



Meyer Rehoefer  
Occupation: Clerk, store manager  
Born: est. 1845  
Birthplace: Germany  
Died: N/A

Meyer Rehoefer was a German immigrant born to German parents circa 1845.<sup>1</sup> He lived in Leadville between 1880 and 1883 working originally at the clothing store Poznanski & Cohen,<sup>2</sup> later at G. J. Nichols,<sup>3</sup> and finally at Frankle & Butler, owners of the famous Palace of Fashion<sup>4</sup> clothing store which suffered a major fire in 1882.<sup>5</sup>

Meyer arrived in Leadville sometime prior to the publication of the 1880 city directory where he began working as a clerk at Poznanski & Cohen.<sup>6</sup> The 1880 US Census indicates that he was

unmarried and a boarder with Reuben Wisotski and Sam Cohen who both lived at 203 Harrison Avenue, located above the clothing store.<sup>7</sup> In 1882, Meyer began working as a clerk at G. J. Nichols, another clothing store located on Harrison Avenue.<sup>8</sup> He shifted his career again in 1883, becoming a manager for Frankle & Butler while also settling into a new apartment at 320 Harrison Avenue.<sup>9</sup>

Meyer does not appear in city directories after 1883 and is not listed in the 1885 Colorado Census, indicating that he had left the state when his tenure in Leadville ended. Where he went is not known.

<sup>1</sup> "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MFDJ-W3V>), M Reahoffen in household of S Cohen, Leadville, Lake, Colorado, United States; citing enumeration district ED 75, sheet 355C, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), FHL microfilm 1,254,091.

<sup>2</sup> T. B. Corbett, W. C. Hoye, and J. H. Ballenger, *Corbett, Hoye & Co.'s First Annual City Directory of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms etc. in the City of Leadville for 1880* (Leadville, CO: Democrat Printing Company, 1880), P304.

<sup>3</sup> T. B. Corbett and J. H. Ballenger, *Corbet and Ballenger's Third 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 1882* (Leadville, CO: Corbett and Ballenger Publishers, 1882), P240.

<sup>4</sup> For more information on the Palace of Fashion fire, please visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/palaceoffashionfire.html>; T. B. Corbett and J. H. Ballenger, *Corbett 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: Corbett and Ballenger Publishers, 1883), P230.

<sup>6</sup> Corbett, Hoye, and Ballenger, Leadville, CO: USA, 1880, P304.

<sup>7</sup> *United States Census, 1880*. M Reahoffen; Trevor Mark, *Wisotski (Wisotski)* (Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation), 2019: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/wisotski.html>.

<sup>8</sup> Corbett and Ballenger, Leadville, CO: USA, 1882, P240.

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