

DOWNING FAMILY BIBLE

This Bible was originally owned by Samuel and Amanda P. Downing of Lexington, Kentucky.

The lightly penned entries on the "Family Records" pages, pertaining to Samuel, Amanda, and their six children, were probably written by their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, sometime after her marriage to Dr. Robert C. Young of Lafayette County, Missouri. Based on the penciled note on the flyleaf of the Bible, Mary had evidently inherited the book from her parents. It then states that it was given to her brother, Sabert B. Downing of Higginsville, Missouri. The darker penned entries on the "Family Records" pages were probably written by Sabert B.

Sabert Downing had no children, so the Bible was then inherited by his sister, Mary H. Downing Knipmeyer. It was she who wrote the penciled note on the flyleaf.

Before her death, Mary Knipmeyer, my grandmother, gave me the Bible.

Now a widower, Samuel Downing and two of his sons, Samuel Jr. and Alfred O., had traveled from Kentucky to Missouri in 1857 to look for a new home. While the two boys were enrolled in the Kemper Military Academy in Booneville, Missouri, Samuel searched for acreage for their new homestead, eventually purchasing farmland between the riverport town of Dover and Higginsville, just north of what was at one time the small community of Page City. Samuel's new wife and the rest of his family joined them there in 1858.

Son Samuel Jr. never married, but was a Civil War veteran, having fought for the Confederacy under General Joe Shelby, who owned a neighboring farm to the north. Alfred O., though too young to have participated in the War Between the States, later married Lura L. Logan of Dover and had three children, including Sabert B. and Mary H. The daughter, my grandmother, married Frank H. Knipmeyer of Higginsville.

James H. Knipmeyer

Lee's Summit, Missouri

The book Robert B. Downing had
found in Kan. City in 1944.

It was given to him by Mary C. Young.
It was all loose when he received it and
was put together by the book binders.

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Samuel and Amanda Downing
were married the 14th of April 1840

Deaths.

Samuel Downing (Sen)
died August 28th 1841 -

BIRTHS.

Julia Johnson Downing Daughter
of Samuel and Amanda Downing
was born April 18th 1841

Samuel Downing Jr Son of Samuel
and Amanda Downing was born
August 1st 1842

Richard P. Downing Son of
Samuel and Amanda Downing
was born February 15th 1844

Salut Offutt ^{Daughter} Son of
Samuel and Amanda Downing
was born Sept. 1845

Mary E ^{Chicago} Downing daughter
of Samuel & Amanda
Downing was born April
15th 1847

Alfred O Downing son
of Samuel and Amanda
was born May 30th 1849

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

DEATHS.

Julia Johnson Downing Daughter
of Samuel and Amanda
Died August 12th 1841.

Richard P Downing Son of
Samuel and Amanda
Died March 27th 1848

Amanda P Downing wife
of Samuel Downing and
Daughter of Sabret and
Nancy Offutt born Nov-
ember 29th 1821 Died Aug-
-ust 14th 1850.

Lura Linden (Logan) Downing, wife of
Alfred Offutt Downing, died April 8, 1928.

Dr. Robert Caldwell Young, son of
Arthur^{3rd} and Rebekah Gibson Young, died
March 10, 1936. Husband of Mary
E. (Downing) Young.

Sabret Downing Son
of Samuel & Amanda
Downing.
Died Oct 24th 1860

Mary E. (Downing) Young
Died Oct 1881.

Alfred Offutt Downing
Son of Samuel & Amanda
Downing died Sep 28th 1930
In Kansas-City Kan