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## Biographical Information Sheet

**Weiss**

Samuel Weiss

Born: 1883, Komnitz, Russia

Died: April 4, 1916, Denver, Colorado

Married: Mildred Weiss, New York

Mildred Weiss

Born: about 1890, New York

Died: unknown

Devera Weiss

Born: 1909, New York

Died: Unknown

Samuel Weiss was born in Komnitz, Russia, in 1883.<sup>1</sup> We find a Samuel Weiss in the 1900 Census: he is 16 years old living with his parents, Jacob Weiss and Ester Weiss, on Broome Street in New York. Samuel and his father were employed as tailors.<sup>2</sup> Samuel married his wife, Mildred, in New York and had one daughter, Devera, in 1909.

Samuel contracted tuberculosis in New York and probably moved to Colorado, as did many others, looking for a cure.<sup>3</sup> Samuel and Mildred arrived in Leadville in 1912 where he was hired as a pharmacist for Hart-Zaitz Mercantile Company, located at 515 W. Chestnut Street. The Weisses made their home at 313 Leiter Avenue.<sup>4</sup> On April 13, 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Weiss gave a birthday party in honor of their daughter Devera's fifth birthday.<sup>5</sup>

Samuel continued working for Hart-Zaitz until 1915 when he left for Denver, hoping that a change of climate would benefit his health.

This article from the September 16, 1915, issue of the Herald Democrat shows how much Samuel's friends at the Temple Israel cared for their fellow congregant.<sup>6</sup>

*Sent to the Jewish Sanitarium*

*There is one recent member of the Jewish colony of Leadville to whom the Jewish holidays this year will have a special significance. Sam Weiss a druggist engaged here until ill health recently forced his retirement, is now comfortably situated in the sanitarium of the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Association at Edgewater, Colo., though the generosity of members of the local Temple of Israel and that the needed assistance brought his gratitude was touchingly expressed yesterday in a letter to S. J. Amter,<sup>7</sup> of the Boston Bazaar, who took a leading part in gaining his entrance to the home.*

*The sanitarium of the association has been crowded of late, owing to its good work in the past and its growing reputation. It was not without considerable correspondence that Mr. Amter secured a place for Mr. Weiss whom other members of the Temple here with Mr. Amter wanted to assist.*

*Secretary Splivak was finally able to notify the local men of a vacancy in the home, however, with the result that they immediately provided means for Mr. Weiss' entrance. They secured a berth for Mr. Weiss on a Wednesday evening train and he departed the same evening for Edgewater. His letter yesterday was expressive of his gratitude to the local Jews and his commendation of the management of the sanitarium. Mr. Weiss has a wife and a small daughter.*

Samuel passed away on April 4, 1916 at the Jewish Consumptive Relief Society sanatorium.<sup>8</sup> Mildred continued living at their residence at 311 Leiter Avenue until 1918 when she no longer appears in Leadville.<sup>9</sup>



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<sup>7</sup> For more information on the Amter family, please visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/amter.html>

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