

Kischnick Family



he Kischnick family name came to America through R. Karl Robert Kischnick (1821-1898) and his wife, Augusta Emilie nee Hoge (1839-1929), when they emigrated from Königsberg, West Prussia to America with their son, Karl Otto (1865-1917).

They settled on a farm in Birch Run, which at that time was considered part of the Frankenmuth community.

Traveling with them were Augusta's parents, three of her sisters and two brothers-in-law. A daughter died shortly before they left for America. An obituary indicated Karl Otto came to America when he was two years old, therefore, it is assumed the family emigrated from Germany around 1867.

The "spelling" of the Kischnick name went through a number of changes (i.e., Kuschneck, Kirschnick, Kirschneck and Kischnick). Kischnick, the present spelling, has been used for 150 years not only here, but also in Germany.

R. Karl and Augusta's son, Karl Otto Kischnick, married a widow, Wilhemine Luise Karoline nee Rebühr Honold (1868-1944), with three children. These children were Ludwig (Louis) Honold (1890-1980), Anna Friederika (1891-1892), and Bernhard (1892-1975). Karl and Wilhemina had seven additional children: John Friedrich Michael (1894-1972), Wilhelmine Marie Ottilie (1896-1897), Richard (1899-1931), Bertha (1901-1939), Wilhelm (1903-1918), Mrs. Chauncey Anna "Dorothy" Miller (1906-1978) and Henry (1909-1979).

R. Karl and Augusta settled into a small log house on Busch Road in Birch Run Township. They had six more children here in America:

Johann "John" Friedrich Michael, Rosine Ottilie, Georg Michael, Magdalena Margarethe, Andreas, Anna Margarethe Barbara Mossner, and Johann.

Johann "John" Kischnick (1870-1939) worked for many neighbors whenever he could.

At age 23 he bought 80 acres of farmland on Richville Road and farmed for 7 years before he married Bertha Stange (1878-1935).

This farm is still in the Kischnick family and is now farmed by a grandson and great-grandson.

John and Bertha had nine children: Lily, Ervin, Robert, Clarence, Norman, Edna, Florence, Herman and Linda. Herman and Linda died shortly after birth.

Rosine Kischnick and her husband, Otto Winterstein, farmed in Swan Creek Township and had four children: Elsie, Frieda, Arthur and Martin.

George Michael Kischnick and his wife, Anna Weber, lived on a farm in Reese and raised two children, Arletta and Meta.

Magdalena Kischnick and her husband, August Schwann, farmed in Saginaw and there raised their family of five: Henry, August, Helen, Edna and Elinor.

Anna Barbara Kischnick and her husband, Henry Mossner, farmed in Reese where they raised their two children, Lydia and Harvey.

Andreas Michael Kischnick married Hanna Mossner and they raised their three children, Ella, Florence and Alvin, on a farm in Reese.



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