

Gauderer Family



he name Gauderer came here in 1882 when Johann Georg Gauderer emigrated to America and came to Frankenmuth where he worked in this area for three years. Johann was born January 16, 1859 in Niederhofen by Brackenheim in Koenigreich

Wierhamberg, Germany.

In 1885, Johann purchased a farm of 40 acres in Birch Run Township located about two miles south of Frankenmuth proper. The first house on the farm was built of logs and the family lived there for about 10 years.

It was only fourteen years since a small group of Bavarians came from Bremerhaven to New York and on to Michigan to settle on the shores of the Cass River to do mission work among the Indians. The first settlers had many hardships to endure in that wilderness; a hut without doors and windows, a leaky roof, long distances to walk through the wilderness to obtain supplies, land to be cleared before seeds could be planted, and illness to be conquered without the help of a doctor.

By the time Johann Gauderer came to this area, Frankenmuth had between 25 and 30 businesses: a hotel, two breweries, a sawmill, a flourmill, a tannery, four wagon and blacksmith shops, a furniture shop, two shoemakers and cobblers, a drugstore, four building firms and cabinet shops, four general stores, one harness shop, two meat markets, and a shingle mill, plus a number of other businesses which men conducted from their homes.

Johann's marriage to Margaretha Anna Rauh (1865-1893) in 1889 was blessed with two children, Emma Juliane (Mrs. August Fischhaber) born February 18, 1891 and Maria Martha (Mrs. Hubert Baum) born March 21, 1892.

Margaretha Anna was 27 when she died in 1865.

The following year, Johann Georg married the widow Augusta Barthel Filz (1863-1936) who had emigrated from Stuttgart, Germany.

Augusta came to the Saginaw area to be with members of her family following her husband's death. She had two children who came with her: Paul Filz born August 11, 1886 and Anna (Mrs. Bernard Heine), born March 28, 1893. These two children then became part of the Gauderer family.

The second Mrs. Gauderer saw the building of a new house and later a new barn. This today is the site of the KB Nursery on south Gera Road, in Birch Run, Michigan.

Augusta bore two more children with Johann: Otto John born April 4, 1897 and Ernie Georg born November 11, 1902. Augusta died on August 2, 1936.

Johann Georg Gauderer died February 25, 1932 leaving the following grandchildren to carry on his name: Harold Fischhaber, Esther Bierlein, Frieda Reif, Florence Ill, Edwin Fischhaber, Delores Fischhaber, Wallace Baum, Gladys Rathje, Margaret Ann (Tootsie) Sauer, Herbert Gauderer, Walter Heine, Lorenz Heine, Ruth Buschke, Vera Masica, Arline Plain, and Robert Gauderer.



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