

Elrich Family



he Elrich name came to this area through Edward Elrich. Edward was born on February 27, 1842 in Prussia, the son of Michael and Dorothy nee Cuch Elrich.

While still a young lad, the family, which also included two others sons, Charles and Fred, left from Hamburg, Germany and sailed to Halifax, Nova Scotia. During the trip over, Dorothy and one of the children died. The rest of the family continued on to Middleton Nova Scotia, Canada. Edward was confirmed there on April 10, 1859.

Prior to 1873, the family moved to Saginaw County where Edward met his future wife. Edward married Harriet Scott on December 31, 1872. The couple raised ten children and worked their farm on Townline Road in Frankenmuth Township. Edward also worked for a lumber company during this time.

Etta, firstborn of the ten children, was born July 19, 1873. After surviving the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, Etta moved to Oregon, where she worked as a nurse and also ran a boarding house. Etta died in 1950.

Fred was born May 12, 1875. He was a repair man. He married Frankie Dignan and they had a daughter, Marvel. Fred died December 12, 1946.

Olive was born in 1878 and died in 1964. She married Willard Ashton.

Charles William was born April 9, 1880. He married Nelly Furry (born September 3, 1887) and they had one son, Charles Richard. Charles was a mechanic and carpenter. He died on November 29, 1962.

Walter was born December 30, 1881. He married Georgia Vance. They had three children: Harriet, William, and Margaret (Jean). He farmed on Townline Road. Walter died in December of 1961.

Clyde was born July 20, 1884. He married Martha Adameit. They had one daughter, Mary Louise, who married Frank Satchell. Clyde also farmed on Townline Road. He died in 1955.

Rhoda was born September 31, 1886. She was a nurse and married Harry Cramer. She died in 1936.

Florence was born on October 9, 1888. She married Charles Fretz and they had one daughter, Janet. Florence died on January 27, 1973.

Marion was born on November 10, 1889. She married Fred Goodrich and they adopted a daughter, Frances. Marion died February 13, 1980.

Clara was born March 1, 1894. She married Russell Takken and they had one daughter, Suzanne. She is remembered as a suffragette, taking part in the parades. Clara died in 1974.

Edward Elrich died on June 27, 1918. His wife, Harriet, preceded him in death on March 22, 1911.

