

Stellwag Family



The Stellwag name came to this area through Johann Lorenz Stellway. Johann Lorenz was born October 12, 1820 in Mittelfranken Bavaria, Germany. He married Eva Elizabeth Billmeier who was born March 20, 1826, also in Bavaria, Germany. They probably came to the United States in 1852 because land records show that they bought 47.81 acres of land on Bradley Road. This transaction was recorded on August 2, 1852. We also know that on April 26, 1856 Johann Lorenz received his citizenship papers.

Johann Lorenz died March 7, 1884 at the age of 63 years. He was buried March 11th in the Bethel Lutheran Church Cemetery. Eva Elizabeth died May 28, 1897 and is also buried in the Bethel Cemetery.

Church and census records indicate that they had six children:

Eva Margaretha was born March 27, 1853 and baptized the same day. Her sponsor was Eva Margaretha Billmeier, wife of Friederich Thomas Billmeier.

Anna Eva was born January 4, 1855 and baptized January 15, 1855. Her sponsor was Anna Eva Wolkensdoerfer.

Friederich Thomas was born in 1857.

Barbara Katherina was born July 27, 1858 and baptized August 15, 1858. Her sponsor was Katherina Barbara Bluemlein.

Anna Margaretha was born January 14, 1860 and baptized January 29, 1860. Her sponsor was Anna Margaretha Reinert.

Johann Friederich was born April 27, 1863.

He married Eva Barbara Leidel, the daughter of Johann Mathias and Margaretha Leidel. Eva Barbara was born March 19, 1866. Johann Friederich farmed the homestead at 8180 Bradley Road. This farmland consisted of light sandy soil and he was one of the few known who really knew how to work that type of soil. Johann Friederich died in 1946 and E. Barbara died on August 8, 1941.

Johann and Eva had six children:

Maria Margaretha was born April 22, 1886. She married Alvin Heidenberger and they had three children: Arnold, Marvin and Mildred. Maria Margaretha died December 3, 1966.

William George was born October 10, 1887. He married Maria Muehlfeld and they had two children: Valinda who married Arnold Roedel and Adolph Karl. On May 7, 1938, Adolph Karl Stellwag, born May 15, 1915, married Elsie Elizabeth Buschke, born December 25, 1919. They had three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Adolph Karl died October 14, 1994.

Louise Margaretha was born November 2, 1889. She married Louis Bluemlein and they had one daughter, Emma Mossner. Louisa died April 21, 1962.

Johann Karl was born May 18, 1892. He married Linda Meyer. They had four children: Wilmar, Art, Harold and Lucille. Johann Karl died May 9, 1962.

Barbara Karoline was born April 26, 1900. She married Oscar Heidenberger. They had two children, Esther and Howard. Barbara Karoline died March 10, 1988.

Clara Anna was born October 7, 1903. She married Ruben J. Schmidt (1893-1945) and they had six children: Mildred Schaad, Milda Minar, Walter, Ruben Jr., Viola Munger and Florence Bruce.



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