The Mossner family history has been traced back to Johann Georg Mossner (1796-1812) who married Maria Volkert (1800-1819). They had one daughter. After Maria died Johann Georg married her sister Barbara (1800-1825). They had one son Johann Leonard (1820-1854). After the death of Barbara, Johann married Anna Margaretha Bachinger (1800-1870). They had eleven children of which eight sons and one daughter grew up to adulthood.

It is believed that some of these nine children immigrated to America. We know that in 1850 Johann Sebastian (1830-1860) and his wife Katharina nee Schwartz (see Schwartz history) came to Frankenmuth in 1852. They had 2 daughters, Elizabeth and Dorothea, both baptized at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church.

Sebastian was buried at St. Lorenz on April 22, 1860.

In 1852 Jakob (10-15-1832 to 5-10-1889) and his brother Moritz (1836-1880) came to Frankenmuth. On March 11, 1855, Jakob married Margaretha Magdalina Reindel (2-18-1836 to 8-16-1903) and farmed on Dehmel Rd.

Margaretha came to America with her brother Adam. They brought a trunk full of clothes with them and $60. The rest of Margaretha’s family stayed in Germany because there wasn’t enough money for all of them to come.

Jakob and Margaretha had fourteen children:

Johann Leonard (8-26-1856 to 4-5-1927) settled in Tuscola Township. He joined St. Lorenz Lutheran Church and the Frankenmuth Mossners stem from him.

Georg Adam (12-17-1857 to 8-22-1883) settled in Tuscola Township.

Johann Michael (5-25-1859 to 1931) settled in Tuscola Township. Georg Adam and Johann Michael both joined St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Richville.

Louise Wilhemine (b. 2-19-1861) married Mike Seifferlein.

Marie Margaretha Barbara (b. 9-5-1862) married August Nickodemus.

Margaretha Sophia (b. 2-17-1864) married Hugo Brockrogge.


Anna (1867 to April, 1933) married William Warner.

Johann Georg (8-8-1868 to 9-20-1937) married Mary Meyer.

Anna Margaretha (b. 7-10-1870).

Anna Marie Sophia (b. 7-10-1872) married William Wolf and settled in Texas.

Heinrich Peter (7-16-1874 to 8-1942) married Barbara Kischnick.

Anna Gertrude (b. 6-26-1876) married William Hasselhuhn.

Karl Christian Julius “Charles” (7-4-1881 to 9-28-1933) married Alice Sams.