

Max GOLDSCHMIDT

12 Jul 1873 – 18 Oct 1893



**Max Goldschmidt's broken gravestone in the Stolzenau Cemetery
Grabbed frames from a video clip taken in 1996**

Leo Goldschmidt's brother, **Max Goldschmidt**, was born on 12 Jul 1873 in Stolzenau. He was just 20 years old when, due to illness, he died on 18 Oct 1873. He was buried in the Stolzenau cemetery. When I saw the gravestone in 1996 it was broken and lying on the ground.

According to one document, the illness that killed Max was "La Grippe" (influenza). It is possible that influenza turned into pneumonia, and if that happened in the 19th century, death was often the outcome. In 1893, doctors would not have been able to diagnose pneumonia using X-rays, because that technology had not been invented (the first use of X-rays in a hospital was in 1896). Furthermore, even if pneumonia had been diagnosed, there were no effective treatments. In those days, you either survived thanks to your own immune system, or you died.

I believe that when his younger son was born in 1905, Leo Goldschmidt named him Max in honour of his brother who died in 1893.