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Biographical Information Sheet

Feitleberg

Nauchman (Nathan) Feitleberg (Fetleberg,
Feitelberg)
Born: 1842, Russia
Died: October 9, 1915, San Francisco

Fanny (Wittenberger) Feitleberg
Born: 1857, Hungary
Died: April 23, 1913, San Francisco

“Infant” Feitleberg
Born: June 1884, Leadville
Died: August 5, 1884 (interred at Leadville’s
Hebrew Cemetery)

Nauchman Feitleberg most likely arrived in the United States in 1859.¹ According to records, he was born in Russia during 1842 and became a United States citizen on October 12, 1891.² He was a registered Republican.³ Nauchman married Jewish-Hungarian immigrant Fanny Wittenberger, thirteen years his junior, during 1883 in all likelihood, before either one made any sojourn to Leadville. However, Fanny’s brother, shoemaker Herman Wittenberger,⁴ had arrived at Leadville with his wife, Antonia Klein Wittenberger, in 1881 or 1882 and was established there⁵ before records confirm Nauchman’s presence in the city during 1884. The couples seem to have followed the same migratory pattern indicating the families were quite close. During their time in Leadville, the Feitelbergs made their home at 311, and the Wittenbergers at 331, East 3rd Street while Nauchman made his living as a laborer.⁶

The Feitleberg’s brief time in Leadville was marred by the birth and subsequent death of a child known only as “Infant Feitleberg.” The wooden grave marker endured many harsh winters for over a

century in the outdoors of the Rocky Mountains and is now on display at the Temple Israel Museum in Leadville.

Cemetery records indicate the child was two months old at the time of its death⁷ on August 5, 1884,⁸ logically estimating the birth to have been during June of 1884.

The only other known record of Nachman in Leadville is in the *Carbonate Chronicle*’s June 21, 1884, “List of Letters”.⁹ It is probable that the Feitlebergs left Leadville around the same span as Herman and Antonia Wittenberger, sometime between 1884 and 1885. Their next address cannot be confirmed until 1887, when they are found in San Francisco living at 16 ½ Garden Street next door to Herman and Antonia, who lived at number 18.¹⁰

Nauchman appears to have kept some form of his birthname up until around 1900, when he appears to have anglicized it to “Nathan.” Census records indicate that Fanny gave birth to five children in total. The infant son Lee was born in Leadville in 1887¹¹ and another, who is loosely documented, did not survive to adulthood. Only two daughters, Leah Anthony (b. 1887¹²) and Freida Dondero (b. 1890¹³) were still living in 1910.¹⁴ These young ladies went on to have long, productive lives.

Fanny Feitleberg lived only a few more years and died at the age of fifty-eight on April 23, 1913.¹⁵ Nathan followed a short time later on October 9, 1915.¹⁶ The pair rest side by side at Salem Memorial Park and Garden in Colma, California.¹⁷ Herman and Antonia Wittenberger are interred in the same city.¹⁸



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¹ Year: 1900; Census Place: *San Francisco, San Francisco, California*; Roll: 101; Page: 10; Enumeration District: 0056

² California State Library; Sacramento, California; *Great Registers, 1866-1898*; Collection Number: 4-2A; CSL Roll Number: 107; FHL Roll Number: 977266

³ California State Library; Sacramento, California; *Great Register of Voters, 1900-1968*

⁴ *Births, Marriages, and Deaths* (San Francisco: *The San Francisco Call*), April 24, 1913, P4.

⁵ Quinn Whittington. *Wittenberger*. Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation. 2023.

⁶ Corbett and Ballenger. Leadville, CO; USA. 1884. P113 & 255.

⁷ Manly, Nancy. *Who's Where In Leadville's Evergreen Cemetery*. Leadville, CO; USA. *Historical Research Co-operative*. 1981. P123.

⁸ *Find a Grave*, [database and images] *Memorial Page for Infant Feitleberg (1884–5 Aug 1884)*, Find a Grave Memorial ID [18471650](#)

⁹ *List of Letters* (Leadville, CO: *Carbonate Chronicle*) June 21, 1884, P10.

¹⁰ Ancestry.com. *U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995* [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011. 465 & 1235

¹¹ Year: 1900; Census Place: *San Francisco, San Francisco, California*; Roll: 101; Page: 10; Enumeration District: 0056

¹² Ancestry.com. *1950 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022.

¹³ Department of Commerce. Bureau of the Census. 1913-1/1/1972. *Population Schedules for the 1950 Census, 1950 - 1950*.

Washington, DC: National Archives at Washington, DC.

¹⁴ Year: 1910; Census Place: *San Francisco Assembly District 36, San Francisco, California*; Roll: T624_96; Page: 4b; Enumeration District: 0146; FHL microfilm: 1374109

¹⁵ *Find a Grave*. [database and images] *Memorial Page for Fannie Feitelberg (1856–23 Apr 1913)*, Find a Grave Memorial ID [132136982](#).

¹⁶ *FEITELBERG*. (San Francisco, California: *The San Francisco Examiner*). October 10, 1915. P18.

¹⁷ *Find a Grave*. [database and images]. *Memorial Page for Nathan Feitelberg (1842–9 Oct 1915)*, Find a Grave Memorial ID [132136991](#).

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