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Biographical Information Sheet

Weigert

Abraham B. Weigert
Occupation: Clerk, cigar seller
Born: Est. 1855
Birthplace: New York
Died: N/A

Abraham B. Weigert was born in New York circa 1855 to German parents.¹ The only verifiable census listing for Abraham is from the 1880 Census which makes it difficult to glean information about his life before Leadville.

Abraham first appeared in the inaugural Leadville city directory, published in 1879, working at Lew Shoenberg's² clothing business on Chestnut Street.³

Over the next two years, Abraham was cited in city directories as a clerk for May⁴ & Shoenberg at 110 Harrison Avenue in 1880⁵ and a cigar seller at 326 Harrison Avenue in 1881.⁶ His only listed residence over that three-year period was identical to his business address in 1881 which was 326 Harrison Avenue.

No references to Abraham exist in local newspapers nor does he appear in city directories after 1881. Curiously, no individual even roughly matching his name and year of birth appears in censuses or other available vital records after 1880, which prohibits tracking his movements post-Leadville.

¹ "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MFDJ-DT7>; January 26, 2021), Abraham Weigert in household of Alex Hart, Leadville, Lake, Colorado, United States; citing enumeration district ED 79, sheet 401B, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), FHL microfilm 1,254,091.

² For more on the Shoenberg family, see: William Korn, *Shoenberg* (Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation), 2012: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/shoenberg.html>.

³ W. M. Clark, W. A. Root and H. C. Anderson, *Clark, Root & Co.'s First Annual City Directory of Leadville and Business Directory of Carbonateville, Kokomo and Malta for 1879* (Denver, CO: Daily Times Steam Printing House and Book Manufactory, 1879), P159.

⁴ For more on the May family, see: Trevor Mark, *May* (Leadville, CO: Temple Israel Foundation), 2018: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/may.html>.

⁵ T. B. Corbett, W. C. Hoyer and J. H. Ballenger, *Corbett, Hoyer & Co.'s First Annual City Directory of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms, Etc. in the City of Leadville, for 1880* (Leadville, CO: Democrat Printing Company, 1880), P372.

⁶ T. B. Corbett and J. H. Ballenger, *Corbett & Ballenger's Second Annual Leadville City Directory: Containing a Complete List of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms, Etc. in the City of Leadville, for 1881* (Leadville, CO: Corbett & Ballenger Publishers, 1881), P297.



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