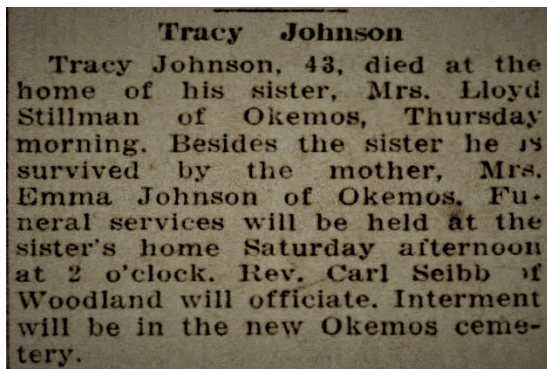


**Lillia M. Johnson**, born 25 January 1883, Meridian Township, was the daughter of Arthur Milton (1846-1888) and Emma Mabel (Smith) (1858 Canada-1932) Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a Civil War veteran having served as a Private in E Company, 1st Regiment, Ohio Light Artillery. After the war and well into his 3rd decade of life, Arthur married Miss Emma Smith. The couple had two children, Lillia being the oldest. Arthur, working as a mechanic, was killed in an accident described as a "gas accident" in 1888. Emma applied and was given a death beneficiary pension for her husband's military service.

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Lillia's youngest brother, Tracy Monroe Johnson, was described in US Federal Census and in a World War I Draft Registration as "physically and mentally helpless." He always lived with his devoted mother. Tracy, born 9 April 1884, died 10 February 1927 in Lillia's home, Okemos.

Lillia attended the Okemos school through 8th grade and then went 2 years to high school in Lansing. The highest-grade level at Okemos in this particular year was 8<sup>th</sup> grade and was considered graduation. Because of her January 25 birthday, we believe she started 1<sup>st</sup> grade in 1888. Thus, Lilla Johnson graduated at age 14 and is in the Okemos Class of 1897. Lilla stayed close with her Okemos classmates. [One such gathering was featured in the \*Lansing State Journal\*, June 7, 1951. <click this area to read "The Circle of Friends">](#)

Lillia, her mother and brother lived in her maternal grandparents home and later, when Lillia married, the family lived in the home Lillia's husband provided.

Lillia married Lloyd Stillman (no middle name) 5 October 1904, Okemos. Lloyd was born 24 July 1879 and raised on an area farm. Over the course

## Okemos Man, 79, Taken by Death

Lloyd Stillman, 79, of 2120 Methodist st., Okemos, died Friday at a local hospital.

Mr. Stillman was born in Ingham county and was a life-time resident of Okemos. He was employed at the M. S. U. dairy department. He was a life member of F. & A. M., No. 252, a member of the Council at Williamston No. 64, R & S. M., and a member of R. A. M. No. 117 at Williamston.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Minerva Povey of Okemos.

Funeral services will be held at Gorsline-Runciman funeral home at 1 p. m. Monday, Rev. David Evans of Okemos Community church officiating. Burial will be in Glendale cemetery, Okemos. F. & A. M. No. 252 will take part in the service.

of his adult employment career Lloyd worked numerous jobs; farming, bench worker at Reo Motor Car Company, laborer at odd jobs, janitor Okemos Consolidated School and Michigan State University Dairy Department employee. He and Lillia were childless.

Lillia died in November 1954. No obituary can be found in Lansing State Journal. Lloyd died 21 November 1958. They were interred in Glendale Cemetery, Okemos. Lillia parents and brother are also in Glendale Cemetery.