

VERMILYA – ANDERSON BIBLE

By Sandra Vermilyea Todd

In August 2008 I received a e-mail from Peggie Herteau who is associated with the White County Heritage Museum in Sparta, Tennessee. She had received a bible that had recorded information from the Vermilya - Anderson family. A gentleman had brought the bible to her asking about locating the family and returning it to the descendants. She located me by searching on the Internet and finding the Vermilyea Family Reunion Web Site. After searching the files for the Anderson family I contacted her with some possibilities. She then sent me a listing of some of the entries in the bible and it was determined the bible probably belonged to Elvira Vermilya Anderson #946, 7th Generation. I told her I would love to have the bible for the family information, so after determining the shipping fees, money to cover costs was sent and I received the bible. Published in 1827 at Cooperstown, New York, the condition is poor, but then for a bible 181 years old it is pretty amazing...

In an accompanying letter Mr. Woody says he found the bible forty years ago while tearing down a house at Dayton, Ohio. He would like to see it back in the hands of the family.

The Vermilyea Family Association has made a donation to the White County Heritage Museum and a small “reward” to Mr. Woody. It is hoped that the bible can be returned to a interested descendant of Elvira Vermilya Anderson or William and Hannah (Hill) Vermilya.

I spent the next several days photographing and scanning, when I could, the Family Records as well as a letter and other items found inside. The next pages show the pictures that I have taken of the book and contents.....





H. & E. PHINNEY'S STEREOTYPE EDITION.

THE

HOLY BIBLE,

CONTAINING THE

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS :

TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL TONGUES,

AND WITH

THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED

WITH

Camue's Marginal Notes and References.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

AN INDEX;

AN ALPHABETICAL TABLE

OF ALL THE NAMES IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS, WITH THEIR SIGNIFICATIONS ;

TABLES OF SCRIPTURE WEIGHTS, MEASURES, AND COINS, &c.

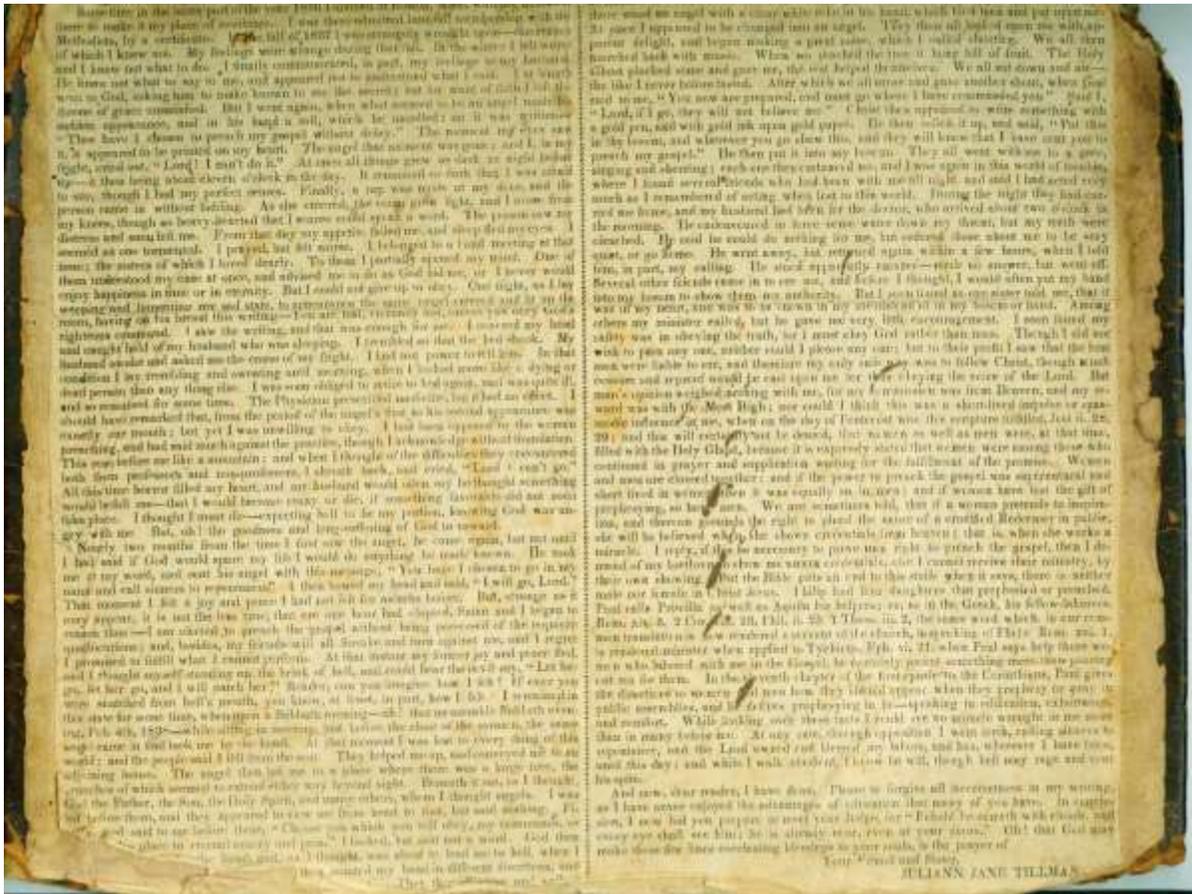
COOPERSTOWN, (N. Y.)

STEREOTYPED, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY H. & E. PHINNEY,
AND SOLD BY THEM AT THEIR BOOK-STORE, AND BY THE BOOKSELLERS GENERALLY
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1827.

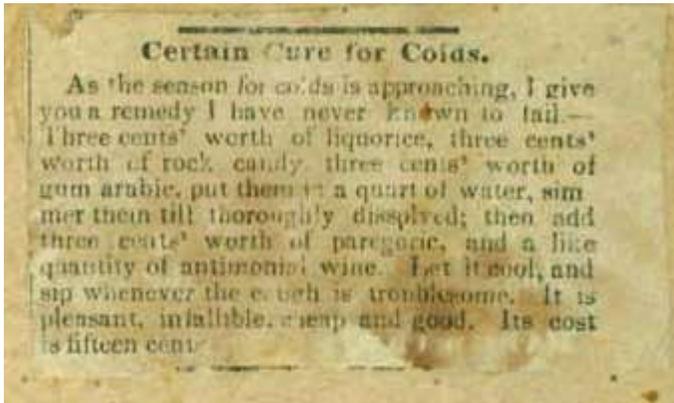
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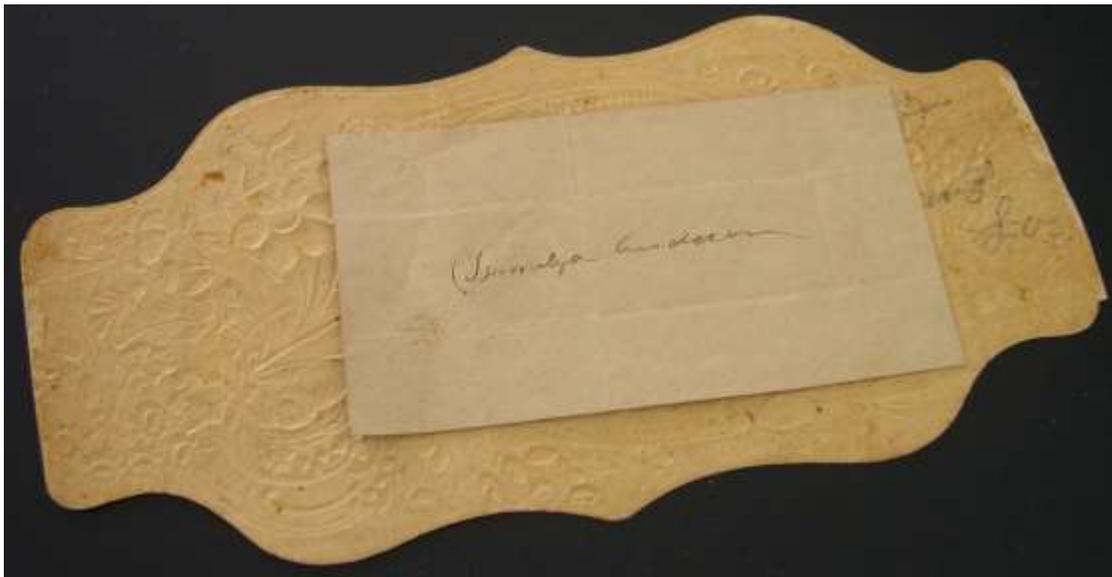
From the bible...



A tag from inside the Bible, note the red label that was pasted on the back.

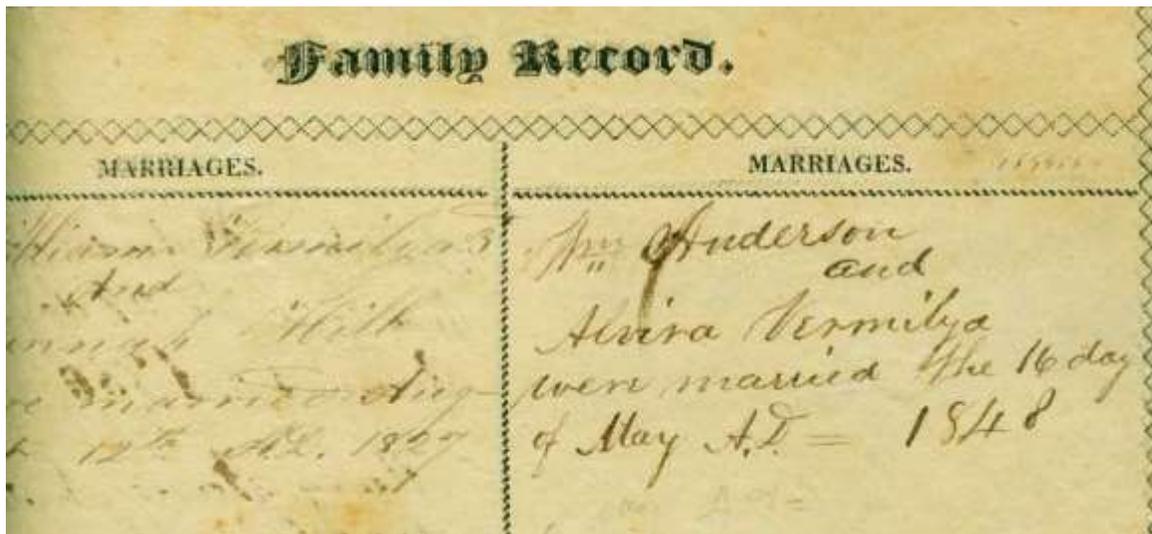


Interestingly it is a label from a package of sewing needles.....



Written on the back of the sewing needles label is VERMILYA ANDERSON

The Family Record pages.....



First Page of Family Record Section ----- Enhanced.

Elvira Vermilya was born April 30, 1832 in New York State, she moved with her parents William and Hannah (Hill) Vermilyea to Ohio sometime prior to 1848. She married William Ruse Anderson on May 16, 1848 in Ohio. They were the parents of six children, William E., Mary Jane, Elnora Bell, James Daune, Emma and Charles. William E. and James Duane lived to be adults. J. D. Anderson (James Duane) of Dayton, Ohio was Vice-President for the Vermilya Family Reunion held at Columbus, Pennsylvania in 1905. Mary Jane and Emma died as infants, Elnora Bell died at age 20, probably unmarried. Charles was living with his family in 1880 age 18, he can not be located after and it is assumed he died before 1900 as Elvira lists she is the mother of 5 children, 2 living on the 1900 Federal Census. Some records indicate she was actually the mother of 6 children. Elvira died August 21, 1911 at Jefferson, Montgomery County, Ohio. Burial location for this family is unknown.

Second and last page of Family Record Section – Enhanced

Family Record.	
DEATHS.	DEATHS.
Cordelia Vermilya Departed this life May 11 A.D. 1850	Mary Jane Anderson Departed this life October 22 nd 1858
Ranah Vermilya Departed this life Oct 25 A.D. 1858	Emma Anderson Departed this life Sept. 11 th A.D. 1860
William Vermilya departed this life August 30 th A.D. 1892.	Elvira, Bell, Anderson Departed this life February 11 th 1875
William-Rose Anderson departed this life August 15 th A.D. 1900 age 73 years.	Harry Helmer Anderson Departed this life March the 19 A.D. 1887

The significance of this ??? --- a paper cut out found in the bible, photographed on black background.



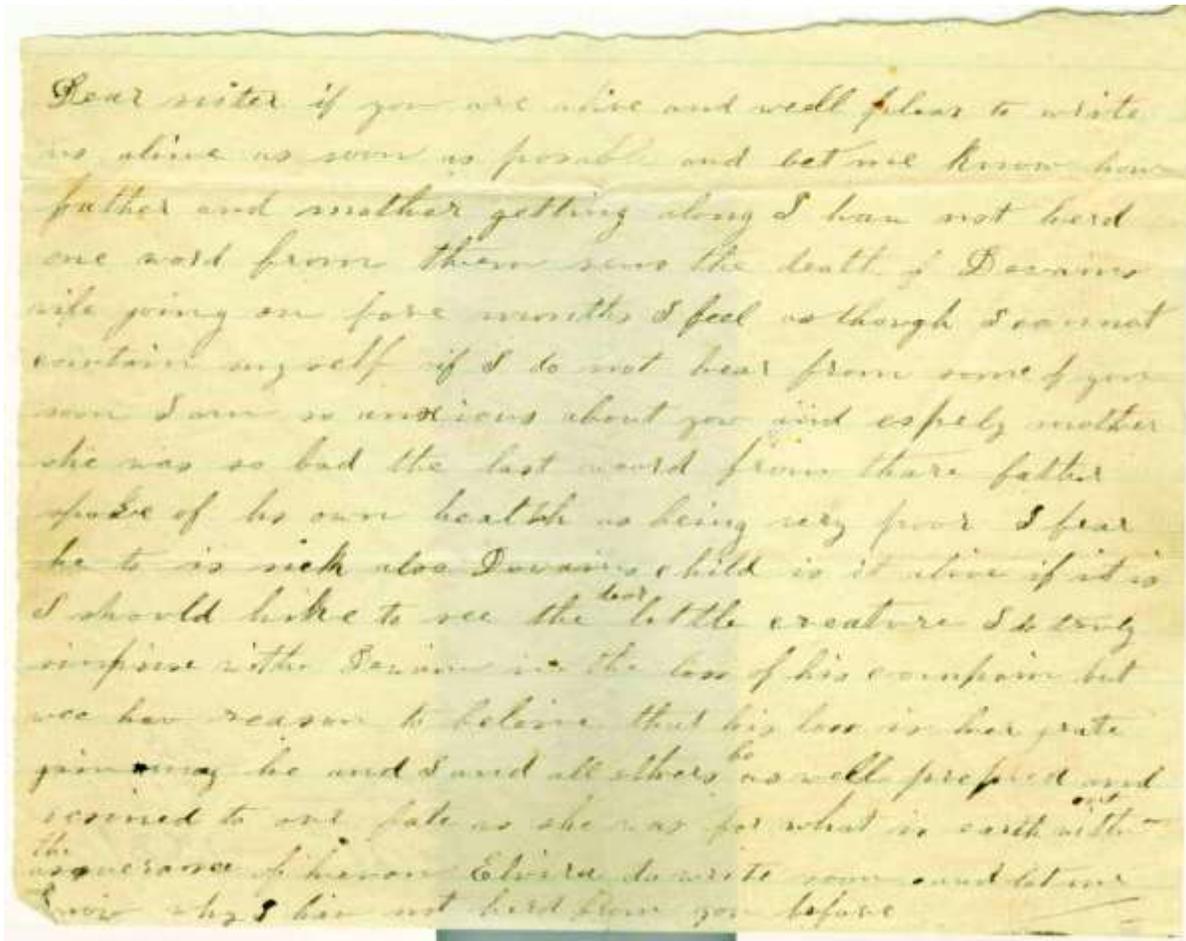
These bits of verse were in an envelope in the bible.

now i had friends they have all forsaken me
now i had parents they are now in heaven
i had a home once i had once a husband
pity me strangers
i had a home once i had once a husband
i am a widow poor and broken hearted
tell me the wine I use here was her complaining
or some tale of woe

it was the more more many her reflections
told was the right way soldier was her lesson
she had a home the world was all before her
shelter she had no shales
fast on the bleak heath riding in a chariot
pity me forlornly cried the poor right servants
pity me strangers lest with cold and hunger
here i should perish

worn out with anguish toil and care and hunger
I am sunk the miserer sleep had seized her
savior there did the traveller find her in the
god had released her
I will

Letter found in bible written to Dear sister and later mentioned Elvira.



Dear sister if you are alive and well please to write
us a line as soon as possible and let me know how
father and mother getting along I have not herd
one word from them since the death of Dewains
wife going on fore months I feel as though I cannot
contain myself if I do not hear from some of you
soon I am so anxious about you and espely mother
she was so bad the last word from them father
spoke of his own health as being very poor I fear
he to is sick also Dewains child is it alive if it is
I should like to see the ^{dear} little creature I do truly
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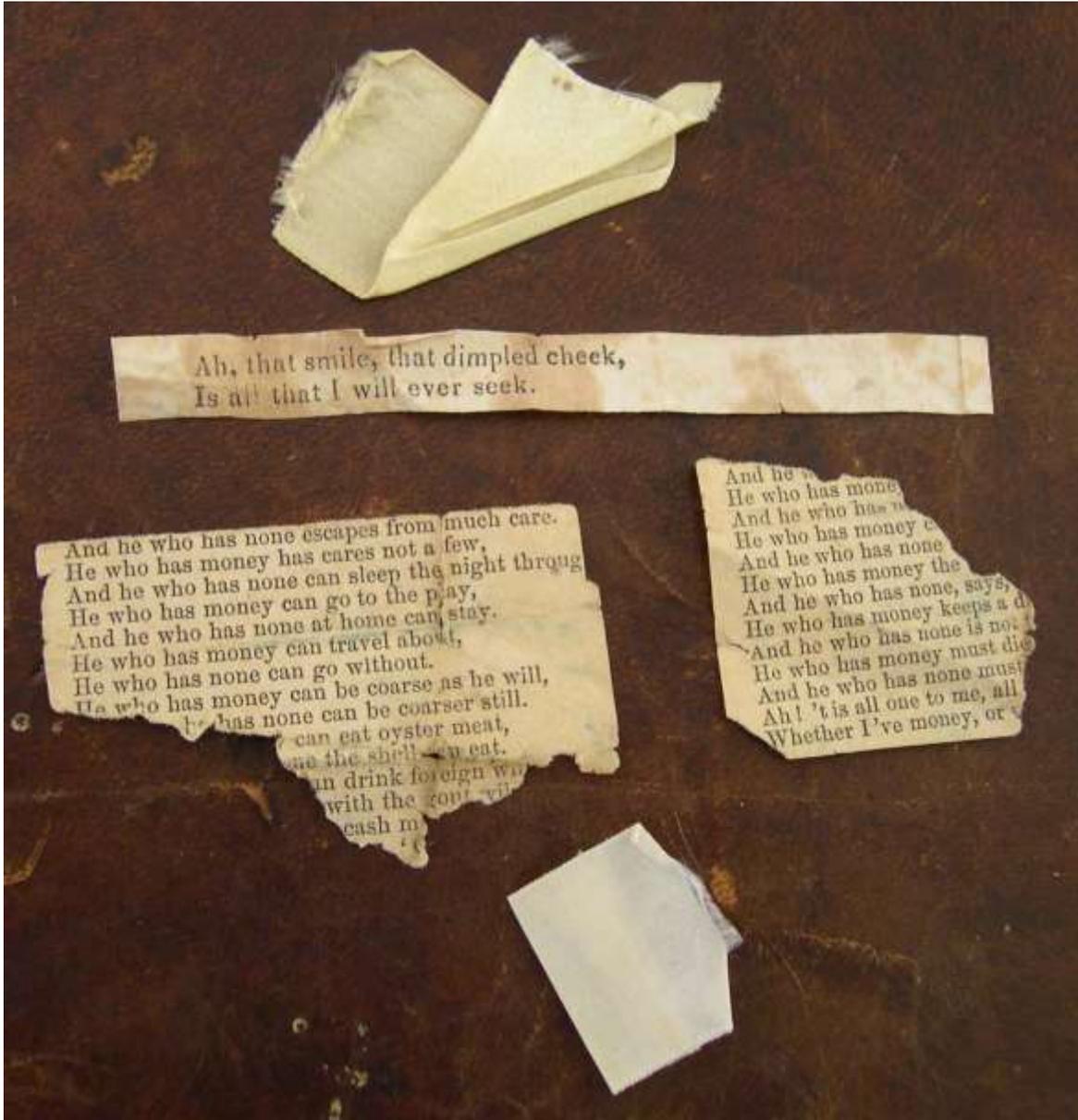
Letter is very faded and hard to read here is the transcription....

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One word from them since the death of Dewains
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I should like to see the dear little creature I do truly
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Note: there is no signature or date on this letter. Elvira had three older sisters Adrienne, born October 7, 1828, died in 1866 at Ashland, Dodge, Minnesota; Cordelia, born March __, 1830, died May 11, 1830; and Lycetta, born April 3, 1831, her date of death is unknown, but it is known that she married in 1851 Samuel McCampbell. In 1860 he is living with two children from a previous marriage, she can not be located. She is buried in the Old Greencastle Cemetery, Harrison, Montgomery County, Ohio, however no dates are available. It could be expected she died sometime between 1851 and 1860. The letter indicates that their parents William and Hannah Hill Vermilya were still living. Hannah died in 1888, he died in 1892. Since Cordelia died in 1831 at age 2 months one could conclude she did not write the letter. This information indicates the letter would have had to been written either by Adrienne prior to her death in 1866 or Lycetta prior to 1860. It appears the letter would have been written by Adrienne as she was living in Minnesota, Lycetta and Elvira apparently lived close as they are both know to be living in Montgomery County, Ohio and are buried in the same cemetery.

Loose items found in the Bible.

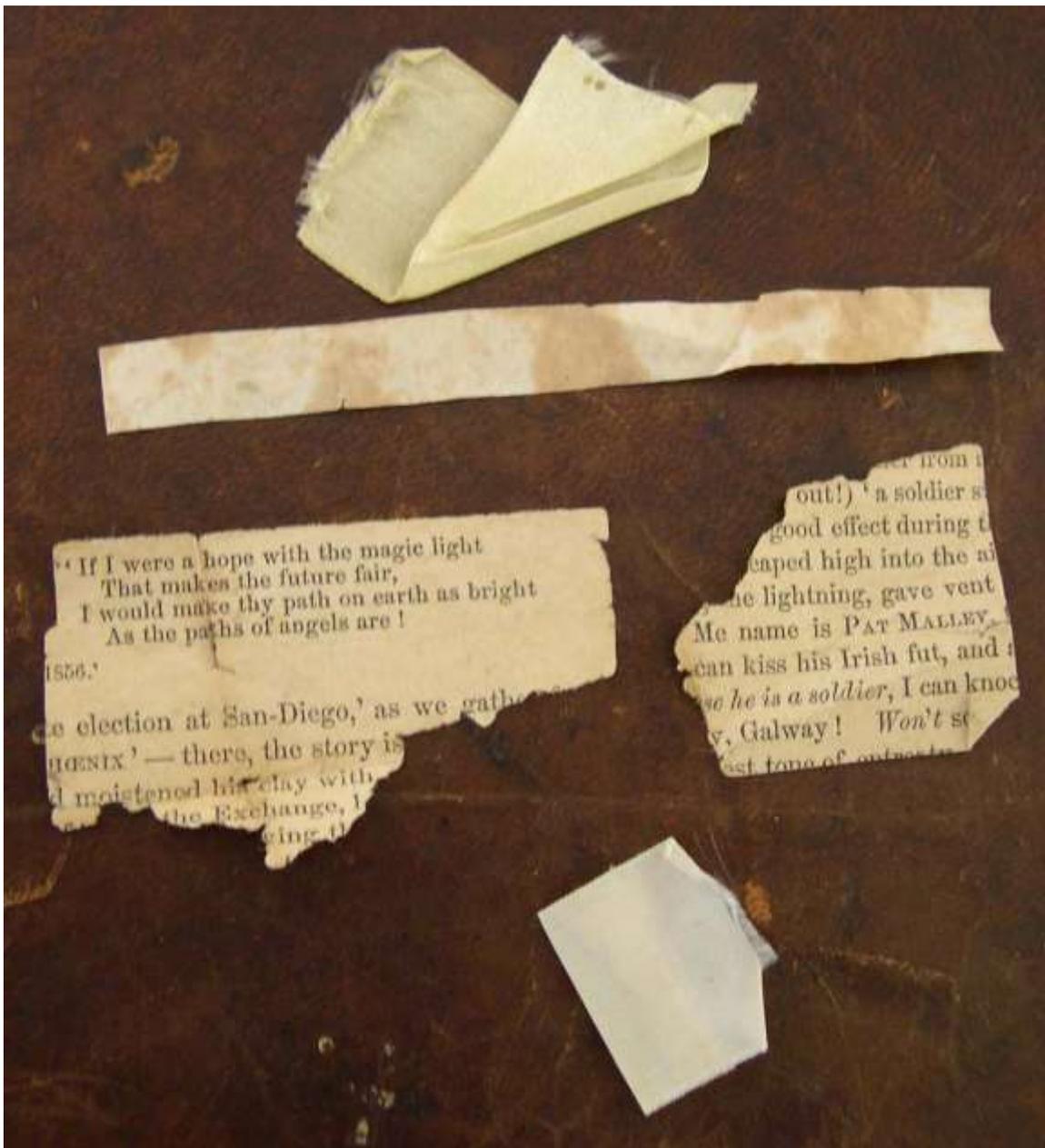


Ah, that smile, that dimpled cheek,
Is all that I will ever seek.

And he who has none escapes from much care.
He who has money has cares not a few,
And he who has none can sleep the night through
He who has money can go to the play,
And he who has none at home can stay.
He who has money can travel about,
He who has none can go without.
He who has money can be coarse as he will,
He who has none can be coarser still.
He who has money can eat oyster meat,
He who has none can eat the shell.
He who has money can drink foreign wine,
He who has none can drink with the gourd.
He who has money can cash his money,

And he who has none
He who has money
And he who has none
He who has money can
And he who has none
He who has money the
And he who has none, says,
He who has money keeps a d
And he who has none is no
He who has money must die
And he who has none must
Ah! 't is all one to me, all
Whether I've money, or

Side one



Side two

This concludes the pictures from the Bible. The bible and items inside are still in my possession as of February 2009, the decision on its final destination has not yet been made. **(This bible has since been delivered back to a family member)**