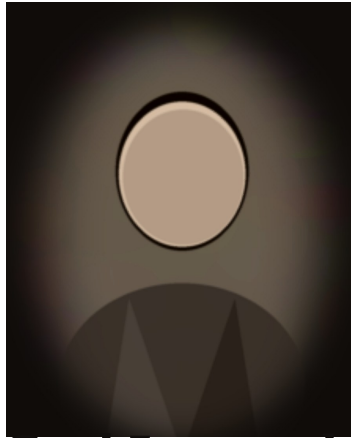


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Carl Laemmle

January 17, 1867 - September 24, 1939

Los Angeles, California

Carl Laemmle - German-born American film entrepreneur who founded Universal Pictures and helped invent the Hollywood studio system - died in Los Angeles on September 24, 1939. He was seventy-two. Born January 17, 1867, in Laupheim, in what is now Germany, he emigrated to the United States as a young man, worked clothing sales in Wisconsin and Chicago, then plunged into nickelodeon exhibition when motion pictures were still a carnival novelty.

He fought the Edison trust, launched Independent Moving Pictures, and in 1912 assembled Universal, later building Universal City as a working lot north of Hollywood. Family lore and studio publicity called him "Uncle Carl"; beneath the nickname sat a shrewd showman who mixed serials, westerns, and prestige features while keeping an eye on European kin. In the 1930s he used influence and money to help relatives and others escape Nazi Germany - a quieter ledger than any box-office report.

Los Angeles was the capital of the industry he helped found. He died after years of retreat from day-to-day studio control, having already seen talking pictures remake the business he entered with silent reels.

He died in Los Angeles on September 24, 1939. Studio tours still cross ground he once treated as a factory for dreams.

Laemmle's gift was industrial imagination - turning immigrant hustle into a permanent American film factory. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so September 24 remembers the Laupheim ?migr? who built Universal and opened a gate for others to flee.

Services

Died in Los Angeles, California, September 24, 1939. Founder of Universal Pictures; German-American film pioneer; Universal City builder.

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