

ABOUT:

GERHARD BERNARD GRIMME

Born: 3-12-1858

Place: Campbell County, Dayton, Kentucky

Died: 8-17-1949 – age 91

Ancestry: German father and mother

Cause of death: Advanced age

Burial: Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN

Married: 5-30-1892 to Anna Gocke at age 26

Children: Adelaide, married to Frank Becker

Lillian, married to Charles Kramer

Henrietta, married to John McArdle

Irene, married to William Harber

Hortense, married to Clarence Mauch

**Dwellings: 114 S. Calhoun St., corner Wayne and Harrison,
1206 Fairfield Ave., 2118 South Webster,
2322 S. Clinton St.**

**Description: Height: 6', Weight: 170, blue eyes, brown hair,
Fair skinned, mustache**

Personality: Hard working, frugal, stern, loved Cincinnati Red's baseball team, a daily walker. He spoke both German & English.

Gerhard was the second son of five children born to John H. and Adelaide Rekers Grimme. He was raised and educated in Dayton, Kentucky and moved to Fort Wayne, IN in 1871 at age 15. His father opened a tailoring establishment in the Louis B. Mohr Bldg. in the 100 block of West Wayne St., which later moved to 114 So. Calhoun and the 900 block of So. Calhoun. Gerhard, called Jerry, joined his father and brother, John, in the tailoring business which was known as the John H. Grimme & Sons Tailoring Co. The business moved to 2110 So. Calhoun St. which later became the Peerless Dry Cleaning. Co.

He was a member of the Aqueduct Club and his name is incised on the statue at Main & Rockhill Sts. The club met regularly even when the members were in their 80's and 90's.