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Biographical Information Sheet

Abramson

Morris Abramson
Occupation: Tailor store clerk
Born:
Birthplace:
Died:

Morris Abramson briefly worked as a clerk for the Jewish tailor Joseph Harwitz¹ at 213 Harrison Avenue.² On December 18, 1899, Morris and Joseph Harwitz testified against John Nolan who attempted to use a fraudulent check for \$36 at their store.³ According to the report found in the *Herald Democrat* article on the case, Nolan appeared confused after Morris and Joseph questioned the check's validity and he promptly left the store, leaving the fraudulent check behind. He was subsequently arrested at the Wyman block saloon

after attempting the same con. Morris is not listed in city directories after 1899, indicating that he had left the city prior to the turn-of-the-century.

Though it is not clear where Morris settled after leaving Leadville, an individual by the name of Morris Abrams was listed in the *1900 United States Census* living in Denver with his wife, Rosa Abrams, and three young children, Rebecca, Albert, and Asher.⁴ Though the last name for the family does not perfectly match the Morris Abramson found in Leadville, the census did note Morris Abrams' occupation as "tailor." Morris Abramson having worked for a tailor while in Leadville gives some credence to the possibility that Abramson and Abrams were one and the same. However, such an observation is purely speculation.

¹ For more on the Harwitz family, see: Trevor Mark, *Harwitz* (Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation), 2020: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/harwitz.html>.

² John H. Ballenger and Will H. Richards, *Ballenger & Richards Eighteenth Annual Leadville City Directory for 1899 Containing a Complete List of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms, etc.* (Leadville, CO: Ballenger and Richards Publishers, 1899), P64.

³ *A Busy Court Day* (Leadville, CO: *Herald Democrat*) December 19, 1899, P5.

⁴ *United States Census, 1900*, database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M31B-GJ1>; accessed November 17, 2020), Morris Abrams, Precinct 9 Denver city Ward 4, Arapahoe, Colorado, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 30, sheet 10B, family 304, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,117.



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