

# Rauh Family



The Rauh name came to this area through Johann Melchior Rauh, born December 1, 1805, in Eutenbach Bavaria, Germany. He married Anna Margaretha Loesel, born February 1804. They had five children when they decided to join a group of 90 immigrants who left their homeland to join the 15 missionary colonists who had founded Frankenmuth in 1845. The group met in Nuernberg, Germany on March 6, 1846 and traveled to Bremerhaven. They left there on March 22, 1846 and arrived in Frankenmuth May 27, 1846. Melchior Rauh lived in Frankenmuth ten years before he bought a farm at 8566 South Dehmel Road in Birch Run Township. In 1878, he donated two acres of this farm to St. Lorenz Lutheran Church for a school. Melchior Rauh died January 9, 1873 and Anna Margaretha died April 25, 1882. Both are buried at the old St. Lorenz Cemetery.

Melchior and Anna Margaretha had six children:

Anna Margaretha, born April 11, 1829, married Wilhelm Hoerauf November 12, 1865. They had eight children: Johann George, Johann Wolfgang, Johann Adam, Georg Wilhelm, Maria Johanna, Marie Wilhelmina, Rosina Martha and Julianna Barbara. In 1988, there were 225 descendants. Anna Margaretha died in 1917.

Anna Barbara, born June 13, 1833, married Lorenz Loesel, a widower with five children, ages eight months to seven years. Anna Barbara and Lorenz had ten more children. According to the 1980 records, there were 2,106 direct descendants of Lorenz Loesel. More than 70 members of these descendants have become Lutheran pastors or teachers.

Johann Wolfgang Rauh, born July 22, 1837, married Katherine Rupprecht. Their children and grandchildren are the following: Margaretha married Johann Gauderer. Their children are Emma Fischaber and Martha Baum. Anna married Martin Eischer.

Their children are Renata, who married Herbert List; Edwin, who married Christine Eberlein; Florence, who married Armin Zucker and Otto Kramer; Ludwig, who married Linda Zeilinger; Leo, who married Esther Baum; Herman, who married Elsie Veitengruber; and Stella, who married Arthur Zehnder. Johann Sigmund married Anna Rodammer. Their children are: Lydia, who married Herman "Tom" Fischer, owner of Fischer's Hotel (now Bavarian Inn Restaurant), Bertha Gutgesell, Alma Keller, Ada Weirauch, Selma Conzelmann, Agnes Meyer, Florence Reif, and John Karl Rauh (died at birth). Wilhelm (1874-1948) married Karolina Heine. Their children were Esther (1903-1971) who married Walter Daenzer (1895-1977), and Arthur J. who married Anita Zucker. Arthur's son, William A. Rauh, and his son, Arthur W. Rauh, are the only descendants of Melchior Rauh with the "Rauh" name. Johann George Sigmund married Friedericka Schellhas. They had no children. Martin Wolfgang married Emma Eberlein. Their children are: Amanda Dock, Charlotte Sowatzki, Dorothy Miller, Vera Mallonen, Viola Heglar, and Arnold Rauh, an invalid.

Anna Katherina Rauh, born April 2, 1840, married Johann Sigmund Zehnder. They had ten children: Friederich died at age four; George died at age two; Friederich II married Johanna Heine; George II married Katharina Rodammer; Anna Katharina married Michael Kern; Anna Katharina married Wilhelm Mossner; and Melchior Wilhelm married Marie Maurer. Melchior was a Lutheran School teacher. Johann Matthias married Elizabeth Eberlein; Anna Margaretha married Martin Kern and Pauline married Ernst List.

Georg Rauh was born February 19, 1843. He never married. He enlisted in the Civil War and died in an Alabama hospital between 1861 and 1865.

A sixth child Johann was the only child born in America, but died the next day, September 13, 1849.



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