



Our Family

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THE DORMITZERS OF LENKERSHEIM AND BAIERSDORF

The Dormitzer family can be traced back to DAVID LEVI, great-grandfather of Jacob Dormitzer, was born in Ickelheim in 1719, but appears to have moved to Dormitz, where his son

JOSEPH DAVID LEVI was born. His place of birth is probably the origin and reason for his descendants later to adopt the family name Dormitzer. Joseph was married to Freidel and died in Lenkersheim on 5 July 1820. After the death of Freidel, he married Hanna (about 1754 - 18 June 1833 Lenkersheim). Joseph and Freidel had at least two sons David Joseph Levi and Pfeiffer Joseph Levi and a daughter Roesele DORMITZER, born about 1780 in Lenkersheim. According to records Roesele was "bloedsinnig" (learning disabled) and after the death of her father lived with her sister-in-law Rosalie DORMITZER, widow of Pfeiffer Joseph DORMITZER. She died in Lenkersheim on 28 December 1841.

DAVID JOSEPH LEVI DORMUETZER who was born in Lenkersheim about 1768 and died there on 8 December 1860. David married Hinle (1783 - 15 April 1845 Lenkersheim). Children:

Philipp DORMITZER

Babette DORMITZER (about 1800 Lenkersheim - 19 July 1859 Lenkersheim) married Moses Jacob SCHWARZBART (1793 Lenkersheim - 8 December 1860 Lenkersheim).

Hanna DORMITZER was married to Loew (Levi) ERTHEILER. Their son Bernhard ERTHEILER was born in Lenkersheim on 30 July 1814. Between 1823 - 1827 he attended the Progymnasium in Bad Windsheim, followed by attending the Gymnasium Fridericianum in Erlangen between 1829-1832 and in 1833 continued his education at Wilhelmsgymnasium in Munich. He then studied at Munich University at first Philology but then changed to medicine and qualified in 1837. He is supposed to have been a doctor on a Dutch ship, but already died in Lenkersheim on 15 November 1837

Fanni DORMITZER. On 14 January 1847 Fanni married the widower Jondoph LOHMANN, son of Maenlein and Esther, of Baiersdorf. (1)

PFEIFFER JOSEPH LEVI DORMITZER

Pfeiffer was born about 1772 and died on 3 May 1829 in Lenkersheim. He was "Parnoss" (President) of the Lenkersheim Jewish Community and was married to Rosalie (c 1783 - 18.March 1862 Baiersdorf). By occupation he was a trader. The family lived in Lenkersheim house #42. Their children were all born in Lenkersheim:

- Jacob Pfeiffer DORMITZER c. 1802
- Emanuel Pfeiffer DORMITZER c. 1806
- Doris DORMITZER c.1806
- Michael Pfeiffer DORMITZER 18 August 1815
- Philipp Pfeiffer DORMITZER 6 June 1819
- Fanni DORMITZER unknown

JACOB DORMITZER

son of Pfeiffer Joseph Levi DORMITZER and Rosalie, was born in Lenkersheim in 1802, where he was a leather merchant. On 21 April 1834 he married Caroline née AUB, daughter of Lekisch and Brendel AUB of Baiersdorf, the widow of Seligmann SCHWARZ, and settled in Baiersdorf (See The Aubs of Baiersdorf). Jacob may have carried on the business of Caroline's second husband Seligmann SCHWARZ and is listed in Baiersdorf as a master glazier and glass merchant. The family appears eventually to have moved to Nuremberg, where Jacob died on 20 August 1889.

Caroline and Jacob had a large family all born in Baiersdorf:

- Philipp DORMITZER 5 March 1835
- Arnold DORMITZER 28 February 1836
- Doreth DORMITZER 12 October 1837
- Amalie DORMITZER 1 February 1839
- Joseph DORMITZER 20 March 1840
- Max DORMITZER 29 June 1841
- Fanny DORMITZER 9 January 1843
- Ludwig DORMITZER 30 October 1844
- Emanuel DORMITZER 20 June 1845
- Dina DORMITZER 6 February 1849
- David DORMITZER 19 September 1850

PHILIPP DORMITZER, born in Baiersdorf on 5 March 1835 married Jeanette BESSELS, (born 11 August in Fuerth), in Fuerth on 2 January 1862. The family probably eventually settled in Nuremberg.

ARNOLD DORMITZER (born 28 February 1836 in Baiersdorf) emigrated to USA "at a young age".

DORETH DORMITZER was born in Baiersdorf on 12 October 1837. She married Joseph BLUMENSTEIN. The family settled in Gunzenhausen.

AMALIE DORMITZER was born on 1 February 1839 in Baiersdorf. On 2 September 1863 in Fuerth Amalie married great-grandfather Max SCHLOSS, founder and owner of the Fuerth drapery

and textiles firm Forchheimer & Schloss. To enable the marriage to take place her parents Caroline and Jacob DORMITZER visited the Town Hall in Baiersdorf on 12 August 1863 to give their written consent to the marriage of their 24 year old daughter. (2) It was the second marriage of Max SCHLOSS. His first wife Hannchen née FROEHLICH had died on 20th March 1862, aged only 36 years, leaving Max with four young children. Amalie and Max lived "above the shop" in Fuerth Sternstrasse 19 (now Ludwig Erhardstrasse), the house which Max bought in 1867. The house still stands and is under a preservation order. Amalie died in Fuerth aged 42 years on 25 February 1881, again leaving Max with another young family. Amalie and Max are buried on the old Jewish cemetery in Fuerth. (For further details see the Schloss' in Fuerth).

JOSEPH DORMITZER (20. March 1840 Baiersdorf) on 28 November 1867 married Johanna SCHIFF of Homburg. The family appears to have settled in Nuremberg.

MAX DORMITZER (born 29 June 1841 in Baiersdorf) also emigrated to USA at a "young age".

FANNY DORMITZER (9 January 1843 Baiersdorf - 10 August 1922 Munich). Fanny married Samuel GOETZ (14 June 1840 Augsburg - 6 November 1902 Munich). They settled in Munich. There were three children of this marriage Bertha, Otto and Clothilde GOETZ.

LUDWIG DORMITZER born 30 October 1844.

EMANUEL DORMITZER (born 20 June 1845 Baiersdorf) was married to Regina GUETERMANN, born 17 December 1850, in Memmelsdorf. Emanuel was a bristle and skin merchant (in Nuremberg?). He died in 1895 in Nuremberg. Regine survived her husband for many years and died on 9 June 1942 in Pilsen.

DINA DORMITZER married a LOEWENTHAL (first name unknown). The family may have lived in Nuremberg. Nothing further is known.

DAVID DORMITZER, born in Baiersdorf on 19 September 1850. Between December 1867 and December 1868 he lived and worked in Fuerth. He seems to have moved to London from there, where in the early 1870s he lived at Florence House, Highbury Quadrant and became a naturalised British subject on 22 February 1875. He returned to Germany and on 12 May 1879 married Karoline (Lina) AUB, 12th and youngest child of David AUB and Babette LEHMAIER. Lina was born in Munich on 10 October 1858. They settled in Nuremberg, where David died about 1924/25 and Lina about 1938. Their children:

- Babette DORMITZER 1880 Nuremberg - 6 March 1882 Nuremberg
- Amalie (Malchen) DORMITZER, born in Nuremberg on 3 August 1881, married Ludwig HOLZINGER on 28 March 1904. Amalie moved to Munich in 1935 and on 4 April 1942 was deported from there to Piaski (Victim of Holocaust).
- Luise DORMITZER, born 17 April 1883 Nuremberg, married Josef BING. Family emigrated to New York, where she died on 30 June 1963.
- Ida DORMITZER (25 October 1886 Nuremberg - 17 April 1966 New York) had a very well known book shop in Nuremberg (Luitpoldstrasse), she emigrated to New York and opened a book shop there.

EMANUEL PFEIFFER DORMITZER born about 1806 in Lenkersheim emigrated to Pennsylvania, USA.

DORIS DORMITZER (about 1807 Lenkersheim) married Wolfgang LIPPMANN (1804 Wannbach - 18.8.1846 Lenkersheim) one of the Jewish teachers in Lenkersheim

MICHAEL PFEIFFER DORMITZER born on 18 August 1815 in Lenkersheim and also settled there.

PHILIPP PFEIFFER DORMITZER (6. June 1819 Lenkersheim) emigrated to USA.

FANNI PFEIFFER DORMITZER was married to Hirsch FABER, a religious teacher in Pirmasens (1837) and later in Heuchelheim near Bergzabern.

Footnotes

(1) Staatsarchiv Nuernberg, Baiersdorf Matrikel.

(2) Stadtarchiv Fuerth, Matrikel Max Schloss.