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Gustav Rosenstock
Born: Germany, April, 1852.
Died: Denver, May 13, 1923.

Clara Schayer Rosenstock
Born: Germany, December 16, 1859
Died: Denver, July 1, 1930.

Esther "Essie" Rosenstock (Wilker)
Born: Aspen, March 18, 1886.
Died: Denver, April 9, 1964.

Louise Rosenstock (Klein)
Born: Denver, October 24, 1889.
Died: Contra Costa, California, May 28, 1968.

May Rosenstock (Cole)
Born: Colorado Springs, June 14, 1892.
Died: Big Springs, Michigan, October 30, 1988.

Gustav Rosenstock¹ came to the United States via New York City with his family in 1867. The Rosenstock's settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin before he ventured west.² Gustav arrived in Denver during the early 1880s³ where he worked as a tailor. Gustav held interests in several mining claims in Teller County (Aspen, Colorado), though it is highly unlikely that he ever regularly engaged in mining as a vocation.⁴ Gustav married Clara Schayer on December 3, 1883, at Denver.⁵ Clara was the sister⁶ of Leadville liquor merchant and longtime Temple Israel cantor Adolph Schayer,⁷

Records show that the Rosenstocks lived in a number of locations that included Milwaukee, Denver, Colorado Springs, and Aspen, Colorado, before they moved from Denver to Leadville sometime in early 1896.⁸ Records after 1890 most consistently show him employed as a tailor, with several records noting of that he worked infrequently as a fisherman, a shoe store clerk, and as a miner over the course of his lifetime.

The Rosenstock's came to Leadville in early 1896 where he was employed as the manager of Ed Jackson's⁹ tailor shop and the family took residence at 134 West 4th Street.¹⁰ This residence and occupation remained the same throughout the family's stay in Leadville¹¹ from 1896 to 1900.¹²

The first record of the Rosenstock family in Leadville is found on February 12, 1896, when James Blanton was tried in the court of Justice Grant on multiple charges of larceny; having stolen two pair of pants and a pair of rubbers from Gustav and another pair of pants from self-employed Leadville tailor Joseph Harwitz.¹³ Blanton was convicted and required to serve ten days in jail for each of the three counts in which he was charged.¹⁴ The following account of the incident appeared in the February 11, 1896 edition of the *Herald Democrat* newspaper:

Captured A Thief

After an Exciting Chase The Man is Run to Earth

An individual who gives the name of James Blanton was an unwelcome patron of the small clothing establishments of lower Harrison Avenue yesterday afternoon. He called first at the store of G. Rosenstock, where he helped himself to two pairs of trousers and a pair of rubbers, then continuing down the street, he saw dangling from a hook in front of Joe Harwitz's place a pair of gray corduroys that suited his build, and he nipped them as well. But this was the cause of his downfall. Joe happened to be at the door, and saw the "lofly garment" disappear. He at once gave chase, assisted by Officer O'Dea. The officer proved more fleet of foot than the bold shoplifter, who ran into the Pioneer Saloon on State Street, where he was overtaken. When the chase began he threw



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the last pair of trousers that he had stolen into the street, but held onto the Rosenstock goods, which were taken from him and returned to the owner.

The warrants for his arrest were issued from Justice Grant's Court.¹⁵

***Note:** The above article identifies Gustav as the "owner" of the tailoring shop, however, other records identify him as the manager employed by Ed Jackson at his storefront located at 219 Harrison Avenue.¹⁶*

Documentation for the Rosenstock family in Leadville is sparse, however Essie,¹⁷ Louise,¹⁸ and May¹⁹ appeared frequently on the roll of honor for Lake County public schools during their tenure in Leadville. Louise gave a recitation entitled *Learning To Sew* during the annual closing exercises for the Seventh Street School on June 5, 1896.²⁰ Clara attended the surprise thirty-first anniversary party of Isaac and Mina Kahn²¹ on January 21, 1897.²²

Essie visited Denver, with her cousin, Essie Schayer, in September of 1899²³ and this is the last recording of the Rosenstock family in Leadville.

It is likely that the family returned to Denver in the spring of 1900, where Gustav was listed as a miner,²⁴ though he returned to his original vocation as a tailor by 1910.²⁵ It appears that Gustav and Clara lived with Esther for the duration of their lives, even after she married Ignace Wilker at Denver on June 8, 1910.²⁶ Gustav died at Denver of unknown causes on May 13, 1923.²⁷ Clara followed July 1, 1930,²⁸ and Esther passed in Denver on April 9, 1964. The three are interred together at Denver's Emmanuel Cemetery.²⁹ Louise married Peter Klein at Denver on April 13, 1919.³⁰ The couple remained in Denver until at least 1940,³¹ and Louise passed in Contra Costa, California on May 28, 1968.³² May married William Cole in Arapahoe County, Colorado on January 9, 1916. By 1920, the couple had settled in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where William was employed by the United States *Internal Revenue Service*.³³ By 1940, the family had relocated to Douglas, Wyoming, a small town located roughly 130 miles northwest of Cheyenne, where William was employed as a bookkeeper.³⁴ May passed from unknown causes on October 30, 1988 at Big Rapids, Michigan.³⁵



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