

# Thomas McCall Nesbit

Thomas McCall “Tom” Nesbit was born 18 April 1854 in Pottsville, Schuylkill, Pennsylvania. He was the eighth of eleven children of Robert Nesbit and Sarah Ann McCall. His father was a coal miner in England and Scotland. The family immigrated to America about 1852 and were living in Wilkes Barre Township, Luzerne, Pennsylvania, in 1860 and 1870.<sup>1</sup>

On the 1880 census, Tom was an engineer, living with his brother in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.<sup>2</sup> In 1885, he met Sarah Ann “Sadie” Jackson, who was visiting a friend in Silver Reef over Christmas. He visited her at her home in Toquerville frequently, and she agreed to marry him in 1886 in Colorado. They had nine children. He obtained work as an engineer at a smelter in Leadville, Colorado. The smelter closed and Tom and his brother went to Raton, New Mexico to take work as engineers. Tom moved his family to Blossburg, Colfax, New Mexico, a coal mining camp, in 1888.<sup>3</sup>

They moved to Pioche, Lincoln, Nevada, for a year and then back to Toquerville, Utah, in 1891. They moved to Mammoth, Eureka, Utah, in 1894, where Tom was a stationary engineer and bought a business building for a saloon. He was a very efficient bar tender and never drank with the men or sold them drinks when they were drunk. He invested in a business called Nesbit & Snyder Ore Hauling and Heavy Freighting. They hauled ore from the Grand Central mine to the freight trains in Mammoth. He built a beautiful six-room house on a hill facing a beautiful mountain, the nicest home in Mammoth.<sup>4</sup>

On the 1900 census, Tom was a saloon keeper, living with his wife, six children, and brother-in-law, and next door to another brother-in-law (both were bar tenders) in Mammoth Precinct, Juab, Utah.<sup>5</sup> Tom fell ill with liver trouble in 1902 and was practically an invalid for two years.<sup>6</sup> He died of cirrhosis of the liver on 29 May 1904 in Robinson, Juab, Utah. He buried in the Eureka Cemetery.<sup>7</sup> He was one of the oldest residents in Robinson; an upright and honorable man with hundreds of friends in Tintic.<sup>8</sup>

He left Sadie with nine children, the oldest was seventeen and the youngest was born eight months after his death. She took the children and moved to Provo in 1907 so they could attend Brigham Young University.<sup>9</sup> She lived there until she died of myeloma in 1936. She was buried in the Provo City Cemetery.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> United States Census, 1860, 1870.

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<sup>3</sup> Autobiography of Sarah Ann Jackson Nesbit, at *Familysearch.org*

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

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<sup>7</sup> Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

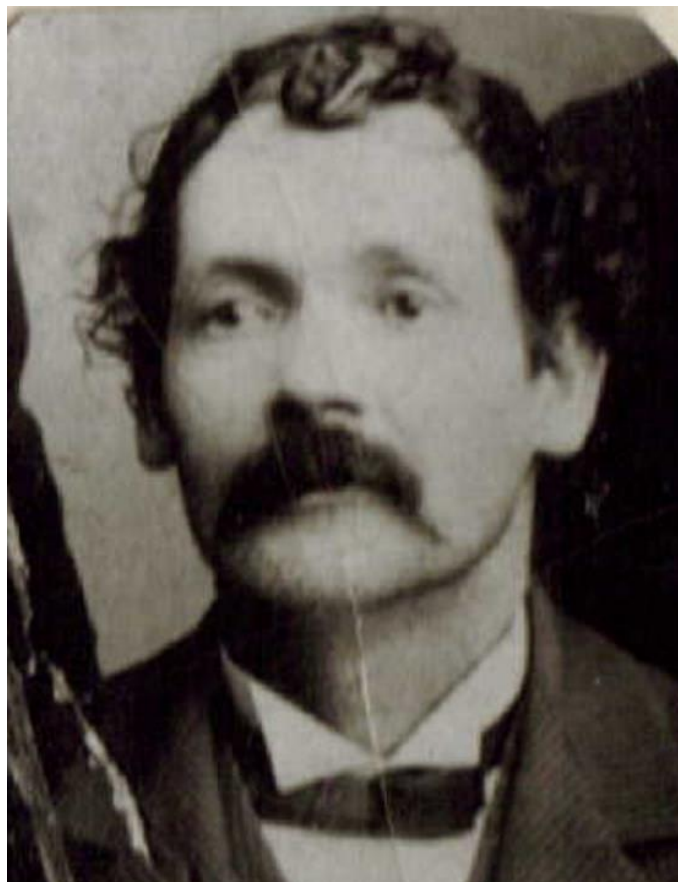
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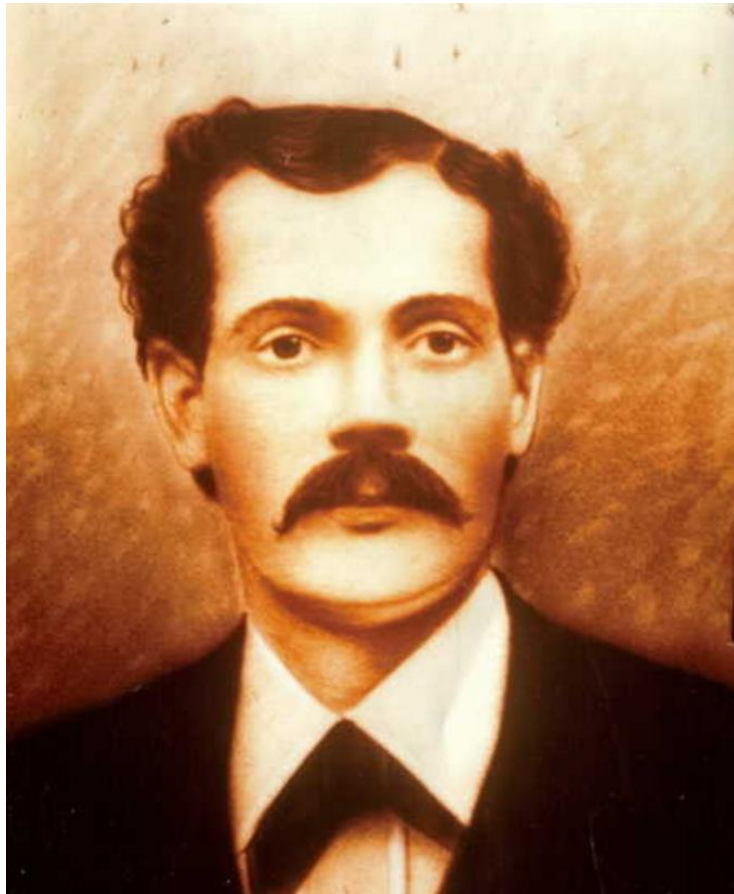
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Back row: John, Robert, Septimus, James; front row: George, Joseph, Thomas Nesbit  
(image from *Ancestry.com*)



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Thomas Nesbit family: Thomas, Sadie, Jack, Ted and Robert  
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