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Louis Ley

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Birth: Jun. 15, 1860
 Versailles
 Darke County
 Ohio, USA
Death: Aug. 17, 1930
 Minster
 Auglaize County
 Ohio, USA

Father Joseph
Mother Catherine Frantz
Wife Anna

Family links:

Parents:
 Joseph Emmanuel Ley (1837 - 1912)
 Mary Catherine Frantz Ley (1839 - 1924)

Spouse:
 Anna Mary Lambers Karsen Ley (1862 - 1944)*

Children:
 Rose E Ley Grothjan Jacobs Runkle (1883 - 1962)*
 Pearl Ley Knostman (1886 - 1911)*
 Clarence Joseph Ley (1888 - 1952)*
 Dell Ley Ostendorf (1891 - 1982)*
 Louis Emmanuel Ley (1893 - 1930)*
 Pascelina Ley Fagan (1896 - 1952)*
 Charlotte Elizabeth Ley Price (1899 - 1989)*
 Iona Barbara Ley Meyer (1902 - 1970)*
 Leroy L Ley (1906 - 1970)*

*Calculated relationship

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Former Mayor OF MINSTER DIES AT HIS HOME HERE ON SUNDAY MORNING

Louis Ley, Who Was A Well Known Business Man, Succumbed At 70

Death removed a well known character from the affairs of this locality on Sunday morning at an early hour when Louis Ley succumbed to the golden coil. For perhaps over half a century he had mingled among the people of this city and vicinity and in many of the public and private places he had given some special service. He had a strong individuality and whoever met him once in the circles where his presence was known could not forget his frankness and the positive manner of his conversation.

He came to Minster when he was a young man and he contributed his mental and his physical strength towards some plans that have helped to make this town modern in appearance. Some of his years were spent in construction work and some of his energy that added to the beauty of the town are specimens of his handiwork. During the time of his activity he assisted in building some of the substantial and convenient residences and business places in the town. His life was not spent entirely as a builder but because of his natural genius in this line his services were accepted by trusted men.

Mr. Ley's final illness came as a result of an attack of pneumonia which overcame him during the winter of 1929-30. While still in the throes of hard manual labor he became ill and passed through a harrowing period before experiencing any relief. He showed signs of recuperation during the spring months and was hopeful that health would finally be restored. In the midst of these troubles, however, new complications overtook him when his heart weakened under the strain and he declined surely while the summer aged on.

Death ensued at about three o'clock on Sunday morning and the tidings were spread about the community when people took up

their regular Sabbath day routine. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Anna Lambers and by the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Rose Jacobs, at Dayton; Clarence Ley, at Dayton; Mrs. Odell Ostendorf, at Ft. Jennings; Louis Ley, at Minster; Mrs. Pascelina Fagan, at College Point, Long Island, New York; Mrs. Charlotte Smith, at Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Louis Meyer at Dayton; Larry Ley, at Minster. Other near relatives are John Karsen, at Minster, a step son; Joseph Ley, a brother in California; twenty-four grand children and six great grand children. One daughter, Mrs. Paul Knostman died nineteen years ago.

He was married to Miss Anna Lambers on May 27, 1883.

Mr. Ley was a son of Joseph and Catherine Ley and he was born in the county territory north of Versailles, in Darke county on June 15, 1860. His mother's name was Catherine Frantz and she was a daughter of one of the pioneer French settlers in that section of Ohio. His father was originally from Delphi, Ohio. The elder Leys came to Minster many years ago and their family became prominently identified here as the time passed by. After living here for a period they moved to Kansas and while they were making their home in that state Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ley went there, but they returned to Ohio after a short stay.

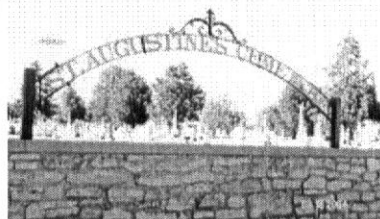
While Mr. Ley engaged himself to some extent in construction work his greatest attention was given to making and selling concrete and his interest was centered largely in this line. He operated over a large territory during the long years of his career. While Mr. Ley was in his younger years he served the village of Minster as its marshal and during the present decade was at the head of the municipal government for a single term. He was elected mayor in the year of 1925.

Mr. Ley was a member of the St. Augustines parish and the funeral was held at the local church on Wednesday morning. He was also identified with the St. Boniface society.

[Minster Post - 8/22/1930]

Added by: [Lucille Francis](#)

Following an illness of several months, Louis Ley, 70, former mayor of Minster, died Sunday at the family residence in that village. Surviving him are the widow and several sons and daughters. Funeral services, in charge of A. H. Albert, New Bremen, were conducted at 9 o'clock yesterday morning from St. Augustine church with Fr. Sixtus Meyer officiating. Burial took place in the church cemetery. [N.B. Sun - 8/21/1930]

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