

## Princeton's Scenes from the Past

The first two Historic articles published on 2/9/2017 and 2/23/2017 featured the Megow Building, which was torn down and now is Megow Park on Water Street. There was another building located at the Megow Park site, being 539 W Water Street, at one time it was a restaurant and Land Agent, but it was also a jewelry store that was owned by Hugo Stern. Hugo Stern, who was known as Rusty, was the town jeweler for 30 years. He attended the Watchmakers school in Milwaukee, and was an apprentice jeweler for Lee Whittemore of Princeton. Hugo bought the property at 539 W Water Street in 1925 from Mrs. Linda Worm, and he sold the business about 1950. Hugo was married to Adeline Stern, who was the daughter of Henry Zimmerman. Hugo was a Private in the Gas Defense Division CWS in WWI. Hugo and Adeline had two children, Marion Florence *Stern* Baker, and Lyle Baker. Hugo was born in 1892 and died in 1962-he had a sudden heart attack at his home on Howard Street in Princeton. Hugo's wife Adeline was born in 1898 and died in 1985.

Fredrick Stern Jr., was born in 1857 and died in 1923. He married Minnie L. B. Zimmerman, and they had three children Arthur, Elsie *Stern* Wallace and Hugo Stern. He was a lifelong resident of Princeton and died at his home on Water Street in Princeton. He worked for 20 years as a painter in the wagon shops of August Swanke. He later worked for the Electric Light Department for 20 years.

Fredrick Stern Sr., died in 1871, after an accident. He was moving shingles along the roof at the Catholic Church and fell off backwards. He was 49 years old. He was born in 1823 and died in 1871. He was married to Caroline Wilhelmine Lange, she was born in 1827 and died in 1921. They had six children, Pauline, Fredrick Jr., Hulda, Ida, Emma, and Alvina.

The Stern Family Members that are buried in the City Cemetery include: Adeline M. Stern, Alvina Stern-who was 13 when she died, Caroline Stern, Fredrick Stern Sr., Fredrick Stern Jr., Hugo H Stern, and Minnie L. B. *Zimmerman* Stern.

Anyone with any information on the Stern Family or the building at 539 W Water Street please contact City Hall in Princeton at 920-295-6612, stop at City Hall located at 531 S Fulton Street or via email [cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com](mailto:cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com) or [mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com](mailto:mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com). All information will be saved and put in the binders at City Hall for historic preservation.

All the information about the Stern Family has come from John and Debbie Baker who live in Florida. Hugo and Adeline Stern are John Baker's Maternal Grandparents. John and Debbie Baker have researched many people in the City of Princeton Cemetery, and have emailed a lot of information about the people to the City.

Just a reminder to keep the date of August 26, 2017-for the Guided Cemetery Walking Tour.

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Hugo "Rusty" and Adeline Stern



Hugo "Rusty" Stern the town Jeweler



Fred Stern  
circa 1890

Fred Stern Jr, born in 1857 and father of Arthur, Elsie Stern

Wallace and Hugo Stern.



Adeline Asenbauer - December 25, 1918

Adeline Stern born in 1898.