

# Farmer Who Had Resided East Of Minster For Forty Years Passed Away At His Home Last Saturday

Once Operated A Hack Line  
Over Routes In This Sec-  
tion Of State

## WAS BORN IN GERMANY

And Saw Service In The Ger-  
man Army Before Coming  
To The U. S.

Joseph Sextro, an aged farmer who spent forty years of his life on a farm three miles east of Minster and who had an interesting and somewhat unusual career among the people throughout this section of Ohio, died at his home on Saturday morning, February 20, 1936, at four o'clock. During the earlier years of his life he was a hack driver and he offered accommodations to the traveling public before many railroads or electric lines were built here, and even many years previous to the time when motor cars were introduced.

He was born in Germany and he lived in that country until he was twenty-two years of age, so that he was a matured man before he became attached to the activities in this country. Aside from a few years that were spent in Cincinnati he lived his life in the new world in this immediate vicinity and he was a familiar character in many circles for a long time. He was past the age of four score years when he passed away and his death followed an illness of several months duration.

Mr. Sextro was born in Dinklage, Germany, on February 23, 1851, and he reached the age of 85 years and 25 days. Not very much is known by his family concerning his life in the Fatherland except that he served in the army and during a period when there was some action in the military circles in that particular section of the world. His connection with the army resulted from the operations of the law that required military training for all of the male youth in Germany and his service covered the regulation time.

He came to America perhaps in the year of 1871 and made his way to Cincinnati where he lived for a few years and he then came to Fort Loramie. As a young man in that vicinity he worked as a farm hand until he decided to give his energies to another kind of work. When he made the change he was residing in Ft. Loramie and his first venture as a hackman had a direct attachment with the activities in that village.

He quit farming approximately in the year of 1896 and began to operate a hack that plied between Ft. Loramie and Sidney. He carried the mail between the two points and hauled passengers over the route behind horses and mules. This plan maintained daily for about three years when a change was made. Under a new plan his route took him from Ft. Loramie to Anna, via Minster, and there are elderly persons now residing in the community who accepted his service in the capacity of a hackman.

About forty years ago he discontinued the hack business and in November of 1896 he moved to the farm where he spent many years.

On May 16, 1888 Mr. Sextro was united in marriage to Mary Danzig, member of a well known family in the Ft. Loramie community, and this union was broken on Saturday when the husband responded to the final summons. They became the parents of eight children and seven of these persons survive and all but one of whom are living not many miles from the parents' home in the Minster locality.

One daughter, Minnie, grew to young womanhood and was united in marriage to the late Joseph Rostigerman and she

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died at their home north of Minster on July 19, 1935. The living children are: Katherine Sextro and John Sextro at the home; Margaret Malka at Dayton; Frank Sextro at Sidney; Mrs. Theresia Wilk at Minster; Mrs. Johannes Kune at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Leona Hommel at Cranberry, Ohio.

One brother who is Henry Sextro is living in Germany at the original home site and there are also living grand children. The deceased was a member of the St. Augustine parish and was identified with the Holy Name society and the St. Augustine Orphan society. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, March 3, 1936, at the St. Augustine church in Minster and the interment was made in the local cemetery.