

Rupprecht Family



The Rupprecht name came to this area through Erhard Rupprecht born in Schwarzenbach near Rasch Bayern, Germany November 26, 1792. Erhard's first two wives died as did three of the five children from those marriages. January 28, 1838, he married Anna Margaretha Zeh in St. Michael's Church in Rasch, Germany. Erhard and Anna had six children: Ursula (1838-1852); Elizabeth (1840-1911) remained in Germany, married Johann Georg Rupprecht January of 1866, died a widow and was buried in Schwarzenbach; Johann Georg, known as John, (b. September 11, 1841), (his family history recorded in the adjoining Rupprecht history); Katharina (b. February 2, 1844) married Johann Wolfgang Rauh August 28, 1864; Johann Georg (b. September 25, 1846), (this history follows him and provides additional information to the Johann Rupprecht history); Margaritha (b. 1850) remained in Germany.

Erhard, Anna Margaretha, Georg (from a previous marriage), Ursula, Johann G., Katherina and Johann Georg, came to America in 1850. Shortly after their arrival in New York, Erhard died, followed by Ursula in 1852 and Georg in 1854. They were buried in New York. Anna Margaretha and the other three children came to Frankenmuth in 1854. On November 2, 1858, Anna Margaretha bought 40 acres on Dehmel Road, in Frankenmuth, where the family farmed. Johann Georg, known as George J. Rupprecht, was born in Eichelburg, Germany September 25, 1846. He married Gertrude Margaretha Pickelmann June 4, 1871. Gertrude was born October 14, 1852 in Frankenmuth to Johann and Margaret Auer Pickelmann. George J. and Margaretha had 11 children: Leonhardt Christian, Anna Margaretha Katherina (Eischer), Johannes Karl, Frederich Bernhardt, Georg Ludwig, Margaretha Wilhemine Laura (Nuechterlein), Marie Lydia (Schmitzer), Johann Erhardt, Wolfgang Georg Leonhardt, Georg Sigmund and Maria Katharina (Bierlein).

The George J. Rupprecht family lived on the corner of Dehmel and Busch Roads on a 40-acre farm. He moved to Frankentrost and worked at Henning's Sausage Co. in Saginaw. In 1921 he moved to Frankenmuth and remained there until his death November 7, 1934. Gertrude died March 30, 1926.

Friederich Bernhardt (B.F. Rupprecht), one of George J. Rupprecht's eleven children, was born June 22, 1884 in Birch Run. He married Ann Margaretha Hubinger, daughter of John G. and Julia Berger Hubinger on August 5, 1905. They had 15 children: Martin Ludwig (11-4-1905 to 12-24-1945), Carolyn Reif (9-19-1906 to 10-21-1990); Alvin John (12-7-1907 to 11-18-1941); Wilmer C. (12-16-1909 to 2-6-1939); Gretchen Marie Schmitzer (2-17-1910 to 10-24-2005); Irma Karolin Zietz (4-14-1911 to 12-29-1971); Joseph Clarence (6-4-1913 to 9-14-1913); Carl Michael (1-4-1917 to 10-31-2000); Marie Abraham (b. 3-21-1918); Anna (b. & d. 12-2-1918); Elmer John (8-7-1920 to 2-29-1996); Elizabeth Florence Beyerlein (5-11-1922 to 5-11-2005); Bernhardt Jr. (9-25-1923 to 7-30-1998); Frederick Wallace (1-11-1925 to 7-19-1994); and Gertrude Julia Ruf (1-9-1927 to 4-9-2001).

Bernhardt F. Rupprecht learned sausage making when the Ortner and Rupprecht, Dealers in General Merchandise established a sausage factory in Frankenmuth in 1905. In that year, John Rupprecht joined the Ortner Company Store and Bernhardt was hired as the sausage maker. In 1907, the Rupprecht brothers left the firm, but returned again in 1919, when they rented the factory from the Ortner Company and continued the business as Rupprecht's Frankenmuth Sausage. The business prospered and in 1948 a new plant and store were built, with an addition in 1958. The business was sold in 1978, but continues to operate as a sausage company. Bernhardt F. died May 28, 1949 and Anna Margaretha died on April 17, 1952.



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