

JAMES LAMBERT

Born: 20 November 1808, Ohio.

Married: Maria Cumpston

Died: 1866, Lawrence Co., Ohio.

Buried: Cemetery unknown. See biography.

Children: Lafayette, John, Bennett, Isaac, Emily, Levi, Philona.

Biography: James was the son of Jonathan and Margaret (McFarland) Lambert. One source gives his middle initial as T. He became a farmer, living in Aid Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio. His real estate in 1850 was valued at \$700. In 1860, it was put at \$1,500 with \$350 personal estate. That year his 91-acre farm consisted of two horses, one cow, two sheep and 17 pigs. He grew corn and wheat. James had married in Lawrence Co. on 26 April 1827 to Maria Cumpston. He is listed in the 1828 tax list for Aid Twp. Maria was born c. 1811 in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Isaac and Rachael Cumpston. Both James and Maria were illiterate. Most of their children received little education. James died in 1866. He made his will on 17 April 1866 and it was proven on 27 September 1866. In his will, he left to his wife the "farm on which we now reside and all of the household and kitchen furniture and our one milk cow and horse beast." The farm was to be sold after Maria's death, with the proceeds divided equally between the heirs, "except Isaac Lambert my son to have fifty dollars more than either of the rest of my heirs." The burial place of James and his wife is not known, but he left detailed instructions to son Isaac concerning burial. Isaac was to put "an iron pailing around mine and her graves that to be done without fail, and nice [lamb] stones to be placed at the head and foot of my and my wife's graves marked with the dates of our births and deaths." Most of the settlement of his estate was not concluded until November of 1869. In 1870, Maria's property was evaluated thus: \$2,000 in real estate and \$290 in personal estate. She was at that time listed as the head of household with three of her children and three grandchildren, children of daughter Emily. Maria's death date is unknown.

Children:

1) Lafayette, was born c. 1829. He was listed as a "laborer" or "common laborer" in the census records. In 1860, no real estate is listed and only \$50 in personal estate is noted. He lived then in Mason Twp., Lawrence Co. He married to Sarah Jane Gates on 1 January or 1 February 1853. Both he and his wife were illiterate. He appears to have married secondly to Eliza Jane Aleshire on 18 August 1857. Lafayette served during the Civil War, enlisting as a private on 29 August 1864. He was enrolled in Co. I, 173rd Ohio Infantry on 16 September 1864 and later transferred on 24 March 1865 to Co. I, 17th Regiment RC. He was mustered out on 30 June 1865 in Indianapolis, Indiana. By 1880, Lafayette was a widower, living in Aid Twp. He had at least ten children, the last known one being born c. 1877. In 1900, a Lafayette Lambert, aged 70, appears in Symmes Twp., Lawrence Co. with wife Jane, 56, and his mother-in-law "Nancy Murray", age 87. Lafayette died on 15 December 1908 with "paralysis", in Waterloo, Lawrence Co., Ohio, then widowed. He was buried in Cooper cemetery, his funeral expenses being \$40.00.

- a. Mary Jane, born c.1855 and married George Slack on 19 October 1875.

- b. Nancy S., born c. 1856.
- c. Marian/Mariah, born in 1860 and married William Jeffries on 3 September 1882.
- d. James, born c. 1862.
- e. Emily F., born c. 1864 and married Vanrensale Williams on 3 November 1885.
- f. Claricy, born c. 1867.
- g. John M., born c. 1869.
- h. Benjamin, born c. 1870.
- i. Bennett, born 4 December 1870 and died 10 November 1951.
- j. George W., born 29 December 1872.
- k. Lucinda, born 14 July 1876.

2) John. See separate entry.

3) Bennett McFarland, born on 30 October 1832 and became a farmer. It seems obvious that he was named after his maternal grandfather who was a Revolutionary War soldier. Bennett would become a soldier himself. In 1860, at 27 years of age, he is listed with a John Young family who lived next door to James and Maria Lambert at the time. He worked then as a "laborer". Bennett was illiterate. In June 1861, he enlisted with what was originally named the 5th Virginia Infantry Co. K and later became known as the 5th West Virginia Infantry, Co. K. and "served faithfully as a good soldier until the close of the war", being discharged on 21 July 1865. In 1870 he is called a farmer. He stood six feet tall and was said to have gray eyes. On 25 September 1886, he moved into a home for veterans and was said to suffer from rheumatism. He lived there until 22 July 1898. In the 1900 census, he is referred to as "Old Soldier", living in the household of one Len Griffith, who listed Bennett as an "uncle". He was married to the former Melvina Brammer on 9 December 1862 and they had 5 children. She was born 17 June 1841 and died 3 August 1898. Interestingly, in July 1898 he was said to be "single", but the report may have been written up after Melvina's death. In 1910, Bennett was living in Symmes Twp. of Lawrence Co. with his sister "Emma", no doubt Emily. He died on 3 August 1911 and was buried in Jerry Casper Cemetery.

- a. Edgar, born c. 1863.
- b. Marion, born c. 1865.
- c. Alace, born c. 1869.
- d. Amos, born on 13 July 1871. His wife was named Eva and and the time of the 1900 census they have two children.
- e. Effie, born c. 1874. She appears with her father in 1900, together with a four month old boy named Adolph, listed as a grandson of Bennett.

4) Isaac, born c. 1835. His wife was the former Nancy Massie. They married on 3 October 1868. He was illiterate and was listed as a "laborer" at the time of the 1850 census. He 1860, he appears to be living with a Henry Cumpston family. He was favored in his father's will of 1866. In 1880, his occupation is given as farmer and he was marked in the census as having some sort of handicap, which was left unspecified. They lived in

Aid Twp., Lawrence Co. Nancy was born in (West) Virginia and was also illiterate. The 1900 census lists an Isaac Lambert in Mason Twp., Lawrence Co., born April 1835, who is a widower. And there is a death record in Lawrence Co., Ohio for an Isaac Lambert, born 1835, who died 6 February 1902 in an infirmary with cancer.

5) Emily M., was born on 8 September 1839 and married on 24 April 1859 to John S. Richards, who was an engineer from Wales. He was born about 1820. She was illiterate. They lived in Aid Twp., Lawrence Co. When John died is not known. By 1870, Emily and three of her children were living with mother/grandmother Maria Lambert and neither she nor her children are listed by the Richards name, being shown as Lamberts instead. In 1880, Emily was living with her brother Isaac and his wife and is then named as a Richards. In 1910, in Symmes Twp., Lawrence Co., "Emma" appears with her brother Bennett. Emily died in Lawrence Co., Ohio on 27 November 1917 and was buried in John's Creek Cemetery.

- a. J. Perry, born 3 October 1859, a little over five months after his parents marriage. He died on 28 March 1932.
- b. James P., born c. 1861.
- c. Benjamin M., born 17 September 1862. He died 14 October 1940. His wife, named Linnie, survived him.
- d. Bennett E., born c. 1863.
- e. Mary Effie, born c. 1867.

6) Levi, born c. 1844. He was alive in 1850, but nothing more is known of him.

7) Philona, born in 1847. She died in Aid Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio with dropsy on 9 June 1871 at 24 years, 3 months and 5 days of age. She died unmarried. She had received a better education than her brothers and sisters. She was attending school at age 12 and was literate. In 1870, she was still at home, helping keep house for the family.