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**Theodore L Purpus**

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Birth: Nov. 6, 1844  
Death: Sep. 2, 1946

## Family links:

Parents:  
Louis Purpus (1807 - 1892)  
Louise Kohl Purpus (1810 - 1890)

## Spouse:

Antoinette Voeckel Purpus (1848 - 1932)\*

## Children:

Florentine Wilhelmine Purpus (1870 - 1888)\*  
 Louise Eugenie Purpus Gilberg (1873 - 1932)\*  
 Theodore Jacob Alfred Purpus (1876 - 1931)\*  
 Alfred Wilhelm Purpus (1881 - 1941)\*  
 Emma Rosine Purpus (1883 - 1883)\*  
 Adolph Leopold Purpus (1884 - 1977)\*  
 Otto Carl Edmund Purpus (1886 - 1978)\*  
 Leo Edward Washington Purpus (1889 - 1953)\*

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**PURPUS, Theodore L.**  
**5 September 1946**

Lacking two months of having attained his 102 birthday, Auglaize county's oldest resident, Theodore L. Purpus, died at 11:30 o'clock Monday night at his home 16 South Franklin street, New Bremen. He was 101 years nine months and 26 days of age.

Mr. Purpus had been suffering with the infirmities of age but had been no worse than usual until shortly before his passing. He had been in unusually good health for one of his years and until the last few years had been very active, regularly going to his insurance office for a part of every day.

Born in the village of Lautercken in Rhenisch Bavaria on November 6, 1844, as the son of the late Louis and Louise Kohl Purpus, the centenarian had come to the United States in 1866. He came with two brothers, Louis and Edward, and he lived for a short while in New York City before coming to New Bremen.

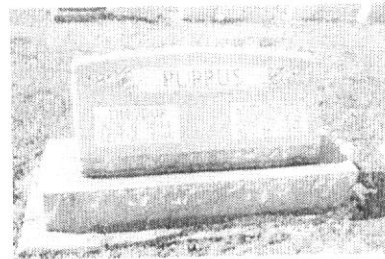
On July 22, 1866, he married Antoinette Voeckel who preceded him in death years ago. To them were born three daughters and five sons. Three sons surviving are Adolph, Indianapolis; Otto, Dayton, and Leo Purpus, New Bremen. In addition to his sons he is survived by eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

The late Mrs. G. A. Gilberg of St. Marys, was a daughter of the deceased.

Mr. Purpus was one of the organizers and until its dissolution was the secretary of the Concordia Building and Savings Association. For 22 years he published and edited the Stern des Westlichen Ohio and for a long term of years he was clerk of the board of education and justice of the peace of German township beside conducting an insurance business.

The funeral services are being conducted, this afternoon at the late residence by Rev. J. C. Melchert, and burial will be in the German Protestant cemetery of which for many years the decedent was the secretary.

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