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Biographical Information Sheet

Eisner

Isaac Eisner (In Leadville 1880-1883, 1891-1892)
Born: 1860 (St. Louis, Missouri)
Died: 1909 (Illinois)
Married to: Marie Eisner (1893)

Isaac Eisner was born in Missouri in 1859 or 1860. His father was Charles Eisner, a Jewish immigrant from Fraustadt, Prussia.¹ Today this city is known as Wschowa and lies within the borders of modern day Poland. When Charles Eisner was born in 1827, the region boasted a Jewish population of over 600 as well as a large synagogue built in 1798.² Charles arrived in America in 1848.³ According to the 1870 Federal Census, he had settled in St. Louis. He had five children and Isaac was the eldest.⁴

Isaac migrated west in his 20s and worked in Leadville off and on between 1880 and 1891. He first appeared in the Carbonate City in 1880 as a clerk at Londoner & Eckle's store on the corner of Oak and East 3rd Street.⁵ The 1880 census also counted him as a resident of Londoner's store, along with four other clerks. Housing was in high

demand, and most business owners lived on the property as did their employees. That year, he was fined in the Municipal court for stealing a ship chronometer, a sextant, and jewelry from Captain Ed C. Sandall in the aftermath of a fire on Chestnut street in 1881.⁶ This single newspaper entry is the only extant evidence of Isaac's activities in 1882, and he appeared in the city directory as clerk at the Londoner store in 1883.⁷ From 1884 until 1891, Isaac does not appear in the Leadville city directories and his movements are unknown. Nationwide city directory searches suggest that Isaac spent time in Chicago, but definitive evidence of his movements is not traceable. He reappeared in Leadville in the 1891 directory and was employed by Moses Londoner at his new store location at 616 Harrison Avenue. Isaac does not appear in the 1892 city directory, but does appear on a list of registered voters in 1893.⁸ In the years following 1893, Isaac is difficult to trace and certainly left Leadville.

Isaac died in Illinois in 1909 and was buried in the Maple Hill Cemetery outside of Hartford, Michigan.⁹

¹ Ancestry.com. U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.

Find A Grave. Find A Grave. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/6604428>

² A.Heppner/J.Herzberg, *Aus Vergangenheit und Gegenwart der Juden und der jüdischen Gemeinden in den Posener Landen, Koschmin - Bromberg* 1909, S. 396 – 403 und S.920

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³ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Year: 1848; Page Number: 27

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⁴ Year: 1870; Census Place: Arcadia, Iron, Missouri; Roll: M593_780; Page: 578A; Family History Library Film: 552279
Ancestry.com. 1870 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

⁵ For more information on the Londoners visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/londoner.html>

⁶ "Bright Beams" Leadville Daily Herald, August 2, 1882 p. 4

⁷ 1883 Leadville City Directory p. 118

⁸ "Registered Electors" Leadville Daily/Evening Chronicle, May 6, 1893 p. 4

⁹ Ancestry.com. U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012. Find A Grave. Find A Grave. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/53385178>



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