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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Subject: **A news item about William Helling and Mary Naediger-Helling in your tree**  Hello,  I have come across an article in the Woodstock Sentinel Review concerning a tragic death of an infant son of a William Helling in 1879, Stratford, Perth Co. Ontario.  I'm not related, but sometimes will try to attach news items to researchers instead of just passing them by. I have saved the image in case you would like it. I think this is your family:  "July 4, 1879  Mr. William Helling resides near the German church, Stratford. His premises are infested with rats; so he procured some poison and spread it on a slice of bread and placed the bait under the garden sidewalk. On Monday afternoon of last week his infant son, scarcely two years old, toddled into the garden, and seeing the bread between the crevices in the sidewalk, managed to get the poisoned stuff out. He sat down and had eaten nearly the whole of it when he was discovered and the alarm given. The child died."  The 1871 census for Stratford, Perth North has a family headed by William Helling, wife Mary, two daughters aged 8 and 7 and a John Naediger, presumeably Mary's father. They were all b. Germany, and William was a Glove Maker and John N. was a Shoemaker. This is especially tragic, especially because leather workers were so careful with the toxic chemicals used in their work.  Lisa Rance | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [Reply online](http://community.ancestry.com/messages/view.aspx?id=41075166&expandall=0) | [Go to Message](http://community.ancestry.com/messages/view.aspx?id=41075166&expandall=0) | | | |