

# Dinse Family



he exact year the Dinse name came to the Frankenmuth area is unknown to the present family. It is believed that Karl Friedrich Wilhelm Dinse (1823- ? ) and his wife Karoline nee Boche, both born, baptized and confirmed in Wriezen, Province Brandenburg,

Karch Prussia, came to Frankenmuth some time in the 1850's.

The family made their home on the banks of the Cass River on what is today known as Tuscola Road. Karl Friedrich was employed as a shoemaker as well as being a farmer.

Karl served in the Civil War (1861-1865) for another person, who at the time offered him \$1,000 for 18 lots of property located in the Bridgeport vicinity. He took the lots and later ended up selling them for \$2.50 a lot.

Karl Friedrich and Karoline had two children. Records are incomplete but a son Albert was a brick maker. The year or cause of Karoline's death is unknown.

Karl then married Augusta Rasch from East Saginaw. The couple had ten children which included: Matthias Michael Friedrich, Barbara Malwine Anna, Heinrich Georg Johann, Julia Maria Margaretha, Karl Georg Christian, Dorothea Katharina Sophia, Heinrich Markus, Emma Augusta, Emil Paul Karl Konrad and Florence Anna Katharina. Emil and Florence both died in infancy.

Heinrich (Henry) Georg Johann (1871-1952), a lifelong Frankenmuth resident and farmer, at the age of 27, married 19 year old Alma Reif in 1900.

However, in 1901, the Cass River took the life of the young bride Alma.

Since 1845, the Cass River, which has been a source of blessing to the Frankenmuth community, has also caused heartbreak and tragedy for thirteen adults, three high school students, and four grade school children, all who were swept to their death.

In 1905, Henry married Anna Weiss (1876-1942). Their children included Aaron (who had two daughters, Pat and Barbara), Harold (whose three children are Eugene, Marilyn and Ralph), and Herman (whose two children are Diane and John).

Karl's other children who remained in the Frankenmuth area are:

Barbara Malwine Anna who married John Mossner.

Julia Maria Margaretha who married Adam Hochtanner.

Dorothea Katherina Sophia who married William Hotnagel.

Heinrich Markus (Martin), was the last of Karl's children to die at the age of 85.

