

Kipfmueller Family



The Kipfmueller crest was issued in Bavaria, Germany in the year 1470. The original is still on display in a national museum in Bavaria. The family history was being recorded by a Kipfmueller in Germany who, at that time, was in his late seventies. He and

his only son were killed in an accident, leaving the past history at a standstill.

The first Kipfmueller to come to this area was Michael (1825-1886), then 30 years of age, who came with his wife Olga. They had been told of the opportunities in the Frankenmuth area by their cousins, the Fischers, who came to the area two years earlier. Michael had his own carpentry business. Michael and Olga had a son named George. George learned the carpentry trade from his father and, also, became a blacksmith.

George Kipfmueller married Lillie and they had a son, Otto, who continued the blacksmith business. Their second son, also called George, was a cabinet maker and a hotel owner in Reese, Michigan. The first Lutheran church in the Reese area was organized in their hall called "The Kipfmueller House".

Otto and George disagreed on the spelling of their family name here in America. Otto changed the "ue" to "i" spelling his name Kipfmiller. George kept the "ue", keeping the Kipfmueller name as it was originally. This spelling change caused a split in the family. The "Kipfmillers" moved to the Bay City area while George and his family remained in Frankenmuth.

George Kipfmueller married Anna M. Schnell in 1885. They had three sons: John, Arthur and Karl. John Kipfmueller married Myrtle Brooks. They had one son, Clifford, who never married. Karl Kipfmueller married Agnes Cotter in 1925.

They had two sons, Mark and Leo. Mark had two sons and Leo had five sons. These families settled in the area of Birmingham, Michigan. Arthur Kipfmueller married Mary E. Drehmer in 1912. They had three sons: Earl in 1914, Max in 1918 and Wayne in 1920. Wayne died at the age of eight in a drowning accident. Arthur worked on the railroad and lived in the Owosso, Michigan area until his wife died. He then moved to Frankenmuth to be near his son Earl and his family.

Arthur's son Max married Oradelle Young in 1943. He retired from the advertising business. They had three daughters, Connie & Alan Hammer, Betty & John McNallan and Norma & Dennis Lund. The family of Max and Oradelle also included five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They resided in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area.

Arthur's second son, Earl, married Josephine E. Eggleston in 1937. Earl retired after a 25 year ownership of Kipco Industries in Owosso and an 18 year ownership of an Oldsmobile agency in East Tawas, Michigan. After retirement, Earl and Josephine moved to Frankenmuth to be near their children, Kay and John.

Kay, born in 1943, married David Veitengruber of Frankenmuth. David worked for Michigan Works. Kay worked for Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland since 1976. They had two daughters, Jill and Julie. Jill and Brad Przybylski had two children, Samantha and Brady. Julie and Scott Herman had three children, Heather, Austin and Emily.

John, born in 1945, married Carol Kuerbitz from Tawas. They had three sons, Scott and his wife Cathy, Jeffrey and his wife Stacie, and Mark and his wife Amy. Mark and Amy had two children, Clayton and Grace.



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