The second of the “Franken” communities was established in Blumfield Township, Saginaw County in 1847. A group of 60 people, under the direction of Pastor Phillip Graebner, left their homeland in Germany and established Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Community of Frankentrost.

A few years later, in 1850, Julius Schaberg, born on July 4, 1828, left his homeland, Hagen Westphalia, Germany, and joined these “Frankentrosters” in Blumfield Township. He bought land and started farming.

Some time later, he traveled by train to New York to meet his future wife, Maria Louise Tillman. They married and had seven children: Charles, Gustaves, Otto, Ernest, Mathilda, Anna and Julius. Julius Sr. died on June 22, 1900 and Maria died on March 11, 1900.

Julius Jr., born in 1865, did not marry until 1901. He married Wilhelmina Fink, born on July 13, 1879. She was one of six children of Gottlieb Fink (1844-1931) and Wilhelmina Rupp (1851-1931) of Baden, Germany. Julius and Wilhelmina had 12 children. Julius died in 1920 and Wilhelmina died in 1970.

Mathilda was born on December 3, 1902 and married Benjamin Otto. They had three children: Benjamin, Kenneth Alvin and Grace. Mathilda died on December 26, 1971.

Julius F. was born on December 6, 1903 and married Mary T. Foulds (April 27, 1905-April 2, 1990). They had four children: Julius Ralph, Judith Lea, Phyllis Ann and Susan Ruth. Julius F. died on November 1, 1975.

Twins, Erwin and Edwin, were born in 1905. Erwin died at birth and Edwin died the same week as his father, from a flu epidemic.

Alvin was born in 1907 and married Annetta Winn. They had one child, Roy. Alvin died in 1978.

Alfred was born January 7, 1909 and married Dorothy Norris (February 3, 1917-June 2, 1990). They had one child, David.

Arnold was born in 1908 and married Dorothy Gesse. They had two children, Janice and Peggy. Arnold died in 1986 and Dorothy died in 1991.

Carl was born in 1911 and married Marjorie Heindl. Carl lived on the Schaberg homestead until his death. The farm was designated a Centennial farm in 1950.


Albert was born March 5, 1919 and married Mary Jo Good (March 6, 1924-May 23, 1989). They had one child, Albert. Albert, the father, died April 22, 1987.

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