

# *Bible of Thomas B Chandler* *1753-1828*

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Will of Elizabeth Elmore  
Hanover County

After debts, to friends of Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting all remainder part of estate, part of which is to be laid out in purchasing a stove to be placed in the meeting house, and rest as they think most servicable.

I appoint John Payne Executor.

Dated 17th day of the third month 1783.

Signed and sealed  
in presence of  
John Payne  
Shadrach Stanley  
Agness Stanley

Eliza. (X) Elmore

At a Court for Hanover County on Thursday 2nd day of January 1783 the will of Elizabeth Elmore, dec'd, was offered by John Payne, the Executor and proved by affirmation of Shadrach Stanley and John Payne, the Executor (they being two of the people commonly called Quakers) and ordered to be recorded.

Teste Wm Pollard, junr CHC

SEVERAL FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS  
New Kent County

contributed by  
MRS MARIUS R. BARHAM

The Thomas B. Chandler Bible

This Bible was stereotyped for the Bible Society at Philadelphia by T. Butt, Shacklewell, London, in 1812.

There is no section marked for family records in the Bible, yet all blank pages are covered with family data. As the first records in the Bible predate the publication of the Bible, it is clear that they were recorded at a later date. Some of the names are illegible. The second line in the record of the family of Thomas B. Chandler was entirely illegible. It is thought that it gave the name of his wife. The name of the third child was illegible, though the date was quite plain. The name of the last child appears to have been Sara Chandler. Among the children of Robert Bradenham Chandler, also given in this Bible, the fourth child could have been Francis or Frances. It appears that this child died quite young as he or she is not found in any other record of the family.

This Bible was found in a trunk which was stored in a woodshed at the home of Marious Pye Chandler, deceased, in West Point, Virginia. It is now in the possession of Marius and Nellie Barham in Norfolk, Virginia.

Thomas B. (Bartholomew or Batts) Chandler appears to have been a younger brother of James Chandler whose children's births are a part of the records in this Bible. It will be seen that the children of James's eldest son Robert Bradenham Chandler are also named in this Bible. This is evidence that Thomas B. and James Chandler were closely related. There is some correspondence in existence which furthers this assumption.

On the inside front cover:  
"Thomas B. Chandler."

On the reverse of the flyleaf:  
"The first steam boat seen in the Pamunkey River was on Saturday, the 4th day of June 1831 (named J. M.). H. C. Palmer.

First family group:

Robert B. Chandler, son of James & Mary Chandler, his wife, was born the 27th of November 1791.

John Chandler, son of James Chandler & Martha, his wife, was born the 2nd of November 1796.

Harman Chandler, son of James Chandler & Martha, his wife, was born the 25th Oct. 1798.

William Chandler was born the 26 August 1803.

Mary Ann Chandler, was born 20th (or 28th) Sept. 1805.

James Chandler was born the 1st of March 1809.

(Note: James Chandler was married twice. His first wife was Mary Bradenham, daughter of John and Mary Bradenham who died prior to 1795, the date of her father's will. The second wife was Martha Woodward. It is not known who her parents were. James Chandler died in 1813.)

Second family group:

Th. B. Chandler

children                      by wife,

My son, James Chandler was born in the year of our Lord, 1809, July 18.

My son, Parker B. Chandler was born in the year of our Lord 1811, September 6.

My son                                was born in the year of our Lord 1814, Sept. 26.

My son, Augustine, was born in the year of our Lord, 1818, January 2.

My daughter, Sara, was born in the year of our Lord, 1821, March 15.

Third family group:

Children of Robert Bradenham Chandler

Elizabeth Roper Chandler was borne the 28th of Sept. 1816 and departed this life the 26th of March, 1827.

Robert Archer Chandler was borne the 6 of June 1818 and departed this life on ninth of October 1855.

Oliver Mitchell Chandler was borne 25 of March 1821.

Fra      Roper Chandler was borne 22 (or 23) of June 1824.

Mary Ann Eliza Chandler was borne the 5 of April 1827.

Octavia R. Chandler was borne the 22nd of October 1829.

(Note: Though I do not have the Bible records og John Hockaday of James City County, Virginia, I do know that the death of Mary R. (Meanly) Chandler, first wife of Robert B. Chandler took place 7 September 1849. Robert B. Chandler was married to Elizabeth W. Hockaday, widow of John Hockaday, 8 January 1851, and the death of Robert B. Chandler on 19 July 1864 are part of these family records.)

#### The Smith Family Bible

The records in this Bible were copied by Mrs Richard Graves Smith, the wife of the fifth of the name in direct line. At the time she copied the data she did not copy the title page. The Bible is in their possession.

Marriages:

Richard G. Smith and Margaret F. Cunningham was married the 13th of May 1822.

Richard G. Smith and Margaret Cordelia Cook was married 4th May 1858.

William Campbell Cook Smith and Clara Frances Ogg was married April 30, 1902.