

## **Wilhelm Gottsacker obituary, The National Demokrat, Sheboygan, WI**

*[From the National Demokrat, August 10, 1898. The original obituary was in German. This was written by Wilhelm's son, Frank Gottsacker Sr., owner and editor of the National Demokrat.*

*--Jerry Gottsacker]*

Shortly after 10 AM Sunday morning Mr. Wilhelm Gottsacker, the father of the editor of the Demokrat, died in St. Nicolaus Hospital after heavy abdominal pain. He was taken to St. Nicolaus Hospital on Sunday morning where doctors had wanted to perform a necessary surgery. But before they could start the surgery, he died. Mr. Gottsacker, who was one of the elders of the city, was in his 75<sup>th</sup> year of his life. He was born on October 31, 1823 in Mayschoss, Koblenz county, Germany and married Maria Anna Hoemig in August of 1850.

Three years later, he came to America, directly to Two Rivers, Manitowoc Country, where he worked in his occupation as a shoemaker. In the year 1855, he sent for his wife and son Frank, still in Germany. The family lived in Two Rivers until 1860, and then moved to Sheboygan where the deceased worked in his occupation for 30 years. He retired in 1891.

On January 14, 1896 his wife Anna died. Three children survive the parents, while two other children have previously passed away. Those still living are Frank Gottsacker, the writer of this obituary, Amalia Bartzen and Clara Hildebrand as well as 17 grandchildren. The church ceremony will be at Holy Name Church this morning at 9:00. Burial will follow the ceremony at the Catholic cemetery on the north side. The members of the St. Boniface Society, of which he was a member, will be present at the funeral.