

**Susan E. (Lakin) Arnett Van Cleave**  
**AEHC featured person for the week of Mar 14, 2021**

Susan E. (Lakin) Arnett Humphrey Van Cleave  
April 23, 1838 – March 18, 1927

Died this week in 1927, Susan E. (Lakin) Arnett Humphrey Van Cleave is buried in our cemetery's Section 1, Lot 15, Space 9.

Summary of our research: Susan E. Lakin was born in Rush County in 1838 to Benjamin and Emily (Bates) Lakin. Records show Benjamin Lakin, who was born in Ohio, purchased land in Rush County in 1823. Benjamin Lakin married Emily Bates (born in Kentucky) in Rush County in 1837. Their daughter, Susan, was born in 1838.

Benjamin Lakin passed away in 1846 and was buried in Rushville East Hill Cemetery. Emily (Bates) Lakin remarried in 1847 to William Hinton. Not able to find burial location of William Hinton. Emily (Bates) Lakin Hinton is buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery near her daughter Susan.

Susan E. Lakin married William A.C. Arnett in 1858. William Arnett was born in 1830 to Jefferson and Evelin (Perry) Arnett. Jefferson (born in Virginia) and Evelin (born in Kentucky) were married in 1826 in Rush County. They are both buried in Arlington Town Cemetery.

Susan (Lakin) and William A.C. Arnett resided in Posey Township and had three children (Mary Viola, Frances "Fannie" A, and Wilbur). There is some reference that they became adoptive parents of one of their nieces (Ella). William A.C. Arnett passed away in 1902. He was buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Susan (Lakin) Arnett remarried John Humphrey in Madison County in 1904. Information about Mr. Humphrey was not researched for this article.

Susan (Lakin) Arnett Humphrey remarried widower John Brown Van Cleave from Manilla area in 1907. They resided in Posey Township. John B. Van Cleave passed away in 1915. He is buried in the Manilla Cemetery. On the 1920 Census, Susan was living with her daughter and son-in-law, Fannie and Homer Powell, in Rushville.

Susan (Lakin) Arnett Humphrey Van Cleave passed away on March 18, 1927 and was buried next to her first husband, son, mother, and a granddaughter in Arlington

East Hill Cemetery. Her obituary listed those surviving as 1 daughter (Fannie) and six grandchildren.

Her daughter Mary Viola (Arnett) married Henry T. Draper. Mary Viola passed away in 1897 around the age of 38 years. She and Henry are buried at Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Her daughter Frances “Fannie” A. (Arnett) married Homer Powell. They had a daughter, Carrie, that passed away as a small child in 1880. Carrie is buried near her grandparents in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. Fannie passed away in 1948 around the age of 86. She and Homer are buried at Rushville East Hill Cemetery.

Son Wilbur is buried between his parents at Arlington East Hill Cemetery. No information on Wilbur, other than our records, was found. Our records show he was buried in 1901, however the 1900 Census shows that Susan (Lakin) Arnett had birthed 3 children and only 1 was still surviving (which would be Fannie). It is possible Wilbur was reinterred at our cemetery from another cemetery after the family plot was purchased.

Their niece, Ella (Spencer) Allsman, was referred to as an adopted daughter in William Arnett’s obituary. She was listed in his will as well. Her and her husband are buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

(sources: Ancestry, Find-a-Grave, Newspaper archives, and Arlington East Hill Cemetery records)

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