

## Phoebe Alice Sudweeks Bubb

Phoebe Alice Sudweeks was born 18 January 1857 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory. She was the seventh of twelve children of Henry Sudweeks and Sarah Sweet. Her father operated a flour mill belonging to a Mr Snedeker.<sup>1</sup> The family moved every few months to Millcreek, then to Pleasant Grove and Salt Creek.<sup>2</sup> On the 1860 census, the family was living in Nephi, Juab, Utah Territory, where Phoebe's father operated a salt works plant.<sup>3</sup>

In 1863 her father was called to settle Dixie and work the cotton mission. They moved to Duncan's Retreat on the Virgin River (just southwest of Zion National Park – now a ghost town). Local lore had two versions for the name of the town – either Duncan botched a surveying job for a canal to bring water from the river – it ran uphill -- or the job happened in nearby Virgin and he retreated to this town).<sup>4</sup> Trouble with Indians led to the killing of the Berry boys in 1866. Phoebe's father was one of the men who found their bodies.<sup>5</sup> Her father was called to move to St George and operate a small flour mill. The family had a hard time there; once they lived on pigweeds for three months.<sup>6</sup>

In 1870, the family was living in St George, Washington, Utah Territory, where her father was a farmer.<sup>7</sup> They moved to Cedar City, Iron, Utah Territory, in 1873. Phoebe married Nicholas Bubb in 1874 in Pioche, Lincoln, Nevada.<sup>8</sup> On the 1880 census, Nicholas was a blacksmith, living with his wife and two children in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.<sup>9</sup> They had six children total; all except the oldest child were born in Silver Reef. One daughter died young and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery at Silver Reef.<sup>10</sup>

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.<sup>11</sup> In 1891, their oldest son died of diphtheria in Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City.<sup>12</sup> There was a diphtheria epidemic in Emery and Sanpete Counties that year.<sup>13</sup> The first use of the diphtheria antitoxin was in Heber City, Utah Territory, during the 1894 epidemic.<sup>14</sup>

The family moved to Eureka, Juab, Utah, by 1897.<sup>15</sup> 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.<sup>16</sup> Lead colic is a symptom of lead

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<sup>1</sup> Henry Sudweeks, at *Familysearch.org*

<sup>2</sup> *Familysearch.org*

<sup>3</sup> United States Census, 1860; Henry Sudweeks, at *Familysearch.org*

<sup>4</sup> *Some Dreams Die: Utah's Ghost Towns and Lost Treasures*. By George A Thompson, 1982, p. 39; *Utah Place Names* by John W Van Cott, 1990, p. 119.

<sup>5</sup> *Familysearch.org*

<sup>6</sup> Henry Sudweeks, at *Familysearch.org*

<sup>7</sup> United States Census, 1870.

<sup>8</sup> *Nevada Marriages, 1860-1987; Nevada County Marriages, 1862-1993; US Western States Marriage Index*.

<sup>9</sup> United States Census, 1880.

<sup>10</sup> *Findagrave.com*

<sup>11</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 5 February 1884, p. 5.

<sup>12</sup> *Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946; Utah Salt Lake County Death Records, 1849-1949*.

<sup>13</sup> *The Dispatch*, 27 June 1891; *County Register*, 1-8-1891.

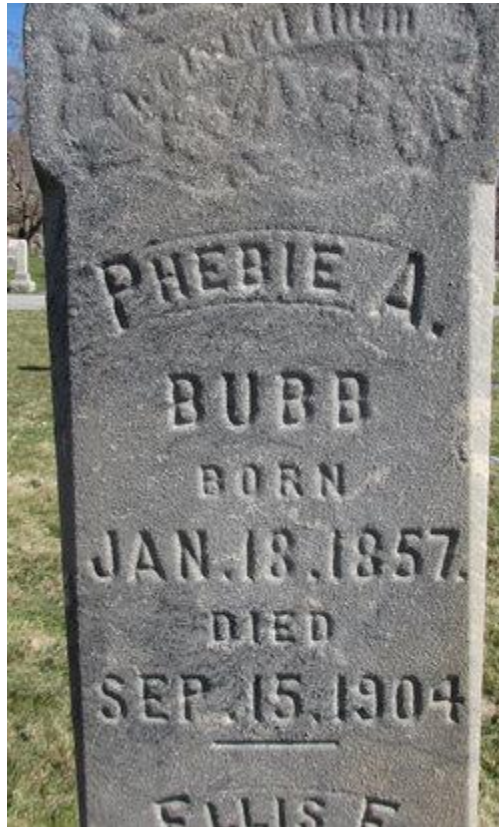
<sup>14</sup> *Fourth Annual Proceedings of the Utah Medical Society*. pp. 219-227.

<sup>15</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 22 August 1897, p. 6.

<sup>16</sup> *Salt Lake Tribune*, 30 October 1899, p. 8.

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 Phoebe and two children in Eureka.<sup>17</sup> Phoebe died of uterine cancer at Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake after a “serious operation” in 1904<sup>18</sup> and was buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Salt Lake City.<sup>19</sup> In 1910, Nicholas owned a blacksmith shop, lived with his son, next door to his daughter and son-in-law, in Manhattan, Nye, Nevada.<sup>20</sup> He died of chronic gastritis on 5 January 1914 in Manhattan, Nye, Nevada, and was buried in the Mount Moriah Cemetery.<sup>21</sup>



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

<sup>18</sup> *Salt Lake Tribune*, 16 September 1904, p. 12, 18 September 1904, p. 18; 24 September 1904.

<sup>19</sup> Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946; Utah Salt Lake County Death Records, 1849-1949.

<sup>20</sup> United States Census, 1910.

<sup>21</sup> Nevada Death Records, 1911-1965.