

Joseph Brinkman Rites Conducted Here Tuesday

Death Of Aged Minster Man
Follows Long Period
Of Failing Health

BECAME WIDELY KNOWN

Celebration Of 50th Year At
Brewery Received Wide
Publicity In 1934



JOSEPH BRINKMAN

One of Minster's most widely-known men was laid to rest in St. Augustine's cemetery here Tuesday morning following services in the church, when the bier of Joseph Brinkman, aged 78 years and nine months, was lowered into its grave.

Mr. Brinkman, affectionately known to practically everyone in this community, both young and old, was in his 60th year of employment at the Wooden Shoe Brewing company when death intervened, early last Friday, to break this long-standing tie.

Afflicted with failing health, which contrived to slow considerably his activities of many years, particularly in recent months, Mr. Brinkman became seriously ill ten days before the end, and was bedfast during this period. Death, attributed to complications, overtook him in the Miami Valley hospital at Dayton.

Born in Glandorf, Germany on Feb. 10, 1865, he was a son of the late Ferdinand and Wilhelmina Brinkman. He came to this country in 1883, at the behest of an uncle, Henry Brinkman, who had previously come to America and was engaged in the shoe business. He located first at Newport, Ky., where he re-

As a final gesture in tribute to the memory of a man who had given practically all of a long and useful career in its service, the Wooden Shoe Brewing company closed its offices and plant all day Tuesday, the day of the funeral of Joseph Brinkman.

remained for one year. He then came here, became identified with the brewery, and retained connection with this firm down through the years to the time of his death. For the last 55 years he had served as brewmaster for the company.

Completion of his 50th year with the firm was the occasion of a celebration honoring Mr. Brinkman, held on Aug. 16, 1934, which received statewide newspaper and radio publicity. With the late August Schunek he made a trip back to Germany for a visit, in 1925.

On Aug. 31, 1887 Mr. Brinkman claimed Miss Anna Hinners as his bride, and the couple was privileged to spend nearly 55 years together. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1937. Five children were born to them. Surviving, with the widow, are two sons and daughters, namely Mrs. Rose Schmiedler, Harry Brinkman, Mrs. Catherine Coxad, and Walter Brinkman, all of Minster. A son, Frank, a former deputy state fire marshal, was killed in an automobile accident a number of years ago. There are seven grandchildren.

Surviving sisters and brothers are Sister Mary Frumentia, Mrs.

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