

**EARLY SETTLERS INFLUENTIAL IN THE SETTLEMENT AND GROWTH OF NEW
BADEN**

Anton Griesbaum: Came from Germany in 1846 at the age of 19. Wife, Elizabeth Yost. He was a farmer and laid out the Anton Griesbaum Addition in 1899.

William Griesbaum: Came from Germany in 1852. Wife, Louisa Winkler. Farmer, Businessman. Laid out the William Griesbaum Addition in 1890.

Valentine Heinzmann: Settled in 1852, from Baden, Germany. Wife, Caroline Carl. Served as Postmaster and Township Treasurer, operated a saloon, served as Street Commissioner of the Village, Village President, and Village Treasurer.

Bernard Singler: Came from Baden, Germany in 1853. Wife, Barbara Morlock. He was a farmer and Highway Commissioner.

Rudolph Hertenstein, Sr.: Born in Baden, Germany in 1850. Emigrated to New Baden in 1854. Wife, Ida Monken. He worked as a farm hand until 1872, when he started a peddler business. In a short time he opened a store.

John Weber: Born in Clinton County, Illinois in 1855. Wife, Lizzie Koob. He was a school teacher in the first school house. He was the first Village Clerk and wrote the first Village Ordinances. He procured the Village Seal and Village Law at the time of incorporation.

Conrad Woerner: Came from Baden, Germany in 1855. Wife, Barbara Ganz. Mr. Woerner operated a wagon shop. His was the first interment in the Catholic Cemetery.

Adolph Harpstreith: Came in 1855 from Germany. Wife, Ida Hartwig. He was a farmer and Justice of the Peace.

Christian Schumacher: Came from Germany in 1867. Wife, Louisa Wittmer. Established a general store in New Baden in the late 1860's. The building in which he had his business and living quarters still stands and has always been a general merchandise store.

John Monken: Came to New Baden from Columbia, Illinois in 1869. Mr. Monken was a teacher.

Henry Hummel: Came from Baden, Germany in 1872. Wife, Caroline Griesbaum. Mr. Hummel operated a saloon, a general store, a bowling alley, and a dance hall in the establishment he built in 1880. The building and its contents were completely destroyed by fire in 1885. It was rebuilt a year later. The building has also housed the post office and bank in time past and was owned by the Hummel family for 75 years. This building is still standing.

William Probst: Came from Green County, Wisconsin and settled in 1875. Wife, Sophia Meyer. He was a farmer and stock raiser.

William E. Kruger: Came from Holstein, Germany in 1878. Dr. Kruger was a physician and surgeon. He also operated a drug store.