

James Hubert Huston

James Hubert Huston was born 9 June 1825 in Pickaway, Ohio.¹ He was the seventh of eight children of James Huston and Ann Wynn. His father died when James was two-years old; his mother when he was three years old.² It is not known where the eight young children lived after their parents' deaths.

In 1850, James was a drover, living with his sister in Circleville, Pickaway, Ohio.³ He enlisted as a private in Company F, 115th Regiment, Ohio Infantry, on the Union side of the Civil War.⁴ By 1864, he was in Nevada Territory, where he owed delinquent taxes on his mining stock. He owned stock in the Santa Maria Silver Mining Company, Belle Silver Mining Company, Imperatrice Silver Mining Company, and the Maryland Silver Mining Company.⁵

In 1873, he was registered as a voter in Nevada, California.⁶ He moved to Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory, by 1879, when he served on the fire committee.⁷ On the 1880 census, he was keeping a livery stable in Silver Reef.⁸ In 1881, he was compensated \$1 for taking the post from Silver Reef to Toquerville, Utah Territory.⁹ In 1882, he was a prominent business with a grocery store, Huston & West, on Main Street.¹⁰

James was very involved in the Silver Reef school board. He was one of the first trustees in December 1880, and served as trustee until June 1882. In 1884, he was an election judge as a new school board was elected.¹¹ He had a gold mine in Tuolumne, California¹², and held a mining patent in Lake County, Colorado.¹³ James died of pneumonia 2 April 1889 in Silver Reef and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery there.¹⁴ He was never married.

¹ United States Census, 1850.

² *Familysearch.org*

³ United States Census, 1850.

⁴ US Civil War Soldiers Index, 1861-1910.

⁵ Mining and Scientific Press, Vol 9, 1864, p. 127.

⁶ California Great Registers, 1866-1910; California Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

⁷ *Silver, Sinners and Saints*, by Proctor and Shirts, 1991, p. 127.

⁸ United States Census, 1880.

⁹ Congressional Series of US Public Documents, Vol 2205, 1884, p. 311.

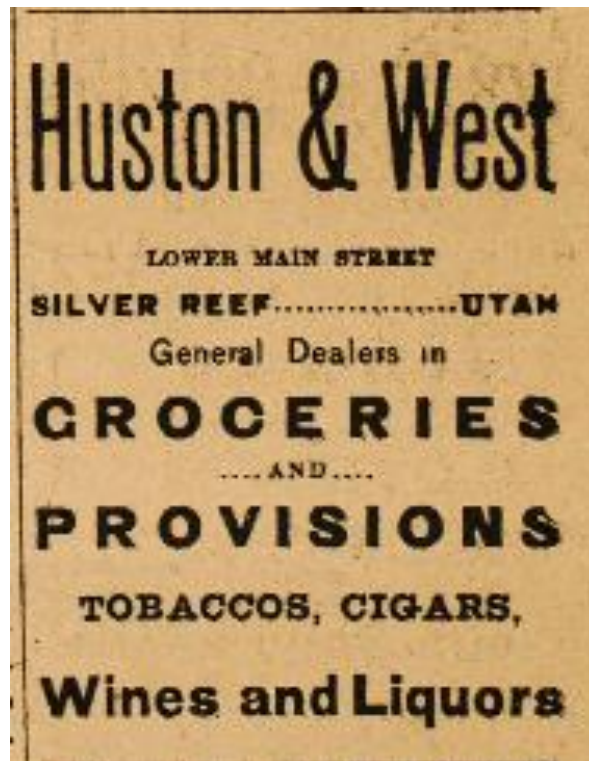
¹⁰ *Salt Lake Herald*, 28 November 1883, p. 8.

¹¹ Silver Reef School Board Minutes.

¹² *Westernmininghistory.com*

¹³ *ewg.org/mining/owners*.

¹⁴ Utah Division of State History, Cemeteries and Burials; *Reno Gazette-Journal*, 26 April 1889, p. 3.



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