Fritz made his living as a farmer, and he and his family made their home in Dale Township, Lyon County, State of Iowa and resided there for the next 27 years.

The 1885 census for Lyon County, Dale Township, State of Iowa, listed the following residents in the NE ¼ SW 1/4, Section 32, Township 98, Range 43:

REGENBERG:

FRITZ – Married - age 62, male, farmer, born Germany, father & mother born in foreign country, entitled to vote ERNESTINE (EURSTINE) – Married – age 37, female, keeping, born Germany, mother and father foreign born GEORGE – age 11, male, born Pennsylvania, parents born foreign country EMMA – age 9, female, born Wisconsin, parents born foreign country ANA – age 8, female, born Wisconsin, parents born foreign country MATTIE – age 6, female, born Iowa, parents foreign born EDA – age 2, female, born Iowa, parents foreign born FRANK – age 0, male, born Iowa, parents foreign born

(Otto was residing in the SW ¼ SE ¼, Section 18, Township 97, Range 43, Grant Township, Sioux County, Iowa, as appears in the 1885 Census for Iowa)