

Amos and Virginia Evans

In one of the four “private” lots at the north end of the cemetery stands a solitary obelisk upon which are inscribed the names of Amos and Virginia Evans, and their son William L. Evans.

Amos was born in 1873 in Chillicothe, Ohio, one of 8 children of John and Eliza Jane (Butler) Evans, who were farmers. He started working for the B&O Railroad in Chillicothe as a teenager.

When he was 19, Amos and an older brother, William E. (age 26), moved to Brunswick. This was in 1892, just 2 years after the B&O Railroad started their major expansion of the car yard there. Amos became a fireman and William became an engineer on the railroad.

[His brother William (“W.H.”) married Minnie A. Shoemaker from Emmitsburg in 1892. They had 8 children (2 of whom died young), and lived in a home on 5th avenue where several weddings were hosted. William transferred to Washington, D.C., sometime between 1910 and 1920, where he continued to work as a locomotive engineer. He died in 1936 (age 70), and his wife died in 1945 (age 75). They are both buried in Taneytown, MD.]

In 1897 Amos married Virginia (“Jennie”) Anderson from Martinsburg at the home of Michael and Catherine Leehan on 5th Avenue. Jennie and Catherine were sisters. They subsequently had 3 children, one boy and two girls: William L. (1898-1918), Statton V. (1901-1966), and Eugenia (1902-1996).

Amos met an early death while working on the B&O Railroad. The accident was reported in the *Frederick News* as follows: “Mr. Amos Eugene Evans, aged 29, years, one of the most popular young men of Brunswick and an extra engineer on the second division of the B. & O. Railroad, met with an accident at sleepy Creek, WV, on Thursday night, January 3, by which he lost his life. It was while running through a long siding at that point that Mr. Evans, who had been working almost incessantly since Christmas, went to sleep and ran into a derailing switch that turned the engine off the track. The pulling rod broke, and the tender of the engine, which was a 2,000, fell across the right side of the engine cab, carrying it away and crushing Mr. Evans to death as he sat on his seat in the engine.” This left his 33-year old widow Jennie with two young children and pregnant with a third, who would be born 4 months later. Amos was buried in the Old Berlin Cemetery.

The 1910 and 1920 census records indicate that Jennie and her three children were living on 5th Avenue at that time. Their oldest son William L. died in 1918 (age 20), apparently of the flu, and was buried with his father in the Old Berlin Cemetery.

In the 1930 and 1940 census records, Jennie was living with her daughter Eugenia and husband George Wineholt and their children at 8 5th Avenue.

Jennie lived as a widow for 61 years, and died in at the age of 98. She was buried with her husband and their son William in the Old Berlin Cemetery.

Descendants (This information is as of Feb 2020):

Statton married John W. Gladstone. They had 5 children, of whom only Kate is living (in California) in Feb 2020:

- Marion married Robert Delauter, and they had 3 children: Robert Jr. (Married to Lisa; 3 children, 6 grandchildren); Elaine (married to Chuck Harp, living in Jefferson; one daughter, deceased); Linda (married to Bill Steigleemann; no children); John (married to Kathy; 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren); Kathy (married to John Fieseler, living in Keymar; no children); and Penny (married to Mike Bryant; 2 children, 1 grandchild).
- Edward (Ed), long-term chair of Brunswick planning and zoning commission, married Ruth. 3 children; 6 grandchildren).
- Arthur married Harriett. 1 child, 2 grandchildren, 7 grandchildren (living in Alaska).
- Marcella married Joe Himes, manager of Acme grocery store. 3 children, 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren.
- Kate married Bill King (deceased), living in California. 2 sons, both single.

Eugenia married George Wineholt (b. 1895), and they had 3 children:

- Elwood (1928-2018): Married Grace. No children. Buried in Resthaven cemetery
- Ernest (1930-2002): Married Betty Jane Powers. Stepchildren. Buried in Resthaven cemetery
- George Jr. (1932-1993; buried with his parents in Brownsville. Elwood described him as being crippled and having a drinking problem.) Had one daughter.

Virginia "Jennie" Evans with her three children: Willam, Statton, and Eugenia "Genie"



Amos Evans with his first-born child, William:



8 Fifth Ave, Brunswick (in 2020), where Jennie raised her three children:



12 Fifth Avenue, two houses up from Jennie Evans' house. This was the home of either Amos Evans' brother William Evans, or Jennie's sister and brother-in-law, Michael and Catherine Leehan.

