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Biographical Information

Lewin

Albert Lewin

Born: Germany, 1859

Died: Denver, 1924

Albert Lewin immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1881¹ and almost immediately made his way to Leadville. Upon his arrival he worked as a clerk for an unknown firm located at 121 ½ East Chestnut.² Soon Albert partnered with Louis Waldauer³ in a cigar manufactory, *Lewin & Waldhauer*, at 114 East 3rd Street and took up residence across the street at 115 East 3rd Street.⁴

A large fire destroyed the cigar shop on November 1, 1883,⁵ shortly after the partners moved the firm to a more lucrative location at 411 Harrison Avenue. It is likely that the conflagration prompted Albert's move to Denver as within a week the store's remaining stock was moved across the street to 412 Harrison Avenue and the enterprise advertised a massive liquidation sale stating that all goods must be sold in 30 days.⁶ It is likely that Albert left town immediately after the sale as dead letter notices appear in the newspapers beginning in April of 1884.⁷

From Leadville Albert moved on to Denver where he partnered with Lesser Levy in a liquor distribution outlet⁸ and married his sister, Mary. The couple ultimately parented nine children.⁹ In 1908, Albert became the first manager of *Lakeside Amusement Park*, now an historic amusement park which still operates in the microscopic suburban Denver city of the same name and today boasts a total of eight residents.¹⁰ Albert's last will & testament notes that he was partnered in several active mining operations throughout Colorado, including the *Mosquito Mine* located near Leadville.¹¹

Albert died of unknown causes at the age of sixty-five and rests, alongside wife Mary (1860-1929) and daughter Edna (1893-1964), at Denver's Emmanuel Cemetery.¹²



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¹ *Colorado Naturalization Records, 1876-1990*. database with images, FamilySearch Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685 - 2009, RG 21.

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³ For more information on Lewis Waldauer, please visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/waldauer.html>

⁴ TB Corbett and JH Ballenger. *Corbet, and Ballenger's Fourth Annual 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: Corbet and Ballenger Publishers.1883). P176.

⁵ *Last Night's Fire*. (Leadville, CO: Leadville, Daily Herald. November 2, 1883). P1.

⁶ *Fire! Fire! Fire!* (Leadville, Colorado, USA. Leadville Daily Herald, November 11, 1883). P2.

⁷ *List Of Letters*. (Leadville, CO: Carbonate Chronicle. April 5, 1884). P11.

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⁹ *Year: 1910*; Census Place: Denver Ward 10, Denver, Colorado; Roll: T624_116; Page: 7B; Enumeration District: 0130; FHL microfilm: 1374129

¹⁰ Kate Rudolph. *The History of Lakeside Amusement Park in Photos*. (Denver, CO: Denver Public Library). 2015.

¹¹ *Probate Records, 1900-1946*; Author: Denver County (Colorado). Clerk of the County Court; Probate Place: Denver, Colorado. Pp196-197.

¹² *Memorial Page for Albert Lewin (1859–1924)*. [Find A Grave Memorial no. 172255283]. (Denver, Denver County, Colorado, USA).



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