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Maurice Stager

Born: September 20, 1885, Austria

Died: November 17, 1968, Cleveland Ohio

Married: Sophie Goldstein, Cleveland, Ohio

Sophie Goldstein Stager

Born: 1895, Hungary

Died: January 16, 1961, University Heights,
Cuyahoga, Ohio

Married: Maurice Stager, Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Evelyn Stager Paley

Born: June 21, 1920, Leadville, CO

Died: March 27, 2008

Married: Aaron Paley MD

Robert William Stager, MD

Born: July 14, 1923, Cleveland, Ohio

Died: January 26, 2013, Kent, Ohio

Married: Dee Stager, 1951, Ohio

Vivian Stager

Born: August 20, 1926, Leadville, CO

Died: April 18, 2018, Cleveland, Ohio

Married: Eli Witt, November 7, 1950

The Stager brothers, Maurice and Meyer, were natives of Austrian Poland.¹ Arriving in two stages, Maurice immigrated in 1902 (according to the census of 1910 and 1920 or 1900 in the 1930 census) at the age of sixteen and his then fifteen year old brother followed in 1908.² In June of 1903, Maurice was attending the Central School and participated in the athletic field day³ he was also employed as a clerk, using the name Morris, by Isaacs & Mitgang, clothiers, on the 100 block of Harrison Avenue.⁴ Maurice shared lodgings at 209 West 3rd Street with Hyman Isaacs, whom he listed as the next of kin on his draft registration in 1918.⁵ The next year they moved to 108 West Chestnut Street⁶ and in 1905 to 110 West Chestnut Street. 1905 was also the last year that Maurice used the name Morris in the city directory and his employer morphed into A. Isaacs & Son.⁷

Stasis reigned until 1908 and the arrival of Meyer from the old country. His name replaces Maurice's in the city directories of 1908⁸ and 1909 at the newly named Hyman Isaacs and at home at 110 West Chestnut.⁹ Maurice left Leadville for two years, moving to Denver¹⁰ but reappears in 1910 with Hyman, but living with just his brother at 203 Harrison Avenue next to the store.¹¹ The boys moved to 220 Harrison Avenue the next year¹² and stability reigned until 1914 when Maurice opened his own store selling clothing at 223 Harrison Avenue.¹³ There is no record of Meyer for that year, but during 1915 he was working at the Arkansas Valley Smelter.¹⁴

The April 6, 1916 issue of the *Herald Democrat* announced, "Meyer Stager, clerk at Hyman Isaacs, left last night for Denver where on Sunday, April 9, he will be married to Miss Frieda Horwitz. The wedding will take place at the Phytion club hall, Fifteenth and Lawrence streets, Denver All friends are invited to come. The young couple will make their home at 213 W. 3rd".¹⁵

On September 1, 1916, a young man named Rudolph Lockneckar caused quite a disturbance on Harrison Avenue. He entered Maurice's shop and used abusive language while drunk. He left and returned shortly, apologized and then insulted him again telling Maurice, "You ought to call the police and have me arrested, the way I'm talking." Maurice did not call the police but Mr. Lockneckar thought he did. He continued wreaking havoc around town until he was finally captured by the police but not before an officer was accidentally shot.¹⁶

In September of 1917, Meyer Stager applied for and was granted an exemption from active service for World War I due to the fact that his wife depended upon him for support.¹⁷ He was later called to duty and stationed at Camp Cody in New Mexico.



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M. Stager was appointed as a special committee member to assist in the membership campaign for the Knights of Pythias, Progress Lodge No. 20 in April¹⁸ and donated to Red Cross fund during May.¹⁹

“Leshono Tabo Tecosavoo,” read a message sent by Kneseth Israel congregation in September of 1918 to five of their members who were serving in the American army and navy. It was dispatched to Sergeant Maurice Miller²⁰, Louis Naginsky²¹, Isadore Mankuss²², Meyer Stager, and Jake Sandusky,²³ all of them Leadville boys who were on duty in camps in this country, both east and west, with the exception of Mankuss, who was a sailor aboard a ship in the Atlantic.²⁴ Meyer responded as follows: “With the greatest appreciation, I received your New Year message. And with the help of God, we shall have victory. I will do all in my power to fight the good fight and lick the Kaiser to a finish.²⁵ He was soon released from further army service and returned to Leadville in January of 1919 after serving only 7 months²⁶ staying at the Delaware Hotel with his wife.²⁷ Meyer and Frieda left Leadville, settling in Denver by 1920.²⁸ Maurice married Sophie Goldstein in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 21st and brought his new wife to Leadville making their home at 144 West Seventh Street.²⁹

Maurice and his wife welcomed a daughter, Evelyn, on June 21, 1920.³⁰ In August Maurice joined the Chamber of Commerce.³¹

Sophie was close to her family, visiting with each other often. Her sister, Ella, came to Leadville in August of 1921, with Sophie and baby Evelyn returning to Cleveland with her for a month long trip.³² She visited her sister, Mrs. Bertha Coldhamer, in Denver for several weeks in March of 1922³³ and her mother, Mrs. Rose Goldstein, arrived in September for a three month visit.³⁴

In April of 1923, Sophie, six months pregnant, took little Evelyn to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend her brother’s wedding.³⁵ She stayed in Cleveland for three months and gave birth to Robert on July 16th.³⁶ In December, Maurice subscribed to the Canterbury tunnel, a promising mining project that had run out of money. It is interesting to note that much of Leadville’s current water comes from the Canterbury Tunnel the water having a mean temperature of 51 degrees which eliminates the danger of water freezing in the pipes.³⁷

Maurice and Sophie had one more child, a daughter, Vivian, born on August 20, 1926, in Leadville.

Maurice's clothing store remained at 223 Harrison Avenue, telephone number 114-J, until 1930 by which time the family had acquired its own home at 218 West 4th Street. The Stagers left Leadville before publication of the 1931 telephone directory.



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³ *Today's Sport School Field Day.* (Leadville, CO. USA. Herald Democrat, June 5, 1903). P5

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¹⁶ *Accidentally Hit by Bullet.* (Leadville, CO. USA. Herald Democrat, September 1, 1916). P7

¹⁷ *Exemption Board Clears Docket.* (Leadville, CO. USA. Herald Democrat, September 11, 1917). P2

¹⁸ *Around the City.* (Leadville, CO. USA. Herald Democrat, April 10, 1918) P5

¹⁹ *Hands Point to Big Sum.* (Leadville, CO. USA. Herald Democrat, May 24, 1918). P1

²⁰ For more information on Maurice Miller and family: please visit <http://www.jewishleadville.org/miller.html>

²¹ For more information on Louis Naginsky and family, please visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/naginsky.html>

²² For more information on Isadore Mankuss and family, please visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/mankuss.html>

²³ For more information on Jake Sandusky and family, please visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/sandusky.html>

²⁴ *Message to Jewish Boys in Service.* (Leadville, CO. USA. Herald Democrat, September 9, 1918). P5

²⁵ *Around the City.* (Leadville, CO. USA. Herald Democrat, September 17, 1918). P5

²⁶ *Personal Mention.* (Leadville, CO. USA. Herald Democrat, January 17, 1919). P3

²⁷ *Around the City.* (Leadville, CO. USA. Herald Democrat, January 27, 1919). P5

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³² *Personal Mention*, (Leadville, CO. USA. Herald Democrat, August 31, 1921). P3

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