

# Schury Family



The Schury name came to this area through Johann Simon Schury (1823-1904). Johann, the son of Conrad and mother nee Hoffman, was born in Brunn, Province Markelbach, Bayern, Circuit of Mittelfranken Germany. He started school at age 6 and was confirmed at 13. His father had died the year before and his mother died 3 years later. In 1847, at the age of 24, he emigrated with a sister, Gertraud (Johann Erlinger) and her family, to America. A brother and two sisters remained in Germany.

Johann Simon left some memoirs about his 'Journey to America': *"On April 17, 1847 we left Brunn. On April 30<sup>th</sup> we arrived in Bremen. On May 7<sup>th</sup> we reached the Harbor of Bremen (Bremerhaven). On May 17<sup>th</sup> we boarded the ship. On May 20<sup>th</sup> we left the Harbor and went into the Weser River, and there we had to wait until the afternoon. Then when they opened the sails, a mast broke. This meant that we had to wait again for two days of repair, and on the evening before Pentecost, it was ready. We stayed there until Monday and then we sailed off. On May 28<sup>th</sup> we sailed between England and France. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> we saw land. On July 11<sup>th</sup> on the sandbank on the island, the 13<sup>th</sup> off at Quebec, from there 180 miles to Montreal, cost 1 dollar. Then to Buffalo, cost 4½ dollars. From Buffalo to Columbus cost 5 dollars. July 23 at 10 o'clock in the evening I arrived in Columbus."* Signed Johann Simon Schury

In Columbus, Johann Simon worked on a farm and distillery (including making staves for barrel construction). He would take the horses to the distillery and get mash for the farm animals. Here he met Eva Maria Abraham (1834-1895) who had come to Marysville, Ohio in 1851. She was working as a housekeeper for the owner of the farm and distillery, I.W. Boeger. Eva was born in Wattenbach Mittelfranken, Bayern, the daughter of a tailor and honey

farmer, Johann Simon Abraham, who emigrated to Frankentrost in 1847.

Johann Simon and Eva Maria were married in a German settlement close to Marysville, Ohio named Neuendetelsau. They were married by Pastor Jacob Seidel, May 31, 1851. The newly married couple then came to Frankentrost in the township of Blumfield, county of Saginaw. The name of the township is a product of the revolution in Germany. Johann Simon became the first elected pound master (impounded stray farm animals in the township).

Johann and Eva's marriage was blessed with 14 children: Anna Maria (1852-1852); Elisabetha (1853-1942) married Johann Simon Billmeier and they had nine children of which a son, George, was an optometrist and a son, Carl, owned a jewelry store – both in Saginaw, Michigan; Maria Gertraud (1855-1855); Anna Maria (1856-1884); George Michael (1858-1932) married Katherine Schweichert and they had eleven children; Christiana Barbara Gertraud (1861-1925) married Jacob Rupp and they had six children; Margaretha Barbara (1863-1864); Margaretha (1865-1931), twin sister of John George, married John George Schnell and they had four children; John George (1865-1936), twin brother of Margaretha, married Katherine Anna Blank and they had four children; Anna Johanna (1867-1938) married Frederick Wilhelm Rank; Anna Barbara (1869-1952) married John George Reinbold and they had one son; Amelia Maria (1871-?) married Ernst H. Janson and they had two children; Eva Ann Elisabetha Barbara (1873-1873); Peter (1875-1954) married Kunigunda Mayer and they had five children.

At the time of Johann Simon's death, his wife and five daughters had predeceased him. Johann and Eva are buried in St. John's Cemetery in Frankentrost.



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