

James Marshall Addison
AEHC featured person for the week of Mar 28, 2021

James Marshall Addison
March 30, 1856 – September 5, 1936

Born this week in 1856, James Marshall Addison is buried in our cemetery's Section 4, Lot 101, Space 12.

Summary of our research: James Marshall Addison was born to Levi (1828-1912) and Mary Elizabeth (Stinger) (1833-1914) Addison. Levi and Mary E. resided in Ripley Township for several years and by the 1880 Census, Levi and Mary were living and farming in Posey Township. They are buried in the Carthage Pike Cemetery.

James' father, Levi, was son of Ransom (1805-1886) and Mary Polly (Jackson) (1800-1864) Addison. Ransom was born in North Carolina. He married Mary Polly in Ohio in 1824. They were living in Rush County by 1828. Ransom was a listed as a mail carrier. After Mary Polly passed away in 1864, Ransom remarried widowed Lavina (Powell) Alexander (1814-1885) in 1866. Lavina is buried by her first husband William Alexander in Concord Cemetery on CR225W. Ransom and Mary Polly are buried in the Carthage Pike Cemetery.

James' paternal grandfather, Ransom, was son of John (1789-1859) and Mary (Winder) (1787-1860) Addison. Both born in North Carolina. They moved their family to Indiana like several other Quaker families did during this time. John and Mary are buried in the Carthage Pike Cemetery.

James' mother, Mary Elizabeth, was the daughter of Samuel (1801-1879) and Christina (Lindermood) (1809-1896) Stinger. Some research suggests that Samuel's given surname was Stringer and that he changed it over time to Stinger. Samuel was born in North Carolina and lived in Pennsylvania prior to moving to Indiana. Christina is believed to have been born in Virginia. They were married around 1824. They resided in Ripley Township and are buried in the Carthage Town Cemetery.

James' maternal grandfather, Samuel, was believed to be the son of John (1781-1855) and Susannah (Baker) (1784- unknown) Stringer both of North Carolina.

James Marshall Addison married Emma Retta Davis (1863-1942) in 1833. She was the daughter of Franklin E. (1839-1902) and Susana (Dulcena) (1837-1909) Davis of Shelby County. Franklin is buried in the Blue River Wesleyan Cemetery. Franklin was a disabled Civil War Veteran. He served in the 123rd Indiana Infantry from December 1863 to June 1865. Susana's grave location is unknown.

James and Emma raised their two daughters in Posey Township. James worked as Section Man for the railroad taking care of the upkeep of a local section of the railway. Their youngest daughter, Flossie J. Addison, was listed as a schoolteacher and was never married. Flossie lived at home until her death in 1935. Flossie is buried in an unmarked grave in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Their oldest daughter, Zula Belle Addison married William O. Houston in 1906. William passed away in 1921. After William's death, Zula and her three children moved back in with James and Emma. In 1923, Zula Belle (Addison) Houston was confirmed as the US Postmaster for Arlington. She served in that capacity until 1935. Zula passed away in 1967 and is buried by her husband in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

James Marshall Addison passed away in 1936 and was survived by his wife, Emma; daughter, Zula; three grandchildren, Florence (Houston) Kemple, Lavern Houston, and Marjorie Houston. Marjorie would later marry Thomas Wood.

Emma Retta (Davis) Addison passed away in 1942. When she passed, their family had grown with the addition of one great-grandson, Rex V. Houston.

James Marshall Addison, Emma Retta (Davis) Addison and their daughter Flossie J. Addison are all buried in unmarked graves at Arlington East Hill Cemetery. They are in Section 4, Lot 101, Spaces 12, 11, and 10, respectively.

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

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

