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Mayer

Sam Mayer
Born: Germany, 1854
Died:

Tillie Mayer
Born: 1860
Died:

Maurice Mayer
Born: Germany, 1834
Died: Denver, October, 1902

Meta Mayer
Born: 1850
Died:

Michael Mayer
Born:
Died:

Adie Mayer
Born: Texas, 1880
Died:

Morris Mayer
Born: Colorado, 1882
Died: July 10, 1918

Charles Mayer
Born: Leadville, April, 1885
Died: Leadville, August 28, 1885

Samuel Mayer's arrival in the city occurred in approximately 1882. This is when he is first listed in the city's business directory as a pawnbroker employed at 125 Harrison Avenue and living at 221 East 4th Street.¹ Though Samuel's prior whereabouts are not entirely known there are some clues to when and where Mayer immigrated to in the United States. Mayer came to the city with a wife, Tillie Mayer, and at least one child, a daughter, Adie.² Both Samuel and his wife were born in Germany, but the date of their immigration and marriage are unknown. However, a clue

concerning the family's immigration from Germany to Leadville is found in the 1885 city census, which lists Adie's place of birth as Texas in 1880. Adie's birth allows for supposition that the family made their arrival through Galveston's port.³

The 1885 Colorado State Census also lists their son, Morris, as being born in Colorado but his age of 5 makes it uncertain whether or not he was born in Leadville or just before the family's arrival.⁴ A third child, Charles, was born in 1885, but only lived for four months. Charles died on August 28th, 1885, and is buried in the Leadville Hebrew Cemetery.⁵ The Mayer's presence in Leadville was not relegated to simply immediate family. In Leadville's 1882 city directory an aunt and uncle, Maurice and Meta, ages 51 and 35 respectively, came to Leadville in 1882 and lived with the young family at their East 4th Street residence.⁶

Maurice was involved in banking prior to his arrival to Leadville and owned several successful financial institutions in Yreka, California and Virginia City, Nevada before making his mark in Leadville as a real estate investor. Maurice invested early in Leadville's growth, and owned notable properties such as the old post office building, the *Star Block*, *The Little Pittsburgh Corner*, *The Topic Corner*, *The Texas House*, a number of residential lots, and one half interest in the *Union Block*, the other half owned by the Baer Bros.⁷ enterprise. Many of these properties still stand today along Harrison Avenue and West 2nd Street. Maurice maintained these holdings as a landlord, which operated at full capacity and provided him with substantial rental income until his death in 1902, which earned him the moniker of "Count Mayer" from his friends.⁸ Maurice was still purchasing properties in Leadville as late as 1900.⁹ Samuel inherited these holdings,¹⁰ and continued to visit Leadville to look after them well into the twentieth century.¹¹



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Samuel Mayer had a full life while living in Leadville and was deeply involved in the city's business, social, and religious communities. In terms of business, Sam opened a New York loan office at 125 Harrison Avenue and operated a successful pawnbroker business from this address.¹² In 1884, Mayer partnered with family member, Mike Mayer, to open *S & M. Mayer* at a jewelry and watchmaking enterprise located at 204 Harrison Avenue.¹³

S. & M. Mayer was in business for two years before Samuel and Michael went their separate ways. The city's 1887 city directory shows the pair at different addresses with Samuel at 218 Harrison Avenue and Michael employed as a clerk at an undisclosed location while living at 219 East 8th Street.¹⁴

Politically, Sam identified as a Republican and actively participated in the *Fifth Ward Republican Club*.¹⁵ Additionally, Sam was also part of the *Blaine & Logan Club*, which sought to mobilize German-Americans within the 1884 Presidential election.¹⁶ Ultimately, Sam's efforts at voter organization did not succeed and Grover Cleveland narrowly defeated Blaine for the Presidential office.

Sam was one of the earliest of Leadville's Jewish citizens to show an interest in erecting a place of worship for the Jewish community.¹⁷ At the start of 1884, "...[t]he prominent Israelites of Leadville who are interested in the erection of a place of worship, held a meeting Tuesday evening to discuss the question and to mature plans for the consummation of the project."¹⁸ Mayer was among those counted at the initial planning meeting and he continued to be instrumental in the creation and operation of Temple Israel. Not half a year later, Sam was responsible for erecting the edifice of the synagogue as part of the building committee,¹⁹ performed as a bass in the choir,²⁰ and in the new synagogue's initial election of board members was chosen for the office of treasurer.²¹

Samuel Mayer and his wife, Tillie, were thoroughly involved in the congregation's social life and participated in Purim Balls,²² weddings, social picnics and more. The family was well-known throughout the city and Mayer even engaged in an entertaining and lively bet with "Colonel" Pap Wyman over the outcome of the 1884 Presidential election.²³ The *Leadville Daily Herald* described the bet as,

...a novel bet...[where] it was agreed between the gentleman, that in case of Cleveland's election Mayer would wheel Pap to the courthouse and back to Pap's house, and in case of Blaine's election Pap was to furnish the mode of power to convey Mr. Mayer to the courthouse and return.²⁴

A few short months later when the outcome of the Presidential election favored Cleveland, the *Leadville Daily Herald* gleefully recounted the earlier events that first led to the bet between "Uncle Sam" Mayer and "Pap" Wyman.²⁵

Uncle Sam Mayer was sitting in his store one balmy afternoon in last July, reading the latest intelligence from the Democratic national convention, then in session at Chicago, when his ears were assailed by whoop that almost split his tympanums.²⁶

The *Leadville Daily Herald* continued that upon inspection of what was making the loud whooping sounds, Mayer found

Colonel Wyman's 240 pounds of humanity ascended from terra firma to space, Colonel Wyman's eyes rolled in a frenzied manner, Colonel's lips parted and Colonel Wyman's lungs emitted a yell that would have made a Ute turn green with envy...Uncle Mayer gazed at the strange spectacle until he felt assured that Colonel Wyman was stricken with some new-fangled disorder of apoplexy.²⁷



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Mayer then tackled his friend to the ground to ascertain what illness Wyman might be afflicted with. However, the cause of Wyman's peculiar actions was not due to sickness, but from the nomination of Grover Cleveland. Upon discovering the cause the two friends set about creating the unusual bet and it was one that resulted in a "wheelbarrow procession"²⁸ of Mayer carting Wyman through town. More than a thousand spectators turned out to view what as truly a procession that was replete with a band of brass and percussion, "torch bearers", and "fish-horn performers".²⁹ Not once, but twice during the procession's route the wheelbarrow tipped and "the portly occupant of the wheelbarrow cast to Mother Earth."³⁰ "Pap" then elected to walk in front of the wheelbarrow so as not to "make Uncle Mayer's punishment any more severe than could be possibly helped."³¹ After the merriment of the wheelbarrow procession, which ended at Wyman's saloon, Tammany Hall, where "hilarity reigned until a late hour."³²

Morris Mayer, son of Sam, and his partner, Fredrick Belasco, opened the Belasco Theater in Los Angeles, California on August 29, 1904.³³ Morris was convicted of the negligent killing of a Mary J. Keating, when on January 21, 1910, his large automobile crashed into a tramway car on south Broadway in Denver:

Although Morris was initially charged with the negligent killing of three people; Keating, Miss Virgil Cain and James A. Baker, all of whom were passengers in his vehicle the night of the crash, the Cain and Baker families refused to prosecute.³⁴ Details of the incident are scarce, however, it is known that some of Morris' impropriety that evening included his disappearance from the scene of the accident.³⁵ He was sentenced to one year at the State Reformatory in Buena Vista on July 6, 1910.³⁶ Morris married Ruth Baer, the daughter of prominent Leadville and Colorado entrepreneur, Isaac Baer, at Denver on December 26, 1912.³⁷ Morris died of spinal meningitis on July 10, 1918 at Denver.³⁸ Ruth Baer Mayer was killed along with her parents, Isaac and Hattie Kahn Baer, when their automobile collided with a train near Domingo, New Mexico on November 16, 1920.³⁹

Though Samuel Mayer was a well-liked and popular businessman and citizen, his initial time in Leadville was short. By mid-1889, the Mayer's had left Leadville.⁴⁰ At that time the Mayers moved to Denver where Michael took a position with the *Heller Real Estate & Investment Co.*, while Maurice and Meta continued to reside with nephew Sam who was listed as a "diamond broker" with a new store located at 1729 Larimer Street.⁴¹

The enterprise became very successful and operated until at least 1927.⁴²



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Carrie J. (Kahn) Mayer

Born: Morrison, Illinois, October 6, 1864

Died: Salt Lake City, April 12, 1954

Interred: B'nai Israel Cemetery, Salt Lake City

Evelyn S. Mayer

Born: Ohio, July 20, 1890

Died: San Bernardino, Ca. May 23, 1955

Interred: B'nai Israel Cemetery, Salt Lake City

Walter J. Mayer

Born: Ohio, October 16, 1888

Died: January 27, 1972

Carrie grew up in Leadville as Carrie Kahn.⁴³ Carrie arrived there from Illinois⁴⁴ with her family in 1880, and was absent from the city at the time she married Ephraim "Sam" Mayer in Cincinnati⁴⁵ sometime before 1888,⁴⁶ who was of no relation to other Leadville Mayers. The marriage with Ephraim was short-lived. A machinist from Toledo, Ohio,⁴⁷ Ephraim perished sometime before the later stages of 1894.⁴⁸ The couple bore two children, Walter and Evelyn.⁴⁹ Carrie was socially and politically active, she was secretary for the *Leadville Women's Club*, president of the *Jewish Ladies Reading Club*, Worthy Matron (chairman/president) for the *Order of The Eastern Star* (Ladies' arm of the Masonic Lodge), and superintendant of the Temple Israel Sunday School from 1900 to 1908. Carrie was a strong advocate for education as evidenced by both of her children attaining advanced degrees from major universities, and literacy, as evidenced by her campaigns to open Leadville's first public library as secretary of the *Leadville Public Library Association*, and she was largely responsible for raising the funds necessary to construct the Carnegie Library Building over the course of the early twentieth century. Carrie returned to Leadville with her children late in 1894, likely to be closer to her parents, Marx and Fanny Kahn, and took a residence at 204 West 8th Street.⁵⁰

Walter delivered a recitation of *We Pray Thee* for the Seventh Street School's Thanksgiving program on November 27, 1895.⁵¹ On December 5, Evelyn attended the party in honor of Edith Warne's sixth birthday at her parents' home.⁵² Carrie was elected to the office of Conductress for the Leadville chapter of the *Order of the Eastern Star* on December 11.⁵³

On January 1, 1896, Carrie, a member of the *Crystal Carnival Club* responsible for the funds necessary for the building of Leadville's Ice Palace, was recognized in a celebration of the structure's construction.⁵⁴

On January 26, 1896, Carrie attended a reception at the home of Order of the Eastern Star Worthy Matron (Chairman/President) Emma Hobbs.⁵⁵ Carrie would soon succeed Hobbs in that role as on May 30, 1896, Carrie left Leadville to represent the chapter at the organization's statewide meeting in Denver as their Worthy Matron.⁵⁶ On February 27, Carrie attended the annual *Purim Masque Ball* given by the *Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Association* at the Vendome Hotel.⁵⁷ At the closing exercises for the Seventh Street School on June 5, Walter gave a recitation of *The Never Fail*.⁵⁸

On February 7, 1897, Carrie, Walter and Evelyn attended the wedding of Carrie's brother, Dr. Sol Kahn⁵⁹ to Lillie Rose at Denver.⁶⁰ Carrie served on the reception committee for the *Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Association* charity tea hosted by Sadie Sands⁶¹ on March 19.⁶² On April 30, Walter gave a recitation of *Planting The Tree* at the Seventh Street School's Arbor Day celebration.⁶³

In 1898, the family moved to 214 W. 7th Street and would continue to reside there for the duration of their time in Leadville.⁶⁴ Carrie was part of a large contingent of the Kahn family to travel from Leadville to Denver and attend the wedding of M.D. Barnett to Ima Rose on March 7, 1898.⁶⁵ Carrie signed a petition in support of Mary Louise



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Stickley's pursuit for the position as director of the *Leadville Board of Education* on April 27.⁶⁶ On June 16, Carrie hosted a meeting for the *Ladies Reading Club* at her home.⁶⁷ On June 25, Evelyn attended a "Bead Party" hosted by Mary Williams at her parents home. Each guest received a souvenir basket of beads.⁶⁸ Carrie served on the arrangement committee for the annual *Strawberries & Ice Cream Festival* on July 14.⁶⁹ On August 20, Carrie threw an elaborate fourth birthday party for her niece, Claire Mayer, who was visiting Leadville from Cincinnati for the summer.⁷⁰ Emil Mayer, Carrie's brother-in-law, his wife and children would be frequent guests of Carrie in Leadville during her tenure in the city.⁷¹ Carrie, as Worthy Matron of the Order of The Eastern Star, announced the funeral services for her aunt, Mina Kahn, who perished on December 5. Services were held at *Temple Israel* at 2:00 P.M. on December 7, 1898, with full Masonic honors.⁷² Mrs. Kahn rests today in Block C, Lot 5, Grave 1 of Leadville's Hebrew cemetery.⁷³

Evelyn was in attendance for a "ride about town" hosted by her close friend Mary Williams on May 13, 1899.⁷⁴ On May 28, Carrie gave a presentation on *The Popes of Rome* at a meeting of the *Home Reading Club*.⁷⁵ Walter was a participant in the paddock flower contest during the city's flower carnival in June of 1899.⁷⁶ On June 5, Carrie travelled to Denver as a Leadville representative of the Order of the Eastern Star to attend the state meeting for the organization.⁷⁷ On June 6, Evelyn attended a bon voyage party for Mary Williams who was leaving on an extend vacation with her parents.⁷⁸ On June 8, Evelyn and Walter were present at a party hosted by Freddie Bartholomew.⁷⁹ Carrie served on the arrangement committee for the Strawberry & Ice Cream Festival and hop presented by the *Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Association*.⁸⁰ Carrie gave a taffy pull to Evelyn on the occasion of her ninth birthday on July 20.⁸¹ Carrie was present at the bedside of her mother, Fanny Kahn, when she died as a result of complications following a surgery at Denver on October 5th. Mrs. Kahn's remains were returned to Leadville where funeral services

were conducted with full Masonic honors by the Order of The Eastern Star at Temple Israel on October 15, 1899.⁸² Fanny Kahn rests at Leadville's Hebrew Cemetery: Block C, Lot 5, Grave 3.⁸³

On October 24, 1899, Carrie and her uncle, Isaac Kahn, were involved in a runaway accident when their horse became spooked while crossing the railroad tracks near the cemetery:

In November of 1899, notices appeared in the local papers that mentioned Carrie had recovered from her injuries.⁸⁴ Isaac did not fare as well and was recovering more slowly.⁸⁵ On December 30, 1899, Evelyn attended a somber going away party for Alice Nutting who was leaving Leadville with her parents for a new home in Salt Lake City.⁸⁶

Carrie was the superintendant of Temple Israel's Sunday School from 1900 to 1908, and was the sister in law of Temple Israel cantor, Theo Baer, who married Carrie's sister, May Kahn,⁸⁷ in 1903.⁸⁸ Evelyn dressed as a fairy for the *Childrens Masque Ball* held at Turner Hall on February 24, 1900.⁸⁹ At a meeting of *The Home and Education Department* on March 5, Carrie read a paper she had written entitled, *Duties of the Club to the Community*.⁹⁰ Carrie's brother-in-law, Emil Mayer, visited Leadville for a few days in August of 1900.⁹¹ On January 4, 1901, Carrie read a self-scribed paper entitled *Childhood and How To Protect It* at a meeting of the Women's Club.⁹²

Carrie conducted the program for the Temple Israel Sunday School's Purim exercises on March 3, 1901.⁹³ Walter and Evelyn attended a surprise party given by Laura Berry in honor of Moe Fogel's⁹⁴ twelfth birthday at her parents' home on March 6. Walter won the boys first prize of a scarf pin in the day's gaming endeavors.⁹⁵ On March 15, Carrie left Leadville to attend the funeral of Leadville liquor merchant⁹⁶ Abe Schloss at Denver.⁹⁷ In July, Carrie hosted Mrs. Lederer and Frances Guthman who visited the Mayer home for several weeks from



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Chicago.⁹⁸ Carrie was the secretary for the *Leadville Public Library Association*, and at a meeting for the group on July 11, she read a letter from Andrew Carnegie which pledged \$20,000 to the city for the purposes of constructing a new library building.⁹⁹ Carrie had worked with Carnegie for months to procure the donation, and Carnegie was unwilling to donate unless the library association could demonstrate some local financial support. Carrie, along with library board president, Mary Louise Stickley, generated another \$5000 in local funds to secure the Carnegie donation and ultimately, the building's construction.¹⁰⁰ On July 22, 1902, Carrie announced that the funds had been secured and sealed bids were being accepted for the construction of the new building to be located at 9th street and Harrison Avenue.¹⁰¹ Carrie was present at the Eucre Club party held on July 13, 1901, at the home¹⁰² of Bertha Berry.¹⁰³ Carrie attended what was referenced as "The Jewish Ball" held at Richmond Hall on July 20.¹⁰⁴ Carrie threw a lavish eleventh birthday party for Evelyn on July 21.¹⁰⁵ Carrie and Walter were present at the birthday party for Blanche McCain at her parents' home on October 19.¹⁰⁶ On Halloween, Evelyn and Walter were surprised with a party given at her mother's home by their fellow Sunday school friends.¹⁰⁷

On January 13, 1902, Carrie attended an informal party at the home of¹⁰⁸ Nettie Pelta.¹⁰⁹ On January 24, Carrie won the first prize of a watercolor painting at a card party hosted by¹¹⁰ Jennie Hoffman.¹¹¹ The Temple Israel Sunday School hosted a Purim program under the direction of Carrie¹¹² on March 23, 1901, where Evelyn read a self-composed essay on the importance of Purim.¹¹³ At a Women's Club meeting on April 21, Carrie proposed that the group donate surplus funds from the club treasury to outfit a children's room for the new public library.¹¹⁴ Carrie won first prize of a hand painted plate and colonial teaspoon at a meeting of the *Friday Afternoon Whist Club* at the home of Bertha Berry on March 29.¹¹⁵ Evelyn was surprised by a party given by her mother and Walter at the family home on May 17.¹¹⁶ Walter was a

member of Temple Israel's confirmation class on June 8, 1902,¹¹⁷ that included Theresa Grossmayer, Ethel Sandusky,¹¹⁸ Pearl Miller,¹¹⁹ Sam Bergman,¹²⁰ George Strepey,¹²¹ Marie and Ben Erlich.¹²² On June 15, commencement exercises for the Leadville grammar and high schools took place at the Elk's Club. Walter participated in his continuation from grammar to high school by presenting class photographs to Central School principle H.G. Steans and performed a guitar/mandolin duet of the tune *Pearl Waitress* with Mary Crawford in accompaniment.¹²³ On October 25, 1902, the cornerstone is set and construction of the new Carnegie Library building at Harrison Avenue and 9th Street symbolizing the accomplishments of Carrie's effort in assisting to raise the funds for Leadville's first public library.¹²⁴

Evelyn was entrusted to the duty of spreading rose petals in the path of her aunt, May Kahn, at her wedding to cantor Theodore Baer held at Temple Israel on January 27, 1903.¹²⁵

On Friday, January 8, 1904, Carrie's efforts were realized when the Carnegie Library formally opened to the public. Carrie served on the reception committee for the library's grand opening.¹²⁶

Carrie was selected by Mayor Jesse McDonald to serve as a judge of parade floats and building decorations for the city's Independence Day festivities.¹²⁷ On his way to attend *Culver Military Academy* in Indiana, Walter stopped in St Louis to visit the 1904 World's Fair.¹²⁸ Carrie attended a large family dinner hosted by her sister, May Kahn Baer, at her home on November 12, 1904.¹²⁹

Walter continued to attend Culver Military Academy.¹³⁰ On January 25, 1905, Carrie was chosen as a delegate for the *Violet Circle No. 1* of the *Women of Woodcraft* to attend a national convention for the organization which was held during April at Los Angeles.¹³¹ On March 5, Carrie read the first act of *Romeo & Juliet*, and a paper entitled: *Houses of Montague and Capulet* for a



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meeting of the Women's Club at her home.¹³² On March 23, Evelyn and Carrie attended the anniversary party of her aunt and uncle, Mina and Isaac Kahn.¹³³ On April 20, Carrie hosted a meeting of the *Embroidery Club* at her home on West 7th Street.¹³⁴ Carrie was on the arrangement committee for the annual Strawberries and Ice Cream Festival hop held at Richmond's Hall on July 15.¹³⁵ Carrie attended a party given for Lillian Easton at the Edwards' home of July 18.¹³⁶ On September 23, Carrie attended a card party at the home of her aunt, Mina Kahn.¹³⁷ Walter and Evelyn were thrown a surprise Halloween party by their friends,¹³⁸ whom included Ethel Sandusky, Theresa & Florence Grossmayer,¹³⁹ Moe Fogel, Lora Berry, Helen Janowitz,¹⁴⁰ Myrtle Block,¹⁴¹ and Lucile Heimberger.¹⁴²

Carrie had charge of the Women's Club meeting held on February 11, 1906 at which the topic of study was Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.¹⁴³ On April 27, 1906, Evelyn argued in the negative on the topic of 'Ambition Includes More Vice Than Virtue' at a meeting of the *Fortnightly Debating Club*. The resolution was passed in the affirmative.¹⁴⁴ Carrie hosted a meeting of the Embroidery Club on May 23.¹⁴⁵ Carrie served on a Women's Club committee "...to wait on the alderman in the interest of city improvements."¹⁴⁶ On September 21, 1906, at a meeting of the Fortnightly Debating Club, Evelyn argued the negative point on the subject 'Resolved that it is unjust for the city council to impel citizens to install concrete sidewalks'. The topic was resolved in the affirmative.¹⁴⁷ Evelyn played center for the Leadville High School girl's basketball team¹⁴⁸ and attended a taffy pull hosted by Mary Williams on October 25.¹⁴⁹

The following article appeared in the November 11, 1906 edition of the Herald Democrat newspaper:

On November 24, 1906, Evelyn assisted Mrs. Burton in preparing a birthday party for her daughter Elizabeth's fifth birthday.¹⁵⁰

On January 1, 1907, Carrie was recognized by the board of directors of the Leadville Public Library as being a charter member of the Leadville Public Library Association and instrumental in acquiring the donation from Andrew Carnegie in 1901 that funded the library's construction.¹⁵¹ Carrie was on the arrangement committee for a special Children's Day celebration hosted by the Women's Club on February 22.¹⁵² At a meeting of the Fortnightly Debate Club, Evelyn argued in the negative on the topic 'Should custom sanction proposal of marriage by women'. The judges resolved on the negative by a score of four to one.¹⁵³ Evelyn hosted what was described as an enjoyable, but "weird" party in recognition of Halloween, where all of her guests were dressed as ghosts.¹⁵⁴ On November 1, Evelyn debated in the affirmative on the topic of as to whether the "'honor system' should be introduced in Leadville's public schools" at a meeting of the Fortnightly Debate Club. Evelyn's argument was affective and the resolution was passed.¹⁵⁵

Walter and Evelyn attended a card party given by Mary Williams at her parents' home on January 2, 1908.¹⁵⁶ On January 28, Carrie presented the library with an embroidered portrait of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt she made from a plaster panel painting that was displayed in the children's room.¹⁵⁷ On February 15, Carrie gave a party for her sister, Tillie Kahn, in recognition of her departure for a new home in Chicago.¹⁵⁸ Evelyn gave a Leap Year Party¹⁵⁹ at her home on February 29.¹⁶⁰ Evelyn spent her spring break in Golden visiting Walter.¹⁶¹ Walter, now a graduate student at Colorado School of Mines in Golden, returned to Leadville after his first year to attend Evelyn's high school graduation¹⁶² and work as a "millman" for the *American Zinc Extraction Co.*¹⁶³



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Walter and Evelyn attended a function of the *Leadville Shack Club* where they joined the group for a ride to the Durning ranch where they enjoyed an afternoon of dancing and a picnic lunch.¹⁶⁴ On September 6, Carrie was one in a group of twenty Leadville girls who attended a film presented by Cameraphone,¹⁶⁵ an early attempt by *Columbia House* to synchronize Edison Gramophone cylinders with motion pictures to incorporate audio.¹⁶⁶ On September 22, Carrie threw a going away party for Mrs. Scott who was leaving town for a new home in Denver.¹⁶⁷ In October of 1908, Carrie listed her fully furnished home on West 7th Street for rental. It is unclear when, or if the home was leased as Carrie remained listed at the address until she left Leadville a year later.¹⁶⁸ On October 4, word reached Leadville that Evelyn and her close friend, Mary Williams were settling in to their studies at the *University of Wisconsin* at Madison.¹⁶⁹ Evelyn spent her first Thanksgiving away from Leadville visiting Chicago.¹⁷⁰ On December 11, Carrie hosted a meeting of the Friday Afternoon Whist Club.¹⁷¹

Early in 1909, Carrie and her sister, Tillie Kahn, took a several months- long trip to Los Angeles. On their way, they stopped to explore the Grand Canyon on mule-back.¹⁷² In May of 1909, Evelyn, along with roommate and close childhood friend, Mary Williams, were nearly drowned in a canoeing accident on Lake Mendota:

Later that autumn, Evelyn and Carrie returned to Leadville after a summer trip to Los Angeles, gathered their belongings and moved to New York City where Evelyn enrolled in the graduate program at *Columbia University*.¹⁷³ On June 13, 1909,

Walter returned to Leadville with his roommate, Archie (Arthur) Zwetow (Sweet),¹⁷⁴ from Colorado School of Mines in Golden for their summer vacation.¹⁷⁵ On December 15, Walter visited Leadville to attend the eightieth birthday party of his grandfather, Marx Kahn. Carrie and Evelyn, having recently left for New York City, did not attend.¹⁷⁶

Carrie and Evelyn moved to Manhattan in 1910, where Evelyn found employment as a traveling stockbroker while continuing her studies at Columbia.¹⁷⁷ Walter returned to Leadville for his summer vacation in June of 1910.¹⁷⁸ Sometime prior to 1920, Evelyn became a college professor, first with the *University of Utah* in Salt Lake City, and later with *Sacramento State University* in California.¹⁷⁹ Mother and daughter appear have remained together for the duration of Carrie's life,¹⁸⁰ who passed on April 12, 1954, at Salt Lake City. She rests at *B'nai Israel Cemetery*.¹⁸¹ Evelyn never married and passed just over a year later at Sacramento, California from unknown causes on May 23, 1955.¹⁸² She is interred next to her mother in Salt Lake City.¹⁸³ Walter served in the defensive sector during the First World War for the U.S. Army (Cavalry) from June 28, 1918, until March 24, 1919.¹⁸⁴ He died at Los Angeles of unknown causes on March 8, 1972¹⁸⁵ and was interred at *Los Angeles National Cemetery* with full military honors.¹⁸⁶



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- ⁴ *Lake County, Colorado State Special Census Index for 1885.* 1985.
- ⁵ *Charles Mayer Headstone*, Hebrew Cemetery of Leadville (Leadville, Lake County, Colorado), 2016
- ⁶ 1885 U.S. census, Lake County, Colorado, Leadville, pg. 3, Charles Mayer, Tillie Mayer, Maurice Mayer, Meta Mayer, Adie Mayer, and Maurice Mayer.
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- ¹⁸ *A Big Addition.* (Leadville, CO: Leadville Daily Herald). January 17, 1884. P4.
- ¹⁹ *Leadville Daily Herald*, August 8, 1884, pg. 4.
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- ²¹ *The Congregation Israel.* (Leadville, CO: Leadville Daily Herald). September 23, 1884. P1.
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- ²⁶ *Leadville Daily Herald.* November 22, 1884, P4
- ²⁷ *Leadville Daily Herald.* November 22, 1884, P4.
- ²⁸ *Leadville Daily Herald.* November 22, 1884, P4.
- ²⁹ *Leadville Daily Herald.* November 22, 1884, P4.
- ³⁰ *Leadville Daily Herald.* November 22, 1884, P4.
- ³¹ *Leadville Daily Herald.* November 22, 1884, P4.
- ³² *Leadville Daily Herald.* November 22, 1884, P4.
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