

Schleier Family



he brother Johann George Schleier (b. March 16, 1822) and his sister, Anna Maria Schleier, came to Frankenmuth from Trommetsheim, near Weissenburg, Germany. They were part of a group of 90 individuals who left Bremerhaven on March 22, 1846.

They arrived at New York harbor on May 9, 1846, and in Saginaw, Michigan on May 26, 1846.

The following year, a family by the name of Leinberger settled in Frankentrost, another Franconian colony six miles from Frankenmuth. The Leinberger family had a daughter, Anna Katherine, born January 9, 1830. In 1847, Anna Katherine married Johann Georg Schleier. Their wedding attendants were Johann Leonard Rohrhuber, Johann Veitengruber, Sophia Stern and Barbara Bernthal. Their wedding Bible text was Matthew 19. This union was blessed with 18 children, eight of which died in infancy. At the time of their deaths, Anna and Johann were survived by nine children, 144 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In 1878, Johann and Anna moved to Sherman, Texas where they owned and lived on a small ranch. In 1892, son Christian, a somewhat vagabond and lifelong farmer, moved to Idaho to work with local harvesters. The payment for his labor was not in U.S. currency, but rather in grain. He then purchased some hogs and fattened them with the grain. When they were ready for market, he had to drive them like cattle 125 miles, an eight day trip.

Christian returned to Michigan and married the widow Kunigunde nee Brenner Grueber in 1895. Kunigunde had two daughters from her previous marriage, Laura Fischhaber and Rosa Keinath. The marriage of Christian and Kunigunde was blessed with two children, Herbert and Helen.

In 1930, at age 63, Christian and his family settled on a farm in Arbela Township near Millington. Kunigunde died on September 10, 1932 and Christian died on May 13, 1947.

Herbert (June 4, 1897-May 14, 1963) married Clara A. Warnick (October 8, 1899-February 13, 1989). They were married at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth June 18, 1927. They had one child, Lucille Katherine.

Helen (March 16, 1900-November 27, 1972) married Paul III. She was widowed with a daughter, Irene III Becker. Helen then married John Zimmerman on July 17, 1926, and they had five children: John Leroy, Marvin, Wayne, Ralph and Evelyn Friday. John, who was born May 27, 1905, died December 26, 1978.

Lucille, Herbert and Clara's daughter, was born April 27, 1930. Lucille married Harry R. Kern (b. May 11, 1928) of Frankenmuth on June 23, 1951 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Millington. Lucille and Harry were blessed with three sons: Stephen Harry Kern (b. September 20, 1953, David James (b. January 27, 1995) and Michael Frank (b. July 29, 1959).

Stephen married Mary Whitton on February 11, 1983 and they had two sons: Alexander Steven (b. December 23, 1987) and Timothy David (b. August 14, 1992).

David married Rhonda Kampf on February 1, 1975 and they had three daughters: Andrea Joy (b. September 30, 1980), Erin Nicole (b. March 23, 1983) and Kathryn Lynn (b. August 28, 1986).



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