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**S**TARK Bible Records furnished by Mabel J. Hadler of Long Beach, California, with notations from the Pension Record (SC 685-161) of Franklin Stark, son of Rowland and Sarah (McCorkle) Stark. The Bible is in the possession of Mrs. Waive Weldon of St. Joseph, Missouri, a granddaughter of Franklin Stark. It was damaged in a tornado and many records are illegible, but the page with the birthdates is fairly readable.

"Application for pension was made July 13, 1908, when Franklin Stark exhibited 'a small Bible, Testament size, 3½ inches by 5½ inches, which he stated was his father's family Bible. It has a leather back and is very much worn, the writing and leaves showing discoloration and age. The front leaf ... is missing."

The Bible was printed by W. Young, No. 52 Second, the Corner of Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and bears the date M, DCC, XCII.

"In said book this record appears: 'Franklin Starks was born April 18, 1838'. In said record the year is down twice, the first being blurred, so that it is not legible. The second time the year is down it is '1838'. The blurring looks as though it was accidental and not intentional, and the entry referring to Franklin Starks from general appearance would indicate that it was all made at the same time, and the writing and ink being identical and nothing to show that the record had been changed".

**Births**

Rowland STARK, Mar. 3, 1787.  
Sally STARK, Nov. 3, 1802.

James STARK, Aug. 14, 1812.  
Jane G. STARK, Jan. 15, 1815  
(perhaps should be 1813?).  
Malving STARK, Feb. 10, 1814.  
Emily STARK, Jan. 30, 1817.  
Permely STARK, Jan. 30, 1817.  
Benjamin STARK, Dec. 24, 1818.  
Thomas STARK, Dec. 5, 1820.  
Archibald STARK, March 22, 1826,  
Deceased 1847.  
John Nelson STARK, Feb. 14,  
1828.  
Philena STARK, Sept. 13, 1829.  
Woodson STARK, May 21, 1831.  
Lydia STARK, May 8, 1833.  
Sarah STARK, Feb. 4, 1835.  
Franklin STARK, April 18, 1838.  
Jabez STARK, Dec. 12, 1839.  
Mary STARK, Aug. 24, 1841.  
Marthy STARK, Aug. 28, 1842.  
Matty STARK, Aug. 28, 1842.  
Rowland STARK, April 6, 1843,  
Deceased 1854.  
Note: The following were children  
of William and Emily (Stark) Huff:  
Mary Ann HUFF, May 23, 1831.  
Rowland HUFF, Oct. 27, 1834.  
William HUFF, July 10, 1841.  
Sarah Jane HUFF, May 10, 1843.

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The contributor has added these comments: Rowland Stark was born March 3, 1787, in Granville County, North Carolina, son of James and Jane or Jean Rowland. Since his brothers and sisters named in his father's will, John, William, Sarah (married John Denton), Mary (married ... Harrison), were so much older than Rowland, it is believed that Jane (or Jean) was a second wife, especially since his father was 62 at the time of Rowland's birth.

Rowland left Granville County about 1808, going first to Fayette County, Kentucky, where

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his oldest children were born, and then to Woodford County, Kentucky, where some descendants of his eldest son, James Madison Stark, still live. By his first wife, name still not discovered, he had seven children.

On August 19, 1824, Rowland married (2nd) Sarah McGorkle in Howard County, Missouri, then in 1830 was living in Clay County of that state, in 1840 in Clinton County, and 1850 in DeKalb County, both in Missouri. He died there before 1860. By his second wife he had twelve more children.

Authorities: James Stark's will, April 14, 1798, Granville Co., N. C.; Rowland Stark's Bible; Franklin Stark's Pension SC 685161, Civil War; Marriage records of Howard Co., Mo.; Bailey's Hist. of Woodford Co., Ky.; Marriage record of James Madison Stark, which states he was born in Fayette Co., Ky.; Census records of Mo.

**R**UDD Bible Records copied many years ago from the Bible of Lieutenant Bezaleel Rudd, born in Windham, Connecticut; died in Northeast, New York. It was his mother-in-law who was the Grandma Brush in our story of her bonnet on page 151. The Searcher, Volume VI, Number 4.

The Bible was published in 1816. The following inscriptions were on the flyleaf: "This Bible was presented to my mother by her son Hilen Rudd. Signed, Olivia Smith. To be transferred to Julia Merritt or her descendants at my decease. O.S." "I, Julia L. Merritt give this to my grand-daughter

Julia Merritt at my decease, trusting that she will with veneration appreciate the gift. Signed, Julia J. Merritt, August 3d, 1874".

From Olivia's statement it would seem that the Book belonged to Mrs. Rudd instead of the Lieutenant, just to keep the record straight. The present whereabouts of the Bible is not known, at least to us.

Records

- Bezaleel RUDD and Ruth BRUSH were married April 14th A. D. 1777.
- Zebulon RUDD was born on Friday, Aug. 5th, 1717.
- Jerusha BREWSTER was born in March 1719.
- Bezaleel RUDD was born on Saturday, July 24th, 1751.
- Ruth BRUSH was born on Tuesday, May 18th, 1759.
- Theron RUDD was born on Monday, July 13th, 1778.
- Reuben B. RUDD was born on Monday, May 22d, 1780.
- Bezaleel RUDD was born on Monday, June 17th, 1782.
- Polly S. RUDD was born on Monday, July 19th, 1784.
- Bezaleel W. RUDD was born on Thursday, April 3d, 1787.
- Semantha RUDD was born on Thursday, Sept. 18th, 1789.
- Hilen RUDD was born on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, 1792.
- John RUDD was born on Thursday, July 21st, 1796.
- Olivia RUDD was born on Friday, Aug. 10th, 1798.
- Harriet RUDD was born on Monday, Oct. 26th, 1801.
- Semantha RUDD was born on Sunday, Jany. 13th, 1822 (Notation: "Olivia Lee's mother. Only child".).