

# Isaac LeRoy “Roy” Grundy

Isaac LeRoy “Roy” Grundy was born 4 July 1858 in Parowan, Iron, Utah Territory.<sup>1</sup> He was the sixth of fourteen children of Isaac Grundy and Elizabeth Hudson Hendricks. The family had just been called back from the Southern California settlement due to the threat of Johnston’s Army. His father was sent to Parowan to mine lead for bullets. He and other men found zinc, copper and gray silver ores, and opened the first lead mine in Utah Territory. They established the town of Grundyville, later Minersville, in 1859. Roy’s father erected the first ore smelter in the territory. He made several tons of bullion and lead bullets. One time the lead was so hard he could hardly mold a bullet, so he assayed it and found it was almost pure silver.<sup>2</sup>

In 1860, Roy was living with his parents in Beaver, Beaver, Utah Territory.<sup>3</sup> By 1870 they had moved to Minersville.<sup>4</sup> Soon after they moved to Salt Lake City where his father worked as a stone facer on the temple.<sup>5</sup> On the 1880 census, Roy was a teamster, living in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.<sup>6</sup> He married Margaret Morgan in 1887 in Silver Reef. They had no children; they lived in White Hills, Arizona, and Vanderbilt, California, in 1895. In 1898 she filed for divorce on grounds of cruelty, infidelity, gambling, and failure to support.<sup>7</sup> It is not known when or where Margaret died.

Roy married Isabell Morris in 1901 in St George<sup>8</sup>; they had one son. Roy was working at the Apex Mine near St George, and Isabel drove a buggy from St George twice a week delivering groceries from Pymm’s store.<sup>9</sup> In 1902, Roy was the postmaster in Dixie, Washington, Utah.<sup>10</sup> On the 1910 census, Roy was an electrical engineer at the city plant, living with his wife and son in St George.<sup>11</sup> They continued living there<sup>12</sup> until his death of bronchial asthma on 5 June 1920. He was buried in the St George Cemetery.<sup>13</sup> He was a “kindly, honest fellow who made friends wherever he became known.”<sup>14</sup>

After Roy died, Isabel remarried and lived in St George until her death in 1949. She was buried with her second husband in the St George Cemetery.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Membership of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830-1848.

<sup>2</sup> Isaac Grundy, written by his granddaughter Frances Grundy Callahan, 1959; Elizabeth Hudson Hendricks, written by her granddaughter Frances Grundy Callahan.

<sup>3</sup> United States Census, 1860.

<sup>4</sup> United States Census, 1870.

<sup>5</sup> Isaac Grundy, written by his granddaughter Frances Grundy Callahan, 1959; US City Directories, 1822-1995.

<sup>6</sup> United States Census, 1880.

<sup>7</sup> Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 25 May 1898, p. 5; *Salt Lake Herald*, 25 May 1898, p. 3.

<sup>8</sup> Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940.

<sup>9</sup> Salt Lake Tribune Mining Centennial Collection.

<sup>10</sup> *Inter-Mountain Farmer*, 11 February 1902, p. 6.

<sup>11</sup> United States Census, 1910.

<sup>12</sup> United States Census, 1920.

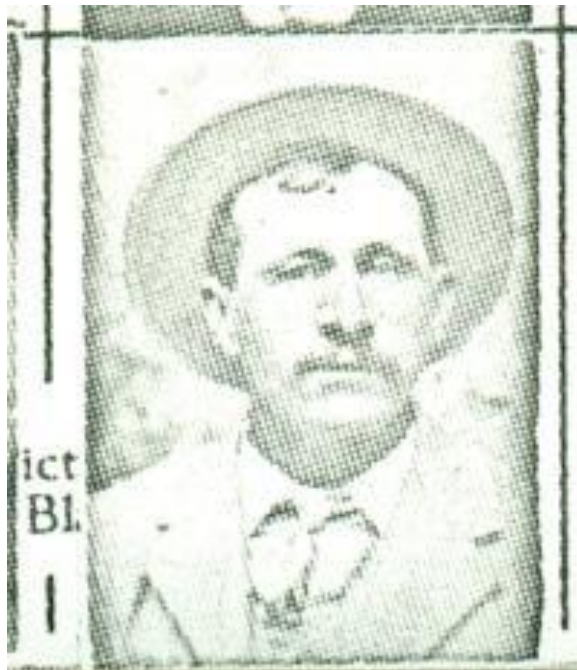
<sup>13</sup> Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1966; Utah Cemetery Inventory, 1847-2000.

<sup>14</sup> *Mohave County Miner and our Mineral Wealth*, 19 June 1920, p. 12.

<sup>15</sup> Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.



Apex copper mine, 15 miles southwest of St George, about 1905-8. Left to right: Dave Williams, Johnnie McNeil, Robert Ashby, Billie Williams, Roy Grundy, A J Milne, Vil Fullerton, Austin Carter. Woman is Isabel Morris Grundy who drove a buggy from St George twice a week delivering groceries from Pymm's store (Salt Lake Tribune Mining Centennial Collection).



Isaac LeRoy Grundy (image from *Familysearch.org*)



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