

August Bernard Purfürst
a.k.a.
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Hilo, Hawaii

August Bernard Purfürst, hereafter referred to by his chosen Anglicized name of August B. Purfurst, was born April 4, 1849 in Schleiz, Germany. He was the fifth of eight children born to Carl Gottlieb Purfürst (1805-1852) and Wilhelmine Friederike Höfer (1810-1855).

At age 24 August Purfurst immigrated to America, arriving on October 15, 1873 at the port of Boston, Massachusetts aboard the vessel *Olympus*. His immigration record indicated his profession as merchant.

The next record of him is when on October 1, 1875 when he purchased a full section of land in Township 007 South, Range 002 West, Section 34, Santa Clara, Santa Clara County, California.

At the time of the June 1880 US Census he was living in Oakland, Alameda County, California. His occupation was a secretary. He was unmarried.

At the time of the June 1900 US Census and the June 1910 US census August was living in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California where his profession was indicated as a language teacher. He was unmarried. He stated that he had immigrated in 1872.

At the time of the June 1920 US Census he is living in South Hilo, Hawaii. At age 70 his occupation is music and language teacher.

His presence was mentioned in the publication *A Centennial Celebration: Our Hawaiian Remembrance*, Suzanne Aragaki, Editor. This document was published in August 1990 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Reformed Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Hawaii Region. There-in it was stated that "... Brother (A.B.) Purfurst was a music teacher who had moved to Hilo from San Diego. He often used his music talents to attract crowds at Mooheau Park (and) continued the work in Hilo with Sunday school classes and weekly prayer meetings". (His presence in Hawaii was noted within the 1914 -1915 time frame).

According to church records August Bernard Purfurst died November 23, 1923 at the age of 74 and was interred in the church cemetery. He had never married.