

**AMANDA (STARNES) ISBELL**

b. 29 January 1849, DeKalb Co., TN

d. 30 August 1913, Putnam Co., TN

Husband: William Jefferson Isbell md 1 August 1867

Father: Charles Starnes

Mother: Nancy Rafferty

Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

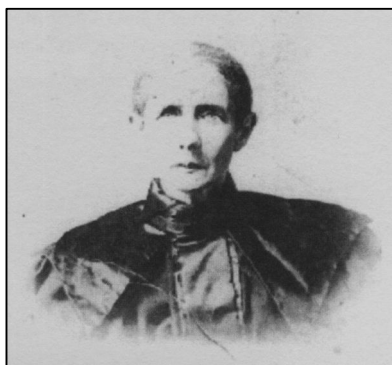
\*See Chapters 1 & 8: **Dora Angeline Isbell** : [www.ajlambert.com](http://www.ajlambert.com)

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN - OBITUARIES - Deaths Reported in the Putnam County Herald 1913

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Deaths as reported in the Putnam County Herald Newspaper - 1913

Source: Cookeville, Putnam County Herald 1911-1913 - - Roll: #203



**ISBELL, AMANDA STARNES:** Amanda Starnes Isbell was born in DeKalb County, Tenn., Jan 29, 1849, and died in Cookeville, Tenn., Aug. 30, 1913, aged nearly 65 years. She was married to **William Jefferson Isbell** at the home of **John Mason** at Laurel Hill, Tenn., Aug. 1, 1867. **Thomas Christian, Esq.** performed the ceremony and the marriage was witnessed by **Prettyman Jones** and **Nancy C. Williams**. Mrs. Isbell was the mother of nine children --**Mrs. Nannie Terry**, wife of **J. W. H. Terry**; **Mrs. Mary Ann Nackles**, wife of **Rev. G. W. Nackles**; **Mrs. Lillie Peveler**, wife of **Daniel C. Peveler** of San Diego, Calif; **Mrs. Dora Ensor (Dora Angeline Isbell)**, wife of **Rev. S. M. Ensor**; **Mrs. Hattie Wade**, wife of **W. C. Wade**; **Mrs. Jewel Lee**,

wife of **Robt. Lee**, and **Miss Myrtle, James A. and Charles W. Isbell**. The husband and father **W. J. Isbell** died in Cookeville, Tenn., Mar. 20, 1895. **Barbee** and **Edith Nackles** have been with their grandmother since the death of their own mother, May 13, 1902. Mrs. Isbell professed religion in girlhood and joined the Methodist church in Pisgah, in DeKalb county. A few years ago she transferred her membership to the Cookeville Methodist Church, South. She was a quiet, unassuming woman, a good neighbor and a devoted Christian. Here sphere was in the home. It was there she was well known and loved by all who came into the home. It was there she was well known and loved by all who came into the home. She was a great sufferer and expressed a desire to live, but was willing to go and be at rest. The funeral and burial services were conducted by **Rev. W. M. McClearen** at the Methodist church and the Cookeville cemetery Sunday afternoon, Aug.31, 1913, and were largely attended. Bro. McClearen spoke feelingly and eloquently of the resurrection and the future life. May the influence of her life always be the those who follow her. **Geo. W. Nackles** [Date 9/4/1913, Vol. XI, No. 36, Page 3]

**Rev. Simon Monroe Ensor** – b. 4 June 1880, Putnam Co., TN –  
d. 15 March 1957, s/o Jonathan Lasley Ensor & Sarah Frances Evans  
md 24 June 1900, Cookeville, TN, **Dora Angeline Isbell** - b. 21 June 1879,  
Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN - d. 8 February 1963, Springfield, Robertson Co. TN,  
(sister of **Mrs. John H. Whitson**) – d/o **William J. Isbell & Amanda  
Starnes**. \*See Obt. of Amanda Starnes Isbell. \*See Chapter 1

**William J. Isbell** – b. 23 December 1840 – d. 20 March 1895  
md 1 August 1867, Laurel Hill, TN, **Amanda Starnes** –  
b. 29 January 1849, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 30 August 1913, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN  
Both Buried: Cookeville Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

**James A. Isbell** – b. 20 May 1870 – d. 27 February 1946  
Buried: Cookeville Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

**Nancy “Nannie” Melvina (Isbell) Terry** – b. 14 September 1868 – d. 15 June 1949 md



Rev. Simon Monroe  
Ensor, his wife  
Dora Angeline Isbell  
& child, Clyde Isbell  
Ensor

**Joel Wesley Harvey Terry** – b. 15 April 1860 – d. 21 October 1948  
**Harvey Benton Terry** – b. 6 March 1893 – d. 13 May 1967 – Tenn F3 US Navy, WWI  
md **Maude Somervill**

**Walter Alex Terry** – b. 8 January 1900 – d. 16 March 1942 – md **Myrtle Bullock** – b. 30 December 1901-  
d. 26 September 1980  
**All Buried: Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN**

**Mary Ann (Isbell) Nackels** – b. 7 March 1873 – d. 13 May 1902 – md **Rev. G.W. Nackels** – b. 16 April  
1869 – d. 7 January 1919  
Children: **Barbee Nackels** & **Edith Nackels** raised by **Amanda (Starnes)** & **William J. Isbell**.  
Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

**Hattie (Isbell) Wade** – b. 30 December 18980 – d. 7 August 1949 – md **W.C. Wade**.  
Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

**Jewell (Isbell) Lee** – b. 29 March 1886 – d. 19 October 1967 – md **Robert Lee**.  
Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN



4 Generations the female line of Patricia Ann Swallows:  
L to R:  
Dora Angeline Isbelle b. June 21, 1880 (her great  
grandmother),  
Myrtle Christine Ensor b. October 28, 1906 (her  
grandmother),  
Betty Jane O'Neal b. March 04, 1929 (her mother),  
Patricia Ann Swallows WebMaster of  
[:http://www.tcarden.com/tree/ensor/index.html](http://www.tcarden.com/tree/ensor/index.html)  
Photo taken at a family reunion in Shelby Park,  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Source:**  
Robertson County Times Newspaper  
Thursday, March 21, 1957  
SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE

**Rev. Simon Monroe Ensor**  
Retired Minister.,  
Buried in Elmwood  
Throughout the county, friends and acquaintances mourn the death of the  
Rev. S. M. Ensor, beloved retired Methodist minister.

The **Rev. Ensor**, 77, died Friday morning at Jesse Holman Jones hospital as the result of a stroke suffered  
two weeks ago. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m. at First Methodist church,  
where he held membership since his retirement 12 years ago. The **Rev. B. H. Parker** of Old Hickory, the  
**Rev. H. T. Tipps** of Clarksville, and **Dr. John I. Dickson** officiated. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery  
with Masonic rites.

The Rev. Ensor was widely known in Robertson county and Tennessee, having held pastorates in the  
Cumberland, Gallatin, Clarksville and Cookeville districts of the Tennessee conference. He received his  
education in Putnam county and at the Vanderbilt School of Religion. Since his retirement he has been  
active in supply work.

He was a member of the Western Star Masonic Lodge, No. 9 and was the first president of the Robertson County Bee association.

In June 1900, he married the former **Miss Dora Isbell** who survives.

He was a native of Putnam county, son of the late **Jonathan** and **Sara Evans Ensor**.

Besides his widow, he is survived by five sons, **Clyde Ensor**, Louisville, Ky.; **Edward Ensor**, Miami, Fla.; **Paul Ensor**, Lawrenceville, Ga.; **James Ensor**, Gallatin, and **Billy Ensor**, Madison; three daughters, **Mrs. Edna Oakley**, Livingston, Tenn.; **Mrs. Christine O'Neal**, Gallatin; and **Mrs. Sara Brunson**, Greensboro, N. C.; one brother, **John Ensor**, Sikeston, Mo.; one sister, **Mrs. Ida Smellage**, Baxter; three half brothers, **Robert** and **Charlie Ensor**, Baxter, and Jim Ensor, Oak Ridge 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

**Source:**

Robertson County Times Newspaper

Thursday, March 21, 1957

SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE

**Mrs. Dora Ensor**

Springfield, Tenn. - Funeral services for **Mrs. Dora Isbell Ensor**, 84, were to be held today at the First Methodist Church with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Robertson Co., Springfield, Tennessee..

She died Friday morning in St. Thomas Hospital at Nashville following a brief illness.

Mrs. Ensor was a native of Putnam County and a member of the Methodist Church.

**She was a daughter, of the late William and Amanda Starnes Isbell.**

Survivors include four sons, **Edward Ensor**, Miami, Fla., **Paul Ensor**, Lawrenceville, Ga., **James Ensor**, Gallatin, and **William Ensor**, Conyers, Ga., three daughters, **Mrs. Roy Oakley**, Livingston, Tn., **Mrs. Christine O'Neal**, Gallatin, and **Mrs. A. Brunson**, Garland, Tx., two sisters, **Mrs. John H. Whitson**, Cookeville, and **Mrs. Jewell Lee**, Nashville, 16 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren.

**Mrs. Dora Ensor (Dora Angeline Isbell), wife of Rev. S. M. Ensor.**



Rev. Simon Monroe Ensor & his wife Dora Angeline Isbell



William Jefferson Isbell was born 23 December 1840 in Buffalo Valley, Tennessee which was in Jackson County at the time. He died 20 March 1895. He was the son of James Livingston Isbell and Rebecca Jones Isbell. He first married Sara C. Cameron on 3 February 1861. It is unknown what happened to that union. On 1 August 1867 he married Amanda Helen Starnes. The 1870 Putnam County census states that William Jefferson Isbell was teaching school at that time. In 1880 his profession is County Court Clerk and he was also the owner of the Isbell Hotel in Cookeville. Other children of James Livingston Isbell and Rebecca Jones Isbell were: Alfred M. Isbell born about 1842, John M. Isbell, born about 1845 and Nancy A. Isbell who was born about 1848.

Amanda Helen Starnes Isbell was born 29 January 1849. She married William Jefferson Isbell. They were the parents of nine children, some of whom were: Nancy Melvina Isbell md J. W. H. Terry, James A. Isbell, Mary Ann Isbell md a Nackils, Lillie Martin Isbell md a Perler, Dora Isbell md Simon M. Ensor.



The Ensor Family June 1950 - - Patricia Swallows Carlen Website:  
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Left to Right: Clyde and Thelma Ensor, Bill and Elizabeth Ensor, Paul and Mary Ensor, James and Dorothy Ensor, Roy and Edna Ensor Oakly, Edward and Frances Ensor, Attys Dan and Sara Ensor Brunson, Christine Ensor O'Neal.

Photo taken at family home located 3 miles North of Springfield, Robertson Co. Tennessee on the Barren Plains Road.

This was taken the weekend of Simon and Dora Ensor's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

It was the first time all the children were ever together.

The second time was at Simon's funeral. They were only together twice.