Died 4th day of August Anno Domini 1847, at Louville Lewis Co., New York of Dropsy of the Brain or Hydrops of the intestines aged 2 years 10 months</p>	<p>James Millington Died April 15th 18 1906. In Stockton California aged 80 years 9 months and 26 days.</p>
<p>John C. Fish Died 23 day of November Anno Domini 1850 in San Francisco California aged 28 years 10 months</p>	<p>Lydia Emeline Millington Died January 10th 1919. In Alameda California Aged 92 yrs 1 month 25 days</p>
	<p>Alice E. Hildreth Died May 19th 1926 in Alameda at 8:15 P.M. Aged 73 yrs 3 mos. 7 days</p>
	<p>May C. Hardy Died Dec 24th 1930 in Chicago mo 19 days Aged 71 years 1 = 19 days</p>

Figure 68 - LHG 2013.02.11 Deaths

Old Family Bibles

Deaths:

Henry Fish died 3/4/1847 [as infant]
At Lowehille, Lewis County, New York State
With inflammation of lungs with putrid scarlatina

Rebecca Fish died 8/4/1847 Aged 2 years 10 months
At Lowehille, Lewis County, New York State
Of dropsy of the brain or hyper-cephalous intermus

John C [Coffing] Fish died 11/23/1850 Aged 28 years 10 months
[Presumed weakened by travel during the 1849 Gold Rush]
[Possible shot according to Graves.com – P.Kitchingham]
In San Francisco, California

Sherman [Joseph] Fish died 9/7/1900 Aged 52 years 5 months and 16 days
In Alameda, California

James Millington died 4/18/1906 Aged 80 years 9 months and 26 days
In Stockton, California

Lydia Emeline Millington died 1/10/1919 Aged 92 years 1 month and 25 days
In Alameda, California



Figure 69 –Mountainview Cemetery in Oakland (B. Maclean, 2013)

Alice E Hildreth died 5/19/1926 Aged 73 years 3 months and 7 days
In Alameda, California

May E [Emeline] Hardy died 12/24/1930 Aged 71 years 1 month and 19 days
In Chicago [Illinois]

1850 Black/Wagoner (Private Collection)

The 1850 flyleaf has two presentation inscriptions:

- 11/17/1858 Aunt Anne Ellis to Mary E Black [(1836-1916) at age 22]
- 9/5/1909 Mary [age 73] to Henrietta G Wagoner [(1890-1984) at age 19]

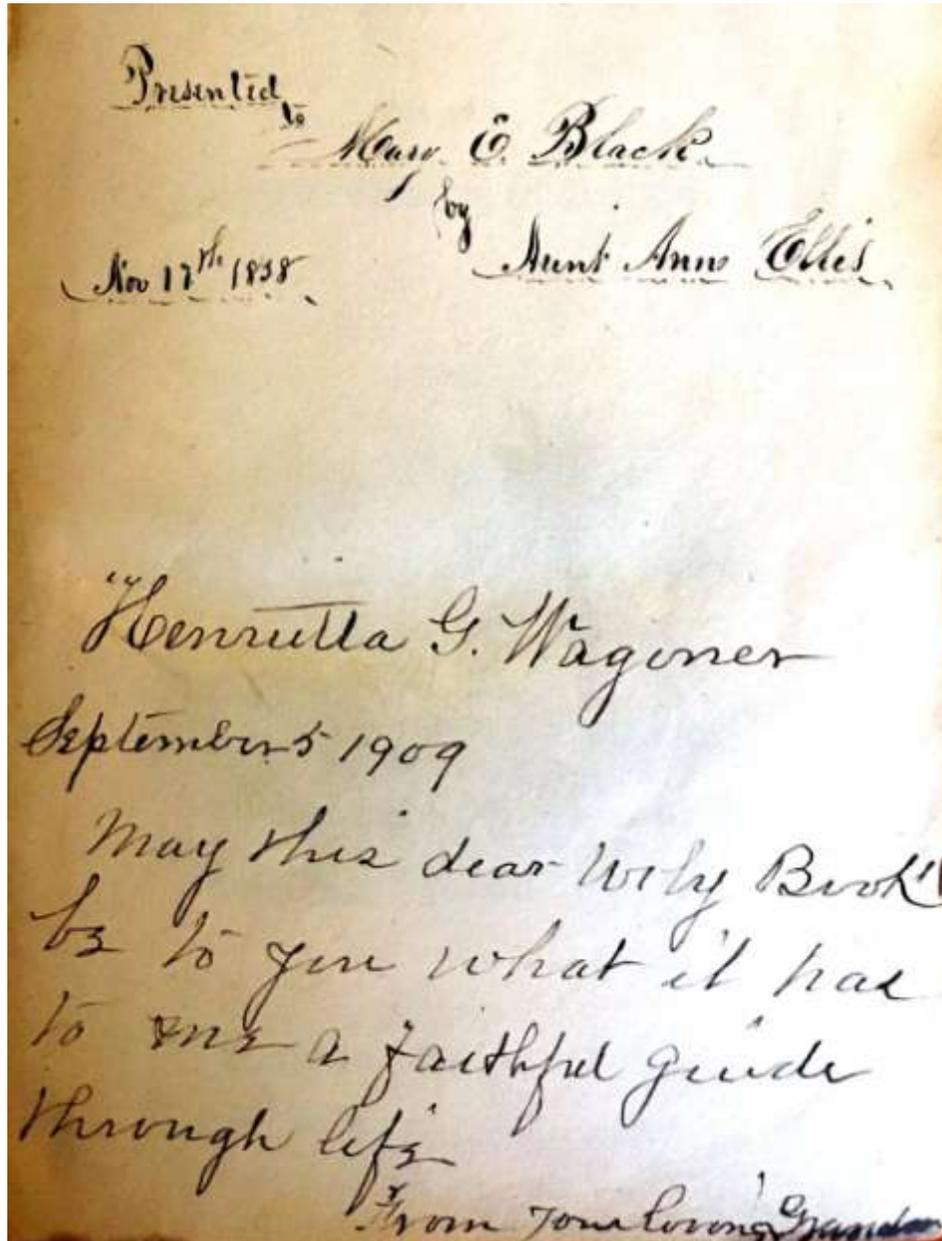


Figure 70 - Presentation Inscriptions - 1858 and 1909 (B.Maclean)

“May this dear Holy Book be to you what it has to me, - a faithful guide through life.”

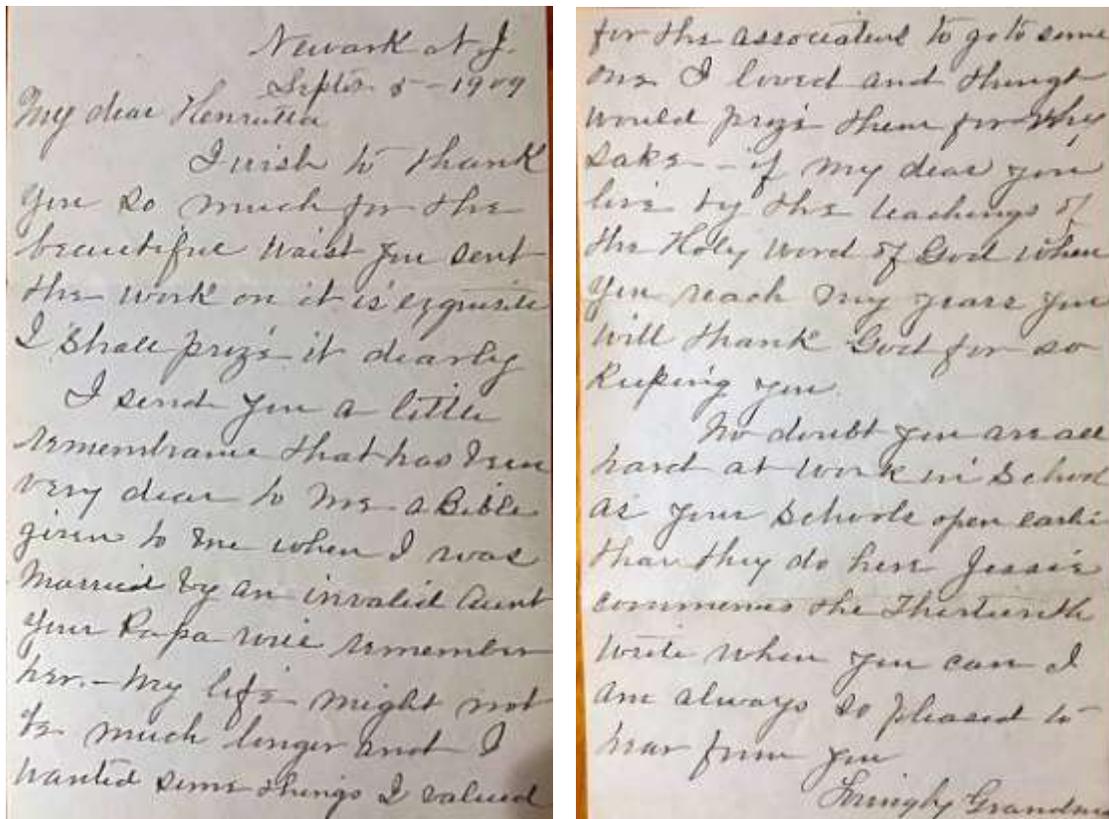


Figure 71 - Presentation Letter by Mary E Black, 1909 (B.Maclean)

Newark, New Jersey, 9/5/1909

“My dear Henrietta,

I wish to thank you so much for the beautiful waist [a tailored blouse] you sent. The work on it is exquisite. I shall prize it dearly.

I send you a little remembrance that had been very dear to me- a Bible given to me when I was married [in 1858] by an invalid Aunt. Your papa [Henry B Wagoner] will remember her. My life might not be much longer and I wanted some things I valued for the associative to go to ones I loved and thought would prize them for my sake.

If my dear you live by the teachings of the Holy Word of God, when you reach my years, you will thank God for so keeping you.

No doubt you are all hard at work in school as your schools open earlier than they do here. Jessie [?] commences the thirteenth. Write when you can. I am always so pleased to hear from you.

Lovingly, Grandma.”

1873 Clark (LHG 1974.03.04)

Holman publishing printed the family vital statistic pages all in gold-gilt ink.

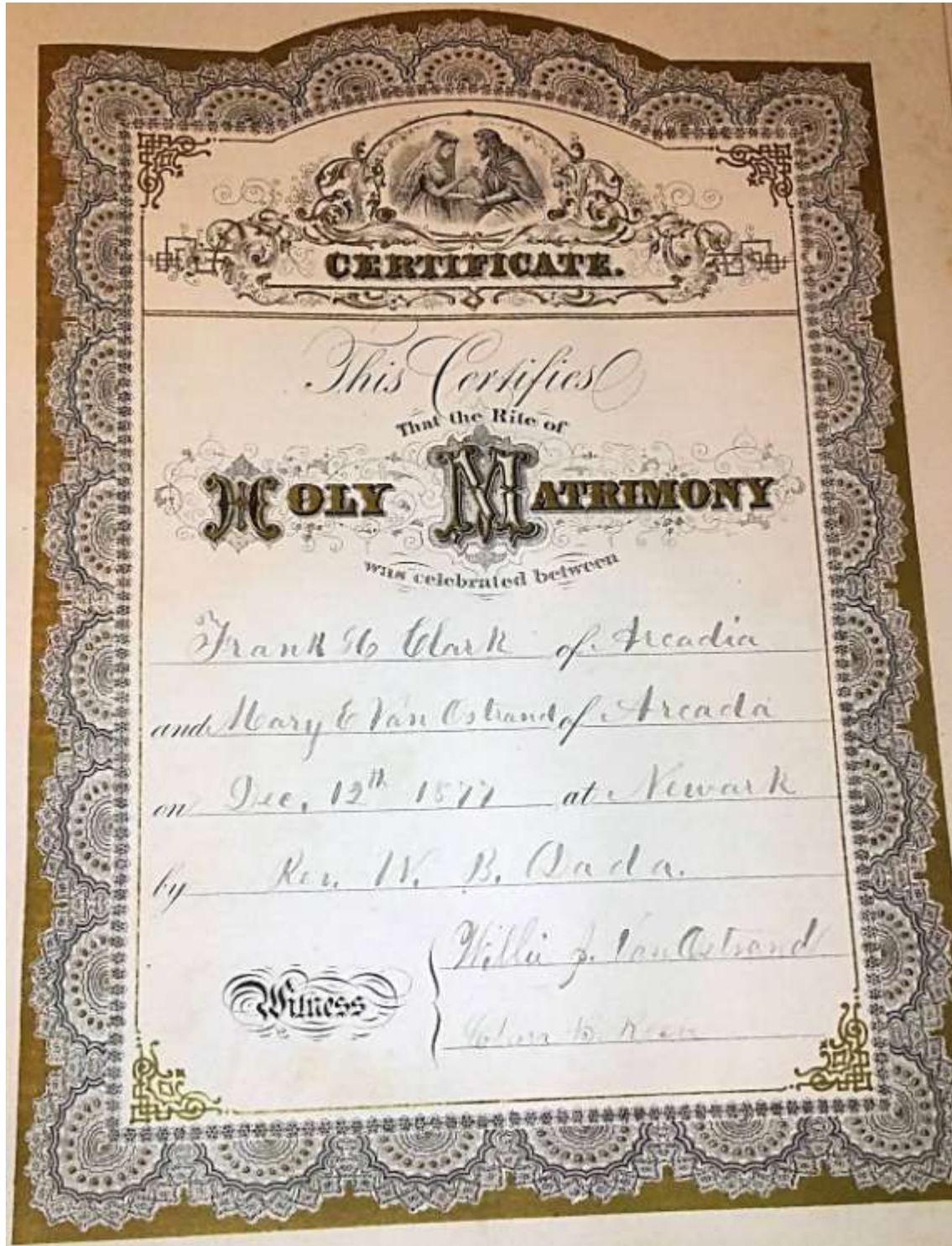


Figure 72 - LHG 1974.03.04 Marriage Certificate

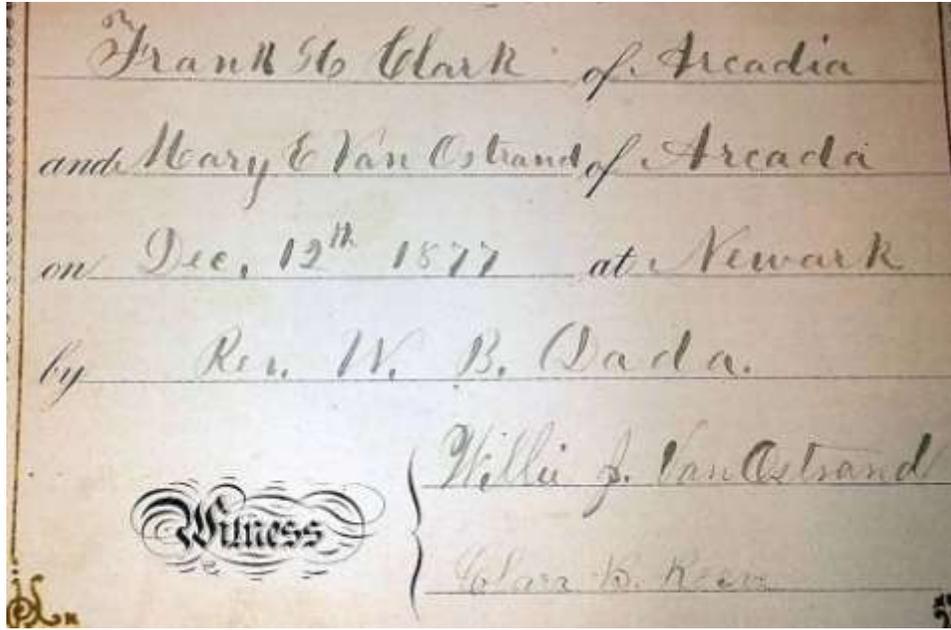


Figure 73 - LHG 1974.03.04 Marriage Close-up

Marriages

Frank H Clark	of Arcadia [New York]	
and Mary E Van Ostrand	of Arcadia [New York]	
on 12/12/1877	at Newark [New York]	by Rev W. B. Dada
		Witness: William J Van Ostrand - Clara B Reeve
		[Newark is in the south part of the Town of Arcadia.]

Leon Alvin Clark (b. 8/10/1883)	to Viva Nicholson	9/1912
Manley James Clark (b. 2/7/1881)	to Reba Lucile Dabson	10/5/1921

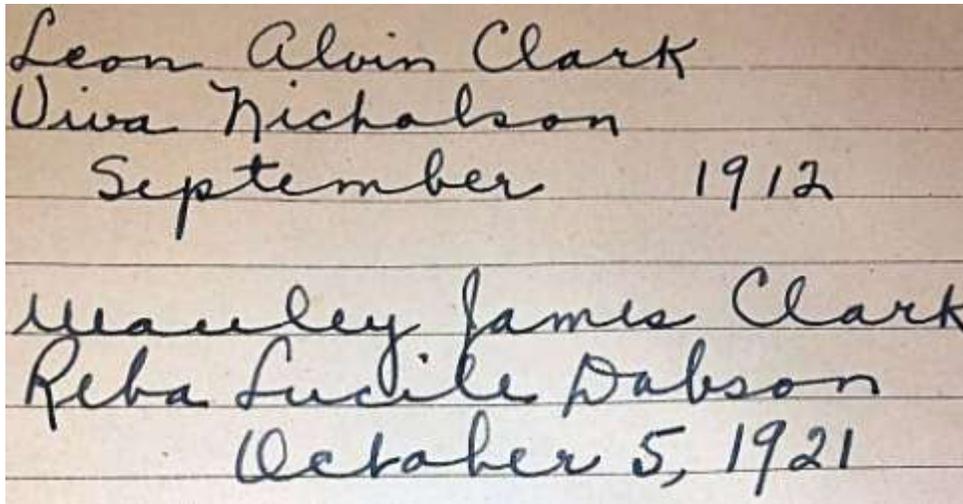


Figure 74 - LHG 1974.03.04 Marriages by Children

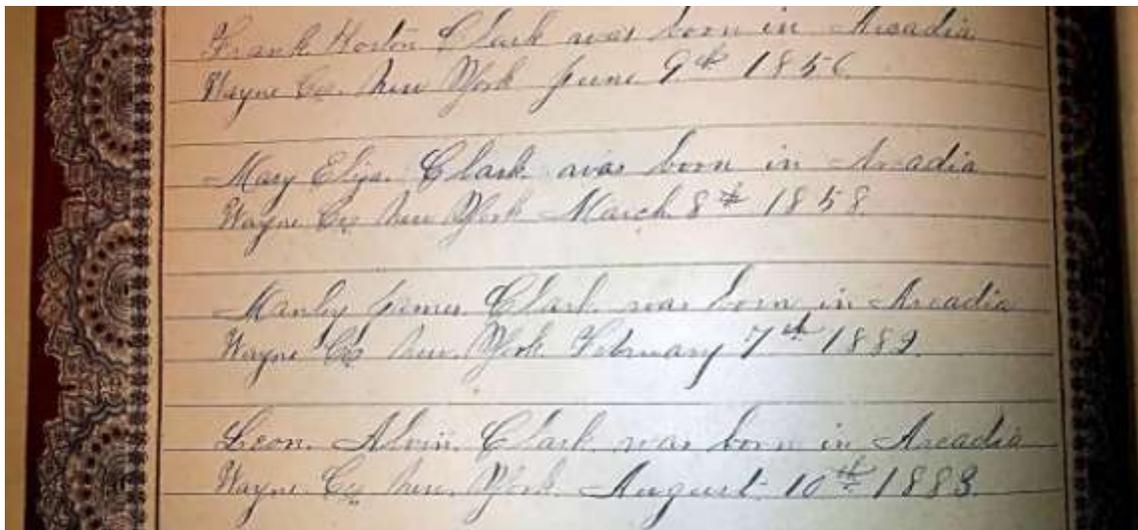


Figure 75 - LHG 1974.03.04 Births of Children

Births

[The four siblings were] born in Arcadia, Wayne County, New York

Frank Horton Clark	was born	6/9/1856
Mary Eliza[beth] Clark	was born	3/8/1858
Manley James Clark	was born	2/7/1881
Leon Alvin Clark	was born	8/10/1883

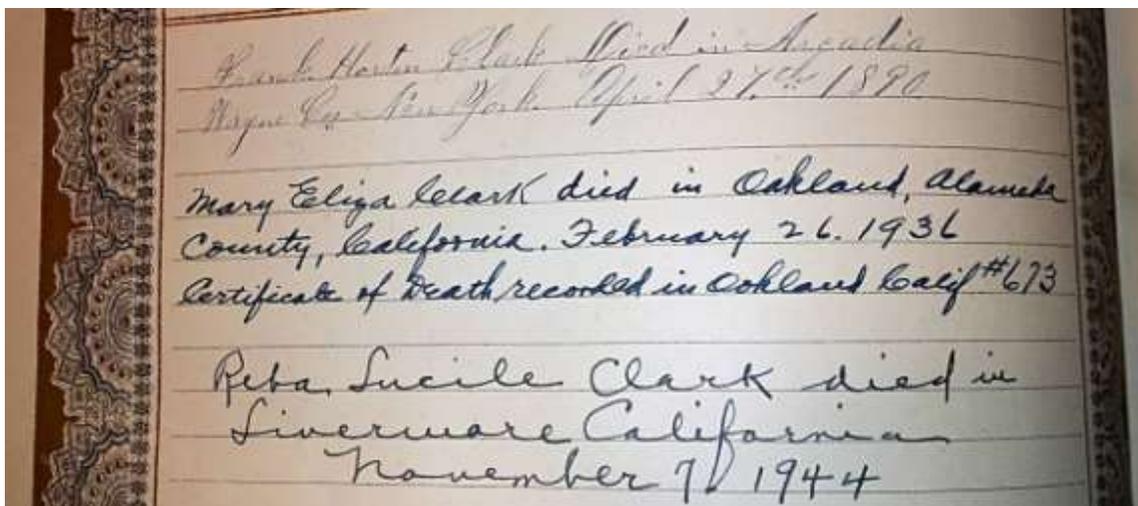


Figure 76 - LHG 1974.03.04 Deaths

Deaths

Frank Horton Clark	died in Arcadia, Wayne County, New York	4/27/1890
Mary Eliza[beth] Clark	died in Oakland, Alameda Co, California	2/26/1936
	Death Certificate #673 recorded in Oakland	
Reba Lucile Clark	died in Livermore , [Alameda Co.]	11/7/1944
	[first wife of Judge Manley Clark]	

1881 Peck (LHG 2009.03.01)

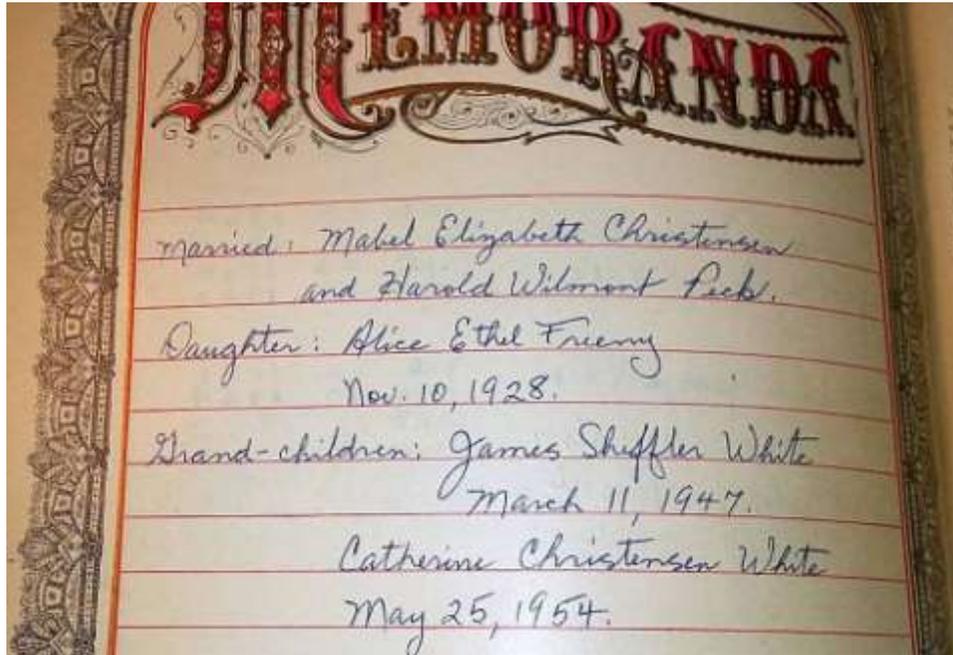


Figure 77 - LHG 2009.03.01 Peck Memoranda Page

Memoranda:

Married	[c. 1927 Livermore Presbyterian Church]
Mabel Elizabeth Christensen	[b. 1903 d. 1971]
Harold Wilmont Peck	[b. 2/9/1897 d. 1/6/1971]

R.Finn:

Mabel was baptized in the Livermore Presbyterian Church. Her parents were Hans Mortensen **Christensen** 1857-1937 and Catherine Rachel Herbert 1864-1957. All of Livermore.

Daughter

Alice Ethel Freeny born 11/10/1928

Grandchildren

James Shiffler White born 3/11/1947

Catherine Christensen White born 5/25/1954

The first building of the Presbyterians, now the Memorial Chapel, was built with Carnegie bricks and dedicated in 1874. In 1902, it was wired for electricity. In 2004, the church undertook a large remodeling project [which gifted this Bible]. - Historic Livermore, California: A-Z, by Anne Marshall Homan (edited)

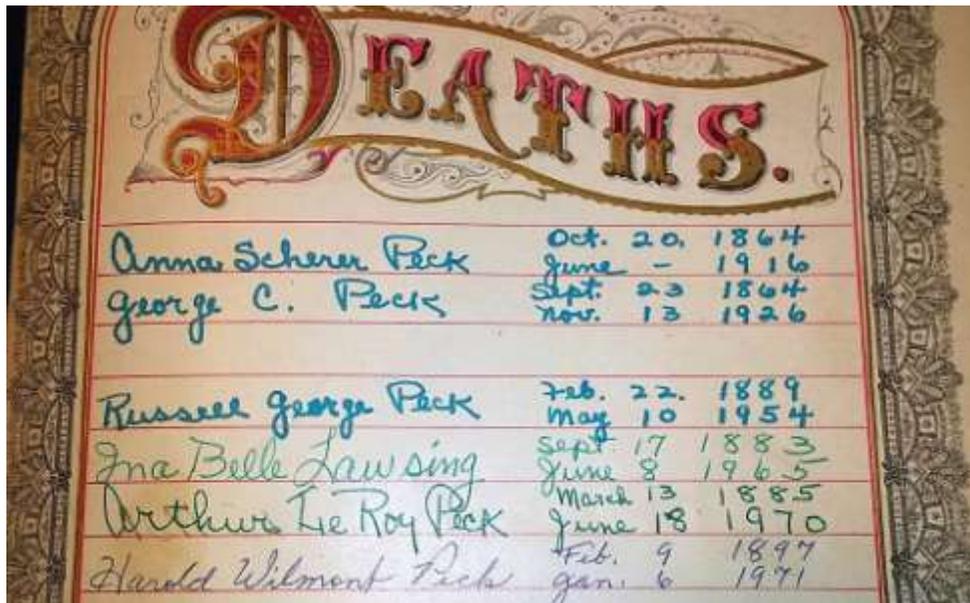
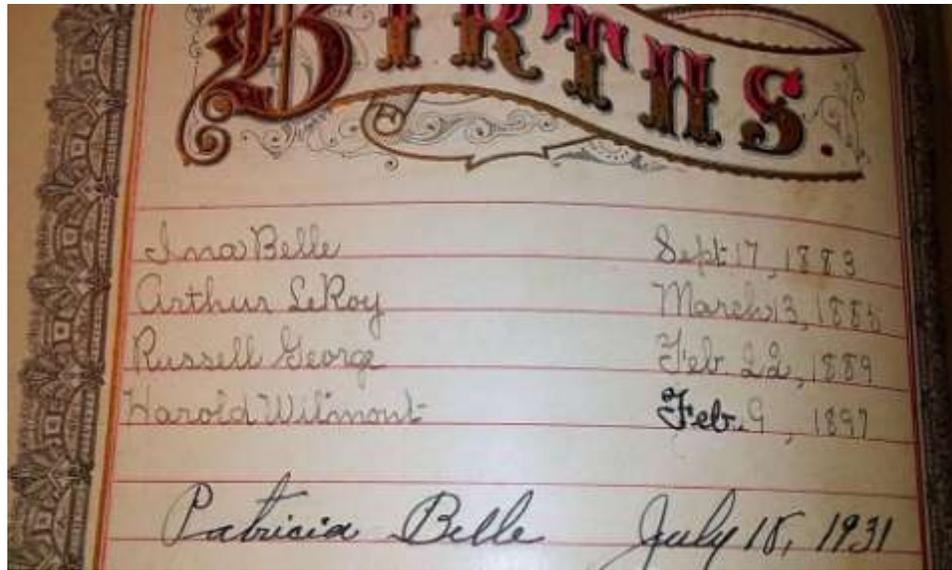


Figure 78 - LHG 2009.03.01Peck Births and Deaths

Births (List was first entered by a 1897 (or later) hand without city names.):

Deaths (List was first entered by a 1954 (or later) hand without city names.):

Anna Scherer Peck	b. 10/20/1864	d. 6/1916	[Maiden name debated]
George C Peck	b. 9/23/1864	d. 11/13/1926	
Russell George Peck	b. 2/22/1889	d. 5/10/1954	
Ina Belle Lawsing	b. 9/17/1883	d. 6/8/1965	
Arthur LeRoy Peck	b. 3/13/1885	d. 6/18/1970	
Harold Wilmont Peck	b. 2/9/1897	d. 1/6/1971	
Patricia Belle Peck	b. 7/18/1931		



Figure 79 - LHG 2009.03.01 Patricia Belle Peck (b.1931)



1910 Crane (LHG Crane)

The flyleaf has the pleasant formal signature of Clarence Crane. The inside cover has a larger scrawled dedication “Frome [sic] Clarence Crane to Russell Crane”.



Figure 80 - LHG Crane - inside cover

R.Finn:

Clarence Barks Crane 1902-1964 and Russell Robert Crane 1907-1981 were sons of George William Crane 1864-1924 and Martha E. Barks 1873-1940.

In 1903, George Crane and his older brother Henry Randolph Crane sold the first automobile and the first motorcycle in the valley. After 1910, they ran Crane Brothers Garage with Henry as the machinist. In 1913, they built Valley Garage on First Street (where the plaza for the Bankhead Theater is now).

In 1920, Clarence [at age 18] was a garage mechanic.

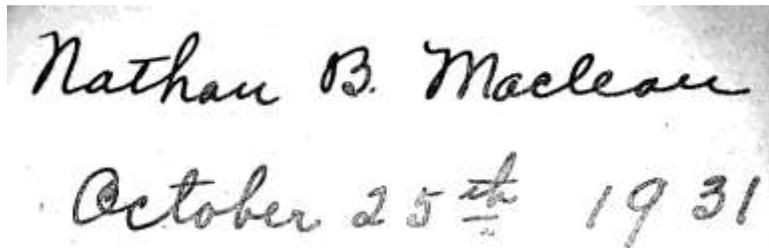
Grandparents of Clarence and Russell were Andrew Edward Crane 1836-1909 and Margaret C. Braddock 1836-1896, both from New Jersey. By 1880, Andrew became a local farmer and stock raiser on 160 acres.

The grandfather, Andrew Crane, was known for the Crane Ridge property south of Livermore that later hosted a Forest Fire look-out at its peak.

Clarence Crane, as an infant in 1903 was the fifth baptism, following the four baptisms in the Wagoner family in 1900, under Grace Episcopal Church. [Records transcribed by Richard Finn as project leader for The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society.]

1930 Nathan Maclean (LHG 2013.18.06)

The Bible was purchased for Nathan Black Maclean on 10/25/1931 as a youth. It has only a dedication signature on the flyleaf and contains no other markings. It was common for early Livermore youth of church attending families to have their own Bible; even as young as when they could read.



Nathan B. Maclean
October 25th 1931

Figure 81 - LHG 2013.18.06 Flyleaf

R. Finn (edited):

Nathan was the son of:
Ernest Kilburn Maclean, a Livermore rancher, and Henrietta Gatzmer Wagoner

He was the grandson of:
(paternal) Marcus Alexander Maclean and Eva Elizabeth Millington
(maternal) Henry Black Wagoner and Mary Madeline Frank.

Eva Millington was the daughter of Alameda businessman James Millington.
Henry Wagoner was the well known Livermore [wholesale bulk] wine shipper.

P.Kitchingham (edited):

Nathan Black MACLEAN died [10/12/1942] during WW2 on Guadalcanal, a Pacific island, under fierce fighting with the Japanese

Nathan was the first of twelve Livermore citizens who died in World War II. This six-month Guadalcanal battle was the first offensive attack against Japan, from 8/1942 through 2/1943. Buried first on this island in the midst of war, an urn with his remains was later reinterred in Livermore. A plaque near the flagpole in Carnegie Park lists and commemorates the twelve local servicemen.

Beryl said his death prompted Ernest and Henrietta to sell their ranch (originally intended for Nathan) and move into town on College Avenue. Sixty items of Nathan's were donated to the LHG.

B.Maclean

Nathan's story appears on this Future Farmers of America blog by Jason Bezis:
<https://nationalffa.wordpress.com/2013/05/24/honoring-ffa-member-and-fallen-soldier-nathan-maclean/>

For Further Reading

“Antique Family Bibles” – Extensive web site shows photos and descriptions of 1800’s Family Bibles and French engraver Gustave Dore’. (www.windmillministries.org)

“Bay of San Francisco: The Metropolis of the Pacific Coast and Its Suburban Cities; A History” – 1892, Lewis Publishing, Chicago, multiple volumes - PDF copy from Forgotten Books “Classic Reprint Series”, 2016, London, (www.forgottenbooks.com)

“Bible Illustrations by Gustave Dore” - Web site hosts 220 of his Bible illustrations as seen in post-1866 Family Bibles (www.creationism.org/images/DoreBibleIllus/) - Click to view each. Select the free zip-file of 243 medium-sized images (30mb size).

“Crane Ridge Lookout, 1931” - Herbert L Hagemann, 1976, Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society – Herbert recounts living at the Crane Ridge Forest Fire Lookout one summer as a young boy. A copy in PDF format is available at the LHG.

“Early Livermore” - Livermore Heritage Guild, 2006, 128 pages, Arcadia Publishing, - Photo essays of Livermore up through 1941. Sold at LHG Carnegie Library.

“Early Records of the Grace Episcopal Church of Livermore, California” - Transcribed by Richard Finn, project leader, Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society - Web Site: www.l-ags.org/episc/episc_bap_out.html

“Gustave Dore” - Web Site lists the artist’s complete folio chronology and a representative gallery. (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustave_Dore)

“Historic Livermore, California: A-Z” - Anne Marshall Homan, 2007, 584 pages, Hardscratch Press. Sold at LHG Carnegie Library.

“Initial Study for the proposed demolition of the 1890 H.B. Wagoner Winery building” - Stacey De Shazo, 2/2017, Evans and De Shazo LLC (Archaeology and Historic Preservation) – See especially pages 7-16 discussing the H.B.Wagoner Winery, including 1927 Oakland Tribune death notice listing him as “*one of the wealthiest ranchers in Livermore valley*” A copy in PDF format is available from Beryl Maclean.

“International Bible Dictionary” - W.W. Rand, 1859 (Originally as “A Dictionary of the Holy Bible”), American Tract Society, New York – Reprinted 1977 by Logos International. Like the William Smith Dictionary, this contains 1800’s lithographs. It has chronological tables by Rev. Joseph Angus. (1816-1902, University of London) and credits for tables of weights and measures to Dr. John Arbuthnot (1667-1735).

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Old Family Bibles

“The Morning Side of Mount Diablo” - Anne Marshall Homan. Sold at LHG Carnegie Library.

“Music for the Church of God” – Web site (www.cgmusic.org/library/index.htm) about Psalters (The 150 Psalms set to common hymnal metres for singing).

“The Oxford Annotated Apocrypha” - Editor Bruce Metzger, 1977, Oxford University Press

“Sketches of Jewish Social Life” - Alfred Edersheim, Vicar, 1876, - Reprinted in 1994 by Hendrickson Publishers

“Vasco's Livermore, 1910: Portraits from the Hub Saloon” - Anne Marshall Homan and Richard Finn, 2010, 180 pages, Hardscratch Press. The authors provide a one (or two) page biography with a caricature sketch by Vasco Loureiro of 43 Livermore men who frequented the downtown saloon a century ago. Sold at LHG Carnegie Library.

Livermore Heritage Guild

The goal of the Livermore Heritage Guild (LHG) is expressed by the motto: **"Saving Yesterday for Tomorrow."** To that end, the LHG collects and preserves historical artifacts, is an information resource for those who are interested in the history of Livermore, and assists those searching for family background.

This volunteer civic-minded organization manages three facilities on behalf of the city, namely: Duarte Garage on the old Lincoln highway with its three antique fire engines (all running), the Carnegie Library building and archives, and the Hagemann Horse Ranch.

The 584-page “go to” book for local historians: *Historic Livermore, California: A-Z*, by Anne Marshall Homan, 2007, is available for sale at the Carnegie Library.

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Harry Briley moved to Livermore in 7/1976 and became active with the LHG upon his retirement from Lawrence Livermore National Lab in 2013. During high school, he slept in history and social studies classes. He avoided all liberal arts courses unless forced to take the minimal level courses to satisfy his Computer Science degree.

Not until his senior year, did a professor, Dr. Chester McKee with polio, have the skill to bring alive a course called “The History of Art and Music”. When the professor arrived in class walking with crutches, dragging his feet behind, it seemed to become the duller class of all. It was the worse judgment of the cover of that man. He awakened a deep lifelong love for history from the opening day of class. That textbook remains one of the few retained from college over the decades.