

Arthur Frederick Miles

Arthur Frederick Miles was born 9 December 1866 in London, Middlesex, England. He was the youngest child of John Henry William Miles and Jane Mary Wyatt, along with his twin brother George Edmond Miles. They had an older half-brother. His father owned a pub in London near Piccadilly Circus. John had a legitimate wife and six children – and four illegitimate children by Jane Wyatt.¹ In 1871, Jane and her three sons were living in a small cottage in a ghetto in London, where she was working as a dressmaker and needlewoman.² Arthur worked hard as a little boy in London as a milkman's helper – getting up early in the morning and working long hours in the days before there were child-labor laws.

Arthur's older half-brother John was a midshipman who joined the Mormon Church in Australia and then emigrated to Utah Territory, where President Brigham Young sent him to work on the St George Temple. He was then called on a mission to England. While he was there, his father died, and John inherited the estate. It was at this point that John learned of his father's other family. He visited the family, where George learned that his father had been a wealthy saloon owner. John moved Jane and her sons to Bishop's Grove in the heart of London, where she began keeping house for the Mormon missionaries.³

In September 1878, John, Jane, and her four children sailed from Liverpool to New York City on the ship *Wyoming*.⁴ They crossed the plains to the Great Salt Lake Valley by train and then traveled two weeks by wagon to reach St George, Washington, Utah Territory.⁵ Jane and her children joined the Mormon Church and used the name Miles from then on. Everyone in the family had to work – Arthur herded cows at Gunlock, worked as a tool-boy at the Silver Reef mine, and as an assistant storekeeper at Bonelli's Ferry on the Colorado River. On the 1880 census, Arthur was a servant, living with his mother and twin brother in St George.⁶

Arthur was appointed to be the business manager of the cotton factory in Washington and taught himself bookkeeping through a correspondence course. He also taught school in New Harmony and Santa Clara. He married Ida Walker in 1888⁷ and they had six children. He became a US citizen in 1892.⁸ Ida died in childbirth in St George and was buried in the city cemetery.⁹ In 1900, Arthur married Ida's older sister, Zaidee Walker, in St George¹⁰ and they had three daughters. He was working as a county clerk¹¹ and studied banking without a teacher.

In 1910, Arthur was working as a bank cashier at the Bank of St George, living with his wife and seven children in St George.¹² He worked at the bank for 37 years,¹³ in addition to serving on the Washington County Commission, as a clerk of the district court, on the Board of Education, and in the Utah State Legislature.¹⁴ He was also employed as a bookkeeper and clerk in the Washington Cotton

¹ "Silk Hat to Survival," a history of John Horne Miles, at *Familysearch.org*

² England and Wales Census, 1871.

³ "Silk Hat to Survival," a history of John Horne Miles, at *Familysearch.org*

⁴ New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957.

⁵ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 10 December 1968, p. 12.

⁶ United States Census, 1880.

⁷ Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940; US Western States Marriage Index; Utah Marriages, 1887-1935.

⁸ Arthur Frederick Miles – Life Sketch, at *Familysearch.org*; United States Census, 1920.

⁹ *BillionGraves.com*

¹⁰ Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940; US Western States Marriage Index.

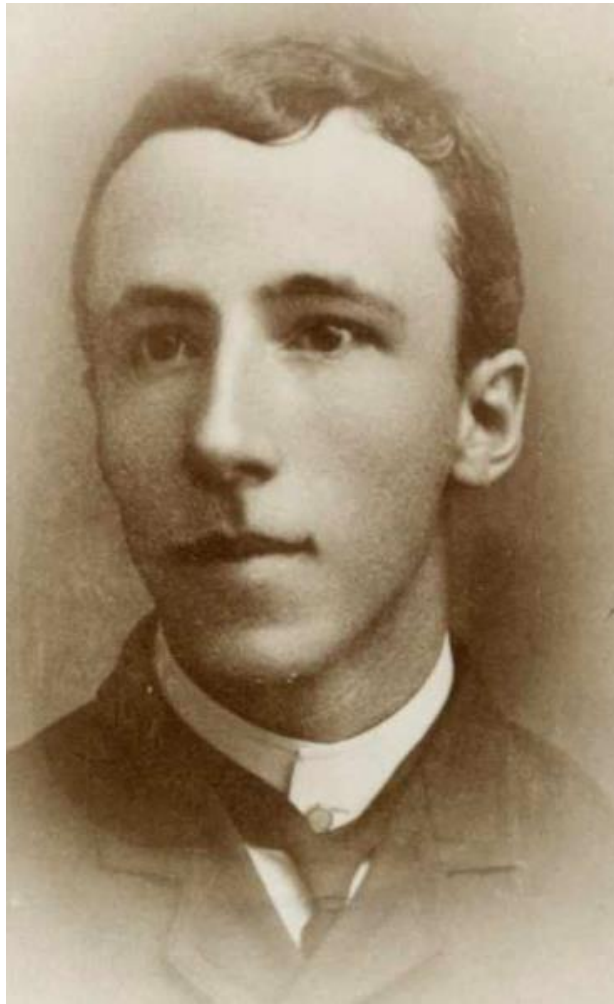
¹¹ United States Census, 1900.

¹² United States Census, 1910.

¹³ United States Census, 1920, 1930, 1940.

¹⁴ Arthur Frederick Miles – Life Sketch, at *Familysearch.org*

Factory.¹⁵ In 1926, Arthur was called on a mission to California.¹⁶ Zaidee died in 1953 in St George and was buried in the city cemetery.¹⁷



Arthur Frederick Miles (image from *Familysearch.org*)

¹⁵ Raymond Walker Miles Personal History, at *Familysearch.org*

¹⁶ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Missionary Department Registers, 1860-1937.

¹⁷ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.



Identical twins Arthur Frederick and George Edmond Miles (image from *Familysearch.org*)



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