



Sarah (Lipman) Elsbach
(In Leadville early 1890s-1901)
Born: March 1839 (Pennsylvania)
Died: January 10, 1903
Married to: David Elsbach (Tennessee 1855)¹

Sarah Elsbach (née Lipman born March 1839 in Pennsylvania) was the mother-in-law of Adolph Schayer². The census of 1870 listed Sarah as married to David Elsbach with a residence in Spencer, Ohio. Her daughter, Clara (Carrie), was 14 years old that year³. Carrie would go on to marry Adolph Schayer about 1885. Adolph would establish himself as an important liquor dealer and businessman in Leadville by 1889. In 1891, the *Herald Democrat* announced that Mrs. Elsbach joined her daughter and grandchildren on a trip to Glenwood Springs from Leadville.⁴ Sarah's most important role in Leadville was as the Sunday school Superintendent for Temple Israel in 1894.⁵ She did not appear in the city directories until 1900,

however this could be because she was included in the Schayer household for the proceeding years or that she did not live permanently in Leadville until 1900. Intermittent social mentions of her between 1891 and 1900 do not precisely indicate where her permanent residence was located. Train service to Leadville was excellent by 1889 and Sarah could have "commuted" up to Leadville from Denver to visit her family on a regular basis. She was listed however as a resident of Champa street in the Denver city directory for the year 1895.⁶ In 1897 Sarah was listed as "Mrs. Elsbach" on a list of party attendees at the 6th street Kahn household.⁷

According to the census of 1900, Sarah was a resident of the Schayer household at 122 East 8th Street, Leadville. Sarah was listed as 61 years old and widowed.⁸ Sarah died in Denver on January 10, 1903 and was buried first at the Hebrew Cemetery in Capitol Hill before her grave was moved in October 1923 to Congregation Emanuel cemetery.⁹

¹ Ancestry.com. Tennessee, Marriage Records, 1780-2002 [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008. Original data: Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002. Nashville, TN, USA: Tennessee State Library and Archives. Microfilm.

² For more information on the Schayers, see <http://www.jewishleadville.org/schayer.html>

³ "Clara" is likely an error on the part of the census taker: her birthdate and age in 1870 indicate this is "Carrie" Elsbach who went on the marry Adolph Schayer.

⁴ "Society's Giddy Whirl" *Leadville Daily/Evening Chronicle*, September 7, 1891 p. 1

⁵ "Notices" *Leadville, CO; USA. Herald Democrat*, July 6, 1894 p 6

⁶ *Denver City Directory* p 377

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⁸ Year: 1900; Census Place: Leadville, Lake, Colorado; Page: 9; Enumeration District: 0049; FHL microfilm: 1240125

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