

William Henry Stokes Nicholls & Elizabeth Louella Daisy Hartman

William Stokes Nicholls was born 13 April 1873 in Walsall, Staffordshire, England.¹ He was the fourth of nine children of Arthur Nicholls and Sara Ann Stokes.² Arthur and Sarah joined the Mormon Church in 1878. His last foreign address was Butts Rushall, Stafford, England. William immigrated to America in May 1878³ with a Mormon missionary, Thomas Judd, and lived with the John Hyatt family in Glendale, Kane, Utah Territory in 1880.⁴ The rest of the family immigrated about 1881.⁵ On the 1900 census, he was a silver miner, living in St George, Washington, Utah, with his brother's family.⁶

Elizabeth Louella Daisy Hartman was born 12 March 1883 in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory (later it is reported that she was born in Frisco, Beaver, Utah⁷). She was the oldest of three children of William Albert Hartman and Minnie Perkins Burgess. Her mother was an adopted Indian child. She died in 1888 in Silver Reef, when Daisy was five years old.⁸ Her father remarried when Daisy was ten years old.⁹ Her stepmother died five years later. Daisy was living with her father and brothers in Leeds, Washington, Utah, in 1900.¹⁰

William and Daisy married 19 December 1901 in Leeds, Washington, Utah.¹¹ They had nine children.¹² They lived in a home built by William behind the Wells Fargo building (it was later dismantled rock by rock to build a cannery). In 1909, they moved to Leeds, where in 1910, William was an "odd jobs laborer" living with Daisy and four children.¹³ They lived in a pioneer home built by Elijah Thomas in 1868. William was required to register for the draft in 1817. William was described as tall, of medium build, with blue eyes and gray hair. He reported his occupation as "thrashing" and his employer as Frank L Cox of Kanarra, Iron, Utah.¹⁴

On the 1920 census, William is a farmer, living in Leeds, Washington, Utah, with Daisy and eight children.¹⁵ In 1930, William was a mine laborer, still in Leeds, with Daisy and five children.¹⁶ In 1940, William was a "silver mine mucker", still in Leeds, with Daisy and two children.¹⁷ The family moved to Los Angeles, California, in 1942. In 1948, William became a naturalized citizen. He is described as five foot, ten and one-half inches tall, 161 pounds, with blue eyes, white hair, and a light complexion. It was noted that his right leg is two inches shorter than his left.¹⁸

¹ England and Wales Birth Registration Index, 1837-2008; US WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

² *Familysearch.org*

³ California Naturalization Records, 1887-1991.

⁴ United States Census, 1880.

⁵ England and Wales Census, 1881.

⁶ United States Census, 1900.

⁷ California Naturalization Records, 1887-1991.

⁸ *Familysearch.org*

⁹ Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1900.

¹¹ Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940.

¹² California Naturalization Records, 1887-1991.

¹³ United States Census, 1910.

¹⁴ US WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

¹⁵ United States Census, 1920.

¹⁶ United States Census, 1930.

¹⁷ United States Census, 1940.

¹⁸ California Naturalization Records, 1887-1991; California, Southern District Court Naturalization Index, 1915-1976.

William died 1 September 1951 in Los Angeles¹⁹ and was buried in Leeds Cemetery, Washington, Utah.²⁰ Daisy lived with her daughter in Van Nuys, Los Angeles, California, and died 2 February 1956 in Los Angeles.²¹ She was buried there in Glen Haven Memorial Park.²²



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¹⁹ California Death Index, 1940-1997.

²⁰ *BillionGraves.com*

²¹ California Death Index, 1940-1997.

²² *Findagrave.com*



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