

Israel Dodge “Bud” Alphin

Israel Dodge Alphin (known as Bud, probably to distinguish him from his father) was born 20 August 1857 in Big Sandy, Sublette, Wyoming. He was the tenth of eleven children of Israel Dodge Alphin and Burnetta Collins. His father had three wives and sired 27 children. In addition, he helped raise several children from his wives' previous marriages. The family had immigrated from Texas to the Great Salt Lake Valley with the Homer Duncan Company (Homer was returning from a mission in Texas), and Israel was born on the trail in Wyoming. They arrived in September 1857.¹

The family was living in Salt Lake City on the 1860 census, where his father was a shoemaker.² They moved to Pine Valley, Utah Territory, in 1862. His father worked at the saw mill on Santa Clara Creek, and moved his families there. One night, a thunder storm caused a flash flood in the creek near their house. It washed the house away and four of the children. Their little bodies were found the next morning. They were buried in the same grave in the old Pine Valley Cemetery. A few years later, another flood took out the cemetery. The remaining four bodies were moved to the new cemetery site.³

After the flood, Israel's mother moved to Salt Lake City and stayed with a married son. When his father had finished two good homes in Pine Valley, she returned. On the 1870 census, his father was a farmer, and Israel was attending school.⁴ His mother died in 1871⁵ and was buried in the Pine Valley Cemetery.⁶ The family moved to Panaca, Nevada, by 1872 and back to Pine Valley by 1875. On the 1880 census, Israel was a miner living in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.⁷ The next year he married Amanda Clark Pratt. They had three children, the first of whom was born in Arizona and the others in Panguitch, Garfield, Utah Territory.⁸

In 1900, Israel was a barber, living with his wife and three children in Panguitch.⁹ By 1910, they had moved to Burley, Cassia, Idaho, where Israel was a house carpenter.¹⁰ After 1920 they moved to California. He died 25 July 1925 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California¹¹, and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Amanda died in 1929 in Los Angeles and was buried next to Israel.

¹ Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel, 1847-1868.

² Utah Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1850-1890.; United States census, 1860.

³ *Findagrave.com*

⁴ United States Census, 1870.

⁵ Utah Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel Database, 1847-1868.

⁶ *Billiongraves.com*

⁷ United States Census, 1880.

⁸ *Familysearch.org*

⁹ United States, 1900.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1910, 1920.

¹¹ California Death Index, 1905-1939.



Israel Dodge Alphin Jr and Amanda Clark (image from *Familysearch.org*)

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