

William Boyer

William Boyer was born 10 December 1845 in Greenville, Darke, Ohio. He was the third of four children of Samuel Boyer and Rachael Peck. William enlisted for three months as a private in Company K of the Ohio Infantry in 1861. He continued as a Sergeant in the 4th Regiment of the Ohio Cavalry from 1861-1864.¹

On the 1870 census, William was a farm laborer for William Whitehurst in Union, Hancock, Ohio.² By 1880, he was a miner, living in Leeds, Washington, Utah Territory.³ He married Melissa Jane Dodge in December 1880⁴ in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory. They had six children. The family lived in Silver Reef from 1881 to at least 1890, with four children born there. William leased the Stormy King mine there, adjacent to the Tecumseh Mine, in 1881. By 1898, they were living in Mammoth, Juab, Utah.⁵

On the 1990 census, William was a carpenter, living with his wife and five children in Silver City, Juab, Utah. His oldest son was a quartz miner.⁶ William lived in Silver City until his death from tuberculosis on 20 March 1907. He was buried in the Eureka Cemetery.⁷ Malissa continued living in Silver City and raised her children, her sons became miners.⁸ She received a widow's pension in 1915.⁹ By 1930, she was living alone in Silver City.¹⁰ She moved to Pioche and died there in 1933. She was buried in the Eureka Cemetery.¹¹

¹ US Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890.

² United States Census, 1870.

³ United States Census, 1880.

⁴ *Familysearch.org*

⁵ *Salt Lake Herald*, 16 July 1881, p. 5; US Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890; US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918; *Familysearch.org*

⁶ United States Census, 1900.

⁷ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

⁸ United States Census, 1910, 1920.

⁹ US Civil War Pension Index, 1861-1934.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1930.

¹¹ *Findagrave.com*



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