

Dehmel Family



The church records at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church indicate that Wilhelmina Paulina Dehmel was born on July 14, 1861. Her father is listed as Johann Gottfried Heinrich Dehmel. It is possible that Wilhelmina Paulina is the sister of Johann Adam Dehmel, who was born in October of 1857. Family records of the Dehmels in Sebewaing, Michigan, show that Heinrich Ernest August Dehmel, his wife Beate Louise nee Zitschke and their son Wilhelm Henry August, came to America from Germany in 1856. The Frankenmuth Dehmels may have come in the same time frame.

Johann Adam Dehmel married Amalie Auguste Schmidt (May 2, 1866-October 16, 1950). They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth where the birth and baptismal records of their children can be found.

Johann Adam and Amalie Auguste had seven children: Trilde Dorothea Dehmel was born March 24, 1888, and died January 21, 1941.

Henry Dehmel was born April 21, 1890, and died December 3, 1940.

Alma Maria Martha Dehmel was born on May 12, 1892. The following is an excerpt from a news article published on January 18, 1984. *"Alma Dehmel was born in 1892 and Dehmel Road bears her family name. From strawberry farmer to dairy farmer, and milkmaid to restaurateur, from merchant to retiree – that was the story of 'Cookie' Alma Cook, who closed her store, 'Cookies Variety Store', after serving Birch Run and area customers for nearly three decades. She was planning to mark her 92nd birthday and retiring in Florida."*

Carl Frederick Dehmel was born August 26, 1894, and died December 3, 1940.

Leonard Adolph Dehmel was born on May 23, 1899. He and his wife Gertrude married on May 2, 1925.

They had six children: Ralph, Robert, Barbara Joan Morgan (August 30, 1934), Henry Junior (June 13, 1926-September 21, 1971), Charles and Geraldine Marigold.

Ida Dehmel was born March 1902 and died on May 16, 1920.

Walter John Dehmel was born on May 2, 1904. He was married March 17, 1928. Walter and his wife Florence had four children: Walter John Jr. (June 9, 1932-July 18, 1987) who married Jane Birchmeier October 18, 1958; Walter James (March 7, 1928-March 5, 1983); Donna Bell (born January 8, 1930) who married Eugene Schafer; and Shirley Ann (June 14, 1933) who married Elwyn Brimmer.

The Sebewaing Dehmels, Heinrich Ernest August and Beate Louise came from Gornitz Silesia, Germany, sometime after 1851. They had nine children: Wilhelm Henry August (1851-1924); Heinrich Gustav (1857-1919); Frederick William (1859-1892); Karl August Heinrich (1861-1899); August Robert (1863-1893); August Louis (1865-1892); Karl Frederick (1867-1871); Karl Heinrich August (1870-1871); and Augusta Louisa (1872-1899).

Frederick William married Maria Stuetzer from Frankenmuth. They had no children. Frederick William died of tuberculosis at the age of 32. Heinrich Gustav married Kunigunda Haspel from East Saginaw, Michigan. They had four children. The Dehmel family, were members of the Sebewaing Immanuel Lutheran Church, and most of them were buried in that church cemetery.

Many descendants of the Heinrich Dehmel family have roots to the Thumb of Michigan. The eldest Dehmel, for five generations, was a farmer. Many of the Dehmel family were educators and business people. They were actively involved in their community, wanting it to be a better place to live and raise their families.

