

Story of the Loss and Recovery of the old Family Bible
of SAMUEL GREEN, spoken of as the GREEN-POPE BIBLE.

as written up by Mrs. Robert Sams of Atlanta and recorded by her, together with photostats of the Bible entries, with the South Carolina Historical Society. A brief account has also appeared in SCH&G, V. 64, #3, (July 1963), pg.186.

"President Charles William Elliott was President of Harvard, → 1869-1909. He returned this Bible, which he found in the Harvard Library, to Mrs. Francis Hodgson Orme (maiden name Ellen Vail Woodward).

* Ellen Vail Woodward was the daughter of Rev. Alsop Park Vail Woodward and Elizabeth Catherine Pope.

Elizabeth Catherine Pope Woodward was the only surviving child (to have living issue at this time) of:

Squire William Pope of Hilton Head and his 2nd wife and cousin, Sarah Lavinia Pope.

Squire William Pope of Hilton Head was the son of Capt. William Pope of Hilton Head and Mrs. Sarah Green Tucker Pope (his 1st marriage and her second).

This being the family Bible of the father (Samuel Green) of Sarah Green Tucker Pope, it was in the home of Squire William Pope, descendant of Samuel Green at time of Civil War, and removed, with rest of Squire William Pope's library by the Union Forces, and returned shortly before her death to Mrs. Ellen Vail Woodward Orme, who lived in Atlanta, Ga. in her adult life.

Search for letter from Pres. Elliott has been made, but tradition has it that the letter asking for postage for covering cost of returning made Mrs. Orme so angry that she destroyed the letter. She later said that Pres. Elliott must have thought twice and the Bible arrived very soon after the letter.

This recorded and traced by Mary Cooley Sams (Mrs. Robert Sams) in 1962 while working on genealogy of Pope family.

Mrs. Francis Block, dau. of Ellen Vail Woodward Orme, was with her mother at time letter from Elliott came and at time Bible was received, so story comes from an eye witness to Margaret Block, dau. of Mrs. Francis Block, still in life in 1963.

The Bible belongs (in 1962) to Mrs. Nancy Orme McCord of Atlanta, Ga. grand-daughter of Dr. Francis Orme and Ellen Vail Woodward Orme. It was a gift to Mrs. McCord from her cousin, Miss Margaret Block.

*Note - Mary Sams placed copies with
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