

France
Family

France Family Bible
Armstrong County
Pennsylvania

contributed by Beth Caporali¹

This is the Bible of the Samuel K. and Sarah Ellen (Smeltzer) (Smith) France family, great grandparents of the contributor. The first 30 pages of the Bible are missing, but the front of the New Testament section says, "The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ translated out of the original Greek and the former translations diligently compared and revised. Philadelphia: William W. Harding, 1870 stereotyped by Jesper Harding & Son, No. 57 South Third Street, Philadelphia."

Marriages

S. K. France and S. E. Smith were married March 8th, 1870
[Samuel K. France and Sarah Ellen (Smeltzer) Smith]

Births

S. K. France born April 22, 1818
Sarah E. France born Nov. 17, 1839
Sarah A. [Ann] Smith born Sept. 7, 1857 [Children of Sarah and her first
Henry G. Smith born Feb. 2, 1859 husband, John Smith.]
Molly J. [Josephine] Smith born April 8th, 1861
Thomas Alex Smith born March 27, 1864
Ray Miller France born Sept. 23, 1870
Jenny May France born Sept. 6, 1872
Claud Duvail France born Dec. 24, 1873
Samuel J. Tilden France born Jan. 19, 1877
Anna May Stitt born Feb. 6, 1880 [Molly France's daughter]

Deaths

Henry G. Smith died June 7, 1863
Ray Miller France died Aug. 2, 1918
Mrs. Sarah E. France died Dec. 20, 1919
Claude France died July 2, 1922
Sarah Ann Stitt died Dec. 16, 1942
Jennie May Uhing died Oct 31, 1943
Samuel T. France died Feb. 14, 1960
Samuel K. France died Nov. 15, 1895, age 77 years

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Dear Coz, Trust you are all real well and happy. Did you see my boy? Have Forgotten. Well, he has three fine boys of his own now, ages 5- 3 & 1 yrs Love to all from Clara and family.

Robert H. Clark, Jr.⁶ suggests that the card belonged to Clara Zelma Stiffy Pickering, the wife of Charles Pickering and was written after their marriage in 1906.

Photographs

A section in the back of the Jason S. Clarke Bible provides space for small photographs. Several of the spaces are torn, indicating that photographs may have been removed. The author and Robert Hill Clark, Jr. have shared family photographs and have pictures of most members of the Jason and Angeljine K. Clark family. Those interested in the bibles or related family history should contact:

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⁶ Ibid.