

Samuel Dodge Boyer

Samuel Dodge Boyer was born 25 January 1885 in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory. He was the third of six children of William Boyer and Melissa Jane Dodge. Samuel's father leased the Stormy King mine there, adjacent to the Tecumseh Mine.¹ The family lived in Silver Reef until at least 1890.² By 1898, they were living in Mammoth, Juab, Utah.³

On the 1900 census, Samuel was attending school, living with his family in Silver City, Juab, Utah. His father was a carpenter and his older brother worked as a quartz miner.⁴ Samuel married Sarah Marilla Bellows on 1 July 1907 in Provo, Utah, Utah.⁵ They had one son, who died of diabetes as a child.⁶ Samuel died 20 September 1908 and was buried in the Eureka Cemetery, Juab, Utah.⁷ Family stories say he was killed when a horse fell on him while he was rounding up cattle on the hillside. The horn of the saddle crushed his lungs.⁸ The newspaper reported that he was riding a horse at a "fairly good clip" and ran into a cow. One of them fell on him and severely injured his head. He was unconscious until his death.⁹

Sarah lived with her parents for a year, then moved to Silver City where she was post mistress. She lived with Samuel's mother, who couldn't care for the baby, so he was sent back to live with her parents. Sarah married a Bingham miner in 1915.¹⁰ They moved to Salt Lake City¹¹ where she had three more children. Her second husband died in 1937, and Sarah died in 1952 in California.¹² She was buried in Spanish Fork, Utah.¹³

¹ *Salt Lake Herald*, 16 July 1881, p. 5.

² US Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890; US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

³ *Familysearch.org*

⁴ United States Census, 1900.

⁵ Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940.

⁶ The Bellows Uncles and Aunts, at *Familysearch.org*

⁷ *Findagrave.com*

⁸ Sara Marilla Bellows, at *Familysearch.org*; The Bellows Uncles and Aunts, at *Familysearch.org*

⁹ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 23 September 1908, p. 12; *Deseret Evening News*, 22 September 1908, p. 2.

¹⁰ Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940.

¹¹ United States Census, 1920.

¹² California Death Index, 1940-1997.

¹³ Sara Marilla Bellows, at *Familysearch.org*



Children of William and Melissa Boyer: Lyman, William, Samuel, Rachel, Benjamin
(image from *Ancestry.com*)



Samuel Dodge Boyer (image from *Ancestry.com*)



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