

Alfred Grant

Alfred Grant was born 17 May 1836 in Concord, Somerset, Maine.¹ He was the oldest of nine children of Charles Grant and Elizabeth Greenwood. The family lived in Concord, Somerset, Maine, from 1840-1860. In 1860, Alfred was a miner in Whiskey Diggings, Sierra, California, with his brother Lyman.² He married Mary Catherine Noyes about 1864 in California. They had two children.

By 1876, Alfred was in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory, where he leased a claim from William T Barbee and chlorided ten tons of ore. The ore was taken to the Alps Mill in Pioche, Nevada, for reduction.³ In 1877, Alfred and Billy Goodwin brought 35 tons of ore to Condor Mill in Pioche. Alfred's pulp assay was reported as \$116.⁴ When Silver Reef started holding horse races, Alfred brought his horses to compete in the first race.⁵ At some point, Alfred was involved in the Elk Horn Saloon.⁶

After the great fire in Silver Reef in 1879, Alfred was made the Sergeant-at-Arms, empowered to enforce the fire regulations.⁷ On the 1880 census, he was a miner, living in Silver Reef. His wife and two children were living in San Francisco, California, where Alfred was in "hay & grain".⁸ Mary died in 1881.⁹ Alfred served as a grand juror at the Beaver court in 1890 and 1892.¹⁰ In 1892, Alfred and Robert G McQuarrie obtained a lease on the Christy mines and mill and sub-leased to Chloriders. By the time the bullion was sold, the price of silver had dropped so far that their profits were wiped out.¹¹

In 1892, Alfred married Almira Ann "Annie" Dilley in Silver Reef.¹² They had no children. Alfred died in February 1895 in Silver Reef after a long illness. He had been one of the territory's most well-known miners, and been operating in Silver Reef for many years.¹³ After Alfred died, Annie remarried three times. She moved to Arizona and lived there until she died in 1939 in Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona.¹⁴

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¹ North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000.

² United States Census, 1840, 1850, 1860.

³ Silver, Sinners and Saints, by Proctor and Shirts, 1991, pp. 146, 148.

⁴ Ibid, p. 48.

⁵ Ibid, p. 141; A Historical Study of Silver Reef, by A B Stucki, 1966, p. 63.

⁶ Dr. Robert Schuyler; Utah Business Directory, 1892.

⁷ Silver, Sinners and Saints, by Proctor and Shirts, 1991, p. 127.

⁸ United States Census, 1880.

⁹ Familysearch.org

¹⁰ *Salt Lake Herald*, 19 January 1890, p. 5; 14 September 1892, p. 1.

¹¹ Memories of Silver Reef, by Mark A. Pendleton, in *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 1930, p. 111.

¹² Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940; Utah Select County Marriages, 1887-1937.

¹³ *Salt Lake Herald*, 19 February 1895, p. 8.

¹⁴ Arizona Deaths, 1870-1951.