



Amy (Snyder) Mason



M. D. Mason

GE. Amy Louisa Snyder Mason

On 2 Oct 1866 Amy Snyder¹ married Marquis D. Mason (1840 - 1908). According to Lela Shinaberry, for a nickname people called him "Doc" since he went by "M.D.". They lived near her sister Henrietta. Those two families were very close and had children that were about the same age.



Back row (l-r): Don, Harry, Sarah? [by comparison with another photo Talma or possibly Nellie], Charles, Amy. Front row: Marquis D., Amy Louisa.

One evening in 1895, a family was visiting the Mason home in Bath Township. The children, playing in a separate room, heard a loud moaning cry coming from the darkness outside the window. Someone thought it was a banshee, the Irish superstition forecasting a death. Probably, it was some of the older Mason boys trying to scare the younger kids. But, coincidentally, the next day, Frank Mason was driving a steam-driven tractor belonging to his uncle when the bridge he was crossing caved in. The wrecked tractor's steering wheel crushed his chest and arm. Amy Mason Everett said, "they had to amputate his arm there in our downstairs room. He begged them not to do it. You could hear his screams. I was five years old. He called me Kitten. He died the next day."²

One year on Halloween, Don, Charles, and Harry Mason took their Uncle Phil Roush's buggy apart and hauled it up to the roof of his barn and reassembled it. Harry was the ring-leader. Uncle Phil was furious, which added to the boys' great glee!²

In 1904, the dead bodies of Elmer Mason, 36, and his friend Rolla McDorman, age 27, were found at 8 A.M. by the railroad tracks 4 miles from the Mason farm. The men had last been seen about 2:30 A.M. on their way home from Lima and quite sober. The sheriff theorized that they had fallen asleep sitting on the railroad tracks and were hit by a train. Both had broken necks and identical fractured skulls. Although Elmer was in the habit of carrying a considerable amount of money, the men had 42 cents between them. Amy Mason Everett said the family discovered the leather layers in the heels of both men were separated by fine pieces of sand and gravel embedded between them. It was apparent both had been dragged for some distance. The Mason family, angry with the poor policework, strongly suspected an advance man of the coming circus, a mean and low character. Nothing was ever found or proven.²

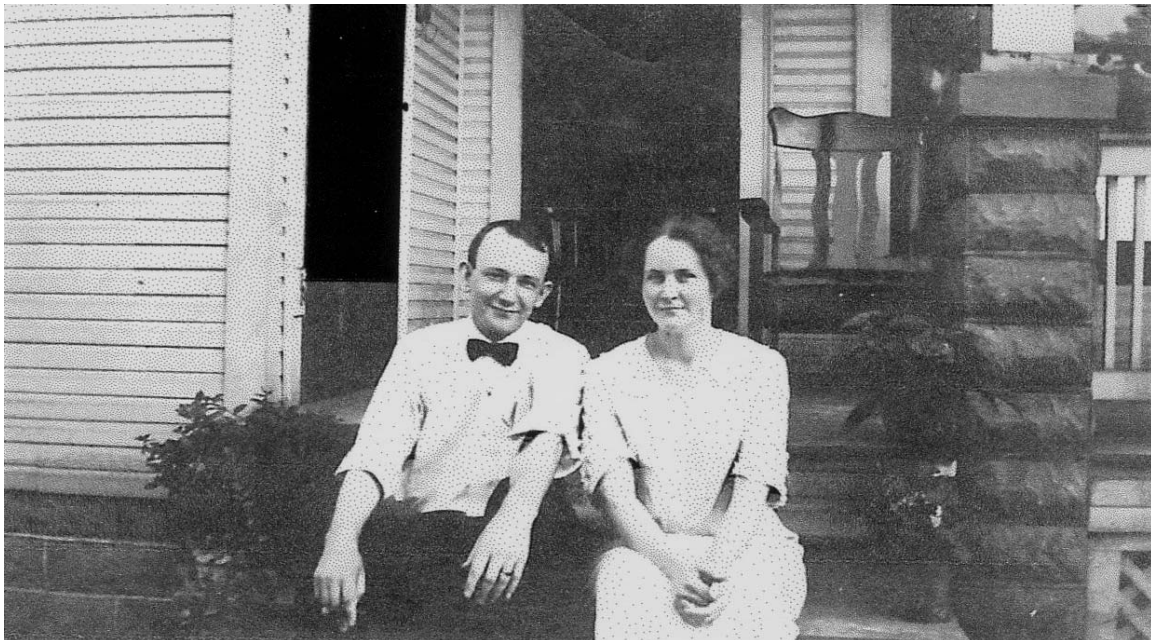
Amy died 28 Feb 1912, and was buried in the Bluelick Cemetery, Bath Twp., Allen Co., OH.



Five daughters of Amy Louisa (Snyder) and Marquis D. Mason.
Front row (l-r): Nellie, Clara, Jennie; back row: Talma, Amy

Birth and marriage dates of children are from the family Bible of M.D. and Amy Mason (in possession of Jack G. Witham of Lima, Ohio in 2007).

- GEA. **Clarinda "Clara" Mason Roeder**,³ b. 30 Jun 1867. She married 2 Feb 1884, Frank Roeder.³
- GEB. **Elmer Mason**,³ b. 4 Aug 1868, d. 1904. Never married. Was probably murdered.
- GEC. **Frank Mason**,^{3,2} b. 8 Nov 1869, d. c. 1905. Died when a bridge he was crossing in a steam-driven tractor collapsed. The steering wheel crushed his chest and arm.
- GED. **Milton Mason**,³ b. 10 May 1871.
- GEE. **Luella Mason**,³ b. 11 Jan 1873.
- GEF. **Pulaski Mason**,³ b. 18 Mar 1875. He married 6 Sep 1899, Dessie Sillen Mason.³
- GEG. **Jennie Pearl Mason Hennon**,^{1,3} b. 19 Jun 1878 in Lima, Allen Co., OH. She married 19 Jul 1896, Russell Claude Hennon,³ b. in Dola, OH, d. in Lima, OH. Jennie died 24 Nov 1949 in Lima, Allen Co., OH.
- GEH. **Talma Mason Miller**,³ b. 9 Oct 1880. She married 1 Jan 1902, Charles Miller.³
- GEI. **Nellie Mason Richard Crawford**,³ b. 24 Apr 1882. She married 2 Nov 1898, James Richard.³
- GEJ. **Harry G. Mason**,³ b. 23 Nov 1883. He married 31 Dec 1904, Sarah Davis Mason.³
- GEK. **Charles Logan Mason**,^{3,4,3} b. 18 Feb 1887 in Lima, Allen Co., OH. He married 2 Sep 1905, Mollie Mary Avenell Johnson Mason,⁸ b. 29 Mar 1886 in Van Wert Co., OH, d. 23 Dec 1984 in Lima, OH. Charles died 14 Jun 1952 in Lafayette, Allen Co., OH. Marriage listed as 3 Sep in M.D. Mason Bible.
- GEL. **Donald "Don" Mason**,³ b. 14 Apr 1889. He married 3 June 1911, Margaret Cline Mason.³



Newlyweds Wilbur L. and Amy (Mason) Everett, Apr 1914

- GEM. **Amy Mason Everett**,² b. 3 Dec 1890 in Bath Twp., Allen Co., OH. She married 12 Apr 1914 in Wapakoneta, OH, Wilbur LaVern Everett,² b. 1888, d. 1959. Wilbur

was the son of Flora (Ginn) and George Nathan Everett and grandson of Elias and Esther (Olmstead) Everett. (Esther Olmstead was the daughter of George Olmstead and Chloe Doud Olmstead, the sister of Betsy Edgecomb.) Amy died 25 Jul 1968 in Cincinnati, OH, buried: in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH. Moved to Cincinnati, OH in 1916.

¹ Vernon Cloyd Hennon, *BES family update 13* (1977).

² Wilbur M Everett and Shirley Everett Clark, *Stories our mother told us* (unpublished, 2007). Footnoted paragraphs in the text are direct quotes.

³ Margery Mason Wildermuth, *BES family update 47* (1977).

⁴ Winifred Mason Staley, *BES family update 176* (c. 2004).