



Samuel Rosenfeld

Born: February 4, 1858, Monmouth, Illinois

Died: April 18, 1939, Clarksville, Tennessee

Samuel Rosenfeld was a cigar merchant in Leadville. He was born to German immigrant parents in Illinois in 1858.¹ During Samuel's childhood, the family moved to Tennessee where his father, Isaac, ran a shop in Murfreesboro. In 1880, at age 22, Samuel left his family for Colorado and worked at the Texas House in Leadville as the cigar salesman. The Texas House was located at 216 Harrison and Rosenfeld resided nearby at 117 E. 3rd Street.²

He remained in Leadville until 1883 and over that period collected a fine reputation. In 1881, the *Leadville Democrat*, in reporting that Rosenfeld had recovered from a temporary illness, referred to him as "popular" and now healthy, "smiles more pleasantly than ever."³ The *Leadville Daily Herald* extolled Rosenfeld's practiceness on multiple occasions, claiming he "dispenses no brand beyond

what is superior."⁴ A few years later, the newspaper, referring to other staff members of the Texas House as well, proclaimed that this "staff is so well known that any review of their abilities merits is unnecessary... and everyone who goes in there will receive fair and liberal treatment."⁵ By March of 1883, Rosenfeld was a manager at the Texas House and the associated St. Ann's Rest.⁶ However, it appears Rosenfeld left Leadville later that year to rejoin his family in Tennessee.

Rosenfeld worked as a merchant his entire life. After leaving Leadville, he worked with his father in Tennessee. Isaac Rosenfeld & Sons in Clarksville sold dry goods, clothing, home furnishings, and other items.⁷ After the store closed down in 1892, Samuel went into business with his brother, Charles. The pair later owned a produce shop in Clarksville.⁸ Neither ever married and it appears they lived together up until Samuel's death. He died April 18, 1939 of pulmonary and cardiac issues.⁹ He was buried two days later at Temple Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee.¹⁰

¹ 1910 U.S. Census

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