

Bluemlein Family



The first group of settlers to come to Frankentrost included Johann Michael Bluemlein born on February 19, 1810 in Neuendettelsau, Germany and his wife Katharina Barbara nee Worrlein born March 1, 1812. Johann and Katharina were married October 10, 1840. Their first child, born in December of 1841, died. Their second child, Johann, born on December 2, 1844, came with them on the ship, *Hermine*, with Captain Volkmann at its helm. They left Bremerhaven April 21, 1847 and arrived 40 days later in New York on Saturday, June 1, 1847. They were a part of the group led by Pastor Graebner which Pastor Loehe sent over to start a new mission settlement. They arrived in Frankenmuth on June 10, 1847 and stayed there until the land was purchased, surveyed, and laid out in parcels.

The Frankentrost community was planned similar to the hamlets in Germany. A main street ran from east to west and the homes were built about two rods from the street on both the north and south side. The close arrangement of dwellings made it necessary for the individual farms to be a mile long.

Johann Michael Bluemlein purchased a 100 acre parcel and commenced farming. Johann and Katharina had four more children: Margaretha, Anna Margaretha, who died at age four, Andrew and Anna Margaretha. Johann died February 8, 1889, and his wife, Katharina, died January 5, 1898. Katharina was buried in St. John's Cemetery in Frankentrost.

Johann, second child of Johann and Katharina, married Margaretha Katherina nee Reinbold born October 9, 1849. They had 11 children, three of whom died in infancy. The others were:

Anna was born December 22, 1869 and died December 16, 1916.

Anna married John L. Bierman in May 1892. They had three daughters: Leora, Martina, and Hulda.

August Ferdinand was born November 11, 1871, and died February 6, 1963. August married Elizabeth Abraham May 13, 1900. He farmed on Janes Road and they had four children: Norman, who played bass drum with the Frankentrost Band, Edwin, Arlene, and Elmer.

Louisa was born March 11, 1875, and died April 8, 1951. Louisa had 3 marriages: George J. Schultz, William J. Mooney, and Frank Vomero. She had a daughter, Arline.

Clara was born on February 13, 1877 and died December 19, 1939. Clara married Fred Mueller April 22, 1900. They had six children: Hilda, Harry, Raymond, Walter, Erna, Arlita, and Elinor.

William was born on April 7, 1880 and died May 19, 1966. William married Mathilda Ruff July 16, 1905 and then Arlene Bergner in October of 1949. William was a cheese maker in Frankenmuth. He had one son, Albert.

Herman was born on July 7, 1882 and died January 20, 1968. Herman farmed 40 acres on North Beyer Road. He sang in the men's choir for more than 50 years. Herman married Clara Veitengruber April 23, 1911. Their children were Wilmer and Loretta.

Ludwig was born on June 13, 1886 and died October 31, 1969. Ludwig farmed the NW corner of M-46 and North Beyer Road. He married Louise Stellwag September 18, 1910. They had a daughter, Emma.

Philip was born on April 16, 1888 and died on November 15, 1956. Philip married Clara A. Fischer February 2, 1910. They had a son, Melvin.

