

Johannes George Conrad

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Johannes George Conrad was born September 6, 1806 in Meiningen, Saxony, Germany. In 1836, he married Fredericke Cronacker in Weimar, Germany. Later that year they set sail from Port Bremen, Germany, to the port of New York. The journey took them three months. Johannes and Fredericke moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana where Fredericke gave birth to their first child, Wilhelm. Johannes obtained 120 acres from the United States Government, in Preble Township, Adams County, Indiana. He then cleared the ground for a log house. While they were building, they used a big tree stump for a table, smaller tree stumps for the chairs, and had to sleep on big piles of leaves. Johannes was a founder of the Zion Friedheim Lutheran Church. He died August 5, 1895, and is buried in the church cemetery.

Sources: Conrad, Laurina; Martin Conrad Family, 1989