

Bible of Seymour Puryear Chandler *1839-1888*

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WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER

CERTIFICATE

This Certificate
THAT THE RITE OF
HOLY MATRIMONY
WAS CELEBRATED BETWEEN

Seymour P. Chandler of Granville Co
and Sarah N. Overbey of Mecklenburg Co
on November 1st 1866 at home
by Rev. J. H. Faulkner

Witness

Anderson Overbey
R. R. Chandler



TRUE COPY, TESTE:



Circuit Court of Mecklenburg
State of Virginia

Clerk

WHOSO FINDETH A WIFE FINDETH A GOOD THING AND OBTAINETH FAVOR OF THE LORD.

TRUE COPY, TESTE:

M. L. Hatcher

Clerk

MARRIAGES.

Circuit Court of Mecklenburg
State of Virginia

Seymour P. Chandler &
Sarah R. Avery ^{were} married 1st day
of November 1866.

R. A. Chandler and
Viola Schieffelin were married
February 3rd 1901.

Hamilton H. Chandler and
Louise B. Rhea were
married August 20th 1902.

William D. Hathorne and
Allie B. Chandler were
married November 11th 1903.

S. G. Chandler and K. Belle
Yancy were married Dec. 21 / 1905.

James Edward Cooper & Charlotte Reid Watkins
were married November 16 1928.

Jack Watkins & Margaret Fulton Crews married March 19 1936

"SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME."

BIRTHS.

Peter Overby, Senior Circa 1735

J. B. Chandler born, Aug. 26, 1867.

R. A. Chandler, born, Dec. 3, 1869.

W. H. Chandler born, Sep. 10, 1873.

H. G. Chandler born, Feb. 4, 1878

H. B. Chandler born, Aug. 21, 1880

G. Elmer Chandler " Oct. 14, 1906

Dorothy Belle " Jan. 31, 1908

Charlotte Reid Watkins Feb. 16, 1907

John Adams Watkins (Jack) Apr. 18, 1912

Jacquelyn Cooper " March 12, 1932

Gwendolyn Cooper " July 27, 1934

Charlotte Watkins Cooper Nov. 22 - 1936

Patricia

Margaret Reid Watkins Nov. 10 - 1948

Charles

Patricia

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"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

DEATHS.

Peter Overby, Senior Circa 1814
Seymour P. Chandler died Apr. 2, 1888
Baker T. Chandler died Feb. 14, 1897
Sarah D. Chandler, died, July 22, 1910
R. A. Chandler died Dec 31, 1926
G. Elmo Chandler died June 24, 1928
Viola S. Chandler died June 18, 1931
George Gray Chandler died Aug 5-1948
Louise Rhea Chandler (Died) Jan 10-1945
Mancel Chandler died Feb.
William Devin Watkins died July 25, 1969
Sallie Chandler Watkins died Dec 9, 1978
Hamilton Hunter Chandler died Sept 3, 1964
S. Graham Chandler died
K. Belle Yancey Chandler died

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The Bible of Seymour Puryear Chandler

1839-1888

Preface:

Seymour Puryear Chandler was the oldest child of Thomas Chandler and Sarah Ann Puryear. His American Chandler ancestry is believed to be as follows: Seymour 1839-1888 > Thomas 1807-1881 > David 1763-1838 > Joel 1740-1800 > Joell 1683-1755 > Robert 1654-1720 > Robert 1629-1669 > John 1600-1660 the immigrant and progenitor of the largest group of Chandlers in the US & genetically identified as Chandler Y-DNA Group 7A.

A report on 4 Generations of Descendants of David Chandler 1763-1838 is published on the Chandler Family Association website at:

<https://www.chandlerfamilyassociation.org/genealogy/chapter7a/davidchandler/descendant/index.htm>

Notes:

We don't have an image of the title page of this Bible to provide a publication date that would help identify who the first owner of the Bible was. But the listings of individuals seems to indicate that this Bible originally belonged to Seymour and his wife Sarah. And then it was passed down through their daughter Sallie Chandler and her Watkins descendants.

Transcriptions:

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RR = Reubin Romulus
brother of Seymour P

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wife of Seymour

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Seymour G, son of Seymour P & Sarah

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Sarah Overby's 2nd great grandfather
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Sallie Belle, daughter of Seymour P
son of Seymour P and Sarah

Seymour G d.8/29/1969 son of Seymour P
wife of Seymour G d.2/16/1961