

Rogner Family



The Rogner family came to Frankenmuth through John Georg Rogner (1791-1878). He immigrated to the United States in 1852 from Bernhardswinden Ansbach, Germany with his wife, Elizabeth Hofmockel (1794-1856) and their children, Johann Adam, Marie Margaretha, Margaretha, Barbara, Michael Adam and Johann Jacob. After arriving in Frankenmuth they purchased a farm on King Road.

Marie Margaretha, born in 1819, married John Jacob Nusselt. Her sister, Margaretha, born in 1820, married John Kamm. They had 10 children.

Michael Adam, born 1835 in Bavaria, Germany, married Marie Margaretha Schnell at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. They were married by Pastor Robbelen with the congregation serving as witnesses. Michael Adam and Marie Margaretha raised 13 children on their farm on Dehmel Road in Frankenmuth Township. Michael's occupation was a farmer and tax collector. He served as an elder at St. Lorenz from 1880-1882. He died from typhoid fever in 1882 at the age of 47 and is buried in the "old" St. Lorenz Cemetery. Their 13 children were: Barbara, who married William Lange; Johann Adam, who married Anna Margaret Nusselt; George Michael, who married Elizabeth Reinert; Maria Margaretha, who married John Hochthanner; Johanna, who married Edwin Kersten; Johann Jacob, who married Anna Gugel and after her death married Katherine Krauss-Miller; Johann George, who married Anna Bernthal; William, who died at the age of 6 months from the effects of being scalded by coffee; Herman, who was single and was killed in an automobile accident at the age of 66; Bernard Adam, who was married to May Stevens; and Ernest, who was single.

Johann Jacob, born in 1836 in Germany, moved to a farm in Denmark Township, Tuscola County in 1861.

Michael's oldest son, Johann Adam, was born in 1858. In 1883, he married Anna Margaret Nusselt. His occupation was a farmer, but he also enjoyed doing carpenter work. Johann helped in the construction of some of the buildings at the St. Lorenz Churchgrove. In his later years, he also served as custodian at St. Lorenz Churchgrove. From 1899-1913, he served as an elder at St. Lorenz. Johann's farm was located on King Road, where his grandson, Arnold Rogner, resided in the original residence. A wildcat oil test in 1926 on the farm showed up as a dry hole. Two barns and a tool shed were destroyed on the farm by a fire in 1960. One of John's granddaughters tells how John was one of the first on King Road to buy an automobile but when his wife, Anna, wanted to purchase some lace curtains he said that was "hochmut" (haughtiness) while the purchase of the automobile was "progress". Sometime in the early mid 1910's, John purchased the Gera Creamery and located his residence in Gera. He later moved to Frankenmuth in a residence next to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Johann Adam and Anna had nine children. They were: Christian G., who married Clara Walter; Emily, who married Robert Rupp; Jacob Wilhelm, who died at the age of 18, and his twin Johann L., who died at the age of 5; Bertha, who married Anton Neunkirch; George Max, who married Anna Locker; and a second set of twins, Renata, who lived to only 1 year of age, and her twin Herbert, who married Hulda Bauer.



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