

JOSEPH HAUSMANN OBITUARY

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Joseph Hausmann, president of the Hausmann Brewing Co., of Madison and one of the oldest brewers in the state, died at his home in the Capital City on November 9th after a lingering illness. Mr. Hausmann was born in Baden, Germany in 1828. He served in the German Army in the revolution of 1848-9 and received a saber wound in one cheek, the mark of which he carried through life. In 1852 he came to America and after residing at Freeport, Illinois and Milwaukee, he went to Portage where he married Miss Sarah Blass, a sister of John Blass of Mauston. Soon after his said marriage he came to this city and started a brewery on the present site of the Bierbauer plant. He dug the cellar himself with the assistance of John Siebold of Camp Douglas. After the brewery was up Mrs. Hausmann turned the crank of the little malt mill while her husband looked after the feeding. The water for brewing purposes was carried on Mr. Hausmann's back from a creek some distance off. There was hard work in New Lisbon. In 1859 he sold his property here and went to Iowa, bought land, quarried stone and was about to have a business place erected when he was advised to go to Madison and take charge of the Sprecher brewery property, now owned by the Fauerbach Brewing company.

Mr. Hausmann looked about and found Mathias Breckheimer, foreman of the Rodermund brewery, at the outlet of Lake Mendota and entered into partnership with him. In a day or two the Sprecher brewery was rented from the widow. Business went on nicely and both prospered. In 1864 the partnership was dissolved by mutual consent and Mr. Hausmann purchased the brewery established some years prior to that time by Edward Voight. This business was conducted by him for many years. The name was finally changed to the Hausmann Brewing Company (father and sons William P., Carl J., and Otto S.). But the Voight brewery was a small affair in comparison with the present establishment which fills almost an entire block.

Mr. Hausmann was married twice. From the first union six children were born, four sons and two daughters, Albertina, wife of Col. Adolph Wagner; William, Carl, and Otto, are now living.

Mr. Hausmann married Miss Paulina Roesch in 1881 and to them were born three sons, Adolph, August and Frank.