

JOSIAH "JOSEPH" ROGERS HOAG
Deputy Sheriff/Town Constable – Silver Reef

1850 Census

Name: Josiah R Hoag

Age: 17

Birth Year: abt 1833

Birthplace: New Hampshire

Home in 1850: Wheatland, Will, Illinois, USA

Gender: Male

Family Number: 85 Household Members:

Name	Age
Charles Hoag	59
Eliza P Hoag	47
Ellen M Hoag	19
Josiah R Hoag	17
Harriet M Hoag	13

1860 Census

Name: Josiah Hoag

Age: 26

Birth Year abt 1834

Gender: Male

Birth Place: New Hampshire

Home in 1860: Wheatland, Will, Illinois Post Office: East Wheatland Family Number: 1411

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:

Name	Age
Josiah Hoag	26
Harriet M Hoag	23
Eliza Essington	23

1868 Voter Registration:

Name: Josiah Robers Hoag

Residence Year: 1868

Residence Place: Alameda, California

Age: 34 Birth Year: abt 1834

Farmer, Eden Township

1880 Census

Name: Joseph R. Hoag

Age: 38

Birth Year: abt 1842

Birthplace: New Hampshire

Home in 1880: Silver Reef, Washington, Utah

Race: White

Gender: Male

Marital Status: Single

Father's Birthplace: Vermont

Mother's Birthplace: New Hampshire

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Occupation: Deputy Sheriff

1900 Census

Name: Joseph Hoag - Occupation: Justice of the Peace

Age: 63

Birth Date: Jan 1837

Birthplace: New Hampshire
Home in 1900: De Lamar, Lincoln, Nevada
Race: White
Gender: Male
Relation to Head of House: Lodger
Marital Status: Single
Father's Birthplace: Vermont
Mother's Birthplace: New Hampshire
Occupation: View on Image
Neighbors: View others on page

Emails from Caroline Hoag jeh49341@chartermi.net
9/13/2015

My "cousin" Kevin Hoeg, asked what i could contribute about Sheriff Joseph R. Hoag. After a bit of research i found his family and history. And he is my 4th cousin 2x removed, as he is descended from where all New England Hoags are: Richard Hoag (1602-1683) from England to Massachusetts in the mid 17th century. So here is what i found! Josiah Rogers Hoag aka Joseph was born on January 13, 1833, in Concord, New Hampshire, his father, Charles Hoag, was 41 and his mother, Eliza (Purinton Rogers), was 29. He had one brother and three sisters. Josiah, as far as i found, remained single all his life and probably died in Nevada after 1900. His family moved west to Wheatland, Illinois by the 1850 US Census. He alternated using Josiah and Joseph throughout his life. I am confident it is the same person. Below is a PDF document i created summarizing his life with the records i found. Unfortunately i found no photo or obituary. I would enjoy your sharing what you know about his exploits in Silver Reef??! I hope to visit your museum sometime!

Best,
Caroline Hoag
San Diego

9/13/2015

Thanks Deven!

The older generation Hoags were Quakers, but i can't tell about this branch. Josiah "Joseph" Hoag's parents and family were buried here: [Charles Hoag \(1791 - 1860\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#) (Non-denominational?) Joseph's brother was **Thomas Clarkson Hoag** (1825-1906). Born in Concord NH and died in Los Angeles. Buried with parents in Chicago.

Sometime between 1880 and 1896, he moved to Los Angeles from Evanston, Illinois. So it was possible he was passing through Salt Lake City in 1888? But returning to Ohio doesn't seem to fit, but i don't know where Thomas was living in 1888. (1880 US Census was Evanston, IL.)

Let me know if you find Joseph's obituary?

Good luck!

Caroline Hoag

Note: Found on Voter Registration - Name: Thomas Clarkson Hoag Residence Year: **1896 Residence Place: Los Angeles, California Age: 70 Birth Year: abt 1826**

1880 Census for Thomas Hoag:

Name: Thos . C . Hoag Age: 53 Birth Year: abt 1827 Birthplace: New Hampshire Home in 1880: Evanston, Cook, Illinois Race: White Gender: Male Relation to Head of House: Self (Head) Marital Status: Married Spouse's Name: Maria L. Hoag Father's Birthplace: New Hampshire Mother's Birthplace: New Hampshire Neighbors: [View others on page](#) Occupation: Grocer
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[View image](#) Household Members:

Name	Age
Thos. C. Hoag	53
Maria L. Hoag	51
Junius C. Hoag	22
Wm. G. Hoag	19
Edgar D. Hoag	16
Ernest Hoag	12
S. P. Bryant	76

FROM STUCKI:

The Compiled Laws of Utah for 1878 gives an account of the incorporation of Silver Reef by the Legislative Assembly; however, this incorporation never actually became law and the town was never incorporated.³³ Another attempt was later made which failed also because the mining companies and business men who feared taxation opposed the movement.³⁴ Town officials were Deputy Sheriff Joseph Hoag who was the town constable during most of its active history (he handled with outstanding courage the many problems which arose) and Justices of the Peace Kiv Phillips, Benjamin Paddock and J. N. Louder.

[Pioche daily record. \(Pioche, Nev.\), October 08, 1876, Image 3](#)

Nominations for Sheriff being now announced, Jos. R. Hoag, Geo. W. Birdsall and D. W. Newman were placed in nomination. Upon the ballot being counted, it was found that Geo. W. Birdsall had received 20 votes; Jos. R. Hoag, 10; and D. W. Newman, 5. Geo. W. Birdsall was declared the nominee of the Convention.

[Carson daily appeal. \(Carson City, Nev.\), September 05, 1876, Image 2](#)

CAUGHT.—Sheriff Gilmore of Eureka J. R. Hoag and Phil Barnhart returned on yesterday's Salt Lake stage, having in charge George Watkins, an escaped fugitive from justice from Eureka county. He was indicted by the Grand Jury of that county for grand larceny and other offenses, and was released from custody on giving good bonds, but not having faith in his own innocence, or not liking to stand a trial, he fled from Eureka, leaving his bondsmen in the lurch. Hearing that he had passed through or near Pioche, Sheriff Gilmore telegraphed to this place to have him stopped. Joe Hoag and Phil Barnhart were accordingly dispatched out on the Salt Lake road for him. They succeeded in effecting his capture at Corn Creek, the other side of Beaver, and were returning with him when met by Sheriff Gilmore, who left Pioche on Monday's stage for the purpose of getting hold of him. He was brought to town yesterday afternoon and lodged in the County Jail, and will be taken back to Eureka to-day. His capture saves the confiding bondsmen from a large loss.—Pioche Record, Sept. 1.

February 2, 1878 – Pioche Weekly Record

SILVER REEF SOCIAL CLUB.—A club for the purpose of giving dancing parties was organized in Silver Reef, Utah, on the 19th of January. They gave their first grand hop on Thursday evening. A number of old Piochers helped to compose the club, among whom are Julius Sultan, T. J. Dowell, Al. Hamilton, Joseph R. Hoag, Chas. Bowen and Jas. Cronin. We are under obligations to this club for an invitation.

Silver Reef Miner Oct 28., 1882

A horse race comes off on Saturday the 4th of November between Gordon's black and Shoemaker's sorrel, for \$100.00 a side, homestreach. The money was put up yesterday in the hands of Mr. J. R. Hoag.

Pioche Weekly Record, May 5, 1888 – Met brother Thomas in SLC who was apparently on his way back from California; reference to home being in OH may be an, as he was may have still been living in IL - I think that Joseph had moved to Pioche by this time.

J. R. Hoag left for Salt Lake City on the 15th ult. to meet his brother, whom he has not seen for more than twenty years. Mr. Hoag and family have been to California on a pleasure trip and are now returning to their home in Ohio.

J. R. Hoag and J. A. Turrell returned on the 20th ult. and have again placed themselves on the payroll by resuming their old occupations. J. R. Hoag looks much improved after his trip and his numerous friends here are pleased to see him about once more. Mr. Turrell says that Salt Lake is improving, and that the church is growing in membership.

(Note: Turrell was probably "A. J." Turrell, not J.A.; appears on delinquent tax list for Lincoln County in Pioche Weekly Record, Dec 6, 1884)

Pioche Weekly Record, Nov. 8, 1890
 Registered Voters, Pioche Precinct, Lincoln Co., NV

Husbands Robert	Harris Wm F
Mall Nathan	Hitson T W
Holms C H	Hammond R
Hickman Thos H	Hiett Frank
Harrison Alex I	Hardy Lewis
Hoag J R	Heaps L
Hulse Jas M	Hill Harry
Hartung Herman	Hyman R
Hayes Thos	Harris Wm
Heathcote Cal	

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Pioche Weekly Record, Oct 13, 1892

Mr. J. R. **Hoag**, candidate for Sheriff on the People's ticket, thinking that the heat, dust and turmoil of the metropolis of Pioche was not conducive to his health, betook himself this morning to the rural precincts of Lincoln county, where he will interview the granger on the political question in general and the brievaltyia particular.

Pioche Weekly Record, November 1, 1894, Registered Voters, Helene Precinct, Lincoln Co., Nevada

Husband Robert	Harrison Alex
Hyman R	Hoag J R
Hulse James N	Hough Frank
Henry John P	Hartung Herman
	Hollingshead J T

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Pioche Weekly Record, Oct 29, 1896 (List of Nominees for Office.)

Fusion.
 Commissioner (long term)—Joseph Price, Silver Party; John Simpson, Silver Party; D L Wertheimer, Democratic Fusion.
 Commissioner (short term)—James Giles, Democratic-Fusion; D A McDonald, Silver Party; A S Thompson, Silver Party.
 Justice of the Peace (DeLamar)—J R **Hoag**, Silver Party; John McGown, Silver Party; Al Thorne, Democratic-Fusion.
 Constable (DeLamar)—Jake Johnson, Democratic-Fusion.
 Justice of the Peace (Pioche)—W A Fuller, Democratic-Fusion; Herman Hartung, Independent.
 Constable (Pioche)—James Hulse, Democratic-Fusion

Death of Joseph Hoag.

Joseph Hoag died at Delamar last evening. He had been in poor health for the past six months, and gradually got worse until death relieved him of his suffering.

Mr. Hoag was an old timer, having lived here in Pioche in its palmiest day and occupied many positions of trust. He was a sterling man and made hosts of friends. He was upright, honest and a valued citizen. For the past four years lived at Delamar and filled the office of Justice of the Peace of that Township.

He will be buried to-morrow.