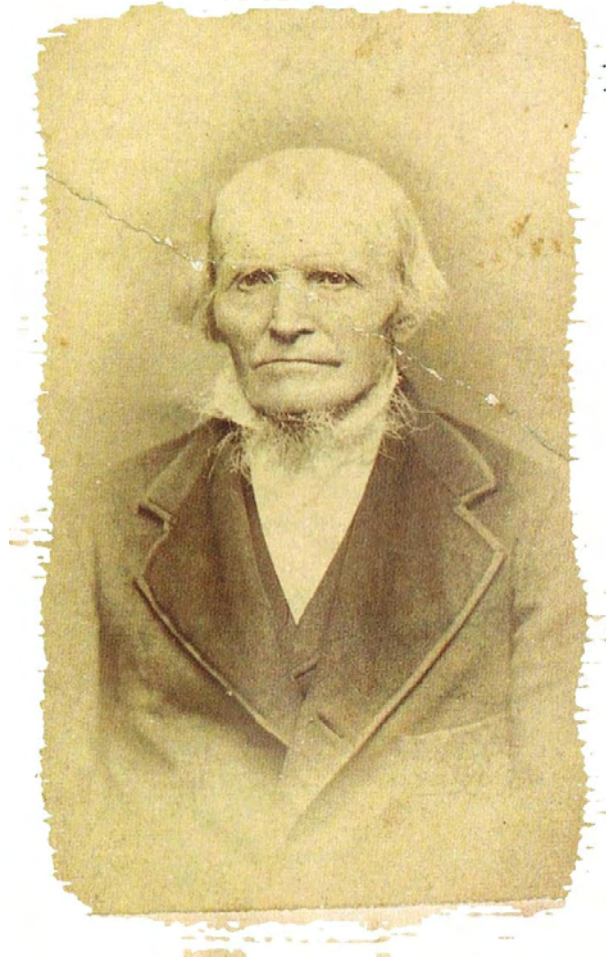


The two lives of
Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT



**Alsatian coachman, died in California
then gold digger, american citizen,
farmer and bigamous...**

I wrote this small book because one day I'm passionate about genealogy, and walk on, the genealogy of my wife Helen CLERGET led me to Alsace families BECK, SCHOTT and NADELHOFFER.

A character caught my attention: Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT. I found him a death certificate from the Consulate of France in San Francisco. This intrigued me, I searched and went to look further ... Surprising!

To find what I put in this booklet, I was helped. So I am here to thank all those who made it all "cousins" of my wife, except an American historian who helped me beyond what I could have hoped for:

- First Chantal FOREST, without whom I would not have started this investigation. She was my "stimulus".
- The American historian Eileen GLAHOLT, who is passionate about my "case" and made me, volunteer, a great job in Sacramento.
- Then, Christian EMIG and Jean-Francois ACKER, who had already done much of the ways of the American genealogy.
- And finally Suzanne OSTLE, American, descendant of Paul-Frédéric, who, in the United States, had do all the job concerning the American descent ...

This text is only the story of a man of my wife's family, and that really had two lives ... A family legend somehow...



Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT, the Alsatian

Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT was born in Beblenheim (Haut-Rhin) April 22, 1806 in a Lutheran environment.

He is the son of Paul-Frédéric, first baker in Munster before winemaker in Beblenheim and Marguerite Marie BOLLENBACH native and resident of Ostheim.



A Ostheim Paul-Frédéric worked as a coachman.

On July 4, 1830 he married in Ostheim, Marguerite Salome NADELHOFFER, born Ostheim, one year his junior. She is the daughter of Jean André, carpenter Ostheim and Mary Salome MEYER.

Then arise :

- **Salome**, December 6, 1830 (premature at only 6 months of marriage ... unless "the appeal has been anticipated ..." What is the most likely.)
- **Madelaine**, September 30, 1832.
- **Anne Marie**, June 4, 1834. It will baker, married to Colmar June 18, 1859 Jean-Henri BECK baker himself in Colmar. She ends her life at Versailles in 1917. (It is this family BECK Chantal FORESTIER and my wife Helen are cousins.)
- **Catherine**, July 10, 1836 in Ostheim.
- **Frédéric**, April 1, 1840 in Ostheim. (We'll find him later on the other side of the Atlantic)

- **Caroline**, 30 January 1842 in Ostheim.

- **Barbe**, October 28, 1843 in Ostheim. He also will die in Ostheim August 31, 1859.

- 2 stillborns in 1845 and 1846.

- **Sophie**, born 19 May, 1848 in Ostheim, while his father is noted on his birth certificate as "**absent from the town since February.**"

Paul-Frédéric has left his wife, children and Ostheim in February 1848. He had already thought of going to the United States or is it "party look elsewhere" just?

Still, we find it in the United States where it appears that he set a time on a farm near Naperville, Illinois. Naperville where already Alsatian cousins, Lutherans had settled : the NADELHOFFER.

In 1849, hearing of the gold rush in California, Frédéric joined a company of sixty men to reach the West across the entire United States, with carts and many problems (see box below). It is nearly 3,000 km separating these two states and the road they should follow is approximately that of the current Route 66. The Americans called these men "Argonauts" and their exploits are related in many historical texts.

No doubt, postilion his job at the beginning, Frédéric SCHOTT had to be expert and very helpful in driving carts and mules that pulled.

In 1848, on the Sacramento River, California, carpenter James Marshall, serving Captain Sutter got an agricultural concession, discovered traces of gold. The news of the discovery spread across the United States, and almost immediately worldwide. The influx of new explorers is unprecedented: American, English, Polish, Austrian, French, Mexican, Chinese rush to California. Doubling Cape Horn, through Oregon in car covers or donkey across the Isthmus of Panama, they will face fatigue, hunger, mountain Indians, mosquitoes, yellow fever and cholera. But the field is thriving: In nine years, the only declared local production is 752 tonnes, almost as much as Brazil throughout the 17th century. California and its cities will arise from this migration. This frenzy spreads to new deposits in Nevada, Colorado and Alaska.

In 1850, we find Paul-Frédéric on the census of Cincinnati, a small gold mine east of Sacramento and with reference to its origin: "Germany."

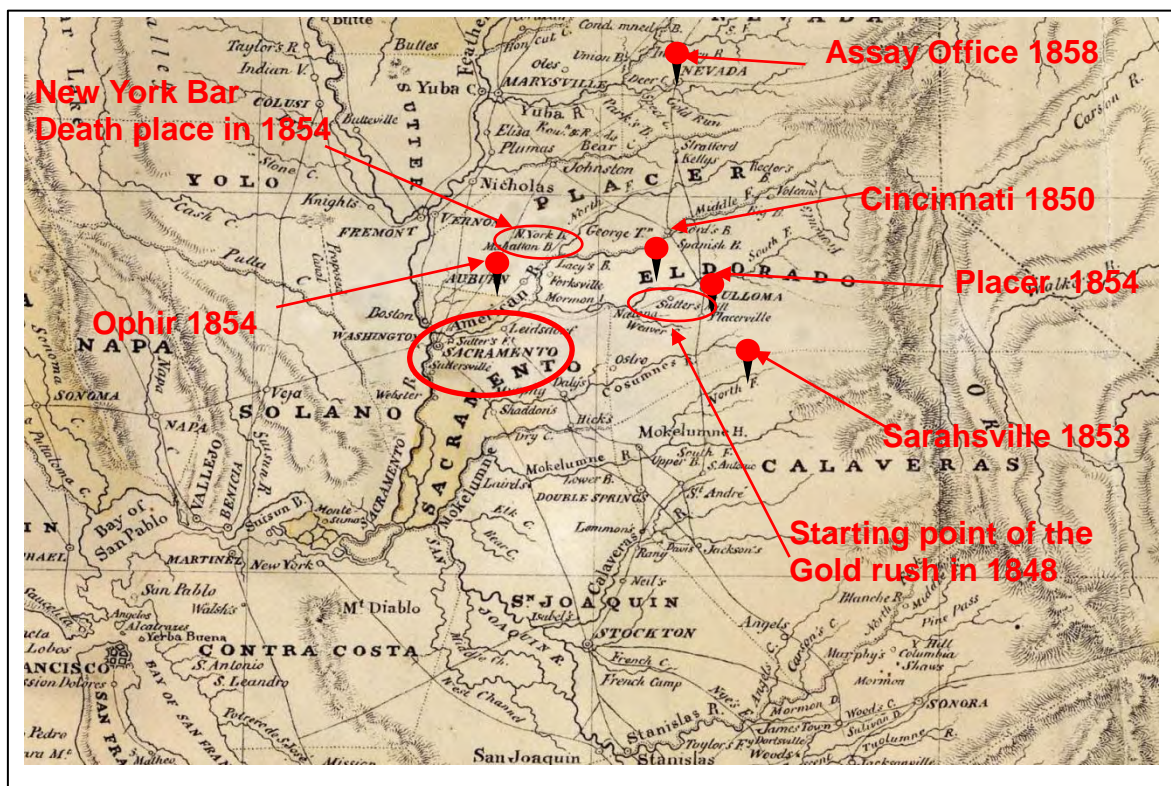


Gold diggers in Sacramento in 1849

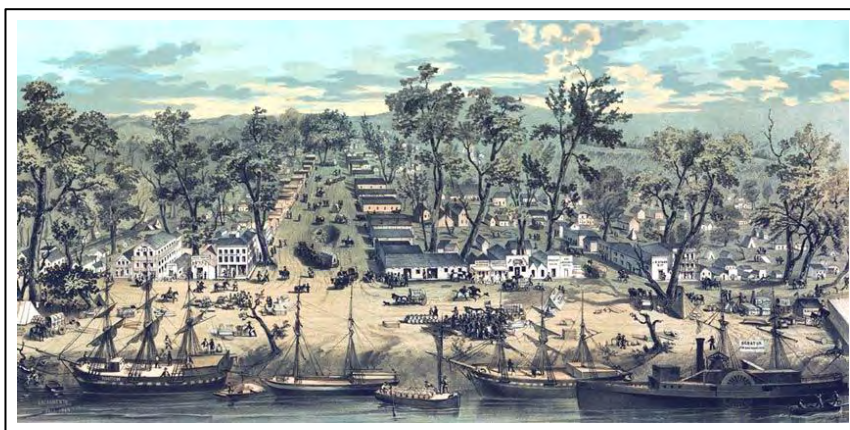
In 1852, he does not appear on the census but this is not surprising since many miners moved from place to place, in the vein to vein, including during the census, and they escaped it.

In 1853, one Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT is listed in the list of taxes as minor in Sarahsville (now Clinton), a small town near Foresthill, California in northeast of Sacramento.

In 1854 we find him at Ophir in Placer County, not far from New York Bar, which will be discussed later. He is listed in Placer County as "deliquent" because he has not paid his taxes in a timely ...



Map of the Gold Region in 1851
With the places where Paul-Frédéric stayed



Sacramento
around 1850

The death of Paul-Frédéric.

December 15, 1854, was established by the Consulate of France in San Francisco, a death certificate of Paul-Frédéric Frédéric SCHOTT who have died in "New York Bar" north of the American River, and south of the confluence of Middle Fork, County of Sacramento. At the same time, severe floods destroyed at this location facilities for minors. That was a good opportunity...

His death is registered in the records of Ostheim May 28, 1855.

Extrait des registres des actes de l'état civil pour
l'année mil huit cent cinquante quatre (1854.)

Le samedi vingt huit Octobre mil huit cent cinquante
quatre; heures de midi.

Acte de décès de S. Schott Paul Frédéric ancien postillon à
Ostheim, France, décédé à la cognade de New-York entre Middle Bar
et North Fork Sacramento county, le quinze Octobre, prisonnier malade
à Neblenheim Haute-Saône le vingt deux Avril mil huit cent cinquante
sur la Déclaration à nous faite par M. M. Emily Young, Lord-
Warden et de saire public à San-Francisco y demeurant, et Montgomery
Hend et Prosper Moene propriétaires demeurant aussi à San-Francisco -
tous deux majeurs lesquels ont déclaré avoir connu le défunt.

Et sur signés après lecture.

Consenté par nous Consul de France à San-Francisco, Haute
Californie) faisant fonctions d'officier de l'état civil.

Signé M. M. Emily E. Young et le Consul Dillon.

Pour Expédition conforme Le chancelier par Interim
Signé E. Bataillard.

La pour légalisation de la signature apposée ci-dessus de
M. E. Bataillard, chancelier intermédiaire de ce consulat
Le consul signé Dillon.

Le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères certifie véritable la
signature de M. Dillon. Paris le dix neuf Avril mil huit
cent cinquante cinq par autorisation du Ministre.

Le chef du Bureau de la Chancellerie Signé, signature illisible

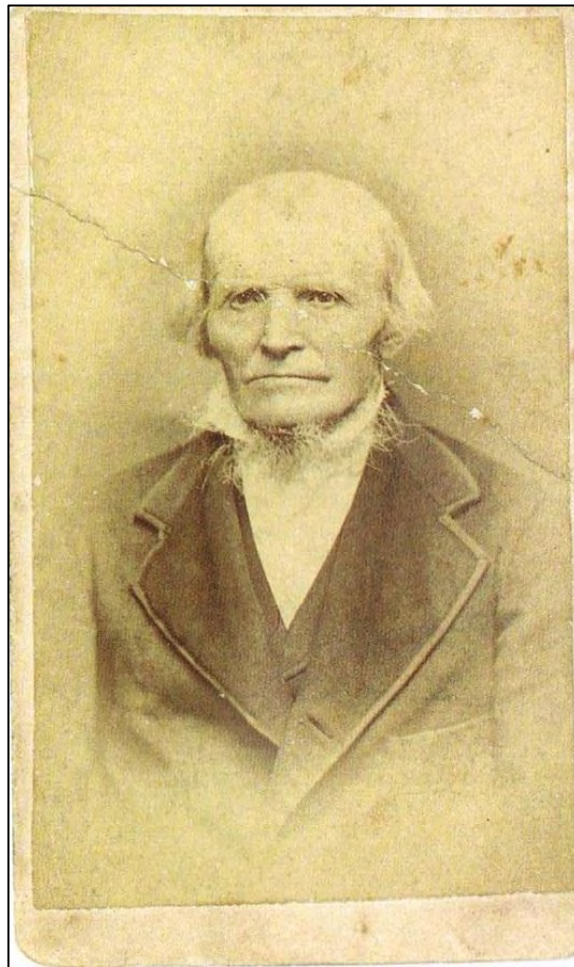
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Ostheim le vingt huit Mai mil huit cent cinquante cinq
Le Maire officier de l'état civil.

Chloran

This death will be "made" from scratch with the help of two witnesses "of circumstance", surely well paid: Emile YOUNG Lordwarden and notary in San Francisco and Prosper LED, owner, also of San Francisco. According to Eileen Glaholt, historian who helped me, there is nothing surprising, the practice was common.

But he is not dead! Paul-Frédéric Alsatian died for the French civil status, but Paul-Frédéric American, is still alive and more than forty-five years will begin a new life!



Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT

Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT, American citizen.

It is March 7, 1855, just six months after his "death," one Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT, ours undoubtedly, born in France in 1806, became an American citizen by the Court of Sacramento. Five years of residence in the United States were necessary to do so. This corresponds with his arrival in 1848.

The death "manufactured" is confirmed ...

In 1855, he married a named Mary MEYER, widow EBNER, a native of Bavaria Where she was born in 1833, and is 27 years his junior. From his first marriage, Mary had a child: William EBNER, who is found later in the census with the surname of SCHOTT until he left the family nest where he will take the name of EBNER. But we must be wary of U.S. censuses not always just about the civil status information.

William was born in 1853, probably in Wisconsin. On the 1860 census in Illinois where he resides as SCHOTT, with his parents, he was also said Wisconsin native.

December 26, 1855 Paul-Frédéric opens an assay office of precious metals in Nevada City, northeast of Sacramento. This opening is mentioned in the local newspaper. He then cited some writings as the best changer the State of California.

Below his shop still exists in Nevada City and is one of the oldest houses in the city..



Ott's (ex Schott) assay office building

In 1856, he lost \$ 3,000 because of a fire that ravaged Nevada City. He held several buildings, some of which had burned.



In 1857, we find his name in several legal proceeding, where he tries to recover the money lost during the fire. It seems it would have been compensated, in part at least.

In 1858, he did not pay his taxes and his office is listed as delinquent for non-payment of taxes in Nevada City Newspaper.

On 24 June 1859, the assay office was bought by a man named Ott ... Originally from Switzerland, James Ott was a close cousin of John Sutter, the trigger of the gold rush.

Ott's office is mentioned several times during the discovery of silver lodes around Comstock, Nevada (just the other side of the Sierra Nevada from Sacramento) during what is called the Comstock Silver Rush.

Still, in 1856, we found the couple SCHOTT - MEYER in Union Hill, Kankakee, Illinois, where they seem to have a farm. It therefore seems likely that it is the loss of his possessions in the fire that did it decided to leave California and while still owning and until 1859 its office in Nevada, it is installed in Union Hill.

Below is a document that we fortunes of Paul-Frédéric : \$ 1,000 at her wedding. This would represent nowadays around 200,000 dollars in terms of capital ... He was found a lot of gold!

PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT:

**PAUL FREDERICK SCHOAT (SCHOTT)
AND
MARY ABLE (EBNER)**

Whereas the undersigned are about to enter into the bonds of matrimony and bring desirous to make an arrangement respecting their property, do hereby enter into the following agreement:

Frederick Schoat (Schott) has a son now in Germany to whom he hereby reserves three hundred dollars of his property to be paid to him on his demand in case of the father's decease. The balance of his said property he hereby agrees that Mrs. Mary Able (Ebner), who is about to become his wife, shall have one third of during the period of her life, and at her death it is to be divided according to law. The said Mrs. Mary Able agreeing on her part that the said Frederick Schoat's son, whose name is also Frederick Schoat, shall have and receive said sum of three hundred dollars before her claim for dower, or before her claim for one third under this agreement. And the said Frederick Schoat agreeing in consideration of the same that the said Mrs. Mary Able shall have one third of the remainder during life.

Witness our hands and seals this 4th day of December A.D., 1855. Signed:
Frederic Schott (seal)
Marior (Mary) Ebner (seal)

Signed in the presence of Adam Virdin.

**Frederick Schott
AGREEMENT**

No 19, 34
State of Illinois
Kankakee County

This instrument was filed for Record
on the 31st day of December 1855--
and duly recorded in Book No. 9
of deeds, Page 12

Philip Worcester
Recorder

Paid

**(RETRACTION OF AGREEMENT--
WRITTEN ON BACK SIDE OF AGREEMENT PAGE)**

Agreement between Frederick Shoat within married on the one part and Mary Able within married on the other part:

The said Mary Able for and in consideration of one dollar paid her by said Frederick and other good and valuable consideration, do by these presents release, cancel, and discharge the within contract and all her right, title, and interest therein and release cancel and discharge the said Schoat from all covenants, claims, demands upon him by and under the within contract. And the said Schoat does hereby release, waive, and cancel all his right, title, and interest in the within contract.

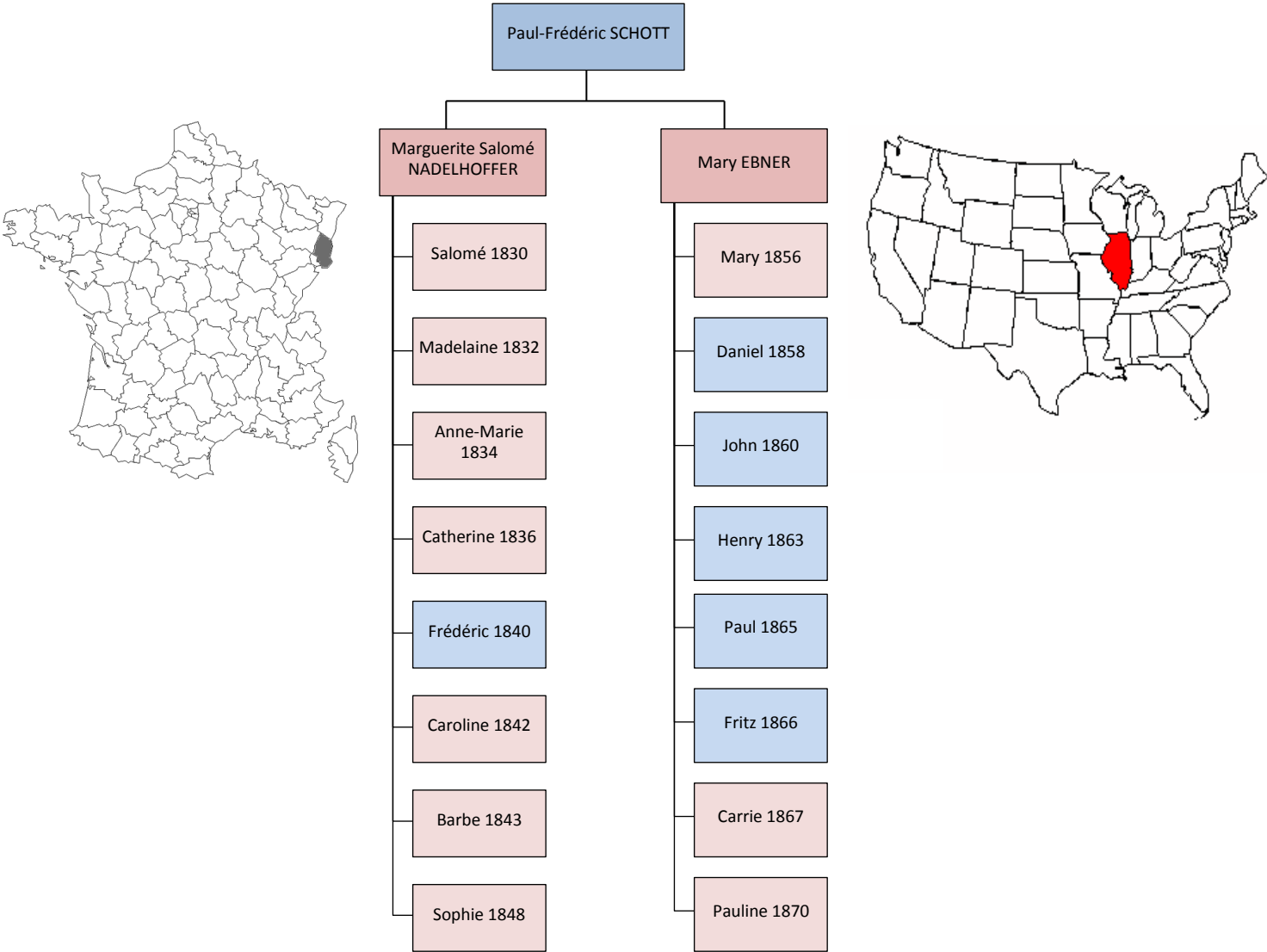
Witness our hands and seals on this the 8th day of March A.D., 1860. Signed:
Frederic Schott (seal)
Marior (Mary) Ebner (seal)

Filed April 19, 1860, 3 p.m.
Recorded in Book 9, Page 12

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Paul-Frédéric bequeathed by this act if he dies, one third of his fortune estimated at \$ 300, to his son of France, Frédéric, and another third to his future wife. In 1860, the wife denounced the agreement as she is concerned. They had at that time two children together : Mary, born October 28, 1856 and Daniel, born October 19, 1858. It is likely that the American inheritance laws were more suited to the interests of all that the donation of a third party. Note that the withdrawal of Mary, not detract from Frédéric that at this time, and we will see later he arrived in the U.S. since 1856.

From his arrival in Illinois, Paul-Frédéric Schott seems to have led a normal life of a farmer. With Mary MEYER / ABNER, he will in addition to French children, 8 "American" children over William.



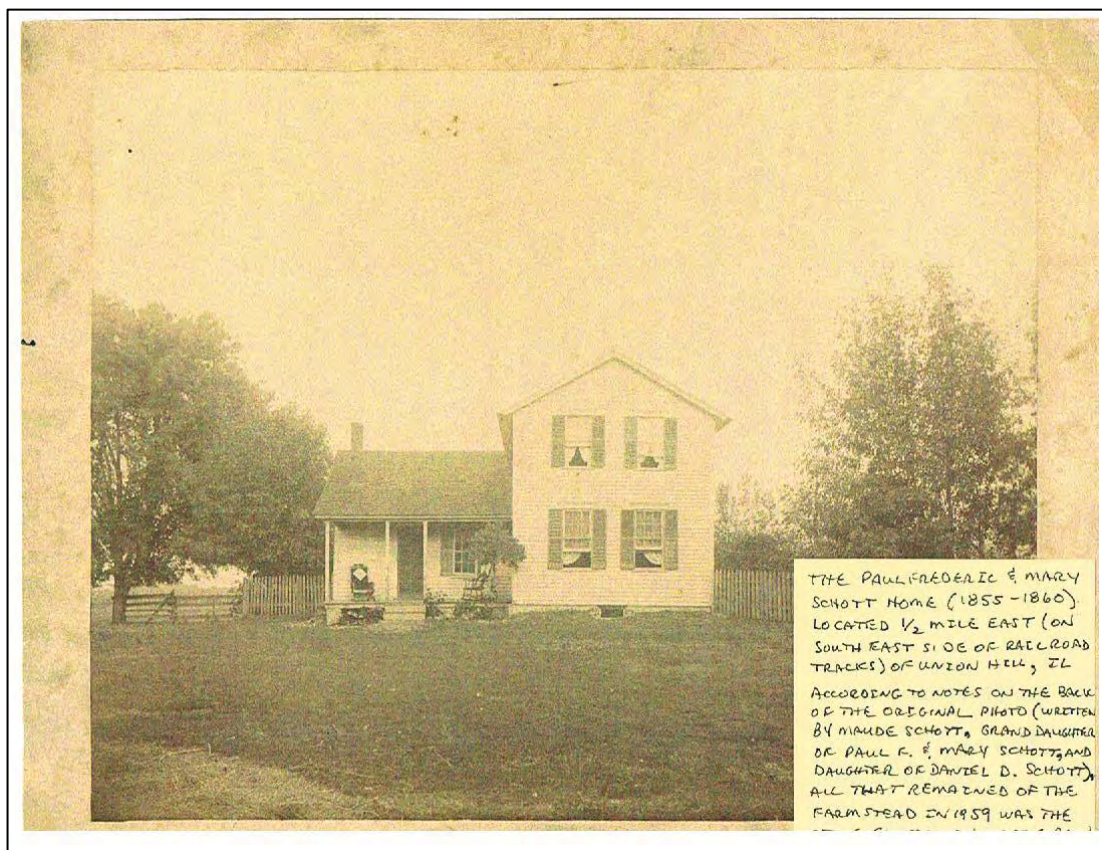
Here is the complete list :

- Mary born October 29, 1856.
- Daniel was born October 19, 1858
- John was born on 1 December 1860
- Henry born February 6, 1863.
- Paul was born October 18, 1865.
- Fritz born in 1866.
- Carrie was born in 1867
- Pauline was born in 1870.

If the Alsatian children are added, so it's 16 children Paul-Frédéric has had!

Surely very busy taking care of them and his farm 277 acres (112 hectares)

Paul-Frédéric quietly continue her life until July 16, 1888. 82 years old died, he was buried in Union Hill Cemetery. His wife Mary will be joining him two years later, February 25, 1890 after a heart attack.



Paul-Frédéric and Mary Schott home in Union Hill

His will, reproduced below, shares his goods, except a third given to Frédéric during his marriage, in his American children : Daniel, John, Henry, Mary, Carrie and Paul. Fritz and Pauline were died at respectively 14 and 10 years old.

The Last Will and Testament

Of Paul F. Schott of the Town of Pilot in the County of Franklin and State of Illinois made and published the Twenty Third day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Five

In the Name of God, Amen.

I, Paul F. Schott of the Town of Pilot in the County of Franklin and State of Illinois of the age of 74 years, and being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say:

First - It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be fully paid.

Second - I give and bequeath to my children Daniel D. May, John, Henry, Paul F. and Carrie C. all of the personal estate of which I may be possessed.

Third - I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary the use and occupation of the South West fractional quarter Section Six (6) Township Thirty (30) North Range Ten East of the 3^d P.M. for and during her natural life,

Fourth - After the death of my said wife I give and devise the South forty eight acres of the South West fractional quarter of Section Six (6) Township Thirty (30) North Range ten East of the 3^d P.M. to my son Henry and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Fifth - I give and devise to my son Henry and to his heirs and assigns forever the South West fractional quarter of Section Six (6) Township Thirty (30) North Range Ten East of 3^d P.M. excepting the South forty eight acres herein devised to my son Henry.

Sixth - I give and devise to my son Henry and to his heirs and assigns forever the North East quarter of the North East quarter of Section Twelve (12) Township Thirty (30) North Range Nine East of 3^d P.M.


Seventh - I give and devise to my son John the West half of the South East quarter of Section Two (2) Township Thirty (30) North Range Nine East of the 3^d P.M. and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Eighth - I give and devise to my daughter Carrie C. the North East quarter of the South East quarter of Section Two (2) Township Thirty (30) North Range Nine East of 3^d P.M. and to her heirs and assigns forever.

Ninth - I give and devise to my son Daniel D. and to his heirs and assigns forever the East half of the North West quarter of Section Eleven (11) Township Thirty (30) North Range Nine East of the 3^d P.M. subject to the payment by said Daniel D. of the sum of One hundred dollars to my son Fredrick which I give to him.

Lastly - I hereby nominate and appoint my son Daniel D. Schott and I hereby request that no security be required of him to be the Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the 23^d day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Five

Paul Frederic Schott Testator 

The above Instrument, consisting of Three pages sheets, was now here subscribed by Paul F. Schott the Testator, in the presence of each of us; and was at the same time declared by him to be his Last Will and Testament, and we, at his request, sign our names hereto in his presence as attesting witnesses.

Warren R. Hicker of Franklin Illinois
Charles F. Whitmore of Franklin Illinois
of



The Paul-Frédéric and Mary SCHOTT's grave in Union Hill

What is certain is that Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT, if he could hide his double life for a moment, could not do it long. His son who comes to America in 1856, the "cousins" NADELHOFFER installed close and numerous, all prove that this "secret" was not secret. Family rumor also say that it was known that his grandfather was "bigamist" ...

Also likely that the Alsatian family should have known also but did nothing, would or could not do anything.

FROM: Atlas of Kankakee Co., Illinois, To Which Is Added Various General Maps, Historical Statistics, Illustrations, J. H. Beers & Co., Publishers, Lakeside Building Cor. of Clark & Adams Sts., Chicago, 1883. In "Biographical Sketches" section, Pilot Township, column 1 (first full paragraph), page 164.

Paul F. Schott, farmer, P.O. Union Hill, was born near Colmar, Alsace, Germany, and is the son of Paul and Mary Schott *nee* Bolenbach. He left Germany in 1848, and settled at Naperville, Du Page County, remaining there two years, and, in 1850, started for California, where he remained five years, following the business of mining. He managed, during that time, to secure quite a nice sum of money, and, on his return in 1855, bought a farm in Pilot. He can relate many wonderful tales of the dangers and sufferings encountered at that time in a trip to the Eldorado State. In 1855, he married Miss Mary Meyer, of Kankakee, and had six children—Mary, Daniel, John, Henry, Paul and Carrie.

*Paul-Frédéric's biography from the
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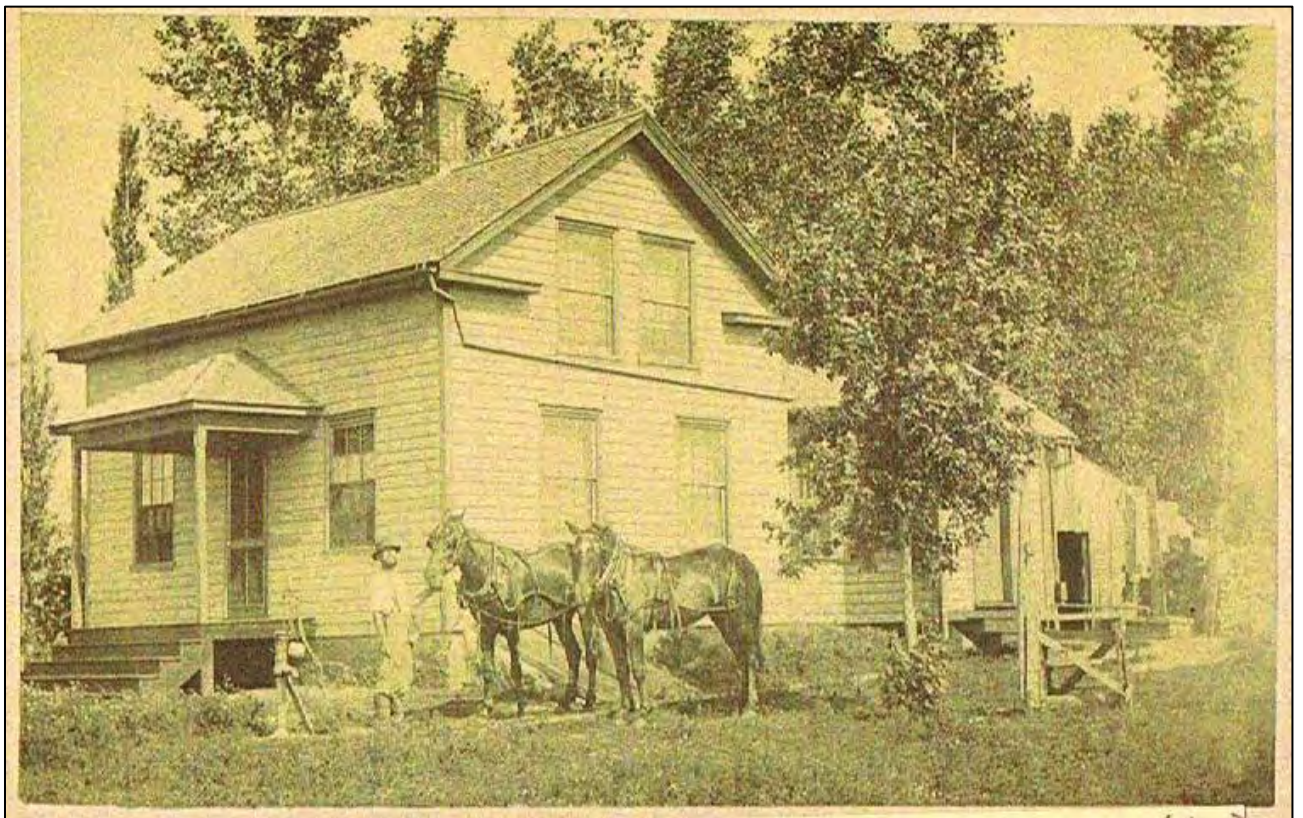
The descendants of Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT

1) Frédéric SCHOTT

Only "male" of the Alsatian children of Paul-Frédéric, already favored by sharing before marriage is that his father once again favors being the only one he brought to the United States.

Frédéric, born in 1840 in Ostheim, so in 1856 emigrated to America, but it seems to have directly joined his cousins NADELHOFFER, located not far from Naperville (about 90 km from Kankakee) in Illinois too.

He was enrolled in Naperville school and there married in 1884 Helen GREEN born in 1851 in Ohio from Irish parents, they live in Stapleton-Lawler, Iowa. Helen died in 1910 and Frédéric remarried in 1914 to Mary ERHARDT 31 years his junior, born in Illinois from parents Alsatians. They then live in Naperville, where he died in August 3, 1929.



Frédéric SCHOTT behind his farm in Lawler Ohio

Nowhere I could not find descendants. His will also distribute its assets on very many people (34), all nephews and nieces, Alsatians and Americans, but no child is mentioned.

PETITION OF HENRY LITGERS IN THE MATTER OF THE
 LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FREDERIC SCHOTT, DECEASED,
 FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND LETTERS TESTAMENTARY.
 TO THE HON. S. L. RATHJE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY COURT
 OF DuPage COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS:

The petition of the undersigned HENRY LITGERS
 respectfully represents that FREDERIC SCHOTT
 who was at the time of his death a resident of the County of DuPage
 State of Illinois departed this life at Naperville
 in DuPage County, State of Illinois on or about
 the third day of August A. D. 19 23, leaving a last Will and
 Testament, duly signed, published and attested, as believed by your petitioner, and which by him
 is herewith presented to your Honor for Probate. That said Will is subscribed by John H. Miller,
John J. Hauser and Bernard J. Schmidt as witnesses to the execution thereof

The said Testator in his said last Will nominated and appointed
 your Petitioner... Executor thereof, and that
 your petitioner is willing and ready to accept and undertake the office and trust confided to

And this petition further shows that the said FREDERIC SCHOTT
 died seized and possessed of Real Estate valued at about Five Thousand (\$5000.00)
 ----- Dollars, and of Personal Property estimated to be worth
 about Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2500.00)
 ----- Dollars.

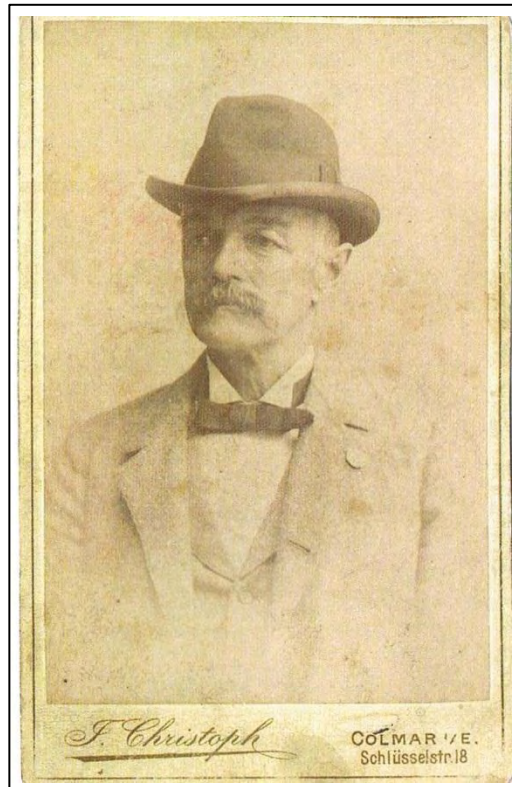
That said deceased left surviving him MARY SCHOTT residing at
306 Douglas Avenue, Naperville, Illinois his widow, and the following named persons
 as his only heirs at law, legatees and devisees; and their respective places of residence so far as known are as follows:

NAMES	Heirs at Law, Legatees or Devisees	Adult or Infant	RESIDENCE (if unknown, so state)
Henry Beck	heir	adult	1228 ¹ Auboury, St. Martin A' Paris,
Edward Beck			12 Rue de Grasse, Paris, France
Theophile Beck			73 Rue Crosatier, Paris, France
Marie DuPre			23 Rue Melingue, Paris, France
Fredericka Billert			Ableiges - par U.S. Seine, et Oise,
Salome Zimmermann	legatee		Konstantz in Baden, Ger. Dohalstras: No. 6
Mary Riffenach			Naperville, Illinois
Fred Klack			Wihrenplaine pres Colmar, Alsace, Lorraine
Emil Klack			Gebweiler, Alsace, Lorraine
Sophie Schwenk			Gebweiler, Alsace, Lorraine
Lena Klack			Wihrenplaine pres Colmar, Alsace, Lorraine
Ema Schott			Esbach, Baden, Germany
Ema Heints			Kojuer Strauss No. 4 Muenster in Westfalen, Germany.
John Schott			Union Hill, Illinois
Paul Schott			Lawlor, Iowa
Maudie Schott			Union Hill, Illinois
Violet Schott Hozier			Buckingham, Illinois
Grace Schott Feller			Reddick, Illinois
Alfred Schott			Mena, Arkansas
William Schott			Ada, Minnesota
Laura Schott			4953 Drexel Blvd. Chicago, Ill.
Meta Schott Schilling			Clarksville, Iowa
Edward Nordmeyer			MacAllan, Texas.
Henry Nordmeyer			Chebanse, Illinois
Mrs. Ema Timm			Chebanse, Illinois R/1
Mrs. Colia Timm			Chebanse, Illinois R/1
Martin Nordmeyer			Chebanse, Illinois R/2
Paul Nordmeyer			Chebanse, Illinois R/2
Albert Nordmeyer			Chebanse, Illinois R/2
Otto Nordmeyer			Chebanse, Illinois R/2
Mrs. Dora Winkel			Chebanse, Illinois R/2
Mrs. Tillie Giertz			Chebanse, Illinois R/1
Mrs. Melusina Seehausen			Indianapolis, Indiana

Liste des héritiers de Frédéric Schott

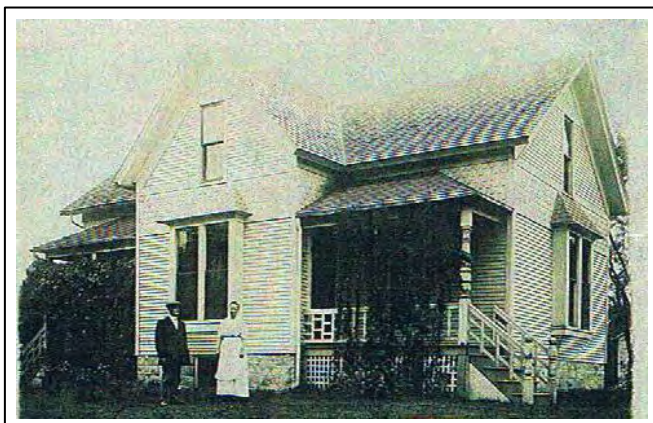
This list shows that, unlike his father, Frédéric has not forgotten France. On thirty-four, eight are in France, three in Germany, and others in the United States. He gave them to share 7500 dollars at the time, is of the order of more than € 200,000 today, land and properties. This is apparently in 1906

that he made a trip to France in the footsteps of its origins and had to reconnect with his family from Alsace.



Frédéric's photograph taken in Colmar, probably in 1906, during his trip

Below some of the many documents relating to him :



Frédéric and Mary behind their house in Naperville around 1920-25

STATE OF ILLINOIS 3970
Department of Public Health—Division of Vital Statistics
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of Du Page Registration Dist. No. 230
Naperville Primary Dist. No. 3150

*(Cancel the three terms not applicable. Do not enter "R. R.," "R. F. D.," or other P. O. address.)
Street and Number, No. 308 Douglas Ave. St. _____ Ward, _____ H
(If death occurred in hospital or institution its name instead of street and number)

2. FULL NAME Frederick Schott
(a) Residence No. 308 Douglas Ave. St. _____ Ward, _____ H
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident, give city or town and length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds.) (If foreign, give city or town and country)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, or DIVORCED (write the word) Married
6a. If Married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Mary Schott
6. DATE OF BIRTH April 1, 1840
7. AGE Years 89 Months 4 Days 2 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. _____ min. _____

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Retired
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
(c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Oestheim
(State or Country) France

PARENTS
10. NAME OF FATHER Paul Schott
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or Town) _____ (State or Country) France
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Salome Nadelhoffer
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or Town) _____ (State or Country) France

14. INFORMANT Mary Schott (personal signature with pen and ink)
(P. O. Address) Naperville

15. Filed Aug. 5, 1929 O. W. Strubler Registrar
(P. O. Address) Naperville Ill.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
16. DATE OF DEATH August 3, 1929
(Month) (Day) (Year)
17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased Jan. 1, 1928 to August 3, 1929 and that I last saw him alive on August 3, 1929 at 8:30 P.M. THE CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Cerebral Hemorrhage
(Duration) yrs. _____ mos. _____

18. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death:
Was an operation performed? NO Date of _____
For what disease or injury? _____
Was there an autopsy? NO
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____
(Signed) E. Grant Simpson
Address Naperville, Ill.
Date August 4, 1929 Telephone 240

*N. B.—State the disease causing death. All cases of from "Violence, casualty, or any undue means" must be reported to the coroner. See Section 10, Coroner's Act.

19. PLACE OF BURIAL (City or Town) Naperville 21. DATE Aug. 5, 1929
(State or Country) _____
Cremation or Removal _____
Location Naperville (Township, Road Dist., Village or City)
County Du Page State Illinois

20. UNDERTAKER O. J. Reidelman ADDRESS Naperville
(personal signature with pen and ink) Ill.
(firm name, if any)

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I, GARY A. KING, County Clerk in and for the State and County aforesaid, and keeper of the files and records of the reports of BIRTHS, DEATHS, and MARRIAGES, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a full and complete copy of the Certificate which appears in the files and records in my office remaining.

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Obituary

FREDERIC SCHOTT

Frederic Schott was born at Oestheim, Elsass, April 1, 1840. He was the only son, besides six sisters of Paul and Salome Schott, whose maiden name was Nadelhoffer. With other friends Frederic came to America in 1856. Eventually he came to Naperville where he attended school in the Free School taught by the remembered Hydes.

On November 16, 1884 he was married to Ellen Green and for a number of years they lived in Lawler, Iowa, and later returned to Naperville. His wife died September 3, 1910. He was married the second time January 23, 1914 to Mary Ehrhardt and together they lived happily for fifteen years. His illness was a stroke of paralysis and after two weeks he slipped the earthly bonds and quietly passed away on August 3, 1929 at the age of over 89 years.

By his death he leaves a sorrowing wife and two half-brothers, John Schott of Union Hill and Paul Schott of Lawler, Iowa.

The deceased was of a quiet turn of mind and it was his wish to refrain from any special form of burial, and no flowers—so the funeral service was held at the home where his dearest interests lay.

On Friday, August 9, 1929, Rev. P. Bruckner of the Lutheran church held the service and after two songs by Mrs. J. Miller and Miss Osterland the body was conveyed to the cemetery where a relative E. Kline sang the solo "Abide with Me" true to the words "In life in death, Oh Lord, abide with me."

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to thank my neighbors and friends for their acts of helpfulness and expressions of sympathy in my late bereavement. Mary S. Schott.

Death certificate and local newspaper obituary

He is therefore died August 3, 1929 of a cerebral hemorrhage at age 89, leaving no descendants.

2) William EBNER

Descendant of Mary MEYER, Veuve EBNER, wife SCHOTT.

Although it was not his son, Paul-Frédéric William Ebner raised William. His story is interesting and could be called the "From Eldorado to Klondike."

Born in 1853 so the first marriage of Mary Meyer is around the age of two years in 1855, Paul-Frédéric took him under his wing by marrying his mother.

Throughout the censuses corresponding to its youth, it is found under the surname SCHOTT and two different places of origin: Illinois and Wisconsin.

On the death of his mother, Mary MEYER, in 1890, it is said staying in Milwaukee. Digging censuses after 1890, I think I have traced him:

- In 1900, he is 46 years old and is located in Juneau (Alaska) with a wife named Lillian aged 37. Got him to Juneau in 1890, she in 1895. Him from Wisconsin, her from Seattle (Washington). What is striking that he is trade merchant and mine owner ! It is not a matter of genes, but the education of Frédéric SCHOTT had weigh in this destiny!
- It is found always in Juneau in 1910 with more Eihleen a girl born in March 1886, aged 24 and therefore had been born and live far side of Milwaukee and joined his parents. William Ebner is then "operator mine" that is owned and operated mines.
- In 1920, aged 66 years, always with Lillian who was then 55, they are recorded in Los Angeles.
- A 76-year-old in 1930, he still lives in Los Angeles but seems widower of Lillian. I can not find the track then.

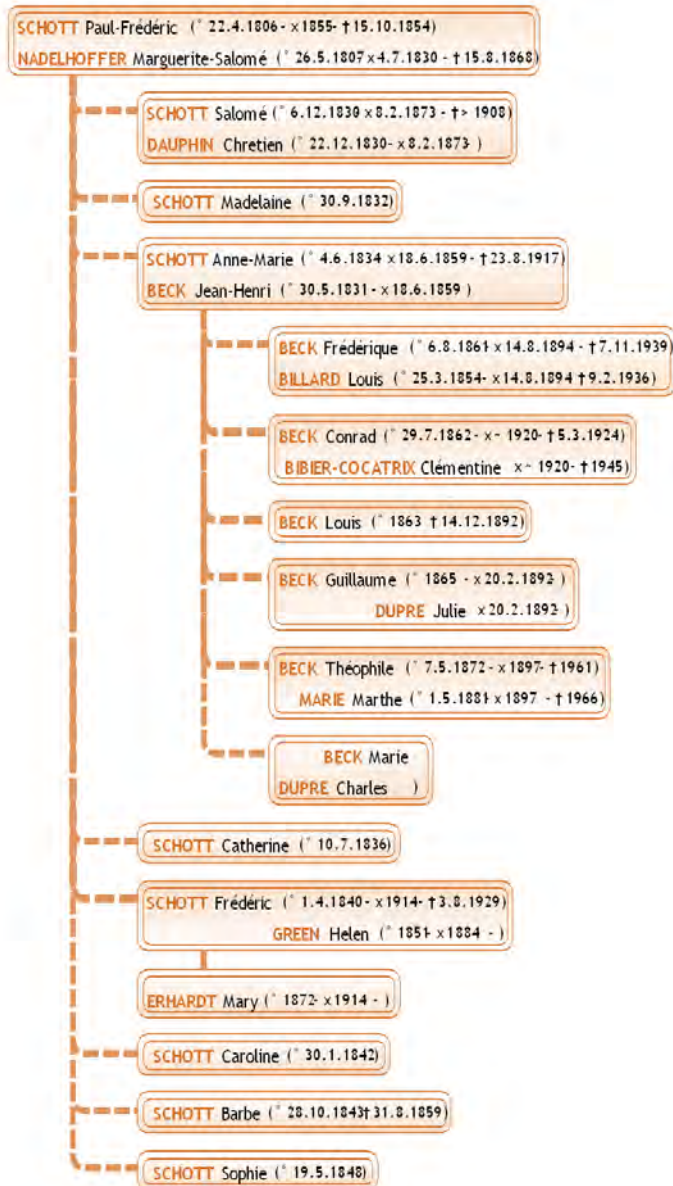
As Frédéric SCHOTT his adoptive father, so he left his base to live nearly 50 years after her another gold rush, this time in Alaska. By cons in his case, his family joined him and he lived a life according to the conventions. Operator status proves he had become rich and successful.

The city of Juneau is the capital of the State of Alaska, the United States, since 1906. It is located on the strip of mainland Southeast Alaska, along the Strait Gastineau. Juneau is the only capital of a U.S. State not to be connected by roads. The only way to get there is by plane or boat. In 2007, its population was 30,690 inhabitants, making it the third largest city in Alaska behind Anchorage (279,671 inhabitants). After gold was discovered there, a camp of prospectors moved there, and the city is truly created in 1881, named in honor of the French-Canadian miner Joseph Juneau, a native of St. Paul the Hermit (Repentigny), near Montreal. After the time of the gold rush, large underground mines are dug in the early twentieth century, which remain in operation until the Second World War. You can still find the remains in Douglas, connected by a bridge to Juneau island.

The Alsatian descent

We saw as husband of Marguerite Salome Nadelhoffer, they had all 10 children, two stillborn.

As for the others aside, Salome, Frederick, Anne-Marie and Barbara, all searches have been in vain for what they have become. However, doubts about Madeleine. Here's what we know :



- **Salome SCHOTT** married Christian DAUPHIN Ostheim February 8, 1873 in Paris. Not known on ...

- **Madeleine SCHOTT**, it is likely that she married a man named John KOHLER we find a witness to certain acts, but we have no evidence at this time to be able to say.

- **Anne-Marie SCHOTT** married to Jean-Henri BECK, baker, Colmar June 18, 1859. They have six children. Four were born in Colmar, the other two to Paris where they settled 45 rue Crozatier. *Jean-Henri BECK is in the lineage of Chantal FOREST. He had a sister Mary who married Amelia BECK Jean CLERGET, great-great-grandfather of my wife Helen CLERGET. Where the relationship between Helen and Chantal by Conrad Beck father of Jean-Henri and Marie-Amélie. See at the end of the booklet.*

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- **Frédéric SCHOTT** seen, Joined in 1856 NADELHOFFER family in the United States in Naperville. He married twice. Once with Helen GREEN in 1884, again with Mary ERHARDT in 1914. He is a farmer in Stapleton Iowa then back to Naperville. No known children.

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- **Barbe SCHOTT** will die at the age of 15 in 1859 to Ostheim.

- **Sophie SCHOTT**. She lived in Germany and have at least one daughter : Emma, without be married.

Marguerite Salome NADELHOFFER death in Ostheim August 15, 1868, officially widow who has not remarried and remained Alsatian.

See the tremendous work on Nadelhoffer Alsace and Illinois made by JF ACKER and Christian Emig at :
<http://emig.free.fr/GENEALOGIE/arbre-Nadelhoffer.html> and
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 See also the end of this booklet, the section on related families

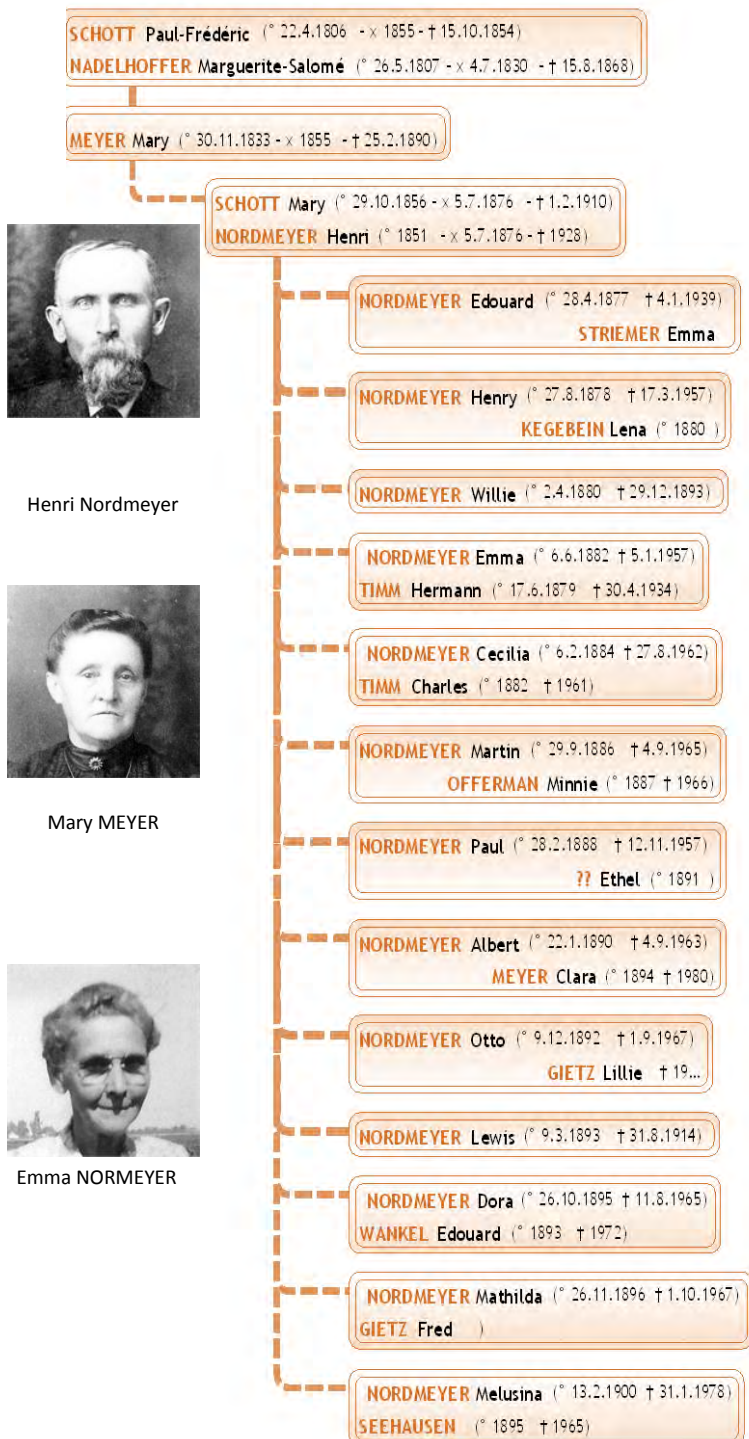
4) American descent SCHOTT

We saw earlier that Frederick married Mary Meyer, was with her eight children and many grandchildren, who themselves have procreated Lutheran families require.

Therefore proceed child to child of Frederick and Mary.

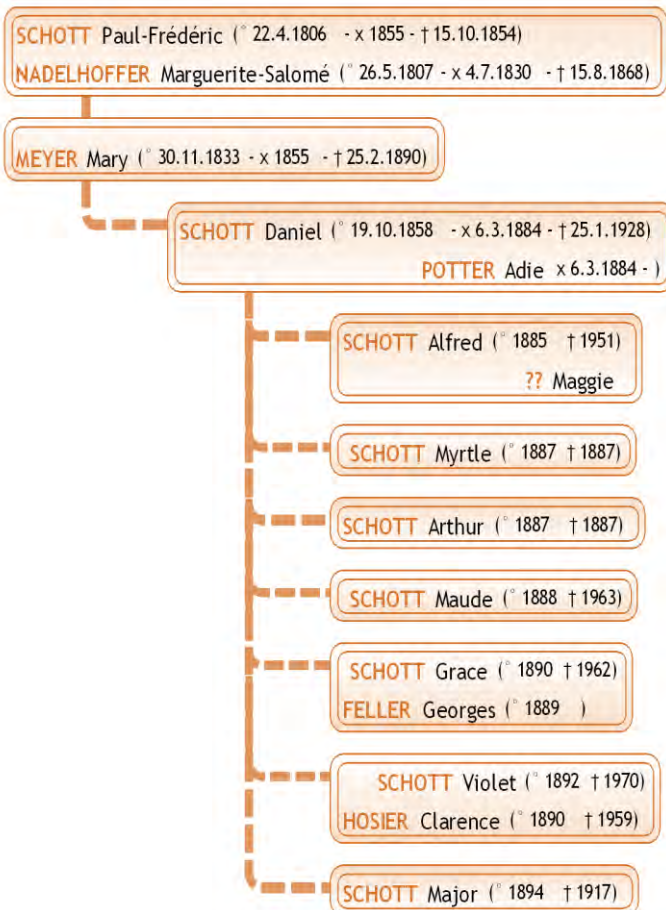
4-1) **SCHOTT Mary**, was born in Union Hill, Kankakee Co, Illinois October 29, 1856. She married July 5, 1876 Henri NORDMEYER at Chebanse Iroquois, Illinois. Henri NORDMEYER is German by birth, born in 1821 in Hannover, from Heinrich and Dora BECKHUS.

They have a large family: 13 children ! She died February 17, 1910 in Chebanse, Iroquois, Illinois.



- **Edouard NORDMEYER** born in 1877. Married to Emma Striemer, they have at least four children.
- **Henry NORDMEYER** born in 1878. Married to Lena KEGEBEIN they have at least two children.
- **Willie NORDMEYER** born the April 2, 1880. Death at age 13.
- **Emma NORDMEYER** born June 6, 1882. She married Herman TIMM who she has seven children. née le 6 juin 1882.
- **Cecilia NORDMEYER** born February 6, 1884. She will marry Charles TIMM, Herman 's brother. They will at least two children.
- **Martin NORDMEYER** born in 1886, who married Minnie OFFERMAN have at least two children.
- **Paul NORDMEYER** born February 28, 1888. Ethel X. They had two children.
- **Albert NORDMEYER** born January 22, 1890. He married Clara MEYER. From this couple 10 children born.
- **Otto NORDMEYER** born December 9, 1892. He married Lillie GIETZ. Three known children of this couple.
- **Lewis NORDMEYER** born August 9, 1893. Nothing else o, him, except his death in 1914.
- **Dora NORDMEYER** born October 26, 1895. She married Edouard WANKEL. Nine children from this couple.
- **Mathilda NORDMEYER** born November 26, 1896. Married to Fred GIETZ (Brother of Lillie ?). They will had 3 children.
- **Melusina NORDMEYER**, the last, born February 13, 1900. Married to Paul SEEHAUSEN, they had 2 children.

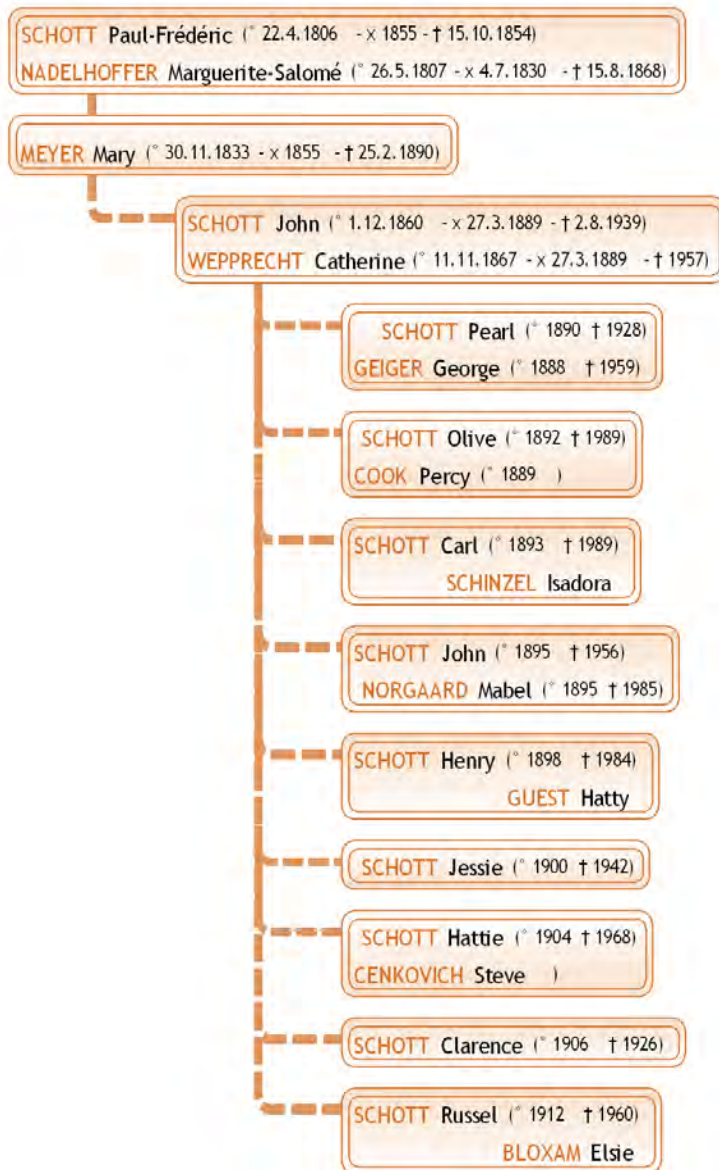
4-2) **Daniel SCHOTT**, born october 19, 1858. Probably in Kankakee. The march 6, 1884 in Livingstone, Illinois, he married Adie Virginia POTTER. From this couple will born 7 children SCHOTT. He is farmer.



- **Alfred SCHOTT** born in 1885. He married Maggie X. They will have at least 2 children.
- **Myrtle SCHOTT**, born in 1887, will dead promptly.
- **Arthur SCHOTT**, Myrtle's twin, will not be more lucky. He died the same year.
- **Maude SCHOTT**, born in 1888. It seems she staid bachelor and dead in 1963. re et décède en 1963. Would still have been a natural daughter in 1919.
- **Grace SCHOTT** born in april 1890, married George FELLER and will have 4 children.
- **Violet SCHOTT** born in 1892, married Clarence HOSIER. No record of children for this couple.
- **Major SCHOTT** born in 1894, dead at 23 in 1917.

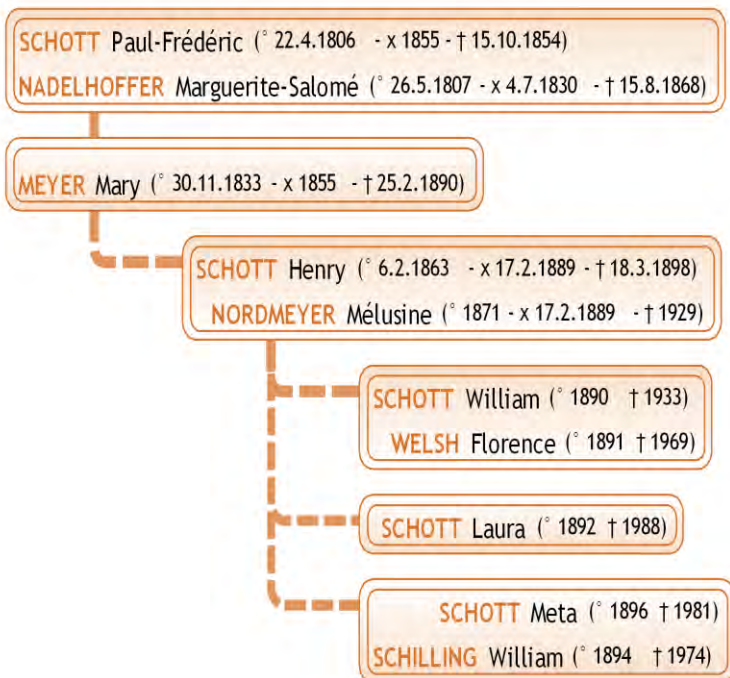
From 1900 until his death, Daniel is listed in Kankakee, not at home, but in "the Hospital for the Insane" ... Was he get crazy?

4-3) **John SCHOTT** is born the december 1, 1860 in Union Hill, Kankakee Co., Illinois. The march 27, 1889, he married Catherine WEPPRECHT, daughter of Charles and Margaret SCHWARTZ. From this couple, 9 children will born. He is farmer.



- **Pearl SCHOTT** who was born in Union Hill in September 1890. She married Georges GEIGER and will have at least one child.
- **Olive SCHOTT** who was born in January 1892 to Norton, Kankakee, Illinois, and wife Percy COOK that she will have at least one child. She died at the age of 97.
- **Carl Paul SCHOTT** December 18, 1893 in Norton. He will be married to Isadora SCHINZEL. No known children.
- **John Ray SCHOTT** was born on November 23, 1895, in Buckingham, Kankakee. He married Mabel NORGAARD. 3 children are born.
- **Henry SCHOTT** born in 1898. Married Haider GUEST. Two children of the couple.
- **Jessie SCHOTT**, born in 1900, died in 1942. We know not more.
- **Hattie Elizabeth SCHOTT**. Birth November 25, 1904. Married to Steve CENKOVICH. 3 children are born.
- **Clarence SCHOTT**, born in 1906, died at age 20 in 1926.
- **Russel SCHOTT** was born in 1912. Marriage to Elsie BLOXAM. They have 5 children.

4-4) **Henry SCHOTT.** His birth take place on February 6, 1863 in Chebanse, Iroquois, Illinois. In 1889 he married in Union Hill NORDMEYER Melusine. He died at age 35 in 1898, but they will have time to do three children SCHOTT.

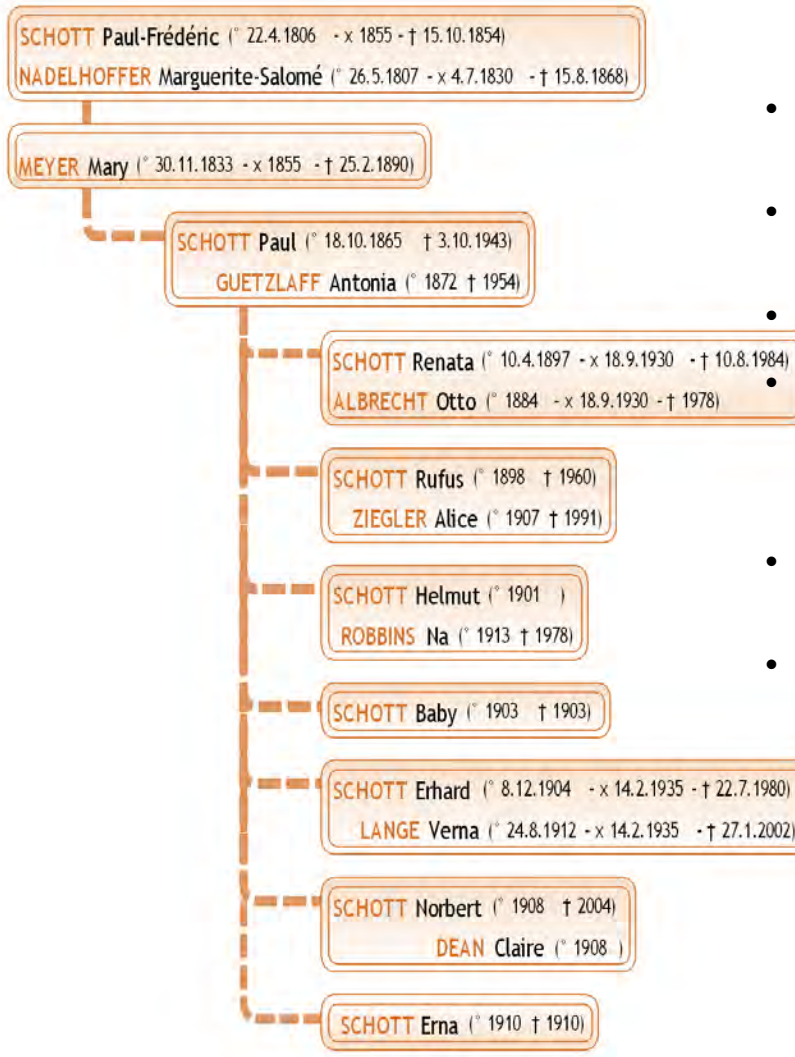


- **William Paul SCHOTT** who was born in 1890. He married Florence WELSH and have 5 children.
- **Laura Marie SCHOTT** who was born in 1892. She died at age 95. No trace of a marriage.
- **Meta SCHOTT** born in 1896. She will be married to William SHILLING. 3 children were born.



Henry Schott's grave in Union Hill

4-5) **Paul SCHOTT** was born in Union Hill, 18 October 1865. At 30 years old, in Waverly, Bremer in Iowa, he was married to Antonia GUETZLAF, daughter of Édouard GUETZLAF and Emma DREWLOW, all two German immigrant. During this life, they will live in Iowa, Lawler Stapleton, Chikasaw Co, where Paul is a farmer. They will have 7 children.



- **Ruth Renata SCHOTT**, Ruth Renata SCHOTT , the eldest, was born in Iowa, on 10 April 1897. On September 18, 1930 she married Otto ALBRECHT born in Germany. They have 5 children.
- **Rufus SCHOTT** who was born in 1898. He married Alice ZIEGLER. They have two children.
- **Helmut SCHOTT** born in 1901. Married Na Vera ROB-BINS. They will be 5 small Schott.
- A stillborn child in 1903.
- **Ehrard SCHOTT** , December 8, 1904. He was married in 1935 in Waucoma, Iowa, with Verna LANGE, daughter of Herman and Delia X. They will have at least one child.
- **Norbert SCHOTT**, was born in 1908. He married Claire DEAN in 1933. They have three children.
- **Erna Bernardine SCHOTT** born in May 1910, died in July of the same year.



Paul Schott



Antonia Guetzlaff



Rénata Schott



Rufus Schott



Ehrard Schott

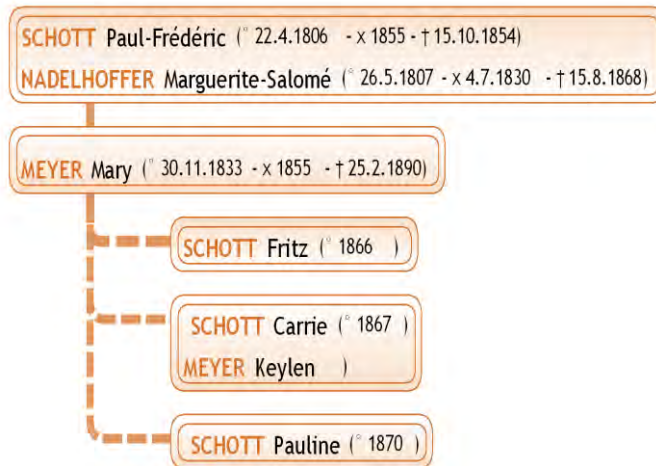


Norbert Schott

4-6) **Fritz SCHOTT** born in 1866. Died at the age of 14 years.

4-7) **Carrie SCHOTT**, his birth took place in 1867. She would be married to a certain Masud MEYER.

4-8) **Pauline SCHOTT** born in March 1870. Dead at age 10.



Ostheim, cradle of emigrants.



It is interesting to note that in addition to Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT, is of the order of 20% of the population (100 people) who are left of Ostheim, to primarily in Illinois. These are whole families with children and parents who went to sail to le Havre and reach America.

First family NADELHOFFER. She did emigrate and many children then married couples. The first couple from was Jean - Guillaume NADELHOFFER and his wife Marie WÖLFERSHEIM in 1845. They moved to Naperville in the tale of the Page in Illinois, today a suburb of Chicago.

Then, four of the five children of Jean NADELHOFFER, a brother of Jean Guillaume and Madeleine OBERLIN also came to settle in Naperville and Lisle: first Jean in 1856, then his brother and sisters in 1860.

Second cousins Christian, Caroline, Amélie and Karl NADELHOFFER emigrated from the 1880s. Then, in 1898, followed their first-cousin Georges NADELHOFFER with his wife Magdalena OHLERT.

Illinois already had a strong German colony of Lutheran religion and there is no wonder that the Alsatians is there are felt 'at home '.

Before the gold rush, it seems that our Paul-Frédéric would first put his bag in Illinois. It is in any case of Illinois joined the sixty pioneers left to make a fortune by crossing from East to West America. He could have arrived there by chance.

C'est chez Jean NADELHOFFER Naperville will lie as Frederic, the son of Paul-Frédéric Frederick arrived in 1856.

Then it is the family NADELHOFFER, much more than the SCHOTT, sometimes with them..., which contributed largely to the demography of Naperville and Chebanse.

Other families, always of Ostheim, and closely related to the previous also very early won the United States. STURM, whose first appear to be Jean, his wife Catherine RUDOLPH and their children (John, Charles, James, Catherine, George, Daniel), which landed from the Harbour, on the American ship "Helvetia" and landed in New York on 13 November 1854. They will not go in Naperville but will go to settle in Long Grove Lake County, still in Illinois, and not far away.

Other derived surnames of Ostheim can be noticed also: the bin associated with the SCHOTT and NADELHOFFER, the UMBDENSTOCK, the WOLHUTER (perhaps the first), linked to STURM... and others probably still.

It is in a perimeter of about 100 km in diameter near Chicago that all these families have settled between 1840 and 1890. Each focusing on a specific County, no walking on the beds on the other... Germano-lutherian origin, they still perpetuate in today religion, traditions and language, family and monuments.

Ostheim, an Alsatian village which was a big stone to the edifice of the United States... If I was part of the Committee of twinning of Ostheim, I think I'll go look for a match in Illinois...



In conclusion...

It is thus at least 110 grandchildren given to America by Frederick and Mary.

Today that number has still grown, because on these 110 grandchildren, much has of it also procreate.

Elements we have, it's more than 400 descendants of Mary and Frederick that exist or have existed in the United States and should still miss us many...

Paul-Frédéric SCHOTT, a man out of the ordinary, a life extra-ordinary...



On the next page :

How Suzanne, Françoise, Guy, Christian and Francis are related.

