

Reinert Family



he village of Frankenmuth was one of the four German Lutheran settlements in the Saginaw Valley in the mid 1800s. The others were Frankenluf (now Richville), Frankenlust and Frankentrost. Frankentrost is about seven miles northwest of Frankenmuth and was the second colony established in 1847. The name means "consolation of the Franconians". Unlike Frankenmuth, which was founded as a Lutheran mission to convert the Chippewa Indians, Frankentrost's purpose was simply to cluster Bavarian Lutherans together in the new land.

Johann Reinert made the journey to Frankentrost in 1852. Georg was raised in Immeldorf Bayern, Germany. He was born March 20, 1821 and was baptized and confirmed at St. Georg Kirche in Immeldorf. He married Anna Margaretha nee Pauchner who was born October 19, 1826 in Wattenback, Bavaria.

Records show that they were members of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth and communed for the first time on April 3, 1852. They had 3 children baptized at St. Lorenz between November 1852 and February 1857.

Reinert was a blacksmith in Immeldorf, but like other settlers became a farmer.

Georg bought acreage at the corner of Maple and Bradley Roads, Frankenmuth Township, one mile south of Frankentrost.

Records at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Frankentrost show that they had four children baptized there between December 1858 and February 1868.

Life was filled with hardships and homes were crude. They had hard clay packed floors. A fireplace heated the home. Chairs, tables and beds were all handmade.

The couple had seven children; their last one was a girl, Anna Barbara, who died February 2, 1868, at the age of one month. The sons were Georg, Georg Michael and Matthais; all farmers like their father.

The daughters, Elizabeth Eva Rogner, Maria Margaretha Herzog and Anna Margaretha Korby were housewives.

Their grandchildren total 35. They were Leonard, Matthais, John Michael, Henry, Fred, Lorenz, Herman, Louis, William, Hulda, Walter J., Harold, Margaret Dietrich, Clara Coates, Elizabeth Voit Rottman, Clara Ill, Alma Ill, Caroline, Henry and William Rogner.

Also Clara Mueller, Selma Schroeder, Julia Schulz, Frona Marshall, Regina Fieber, Norman Rogner, Anna Margaretha Muehlfeld, Elizabeth and Margaretha Pickleman, Barbara and John Herzog, Agnes Rupprecht, Georg, John and Elizabeth Korby.

Johann Georg died April 9, 1885 at the age of 64.

Anna died November 24, 1896 at the age of 70.

They are buried at St. John's Cemetery in Frankentrost.



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