

This week's article feature story is on Otto Theodore Rimpler. A family with a long history in the Princeton area, Otto Rimpler was born July 15, 1882. He lived to an age of 59 passing away on November 2, 1941. Otto was the son of Anton Rimpler (1845 – 1907) and Auguste *Raasch* Rimpler (1848 – 1935). The family has a long standing presence in Princeton as the downtown building at 545 W. Water Street was built by his father, Anton Rimpler in 1891. The family name is engraved in the stone near the roofline of the building.

Records indicate that Otto Rimpler's wife was Hedwig *Krueger* Rimpler who was born in 1885 and lived until 1947. They had one child Elmer G. Rimpler who was born in 1916 and passed away in 1968. Siblings of Otto T. Rimpler included, Ida M Rimpler (1870-1880), Albert H. Rimpler (1872-1947), and Lina A. Rimpler (1877-1881).

Otto T. Rimpler enlisted in the Second Infantry of the Wisconsin National Guard Company "D" in April 1917. When the United States declared war on Germany on April 11, 1917, the Wisconsin Adjutant General ordered the Milwaukee Troops to add more squadrons, being Troop "C" and Troop "D" as the National Guard Troops "A" and "B" had been mustered out for Federal Service the prior year. At the age of 36, Otto was assisting an area farmer, Frank Pavelski, but joined the Wisconsin National Guard. Private Rimpler served from 4/9/1917 to 8/8/1917. Upon Otto's death, a marble headstone was shipped to Princeton's Undertaker, G.G. Krueger, via the Railroad from the Military Veterans Services.



Princeton had always been known as a sports minded community, however there really weren't a lot of records kept back in the day. It was said that baseball was played in the community as early as the late 1800's. A team picture of the Princeton Blues from 1908 shows the team with Otto Rimpler being one of the team members. (Otto is indicated to be in the middle row – third person from the left)



(Baseball picture compliments of the Quas Qui Centennial 125 Anniversary Book)



Present day, the Anton (father of Otto) Rimpler building at 545 W. Water Street, Princeton

The purposes of these articles are to preserve the history of the people of Princeton, so any information the reader may have would be greatly appreciated. Information on this and other stories is through a collection of Ancestry records along historical records & pictures found. Some of the types of information that we are looking for may include a personal story of someone buried in the Cemetery or a picture of the person, also newspaper articles, obituaries, wedding pictures, military information, or if the person owned a business any information about the business that person owned, and where the person lived. If anyone who like to share their information you can contact City Hall by phone 920-295-6612, by mail PO Box 53, by email [mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com](mailto:mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com) or [cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com](mailto:cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com) or dropped off at City Hall which is located at 531 S Fulton Street in Princeton.

The Band Mother's Cook Books are still available and can be purchased either at the Berlin Journal Newspapers in Berlin, WI or at City Hall in Princeton.

The 2018 Cemetery Walk will be on August 25<sup>th</sup>, so save the date.

The City of Princeton will celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023. The 1973 Quas Qui Centennial Book will be reprinted because the companion book that will cover the history of Princeton from 1973-2023 and will be published sometime in 2022. So in anyone does not have and would want the reprinted 1973 Quas Qui Centennial Book, continue to watch these articles when it is available for sale.