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SHANNON, DAISY, et al.

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Field Worker's name Hattie Turner.

This report made on (date) April 9, 1933. 1933

1. Name Daisy Shannon, et al.

2. Post Office Address Wagoner, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 309 Arkinson Avenue.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

5. Place of birth _____

6. Name of Father _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about mother _____

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 5

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Investigator,
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An Interview with Daisy Shannon. et al.
309 Markinson Avenue, Wagoner, Oklahoma.

AN INTERESTING OLD BIBLE.

Much has been said and written in recent years, concerning old bibles, presumably for the purpose, if possible, of locating the whereabouts of these interesting volumes.

Wagoner has one, which, if not the oldest, will likely rank among the oldest to be found, not only in Oklahoma but possibly in the United States.

It is the property of Howard Willison, (now resident of Tulsa), and has come to him through lineal descent as the eldest son of the present generation of the Willison family.

This Bible consists of two volumes, the Old and New Testaments, being under separate covers. Just one, the Old Testament, is in the possession of Mr. Willison, the other being in the hands of another branch of the family.

In measurements the Bible is 16x11 inches, is bound in dark brown leather and is printed in old English. It is in

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a wonderful state of preservation, and the print which is in large type, is bold and clear, and with exception of some confusion as to the using of F's for S's and a slight difference in the spelling of some words, can be easily read by the average person.

It was printed (or imprinted) in London, England, by Christopher Barker, Printer to the Queen; most excellent Majesty, Anno 1585, being three hundred, forty-five years old.

The prologue or preface was written by Thomas Cranmer, sometime (formertime) Bishop of Canterburie.

Following the prologue comes the family tree of genealogy of Adam, continuing in lineal descent to Christ, our Savior.

Next is an Almanac (Almanache) on one page, setting forth the special feasts and seasons for the space of thirty-one years, from 1580 to 1611, "in the year of our Lord".

These feasts and seasons are listed as follows:

Advent Sunday - The first day of Lent.

Whitsunday - Septuagesima.

Ascension Day - Dominical letters.

Rogation Weeks - The Epact.

Easter Day - The Golden numbers.

This explanation is given of the golden numbers:

The Golden number is so called, because it was written in the Kalendar, in letters of gold, right at the day, when the moon changed, and it was a space of nineteen years in which the moon returned to the self same day of the year of the sun, in which the solstices, and equinoctials do return, all to one point in the Zodiac.

This is followed by a calendar of the twelve months of the year, one page being required for each month, with the proper appointments of scriptural lessons for both morning and evening services.

This calendar also shows the time of the rising and setting of the sun.

Then come the books of the Old Testament, in succession, from Genesis to and including the Psalms.

Just when this Bible came into possession of the Willison family is not quite clear. The first record shown is when John Willison of Port Glasgow, North Britain, presented both volumes, the Old and New Testaments, to his son, James Willison, living at Cabin Point, James River, in the Province

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of Virginia, North America, in the year 1784 An.Dom.

In presenting the Bible to his son, James Willison, John Willison makes the written statement that the Bible belonged originally to Sir William Callander, of Brandorgrn Dorator, in the Shire of Stirling, North Britain, and was given as a memorium of the ancient family of Callander.

Whether John Willison was a descendant of Sir William Callander, and came in possession of the Bible through descent, or favor, is not known. In the back of the Bible are some blank-leaves and these contain the family records, written in ink, and with few exceptions, can be easily read. The records begin with the birth of James Willison in Fort Glasgow, North Britain, in 1751, his marriage to Virginia, the birth of his children, continuing in an unbroken line down to, and including the families of Howard and Jim Willison.

This Bible is in the American National Bank at Wagoner.

Other interesting articles in the possession of the Willison family are a signet ring and it carries a part of the Willison Coat of Arms and a portrait of the mother of

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~~Mrs. Mary Willison. This portrait, which is almost one hundred years old, was painted at Fort Gibson by an artist named Stanley.~~