

A SCHWAB ANCESTRAL CHART

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A NOTE ON EUROPEAN ORIGINS

Although my research on the families treated in these pages provided very little support for this view, it is likely that the immigrant ancestors all came from the German-speaking area of western Bohemia bordering on Germany and Austria. As did many other settlers in Nicollet, Brown, and Redwood Counties in Minnesota.

The American records regarding these people present a very confusing picture. Some records state that they were born in Bohemia, others state that they were born in Austria, and others state that they were born in Germany.

Bohemia, at the time of their emigration, was technically a kingdom. But in fact it was governed as a province of Austria. And to an American, the fact that they spoke German probably suggested that they were from Germany. In addition, there is the very likely possibility that these people, though they came from Bohemia, considered themselves Germans, and preferred to identify as Germans or Austrians.

What was then Bohemia now forms the western 2/3 of the modern-day Czech Republic.

A NOTE ON NAMES

I have provided information on the names of ancestors, and the different forms of a name that might appear in the records. But in the lists of children, I have given preference to the name as it appears in the record of birth or the record of baptism. Since Catholic church records were usually kept in Latin, the children's names often appear here in their Latin form, which would rarely have been used in daily life.

SOURCES

In these pages, information in parentheses provides the source for the information immediately preceding. The following abbreviations are used:

b	birth record
bp	baptism record in church register
bur	burial record in church register
cem@FG	photograph of gravestone inscription posted on <u>Findagrave.com</u>
d	death record
dndx	index to death records
FG	<u>Find a Grave:</u> http://www.findagrave.com/
LW	<u>Walter;</u> a family history by Lucille Walter
m	marriage record; unless otherwise specified, this refers to the civil record of marriage
m2	record of 2nd marriage
mdx	index to marriage records
ob	obituary
passlist	ship passenger list
WWI	World War I draft registration cards at <u>Ancestry.com:</u> < http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=6482 >
80, 90, 00, etc.	Information from specific censuses is referenced using the last two digits of the census year. Federal censuses were taken in the years ending in 0. State censuses were usually taken in the years ending in 5.

#12

George Schwab

son of Michael Schwab #24 and Anna Stangl #25

born 2 April 1864 (d)

His birthplace is identified differently in the sources. In the censuses of 1875, 1885, 1910, 1920, and 1930, and his death record, it is given as Austria. In the censuses of 1895, 1900, and 1905, Germany. In the census of 1880, Bohemia.

died 5 July 1931 Redwood Falls, Minnesota (d)

buried in Redwood Falls (d)

immigrated in 1867 according to his father's entry in the censuses of 1900, 1910, and 1920

George Schwab farmed in New Avon Township, Redwood County, Minnesota, until about 1910, and retired to Redwood Falls.

married 29 April 1889 Springfield, Brown County, Minnesota (Redwood County m)

#13

Margaret Schottenbauer

daughter of John Schottenbauer #25 and Barbara Martinka #26

born probably in May 1867

While her death record states that she was born 4 August 1866, the census of 1900 says May 1867. In addition, the ship passenger list dated 11 May 1868 says she was 11 months old.

Her birthplace also appears differently: Bohemia in censuses of 1875 and 1880; Austria in the 1910 and 1920 censuses; Germany in the 1895, 1900, and 1905 censuses.

died 19 June 1935 Redwood Falls (d)

buried in Redwood Falls (d)

immigrated 1868 from Bohemia with her parents (passlist)

CHILDREN OF GEORGE SCHWAB AND MARGARET SCHOTTENBAUER:

- i Carolus (bp); Charley -- #6
born 21 January 1890 New Avon Township (b)

- ii Rosa Anne (b); Anna Rosa (bp)
born 29 March 1891 New Avon Township (b)
died 16 April 1975 Springfield (d); buried Saint Raphael's
Catholic Cemetery, Springfield (d)
married George Joseph Dussl (wife's d)

- iii Georgius (bp)
born 12 March 1892 New Avon Township (b)
died 25 December 1985 Redwood County (MN dndx)

- iv Franciscus (bp); Frank Joseph (dndx)
born 14 September 1894 (St Michaels Morgan bp,WWI) New Avon
Township (b)
died 25 October 1978 Redwood County (MN dndx)

- v Anna (bp); Anna Mathilda (dndx)
born 1 July 1900 New Avon Township (b)
died 15 March 2000 (Redwood County (MN dndx)
married Wenzel Goblirsch (MN mdx)

- vi Margaretha (bp)
born 30 August 1904 New Avon Township (b)
died 10 November 1969 Redwood County (MN dndx)

#14

Joseph Walter

son of Peter Walter and Margaret Hirschman (bur)

born 17 October 1863 (m); born 29 September 1864 (d); born September 1863 (00); born 1863 (cem@FG)

Joseph Walter was born in Austria according to his death record and the censuses of 1900, 1905, 1910, 1920; and in Germany according to his marriage record and the censuses of 1895, 1930, and 1940.

died 19 December 1946 Three Lakes Township, Redwood County, Minnesota (d)
buried Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Clements, Redwood County, Minnesota (d)

On the 24th of September 1882, Josef Walter, workman, age 18, and Marie Walter, age 24, sailed from Hamburg on the ship Silesia (Hamburg passlist). They arrived in New York 7 October 1882 (New York passlist). The Hamburg list says they were from Mirschowitz, Austria, but I have been unable to identify this place with any certainty.

Joseph Walter farmed in Three Lakes Township, Redwood County.

married 17 January 1888 (m)

The marriage is recorded in the register of Saint Mary's Parish, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, but the county marriage record says they were married in New Ulm.

#15

Mary Prokosch

daughter of Frank Prokosch #30 and Anna Krippner #31

born 27 August 1871 (St Georges bp) Eden Township, Brown County, Minnesota (b)

died 25 January 1951 Springfield, Brown County, Minnesota (d)
buried Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Clements (d)

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH WALTER AND MARY PROKOSCH:

- i Franciscus (bp); Frank John (WWI); Frank Joseph (d)
born 15 May 1889 (St Marys Sleepy Eye bp,WWI); born 20 May 1889
(b,d); born in Three Lakes Township (b,WWI)
died 19 May 1966 Springfield, Brown County (d); buried Saint
Joseph's Cemetery, Clements (St Josephs Clements bur,FG,d)
- ii Joseph (bp); Joseph Peter (WWI,bur)
born 4 December 1890 Three Lakes Township (b)
died 8 June 1979 (dndx,bur) Redwood County (dndx); buried Saint
Joseph's Cemetery, Clements (St Josephs Clements bur,FG)
- iii Katharina (bp) -- #7
born 10 March 1893 Three Lakes Township (b); born 12 March 1893,
baptized 21 May 1893 (St Michaels Morgan bp)
- iv Petrus (bp); Peter Alois (WWI)
born 29 June 1894 (St Michaels Morgan bp) Three Lakes Township (b)
died 1 March 1972 Springfield, Brown County (d); buried Saint
Joseph's Cemetery, Clements (d)
- v Martinus (bp); Martin Frank (WWI)
born 11 January 1897 (St Michaels Morgan bp) Three Lakes Township
(b)
died 5 August 1982 Hennepin County, Minnesota (dndx)
- vi Joannes (bp); John George (WWI,dndx)
born 13 April 1899 Three Lakes Township (b)
died 6 July 1983 Redwood County (dndx)
- vii Nicolaus (bp); Nicholas Joseph (dndx)
born 19 July 1901 Three Lakes Township (b); born 18 July 1901 (St
Michaels Morgan bp)
died 1 January 1996 Redwood County (dndx); buried Saint Joseph's
Cemetery, Clements (FG)
- viii Michael (bp); Michael Alois (b)
born 28 December 1903 Three Lakes Township (b)
died 6 June 1992 Redwood County (dndx); buried Saint Joseph's
Cemetery, Clements (FG)
- ix Maria Elis. (bp); Mary Elizabeth (b)
born 20 October 1907 Three Lakes Township (b)
died 4 May 1999 Redwood County (MN dndx)
married Hugo John Adam Heiling
- x Margareta (bp); Margaret Agnes (dndx)
born 4 August 1909 (St Michaels Morgan bp) Three Lakes Township
(b)
died 27 January 1958 Redwood County (MN dndx)
married Joseph Martin Heiling
- xi Andrew Peter (dndx)
born 30 October 1912 Three Lakes Township (b)
died 5 November 1984 Polk County, Wisconsin (dndx); buried Amery
Cemetery, Amery, Wisconsin (cem@FG)

#24

Michael Schwab

born 3 October 1834 (d,cem@FG); 88 in 1923 (bur)
Michael Schwab's birthplace is given as Austria in the censuses of 1875, 1885, 1905, and 1910; Bohemia in the censuses of 1880 and 1920; Germany in the census of 1895. His death record gives his birthplace as "Pelesen, Bohemia"; I assume this is a misspelling of Pilsen, the major city in western Bohemia. Pilsen is the German name for Plzeň, and Bohemia is now in the Czech Republic.

died 14 February 1923 New Avon Township, Redwood County, Minnesota (d)
buried Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Clements, Redwood County (St Josephs
Clements bur)

immigrated 1867 (00,10,20)

Michael Schwab farmed in Eden Township, Brown County, Minnesota, from about 1875 to about 1880; and in Three Lakes Township, Redwood County, from about 1885 to about 1910. He was living in New Avon Township in 1920.

married 35 years in 1900, 45 years in 1910

#25

Anna Stangl (d,dau Mary's bp); Anna Stengel (son John's bp, son John's d)

born 19 June 1837 (d); born June 1837 (00); born 19 June 1836 (cem@FG)
Birthplace given as Bohemia in the censuses of 1875, 1880, and 1920;
Austria in the censuses of 1885, 1900, 1905, 1910, and in the death
record; Germany in the census of 1895.

died 2 October 1925 New Avon Township (d)
buried Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Clements (d,cem@FG)

CHILDREN OF MICHAEL SCHWAB AND ANNA STANGL:

Anna Schwab had had 9 children, of whom 5 were living, according to the 1900 and 1910 census.

- i George -- #12
born 2 April 1864 (d)

- ii Anna
born 11 June 1867 (d,cem@FG) in Kentucky
died 3 May 1923 Perham, Otter Tail County, Minnesota (d); buried
Saint Mary's Cemetery, Callaway, Becker County, Minnesota (FG)
married Andrew Katzenberger (d)

- iii Maria Margaretha
born 8 September 1875 (St Georges bp)

- iv Joannes (bp); John Charly (his signature on WWI); John Charles (d)
born 11 November 1877 (St Marys Sleepy Eye bp,WWI,d); born 10
November 1877 Eden (b)
born in Eden Township, Brown County (b)
died 30 December 1955 New Ulm, Minnesota (d); buried Saint Paul's
Catholic Cemetery, Comfrey, Brown County, Minnesota (d)

- v Rosa Anna (bp); Rosa Paulina (Redwood County m, St Michaels Morgan
m)
born 9 June 1882 (St Marys Sleepy Eye bp)
died 28 June 1976 Redwood County (dndx)
married Joseph F. Prokosch (m)

#26

Johann Schottenbauer (signature in m2 application); usually called John in America

born 18 January 1838 (m2 application); born February 1838 (00); born April 1837 (d)

born in Bohemia (75,80,85,95); born in Austria (m2 application,d,10); born in Germany (00,05)

John Schottenbauer's obituary in the Redwood Gazette, transcribed and posted at Findagrave.com, says he "was born in the year 1838 in Burzikan, Austria", but I have been unable to identify that place.

died 1 January 1918 Wabasso, Redwood County, Minnesota (d)
buried Saint Anne's Cemetery, Wabasso (FG)

emigrated from Bohemia, sailing from Bremen on the ship Deutschland, arriving in New York on 11 May 1868 (New York passlist)

John Schottenbauer farmed in Lafayette Township, Nicollet County, Minnesota, from about 1875 to about 1895, and then in New Avon Township, Redwood County, to about 1910

John Schottenbauer was married first in 1864 (transcription of ob at FG) to:

#27

Barbara Martinka (children's bp)

23 in 1868 (passlist); 31 in 1875

died December 1876 (m2 application)

John Schottenbauer was married second 16 March 1877 in West Newton Township, Nicollet County (Brown County m), to:

Maria Anna Hegert (son Andreas bp)
usually called Anna, but called Mary Hager in the marriage application, and Mary Ann in the 1885 census

daughter of Michael and Maria Hegert (80)

born 20 September 1848 (m application); born October 1847 (d); born 1847 (cem@FG)

born Bohemia (80,85,95); born Austria (m,10,20); born Germany (00,05,30,d)

died 27 January 1936 Wabasso (d)
buried Saint Anne's Cemetery, Wabasso (FG)

immigrated 1872? (10) or 1874 (30)

CHILDREN OF JOHN SCHOTTENBAUER AND BARBARA MARTINKA:

- i George
born 18 August 1864 (d,bur)
died 22 February 1954 Redwood Falls, Minnesota (d); buried Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Clements, Redwood County (d)
- ii Margareta -- #13
born May 1867
- iii Anna
born 28 August 1870 (St Georges bp)
died 21 June 1931 New Avon Township (d); buried Saint Anne's Cemetery, Wabasso (d)
married Andrew Hager (d)
- iv Franziska (d)
born 25 April 1872 (St Georges bp); born 27 April 1872 (Nicollet County b)
died 21 September 1872 (Nicollet County d)
- v Maria Birgitta (bp)
born 28 August 1873 (St Georges bp); born 3 September 1873 (Nicollet County b)
married Joseph Heck (MN mdx)
- vi Catharina
born 27 February 1875 (St Georges bp)
died 9 September 1962 (cem@FG); buried Highland Cemetery, Casper, Wyoming (cem@FG)
married Henry H. Lau (cem@FG)

CHILDREN OF JOHN SCHOTTENBAUER AND ANNA HAGER:

- vii Josephus (bp)
born 23 December 1877 (St Georges bp)
- viii Theresia
born 5 March 1879 Lafayette Township (d)
died 1 April 1944 New Ulm, Minnesota (d); buried Saint Mary's Cemetery, Swan Lake, Brighton Township, Nicollet County (d,FG)
married 1st Jacob Peter Volk (MN mdx)
married 2nd Theodore Schmit
- ix Franziscus (bp); Frank Andrew (signature in WWI);
born 11 September 1880 (St Marys Sleepy Eye bp)
died 11 March 1965 Redwood County (MN dndx); buried Saint Anne's Cemetery, Wabasso (FG)
- x John
born 18 December 1881 Lafayette Township (b)
died 20 February 1895 of diphtheria (St Georges bur)

- xi Barbara
born 15 March 1883 (b,bp), baptized 23 April 1883 (St Georges bp);
born Lafayette Township (b)
died 23 April 1883, age 42 days (St Georges bur); died 20 April
1883 Lafayette Township (d)
- xii Andreas (b,bp); Andrew Joe (signature in WWI)
born 5 April 1884 (b,St Georges bp) Lafayette Township (b)
died 1 August 1938 Tracy, Lyon County, Minnesota (d); buried Saint
Mary's Cemetery, Tracy (d)
- xiii Franziska (bp)
born 15 October 1885 (St Georges bp); born 10 December 1885
Lafayette Township (b)
- xiv Barbara
born 16 May 1887 (St Georges bp)
died 26 February 1955 Westline Township, Redwood County (d);
buried Saint Anne's Cemetery, Wabasso (d)
married Anton Thomas
- xv Margaretha (bp,bur)
born 15 October 1889 Lafayette (St Georges bp); born 21 October
1889 Lafayette Township (b)
died 17 October 1889 (St Georges bur); died 23 October 1889
Lafayette Township (d)
- xvi Franziscus Xaverius (bp,bur)>
born 9 March 1891 (St Georges bp); born 1 March 1891 Lafayette
Township (b)
died 13 March 1891 (St Georges bur); died 5 March 1891 Lafayette
Township (d)
- Anna Hegert's child:
Catharina Hegert (80)
born 28 September 1869 (d) Bohemia (80,85)
died 24 February 1959 New Ulm, Brown County (d); buried Catholic
Cemetery, New Ulm (d)
married Andrew Domeier
- John and Anna's adopted child:
Bertha Schottenbauer (bp)
daughter of Catharina Schottenbauer (bp)
born 12 December 1888 Lafayette (St Georges bp)
died 15 June 1965 (cem@FG) Redwood County (dndx); buried Saint
Anne's Cemetery, Wabasso (FG)

#28

Peter Walter (daughter's d, son's d)

married

#29

Barbara Herchman (daughter's bur); Barbara (daughter's d)

Margaret Hirschman (son's bur); Margaret (son's d);

CHILDREN OF PETER AND MARGARET WALTER:

i Marie (passlist); called Mary in America
born 13 July 1858 (bur, LW)
died 12 July 1949 Springfield (d); buried Saint Joseph's Cemetery,
Clements, Minnesota (d)
immigrated with her brother Joseph in 1882, and lived with her
brother Joseph's family in Three Lakes Township

ii Joseph -- #14
born 29 September 1863

#30

Frank Prokosch (signature in m)

son of Wenzel Prokosch #60 and Katharina Domeier #61

born 24 June 1843 Bohemia (m)

Birthplace given as Bohemia in marriage record and the censuses of 1870, 1880, and 1920; Austria in the censuses of 1875, 1885, 1905, and 1910; Germany in censuses of 1900, 1895, 1930, and death record.

died 8 May 1930 Clements, Redwood County, Minnesota (d)

buried Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Clements (St Josephs Clements bur)

immigrated 1857 (m,10,20,LW)

Civil War soldier

Frank Prokosch's residence was Cottonwood, Brown County, Minnesota, in 1863, according to the Minnesota Civil War muster rolls. He farmed in Eden Township, Brown County, from about 1869 to about 1885, and then in Three Lakes Township, Redwood County, to about 1910. He was living in Clements in 1920 and 1930.

married 26 July 1869 New Ulm, Minnesota (m)

#31

Anna Krippner (m)

The family name also appears as Grippner and Kruppner.

born 1 May 1847 (d)

Birthplace given as Bohemia in marriage record and censuses of 1870 and 1880; Austria in censuses of 1875, 1885, 1905, and 1910; Germany in censuses of 1895 and 1900 and death record.

died 5 February 1919 Clements (d)

buried Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Clements (St Josephs Clements bur)

immigrated 1868 (10)

The marriage record states that "she resides in Eden Brown Co. and has no father or mother in Amerika."

CHILDREN OF FRANK PROKOSCH AND ANNA KRIPPNER:

Anna Prokosch had 6 children, of whom 5 were living in 1900 and 1910, according to the censuses of those years.

- i Anna (bp)
born 30 April 1870 (Holy Trinity New Ulm bp); born Eden Township (d)
died 4 July 1890 Three Lakes Township of typhoid fever (d)
- ii Maria -- #15
born 27 August 1871 Eden Township
- iii Catharina (bp); Katrine (b); Katrina (cem@FG)
born 16 January 1873 Eden Township (b); born 31 August 1872 (St Georges bp)
died 11 July 1966 Redwood County (dndx); buried Saint Michael's Cemetery, Morgan, Redwood County (FG)
married Martin M. Janotta (cem@FG)
- iv Margaretha (Holy Trinity New Ulm bp)
born 15 August 1876 Eden Township (b)
died 21 March 1960 Wadena, Minnesota (Wadena County d)
married Conrad Drexler
- v Petrus (St Marys Sleepy Eye bp); Peter Frank (WWI, dndx)
born 27 December 1880 Eden Township (b)
died 6 October 1972 Redwood County (dndx)
- vi Clara (b, St Marys Sleepy Eye bp)
born 1 July 1884 Eden Township (b)
died 31 May 1973 Redwood County (dndx)
married Gustave Backer

#60

Wenzel Prokosch

son of Lasos and Barbara Prokosch (d)

53 in 1866 (passlist); 54 in 1870; 62 in 1875; 65 in 1880; 72 in 1885; 77 in 1895; 89 in 1899

Born in Bohemia (70,75,80), born in Austria (85,d), born in Germany (95).

died 27 June 1899 Three Lakes Township, Redwood County, Minnesota (d)

immigrated 1866, sailing from Bremen on the ship Mississippi, arriving in New York 23 June (New York passlist)

farming in Cottonwood Township, Brown County, Minnesota, in 1870; living in Milford Township, Brown County, in 1875; living with son Peter's family in Eden Township, Brown County, in 1880 and 1885, and with son Joseph's family in Three Lakes Township, Redwood County, in 1895; in Three Lakes Township 9 years in 1895

married

#61

Katharina Domeier

daughter of Joseph Domeier

53 in 1866 (passlist); 51 in 1870; 58 in 1875; 60 in 1880; 67 in 1885; 75 in 1895; 88 in 1901 (d,bur)

died 26 September 1901 Three Lakes Township (d)

buried Saint Michael's Cemetery, Morgan, Redwood County, Minnesota (St Michaels Morgan bur)

CHILDREN OF WENZEL PROKOSCH AND KATHARINA DOMEIER:

- i Frank -- #30
born 24 June 1843 Bohemia

- ii Marie
22 in 1866 (passlist)

- iii Peter
born 25 March 1850 at "Trohatin Bezirk Ranschberg, Bohemia" (m);
born 7 December 1847 (d); 19 in 1866 (passlist); 21 in 1870; 30 in
1880
Trohatin is now called Drahotín, and is located in the Czech
Republic.
died 27 February 1937 New Ulm, Minnesota (d); buried in Morgan
(St Michaels Morgan bur)

- iv Anna
born 12 November 1851 (d); born 14 July 1853 (m); 16 in 1866
(passlist); 17 in 1870; 20 in 1875
died 20 October 1903 New Ulm (d)
married Josef Wech

- v Wenzel (passlist,70); Wenzel J. (cem@FG); Joseph Wenzel (bur);
Joseph W. (80,05,10,d); J. W. (00)
born 24 December 1853 (d)
died 20 December 1937 Bremen Township, Pine County, Minnesota (d);
buried Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Clements, Redwood County (cem@FG)