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(Deceased)

Ferd Loewenberg was born 82 years ago in Posen, Germany and came to the United States about 55 years ago, settling in Evansville, Indiana and two years later coming to Memphis, where he lived until the time of his death. He received his early education in Vienna, Austria.

When he arrived in Memphis he entered the dry goods business on Mississippi Avenue, under the firm name of F. Loewenberg & Co. In the year 1885 he married Johanna Selka Loewenberg, daughter of Herman and Alwina Selka, who lived in Memphis for the last fifty years of his life. They had six children of which four are living, Herman, deceased, who married Fanny Kuhn and has two children, Helen, the older and Maurice, who is himself married; Maurice, deceased; Ignatz, who married Theresa Hausman, lives in Shreveport, La., and has two children, Morris, age 16, and Dorothy, age 13; Alwina, who married Sam Powell and has a daughter, Sylvia, and who live in St. Louis, formerly of Memphis, Lottie, who is the wife of Ira J. Lichterman and has two sons, Martin, 14, and Herbert, 12. and William A., who married Ruth Friedman of Washington, D. C.

In 1887, Mr. Loewenberg went into the leather, shoe findings and notions business, the starting of the present Southern Leather Co.

About ten years before his death, he retired from active business.

He was a member of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue and a past president of that organization, Beth El Emeth, Children of Israel and B'nai B'rith.