



Isaac Myers

Occupation: Clothing store owner

Born: Est. N/A

Birthplace: N/A

Died: N/A

Information regarding Isaac Myers' life prior to arriving in Leadville is unfortunately limited. His exact year of arrival in the city is also unclear. A guest list for a party held by the Isaacs family¹ published in the November 24, 1891 edition of the *Herald Democrat* recorded an individual by the name of Myers in attendance.² Though the list did not provide a first name, it is possibly Isaac. The first concrete evidence of Isaac's presence in town was his listing in the 1892 Leadville city directory which recorded his residence as a boarding house at 119 West 4th Street.³ Soon after arrival he founded the Golden Eagle Clothing Store located at 318 Harrison Avenue,⁴ once the location of David May's clothing store.⁵ A *Herald Democrat* snippet published in January 1892 claimed that Isaac purchased a clothing store owned by one Sam Cohen, however no individual by the name of Sam Cohen appears in city directories in the 1890s.⁶ Rather, Isaac may have purchased the dry goods store owned by a B. Cohen originally located at 124 East 6th Street and, per the reporting in the *Herald*, removed the business to Harrison Avenue and renamed it to his liking.⁷

Isaac's Golden Eagle was not the first clothing store in Leadville to bear the name, however. The 1879 city directory listed a Golden Eagle store located at 23 Harrison Avenue⁸ and managed by Jewish brothers Max and Isaac Kamak.⁹ In addition, the

prominent Guldman family owned a large dry goods store under the Golden Eagle name at Lawrence Street in Denver.¹⁰ The Guldman's attempted to expand their business to Leadville in 1883 but the storefront only lasted one year.¹¹ Determined to maintain a presence in Leadville, the Guldman's expanded once again in 1885, creating an official branch of the Golden Eagle at 621 Harrison Avenue.¹² The Guldman's Golden Eagle lasted until 1890 when an advertisement in the *Herald Democrat* announced the store's closing out sale.¹³ It is unknown if the Kamaks, Guldman's, and Isaac Myers were in business together or if their respective Golden Eagle stores were otherwise related in some way.

Isaac's business unfortunately did not last long as he held a closing out sale in March 1893.¹⁴ A notice in the March 15, 1893, edition of the *Herald Democrat* indicated that Isaac left for the East Coast due to health concerns.¹⁵ Curiously, Leadville's aldermanic board, also known as the city fathers, approved the placement of a sign at 318 Harrison Avenue by an L. Myers in May 1893.¹⁶ Unfortunately, no city directory exists for 1893; however, neither the 1892 nor 1894 city directories list an L. Myers. As such, it is likely that the author who published the alderman's determinations in the *Herald Democrat* simply made an error when referring to Isaac, who may have returned to Leadville to finish the closure his store. Isaac's final mention in local historical records was the notice of a \$4,500 bid on his store's stock by the Stock Growers' National Bank of Pueblo in a sheriff's sale in August 1893.¹⁷



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⁵ For more information on the May family, see: Trevor Mark, *May* (Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation), 2018: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/may.html>.

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⁹ Bill Korn, *Kamak* (Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation), 2012: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/kamak.html>.

¹⁰ Trevor Mark, *Gulldman* (Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation), 2018: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/gulldman.html>.

¹¹ Trevor Mark, Temple Israel Foundation, 2018.

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¹³ Trevor Mark, Temple Israel Foundation, 2018.

¹⁴ *Golden Eagle Closing Out Sale Notice*, (Leadville, CO: *Herald Democrat*) March 11, 1893, P5.

¹⁵ *Personal Mention*, (Leadville, CO: *Herald Democrat*) March 15, 1893, P4.

¹⁶ *The Aldermanic Board*, (Leadville, CO: *Herald Democrat*. May 17, 1893) May 17, 1893, P8.

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