



Caspar Elias

Born: about 1830 in Prussia

Died: July 30, 1889

Married: Matilda Jacobus, December 19, 1835 in  
New York City, NY

Matilda Elias

Born: 1837, New York, parents from Prussia

Died:

Augusta Elias, Kaphan, Hauser

Born: 1854

Died: 1916

Married: Theodore Kaphan, Irving Hauser

Edmond C. Elias

Born: 1858, New York

Died:

Jacob Elias

Born abt. 1860, New York

Died:

Maud Kaphan

Born: 1875, New York

Died:

Blanche or Sellie Kaphan

Born: 1876, Georgia

Died:

Mortomer Kaphan

Born: 1878, Georgia

Died: May 20, 1992

Cassie or Casper Kaphan-Hauser

Born: 1879, Georgia

Died:

M. Elias

Born:

Died:

Cooper Elias

Born:

Died:

Casper Elias and his wife, Matilda immigrated to the United States from Prussia and first settled in New York. They arrived in Leadville in 1880 with their two adult sons in tow.<sup>1</sup> Casper, Mathilda, and Jacob lived at 121 E. Chestnut Street adjoining the Windsor Hotel.<sup>2</sup> Casper rented rooms in the upstairs area and a store front in the lower portion.<sup>3</sup> Edmond, 23, was a cigar dealer at 102 Harrison and was living above his shop.<sup>4</sup>

Augusta, who was known as Gussie, and her husband, Theodore followed Casper and Matilda to Leadville along with their 4 young children living at 121 E. Chestnut with her parents. Theodore's occupation was listed as an auctioneer in the 1880 census and both were born in Prussia.<sup>5</sup>

In March of 1881 the South Park train was involved in a serious accident with many injuries and some causalities. The sleeping car derailed and somersaulted down into the creek dragging other cars after it. Casper received a telegram from his son Edmond, and his son-in-law Mr. G. W. Aphan (actually Theodore Kaphan, Augusta's husband) who were upon the wrecked train, saying that they had sustained slight bruises but were otherwise unhurt.<sup>6</sup>

Casper and Mathilda opened a restaurant at their Chestnut building during 1882. Edmond found work as a clerk at B. Pozanski's and had moved back to at home with his parents.<sup>7</sup>



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Augusta divorced her husband, Theodore, on March 21, 1882 in Leadville. On the morning of May 19<sup>th</sup> 1882 a fire began in the Palace of Fashion located at 111 to 113 East Chestnut. The fire burned the entire block only stopping at the First National Bank, which was constructed of brick. Casper, Mathilda, and children lost their home, receiving an insurance settlement of 2,500 dollars.<sup>8</sup> After the fire the Elias family relocated to 219 West Fourth Street. Augusta married Irving Hauser on July 14<sup>th</sup> in her parent's home.<sup>9</sup> For more information on Augusta and Irving Hauser please read the Hauser biography.

<http://www.jewishleadville.org/hauser.html>

Casper and Mathilda along with other members of the Temple Israel Congregation attended a New Year's party at the home of Mr. Sam Mayer<sup>10</sup> on January 1, 1883<sup>11</sup> and also the Hebrew Ladies Ball on the 20<sup>th</sup>.<sup>12</sup> Edmond was working as a clerk and living at 609 N. Pine Street.<sup>13</sup>

By 1884 the Eliases had moved to 405 Harrison Avenue<sup>14</sup> and left Leadville shortly thereafter.

We do find mention of two other Eliases living in Leadville in 1883, M. Elias and Cooper Elias, but we do not have enough information to verify if they were members of this Elias family. M. Elias owned a pawn shop, managed by Cooper, which was robbed at some point. The August 11, 1883 issue of the Carbonate Chronicle reported "Marshal Cudibee is in receipt of a telegram from Houston, Texas, stating that Gib Lane and James Greenwood, alias, Charles Paxton, the robbers of Ellias' pawn shop, have been released".<sup>15</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> TB Corbett and JH Ballenger. Corbet, and Ballenger's Eighth Annual City Directory: Containing a Complete List of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms etc. in The City Of Denver for 1880. (Denver, CO: Corbet and Ballenger Publishers.1880). P# 141.

<sup>3</sup> *The Large Store Room*. (Leadville, CO, USA. Leadville Democrat, May 21, 1881). P2

<sup>4</sup> Corbett, Hoye and Ballenger. Leadville, CO. 1880. P# 141.

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<sup>8</sup> *The Conflagration*. (Leadville, CO, USA. Leadville Daily Herald, May 20, 1882). P4

<sup>9</sup> *Rays*. (Leadville, CO, USA. Leadville Daily Herald, July 14, 1882) P4

<sup>10</sup> For more information on Sam Mayer and family, please visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/mayer.html>

<sup>11</sup> *Sylvester Evening*. (Leadville, CO, USA. Carbonate Chronicle, January 6, 1883). P1

<sup>12</sup> *Hebrew Ladies' Ball*. (Leadville, CO, USA. Carbonate Chronicle, January 20, 1883). P4

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<sup>15</sup> *Robbers Released*. (Leadville, CO, USA. Carbonate Chronicle, August 11, 1883). P3



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