

HISTORY OF THE SCHRAFNAGL FAMILY

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(Ed. Note: We are not absolutely sure that the Schraufnagl family described here is directly related to the Schraufnagel's in our family history, but it is likely that they are since our Schraufnagel's came from the same area of Germany.) - Roger Navarre

The Schraufnagls come from an old Munich family. The original spelling of the name was Schrafnagel. Records in the archives of the City of Munich (Winzerstrasse 68) show that a Schrafnagel mill existed as early as 957. According to the history of this mill it was a gift from the nobleman Wolfretil to the Bishop of Freising somewhere between the years of 957 and 972.

In the year 1164 the mill was acquired by the monastery Schaftalm. This mill was situated in the place where many oak trees grow at the "Auer Muhlback" (?) at the location where now the "art?" mill of the baker's mill leads up to Wirtstrasse. Today it is called Schrafnagleberg, named in 1953 after the owner of the Schrafnagel mill.

Further research in the Munich archives shows that members of the Schrafnagel family later lived in Munich.

A certain Melchior Schrafnagl, a builder of ovens (the large tiled ones used for heating houses) by profession, lived at Marienstrasse 4 in the year 1580.

The tax records of the City of Munich from the year 1550 show a Benedikt Schrafnagel, spelled Schroffnagl, who lived at Rossmarkt 44, now called Oberanger. The following Schrafnagels were also found:

Benedikt Schr. lived at Schafflerstrasse 18 in 1646, and Benedikt's son Hanns Sch. a kegmaker by profession, lived in the same house in the year 1671.

In 1724, the kegmaker Josef Schr. lived at Sendlinger Street 26. Furthermore, a "privatier" (?) Michael Schr. lived at Brauhausstrasse 4 in the year 1875.

Some of the above listed Schrafnagels probably moved away from Munich after the 30-year war (1618-1648) and settled in Niederbayern (lower Bavaria).

The "Burgfriedens" letter of 1460 shows a Schrafnagel as owner of the Schwabenstein mill. This mill stood at the current location of the Isartal train station.

Beginning with the year 1600, entries about the Schraufnagls could be found in the old church records of the parishes of Adldorf, Eichendorf, Dornach, Niederhocking and Oberhausen in Niederbayern.

The oldest marriage register of the parish Adldorf (1657-1702) shows the engagement of an Urban Schrafnagl, son of Adam Schr., entered at the Riedl estate in Rohrbach on January 1, 1695. This register lists a Michael Schr. as best man (witness to the marriage).

The parish records of Eichendorf show an entry of the marriage of a Martin Schr, son of Michael Schr in Rohrbach on November 12, 1711.

According to the marriage register of the parish Dornach a Lorenz Schr., son of Martin Schr. of Rohrbach was married in the church in the affiliated church of Perbing.

The records of the parish Niederhocking show a August 18, 1834 marriage of a Josef Schr., who was born in August 1798, and who was the son of Lorenz Sch., a mercenary from Ettling.

The baptismal records of the parish Adldorf show the birth of Joseph Schr., son of the shoe maker Joseph Schr. of Enzerweis on September 21, 1827. This same Joseph Schr. was married in Oberhausen on February 2, 1866.

The marriage produced three sons – Valentin, born, Dec. 31, 1871, Alois, born April 13, 1873 and Josef, born Dec. 18, 1870 – and one daughter, Helen, born 1867.

The oldest surviving Schraufnagl is Alois, born April 13, 1873.*(see note)

These records are authentic and were collected through painstaking research. Munich, December 1955 by Joseph Schraufnagel, inspector with the police department of the City of Munich.

Note: The son of Alois, also named Alois, born January 3, 1900 emigrated to the United States after World War I, as a young carpenter and thus began the New York/New Jersey/Florida branch of the Schraufnagl family.