

DR. JOHN A. STREET

Doctor John Archibald Street was the company physician for the Treadwell Yukon Mining Company, Ltd. in Bodie between December of 1930 and January of 1932. He was born in Missouri about 1885. His parents were Canadian of Scotch decent. Between 1891 and 1927, he lived in Toronto, Canada, and received his medical degree at McGill University in Montréal in June of 1919. By 1930, Dr. Street was renting a house in Hawthorne, Nevada. He was a 45 years, married to 38 year old Sophia M. Street, who was born in Canada, as were her parents. They had been married 3 years. The following are items from the *Bridgeport Chronicle-Union and Bodie Chronicle* during the Bodie years:

“Dr. Street, formerly of Hawthorne, now of Alameda, has accepted the work of physician for the Treadwell Yukon Company and is expected to arrive at Bodie to take up his duties sometime this week.”

“The Treadwell Yukon Company is building an addition to the office of its physician, Dr. Street, which is to be used as a recovery room for men injured at the mines.”

“Dr. Street, our local physician, is sporting a new Studebaker Six automobile.”

“Dr. Street, one day this week, about made up his mind that he was short one perfectly fine police dog. The Doctor hunted all over town and when he could not find the animal, went down to Hawthorne to take a look-see in that town, but still was unable to find his dog. Dr. Street came home having about made up his mind that his pal was gone for keeps. He went to bed and sometime during the night, his dog returned, weary and footsore to his master. Probably, the dog was stolen and taken quite a distance in a car and made his get-away for home the first opportunity he had.”

1932 was not a good year for Bodie. The Treadwell Yukon abandoned Bodie after only a few years of operation. There was an extremely bitter winter with drifts of snow up to 20 feet. People were snowbound with a shortage of food. There was no bread, butter, milk or eggs left. The only way out of Bodie was on skies or snowshoes. On January 3rd, a fire broke out in an old laundry building, threatening the whole downtown, and foreshadowing the great fire that would occur later that summer. Frozen pipes prevented extinguishing the fire. Three buildings were burnt down and two people, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Griffith, were treated by the doctor for frozen feet as they had to jump out of the buildings in their night clothes. The town had already been isolated for 12 days. On January 5th, mountaineers came in to rescue a dozen people from Bodie. By the end of January, Dr. Street called it quits. From the January 29th, *Reno Evening Gazette*:

“ Dr. John A. Street of Bodie, has closed his office in that camp and will spend a few days here, then proceed to Los Angeles where he expects to engage in practice. Dr. Street was able to get out of Bodie by way of Bridgeport and Sweetwater and states that the road down Del Monte Canyon will not be opened for some time to come.”

Instead of moving to Los Angeles, Dr. Street emigrated from the United States to Canada in March of 1932. His destination was his mother's home in Toronto,



Dr. Street Examination Table