

## Minnie O Carbis

Minnie O Carbis was born 28 June 1864 in Nevada City, Nevada, California. She was the third of six children of Michael Carbis and Mary Ann Odgers, both of England.<sup>1</sup> By 1870, the family had moved to Virginia City, Storey, Nevada.<sup>2</sup> The family made a visit to England and in April 1875 they traveled on the ship *Manhattan* from Liverpool to New York City<sup>3</sup>, ending up in Lincoln, Nevada.<sup>4</sup>

In 1878, the family moved to Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory<sup>5</sup>, where on the 1880 census, Minnie is fifteen years old.<sup>6</sup> In October that year, Minnie's father, the shift boss of the Stormont Silver Mining Company in Silver Reef, was murdered by Tom Forrest, a trouble-making Irish Catholic miner.<sup>7</sup> The next year she became an assistant teacher with Carrie D Walker in the new public school.<sup>8</sup>

In 1885, Minnie married John Henry Berryman in Silver Reef. They had a son and a daughter. She filed for divorce in 1891<sup>9</sup>. The case came before Judge Zane in November but was reset three times over the protestation of the attorneys.<sup>10</sup> When it finally came to trial, Minnie testified "that her husband has a violent temper and imagined that on every proposition he was right, and was never known to apologize to anyone". John denied the charges and said he still loved her and wanted to live with her and provide for the children. The court granted her the decree and custody of the children with \$30 per month for support.<sup>11</sup> Within six months, John was in contempt for failure to pay alimony but was dismissed when he satisfied the demands of the court.<sup>12</sup> John remarried in 1898 and was divorced again in 1904 on terms of desertion.<sup>13</sup>

In 1893, Minnie married William A Hicks of Bingham. They had a son and a daughter. William was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Bingham and served as grand messenger<sup>14</sup>, secretary<sup>15</sup>, and treasurer.<sup>16</sup>

In 1900, Minnie was living in Bingham Precinct, Salt Lake, Utah, with William and her two youngest children. The older children were living with their father and stepmother in the same area of Bingham.<sup>17</sup> Minnie died 20 June 1900 at Bingham Canyon at age 35. Her health had declined since her divorce from John Berryman.<sup>18</sup> Minnie's mother outlived all her children but one son, who

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<sup>1</sup> *Familysearch.org*

<sup>2</sup> NV Territorial Census Index, 1870.

<sup>3</sup> New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957.

<sup>4</sup> Nevada State Census, 1875).

<sup>5</sup> Transcript by Dorothy Carbis Peay, Familysearch.org

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

<sup>7</sup> Utah Historical Quarterly, Vol 3, 1934, pp. 110-118.

<sup>8</sup> Memories of Silver Reef, Utah Historical Quarterly, 1930, p. 101

<sup>9</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 13 November 1891, p. 5.

<sup>10</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 15 November 1891, p. 5; 26 June 1892, p. 5; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 3 July 1892, p. 5; *Salt Lake Herald*, 12 July 1892, p. 5; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 12 July 1892, p. 8.

<sup>11</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 24 July 1892, p. 5.

<sup>12</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 12 November 1892, p. 5.

<sup>13</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 28 April 1904, p. 8.

<sup>14</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 22 November 1897, p. 3; 14 November 1898, p. 7.

<sup>15</sup> *Salt Lake Tribune*, 15 June 1896, p. 5.

<sup>16</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 15 June 1896, p. 5.

<sup>17</sup> United States Census, 1900.

<sup>18</sup> Utah Salt Lake County Death Records, 1849-1949; Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946; *Salt Lake Herald*, 21 June 1900, p. 8.

accompanied Minnie's remains from Brigham to Salt Lake City. Minnie was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.<sup>19</sup>

William died in 1902 in Salt Lake City. Their son Frederick, age five at his father's death, was raised by Albert and Esther Napper, until he died at age 17 of osteosarcoma.<sup>20</sup> Daughter Mary Ann lived to marry and die at the age of 66.<sup>21</sup> Daughter Minnie married and had four children, dying at age 97. Son Johnson, nicknamed Nipper or Nip, eventually severed all relations with his family, took an alias with his wife's surname (Edwin Sullivan) and lived in Murray until he died at the age 69.



Headstone for Minnie O Carbis, Mt Olivet Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Utah (image from [Billiongraves.com](http://Billiongraves.com))

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<sup>19</sup> [Billiongraves.com](http://Billiongraves.com)

<sup>20</sup> Utah Salt Lake County Death Records, 1849-1949.

<sup>21</sup> Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.