

Schultz Family



The Schultz name came to America through Friedrich Wilhelm Schultz, born July 30, 1812, in Prenzlau Brandenburg, Prussia. Friedrich was the second of the eight children of shoemaker Johann Christian and his wife Johanna Charlotte Kaysern.

Around 1817, the family moved to Goldberg, Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

Friedrich, known as Wilhelm, learned the trade of shoemaker. He married Charlotte Elenore Catharina Dreier on May 11, 1838 in Goldberg. Three children, Emil, Louise and Wilhelmina, were born to the couple while they lived in Goldberg.

The family emigrated from Germany on July 15, 1851, leaving from Hamburg on the sailing ship "Deutschland". The passenger list manifesto of the ship recorded that Charlotte died during the voyage.

The ship arrived in New York on August 29, 1851. The family stayed in New York for a short time before moving on to Detroit, Michigan, where Wilhelm worked as a shoemaker for the S.J. Stockham Co.

Wilhelm married Dorothea Natus on May 31, 1852 and the family resided in Detroit, on the north side of Clinton, between Hastings and Rivard. Two children were born in Detroit: Henrietta, on April 5, 1852, and Carl, on January 27, 1855.

The family moved to Frankenmuth in the fall of 1856, where Wilhelm continued his trade as a shoemaker.

Wilhelm bought 11¾ acres of land on West Tuscola Road in February of 1862. Additional acreage was added to the farm several times.

Concord grapes were grown on about three acres. The grapes provided a source of communion wine at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. Cucumbers were also grown and sold to the pickle factory in Bridgeport, Michigan.

After Wilhelm's death, Sept. 8, 1889, the farm was left to his son, Carl H. F. Schultz. The farm remained in the family until 1919, when a move was made to an 80 acre farm near Birch Run.

Dorothea died on June 3, 1878. Both Wilhelm and Dorothea are buried in the St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Cemetery. Some of Wilhelm's descendants are still living in Frankenmuth. Great-grandchild Meta Mayer (1911 to 2001), a daughter of Eleanor Schultz Zucker, married William Mayer and lived all her life in Frankenmuth.

Meta's brother, Rudy Zucker, moved to Denver in 1932 for health reasons when he had a touch of tuberculosis. While there he helped his uncle in a coffee & tea company. After 9 years in Denver, he moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he worked for United Airlines modifying B-17s for the war effort.

After World War II, Rudy continued working for United Airlines overhauling aircraft engines. While in Denver, he married Velma Hartman in 1939. In 1950, at his mother's request, Rudy returned to Frankenmuth where he worked for Reindel and Bronner Lumber Co. for 15 years and also for McClelland & Duff Cabinet Shop. He retired in 1989.

Rudy and his wife had two daughters: Eleanore Kueffner and Mary Ann Himmelbrand. Their grandchildren include: Scott, Kathy Brian and Christopher Kueffner; Jeremiah and Thaddeus Himmelbrand.



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