

Hiles Family



The Hiles and Lloyd families came from England and settled in Pennsylvania. Marquis Lafayette Hiles (1843-1928) was born in Pennsylvania where he grew up and worked as a timber cruiser. He married Dorothea Lloyd in the late 1800's and they had seven children: Will, Rufe, Dwight, Lloyd, Bert and Earl. One child died at birth and Earl was killed in World War I.

After his lumbering days, Marquis invented a stump puller (stumps were used to make shingles), which was two large wheels on an axle, and started a company making shingles and also making wheels for the stump puller. This was the start of the Hiles family wheel and axle business. Marquis and his family then moved to Genesee County in Michigan and purchased a farm.

Bert Hiles (1882-1940) left the farm to be an automobile painter. At that time cars were painted by hand. In 1911 he married Katherine Brown. They had four children: Harold Lloyd (November 1913); Robert Edwin (December 1915); Georgia B. (June 1922); and Marion D. (April 1926). When the spray gun was invented, Bert's skill was no longer needed here so he moved to Buffalo, New York where they still painted cars by hand. He got a job with the Budd Company and learned more about cars. In the spring of 1927 he returned to Detroit to work for the Hudson Car Company with his brother Rufe, where he learned about the wheel and axle business.

Bert moved to Saginaw and started his own auto business. He opened the motor wheel and axle service in 1929 with the aide of his son, Harold Lloyd Hiles. Robert entered the family business in 1934 with his father and his brother. In the spring of 1940 Bert died and the two brothers formed a partnership.

They influenced their Uncle Lloyd Hiles, who was an old wheelwright, to come from Cleveland to work for them. In the early 1950's, Harold left the business and went to work in the auto factory. In 1977 Robert sold the business to his two sons, Roger and Dan Hiles. The business is still in existence, as of 2005, under the management of the two brothers.

David Lloyd Hiles, son of Harold, brought the Hiles name to Frankenmuth when his mother Lois married Vern Utermark. Dave married Judy K. Pagels and they had two sons, Mark and Todd. Employment experience for all four members of David Hiles' family began at the Bavarian Inn.

Dave worked in automotive and factory supplier sales, retiring in 1999. He then worked part-time in the Frankenmuth School District's transportation department.

Mark married Mary Ann Worden in Frankenmuth, Michigan on September 22, 1989. Mark has been in the wood truss manufacturing business for over 20 years as design manager and commercial sales representative. Mary Ann is part-owner of the family business, Worden Interiors, in Frankenmuth. They have two sons, Matthew and Michael, and the family resides in Frankenmuth.

Todd married Tasha Haight of Gruver, Texas in 1992. After seven years as a Detective on the Dallas Police Department, Todd became a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service. Tasha is a writer and illustrator. The couple has a daughter, Grace. Todd's career with the Federal Government took them to Washington D.C. where they spent five years living in Alexandria, Virginia. Todd and his family then moved to Tyler, Texas.



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