

Alba Marion Cassidy
AEHC featured person for the week of April 4, 2021

Alba Marion Cassidy
September 6, 1863 – April 6, 1950

Died this week in 1950, Alba Marion Cassidy is buried in our cemetery's Section 5, Lot 31, Space 10.

Summary of our research: Alba Marion Cassidy was born in Rush County on September 6, 1863 to James Arnold (1822-1907) and Elizabeth (Howe) (1832-1910) Cassidy. He was the fourth of six children and one of five to survive to adulthood.

Alba's father, James Arnold Cassidy, was born in Fleming County, Kentucky to Francis (1798-1882) and Jane (Inlow) (1799-1863) Cassidy in 1822.

Alba's paternal grandfather, Francis Cassidy, was born in Fleming County, Kentucky in 1798 to Michael (1755-1829) and Mary Anne (Evans) (1774-1849) Cassidy. He married Jane (Inlow), also from Fleming County, Kentucky. They are both buried there.

Alba's paternal great-grandfather, Michael Cassidy, was born in Ireland and came to Virginia as a cabin boy on a ship at the age of 12. He enlisted early during the American Revolutionary War and was reportedly one of the troops with General Washington at the British Surrender in Yorktown in 1781. Michael Cassidy settled in Fleming County, Kentucky after the war and founded Cassidy Station, Kentucky around 1787. He married Mary Anne (Evans), originally from Pennsylvania, in Kentucky in 1795. He also served in the Kentucky Legislature. They are both buried in Fleming Co, Kentucky.

Alba's mother, Elizabeth (Howe), was born in Fleming County, Kentucky to Major John Murphy (1798-1855) and Sarah "Sally" (Marshall) (Robertson) (1805-1871).

Alba's maternal grandfather, Major John Murphy Howe was born in Fleming County, Kentucky in 1798 to Samuel (1767-1848) and Margaret (Lowery) (1773-1821) Howe. Major John Murphy Howe married Sarah "Sally" (Marshall) (Robertson) in 1823. He is buried in Fleming County, Kentucky. Sarah "Sally" (Marshall) (Robertson) Howe is buried in Washington County, Indiana.

Alba's maternal great-grandfather, Samuel Howe, was born in South Carolina. He married Margaret (Lowery) in Kentucky. It is unknown where she was born. They are both buried in Fleming County Kentucky.

Alba's parents, James Arnold Cassidy married Elizabeth (Howe) in 1852 in Fleming County, Kentucky. Their first born, William Marshall Cassidy was born in 1853 while they were still residing in Kentucky. By 1855, the Cassidy family was residing in Walker Township of Rush County. Their second child ("Infant Cassidy") died in 1855 and is buried in the Hurst Cemetery in Homer. James Arnold Cassidy was acknowledged in his obituary as a pioneer of Rush County. Their son, Alba, was born on September 6, 1863 in Rush County. James and Elizabeth are buried in the Hurst Cemetery in Homer.

Alba Marion Cassidy married Luvine (Johnson) (1868-1946) in 1896 in Posey Township. Luvine (Johnson) was the daughter of Benjamin (1835-1882) and Stacia "Stacy Ann" (Alexander) (1838-1916) Johnson. Luvine (Johnson) Cassidy's family lineage came to Rush County through Ohio. She was the third generation of her family to live in Rush County. Her paternal grandparents Casper (1812-1881) and Catherine (Sells) (1816-1882) Johnson are buried in Manilla. Her parents Benjamin and Stacia "Stacy Ann" (Alexander) Johnson are buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Alba Marion Cassidy grew up on a farm in Walker Township. He and his wife, Luvine (Johnson) Cassidy, carried on that family tradition. They attended the Homer Christian Church. They raised one son, Frank Johnson Cassidy (1899-1962). Their son carried on the family farming tradition. He also served in the US Army in WWI. He married Frances (Ryse) (1904-1978) from Carthage in 1931.

Alba's wife, Luvine, passed away in 1946 and he died in 1950. He was survived by their son and daughter-in-law and one grandson, Ted J. Cassidy (1949-2020). Alba, Luvine, Frank J. and Frances (Ryse) Cassidy are buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

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

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