



Jacob Cole  
Born 1852  
Born in Illinois  
Father and Mother from Germany  
Occupation: Pawn Broker

Jacob Cole  
Born 1852  
Born in New York  
Father and Mother from Germany  
Occupation: Bookkeeper  
1879 City Directory, Cole Jacob, book keeper, Leadville saw mills, boards Tontine Restaurant  
1880 City Directory Bookkeeper for J. Schloss

Jacob Cole was born during 1852 in Illinois.<sup>1</sup> Not much is known about Jacob except that he shows up in the 1880 Census in Leadville, where he is listed as a pawn broker.<sup>2</sup> In the 1880 census Cole is living at 212 Harrison Avenue with Herman Pollitz, a Jewish attorney.<sup>3</sup> Jacob Cole, the pawn broker, does not appear in any city directories.<sup>4</sup> There is confusion about Jacob Cole because there seems to be two of them.

The other Jacob Cole was also born in 1852,<sup>5</sup> but in New York, not Illinois.<sup>6</sup> The 1879 city directory records Cole working as a bookkeeper for the Tontine Restaurant.<sup>7</sup> The following year, he worked for Jacob Schloss, once again as a bookkeeper.<sup>8</sup> Cole also appears in the 1880 census in Leadville, where he is listed as living with Jacob Schloss at 216 west 5<sup>th</sup> Street.<sup>9</sup> Jacob Schloss was a prominent Leadville merchant active in the liquor business. Cole does not appear in the census or city directories after 1880.

It is probable Jacob from Illinois and Jacob from New York were the same person listed in the census twice.

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<sup>1</sup> U. S. Census Bureau. 1880 Census

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Leadville city directories

<sup>5</sup> U. S. Census Bureau. 1880 Census

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> 1879 Leadville City Directory

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<sup>9</sup> U. S. Census Bureau. 1880 Census