

VON TRAPP FAMILY

Georg Ludwig Ritter von Trapp (1880 to 1947)

After living for a short time in Merion, Pennsylvania, where their youngest child, Johannes, was born, the family settled in Stowe, Vermont, in 1941. They purchased a 660-acre (270 ha) farm in 1942 and converted it into the Trapp Family Lodge.^[20] In January 1947, Major General Harry J. Collins turned to the Trapp family in the US pleading for help for the Austrian people, having seen firsthand the residents of Salzburg suffer when he had arrived there with the 42nd Infantry Division after World War II. The Trapp Family founded the Trapp Family Austrian Relief, Inc., and the priest Franz Wasner, their pre-war friend, became its treasurer.

Death

Trapp died of lung cancer on 30 May 1947 in Stowe, Vermont.



Major General Divr Felber, commandant of the Theresianum Military Academy in Austria, right, escorts Maria von Trapp, center, daughter of Baron Georg and Maria von Trapp, after Sunday ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of her father's death. At left is her half-brother, Johannes von Trapp. The ceremonies were at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vt.