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Biographical Information

Mamlock

Born: Approximately 1845, New York
Death: September 23, 1917
Occupation: Mine owner/ Saloon Owner

Harry Mamlock first arrived in Leadville in 1879 by way of New York.¹ Upon arrival he immediately began to work in the mining industry as a mining promoter.² Mamlock's first known residence, in 1880, was located 215 East 4th Street.³ After a few short years, Mamlock made a move to Texas in an effort to open a new business.⁴ However, his time away from Leadville was short lived and he returned to the city by 1887.⁵ Upon his return Mamlock is listed as living at 17 Union Block.⁶ The following year, he moved his residence to 230 E 6th Street. During Mamlock's time in the city, East 6th Street would become significant in his life as he and a business partner, William M. Peeler, started a joint venture there. The pair opened a saloon, Peeler & Mamlock, together in 1887 at Mamlock's original 230 East 6th Street address.⁷ Peeler & Mamlock remained on 6th Street and the business lasted for five years before they dissolved it in 1892 and Mamlock moved his residence to the Quincy Block (416 Harrison Avenue).⁸

Though Mamlock dabbled in a variety of vocations, his greatest area of interest was in the prosperous mining district known as Iowa Gulch, an area a mile south of Leadville. It was in Iowa Gulch that Mamlock purchased and opened a very promising mine named the Doris. Initially, the Doris was projected to be quite lucrative with "considerable high grade ore....for a time promised to make him a fortune."⁹ However, the Doris Mine proved to ultimately be a losing financial venture for Mamlock. Yet, in spite of losing capital, the *Herald Democrat* states that "Mamlock never lost his faith in the ground," and because of this unyielding belief he "spent every dollar he could raise on the unsuccessful development of work."¹⁰ Mamlock also opened the David Harum Mining Company.¹¹

Mamlock never married, but he was heavily involved within the community's fraternal organizations and the political scene. Politically, Mamlock was a well known Independent and populist who held multiple offices and civil positions within Leadville's municipal system.¹² Mamlock went on to be a regularly elected delegate for the Independent party,¹³ police magistrate,¹⁴ city collector,¹⁵ served as a dependable polling judge, and was even referred to by the *Leadville Daily/Evening Chronicle* as the "Mayor of Iowa Gulch"¹⁶ due to his industrious and influential presence in the mining district.

Mamlock's time in Leadville was rife with injuries sustained while working the mines. In 1907, the *Herald Democrat* reported that "a large quantity of rock fell and was pinned fast to the floor..." and was put in a "perilous position."¹⁷ Mamlock's accident at the Doris Mine would not be his last brush with injury and danger as a mine owner. In 1912, Mamlock fell sixteen feet while walking through the drift of a mine he was visiting.¹⁸ Luckily, Mamlock sustained only minor injuries with a sprained ankle and a cut to his forehead. A fortunate turn of events as the *Herald Democrat* reported that Mamlock "fell to the bottom and alighted on his feet".¹⁹ For the next few years, Mamlock's brushes with dangerous accidents and injuries were kept to a minimum. However, on September 17, 1917, Mamlock suffered a "complete breakdown and partial paralysis at his room in the Quincy building."²⁰ Though the congregation of Temple Israel had dwindled from its former robust number of nearly two hundred, the *Herald Democrat* noted that, "[a] number of his old friends, especially those of his Jewish faith, indebted themselves in his behalf without delay and secured accommodations for him at the county hospital."²¹ The *Herald Democrat* continued that "[h]is advanced years lead his friends to fear that he will not recover."²² Sadly, this prediction proved true and a week later on September 23, 1917, Mamlock died.



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Though interred in Leadville's Hebrew Cemetery, Mamlock's funeral was held at the local Masonic lodge where he was a longstanding member. Mamlock's funeral was executed with minimal fanfare in accordance with his preferences and Nathan H. Miller performed Jewish rites for the funeral at the Hebrew Cemetery. The *Herald Democrat* reported that "[t]he Masonic lodge services were observed in the Masonic hall before the public rites at 3 and the Masons conducted their committal rites at the Jewish cemetery, where the

rites of the decedent's church were also observed....[i]n accordance with a wish of Mr. Mamlock there were but few flowers on the casket and the services carried out with solemn simplicity."²³ Mamlock had but one family member attend, a "Miss Clara S. Berkenwold of Milwaukee, a niece, was the only close relative in attendance...[n]o relatives of Mr. Mamlock reside here."²⁴

¹ *Herald Democrat*, September 21, 1917, pg. 4.

² *Ibid.*

³ City Directory, Leadville, 1880.

⁴ *Herald Democrat*, September 21, 1927, pg. 4.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 1881-1887.

⁶ City Directory, Leadville, 1887.

⁷ City Directory, Leadville, 1888.

⁸ *Herald Democrat*, March 25, 1892, pg. 4.

City Directory, Leadville, 1887-1891. Peeler & Mamlock remained at their original address of 230 East 6th Street save for one move to 302 East 6th Street in the final year of their partnership.

⁹ *Herald Democrat*, September 21, 1917, pg. 4.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² *Leadville Daily/Evening Chronicle*, August 18, 1890, pg. 4.

¹³ *Leadville Daily/Evening Chronicle*, March 2, 1892, pg.2.

¹⁴ *Herald Democrat*, March 12, 1896, pg. 4.

¹⁵ *Leadville Daily/Evening Chronicle*, June 7, 1893, pg. 4.

¹⁶ *Leadville Daily/Evening Chronicle*, August 31, 1894, pg. 3.

¹⁷ *Herald Democrat*, January 4, 1907, pg. 6.

¹⁸ *Herald Democrat*, October 4, 1912, pg. 5.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*

²⁰ *Herald Democrat*, September 18, 1917, pg. 5.

²¹ *Ibid.*

²² *Ibid.*

²³ *Herald Democrat*, September 24, 1917, pg. 4.

²⁴ *Ibid.* Harry Mamlock lived in a number of residences during his long tenure in Leadville, the following is a list of his physical addresses:

1889- 230 E. 6th Street, City Directory, pg. 179.

1890- 230 E 6th Street, City Directory, pg. 183.

1891- 302 E 6th Street, City Directory, pg. 182.

1892- Quincy Blk, City Directory 1892, pg. 186.

1894- 5 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1894, pg. 181.

1895-5 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1895, pg. 190.

1897- 5 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1897, pg. 201.

1898- 17 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1898, pg. 196.



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- 1899- 17 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1899, pg. 216.
1900- 17 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1900, pg. 235.
1901- 16 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1901, pg. 241.
1902- 16 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1902, pg. 234.
1904- 16 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1903, pg. 223.
1905- 16 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1905, pg. 221.
1906- 16 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1906, pg. 231.
1907- 16 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1907, pg. 233.
1908- 12 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1908, pg. 200.
1909- 12 Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1909, pg. 194.
1910- Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1910, pg. 188.
1911- Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1911, pg. 188.
1912- Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1912, pg. 186.
1913- Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1913, pg. 184.
1914- Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1914, pg. 187.
1915- Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1915, pg. 185.
1916- Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1916, pg. 192.
1917- Quincy Blk, City Directory, 1917, pg. 190.