

Celia Clara White Bacon

Celia (or Cecelia) Clara White was born 28 April 1858 in Danbury, Essex, England. She was the eighth of twelve children of William Joseph White and Rebekah Oram.¹ Her father was an agricultural laborer.² Several of Celia's older siblings joined the Mormon Church and immigrated to Utah Territory in the late 1860s. Celia joined the Church and immigrated and crossed the plains about 1871.³

Celia married Levin Wilson Bacon about 1876 in Utah Territory⁴ and moved to Dry Canyon, Tooele, Utah Territory.⁵ In 1880, the couple was living in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory, where Levin was a miner.⁶ Their second child was born in Silver Reef. In 1881 they moved to Eureka, Juab, Utah Territory, where they both lived until their deaths.⁷ Levin died in 1896 and was buried in the city cemetery.⁸

In 1900, Celia was living with her living four children in Eureka, Juab, Utah, where her oldest son was a silver miner. She owned her home free of mortgage.⁹ Perhaps her income was from mining concerns as she sold the Lucky Chief mine in Tintic when her husband died¹⁰ and she was delinquent on mining stock assessments in 1902.¹¹ By 1910, her three sons were quartz miners and her daughter was a schoolteacher. Celia was living on her "own income".¹² In 1920, she was living with her daughter's family in San Antonio, Los Angeles, California,¹³ and back with her son in Eureka in 1930.¹⁴

Celia died 2 November 1939 in Eureka and was buried in the city cemetery.¹⁵ She active socially and was a member of the Rebekah Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows¹⁶ as well an officer in both the Pythian Sisters (the female auxiliary to the Knights of Pythias) and the Women of Woodcraft (the female auxiliary to Woodmen of the World).¹⁷ She outlived most of her family.

¹ England Essex Parish Registers, 1538-1997.

² England and Wales Census, 1861, 1871.

³ United States Census, 1910, 1930. Note Celia was listed with her family in England on the 1871 census.

⁴ Utah Select Marriages, 1887-1966; *Daily Herald*, 3 November 1939, p. 7.

⁵ *Daily Herald*, 3 November 1939, p. 7.

⁶ United States Census, 1880.

⁷ *Daily Herald*, 3 November 1939, p. 7.

⁸ *Findagrave.com*; *BillionGraves.com*

⁹ United States Census, 1900.

¹⁰ *Salt Lake Herald*, 6 December 1896, p. 3.

¹¹ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 7 November 1902, p. 6.

¹² United States Census, 1910.

¹³ United States Census, 1920.

¹⁴ United States Census, 1930.

¹⁵ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1961; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 3 November 1939, p. 26; *Deseret News*, 3 November 1939, p. 22; *BillionGraves.com*

¹⁶ *Daily Herald*, 3 November 1939, p. 7.

¹⁷ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 18 May 1911, p. 14; 20 December 1908, p. 27.



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