JOHN LAMBERT

Born: c. 1832, Lawrence Co., Ohio.

Married: Rutha Jane Filkins

Died: c. 1862, Lawrence Co., Ohio.

Buried:

Children: James A., Mary Francis.

Biography: John Lambert, son of James and Maria (Cumpston) Lambert, was born about 1832 in Lawrence Co., Ohio. In the census records of 1850 and 1860, he is simply called a "laborer". On 4 October 1855, he married to Rutha Jane Filkins in Lawrence Co. and at the time of the 1860 census they lived in Symmes Twp. of the county. John was not a rich man by any means. In 1860, he had \$75 of personal estate and no amount at all is listed for real estate. John apparently died young, at about 30 years of age. Rutha, born 11 October 1837, the daughter of Joseph Henry and Delilah (Miller) Filkins, then remarried to John Wesley Leach, a widower, on 17 October 1863. Mr. Leach already had a large family - at least ten children - though some were grown and had left home by the time of his marriage to Rutha. He was a farmer and shoemaker, born on 23 March 1819 in Pennsylvania. His first wife, the former Mary Ann Pratt, had died on 11 October 1860. Rutha had several children by John Leach. In 1870, they were living in Lawrence Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio. In all she had ten children, five of whom were still living by 1900. Rutha could not write at the time of the 1880 census, but by 1910, according to the census, she could both read and write. John Leach then died on 7 February 1889, in Lawrence Twp. with "paralysis". In his obituary it states that John was a long time preacher and member of the United Brethren Church, an "old and respected citizen" whose "loss will be deeply felt in the neighborhood." He was buried in Leach Cemetery. In 1900, Rutha was living with her son Alva (Alvy) Shirman in Lawrence Twp., but he soon died and she then moved in with her son Ulysses in Ironton City, living with him at the time of the 1910 census. She died at 4 p.m. on 18 May 1913 of pneumonia, having been "offal sick" (as Albert Thornton put it in his journal), and she was buried in the Leach Cemetery near Union Baptist Church two days later near her husband John Leach.



Rutha Jane Filkins Lambert Leach



John Leach



Grave of Ruth J. Leach

Children:

- 1) James A., was born in c. 1857. He may have died young. He does not appear with the family in the 1870 census.
 - 2) Mary Francis. See entry on Amos Jenkins.

Other children of Rutha Jane by John Leach:

3) Ulysses Anson Leach, was born 16 September 1867 (according the death certificate). Ulysses left Ohio and moved to Dover, Tennessee in about 1889 where he lived for six years. He returned to Lawrence Co., Ohio in July 1895. The name of his first wife was Sarah Elizabeth Lawrence who was born, according to the census, in December 1868. She was still living at the time of the 1900 census and three children are listed, the oldest being 5 years of age. They then lived in Aid Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio. She then died in childbirth (daughter Charlotte) on 10 September 1909 and is buried in Lodge Ridge Cemetery. Ulysses is listed as



Grave of Ulysses' first wife Sarah

being unemployed the whole year of 1909 and in 1910 his occupation is given as a "laborer - odd jobs". He rented the house in which he lived at that time, in the city of Ironton. He later worked as a farmer. Ulysses married secondly to Charlotte Engler on 8 September 1914. She was born 17 December 1870. She was still living in 1920, but she later also died and Ulysses then married a third time to Aceneth (Jenkins) Schugg (elsewhere given as "Strong", but Schugg is from the marriage license). Ulysses died on 23 January 1943 and is buried in the Lodge Ridge Cemetery. It appears to now be an unmarked grave. Aceneth, born 5 January 1878, the daughter of Roland Jenkins, died very soon thereafter, on 8 April 1943, and is buried in Sugar Creek Cemetery.

- a. Ruth E., born October 1894. She died 26 September 1906 with diphtheria, named a "school girl" in the death record.
- b. Walter L., born March 1897. He died 4 October 1918 at Camp Sherman Base Hospital in Ross Co., Ohio with the flu, apparently while in the service during World War I.
- c. Rosa May, born November 1899. She died in 1909. She is buried in Lodge Ridge Cemetery.
- d. Austin, born c. 1903. He was still living at home in 1920.
- e. Shirley J., born 8 April 1905. She died on 9 May 1910 and is buried in Lodge Ridge Cemetery, the stone dates reading 1905 and 1909.
- f. Charlotte, born and died on 10 September 1909.
- 4) Wesley Frank Leach, was born on 7 July 1871. He married to Dora Ann Jenkins c. 1893 in Lawrence Co., Ohio. She was born 14 February 1874 and died a widow on 30

May 1946. She was buried in Woodland Cemetery. Her death certificate gives her husband's name as Frank B. Leach. In 1900, it was written as "Frank W." He worked as a teamster. In 1910, they were living in the city of Ironton. They had five children living at home. By then one child had died. In 1930, Frank is apparently dead and Dora is with her parents there in Lawrence Co., Ohio.

- a. Wilbern C., born 31 August 1894.
- b. Cora Gwen (?), spelling of second name is uncertain, born 9 February 1896. The 1900 census gives her name as "Gussie".
- a. O ---, a son, the name not legible, born c. 1898. The 1900 census gives the name Earl, born February 1898.
- b. Gotchie (?), spelling uncertain, a daughter born c.1901. One transcription gives the name as Goldie.
- e. Ralph, born 22 May 1906 in Ironton city.
- f. Ray Chester, born 4 June 1908.
- g. Evaline, born c. 1912.
- 5) Alexander Leach, born on 10 April 1874 and died that same day.
- 6) Allen Simpson Leach, was born on 10 July 1875. He married to the former Theresa Higgins. She was born on 6 October 1880 and died on 15 February 1969. They lived in Aid Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio. Allen was recognized as an "ardent" church worker, but his last days made news in a big way. His mother's death on 18 May 1913 seems to have triggered the events to follow. "Sunday night in the room in which his mother lay a corpse, he went violently insane and it was necessary to summon the local officers." Allen declared that he was Christ, that "the spirit . . . entered into his soul" and that it was his duty to rewrite the Bible! He furthermore declared his intention to



offer up his daughter as a sacrifice to God as a gift to the community! The daughter whose life was in question was Audrey. Detained on a lunacy charge, Allen died soon thereafter on 16 July 1913 in Athens, Ohio, assumedly at the Athens State Hospital of the Insane. Allen and his wife are both buried in the Oakland Chapel Cemetery. Theresa survived her husband by 55 years and apparently never remarried. She died on 15 February 1969.

- a. Bertha A., born on 1 October 1898 and died 27 March 1982 In Ironton, Ohio. She was married to George Washington Payne, who lived from 1894 to 1961.
- b. Flora Ethel, born on 18 March 1901 and died on 15 February 1919. She was married, her married name being Kelley. She died with bronchial pneumonia. She is buried in the Oakland Chapel Cemetery.
- c. Mary Audrey, was born on 20 September 1904. She married

- to William Woods on 2 March 1921 in Lawrence Co., Ohio.
- d. Ramon Clarence, born 10 July 1908.
- 7) Alva Shirman Leach, born 19 August 1878 and died on 12 May 1903, with "lung trouble". He living in Lawrence Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio in 1900 and was not married. He was unmarried at the time of his death and it is doubtful that he ever did marry. He was a farmer. He is buried in Leach Cemetery in Lawrence Twp.
- ALVA S. LEACH AUG. 19, 1878 MAY 12, 1903
- 8) Samantha Leach, a girl who apparently died at only a few months of age.
 - 9-) three others, perhaps named Austin, Senia and Stella.