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EDMEAD-GOSDEN BIBLE

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Bound in black leather and measuring 3 3/8" wide by 5 7/8" high and 1 7/8" thick, this volume originated with one Ann Edmead, who apparently inscribed it in her own hand. By 1817, it had been acquired by Jacob Gosden, who was baptized 1786 at Chobham in Surrey, England. When Jacob died in 1817 (injured by a fall from a horse), it passed to his eldest son Isack (1810-26), then to Isack's only surviving brother, Jacob (1817-1903) who brought it to America. From there it passed to Jacob's daughter Emily (Gosden) Kissinger (1859-1936), to Emily's daughter Fern Augusta Kissinger (1893-1988), then to Fern's sister Zella Merna (Kissinger) Reckert, mother of the contributor.

The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Newly Translated out of the Original Greek, and with the former Translations diligently Compared and Revised . . . (London: Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, 1716)

Inside front cover.

Jacob Gosden Departed this Life May the 1. 1817. Aged 30 years

Flyleaf.

This Book Willd to Isack Gosden by the desire of his Farther

Blank inside page (1st):

Ann Edmead Her Book ... February the 14 An Dom 1716

Blank inside page (2nd):

1815 July 23. Jacob Gosden book in boke Isic; the last word is partially smeared but legible.

Massey Gosden

Opposite title page:

Massey Gosden Born August th 14 1808

Isack Gosden Born Junary th 4 1810

Maryann Gosden Born December the 4, 1811

Martin Gosden Born April the 7, 1813

Harriet Gosden Born June 21, 1815

Jacob Gosden Born June 22, 1817