

Mary
Staheli
Olsen



Individual Record 9

Name} Staheli, Mary		Family History} Olson
Title}	Race} White	Sex} Female
Birth: Date} Fam 1 Oct 1855	Place} Amriswil, Thurgau, Switzerland	
Marr.: Date} Exa 11 Apr 1875	Place} Santa Clara, Washington, Utah (Link)	
Death: Date} Exa 7 Dec 1936	Place} Alhambra, Los Angeles, California	
Burial: Date} Exa 8 Dec 1936	Place} San Gabriel Cemetery, San Gabriel, Los Angeles, Calif	
Grave Marker} Yes		Source 1} <u>16 = 1900 USA cen</u>
Parents: } Johann George Staheli & Sophia Barbara Haberli Relationship No.} 2		Source 2} <u>19 = Cemetery rec</u>
1st Household No.} <u>143 = Amriswil, Thurgau, Switzerland</u>		Source 3} <u>27 = 1880 USA cen</u>
Occupation 1} Housewife Occupation 2}		Source 4} <u>40 = 1910 USA cen</u>
Religion/Church}		Source 5} <u>75 = Geog history</u>
Spouses: Prime} <u>Olson, Hans</u> Total Number of} 1		Source 6} <u>80 = 1870 USA cen</u>
		Source 7} <u>81 = Genealogy</u>
		Source 8} <u>87 = Diary</u>
		Source 9} <u>139 = Death certif</u>
		Source 10} <u>147 = Death certif</u>
Source 11} <u>177 = Passenger ls</u>		Source 16} <u>356 = Church recrd</u>
Source 12} <u>213 = Photographs</u>		Source 17} <u>435 = Obituary</u>
Source 13} <u>322 = Business dir</u>		Source 18} <u>468 = 1920 USA cen</u>
Source 14} <u>323 = Phone book</u>		Source 19} <u>671 =</u>
Source 15} <u>324 = Phone book</u>		Source 20} <u>711 = Family hstry</u>
		Source 21} <u>722 = Marriage rec</u>
		Source 22} <u>744 = 1930 USA cen</u>
		Source 23} <u>902 = Passenger ls</u>
		Source 24} <u>888 = Letter</u>
		Source 25} <u>1136=Photograph</u>

Notes: Mary was born Maria Staheli in Amriswil, Thurgau, Switzerland on 1 Oct 1855 to Johann Georg and Sophia Barbara Staheli. She had two older sisters, Wilhelmina, born in 1849, and Elizabeth born in 1851, and a brother Johann George (George) born in 1854. A brother Jakob, born in 1850, had died in 1851. These were followed by a brother Johannes (John) born in 1857. A sister Sophia died as an infant, and a sister also named Sophia was born in 1859.

On 3 May 1861, Mary's family left Amriswil for America. They sailed on the *Monarch of the*

Sea, leaving Liverpool on 16 May 1861 and landing in New York on 19 Jun 1861. Her family had been recruited by the Mormons, and their passage was paid for by the LDS Perpetual Fund. Her youngest sister Sophia died during the journey and was buried at sea. The 1920 U.S. Census records her immigration date incorrectly as 1860, and naturalization date as 1865.

The Staheli family traveled by train across the Northern States during the Civil War. At times the train traveled blacked-out because they were close to battle lines. She later told stories about hearing cannon fire as they traveled. From Florence, Nebraska, the last part of their journey to Salt Lake City was by wagon train. From Salt Lake City, the Staheli family was sent south to settle in Utah's Dixie area.

The family arrived in Santa Clara, Washington, Utah, on 28 Nov 1861. Mary's sister Barbara was born 26 Dec 1861. This was shortly before the big flood, where Mary had to be rescued by one of the missionaries. Her grandson Donald Olson remembered Mary telling of the weekly dances that were held on the second floor of the Hamlin home. Her mother died in 1862, and Ana Barbara Meir moved in to help with the family. Whether Barbara and her father George were officially married is unclear. In Jun 1865, Mary was baptised in the Santa Clara Ward, LDS, by Daniel Banelli. In 1870, the children still living at home consisted of Mary, her brothers George and John, and sister Barbara.

Hans Olson, who was probably mining in the nearby area, attended the dances, and evidently "swept her off her feet." There is a marriage record showing that they were married on 11 Apr 1875.

Mary and Hans moved to Jack Rabbit. Daughter Josephine was born in 1876 and Ida was born in 1877. They moved to Spring Valley, Nevada. The 1880 US Census census lists Hans as being a farmer, and by that time there were three children, Henry having been born in Spring Valley in 1880. Living next to them were Frank C. Walker and his wife Elizabeth, and their five children. Elizabeth and Barbara Staheli (who was listed as a servant in the home) were sisters of Mary.

Their fourth child George was born in 1882 near Jacksonville, Oregon, and the family finally moved to California, settling in Alhambra, Los Angeles County, in late 1892. Their son Frank was born in 1885, daughter Lillian in 1887, and daughter Mabel in 1889. In 1900, the family was living in Alhambra, the San Gabriel Township, Los Angeles County. Hans was listed as a farmer. In 1910, Hans and Mary were living alone in the family's residence at 316 Wilson Avenue, now Atlantic Avenue, in Alhambra. Hans was listed as having his own income. In 1920, their daughter Mabel Ferrell, her husband Thomas, and boys Frederick and Clifford, were living with them.

Widowed in 1921, Mary moved in with her daughter Ida Lawyer and husband Arthur at 30 North Third Street. The 1930 US Census shows Mary living with her son Henry, his wife Amy, grandson Donald, and Maurice Noble, at 420 North Second Street, Alhambra. In 1934, when her youngest daughter Mabel died, she moved into the home of Thomas Ferrell, Mabel's husband, to take care of their youngest child.

According to family members, Mary loved to garden. She also raised canaries. The bank failures of the Depression wiped out most of her savings. Fortunately, one savings and loan bank in which she had deposits survived. During the depression, many in the family had to

depend for work on Frank Olson's lumber business.

Mary had a heart attack in late November 1936, and died 7 Dec 1936 at the age of 81. She is buried with her husband in the Olson family plot in San Gabriel Cemetery.

Time of Birth}	Time of Death}	Fraternal/Social}
Baptism Date} Jun 1865	Place} Santa Clara Ward, LDS	
Confirm. Date}	Photo} <u>Mary in 1916</u>	
Immigr'n Date} Abt 19 Jun 1861	Port} New York	
Education: Grade} or Top 2 Degrees}		
Military: Service} for the State of}		
Health Condition}	Last Updated	Date Updated} 19 Jul 2011
Cause of Death} Heart attack	by} Karen Hancock	Date Created} 19 Sep 1997
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Relationship Record 4

Male/Husband} Olson, Hans		Family History} Olson
Female/Wife} Staheli, Mary		Relationship Type} Marriage
Marriage: Date} Exa 11 Apr 1875	Place} Santa Clara, Washington, Utah	
Ended: On Date} Exa 23 Jan 1921 By} Death of husband		Source 1} 9 = Geog history Source 2} 16 = 1900 USA cen
1st Household No.} 21		Source 3} 27 = 1880 USA cen
Photograph} The Hans Olson family 		Source 4} 40 = 1810 USA cen Source 5} 139= Death certif Source 6} 146= Death certif Source 7} 147= Death certif Source 8} 162= Letter Source 9} 324= Phone book Source 356 = Church 10} recrd Source 468 = 1920 USA 11} cen Source 671 = Photographs 12} Source 711 = Biography 13} Source 714 = Marriage 14} rec Source 722 = Marriage 15} rec Source 1136=Letter 16} Source 1225=Obituary 17}
Last Updated Date Updated} 15 Mar 2012 by} Karen Hancock Date Created} 26 Sep 1997		
Notes: Hans and Mary probably met at the Friday night dances held on the second floor of the Hamiln home in Santa Clara, Washington, Utah. He evidently "swept her off her feet." They were married by Marius Ensign. Source No. 714 gives a marriage date of 11 April 1875, but does not list a place. Source No. 722 has a marriage place of Santa Clara.		
Hans and Mary moved to Nevada where Josephine was born in 1876. She was followed by Ida, born in 1877 in Jack Rabbit, Nevada. The family was living in Spring Valley, Lincoln, Nevada in 1880 when Henry was born. They moved to Jackson County, Oregon, where George was born in 1882. They finally settled in Alhambra California, where Frank was born in 1885, Lillian in 1887, and Mabel in 1889.		
In 1900, the entire family was living at the family residence at 336 North Wilson Avenue, Alhambra, Los Angeles, California. Their beloved daughter Josie, by then a teacher, died in May 1902. By 1910, the last of their children had grown and married, and Hans and Mary were living alone. In 1920, their daughter Mabel Ferrell, her husband Thomas, and boys		

Frederick and Clifford, were living with them. Hans and Mary are seen with five of their children and their spouses in 1916 in the photographs to the right. Hans died in 1921, and Mary in 1936. They are buried in the San Gabriel Cemetery.

Children:	Total # of Children} 7	Seq. # of Primary} 3
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1st Child} <u>Olson, Josephine Sophia (Josie)</u>
2nd Child} <u>Olson, Ida E.</u>
3rd Child} <u>Olson, Henry John</u>
4th Child} <u>Olson, George Angus</u>
5th Child} <u>Olson, Frank Thomas</u>
6th Child} <u>Olson, Lillian Mae</u>
7th Child} <u>Olson, Mabel W.</u>

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Individual Record 8

Name} Olson, Hans		Family History} Olson
Title}	Race} White	Sex} Male
Birth: Date} Fam 8 Aug 1832	Place} Christiana, Norway	
Marr.: Date} Exa 11 Apr 1875	Place} Santa Clara, Washington, Utah (Link)	
Death: Date} Exa 23 Jan 1921	Place} 30 North Third Street, Alhambra, Los Angeles, Calif.	
Burial: Date} Exa 25 Jan 1921	Place} San Gabriel Cemetery, San Gabriel, Los Angeles, Calif.	
	Grave Marker} Yes	Source 1} 9 = Geog history
Parents: } Unknown Relationship No.} 8		Source 2} 10 = Geog history
		Source 3} 16 = 1900 USA cen
1st Household No.} 21 = Spring Valley, Lincoln, Nevada		Source 4} 19 = Cemetery rec
Occupation 1} Farmer Occupation 2} Miner		Source 5} 27 = 1880 USA cen
		Source 6} 40 = 1910 USA cen
Religion/Church} Presbyterian		Source 7} 139 = Death certif
Spouses: Prime} Staheli, Mary Total Number of} 1		Source 8} 162 = Letter
		Source 9} 181 = Interview
		Source 213 = 10} Photographs
Source 11} 239 = 1860 USA cen	Source 16} 466 = Newspaper	Source 21} 888 = Letter
Source 12} 240 = Passenger ls	Source 17} 468 = 1920 USA cen	Source 22} 915 = Citizenship
Source 13} 322 = Business dir	Source 18} 671 =	Source 23} 1136=Photograph
Source 14} 324 = Phone book	Photographs	Source 24} 1141=Newspaper
Source 15} 364 = Church recrd	Source 19} 722 = Marriage rec	Source 25} 1232=Obituary
	Source 20} 834 = Photograph	
Notes: Hans was born in Norway in 1832. He probably emmigrated from Kristiansund, Norway about the 26th of October 1850. He probably first settled with family members in Minnesota, but attracted by the discovery of gold in California, he crossed the plains in a covered wagon in 1853. According to naturalization records, he became a naturalized U.S. citizen on 1 Mar 1898. His wife Mary stood up for him. Family sources report that Hans was probably prospecting or panning for gold near Gold Beach, Oregon, at the mouth of the Rogue River, between 1852 and 1856. This was during the time of skirmishes with Indians, which culminated in the Rogue Indian war, 1855-1856. This might also account for the family traveling from Nevada to this area in Oregon, where		

their son George was born in 1882, before finally settling in Southern California.

The 1860 US Census lists a Hans Olson, age 26, living by himself as a farm laborer, in Redwood Township, Santa Clara, California. Although this Hans is from Norway, there is a two year age discrepancy, and no family stories to back up this source.

As told by his grandson Donald Olson, Hans could never stay in one place for a long time. He traveled, mining in Nevada, California and Oregon. On March 26, 1872, he was camped alongside Owens Lake, California, when the huge magnitude 8.0 Owens Valley earthquake struck. Hans said that the lake just disappeared into the ground, refilling itself shortly.

According to Source No. 714, Hans married Mary (Maria) Staheli 11 Apr 1875. Although the place of the marriage is not given, Santa Clara, Washington, Utah, is listed as the residence for both.

By 1880, Hans and his family were living in Spring Valley, Lincoln, Nevada. The mining town of nearby Pioche was the center of the silver boom of the seventies. Spring Valley is now a Nevada State Park. The 1880 US census lists Hans as being a farmer. There were three children, Josephine, Ida, and Henry. Living next to them were Frank C. Walker and his wife Elizabeth, and five children. Elizabeth, and Barbara Staheli (who was listed as a servant) were sisters of Mary.

The family traveled by wagon to Oregon, where Hans was mining or farming. George was born here in 1882, and the family departed shortly thereafter for California. Frank was born in 1885.

Alhambra was just a small hamlet when Hans and his family arrived in 1882. Hans planted oranges and grapes on his ranch, at the southern edge of town. When Garfield Avenue was cut through to the south, Hans planted the ornamental camphor trees on that thoroughfare from the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks to the Ocean Highway. His son Henry had to help by carrying water to keep these trees alive.

In 1900, the family was living in Alhambra, the San Gabriel Township, Los Angeles County. The last of their children, Lilly and Mabel, had now been born. Hans was listed as a farmer. In 1905 he assisted his son Henry in establishing the Alhambra Planning Mill. In the photograph to the right, Hans is shown in front of the family home at 316 Wilson Avenue, now Atlantic Avenue, taking his grandsons, Donald Olson and Lewis Lawyer, for a wheelbarrow ride in 1908. In 1910, Hans and Mary were living alone in the family's residence. Hans was listed as having his own income. In 1920, their daughter Mabel Ferrell, her husband Thomas, and boys Frederick and Clifford, were living with them.



Hans was a member of the Masonic order, and served on the school board for many years.

Although Hans married the daughter of a Mormon family, he did not like the Mormons. According to Donald Olson, when his wife's sister sent a Mormon Bible, he threw it into the fire. On any visits from the Mormon side of the family, he would leave the house.

Hans died the 23rd of January 1921 at the age of 88, and is buried in the Olson family plot in

the San Gabriel Cemetery.

Time of Birth}	Time of Death}	Fraternal/Social}
Baptism Date}	Place}	 
Confirm. Date}	Photos} <u>Hans in 1870 and 1916</u>	
Immigr'n Date} 1850	Port} New York	
Education: Grade} or Top 2 Degrees}		
Military: Service} for the State of}		
Health Condition} Cause of Death}	Last Updated by} Karen Hancock	Date Updated} 19 Mar 2012 Date Created} 31 Mar 1992

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PASADENA, CAL.

Harris

moved with the Olsen Family



Front row: Amy Noble Olson, Mary Staheli Olson, Hans Olson, Ida Olson Lawyer.

Standing: Frank Olson, Henry Olson, Lilliam Olson Carr, Vernon Carr ,
Muriel Hall Olson, Tom Ferrell, Arthur Lawyer, Mabel Olson Ferrell.

Taken at 316 Wilson Avenue, Alhambra, California, on Thanksgiving 1916

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