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Oscar Zwilling Born: ? Died: 1894

Oscar Zwilling was a well-regarded businessman and resident of Leadville. Although it is unclear when Zwilling ventured west, he most likely came to Leadville for opportunities promised during the city's boom days.

Zwilling resided at 410 West Chestnut Street in Leadville with John C. Campbell.<sup>i</sup> Both Zwilling and Campbell were barbers and operated a business at their place of residence between 1879 and 1894.

In November, 1879, Zwilling became one of the founding members of Leadville's B'nai B'rith charter. The chapter was active in Leadville for about 2 years before dissolving.

Zwilling was also a member of Leadville's Standard Club. The club was composed of highly respected businessmen in the city. An 1880 article published by the *Leadville Daily Herald* lists Zwilling as "one of Leadville's best known society people" attending a party hosted earlier that year.<sup>ii</sup> The Standard Club hosted some of the city's finest social entertainment and invitations were highly sought after.

Zwilling passed away in Littleton, a suburb of Denver, on January 1 of 1894 of unreported causes.<sup>iii</sup> An obituary reported that his remains were sent east – most likely to be laid to rest by family.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Ballenger, JH and Richards. "Ballenger & Richard's Ninth 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 1880". Corbet and Ballenger and Richards Publishers. 1880. P 389.

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