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Biographical Information Sheet

Fleissner

Joseph N. Fleissner. (Fleisner/Fleißner)
Born: 1854, Austria-Hungary
Died: May 29, 1922. Ramsey, Minnesota
Immigration to U.S.: 1869

Known U.S. Relatives:

Rika Fleissner (Simon) (First Wife)
Born: 1857, German
Died: September 30, 1899. St Paul, Minnesota.

Mollie (Herz) Fleissner (Second Wife)
Born: 1858, Germany
Died: April 4, 1953
Immigration to US: 1879
Married Joseph, November 7, 1900

Herbert Fleissner (Son)
Born: April, 1885, Minnesota
Died: June 12, 1954. St. Louis, Minnesota

Estelle "Stella" Fleissner (Daughter)
Born: 1887, Colorado
Died: December 22, 1926

Gertrude Fleissner (Daughter, Henly)
Born: December 5, 1890, St Paul, Minnesota
Died: June 22, 1982. Hennepin County, Minnesota

OCCUPATION(s): Clerk (1883) Sands, Pelton & Co. (Dry Goods) 312 Harrison Avenue. Saloon owner The Clipper (Saloon and Lunch Counter) 406 Harrison Avenue 1885-88 in Leadville, Clerk at Harris Meyers' (Clothing) in 1888. Leaves Leadville to open new branch of The Clipper in Aspen in 1889.

Related Names:
Sands/Sandelowski (Employer)
Simon, Sigmund (Brother-in-law and business partner).

Joe Fleissner¹ first arrived in Leadville sometime in 1883, and took a position as a clerk with the Sands, Pelton & Co. clothing store.² It is not entirely clear if the family came with him on this trip. Joe had immigrated to the United States from Hungary in 1869³ when he was somewhere between the ages of 15 and 19.⁴ He originally settled in Ramsey County, Minnesota. From there he and his family, wife Rika⁵ and infant son Herbert,⁶ moved back to Leadville by 1886, moved again to Aspen, Colorado, in 1889,⁷ and after a brief stay there returned to Minnesota for good sometime between April⁸ and December of 1890.⁹

Initially, it appears that Joe came to Colorado on his own, perhaps prospecting for business opportunities. He appears in the 1883 city directory as a clerk for Sands & Pelton, and is not seen again in Leadville until 1886 when he is listed as manager of The Clipper saloon and lunch counter located at 406 Harrison Avenue, and sharing a residence with brother-in-law Sigmund Simon.¹⁰ In 1887, they were both co-managing The Clipper¹¹ and were joint proprietors of the establishment by 1888.¹²

Although it is unclear if his first wife Rika, and their son, Herbert, were with Joe in 1883, but most certainly returned with him in 1886 as their daughter, Stella, was born in Leadville in 1887.¹³ The Fleissner family would only stay in Leadville for a brief time. Joe ceded his interest in the Clipper to Sigmund by the end of 1888, then worked briefly as a clerk at the Harris and Meyers clothing store¹⁴ before moving on to Aspen to open a new version of The Clipper there in 1889.¹⁵ The family's time in Aspen was also short-lived, returning to Minnesota¹⁶ before the birth of their youngest daughter, Gertrude, in December of 1890.¹⁷



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¹ There are several variations of this name in various Leadville and other US resources. With the combination of family members, and relative events it can be established that the correct spelling of the head of this family is *Joseph N. Fleissner*, or the German; *Fleißner*, which is typically translated into the English alphabet as "SS".

² Corbett, TB and Ballanger, JH. "Corbet, and Ballenger's Fourth Annual City Directory: The City Of Leadville For 1883". *Corbet and Ballenger Publishers*. 1883. P 104/125

³ "United States Census, 1900," database with images, *FamilySearch*

⁴ Sources have multiple birth years listed for Joe Fleissner. The most consistent is 1854, however, some listings are as early as 1851.

⁵ "Minnesota Death Records, 1866-1916," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XPXP-K47> : 4 December 2014), Rika Fluschner.

⁶ "Minnesota Death Index, 1908-2002," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V4ZK-M3J> : 4 December 2014), Herbert Joseph Fleissner.

⁷ "St. Louis Beer Always Fresh on Draught". *The Aspen Evening Chronicle*. November 16, 1889. P 4

⁸ "The Day's Diary". *The Aspen Evening Chronicle*. Aspen, CO; USA. April 3, 1890.

⁹ "Minnesota Deaths and Burials, 1835-1990," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FD8J-TFD> : 4 December 2014), Joseph Fleissner in entry for Estelle Fleissner.

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¹² "The Clipper". *The Leadville Evening Chronicle*. CC Davis And Co. Leadville, CO; USA. August 9, 1888. P4.

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¹⁵ "Electric Light Contract Made And A Batch Of Liquor Licenses Issued". *The Aspen Evening Chronicle*. Aspen, Co; USA. October 1, 1889. P 4.

¹⁶ "The Day's Diary". *The Aspen Evening Chronicle*. Aspen, CO; USA. April 3, 1890. P 4.

¹⁷ "Minnesota Births and Christenings, 1840-1980," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FDST-F8X> : 4 December 2014), Joseph N. Fleisner in entry for Fleisner, 05 Dec 1890



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