

Reinhardt Family



he Reinhardt name came to America through Herman August Reinhardt (1848-1923). He was born in Saxony, Germany, the son of Frederick Reinhardt (a Lutheran minister) and Josephine nee Ziegler. As a young man in Germany, he studied for the

Lutheran Ministry for two years before he came to America.

Friedrich Wilhelm III, King of Prussia, ruled the provinces of Brandenburg, Pomerania, Posen, Silesia and the new province of Saxony. Some of these provinces were Roman Catholic and others were Lutheran or Reformed. King Friederich was a devout man who took great interest in religious affairs. His family, the Hohenzollern, had been of the Reformed faith but his wife and most of his subjects were Lutheran.

King Frederich felt the time had come for a united church. To try and force unity he required the candidates for pastors in the church to pledge their loyalty to a united church. Most pastors complied but some confessional Lutherans continued in their own worship practices. As a result, the king declared the Lutheran objectors "Separatists" and instructed the military police to search out those who refused to comply. In order to avoid being drafted into the military police and be forced to search out those with whom he agreed, Herman August Reinhardt, a Lutheran ministry student at that time, left Germany and came to America. It was 1868; he settled in Saginaw where he met and married Dorothy Grandjean on October 27, 1879.

Dorothy (Dora) was a Blumfield native whose father William Grandjean and his brother Anton Grandjean came from Camp on the Rhine, France, in 1851. While on the boat they met Anna and Helen Booker from Holland.

The brothers married the two sisters later and settled in Blumfield Township. In 1882, Herman and Dora purchased a farm in Blumfield Township from Julia Haack, at what is today 9375 Reinbold Road. Herman became an influential and respected Blumfield Township Clerk from 1901 to 1909.

Herman's son, Art, became Township Trustee; Art's son, Harvey G.L., was a Township Trustee and Blumfield Township Cemetery Sexton; and later, granddaughter, Sandy Daenzer, became the Blumfield Township Treasurer.

The couple was blessed with seven children:

Arthur, born in 1881, married Elenora Meyerhuber. Their children were Harvey G.L., Herman R. and Beatrice (Fred) Wirth.

Ida, born in 1882, married Leonard Janson. They had no children.

Alma, born in 1885, married George Lengst. Their children were Norma (Floyd) Crowley, Virginia (Gerald) Lintz and George.

Anna, born in 1886, married Harry Weideman. They had no children.

William, born in 1889, married Clara Muehlfeld. They had no children.

Magdalena, born in 1890, married Karl Muehlfeld. Their children were Armin, Karl Jr. and Leo.

Frederick, born in 1896, married Pauline Morgan. Their children were Adela (Howard) Van Buskirk and Nelson. His second marriage was to Margaret Howman. Their children were Jim and Jan.

As of the year 2006, there are 13 great-grandchildren and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

Herman August died in 1923 and Dora died in 1925. Both are buried in Blumfield Cemetery.



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