

Martin Hyrum Jacobs

Martin Hyrum Jacobs was born 4 July 1860 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon Territory. He was the youngest of four children of Hyrum Smith Jacobs and Nancy Ann Olds. The family moved to New York in 1864.¹ Martin's father was registered to vote in California in 1875 and 1877, so the family may have lived there.² On the 1880 census, Martin was a miner in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory. His older brother Jerome had a saloon in town.³ Martin moved to Idaho⁴ and married Emma Sara Bonham about 1882.⁵ They had six children.⁶

Martin became a prominent mining man. He conducted mining business in Montana and Oregon.⁷ He owned the New York mine near Idaho City, Idaho. The previous owners were deceived by a large porphyry dike cross cutting the mine, but Martin made a very handsome sum from it. He sold it to British Columbia mining men for \$16,000.⁸ He also was involved with the Empire mine near Silver City, Idaho.⁹ He was a delegate for the Populist Party to attend the state convention in Boise and served as chairman of the party.¹⁰

On the 1900 census, Martin was a mining expert, living with his wife and two sons in Boise, Ada, Idaho.¹¹ He served as Inspector of Mines in Idaho¹² and as secretary of the Big Creek and Thunder Mountain railroad.¹³ In 1910, he was a mining promoter, living with his wife and two children in Pasadena, Los Angeles, California.¹⁴ By 1920, he was a mining expert in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, living with his wife and daughter.¹⁵

Martin and his family moved to Salt Lake City in 1926.¹⁶ He was involved in gold mining, living with his wife, two children, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, in 1930.¹⁷ He died of a paralytic stroke on 10 January 1935 in Salt Lake City and was buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.¹⁸ Emma was an accomplished artist and poet.¹⁹ She lived with her daughter in Salt Lake²⁰ until her death in 1949. She was buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.²¹

¹ An Illustrated History of North Idaho, 2012, pp. 1075-1076.

² California Great Registers, 1866-1910.

³ United States Census, 1880.

⁴ *Salt Lake Herald*, 2 November 1881, p. 4.

⁵ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 6 November 1949, p. 78.

⁶ *Familysearch.org*

⁷ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 7 May 1896, p. 7.

⁸ *Anaconda Standard*, 16 June 1896, p. 9; *Salt Lake Herald*, 6 July 1896, p. 3; 28 May 1898, p. 3; 30 May 1898, p. 3; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 27 May 1898, p. 6.

⁹ *Salt Lake Herald*, 13 June 1898, p. 3.

¹⁰ *Idaho Statesman*, 21 August 1898, p. 4; *Salt Lake Herald*, 5 November 1898, p. 1.

¹¹ United States Census, 1900.

¹² *Idaho Statesman*, 4 November 1900, p. 8; *Philipsburg Mail*, 11 January 1901, p. 6.

¹³ *East Oregonian*, 16 November 1904, p. 8.

¹⁴ United States Census, 1910.

¹⁵ United States Census, 1920.

¹⁶ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 6 November 1949, p. 78; 11 January 1935, p. 25.

¹⁷ United States Census, 1930.

¹⁸ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

¹⁹ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 6 November 1949, p. 78.

²⁰ United States Census, 1930.

²¹ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.



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