

# Schwartz Family



The Schwartz name came to America through Johann Schwartz. Johann was born July 26, 1813 in Hamburg, Germany. He married Barbara nee Ruehl Koependoerfer, born February 21, 1805, a widow with five children: Margaretha, Sibilla, Anna Barbara,

Katharina and Johann Andreas. Johann and Barbara had a daughter, Kunigunda, born March 10, 1848. Johann Schwartz packed up his family and left the Schwabach/Nuernberg area, arriving in New York on the ship "George Corming" July 30, 1852. They settled on land on the corner of Beyer and Roedel Roads in Frankenmuth Township on Homestead property, signed by President Pierce in 1853. Another daughter, Eva Marie, was born June 29, 1853. Johann died September 22, 1876, following a broken leg, and Barbara died May 6, 1890.

Kunigunda Schwartz married Johann Friederich Rodammer May 12, 1867. Their children were: George, born April 22, 1874; Kunigunda, born May 23, 1876; Johann Wilhelm born March of 1878; Elizabeth born December 4, 1880; Friederich born April 14, 1883; Martin born July 11, 1885; and Johanna born February 1, 1888.

Eva Marie Schwartz married Johann George Bauer February 1, 1874. Johann George was born in 1849 in Maehringen Wuerttemberg, Germany and came to America in 1871. Eva Marie died in December of 1939 and George died in 1920.

Eva Marie and Johann had six children:

Kunigunda was born April 13, 1875 and died in 1898; Christine was born August 6, 1878 and died November 27, 1964; Katherine was born August 23, 1880 and died November 23, 1956; Barbara was born January 8, 1884 and died May 31, 1969. She married John Schultz and they had two children: George (1910-1988) and Marie (1916-1991); Marie was born April 18, 1886 and died June 16, 1973;

Johannes J.C. was born November 26, 1888. He married Elizabeth Vates June 30, 1929 and they had one daughter, Margaret, born October 21, 1930. Margaret married Ivan Haubenstricker June 11, 1955 and they had four sons: Paul, Edward, Mark and Phillip. Margaret and Ivan had seven grandchildren.

The land that Johann and Barbara Schwartz homesteaded was transferred to Johann George Bauer on March 25, 1874. It was transferred again on April 3, 1918 to Johannes J.C. Bauer and Elizabeth. After Johannes' death, it was joined with Ivan and Margaret Haubenstricker on February 16, 1973. Since Elizabeth's death in October of 1981, it is now jointly owned by Ivan and Margaret. Their son, Mark, and his family live on the homestead, as of the year 2005.

A second Schwartz family in this area was Jacob and Margaretha Schwartz. Little is known of this family except that when Johann Paulas Maurer came to this country in 1853, he worked for them on their farm. Two years later, in 1855, Jacob Schwartz was hit by a tree that was felled by lightning and died. On September 4<sup>th</sup> of that same year, Margaretha Schwartz gave birth to a daughter, Margaretha. In November of 1855 Margaretha Schwartz, the mother, married Johann Paulas Maurer, her hired farmhand, and they had five more children.

Margaretha Schwartz, the daughter, married Wilhelm Witt, a widower who came to Michigan in 1874 from Mecklenburg, Germany. They had three children: George, born in 1885; Emma, born in 1887; and Caroline, born in 1890.

In the history of Frankenhilf (Richville), a Michael Schwartz, with his cousin Gottlieb Ammon, came from Menningen Baden, Germany to Saginaw in June of 1850. Mr. Ammon, in a letter dated 1853, mentions a six year old son of Michael Schwartz. Besides being listed as an elder for four years during the 1861 to 1868 period, nothing else is known about this family.



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