

# An Old Bible Yields More Than Expected

## Writings on Family Pages Are Just Part of the Story

contributed by Virginia McKay, Spencer, Indiana

Recently, Virginia McKay brought an old Bible to the library, and pages containing Births, Deaths, and Marriages were copied for the Family Files. But closer examination revealed extra pages inside the back cover written May 14<sup>th</sup> 1935 by 83-year-old Franklin Delany Fulk. His words as well as other notes are transcribed here for your pleasure.

### MEMORANDA

My father, Noah Fulk was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, December 25<sup>th</sup> 1813, and died in Jefferson T.P. Owen Co. Indiana at the old "Home Stead" land entered by him, Sec. 34, T 9, R 5; and died March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1883, aged 69 yrs 2 months and 24 days. Sincerely, F. D. Fulk. [in another handwriting] This Bible is to be in the possession of Leota Griffith during her life, Then to the oldest living brother or sister during their life. Then to the oldest living grandchild then on down. On Feb 19, 1971 at the death of my sister Leota this Bible was presented to me to keep until my death then it goes to the oldest living grandchild and continue in that manner on. Jeanne Alice Jean.

### Holy Matrimony

Franklin Delany Fulk and Elizabeth Ann Heaton were united by me in Holy Matrimony at the bride's home on the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord 1876 in presence of Eliza Heaton, her mother, and bro. Signed James Hughs & William S. Heaton.

### MARRIAGES

Frank D. Fulk and Ella J. Brown were united in Holy Matrimony at Spencer Owen County Indiana, September 17, 1900, by Rudolph R. Bryan, a Methodist Minister in the presence of Anna Belle Beamer, Leota Eliza Fulk, and Edna Olive McCreery at the bride's home in Spencer, Indiana.

Frank D. Fulk and Isabelle Weatherwax were united in Holy Matrimony at the home of John F. Mitten, Owen Co. Ind., May 25, 1930 by Rev. Arthur A. Schenck of the Methodist Protestant Church, in the presence of J.P. and Louisa N. Mitten, Rev. G. R. L. Hastings & wife and John W. Williams and his wife Kate Williams.

Fred. V. Fulk and Margaret Mitchell were united in Holy Matrimony by Rev. E. P. Roll, May 8, 1945.

### BIRTHS

Franklin Delany Fulk was born Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 1852  
 Elizabeth Ann Heaton was born Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1854  
 Infant Son, deceased, was born June 30<sup>th</sup> 1877  
 Freddy Valois Fulk was born Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1878  
 Rolla Duris Fulk was born May 12<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 Leota Eliza Fulk was born April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1882  
 Jesse Floyd Fulk was born April 26<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 Lessie May Fulk was born April 9<sup>th</sup> 1886  
 Jeanna Alice Fulk was born Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1888  
 Hoyt Homer Fulk was born July 24<sup>th</sup> 1890  
 Claude Clifton Fulk was born June 17<sup>th</sup> 1892

### DEATHS

Infant Son, died in infancy June 30<sup>th</sup> 1877  
 Elizabeth Ann Heaton Fulk died Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1897  
 Ella Josephine Brown Fulk died Dec. 18, 1927  
 Franklin Delany Fulk died July 2, 1938  
 Mrs. Isabel Fulk died May 27, 1942  
 Jesse F. Fulk died August 4, 1945  
 Fred V. Fulk died October 22, 1947  
 Rolla D. Fulk died Nov. 17, 1956  
 Claude C. Fulk May 27, 1969  
 Hoyt Homer Fulk died Sept. 27, 1948  
 Lessie May Martin died Sept. 25, 1950  
 Leota Eliza Griffith - Feb. 16, 1971  
 Jeanne Alice Jean - May 25, 1973

[Tucked into the back cover were three handwritten pages on "International Agricultural Corporation" letterheads.]

Worthington Ind. May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1935

I dedicate this to my wife, children and many loved ones So help me God.

I Franklin Delano Fulk, Son of Noah and Sarah (Fiscus) Fulk was born on the "old Home stead" in Jefferson Township, Section 34, Town 9, Range 5 West Owen County Indiana, on January 20<sup>th</sup> 1852. My Mother died when I was but a young lad and I lived with father until past 10 yrs. old; then my father let me go to live with uncle Jesse Vaughn a near neighbor, lived with him Six years and went to School what was known as the Dyer School Dist. No. 7; I went to the following teachers:- namely - Robert Keer, Syrena McConnell, Hamilton Taylor, Oliver Leavitt, George Keller, M.C. Steveson and Eli Pershing, and David J. Benjamin.



After the above periods named I worked for different parties on the farm - namely - John Moore, Alexander Haxton, and Wm. H. Griffith, after which I made my home with George and Julia Jean working part time for them and some to School at Old Point Commerce one term to Prof. Lavcity and Prof. Henry, after this went to Normal School at Spencer several terms and then began to teach school - Taught 3 terms at the Dyer School and 3 at what is known as the "Smith School" - in the meantime I made my home with Mr. Jean until Sept. 17, 1876 after the age of 24 yrs - I was joined in Holy Wedlock to Miss Annie Elizabeth Heaton who was 22 yrs old - to this union was born 8 living children namely: Fred Valois born Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1878; Rolla Duris born May 12<sup>th</sup> 1880; Leota Eliza born April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1882; Jesse Floyd was April 26<sup>th</sup> 1884; Lessie May was born April 9<sup>th</sup> 1886; Jeanna Alice was born Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1888; Hoyt Homer was born July 24, 1890; and Claude Clifton was born June 17<sup>th</sup> 1892. After a brief illness their mother was taken from us at the age 43 yrs and one day, January 6<sup>th</sup> 1897. Appendix: After our marriage in 1876 we lived the first winter with Heaton and taught the Smith School and the last days of March we set up house keeping on what was known as the Alferd Danely 60 acres, owned by George Jean joining James Newsom on the west; and in the meantime in May 1877 we bought 2/3 of the James M. Dyer estate up in Owen County, Jefferson Township Section 35, Town 9, Range 5 West containing 143 acres and in September moved in the home bought known as the John R. Dyer home in which all of our children were born but Claude who was born in our new home built in 1891. Previous to this we built our barn in 1882. Raised this barn on April 12<sup>th</sup>, nine days after Leota was born. Had about 25 strong and robust men at that raising but where are they today? None left but myself, John P. Mitten, King S. Dyer and Oscar Landis; time changes all things. And at the age of 43 yrs and one day the companion of my youth was taken to her heavenly home there to wait our coming; then on June the 17<sup>th</sup> 1900 I was again united in marriage to Ella Josephene McCreery and lived happily together until Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1927 when she was called to home to meet her many loved gone on before at the age of 69 yrs 4 months and 2 days. Being thus left again I sought the hand of Isabelle Weatherwax and we were united by Rev. Arthur Schenck at the home of John P. Mitten on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 1930 in the [illegible] J.P. & Louisa Mitten, F. R. S. Hasting & wife and John W. Williams and his dear wife Catharine and thus we are touring the Battles of life together asking God's blessing up on us as we journey on our way home  
- Amen So May it Be - Frank D. Fulk

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For new genealogy books see page 4

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*Frank Lloyd Wright and Colleagues: Indiana Works*  
*Main Street Diners: Where Hoosiers Begin the Day* by William Trogdon  
*Paddle Indiana: An Access Guide to Canoeing & Kayaking Indiana's Lakes & Streams* by Alan McPherson  
*Basket Cases* by Wendell Trogdon  
*Whistle Blowers* by Wendell Trogdon  
*Ninety Years and Growing: The Story of Lincoln National* by Michael C. Hawfield  
*In the House of Blue Lights* by Susan Neville  
*Twilight in Arcadia: Tobacco Farming in Indiana*  
*Brickyard 400: 1999 Annual* by Al Pearce  
*Trees of Indiana* by Maryrose & Fred Wampler  
*Legends and Losers: Trivia from the South Bend and Notre Dame Region* by Andy Jones  
*Indiana Wildflowers* by Kay Yatskievych  
*Albion Fellows Bacom* by Robert G. Barrows  
*Indiana: Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*, John H. Long, Editor  
*Your ISU Community in History and Legend*  
*Treasures in Clay Jars* Edited by Lynne Bevan DeMichele

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