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Society Meeting: Wednesday, 21 June 2023 The Cedar & Vernon Co MO Genealogical Society meeting will be held Wed, 21 June 2023, **in the Nevada Library's Maker Space (the smaller meeting room, west of the Annex). Enter at the doors on Walnut Street, in the middle of the block, which are also the Museum's Walnut St. entrance.** The doors will open at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The program will focus on gleaning family history information from old newspapers.

As a follow-up to Laura's May program, the Nevada Library Genealogy Dept has a copy of The Douglas Register which she referenced. The complete title and information about this reference is: "The Douglas register, being a detailed record of births, marriages and deaths together with other interesting notes, as kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750 to 1797. An index of Goochland wills. Notes on the French Huguenot refugees who lived in Manakin-town. By Douglas, William, 1708-1798. Publication date 1928." This is a valuable reference for those with ancestors in Virginia during the 1700s.

Operation 85. The following are excerpts from a recent fold3.com blog and appropriate as a follow-up to Memorial Day in which we remember and honor service members who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. Please take time to read the entire article at https://blog.fold3.com/make-a-difference-this-memorial-day-help-identify-unknown-sailors-from-the-uss-arizona/?xid=6860&utm_source=find&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Find-May-2023-Reg

" The telegram arrived on a cold January day in 1942. It read, "After an exhaustive search, it has been found impossible to locate your son, Robert Edwin Kline, gunner's mate, second class, U.S. Navy." The sailor's mother refused to accept the news and continued to hold out hope. How could it be? Bobby was just 22. Robert Edwin Kline was one of 1,177 sailors and Marines killed in the attack on the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Most of the sailors killed aboard the Arizona went down with the ship. However, the bodies of 85 (and possibly as many as 150) were buried, their remains unidentified and comingled, in graves at the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

DNA technology did not exist in the 1940s, but more recent advances now make it possible to identify those previously unknown. That's where Operation 85 comes in. ...facilitating the effort to find surviving family members and connecting them with the DPAA to take a DNA test. The DPAA administers the DNA tests at no cost to participants. "

While transcribing family letters which had been written during that timeperiod, Society member Terresa E. inquired about two brothers from this area who also lost their lives on the **USS Arizona** -- Raymond Virgil Wells Jr. and William Bennett Wells. Terresa's family letter will be shared in a future society newsletter. A full list of **USS Arizona** Casualties can be seen at <https://www.nps.gov/per/learn/historyculture/ussarizonacasualties.htm>

Family Bibles. When copying/photographing a Family Bible, the front cover and title/publication pages should be copied if at all possible. If the front title page with year of publication is missing, look in the middle of the Bible for the title page in front of the New Testament. The attribution of Bible ownership can sometimes be more correctly made based on the year of publication.

An article at Familytreemagazine.com said that the first Bible printed in the U.S. was in 1782; and in 1791 the first "Family Bible" with pages to record births, marriages, and deaths was printed and sold by door-to-door salesmen. A Bible was often given to a couple at their marriage to record their Family's information over the years with their date of marriage being the first entry.

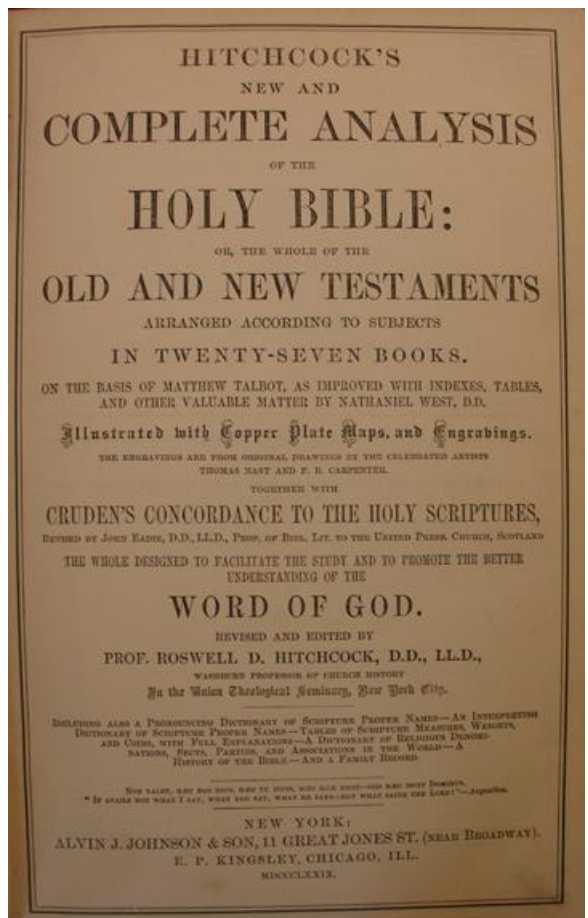
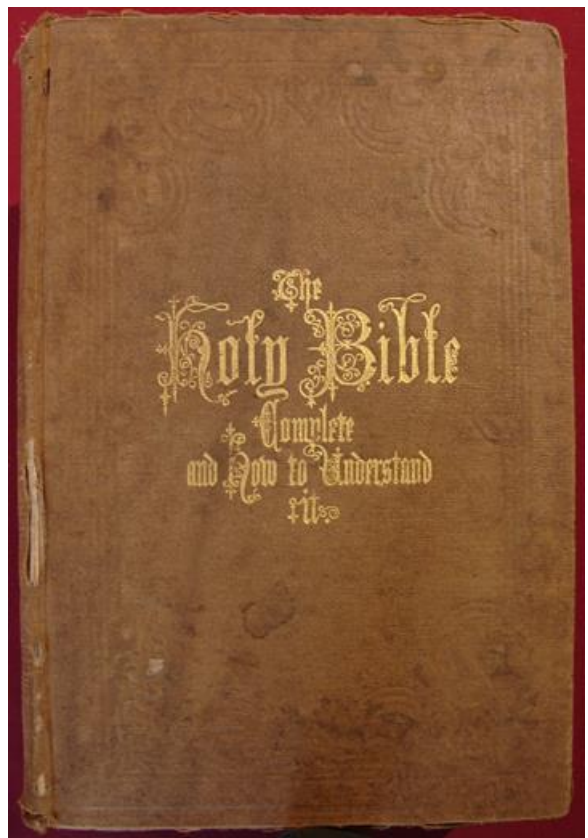
When looking at an old Family Bible, consider if the entries were all made at the same time in the same handwriting or were they made over a span of years by different people/writing styles and ink?

**Hugh McDermid Caton
and Nancy Ann (Harvey) Caton
Family Bible and Transcription**

Upon the 1894 death of Hugh Caton in Vernon County, Missouri, the Family Bible was in the possession of his widow, Nancy Ann (Harvey) Caton, who later moved to Arkansas City, Kansas, where she lived with her son-in-law and daughter, William Parman and Mary Ann Caton Parman; and the Bible passed to them at her death. From William and Mary Ann Caton Parman, the Bible passed to their son, Luther E. Parman after which it passed to his son, Luther Hays Parman, where it was viewed and the Family Record pages photographed in 2008. The Bible remained in the possession of Luther H. Parman in Arkansas City, Kansas, until his death in 2014 at which time it passed to his nephew. These pages are from that Bible.

N. L. Thompson

(To enlarge the images on a computer screen, hold the Ctrl key and roll the mouse roller ball.)



MARRIAGES

Hugh M. Caton

And Nancy Ann Harvy [Harvey]
was married August 25th 1842

Andrew J. Longacre and

Sarah Frances Caton
was married February the 14th 1865

William P. Barnett and

Theresa C. Caton was married
June the 14th 1870

Charles Caton and Lizzie D Thomas

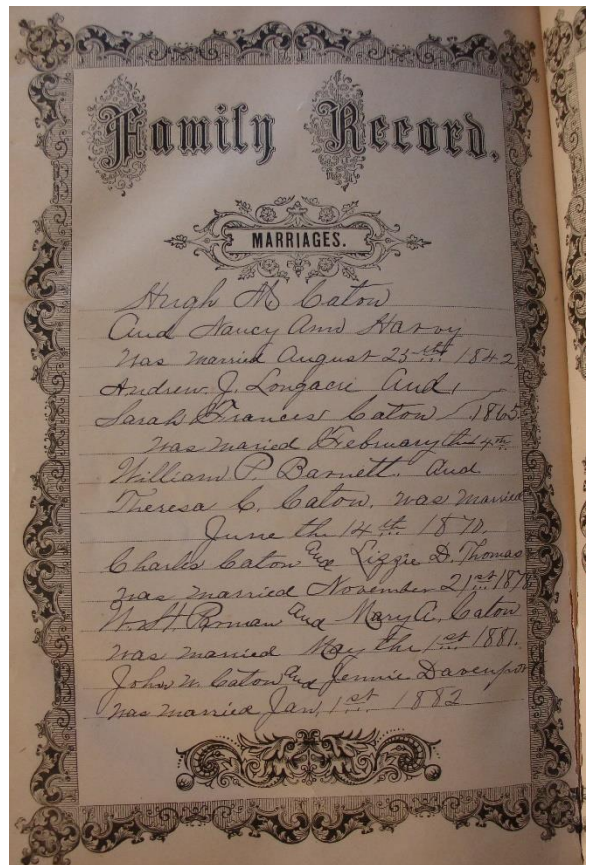
was married November 21st 1878

W. H. Parman and Mary A. Caton

was married May the 1st 1881

John W. Caton and Jennie Davenport

was married Jan. 1st 1882



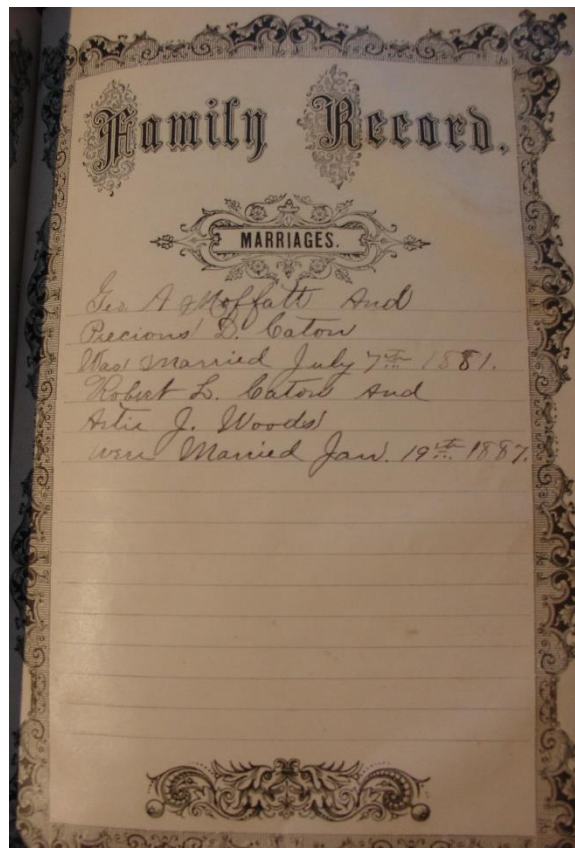
MARRIAGES

Geo. A. Moffatt and

Precious D. Caton
was married July 7, 1881.

Robert L. Caton and

Artie J. Woods
were married Jan. 19th 1887.



(Additional information and photographs of
the Hugh M. and Nancy Harvey Caton family
can be seen at this link:

https://sites.rootsweb.com/~movernon/bios/caton_hugh.htm)

BIRTHS

Hugh M. Caton was born
October the 15th 1817.

Nancy Ann Caton was born
December the 25th 1823.

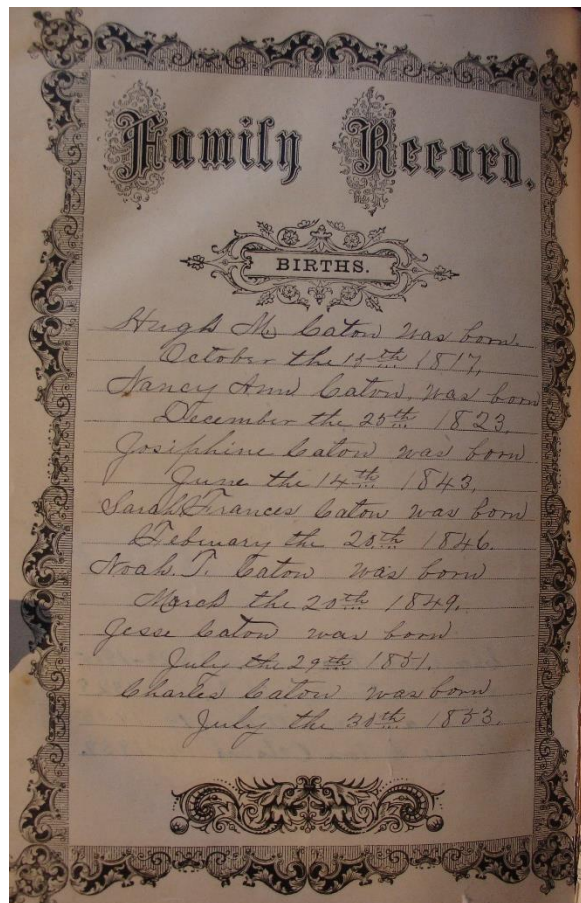
Josiphine Caton was born
June the 14th 1843.

Sarah Frances Caton was born
February the 20th 1846.

Noah T. Caton was born
March the 20th 1849.

Jesse Caton was born
July the 29th 1851.

Charles Caton was born
July the 30th 1853.



BIRTHS

Mariah Theresa Caroline Caton was born
March the 13th 1856

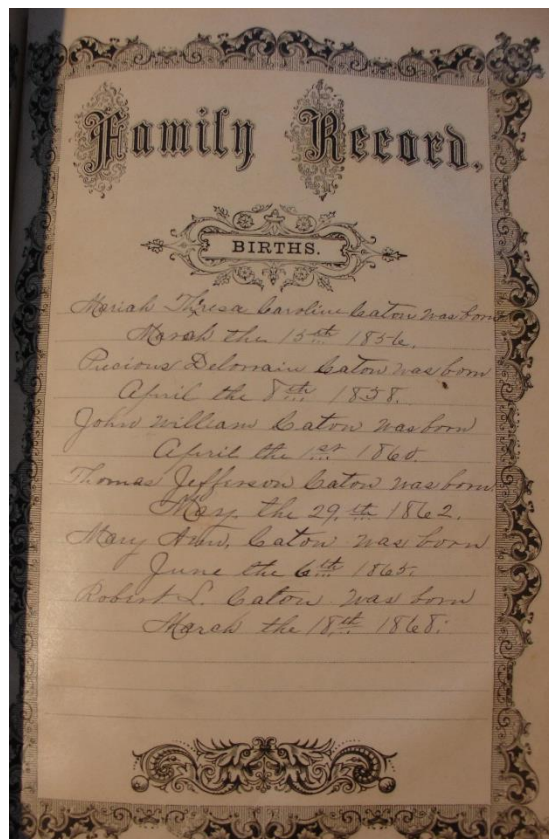
Precious Delorrain Caton was born
April the 8th 1858

John William Caton was born
April the 1st 1860

Thomas Jefferson Caton was born
May the 29th 1862

Mary Ann Caton was born
June the 6th 1865

Robert L. Caton was born
March the 18th 1868



MISCELLANEOUS

Josiphene Caton Deceased
January the 20th 1845.

Jessie Caton Deceased
July the 27th 1852.

Noah T. Caton Deceased
August the 4th 1852.

Thomas Jefferson Caton Deceased
September the 22nd 1862.

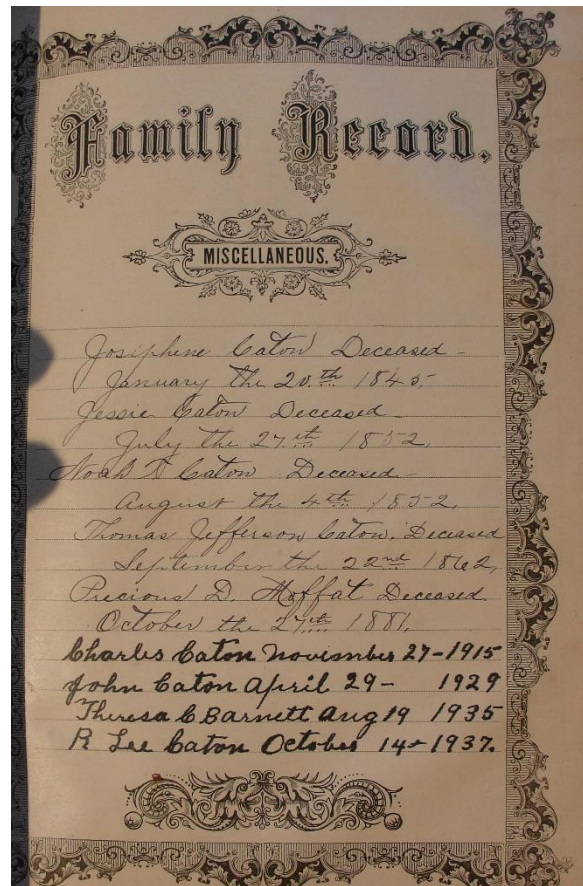
Precious D. Moffat Deceased
October the 27th 1881.

Charles Caton November 27 1915

John Caton April 29 1929

Theresa C. Barnett Aug 19 1935

R. Lee Caton October 14 1937



Family Record of Wm. H & Mary Parman

MISCELLANEOUS

Wm. H. Parman born July 17th 1858

Mary A. Parman – June 6th 1865

Children

Robert B. Parman – April 23rd 1882

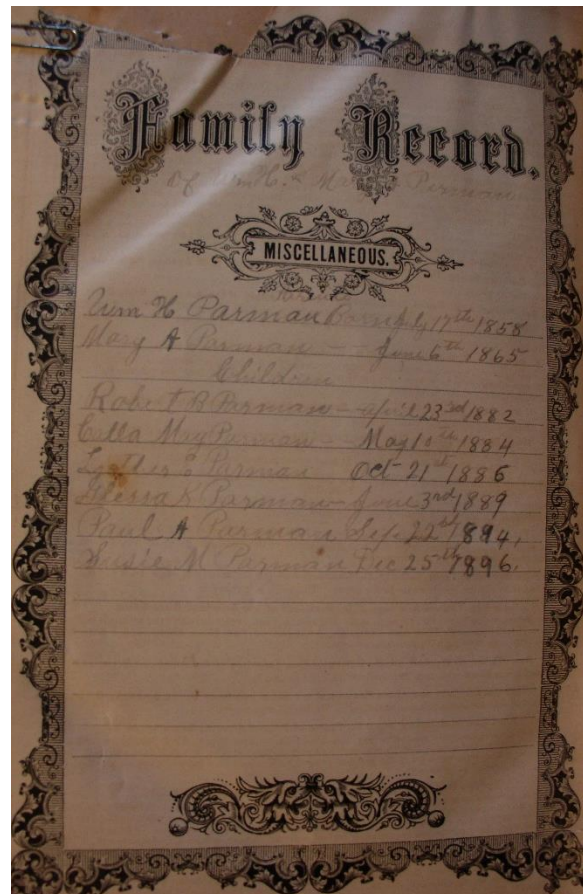
Calla May Parman – May 10th 1884

Luther E. Parman – Oct 21st 1886

Glessa K. Parman – June 3rd 1889

Paul A. Parman – Sept 22nd 1894

Susie M. Parman – Dec. 25th 1896



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Origins of serial numbers. Another fold3.com blog provides information about the origins of military serial numbers: “Serial numbers were first assigned to United States Army enlisted personnel during World War I. On February 12, 1918, the Army issued General Order No. 27, which read: “All soldiers of the United States Army will be numbered by or before February 28, 1918...as soon as a number is assigned to a soldier, it will become a part of his official designation, never changed, never reassigned to another soldier”. Read the entire article here: <https://blog.fold3.com/identifying-military-personnel-decoding-serial-numbers/>

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War of 1812 Pension Files. The National Genealogical Society® and Ancestry® recently finalized a contract with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to resume digitization of the War of 1812 Pension Files. The project is more than 80% completed. Read the entire article here: <https://blog.fold3.com/war-of-1812-pension-files-digitization-moves-forward/>

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Find A Grave Announces Updates. If you are a volunteer on the findagrave.com website, you will want to familiarize yourself with the many updates which were announced in May 2023.

<https://news.findagrave.com/2023/05/18/edit-updates/>

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Who Are YOU Researching? The Society would like to share research being conducted by its members. Members are invited to submit articles about their research for publication in the newsletter.

Do you have a Brick Wall? Share information on your brick wall to be published in the monthly newsletter. Organizing the details of a brick wall can sometimes bring new research ideas to mind. Let us hear from you!

If you have an **Historic or Family Picture and Story** that you would like to share in a future newsletter, please email the picture and story to the society at the above email address or bring it to a meeting to be scanned to publish. We would like to share some in each newsletter.

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