



Temple Israel FOUNDATION

Biographical Information Sheet

Sweet (Zwetow)

Arthur Nathaniel Sweet (Zwetow)¹

Born: June 8, 1889

Died: September 7, 1966

Married to: Mildred Lewin

In Leadville: 1922

Mildred (Lewin) Sweet

Born: 1889

Died: Unknown

Married to: Arthur Sweet (Zwetow)

In Leadville: 1922

Arthur and Mildred Sweet were a couple who moved to Leadville for an “indefinite sojourn” in September of 1922, according to a Denver Jewish newspaper.² Due to limited access to newspaper archives, and a lack of Leadville city directories after the year 1918, their length of stay and location of residence within the city is unknown. Arthur was a mining engineer and the couple probably moved to Leadville as part of a temporary assignment for Arthur.

Mildred was born in Colorado and was a middle daughter of the large Lewin family of Denver.³ Her parents, Mary and Albert were both German immigrants and are both buried at Emanuel at Fairmont in Denver.⁴ According to the 1910 census, Albert was a liquor merchant. Mildred and Arthur married in September of 1913 and probably met in Denver as they both appeared in the 1910 United States Census as residents of Ward 10.⁵

According to the 1910 census, Arthur was the eldest son of Samuel and Annie “Zwetow”; both of whom are also buried at Denver’s Emanuel Cemetery.⁶ Samuel was a German immigrant and Annie was born in Illinois, as was Arthur. Samuel was listed as the owner of Jewelry shop in 1910. Arthur, or Archie as he was later known, graduated from Colorado School of Mines in May of 1911.⁷ Arthur filled out a draft registration card in May of 1917 and requested that he be deferred from service because “Wife absolutely in need of my support

also bad eyes.”⁸ It is unknown if Arthur served in World War I, but it is unlikely. In addition to his request for deferment as a married man, he was a mine superintendent; a job often given draft deferment for strategic reasons.

In 1919, the couple petitioned to change their name. The reasons stated in the Probate Case was, “... *he is a Mining Engineer and as such is required to travel over a great territory and in the course of his business to make the acquaintance of a large number of people; that the name of Zwetow is most unusual and in many instances occasions an inquiry and discussion as to its origin and likewise of the nationality of the petitioner... this has especially been the case since the declaration of war between the United States of America and Germany, and lately since the occurrence of the Bolsheviki movement in Russia and other European countries as well as the United States; that frequently he is told that his names sounds similar to those who are engaged in such movement...*”

In the summer of 1921, Arthur lived in Denver but was engaged in mining at Montezuma during the summer months, according to a School of Mines alumni newsletter.⁹ Later that year, the couple relocated to Idaho Falls, Idaho according to the *Denver Jewish News*.¹⁰ By the spring of 1922, Arthur and Mildred resided in Denver as it was reported they “motored” to Cripple Creek and back.¹¹ In late 1922, the above mentioned “sojourn” to Leadville began, and the couple were listed as residents of the Carbonate city in late 1922.¹² In October, Arthur appeared in a Leadville newspaper with his business partner, August Hahnwald, which reported a motor trip to inspect a mine in Chaffee County.¹³ Due to lack of searchable Leadville newspapers after 1923, further movements and activities of Mildred and Arthur were not researched. While the 1920s are often cited as a prosperous time in the United States, the end of World War One resulted in a drop in metals prices and difficult times in many Western mining towns. Temple Israel and much of Leadville’s



formerly thriving Victorian era Jewish community were gone or fading away quickly by 1920. It remains unknown if Arthur and Mildred participated in any Jewish community activities during their short stay in the then declining Leadville.

According to the 1930 United States census, the couple lived in Saguache County where Arthur was

an engineer at the Quartz Mine.¹⁴ In 1940, the couple lived in Silver Peak, Nevada, and Arthur where Arthur was still and mining engineer with a yearly salary of over \$5000.¹⁵ According to California state archives, Arthur passed away in Orange County in 1966. Further information on burials the later lives of Mildred and Arthur were not found.

¹ Ancestry.com. California, Death Index, 1940-1997 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000. Original data: State of California. California Death Index, 1940-1997. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.

² "Social News" Denver Jewish News, Volume 8, Number 38, September 20, 1922

³ Year: 1910; Census Place: Denver Ward 10, Denver, Colorado; Roll: T624_116; Page: 7B; Enumeration District: 0130; FHL microfilm: 1374129. Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

⁴ JewishGen, comp. JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR) [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008.

⁵ "Do Your Remember? Ten Years Ago This Week" Colorado Transcript, September 27, 1923 p. 2

⁶ Year: 1910; Census Place: Denver Ward 10, Denver, Colorado; Roll: T624_116; Page: 14A; Enumeration District: 0134; FHL microfilm: 1374129 Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

⁷ "Seniors Off on Big Trip Next Week." Colorado Transcript, April 20, 1911 p. 1

⁸ Registration State: Colorado; Roll: 1561842; Draft Board: 6. Ancestry.com. U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005.

⁹ "Alumni Notes" Oredigger, Volume 2, Number 11, November 21, 1921 p. 5

¹⁰ "Social News" Denver Jewish News, Volume 7, Number 26, June 29, 1921 p. 3

¹¹ "Social News" Denver Jewish News, Volume 8, Number 20, May 17, 1922 p. 2

¹² "Local News" Denver Jewish News, Volume 8, Number 47, November 22, 1922 p. 8

¹³ "Personal Mention" Herald Democrat, October 22, 1922 p. 2

¹⁴ Year: 1930; Census Place: Precinct 11, Saguache, Colorado; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 0013; FHL microfilm: 2339985. Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.

¹⁵ Year: 1940; Census Place: Silverpeak, Esmeralda, Nevada; Roll: m-t0627-02277; Page: 4A; Enumeration District: 5-2.

Ancestry.com. 1940 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.



Bibliography

- Ancestry.com. California, Death Index, 1940-1997 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000. Original data: State of California. California Death Index, 1940-1997. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.
- JewishGen, comp. JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR) [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008.
- Registration State: Colorado; Roll: 1561842; Draft Board: 6. Ancestry.com. U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005.
- Year: 1910; Census Place: Denver Ward 10, Denver, Colorado; Roll: T624_116; Page: 7B; Enumeration District: 0130; FHL microfilm: 1374129. Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.
- Year: 1910; Census Place: Denver Ward 10, Denver, Colorado; Roll: T624_116; Page: 14A; Enumeration District: 0134; FHL microfilm: 1374129. Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.
- Year: 1930; Census Place: Precinct 11, Saguache, Colorado; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 0013; FHL microfilm: 2339985. Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.
- Year: 1940; Census Place: Silverpeak, Esmeralda, Nevada; Roll: m-t0627-02277; Page: 4A; Enumeration District: 5-2. Ancestry.com. 1940 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.
- Newspapers:
- Colorado Transcript (Arapaho County, Colorado)
 - Denver Jewish News (Arapaho County, Colorado)
 - Herald Democrat (Lake County, Colorado)
 - Oredigger (Jefferson County, Colorado)
- AUTHOR: Trevor Mark
EDITOR: William Korn
SOURCE: Jewish Surnames/Sweet
PUBLISHED BY: Temple Israel Foundation. Leadville CO; USA. 2019
STABLE URL: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/sweet.html>