



# Temple Israel FOUNDATION

## Biographical Information Sheet

**Rosenberg**

Samuel Rosenberg  
Occupation: Musician  
Born: 1850?  
Birthplace: Germany  
Death: ?

Samuel Rosenberg was a musician in Leadville. Information regarding Rosenberg's life preceding his arrival in Leadville is scarce; however, it is known that he was born in Germany sometime around 1850.<sup>1</sup>

The earliest known records indicate that Rosenberg was living as a boarder at 619 Harrison Avenue in Leadville during 1885.<sup>2</sup> Later, in 1894, Rosenberg was reported to have worked as a pianist.<sup>3</sup> Despite the economic hardship that the community experienced in 1893, it appears that attending orchestras and other musical events was still a popular activity in the city. In the same year, Rosenberg was living at 140 West Fourth Street with M. Goldsmith.<sup>4</sup>

By 1901, Rosenberg was working at the Carbonate Theatre as a piano player. During the same year, he changed residences and lived at 328 West Third Street.<sup>5</sup> He continued his work as a musician and was reported to have been an accompanying musician at the Weston Opera House to benefit the funeral of Horace Tabor hosted by the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.<sup>6</sup>

Rosenberg was caught in an ill-fated situation that year when his house caught fire. It was reported that the fire occurred by a faulty smoke duct. Before anyone in the neighborhood realized what was happening, the roof was caught ablaze.<sup>7</sup> Rosenberg's friends went inside the blazing house to save his collection of music, as well as two rare tapestries. The total damage done to the house was estimated to around \$350.<sup>8</sup>

Unfortunately, details about Rosenberg's life after these events are not available.

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<sup>1</sup> "Colorado State Census, 1885," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K8WN-75N> : 1 April 2016), Sam Rosenberg in entry for J H Abbott, 1885; citing NARA microfilm publication M158 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 498,507.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> "Notice, Musicians." Herald Democrat. Leadville, CO; USA. May 13, 1894.

<sup>4</sup> Ballenger, JH and Richards. "Ballenger & Richard's Fourteenth Annual City Directory: Containing A Complete List Of The Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms Etc. In The City Of Leadville For 1894". Corbet and Ballenger and Richards Publishers. 1894.

<sup>5</sup> "Fire Department Busy." Herald Democrat. Leadville, CO; USA. April 27, 1901.

<sup>6</sup> "Among the Lodges." Carbonate Chronicle. Leadville, CO; USA. February 18, 1901.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.