

**MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM TATGENHORST
MARRIED FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS**

William Tatgenhorst, one of the subjects of this sketch, was born in the Grand Duchey of Olddenbur, Germany, in 1835, and is, therefore, at this time eighty years of age. He came to this country in 1854 and after a year spent in New York city, removed to Port Byron in 1855. He was then a boy of twenty years with his way to make in the world. He entered the employ of Vanderbush & Smith, the latter of whom was Thomas Smith, who built the mansion on North Main street recently purchased by Newkirk & Miller. The firm conducted a lumber business, the

grocery store in the building now occupied by E. D. Clapp. Honest in his dealings, courteous to his patrons, Mr. Tatgenhorst soon gained a competency, retiring from active business in 1878.

In 1875 Mr. Tatgenhorst built the fine brick block on the east side of Main street, which was burned on Christmas night one year ago.

Although 80 years of age Mr. Tatgenhorst is still interested in the welfare of the town and its people.

Mrs. Matilda Romer Tatgenhorst, Mr. Tatgenhorst's most estimable wife, was born in Holland, and came



FOUR GENERATIONS IN TATGENHORST FAMILY

yards of which were located on Utica street, on the site now occupied by the homes of S. K. Hitchcock and Delancey Caldwell. The burning of the buildings and stock of the firm in 1858 threw Mr. Tatgenhorst out of employment for a short time, but he soon engaged to work for John C. Foster, who had started a lumber business on the site now occupied by the Port Byron Butter Factory. In 1862 Mr. Tatgenhorst entered the employment of John T. Smith, the then merchant prince of Port Byron, with whom he remained until 1870, when he started in business for himself, opening a

to Port Byron in 1848, when she was but 8 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Tatgenhorst were married in this village on January 25, 1857. The fruit of their union was five children, three of whom are living. They are, Mrs. Jacob Fickeisen of Port Byron, Charles of Ohio, and Will. They have also the distinction of being the leading members of four generations as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Tatgenhorst, Mrs. Jacob Fickeisen, George Fickeisen and his son Welton Fickeisen. Mr. and Mrs. Tatgenhorst are loved and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance