

JONAS JENKINS

Born: 9 December 1826, Lawrence Co., Ohio.

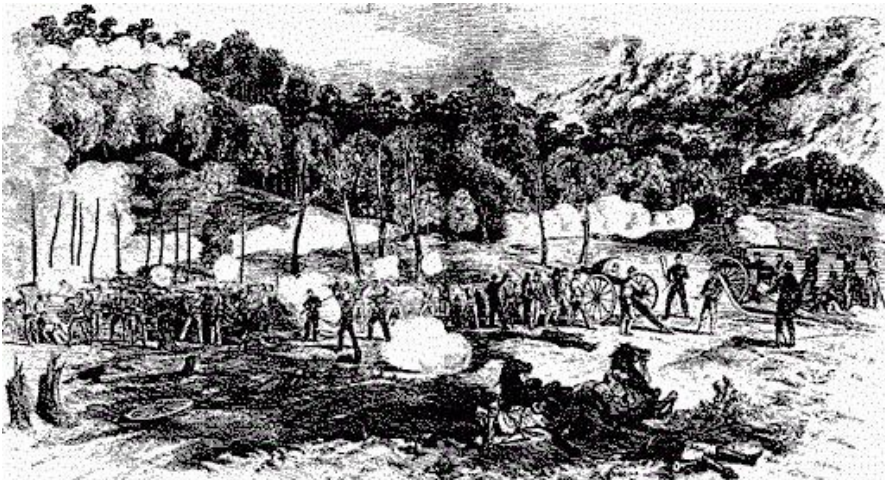
Married: Asenith Martin

Died: 14 July 1864, near Marietta, Georgia.

Buried: National Cemetery of Marietta, Georgia.

Children: Rhoda, Nancy, Roland, Amos, Charles H., John, Sarah Elizabeth, William H., Frances, and Mary.

Biography: Jonas was the son of Archibald and Nancy (Jenkins) Jenkins, early settlers of Perry Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio. Jonas was born in 1826 and is called a "laborer". In 1860, his real estate was set at \$100 and personal estate at \$70. Both he and his wife were illiterate. He married to Asenith Martin on 24 August 1848 over in Greenup Co., Kentucky by a Rev. John Suiter. She was born c. 1830, in Lawrence Co., Ohio, and was the daughter of David and Mary Martin. Jonas and Asenith appear to have had at least ten children. A land deed between Jonas and his father-in-law David Martin appears in 1858. Jonas served as a private during the Civil War in the Kentucky 14th Volunteer Infantry, Co. E. He was mustered into service on 10 December 1861 at Camp Wallace, Kentucky. For the months of September and October of 1862 he was reported as having "deserted at Cumberland Gap"! Note that his daughter Mary was born in July 1863! In a report for the months of March and April 1863 it is stated that he then "returned from desertion", having been ordered back into service! During a campaign at Kolb's Farm on 22 June 1864 near Marietta, Georgia, Jonas was shot in battle. He was taken to a field hospital there in Georgia, but did not recover. He died while in the care of the field hospital from his injury on July 14, 1864; apparently while en route to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Some documents state that Jonas died on June 29, 1864, but from other records, it appears that the July 14 date is more likely to be correct. The battle during which he gave his life was a successful one, resulting in a Union victory. He was originally buried in Ackworth, Georgia, a hospital site, along with other men of his unit who had died. After the war, he was buried in the National Cemetery of Marietta. Asenith remarried on 27 December 1866 in Lawrence Co. to John Collier (born c. 1815), who had also fought in the war. John had first been married to Jonas' sister Mary, but it was his wife who died, rather than him, during his period of military service. John and Asenith's marriage was not always happy, as will soon be noted. In 1870, Asenith was listed as the head of household, with children, in the census. Her real estate was valued at \$800 and personal estate at \$200. The reason she is given as a household head in 1870 is revealed in the 8 June 1871 issue of the Ironton Register newspaper. A divorce notice appears - Asenith Collier, plaintiff, vs. John Collier. She had filed for a divorce on 6 March 1871 charging John with "willful absence for the space of three years". His whereabouts were not known. With John having left the family, a Nathaniel K. Moxley was appointed guardian of the minor children of Jonas on 25 May 1868. Mr. Moxley handled the income due to the minor children of the family following Jonas' death -- \$24 a month. Asenith and John apparently reconciled later. Last known reference to Asenith in Lawrence Co., Ohio is an October 1877 land deed, a John Collier signing as a witness. About 1878, Asenith left Lawrence Co. In 1880, John and Asenith appear together in the census in Brush Creek Twp., Scioto Co., Ohio, alongside two of their



A drawing depicting the battle at Kolb's Farm near Marietta, Georgia



Grave of Jonas Jenkins

children – Roland and Sarah. John and Asenith had a child of their own, Isaac, who was born c. 1868. In 1880, Isaac is listed as being blind. One wonders if his blindness, if from birth as some have thought, had something to do with John's long absence from the family! John died on 27 November 1886 at Mt. Joy, Scioto Co., Ohio and was buried in Harr Cemetery in Rarden Twp., Scioto Co., Ohio, his stone showing that he also served during the Civil War in the Kentucky 14th Volunteer Infantry, Co. E. Asenith died in Rarden Twp., Scioto Co., Ohio on 27 January 1892. The cause of her death was listed as "atrophy of the heart".

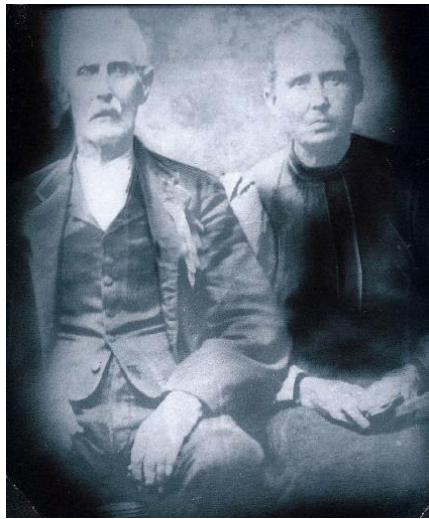


Grave of John Collier

Children:

1) Rhoda, born c. 1849. She may have died in childhood.

2) Nancy, was born on 21 April 1851. She married first to William Deboard on 19 February 1870 in Lawrence Co., Ohio. In the 1870 census, the newly married couple was living beside Asenith Jenkins and family. William was born c. 1849. Nancy became the mother of 12 children, some by William, then others by her second husband, John Riley, who she married on 10 April 1879 in Scioto Co., Ohio. He had also been married previously with at least ten children from that marriage. John, a farmer, was many years her senior, born 24 February 1820. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the 81st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at Big Shanty, Georgia. In 1880, John and Nancy lived in Brush Creek Twp., Scioto Co. They are there in the county in Rarden Twp. in 1900. John died 14 April 1909 with "disease of



John and Nancy Riley

heart” and Nancy still appears in Rarden Twp. in 1910. She died at her home in Rarden Twp., Scioto Co., Ohio on 3 May 1927. She was said to be “well known in Portsmouth.”



- a. S. E., a daughter, born c. 1872.
- b. Sena, born c. 1875.
- c. Eva Florence, born 1 February 1880. She married to William H. Carter on 1 June 1904. She died in 1962.
- d. Kenard T., born 7 September 1882.
- e. Roy C., born in 1886 and died in 1974.
- f. Alfred H., born 11 May 1888. He married to Lulu B. Gilley on 3 April 1919. He died in 1970.
- g. Charles Harrison, born 20 September 1889. He died in 1958.
- h. Phillip Emory, born 1 May 1892.
- i. Rachel V., born 17 July 1897.
- j-l. names unknown.

3) Roland, born 29 December 1852. He is called a "common laborer" in 1870, and a farmer in 1880 and 1900. His wife was the former Delilah Fultz, daughter of Hezekiah Fultz, and they married c. 1870. For a time, they lived in Kentucky, the state where Delilah was born (on 8 September 1848), then moved to Scioto Co., Ohio, Brush Creek Twp., appearing there in the 1880 census right beside his mother and step-father. They later lived in Rarden Twp. of the same county. By 1900, Delilah had become the mother of 7 children, but 3 of them had died. Delilah was illiterate. In 1900, Roland was listed as being unable to write. Roland died on 22 September 1911 in Decatur Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio with stomach cancer. Two days later, he was buried at Sugar Creek, Ohio. Delilah lived until 27 October 1924.

- a. Wesley, born c. 1872 in Kentucky.
- b. Aceneth, born 5 January 1878. She married first to a Mr. Schugg and secondly to on 22 April 1925 to Ulysses Anson Leach, son of John Leach. She died on 8 April 1943.
- c. Shela, born c. 1878 in Ohio.
- d. Mary E., born in 1880, three months old in the 1880 census.
- e. Jonah Arch, born 13 July 1884. He was still single and living with his parents in 1910, his named being listed as Jonas. He was probably named after both his grandfather and great grandfather. He lived with his brother Alva in 1930. He died on 2 May 1934.
- f. Alva C., born 23 December 1887. He is the Alva Jenkins in the 1910 census with wife, the former Mamie E. Kidd. In 1920, they are listed in Elizabeth Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio. They had a son named Rowland, born c. 1906. In 1930, Alva is

in Lawrence Twp., Lawrence Co. and his brother Jonah is living with him as well as Isaac Collier, his grandmother's second husband. Alva became Rev. Alva C. Jenkins and died in 1957. He and Mamie are buried in Sugar Creek Cemetery.

4) Amos, our ancestor. See separate entry.

5) Charles H., who was born on 18 December 1855. In 1880, he and his wife lived in Lawrence Twp., Lawrence Co. He had married on 25 February 1877 to the former Mary E. Mays. She was born in March 1848. Charles shows up in the 1900 census with his wife, enumerated right beside his brother Amos. They had four children at this time, though none were listed at home and their names remain unknown. Charles was a farmer. He died in Elizabeth Twp., Lawrence Co., on 4 April 1912. He died with typhoid at 1:30 in the morning following an illness of 18 days. He was buried at Sugar Creek. His gravestone, curiously, bears the inscription "Walking Chas. Jenkins". His wife Mary survived him.



6) John, born c. 1856. He died young, sometime before 20 August 1864. He is very possibly the John Jenkins who died in Lawrence Co. in March 1860 at three years of age of "dyspep and dropsy".

7) Sarah Elizabeth, born 23 November 1858 at Kitts Hill, Lawrence Co., Ohio. She died 26 May 1939 in Rarden Twp., Scioto Co., Ohio at the home of her daughter Laura after having been in "ill health for some time". She married in Lawrence Co. on 11 March 1876 to Jasper Sylvester Meddock, an illiterate farmer from Pennsylvania who was born 22 September 1857 and died 29 October 1938. In 1880, the family lived in Brush Creek Twp., Scioto Co. right beside her mother and step-father. In 1900, he also worked on a railroad. By 1900, Sarah was the mother of 9 children, all of them but one still alive at that time. The family remained farming in Scioto Co. at the time of the 1910, 1920 and 1930 censuses. In 1930, with Jasper and Sarah in their 70s, the only other people listed in the household were two grandchildren, a ten-year-old Dona F. Meddock and an eight-year-old Herman R. Meddock. Jasper and



Sarah are buried in the Mt. Joy Christian Church Cemetery, Scioto Co., Ohio.

- a. Louanna Sara, born 12 December 1876. She married William A. Covert by whom she had five children. After his death she married Henry Franklin Shaffer and they had two children. She died on 21 June 1958 in Adams Co., Ohio.
- b. Minnie Mytle, born 22 July 1879. She married George Brad Hoffer (1872-1950) and died 10 July 1939.
- c. Laura, who married to Harrison Perry.
- d. Francis A., born July 1884. She married Steven Brown.
- e. Harlen Elmer, born 22 July 1888. He married Eva Jane Dodge and died on 14 October 1963 as Mt. Joy, Scioto Co., Ohio.
- f. James, born November 1889. He married Annabelle Dodge.
- g. Tomey, born and died on 1 January 1892.
- h. Ada P., born 28 February 1892. She married to Frank Moore. She died in Lewis Co., Kentucky on 20 November 1912.
- i. Addie O., born 3 January 1896. She married to William Myers (or Marrs). She died in Springfield, Ohio on 19 June 1950.
- j. Ora Orville, born 25 December 1902. He married Nettie A. Ross and died 7 June 1965 at Mt. Joy, Scioto Co., Ohio.



Louanna Meddock



Ada Meddock

8) William H., born on 16 April 1860. He is probably the 20-year-old William H. Jenkins that appears in the 1880 census in the household of Archibald and Mary Jenkins, his first cousin, son of Nathan Jenkins. He may have married to a Sarah Rowe about 1884.

9) Frances, born 8 July 1861. She married to Daniel Turvey and had by him at least sixteen children! They long lived in Lawrence Co., Ohio, but moved to Huntington, Cabell Co., West Virginia in later life. Daniel was a farmer. At the time of his death there in Cabell Co. on 8 October 1930 he was called a “junk dealer”. Frances died there on 30 November 1936 with influenza.

- a. Fidella, born 4 December 1876. She married to a Mr. Lewis and died on 22 October 1955 in Cabell Co., West Virginia.
- b. Margaret, born c. 1879.
- c. William, born c. 1882.
- d. John, born 14 June 1884.
- e. Lizzie, born 29 December 1886.



Frances (Jenkins) Turvey

- f. Rosetta Anna, born 28 September 1888. She married to a Mr. Cox and died on 3 April 1964.
- g. Minnie, born 24 February 1890.
- h. Benjamin Harrison, born 11 May 1892.
- i. Harrison, born in April 1893, according to the 1900 census.
- j.. Sarah, born 17 May 1894. She was also named Mary, perhaps her middle name.
- k.. Grace, born in September 1895.
- l. Daniel, born in 1898 and died 12 August 1898.
- m. Betha Jane, born 5 June 1899.
- n. James, born c. 1902.
- o. Delbert, born 17 February 1904 in Ohio and died 14 November 1973 in Cabell Co., West Virginia. He married first to Anna Melven on 19 December 1927. She died 20 March 1935 and Delbert remarried to Sarah Lee Cotton in 1938. She lived 1908 – 1999.
- p. name unknown.

10) Mary, born on 7 July 1863. She was still alive in 1870.

Child of Asenith by John Collier:

11) Isaac, born on 18 September 1867. He was still unnamed at the time the birth record was made out. Isaac is listed in 1880 as being blind. In 1926, he said that he had been blind for “52 years”, dating back to c. 1874. He was the only child still listed as living at home in 1880. In the 1900 census, Isaac Collier, born in Ohio in September 1867, appears in Columbus, Ohio in the Ohio Penitentiary as a prisoner! He had repeated problems in the 1890s. On 20 June 1891, he was jailed for burning a barn (another source says “residence”) of one Henry Rose. Isaac at first claimed an alibi, but then admitted to the deed, saying that he did it because Mr. Rose had “killed his dogs”. A newspaper notice on 22 September 1898 says, “Isaac Collier, of Rarden, a blind man, has been lodged in the county jail, charged with criminally assaulting Annie Vietseh, aged 13 years”. On September 29, 1898, he appeared in court and, after initially pleading not guilty to “carnal knowledge of female person under sixteen”, he then entered a guilty plea and was immediately sentenced to three years in prison. He was transported to Columbus on October 1. He didn’t quite serve all three years, being out of prison soon after the 1900 census and on 8 June 1901, he married to Nancy Pierce in Lawrence Co., Ohio. She was born c. 1859, the daughter of Isaac and Rachel (Massey) Allen and was a widow at the time of her marriage to Isaac. Their marriage obviously did not end well, as she is said to have lived until 1960 and on 12 May 1910, Isaac Collier, who was by then termed a “well known [Lawrence] county evangelist” remarried to a widow named Irene Elizabeth (Bacon) Woods, daughter of John and Mary Bacon. She had been married previously to Bailey B. Woods and, apparently, also to two other men before him! This immediately went very bad, as a newspaper article the very next month states “the fine farm his wife was supposed to own is all a myth” and his new 14-year-old step-son “whips him every once in a while and fearfully mistreats him.” A judge later ordered the boy to a “reform school.” Isaac’s wife apparently did him no good herself. In January 1916, Isaac filed for divorce from Irene Elizabeth, stating that she had “cussed and abused” him. And it appears the marriage

did end. She later remarried and, all told, it is said she had six men!! On 10 June 1926, Isaac, “aged and blind minister”, was struck and “painfully injured” by a car, although the injuries were not considered serious. In the 1930 census, Isaac is living with Alva Jenkins in Lawrence Twp., Lawrence Co. and he is “widowed” at that time. In occupation, he is listed as a “Minister” at the “Christian church”. Isaac is said to have lived until 1931, for a time with his half-brother Roland and half-sister Sarah on Brush Creek, then later, as noted, with Roland’s son Alva. There is a death certificate for an Isaac Collier who died on 26 March 1931 in Upper Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio. He was a minister and so it definitely appears to be the same Isaac, although the age and birth date information on the certificate are in error.

- a. Dorothy Bell, born 22 December 1910. She Married first to George Ernest Ruff (1908-1940). They had four children. He died in a farming accident, crushed by a tractor. Dorothy later remarried to Raymond Furbee (1924-1993) and they had five children. She died on 2 December 2000 in Newark, Licking Co., Ohio.



George and Dorothy