

TUCHFELD FAMILY

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SOL TUCHFELD (1845-1905)

Sol Tuchfeld was born in Austria, June 22, 1845. Died in Jackson, Tennessee, October 14, 1905, age 60. His first wife died in Austria. They had two sons born in Austria. Aaron, the eldest, was born in 1867 and Joe was born in 1868.

Sol Tuchfeld came to Jackson about 1878. Aaron came to Jackson with his father. Joe came to Jackson about 1880. Aaron and I went to the depot to meet him. We went in a one-horse dray wagon to bring him to town. He couldn't speak English. He was in the charge of the conductor and had an express tag on his overcoat with his destination on it.

Sol Tuchfeld's second wife was Frances Seligman (1885-1905). They had two children – Claudia and Beatrice. Beatrice died at age of 8 years old (born January 25, 1886 and died March 15, 1894). Claudia married Mark J. Blum of Wichita, Kansas.

Aaron Tuchfeld (1867-1943) married Miss Sophia Freed of Trenton, Tennessee, August 11, 1897. They had no children. Joe Tuchfeld (1868-1968) married Miss Raye Levy (1884-1965) of Little Rock, Arkansas. They had three children – Janice, Sol, and Emily.

Sol Tuchfeld first went into the dry goods and clothing business in partnership with his nephew Jake Hoffman at 108-110 E. Lafayette Street in a small one-story brick building at the corner of Court Alley. That was about 1878 when they first came to Jackson. They dissolved the partnership soon afterwards. A brother-in-law of Jake Hoffman's (Leon Greenfield of Brooklyn, NY) came here about that time and they opened a store right across Court Alley from the Tuchfeld store. This caused a great deal of animosity between the parties that almost ended in the courts. The reason that it didn't is best known to myself. The hard feelings lasted until Hoffman and Greenfield closed down and went back to Brooklyn.

The firm name was afterwards changed to Sol Tuchfeld and Sons. The different locations occupied by the firm in sequence were 108-10 E. Lafayette, 111 E. Main, 116 N. Liberty, 115 E. Lafayette, 212 N. Liberty, now 211 N. Market. Sol and Moses Tuchfeld were cousins.

MOSES TUCHFELD (1833-1921)

Mr. Tuchfeld was born in Austria in 1833; died January 7, 1921. Buried in B'nai Israel Cemetery, Jackson, Tennessee – perpetual care marker placed on his lot in appreciation of his interest and care of the cemetery as Superintendent (not known when he came to Jackson). Moses and Bettie ____Tuchfeld (1841-1914) were married August 18, 1860. They had no children.

Mr. Tuchfeld had a nephew, Joe Zimmerman, and a niece, Fannie Zimmerman, who lived with them. They returned to New York at different times—their former home.

Mr. Tuchfeld had three other nieces. Jennie Greenberg married Joe Perry. They had a small store on North Royal just south of the Illinois Central Railroad. Lena Greenberg married ____ Godshaw, a local jeweler at 106 N. Liberty Street. Rose Gerstinfeld married Dr. Clark, a dentist at Mason, Tennessee. She conducted a millinery store at Mason until the death of her husband. She closed out her store and moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas. While there she married William Fox, Sr., who was the father of William Fox, Jr., the moving picture magnate. Mr. Fox died some time after they married.

Mr. Tuchfeld had another niece, Mrs. Blatt, who came here from New York at the time of Mrs. Tuchfeld's death. She kept house for him up until the time he died. She fell heir to practically all of his possessions, including his home on Institute Street. After she wound up the estate, she returned to New York.

Mr. Tuchfeld was Superintendent of B'nai Israel Cemetery from the time of its purchase in 1896 until about 1911 when he began to get feeble and gave it up. The congregation voted him a life

membership at the time. That was 45 years ago, and I, Sam Baum, succeeded him and have served continuously up to this day.

Mr. Tuchfeld willed \$500 to the congregation for the cemetery that was used to make a concrete driveway from the entrance gate up to where the fountain is located in the center of the cemetery. An appropriate epitaph was placed at the head of the driveway in his memory.

The driveway is getting in bad condition, and it is the intention of the congregation to blacktop it in the near future. So they have had a beautiful marble marker made instead and placed in his lot.

Mr. Tuchfeld was in the mercantile business here for a great many years and was quite successful. At times he was located at 101 E. Lafayette, 105 N. Market, and lastly at 112 N. Liberty. His nephew, Joe Zimmerman, became associated with him in business and stayed with him until Mr. Tuchfeld retired. As stated above, his nephew returned to New York, October 15, 1956.

JOE TUCHFELD (son of Sol Tuchfeld) (1868-1958)

Joe Tuchfeld, one of Jackson's oldest merchants, died Friday at his home, 315 E. Baltimore after an illness of several months. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sol Tuchfeld. He died December 19, 1958. He was born in 1868, therefore was 90 years of age. Born in Austria, he came to Jackson as a very small boy having made the trip alone. His father established a dry goods and clothing business here in the nineteen eighties in a small one-story building at #110 E. Lafayette street, where the Mrs. Ezell Long's 3 story building now stands. Joe Tuchfeld, with an older brother, the late Aaron Tuchfeld, was in business with his father for many years.

Mr. Tuchfeld was one of the oldest members of the Jackson Lodge of Elks having joined shortly after the order was instituted in this city. Within recent years his name had stood at the top of the list of Lodge members, many of his associates having passed away.

He was also a member of the Congregation B'nai Israel and has been in regular attendance at the services until his health failed. He was a member of the board of trustees, was a member of B'nai B'rith Lodge #507 and was a Knight of Pithiest. Surviving are his wife Ray Levy Tuchfeld; one son, Sol; two daughters, Mrs. Don McKellar and Mrs. Robert Baldrige; a half sister, Mrs. Claudia Bloom of Wichita, Kansas; a niece, Miss Louise Laradon who made her home with the family; four grandchildren – Miss Donna McKeller, Mrs. Nancy Tuchfeld Kalatsky (Mark), Barry Tuchfeld and Bobby Baldrige; several nieces and nephews, among them a niece, Mrs. Sam Bergel (Dorothy). Rabbi Dr. Ernest Appel officiated.



Joe and Raye Tuchfeld House – 410 East Chester

SOL EMILE TUCHFELD (son of Joseph Tuchfeld and Raye Levy Tuchfeld) (1907-1998)

Services for Mr. Sol Emile Tuchfeld, 91, will be Wednesday, December 9, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home with Mr. David Crane and Dr. William Bates officiating. Burial will follow in B'nai Israel Cemetery.

Mr. Tuchfeld entered the Methodist Hospital in Brownsville, Tennessee, on December 1, 1998 and died Sunday night, December 6th.

He was born in Jackson, May 28, 1907, to parents, Rachael Levy Tuchfeld and Joseph Tuchfeld.

Mr. Tuchfeld was a leading Jackson merchant whose family store operated in Jackson for over 100 years. After closing the family store in 1974 and his retirement he assisted in the opening of Goldsmith's Men's Department and stayed there on a part-time basis for the next ten years.

Sol was a devoted husband and father and he maintained a keen and active interest in many civic endeavors. He was distinguished as a leader in the A. Chymia Shrine Temple, as a former Captain of the Jackson Shrine Motor Corp. as a 32nd Degree Mason and member of Jackson Masonic Lodge #332.

He was a member of the Senior Corporation of Retired Executives, the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #192, and was a former member of the Tennessee National Guard.

Mr. Tuchfeld was a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, where he did graduate work and also attended Vanderbilt University. He was a member of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity and was a member of Temple B'nai Israel.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice McConico Tuchfeld; his son, Barry Sol Tuchfeld; and his sister, Emily Baldrige. Mr. Tuchfeld was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy Nossek Tuchfeld (1917-1966); his daughter, Nancy Ann Tuchfeld Kalatsky (1937-1969); and a sister, Janice Tuchfeld McKellar (1903-1998).



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Zichronam liv'rachah.

May their memories be for blessing.