

The Family Bible of Thomas Stephen⁷ and Bessie (Podger) Terrel

(Terrel: Thomas Stephen⁷, Nathaniel Buckingham⁶, Irijah⁵, Moses⁴, Josiah³, John²)

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These Bible records primarily concern the family of my great-great-grandfather, Thomas Stephen⁷ Terrel, an artist in New York City in the second half of the nineteenth century.^a They show that he was born in New York City 18 August 1837, that he was a son of Nathaniel and Sarah Terrel, and that he married Bessie Podger, who was born on the same exact date as he, in Exeter, Devonshire, England. They also show that Nathaniel Terrel was born in New Haven, CT (bapt. 1803, d. 1871, obit. *Brooklyn Eagle*), and that he and wife Sarah (born in PA ca. 1810, US Census, d. 1894, NYC death certificate) had fifteen children, eleven of whom are named and four of whom presumably died at birth. I have other records that show that Nathaniel was Nathaniel Buckingham⁶ Terrell, and that his paternal line to Roger¹ is as shown at the top.^{b, c}

Thomas Stephen Terrel (1837-1913) and Bessie Podger (1837-1915) were married in late 1857. The large family Bible, which was published by Jesper Harding & Son in Philadelphia in 1858, was perhaps first put to use when their first child was born. It contains two Family Record pages in the middle, between the Old and New Testaments, and some nearby blank pages which were utilized to extend the records. It was in the possession of my cousin, Muriel Eva Pons, of Orange, NJ, a great-granddaughter of Thomas Stephen⁷, who gave it to me shortly before her death. The oldest records appear to be in the handwriting of Thomas Stephen⁷ (I have a calling card sample of his handwriting). Other records are in different hands, and I can only guess who wrote what. I do know that many additions were made by Muriel, and that one was made by me.

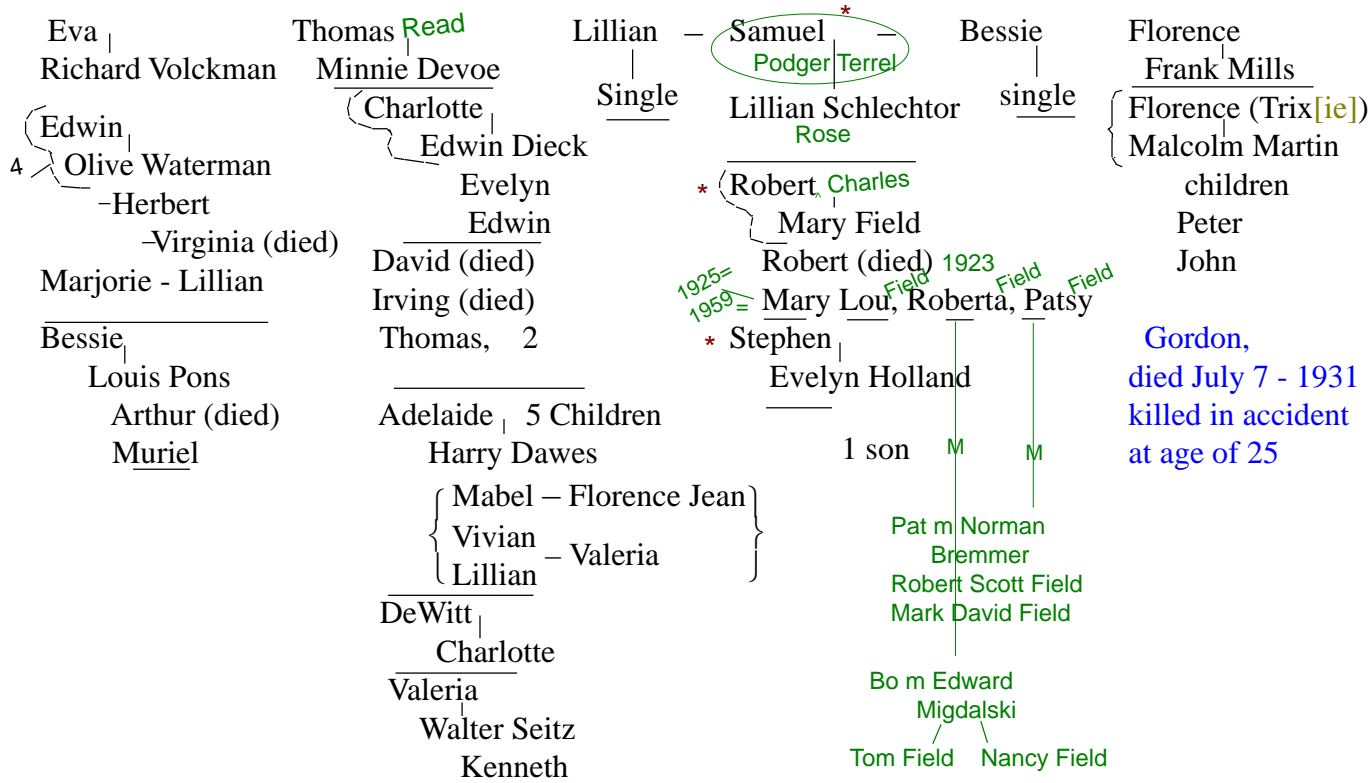
References

- a. See Descendants of Roger Terrill Corresponding Society newsletter, vol. V (1993), no. 1, p. 1, "T. S. Terrel, H.D., Pictorial Artist," and pp. 2-3, "Descendants of Nathaniel⁶ Terrel" by Pamela Poulin (available at www.dor-terrell.net, on DOR1 page).
- b. "Estate of Sarah H. Ramsdell, Summary of Her Genealogy," dated 24 March 1927, copy from Nancy Tyrrel Theodore, obtained by her from the Connecticut Historical Society. A transcription is available from the author at poulinmayer@earthlink.net.
- c. "The Terrill Family of Connecticut," by Donald Lines Jacobus, in *The American Genealogist*, vol. 25, pp. 37-54.

{ Nathaniel Terrel - New Haven, Conn. #
 Sarah Penn. Married at 14 yrs.
 Had 15 children

- 1 Sophronia [Arnold] 6 died 11 died
- 2 Mary Jane 7 Thomas ^{Steven [sic]}* 12 Alma -
- 3 Hannah 8 died † 13 Garrett [Lewis]
- 4 Nathaniel [Leverett] 9 died 14 Ellie [Ellen Marie]
- 5 Sarah [Eleanor] 10 Irijah [Buckingham] 15 Emma [Delaphine]

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<sup>Steven [sic]</sup>  
 Thomas Terrel married Bessie Podger of Exeter (Devonshire) England  
 Both born on same day. Aug 18 - 1837 — 6 children



‡ All of the text in black appears to be in the hand of Thomas Stephen Terrel, although many of the later entries are probably not. The text in other colors was in other hands. The green additions on this page were made by Muriel Eva Pons.

# The records at top are for the family of Thomas Stephen Terrel's parents, Nathaniel Buckingham Terrel and Sarah Eger (or Edgar or Eager). Second names are from Sarah H. Ramsdell's genealogy.

† Garret Lewis Terrel (1843-1910), of Co. H, 10 NY Inf., in the Civil War, was wounded by a shot in the shoulder during his term of service. [NARA Civil War Military Records, file# 3VC 734-45]

- \* Lived in South Street Jersey City
- \* Samuel married twice second wife bought place in Shandagen, N.Y.

# FAMILY [RECORD]

## Family Names

Parents.

Thomas Stephen Terrel.

‡ Bessie <sup>Podger</sup> Terrel .

Children

Eva Mary Terrel.

Thomas Read Terrel.

Lillian A. Terrel.

Samuel Podger Terrel.

‡ Bessie Emily Terrel

Florence Margaret Terrel

‡ Grand children

Edwin Volckman, Bessie Volckman,  
Charlotte Terrel Diecks, Tom Terrel, Addie,  
De Witt, Valeria.

Florence Mills, Gordon Mills

Robt. Terrel, Steven Terrel

## Births, when & where

Parents.

Thos. S. Terrel

Born in Wooster Str. between  
Prince & Houston Sts., N.Y.City  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1837.

Bessie Terrel, formerly

Bessie Podger.

Born in Devonshire, England  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> day August of 1837.

Children.

Eva M. Terrel.

Born No. 93 Greene St<sup>r</sup> N. Y. City  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> of N<sup>ov</sup>. 1858.

Thos. R. Terrel.

Born No. 17 Minetta St<sup>r</sup> N. Y. City  
on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1860.

Lillian Amelia Terrel.

Born No. 17 Minetta St<sup>r</sup> do.  
on the 14<sup>th</sup> of MAY. 1870.

Samuel Podger Terrel. Born on  
Jersey City Heights in Durham Av<sup>e</sup>. near North St N. J.  
on Sunday No<sup>vr</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup> 1873, at 7 O'clock P. M.

\* Bessie Emily Terrel  
Born April 8, 1876 at  
† 93 Durham Ave, J. C. N. J.

\* Florence Margaret Terrel  
Born Oct. 17, 1878, at  
# [probably same address as above]

‡ All of the text in black was in the hand of Thomas Stephen Terrel. The text in other colors was in other hands.

\* Because of a lack of space, the last two birth records were written in the right margin, running up the page.

† "J. C." is Jersey City.

# The page was torn, and only the tops of the letters are visible in the reproduction.

# [FAMILY] RECORD

## Marriages, when & where

### Parents

Bessie Podger & Tho<sup>s</sup>. S Terrel  
Were united in the bonds of  
matrimony by Re<sup>v</sup>. Henry Dunbar,  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 1857.

‡ Eva Terrel & Richard Volckmann  
By Rev. Mr. Denison on the 8th of  
September 1881.

Thomas Terrel & Minnie Devoe  
By Rev. [blank]

Saml. Terrel + Lily  
By Rev Mr. Wright June 1896  
Florence M. Terrel + Frank Mills  
by Rev. Dr. Hillis - Jan 6–1904

‡ All of the text in black was in the hand of  
Thomas Stephen Terrel. The text in other colors  
was in perhaps two or three other hands.

# I believe Bessie's father's name was actually  
Henry Rowe Podger (1808-1844), not Samuel  
Podger. I have a death record for this Henry Rowe  
Podger, who died in Oct. 1844, in Windsor,  
England.

\* Sarah Pince Hutching (ca. 1812-1864) married  
Henry Rowe Podger in 1825 at Stanford,  
Devonshire, England [per marriage record]. Her  
age was 52 at her death [per NYC death certifi-  
cate].

† Samuel Henry Podger (1836-1863) was in Co. F,  
173rd N Y Inf. I've seen and transcribed eight  
letters that he wrote to his sister Bessie. He died in  
a hospital in New Orleans. Port Hudson is in  
Louisiana.

\*\* '5<sup>th</sup>' is best guess. The '5' was overwritten.

## Deaths, when & where

### Parents of Bessie Terrel

# Samuel Podger of England,  
died in Windsor, England, age 36 years.  
in Oct. 1844.

\* Sarah P. Podger, late S. P. Long,  
died in Sullivan str. N.Y. city,  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1864 aged 52 years

### Brother of Bessie Terrel

† Samuel Henry Podger  
died on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1863.  
from a Wound<sup>Received</sup> at the Battle of Port Hudson  
under Gen. Banks, in the Late War  
aged 26 years

### Son of Thomas R. Terrel

‡ David Terrel  
\*\* died 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 1886, at the  
house of Thomas S. Terrel, age 13 mos.

Irving Terrel, son of Thos R. Terrel  
died \_\_\_\_\_

— Son of Florence —  
Gordon Mills – was killed  
in automobile accident  
July 7 – 1934 age 25

Children of Thomas R.<sup>s</sup> Terrel \*  
and Bessie Podger

Bessie Emily – Died May 1 – 1911

Thomas Read – Died Jan. 19, 1921 ‡

Eva Mary – Died Jan. 28 – 1925

Samuel Podger – Died Aug. 13 – 1925

Lillian Amelia — Died Nov. 8 – 1925

Florence Margaret – Nov. 21 1942

\* ‘R’ was crossed out and correctly overwritten by ‘S’.

‡ Date added by Pamela L. Poulin.

The handwriting on this page is probably that of Bessie Volckmann Pons (d. 1959, daughter of Eva Mary Read Terrel and mother of Muriel Eva Pons).

The parenthesis to the right of the three who died in 1925 is probably there for emphasis. Muriel’s father, Louis Pons, told her that 1925 was “a very sad year.”

Bessie Emily and Lillian Amelia were buried in the Cemetery of the Evergreens, in Brooklyn, with their parents.