

Descendants of Johann Michael Metzger

Generation No. 1

1. **Johann Michael¹ Metzger** was born Bef. 1719. He married **Anna Magdalena Lutz**. She was born Bef. 1721.

Child of Johann Metzger and Anna Lutz is:

- + 2 i. **Johann Jakob² Metzger**, born 23 Aug 1739 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 30 Jan 1811 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

Generation No. 2

2. **Johann Jakob² Metzger** (Johann Michael¹) was born 23 Aug 1739 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 30 Jan 1811 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. He married **Eva Barbara Ramsaier** 18 Nov 1763 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. She was born 24 Oct 1744 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 13 Jun 1813 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

More About Johann Jakob Metzger:

Occupation: weaver Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg

More About Johann Metzger and Eva Ramsaier:

Marriage: 18 Nov 1763, Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg

Children of Johann Metzger and Eva Ramsaier are:

- 3 i. **Johannes³ Mezger**, born 28 Sep 1766 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 4 ii. **Johann Michael Mezger**, born 17 Sep 1768 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 5 iii. **Maria Catharina Mezger**, born 19 Aug 1770 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 6 iv. **Johann Jakob Mezger**, born 03 Feb 1776 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 20 Oct 1776 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- + 7 v. **Georg Adam Mezger**, born 26 Mar 1778 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 21 Oct 1835 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 8 vi. **Christina Dorothea Mezger**, born 16 Nov 1780 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 15 Feb 1808 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 9 vii. **Johann Gottlob Mezger**, born 21 Dec 1789 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

Generation No. 3

7. **Georg Adam³ Mezger** (Johann Jakob² Metzger, Johann Michael¹) was born 26 Mar 1778 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 21 Oct 1835 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. He married **Margaretha Elsasser** 18 Jul 1802 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. She was born 16 Apr 1779 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 18 Jul 1847 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

More About Georg Adam Mezger:

Occupation: farmer Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg

More About Georg Mezger and Margaretha Elsasser:

Marriage: 18 Jul 1802, Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg

Children of Georg Mezger and Margaretha Elsasser are:

- + 10 i. **Johann Georg⁴ Mezger**, born 06 May 1804 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 22 Jul 1861.
- 11 ii. **Christina Mezger**, born 14 Sep 1805 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- + 12 iii. **Johann Jakob Metzger**, born 10 Jul 1807 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 28 Jan 1876 in Vaihingen,

- Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 13 iv. Eva Barbara Mezger, born 04 Apr 1809 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 14 Jan 1810 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 14 v. Christian Mezger, born 26 Feb 1811 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 15 vi. Georg Adam Mezger, born 30 Aug 1812 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 21 Sep 1812 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 16 vii. Johannes Mezger, born 26 Sep 1813 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 07 Oct 1813 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 17 viii. Johann Gottlieb Mezger, born 14 Dec 1814 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 05 Jan 1815 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 18 ix. Johann Gottlob Mezger, born 18 Apr 1816 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 17 Aug 1816 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 19 x. Johann Gottfried Mezger, born 04 Aug 1817 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 21 Aug 1817 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 20 xi. Catharina Barbara Mezger, born 08 May 1820 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 09 Aug 1820 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 21 xii. Johann Gottfried Mezger, born 16 Jul 1822 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 30 Jul 1822 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

Generation No. 4

10. Johann Georg⁴ Mezger (Georg Adam³, Johann Jakob² Metzger, Johann Michael¹) was born 06 May 1804 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 22 Jul 1861. He married **Margaretha Buk** 24 Jan 1830 in Moehringen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. She was born 21 Jun 1804 in Tuebingen, Wurtemberg.

More About Johann Mezger and Margaretha Buk:
 Marriage: 24 Jan 1830, Moehringen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg

Children of Johann Mezger and Margaretha Buk are:

- 22 i. Andreas Johannes⁵ Mezger, born 28 Nov 1830 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 12 Apr 1833 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- + 23 ii. Johann Michael Mezger, born 07 Jan 1832 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 24 iii. Barbara Mezger, born 14 Jun 1833 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 25 iv. baby Mezger, born 03 Mar 1835 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 03 Mar 1835 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 26 v. Adam Mezger, born 13 Jan 1836 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 13 Jan 1836 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 27 vi. Catharina Mezger, born 24 Aug 1837 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 28 vii. Caroline Mezger, born 09 Feb 1839 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died Apr 1839 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 29 viii. Johann Conrad Mezger, born 15 Apr 1840 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 17 May 1841 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 30 ix. Jacob Heinrich Mezger, twin, born 27 Jul 1842 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 31 x. Maria Magdalena Mezger, twin, born 27 Jul 1842 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 31 Jul 1842 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

12. Johann Jakob⁴ Metzger (Georg Adam³ Mezger, Johann Jakob² Metzger, Johann Michael¹) was born 10 Jul 1807 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 28 Jan 1876 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. He married **Margarthea Metzger** 19 Feb 1833 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, daughter of Johann Metzger and Margarthea Herzog. She was born 04 Feb 1805 in Rohr, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 13 Nov 1847 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

More About Johann Metzger and Margarthea Metzger:
 Marriage: 19 Feb 1833, Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg

Children of Johann Metzger and Margarthea Metzger are:

- 32 i. Anna Margarete⁵ Metzger, born 24 Apr 1834 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 29 Jun 1834 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 33 ii. Johann Jacob Metzger, born 03 Nov 1835 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 14 Apr 1837 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 34 iii. Johann Ulrich Metzger, born 31 Dec 1836 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 23 Jul 1837 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

- Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- + 35 iv. Margaretha Metzger, twin, born 27 Jan 1838 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 27 Dec 1915 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 36 v. Christina Gottliebin Metzger, twin, born 27 Jan 1838 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 14 Feb 1838 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 37 vi. Anna Maria Metzger, born 15 Apr 1839 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 09 Oct 1939 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 38 vii. baby Metzger, twin, born 24 Jul 1840 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 24 Jul 1840 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 39 viii. Christina Barbara Metzger, twin, born 24 Jul 1840 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 27 Feb 1842 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 40 ix. Jakobina Dorothea Metzger, born 04 Nov 1841 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 07 Mar 1842 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- + 41 x. Christina Paulina Metzger, born 03 Jan 1843 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 12 Dec 1921 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 42 xi. Jacob Friederich Metzger, born 18 Jul 1844 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 17 Apr 1845 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- + 43 xii. Christian Gottlob Metzger, born 30 Apr 1846 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 26 Apr 1891 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

Generation No. 5

23. Johann Michael⁵ Mezger (Johann Georg⁴, Georg Adam³, Johann Jakob² Metzger, Johann Michael¹) was born 07 Jan 1832 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. He married **Augusta Friederike Zeitter** 08 Feb 1858 in Neckarweihingen u. Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg. She was born 16 Jan 1831.

More About Johann Mezger and Augusta Zeitter:

Marriage: 08 Feb 1858, Neckarweihingen u. Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg

Child of Johann Mezger and Augusta Zeitter is:

- + 44 i. Johannes Andreas⁶ Metzger, born 22 May 1863 in Neckarweihingen u. Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg.

35. Margaretha⁵ Metzger, twin (Johann Jakob⁴, Georg Adam³ Mezger, Johann Jakob² Metzger, Johann Michael¹) was born 27 Jan 1838 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 27 Dec 1915 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. She married **Johannes Mezger** 30 May 1865 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. He was born 03 Aug 1839 in Schoenaich, Boeblingen, Wurtemberg, and died 29 Jun 1906 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

More About Johannes Mezger and Margaretha Metzger:

Marriage: 30 May 1865, Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg

Children of Margaretha Metzger and Johannes Mezger are:

- 45 i. Friederike Pauline⁶ Mezger, born 01 Aug 1867 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 11 Dec 1891 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 46 ii. Christian Wilhelm Mezger, born 26 Sep 1868 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. He married Agnes Katharina ? 31 Oct 1895 in Wurtemberg; born Aft. 1868.

More About Christian Mezger and Agnes ?:

Marriage: 31 Oct 1895, Wurtemberg

- 47 iii. Wilhelmine Dorothea Mezger, born 22 Sep 1870 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. She married Gottlob ? 08 Jul 1905 in Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; born Aft. 1864.

More About Gottlob ? and Wilhelmine Mezger:

Marriage: 08 Jul 1905, Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg

- 48 iv. Karl Friedrich Mezger, born 24 Feb 1872 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 09 Nov 1872 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 49 v. Maria Katharina Mezger, born 08 Sep 1873 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 26 Apr 1875 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

- 50 vi. Karl Friedrich Mezger, born 06 Mar 1875 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 02 Apr 1875 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 51 vii. Rosine Friederike Mezger, born 09 Jul 1876 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg; died 06 Nov 1876 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 52 viii. Rosine Friederike Mezger, born 06 Jan 1878 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

41. Christina Paulina⁵ Metzger (Johann Jakob⁴, Georg Adam³ Mezger, Johann Jakob² Metzger, Johann Michael¹) was born 03 Jan 1843 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 12 Dec 1921 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. She married **Jacob Friedrich Elsasser** 19 Jan 1869 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. He was born 18 Sep 1842 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 12 Jun 1914 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

More About Jacob Elsasser and Christina Metzger:
 Marriage: 19 Jan 1869, Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg

Children of Christina Metzger and Jacob Elsasser are:

- 53 i. Christiana Gottlieb⁶ Elsasser, born 19 Oct 1869 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 54 ii. Karl Christian Elsasser, born 20 Nov 1870 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 55 iii. Friederike Pauline Elsasser, born 24 Aug 1872 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 56 iv. Friederike Elsasser, born 03 Sep 1874 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 57 v. Jacob Friedrich Elsasser, born 17 Oct 1875 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 58 vi. Maria Karoline Elsasser, born 05 Feb 1877 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 59 vii. Paul Wilhelm Elsasser, born 23 Mar 1878 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 60 viii. Karl Friedrich Elsasser, born 16 May 1879 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 61 ix. Christine Katharine Elsasser, born 11 Jul 1880 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 62 x. Anna Elsasser, born 18 Nov 1881 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 63 xi. Marie Sofie Elsasser, born 02 Feb 1884 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 64 xii. Emilie Elsasser, born 12 May 1885 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.
- 65 xiii. Gottlob Elsasser, born 09 Oct 1886 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

43. Christian Gottlob⁵ Metzger (Johann Jakob⁴, Georg Adam³ Mezger, Johann Jakob² Metzger, Johann Michael¹) was born 30 Apr 1846 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and died 26 Apr 1891 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. He married **Margaretha Hornbacher** 27 Jul 1875 in Wurtemberg. She was born 22 Jul 1852 in Oberwaldorf, Freudenstadt, Wurtemberg, and died 1939 in Vaihingen, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

More About Christian Metzger and Margaretha Hornbacher:
 Marriage: 27 Jul 1875, Wurtemberg

Children of Christian Metzger and Margaretha Hornbacher are:

- 66 i. Friederike⁶ Metzger, born 16 Oct 1874 in Boesingen, Freudenstadt, Wurtemberg; died 27 Nov 1874 in Wurtemberg.
- 67 ii. Johann Jacob Metzger, born 24 May 1876; died 05 Jun 1876.
- 68 iii. Karl Christian Metzger, born 13 Jul 1877; died 29 Jul 1877.
- 69 iv. Wilhelm Heinrich Metzger, born 12 Dec 1878.
- 70 v. Karl Friedrich Metzger, born 07 Nov 1880; died 18 May 1911.
- 71 vi. baby Metzger, born 09 May 1883; died 09 May 1883.
- 72 vii. Adolf Metzger, born 08 Jul 1884; died 06 Apr 1885.
- 73 viii. Katharine Pauline Metzger, born 18 Mar 1886; died 19 Apr 1894.
- 74 ix. Johannes Ernst Metzger, born 24 Jun 1888; died 04 Mar 1889.
- 75 x. Anna Maria Metzger, born 19 Mar 1890.

Generation No. 6

44. Johannes Andreas⁶ Metzger (Johann Michael⁵ Mezger, Johann Georg⁴, Georg Adam³, Johann Jakob² Metzger, Johann Michael¹) was born 22 May 1863 in Neckarweiingen u. Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg. He married **Friederike Auguste Berger** 21 Jul 1891 in Neckarweiingen u. Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg. She was born 02 Jan 1869.

More About Johannes Metzger and Friederike Berger:

Marriage: 21 Jul 1891, Neckarweihingen u. Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg

Children of Johannes Metzger and Friederike Berger are:

- + 76 i. Wilhelm Immanuel⁷ Metzger, born 01 Sep 1894 in Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg.
- + 77 ii. Johannes Friedrich (Fritz) Metzger, born 06 Jun 1893 in Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg.
- 78 iii. Gottfried Metzger.

Generation No. 7

76. Wilhelm Immanuel⁷ Metzger (Johannes Andreas⁶, Johann Michael⁵ Mezger, Johann Georg⁴, Georg Adam³, Johann Jakob² Metzger, Johann Michael¹) was born 01 Sep 1894 in Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg. He married **Maria Friederike Lamparter** 03 Nov 1921 in Neckarweihingen u. Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg, daughter of Jakob Lamparter and Christiane Steck. She was born 02 Feb 1893 in Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg.

Notes for Wilhelm Immanuel Metzger:

Wilhelm Metzger was born in 1894 to Johannes, a baker, and Frederike Metzger, in the town of Wilhelmsdorf, Württemberg, Germany. He joined the German army in 1914, and was soon after sent to the front in France, where he was wounded. When he was well enough to return to duty he was sent to fight in the Alps as a ski trooper, where he served under the Company Commander Irwin Rommel. Walter Metzger still has his father's 'passbook' detailing all of his movements while in the service. Wilhelm was discharged from the army in 1918 and awarded the Iron Cross. Following the footsteps of his father, Wilhelm went to Stuttgart to apprentice as a baker soon had attained the title "Master Baker." He married the daughter of Jacob and Frederika (Steck) Lamparter, Maria, who had grown up on a small farm, which she worked with her mother. Meanwhile, their future partner, Christian Kuhn was also born in Wilhelmsdorf. Christian served in the German army, was captured by the Canadian forces, and released after the war. As it became harder to make a living in the economic climate of Germany, Wilhelm, Marie, and Christian sought passage to the United States.

They were sponsored by Sam Heusel, a German baker who had established himself in Ann Arbor. Sam Heusel was the grandfather of popular radio personality, Ted Heusel who passed away in 2007. Because of immigration quotas, Wilhelm could not bring Marie and their young son Hans, who was born in 1922, to the United States with him in 1923. They were finally permitted to join him fifteen months later. Together the small family ran the Liberty Street boarding house, while Wilhelm also worked at Sam Heusel's "Home Bakery." After working for Sam Heusel, Wilhelm worked as a baker for the University of Michigan for one year, where friend and future University of Michigan Football Coach Bennie Oosterbaan was also working, washing pots and pans.

Marie cooked and cleaned for the family as well as six boarders. Their second child Walter, was born in 1926. When the Flautz family, owner of a local restaurant at 122 West Washington decided to return to their native Germany, they rented their location to the Metzger family and Christian Kuhn. At the same time that Wilhelm and Marie came to the United States, two of Wilhelm's brothers, Fritz and Gottfried, emigrated to the United States. Fritz later bought the Old German from it's original owner, Gottlob Schumacher, who retired in 1946. Gottfried owned the Deluxe Bakery on East Washington, and would supply bread and baked goods to both the Old German and the Metzger's German Restaurant for many years.

"The German American Restaurant" opened on December 8, 1928. They served breakfast, lunch, and dinner to an appreciative American clientele, and business was good. Prohibition was in full swing at the time and alcohol was not permitted in any form. One day, the cider that the Metzger's served was found to have fermented, and the family was severely reprimanded. Wilhelm was placed on probation for five years. And an enormous fine (in those days) of \$100 was applied. Furthermore, a monthly fine was demanded for a total of sixty months. Despite this financial setback, business continued to thrive, until the nation entered the depression of the 1930's starting with the Stock Market Crash in 1929. No one had any

money to spend frivolously, and the family worked long hours to keep its doors open. When Prohibition was repealed, the restaurant was one of the first in Ann Arbor to get a license to serve beer and wine, and things continued to improve.

Among the employees, working for the Metzger's at the time was Herman Weber, later to be the founder of Weber's Restaurant in Ann Arbor. Weber worked in the kitchen of the restaurant from 1934 until 1936 and sold chickens to the restaurant from his family farm. He even taught Walter Metzger to drive a car. In those days, the driving age was only fourteen.

Another setback was to arise in 1936, however, when the Flautz family returned to Germany. The restaurant then relocated to 203 East Washington and took on a new, shorter name, that of Metzger's German Restaurant. This new location was ideal, but for one detail: its front door was within five hundred feet of a church, and the restaurant intended to serve alcohol. In those days, the minimum distance between the front door of an alcohol-serving establishment and the door of a church was 500 feet. After a drawn-out legal battle, the Metzger's came up with a clever idea – to buy the alley behind the restaurant, and make that the main entrance, and neatly sidestep the law. Business improved in 1937, and the family was for the first time able to close Sunday afternoons. By 1938, they could afford to close for the entire day.

More About Wilhelm Metzger and Maria Lamparter:

Marriage: 03 Nov 1921, Neckarweiingen u. Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg

Children of Wilhelm Metzger and Maria Lamparter are:

- 79 i. Hans William⁸ Metzger, born 13 Aug 1922 in Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg; died 27 Mar 1997.
- + 80 ii. Walter Siegfried Metzger, born 16 May 1926 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co, Michigan; died 17 Oct 2014.

77. Johannes Friedrich (Fritz)⁷ Metzger (Johannes Andreas⁶, Johann Michael⁵ Metzger, Johann Georg⁴, Georg Adam³, Johann Jakob² Metzger, Johann Michael¹) was born 06 Jun 1893 in Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg. He married **Berta Hess** 18 Oct 1921 in Isny, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg. She was born 06 Jul 1894 in Bubikon, Zuerich, Switzerland.

More About Johannes Metzger and Berta Hess:

Marriage: 18 Oct 1921, Isny, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg

Children of Johannes Metzger and Berta Hess are:

- 81 i. Berthilda Emelia (Bert)⁸ Metzger, born 02 Jul 1922 in Wilhelmsdorf, Ravensburg, Wurtemberg; died 24 Nov 2012 in Saline, Washtenaw Co, Michigan. She married Reinhard Wittke 30 Jan 1947 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co, Michigan; born 15 Mar 1921 in Drossen, Germany.

Notes for Berthilda Emelia (Bert) Metzger:

Berthilda (Bert) Emelia Wittke, 90, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2012 at the Memory Support Center at Brecon Village in Saline, Michigan. Bert was born July 2, 1922, in Wilhelmsdorf, Wurtemberg, Germany to the late Fritz and Bertha Metzger. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Reinhard Wittke; one daughter Sigrid Wittke (Tom Keskitalo), grandson Eric Wittke, sister Ruth (Stig) Andersen, niece Kirsten Andersen, nephew Peter Andersen of Seattle Washington, niece Crystal Metzger (Robert Hernandez), grandniece Alexis Hernandez, Linda Metzger and grandniece Ashley (Dustin) and Lucy Hopkins. Bert was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Robert "Bud" Metzger, sister-in-law Gretel Metzger and nephew Mark Metzger.

Her family emigrated to the United States, settling in Ann Arbor, Michigan in June of 1926, where Bert attended Perry Elementary School. The family moved to Ypsilanti in 1929 to open the German American Restaurant and returned to Ann Arbor in 1938 to open the German Inn. In October of 1946 the Metzgers purchased the Old German Restaurant, which stayed in the family until its closing in 1995. Bert is fondly remembered by many of its patrons for her graciousness, warmth, and welcoming smile. Bert graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1941. She met Reinhard at the restaurant during his freshman year at the University of Michigan and they were married on January 30, 1947. They spent most of their years together traveling the world, as Bert joined Reinhard on summer tours he led for Eastern Michigan University's International Study Program. They saw all of Europe and ventured to China, Japan, Egypt, Morocco, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Bali and Singapore. We wish a fond farewell to a gracious, warm, caring, loving and lovable lady.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, the Memory Support Center at Brecon Village, or the Alzheimer's Association. The family will receive friends at the Nie Family Funeral Home, Liberty Road Chapel, 3767 W. Liberty Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 on Monday December 3, 2012 from 12:30 pm until the time of the Memorial Service at 1:30 pm.

Notes for Reinhard Wittke:

Reinhard Wittke was born March 15, 1921 in Drossen, Germany (now OsnaLubice in Poland) and immigrated with his family to Sibley, Michigan (annexed to Trenton) in 1926. He attended the University of Michigan and received both his A.B. (1943) and M.A. (1945) in History and his PhD in Medieval History in 1956. From 1943-1946 Wittke taught History and Geography at the junior and high school levels in Trenton, Michigan and Rogers City, Michigan respectively. He served as a teaching assistant between 1946-49 at the University of Michigan.

Wittke married Berthilda (Bert) Emelia Metzger on January 30, 1947. Metzger also immigrated from Germany with her family in 1926 and lived in Ann Arbor. They met while Wittke was working at her family's restaurant, the German Inn in Ann Arbor, during his freshman year at the University of Michigan. They had one daughter, Sigrid.

From 1949-1951, Wittke took a position on the faculty at Mankato State in Minnesota teaching the freshman courses in History. Wittke and his family returned to Michigan in 1952 to assist in Medieval History at the University of Michigan, taking a one year leave from 1953-54 to study on scholarship with the Fulbright Program in Munich, Germany.

Wittke was hired by President Eugene Elliott to begin teaching at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) in the fall of 1956 in the Department of History. During his tenure at EMU, Wittke taught the two-semester sequence of History of Western Civilization, the World in the 20th Century, in addition to his areas of specialty, Medieval and German History which he taught at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Wittke was the first faculty member on campus to offer course via closed-circuit television during a trial period between 1961-63. At the end of the trial, Wittke concluded that if he would be required to teach large numbers of students, he would prefer to deal with them face-to-face, which helped establish the 'mass section' course offering. Beginning in the fall of 1963, for more than 26 semesters, Wittke was responsible for teaching sections ranging from 100 to 450 students. Wittke was one of five finalists chosen by Student Council in 1964 for the first Outstanding Instructor Award, elected to Phi Kappa Phi for the 1979-80 class, and consistently received high marks in his evaluations. He was awarded the Senior Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award in 1981, recognized by the EMU Board of Regents in 1984, the Michigan Board of Governors in 1988 and again by the EMU Board of Regents in 1989.

While known for his teaching on campus, Wittke is also best known for his European Travel Study Program (which became International Studies). In 1960, under the title of "The Clinical Approach to History," Wittke travelled to Europe with an averaged size group of 30 mixing travel and lectures throughout Europe. EMU President Brickley wrote, after his visit with the group to Munich, Germany in 1977: "I have told many people here at the University that to listen to a lecture by Dr. Wittke on the unification (or disunification) [sic] of Europe while standing in downtown Munich is an unforgettable experience." Wittke led more than 40 tours, and while most were in Europe, there were also tours to Australia, China and New Zealand.

Active on campus in other capacities, Wittke served on the Faculty Council (now Faculty Senate) and the Curriculum Committee of the Council; board member of Inter-Collegiate Athletics (1962-64); Departmental Executive Committee and History Section Chairman; and the College Personnel and Finance Committee. He also gave lectures on his travels to student groups at area high schools and dormitories on campus as well as area organizations like Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, and the "20" Club.

Reinhard Wittke retired 1990 December 31 and was granted emeritus status by the Board of Regents. Wittke continued to travel with students and faculty from Eastern Michigan University and celebrated 47 years of touring in 2007. In 2014, the Reinhard and Bert Wittke Travel Scholarship was established support participation in international travel and study abroad. Preference will be given to graduate students in history section programs, followed by undergraduate students in those programs. Wittke continues to live in Ann Arbor.

More About Reinhard Wittke and Berthilda Metzger:

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- + 83 iii. Ruth Metzger, born 01 Apr 1937 in Ypsilanti, Washtenaw Co, Michigan; died 08 Dec 2020 in Mercer Island, Washington.