



Edward Schwed

Occupation: Baker, Business Owner, Real Estate
Investor, Money Broker
Born: August 15, 1836
Birthplace: Germany
Death: August 23, 1916

Pauline Schwed

Occupation: Real Estate Investor
Born: 1850?
Birthplace: Germany
Death: ?

Charles Schwed

Occupation: Attorney?
Born: 1877
Birthplace: New York
Death: February 7, 1906

Joseph Schwed

Born: 1885?
Birthplace: Leadville?
Death: October 10, 1886

Nellie Pauline Schwed Howell

Occupation: ?
Born: January 29, 1887
Birthplace: Leadville?
Death: February 16, 1966

Walter Schwed:

Occupation: Lawyer
Born: 1899
Birthplace: Leadville?
Death: ?

Edward Schwed was a baker, business owner, real estate investor, money broker and long-time resident of Leadville. Schwed in Germany on August 15, 1836, and he immigrated to the United States in 1854.¹ Pauline, also from Germany, was born around 1850 and immigrated to the United States in 1863. Prior to making their way to Leadville, the couple had one child, Charles, who was born in 1877 in New York state.²

Schwed's initial appearance in Leadville occurred during 1879. In that year he established his business on West Chestnut Street, near Leiter Avenue.³ Throughout their early years the family relocated around the city. It also appears that it was during this time that the family began investing in real estate as evidenced by newspaper ads.⁴ In 1881, Schwed's residence was listed at 204 East Third Street.⁵ By 1884, Schwed was living at 208 South Maple Street.⁶ During 1885, the family was listed at 317 West Third Street and Schwed ran his bakery out of the residence.⁷

In 1885, Pauline gave birth to Joseph. During the same year, Schwed was caught up in legal troubles. After passing away in New York state, Schwed's brother purportedly left \$10,000 worth of life insurance. He subsequently became involved with his brother's widow, Elaine DuShane.⁸ Ostensibly, as evidenced by Figure 1, Schwed married DuShane and deserted her shortly thereafter in New York.⁹ Over the years, the situation appears to have escalated and DuShane threatened to kill Schwed provided he did not give her a cut of the inheritance. After a neighbor overheard DuShane threaten to kill Schwed, the case was taken to Leadville courts. The outcome of this convoluted affair is not known.

On October 10, 1886, Joseph passed away at the age of 1. He was buried in Leadville's Hebrew Cemetery.¹⁰ In 1887, the family had a daughter, Nellie.¹¹ In 1899, Pauline gave birth to another son, Walter.¹² In the same year Schwed became interested in local politics and ran for a city council seat in the 2nd Ward on the Republican ticket (Figure 2).¹³ Schwed later transitioned away from baking and focused on real estate and money brokering.

In 1900, Schwed was listed as a money broker at the family's address at West Third Street.¹⁴ Additionally, the family rented rooms and maintained their real estate investments in the city. Schwed and Pauline appear often because of local



disputes regarding tenants. For instance, in April of that year, a boarder attempted to charge Pauline for theft. The occupant testified that she paid the Schweds, but a rent receipt had been stolen from her.¹⁵ Pauline upheld that she had never given a receipt and that the tenant did not pay her rent.

In early February, 1906, Charles was charged with insanity. A local newspaper reported that Charles was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital after he "lost his mind while on the streets and was raving mad when officers arrested him."¹⁶ It is not known what caused this behavior. On February 7, 1906, Charles Schwed passed away at 29 years of age.¹⁷ He was buried in Leadville's Evergreen Cemetery.

Meanwhile, Nellie and Walter were attracting attention for their academic and extracurricular success. Both children were listed many times as honor roll students and active members of Lake County High School's Debate Club. Walter participated in many sports, including the track team.¹⁸ Nellie was an officer of the Cloud City Rebekah Lodge in 1908.¹⁹

After graduating from Lake County High School, Walter relocated to study law at the University of Denver in 1911. Nellie married William Howell and later moved to Los Angeles. Nellie was afterwards reported to have had one child.

Edward Schwed passed away on August 23, 1916, at 80 years of age. His funeral service was held at the family home in Leadville.²⁰ The service was attended by Walter, Nellie, Pauline, and many friends from Schwed's early days in the city. An obituary refers to Schwed as a "pioneer" of Leadville.²¹ He was buried in Leadville's Evergreen Cemetery next to Charles Schwed.²²

It appears that Pauline continued to keep up on the family's real estate in Leadville. The last known traces of Pauline appear in a 1923 tax notice in Leadville.²³ Nellie Schwed passed away on February 16, 1966. She was laid to rest at Grand View Memorial Park and Crematory in Los Angeles, California. Details concerning the life of Walter Schwed following these events are not available.



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Biographical Information Sheet

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