

Louisa Zadow Sadler

Ninth First Lady of Nevada (1896-1903)
Governor Reinhold Sadler (1896-1903)

At A Glance:

Born: November 1851, Czarnikau, Posen, Prussia

Died: August 6, 1923, Grass Valley, California

Burial: Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada

Maiden name: Zadow

Race/Nationality/Ethnic Background:
German, Caucasian

Married: Reinhold Sadler, May 26, 1874 in Hamilton, Nev.

Children: Wilhelmina "Minnie" Otilie
Edgar Alexander
George William
Arthur William
Alfred Reinhold
Bertha L.
Clarence Theodore



Louisa Sadler
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Primary City and County of Residence and Work:
Eureka and Carson City counties, Nevada

Major Fields of Work: First Lady of Nevada

Other Role: wife, mother

Ninth Nevada First Lady immigrated to the United States

Louisa A. Zadow Sadler, Nevada's ninth First Lady and the first born outside of the United States, assumed the position in 1896 after the death of Governor John Jones, who died while in office.

Louisa was born in 1851 in Czarnikau, Posen, Prussia to Wilhelm and Wilhelmina Zadow. The name Louise was also used frequently in place of Louisa, not only in newspaper articles but listed as such in census schedules.

In June 1873 at the age of 19, she immigrated to Hamilton, Nevada with her new sister-in-law, Emma. Louisa's brother, Lewis, who was now settled in Hamilton as a butcher, had returned to Czarnikau to marry Emma several months earlier, and brought both his new bride and his sister back to the bustling mining community. Although no record exists, Louisa probably resided with this couple until she met and married Reinhold Sadler, who owned a grocery store in Hamilton. Their marriage took place on May 26, 1874. The 1875 state census showed the couple living in Hamilton with their 3-month-old daughter, Minnie, and local newspapers referred to Reinhold as a successful and community-minded merchant.

By 1880 the Sadlers with their two surviving children, Minnie (born in 1875), and Edgar (1876), were residents of Eureka, Nevada. Louisa, before their move from Hamilton, had lost her sons George and Arthur in infancy. Three more children, Alfred (1881), Bertha (1882) and Clarence (1891) completed the family unit.

Reinhold was elected Eureka County Treasurer in 1880 and continued his business as a retail merchant who also dealt in mining properties. With an interest in continuing a political career, Reinhold ran unsuccessfully for several state offices. In 1895 he was elected lieutenant governor, which necessitated the family move to Carson City, the state capital.

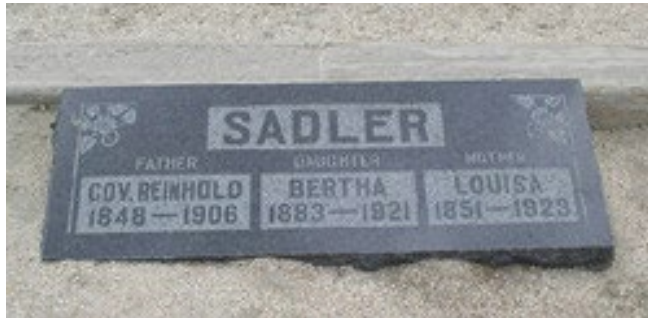
Louisa was busy raising their younger children but found time to be active in the Rebecca fraternal organization, transferring membership from the Eureka chapter. She also participated as the wife of Lt. Governor Sadler, and then Governor Sadler, in some of the exclusive Carson City Sagebrush Men's Club activities. Lt. Governor Reinhold Sadler became governor upon the death of Governor John Jones in 1896. He ran successfully for the next full-term governorship. Louisa held the First Lady position from 1896 through



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1903. Reinhold decided not to run for a second term. He considered running for a U.S. Senate seat, but the opportunity never materialized.

Their daughter, Minnie Plummer, while living in Carson City, died unexpectedly in 1903, after less than two years of marriage. In late January of 1906, Reinhold became ill on a business trip to Ely and died at their Eureka home before he could return to Carson City. Louisa chose to remain in their Carson City home with Bertha and Clarence rather than moving back to Eureka. Alfred Sadler lived in Reno.



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Bertha, still living with Louisa, died unexpectedly in 1921. Devastated, and in ill health, Louisa chose to travel to Grass Valley, California for an extended stay with relatives. She died at age 72 shortly after arriving there in August 1923. Louisa's body was returned to Carson City and was buried in the Lone Mountain Cemetery.

Her tenure as First Lady was typical of the time when she lived. There was no Governor's Mansion as the residence was not built until 1908 and became the official Nevada governor's residence in January 1909 when Governor Denver Dickerson took office. Governor Sadler and his family lived in a personal residence and Louisa's official duties were probably limited to attending few official functions other than teas and dinners.

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