

Max Goodenstein

Max Goodenstein was born 7 March 1840 in Polish Russia. He was the son of Ben and Kate Goodenstein, and of Russian Jewish descent. He immigrated to America in 1863¹ and served as a private in Company C, 18th Battalion, Kansas Cavalry, in the Civil War.² By 1880, he was a miner, living in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.³

Max married Manuela “Hattie” Hill about 1887 in Arizona; they had eight children. In 1895, a man working in the Uncle Sam mine in Bisbee, Arizona, was overcome by blasting smoke. Max was lowered in a sinking bucket to the 150-foot level onto a trap door. Below the door the shaft was inclined for another 170 feet. As he descended, his candle went out. Finally, he found the miner lying on his back, groaning. Almost overcome with gasses himself, he called for help and put the miner into the bucket for hoisting. The miner did not recover.⁴

On the 1900 census, Max was a copper miner, living with his wife and three children in Bisbee, Cochise, Arizona Territory.⁵ In 1904, he advertised the sale of a house and two cabins on a fenced lot, opposite the city stables. He was living in Dubacher Canyon.⁶ He was a copper miner, living with his wife and two children in Bisbee, in 1910.⁷ The next year he was listed as owing \$75 on thirty delinquent shares of the Cochise Development Company in Bisbee.⁸

In 1914, he was working as a watchman at the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company near Bisbee.⁹ This was the most productive copper mine in Arizona, and continued to be mined until 1985.¹⁰ Today the headquarters building is the Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum.¹¹ Max died of uremia following chronic nephritis on 17 February 1915 in Bisbee¹² and was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery.¹³ Manuela was still living in Bisbee in 1924-1925¹⁴ and 1930.¹⁵

¹ *Fold3.com*

² US Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865.

³ United States Census, 1880.

⁴ *bisbeeminingandminerals.com/uncle-sam-mine*

⁵ United States Census, 1910.

⁶ *Bisbee Daily Review*, 27 March 1903, p. 4.

⁷ United States Census, 1910.

⁸ *Bisbee Daily Review*, 23 April 1911, p. 11.

⁹ US City Directories, 1822-1995.

¹⁰ *Wikipedia*: Copper Queen Mine.

¹¹ *bisbeemuseum.org/bm-museum.aspx*

¹² Arizona, County Coroner and Death Records, 1881-1971.

¹³ Bisbee, Arizona, Evergreen Cemetery Index, 1884-2007.

¹⁴ US City Directories, 1822-1995.

¹⁵ United States Census, 1930.

FORSALE—House and 2 cabins; lot
100x120, all fenced—opposite city sta-
bles. Enquire Max Goodenstein. 432
Dubacher canyon. 6t

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CARD OF THANKS.
I wish to very respectfully thank
the Copper Queen surgeons, Dr.
Bridge and Dr. Saine, the Red Men
especially, the High School, Miss
Catherine Riley and all the people
of Bisbee for their great kindness
during the illness and at the death
of my son, Sam Goodenstein.
107. **MAX GOODENSTEIN**

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