

AMOS JENKINS

Born: 21 October 1854, Lawrence Co., Ohio.

Married: Mary Francis Lambert

Died: 24 April 1939, Aid Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio.

Buried: Lodge Hill Cemetery, Aid Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio.

Children: Flora Jane, Charles H., Bertha Ann, Westly Franklin, Louetta Mary, Mamie Alice, William Oscar.

Biography: Amos, son of Jonas and Asenith (Martin) Jenkins, grew up to become a farmer. One source claims Henry as a middle name for him. He was nine years old when his father was killed in the Civil War. Amos received little education. In the census years of 1860 and 1870, he is not listed as attending school either time. He evidently never learned to read or write - at least not by the age of 55.



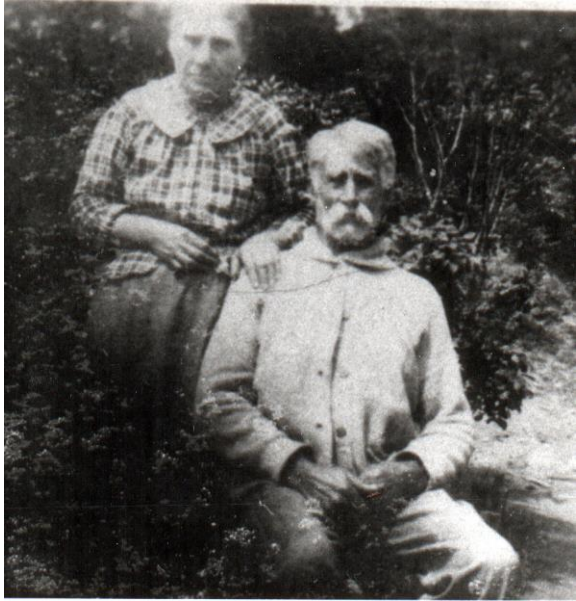
Amos and Mary Francis (Lambert) Jenkins

On 20 October 1877, Amos married Mary Francis Lambert, daughter of John and Rutha Jane (Filkins) Lambert. She was born 1 July 1860. She is remembered as a very good Christian woman, a faithful member of the United Brethren church. Amos was remembered as being a good man, but he wasn't always a "churchgoer". He was



The graves of Amos and Mary (Lambert) Jenkins at Lodge Hill Cemetery

remembered as being a tobacco chewer! His obituary, however, reads that Amos and his wife "were both happily converted and united with the Oakland United Brethren Church, and in this faith they lived until called to join the Church triumphant". In 1880, they lived in Lawrence Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio. In an 1895 enumeration, Amos was listed in Aid Twp. and he and his family were still there in 1930. Mary was literate and she bore Amos seven children. An interesting report for the family appears in the 1900 census, with one daughter being listed who had long since died (Bertha) and another child being counted before he was born (William)! In occupation, Amos was listed as a "collier" in 1895. In 1930, their son William and his wife were living with them.



Amos and Mary Jenkins

Mary died before her husband at 12 noon on 4 June 1931 of bronchitis following a bout with the flu. She was buried June 6. Amos died at the home of Lafayette Nance, his son-in-law, with a heart attack at 7:30 in the morning on 24 April 1939. It was there where he had spent most of his time following the death of his wife Mary. And it was there at the Nance home that the funeral service was held on 26 April 1939, being officiated by Rev. Alva Jenkins, his nephew. Amos and Mary are buried together in Lodge Hill Cemetery.

Children:

1) Flora Jane, our ancestor. See entry on Lafayette Nance.

2) Charles H., was born in July 1882, according to the 1900 census. His tombstone in Lodge Hill Cemetery bares a birth date of 1883 and a death date of 1915. The specific date of death was 9 November 1915. His death certificate states that he was still married at the time and that he died in Xenia, Greene Co., Ohio. Charles married to Mary Martha Melvin on 29 September 1902. She was only 16 at the time and was the daughter of Cornelius and Rosa (Moore) Melvin. Charles very soon appears married to a May/Mae Gannon. There is some confusion over the identity of this wife, but 17 days after Charles died, May applied for help from the county as an "indigent mother of young children." In the 1920 census, children Mary and Amos are living with grandparents Amos and Mary Jenkins. Mae had remarried to George M. Corn and sons



Roy and Ansel were with them. The whereabouts of Rose then is not known.

- a. Roy C., born 7 April 1904 and died 23 January 1969. His wife was Nola Marie Pemberton, apparently known as Marie.
- b. Ansel Troy, known as "Ditch", born 18 March 1906. He married Mabel A. Collins and died 18 November 1987.
- c. Mary F., born c. 1910.
- d. Amos F., born 26 March 1911. He married Martha Alice Wilson on 4 April 1935. She sued him for divorce in January 1938, charging Amos with "cruelty". In the 1940 census, however, they are still together. Amos died on 7 September 1971 in Ironton, Ohio.
- e. Rose Gladis, born in 1914. She married Milliard Lowell Brown and died 7 June 1974 in Gallia Co., Ohio. They had at least two children.

3) Bertha Ann, was born March 1888, according to the 1900 census in which she is listed. But she was not living in 1900! And although she was noted that year to be attending school, that appears to something like a census takers assumption! A family obituary book says that Bertha died at age three and an official death record in Lawrence County agrees, stating that Bertha died on 14 February 1891. She died with the measles. Apparently, Amos and Mary attempted to record more than just living children!

4) Wesley Franklin, was born 28 June 1890 at Kitts Hill. He was a "farm laborer working out" in 1910. On 23 December 1914 he married to Phoebe Mae Kelley. Phoebe was born 4/5 July 1896 and was the daughter of Lorenzo Dovel and Elizabeth (Heffner) Kelley. A World War I draft registration form describes Frank, as he was known, as having blue eyes, "light" hair, tall and "stout". He was again called a farm laborer. In 1920, he was working as a coal miner and in 1930 is called a farmer. They lived in Lawrence Co., Lawrence Twp. Available information on Frank and Phoebe's children has erroneous dates. Frank died on 14 October 1931 with diabetes and was buried in Lodge Hill Cemetery. In 1934, Phoebe lived in two rooms which she rented for \$3 a month. She remarried to Moses J. Watts (1856-1945) and had at least two other children, a daughter named Joann and a son named Clarence Lester, who died at just over three months of age in 1934. Phoebe died on 6 September 1975 in Ironton. Phoebe's social security card was issued in Kentucky, so she also apparently lived there for a time.



W. Frank and Phoebe Jenkins family

- a. Berkley A., was born 12 August 1916. He died 15 March 1961.
- b. Emory Edward, born 26 April 1919. He married to Beatrice Runyon on 15 October 1946 in Lawrence Co., Ohio. She was born on 14 January 1927 in Boyd Co., Kentucky, the daughter of Oliver and Eliza (Daniels) Runyon. In occupation, Emory

was simply called a "laborer". He died in May 1982, his last residence being Ironton, Ohio.

- c. Earl C., born on 19 August 1920 and died in October 1985.
- d. Nathan, born 1 October 1922 and died that day at about three hours of life.
- e. Carl E., born 26 October 1923. He may have died 24 October 1954.
- f. Rufus A., born 8 June 1928. He lived in Chesapeake City, Virginia and died in January of 1980.

5) Mary Louetta, born 28 June 1893, and was apparently known simply as "Etta". She was born on her brother Frank's third birthday! She died at 14 years of age on 4 June 1908 with typhoid fever. The birthdates of Etta, Mamie and Westly are mixed up in the 1900 census.

6) Mamie Alice, who is the "Minnie" referred to in the 1900 census, was born on 17 February 1896 and died 2 September 1957. A copy of the 1920 census renders her name as Maurie, and a transcription of her marriage in Lawrence Co. reads "Mayme A.". Her tombstone reads "Maymie". She died at home in Ashville, Ohio where they lived at the time. She married to Richard



Delong, who was born 8 July 1887, the son of Isaac Wilson Delong and the former Hannah Louise Fradd. In 1920, he and his family lived together with Amos and Mary Jenkins in Aid Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio. They still lived in Lawrence County in 1940. In her last years, Mamie suffered from hypertension and diabetes and she died three days after having a cerebral hemorrhage. Richard survived his wife by a number of years, dying 8 May 1975. They are buried in the Lodge Hill Cemetery, Lawrence Co., Ohio.

- a. George Earl, born c. 1915. He married Mamie Messer in 1940.
- b. Mary Ethel, born 27 September 1916. She married to Trube Carner, but her death certificate indicates that she was divorced. She died a diabetic on 21 December 1943.
- c. Virgie Francis, born 10 October 1919 in Lawrence Co., Ohio and died 13 March 1984 in Circleville, Ohio. She married to Millard Andrew Massie on 2 March 1936 in Lawrence Co., Ohio. He was the son of Simon and Minnie (White) Massie. Virgie ran a grocery store and Millard worked at General Motors in Columbus. They had ten children.
- d. Dewey, born c. 1922. He married to Joanne ---, and also to Stella Massie and by Stella had a daughter.
- e. Archie E., born 1 July 1924 and died 22 September 1990. He

married Ruby R. Mell (1926-1999).

- f. Hazel, born c. 1927. She married to Rutt Hamlin.
- g. Flora, born c. 1929. She married to a Mr. DeLong and lived in Toledo, Ohio in 1957.
- h. Lottie Mae, born c. 1932. She married to Henry Bensheimer.
- i. Margorie, born c. 1935. She married to Sam Caldwell.
- j. Wanda Jean, born c. 1938. She married to Raymond Dickson.

7) William Oscar, born 12 July 1900 and died at his home in Lawrence Co., Ohio on 8 October 1970. His 1918 World War I draft registration states that he had blue eyes and "light" hair. He was still living at home with his parents at the time of the 1920 census. William married c. 1929 to the former Carrie DeLong, daughter of Theodore and Minnie DeLong. She was born 12 February 1909 and died 6 October 1995. They were still living with William's parents in 1930. William was described that year as a "laborer" doing "odd jobs". William and his wife later divorced. He does not appear with the rest of the family in the 1940 census. He is said to have operated a moonshine still! He is said to be buried in Lodge Hill Cemetery.

- a. Florence Marie, was born on 28 June 1930 and married first to Edgar Bloomfield on 21 February 1947. They divorced and she later married to Frank R. Sites on 7 November 1952. Her sister Frances married on this same day! Florence died on 31 March 1990 in Ironton, Ohio.
- b. William Floyd, born 21 April 1932. He died with meningitis at six years of age on 9 October 1938. He was called a "very bright and lovable child" with a "sunny disposition".
- c. Frances, born c. 1934. She married Robert W. Patrick on 7 November 1952, the same day her sister Florence married!
- d. Fay, born c. 1936. She married to James Willis on 8 June 1953.
- e. Norma Lee, born 7 May 1938 and died 12 June 1938 with bronchial pneumonia.