

Flora Leora (Carmony) McDaniel
AEHC featured person for the week of Jan. 24, 2021

Flora Leora (Carmony) McDaniel
January 25, 1879 – September 28, 1934

Born this week in 1879 – Flora Leora (Carmony) McDaniel is buried in our cemetery's Section 4, Row 6, Lot 9, Space 3.

Brief summary of our research: Flora Leora Carmony was born in Shelby County to Thomas Franklin and Emily J (Youngs) Carmony. She was the second oldest of 10 children. Nine of the children lived to adulthood. Most of her family remained around the Shelby County area. One of her younger sisters, Laura E. (Carmony) Linville, is also buried at Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Flora's part of the Carmony family came to eastern Shelby County with her Great Grandfather, John Carmony (1796-1877). John Carmony was born in Pennsylvania. He married Eva Nigh from Virginia and they settled in Shelby County around 1816. They bought land in 1827. They had a large family (10 is what we found). One of their sons, Joseph (1825-1871), married Christena Alexander in 1848. Their union brought Thomas F. Carmony (Flora's Father) into the world in 1852. Thomas married Emily J. Youngs in 1876.

Flora's part of the Youngs family came to eastern Shelby County with her Great Grandfather, Nathan Youngs (1797-1883). Nathan Youngs was born in New Jersey. He originally settled in Franklin County and married Mary Jones from Kentucky in 1819. They purchased land in Shelby County in 1826. One of their sons, David (1827-1893) married Sarah Jane Huston in 1848. Their union brought Emily J. Youngs (Flora's Mother) into the world in 1854.

The main family business was farming. Around the early 1900's, some of the family took up other trades. Two of Flora's brothers, Albert "Bert" and David Carmony, became Funeral Directors. Carmony Brothers Mortuary started in Manilla around 1917. The D.E. Carmony Mortuary opened in 1939. The business was extended into Shelbyville a few years later. The Manilla location was closed around 1964. Some of her nephews Cecil and Robert Carmony were also Funeral Directors. Bert Carmony was also an educator in the area.

The McDaniel family came to Posey Township prior to 1849 when John McDaniel (1829-1910) born in Ohio married Sarah Gordon (1833-1870) born in Indiana. One of their sons, John A. McDaniel (1854-1934) married Mary Ida Kay (1860-1931) in 1874. Both are buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. One of their sons, Ora "Orie" Ellsworth McDaniel married Flora Leora Carmony in 1901.

Flora and Orie had 9 children. All of them survived both of them. Flora and Orie farmed and lived for several years in Rush County. They had moved into the eastern edge of Shelby County prior to her passing. Flora passed away in 1934 at the age of 55. At the time of her passing, they had 13 grandchildren. When her husband, Orie, passed away forty years later in 1974, their family had expanded to 23 grandchildren, 69 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren. Two of their children, Ida Emma (McDaniel) Bailey and Mary (McDaniel) Bridges are also buried at Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

(sources: Ancestry.com, Find-a-Grave, and Newspaper archives)

More information about our cemetery and its history can be found at www.arlingtoneasthillcemetery.com

