

Nellie Ann (Adams) Headlee
AEHC featured person for the week of Jan. 31, 2021

Nellie Ann (Adams) Headlee
December 16, 1876 – February 2, 1951

Died this week in 1951 – Nellie Ann (Adams) Headlee is buried in our cemetery's Section 5, Row 14, Lot 87, Space 2.

Summary of our research: Nellie Ann Adams was born on December 16, 1876 in Shelby County, Indiana to John Wesley and Ruth J (Carter) Adams. Nellie's mother died in 1888, when Nellie was 11 years of age. Nellie, her father, and brother James Edward "Eddie" moved in with her grandparents Edward and Elisabeth Adams in Posey Township. Her grandfather died in 1899. Nellie married Walter C. Headlee in 1903. Walter Headlee was born in Rush County near Manilla. Nellie and Walter lived in western Rush and eastern Shelby Counties. They had two children and were part of the area's farming community throughout their lives.

Nellie's Adams family lineage of came to Indiana via Kentucky. Her great grandfather, Isaac Adams, was born in Kentucky. Isaac married a Kentucky born Nancy Polk. They came to Indiana around 1825 and they resided in the Morristown area. They moved to Rush County in 1843. Their son, Edward P. Adams (Nellie's grandfather) was born in Kentucky in 1822. Edward P. married Elisabeth Six in 1847.

The Six family lineage on the Adams' side, also came to Indiana through Kentucky from Virginia and Maryland. Nellie's great great grandfather, Jacob Six was born in Virginia in 1760. Jacob's wife, Maria, was born in Maryland in 1762. Jacob and Maria lived in Kentucky. Nellie's great grandfather, John Six was born to Jacob and Maria Six in Kentucky in 1800. John Six's family moved to Indiana after his father, Jacob, died in Kentucky in 1818. John Six married Mary Allender (born in 1796) prior to leaving Kentucky. The multi-generational family lived in Boone County for a time, Maria Six (John's mother) is buried in Boone County (died 1866). John and Mary Six's daughter, Elisabeth (Nellie's grandmother) was born in 1820. The young family bought land in Rush County in 1827. John and Mary (Allender) Six are buried in the Nelson Cemetery in Arlington, Indiana.

Nellie's great great grandparents (Mary's parents) George (1772-1852) and Elizabeth (Overly) (1778-1863) Allender also came to reside in Rush County. They are both buried in Nelson Cemetery in Arlington, Indiana.

Nellie's Grandparents, Edward P. and Elisabeth (Six) Adams as mentioned earlier, were married in 1947. Their son, John Wesley Adams (Nellie's father), was born in 1851. Nellie's parents, John W and Ruth J (Carter) Adams were married in 1876. Nellie was born in 1876, she was the oldest of 5 children. Her siblings: George (1879-1947), James Edward (1882-1943), Charles C. (1884-1886), and Stella D. (1886-1887).

Nellie's Carter family lineage came from North Carolina. Nellie's grandparents Landon and Nancy (Vaughn) Carter were married in 1829 in North Carolina and relocated to eastern Shelby County, Indiana in 1835. Their daughter (Nellie's mother), Ruth, was born in 1853 in Shelby County. Nellie's grandparents Landon and Nancy Carter are buried in Blue River Chapel Cemetery in Shelby County.

Nellie's mother's early death (1888) led to Nellie and her family (father and brother) moving into Rush County with her father's parents. Her grandfather, Edward P. Adams died in 1899. Nellie's grandparents (Edward P. & Elisabeth); parents (John W. & Ruth); and three siblings (George, Charles, and Stella) are all buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Nellie and Walter C. Headlee were married in 1903. Walter C. Headlee was born in Rush County, near Manilla. His great grandparents Thomas and Eliza Headlee came to the area around 1830 and purchased land in Rush County in 1834. His grandparents were Joshua and Julia (Little) Headlee, they resided in the Manilla area. Walter's parents, William T. and Emma (Hawkins) Headlee, also resided in the Manilla and eastern Shelby County areas. Walter's parents are buried in the Bennett Cemetery at Rays Crossing. His grandparents and great grandparents are all buried in the Manilla Cemetery.

Walter and Nellie had two children, Ruth D. and William Hugh. Ruth D. (Headlee) Huntsinger was born in 1904. William Hugh Headlee was born 1907. The Headlee family resided in both Rush and Shelby counties. Nellie passed away in 1951 and was survived by her husband, two children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. When Walter passed away seven years later in 1958; their family had grown to 17 great grandchildren.

Ruth (Headlee) Huntsinger, passed away in 1991. Her death certificate indicated that she was widowed at the time. She is buried in Asbury Cemetery in Morristown.

William Hugh Headlee passed away in 1989. His death certificate indicated that he had been a Physician and was most recently associated with IU Medical Center in Indianapolis. He is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

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

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