



Louis Goodman  
Born: Ohio, 1843.  
Died: New Orleans, LA, September 15, 1916.<sup>1</sup>

Rose/Rosa Gerson Goodman  
Born: Vicksburg, MS, July 28, 1852.  
Died: New Orleans, LA, September 18, 1919.<sup>2</sup>

Louis and Rose Goodman likely came to Leadville early in 1880. Thirty-seven year-old Louis came to try his hand at mining<sup>3</sup> and purchased one eighth of the Birdie Treble lode from Elias Fink for \$500<sup>4</sup> while Rose tended their home at 111 East 3<sup>rd</sup>.<sup>5</sup> The couple appears to have remained in the Leadville area until sometime in 1885, focused their attention on business, and were never noted in the local social columns.

On February 2, 1884, a notice appeared in the *Leadville Daily Herald* announcing a sheriff's sale as result of a suit in which Louis Goodman and Albert Baescfeld were awarded the proceeds from

the distribution of goods of the firm belonging to Charles Cohn and Joseph Silberstein.<sup>6</sup> Details of the suit were not disclosed however judging by an inventory taken by Sheriff Becker at the time this appears to have been a clothing operation. On June 14, the Carbonate *Chronicle* noted that Louis had found a substantial amount of lead, galena, copper and gold in the *Great Hopes* mine that he operated as a lessee.<sup>7</sup>

Louis owned mines extending as far west as Aspen, and there he struck an eight foot wide vein of carbonates, a sign that precious metals are likely, in the first twenty-five feet of its shaft. The newspaper noted that they would "sink the shaft 100 feet further without delay".<sup>8</sup> On August 8, Louis sold one-sixteenth share of the *Birdie Treble* lode to John Morgan for \$150.<sup>9</sup> It is likely that Louis and Rose moved on to the Aspen area for a short time before finding a home near New Orleans. The couple are interred side by side there at the *Hebrew Rest Cemetery* in Orleans Parish.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Find A Grave Index*. Database. FamilySearch. *Louis Goodman*. 1916. (Burial, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, United States of America, Hebrew Rest Cemetery #2; citing record ID 142950852). 2019.

<sup>2</sup> *Parish, Louisiana, Birth Records*. 25:167. Rosa Gerson. 28 July 1851; Louisiana Secretary of State, Division of Archives, Records Management, and History, Baton Rouge, La.

<sup>3</sup> *United States Census, 1880*. database with images, *FamilySearch*(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MFDJ-H21> : 19 August 2017 , Lewis Goodman.) 1880.

<sup>4</sup> *The Mines*. (Leadville, CO: Leadville Weekly Herald. March 27, 1880). P1.

<sup>5</sup> TB Corbett and JH Ballenger. *Corbet, and Ballenger's Eighth Annual City Directory: Containing a Complete List of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms etc. in The City Of Denver for 1880*. (Denver, CO: Corbet and Ballenger Publishers.1880). P166.

<sup>6</sup> *Sheriff's Sale*. (Leadville, CO: Leadville Daily Herald. February 2, 1884). P3.

<sup>7</sup> *The Great Hopes Mine*. (Leadville, CO: Carbonate Chronicle. June 14, 1884). P8

<sup>8</sup> *Aspen Notes*. (Leadville, CO: Carbonate Chronicle. June 6, 1885). P7.

<sup>9</sup> *Mining Notes*. (Leadville, CO: Carbonate Chronicle. August 8, 1885). P7.

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