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Date: 3 June 2008

1) Bible Name (Name of family recorded):

John Amis Bible

2) Contributed by: Name, address, phone, and email: Lucy Bryant Dunaway Zeier

3) Relationship of Bible owner <sup>\*</sup>to family in Bible: g-g-g-g granddaughter

4) Original date of the Bible: 1793

Information about family recorded in Bible: Granville Co., NC to

5) Where did the family live (city, county, state): Williamson Co., TN to  
Maury Co., TN

6) Occupation of key figure in Bible if known: Farmer & mill operator

7) Brief sketch of the family if known (original place of origin, settlement in Tennessee)

John E. Amis was born in Granville County, North Carolina. He was the son of William Daniel Amis and Hannah Dailey. It was there that he married his wife, Mary Polly Knight, on the 2 October 1797. John and his family moved to Tennessee sometime around 1819.

8) Originally, John and Mary Polly Amis settled in Williamson County, TN. Marriage records for several of their children can be found in those county records. Sometime before 1830, John, Mary Polly and some of their children moved to Culleoka, Maury County, TN. It was there that he established a water mill on Fountain Creek, also known as Amis Corn Mill. John E. Amis was very prosperous and wealthy at the time of his death – owning 601 acres and with an estate valued at \$50,000.

11 Several sources indicate that John, Mary Polly and their youngest son, Josiah D., all died during a cholera epidemic. 9 Their box tombs were still standing on the "Turnhill Farm" as of 2003.

May purchase in the future.

Signed

Lucy B. Zeier

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\* The original bible is not in my possession.  
Copy obtained from TN State Library & Archives.



Rec'd 15 Aug 1998

THE NEW  
TESTAMENT

OF OUR  
LORD AND SAVIOUR  
JESUS CHRIST,

TRANSLATED OUT OF THE  
ORIGINAL GREEK;

AND WITH THE  
FORMER TRANSLATIONS

DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED,

*By His MAJESTY'S Special Command,*

Appointed to be Read in CHURCHES.



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William P. Knight was born 24<sup>th</sup> March 1778  
William Woodman Amis was born year of our Lord

1798 December the 14<sup>th</sup> day

Jonathan Knight Amis was born April  
the 25<sup>th</sup> 1800

John Amis was born March the 25<sup>th</sup> In the year of our  
Lord 1802

Thomas Amis was born October the 1<sup>st</sup> In the year of  
our Lord 1803

Perry Amis was born January 15<sup>th</sup> in  
the year of our Lord 1806

Lewis Amis was born March 15<sup>th</sup> day  
in the of our Lord 1809

James Amis was born October 18<sup>th</sup> 1811

James Amis was born 8<sup>th</sup> May 1814

Alexander Amis was born the 27<sup>th</sup> of  
April in the year 1817

Josiah D. Amis was born 10<sup>th</sup> of April 1819

Leah Amis was born the 12 October 1821



to celebrate the anniversary  
which in the Syriac tongue is called Adar, the day  
before Mardocheus day. And here shall be an end.

The End of the APOCRYPHA.

John Amis was born in the year 1774 "2900

Mary Amis consort of John Amis Died  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Oct 1831

John Amis Died on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept 1852

Joshua L. Amis son of John & Mary Amis  
Died on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1832

Wm Amis died July 19<sup>th</sup> at four O'clock  
in the evening in the year of our Lord  
1868

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# The JOHN ERASMUS AMIS BIBLE

## [NOTES]:

1. This bible chronicles the lives of John Erasmus Amis, his wife – Mary Polly Knight, and their 11 children. John, Mary Polly and their son, Josiah, all died during a cholera epidemic. These 3 are also buried on the “Turnhill Farm,” in Culleoka, Maury County, Tennessee. As of 2003, their box tombs were still standing.
2. Copy [microfilm] of the bible obtained by Lucy Bryant Dunaway Zeier (tnconnections@comcast.net), from TN State Library and Archives, Nashville, TN, 15 August 1998 [MS. AC. 88-47].
3. The copy obtained from the TSLA is poor and difficult to read in places. Any questionable entries have been noted. The bible also appears to be in poor condition.
4. Some entries have been clarified and/or supplemental information provided. Any added notes have been placed in brackets [ ].
5. Entries for family members appear to have been recorded on blank pages, perhaps in the front of the bible]. Perhaps this particular bible did not provide a Family Register section.
6. All spellings are as found.

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## [TITLE PAGE]

**The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Translated out of the Original Greek; and with the Former Translations, Diligently compared and Revised, By His Majesty's Special Command, Appointed to be read in Churches; Edinburgh: Printed by Mark and Charles Kerr, His Majesty's Printers; MDCCXCIII [1793]**

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*William* [not sure of this word ?]

*Poley* [not sure?] *Knight was born 24<sup>th</sup> March 1778*

*William Woodson Amis was born* [? next word undecipherable]



year of our Lord [1] 798 December the 4<sup>th</sup> day  
Jonathan Knight Amis was born April the 25<sup>th</sup> 1800  
John [N.] Amis was Born March the 25<sup>th</sup> In the Year of  
our Lord Ad[P] 1802

Thomas Amis Was born October the 11<sup>th</sup> in the Year of  
Our Lord AD [P] 1803

Betsy [Elizabeth] Amis was Born January 15<sup>th</sup> in The Year  
of Our Lord, 1806 \_\_\_\_\_ 1806

Lewis Amis was Born March 15<sup>th</sup> day In the of Our  
Lord AD 1809

[Mary] Polly Amis [torn, smeared & difficult to read entry] was born  
October 18<sup>th</sup> day 1811

James Amis was born 8<sup>th</sup> May AD 1814

Alexander Amis was born the 27<sup>th</sup> of April in the year  
1817

Josiah D. [Daley/Dailey] Amis was born 10 of April 1819

Judith W. [Woodson] Amis was born the 12 October 1821

[could be  
1822, 1825?]

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John Amis was born in the year 1774 "29 Oct  
Mary Amis, consort of John Amis Died on the 21<sup>st</sup>



*day of Oct 1851*

*John Amis Died on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1852*

*Josiah D. Amis son of John & Mary Amis Died on  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1852*

*Wm Amis died July 19<sup>th</sup> at four Oclock in the evening  
in the year of our Lord 1865*

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[SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION – Not contained in Bible]

John Erasmus Amis, son of William Daniel Amis and Hannah Dailey, married Mary Polly Knight, daughter of Jonathan Knight and Judith Woodson. They married the 2 October 1797 in Granville County, NC.

John & Mary Polly (Knight) Amis had 11 known children:

1. William Woodson Amis. He died 19 July 1865 in Maury County, TN. He married:  
#1 Mary Greer Anderson on 27 March 1822, Williamson Co., TN; #2 Elizabeth  
Bugg on 28 May 1839, Williamson Co., TN; and #3 Nancy Fussell Wilson on 12  
Oct. 1843, Columbia, Maury County, TN.
2. Jonathan Knight Amis. He died 6 November 1869 in Culleoka, Maury Co., TN. He  
married: #1 Elizabeth Polk Henderson; #2 Nancy Boyd on 21 Dec. 1825,  
Williamson Co., TN; and #3 Catherine Wright on 2 Dec. 1863 in Maury Co., TN.
3. John N. Amis. H died around 1859 in Giles County, TN. He married Martha Ann  
Wilkinson on 14 Aug. 1823, Williamson Co., TN.
4. Thomas Amis. H died 19 Jan. 1867 in Maury Co., TN. He married Hannah Gordon  
Kennedy on 17 Oct. 1827, Culleoka, Maury Co., TN.
5. Elizabeth 'Betsy' Amis. Shed died 11 May 1845 in Giles Co., TN. She married John  
Cheathan, 4 Mar. 1820 in Williamson Co., TN.
6. Lewis Amis. H died 19 June 1873 in Culleoka, Maury Co., TN. He married Louisa  
Yeomans Johnson on 15 July 1830 in Maury Co., TN.
7. Mary Polly Amis. She died 21 June 1894 in Bear Creek, Mooresville, Marshall Co.,  
TN. She married Joseph Frey, 24 Jan. 1828, Maury County, TN.
8. James Amis. Little is known about James. He may have married Mary Ann ?
9. Alexander Amis. He died before 1853. He married Henrietta Lewis, 17 Feb 1840 in  
Granville County, NC.
10. Josiah Dailey Amis. Bible lists his birth and death. He never married.
11. Judith Woodson Amis. She married John H. Walker 16 Dec. 1838 in Maury Co.,  
TN.