

Anton Purfürst
a.k.a.
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Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

Anton Purfürst, hereafter referred to by his chosen Anglicized name of Anton Purfuerst, was born December 15, 1861 in Ponitz, Germany. He was the illegitimate son of Ernestine Purfürst, the daughter of Gottlieb Purfürst (1799-1870) and Justine Schellenberg (- 1880). Later, on February 7, 1864, Ernestine Purfürst would marry Johann Müller.

Anton immigrated to America, arriving at the port of New York on September 18, 1894. He submitted his Naturalization Intention on January 15, 1901 and his Petition for Naturalization on June 15, 1908, both at the Milwaukee Municipal Court, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

On October 16, 1900 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, Anton married Hermine Feldt nee Kupfer. The daughter of Charles Kupfer and Couradine Schultz, she was born February 12, 1867 in Germany from which they immigrated in 1868. For his marriage certificate Anton would incorrectly state that he was the son of Johann Hermann Purfürst and Ernestine Müller and that he was born on December 4, 1860.

- Anton and Hermine Purfuerst would have one son, Arno Rheinhold Purfuerst, who was born October 25, 1903 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

Hermine Purfuerst died April 26, 1910 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin and was interred at Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

On October 19, 1910 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin Anton re-married to Bertha Fick. Born February 12, 1867 in Granville, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, Bertha was the daughter of Henry Fick and Anna Hempel. Theirs was a childless marriage.

Anton Purfuerst died August 17, 1921 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin and was interred at Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Bertha died December 27, 1937 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin and was interred in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Their son Arno Purfuerst, at age 34, was mentioned as a surviving family member in their respective obituaries but no later record of him has ever been found.

Bertha (Fick) Purfuerst died December 27, 1937 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Her obituary indicated that in addition to (step-son) Arno Purfuerst, she was the "mother of Luetta Jogwar". Records indicate the March 1979 death of a Luetta 'Jogwer' who was born July 19, 1897. This places Luetta's birth prior to Anton's immigration. Bertha was single and utilized her maiden name at the time of her 1910 marriage to Anton and her 1937 death was recorded under the Purfuerst name thus there is no indication the Luetta was a result of a marriage that preceded or followed hers with Anton. No other record of Luetta was found.

Although four generations of ancestors for Anton Purfürst have thus far been identified, yet earlier ancestors have not been identified thus an ancestral connection to The Purfürst Family Tree has not been made.