



# Temple Israel FOUNDATION

## Biographical Information Sheet

### Blumenthal

Abraham Aaron Louis Blumenthal<sup>1</sup>

Born: December 25, 1873

Died: June 13, 1953

Married to: Augusta Blumenthal (née Ahrens)<sup>2</sup>

In Leadville: 1900

Augusta Ahrens Blumenthal<sup>3</sup>

Born: September 8, 1877

Died: August 28, 1958

Married to: Louis Blumenthal

In Leadville: 1900

Abraham Aaron Louis Blumenthal (in various records as Abraham, A.A. or Louis) appeared simply as Louis in the 1900 Leadville City Directory as a clerk at the Freedheim Brother's clothing store.<sup>4</sup> Louis probably spent his early life in his birth state of Pennsylvania, before migrating west to Leadville at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century while in his mid-twenties. His parents, Raphael Blumenthal and Jetta Pearlstein, were immigrants from Russia and are buried in a Jewish cemetery outside Los Angeles.<sup>5</sup> 1900 is the only attestable year in which Louis was present in Leadville. His residence was not listed in the Leadville directory, but the 1900 United States Census listed him as "A. A. L. Blumenthal" with the profession of clothing store clerk. That year, his residence was a boarding house at 139 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street; he was listed as 26 years old and born in Pennsylvania.<sup>6</sup> The boarding house in which he was a resident was operated by Mrs. Doyle and housed 24 boarders in their 20s and early 30s. An interesting cross section of professions was listed among the boarders, including dry goods and grocery clerks, telegraph operators, a mining engineer, a pharmacist, railroad firemen, and several waiters. Young men often lived in shared living spaces in such Victorian boarding houses; while the majority were young men, there were two female boarders listed. All the boarders at Mrs. Doyle's boarding house in the

summer of 1900 were American born. After inspection of the other boarder's names, Louis was likely one of the only Jewish residents. A photograph of the dining room and parlor of the boarding house can be found in the 1895 magazine, "Leadville, Lake County and the Gold Belt".

In February of 1900, Louis attended a party for his future wife Augusta Ahrens and her cousin Amelia at East Turner Hall; suggesting strong German connections.<sup>7</sup> Augusta was born in 1877 in Texas and was the daughter of German immigrants; probably members of the Texas German migration of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is unclear if her family were Jewish; her parents were buried in an unaffiliated section of Der Stadt Friedhof cemetery outside Fredericksburg, Texas.<sup>8</sup>

In 1900, Augusta lived in Leadville and was listed as a domestic servant in the Hahnerwald household at 208 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, but did not appear in the city directory.<sup>9</sup> A potential connection to Leadville is Herman Ahrens, an well-known oil dealer, fur trapper, and Leadville pioneer from Germany<sup>10</sup>; who may have been Augusta's uncle.<sup>11</sup> Augusta and Louis were married in Glenwood Springs on July 1, 1900.<sup>12</sup> It is unclear when they left Leadville; neither Louis nor Augusta appear in Leadville city directories or social columns from 1901 or beyond.

By 1910, Louis and Augusta were in Cochise, Arizona, with children, Bessie and Aron. Louis was still listed as a dry goods salesman and the children were 6 and 3 years of age that year.<sup>13</sup> While it is unclear if Augusta was Jewish, her son Aron Charlie Blumenthal is buried in a Jewish section of the Temple Beth El Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.<sup>14</sup> Their daughter Bessie, married Louis Goethel, a Christian.<sup>15</sup> The children were born after Augusta and Louis departed Leadville.



<sup>1</sup> Registration State: Texas; Registration County: Bexar; Roll: 1983589; Draft Board: 4

Source Information Ancestry.com. U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005. Original data: United States, Selective Service System. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509, 4,582 rolls. Imaged from Family History Library microfilm.

<sup>2</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 13 March 2019), memorial page for Abraham Louis Blumenthal (25 Dec 1873–13 Jun 1953), Find A Grave Memorial no. 102258562, citing Mission Burial Park South, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, USA ; Maintained by Bruce Hicks (contributor 46591021) .

<sup>3</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 13 March 2019), memorial page for Augusta Ahrens Blumenthal (8 Sep 1877–28 Aug 1954), Find A Grave Memorial no. 102258397, citing Mission Burial Park South, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, USA ; Maintained by Bruce Hicks (contributor 46591021) .

<sup>4</sup> 1900 Leadville City Directory p. 38

<sup>5</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 13 March 2019), memorial page for Jetta Pearlstein Blumenthal (1847–28 Feb 1922), Find A Grave Memorial no. 151262775, citing Home of Peace Memorial Park, East Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA ; Maintained by Suzy & Rob (contributor 46950534) .

<sup>6</sup> United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MQM8-YT4> : accessed 12 March 2019), A A L Blumenthal in household of Joseph Doyle, Precinct 6-7 Leadville city Ward 3, Lake, Colorado, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 48, sheet 7A, family 134, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,125.

<sup>7</sup> "Society" Herald Democrat, February 25, 1900 p. 6

<sup>8</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 13 March 2019), memorial page for Charles Frederick "Charley/Carl" Ahrens (3 Nov 1853–28 Apr 1946), Find A Grave Memorial no. 53959416, citing Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery, Fredericksburg, Gillespie County, Texas, USA ; Maintained by Christine (contributor 47285815) .

<sup>9</sup> Year: 1900; Census Place: Leadville, Lake, Colorado; Page: 17; Enumeration District: 0045; FHL microfilm: 1240125

Source Information Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

<sup>10</sup> "Ahren's Career in the West" Herald Democrat, October 15, 1900 p. 6

<sup>11</sup> 1899 Leadville City Directory p.64

<sup>12</sup> "Glenwood Springs News Department" Herald Democrat, July 2, 1900 p. 2

<sup>13</sup> Year: 1910; Census Place: Douglas Ward 3, Cochise, Arizona; Roll: T624\_38; Page: 27B; Enumeration District: 0018; FHL microfilm: 1374051

Source Information Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006. Original data: Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: NARA.

<sup>14</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 13 March 2019), memorial page for Aaron Charlie Blumenthal (9 Jan 1903–22 Jun 1928), Find A Grave Memorial no. 156668246, citing Temple Beth El Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, USA ; Maintained by CemeteryRose (contributor 47195666) .

<sup>15</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 13 March 2019), memorial page for Louis Napoleon Goethel (20 Aug 1903–16 Dec 1980), Find A Grave Memorial no. 704456, citing Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, USA ; Maintained by Paula J (contributor 46489742) .



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