

Rohn Family



The Rohn name came to this area through Johann George Rohn. Johann George was born March 11, 1860 in Oberstetten, Germany to Johann Adam and Margarethe Caroline nee Zink Rohn. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Bronnholtzheim Bayern, Germany. Sometime in the 1880s, George, his three brothers and his sister Maria, came to the Saginaw Valley. His three brothers settled in the Hemlock area while George and Maria settled in Taymouth Township in Saginaw County. It was not long before he moved to Birch Run Township, just south of Frankenmuth.

George married Margaret Barbara Strecker July 24, 1890 at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Ludwig Fuerbringer. Witnesses to their wedding were Maria and Johannes Bronner, who were married the year before on July 21, 1889. George and Margaret had five children: August J., William G., Anna, Walter George Johannes and Emma Katherine. George and Margaret were members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth. Church records indicate that their children were baptized there. George died May 14, 1910 and Margaret died December 14, 1943. They are buried in the Frankenmuth Township Cemetery.

August, at age 17 and the oldest child, took over as head of the family when his father died. He worked in Saginaw at a cabinet factory to help support the family as well as help with the farming. The family continued to farm during a short period of relocation to Birch Run Township.

Margaret then bought two farms east of Frankenmuth on Bray Road. While August farmed the first farm, his brother William worked the second farm. August never married. He sold his farm and moved to Vassar, where he was employed by Eaton Manufacturing for many years.

August died April 8, 1965, and is buried at Frankenmuth Township Cemetery.

William married Linda Catherine Barbara Honold on June 27, 1925. He farmed all of his life. William and Linda had 7 children, 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church all of their married lives and are buried at St. John's Cemetery in Frankenmuth.

Anna married Otto Honold and they lived in Frankenmuth most of their married lives. They raised three children. Son-in-law Otto worked for Bronner Lumber Company, and daughter Anna worked in the kitchen at Fischer's hotel. They had 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. They were members of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church.

Walter George (Johannes) was engaged to be married when he became ill with pneumonia. He passed away at age 24. He was born March 25, 1899 and died January 17, 1923.

Emma Katherine, born February 16, 1901, died February 26, 1901, due to an intestinal blockage. Both Walter George and Emma are buried in the Frankenmuth Township Cemetery.

George and Margaret Rohn's grandchildren are: Helen Honold married Fred Block; Lorna Honold married Louie Huber; Norman Honold married Doris Taylor; Edwin Rohn drowned at 19; Mildred A. Rohn married Ernest Daenzer; William E. Rohn married Lynda Dean; Irma M. Rohn married Carrol (Bobby) Nuechterlein; Raymond G. Rohn married Katherine Kappel; Marilyn M. Rohn married Raymond Zehnder; and Irene L. Rohn married Raymond Engel.

A great-grandson, James A. Engel, is Chief Operating Officer of the Bavarian Inn Lodge.

