

Eischer Family



The Eischer name came to Frankenmuth through Johann Michael Eischer. Johann Michael was born October 16, 1824 in Franconia, Germany in a small Dorf called Zandt, located near Neundettelsau. The house he was born in was built in 1772 and is still in existence as of this document's date year 2007. A brother of Johann Michael's, named Johann Georg, and his descendants, have lived in this house all these years. Roy Eischer, a great-grandson, and his wife Lois, visited these relatives in June 2005. Rosina Eischer Schwab welcomed them.

Johann Michael's father was Johann Leonhard who died in 1849. A few years after his father's death, in 1852, Johann Michael at age 28 immigrated to Frankenmuth, Michigan. His elder brother Georg remained on the farm in Zandt. Johann Michael became a farmer and on September 12, 1855 he married Anna Margaretha Weiss (born in 1834). Anna Margaretha had immigrated from Ansbach, Germany with her mother, a sister and two brothers.

Johann and Anna's marriage was blessed with eight children:

Johann Adam (July 24, 1861-October 6, 1918)

Johann George (born July 1, 1863)

Johann Martin (February 2, 1865-November 24, 1944)

Anna Sybilla Matzke (born February 15, 1867)

George Michael (born February 4, 1873)

Karoline Henrietta Pickelmann

Elzabeth Marie Gey

George Kaspar

Johann came to Frankenmuth when several changes were being made. The community was under new religious leadership.

Rev. August Craemer, who accompanied the original group of Germans to Frankenmuth, was called to be the director of the Theological Seminary of the Missouri Synod at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Rev. C.A.W. Roebelen came from Liverpool, Ohio, to take up the pastoral duties in Frankenmuth.

The minister in the colony was more than the spiritual advisor. The settlers turned to him in time of trouble. He was called upon to work out differences between neighbors. Church discipline was applied to every situation and the officers of the church were also officers of trust in public life.

The Germans in Frankenmuth formed their own laws and regulations for their community sometime between the years 1850 and 1852. They called it "an agreement between neighbors" pointing out they had no intention of evading the laws of their new country.

Johann began his life in America with the restrictions already clearly outlined. He knew what was expected of everyone to keep order in the settlement.

Johann Michael lived in Frankenmuth for 48 years. He died April 25, 1900 at the age of 76. His wife Anna Margaretha died November 15, 1908 at the age of 74.

Johann Martin Eischer, a son of Johann Martin, was the first village and township employee in 1904. He was Constable until 1937.



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