

Eberlein Family



The Eberlein family that came to America in 1853 settled in Frankentrost, Michigan, the second Lutheran settlement established by Pastor Wilhelm Loehe. Andrew Eberlein born December 14, 1840 in Clausbach, Landkreis Ansbach,

Germany, came to America at the age of 13, with his parents and three other children. Pastor Heinrich Philipp Graebner and a group of about 60 colonists arrived in 1847, established Immanuel Lutheran Church, and built the community out of the wilderness. In 1853, during the time the Eberlein's came, the colony and the congregation had grown to 160 people, 35 voting members, and 30 children in the school.

In 1875, Andrew married Marie Wissmueller, the daughter of George and Margareta nee Fuerwitt Wissmueller. The George and Adam Wissmueller families were among the original settlers of Frankentrost. Andrew and Marie settled on a farm in Blumfield Township which is now owned by Walter Reinbold. The house and other buildings are still the original structures.

Andrew and Marie raised a family of 10 children. The oldest two daughters, Margaret and Anna, ventured to nearby Saginaw after completing their formal education. They found employment doing housework and rearing the children of affluent and prominent city residents. This was a very common employment and training for young women at that time. Margaret and Anna both married and continued to make Saginaw their home.

Margaret "Maggie" married John Mishalke. He was an interior decorator. Anna married Theodore Techentien, who was a self-employed handyman, but spent most of his active years working on the Cornwell Ranch and Dairy Farms in Clare, Michigan.

Barbara married George Reinbold and raised a family of four girls and five boys.

They made their home on a Holland Road farm in Buena Vista Township.

Elizabeth "Lizzie" married Matt Zehnder, who farmed on Dehmel Road, south of Frankenmuth. They had a family of seven.

Emma married Martin Rauh and they raised a family of six on the corner of their Curtis and Maple Road farm. She worked at Fischer's Hotel, now Bavarian Inn Restaurant.

Christine married Edwin Eischer and they raised three children in their home on Cass Street in Frankenmuth.

John was a blacksmith and spent quite a few years in Birch Run. He married Ida Boeschke, resided in Saginaw, and had no children.

Ferdinand, a farmer on the homestead, married Ella Beyerlein and they raised a family of two daughters and five sons.

Fred, the youngest son, remained single and spent most of his life in the Mount Clemens area.

Linda was the youngest. Both parents died while she was still a young girl. She made her home with her older sisters until she reached adulthood. She married Alvin Fitzgerald. They had one son and two daughters and lived in Saginaw, Michigan.

Andrew died January 9, 1911 and Marie died April 24, 1917. They were lifelong members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Frankentrost and were buried in St. John's Cemetery. Andrew and Marie had 36 grandchildren and many great and great-great-grandchildren.



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