

A List of Nineteenth-Century Emigrants from Markt Eisenstein, Bohemia to Northern Wisconsin

This list is to be used as a guide. The origins of the individuals listed here should be confirmed with official records.



*Markt Eisenstein, Bohemia (now Zelezna Ruda, Czech Republic)
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More than one hundred and seventy-five individuals are known to have emigrated from the small town of Markt Eisenstein, Bohemia (now Zelezna Ruda, Czech Republic) to northern Wisconsin in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. They came as singles, as couples, and as families with children. Some were just babies in arms. Anton Kunding and Theresia Wenzl immigrated in 1881 with their seven children: Anna, Rosalie, Xavier, Ignatz, Anton, Barbara, and Johann. Wolfgang Aschenbrenner and

Theresia Poschl emigrated in 1883 with six sons: Casper, Wolfgang, Joseph, Ignatz, James, and Alois. Those who came as children often married the children of other families from Markt Eisenstein. Certainly most of these families were related in some way as a result of two hundred years of intermarriage between neighbors in the old country: many of the emigrants had forebears who settled in the area of Markt Eisenstein at the end of the seventeenth century.

Perhaps the first person to emigrate was Michael Schreiner who, according to the US Census of 1910, emigrated in 1872 and settled in Marathon County. George and Monika (Bredl) Aschenbrenner, along with their two young children and Monika's brother Anton, emigrated in 1877. The vast majority came in the 1880s. Many of them settled on farms or worked in the lumber mills. Edward Aschenbrenner, who came to America as a one-year-old, became one of the original founders of the Park Falls State Bank in Park Falls, Wisconsin and established the E. J. Aschenbrenner Insurance Agency in that city. Many emigrants from Markt Eisenstein raised large families. Michael Hilgart and Monika Beil, who settled in Fifield, Wisconsin, had sixteen children.

Sources of Information

This list has been compiled from a variety of sources. I have used my own research, as well as information received from other members of the German-Bohemian Mailing List. A number of descendants of various families have left helpful messages on Ancestry and Rootsweb Message Boards. The Centennial Publication: *100 Years on the Flambeau: Park Falls, Lake, and*

Eisenstein, provided information on those families that settled in Price County. Most, if not all, of the individuals are found in the US Census Records, beginning in 1880, and in the Wisconsin State Census records of 1885, 1895, and 1905. Census records provide a lot of valuable information on these families. In these records, the country of origin is listed variously as Germany, Austria, and Bohemia. In a way, all of these designations are correct. The emigrants were ethnic Germans living in a village in Bohemia which was, at the time, a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It is too bad that the village or city of origin is not included in census records!

Forest County, Wisconsin

The families listed below settled in the village of Laona.

Aschenbrener, James and Mary

Bredl, Franz Xavier (Frank) and Mary Walburga (Roble) Frank originally settled in Wood County.

Linzmeier, Frank and Rosalia

Linzmeier, Charles and Barbara

Marathon County, Wisconsin

The municipalities and farming communities of Stratford, Rietbrock, Eau Pleine, Cleveland became home to a number of families from Markt Eisenstein, including the following:

Aschenbrenner, Wolfgang and Theresia (Poschl)

Aschenbrenner, Casper and Anna (Altmann)

Aschenbrenner, Wolfgang and Frances (Baierl)

Aschenbrenner, Joseph and Mary Elizabeth (Wenzel)

Aschenbrenner, Ignatz and Mary (Hoffman)

Aschenbrenner, James and Mary (Bohman)

Aschenbrenner, Alois and Anna (Wenzel)

Baierl, Wolfgang and Frances

Schriner, Frank and Frances

Schriner, Michael and Theresia

Wallner, Charles and Mary

Wenzel, Franz Xaver and Theresia (Kolros)

Price County, Wisconsin

The individuals and families listed below settled in the municipalities of Park Falls, Lake, Fifield, and Eisenstein. Sources of information on the immigrants from Markt Eisenstein to Price County are the Centennial Publication, *100 Years on the Flambeau: Park Falls, Lake, and Eisenstein* (Available at the Wisconsin Historical Society) and Ray Hilgart. Ray was a descendant of Hilgarts who immigrated to Price County in the early 1880s. He was born in Eisenstein, Wisconsin and was very active in tracing the family histories of those who settled there in the late nineteenth century.

Aschenbrener, Edward J

Aschenbrener, Joseph

Bertl, Michael and Rosa (Hilgart)

Boyer, Johann and Theresia (Denk)

Boyer, Wenzel (James) and Anna (Hilgart)

Bredl, Anton

Bredl, Joseph and Mary (Kundinger)

Bredl, Johann and Rosalia (Hellinger)

Dums, Ludwig and (1) Anna Maria (Buchinger); (2) Barbara (Buchinger)

Draxler, Aloysius (Louis)

Draxler, Joseph

Esterl, Ignatz and Elisabetha (Rendl)

Gschwendtner, Michael and Monika (Hilgart)

Grassl, Joseph and Rosine (Lobner)

Hilgart, Benedict and Franziska Stern (Störr)

Hilgart, Ignatz and (1) Johanna (Wiendl); (2) Philomena (Draxler); (3) Anna (Aschenbrenner/Weiss)

Hilgart, Johann and Walburga (Draxler)

Hilgart, Josef and Katharina (Wudi)

Hilgart, Joseph and Theresia (Hoffman)

Hilgart, Michael and Anna (Wallner)

Hilgart, Michael, Sr. and Monika (Beil)

Kundinger, Anton and Theresia (Wenzl)

Miesbauer, Pius and Mary (Schmidt)

Mueller, Anton and Monica (Beil)

Schmidt, George and (1) Theresia Macht; (2) Katharina Hilgart

Schmidt, Jakob and Theresia (or Teckla) Stör (Sterr)

Stauber, Florian and Anna (Denk)

Stueber, Joseph married Mary Altman who was not from Markt Eisenstein

Wallner, Michael and Anna (Kundinger/Aschenbrenner)

Wenzl, George and Carolyn (Oberhofer)

Wudi, Joseph and Katherine (Wepel)

Wudi, Johann and Maria (Hilgart)

Taylor County, Wisconsin

The following families are found in the municipalities of Stetsonville, Medford, and Little Black:

Aschenbrenner, Georg & Monika (Bredl)

Sperl, Louis and Sophie (Probably the same couple listed in Wood County)

Wood County, Wisconsin

Many nineteenth-century emigrants from Markt Eisenstein settled in the farming community of Auburndale or in the nearby municipalities of Milladore, Sherry, Blenker, and Marshfield. Included in this number are the following:

Altman, Frank and Rosalia (Rohrbacker)

Altman, Joseph and Anna

Aschbeck, Anton and (1) Carolina (Wallner) (2) Franceska (Bredl/ Wallner) Franceska was Anton's sister-in-law, the widow of Jacob Wallner)

Aschbeck, Anton and Barbara

Aschbeck, Johann and Anna (Kerschel or Girstl)

Aschbeck, Louis

Aschbeck, Michael

Aschenbrenner, Alois (Louis) and Katharina

Aschenbrener, Wolfgang

Ashbeck, Anton and Barbara (Schreiner)

Bradle, Joseph and Anna (Pankratz)

Brandl, Anton

Brandl, George

Brandl, Michael and Barbara (Pankratz)

Brandl, Michael, Sr. and Theresia (Schreiner)

Dillinger, Thomas

Dillinger, Wenzel

Dillinger, John

Draxler, Martin and Johanna (Hilgart)

Gotz, Joseph and Barbara (Dillinger)

Gotz, Louis and Monika

Grassl, George

Grassl, Louis and Theresa

Hilgart, Ignatz and Barbara (Augustin)

Hilgart, Joseph and Theresia (Meidl)

Hilgart, Frank and Amelia (Karl)

Hilgart, Louis

Karl, Louis and Barbara (Linsmeier/ Schreiner)

Kelnhofer, George and Rosalia (Baierl)

Kolbech, Wolfgang

Kollrohs, Juliana

Kundinger, George and Maria (Baierl)

Kundinger, Mike and Matilda

Linzmeier, Joseph and Rose (Grassl)

Pankratz, Casper and Elizabeth (Karl)

Pankratz, Frank Sr.

Pankratz, Frank and Anna (Bredl)

Pankratz, George

Pankratz, Joseph and Anna Maria (Wenzel)

Pankratz, Joseph Jr. and Caroline

Pankratz, Louis

Rohrbacker, Joseph

Sperl, Louis and Sophia

Schreiner, Ignatz and Rosalie

Treml, George and (1) Ann (Hilgart) (2) Carolina (Baierl)

Treml, Wenzel and Theresia

Wallner, George and Theresia (Weinfurtner)

Other areas of Wisconsin

The following families from Markt Eisenstein settled in the towns of Menasha and Oshkosh, in Winnebago County, WI:

Kollross, Frank and Annie

Pankratz, Joseph and Anna (Aschenbrenner)

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