

Robert Emrys Lloyd
AEHC featured person for the week of July 18, 2021

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December 30, 1919 – July 22, 1920

Died this week in 1920, Robert Emrys Lloyd is buried in our cemetery's Section 3, Lot 7, Space 8.

Summary of our research: Robert Emrys Lloyd was born in Detroit, Michigan on December 30, 1919, to Daniel L. (1882-1960) and Edith (Webb) Lloyd (1884-1920).

This story had a bit of a mystery to it when our research started. How did this almost seven months old boy born in Detroit, Michigan, and his immigrant Mother, who passed away 6 months earlier in Detroit, Michigan; end up being buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery? They are buried in the Gowdy plot of Section 3 and there are no other apparent relatives buried near them.

Edith (Webb) Lloyd (born in England) and her husband Daniel L. Lloyd (born in Wales) immigrated to the United States around 1916, according to Census information. They reportedly came through Canada to this Country.

In the 1920 Census, they are listed as living in Highland Park, Michigan with their infant son, Robert. Daniel's profession was listed as a chauffeur. In mid-January of 1920, Edith died from complications derived from the birth of Robert.

Edith was buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery next to where her son would be laid to rest about 6 months later. Our records indicated that Robert Mansfield, husband of Fanny (Gowdy) Mansfield paid for the grave openings.

The key to part of the mystery was found in the obituary for Edith (Webb) Lloyd. According to the obituary, the Lloyds had stayed with the Mansfields in Rushville for two years after immigrating here through Canada. What our research did not uncover was exactly how the two families met. There may have been a meeting between the families during Robert Mansfield's time in service as the United States Consul in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Daniel Lloyd remarried in 1922 to Elisabeth (Parry) Lloyd. She immigrated to the United States from Wales in 1921. They were living in Detroit on the 1930 Census. Daniel was now a toolmaker for the auto industry. They had three immigrants, two from Sweden and one from Russia, boarding at their home. They were still living in Detroit in 1940, with no boarders listed at that time.

Elisabeth died in 1957 while they were living in St. Petersburg, Florida. Her obituary mentioned that her and Daniel had moved to Florida from California a few years prior. Elisabeth was buried in Sturbridge, Massachusetts near some of her family. Daniel passed away in 1960 and is buried next to Elisabeth.

Special note on Robert Emrys Lloyd's mother's funeral: Edith (Webb) Lloyd's funeral took place on Sunday, January 18, 1920, at the home of Mrs. Eva (Gordon) Gowdy, John K. Gowdy's widow. Her home located at 619 N. Perkins Street is now the Rush County Historical Society Museum.

No matter the reason someone may choose Arlington East Hill Cemetery, we are honored to tend to their eternal resting place.

(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

