

ABOUT:

ANTHONY GOCKE

Born: 11-3-1815

Place: Onsabruck, Germany

Near Paterborn, West Phalia, Germany

Died: 10-24-1997 at age 82 in Fort Wayne, IN

Ancestry: Berman mother and father

Cause of death: Advanced age

Burial: Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN

Immigration: 1850 at age 35

To New Orleans (voyage of 12 weeks)

To Vincennes and then in spring of 1851

To Logansport and then by packet on the Wabash & Erie Canal

Married: 2-3-1856 to Mary Elizabeth Rensman – age 41

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Children: Frank, married to Ellas Finke and lived in Dayton, OH

Anna, married to Gerhard B. Grimme

Louis, married to Elizabeth Grimme

Henry, married to Mary Monock and lived in Denver, CO

August, married to Bertha Metzger

Clara, married to Henry Kramer

n.b. Anna and Louis married brother and sister and Clara married the brother of her sister, Lillian's husband

Dwelling: 47 West Wayne St. (corner of Wayne & Harrison Sts.

162 Griffith St, which later became 1206 South Fairfield

Naturalization: Reported on 10-6-1852

It is believed that Anthony was one of three brothers who came to Fort Wayne in 1850. His brothers, Henry and Francis were older and came before Anthony. Nothing is known of the family in Germany.

A newspaper article described Anthony as a friendly and popular man who had many friends as well as being a noble and generous man. It also stated that he fractured his limb when young and was the immediate cause of his death.

He worked for Gerhard Rekers, who had a general store and was also the brother of his wife. He later worked for Trentman & Sons Grocery at 86 Columbia St. for thirty years.

Pallbearers were listed as Jacob Alter, Michael Gruber, Adam Buchheit, Peter Pierre, Gerhard Rekers and William Brossard. Because his wife died at the age of 51 and there were small children at home, Mrs. Krock was hired to help the oldest daughter, Anna, take care of the home responsibilities. When Anna married Gerhard Grimme, he came to live in the Gocke home. After Anna and Gerhard purchased their own home on Fairfield Avenue, Anthony came to live with them and remained in their home until his death.
