

Bible of Elisha Asbury Chandler *1656-1933*

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The written review of those listed in the Bible
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Transcription of Elisha Asbury Chandler Bible Records

by Annie Maud Chandler Moorhead

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The information below was provided by Annie Maud Chandler Moorhead to her niece Meryle Chandler Threlfall as a typed 2-page document sometime after 1957. Meryle, who was my aunt, passed a copy along to me in the 1970s. The current location of the Elisha Asbury Chandler Family Bible is unknown. Annie Maud's own comments are shown in italics below.

Grandparents

Allen Chandler and Polly Chandler

Griffin Luther Jones and Sally Jones

(Grandparents of Elisha Asbury Chandler.)

(Dates of birth, marriages or any other information not given in Bible)

Parents

Allen L. Chandler . . . born April 8, 1833, died 190?

Matilda Jane Jones . . . born July 2, 1836, died May 31, 1896

Children

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>
Mary L. J.	November 20, 1854	
Elisha Asbury	February 1, 1856	October 4, 1933
Sarah J.	March 18, 1858	
Marina E.	April 15, 1859	
Joseph R.	July 9, 1860	
William	June 15, 1864	
Maggie	November 10, 1866	
Jonah	October 1, 1868	
Oscar L.	February 7, 1872	
Allen L.	June 25, 1874	
Sydney	October 8, 1876	
Alice M.	May 13, 1879	

(Dates of marriages, births and deaths not given except our father, Elisha Asbury.)

There is one daughter whose name is not listed. Her name was Dora, and she was married to a Brumbelow and lived near Rome, Georgia. As a child I wrote letters to her for my father. She had several children, but I do not remember their names.



Elisha Asbury and Mary Elizabeth Davis Chandler

Parents

Elisha Asbury Chandler Born January 1, 1856 Died October 4, 1933

Mary Elizabeth Davis Bron (sic) July 11, 1859 Died March 2, 1939

They were married December 20, 1876.

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Children

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>
William Lacey	October 11, 1877 (m. Emma Smith)	December 31, 1927
Matilda Jane	August 4, 1879 ()	October 24, 1881
George H. T.	July 7, 1881 (m. Bessie Wright)	February 9, 1953
Richard Lee	July 2, 1883 (m. Minnie Price*)	October 2, 1949**
Thomas Jefferson	May 18, 1885 (m. Blanche Malpas)	January 8, 1947
John Marshall	May 8, 1887 ()	May 31, 1887
Walter Asbury	May 25, 1888 ()	August 4, 1941
Annie Maud	April 26, 1891 (m. Charles C. Moorhead)	
Horace Legree	August 6, 1893 (m. Eunice Kynerd)	September 15, 1957
Mary Ethel	February 13, 1895 (m. J. Reuben Teagle)	
Dewey Davis	June 22, 1898 (m. Addie Johnson)	July 1929

*Richard Lee Chandler married Minnie Prince, not Minnie Price.

**Richard Lee Chandler's death certificate gives his death date as October 22, 1949. Copy in possession of his granddaughter, Mary Jay Scales.

Thank you, Annie Maud*

by Claudia Chandler Brocato

My generation of Chandler descendants owes Annie Maud Chandler Moorhead our gratitude for her transcription of the records from her family's Bible. Annie Maud, my grandfather's sister, sent the information to her niece, Meryle Chandler Threlfall, probably in the late 1950s or the 1960s. Years later Meryle shared a photocopy of the document with me. (See previous page and above.)

Annie Maud's transcription of the Bible records lists names and many details of four generations of our family. It begins with her father's grandparents, Allen and Polly Chandler and Griffin Luther and Sally Jones. Annie Maud notes that she did not have birth or marriage dates or any other information for that generation.

From other sources we know that Allen Chandler is a descendant of John Chandler who arrived in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1610: John > Robert > Robert > Joseph > Joseph > James Sr. > Allen.³ He was born about 1787 in Granville County, North Carolina; was probably involved

in the War of 1812 and the Creek Wars in 1836; was a "fortunate drawer" in Georgia's 1820 land lottery;¹ and died December 3, 1856, in Benton County, Alabama.² (Note: Benton County, in northeast Alabama, was established in 1832 and renamed Calhoun County in 1858.⁴)



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Allen married three times. His first wife, Mary "Polly" Bryan (born 1790; married 1807 in Franklin County, Georgia; some sources give her maiden name as McDonald), died in 1843. He married Vina Steed on April 7, 1846, and Nancy Warren on August 6, 1854, both in Benton County, Alabama.⁵

The 1850 Benton County, Alabama, census lists Allen Chandler at age 63 as a farmer who owned land worth \$400. Two females were living in the household—"V" Chandler, age 55 (presumably wife Vina), born in North Carolina, and "M" Chandler, age 20, born in Georgia.⁶ "M" Chandler was probably daughter Mary B. Chandler, born 1832 in Walton County, Georgia. She married Newton R. Henry in 1852.⁷

Allen and Polly's son, Allen Lacy Chandler (my gg-grandfather and direct ancestor of at least 10 CFA members), was born April 8, 1833,⁸ in Walton County, Georgia.⁹ He married first Matilda Jane Jones as shown in the Bible transcription. Allen L. Chandler is listed in the 1870 Morgan County, Georgia, census with wife Matilda, age 34, and seven children, ages 15 to 2 years. The 2-year-old is listed on the census as Joanna, a white female.¹⁰ Annie Maud's Bible records transcription says the baby born in 1868 was named Jonah. Could the census taker have misunderstood the name and also the sex of the smallest child? Perhaps Jonah had long curls and was wearing a dress, as small boys often did in previous generations.

Allen Lacy Chandler served in the Civil War as a corporal with the 53rd Alabama Partisan Rangers.¹¹ He died March 5, 1915, in the Confederate Soldiers Home in Atlanta and is buried in Atlanta's Westview Cemetery, Plot 281.¹²

After Matilda Jane's death on May 31, 1896, Allen Lacy married Martha Wiggins (born 1824) on January 5, 1898. Allen Lacy and Martha, at ages 67 and 76 respectively, are the only members of their household in the 1900 census in Walton County, Georgia.¹³ Although Matilda Jane was apparently the mother of all of Allen Lacy's children,¹⁴ the 1900 census record indicates Martha had two living children of her own.

Of the 12 or 13 children (see page 12 for Annie Maud's note about the child not listed in the Bible, Dora Brumbelow) of Allen Lacy and Matilda Jane Jones Chandler, I have personal knowledge of descendants of two—my great-grandfather, Elisha Asbury Chandler, and his younger brother, Oscar Lacy Chandler.

Oscar Lacy Chandler

Oscar Lacy Chandler married twice and had five children. A son, Loy, was



Oscar Lacy Chandler

born to Oscar's first wife, Jack Allen Sayswas Rawlings. Second wife Flora Mae had Floyd Alexander, Imogene (m. John William Vils), Alvin, and Leonard Omer. Leonard lived only a few months. Floyd (born 1908, died 1970)¹⁵ was a California Highway Patrol motorcycle officer and also an accomplished artist.¹⁶ Floyd married first Helen Solle and second Sibyl Ellen Mulford.¹⁷ Sibyl's son Kirk, a CFA member, is my second cousin once removed and is one of two Chandler cousins who made contact with me through the Chandler Family Association.

Elisha Asbury Chandler

Elisha Asbury and Mary Elizabeth Davis Chandler, my great-grandparents (photo on page 12), lived near the small community of Godfrey in Morgan County, Georgia, for a number of years.¹⁸ On a visit to Morgan County in the late 1970s, I located a home they had owned near Godfrey and their grave sites at Bethany Cemetery.¹⁹ Elisha Asbury and Mary Elizabeth had eleven children.²⁰ I know of descendants of four: Thomas Jefferson, Richard Lee, Mary Ethel, and Annie Maud. Jim Reeves' book, the *John Chandler Descendant Chart Book*, also lists descendants for William Lacy Chandler.

My grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Chandler, married Cora Blanche Malpass (born January 2, 1889²¹) in Roberta, Crawford County, Georgia,²² and settled in Amory, Monroe County, Mississippi, by 1912.²³ They had five children: Thomas Ernest (m. Frances Milligan), Robert Clarence (m. Sadie Renick), Frank Russell (m. Lottie Elaine Leverett), Meryle Rose (m. Henry Threlfall), and Ruby Kathleen (m. Herbert Charles Sullivan). There were 13 grand-



Thomas Jefferson Chandler

children. Tom was in the contracting and building business,²⁴ working primarily with concrete and as a brick mason.²⁵

In the 1920 census for Monroe County, Mississippi, the family is on Fifth Street in "Amory City." T. J., age 34, is head #1 of the household and owns the home. He was born in Georgia, as was his wife Cora Blanche, age 30. The census information indicates oldest son "Ernest Thomas" (the census taker reversed my father's two given names), age 10, was born in Georgia, and second son Robert Clarence, age 7, was born in South Carolina. Frank Russell, age 5, and "Murrell Rose" (Meryle Rose), age 3-1/2, were born in Mississippi. (Ruby Kathleen—called "Kitty"—was born later in 1920.) Living in the same house and listed as renters were Blanche's parents, Robert Lafayette Malpass, age 55 (household head #2), and Mattie Celest (Martha Celeste Avant) Malpass, age 50, with



Richard Lee Chandler

their daughter (Blanche's sister), Ruby Lucile, age 15, all born in Georgia. T. J. Chandler and his father-in-law both listed their 1920 occupation as laborers at a lumber mill.²⁶

Richard Lee Chandler, who was married to Minnie Prince, moved his family to Miami, Florida, in the early 1940's.²⁷ They raised a family of five daughters and one son. The daughters were Olivia Josephine (m. Homer Joseph Masculine), Dorothy Maude (m. 1st a De Sha, 2nd Charles Bridges), Minnie Prince (m. 1st Harry Bishop, 2nd Emile Fournier), Mary Elizabeth (m. 1st Howard Coley Jay, 2nd Leon Vallandry), and Bernice Geraldine (m. James Moore). Their son, another Elisha Asbury (known as "Son," "Jack," and "Buddy"), married Dorothy Frances Sutcliffe. There were 21 grandchildren.²⁸

Like his brother Tom, Richard Lee was employed in construction but as a carpenter.²⁹

One of Richard Lee Chandler's granddaughters, a previously unknown second cousin, located me through the Chandler Family Association, and Mary and I have enjoyed corresponding and visiting for several years.

Mary Ethel Chandler Teagle and husband Reuben had one son, Charles Davis Teagle, and one daughter, Mrs. Rea Holiday.³⁰ Elisha Asbury's will, dated December 5, 1916, and filed October 11, 1933, bequeathed to his son Walter, who was disabled, "a larger portion of my estate because of his mental condition and a desire on my part to see that he is provided for as well as I can." The will divided the remainder of the estate equally among the nine living children (after the death of their mother, who was given a life estate), but family tradition tells that Mary Ethel inherited the "home place" because she and her husband agreed to care for Walter. Son-in-law Reuben Teagle was appointed executor and Walter's guardian in Elisha Asbury's will.³¹

Annie Maud Chandler Moorhead and husband Charles had at least five children. Charles E., Max J., Frank G., and Davis T. were still living in 1971. Their sister Mary Joyce died in 1969.³²

William Lacy Chandler's children as listed in Jim Reeves' *John Chandler Descendant Chart Book 2008* are William A. Chandler, Alton Chandler, Viola Chandler, Lanier Chandler, and Addie L. Chandler, all born between 1902 and 1917.³³

Of the other children of Elisha Asbury and Mary Elizabeth Davis Chandler, two, Matilda Jane and John Marshall, died young.³⁴ Dewey Davis married Addie Johnson on May 4, 1922, and was living in Florida when he met a tragic end, according to a Johnson family posting on RootsWeb. Dewey got into a dispute and knife fight over running trot lines (a type of fishing) with Addie's brother, James P. Johnson, near Wildwood, Florida. Although James took him to a doctor to be "sewed up," Dewey died of an infection on July 30, 1929, at the age of 31. James was charged and served time in Raiford Prison.

The only child of Dewey and Addie was a stillborn daughter, born 1923 in Wildwood,

Florida.³⁵ The baby³⁶ and her father are both buried in Adamsville Cemetery, Sumter County, Florida.³⁷ Addie, a school teacher, is buried in San Diego, California.³⁸

Nothing is known of descendants of George H. T. Chandler or Horace Legree Chandler.

Elisha Asbury Chandler, Mary Elizabeth Davis Chandler, Walter Asbury Chandler, and Mary Ethel Chandler Teagle are all buried in Bethany Church Cemetery in Morgan County, Georgia. Other Teagles and some Moorheads are also buried at Bethany.³⁹

By the time of Thomas Jefferson Chandler's death in Amory, Mississippi, on January 8, 1948, his surviving siblings had scattered. Mary Ethel was in Decatur, Alabama; Richard Lee had moved to Miami, Florida; Horace Legree was in Opelika, Florida; George was in Winston Salem, North Carolina; and Annie Maud, now Mrs. David Burrell, was in Pendleton, South Carolina.⁴⁰

Thank you, Annie Maud, for sending your family Bible records forward through the generations and helping members of your family trace our ancestry and connect with each other.

**This companion piece to Annie Maud's Bible records transcription makes no claim to be a complete history or record of the descendants of Allen Lacy Chandler or Elisha Asbury Chandler. It was written to provide some additional information from other sources about the family members listed in Elisha Asbury Chandler's Bible and transcribed by his daughter Annie Maud.*

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- ²⁴Ibid.
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This photograph of Allen Lacy Chandler's grave marker in Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia, was not included in the CFA newsletter due to lack of space. A. L. Chandler is buried in Plot 281.

—Photo by Kirk Chandler

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Post-Publication Update on Dora Brumbelow

After the Spring 2009 *Newsletter* for the Chandler Family Association was published, I heard from a CFA member, Joyce Chandler of Tennessee. Joyce said that she and her husband have a dear friend named Brumbelow. She contacted the friend to see if the Dora Brumbelow in question (the mystery child of Allen Lacy Chandler who is supposedly not listed in the Family Bible) was related to him. He was in fact a descendant of Dora Brumbelow. Further correspondence, with Joyce Chandler as go-between, made all clear. Although I indicated my desire to hear from any of the Brumbelow family, I have not had a message from any of them so far.

It seems that the Mary L. J. Chandler listed in the Bible as a child of Allen L. Chandler and Matilda Jane Jones is actually Mary L. I. (Isadora) Chandler.

I can certainly understand Annie Maud mistaking a cursive I for a cursive J in old-fashioned handwriting. She never realized that the sister Dora that she wrote letters to for her father was the same person as Mary, his oldest sister as listed in the Family Bible.

This is the information from the Brumbelow family, as forwarded by Joyce Chandler:
Mr. Brumbelow's correct name is Wilson

Yancy Brumbelow.

Dora Chandler's correct name is Mary L. Isadora Chandler (hence the Dora I presume).

They had 14 children.

Dora's father is Elton L. Chandler, born circa 1831, information taken from the 1910 Floyd County, GA US Census.

I subsequently found the Brumbelows in Floyd County, Georgia, in the 1910 census, and Allen Lacy Chandler was living with Dora and her family. (See fragment below from the census record.) I can see why it was misread as Elton but I actually think it was written as Alton - you see they crossed that second "L" (possibly accidentally), making it a T. The reason it was misread as Elton is because of Virginia's "g" snaking down to connect with his capital "A". Someone has also misinterpreted Wilson's middle initial as "N" instead of "Y", as that is the way he is listed in the Heritage Quest database for the 1910 census - Wilson N. Brumbelow. The downward loop of his "Y" is confused with Mary's initial "I". This makes me wonder how much information we miss just because someone misread something or made a mistake!

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		Mary L. I	Wife	F	W	53	M	13
		Liefa A	Daughter	F	W	34		
		Mary L	Daughter	F	W	21	S	
		Wesley C	Son	M	W	18	S	
		William H	Son	M	W	15	S	
		Bertha S	Daughter	F	W	9	S	
		Virginia H	Daughter	F	W	10	S	
		Chandler, Elton L	Father-in-Law	M	W	77	Wd	
192	200	Brumbelow, Andrew L	Head	M	W	30	M	1
		Jennie E L	Wife	F	W	24	M	1
		Carl W	Son	M	W	3		