

George H Bennett

George H Bennett was born July 1861 in California. He was the third of five children of William P Bennett and Hannah P Smith. The family was living in Iowa Hill Township, Placer, California,¹ in 1860 and in Virginia City, Storey, Nevada, in 1870.² On the 1880 census, George was a store clerk in Silver Reef in 1880.³

George married Susanna Katharina “Kate” Agenstein about 1884 in Utah Territory [see Kate’s biography]. Kate was working as a waitress at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory. They had eight children, three of whom died young. They lived in American Fork, Utah, Utah Territory, about 1884.⁴ By 1890, they had moved to Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory,⁵ where George was a store clerk for the Remington-Johnson Wholesale Grocery company.⁶ George was a committee member and delegate for the Republican party.⁷ He was one of five men that filed to incorporate the Cushing-Hadley Corporation (1 share), formed to do business at nearby Bingham Canyon.⁸

On the 1900 census, he was living with his wife and five children in Salt Lake City, working as the Consolidated Mercur Mining company bookkeeper.⁹ In 1902, he dropped dead from heart disease while crossing the sitting-room of his own home in Salt Lake City. Kate had just left the room to fetch their daughter when she heard him fall to the floor.¹⁰ He was considered in “high regard of all who came in contact with him” and was “a conscientious and capable employe [sic] and a gentleman”.¹¹

Kate lived with her unmarried children¹² until her death in 1944 in Salt Lake City. She was buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.¹³

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¹ United States Census, 1860.

² United States Census, 1870.

³ United States Census, 1880.

⁴ Child born in American Fork in 1883 (Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946).

⁵ Child born 1890 in Salt Lake City (Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964).

⁶ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 30 April 1902, p. 8.

⁷ *Salt Lake Herald*, 29 November 1896, p. 5; 19 September 1896, p. 8; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 13 October 1894, p. 2.

⁸ *Salt Lake Herald*, 12 February 1895, p. 8.

⁹ United States Census, 1900; *Salt Lake Telegram*, 30 April 1902, p. 6.

¹⁰ Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946; Utah Salt Lake County Death Records, 849-1949.

¹¹ *Salt Lake Telegram*, 30 April 1902, p. 6.

¹² United States Census, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940.

¹³ Utah Death and Burials, 1888-1946.