

AMELIA JENKINS TWITCHELL



1842-1926

Born: Sep. 2, 1842 in Bethel, Oxford Co., ME

Died: Oct. 5, 1926 in Bethel, Oxford Co., ME

Appointment(s):

American Missionary Association
Mitchelville – Hilton Head, SC
Nov. 1864

Seabrook Plantation – transfer
Hilton Head, SC
Dec. 1865

Augusta, GA
Jun. 1867

Amelia was born September 2, 1842 in Bethel, Oxford County, Maine – the twin sister of another Freedmen teacher, Adeltha Twitchell.¹ Amelia was appointed by the American Missionary Association in November 1864 and was assigned upon arrival to Mitchellville.² She transferred in December 1865 to Seabrook Plantation after her sister's early departure from Mitchellville to marry.³

She wrote a letter to her future husband John Mead Gould on November 26, 1865 that "it was a greater trial than I had anticipated to go back alone" when she faced returning to South Carolina or the new school year without her sister.⁴ Amelia finally transferred again in June 1867 to Augusta, Georgia.⁵ She continued teaching freedmen

¹ Lapham, William Berry. History of Bethel: Formerly Sudbury, Canada, Oxford County, Maine 1768-1890. Bethel, Maine: Press of the Maine Farmer, 1891. p 634.
<https://archive.org/details/historyofbethelf00laph/page/634>.

² American Missionary Association, The History of the American Missionary Association. p 166, 194.

³ Smith, Janel Janiczek. "From a Northern Home to A Southern School: Cultural Imperialists or Just Stubborn Yankees?" Statesboro, GA: Georgian Southern University, doctoral dissertation 2013 p 178.

- DeHart, Jane Sherron and Cornelia. Women's America: Refocusing the Past. Oxford University Press, 2016.

⁴ John Mead Gould papers, 1841-1944. Box 1, c.1. Durham, NC: Duke University. David M Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library.
https://find.library.duke.edu/?q=%22Gould%2C+John+Mead%2C+1839-1930%22&search_field=author.

⁵ American Missionary Association, *The American Missionary*, Vol XI, No 4, Apr 1867.

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and their children in the South for 9 years. Amelia died October 5, 1926.⁶ She was buried with her husband, John Mead Gould and daughter Annie (who was a missionary murdered in the 1900 Boxer Rebellion in China) in the Riverside Cemetery in Bethel, Maine.⁷

[transfer to August, GA]

⁶ Ibid. Vol XII, No 3, March 1868 (Obituary)

⁷ Findagrave.com Memorial ID = 69546320. Created 8 May 2011 by Jack Mansfield; tombstone photo added 25 Jul 2013 by SpacemanSpiff.