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Giese, William P.

William P. Giese was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1850. He came to Elmhurst as a blacksmith in 1871, a young man of twenty-one. When he came to Elmhurst, he started to work for Mr. Weinrebe, a blacksmith on York Street near First Street. After the death of Mr. Reinrebe, he went into business for himself, building the shop on the corner of York and Schiller Street in 1879 where it is still located. He retired in 1895 for about seven years when Fred Golterman took over the business from 1895-1901. William Giese again went into business in the year 1901-1907 when he passed away. Otto Giese, son of William, was in business in the same building from 1912 to 1916. Charles Johnson has now occupied the building since 1923.