



Herman Moses Joseph Gottstein<sup>1</sup>  
Born: December 12, 1863 (Poland)  
Died: February 16, 1951 (Iowa)  
Married to: Mary Sheffel  
In Leadville: 1897-1898

Mary (née Sheffel) Gottstein  
Born: January 1866  
Died: Unknown  
Married to: Herman Moses Joseph Gottstein  
In Leadville: 1897-1898

Rebecca Gottstein  
Born: 1887  
Died: Unknown  
Married to: Unknown  
In Leadville: 1897-1898

Tilla Gottstein  
Born: 1890  
Died: Unknown  
Married to: Unknown  
In Leadville: 1897-1898

Hazel Gottstein  
Born: 1895  
Died: Unknown  
Married to: Unknown  
In Leadville: 1897-1898

Hirsch Gottstein  
Born: 1896  
Died: Unknown  
Married to: Unknown  
In Leadville: 1897-1898

Vera Gottstein  
Born: 1897-1898 (Leadville)  
Died: 1928  
Married to: Unknown  
In Leadville: 1897-1898

Herman Moses Joseph (H. M. J.) Gottstein was a clerk at Elias Pelton's Famous Clothing store in 1898; he and his family of six lived at 125 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street.<sup>2</sup> During that year, the store moved from a long-time storefront in the Tabor Opera House into the old quarters of David May's store at 318 Harrison Avenue.<sup>3</sup> The sole mention of Herman in a Leadville publication is his appearance in the 1898 Leadville City Directory and none of his family appear in directories or newspaper articles. As recorded by the 1900 United States Census, Herman lived with his family in Denver. His children Rebecca, Tilla, Hazel, Hirsch, Vera, and wife Mary listed in the 1900 Census lived in Leadville during 1897-1898. Rebecca was born in New York, Hazel in Iowa, and Tilla, Hirsch, and Vera in Colorado.<sup>4</sup> Vera's 1928 death certificate listed her birthplace and date as Leadville, Colorado, 1901.<sup>5</sup> Mary and Herman were married in Iowa in 1884 before they moved to Colorado. Given the birthplaces of the children, they moved between New York, Iowa, and Colorado before their time in Leadville.<sup>6</sup>

Vera's birthdate in census records is extremely inconsistent, and ranges between November 1897 and 1901.<sup>7</sup> Her exact birthdate is unknown, but it is unlikely to have been 1901. Given the fact that Herman was only listed in the 1898 Leadville City Directory, she was most likely born in Leadville sometime between 1897-1898. Statewide newspaper records do not reveal information on the activities or status of the family during the late 1890s or early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The family lived for many years in Denver following their short stay in Leadville. Herman died in 1951 and was buried with extended relatives in a Hebrew Cemetery in Polk, Iowa. The burial location of Mary is unknown. Vera was buried outside of Illinois. The later lives of the other children were not investigated by this researcher.



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## Biographical Information Sheet

**Gottstein**

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<sup>1</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 18 March 2019), memorial page for Moses Joseph Gottstein (12 Dec 1863–16 Feb 1951), Find A Grave Memorial no. 91276504, citing Jewish Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, USA ; Maintained by Katie Lou (contributor 46950342) .

<sup>2</sup> 1898 Leadville City Directory p. 137

<sup>3</sup> "In Their New Quarters" Herald Democrat, November 6, 1898 p. 8

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<sup>6</sup> Ancestry.com. Iowa, Select Marriages Index, 1758-1996 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014. Original data: Iowa, Marriages. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013.

<sup>7</sup> Year: 1910; Census Place: Denver Ward 8, Denver, Colorado; Roll: T624\_115; Page: 15A; Enumeration District: 0095; FHL microfilm: 1374128. Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.



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