



Milton Coleman
Born 1856
Born in Missouri
Parents from Kentucky
Mechanic
Married to Pearl Blumberg/Bergman/Coleman
in 1905

Pearl Coleman
Born 1866
Born in Russia
Married to Jacob Bergman in 1886
Immigrated in 1887

Samuel Bergman
Born 1889
Born in Colorado
Parents from Russia
Stepson of Milton

Manuel Bergman
Born 1885
Born in Colorado
Parents from Russia
Stepson of Milton

Ester Bergman
Born 1897
Born in Colorado
Parents from Russia
Stepdaughter of Milton

Harris Bergman
Born 1899
Born in Colorado
Parents from Russia
Stepson of Milton

Mildred Coleman
Born 1906
Born in Colorado
Daughter of Milton and Pearl

It is not known whether Milton Coleman was Jewish, it is even probable he was a gentile. However, Coleman married the divorcee, Pearl Bergman who was Jewish.¹ Therefore Coleman is included in these biographies. Coleman was born during 1856 in the state of Missouri.²

Coleman first appeared in the Leadville city directories in 1891 working as a car repairer for the Colorado Midland Railway. Throughout his tenure in Leadville Coleman usually worked as a (railway) car repairer and mechanic. In 1892, Coleman worked for the D&RGRR. Coleman is not mentioned for several years again in the directories until 1897, when he was working as a miner for the Ibex Mining Co. During 1898, he was a blacksmith for the Marian Lease. In 1899, he is listed as one of the leaders of the Leadville Oddfellows organization. He was also the C. F.(?) of the United Workmen section in Leadville. Next, in 1902, Coleman was working as a miner once more. During 1903, he worked as a carpenter. In 1904 Coleman was a laborer and from 1905 to 1906 he was a car inspector for the Colorado Midland Railway. During 1907, he worked for the Arkansas Valley Smelter. From 1909 to 1917 he worked as a car inspector and repairer.³

In 1892, Coleman appeared in the *Herald Democrat*, where he was recruiting members for the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.⁴ In 1906, he was elected as a representative for Leadville's section of the Knights of Pythias.⁵ He was to attend the grand lodge session in Denver.



In 1905, Coleman married Pearl Bergman, who was Jewish. Pearl was the daughter of Samuel and Paulina Blumberg.⁶ She had previously been married to Jacob Bergman.⁷ Coleman took on Pearl's four children from her first marriage and the couple also had a daughter of their own,

Mildred, in 1906.⁸ The Colemans remained in Leadville until at least 1918 when they last appear in the city directories.⁹ More information about the Coleman – Bergman family's time in Leadville can be found in the Bergman biography.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau. 1920 Census.

² The 1920 Census states Coleman was born in Missouri and his parents were born in Kentucky. The 1910 Census states he was born in Michigan and that his father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother was born in Tennessee. Here the latest 1920 census is referenced.

³ 1891 – 1917 Leadville city directories.

⁴ "Rio Grande Shops." *Herald Democrat*, September 8, 1892. Accessed August 6, 2017.

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>

⁵ "K. P. Convention." *Herald Democrat*, August 12, 1906. Accessed August 6, 2017.

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⁶ U.S. Census Bureau. 1900 Census.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ U.S. Census Bureau. 1910 Census.

⁹ 1918 Leadville City Directory.