

# Ulrich Family



he Ulrich family is able to trace its family back to 1743.

Johann Kaspar Ulrich (1743-1796) of Moeschdeggingen, Germany, married Katharina Margar; Johann Georg (1174-?) of Balgheim, Germany, married Maria Barbara Pfeiffer; Johann Georg (1805-?) of Balgheim, Germany, married Anna Barbara Fettinger; Georg Michael (1836-?) of Oberasbach, Germany, married Johanna Christiane Gleiss; Johann Carl (1867-1946) of Gunzenhausen, Germany, married Anna Marie Held; and Johann Karl (1910-?) of Gunzenhausen, Germany, married Mary Schmidt (1911-1986).

John (Hans) Ulrich came to Frankenmuth in 1929 at the age of 18. He was sponsored by Fritz Bickel and money for passage was sent by George Bergdolt.

In Germany, Hans and all of his forefathers had been wagon makers. There was no need for him to follow this trade in America and so his first employment was at the Immanuel Trinklein Dairy Farm.

After several years he moved to Saginaw and worked for August Thieme in painting. He worked in Saginaw for three years before he moved back to Frankenmuth. Here he started his own painting business in 1923.

Hans had the unique distinction of being one of only two people living in Frankenmuth born in Frankenmuth's sister city Gunzenhausen.

The marriage of Franz Gross and Sonja Voelker, their friendship with veterinarian Dr. Marvin Engel, the Rev. Phillip Janz, and the Mayor James Wickson, planted the seed for the idea of a sister city and inauguration of an international partnership.

Thereafter, the City of Gunzenhausen, West Germany, and the City of Frankenmuth, Michigan, USA, entered into a sister city relationship in 1962 under the auspices of the "People-to-People" program.

Since that time numerous delegations have visited each others cities and many close friendships have been formed.

In 1987, on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sister city partnership, the City of Frankenmuth dedicated a Gunzenhausen Street in order to strengthen the bonds of friendship.

Hans and Mary were blessed with six children: Charles John, a store owner; Marian Ida Marklein, a homemaker; Lillian Margaret Osborne, a teacher; William Erwin, a Marina owner; Arlene Mary, an apartment manager; and Betty Ann, a cosmetologist and then an employee of Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland.

Their grandchildren included: Mark, Peggy and Ken Marklein; Sonja, Carla, Charles and Annie Ulrich; Patricia, Dennis, Matthew, Billy, Cheryl, Devotion and Sophina Brown; and Stephanie and Steven Decker.



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