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from: "The Centennial History of the Jews of Colorado, 1859-1959" by
Allen duPont Breck Ph.D. (303-756-0460, 2060 So St. Paul St. Denver,) .
Univ. of Denver, 1960, Hushfeld Press, Denver.

Page 35 Bnai Brith Lodge, Denver, :

As an example of the problem which confronted them, here is a news item
in the papers of April 14, 1874:

"A man named Sam Perry, from San Luis Valley, was murdered on Sunday
at a place known as the Jew's Rancho, one mile north of the Summit House,
the Sangre de Christo Pass, by the proprietor of the place. It is not known
whether the murder was committed for money, or in a quarrel."

The PUEBLO CHIEFTON of April 14, 1874, gave further details on the
proprietor, "Faraber, the Jew", and concluded:

"Faraber was considered a dangerous man by those who knew him and his
house has a bad reputation. He has been known to draw his pistol upon
several persons on very slight provocation, and, we fear, if he is captured
the district court won't have the trouble of trying him."

The Denver Lodge, finding that Faraber protested his innocence felt it
"should take steps to secure for our unfortunate co-religionist a fair and
impartial trial and to employ good and able counsel for him....not in the
least to shield anybody from justice, but the wise benefits which the law
accedes to every prisoner should also be shared by Faraber." The cost of
the defense was paid by the Lodge; later, Faraber was sentenced to the
penitentiary for five years.

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In your fine book "The Centennial History of the Jews of Colorado", on page 35 you refer to "Faraber, the Jew".

I have been working on the story of Faraber's life for about 10 years now, and finding this reference was like finding a golden nugget for me.

Could you send me Xerox copies of any data you might have on him, including the newspaper references you mention, of April 14, 1874, Pueblo Chieftan.

To the best of my knowledge Faraber was sentenced to prison ~~before~~ for seven years, however escaped to Mexico before actually being put into prison.

About Jan 1895 he was given a full pardon by Gov. Waite and was allowed to return to the United States.

Do you have any information on the above two paragraphs. If not, could you refer me to a Denver researcher, a graduate student perhaps, that could find references in the newspapers or state records for me.

Faraber's name on his death certificate was spelled Jacob N. Fereber. The name he used in Mexico was Miguel Latz. (Latz was his mother's maiden name.)

Again, Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours.