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SCHROEDER, WILLIAN F. E.

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Willian Schroeder was born in Germany, on October 23, 1845, the son of Fredrick and Sophie Schroeder. They lived in Germany until William was about fourteen years old, when they came to America.

After reaching this country, they came west and lived in Wisconsin for one year before they came to Zion township, Stearns County, Minnesota. They settled on a farm in the Zion community.

Fredrick and Sophia Schroeder were the parents of seven children: Herman; Albert; William; Emilie; Gustie; Amelia; and Lena.

The trip from Wisconsin to Zion township required four weeks. There were six families in the caravan that came west at that time, they were: the August, Herman, and Gustave Knebel families; Anton Wartenburg; Michael Schultz; and Fredrick Schroeder families. The women of the group had to bake the bread and this was a very difficult task while on the road. They mixed the dough and set it to rise on a shelf in the rear of the wagon. After they had made camp at night, the camp-stoves were taken out, and fires were built in them. Then when the oven was hot, the bread could be baked.

One Sunday while in camp, Knebel thought he had better let his chickens out of the crate in which they were kept while traveling. When it was time for the chickens to be put back in, every member of the party had to assist in catching them. They flew in the brushes and it was a difficult task to catch them.

William Schroeder married Ernestine Schultz, daughter of Michael and Minnie (Albright) Schultz, on June 21, 1871, in the old log school

house in Zion township. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Reverend E. Bauman.

Ernestine Schultz was born November 8, 1853, in Germany. She was two and a half years old when she came with her parents to America. The journey across was made in a sailboat and took five weeks. They settled in Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin, where they lived about three years before coming to Stearns County, Minnesota, where they settled in Zion township. They came to this county in the same caravan as did William Schroeder's father, Fredrick.

Ernestine (Schultz) Schroeder had two brothers and one sister: Michael; August; and Minnie. All were born in Germany.

William and Ernestine (Schultz) Schroeder lived on their farm in Zion township until the year of 1911 when they moved into the village of Paynesville.

They were the parents of ten children, who are: Albert E; William Gustave; Lena Matinda; Wilhalmina A., Anna Mathilda; Carl Michael; Emilie Ida; Hulda Sophia; Fredrick H.; and Marcella B.

Albert E., was born July 11, 1872, and lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

William Gustave was born September 5, 1874, and also lives in Minneapolis.

Lena Matinda, deceased, was born October 13, 1876. She married Henry Holtz. He lives on a farm near Bowbells, North Dakota, with their two children.

Wilhalmina A., was born January 28, 1879 and was married to Robert Burrow, son of Robert Burrow, Senior, of West Port, Minnesota on November 22, 1901. The marriage ceremony took place at Bowbells, North Dakota.

Anna Mathilda, born June 21, 1881, married Edward Quasbrath. They live at Olympia, Washington.

Carl M. was born May 17, 1884 and lives at Daysland, Canada.

Emilie Ida, born May 16, 1886, is married to Emil Kurth of Paynesville. They live on their farm in Section 35 of Lake Henry township.

Hulda S., was born April 29, 1888 and married Harold Conklin August 19, 1915. They have one daughter, Genevieve, who was born February 1, 1920. Harold Conklin is employed as janitor in the Paynesville Public School.

Fredrick H., was born October 27, 1890. He married Agatha Marx, daughter of Frank Marx of Eden Valley, Minnesota, on February 4, 1925. They have three sons: William F; Robert V; and Richard L. During the World War, Fred was in the 40th Infantry of the Regular Army. He ^{was} discharged at camp Dodge, Iowa. He is now employed as a State Game Warden and is stationed at Paynesville, Minnesota.

Marcella B., was born July 29, 1895. She married C. E. Hanson, son of S. C. Hanson of Hutchinson, Minnesota, on August 16, 1916. They have two children: Corrine, born February 23, 1920; and Kenneth, born February 15, 1934. C. E. Hanson is employed in the office of the North American Creamery Company at Paynesville.

William F. Schroeder served in the army during the Civil War

for one year, 1862-1863. He was in company D. of the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. He also served on the Jury at St. Cloud for several years.

William and Ernestine (Schultz) Schroeder were faithful members of the Zion Evangelical Church and raised their family in that faith.

William's parents, Fredrick and Sophie Schroeder, were both laid to rest in the Zion Cemetery.

Ernestine Schroeder's parents, Michael and Minnie (Albright) Schultz, are also buried in the Zion Cemetery.

After a short illness, William F. E. Schroeder passed away on December 6, 1919. The funeral was in charge of the Reverend Paul A. Lang, of Paynesville. Reverend Lang is at present living in Peoria, Illinois. Burial was made in the Zion Cemetery.

Ernestine (Schultz) Schroeder resides at her home in Paynesville, where she has lived since she and her husband left their farm in 1911.

Interviewed: Ernestine Schroeder
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Christian Shroder (Christian Schroeder)	Age 48
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Prussia
Sophia Shroder	Age 39
Sex	Female
Born	Prussia
William Shroder	Age 14
Sex	Male
Born	Prussia
Emmily Shroder	Age 11
Sex	Female
Born	Prussia
Augusta Shroder	Age 9
Sex	Female
Born	Prussia
Herman Shroder	Age 6
Sex	Male
Born	Prussia
William Shroder	Age 2
Sex	Male
Born	Prussia

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Michael Shultza (Michael Schultz)	Age 40
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Prussia
Williamena Shultza	Age 40
Sex	Female
Born	Prussia
August Shultza	Age 19
Sex	Male
Occupation	Laborer
Born	Prussia
Michael Shultza	Age 12
Sex	Male
Born	Prussia
Ernstena Shultza	Age 6
Sex	Female
Born	Prussia
Williamena Shultza	Age 16
Sex	Female
Occupation	Servant
Born	Prussia

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FOR THE WILLIAM SCHROEDER BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK D, Page 108

William Schroeder and Ernestine Schultz
Married at Zion, June 21, 1871
By Rev. E. H. Bauman
Witnesses: August Gedosch & Father Schroeder

BIRTH RECORDS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>
Albert	Zion	June 8, 1872	William
William	"	Aug. 25, 1874	"
Mary	"	Oct. 13, 1875	"
Wilhelmenia	"	Jan. 28, 1879	"
Michael	"	May 15, 1884	"
Sophy	"	May 6, 1888	"
Frederick	"	Oct. 27, 1890	"
Bertha	"	July 30, 1895	"

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<u>MOTHER'S NAME</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>LINE</u>
Ernestine	A	93	18
Ernestine	A	177	20
Ernestine	A	255	17
Ernestine	A	383	9
Ernestine	B	9	14
Ernestine	B	133	18
Ernestine	B	207	22
Ernestine	B5	366	11

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