

ABOUT: ADELAIDE REKERS GRIMME

Born: 2-16-1822, Hanover, Germany (Platulene on way to Osnabruck)

Died: 2-23-1916 at age 94

Cause of death: Senility

Burial: Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN

Married: 8-24-1845 in Hamilton Cty, Cincinnati, Ohio

Children: John C., Gerhard B., Anna Petgen, (Mrs. Frank)

Theresa Francesca Keller, (Mrs. A. J.), Elizabeth Gocke, (Mrs. Louis), Margaret who died at age 14.

Dwellings: Fort Wayne: Dayton, Kentucky: Fort Wayne at 900 South Calhoun and 79 Brackenridge Sts.

Adelaide came to America in 1840 and immediately to Fort Wayne, Indiana. She probably came with her brothers, Gerhard, Bernard, Clem, Mary (Mrs. Martin Nierman). For reasons unknown she later moved to Dayton, Kentucky, where she met and married John Grimme. In 1871 the family moved back to Fort Wayne and John and sons, John and Gerhard established the John H. Grimme Tailoring Co. which later became the Peerless Dry Cleaning Co.

The paper account of her death describes Adelaide as retaining her faculties in her old age. The newspaper article said, " She read the daily newspaper and until her recent sickness sewed many articles which she contributed to the orphan's home." Her brother, Gerhard had established an orphan's home on the northwest corner of Wayne and Webster St. This later became the St. Joseph's Orphanage. Her brothers, Gerhard and Bernard also had a grocery store on Main St. between Calhoun and Clinton in 1857.

There is a photo, which was taken at her home on West Brackenridge, she is with her sister, Mary, who was the mother of 15 children.