

Nicholas Bubb

Nicholas Bubb was born 14 July 1845 in Pennsylvania. He married Phoebe Alice Sudweeks in 1874 in Pioche, Lincoln, Nevada.¹ They had six children; all of them except the oldest child were born in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory. One daughter died young and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery in Silver Reef.² On the 1880 census, Nicholas was a blacksmith, living with his wife and two children in Silver Reef.³

In 1884, Nicholas was in Frisco, Beaver, Utah Territory, although it is not clear if he was living there, just visiting, or working in the mines temporarily.⁴ In 1891, their oldest son died of diphtheria in Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory.⁵ There was a diphtheria epidemic in Emery and Sanpete Counties that year.⁶ The first use of diphtheria antitoxin was in Heber City, Utah Territory, during the 1894 epidemic.⁷

The family moved to Eureka, Juab, Utah, by 1897.⁸ In 1899, Nicholas was a blacksmith at the Grand Central mine at Tintic near Eureka. He was brought to the Keogh-Hosmer Hospital, a private hospital in Salt Lake City, suffering from a severe attack of lead colic.⁹ Lead colic is a symptom of lead poisoning characterized by intense abdominal pain, probably caused by environmental factors related to the mining industry.

On the 1900 census, Nicholas was a mine blacksmith, living with his wife and two children in Eureka.¹⁰ Phebe died at the Holy Cross hospital after a "serious operation" in 1904¹¹ and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Later that year, their home in Eureka was burglarized by two men while they were visiting a neighbor. The men had a bunch of skeleton keys and had been traveling around selling needles from house to house. One man was a "hop fiend" and after being jailed begged for his "dope". The county physician was called to prescribe for him.¹²

In 1910, Nicholas owned a blacksmith shop, lived with his son, next door to his daughter and son-in-law, in Manhattan, Nye, Nevada.¹³ He died of chronic gastritis on 5 January 1914 in Manhattan, Nye, Nevada, and was buried in the Manhattan Cemetery.¹⁴

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¹ Nevada Marriages, 1860-1987.

² *Findagrave.com*

³ United States Census, 1880.

⁴ *Salt Lake Herald*, 5 February 1884, p. 5.

⁵ Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946; Utah Salt Lake County Death Records, 1849-1949.

⁶ *The Dispatch*, 27 June 1891; *County Register*, 1-8-1891.

⁷ Fourth Annual Proceedings of the Utah Medical Society. pp. 219-227.

⁸ *Salt Lake Herald*, 22 August 1897, p. 6.

⁹ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 30 October 1899, p. 8.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1900.

¹¹ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 16 September 1904, p. 12.

¹² *Salt Lake Tribune*, 10 October 1904, p. 11.

¹³ United States Census, 1910.

¹⁴ Nevada Death Records, 1911-1965.