

Rachel Marion Jane “Mae” Boyer Davidson

Rachel Marion Jane “Mae” Boyer was born 4 June 1883 in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.¹ She was the second of six children (and the only daughter) of William Boyer and Melissa Jane Dodge. Mae’s father leased the Stormy King mine there, adjacent to the Tecumseh Mine.² The family lived in Silver Reef until at least 1890.³ By 1898, the family was living in Mammoth, Juab, Utah.⁴

On the 1900 census, Mae was attending school. Her father was a carpenter and her brother was a quartz miner. The family of five children lived in Silver City, Juab, Utah.⁵ Her father died in 1907, and Mae married James Bonham Davidson on 19 April 1908 in Silver City.⁶ They had eight children, one of whom died at birth.⁷ In 1910, she was living with her husband, a teamster, and her son, in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.⁸ In 1917, they were living in Newhouse, Beaver, Utah, where her husband was ore milling.⁹ By 1920, they had moved to Southerland, Millard, Utah, where her husband was farming and she was raising six children.¹⁰

On the 1930 census, Mae was living with her husband, a mining laborer, and six children in Pioche, Lincoln, Nevada.¹¹ When Mae’s mother died in 1934, Mae was listed as living in Pioche.¹² In 1940, her husband was a watchman for the Atlanta Mine in Pioche, where they were living with two sons, a daughter, and a son-in-law.¹³ Mae’s husband died in 1946 in Pioche, Lincoln, Nevada, and was buried in the Pioche Public Cemetery.¹⁴

Mae died on her birthday, 4 June 1970, in Las Vegas, Clark, Nevada, and was buried in the Bunkers Memory Gardens Cemetery.¹⁵

¹ Two of her children’s death certificates show her birth as Silver Reef; the next three of her siblings were also born in Silver Reef.

² *Salt Lake Herald*, 16 July 1881, p. 5.

³ US Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890; US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

⁴ *Familysearch.org*

⁵ United States Census, 1900.

⁶ Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940.

⁷ *Familysearch.org*

⁸ United States Census, 1910.

⁹ US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1920.

¹¹ United States Census, 1930.

¹² *Salt Lake Tribune*, 3 January 1934, pp. 8, 23.

¹³ United States Census, 1940.

¹⁴ *Findagrave.com*; *BillionGraves.com*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*



Children of William and Melissa Boyer: Lyman, William, Samuel, Rachel, Benjamin
(image from *Ancestry.com*)



Mae Boyer (image from *Ancestry.com*)



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