

Arthur Nicholls

Arthur Nicholls was born 24 February 1848 in Lichfield, Staffordshire, England. He was the second of seven children of Charles Nicholls and Sarah Sandford.¹ His father also fathered six more children by a previous wife.² In 1851, the family lived in Rushall, Staffordshire, England, where his father was a laborer.³ His father died in 1859 in Rushall, leaving his mother with seven children under age thirteen.

On the 1861 census, Arthur was a spring hook maker; his mother worked as a laundress.⁴ In 1868, Arthur married Sarah Ann Stokes in Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England. They had eight children, two of whom died as infants.⁵ Arthur worked as a stirrup filer⁶ in Rushall and an iron dresser in Walsall.⁷ Both Arthur and Sarah were baptized into the Mormon Church in 1878.⁸ Their son William followed Thomas Judd, a Mormon missionary, back to Utah Territory.⁹ Arthur and their son Charles sailed on the ship "Wyoming" from Liverpool to New York City, arriving in July 1881. Sarah and their daughter Lizzie followed them in 1882, and the little family settled in Leeds, Washington, Utah Territory.¹⁰

Arthur and Sarah were naturalized as US citizens in 1894.¹¹ They moved the family to Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory, where some of their children attended school. Their son Arthur described it: "The townspeople cleaned out a saloon and hired a teacher for some of the kids".¹² Arthur and his sons William, Charles, Tom, and Arthur, worked in the silver mines at Silver Reef while their families were living in Leeds.¹³ They took many trips to the Pine Valley mountains for recreation. In 1900, Tom was living with his family in Leeds, and working at the silver mines in Silver Reef. When there was mischief in Leeds, it was usually attributed to "those long-nosed Nicholls boys from the Reef".¹⁴

The family moved to Lovell, Big Horn, Wyoming, where their sons Tom and Charles had found work. Arthur was a construction worker there in 1910.¹⁵ In 1920, Arthur and his wife were still in Lovell, where he worked as a watchman in a sugar factory. Arthur died 29 March 1924 at age 78 and was buried in the Lovell Cemetery.¹⁶ Sarah continued living in Lovell¹⁷ until her death in 1935. She was buried in the Lovell Cemetery.¹⁸

¹ England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975; Staffordshire Church Records, 1538-1944; England and Wales Birth Registration Index, 1837-2008; *Familysearch.org*

² *Familysearch.org*

³ England and Wales Census, 1851.

⁴ England and Wales Census, 1861.

⁵ United States Census, 1900.

⁶ England and Wales Census, 1871.

⁷ England and Wales Census, 1881.

⁸ *Familysearch.org*

⁹ Life story of Tom and Ruth Nicholls, *Familysearch.org*

¹⁰ New York Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1957; *Familysearch.org*

¹¹ United States Census, 1920.

¹² Life story of Tom and Ruth Nicholls, *Familysearch.org*; Arthur Davies Nicholls life story, *Familysearch.org*.

¹³ United States Census, 1900.

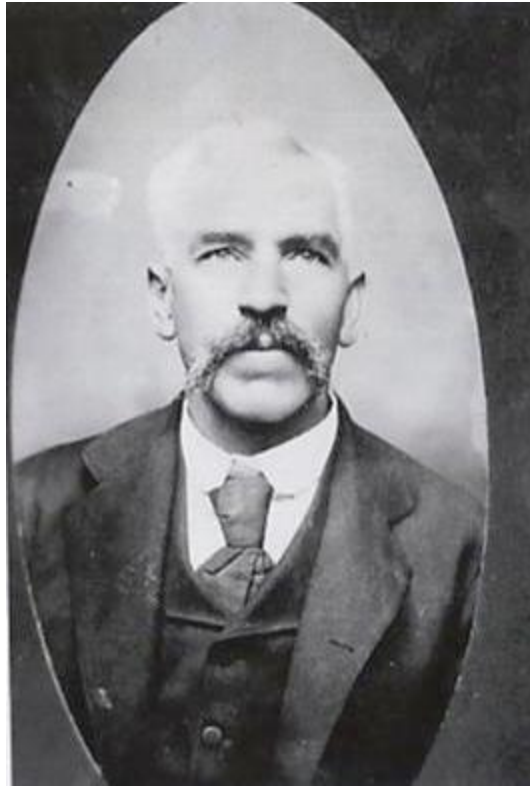
¹⁴ Life story of Tom and Ruth Nicholls, *Familysearch.org*; Arthur Davies Nicholls life story, *Familysearch.org*; United States Census, 1900.

¹⁵ United States Census, 1910.

¹⁶ *Findagrave.com*

¹⁷ United States Census, 1930.

¹⁸ *Findagrave.com*



Arthur Nicholls (image from *Familysearch.org*)



Sarah Ann Stokes Nicholls and some of her children (image from *Familysearch.org*)



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