

Carl Schiebe Sr.

Carl Schiebe Sr., a native of Prussia, was born on the 8th day of January 1822. He lived with his parents until he was 21 years of age, then going into the freighting business for himself.

In 1844 at the age of twenty two, he married Johanna Genka in Prussia, Germany. They had three children, Charles, who was sometimes known as Carl, Gustave and Mary.

In 1863 he decided to leave his freighting business and move with his family to America, arriving in New York to make his home for three years. Then like many others hearing of the future in the west, decided to go to Minneapolis, where he worked in the saw mills and lumber yards for seven years. From there he went to Plymouth Township.

On April of 1872 he purchased the SE 1/4 of Section 35 containing 160 acres and in Section 36, 40 acres more including the Farmer's Home Tavern. This was purchased from Nicholas Bofferding. It was the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 36 and was a part of the section set aside for school purposes. In 1879 Carl Sr. purchased the S 1/2 of NE 1/4 and S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 35. This too comprised 160 acres. He built a large home on County Road # 7 on this last purchase and the home was occupied by his son Gustave and family.

Although Carl Schiebe was not an original first settler, he had a great deal to do with the lives and recreation of those first people.

As his business grew he prospered. He built an addition to the tavern 20 by 28. This place was sometimes known as the Half Way House. The farmers would come from up country; Watertown, Delano etc. and spend their first night out at this tavern and arrive in Minneapolis early the next day. The horses were housed in the large barn and the farmers would make themselves at home in the hotel.

Carl's son, Charles, took over the operations of the Tavern around 1875. Then in 1895 Charles built another barn and a fine dancing floor in the grove west of

the Tavern. In about 1897 he enclosed the dance floor so that dances could be held regardless of the weather. It was a very popular place and dances and picnics were held regularly throughout the summer. Not only did the farmers attend these dances and picnics but a great number of people from north and south Minneapolis would come out and dance at Schiebes.

Carl Schiebe Sr. and wife had the three children before mentioned and the children of these children are as follows;

Charles, son of Carl Sr. married Fredericka Sprung of Minneapolis. She was from Germany. It was Charles who took over the Tavern around 1875. This couple had fifteen children as follows;

Albertina, Marie Fredericka, Emlie, Clara, Frederica and Gustave died in their youth and are buried in Plymouth Township in Parker Lake Cemetery.

Minnie who married John Gaffney, a farmer in Golden Valley. They had three children, Dorothy, Alice and Mary. She is still living at the age of 80. (1954)

Bertha married Peter Boucher, a farmer in Plymouth Township. They had two children, Mary and Edwin. She was laid to rest in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Medicine Lake.

Lucy married John Schletinger, a farmer near Long Lake. They had two children, Margaret and Adaline. She is still living on their farm. (1954)

Carl married Lena Lewcox from near Parker Lake. He farmed in Plymouth Township for some time and later worked in Wayzata where he lived until his death in 1953. He was laid to rest in Union Cemetery at Long Lake, Minnesota.

Frank married Emma Jarvis from Osseo. He took over the tavern from his father Charles and increased the services of the tavern and carried a good supply of groceries, notions and hardware. Frank died in 1925 and was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery in Minneapolis. His widow had dances for about three years after her husband died and then closed the dancing pavilion. She continued running the Tavern and store. Frank and Emma had seven children, Roland who is

operating the store at present ( 1954 ) Florence, Gaylord, Ariel, Francis and Eunice. Emma the wife of Frank, died in 1954.

Annie married Edward Ditter of Plymouth Township, a farmer. They moved to Spence, S.D.. They had six children, Myrtle, Doris, Adaline, Caroline, Lawrence and Clara. She passed away and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Spence, South Dakota.

George married Minnie Thies of Long Lake. He farmed on part of the old farm on the south side of County Road # 7. He retired and moved to north Minneapolis in 1939. They had two children, Gladys and Kenneth. Gladys died in 1944 and was laid to rest in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis. Kenneth platted and developed George's farm and is living on a part of it. Kenneth married Mary Radintz, formerly of Plymouth Township and a daughter of Henry and Antoinette Radintz, son and daughter of two old settlers of Plymouth. Kenneth and Mary have two children, George and Marlene.

Etta married Roy Martin, a musician of Minneapolis. They had four children, Llewelyn, Norman, Carol and Maxine .

Fritz died at the age of fourteen years and was laid to rest in Parker Lake Cemetery, Plymouth Township.

Gustave, the second son of Carl Sr. married Wilhemena Ziebert. He farmed on part of the farm on County Road # 7, on the north side to be exact. They had five children, one dying in infancy. They are as follows;

Liza, married Anthony Shook. She had no children and was laid to rest in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis.

Albert married Clara Manth<sup>2</sup>y of Plymouth Township. They had seven children, Vernice, Leonard, Edwin, Myrtle, Arthur, Claretta and Marian. Albert died in 1950 and his wife in 1948. They are both buried at Parker Lake Cemetery.

Henry married Mary Dressel of Minnetonka Township. They had four children, Harvey, Doris, Carol and Loren. He is still living on the old Gustave Schiebe farm. ( 1954 )

Emma married Emil Kruger of Plymouth Township. They had two children, Harlan and Lorraine. Emma was laid to rest in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis. Mary daughter of Carl, Sr. married Aliz Klix, a cattle dealer in St. Paul. She had three children, George, Walter and Florence. She died and was laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The old Hotel and Tavern still stands today. Some of Frank Schiebe's children still live close to the store. Times are changing fast and things are building up. Homes are being built and new families are constantly moving out. Carl Schiebe Sr. owned a total of 360 acres. The descendants still own a large portion of that yet although the most of it has been platted out for development purposes.

The lives of these early country pioneers was a life full of hard work. The people who were strong survived the hardships of country living. The weaker ones moved into the city where living conditions were so much easier or they died. But I know the Schiebe's always felt that to be able to leave Europe was a blessing.

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