

SCHIEBE ANCESTORS

My earliest maternal immigrant ancestors that we can trace, had lived in Prussia, a Province of Germany. My great-grandfather, Carl Schiebe, Sr. was born in Pomern (Humron, Homron), Prussia on January 8, 1822. He lived with his parents until he was twenty-one years old and then he started a freighting business and he also was a coachman for wealthy people.

In 1844 and at the age of twenty-two he married Johanna Genka (Younke). One report was that she was born in Stockholm, Sweden but we have no definite knowledge on that but the marriage was in Prussia. Carl met her when he was in the army. It was reported that to this marriage, six or seven children were born, including either twins or triplets. According to our records only Charles, Gustave and Mary lived. A daughter, Minnie was born in New York and died there.

Carl Schiebe was well educated as he had parochial school training. He spoke High German and some English. He decided to come to America to escape military service. In 1863 Carl and Johanna Genka Schiebe with their three children, Charles, Gustave and Mary, came by ship to America and landed in New York. They lived there three years before moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Three other families from Germany also moved to Minneapolis with them. They were the Earnests, Knaebles and Schullenbergs. They all settled either in the city or in Plymouth Township.

The Schiebe family lived in Minneapolis seven years while Carl worked in saw mills or lumber yards. In 1873 they moved to Plymouth Township where he had bought 40 acres of land with the Farmer's Home Tavern. This was owned by Nicholas Boffering who had built the tavern. Carl bought more land and in 1879 he bought 160 acres on County Road No. 7 and built a large house where his son Gustave lived with his family.

The tavern was enlarged until there were 26 or 28 bedrooms, barns were built to help store the abundant crops of wild and tame hay and an ice house was put up. In the winter months the men cut blocks of ice from the near by lake and those were put in storage for summer use in cooling foods and also to sell some. A dance hall was built for summer dances but this proved so popular that it was enclosed for use the year around. Some good bands from Minneapolis played there and some people drove out from the city for an evening of dancing. This was a favorite place for the Plymouth Township people to gather. Roy Martin played in one of the bands and later he married Etta, the youngest Schiebe girl.

For fifty cents a couple, they could dance all afternoon and evening. This was mostly on Saturdays and often lasted until dawn as with driving horses they would have had difficulty finding their way home in the dark. For twenty-five cents they could sit down to a big, hearty meal. This place was known as Schiebe's Corner and still is often called that to-day. The old tavern was torn down in 1977.

Charles Schiebe, my grandfather, was born on December 2, 1845 in Prussia and arrived in America with his family when he was eighteen years old. On April 23, 1873 he married Fredericka Sprung.

Fredericka Sprung was the daughter of Frederick and Dorothea Sandhoff Sprung, and she was born at Brandenburg, Germany in 1853. Her sisters were Minnie, Marie, Amelia and Anna and a brother, Herman. All were born in Germany. Brandenburg is near Berlin.

The Sprung family was quite poor and Frederick worked for a wealthy land owner. They lived on one of the small acreages. The house was attached to the barn as was customary in those days. It was a small house with stone floors which they covered

with straw.

In the 1800s Prussia was ruled by men whose names were often Frederick or Albert and this is probably why these names were given to many of our ancestors.

Fredericka worked out at an early age doing menial jobs, including herding sheep. She learned to knit, crochet and sew which helped her in later years. The Sprungs came to America in 1867 when Fredericka was fourteen years old. She did housework and in her spare time she learned to speak and read English. She took many magazines for gardening and horticulture which later helped her to raise beautiful flower and vegetable gardens and orchards. She loved to study the stars and almanacs.

Charles took over the farm and tavern and this was where he and Fredericka had fifteen children born. Six died in infancy and Fritz, the youngest was killed by a horse when he was fourteen years old. The children were; Minnie, Frank, Annie, Bertha Mary, Louisa Fredericka (Lucy), Carl John Frank, Maria Fredericka (Mary), Gustave Frederick, George Carl, Emelie Albertina, Fredericka, Mary Fredericka (Clara) Albertina E., Dorothea Johanna Agnes (Etta) and Frederick (Fritz).

The third oldest was Annie, born September 8, 1876 and later to become my mother. She grew up with her four sisters and three brothers at Schiebe's Corner in Plymouth Township. Every one worked hard in the fields, in the home and the hotel. Big gardens provided all the vegetables needed for the tables and the meat and dairy products were also from the farm.

Many meals were served as this was a well known place for travelers and truck farmers to stop. The farmers would stop on their way to and from the Farmer's Open Market in Minneapolis. This would be in very early hours of the morning and again late in the afternoon or evening. Often they carried their own food and would only buy coffee but it was a place to rest themselves and horses. This place also was called the Half Way House. Meals were twenty-five cents and the food was plentiful as two or three kinds of meat and plenty of vegetables were often on the tables. Many days fifty pies were baked. The upstairs had 26 or more bedrooms and many were rented out.

Women were not allowed in the saloon but a wine room was provided for them. My Mother told us that sometimes a few of the men would have a couple of beers or drinks too many and they would get "kinda silly" but not intoxicated.

Mother did much of the sewing for the family and after taking a dressmaking course she became quite a good seamstress. On February 13, 1900 at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Minneapolis she married a neighbor man, Edward Joseph Ditter. They made their home near Spencer, South Dakota where he had been farming several years. Six children were born there --- Myrtle Margaret, Clara Rosalie, Lawrence James, Florence Adeline (Adeline), Doris Irene and myself - Caroline Grace. This was where we grew up on the farm and later we branched out to lead our own lives.

Following is the Carl and Johanna Genka Schiebe family records:

Carl Schiebe was born January 8, 1822. He was married in 1844 to Johanna Genka who was born in 1824. They immigrated from Germany, lived in New York and in Minneapolis before moving to Plymouth Township, Minnesota. They had four children; Charles, Gustave, Mary and Minnie.

Charles Schiebe son of Carl and Johanna Genka Schiebe, was born December 2, 1845 and died April 14, 1907. On April 23, 1873 he married Fredericka Sprung who was born in 1853 and died May 14, 1925. They had immigrated from Germany, lived in Minneapolis before making their home in Plymouth Township at Schiebe's Corner. Their family was;

Minnie Schiebe was born March 28, 1874 and died August 18, 1966. I don't have the date that she was married to John Gaffney who was born June 7, 1866 and died May 25, 1947. They farmed near St. Louis Park, Minnesota and had three children; Dorothy born May 29, 1903 and died February 8, 1977 --- Alice born March 5, 1907 and died January 14, 1976 --- Mary born August 9, 1911.

Frank Schiebe was born May 25, 1875 and died September 22, 1925. On June 12, 1906 he married Emma Gervais who was born January 10, 1882 and died May 13, 1954.

They operated Schiebe's Corner and had six children; Florence born May 11, 1907 --- Roland born July 17, 1908 and died March 19, 1977 --- Gaylord born September 7, 1910 and died October 6, 1979 --- Ariel born May 10, 1912 --- Frances born October 1, 1916 and died November 15, 1966 --- Eunice born August 19, 1920.

Annie Schiebe was born September 8, 1876 and died September 15, 1927. On February 13, 1900 she married Edward Joseph Ditter who was born November 7, 1873 and died June 9, 1946. They farmed near Spencer, South Dakota and had six children; Myrtle Margaret Louise Ditter was born February 1, 1901 and died March 2, 1961. On April 12, 1921 she married Mathias Philip Schneider who was born March 25, 1899 and died July 24, 1973. They farmed near Spencer, South Dakota and had seven children; Norbert Edward born July 15, 1922 --- Bernadine Kathryn born January 16, 1924 --- Roland Herman born February 9, 1926 --- Darold John born August 29, 1929 --- Roderick Carl born October 12, 1931 --- Marilyn June born March 16, 1934 --- Eugene Robert born July 6, 1936.

Clara Rosalie Ditter was born November 13, 1903 and died January 20, 1979. On February 8, 1927 she married John Nick Fritschen who was born January 17, 1894 and died April 12, 1934. They farmed near Spencer, South Dakota and had three children; Carol Ann born December 27, 1927 --- Rose Marie born February 6, 1931 --- Dorothy Darlene (Darlene) born October 21, 1932.

Lawrence James Ditter was born June 24, 1906. On July 5, 1938 he was married to Ellen Mae Lloyd who was born April 28, 1919. They farmed near Caldwell, Idaho and were divorced. He and children moved to South Dakota. They had three children; Edward George born August 9, 1939 and died September 3, 1966 --- Larry Eugene born March 10, 1942 --- Rose Ellen born November 16, 1944.

Florence Adeline Ditter (Adeline) was born February 16, 1908 and died April 24, 1947.

Doris Irene Ditter was born August 12, 1909. On May 26, 1927 she was married to Wilbur Charles Baker who was born September 8, 1905 and died May 6, 1970. They lived in South Dakota, Nebraska and Chippa Falls, Wisconsin and were divorced. They had six children; Charles Dean born February 27, 1928 and died October 9, 1928 --- Dolores Ann born May 27, 1930 --- Duane Wilbur born February 4, 1933 --- Allen Eugene born July 5, 1934 --- Patricia Marie born July 9, 1936 --- Joan Marjorie born February 17, 1938 and died December 28, 1973.

Caroline Grace Ditter was born June 11, 1914. On June 11, 1932 she was married to Roy Henderschiedt who was born December 23, 1899 and died April 29, 1959. They lived two years in Iowa and had a Truck Line in Worthington, Minnesota and had four children; Jo Ann Beverly born February 7, 1934 --- Roger Dale born January 26, 1937 --- Rodney Le Roy born March 1, 1938 --- Allen Leon born August 8, 1953.

Bertha Mary Schiebe was born September 24, 1877 and died March 20, 1949. On February 18, 1901 she married Peter Boucher who was born October 26, 1876 and died November 22, 1967. They farmed near Minneapolis, Minnesota and had two children; Mary Louise born June 27, 1905 and died April 4, 1979 --- Edmund Charles born August 8, 1909.

Louisa Fredericka Schiebe (Lucy) was born January 21, 1879 and died September 6, 1958. On November 15, 1911 she married John Gotlieb Schietinger who was born September 2, 1879 and died September 21, 1967. They farmed near Long Lake, Minnesota and had two children; Margaret Louise born July 29, 1913 --- Adeline Marie born April 20, 1917.

Carl John Frank Schiebe was born March 11, 1880 and died December 21, 1952. On January 13, 1902 he married Lena Lewcock who was born March 14, 1883 and died in 1962. They farmed near Minneapolis, Minnesota and had three children; Mabel Katherine born October 25, 1902 --- Walter Charles born February 12, 1909 and died May 1934 --- Hazel Janet born March 20, 1914.

Maria Fredericka Schiebe (Mary) was born May 7, 1881 and died January 28, 1887.

Gustave Frederick Schiebe was born May 16, 1882 and died May 27, 1882.

George Carl Schiebe was born May 4, 1883 and died January 20, 1955. He married Minnie Thies but I have no dates on the marriage or her birth. They farmed near

Minneapolis, Minnesota and had two children; Gladys who died May 17, 1944 --- Kenneth and I have no birth date for him.

Emelie Albertina Schiebe was born November 15, 1884 and died April 15, 1886.

Fredericka Schiebe was born February 11, 1886 and died February 11, 1886.

Mary Fredericka Schiebe (Clara) was born January 2, 1887 and died January 8, 1887.

Albertina E. Schiebe was born March 26, 1888 and died April 8, 1888.

Dorothea Johanna Agnes Schiebe (Etta) was born October 31, 1889 and died July 16, 1969. On June 28, 1911 she married Roy Justin Martin who was born April 25, 1889 and died December 28, 1978. They lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota and he was a musician and piano tuner. They had four children; Llewellyn Christian born May 28, 1912 and died March 31, 1968 --- Norman Justin born July 6, 1915 --- Maxine Janet born April 15, 1921 --- Carol Yvonne born December 22, 1925.

Frederick Schiebe was born March 31, 1893 and died February 27, 1907.

Gustave Schiebe (August) son of Carl and Johanna Genka Schiebe was born June 1848 and died March 14, 1922. In 1879 he married Wilhemenia Siebert who was born October 17, 1859 and died January 6, 1950. Five children were born;

John G. Schiebe born September 4, 1880 and died September 17, 1880.

Eliza W. Schiebe was born September 3, 1881 and died May 23, 1946. She married Anthony Schock who was born in 1890 and died August 2, 1937. On December 31, 1939 she re-married Ray Cumming who died August 13, 1949. No children to either marriage.

Albert Frank Schiebe was born November 28, 1883 and died January 15, 1950. He married Clara Amanda Manthey who was born September 25, 1885 and died August 7, 1948. They had seven children; Verniece Margaret born April 14, 1910 and died September 3, 1978 --- Leonard Albert born April 3, 1912 and died September , 198 --- Edwin Clarence born February 21, 1914 --- Myrtle Clara born June 30, 1917 --- Arthur Henry born February 24, 1919 --- Claretta Mae born October 28, 1926 --- Marion Jane born July 5, 1931 and died July 13, 1967.

Emma Fredalena Schiebe was born September 9, 1885 and died December 16, 1951. On May 26, She married Emil Edward Kruger who was born May 12, 1882 and died January 1, 1966. They had two children; Harlan born May 19, 1912 and married to Lenore Lemke --- Lorraine born January 22, 1914 and married August 1, 1936 to Charles Arthur Phillips.

Henry Carl Schiebe died in 1957. He married Mary Ann Dressel who was born June 17, 1890 and died February 29, 1968. They had four children; Harvey John born February 24, 1918 --- Doris --- Carol --- Loren.

Mary Schiebe daughter of Carl and Johanna Genka Schiebe she married August Klix and had four children; George --- Florence --- Walter --- Lucy.