

Schlegel Family



he Schlegels in Wittenberg, Germany raised fine quality horses. In the mid-1800s, the different kingdoms of Germany seemed to be constantly at war. The government always wanted the Schlegels to provide them with horses for its army. Wanting a more

peaceful life for his family and hoping to protect his three sons from almost certain service in those wars, Moses Schlegel brought his family to America in 1854. He bought land and farmed in Rochester, New York. Ironically, within ten years in America, all three of his sons served in the Union Army, fighting in the Civil War.

John Schlegel, one of the three sons of Moses, was born in 1843 in Wuerttemberg, Germany. In 1854, when he was 11 years old, he came to New York with his family. In 1861, John joined the 8th New York Cavalry and fought in the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg. He survived the war, spending the last 10 months in the infamous Andersonville Prison.

After the war, John returned to New York and farmed, later marrying and raising a family. His children included Mrs. Charles Pellet, Mrs. Warren Turner (Kate), Moses, George and John. He died January 31, 1934 at the family home on Schlegel Road in Webster, New York at the age of 92. John was buried with full military honors on February 3, 1934 with interment in Webster Union Cemetery.

John Schlegel, the youngest son of the Civil War veteran, was born in 1878 in Webster, New York. He married Grace Huston of Webster in 1904. They had four children: Arlisle (married Arthur Shaw), Warren, Ralph and Robert. In 1914, John, Grace and their four young children moved to Flint, Michigan.

John was employed at Buick Motor Division and Chevrolet Manufacturing Division before he opened up a dry goods store. Grace died on December 23, 1954 and John died February 5, 1970.

Warren Schlegel was born August 10, 1906 in Ontario, New York. He graduated from Flint Central High School. He opened a grocery store, Reliable Market, in Flint and operated it until moving to Frankenmuth in 1952. With the knowledge of meats, and a love for cooking, he operated the Schlegel catering business until shortly before his death in 1990. Warren married Laura Barret March 19, 1946 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Warren and Laura had seven children:

Mary Jo, born March 19, 1933, married Rod Meade and they had five children: Michael, Tim, David, Mark and Roxanne.

Carol Jean, born July 19, 1937, married Roy Schiefer and they had two children, Laurie and Martha.

Earl Roy, born May 3, 1940, married Marcella Haas and they had three children: Michael, Susan and Patricia.

Kathryn Lura, born October 14, 1947, had two children, Stephanie and Jeffrey.

Linda Elaine, born August 2, 1949, married Mike Cormier and they had two children, Lisa and John.

John Warren, born June 21, 1951, married Sarah Galsterer and they had two children, Ted and Alan.

Donald Robert, born July 26, 1953, had four children: Heidi, Tracy, Donald, Tricia.

Warren died October 1, 1990. He was a member of the Flint Retired Business Group, active in children's organizations in Frankenmuth, a member of the Frankenmuth PTA, a former scoutmaster in Flint, and a member of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church.



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