



# Temple Israel FOUNDATION

## Biographical Information Sheet

### Werthan

Name: Solomon Werthan  
Occupation: Cigar Dealer  
Born: 7 November 1848  
Birthplace: Germany  
Died: 21 February 1916

Mrs. Solomon Werthan  
Occupation:  
Birthplace: Germany  
Born:  
Died: 7 March 1894

Esther Werthan  
Occupation:  
Birthplace: Colorado  
Born: 1886  
Died:

Alfred Werthan:  
Occupation:  
Birthplace: Colorado  
Born: 1888  
Died:

Clarence Werthan:  
Occupation:  
Birthplace: Colorado  
Born: 1900  
Died:

Sidney Werthan:  
Occupation:  
Birthplace: Colorado  
Born: 1902  
Died:

Solomon Werthan was born in Germany on November 7, 1848.<sup>i</sup> Werthan made his living as a cigar dealer in Leadville and Denver, Colorado. It is probable that Werthan established business in Leadville during the late 1870s to early 1880s. Werthan had four children: Esther, Alfred, Clarence and Sidney.

Although it appears that Werthan and family primarily resided in Denver, he was an active community member in Leadville. While operating his business in Leadville, Werthan was a Treasurer for the Odd Fellows.<sup>ii</sup> Werthan also appears in an 1885 article of Leadville's *Carbonate Chronicle*, noting his participation in a local cribbage tournament.<sup>iii</sup>

Solomon Werthan passed away suddenly on February 21, 1916 at his home in Denver. According to a press release, Werthan had been struggling with disease.<sup>iv</sup> Werthan's final resting place is at the Congregation Emanuel Cemetery in Denver.

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<sup>i</sup> "Denver Germans". Aspen Weekly Times. Aspen, CO; USA. April 6, 1895. P3.

<sup>ii</sup> "Suing the Sureties". Carbonate Chronicle. Leadville, CO; USA. January 23, 1886. P1.

<sup>iii</sup> "A Cribbage Tournament". Carbonate Chronicle. Leadville, CO; USA. March 28, 1885. P5.

<sup>iv</sup> "Colorado State News". Fairplay Flume. Fairplay, CO; USA. March 3, 1916. P3.



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