

Joshua Horton Alphin and Alice Virginia Hundley

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Joshua Horton Alphin was born 16 January 1841 in Payson, Adams, Illinois. He was the third of eleven children of Israel Dodge Alphin and Burnetta Collins. The family moved to Walker, Walker, Texas, by 1850.¹ The family traveled west to the Salt Lake Valley with the Homer Duncan Company in 1857, when Joshua was age sixteen. In 1860, they lived in Great Salt Lake City 15th Ward, Salt Lake, Utah Territory.²

Alice Virginia Hundley was born 7 April 1848 in Texas. She was the third of four children of Thomas Augustus Hundley and Mary Jane Cotton. Her family was living in Denver, Arapahoe, Kansas Territory, by 1860.³ Joshua and Alice married 8 March 1867 in Salt Lake City. They had four children.

In 1870, Joshua was a musician, living with his wife and daughter in Corinne, Box Elder, Utah Territory.⁴ By 1872, the family was living in Pine Valley, Washington, Utah Territory.⁵ On the 1880 census, Joshua was a miner, living with his wife and four children in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory. Their youngest child was born in Silver Reef.⁶ Joshua was on the delinquent tax list for Silver Reef in December 1890.⁷ In 1900, he was a teamster, living with his wife, three children, son-in-law, and a grandchild in De Lamar, Lincoln, Nevada.⁸

In 1906, their son David was shot during a fight in the Manhattan Saloon in Nye County, Nevada. He lingered for 24 hours and then died of his gunshot wounds. He had cashed a \$60 check for his murderer, and the next morning he went to the bank and encountered the man, who had drawn out every cent that he had on deposit. David asked him "to take up his paper" and he refused. The two men left the bank, quarreling violently and retired to the rear of the saloon to talk. A fight ensued, and David was shot twice, in the shoulder and the back.⁹

Alice died 29 June 1909 in Caliente, Lincoln, Nevada, and was buried in the Caliente City Cemetery.¹⁰ On the 1910 census, Joshua is working as a hotel keeper in his own hotel, living with three lodgers in Caliente.¹¹ By 1920, he has moved and is living with his daughter and granddaughter in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.¹²

Joshua died 20 November 1924 at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California¹³ and was buried in the Inglewood Park Cemetery.¹⁴

¹ United States Census, 1850.

² United States Census, 1860.

³ United States Census, 1860.

⁴ United States Census, 1870.

⁵ *Familysearch.org*

⁶ United States Census, 880.

⁷ *Salt Lake Herald*, 7 December 1890, p. 11.

⁸ United States Census, 1900.

⁹ *Reno Evening Gazette*, 23 March 1906.

¹⁰ *Findagrave.com*

¹¹ United States Census, 1910.

¹² United States Census, 1920.

¹³ California Death Index, 1905-1939.

¹⁴ *Findagrave.com*



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