

CONDENSED HISTORY OF THE SCHUB FAMILY.

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My Grandfather, whose given name I do not know, was a Schoolmaster in the town Thalheim, Kingdom of Wurttemberg. He was the father of one son and one daughter. This daughter I never saw and do not know anything about her. The son, whose name was Christian Michael Schub, was born in the year 1790, and became a student in the University of Tubingen Wurttemberg (Schiller's home) and a Graduate in Theology. His first appointment was the Pastorate in a very small town (can not recall the name just now) located in the Oberamt Sulz, but was soon transferred, or promoted, to Leirdingen, also situated in Oberamt Sulz, which position he held unto his death in 1858. In 1817 he was united in marriage with Augusta Geysel of Tuttlingen, born in the year 1800, who was one of seven daughters of Jacob Geysel. There was only one son in the family by the name of Jacob, whose son Adolph married in the year 1863 Amalie Leybold, a stepdaughter of my sister Amalie, and it happened while I was out in Germany in 1863, on a visit, and it further happened that I was chosen Brautfluehrer (bestman). He had a great wedding ceremony and feast in Tuttlingen when this only son got married. This Adolph Geysel had lived for many years in Paris. He died many years ago, but his wife, Amalie Geysel, is still alive in Tuttlingen.

About two years after my father was married he moved to the town of Leirdingen. He liked it well there, and the inhabitants all were very much attached to father, and especially to our mother. Consequently father never applied for another charge. There were eleven children, seven girls and four boys.

The oldest, Augusta, was married to a merchant by the name of Steldinger, doing business in Dornhan *O/a* Sulz, but lived only about six years after the marriage. This sister of mine had two girls, one died at the age of four. The younger one, Mathilde, is still alive. She married into the Leybold family, a stepson of my sister Amalie, who was a Drugelist, and who carried on a Drug Store on the Bodensee (Lake Constance). This Mathilde Leybold has two sons and two daughters all alive, one son in the Government service,

a Rotary Public. The other is employed in Schramberg Baden in a watch factory, has a fine position, is married and has three children. The younger son is still single, and so are the two daughters.

The second oldest of the family was Hans, who married Pastor Wille, and had no children. He lived to be over eighty and my sister was eighty-six years old when she died.

The third of the family was Charlotta. She emigrated in the fall of 1855 with uncle Dr. Carl Roesch and family to Texas, where she married Dr. Schorre, with whom she had three children - Alpbels, Max and Emilie. During the Civil war Schorre disappeared never to show up; and after struggling along in poverty Charlotta married a farmer by the name of Kelsenhelder, and after his death she lived with her daughter Emilie until she died eighty-five or eighty-six years old. Her three children are all married and doing well, but Emilie lost her husband a long time ago, and is living now in Runge, Texas.

The fourth one was Carl Alexander, who followed the business of merchandising until the revolutionary uproar of 1848, when he emigrated to the United States. Unable to find employment in New York, he was obliged to look for work elsewhere, and he got up North into Massachusetts, where he worked for some time in a Brown factory, but he started South again later, and finally found a good position at Easton, Pa., with a German by the name of Krummeyer, who operated a Grocery Store and Hotel, and who owned a good many Canal Boats. While in his employ he married Lena Helmelt, but soon after he moved

to State Dam (Laurie's Station, as it is now called) where he was *as dock tender for the Schuylkill Valley Canal Company he held out his hand to H. Lewis* engaged in different ways, most of the time in lumber yards, until he finally came to Cairo, when I got him a position as clerk in the Medical Purveyors office, where I was also working at the time. He afterwards started in the Grocery and Boarding house business until he died in the year 1869 or 70. He left a widow and six children, five sons and one daughter, of which all are living except Frank, who died several years ago at Charleston, Mo., where he was engaged in the Grocery business. Their names are Harry B., Paul H., Herman C., Otto and Augusta Metzger, all well known by every citizen of Cairo.

The fifth was August, who left home on the same day with Brother Carl, but he started for Italy, worked at his trade as Confectionery at Milan; sometime afterwards he went to Barcelona, Spain, then to Madrid, Seville, Saragossa and may be other cities in Spain, working at his trade, till he finally got married and settled down in Madrid working for Matias Lopez, till he died about fifteen years ago. His widow and two sons, Domingo and August, are still alive, living in Madrid, both employed in the same factory of Matias Lopez, are are married. August has two girls and Domingo one boy.

The sixth one was Amalie, who married Obermatsman Leyfeld, of Rettsell. She gave birth to three children, one boy, who died young, and two girls, both of which are still alive in Rettsell. One of them, Emma, is married to a Mr. Schwarz. The other, Augusta, is single.

The seventh was Pauline, who lived to be about sixty-two years of age.

The eighth was Louise, who like Pauline, lived a single life, and reached the age of about forty years.

The ninth was Herman, who followed the business of a Druggest. He also emigrated to the United States by way of New Orleans, where he clerked a short time, when he started for St. Louis, locating there permanently. First he clerked several years, and then, in company with cousin Roesch, established themselves at the corner of Broadway and Webster. This store he sold to Otto D'Amour, and moved to Columbia, Ill., where he conducted a Drug Store a few years only, when he died of quick consumption, leaving a wife and two children, one boy who died when about fifteen years old, and one girl, Hermine, who married Gustav De McCarty. She lives in Durham Center, Conn., and is the mother of six children, five boys and one girl.

The next child was Marie, who died when about four years old.

The eleventh and last one is Paul Gustav, who is me, and who is the only survivor today. I was born January 8th, 1838. After quitting our town school in Leldringen, I started to attend the

Latin school in the town of Rosenfeld, about four miles distant from my home. There were no Bicycles those days, consequently I had to foot this distance for four and a half years, summer or winter, pain of snow, every day until March 1853, when I quit school and emigrated to the United States. I joined a "caravan" of emigrants from our town and several neighboring towns and started with them by wagons westward to Strassburg, then by Railroad to Paris and Havre, where we boarded the three master sailing vessel Oregon, and after a pretty fair voyage of thirty-four days we landed in New York. From there I went by rail as far as Easton, then by Canal boat up the Lehigh Canal to Slato Dam, where brother Carl was then living. After a rest of a month I started for Mauch Chunk on a Canal boat, and was employed by Reles Lippincott & Miner in their Machine shop and foundry, receiving one dollar a week and board. There were fourteen apprentices in this establishment, and one day after I had been there for about a year and a half, all fourteen boys were discharged for misconduct of the boys, over which I had no control, and I left there for brother Carl's home, where I stayed a few days and then got a job in Cataqua, near Allentown, in a machine shop owned by Schulz & Michel, where I received \$7.00 per week. I worked there until the firm closed down on account of hard times.

Soon after that brother Carl and family concluded to go west to St. Louis, and I went with them. We started for Philadelphia, from there we took an Emigrant train for St. Louis, and it just took us six days to make the trip. In St. Louis I got a job in a Machine Shop owned by McCoy on the levee front, making from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per week, as long as it lasted, which was a little over a year, when the hard times also struck St. Louis, and nearly all the hands were let out. After tramping all over the city for weeks and weeks, and finding no employment of any kind I accepted a position as nurse in the City Hospital, which place I held for about eight months. After leaving the Hospital I worked a few weeks in a Hall Factory, pulling the cinders and ashes out from under the different furnaces, when I broke down in the back, which disabled me for several weeks.

The next job I undertook, or rather was forced to undertake, not finding anything better to do, was the job of a roustabout

on the steamer Brazil, on which I made two trips, one up the Illinois and the other up the Missouri and Osage rivers. On my return to St. Louis I was completely knocked out, could not speak a loud word, only whisper. My brother Herman, who had been looking for me, informed me that he was about to start a branch drug store at Edwardsville, and offered me a chance to study pharmacy, all of which was acceptable to me. I entered upon my duties at Edwardsville, and after brother Herman sold this branch store to a former clerk, Mr. John Traves, he transferred me to his St. Louis store on Broadway and Webster, where I made myself useful until July 1860, when I severed my connections with brother Herman and accepted a position with Dr. Delaw in Alton, Ill., where I received the magnificent salary of \$15.00 per month and board. I held this lucrative position until March 1861, when I joined the Alton Jaeger Co., and enlisted with this Company in the 9th Illinois Regiment at Springfield as a High Private. Our Regiment was ordered to Cairo, where we arrived on or about May 3rd, 1861. Some time in June I was detailed by Dr. J. P. Taggart, acting Medical Purveyor, who was looking for a Druggist to help him supply the different regimental hospitals with Drugs, etc. This position I held until Dr. Taggart was relieved by a regular United States Medical Purveyor, and was appointed Surgeon of the Post Hospital at the corner of 12th and Washington Ave. Dr. Taggart had a new detail made out for me, and transferred me to the Hospital as Prescriptionist. In January 1863 I received my discharge, and started a little drug store on Commercial Ave., three doors below sixth street, in which place I remained about seven years, when I moved to 609 Commercial Avenue; this room I occupied for about eight years, when I bought the adjoining lot 607 Commercial Avenue and built the two story brick thereon, in which place I am still doing a retail drug business under the name and style of Paul C. Schuh & Sons.

During the years 1860 and 1890 I was doing quite a nice wholesale business on account of Barclay Bros. going out of the wholesale, as well as the retail drug business, and finding my quarters too small I interested Harry W. Schuh and the balance of the Schuh family, in the erection of a new wholesale drug house. We bought the two lots corner tenth and Commercial and built a three story brick building thereon, incorporated the Schuh Drug Company, and on October

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1st, 1893 we shipped out our first expedition. We have had a most honorable success ever since, nearly the same amount of gold and silver prospects for the future.

In the year 1866 I married Miss Julia Adams. In the year 1867 she died three years later, leaving to my care a young daughter, Paul, who had reached the age of one and a half years at the time of her death. She was buried in the cemetery of Evansville, Ind.

Three years later, in 1872, I was married again to Adellina Clottu in Chicago. We have been living together here in Cairo ever since, in fairly good health. There were two children born to us, Carl H. in the year 1875, and Alma E. Both children are married. Carl has one son, and Alma Murray one son and one daughter. All are enjoying good health.

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