George William Lilli was born 22 May 1801 in Bayern (Bavaria). He was a shepherd at Haardt, Bavaria. He is also listed as a farmer and a community contractor.

At 35 years of age, he married Anna Barbara Deerolph on 15 September 1837 in Bavaria. He was 37 years old and Anna was 41 years old when their child, Anna Barbara Lilli, was born 23 October 1839 in Bavaria, Germany. Anna Barbara Deerolph Lilli died at the age of 41 years, the assumption being made that she died shortly after Anna's birth.

Anna and George also had another child according to his Final Homestead Proof filed in Iowa dated 13 May 1878. It states that "he is a widower with two children." I believe this child was born in Bavaria - 1838? - possibly stillborn or died very young, and is buried there, since George came to America alone. I found one record for a "Deadborn Lilli" but research has produced no further results.

His daughter, Anna Barbara Lilli, ("a maid") published a notice (ad) in the Bavaria & Pfalz (Mittelfranken I) newspaper on 22 July 1854 requesting time off and that she intended to emigrate to the United States. On 20 October 1854, Anna departed at the age of 15 years old from the Port at Bremen Germany on the emigrant ship named "Blucher" with 1 chest, arriving at the Port of Baltimore, Maryland. She settled in Lake County, Illinois - marrying Joseph Anton Roth at the age of 19 on 17 July 1858.