



# Temple Israel FOUNDATION

## Biographical Information Sheet

**Ettlinger**

Theodore Daniel Ettlinger  
Occupation: Clerk  
Born: November 17, 1863  
Birthplace: Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg,  
Germany  
Died: 1925

Miss Ettlinger  
Occupation: N/A  
Born: N/A  
Birthplace: N/A  
Died: N/A

Theodore Ettlinger was born in Baden-Württemberg, Germany on November 17, 1863, to Max Ettlinger and an unknown mother.<sup>1</sup> He emigrated to the United States on November 15, 1880, departing from Le Havre, France.<sup>2</sup> While the port of arrival is unknown, it probably was New York City.

Theodore arrived in Leadville in 1883 and began working as a clerk for Baer Bros.,<sup>3</sup> at the time one of Leadville's foremost liquor and cigar distributors.<sup>4</sup> He resided at 116 Harrison Avenue during his first two years in the city, the same address as the Baer Bros. storefront.<sup>5</sup> A Miss Ettlinger was also mentioned in local newspapers on three separate occasions in 1883: first as an attendee of an almost exclusively Jewish New Year's party,<sup>6</sup> as guest at a relief event raising funds for German flood victims,<sup>7</sup> and finally as a group member traveling to Cottonwood Springs near Buena Vista.<sup>8</sup> The rarity of the name Ettlinger in Leadville, in addition to both Miss Ettlinger and Theodore Ettlinger being present in the city at the same time, suggests they were related, but the exact nature of the relationship is unknown.

Like Miss Ettlinger, Theodore wasted no time in seeking out various social organizations and events in Leadville. His first appearance in local newspapers occurred when he was listed as a guest at the September 1883 Purim Masque Ball hosted by the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Association.<sup>9</sup> By the end of 1884, Theodore had attended a Letter Carriers' Ball in May of that year,<sup>10</sup> a grand ball hosted by the Pythian Brotherhood in September,<sup>11</sup> and the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Association's sixth annual ball in October.<sup>12</sup> While he continued to live at 116 Harrison Avenue in 1884, Theodore's employment shifted from Baer Bros. to David May<sup>13</sup> and Moses Shoenberg's<sup>14</sup> wholesale and retail clothing business with storefronts at 318 and 405 Harrison Avenue.<sup>15</sup>

During 1885, Theodore's most prolific year for social events, he was designated as a guest at five balls and club meetings. For instance, he attended the first meeting of the Cloud City Social Club, a Jewish organization whose purpose was hosting bi-monthly entertainment for members, including dances and musical performances.<sup>16</sup> He also went to the February meeting of the club; however, he never appeared on guest lists at subsequent meetings.<sup>17</sup> Theodore attended his final Purim Masque ball in March dressed as a "Bohemian Girl" according to the *Leadville Daily Herald*.<sup>18</sup>

Theodore began working exclusively for David May in 1885 and moved his residence to 411 Pine Street.<sup>19</sup> Local newspapers did not mention Theodore at any social events in 1886, although he was still in the city. That year, he returned to Baer Bros. and continued to live at his Pine Street residence.<sup>20</sup>



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Theodore's final year in Leadville was 1887. He continued to appear at local social events including the wedding of Jacob Frankle and Jennie Shoenberg at Temple Israel in December.<sup>21</sup> He remained in the employment of the Baer Bros., but changed his residence to 16 Union Block.<sup>22</sup> His final mention in connection to Leadville was a telegraph sent from Aspen to the *Leadville Evening Chronicle* on December 12, reporting that he was staying at the city's Clarendon Hotel.<sup>23</sup> Theodore called Aspen home until the autumn of 1894, indicated by a trustee's (foreclosure) sale of his property.<sup>24</sup>

Theodore would eventually make his way to Missouri where he met his wife Cora F. The couple had their first child in Missouri, a daughter named Corine born in August 1898.<sup>25</sup> Theodore, Cora, and Corine settled in Illinois by 1900 and Nebraska by 1904 where they had their second child Maxwell.<sup>26</sup> Theodore and family finally moved to Ohio sometime after 1910, and he and Cora lived in Dayton for the rest of their lives.<sup>27</sup> Theodore died in 1925 and was interred at Dayton's Jewish Riverview Cemetery.<sup>28</sup> Cora passed away 11 years later on December 10, 1936, and was buried alongside him.<sup>29</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> *Theodore Ettlinger Passport, 1925.*

<sup>3</sup> T. B. Corbett and J. H. Ballenger, *Corbett & Ballenger's Fourth Annual Leadville City Directory: Containing a Complete List of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms, Etc. in the City of Leadville, for 1883* (Leadville, CO: Corbett & Ballenger Publishers, 1883), P120.

<sup>4</sup> For more on the Baer family, see: Jeffrey P. Grant, *Baer* (Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation), 2019:

<http://www.jewishleadville.org/baer.html>.

<sup>5</sup> Corbett and Ballenger, 1883, P120.

<sup>6</sup> *Sylvester Evening* (Leadville, CO: *Carbonate Chronicle*), January 6, 1883, P1.

<sup>7</sup> *The German Relief* (Leadville, CO: *Carbonate Chronicle*), February 10, 1883, P8.

<sup>8</sup> *Social Slivers* (Leadville, CO: *Carbonate Chronicle*), September 1, 1883, P5.

<sup>9</sup> *The Purim Ball* (Leadville, CO: *Carbonate Chronicle*), March 24, 1883, P4.

<sup>10</sup> *The Letter Carriers' Ball* (Leadville, CO: *Carbonate Chronicle*), May 17, 1884, P12.

<sup>11</sup> *The Grand Ball* (Leadville, CO: *Carbonate Chronicle*), September 20, 1884, P3.

<sup>12</sup> *The Sixth Annual Ball* (Leadville, CO: *Leadville Daily Herald*), October 9, 1884, P4.

<sup>13</sup> For more on the May family, see: Trevor Mark, *May* (Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation), 2018:

<http://www.jewishleadville.org/may.html>.

<sup>14</sup> For more on the Shoenberg family, see: William Korn, *Shoenberg* (Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation), 2012:

<http://www.jewishleadville.org/shoenberg.html>.

<sup>15</sup> T. B. Corbett and J. H. Ballenger, *Corbett & Ballenger's Fifth Annual Leadville City Directory: Containing a Complete List of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms, Etc. in the City of Leadville, for 1884* (Leadville, CO: Corbett & Ballenger Publishers, 1884), P110 and P197.

<sup>16</sup> *Cloud City Social Club* (Leadville, CO: *Carbonate Chronicle*), January 24, 1885, P8.

<sup>17</sup> *Cloud City Social* (Leadville, CO: *Carbonate Chronicle*), February 7, 1885, P1.

<sup>18</sup> *The Great Purim Ball* (Leadville, CO: *Carbonate Chronicle*), March 5, 1885, P4.

<sup>19</sup> T. B. Corbett and J. H. Ballenger, *Corbett & Ballenger's Sixth Annual Leadville City Directory: Containing a Complete List of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms, Etc. in the City of Leadville, for 1885* (Leadville, CO: Corbett & Ballenger Publishers, 1885), P110.

<sup>20</sup> T. B. Corbett and J. H. Ballenger, *Corbett & Ballenger's Seventh Annual Leadville City Directory: Containing a Complete List of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms, Etc. in the City of Leadville, for 1886* (Leadville, CO: Corbett & Ballenger Publishers, 1886), P115.

<sup>21</sup> *Frankle-Schoenberg* (Leadville, CO: *Herald Democrat*), December 6, 1887, P3.

<sup>22</sup> T. B. Corbett and J. H. Ballenger, *Corbett & Ballenger's Eighth Annual Leadville City Directory: Containing a Complete List of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms, Etc. in the City of Leadville, for 1887* (Leadville, CO: Corbett & Ballenger, Publishers, 1887), P117.

<sup>23</sup> *Aspen Notes [Special Telegram]* (Leadville, CO: *Leadville Evening Chronicle*), December 12, 1887, P2.

<sup>24</sup> *Trustee's Sale* (Aspen, CO: *Aspen Weekly Times*), September 22, 1894, P4.

<sup>25</sup> "United States Census, 1900," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MSHH-Y8C>: accessed January 14, 2021), Theodore D. Ettlinger, Moline Township, Voting Precinct 2 Moline city Ward 3, Rock Island, Illinois, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 99, sheet 5A, family 103, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972); FHL microfilm 1,240,338.

<sup>26</sup> "United States Census, 1910," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:ML47-83J>: accessed January 15, 2021), Maxwell Ettlinger in household of Theo D. Ettlinger, Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 28, sheet 6B, family 146, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 843; FHL microfilm 1,374,856.



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<sup>28</sup> *Find a Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>; accessed January 15, 2021), memorial page for Theodore Daniel Ettlinger (17 Nov 1863–1925), Find a Grave Memorial no. 150353007; citing Riverview Cemetery, Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, USA; Maintained by Gravehuntermary Mary Downing-Mahan (contributor 47105690).

<sup>29</sup> *Find a Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>; accessed January 15, 2021), memorial page for Cora Franklin Ettlinger (26 Feb 1871–10 Dec 1936), Find a Grave Memorial no. 150353086; citing Riverview Cemetery, Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, USA; Maintained by Gravehuntermary Mary Downing-Mahan (contributor 47105690).



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