

70 Jähriges Ehejubiläum

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Area Couple Celebrates 70th Anniversary Today

LAFAYETTE — "Hard work and consideration for others" has been the motto of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cochensparger, Rt. 1, Lafayette, who are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary today.

The Cochenspargers were married in the home of the bride's parents Sept. 9, 1888. Mrs. Cochensparger is the former Mary Lentz.

Mrs. Cochensparger was born April 9, 1868, and moved to Allen County with her family when she was four years old. Her husband was born on the farm on which they now live July 3, 1866, and, except for two years, has spent his life there.

Charley Cochensparger is a retired farmer and insurance agent. He is a former township trustee and director of Harrod State Bank. For seven years he was a member of the Allen County Board of Health. He was treasurer of the Maysville Methodist Church for 35 years.

Cochensparger is also a member of Sager Lodge, F and AM, Lafayette, where he has attended for 49 years.



Mr. And Mrs. C. A. Cochensparger

Charter Member

Mrs. Cochensparger is a member of the Maysville Methodist WCC and an inactive charter member of the Maysville Country Club, a club for farm women.

The couple have two sons: Bill, Curtis lives at Hialeah, Fla., and Russell lives next to his parents. A daughter, Mrs. Jennie Gail Powell, is deceased. They have four grandsons and five great grandchildren.

The Cochenspargers grew up across the road from each other. Charley Cochensparger's father cleared the land where they live out of the wilderness and built a log cabin, which Charley tore down when he built the present family home in 1876. The home was remodeled in 1916.

The Cochenspargers remember well the old mud roads to Lima and the old one room schools they attended. Charley attended

the Ridge School and his wife the Heiler School. They recalled walking the one and a half miles to school in the cold winters. Mrs. Cochensparger remembered that her father would hitch up the team to a sled and take them when the snow became too deep to walk in.

Busy Mother

"I kept our mothers busy each day preparing and packing our lunches for the next day. I was one of eight children and we took our lunch in a basket," Mrs. Cochensparger remarked. School convened at 9 a.m. and dismissed at 4 p.m. in those days.

Charley Cochensparger recalled, "We used to lock the teacher out of the school room whenever a holiday was near and wouldn't let him back in until he promised

to treat all the kids. The teachers looked forward to it and were disappointed if we didn't do it."

Cochensparger, 92, has kept up to date on current events and believes man will one day conquer space. "People said radios were impossible and also television but they are common appliances now," he said.

Both of the Cochenspargers are active for their age. Mrs. Cochensparger still gathers the eggs occasionally and her husband has a good-sized garden this year. They read a lot and enjoy listening to the radio and watching television.

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[Charles Anderson Cochensparger](#) (1866 - 1960) und seine Ehefrau Mary Iona Lentz 1866
 "Charley" ist Angehöriger des [Zweiges des Georg I Kochersperger](#)

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