

## **Notes on Altmann Bible:**

In the early 2000s, Christopher Altmann, a member of the Stone Family Reunion saw a printed advertisement for a family Bible by an antique shop in Owego, NY. The Bible was advertised as being a Stone Family Bible. Chris looked at the Bible and determined that it was almost certainly genuine and purchased it for its historical significance. On 3/15/2012 Chris, and his wife Kim, now of East Meredith, NY, donated the Bible to the Stone Family Reunion. The Bible has inscribed family birth, marriage, and death dates. It also has several newspaper clippings and some artful signatures that appear to be calligraphy-like penmanship exercises.

Preliminary indications are that the Bible belonged to Amy Stone Bradshaw (1815-1903), daughter of Judson Stone (1792-1871) and Polly Turrell (1795-1855). Amy was living with her youngest daughter, Vesta and Wellington Ball and their children in the 1900 census. It is initially presumed that the Bible came into Vesta and Wellington's hands in 1903 at Amy's death. The final entries in the Bible indicate that it may have passed to Vesta's eldest daughter Flora at Vesta's death in 1916. Flora subsequently married James Brainard, but they had no children. There are four Bible entries after Flora's 1941 death, but it is not known who the Bible passed to or where it was located for the next 60+ years.

The Bible title page indicates:

Cooperstown, NY  
Published by H. & E. Phinney  
Buffalo- F.W. Breed  
1848

The order of hand-written entries is as follows:

### **Family Marriages:** *(all on one page, presumed to be in handwriting of Amy Stone Bradshaw)*

Judson Stone to Polly Turrell	Jan 15, 1815
Children	
Amy to John Bradshaw	Feb 19, 1835
Urania to W.C. Handrick	Jan 2, 1837
Julia to Alanson B. Butterfield	Nov 12, 1839
Sophronia to Frederick Dayton	Sept 22, 1845
Ammarillus to Geo. B. Johnson	Oct 3, 1850
Ellen to Jere Hosford	Sept 25, 1854
Children of	John & Amy Bradshaw
Flora to Carr Watson	Nov 14, 1862
Salmon to Arleta Granger	Nov 23, 1869
Myron to Charlotte Stone	Nov 16, 1869
Judson to Charlotte A. Baker	June 27 1866
Ammarillus to Byron C. Handrick	Nov 23, 1869
Vesta Anette to Wellie E. Ball	Sept 10, 1879
John Miner to Mary O. Stone	Oct 26, 1876

Salmon (2<sup>nd</sup> time) to Vistinna Clark Feb 1877  
 Judson (2<sup>nd</sup> time) to Edith Tiffany April 19, 1899

**Family Births:**

Judson Stone	Aug 27, 1792	Wellington Eugene Ball	Dec 8, 1855
Polly Turrell	Dec 17, 1795	Vesta Annette Bradshaw	Feb 3, 1857
<i>Children</i>		<i>Children</i>	
Amy Stone	Dec 29, 1815	Frank Judson	April 10, 1880
Urania	Oct 7, 1818	Flora Louise	Aug 19, 1881
Julia	Nov 26, 1820	Amy Frances	March 13, 1883
Lunia	Aug 28, 1823	John Edward	July 18, 1884
Sophronia	Aug 23, 1827	Ida Annette	Nov 10, 1886
Ammarillus	Sept 9, 1829	Rilla Edith	Mar 28, 1889
Canfield	June 20, 1832	Agnes Arline	Dec 3, 1890
Ellen	Oct 6, 1837	Marshall Salmon	Feb 10, 1893
		Clayton Myron	Dec 27, 1894

*Marriages*

Frank Judson to Jennie Royce (illegible)  
 Amy Francis to Edward Birchard March 1906  
 John Edward to Cora Brink June 1907  
 Ida Annette to George Dayton May 19, 1913  
 Marshall S. to Maude Congdon May 15, 1915  
 Clayton M. to Edith May Hughes May 1, 1918  
 Flora S. to James Brainard Nov 28, 1921

Notes: All of the entries in the left column are written in one hand and presumed to be by Amy Stone. All of the entries in right column down to "marriages" are in a different hand and presumed to be by Vesta Bradshaw. The "marriages" (lower right) may have been entered by Flora Ball and the dates are not totally in agreement with other records.

**Family Births:** (all on one page, presumed to be in handwriting of Amy Stone)

John Bradshaw	Mar 28, 1809
Amy Stone	Dec 29, 1815
<i>Children</i>	
Flora Bradshaw	March 29, 1837
Salmon Bradshaw	Feb 17, 1839
Myron Bradshaw	Oct 13, 1840
Ammarillus Bradshaw	March 21, 1848
Judson Bradshaw	May 13, 1845
John Miner "	Aug 17, 1851
Amy Polly Bradshaw	Aug 15, 1853
Vesta Annette "	Feb 3, 1857

**Family Deaths:** (several different handwritings)

Judson Stone	June 22, 1871	John Bradshaw	June 15, 1884
Polly	July 17, 1855	Amy Bradshaw	May 6, 1903
<i>children</i>		<i>children</i>	
Lunia Stone	Oct. 16, 1854	John Miner	Jan 4, 1882
Sophronia Dayton	Sept 18, 1886	Amy Polly	Oct 7, 1857
Urania Handrick	Mar 17, 1896		
Canfield Stone	Feb 8, 1836		
Amarilla Johnson	Mar 13, 1898	Arletta. Salmon's wife	Feb 22, 1876
Julia Butterfield	April 13, 1899	Mary O. John's wife	May 15, 1879
Ida Dayton		Bertie. John's son	Dec 27, 1879
Flora Brainard		Arline Ball	Aug 20, 1897
Edward Ball		Charlotte A.	Dec 24, 1897
Maude M. Ball		Myron Bradshaw	Oct 13, 1913
		Vesta A.	Jan 9, 1916
		Vestinnia. Salmon's wife	Aug 18, '16

**Calligraphy (penmanship) signatures in the Bible –**

These four pieces of paper were found with the news clippings slipped between pages of the Bible. They are inked, very artistic and fancy, written words or signatures. The word “penman” appears following each of the signatures.

“Crittendens College” ( There was a Crittenden’s Commercial College in Philadelphia, PA and they taught “penmanship” as a part of their curriculum)

“Thomas J. Stewart” (does not appear in Stone database)

“Mr. John Bradshaw” (not likely JB b 1809, more likely JMB b 1851)

**Newspaper clippings-**

- Arlene Esther Ball (dau. of Marshall S. Ball of Vestal Rd.) marries Charles Johnson (son of W.R. Johnson, Park Avenue) (undated, but unrelated photo) **Arlene is dau of Marshall Soloman Ball, who is son of Wellington and Vesta Bradshaw Ball, Arlene's marriage circa 1938**
- Edwin Stone Butterfield died 7 Dec 1897 died at his old home and birthplace in South Montrose. He was a lawyer and Yale graduate. His mother was Julia Stone and father Alanson Butterfield.
- Mrs. Charlotte A. Bradshaw, wife of Judson Bradshaw died 12/24/1897 aged 50 years. Died in Luzerne County.
- Mary C. Bradshaw Warner, born Stevensville, PA 26 Aug. 1849, died Towanda 18 March, 1908. Details on Warner children included.
- Photo-(no name- hand penciled 1 June 1911) (determined to be Wellington E. Ball)- nephews Floyd Ball, Clayton Handrick, John Handrick, Fred Clark, Wellington Bradshaw, burial at Birchardville. Initial portion of article is missing.

- Mrs. George Gage of Apalachin, dau. of George Johnson and Mrs. Lafayette Minkler of Little Meadows, PA. (penciled March 1898)
- Mrs. George Johnson of Great Bend. Interred at “ the beautiful cemetery, near her former home, known as Stone’s Cemetery, in Forest Lake, and where many of her father’s family are gathered.” (undated, but same paper as Mrs. George Gage) **This is actually Amarilla Stone**
- Mr. George Billings died in Rush 16 April 1897. Interred Birchardville, leaves widow and daughter Mrs. Harvey Edwards.

### **Possible Bible Timeline-**

1815 – Amy Stone born

1835 - marries John Bradshaw

1837-1857 – Amy and John’s eight children born

1848- date Bible was published, records the dates of her parents and children’s births in Bible

1857 – last Bible entry for births

1897 – newsclipping about Amy’s nephew Edwin Butterfield

1897 – newsclipping about Amy’s niece Charlotte A. Bradshaw

1898 - newsclipping about Amy’s sister’s death

1898 - newsclipping about Mrs. George Gage, Amy’s niece

**1903 - Amy Stone Bradshaw died**, assume Vesta has Bible because Amy lived with Vesta and Wellington

1908 – newsclipping about Mary C. Bradshaw Warner, relationship not known (not in Stone database)

1911 – newsclipping, Wellington E. Ball dies

**1916 – Vesta Annette Bradshaw Ball dies**

1921 – Eldest daughter Flora marries James Brainard (no children) (last marriage entry in Bible)

1938 – Arlene Ball, Vesta’s granddaughter, Flora’s niece, marries Charles Johnson

1941 – Flora Ball Brainard dies

1943 – Last four entries in Bible under deaths, all same handwriting, Ida Dayton, Flora (Ball) Brainard, Edward Ball, Maude M. Ball (2/2/1943) (MMB was Flora’s sister in law)(Edward was Flora’s brother), Ida was Flora’s sister) **Who wrote this???**

Where was the Bible for the next 60+ years?

Mr. John Bradshaw Penna



### DEATH'S BLOW.

Edwin Stone Battenfield.

Edwin Stone Battenfield died in his old home and birth place at South Mountain, on Tuesday, December 16th, 1897. He was born and passed his early years at home and attended the Madison Academy, whence he was prepared for college at West S. S. Highwell. He graduated at Yale College in the class of 1867 and for several years more was president of the Academy at Pompey, N. Y. He practiced the law office of Justice Nathaniel Spencer at Syracuse, N. Y., as a student, and after his admission to the bar practiced law in that city for many years, both as an and in partnership. During that time he attended the Medical Department of the Syracuse University and received the degree of M. D. for the purpose of making himself more proficient in those branches of the law where medical knowledge is applicable. Some three years ago he went to Denver, Col., where he engaged in business. His health being somewhat impaired, he returned to his old home early last summer, when he had since been more or less of an invalid. In college he was notable for strength and vigor in student's sports. He was a good student, faithful in his duties and had the respect of the faculty and his associates for his integrity of character and correctness of life. He was a member of the Omega Chapter and of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and the third member of the faculty from Missouri to study at Yale, the others being his students, the Rev. Oliver Brantford, buried at New Haven, and Dr. Edwin Butterfield, for whom he was named, buried at South Mountain. He was the eldest son of Andrew Butterfield and S. L. Stone, the latter of whom survives him with his two other children of two sons, Mr. and Dr. George E., and his sister, Mrs. Elias Decker, of South Mountain. He was a graduate of Joseph Battenfield, a nephew of Moses Decker, who settled early in the territory of South Mountain, whence the family have since his days been located. The funeral was held on the old home on Thursday, December 17th, the Rev. Dr. A. T. Deane of the Presbyterian church officiating. The burial was with his departed relatives in the South Mountain cemetery.

known to be a member of the body that had passed there in the Breenville cemetery. The services at the grave were in charge of Chas. H. T. Co. No. 10, I. O. O. F., of which the deceased was a member. The members of the organization attended in a body and the services attended by their friends were impressively given. The bearers were now seen at the deceased: Floyd W. and Elizabeth John Handrick, Fred Clark and Wellington Bradshaw. The Rev. Deane was unusually brief and beautiful.



### OBITUARY.

Mary C. Bradshaw Warner was born in Stevensville, Pa., August 26, 1829, and departed this life at Towanda, March 18, 1908.

She was united in marriage with O. L. Warner New, with 1870. To them were born five children, three girls and two boys. Their son, Charles, was the first to go to the "beyond." He died in December, 1902. A little more than two years ago her husband departed this life. Last May, Austin, who had been a great sufferer for over six years, went on before her. She bore the strain of care and anxiety and toil for all these weary years. But it was too much for her physical nature. She was herself a great sufferer, but bore it all with much patience. She seemed anxious to go and rest with Jesus. May her dear ones be supported and comforted by divine grace. Four of the family gone. May those who are living know the sweetness of God's presence and Spirit.

G. O. B.

### DEATH.

We are sorry to note the death of Mrs. George Gage, of Apanseth, and burial, the 20th inst., at that place. She was a daughter of Mrs. George Johnson, and wife of Mrs. LeRoy Johnson, of Little Meadows. Thus a daughter soon follows mother to the "beyond," leaving behind husband and children who need mother's society.

### Funeral.

A large uncounted friends gathered at Birchville on the 15th inst., to attend the funeral of the deceased wife of Mr. George Johnson, of Great Bend. The service in the beautiful cemetery, near her former home, was in the evening, in Forest Park, and where many of her father's family are gathered. Mrs. Johnson was a lady cherished by many friends. The bereaved husband and family have the sympathy of the community.

### Birchville.

The funeral of "Frank," only child of Belle and Margaret McLaughlin, of Birchville, was largely attended this morn. He had been sick only about one week, when "Frank" with a "kick" been seized by the "hard" disease. But was a young man of seeming health, and his only illness was a victim of the measles some weeks ago. He did not appear at all seriously, and it is thought that his measles had affected his lungs, causing inflammation of which he died. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Birchville.

### Mr. George Edgemo.

Mr. George Edgemo died in Hunk April 16, 1897, in the 67th year of his age. He was a member of the Baptist Church at Hunk and a member of the Hunk Post-Office. He was the funeral at Birchville, conducting burial services at the grave. Buried by Rev. W. O. Thayer. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Harvey Edwards.

### Bradshaw.

Mrs. Charles A., wife of Judson Bradshaw, died at Parsons, Kansas, on Pa., December 16th, 1897, aged 81 years. She had been sick for nearly a month with consumption, but cheerful and happy. Her husband, a native wife, friend and neighbor, will be greatly missed and home for his comfort by a true life.



Mrs.

WILLIAM

CHARLES

JOHNSON,

who before her

marriage in

Main Street

Baptist church

Sept. 17 was

Miss Arlene

Kether Hall,

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs.

Marshall S.

Hall of

Vestal road.

Mr. Johnson

is the son of

Mr. and Mrs.

W. R. Johnson

of 78 Park

avenue.

#### Class Gives Variety Shower

S. O. S. class of the Vestal Street Baptist church entertained recently at a variety shower at the home of Mrs. Julia Bell, 84 Mason, women in honor of Mrs. William Johnson, the bride Miss Arlene Hall.

Guests were Mrs. Edward Knapp, Mrs. Robert Frazier, Miss Betty Fortson, Miss Thelma Allen, Miss Della Abbey, Miss Virginia Miller, Mrs. Ruth Richards, Miss Fricia Swarwood, Mrs. Dora Mae Walter, Miss Julia Lovoy, Miss Ella Dearing, Miss Ruth Hays, Miss Maxine Hays, Miss Grace Davis, Miss Pauline Munkala, Miss Frances Pallet, Miss Doris Merritt and Miss Beulah Graves.

#### Death of Hudson Stone.

Hudson Stone was born at New Preston, Litchfield county, Conn., August 27th, 1821, where he lived with his parents, Olinfield and Mary Stone, until the year 1813. He was the second of six children, four of whom were boys, and the youngest of these alone survive him. His father was an industrious, well-to-do farmer, and gave him a good common school education.

From boyhood until his death, he was by principle opposed to war for any cause. His convictions on this and many other matters pertaining both to Church and State, were similar to the religious teachings and tenets of the Society of Friends among the Quakers, for whom he always expressed the greatest consideration. Had his early life been cast among them, he probably would have been easily persuaded to unite with them.

On the breaking out of the war of 1812, with England, in order to escape from the excitement and disturbances attendant upon the war, he set out for Susquehanna county, Pa., on horseback. Susquehanna county was at that time mostly a dense wilderness. The wolf, the bear, and the panther watched to surprise the pioneer hunter, and preyed upon his flocks at night.

He bought a tract of land in Middletown township, now a part of Forest Lake, which he began to clear up and cultivate. In the fall of 1814 he returned to New Preston where he spent most of the winter. January 5th, 1815, he married Polly Turrell, daughter of David and Jemima Turrell who lived about two miles from his father. Shortly afterwards he set out with his young bride for Susquehanna county, making the entire journey with an ox team, the usual mode in those days of emigrating westward—they were sixteen days upon the road. He lived upon the place first selected as his home until the death of his wife, July 17th, 1835, when he purchased his brother's farm, adjoining his wife's, which he lived until his death. The loss of his wife was a severe affliction to him. For forty years she had been a devoted and

loving mother and loving mother. She had shared with him his trials, cheer and encouraged him in his trials and rejoiced with him in his successes. She was of slight figure and possessed of cheerful and buoyant spirits, yet when occasion demanded some more grave and sedate than she. We can not refrain relating a single incident of her life, illustrating the wonderful vivacity of her spirits. When they first came into the country she went to her brothers, living about a mile and a half from the place chosen as their future home, there to remain while her husband was erecting a cabin in which to live. One day while making some steps to the entrance as a finishing stroke, expecting the next day to bring his bride to dwell there, and while his heart was beginning to beat high as he thought of bringing her, who had been reared in the comforts of a pleasant New England home, to dwell in his humble log cabin in the wilderness, she unexpectedly appeared before him, having come by a foot path leading through the woods from her brothers. He expected to see her burst into tears when she beheld the cabin prepared for their home, but instead he saw her spring into the house with a bound and dance about its white and new floor, clapping her hands with delight and calling the stars into some beautiful names which in a

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Between 1840 and 1845 he was largely interested in the mercantile business. He subsequently formed a mercantile partnership in Forestville with Amos Moff, and afterwards with Abner Wickham which continued for several years. In all these enterprises he was successful. In 1850 he married Catherine Stone, widow and second wife of his brother Gershom Stone who now survives him.

Few men have lived and died more beloved and respected by all who knew them. His candor, his sound judgment and his unswerving integrity has gained for him universal esteem. The young, in particular, found in him an interested and true friend, a sound counselor, and a man ready to assist them, if upright and industrious, while starting in life. In his habits he was always regular and temperate. He was staunchly opposed to the use of tobacco and intoxicating beverages. His retired nature prevented his taking an active part in politics, although always well informed, decided in his opinions, and deeply interested in the success of republican institutions. He has been offered many times by his political friends important public offices, but he could never be induced to accept of them. He has been during his whole life an active and successful business man. He remained his own master, perfectly so to the last hour of his life. He was sick about two weeks, although his friends did not consider him dangerous until the second day before his death. He was up and dressed neatly every day until Wednesday, when he began to fail quite rapidly, and the next day Thursday, June 23d, at two o'clock in the afternoon, his spirit left the body without a struggle. During his sickness he seemed to have lost all interest in business or earthly affairs. The hour, the upon which he was about to enter now occupied his thoughts. He expressed himself ready and anxious to take his journey to the land of the redeemed. He had eight children—seven daughters and one son—all by his first wife, six of whom survive him. He lost his son while a small lad and his daughter when a young woman. He leaves a large circle of relatives and friends, who mourn his death. Thus has passed away another soul almost the last of the early pioneers of Pennsylvania at the age of 73 years.