

Franziska Bauer-Reuschlein- Pronold-Baer

1838-1912

daughter of Adam Bauer

daughter of Kathrina(?) Ruhland-Bauer

TIMELINE

-002	mon	jun	13	1836	birth theresia bauer-schwarz
=000	wed	jan	03	1838	birth franziska bauer-...
=002	sun	apr	19	1840	birth katharina bauer-mexielsperger
=021	tue	nov	01	1859	birth john b bauer
=024	xxx	xxx	00	1862	emigrate theresia bauer-schwarz
=027	wed	apr	19	1865	birth john h bauer
=032	xxx	xxx	00	1870	emigrate katharina bauer-schwarz
=034	sat	mar	30	1872	emigrate franziska bauer-...
=037	thu	apr	29	1875	marry killian reuschlein
=039	wed	jun	06	1877	marry bernard pronold
=060	wed	jun	08	1898	marry jacob baer
=063	sun	may	26	1901	death jacob baer
=070	sat	jan	18	1908	death theresia bauer-schwarz
=070	mon	aug	03	1908	death john h bauer
=074	wed	feb	07	1912	death katharina bauer-mexielsperger
=074	thu	may	02	1912	death franziska bauer-...
+005	mon	sep	17	1917	death john b bauer

INTRODUCTION

Franziska Bauer is my mother's ancestor that emigrated to the US. Franziska's life is a very unique/strange story. Very little is known about her. For some reason my mother's family did not discuss or know of her.

The following is the result of our paper trail research.

Franziska was listed under several different names. We have choosen to use the one on her tombstone.

GERMANY

We can trace the BAUER family ancestors back to ADAM BAUER (Franziska's father.). Based on our research to-date he probably was born in the early 1800's. His wife was Catherine Ruhland. We can support this by looking at Franziska's marriage certificates.

Georg Ederer of Germany has done some research on the German ancestors of the residents of Plain, WI. According to a document prepared by him, Franziska Bauer has two other sisters. (The death certificates of these two sisters show Adam Bauer as their father providing additional proof that they are related.)

Start of trend?? A Bauer family with all girls.

One sister is Theresia Bauer who was married to Johann Schwarz. According to the 1900 CENSUS she emigrated to the US in 1862. This census data also show that she could read and write but couldn't speak english. According to the Sauk County cemetery listings, she was born on Jan 12, 1831 and died on Jan 18, 1908.

The other sister is Katharina Bauer who had 1 illegitimate child. According to the 1900 CENSUS she emi-

grated to the US in 1870. This census data also shows that she could read and write but couldn't speak English. According to the cemetery listings she was born on Apr 19, 1840 and died on Feb 7, 1912.

According to Ederer, the Bauer sisters lived at Untergrafenried #19 and Johann Bapt Ruhland and Franziska Ruhland lived at Untergrafenried #20. Considering that Franziska's mother was Katherina Ruhland this leads to some weird speculation.

WERE THESE RUHLANDs FROM THE SAME FAMILY? Are the Zilks, Ruhlands, Grubers, Bauers, Schmidhofers related.

Schwarz lived at Untergrafenried #5. Is this Johann Schwarz's family that Theresia married?

Franziska Bauer had two sons with Andreas Schmidhofer. This is supported by the marriage and death certificates of her sons. Both of these Johns were born in Germany.

According to the 1900 Federal Census Franziska had 3 children of which 2 were still alive in 1900. Was this third child born in Germany and then died in Germany? This is likelier than this third child being the child of one of her husbands in the United States.

EMIGRATION

Using the 1900 Federal Census, we traced the year of Franziska's emigration. Franziska Bauer arrived in New York City from Bremen aboard the Deutschland on March 30, 1872. (We have detailed specifications and a "picture" of this ship.)

According to the disembarkation records she was 34 years old. She was accompanied by two sons Johann-Bapt 9 years old and Johann 5 years old.

Possible friends/relatives accompanying on the trip were Johann and Marg. Ederer, Johann and Kath Ruhland and, Alois and Anna Ruhland.

Schmidhofer did not come to America with Franziska. It should be noted that having illegitimate children was common in Germany. Laws at that time made it an expensive proposition to get married.

Considering that Franziska was a 34 year old women

with two small children, emigrating to the US had to be a major decision. Why would she come to the US? How she was going to support herself? She didn't speak English. Did she have a lot of money? Since both of her sisters emigrated to the US, they could support her until she got situated. Being with friends and neighbors on the ship coming over must have been helpful.

LITERACY

According to the 1900 Federal Census, she could read and write but she couldn't speak English. This implies that she could read and write German but not English. One reason for Germans to come to Plain is that they could be around other German friends. This is why Franziska never had to learn to speak English.

HOME

We do not know where Franziska lived in Wisconsin when she got to America. She could have lived with one of her sisters.

The 1875 Wisconsin Census indicates that 4 males and 2 females live at the Killian Reuschlein household. Killian, Franziska, and the two Johns would account for 3 males and 1 female. Who were the others?

After her marriage to Bernard Pronold, she lived with him at the farm that my mother grew up at.

According to the 1900 Federal Census, Franziska is listed as Francis Bauer in household #161. John H Bauer lived in household #160. This indicates that there were 2 houses on the property. It is interesting that George Haas lived in household #158 and John R. Haas lived at household #159. John B. Haas once lived next to George Haas before he moved into Plain.

According to the 1905 Wisconsin Census, Franziska is listed as Franziska Bauer at household #39 with John H. Bauer and family.

I can not locate Franziska on the 1910 Federal Census of Franklin. The Margaret Hutter-Bauer family is shown at #196

This indicates that she might have moved. Her obituary said she lived in Franklin. Did she move? To where?

HUSBANDS

Francizka Bauer was very active when it came to attracting husbands.

She married Killian Reuschlein on April 29, 1875. Reuschlein was a farmer who lived in the town of Franklin. Reuschlein was born in Bischofisheim Baden Germany. Alloys Holler and Carolina Schuf were witnesses. Heinrich and Regina Reuschlein were parents of the groom. Adam and Catharina Bauer are listed as parents of the bride. Father Lorenz Spitzberger of Honey Creek officiated at the wedding the marriage.

There is no indication of when Killian Reuschlein died or was buried.

On June 6, 1877 Franziska Bauer-Reuschlein married Bernard Pronold a farmer. He was born in Diffenbach, Bavaria to George Pronold and Anna Obergassner. The marriage certificate shows Franziska's parents as Adam Bauer and Cath. RUHLAND. The witnesses were Jacobus(?) Voelkl and Franc. Nachreiner. The certificate indicates that Franziska was the widow of Killian Reuschlein. The ceremony was officiated by Father N. Flammang of Franklin.

Bernard Pronold is the father of Philomina Pronold who married George Haas (brother of John B. Haas). This is not a blood relationship, but it is another link between the Haases and the Bauers.

There is no indication of when Bernard Pronold died or was buried.

On June 8, 1898 Franziska Bauer-Reuschlein-Pronold married Jacob Baer a widower and farmer Leland. He was born in Austria to George and Mary Baer. The marriage certificate shows Franziska's parents as Adam Bauer and Katharine Ruhland, the witnesses were John B and Walburga Hutter. The ceremony was officiated by Father John G. Lauer of Plain.

Home News June 9, 1898 (note the discrepancies) :

*Mr. Alois Beer and Mrs. Francis Pronold were united in marriage by Rev. Lauer at St. Luke's Catholic Church Plain on **Wednesday June 7th**. A large number of friends who witnessed the ceremony join with the Home News in wishing them happiness and prosperity.*

On May 26, 1901 Jacob Baer died in Honey Creek. His

death certificate shows a birth date of July 25, 1834. It also shows him as a widower. It lists his place of birth as Austria.

DEATH

Franziska Bauer died on May 2, 1912. The death certificate shows her name as Mrs. Francis Pronold. It also shows her age as **73 years. (????)** The information on the certificate is provided by J. B. Bauer. She was buried on May 4, 1912. Her doctor was Fowler. Her death was caused by gastric carcinoma. She suffered from this disease for 400 days.

According to the Cemetery listings she was born on Jan 2, 1838 and died on May 2, 1912.

Home News May 9, 1912 :

OBITUARY - Pronold

Mrs. Frances Pronold died Thursday, May 2d, 1912 at her home in the town of Franklin. Deceased was born in Untergrafenried, Bavaria, and came into this country forty years ago, having since that time resided in the vicinity of Plain. The funeral was held Saturday at St. Luke's church, Rev. George Pesch officiating, and the remains were placed at rest in St Luke's Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

The relatives wish to thank the neighbors for their kind assistance during the illness of Mrs. Pronold.

MYSTERY??

Something doesn't make sense here. The marriage to Baer took place in 1898. According to the 1900 Federal Census Franziska Bauer lived next to her son John H. Bauer under the name of BAUER. (In a log cabin to the south-west of the existing house on the hill) Baer died in 1901.

Why wasn't Franziska Bauer living with Baer in 1900.

In the 1905 Wisconsin Census Franziska Bauer is still living with her son John H. Bauer but under the name of PRONOLD. She was buried using the name of her second husband.

PICTURE

744 could be Franciska. This is part of a larger picture
We are in the process of trying to figure out if this is her
and who the other people might be.