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Horne Family Bible ¹⁵

The title page shows that the Bible was published in Springfield, Mass. in 1846. A notarized statement on each of the 5 pages was made in Polk County, Florida, April 30, 1964 by Louise Horne Burns stating that this is a true copy of the family records in a Bible in the possession of Mrs. Virginia Hyman of Jasper, Florida.

All the entries prior to 1865 seem to be written by one person at the same time, indicating that they were copied from an older record. A total of six different handwritings are found in the record. Practically every entry gives the birth order and the parents of the person being written about. I have condensed this by identifying parents of each group as they occur.

Births:

Joab Horne, father of A. B. Horne and second son of Abisha and Mary Horne was born 20 Sep 1775. (A marginal note says "Mary was a Ricks")
Nancy Dixon, first daughter of Jesse Dixon and Elizabeth Bell was born 20 Dec 1777

Children of Joab and Nancy Horne:

William Horne	Apr 24,	1798
Josiah Horne	Sep 28,	1799
Abisha Horne	Nov 29,	1802
Morning ¹⁶ Horne	Dec 3,	1804
Mary Ann Horne		
and		
Jesse Dixon Horne	Nov 20,	1807
A. B. Horne	Apr 1,	1810
Elizabeth Horne	May 24,	1812
Joel Horne	Oct 11,	1813
Sarah Horne	Jun 15,	1816
Isaac Horne	Mar 11,	1820

Arthur B. Horne was born the 1st day of April 1810

Mary H. Horne, his wife, was born the 24th day of May 1814

Children of Arthur B. and Mary Horne:

Henry Majors Dixon Bryan Horne	9 Nov	1834
William Joab Wright Horne	28 Jan	1836
Martha Ann Juley Dickson Horne	6 May	1837
Simion Arthur Horne	8 July	1838
Darcus Drucilla Horne	3 Feb	1841
Joshua Abisha Horne	_ Oct	1842
Robert Mallery Horne	4 Apr	1844
Eli Croom Horne	18 Nov	1845
Sarah Frances Horne	21 Nov	1847
Jesse Campbell Horne	6 Sep	1849
Mary Eller Horne	21 Mar	1832
Mary Emely Horne	23 Sep	1853
Nancy (?) Kirea (?) Horne	2 Dec	1856

¹⁵These Horne Bible records were contributed by my friend and fellow history buff, Victor R. Myrick of Chester, Georgia. He kindly gave me these Bible records for this book and included his personal analysis of them.

¹⁶I believe this was probably Mourning.

Deaths:

Rev. Abisha Horne	2 Dec	1840	Brother of A. B. Horne
Nancy Horne	26 Jan	1843	Mother of A. B. Horne
William Horne	___ Sep	1798	Brother of A. B. Horne
Jesse Dixon Horne	___ Jan	1808	Brother of A. B. Horne
Elizabeth Horne	_____	1813	Sister of A. B. Horne
Joab Horne	15 Oct	1856	Father of A. B. Horne
Joel Horne	28 Oct	1858	Brother of A. B. Horne
Joshua Abisha Horne	14 Sep	1848	Son of A. B. and Mary Horne
Sarah Frances Horne			Daughter of above
Mary Eller Horne	2 May	1852	Daughter of above
Robert Mallery Horne	26 Jun	1864	Son of above, at Richmond, Va. of gunshot wound by the enemy

Marriages:

Joab Horne and Mary Dixon	29 Dec	1796	Parents of A. B. Horne
Joab Horne to Isabella Davidson	11 Apr	1843	His 2nd marriage
Arthur B. Horne to Mary H. Stanley	23 Sep	1833	

The remaining entries were in different handwritings and were entered where spaces were left following the original entries

Births:

Stephen W. Herring	30 Sep	1848	
Martha Ann Elizabeth Herring	8 Jul	1870	Daughter of S. W. & Mary E. Herring
Lilli Lorena Herring	30 Apr	1872	Daughter of above
William D Herring	10 Nov	1873	Son of above

Deaths:

Morning (a few illegible words)	29 May	1880	
Josiah Horne	11 Dec	1881	
Arthur B. Horne	24 Sep	1885	
Mary H. Horne	7 Nov	1891	Wife of above

Marriages:

Eli Crooms Horne to Molly C. Reid	21 Nov	1881	
Virgie Horne to _____ (illegible)	11 Sep	1911	
Cleveland Reid Horne to Clifford Parnell. No date given.			

Note: This family was originally in Edgecomb Co. N. C. and then came to the Central Georgia area, mostly to Twiggs, Laurens and Pulaski Counties. Their numerous descendants are widely scattered now, but many of them are still found in Central Georgia.

EVALUATING THE BIBLE RECORD

1. Note that the copywrite date is 1846 and the events recorded begin in 1775. This does not necessarily destroy the validity nor the reliability of the evidence.
2. Most of the material seems to have been recorded by one person and at the same time, indicating that it was copied from an older record.

3. Spacing of births was regular and reasonable.
4. The style of handwriting and wording of events recorded is similar to that in use during the middle to late eighteenth hundreds.
5. Blank spaces on the first and last pages were used to record family events at later dates. This shows the Bible stayed in the family.
6. A notarized photocopy of the record pages was made April 30, 1964 by the family member who has the Bible now. Copies were distributed to family members.
7. For a good clue to the identity of the person making this record, look at the entry of the death of A B Horne which is the next to last entry on the page where deaths were recorded. I believe Mary H. Horne was recording the death of her husband. More than twenty years had elapsed since the previous entry but the letter formation can easily be seen as the same.

HOW VALUABLE IS THIS RECORD?

1. There was no reason for the person recording these events to put down false entries. After all, the purpose in writing this down was to preserve the record of the family as far as birth and death dates were concerned.
2. I have personally checked census records for a number of individuals appear in these records and find that the birth years agree in both records.
3. I have seen several documents in the possession of family members which agree with this record and have seen sources cited for several others. One of these is the will of Abisha Horne who is mentioned in the first birth recorded. Another is his marriage to Mary Ricks which is recorded with source cited in the History of the Ricks Family, published in 1908.

Using the preponderance of evidence method, I find no reason not to accept this Bible record as an acceptable record of this family. Of course the process of documenting every possible entry should be continued and copies of all documents obtained. This record is a real treasure. I only wish that every family was as fortunate as this one was.

Note: CCGS Quarterly, Vol. 9, No. 2, p. 27 shows that Arthur B. Horne and wife Mary H. Horne joined Sand Ridge Baptist Church in Houston County by letter on May 21, 1848 and that he was chosen to be church clerk on May 26, 1849.

Pace Family Bible¹⁷

Thomas Pace was born about 1745, died about 1850, his wife, Cebelle Matthews, was born about 1763, died about 1850, they were married in 1780. Their children:

William, Nanne, John, Mary, Martha, James, Elizabeth, and Hardy.

Hardy Pace born May 11, 1784, died November 17, 1836, married first Susan Turner on May 20, 1809, she died in 1810. He married second Fannie Hopkins in Hancock County, Georgia, on April 2, 1812. She was born April 27, 1783 in N. C., and died in Twiggs County March 6, 1859.

Children of Hardy Pace and his wife, Fannie Hopkins Pace¹⁸ were:

Thomas, William, Rebecca, James, Cebelle, and Martha Susan.

¹⁷The following Bible records were given to the Bainbridge, Georgia DAR Chapter by E. H. Hays of Climax, Georgia, who found them in the basement of the Decatur-Seminole Regional Library in Bainbridge, Ga. In 1964.

¹⁸See graves at the old Pace Family Cemetery at Bullards Station, Twiggs County, Georgia.