

Charles William Hoffman, miner

Charles William Hoffman was born 20 May 1852 in Wisconsin, second of twelve children (four died young) of August William Hoffmann and Louisa L Heitzelman of Germany. The family moved to Savanna, Carroll, Illinois, where they are found on the 1860 and 1870 censuses.¹

Charles is on the 1880 census as a miner living in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.² When the mining waned, he moved back east. In 1883, he married Georgiana Wood Lamoreaux in Lanark, Carroll, Illinois. They had two daughters (but it is interesting that Georgiana was the ninth of sixteen children).³ Charles is listed on the voter registration files as living in Covina, Los Angeles, California, in 1892. In 1895, he and his family moved to Cass, Jones, Iowa.⁴

In 1900, Charles was a farmer living at Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo, Iowa, with his wife and daughters.⁵ They were still in Cerro Gordo, Iowa, on the 1905 census⁶, but moved to Illinois soon after that. He died 20 January 1909 in Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo, Iowa.⁷

At his death, Georgianna and her youngest daughter moved in with her married daughter in South Pasadena, Los Angeles, California.⁸ She lived with them until her death in 1924 in Los Angeles, California.⁹ She was 63 years old when she stepped from a Pasadena short line car and walked directly in front of a Shorb car. She suffered a fractured skull and ankle and several broken ribs. She died a week later in the Alhambra Hospital from her injuries. An inquest was held and it was declared an accident.¹⁰

¹ United States Census, 1860, 1870.

² United States Census, 1880.

³ *Familysearch.org*

⁴ Iowa State Census, 1895.

⁵ United States Census, 1900.

⁶ Iowa State Census, 1905.

⁷ *Find-a-grave.com*

⁸ United States Census, 1910.

⁹ California Death Index, 1905-1939.

¹⁰ *Los Angeles Times*, 8 April 1924.