



Joseph M. Holcomb
Born: 1835
Died: 1925, Denver, CO.

Little information can be found regarding the life of Joseph M. Holcomb. He and T.B. Dean were partnered with David May in their first dry goods enterprise in Leadville during 1879 which operated under the name Holcomb, May & Dean.¹ The store was located at 25 Harrison Avenue where he also

resided.² Likely in connection with May's new partnership with Moses Shoenberg, the partnership was dissolved and Joseph left Leadville for Denver in late 1879 where he appears to have remained until his death in 1925.³ It is possible that Holcomb and May were reunited in some capacity in 1923, when a listing for a Joseph Holcomb appears in the Denver city directory as a bookkeeper for the David May Co.,⁴ but no additional information can be found at this time.

¹ "For Sale". Leadville, CO; USA. Leadville Daily Evening Chronicle. January 30, 1879. P4.

² Clark, WM, Root WA and Anderson, HC. "Clark, Root and Co's First Annual City Directory of Leadville and Business Directory of Carbonateville, Kokomo and Malta for 1879". *Daily Times Steam Printing House And Book Manufactory*; Denver, CO: USA. 1879. P144.

³ "Find A Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVKS-2SSS> : 13 December 2015), J M Holcomb, ; Burial, Denver, Denver, Colorado, United States of America, Fairmount Cemetery; citing record ID 33130359, *Find a Grave*, <http://www.findagrave.com>.

⁴ Corbett, TB and Ballenger, JH. "Corbet, and Ballenger's Fifty-First Annual City Directory: Containing a Complete List of the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms etc. in The City of Denver for 1923". *Corbet and Ballenger Publishers*. Denver, CO; USA. 1923. P1205.



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