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A Veteran Minster Business Man Passed Away At His Home Monday

William Nienberg, One Of The
Town's Oldest Residents,
Succumbed

BORN IN THIS VILLAGE

And Was Connected With The
Retail Trade All Of His
Life

William Nienberg, who was a life time attaché of the mercantile affairs in Minster, died at his home at the intersection of Main and Fifth streets on Monday afternoon at five o'clock. His father was the owner and operator of a retail store in this city when this son was born into the family and while he advanced to young manhood he rendered service there. He finally became the head of the institution and continued to direct its course until just a few months ago when physical infirmities forced him to remain absent from the store room.

For several generations of time Mr. Nienberg held a place in the leading circles of the Minster community both as to religious and secular movements. He took very keen interest in church matters and held membership in several of the organizations that are tributaries of the St. Augustine parish. He also watched the trend in public life and could discuss fluently all issues that related to the national, state and local governments, so that he was in reality an outstanding citizen of the community.

Mr. Nienberg's place of business is located on the lot where his residence stands and it has been the site for a store for perhaps a longer time than any person of the present generation of people can tell. The business was established by the father of Wm. Nienberg before Minster was as thriving a village as it is today. The building which offered accommodations to the business stood near the spot where the present building now stands and it was sufficient in all of its appointments for its day.

The father of the subject of this narrative was the late Bernard Nienberg and he was born in Germany. The mother was Angelina Sprehe and she was also born in Germany. They came to America when they were young people and were married in this country according to the pronouncement of those persons who have some knowledge of the history of the family. They established their home in Minster early in their marital life and spent a large number of years among the people in this section of Auglaize county.

Wm. Nienberg was born on January 17, 1846, while his parents were living in a residence that stood at the same site where his late home is standing. He was a member of a family of six children and was preceded in death by all of his brothers and sisters, as well as his parents. He accepted the means that were provided for the training of the youth of the community and was equipped to accept important positions when he attained to his young manhood. Very early in his life he showed the qualities of a close thinker and clever organizer and he was thus trusted with large responsibilities.

In the year of 1871 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Voelker who was a member of a well known Minster family and they lived together over a period of sixty years. They became the parents of five children, three daughters and two sons. The two sons and one daughter died while quite young while two daughters, who are Mrs. Amelia Schmieder, wife of Robert C. Schmieder and Miss Mary Nienberg, both residents at Minster, survive.

Mrs. Nienberg passed away on February 11, 1931, and from that time until his death Mr. Nienberg was absent from many of the places that had known his presence almost regularly. He shared his home with his daughter, Miss Mary, and accepted the changes that naturally eventuated with retirement.

Before Mr. Nienberg severed his contact with the busy affairs of the