I have received this photograph from a man who found it in a garage sale. His wishes is for me to find the direct descendent of George T. Nisbet to add to their family photograph collection. If you are a direct descendant of this man, then please contact me.

Photograph Description:
Daguerreotype (2.5”x4”, full body) photograph of George T. Nisbet with his signature on back
Quick Facts:
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GEORGE TAYLOR NISBET
September 28, 1848
Salt River, Adair County, Missouri, USA
March 23, 1888
Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, USA
Five Miles Cemetery
Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, USA

Spouse: never married
Parents: Joseph S. & Mary A. (Halstead) Nisbet
Siblings: Robert S., Margaret (Armida), Samuel A., Joseph M. Nisbet

Researcher's Note:
The Nisbet Family had settled and raised their family in the Salt River, Missouri in Adair County prior to the Civil War, then the war eventually torn the family apart. George’s parents were Joseph S. & Mary (Halstead) Nisbet. George being the eldest son, the rest of the siblings were Robert S., Margaret (Maggie), Samuel A. and Joseph M. Nisbet. This entire family was found in the 1860 census, while it was just George and his parents in the previous enumeration.

In the spring of 1861, George’s father, Joseph S. Nisbet, took part in the Missouri “Home Guard” unit who tried to maintain the peace in their area from the various raiders of the war. It had been stated that George's father was the captain of Gordon’s company. Then August 1, 1864 in Kirksville, Missouri his father could not avoid being enlisted, and he had joined the 39th Missouri Mounted Infantry. His father was enlisted as the 3rd Sergeant of Company A. But then tragic struck the family because several months later, his father died in the “Massacre of Centralia” on September
27, 1864. His father’s regiment was nearly destroyed that day. His father burial was at the Jefferson City National Cemetery (Find A Grave Memorial ID 19567508; Section 7 Site 639-716) over in Cole County, Missouri.

After the war, the family was separated. Then in the 1870 census, the family was in Packwood, Tulare County, California with his mother named as “Peggy” instead of Mary, however, Joseph M. Nisbet was missing from this enumeration. One researcher stated that Joseph was found living with an uncle from his mother’s side.

Robert S. and Samuel A. Nisbet went back to Adair County, Missouri. Robert married Mollie (Mary) Bundy on April 27, 1870, and then he remained there until after the 1900s, when his son and him moved to Rupert, Minidoka County, Idaho until his death in 1935. And Samuel married Ara Ann Moots about 1879. Both were found in the 1880 census in Salt River area. The remainder of the family was found in or near Prescott, Arizona.

In 1880, Mary (Peggy) Nisbet married a man named Pierce, then later a man named Cool or Kuhl. Eventually, Samuel came down to Prescott with his family, and had another child there. Then, George and Samuel moved to Meridian, Ada County, Idaho in the mid-1880s. George had been a registered voter in Yavapai County, Arizona in October 1882. There was a "Margueratta Rubena Nesbet" who married a man named John Franklin Wilson in Prescott on December 18, 1890, but not certain if this is the Margaret or “Maggie” in this family. Joseph was later found married in 1882 to Eva B. Dinsmore in Prescott.

By the mid-1880s, George and Samuel and his family moved to Idaho. It’s unclear exactly what brought them to Idaho other than farming claims, no less, they came, then George Taylor Nisbett passed away unexpectedly on March 23, 1888, and was buried in the Five Miles Cemetery in Meridian, Idaho. Three years later, months after seeing his last child born, Samuel passed away unexpectedly as well, and was buried in the same cemetery as his brother. The remainder of Samuel’s family continued to live in the area, mostly Boise.

George Taylor Nisbet left behind many nieces and nephews as well as his siblings at the time of his death. This photograph is the only remainder of him and who he is, a Nisbet of war-torn Missouri. Hopefully, someone will find this post and to seek to claim their family history once again.