



Nevada Hess - Timeline

Daughter of Louis Hess and Helena Einstein

Granddaughter of Levi Hess and Theresa Sanger

Born Oct 23, 1873 in Virginia City, Nevada

Died 27 Nov 1917 in San Diego, California, at the age of 39.

1880 Census

15 Feb 1903. Joined the company of Nance O'Neil as Eliza Oldfield. She is described as "a striking brunette, tall and with a dignified carriage. Her acting yet lacks finish and shows immaturity, but she has a intelligence and a great capacity for work and study."

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1903, August 10. Death of her father Lewis Hess.

1905. She was listed as Miss Nevada Hess living at 1471 Waller in SF. Living with her mother (Mrs. L. Hess) and her brother Irving I.

1906 she volunteered to help with earthquake in San Francisco.

1906, Aug. 21, Article in SF Chronicle about her arguing with Baron Von Horst re refugees.

1906, Aug 29, article in Los Angeles Times, about her helping refugees.

1908, October 16, article in The Fresno Tribune about her writing for Overland Monthly.

1910. Nevada Hess, with Home Tel Co, r 1201 Pine. Living alone.

1911. Listed as Nevada Hess at 1201 Pine St., SF. A writer. Living alone.

1912. She was a registered Democrat and lived at 1112 Pine Street and worked as a Pressworker.

1913. She declined to state her party affiliation. A Pressworker living at 1112 Pine Street in San Francisco.

1914, February. Her mother Helena Einstein Hess dies of heart trouble. Nevada listed as a daughter, as Mrs. A.H. Dutton.

From Oakland Tribune, 27 Feb 1914, Friday Page 8, Oakland, CA

MRS. HELENA HESS DIES SUDDENLY

Well Known Woman Stricken
With Attack of Heart
Trouble, Succumbs.

Mrs. Helena Hess, widow of the late Lewis Hess, died suddenly at her home, 188 Forty-first street, Piedmont, late yesterday, following an attack of the heart. She had been enjoying her usual good health, and her untimely taking came as a great shock to her family and large number of friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Hess was 70 years old and a native of Germany. She is survived by two sons, I. Irving Hess and Bauer Hess; five daughters, Miss Pauline Hess, Miss Selina Hess, Mrs. Teresa Littlefield, Mrs. A. H. Dutton and Mrs. Guggenheim of Japan.

Funeral arrangements have not as yet been made.

1916. Now Mrs. Nevada Dutton. At 950 Pine Street in San Francisco. A housewife and declined to state her party preference. Living with her husband Arthur H Dutton who was an Editor and also declined to state his party preference.

She was very social as a young girl. Many articles in the newspaper about her attendance at parties.

Death Certificate:

County of San Diego. Agnew Hospital

Nevada Dutton, female, white, married.
Date of Death Nov. 27, 1917
Husband: Lieut. Arthur H. Dutton
Date of Birth: Oct 23, 1878.
Age 39 years, 1 month and 4 days.
Occupation: at home
Birthplace: Nevada
Name of father: Richard Hess.
Father's birthplace: Unknown.
Name of mother: Unknown.
Birthplace of mother: Unknown.
Length of residence at place of death: 6 months.
Signed by Arthur H. Dutton Address: 4181 Jackdaw St.

I hereby certify that I attended deceased from Nov 15 1917 to Nov 27 1917, that I last saw her alive on Nov 27, 1917, and that death occurred on the date stated above at 7:40 pm. The cause of death was Septic Peritonitis from Pelvic Abscess. Duration 10 days.

State whether attributed to dangerous or unsanitary conditions of employment: No.
Signed B.Johnsen? 11-28-17, San Diego.

Former or usual residence: San Francisco, CA
Place of Burial or removal: Greenwood Cemetery Date of burial: Nov 30, 1917.
Undertaker: Johnson-Saum Co, San Diego.

My comments re death certificate. I am wondering what caused the pelvic abscess...whether it was some sort of gynecological problem. Wondering why they moved to San Diego. Did it have to do with Arthur's work for the military? I find it sad that her husband did not know the real name of her father (his name was not Richard Hess but Louis or Lewis Hess. He did not know the name of her mother. She was buried in San Diego. There were other Dutton's there but I doubt any Hesses and Arthur who died only a few years later was buried with his subsequent wife in San Francisco.

Why does her death certificate list place of death as Stanislaus County rather than San Diego County...was that a clerical error?

Her date of birth was actually 1873, not 1878. Which would make her 44 years at the age of death. I believe the 1873 date because in the 1880 census she was 7 years old and had 4 younger siblings. She could not have been only 2 years old.

So I am guessing her husband not only did not know her parent's names but did not know how old she was.