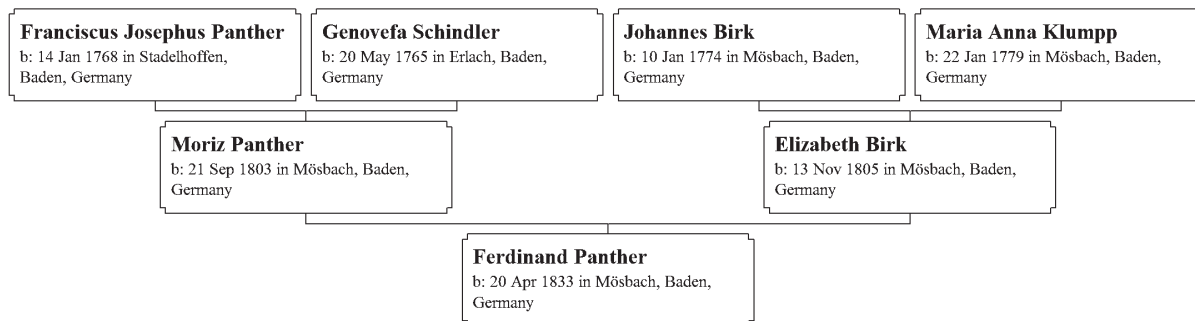


Second Generation (Children)



2. Ferdinand Panther was born on 20 April, 1833 in Mösbach, Baden, Germany, was baptized on 20 April, 1833 in Mösbach, Baden, Germany, died on 12 November, 1915 in Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa at age 82, and was buried in Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa.

Ferdinand moved to New York City in 1854 on board the ship “R. L. Gilchrist”, which left Le Havre, France. It arrived in New York 24 October, 1854. Ferdinand and Amelia came over on the same boat. The R. L. Gilchrist was a sailing ship. It was a packet ship owned by the Gilchrist Shipping Company, a British shipping company. Packet ships were ships that maintained regular schedules between Britain and her colonies as well as the US and Canada. Early packets were sailing ships that carried mail and then added passengers. The Gilchrist was built in 1853 at Thomastown. It weighed 1,197 tons. It was damaged by fire in the first half of 1856, resulting in at least \$40,000 damage to the ship and cargo combined. It was lost to fire on July 5, 1858. Here is an article from the New York Times in 1858:

The ship R. L. Gilchrist of Thomastown, Hewes master, took fire in the port of Havre on Monday, July 5 at 10 P.M., and notwithstanding the most strenuous efforts were made by the whole of the authorities of the port and others, the fire was still raging fiercely on the 7th. All hopes of saving any part of her are despaired of. She is lying on her broadside, scuttled. The cause of the disaster is unknown. The following was remainder of cargo on board when she took fire: 633 bales cotton, 32 hhds. tobacco, and 2,500 staves.



Ferdinand Panther

Ferdinand and Amelia lived in New York for one year before marrying. They moved to Hickory Run, Pennsylvania and resided there until 1868 working for a large lumber