

Mahler, Fred H.

Fred H. Mahler & Family

Fred H. Mahler came to America from Hanover, Germany in the year of 1882. He came with his parents Mr. & Mrs. Herman Mahler and his two brothers, Richard and Henry, and one sister, Anna. They settled in Hinsdale, Illinois. His parents were residents of Hinsdale for 44 years his father dying at the age of 84 years and his mother died at the age of 92 years. Fred H. Mahler worked for Mr. J. Papenhausen as a tailor for 7 years.

In 1888 he was married by the Rev. August Berens then pastor of St. Peter's Church to Caroline Boergerhoff, who was born on a farm on Lake Street near Wolf Road directly opposite the Round House of the Proviso Yards. This land where the Proviso yards now are was part of the land belonging to her parents who came to America in 1838.

In the year of 1893 Mr. Mahler came to Elmhurst with his wife and two children, Frieda and William. He started a tailor shop in the old Bauer building at 117 North York Street. In 1897 he built a store building at 119 East first Street and moved his business to this location. In 1901 he bought fifty feet of land from Mrs. Georgia Bates (widow of Gerry Bates) and at the corner of Adell Place and West Park Avenue opposite the Northwestern depot. He built a brick building and called it the "Mahler Block" in 1902 where he has lived up to the present time.

During his tailoring business he made suits for many old Elmhurst settlers such as Thomas Page Bryan, the Ambassadors, Thomas B. Bryan, the Wilder's, King's, Bentleys, Emery's, Rockwood's, Sturges, Adam & Henry Glos, Bates and etc. Mr. Mahler was a trustee and treasurer of the Village at different years. Mrs. Mahler died May 3rd, 1927

His son Wm. H. Mahler, started his work in the drug store in 1906. In the year 1919 Mr. Mahler bought out the A. M. Denig Drug Store which was in bygone years the old Dr. Bates Drug Store, and at the present time the store is still serving the Elmhurst community with most of the prescriptions.

In 1913 Mr. Mahler united in marriage with Miss Katherine Kolp of Mt. Olive, Illinois and of this union 3 children were born, Virginia, Edith and Arthur Mahler.

The family home is at 265 Michigan St.