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Biographical Information

Samuels

Hyman Samuels

Born: 1861

Died: Garfield, CO. March 5, 1901¹

It does not appear Hyman Samuels was ever a resident of Leadville. Sometime in the mid-1880s, Hyman left his wife and two children in Philadelphia, and settled in Butte, Montana. Newspaper reports claim that Hyman grew depressed after losing an arm in the 1894 *Independence Day Riot* in Butte.² After recovering, Hyman opened a store in Garfield, Colorado, roughly 90 miles northwest of Leadville. On March 5, 1901, Hyman committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. For lack of a local Hebrew cemetery, Hyman's remains were shipped to Abe Sandusky³ for internment in the Leadville Hebrew Cemetery.⁴



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Manuel W. Samuels
Born: Indiana, 1853
Died: ?

Jennie Samuels
Mrs. Samuels
Born: Indiana, 1859
Died: ?

Rebecca Samuels Simon
Born: Indiana, 1861
Died: ?

Jennett/Janet Samuels
Born: Indiana, 1865
Died: ?

Gertrude Samuels
Born: Texas, 1878
Died: ?

John Samuels
Born: Leadville, CO, 1880
Died: ?

Walter Samuels
Born: Leadville, CO, 1881
Died: Dallas, TX, September 4, 1943

Records indicate that Manuel Samuels and his family came to Leadville from Texas in late 1878⁵ or early 1879.⁶ Manuel partnered with Elick Hart in the Samuels & Hart cigar shop located at 32½ Harrison Avenue.⁷ While their time in Leadville was brief, the family was socially and politically active within the community. Manuel and Jennie attended the Masonic Ball at the Grand Hotel on February 21, 1879⁸ and Manuel was an elected officer of the Knights of Pythias local chapter⁹. Janet and Rebecca attended first annual ball for the B'nai B'rith on November 13, 1880.¹⁰ Manuel also served as a fireman for the H.A.W. Tabor Hose Company and was reported to have found the burned body of James K. Brown while fighting

house fire at undisclosed address on June 20, 1879.¹¹

Samuels & Hart operated for a period of only about six months. During the partnership Manuel was elected treasurer of the Leadville Cigar and Tobacco Dealers, an organization formed to repeal Leadville tobacco licensing laws, on June 8, 1879.¹² The timing of the election suggests that the Samuels & Hart partnership ended abruptly just one month later on July 10 when Manuel suddenly retired and the family quickly left town.¹³ One week later a silver strike was reported on a claim co-owned by the partners although it is not clear if this mine ever produced any significant ore.¹⁴

In 1880, the family relocated their residence to 223 West Sixth Street,¹⁵ but left town sometime the same year. It is uncertain what became of the family after they left Leadville, but evidence suggests that they moved to Denver where Manuel's sister, Rebecca, married Herman Simon on November 14, 1882.¹⁶ The event was announced in Leadville newspapers¹⁷ suggesting that the Samuels were still connected to the Leadville community following their departure.

Although it is unclear what became of the family after leaving Leadville, it is likely they settled in Texas sometime in the mid-1880s.¹⁸

Samuel Samuels
Born: ?
Died: ?

Samuel Samuels arrived in Leadville early in 1881 and soon after opened the R and B cigar store at 406 Harrison Avenue¹⁹ where he operated his business until sometime in late 1882.²⁰ Samuel also maintained a residence at 138 West 4th Street during the same period.²¹ No information can be found that uncover the details of Samuel Samuels before or after his time in Leadville.



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Jesse Samuels
Born: Poland, 1826
Died: ?

Bertha Samuels
Born: Poland, 1823
Died: ?

Rebecca Samuels Nathan
Born: Kansas, 1858
Died: ?

Joseph Born: Indiana, 1859
Died: ?

Benjamin
Born: Indiana, 1868
Died: ?

Jesse Samuels likely came to Leadville in 1879 with his wife Bertha and children Rebecca, Joseph, and Benjamin.²² The family set up residence at 218 West 5th Street²³ while Jesse and Joseph operated a pawnshop on Chestnut Street²⁴ and Rebecca gave in-home piano lessons.²⁵ Joseph also became active in mining speculation and was co-owner of the Jesse mining claim with William Baer and R.E. Goodell. In April of 1879, two large veins of silver were discovered on the site at 55 feet.²⁶ Later that spring Jesse purchased the building at Harrison and Walnut Street, and expanded the family business to include clothing while continuing to offer loan services.²⁷ The family was popular in Leadville social circles and attended the Masonic Ball at the Grand Hotel on February 21, 1879,²⁸ in addition to hosting large parties of their own.²⁹ Joseph and Bertha were also in attendance at the organizational banquet to establish the Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 322 of the B'nai B'rith, November 13, 1879,³⁰ and Bertha Samuels was a member of the Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Society.³¹

In 1880, Jesse loaned money on the St Louis Smelting Company property, a common practice

amongst Leadville pawnbrokers in dealings with the smelting operation. Equally common, the loan fell into default and the property was scheduled to be sold at public auction on September 14.³² That year saw Rebecca Samuels married to Edward Nathan on September 3 in a well attended ceremony at the Samuels' home.³³ The following month the new couple attended the Standard Club Hop at Turner Hall on October 23 with Jesse and Bertha.³⁴ The foursome later attended the M.D. Altman-Rosa Schloss wedding in January, 1881³⁵ and the Pink Domino Ball at Turner Hall the following March.³⁶

Along with Joseph,³⁷ Rebecca also became active in mining speculation and was partnered with Adolph Schloss in several mining enterprises that included the Monmouth and the Leadville Gold and Silver Mining Company.³⁸

No records can be found to indicate what became of the family after their time in Leadville, however Jesse and Joseph's pawn shop ceased operations in April of 1884³⁹ and shortly afterward they appear to have left the region.



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Isaac Samuels
Born: 1849, New York
Died:?

George Samuels
Born:
Died:

The lure of mining brought Isaac Samuels to Leadville from Denver in 1879, where he left his wife Jennie, and three children, Daniel, Mark, and Phoebe behind.⁴⁰ Isaac was listed in the 1879 Leadville city directory on Carbonate Avenue, between Spruce and Pine⁴¹

In 1880, Isaac relocated his Leadville residence to 226 West 5th Street⁴² and was the principal owner and operator of the Rarus and Cumberland mines. The Cumberland was acclaimed to have the deepest shaft in the area at over 500 feet.⁴³ It is likely that Isaac was only in Leadville to manage his mining concerns and never planned a permanent stay. In 1881, he is listed as a resident of the Clarendon Hotel,⁴⁴ and by 1882 he had returned to his family in Denver.⁴⁵

No information can be found for George that determines where he may have been prior to his arrival in Leadville or after he departed in 1899. He is listed in the city directory as having resided at 216 East 11th Street from 1898 to 1899. During that period he worked for J.S. Sandusky⁴⁶ repairing jewelry and as a teamster for the Roberts Lumber Company⁴⁷ but no other records for George Samuels have been uncovered.



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Samuel L. Samuels

Born:

Died:

Mrs. Samuels.

Born:

Died:

There is not a great deal of personal information that can be found for Samuel L. Samuels or his wife, whose few mentions in newspaper articles during their decade-long tenure in Leadville refer to her only as “Mrs. Samuels”. Samuel was a tailor of some renown in Denver and his clothing business was quite successful. In 1889, the couple moved to Leadville and opened a second location at 213 Harrison Avenue where the couple also resided⁴⁸ while their original location, Samuels, The Tailor of Denver, remained in operation.⁴⁹ He drew the quick attention of the city marshal for his sign that had been erected across Harrison Avenue, which he was ordered to remove.⁵⁰ This was not the last time Samuel would be cited for his “obnoxious” advertising, he was again ordered to remove another sign by Leadville Alderman McNerney in 1891, although there is no other clarification on the details of McNerney’s complaint.⁵¹

In 1891, Sam Engle of Denver attached Samuel’s business for \$4000 in goods although the specifics of the action are unclear.⁵² Regardless, this appears to be a minor hiccup as his business and standing within the community continued to thrive. The couple was not particularly active among Leadville social circles, appearing in the personals only one time as having attended the Isaacs-Hyman engagement party on November 23, 1891.⁵³

Samuel’s store operated at the 213 Harrison Avenue location from 1891 until 1899, when he moved his flagship location to 302 Harrison Avenue⁵⁴ and opened a second Leadville storefront at 204 Harrison Avenue.⁵⁵ It is not clear what preceded the couple’s departure, however both Leadville stores abruptly closed in 1900, and it is assumed the couple returned to Denver permanently at that time.



¹ Leadville Hebrew Cemetery: Lot 4, Grave 3.

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