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Birth: Oct. 28, 1824
Death: Apr. 19, 1912

Family links:

Spouses:
Gersine Catherine *Johanes* Speckmann (1830 - 1862)*

Katherina Elizabeth *Polsdorfer* Speckmann (1832 - 1910)*

Children:

- Herman Heinrich Speckmann (1847 - 1848)*
- Louis Speckman (1850 - 1873)*
- Federick August Speckmann (1851 - 1852)*
- Fred Bernard Speckmann (1853 - 1917)*
- Sophie Marie Georgine *Speckmann* Witte (1855 - 1879)*
- Sophia Georgine Wilhelmine Speckmann (1858 - 1858)*
- Herman Heinrich Speckmann (1859 - 1859)*
- Heinrich Christian Speckmann (1861 - 1861)*
- Ferdinand Friedrich Speckmann (1862 - 1862)*
- John H Speckman (1867 - 1939)*
- Alvina *Speckman* Reiher (1872 - 1941)*

*Calculated relationship

Note: Geboren in Meekel dei barnstorf, Hanover

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Arriving at the venerable old age of 87 years, 5 months and 22 days, Fred Speckman, Sr., probably the oldest member of New Bremen passed away at the home of his eldest son, Fred, on the corner of Front and Washington streets Friday afternoon, April 19th at 8 o'clock. Afflictions incident to old age together with a general breakdown of health are reported as causes of his death.

Friedrich Herman Speckmann was born on the 28th day of October, 1824 at Meckel, Province of Hanover, Germany. At the age of 17, the deceased emigrated to America, arriving at first at Cincinnati, where he acquired the cooper's trade. Seven years after his arrival at the Queen City, having been able to completely manage the details of the cooper's trade, he set out for New Bremen by way of the canal and in the year 1851 united in partnership with the deceased F. H. L. Nieter conducting the same business successfully for the following eleven years. In the year 1860 Mr. Speckman with the above named colleague started in a grocery and hardware business having in connection therewith a saloon. The net earnings of these three undertakings

infused an excellent annual income so that after the lapse of a few more years they branched out into the grain-buying and pork-packing business. At this time the firm name of Speckmann & Nieter was one well established throughout this entire community. In later years the eldest son of the deceased with another partner took active charge of the business, then under the name of Speckman (sic) & Co. Since 1891 the subject of these lines had retired from business, and since the death of his second wife he has made his permanent home with his son Fred not farly where he received the best of care until the end.

The deceased was married twice, his first marriage occurring on September 22nd, 1846, at Cincinnati with Catherine Johansen, nine children were born to this union and only one survives, namely Fred. On May 10th, 1862, that union was separated through the death of his wife and in 1865 he was again reunited in marriage with Elizabeth Brockman, nee Polsdorfer and three children were the fruits of this union of which two, John of here and Mrs. Fred Reiher of St. Marys survive. His second wife also preceded him in death on August 26, 1910.

Besides the above named children, the deceased also survived by one step-daughter, Mrs. Henry Janger of Dayton, 21 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren together with many other distant relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in St. Pauls church, Rev. Heusinger speaking the last rites. Interment at the Willow Grove Cemetery.

(N.B. Sun - 4/26/1912)

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