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Rosenberg

Morris Rosenberg
Born: December 1852, Hungary
Died: Unknown

Adeline (Shoenberg) Rosenberg
Born: 1858, Illinois/Missouri
Died: 1908, Pueblo, Colorado

Morris Rosenberg was a salesman in Leadville between 1903 and 1908. He was born in Hungary in 1852 and immigrated to the United States in 1868.¹ He eventually moved to Colorado and by 1900 was working as a traveling salesman in Aspen.² Two years prior, in Aspen in 1898, he had married Adeline Shoenberg (also spelled Edeline, Adline).

Adeline Rosenberg was born in 1885 in Illinois and her parents were of German and French descent. Her parents, Sam and his wife Carey Shoenberg,³ hosted a lavish wedding at their home their Aspen home on October 2, 1898,⁴ where a judge officiated.⁵ The Shoenbergs had previously lived in Leadville in the 1880s, where Sam Shoenberg operated a cigar store, as he later did in Aspen.⁶ In 1903, Adeline and Morris moved back to Leadville and into her family's former home at 411 Pine Street.⁷ They appear in the city directory in 1903,

1904, 1906, and 1908. They do not appear in the city directories in 1905 and 1907 and it is unclear where they were at that time. During their first two years in the city, they lived at 411 Pine Street,⁸ but in 1906 were listed at 124 West 6th Street,⁹ in 1908 at 116 West 6th Street, closer to Morris's work at 214 East 6th Street.¹⁰

While in Leadville, Morris worked for J.A. Bowler. Bowler owned a home furnishings store, named American Wringer Co. that later became known as J.A. Bowler's. It was a small shop with a few employees, but according to the *Herald Democrat* the store was known for its wide selection, expertise, and payment system that "enables every housewife to get anything she wants."¹¹ While Rosenberg worked there, there were typically a few other employees, but after Rosenberg's departure post 1908, it appears Bowler ran the store on his own.

That year, Adeline Rosenberg, while visiting her sister in Pueblo, died of apoplexy.¹² She was buried at 1625 Tremont Street in Denver. Her obituary in the *Aspen Democrat* mentions a mourning husband but otherwise does not mention Morris. There are no records of Morris's life after his wife's passing and the date and details of his death are unknown.



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Samuel Rosenberg
Born: 1849, Germany
Immigrated: 1852
Died: Unknown

Mrs. Rosenberg
Born: ?
Died: ?

Samuel Rosenberg was a musician in Leadville across three decades. He was born in Germany in 1849 and immigrated with his family in 1852 onboard the *Process*, landing in New York City in September.¹³ Little is known about his upbringing before he moved to Leadville in 1884 to be a professional musician. He began his career in Leadville as the piano player at Police Gazette Shades while making his home at 209 W. 4th Street.¹⁴ Rosenberg appeared in the newspaper as the establishment owed him and two of his coworkers a total of \$115.¹⁵ The following year, he boarded at 619 Harrison Street, a large boardinghouse owned by J.H. Abbott.¹⁶ As part of his work as a musician, he served as Temple Israel's organist. During 1885, he played at Rosh Hashana services¹⁷ and a service in honor of the passing of Moses Montefiore.¹⁸ The Temple had been refurbished for the high holidays that year and the services attracted both Jews and interested non-Jews.

Sam Rosenberg appears to have left Leadville in 1885 or 1886 and did not return until 1893. In that year, he began playing regularly on Sunday evenings at Hotel Vendome. The Hotel Vendome became the "Sunday Mecca for the fashion and elite of the city."¹⁹ He led an orchestra accompanying Easter Brunch and played both a piano and violin solo.²⁰ That Easter weekend was planned as a one-time event, but due to its popularity the hotel manager decided to make it a weekly event. The *Leadville Evening/Daily Chronicle* called the dinner concert a "pleasing innovation" and an "exquisite musicale." The paper gave Rosenberg high praise,

referring to him as the "skillful and accomplished musical director."²¹ In subsequent weeks, the concert was listed as a "don't miss it event."²²

The Hotel Vendome concerts continued for the next few years and the Vendome Orchestra was known to comprise of some of the city's finest musicians. Leadville's musical scene was blossoming at the time and the *Herald Democrat* pronounced it the "musical metropolis of the mountains."²³ However, the paper remarked that public interest failed to match the talent of the local music scene. The Leadville musicians' union held a ball in 1894 and Rosenberg played the double bass served on the reception committee. His wife also attended the ball, but her name is unknown.²⁴ Her attendance at the ball is the first reference to her, likely the two married during his time away from Leadville.

It appears he was in Leadville off and on over the next few years, not appearing in the city directory in 1895, 1897, 1899, and 1900 but appearing in 1894, 1898, 1901 (none was printed in 1896). In late 1895, Rosenberg was mentioned in the *Colorado Daily Chieftain*, the Pueblo newspaper. He played at the Second Regiment masquerade event and the paper remarked that the music was "especially fine, Professor Rosenberg being capable of rendering a very high class of piano music."²⁵

In 1898, he returned to Leadville. That spring, Rosenberg posted advertisements for music lessons, encouraging anyone from beginners to advanced to sign up for his piano and mandolin lessons. He performed at various musical gigs in 1898 as well, playing at James Carcio's 14th birthday party and performing a piano recital at the Drug Store.²⁶ Curcio's father, John, was a violinist in Leadville who repeatedly played with Rosenberg.

He reappeared in the city directory and city newspapers in 1901 and frequently performed as piano accompanist. He performed in the orchestra at the Tabor benefit fund concert and the *Herald Democrat* specifically praised Rosenberg's



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performance. The paper said that “without a doubt, Rosenberg is one of the cleverest piano players in the country and his accompaniments are said by his associates to be of superior quality.”²⁷ Full time, he was employed by the Carbonate Theater.

In April of 1901, Rosenberg’s house at 328 W. Third Street burned down. The fire was reportedly caused by a faulty smoke duct and the roof was ablaze. Rosenberg was not home but neighbors rushed to the house to save two tapestries and help put out the fire. Total damage from the fire was estimated at \$350.²⁸ It appears Rosenberg left the city after the fire and details about his life afterwards are unknown.



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Charles Rosenberg

Born: Romania, January 8, 1880

Died:

Bertha Rosenberg

Born: Germany, 1885

Died:

Records for Charles and Bertha Rosenberg are limited. Charles is enumerated in only one located United States Census record (1910), escapes mention in Leadville newspapers or other vital records. Charles was born in Romania in January of 1880.²⁹ He arrived in Leadville for his first stint as a miner in 1895.³⁰ He remained in Leadville until

1897, where he lived at the corner of East 15th Street and Alder.³¹ He appears to have left Leadville for New York from 1898 to 1911, and may have visited Germany around 1900. In 1908 he married Bertha Zinn,³² and in 1911 the couple briefly returned to Leadville where they lived at East 17th Street and Alder and Charles again returned to the mining industry.³³ Charles later moved on to Silver Bow, Montana, where he became a barber. It is unknown whether Charles served in World War I, but he did register for the draft.³⁴ The scarcity of records for Charles and Bertha make it difficult to determine any information for the couple after 1918.



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¹ *United States Census, 1900.* FamilySearch, Colorado > Pitkin > ED 87 Aspen city Ward 2-3 > Image 4 of 49.

² *United States Census, 1900.* Image 4 of 49.

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¹⁶ Nancy Manly and Sherrile Worford, *Index For 1885 Special Census Lake County, Colorado.* (Leadville, CO: Historic Research Cooperative). 1984.

¹⁷ *Rosh Hashana.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Carbonate Chronicle). September 12, 1885. P1

¹⁸; *Sir Moses Montefiore.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Carbonate Chronicle). August 8, 1885. P8.

¹⁹ *The Vendome Concert.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Leadville Daily/Evening Chronicle). April 8, 1893. P4.

²⁰ *Will Be Grandly Observed.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Herald Democrat). March 31, 1893. P1.

²¹ *The Vendome Concert.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Leadville Daily/Evening Chronicle). April 8, 1893. P4.

²² *Don't Miss It.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Herald Democrat). May 7, 1893. P4.

²³ *Some Musical Harmonics.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Herald Democrat). June 13, 1894. P6.

²⁴ *The Musicians' Turn.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Herald Democrat). May 18, 1894. P6.

²⁵ *Society.* (Pueblo, CO; USA. Colorado Daily Chieftain). November 28, 1895. P6.

²⁶ *The World of Society.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Herald Democrat). July 31, 1898. P6.

²⁷ *Bravo was the Cry.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Herald Democrat). February 18, 1901. P1.

²⁸ *Around the City.* (Leadville, CO; USA. Herald Democrat). April 27, 1901. P9.

²⁹ Year: 1910; Census Place: Bronx Assembly District 34, New York, New York; Roll: T624_1000; Page: 8B; Enumeration District: 1541; FHL microfilm: 1375013

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