

# Jeremiah D. Ambler

1816-1872

Jeremiah D. Ambler was born in 1816 in the town of Needham, Massachusetts. Needham is approximately 17 miles west of downtown Boston. His parents were Colburn Ambler and Sally Day. He was the 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 children born to Colburn and Sally. His siblings were Harvey (b. 1803), Artemas (b. 1807), Elizabeth G. (b. 1810), Rebecca Bacon (b. 1819).

In 1842 at the age of 26, Jeremiah married his 1<sup>st</sup> wife Angeline H. Morse of Marlborough, Massachusetts. She was born in 1824, thus making her 18 years of age at the time of their marriage. They were married in Milford, Massachusetts, his home town.

The Federal Census of 1850 collected in August of that year showed Jeremiah and Angeline living in Milford with 2 children; Jeremiah being 33 years of age and working as a carpenter, Angeline being 25 years of age, Charles A. being 7 years of age, and Ida J. being 1 month old. Angeline died about 3 months after the birth of Ida Jane, passing away on October 22, 1850.

After Angeline died, Jeremiah's older sister Rebecca Bacon (Ambler) Davis and her husband James R. Davis, agreed to raise Ida Jane as their own. Ida Jane was not legally adopted, but she took the Davis name as her own. She was known as Ida Jane Davis.

Jeremiah D. Ambler married again 2 years later on 8/25/1852 to Ann S. (Dolbeare) Wilkins. This was their 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage for each of them. He was 36 years of age and she was 35 years of age. The marriage register shows her father as being Edmond P. Dolbeare which was an interesting twist to their story. Her grandfather was Edmond Dolbeare, born in 1757, and took part in the Boston Tea Party on December 16, 1773 which destroyed an entire shipment of tea sent by the East India Company, in defiance of the Tea Act of May 10, 1773. The Tea Party rebels boarded the ships and threw the chests of tea into Boston Harbor, ruining the tea. Another interesting fact is that Ann's grandmother's maiden name was Larkin. This grandmother's brother was Deacon Larkin who loaned Paul Revere the black horse that Paul Revere rode on his famous night ride to Lexington in 1775.

In 1860, the Federal Census shows Jeremiah and Ann S. Ambler living in Milford, Massachusetts. Jeremiah is working as a carpenter. Their real estate was valued at \$1,400. Also his son, Charles A. Ambler, from his previous marriage is living with them.

During the 10 year period between the 1850 and 1860 federal census, Jeremiah and Ann S. had a child. The child named Angeline E. Ambler was born in 1853, one year after their marriage. In 1856, the child died of 'Consumption', just 2 ½ years of age. Another name for 'Consumption' in those days was Tuberculosis. Tuberculosis typically attacked the lungs and was often fatal.

The 1865 Massachusetts census shows Jeremiah living in Milford, but is now at the age of 49, a widower again. He is now working as a clerk. His son Charles A. Ambler (22 years old) and his new wife, Sarah (19 years old) are living with him. Charles A. Ambler is also working as a clerk.

The 1870 Federal Census shows Jeremiah still living in Milford, at the age of 54 years. He is living at 15 Summer Street with Charles A and Sarah A Ambler. Charles and Sarah now have a son, George E. Ambler who is 4 years of age.

Jeremiah D. Ambler died 7/13/1872 in Milford at the age of 56. He died of 'Kidney Complications' and is buried at Pine Grove Cemetery. The death registry shows his parents as Colburn Ambler and Sally Day.

During his life time, he was a member of the Masons (Montgomery Lodge) and also a member of the Milford, Massachusetts militia.

For more information on Masons: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freemasonry>

## **Historical Events for Year 1816 (Birth Year of Jeremiah D. Ambler)**

**Jan 12th** - France decrees Bonaparte family excluded from the country forever

**Jan 22nd** - Lord Byron completes "Parisina" & "Siege of Corinth"

**Feb 13th** - -14] Teatro San Carlo in Naples destroyed by fire

**Feb 20th** - Rossini's opera "Barber of Seville" premieres in Rome

**Feb 27th** - Dutch regain Suriname

**Mar 6th** - Jews are expelled from Free city of Lubeck Germany

[Mar 20th](#) - US Supreme Court affirms its right to review state court decisions

[Apr 9th](#) - African Methodist Episcopal Church organizes (Phila)

[Apr 10th](#) - 2nd Bank of US chartered

[May 5th](#) - American Bible Society organized (NY)

[May 10th](#) - British steamship "Defiance" arrives at Rotterdam harbor

[May 11th](#) - American Bible Society forms (NY)

[Jun 6th](#) - 10" snowfall in New England, "year without a summer" (Mount Tambora)

[Jun 11th](#) - Gas Light Co of Baltimore founded

[Jun 19th](#) - Battle of Seven Oaks between North West Company and Hudson's Bay Company, near Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

[Jul 1st](#) - French frigate Medusa wrecked; basis of Géricault's "Raft of the Medusa"

[Jul 3rd](#) - French frigate "Medusa" runs aground off Cap Blanc. Gross incompetence kills 150 in calm seas

[Jul 8th](#) - Frost in Waltham, MA

[Jul 9th](#) - Argentina declares independence from Spain

[Jul 19th](#) - Survivors of French frigate Medusa rescued off Senegal after 17 days

[Jul 27th](#) - US troops destroy Fort Apalachicola, a Seminole fort, to punish Indians for harboring runaway slaves

[Aug 8th](#) - Bavarian joins Saint Alliance

[Aug 14th](#) - Great Britain annexes Tristan da Cunha

[Aug 19th](#) - Java again in Dutch hands

[Aug 24th](#) - The Treaty of St. Louis is signed in St. Louis, Missouri.

[Aug 27th](#) - Lord Exmouth bombs Algiers, a refuge for Barbary pirates

King of France [Louis XVIII Sep 5th](#) - [Louis XVIII](#) has to dissolve the Chambre introuvable ("Unobtainable Chamber").

[Oct 7th](#) - 1st double decked steamboat, Washington, arrives in New Orleans

[Oct 21st](#) - The Penang Free School is founded in George Town, Penang, Malaysia, by the Rev Hutchings. It is the oldest English-language school in Southeast Asia.

[Nov 19th](#) - Warsaw University is established.

[Dec 2nd](#) - 1st savings bank in US opens (Philadelphia Savings Fund Society)

[Dec 4th](#) - James Monroe (VA), elected 5th pres, defeating Federalist Rufus King

[Dec 10th](#) - Dutch regain Sumatra

[Dec 11th](#) - Citizens of Geneva thwarted Savoyard invaders

[Dec 11th](#) - Indiana becomes 19th state of the Union

[Dec 13th](#) - Patent for a dry dock issued to John Adamson, Boston

[Dec 28th](#) - American Colonization Society organizes

[Dec 30th](#) - The Treaty of St. Louis is proclaimed.