

Biography of Nathan Gregg

From *History of the 2100 Block of Lafayette Street, 1987*

Nathan Gregg, Jr was a prominent investment broker who lived in the 2100 block of Lafayette from 1898 to 1901 with his new wife's stepfather, Jerome Frank, a mining man who was active in the Silverton Northern Railroad, and was the first president of Alamosa Light and Power.

His father Nathan Gregg, Sr was a wholesale grocer in Louisiana, and then moved to Denver in 1892 where he entered the lumber business. His interests turned to mining and he founded the Gregg Mining and Investment Company.

Nathan, Jr was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 30, 1873, one of a family of six children. He acquired his education in the private schools of Shreveport, and then spent a few years in the employ of the Mowat Lumber Co. He came to Colorado in 1893. He was then appointed Military Secretary to Governor Adams and served through his term and part of the term of Governor Thomas. He then joined his father in mining investments, and by 1901 was senior partner in the firm of Gregg, Whitehead & Co with offices in the First National Bank Building. The firm was a member of the Denver Bond Dealers Association and the Investment Bankers Association of America. The American Journal of Progress noted that when money was invested with Nathan Gregg, "profitable results and large returns to the investor are almost invariably the result."

In addition to being an investment broker, first in mining, and then in stocks and bonds in general, he was an active mining developer. At the turn of the century he struck a rich claim on Big Horn Mountain at Sunshine in Boulder county and named the mine after his infant son, Hamilton. He also incorporated the Platte Valley Gold Placer Mining Co on a 2400 acre plot of land near Fairplay in 1901. He contracted with JT Urie of Kansas City to build a dredge, and proceeded to devastate the countryside to recover the estimated \$24 000 000 in reserves.

In 1897 he married Miss Isa Stearns, granddaughter of AC Hunt, third Territorial Governor of Colorado. Their son Hamilton, graduated from East Denver High School. The family was socially prominent, belonging to the Denver Athletic Club, the Denver Country Club, and the Denver Motor Club.

Denver Directory Listings for the Greggs

1897	Gregg Nathan Sr mining 611-12 Cooper Bldg r 1608 Franklin
1897	Gregg Nathan Jr governors office r 1608 Franklin
1898	Gregg Nathan Jr military sec gov Colo r 2115 Lafayette
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1901	Gregg Nathan Jr. sec. and treasurer Gregg Mining Investment Co. r 1523 Fillmore.

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1906 Gregg Nathan jr. sec Gregg Mining Investment Co. r 1307 Franklin

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1906 Gregg Nathan president GMIC b 737 16th ave

1909 Gregg Nathan Jr. Nathan Gregg & Co r 1307 Franklin

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1911 Gregg Nathan Jr. Nathan Gregg & Co. suite 214 Century Bldg. 17th cor of Stout r 1307 Franklin

1913 Gregg Nathan & Co. Gregg Whitehead & Co. successors suite 509 First National Bank Bldg.

1913 Gregg Nathan Jr. no listing

1914 Gregg Whitehead and Co. Nathan Gregg and Charles B Whitehead high grade bonds and dividend paying public utility stocks suite 509 First National Bank Bldg. 17th cor Stout

1914 Gregg Nathan Jr. no listing

1915 Gregg Nathan Jr. no listing

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