

Orlean R. Emerson

Occupant Name: Orlean R. Emerson

Location: Section J, Lot 31

Date of Birth: 6/6/1866

Date of Death: 1938

Date of Burial: 1938

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Orlean Emerson

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Death Of Well Known Citizen

**O. R. Emerson, Prominent
Local Business Man, Dies
Suddenly--Other Deaths.**

Orlean Emerson is dead. Those few words cast a shadow of gloom over the entire community Tuesday morning. Although he had been in ill health some time, he was apparently in his usual health when he closed his drugstore Monday night.

About one o'clock Tuesday morning he was taken suddenly ill with a heart attack. A physician was called and for a while Mr. Emerson seemed better but it was not long until he suffered another attack and passed away at 5 o'clock.

He was one of the oldest business men in Brownstown, counting the number of years he had been in business for himself—covering a period of almost forty continuous years.

Mr. Emerson was one of a family of ten children born to the late Frank and Adaline Redman Emerson, of whom only one, Mrs. May Weathers of Indianapolis, is now living.

He was born in Brownstown June 6, 1866, and spent his entire life here. On February 24, 1889, he was united in marriage to Miss Kittie Clark, who survives.

After obtaining a good education in the Brownstown high school, graduating from that institution in 1885, he entered upon the duties of clerk in the drugstore of his brother-in-law, John B. Burrell, deceased, in 1887. During his clerical experience he was ever ready to serve a patron to the best of his ability, and was universally courteous to all. As a young man full of honorable ambition to rise in his profession, he with untiring zeal and energy applied himself to learning all the details of the drugstore.

In 1899 he purchased the drug stock owned by Ray V. Converse and at once engaged in business in the corner room in what was known as the old Aetna House, and continued business there until he moved across the street into the Benton block.

Mr. Emerson was a progressive business man. He was public spirited and for a number of years he served as a member of the school board. He had been a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge for more than fifty years and was a member of Washington Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M. In politics he was a staunch Democrat.

Funeral services in charge of the Rev. E. A. Dawson, pastor of the Methodist church will be conducted at the home Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial in Fairview cemetery.

Besides the widow he leaves one son, Robert, a daughter, Mrs. Scott W. Shields, both of Brownstown, and four grandchildren, Drs. Jack and Tom Shields and Miss Mary Helen Emerson, all of Indianapolis, and Joe Emerson, of Brownstown, also one sister, Mrs. May Weathers, of Indianapolis.