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The William Staughton Family Bible

In a recent letter from Mrs. N. M. Romeo, a descendant of William Staughton, who now lives in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, U.S.A., I have received notice of the existence of a "breeches" Bible, published in 1599, which was the family Bible of the Staughton family. The owner of the Bible now is Mrs. Eloise Staughton Vannix, of Camarillo, California.

The Bible contains many family entries, which are scattered about wherever there was a blank space. Among these, is an interesting list of the brothers and sisters of William Staughton, who was the eldest of six children listed:

"William Staughton, born Thursday, January 4th 1770 at five in the evening

Anna Staughton, born Thursday January 24th 1771, at eight in the morning

John Staughton, born Lord's Day, February 2 1772, at four in the morning

Mary Staughton, born June 12 1773, at five in the afternoon

Kezia Staughton, born April 7, 1776, at seven in the morning

Hephzibah Staughton, born June 8th about a quarter before twelve at night."

There is also a list of some of Staughton's ancestors:

"Ann daughter of William Hurst was borne the 27th day of March in the year of our Lord 1660.

Elizabeth the daughter of William Hurst was borne the 16th day of July in the year of our Lord 1661

John the son of William Hurst was borne the 25th day of May in the year of our Lord 1664.

Mibah (?) the daughter of William Hurst was borne the 24th day of the month in the year of our Lord 1666 the last day of the year.

S. Staughton, His Book, 1781.

Ann Cannon departed this life January 15, age 70, 1786."

Staughton took the book to America, when he went there in 1793, but did not enter the names of his own children in it. His son obviously received the book from William, because in it we discover a list of the children of Dr. James Staughton.

"J. MacLean Staughton, born 1830

Neville Staughton, born June 7th 1832

James M Staughton born 1836."

The group mentioned are the children of Veville Staughton and P. E.

Dayton:

"Pleiades Eloise Staughton born May 3rd 1864

Neville Dayton Staughton born Dec 16 1870.

Elbert Wade, son of P. E. Staughton born July 19, 1891

Eloise Winona Wade, born April 10 1893

Loiuse E Wade born June 15 1895

Florence Wade, born October 24th 1896

Wilda Wade, born January 5, 1902."

The final group mentions the children of Neville D Staughton:

"Charlotte Staughton, born September 29 1896

Eloise Staughton, born 1898

Neville M Staughton born November 11 1899

Elizabeth Staughton

Laura May Staughton."

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