

# Woelzlein Family



The Woelzlein name came to America through Johann Georg Woelzlein (1816-1900). Johann Georg was born in Grosshaslach, Germany. Grosshaslach is a nice village of about 1000 inhabitants and is located within the distance of about a 10-minute drive from Ansbach. This is the center of an area called Mittelfranken the central part of Franconia.

Grosshaslach is a Lutheran village, like most parts of Franconia. Since the time of the Reformation in 1528, most of those places belonging to the Earl of Ansbach turned Lutheran.

Johann was the first son born to Georg Jacob Walzlein (b. 1791) and his wife, Kunigunda Anna Dorothea nee Riegel (b. 1795). Two other children died in childhood. Only one other child, a younger brother, survived, and after his marriage, worked the small farm where Johann was born.

Grosshaslach was not destroyed during World War II and the old church, in which Johann was baptized, remained standing, as did the old house where he was born.

Johann was a carpenter by trade and served in the army of the Kingdom of Bavaria from 1838 until 1847. Two years later, at the age of 32, he requested permission to travel to North America via Havre to New York to look for work.

In 1852, Johann received his United States Citizenship. In 1856, he purchased the farm on East Junction Road where some of his descendants resided until the early 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The farm was sold and is now the Kingsbrook Subdivision of the City of Frankenmuth (all residential).

In 1849, Johann married Anna Barbara Zehnder (1822-1901). Their marriage was blessed with six children:

Mrs. George (Anna Barbara Roedel (1850-1913);  
Maria Rosina (1853-1894);  
Johann Adam (1855-1940) married Margareth Roth;  
Johann Jacob (1858-1922) married Maria Bernthal;  
Mrs. Leonard (Christina Margaretha) Sohn (1862-1945);  
and  
Mrs. Johann (Barbara Anna) Trinklein (1865-1927).

Johann and Barbara's grandchildren included:

Eva Marie Bickel  
John Roedel  
William Roedel  
Herman Sohn  
Traugott Trinklein  
Pauline Marie Rockensuess  
Rev. Herbert Trinklein  
Ludwig Trinklein  
Adolph E. Trinklein  
Ottomar Trinklein  
Rev. Oswald Woelzlein  
Bertha Woelzlein  
Renata Gugel  
Marcus Woelzlein

Johann and Barbara's descendants as of the year 2006 number in excess of 150.



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