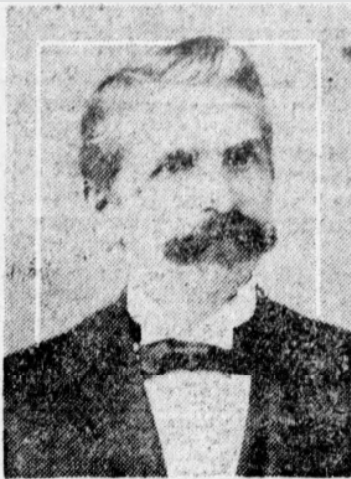


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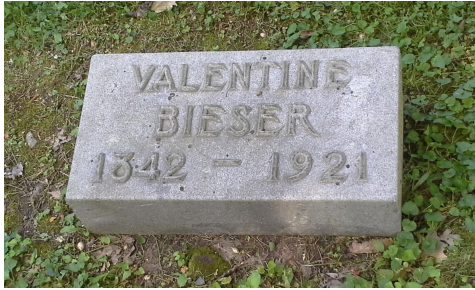
VALENTINE BIESER

On Monday, March 2, 1891, the friends of Valentine Bieser threw him a 49th birthday party at his home at 37 Walnut Street in Dayton. "It was a gala night" wrote the Dayton Herald and party-goers spent the evening enjoying a meal and playing parlor games including progressive euchre which was the "leading entertainment." Later in November 1891, "the Jolly Eighteen" met at the Bieser home for another evening of refreshments, music and dancing. Some of those eighteen members included Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Williams, Mr. William Kramer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schenk, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weis, Mr. Joseph Schenk and of course Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Bieser.

In 1901, Mr. Bieser, a barber with a shop on North Jefferson Street, made a trip to Cincinnati where he attended the 21st annual reunion of the 106th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (O.V.I.). Valentine had served four years in the Civil War. He didn't travel alone as he took his two daughters with him on the trip, Miss Emma M. and Miss Lillian I. Bieser.

From the two brief articles written in the Dayton Herald, ten years apart, we get a glimpse into the life of Valentine Bieser. We have learned where he lived, his occupation, where his business was located, the names of his daughters, the names of his friends, the entertainments he and they took part in, and that he was a Civil War veteran. To some this may seem mundane but for many this glimpse into life as it was in the late 19th/early 20th century is a precious moment in time.

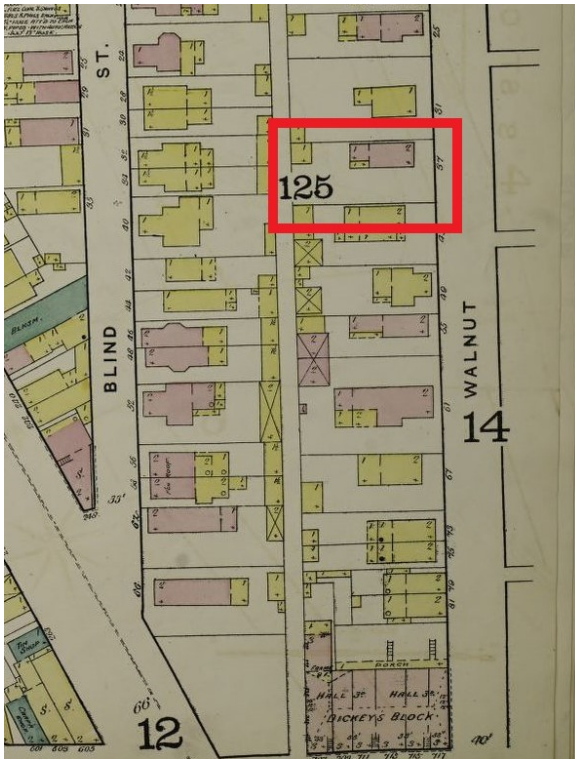
We now fast forward twenty years to 1921 and learn that the headlines are sadder in nature. "Civil War Veteran Removed By Death" is the headline for the story of our Valentine from the September 13th issue of the Dayton Herald. Valentine Bieser died at the age of 79 at his residence at 415 South Jackson Street from heart trouble. The article goes on to state that he served with the 106th O.V.I. and that he was a barber for 44 years at the same North Jefferson Street location. He had retired eleven years before in 1910. Mr. Bieser was survived by his wife Elizabeth and their three daughters, Emma, Lillian and Mrs. Elinor Prinz as well as three grandchildren.



Valentine Bieser died on September 13, 1921. He was laid to rest on September 16, 1921 in Section 120 Lot 234.

Valentine would be joined by his wife not long after his own death as she died on December 18th at the age of 74. She was laid to rest on December 21st next to her husband.

May they both rest in peace.



LEFT: Walnut Street is between East 4th and East 5th Street. There is no longer a 37 Walnut Street. Across the street at 50 Walnut is the current location of the Greater Dayton USBC Bowling Headquarters. Map Source: 1887 Sanborn Fire Map

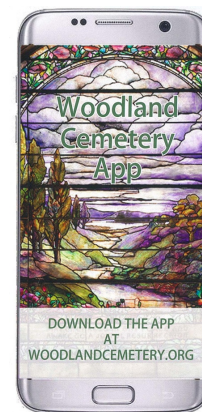


ABOVE: The green house on the right is 413 South Jackson Street. 415 South Jackson Street is now part of US Route 35. Photo: Google Maps June 2019

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