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Were by me united together in

HOLY MATRIMONY on the

Seventh day of April in the Year of our

Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and 81

In Presence of

[no names listed]

MARRIAGES

L. D. [Lewis Daniel] **Lillard** and **Martha Helen** [census and matrimony page of this Bible has middle initial E, possibly Elen or Ellen and not Helen as transcriber sees written] **Watson** were married at Fairfield [Freestone Co, TX] **April the seventh 1881.** [by P. E. Kirvin]

[Lewis Daniel Lillard was the son of W. H. Lillard b. cira 1813 KY, and Mary, unknown maiden name, Lillard b. cira 1816 SC., per 1860 census.]

[L. D. Lillard established The Fairfield Recorder and published the first issue on September 23, 1876. He continued publication of the newspaper until 1900 when Lee C. Kirgan purchased his interests, per History of Freestone County Texas Vol I, pg 60]

[Dallas Morning News 5 July 1901 - Hon. L. D. Lillard Dead Stricken by Paralysis - Special to The News - Fairfield, Tex., July 4 - Hon. L. D. Lillard, ex-Representative of Freestone County and editor of the Fairfield Recorder, died at his home at 5:30 this evening of paralysis. He was on the street Monday morning attending to business and looking well. He was stricken, Monday, at noon.]

[Martha E. Watson was the daughter of William Terry Watson, b. Dec 17, 1824 Halifax, VA – d. July 7, 1919 Freestone Co, TX, and Mary T. Weaver, b. Jan 15, 1835 AL. - d. Apr 9, 1912 Freestone Co, TX]

[Martha Watson was an honor graduate of Baylor University, per History of Freestone Co TX Vol I, pg 623, story #855]

BIRTHS

Lewis Daniel Lillard was born at Bay St Louis Miss, July 17th 1850.

Martha Watson Lillard was born in Freestone Co. Texas October 10, 1855

Mary Lillard was born at Fairfield Tex. January 28, 1882.

William Watson Lillard was born at Fairfield Texas March 11, 1884. [Died June 14, 1962 Los Angeles, CA, burial Los Angeles National Cemetery – 1st Lt. US Army WW I]

Lewis Daniel Lillard Jr. was born at Fairfield Texas February 17. 1886

Rufus Bibb Lillard was born at Fairfield Texas December 21. 1888 [Died Aug 10, 1973 Fairfield, Freestone Co, TX, burial Fairfield Cemetery, military headstone – Capt. US Army WWI]

Mattie Lina Lillard was born at Fairfield Texas November 19. 1894

DEATHS

Martha Watson Lillard died May 4, 1894 [buried Fairfield Cemetery, Fairfield, TX]

Lewis Daniel Lillard Jr died April 2, 1898

[Fairfield Recorder, April 8, 1898 Last Saturday evening Lewis Daniel Lillard Jr. was accidentally killed while hunting about a mile from town. He and his brother, who is about two years older, had gone hunting. Lewis, son of Lewis Daniel Lillard, was born February 17, 1886, died April 2, 1898. His remains were interred in Fairfield Cemetery by his mother's side. Rev. T. W. Staton officiated.]

Lewis Daniel Lillard died July 4, 1901 [buried Fairfield Cemetery, Fairfield, TX]

Mary Lillard Hall died April 14, 1943 – 10:30 a.m. Dallas, Texas Baylor Hospital [Mary was wife of Thomas J. Hall, buried Fairfield Cemetery, Fairfield, TX]

MEMORANDA

Given to **Tas and Geneva Watson** by **Polly Lillard** 1965

[Given means that the Bible was given to Tas and Geneva Watson.]