

Moss Woolf

Moss Woolf was born 18 December¹ 1845 in London, England.¹ He was the second of eight children of Wolfe Wolfe and Nancy Anna Symons.² The family was living in Whitechapel, Middlesex, England, in 1851.³ The entire family immigrated on the ship *Margaret Evans* from London to New York, arriving 6 June 1860.⁴

Moss was living in Salt Lake City when he entered the military service 9 October 1864 as private in F Company, 7th Kansas Regiment. He was discharged 25 October 1864; it is not known why he enlisted in a Kansas regiment. He is listed as a laborer in Sacramento, California, in 1867.⁵ He was a registered voter in California, from 1867 to 1878, although he was registered on his father's naturalization (his father was living in New York).⁶ He was listed as a cigar maker in San Francisco in 1871.⁷

In 1877, Moss married Fannie Levy in Utah Territory; they had eight children.⁸ He was in cigars and tobacco in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, in 1879.⁹ On the 1880 census, he was a dry good merchant, living with his wife, two sons, and his in-laws in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.¹⁰ In 1883 he was chosen as a petit juror in Salt Lake City but was not served.¹¹ In 1889, he was out of the city for a few days looking up the cigar trade.¹² In 1891 he was listed in the Democratic voter registry list for the third precinct in Salt Lake City.¹³

Moss and Fannie were very involved in the Jewish Society in Salt Lake City. Several times Moss was a reader during a holiday or seasonal ceremony.¹⁴ He was a member of the supper committees for the Salt Lake Theatre and the Jewish Ladies' Relief Society grand charity ball.¹⁵ In 1892, Moss was a founding member of the B F Plexotto lodge of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith¹⁶, a fraternal Jewish service organization.

In 1893, Moss filed a court action against S Woolf in the third district court to collect \$11,217.23 alleged to be due on a promise to pay.¹⁷ Two years later, he filed against Samuel Woolf, Loofbourow & Kahn, and William McKay.¹⁸ The judgment was in his favor for the amount of \$532.¹⁹

¹ Utah Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1961.

² *Familysearch.org*

³ England and Wales Census, 1851.

⁴ New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957.

⁵ Sacramento County Great Register, 1867; California Biographical Great Books, 1867, 1872.

⁶ California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

⁷ US City Directories, 1822-1995.

⁸ *Familysearch.org*

⁹ US City Directories, 1822-1995.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1880.

¹¹ *Salt Lake Herald*, 27 April 1883, p. 8.

¹² *Salt Lake Herald*, 12 May 1889, p. 5.

¹³ *Salt Lake Herald*, 19 July 1891, p. 17.

¹⁴ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 2 October 1892, p. 4; *Salt Lake Herald*, 27 November 1891, p. 2; 17 May 1900, p. 3; and others.

¹⁵ *Salt Lake Herald*, 25 November 1900, p. 19; 28 November 1900, p. 3; *Deseret Evening News*, 24 November 1900, p. 5.

¹⁶ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 10 September 1896, p. 5; 14 April 1907, p. 7.

¹⁷ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 5 April 1893, p. 8.

¹⁸ *Salt Lake Herald*, 27 January 1895, p. 10.

¹⁹ *Salt Lake Herald*, 3 March 1895, p. 3.

In 1899, he was listed as a travel agent²⁰ and in 1900 he was a “commercial traveler”, living with his wife, six children, and mother-in-law in Salt Lake City.²¹ He and Fannie celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a large reception and a host of friends.²²

On the 1910 census, he was a cigar salesman living with his wife, five children and a daughter-in-law, in Salt Lake City.²³ He owned the Crescent Cigar Company in Salt Lake City.²⁴ Moss died 9 May 1917 in Salt Lake City and was buried in the B'nai Israel Cemetery.²⁵



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²⁰ US City Directories, 1822-1995.

²¹ United States Census, 1900.

²² *Salt Lake Herald*, 4 October 1902, p. 4.

²³ United States Census, 1910.

²⁴ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 6 May 1913, p. 3.

²⁵ JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry; Salt Lake County Utah Death Records 1908-1949; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1966; Utah Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1961.