



Samuel Rich

Born: Ohio, approximately 1845

Death: Unknown

Spouse: Julia Rich, Death: December 7, 1885

Occupation: Watchmaker

Children: Isaac, Rebecca, Lula

Samuel Rich was born in Ohio in approximately 1845.<sup>1</sup> There are no known records of Rich's birthplace or where the man spent his formative years. Samuel Rich's early years are a mystery but what is known is that he met and married another Ohio native, Julia.<sup>2</sup> Julia's maiden name is unknown and the only known records on her refer to as Julia Rich. The couple had a son, Isaac, while they lived in Ohio. Isaac was born in approximately 1868.<sup>3</sup>

The Rich family made their move from Ohio in the 1870's and resided in Pueblo, Colorado.<sup>4</sup> While living in Pueblo, the Rich family expanded by two more with the birth of their daughters, Rebecca and Lula. Rebecca was the eldest of the two and was born in 1888, while Lula was born a year later in 1889.<sup>5</sup> Rich's first business venture was a primary goods business with H. Poznanski, yet this joint enterprise would not last. The pair's partnership was short-lived and they dissolved their business in April of 1875.<sup>6</sup> Rich did not give up on his ambition of being a business owner and continued to operate a dry goods shop in Pueblo until 1878 when his creditors issued a petition for bankruptcy against Rich.<sup>7</sup>

After his financial misfortune of 1878, Rich relocated his family to Leadville and he went into

business with the Nathan Brothers. By 1879, the family was settled into the city and had expanded with the addition of Samuel's brother, Ed, and sister, Abby.<sup>8</sup> The 1880 census notes that Ed and Abby were 18 and 20, respectively.<sup>9</sup> At this time the city directory lists Rich as being employed by the Nathan Brothers at 50 Harrison Avenue.<sup>10</sup> In 1880, Rich settled into a clerk position for the Nathan Brothers and were listed as residing at 208 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street.<sup>11</sup> Rich continued working as a clerk for the Nathan Brothers until 1886 when he went into the clothing industry at 313 Harrison Avenue.<sup>12</sup> This was the final year that Rich resided within the city as tragedy prompted a quick move for the family. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1886, at the age of 29, Julia Rich died.<sup>13</sup> Julia was buried in Leadville's Hebrew Cemetery. The Rich family left Leadville almost immediately after Julia's death and their whereabouts remain unknown.

Isaac Rich

Born: New York, 1858

Death: December 8, 1882.

Occupation: Pressman

Isaac Rich was born in New York in approximately 1858.<sup>14</sup> He made his way to Leadville in roughly 1880 and was employed by F.M. Longshore & Co. as a pressman.<sup>15</sup> At this time Rich resided at the corner of Southwest Chestnut Avenue and Pine Street.<sup>16</sup> Rich only appears in the City Directory for a single year and the next known record of his presence in the city is his death in 1882. On December 8, 1882, Isaac Rich died and was interred in the Leadville Hebrew Cemetery.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Lake County, Colorado, Leadville, pg. 81, Samuel Rich, Julia Rich, Isaac Rich, Abby Rich, Ed Rich, Rebecca Rich, and Lula Rich.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Colorado Weekly Chieftain, May 15, 1873, pg. 4.

<sup>5</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Lake County, Colorado, Leadville, pg. 81, Samuel Rich, Julia Rich, Isaac Rich, Abby Rich, Ed Rich, Rebecca Rich, and Lula Rich.



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## *Biographical Information*

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<sup>6</sup> Colorado Daily Chieftain, April 23, 1875, pg. 3.

<sup>7</sup> Colorado Weekly Chieftain, February 7, pg. 3.

<sup>8</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Lake County, Colorado, Leadville, pg. 81, Samuel Rich, Julia Rich, Isaac Rich, Abby Rich, Ed Rich, Rebecca Rich, and Lula Rich.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> City Directory, 1879, pg. 131.

<sup>11</sup> City Directory, 1880, pg. 306.

<sup>12</sup> City Directory, 1886, pg. 218.

<sup>13</sup> Hebrew Cemetery of Leadville (Leadville, Lake County, Colorado), Julia Rich, Headstone, 2016.

<sup>14</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Lake County, Colorado, Leadville, pg. 73, Isaac Rich.

<sup>15</sup> City Directory, 1880, pg. 306.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid.

<sup>17</sup> Hebrew Cemetery of Leadville (Leadville, Lake County, Colorado), Sol Levy, Headstone, 2016.