

## Alvin Taintor Moore

Alvin Taintor Moore was born 13 August 1842 in Framingham, Middlesex, Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup> He was the second of five children of Nathan H Moore and Lydia L Tayntor.<sup>2</sup> The family was living in Braintree, Norfolk, Massachusetts, on the 1850<sup>3</sup> and 1855<sup>4</sup> censuses. By 1860, they had moved to Chicago, Cook, Illinois.<sup>5</sup>

Alvin, now a railroad man, registered for the military draft in Framingham, Middlesex, Massachusetts, in 1863.<sup>6</sup> He was enlisted in the army 22 Marcy 1864 in Washington DC. His paperwork described him with blue eyes, light hair, and a fair complexion. He was five foot, nine inches tall. He was discharged 4 November 1865 at Washington DC.<sup>7</sup> His military record was annotated: "was one of McClellan's body guard".<sup>8</sup> Hence, on the 1865 census, he was marked as "in service".<sup>9</sup>

The next record of Alvin is his marriage to Euretta Langdon, about 1875 in Nevada. Alvin is a mill man in Lincoln, Nevada.<sup>10</sup> They had one son, born in Bullionville, Nevada.<sup>11</sup> Bullionville was a mile north of Panaca and a satellite of Pioche, Nevada, from about 1872-1882.<sup>12</sup> In 1877, Alvin attended a musical soiree at Riverside, Nevada, with many others from Carson, Virginia City and California.<sup>13</sup>

In October 1879, he was one of three men elected as trustees of the newly formed Silver Reef school board.<sup>14</sup> In January 1880, the three men were asked to resign because of improper candidacy announcement, and the newspaper opposed raising money for the school until the issue was handled.<sup>15</sup> The Silver Reef Educational Society held a meeting at the Harrison House in February 1880 and elected five men, including Alvin, as trustees. In 1881, he was one of five men to sign the original building lease for the new public school in Silver Reef.<sup>16</sup>

On the 1880 census, Alvin was listed as an assayer, living with his wife and son in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.<sup>17</sup> In 1882, he made a trips to Salt Lake City with his son, staying at the Cliff House Hotel.<sup>18</sup>

Family lore has Euretta having an unnamed son in 1882 and dying in 1883 in Silver Reef.<sup>19</sup> After the deaths of Euretta and the baby, Alvin took their son Harry to live with Euretta's sister's family in

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<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626-2001.

<sup>2</sup> *Familysearch.org*

<sup>3</sup> United States Census, 1850.

<sup>4</sup> Massachusetts State Census, 1855.

<sup>5</sup> United States Census, 1860.

<sup>6</sup> US Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865.

<sup>7</sup> US Army Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914.

<sup>8</sup> US Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865.

<sup>9</sup> Massachusetts State Census, 1865.

<sup>10</sup> Nevada State Census, 1875.

<sup>11</sup> US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

<sup>12</sup> *Onlinenevada.org/articles/bullionville*

<sup>13</sup> *Reno Gazette-Journal*, 12 January 1877, p. 3.

<sup>14</sup> *Silver Reef Miner*, 15 October 1879.

<sup>15</sup> *Silver Reef Miner*, 24 January 1880.

<sup>16</sup> *Silver Reef School Board Minutes*.

<sup>17</sup> United States Census, 1880.

<sup>18</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 16 May 1882, p. 8; 6 June 1882, p. 5.

<sup>19</sup> Dates from Haggard family bible; location oral history via Stanley L Moore.

Algona, Iowa (perhaps staying in the Salt Lake Hotel was part of this trip?). The 1885 census shows Harry living with his aunt, Fredonia (Dona) Sheetz, in Iowa.<sup>20</sup>

Family lore has Alvin returning to Bullionville by train where he was murdered the night of his arrival, 11 October 1883. As Bullionville was in decline by 1880, it was more likely he was returning to Silver Reef.<sup>21</sup> So far, no records have been found to support the murder story.

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<sup>20</sup> Iowa State Census, 1885.

<sup>21</sup> *Wikitree.com/wiki/Moore-13648*