

Freudenstein Family



The Freudenstein name came to Frankenmuth through Christian Freudenstein. Christian was born on June 6, 1829 in the village of Deute, just south of Kassel in Germany. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Germany in 1843.

Christian married Anna Otto from the neighboring village of Dissem in 1855. They had six children while they lived in Germany (Elizabeth, Conrad, Maria, Jacob, Justus and Maria Elizabeth).

The family emigrated to Frankenmuth in 1867, where Christian ran a butcher shop. After coming to Frankenmuth, Michigan, Christian and Anna had four more children (Johann, Peter, Wilhelm and Elizabeth Margaret). Christian and Anna both died in Frankenmuth and are buried at St. Lorenz Cemetery.

Many descendants of Christian's and Anna's now live across the United States, including the states of Connecticut, California, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Texas.

Elizabeth married Heinrich Busch and had five children, including Carl, Clarence, Lydia and Martha.

Conrad worked for a brewery in Saginaw and married Margaret Jost there. They had four children: John, Herman, Charles and Esther.

John had a son who married Delores Derek in Saginaw, where they raised their two sons.

Herman died as a child.

Charles married Johanna Winterstein and raised two children.

Esther married Edgar Ries and lived in Flint where they raised their two children.

Maria married Johannes Zoellner.

Jacob married Johanna Heine and raised four children: Martha, Agnes, Robert and Helen.

Justus did not marry and died at the age of 37 in 1900.

Maria Elizabeth married William Sowatsky.

Johann died at the age of 15 in 1883.

Peter became a butcher like his father Christian. Peter married Anna Schweiker in 1896. They had three children: Ruth, Herman and William.

Ruth (1897-1992) was office manager at Frankenmuth's Universal Engineering. She lived in Reese and retired in 1966.

Herman married Hulda Hildner in 1920 and moved with their four sons, Frederic, Charles, Robert and John, to Connecticut in 1935.

William was an auto mechanic and had two children. He died in 1981 and is buried in Hale, Michigan.

Wilhelm married Mary Otto.

Elizabeth Margaret married Charles Link, who owned a hardware store in Frankenmuth. Elizabeth and Charles raised four children: Vera, Meta, Wilmar and Mildred.



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