

The railroad passes of Otto Mears (excluding paper passes) covering the years 1888 through 1897. This database lists the known leather, silver and gold passes that were issued and to whom they were issued.
For more detailed information see *The Remarkable Railroad Passes of Otto Mears* by William K. Strong and the update on Mears passes by Cres Fleming.
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1888 Buckskin Passes: These passes were made from some sort of leather be it deer hide, cow hide or sheepskin (we really do not know at this time).

<u>Pass Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comments</u>
A 8	R.E. Briggs	Chief engineer D&RG 1888-99, later MP&P
A 20	W.B. Tuttle	
A 37	Leopold Mayer and Family	
A 39	J.M. Jardine	
A 42	H.A.W. Tabor and Family	Leadville "Matchless" mine owner, politician, married to "Baby Doe" Tabor
A 64	Fred Walsen and Family	Treasurer Silverton Railroad, founder and first mayor of Walsenburg, CO
A 107	Geo. Ady	Railroad official of DSP&P,GP&TA, UP and GPA
A 127	H. Silver and Family	Secretary-Treasurer of RSA&LA Railroad
A 157	Miss Edith Benedict	A friend of Otto Mears
A 208	???	
A 277	G.H. Stoiber	Officer of Tiger Mining and Milling Company, Silverton
A 290	G.A. Scoville	Durango resident.
A 307	A.P. Camp	President First National Bank of Durango
A 331	Charles Henkel	
A 347	R.V.R. Schuyler	
A 372	Jim Carlisle (?)	
A 375	John R. Hanna	President City National Bank of Denver
A 386	N.H. Hunter	
A 388	Chauncy N. Nichols	Manager, Beaumont Hotel, Ouray, CO 1889
A 390	Geo. V. Meserole	Early freight and mail contractor
A 439	Hon. O.H. Abbott	Justice of the Peace
A 454	Mrs. Otto Mears	Wife of Otto Mears
A 456	Laura Mears	Daughter of Otto Mears
A 458	Cora Mears	Daughter of Otto Mears
A 467	C.F. Hoeckel	Printer and stationer to D&RG
A 484	Lulu M. Becker	
A 489	Dad Town	R.B. Town, early owner of the Yankee Boy Mine
A 495	C.W. Gibbs	Chief Engineer & Surveyor of the Silverton Railroad

1889 Stamped Silver Passes: These come in two styles. Type A has 1889 stamped into the plate while Type B has 18 stamped into the plate and the 89 is engraved onto the plate.
All known Type B passes have numbers over 500. See Strong's book for more detail.

Type A Passes

???	W.I. Gifford	
???	R.A. Lowe	D&RG passenger conductor
000	Mr. C.R. Adams	Charles Adams, Ute Indian Agent, Los Pinos
007	A.S. Hughes	
010	G.W. Kramer	George Kramer, Manager D&RG Express 1880-93
011	N.W. Sample	Former Baldwin employee, D&RG Superintendent
033	K.G. Cooper	
046	I.A. Gothelf	Isaac Gothelf, early business partner of Otto Mears
047	L. Mayer	Leopold, a friend of Otto Mears
052	T.P. King	
068	J.B. Grant	Third Governor of Colorado and Vice President of the Denver National Bank
070	Jim Carlisle	
072	W.A. Bell	Dr. William A. Bell, backer and officer of D&RG and D&RGW (RGW) railroads
084	W. Clayton	George W. Clayton, early Denver capitalist
087	Gov. Job A. Cooper	Sixth Governor of Colorado, 1889-91
088	M. Atkins	
089	H.A.W. Tabor	Leadville "Matchless" mine owner, politician, married to "Baby Doe" Tabor
090	William S. Jackson	Banker, Director, Receiver and President of the D&RG Railroad
091	Wm. B. Storey	
105	J.W. Wingate	Director and Secretary of the Silverton Railroad 1887-91
106	Fred Walsen	This is a type B pass, possibly a replacement for the Treasurer of the Silverton Railroad, see pass # 620
108	R.F. Weitbrec	President of the Rio Grande Extension Company and officer in D&RG and D&RGW (RGW) Railroads
110	W.B. Strong	President, Santa Fe Railroad
145	W. Smith	
149	W.R. Marshall	D&RG official
152	William R. Adams	
155	C. Barela	Casimero Barela, Colorado legislator from Trinidad and Las Animas
157	Fred Betts	
183	W. Ballinger	
184	C.A. Bartholomew	Charles A. Bartholomew, possibly a Ute Indian Agent
189	J.W. McKinley	
190	G.P. Copeland	
196	H.H. Grafton	
198	C.J. Harris	
208	S.S. Merry	
211	F.M. Murick	
212	P.W. O'Brien	
216	H. Prince	
219	M.A. Sanchez	
224	M.A. Vigil	Colorado House of Representatives 1888
228	R.M. Stevenson	
251	A.E.(L?) Drake	
255	J.H. Bennett	
256	F.A. Wadleigh	General Passenger Agent, D&RG
260	L.B. Eveland	D&RG Passenger Agent, Kansas City, Missouri
261	T.L. Drake	
267	Miss Edith Benedict	A friend of Otto Mears
269	F. Brown	Frank Brown, Manager of Bordeleau's Hardware, Silverton
271	M. Breen	Believed to be Michael (Michey) Breen, merchant and politician in Silverton
272	Moses Liverman	General Manager Silverton Railroad
276	J.R. Hanna	President of the City National Bank of Denver
281	J.C. Kebbedy	
282	A.M. Stevenson	D&RG attorney at Glenwood Springs, 1887-89
283	Jay Gould	Railroad magnate, New York City
294	C. Tucker	Cromwell Tucker, D&RG Freight Claim Agent, Denver
296	J.J. Burns	D&RG Superintendent of Transportation 1st Division
297	S.K. Hooper	D&RG General Passenger & Ticket Agent
311	Frank A. Moore	
313	R.R. Ripley	Pueblo District Attorney
316	J.C. Helm	Joseph C. Helm, Colorado Supreme Court Justice, 1879-92 and 1907-09
317	C.D. Hayt	Charles D. Hayt, Colorado Supreme Court Justice, 1889-99
323	F.A. Ross	

326	H.M. Rhoads	Lt. Colonel and Assistant Adjutant General
327	Col. E.H. Cochrane	
333	C.A. Starr	
339	Geo. Ady	Railroad official of DSP&P,GP&TA, UP and GPA
341	Frank O. Stead	
348	G.H. Crosby	
353	W.R. Smith	
359	C.W. Gibbs	Chief Engineer & Surveyor of the Silverton Railroad
364	R.C. McNutt	Ruben J. McNutt, locator of Sunnyside Mine, judge
368	R.V.R. Schuyler	
372	B.A.H. Henningson	
375	E.L. Raymond	George L. Raymond, editor of the Durango Herald newspaper
376	Fritz Theis	Early Denver musician
810	Carl R. Gray	Senior Vice President SL-SF RR and later President of the GN RR

Type B Passes

Unissued		There are blank, unissued type B passes known
505	G.H. Stoiber	Officer of Tiger Mining and Milling Company, Silverton
514	W.S. Jackson, Jr.	Colorado Supreme Court Justice
519	Geo. R. Todd	
527	Gov. H.B. Gillespie	
549	R.D. Kohn	
550	J.M. Jardine	
552	W.H. Crooke	William Crooke, Silverton mine and business manager
553	Chauncy N. Nichols	Manager, Beaumont Hotel, Ouray, CO 1889
557	L.U. Humphrey	
562	C.S. Benson	
563	John M. Kuykendall	Denver Omnibus & Stage Company
564	Miss Laura Mears	Daughter of Otto Mears
565	Miss Cora Mears	Daughter of Otto Mears
569	C.F. Hoeckel	Printer and stationer D&RG
581	Mrs. Lucy E. Griggs	
589	Mrs. Roy B. Hull	
590	J.F. Mitchell	
592	Fred Zell	Friend of Otto Mears
597	Robert G.Ford	
600	Wm. Bayley	
610	J.F. Coykendall	John F. Coykendall, Secretary to the Vice President UP RR 1887-92
618	Dr. John Elsner	Early Denver doctor
620	Fred Walsen	Treasurer Silverton Railroad, founder and first mayor of Walsenburg, CO
625	Katherine W. Lane	
629	Julius E. French, Daughter & Grandchild	
634	W.P. Knapp	
???	Miss Anna M. Hayes	

1890 Watch Fob Silver Passes:

1	David Day	Close friend of Mears, publisher of the <i>Solid Muldoon</i> at Ouray and Durango and Durango <i>Democrat</i>
19	J.P. Pringle	James Pringle was an early (1871) propector into Silverton
28	J.J. Burns	D&RG Superintendent of Transportation 1st Division
28	C. Tucker	Cromwell Tucker, D&RG Freight Claim Agent, Denver
29	C.F. Hoeckel	Printer and stationer to D&RG
35	J.W. Deen	James Deen, Division Engineer, D&RG at Salida
61	Dr. Wm. A. Bell	Dr. William A. Bell, backer and officer of D&RG and D&RGW (RGW) railroads
64	C.W. Gibbs	Chief Engineer & Surveyor of the Silverton Railroad
76	Col. M. Breen	Merchant and mine owner, Silverton and Ouray
79	J.W. Wingate	Director and Secretary of the Silverton Railroad 1887-91
80	A. Wingate	
89	Louis King	President Ouray Stage & Omnibus Company
91	E.E. Brunson	
93	Wm. B. Storey	
96	D.C. Hartwell	
115	L.N. Wood	
116	Amos Steck	
129	Miss Edith Benedict	A friend of Otto Mears
130	R.F. Weitbrech	President of the Rio Grande Extension Company and officer in D&RG and D&RGW (RGW) Railroads
141	Geo. M. Pullman	Sleeping car magnate
151	Theron Stevens	
175	E. Kerngood	
189	Leland Stanford	Founder Central Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroad
193	Wm. B. Ebbert	
221	C.F. Meek	
228	John Adams	
231	J.R. Watson	
310	???	
329	Nathan P. Hill	Nathaniel Hill, US Senator from Colorado 1879-85, Mayor of Black Hawk 1871, smelter owner
332	Alfred B. Iles	Owner of Silverton Weekly Miner
333	J.T. Harahan	
350	C.A. Trip	Missouri Pacific Traffic Manager
387	N.H. Hunter	
389	George W. Seaman	
390	Austin MacFarland	
403	W.B. Wilson	
409	C.W. Bartholomew	Charles A. Bartholomew, possibly a Ute Indian Agent
418	Daniel J. Carr	
433	W.J. Patterson	
440	James F. Gardner	
450	Walter Howe & Family	
453	R.A. Lowe	D&RG passenger conductor
461	B.F. Crowell	Benjamin F. Crowell, Member of the Colorado Board of Capital Managers
462	M. Kayser	
470	Sam W. Jones	Colorado Attorney General, 1889-91
475	Fred Zell	Friend of Otto Mears
488	F.M. Duncan	
489	E.G. Stoiber	Brother of G.H. Stoiber and manager of the Silver Lake Mine
494	John J. Crooke	Owner of North Star Mine Silverton
527	H.G. Prosser	Silverton Mayor in 1887 and businessman
543	J. LaBartha	
546	F.F. Hogate	
551	Mrs. Mary Mears	Wife of Otto Mears
552	Laura Mears	Daughter of Otto Mears
553	Carl Gray	Senior Vice President SL-SF RR and later President of the GN RR
569	Captain L.E. Campbell	

571	J.F. Vaile	Joel Vaile, eneral Counsel, D&RG RR
572	Adam G. Herzinger	Owner of Calliope Mine near Ouray
581	J.W. Winkfield	
None	Julius E. French, Daughter & Grandchild	

1892 Silver Fillgree Passes:

Defaced	Defaced	
?	K.G. Cooper	
1	David Day	Close friend of Mears, publisher of the <i>Solid Muldoon</i> at Ouray and Durango and Durango <i>Democrat</i>
4	Mrs J.W. Gilluly & Family	Treasurer RGS RR and officer in D&RG RR
7	Carl L. Gray	Senior Vice President SL-SF RR and later President of the GN RR
10	Mrs. A.S. Hughes and Family	Wife of General Traffic Manager D&RG RR
11	S.K. Hooper	D&RG General Passenger & Ticket Agent
16	Mrs. J.J. Burns	Wife of D&RG Superintendent of Transportation 1st Division
17	N.W. Sample	Former Baldwin employee, D&RG Superintendent
19	Cole Lydon	D&RG Division Superintendent 4th Division
20	T.H. Wigglesworth	Thomas Wigglesworth, Civil Engineer and Construction Engineer, D&RG, RGS, CM, S, SN Railroads
21	D.H. Moffat	Denver banker, mine owner President of the DNW&P RR, Moffatt Tunnel named for him
27	John L. Welsh	
29	Walter S. Cheesman	Denver banker, Cheeseman Reservoir named for him
30	Mrs. E.R. Murphy	
32	Mrs. J.S. Hubbard	Wife of DRG Superintendent Buildings & Bridges
34	Dr. J.W. O'Connor	Chief Surgeon of D&RG
35	F.A. Wadleigh	General Passenger Agent D&RG
36	C. Tucker	Cromwell Tucker, D&RG Freight Claim Agent, Denver
41	Mrs. Fred Walsen & Family	Wife of Treasurer of Silverton Railroad
42	Mrs. Moses Liverman	Wife of General Traffic Manager Silverton RR
45	General W.J. Palmer	The Colorado railroad magnate - D&RG, D&RGW RY (RGW RY)
48	Mr. & Mrs. J.F. Vaile	Joel Vaile, eneral Counsel, D&RG RR
49	Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Sleeper	
51	Henry Collibran	General Manager of the Colorado Midland Railway
57	W.S. Jackson	Banker, Director, Receiver and President of the D&RG Railroad
70	Charles Fargo	
76	J.B. Grant	Third Govenor of Colorado and Vice President of the Denver National Bank
85	Geo. Ross Lewin	
86	J.R. Hanna	President of the City National Bank of Denver
97	Chauncy Nichols	Manager, Beaumont Hotel, Ouray, CO 1889
100	Louis King	President Ouray Stage & Omnibus Company
102	W.B. Trufant	Superintendent Denver Union Station, UP RR
104	Wm. Bailey	
106	A.P. Camp	President First National Bank of Durango
109	Wm. B. Storey	
110	Geo. Fisher	George Fisher, Mayor of Telluride and mine manager
117	F.F. Struby	Frederick Struby, Denver wholesale grocer
120	J.P. Carlisle	
121	Lew Carlisle	
132	George W. Holdrege	General Manager of the CB&Q
135	Charles F. Mayer	Leopold Mayer, friend of Otto Mears
138	Timothy B. Blackstone	President of the Chicago & Alton Railroad
145	C.E. Perkins	
158	E.C. McCormick	
163	Samuel Thomas	President of ETV&G, LE&W, DSS&A and other railroads
164	W.H. McDoel	
178	W.B. Shattuc	
187	J. W. Chatfield	
195	E. Dickenson	
206	Franklin Farrel	
218	A.T. Gunnell	
219	Julien Ralph	
222	Artemus Walters	Judge and rancher in Custer County, CO
229	H.B. Adsit	
233	T.M. Patterson	Harry B. Adsit, cattleman, Norwood, CO area
240	A.K. McClure	Owner of the Rocky Mountain News, US Senator 1891-1907
241	Charles Taylor	
249	Geo. W. Childs and Family	
265	Casmiro Barela	
269	Lester G. Brewer	Casimero Barela, Colorado legislator from Trinidad and Las Animas
272	M.J. Powers	Secretary to the Colorado Governor, Vice President DNW&P RR
274	Joseph H. Maupin	
288	Victor A. Elliott	Attorney General of Colorado 1891-93
289	Joseph C. Helm	Colorado Supreme Court Justice 1889-95
290	Charles D. Hayt	Colorado Supreme Court Justice 1879-92, 1907-09
293	G.B. Reed	Colorado Supreme Court Justice 1889-99
297	J.F. Brown	
304	John M. Kuykendall	
306	H.L. Kuykendall	Denver Omnibus & Stage Company
309	Frank Brown	
315	Fred Herold	Frank Brown, Manager of Bordeleau's Hardware, Silverton
329	Ed Kemgood & Wife	
330	Norvil Green	
348	John F. Bell	
360	Richard Linthicum	
362	C.W. Gibbs	Denver educator and teacher ?
365	G.J. Morrison	Chief Engineer & Surveyor of the Silverton Railroad
366	Mrs. A. Downs	
369	Joseph P. Airy	
371	Mrs. Ernest G. Grill	Mayor of Red Mountain Town 1884, foundry owner
374	George W. Seaman	
378	Fred Walsen	Silverton newspaper editor, businessman
381	Benj. Eiseman	Treasurer Silverton Railroad, founder and first mayor of Walsenburg, CO
390	Austin MacFarland	
393	Mrs. Cooper Anderson	
394	Alex Anderson	
399	Mrs. Henry Cadwell	Auditor of the Silverton Railroad
400	W.C. Van Horne	
402	George Olds	
415	Amos Walthers	
419	James J. Ford	Ouray banker
421	C.A. Tripp	General Agent, Denver, LS&MS and NYC&HR
422	E.E. Hoffman	MOPAC Traffic Manager
430	J.P. Renley & Wife	
444	C.N. Lee	

452	J.W. Maynard	
466	E.B. Slosson	UP ticket agent, Council Bluffs, Iowa
478	Theron Geddes	D&RG RR General Agent, Chicago 1891
479	G.W. Pratt	
483	Kate L. Benton	Daughter of William Henry Benton of Benton Bellefontaine Railway
484	Lucy B. Benton	
489	Charles S. Thomas	
493	Chas. A. Bartholomew	Law partner of T>M> Patterson, Ninth Colorado Governor
497	John King	Charles A. Bartholomew, possibly a Ute Indian Agent
528	W.A. Bell	Leadville miner and Denver coal merchant
534	Mrs. N.P. Hill & Family	Dr. William A. Bell, backer and officer of D&RG and D&RGW (RGW) railroads
537	Richard J. Bolles	
541	Jos. R. Stonebraker	Denver society leader and wife of Senator
550	George Ady	
555	H. Wheeler	Railroad official of DSP&P,GP&TA, UP and GPA
556	T.S. Rattle	
558	H.G. Clark	
560	Paul Morton	
564	M. Reibenack	
578	Adelaide G. Stimpson	
???	Horace Clark	Became wife of Alex Anderson
???	John Burns	

D&RG Superintendent of Transportation 1st Division

1892 Gold Filigree Passes: Identical to the silver filigree passes.

266	A.J. Clark	
336	Miss Cora Mears	Original shareholder of the Silverton Railroad Daughter of Otto Mears

1893 Silver Filigree Passes: A new class of Mears passes. At least 17 were made and there may be more.

590	Dr. & Mrs. E.J. Kinney	
592	Burton	
594	H.L. Fagin	This pass was engraved but has yet to be found.
596	Mrs. Harry Lynne Fagin	Harry Lynne Fagen, Secretary to H.H. Colbran, General Manager of the Colorado Midland
606	Geo. W. Ristine	Maude Fagen, Harry's wife President of the Colorado Midland Railway

Other Mears Silver Passes

1400	Charles Tarbel	
605	J.H. Hanna & Wife	An 1893 oversized filigree pass.
???		An 1897 filigree the same size as an 1892 filigree pass but only 'Stations' engraved in place of Otto Mears name Three stamped prototype 1893 annual silver passes for the Silverton Railroad were made but never issued

Other Gold Locketts: Similar to the 1890 Silver Watch Fobs, two gold locketts are known. They are not passes.

None	L.A. Stoiber	
None	Rasmus Hansen	Lena Stoibner owned a mine in the Silverton area. Actually the correct spelling of his name is Hanson. He owned a mine in the Silverton area.