

**William Ray Bible in order as found - 1**  
**Page following the Ratification**

John Ray was married to his wife Frances . . .

12 August

Thomas Ray Son of John and Frances his wife was ...

William Ray Son of D. born 1<sup>st</sup> day Jan. 1788

John Ray departed this life September 14<sup>th</sup> 1812

Being 62 years of age

William Edmondson Ray son of Richard Ray was

Born June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1792 Count for William Ray his house

Richard Ray son of Richard was born

December 30<sup>th</sup> 1793.

Frances Ray wife of John Ray Departed

This life the 3 day 1805 of January being . . .

Years 4 months and 21 days age.

William Ray was married to his wife Sarah July the 5 1807.

Frances Ray Daughter of Wm Ray and Sarah his wife was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 1809.

Thomas Edmondson Ray son of (can't make out word – wife? Dito?) born

Of the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of hour Lord 1810

Sarah Ray Daughter of (Dito?) was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April

The year of hour lord 1812

**William Ray Bible in order as found – 2**  
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Born December 23, 1780

Mr. Thomas Ray Sen. departed this life 21<sup>st</sup> day January in the year of our Lord Anno Domini 1795 aged 74 years

Sarah Ray wife of Thos Ray departed this life Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1795 Aged 69 years. Born Nov. 30 1726

William Edmondson Ray son of Richard Ray departed this life Oct. 2, 1794 aged two years . . . months and twenty four days

What is the interest of 19 – 90 per ... (various figures on page)

**William Ray Bible in order as found – 3**  
**Pages following Malachi Chapter 4**

William Ray (His?? ) Church Bible

Richard Ray was married to Elizabeth Wilson . . .

May the 12th in year of our Lord Anno domini 1788

Elizabeth Ray wife of Richard Ray departed this life 5<sup>th</sup> January 1792

Being 37 years eleven months three days old

And had been married three years seven months and twenty four days

Rich. Ray was married to Marget Sherwood 9<sup>th</sup> of  
August 1795.

Eliza Ray daughter of Richard Ray and Marget

His wife was born February 28<sup>th</sup> 1799.

Marget Ray departed this life December 24<sup>th</sup> 1799

Aged 30 years.

Richard Ray was married to Martha Sherwood widow of Charles Sherwood August 18<sup>th</sup>  
1801.

Martha Ray wife of Richard Ray was born September 19<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Thomas Ray son of Richard Ray and Martha his

Wife April 17<sup>th</sup> 1802.

**William Ray Bible in order as found – 4**  
**Pages following Malachi Chapter 4, flip side of previous, 2<sup>nd</sup> page**

(This was very faint and hard to decipher)

John Ray and Frances his wife  
William Ray was born January 1 88  
And I hope that ( ) he live ( ) he arrives  
To the year after the family he will return  
. . . And Cleave to  
the Lord and fight humbly for his banar.  
The many temptations he has to bare with  
For this lost world but I hope that the Lord  
Will bring Him of More than victorious  
The End but sensible he is loved  
..... beneath privilege  
And if he will only give up, his hart. . .  
He may before (behold?) of the life of religion.

William Ray his hand and pen he will be  
Good But God knows when Count for good.

**William Ray Bible in order as found – 5  
Pages following Malachi Chapter 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> page**

(Very faint and hard to decipher)

William Ray was married to his wife (ripped corner)

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1813. She was (ripped corner)

Years old the day before we was married.

John Blake Ray son of William and Elizabeth

His wife was Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day 181 (page ripped).

William Ray son of ditto was Borne on the 15<sup>th</sup>

Day of March 1818.

Margret Ray daughter of Dito was borned on the

26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1819.

Deborah A. Ray daughter of ditto was borned the 20<sup>th</sup> day

Of May in the year of our Lord 1820.

Elaxander (spelling – hard to decipher) Ray son of ditto was Borne on the 8<sup>th</sup> day

Of March in the year of our Lord 1822.

James Ray was born in the year of our

Lord April 7<sup>th</sup> 1824.

Charles Henery Ray son of child was born

On the 7 of March in the year of

Our Lord 1826.

(Bottom of page ripped – there was the beginning of writing Ma . . .)

**William Ray Bible in order as found – 6**  
**Pages following Malachi Chapter 4, 4th page**

(very faint print, first line is now unreadable, corners and side of page are ripped)

... in memory of  
Thomas Ray. Eldest son John Ray who was  
Killed in a fall from an apple tree the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1796 by his brother as little Tomy  
(letter missing) ake up some apples chanst to spy he clim  
a tree to the top which caused him for to die  
His aged father full of grief most bitterly doth  
cry. Tears give to my heavy hart relief, my son was born  
to die. Behold his mother how she weeps and sobs  
(word) ever sigh because her son is in silant sleep.  
Tho she herself must die. Hour Mother Eve one  
Apple eat, we canot tell for whie unless the  
Serpent did her cheat to caus us all to  
Die. Then let us prepare to meat that son that  
Son from below. Cast that worm that never  
Never die.

Racco was foled May 8th 1812. Famers (spelling?) was folded April 12  
Page ripped – final words -- May 1818

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(Very faint print)

**Maccabees II Chapter XV Apocrypha**

**Edinburgh**

**Printed by Alexander Kincaid His Majesty's Printer**

**MDCCLXII** (note 1762)

William Ray his ... and pen he will . . .

Percy Ray son of \_\_\_\_\_ born Jan. 21, 89

Grason born June 13, 1866

Son of William G. Ray

“ “ John B. Ray

“ “ William Ray

“ “ John Ray

“ “ Thomas Ray

“ “ Alex Ray

who immigrated to Md in 1690 from Scotland

(This does not correlate with other records that seem to indicate from England. These records show that Alexander Ray was one of fifty persons transported from London by Captain Augustine Warner October 26, 1652. This first Alexander emigrated from Virginia to Maryland in 1664 and took a grant of land in Talbot County as offered by Maryland. The transportation records of Virginia show the name of his wife and five children and one servant. Will shows Alexander Jr. followed by a John followed by Thomas who married Sarah Edmondson which brings us to this family Bible. These notes are from the writings of Mrs. Esther S. George, niece of Grason Ray, and Griffith Ray.)

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William Ray his hand and pen John Ray  
Father of the said William Ray

Dead Fancy was foaled May 1777 Pleasure was the same age  
Traveler was foaled May 1781 Jack Cotton the same age (line thru this sentence)  
Philis was foaled July 1782  
Venus was foaled May 1783  
Rantor was foaled 30<sup>th</sup> July 1786  
Jewel was foaled 8<sup>th</sup> August 1786  
G. . . was foaled 16 April 1787  
Dead May was foaled 22 of May 1788  
Fancy was foaled the 23 april 1789  
Bofo was foaled the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1791  
Bonny was foaled May 1792  
(Note foaled was spelled folded)



**William Ray Bible**

Title pages missing; New Testament page still maintained

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**The New Testament of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
Newly 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  
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MDCCLXIX  
(note 1769)**

**Page 10**

**Back of New Testament Title Page**

Mr. Thomas Ray departed this life 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1795 aged 74 years.

Mr. Thomas Ray departed this life 21 day of January 1795.

William Ray I know he fell the love of God in his hart at the (camp meeting ) and ever  
sence and I am ( ) by the Grace of God for to concer tho I die

Two wool hats and 13 yards of loose lining  
And 50 wate of baking and

William Ray his hand pen

Dear my

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**Revelation End of New Testament**

Behold his mother how she weaps  
And sobs at ever sigh Because her  
Son in silent sleap though she her  
Self must die our Mother Eve an apple eat  
We cannot tell for why unless Serpent did  
He cheat to cause us all to die then let us  
Prepare to meat that son that gon from  
Below at least that worn never never dies

**Page 12**

Back of Table of Kindred and Affinity, wherein whosoever are related, are forbidden in Scripture, and our Laws to marry together.

Negro Tom born December 1743	1773
Peg was born Nov 1745	William
Peter was born 14 May 1760	Ray
Cato was born 25 Nov. 1778	
Rose was born Aug. 23, 1779	
Same was born Oct. 24, 1779	
Sol was born April 1782	
Susan daughter of Rose born December 3, 1801	
Jim was born November 1793	
Negro (word) was born 18	

(note side of page contained constant writings of 1773 William Ray)

The following lines were written in memory  
of Thomas Ray Eldest son of John Ray  
who was kild by a fall from an apple tree  
the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1776 by a brother  
as little Tommy looked up some apples chanst  
to spy. He clim the tree up to the top wich  
caused him for to die his aged father full of greaf most bitterly doth cry tears give to my  
have hart releaf for my son was born to die.

(These notes were entered by Barbara Ann Ray Bluestein on December 23, 2009. I tried to maintain the spellings given in the writings. Barbara is the daughter of Griffith Ray and Mary Jane Thompson Ray. She was born on February 3, 1952 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Griffith Ray was the son of James Percy Ray.)