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## August William Herkenhoff

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**Birth:** Jan. 9, 1866  
 Minster  
 Auglaize County  
 Ohio, USA  
**Death:** Apr. 18, 1947  
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 Auglaize County  
 Ohio, USA

## Family links:

## Parents:

Herman Heinrich Herkenhoff (1835 - 1887)  
 Anna M ELISABETH *Busch* Herkenhoff (1844 - 1880)

## Spouse:

Catherine Mary *Landwehr* Herkenhoff (1873 - 1956)

## Children:

Lillian *Herkenhoff* Sommers (1894 - 1975)\*  
 Alfred H Herkenhoff (1896 - 1941)\*  
 Beatrice *Herkenhoff* Boesel (1898 - 1980)\*

\*Calculated relationship

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## August W. Herkenhoff

Aged Ministerite, Former Postmaster And Mayor,  
 Also Operated Coopers Business Here

Death took from Minster one of its few remaining early-day business and civic leaders at 8:15 a. m. last Friday when August W. Herkenhoff succumbed at his residence, 105 North Franklin street.

Mr. Herkenhoff, in failing health for a long period, was ill two months with a complication of ailments. He was confined to bed three weeks, one week under treatment at Gibson hospital in Celina. He was in his 82nd year.

A community resident nearly all his life, he was born in Minster Jan. 9, 1866, son of Herman and Elizabeth *Busch* Herkenhoff. Upon completing the course taught in the local schools he spent a year at St. Mary's Institute, now University of Dayton, after which he attended Metropolitan Business college at Chicago. Upon completing 1911. A grandson, Frank Sommer, Jr., died while in service in World War II.

Shortly after, on Feb. 16, 1931, Mr. Herkenhoff claimed Katherine Mary *Landwehr*, who survives him, as his bride. They were married at Chicago and resided in that city for a year while operating a grocery store and meat market. Upon the death of his father the couple returned here, Mr. Herkenhoff becoming identified with the Minster Coopers company.

During the succeeding years he gradually acquired holdings of other stockholders in the factory which he operated until 1928 in which year he discontinued the business.

Mr. Herkenhoff held public office in Minster many years. He was postmaster seven years during the full term of William Howard Taft and part of the term of Theodore Roosevelt. He was elected to four terms as mayor, the first time in 1928. He has been a justice of the peace over 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Herkenhoff became the parents of four children, two of whom are living. They are Mrs. Frank (Lillian) Sommer, of Celina, and Mrs. C. A. (Beatrice) Boesel, Duluth, Minn. Mrs. A. J. Miller of Richmond Ind. is a sister.

A daughter, Mrs. Theodore (Mabel) Brandts, of Celina, died in Germany where she had gone with her family for a visit, on Aug. 17, 1931. She was buried in that country. A son, Alfred H., of Pittsburgh, Pa., died in 1941. A grandson, Frank Sommer, Jr., died while in service in World War II.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Augustine's church Tuesday morning with the Rev. Howard Schmoeck as celebrant. Burial was made in the church cemetery. Mr. Herkenhoff was a member of the Holy Name society of the church.

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Mr. Herkenhoff was a member of the Holy Name society of the church.

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