



Temple Israel FOUNDATION

Biographical Information Sheet

Sengfelder

John Sengfelder

Birth: December 14th, 1859, Pennsylvania

Death: December 24th, 1946

Spouse: Elizabeth Melbin

Children: Vera Sengfelder

Occupation: Kosher meat and bakery owner

John was born in Pennsylvania in 1859 to John and Elizabeth Sengfelder. He began to study candy making and the art of baking and remained in the Pennsylvania area, specifically, the Philadelphia area, until he made his way to Leadville in 1879 ¹. Upon arriving in Leadville, John went into business with Charles Pfeiffer and started the Carbonate Bakery ². The pair also sold kosher sausages and other assorted kosher food from the same storefront as the Carbonate Bakery at 424 Harrison Avenue and ran the enterprise together for two years before they sold the Carbonate Bakery to brothers J.W. and Thomas J. Hall ³. John went on to work for the Hall Brothers as a baker until he left in 1885 for Idaho.

¹ Nelson Wayne Durham, History of the Spokane and Spokane County, Washington: From Its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time, Volume 2 (S.J. Publishing Company: Spokane, 1912) 399-400.

² City Directories, Leadville, Lake County, 1880.

³ Ibid, 1882.