

## Elmira Burnetta “Kate” Alphin Deeble

Elmira Burnetta “Kate” Alphin was born 8 April 1868 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory.<sup>1</sup> She was the oldest of four children of Joshua Horton Alphin and Alice Virginia Hundley.<sup>2</sup> The family was living in Corinne, Box Elder, Utah Territory in 1870.<sup>3</sup> By 1872, the family was living in Pine Valley, Washington, Utah Territory.<sup>4</sup>

On the 1880 census, Joshua was a miner, living with his wife and four children in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory. In 1882, “Bernetta” was hired to teach school in Silver Reef because Mrs Hall had to resign because of ill health. Bernetta taught the last eight months of the school term.<sup>5</sup> Elmira married William Webber Deeble on 17 June 1887 in Silver Reef.<sup>6</sup> They had one daughter who was born in Silver Reef. They divorced in 1890.<sup>7</sup> William died in 1900 in Eureka, Juab, Utah Territory.<sup>8</sup>

On the 1900 census, Elmira is listed as Kate Alphin, a dressmaker living with her daughter, mother, brother, sister and brother-in-law, in her father’s household in De Lamar Precinct, Lincoln, Nevada.<sup>9</sup> She appears as Kate Deeble in subsequent records, such as the 1910 census, where she is a widow living with her daughter are living in Caliente, Lincoln, Nevada. She is working as a landlady in a lodging house.<sup>10</sup>

In 1920, Kate is working in her home as a dressmaker, living with her daughter and her father in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. She lived at 823 W 51<sup>st</sup> Place in Los Angeles.<sup>11</sup> She died 5 December 1929 in Los Angeles.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> United States Census, 1900.

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

<sup>3</sup> United States Census, 1870.

<sup>4</sup> *Familysearch.org*

<sup>5</sup> Silver Reef School Board Minutes.

<sup>6</sup> Utah Select County Marriages, 1887-1937; Utah Select Marriages, 1887-1966.

<sup>7</sup> United States Census, 1900; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 6 December 1890, p. 5.

<sup>8</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 3 January 1900.

<sup>9</sup> United States Census, 1900.

<sup>10</sup> United States Census, 1910.

<sup>11</sup> US City Directories, 1822-1995.

<sup>12</sup> California Death Index, 1905-1939.