



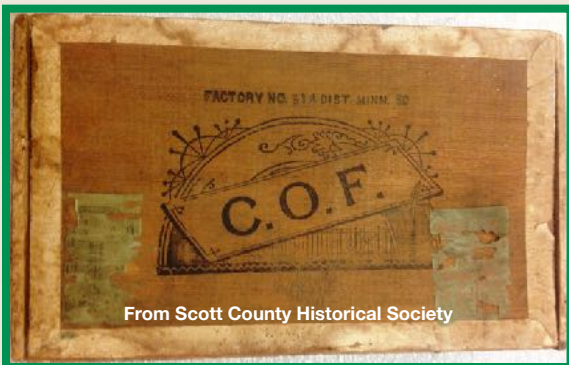
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management of the business brought a fair measure of reward.

Henry Scherer, who was recovering from a near fatal knee injury, worked at George Henry Vierling's cigar store in 1879.

John Velz and Joseph Collier served as apprenticeships at the cigar making trade, though they did not follow the business. Henry George Vierling's two sons, John and George Vierling, continued to manufacturing the C.O.F. and White Lily cigars, according to **Scott County Argus**, October 7, 1897.

When John Vierling died, the old shop was abandoned as a cigar factory, but the house portion continued to be used as a residence. In February of 1935, the



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house and business were torn down, destroying the landmark, according to the **Shakopee Argus Tribune**, February 21, 1935.

Anna Mary Frieze Vierling died on March 1, 1896 in Eagle Creek Township, and was buried at St. Mark's Cemetery, now the Catholic Cemetery on 10th Avenue.

George Henry Vierling died on January 21, 1901 at the age of 79 years, just short of his 80th birthday. His funeral took place in St. Mark's Church in Shakopee, and was buried in the Shakopee's Catholic Cemetery.



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George Henry Vierling 1821-1901



The George Henry Vierling Cigar Factory, on the back of his house across from St. Mary's Catholic School in Shakopee.

Front: Charles Brandon, Henry Vierling, Susan Vierling Mayer, Ann Brandon, John A. Vierling, Louisa Vierling Mayer, George Vierling.

Back: Unknown Driver, George Brandon, John G. Vierling, Gilbert, Albert, and Marcella Vierling.



George Henry Vierling was born on January 28, 1821 in Großwallstadt, Miltenberg, Bayern, Germany. His parents were Heinrich Henry Vierling and Johanna Ulrich Vierling (1791-1847.). George Henry's grandparents were Gottfreid Vierling (1746-1819) and Maria Gerthrudis Zahn Vierling (1759-1814); and Andreaus and Magdalene Ulrich.

When George Henry Vierling was 29 years old he emigrated to America, and settled in Boston, Massachusetts in 1851. According to Joan Schaefer, he came here with his brothers, Michael and Frank, and sister Barbara. George Henry Vierling (called Henry) married Anna Mary Frieze in Boston on November 9, 1852. Anna Mary Frieze was born on November 5, 1835 in Hofstetten, Eichstatt, Bayern, Germany.

In fact, over several years, starting at the arrive in Baltimore in August 15, 1833, people from Großwallstadt moved to America, becoming settlers-colonists, to Boston and later to Eagle Creek and Shakopee, Minnesota. Among those on the passenger lists include Fleickenstein, Geis, Gigerich, Rein, Rippberger,

Spielman, and Vierling, according to **Großwallstadt (Grosswallstadt) Immigration** by William C. Scherer in 2022.

George Henry Vierling and Anna Mary Frieze Vierling soon had their first daughter, Mary Vierling in Boston. George Henry, who was a musician, moved to Annapolis, Maryland 7 months after the wedding, where he enlisted in the Navy as a musician, according to an article by Lucille B. Hummell. He played the violin and several brass instruments, according to Joan Schaefer at ancestry.com on May 18, 2001. Though the normal term of enlistment was three years, George Henry Vierling was discharged after one year because of his poor health.

In 1854, George Henry Vierling, Anna Mary Frieze Vierling, and their child, Mary, moved to Eagle Creek Township, now part of Shakopee, Minnesota. After 9 years, they moved to Shakopee in 1862. They built a home in on Third Street, just east of St. Mark's school. They had 12 children.

According to Lucille B. Hummell, "Henry was a natural born musician and had an intense love for music, placing it next to his love for his church (Catholic) and his wife. He was a skillful player if the violin (since he

was 12 years old) as well as several brass instruments. The well-known Vierling Band played his own compositions for arrangements of other compositions. For nearly a half of century, Henry entertained with his violin."

Several years later, George Henry Vierling added the Vierling Cigar Shop in the rear of the home. It was also a shoe shop for a short time. Louis Winters, a cigar maker, helped set up the cigar business with Henry.

One of the most famous brands was the "Diamond-S" cigars. The cigars were advertised by a bit of home scenery, christened after a famous home brand of flour, and appreciated in Shakopee. The Vierling cigars were of such a uniformly good quality that they advertise themselves, and the factory had a flourishing trade not only in Shakopee, but in neighboring towns and in the Twin Cities.

George Henry Vierling used the best fillers in the different grades, and returned to the factory all trimmings and other waste rather than use them to his profit and to the deterioration of his goods. According to an article in the **Scott County Argus**, careful buying of stock, having workmen who were expert in the goods, and skilled