

## Young Robert “Y R” Stevens

Young Robert “Y R” Stevens was born September 1842 in Mississippi.<sup>1</sup> He married Emily Augusta Kenedy about 1865 in California; they had nine children. He was raising stock in Vanduzen, Humboldt, California, in 1873.<sup>2</sup> They lived in Eureka, Humboldt, California, for a bit, then moved to Garden Grove, Orange, California, where he was a farmer in 1879.<sup>3</sup> On the 1880 census, he was a miner, living with his wife and seven children in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.<sup>4</sup>

By 1882, he was a miner in Calico, San Bernardino, California.<sup>5</sup> He ran a hotel there which was burned down in 1883, due to an explosion of a coal oil stove in a restaurant. His hotel was valued at \$5,000.<sup>6</sup> In September 1886, Y R was the constable of Calico. He and two other men were arrested today for conspiracy to defraud the California Southern Railway out of tickets. One man was a conductor, and he collected tickets without punching them. He sent them to Y R and the other man to sell.<sup>7</sup>

The family moved to Huron, Fresno, California, where Y R was a miner.<sup>8</sup> He was described as five-foot eleven and one-quarter inches tall, with gray eyes and dark hair.<sup>9</sup> By 1894, they were living in Goler, Kern, California.<sup>10</sup> In 1896, Y R owned the Pathfinder quartz mine.<sup>11</sup> Y R Stevens, Sons & Company, were running a two-stamp mill at Hinkley, San Bernardino, California, on the Fremont Peak group. They milled six tons a day of \$40 rock.<sup>12</sup> His son Frank shot and mortally wounded John F Davis in a scuffle at a crap game.<sup>13</sup>

On the 1900 census, Y R was a miner, living with his widowed son in Kern, California.<sup>14</sup> In 1910, he was a quartz miner, living with his wife, son, and granddaughter in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.<sup>15</sup> He died 5 September 1916 in Los Angeles, California.<sup>16</sup> Emily lived in Los Angeles<sup>17</sup> with her son<sup>18</sup>; she died there in 1931.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> United States Census, 1900.

<sup>2</sup> California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

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<sup>5</sup> California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

<sup>6</sup> *Record-Union* [Sacramento], 12 June 1883, p. 1; *Sacramento Daily Union*, 12 June 1883.

<sup>7</sup> *Record-Union* [Sacramento], 4 September 1886, p. 8; *Oakland Tribune*, 4 September 1886, p. 9; *Daily Alta California*, 4 September 1886.

<sup>8</sup> California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

<sup>9</sup> California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

<sup>10</sup> California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

<sup>11</sup> *Mining in California*, Vol 13, 1896, p. 326.

<sup>12</sup> *San Bernardino County Sun*, 27 November 1896, p. 3.

<sup>13</sup> *San Francisco Call*, 3 December 1896, p. 8.

<sup>14</sup> United States Census, 1900.

<sup>15</sup> United States Census, 1910.

<sup>16</sup> California Death Index, 1905-1939.

<sup>17</sup> United States Census, 1920.

<sup>18</sup> United States Census, 1930.

<sup>19</sup> California Death Index, 1905-1939.