

Chapter 6

Children of Leonhard and Phillippena Scheu

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Introduction

The life of Leonhard and Phillippena Scheu is the subject of Chapter 1. The present chapter presents the known information on their eight children:

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1. Francisca Margueretta Scheu

Francisca Scheu was born June 17, 1864, in Marysville, California. She was also the first to leave home—she married **Hermann Juch** (pronounced "Yookh") in Marysville, April 30, 1891. The German name Francisca was usually Anglicized to Frances in later years.



Hermann Juch



Francisca (Scheu) Juch

(Photos from the collection of Barbara Barnett)

Hermann was a native of England, born about 1861. He was reared in Germany, came to America in 1884, and was naturalized in 1891. On their marriage, Francisca received her share of he father's estate. She probably used this money to allow her husband to open a grocery store. For over 30 years, Hermann operated a grocery store in Marysville.

Around 1927, Hermann's health declined, and he suffered constantly. On January 18, 1928, a front-page story in the Marysville-Yuba City *Appeal-Democrat* reported his shocking death by suicide early on that morning. The article read (in part):

Hermann Juch, grocer in Marysville for thirty years, was found dead at 7:30 am today in the alley back of Memorial auditorium with a bullet hole through his

head and a pistol clasped in his left hand, lying on the breast, the finger still on the trigger. Beside him on the pavement lay a note in which he gave his reason for killing himself and asked that the shock to his wife be lightened. The note was directed to the coroner and was signed in two places. It read:

To the Coroner,

My life has become unbearable, unfitting me for work. The pains in my head are unbearable. —H. Juch

Put me away as cheaply as possible. Notify my wife carefully. Mrs. Berg on E. Street would perhaps be best to call. In any case be careful.

—H. Juch

The body was dress[ed] in a night robe, two bathrobes, and overcoat and slippers. A hat lay nearby, having apparently been taken off when the shot was about to be fired. . . One cartridge of the 38 caliber pistol failed to explode and Juch had pressed the trigger a second time. . .

Hermann was about 67 years old.

Seven years later, on February 23, 1935, Hermann's widow Francisca died at her home in Marysville after an extended illness. She was 70 years old. She was a lifetime resident of Marysville. She was interred beside her husband at East Lawn Cemetery in Sacramento, California.

Francisca and Hermann had one child:

Daughter Alice Emile (Juch) Johnson

Alice was the only child of Francisca and Hermann Juch, born Nov 20, 1894 in Marysville CA. Alice married **Charles Harvey Johnson** on November 25, 1921 in Marysville.

Charles Johnson was born in Whiteside County, Illinois on September 18, 1883. His mother's maiden name was Peterson. His family moved to Virginia when he was eight years old. When a young man, he went to Summit County, Colorado, to study chemistry and mining under the famed mining scientist Victor Blanc. Johnson became an assayer and followed mine work in Colorado, Arizona and Mexico, where he was chemist for the La Canacea Consolidated mines in Sonora, the second largest copper mine in the world. Later he was an assayer and chemist at Goldfield, Nevada. In 1913 he moved to Yuba County. He owned 160 acres in District 10 of Yuba County and there planted in 1914 the first seedless grapes in this area—some 75 acres of vines. In 1923 he set out 45 acres of peaches. In the summers he was field man for the California Packing Company for both tomato and peach harvests.

Despite his success in agriculture, Charles still retained his interest in mining. About 1937, he bought the Eagle Bird gold mine in the mountains four miles above Downieville in Sierra County, California. He worked the five-stamp mill there when the mountain area was accessible and he was free.

On Jul 15, 1952 at 9:30 a.m., Charles and two employees were at the mine repairing damage due to heavy winter snows. Suddenly, the roof caved in, and Charles was buried under 12 tons of dirt and rock. Charles' two employees were spared. They ran several miles to the nearest habitation, a summer cabin, where they called the Sheriff. The rescue attempt was very difficult due to the remote location of the mine. The body was recovered by a crew of men after 10 hours of digging. The body was interred at Sierra View Memorial Park in Marysville.

Charles' wife Alice was a homemaker who was active in social and service organizations. Alice died at age 90, November 30, 1984 at Marysville Convalescent Hospital. She was interred next to her husband.



Four generations of Scheu Descendants were photographed together about 1926:
At left Phillippena Scheu, age about 89, is holding infant Barbara Johnson, age about 1.
At lower right is Barbara's mother Alice Johnson, and at upper right is Alice's mother Francisca Juch, daughter of Phillippena.
—Collection of Barbara Barnett

Granddaughter: Barbara Emelia (Johnson) Barnett

Charles and Alice Johnson had one child, Barbara Emelia Johnson, born Aug 27, 1925 in Marysville, CA. As of last Christmas, she was living in Yuba City (next to Marysville). On Dec 10, 1943 in Marysville, she married **Charles Moorman Barnett**, the son of Charles and Lina (Rosenfield) Barnett, who was born Feb 23, 1918 in Illinois.

Charles served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He attained the rank of Captain. He was seriously wounded in combat in Germany, just 15 days before hostilities ceased. He required extensive medical treatment. After the Army, Charles became a high school teacher, and later a Jr. college teacher. Charles died at age 88 on Jun 27, 2006 after 8 years on dialysis. Fortunately, the Veterans Administration paid the bills.



Charles and Barbara Barnett, photographed by the writer in 1999

We visited Charles and Barbara in 1999. She had a great family history collection, and the documents and photos that she shared made a major contribution to the present document.

Barbara Barnett passed away on September 12, 2014 at her home in Yuba City, at the age of 89.

Sources for Francisca Scheu and descendants:

Francisca Scheu: Death certificate. Birth date from a birthday list in the hand of Francisca Juch, collection of Barbara Barnett. Marriage notice: *Marysville Daily Appeal*, May 2, 1891, p 2.

Obituary:

Hermann Juch: Death certificate. Obituary, *Appeal-Democrat*, Marysville-Yuba City CA, Jan 18, 1928, p 1 and 10. Death: *Appeal-Democrat*, Marysville-Yuba City. Funeral: *Appeal-Democrat*, Marysville, CA, Feb 25, 1935.

Alice (Juch) Johnson: Obituary of Alice E. Johnson, Marysville *Appeal-Democrat*, Dec 1, 1984. Social Security and California Death Index, SSN 558-48-1343.

Charles Johnson: Obituary of Charles Johnson *Marysville Appeal-Democrat*, July 16, 1952, p 1, and *Sierra County Mountain Messenger*, Jul 17, 1952, p 1. CA Death Index.

Barbara (Johnson) Barnett: On May 18, 1999 we visited Barbara and Charles Barnett at their home in Yuba City. We photographed all relevant documents from her extensive collection, and took notes on our conversation.

Charles Barnett: May 18, 1949 visit, above. Military service: phone call from his son Chuck Barnett Apr 25, 2013. Death: E-mail from Charles Barnett to the writer, Sep 15, 2014.

Charles Barnett: Birth and death: Social Security Death Index SSN: 330-03-9746. Gravestone photo online at billiongraves.com. Died "after 8 years on dialysis": Letter from Barbara Barnett, 2006. Census: 1920 MO, St. Louis Ward 2, ED 496, p 14B, family of Charles R. Barnett (father); 1930 KY, Bell Co, Middleborough, ED 17, p 1B, family of Joe Rosenfeld (grandfather); 1940, IL, Kane Co, Elgin, ED 45-75, p 13B, family of Lina Barnett (mother). Military service and civilian occupation from his son Chuck Barnett,

Death of Barbara Barnett: From her son, Chuck Barnett

2. John Leonard "Len" Scheu

John Leonard Scheu (known as Len Scheu) was born September 24, 1865, in Marysville, California. He was a watchmaker and jeweler. He began his trade about 1890 while living in Marysville with his widowed mother.

His mother and all but one of his siblings moved to San Francisco about 1885. John remained in Marysville until about 1900, when he also moved to San Francisco.

Len married **Mary Ann McFall** about 1903 in San Francisco. She was born in San Francisco Nov 14, 1867, the daughter of John and Anne (Reynolds) McFall.



Len Scheu



Mary Scheu

—collection of Nancy Kenyon

By 1911, Len and his family returned to Marysville. Not long afterward, they moved to Susanville in Lassen County, California. This was an isolated mountain village, reached only by dirt roads. Many Piute Indians lived in the area. Len went ahead to establish his jewelry store. When he was ready, his family traveled by train to the closest station, and completed the journey to Susanville by stagecoach. The Southern Pacific Railroad arrived in 1913, ending the city's isolation and touching off a boom. Len's sons attended high school there. Len's brother Elmar also lived in Susanville during this period.

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Advertisement in the Lassen Union High School yearbook, 1918, p. 59, for J. L. Scheu, "Watchmaker and jeweler. Designer and manufacturer of special orders. Class pins."



Frontier conditions still prevailed in Susanville in 1913 when Len opened his shop there.
—collection of Nancy Kenyon, from the estate of Leonard Scheu.

In 1918 Len's mother, gave away all of her money to Len and his brothers Elmar and Richard. In return, they agreed to support her for the rest of her life. Len decided to use his share of the money to become a rancher. About 1922 he moved to a ranch in District 10 of Yuba County, to the northeast of Marysville.

His daughter Melba recalled their life on the ranch: It covered about 300 acres. Wheat and alfalfa were grown. There was a beautiful creek where picnics were held. Len made pets of all the animals. He had two dray horses named Tom & Dave. He gave them an egg bath every Sunday. He would never work them on Sundays. He had a Chinese cook named Charlie for the ranch hands. He made wonderful biscuits. An Indian woman did the washing while her husband looked on. The woman carried her baby in a papoose, and suspended the papoose from an apple tree branch while she was working.



The ranch house and barn on the Scheu farm in district 10, Yuba County.

—Melba Hose collection

Len's mother Phillippena spent the last two years of her life living at the ranch. She died there in 1927.

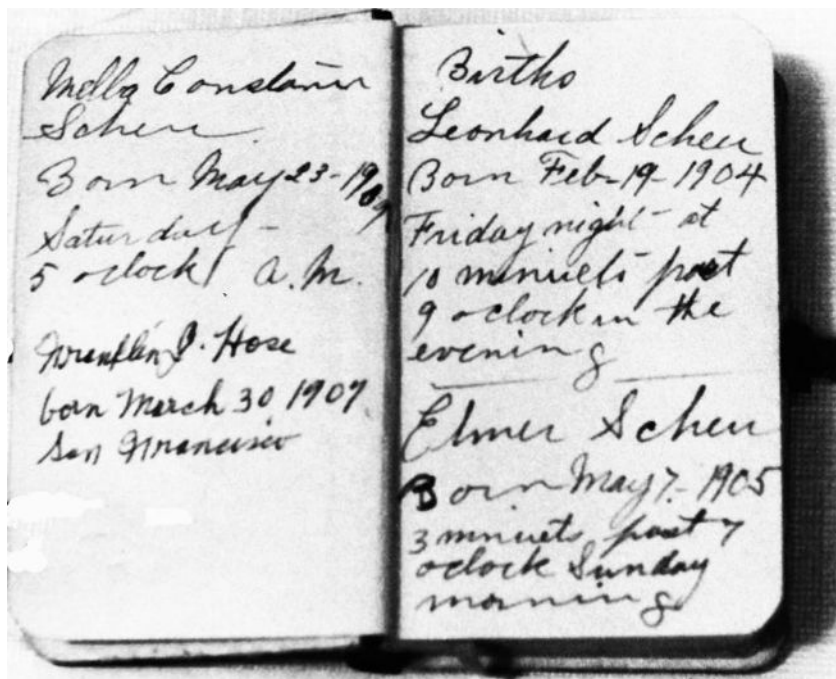
It was a difficult time for farmers, Len's health was declining, and his wife preferred the city to rural life. They decided to abandon ranching and move back to San Francisco. About 1927, Len's wife went ahead to San Francisco and bought a house at 1464 5th Avenue. Len followed after he had completed the sale of the ranch and its equipment and livestock. He then moved San Francisco where he once again worked as a watchmaker and jeweler.

Len died at age 67 in San Francisco on Feb 28, 1933.

Mary was to spend 24 years as a widow. She continued to live in the house at 1464 5th Avenue until 1942, when she moved to 1232 Arguello Blvd, and finally to 1634 Haight St. Her granddaughter Nancy recalled that it was a one-room apartment, chosen deliberately to be on a busy street in downtown San Francisco, with streetcars going back and forth. She loved the bustle of the city. When Mary visited her son and granddaughter in Laguna Beach, then a sleepy rural community, she missed the big city, and was always glad to get back to San Francisco. The weather in San Francisco is often cold, but Mary was never cold, and enjoyed the "bracing sea breeze." Mary died at age 89 on July 1, 1957. She was buried beside of her husband in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in Colma, just south of San Francisco.

Children of Len and Mary Scheu

Len and Mary had three children, all born in San Francisco at Children's Hospital. Their births were recorded by Mary in her prayer book:



Mary Scheu recorded the birth of her children in her prayer book.

—Collection of Melba Hose

(John) Leonard Scheu

Leonard married Lydia Weeden. Leonard was an artist who lived in Laguna Beach, California. They are the parents of my wife Nancy. They are the subjects of another Chapter: Leonard and Lydia (Weeden) Scheu.

Elmer Clarence Scheu (Known as Clarence E. Scheu).

Elmer Scheu was born May 7, 1905, at 3 minutes past 7 o'clock Sunday morning, according to a record made by his mother in her Prayer Book.

Elmer was a salesman. In 1936, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported a bizarre incident in which Elmer was kidnapped, robbed, doped and left on a seldom-traveled road:

A San Francisco insurance salesman was found unconscious and near death from a powerful drug in a lonely section of the Colma foothills in San Mateo County late yesterday, a victim of kidnapers and robbers, who apparently fled in his automobile.

His body lay sprawled across a seldom-used dirt road when discovered by a game warden. Letters in his pockets identified him as Elmer Scheu, 29 [really 30 —RLK], of 1464 Fifth Avenue.

Physicians at Villa Sanatorium pronounced his condition critical.

A sister [Melba] with whom Scheu lives, told authorities she had not seen him since Thursday night.

—*San Francisco Chronicle*, January 19, 1936

In 1941, Elmer began his association with Aurex hearing aids, managing their store in San Francisco. By 1951, he was manager of the Better Hearing Center in San Francisco.



Elmer Scheu is pictured with his first wife Mickey. No photo of his second wife Nora was available. —Collection of Melba Hose.

Little is known about Elmer's first wife Mickey, whom he met while living in Marysville. He married his second wife Nora ____ (maiden name unknown) on June 13, 1939. She was born Jul 12, 1912. They did not have any children.

Elmer died at age 54 on January 11, 1960, in San Francisco, California. He was interred at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in Colma, just south of San Francisco.

His widow Nora then married John "Jack" Conens on October 5, 1962, a friend of Elmer's sister Melba and her husband. Jack was born October 2, 1907, and died at the age of 90, on November 20, 1997 in Santa Rosa, California. Nora lived in Santa Rosa, California during her last years, and died Oct 13, 2006 at age 94.

Melba Constance Scheu

Melba was born May 23, 1909 at 5 a.m. at Children's hospital in San Francisco. She attended the High School of Commerce in San Francisco, but dropped out in her junior year to help support her mother. She took a job at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco where she worked until she was married.

Melba and friends would occasionally take the Ferry across the Golden Gate for a trip to Mt. Tamalpais. On the way back across the bay, they would sing with an audience of other passengers.

Melba married Frank Hose on July 23, 1939. Frank was born March 29, 1907 in Sacramento.

Melba knew Frank Hose since high school. Frank bought his first car for \$5, one that had no top and a passenger door that would not open. The car proved unreliable. Once all four tires went flat en route to Redwood City and they drove back with only the rims on the car. Frank's next car was a \$15 Ford Coupe. Melba's brother Leonard, an artist, painted characters from the cartoon strip Blondie on the car's doors: Dagwood on the driver's side, and Blondie on the passenger side.

Melba and Frank traveled on freighters around the world. Melba mentioned two trips as highlights: one to Alaska and the other aboard the Oriental Rio to Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Frank was a structural civil engineer. He worked first for the State of California, and then went into business for himself, operating out of an office that he built in the backyard of his home in Sacramento, at 3300 64th St.

Frank died at age 76, on Feb 14, 1984 in Sacramento. Melba spent 19 years as a widow. Having no close living relatives, Melba was indeed fortunate to have her Godson Alan Cresteto look after her affairs during her last years. He wrote:

I regret to inform you that Melba passed away [at age 93] on Thursday, March 13, 2003. She expired peacefully in her sleep during an afternoon nap. She was not alone, as her caretaker was on the premises. A real shocker, to one and all, as we truly expected her to live to be a hundred. She had seen her physician the day before for her heart condition and a stomach disorder which she had experienced, off and on, for awhile. It is



Melba and Frank, about the time of their marriage —collection of Melba Hose

with deep sorrow that I impart this news. However, I am truly thankful for the painless manner in which Melba passed, and that she has reunited with Frank. Melba and Frank were true soul mates. Melba had felt a deep void ever since Frank's death in 1984, and had experienced several severe bouts of depression. With her death, her void has been filled.

As per Melba's directive, a "no frills" funeral and entombment was held on Thursday, March 20, 2003, in Saint Joseph's Chapel at Saint Mary's Cemetery. Melba is now safely ensconced next to Frank. Their souls united.

—Alan Cresteto, Novato, California



The Kenyon family interviewing Melba Hose on the family history, Aug 22, 1990. Left to right: Nancy Kenyon, Lee Kenyon, Beth Kenyon and Melba Hose. Richard Kenyon is taking the picture

Sources for Len and Mary Scheu

Interviews: Melba Hose was interviewed in Sacramento by Richard and Nancy Kenyon Aug 22, 1990 and Oct 25, 1998, and by Beth and Lee Kenyon Nov 27, 1998.

Leonard Scheu was interviewed by Beth Kenyon, Jan 18, 1988. The interview was taped and transcribed by Beth. Leonard was also interviewed by Nancy Kenyon c. 1994, when he was living in her home. Richard and Nancy Kenyon and family visited Nora and Jack Conens Aug 16, 1990.

Dates of Len: Birth date from her mother's prayer book, Len's obituary, his death certificate and cemetery records. Obituary

of John L. Scheu: *San Francisco Chronicle*, March 1, 1933

Birth of Mary: Death certificate, cemetery record, and obituary. No birth announcement was published in the *San Francisco Call*. Mary is first found in the 1880 census in San Francisco living with her parents; her age in this census is consistent with her accepted birth date.

Death of Mary Scheu: Death certificate, San Francisco City and County. Obituary of Mary Scheu: *San Francisco Examiner*, Sect. II, p 23, July 2, 1957

Mary's parents and ancestors: Full details are given in my Chapter on John and Ann (Reynolds) McFall

Date railroad reaches Susanville: Don L. Hofsommer, *The Southern Pacific, 1901-1985*, Texas A & M University Press, 1986.

Scheu store in Susanville: Lassen Union High School yearbook, 1918, p. 59, advertisement of J. L. Scheu, "Watchmaker and jeweler. Designer and manufacturer of special orders. Class pins."

Life on the ranch: Interviews with Melba Hose. Leonard's recollections were similar but less precise.

Dates lived in Marysville, Susanville, San Francisco: The recollections of son John and daughter Melba's were reviewed, and were checked using city directories as listed below:

A directory of Placer, Nevada, Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama and Shasta Counties, 1892 -1894, San Francisco, Directory Company, copy in Packard Library, Marysville. The entry reads: "Scheu, J. L., Watchmaker, res corn B and Fifth, Marysville."

Crocker-Langley San Francisco City Directories for John L. Scheu: 1900, 1901, 1902, 1904, 1905, 1908, 1909, 1911.

Marysville city directories, McNeel Directory Co.: 1922 Yuba City Directory, 1923 Yuba-Sutter Directory, and 1927 Yuba City Directory 1927.

Crocker-Langley San Francisco City Directories, John L. Scheu: 1928, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933.

Crocker-Langley San Francisco City Directories, Mary Scheu, widow: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945-6, 1948-9.

Mary as a widow: Recollections of granddaughter Nancy Kenyon.

Cemetery records for John L. and Mary Scheu: Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, CA. Location: Grave 6, Tier 14, Oak Mound. Inscription: Scheu John L., 1865-1933, Mary A. 1867-1957.

Son Elmer Birth date from his mother's prayer book, and Cypress Lawn Cemetery office records. Obituary of Elmer Scheu, *San Francisco Examiner*, p 15. Sect. III. Biographical details from obituary and interviews with Melba Hose and Nora Conens, and from San Francisco city directories. Robbery from newspaper article quoted above. Elmer's death from death certificate, obituary, and cemetery record. First and second marriages of Elmer from Melba Hose. Dates of Nora D. Conens from Social Security Death Index, SSN 549-09-6862. Jack Conens's birth and death dates from the CA and Social Security death indices.

Daughter Melba: Birth date in her mother's prayer book. Biographical details from Melba Hose. Last illness and death from a letter to Nancy Kenyon from Alan Cresteto, quoted above.

Clementina K. Scheu

Clementina K. Clemy" Scheu was born Dec 1, 1867, in Marysville, the third child of Leonhard and Phillippena Scheu. Clementina married **Henry Phillip White, Jr.** in 1902. He was born April 11, 1868, the son of Henry P. White (born in Chile) and wife Jane Gunn (born in Canada). Henry's last occupation was a supervisor for Safeway Groceries.

Clementina died at age 79 on June 24, 1947, in Oakland. Henry died at age 87 on November 29, 1955 in Oakland. They both were interred at the Oakland Crematorium, now part of the Chapel of the Chimes.



Clementina (Scheu) White
—Collection of Barbara Barnett

Clementina and Henry had one child:

Katherine Jane White, born February 6, 1910, and living in 1999. She appears to have been married first to a Mr. Davidson, second to a Mr. Rookard, and third to James Odom. Her children are:

1. **Rita Mae Davidson**, born Nov 3, 1929 in Alameda Co, CA. Married to a **Mr. Gillis**. Two children, who are twins:

Yvonne Gillis, born Apr 20, 1951 in Alameda, California

Neal Gillis, born Apr 20, 1951, in Alameda, California

2. **Linda Jane Odom**, born May 2, 1949 in Alameda County, California. Married to a **Mr. Clark**, then **Mr. Mathews**, and on September 6, 1992 to **David R. Peddycourt**. One child:

Mike Clark In 1999, he was married with two children and a third on the way.

A family reunion took place in San Mateo, CA on Jul 8, 1999, attended by Dona Bretherick, Ormond Bretherick, Arnette Bretherick, Katherine Odom, Linda Matthews and Barbara and Charles Barnett. Barbara reported that:

It turned out to be a lot more fun than I had expected it to be. Linda is close in age to our oldest—Chuck—and a very sharp gal—I liked Katherine very much and found her a very active 89 years old.

Sources

Name: The Anglicized spelling Clementine sometimes is used, but Clementina retained the original German spelling.

Dates of Clementina: Birthday list in the hand of Francisca Juch, collection of Barbara Barnett. Obituary of Clementina K. White, *Oakland Tribune*, Jun 25, 1947, p 22C. California Death Index (includes birth and death dates and maiden name).

Dates of Henry White: Death certificate of Henry P. White, Alameda Co, CA. Obituary of Henry P. White, *Oakland Tribune*, Nov 30, 1955.

Residences for Clementina and Henry: 1926 Polk's Oakland City Directory. 1920, 1930, 1940 census for Oakland CA, 1943 Polk's Oakland City Directory

Letters from Clementina to Barbara Barnett, from Barbara's collection

- Dec 22, 1924 from Clementina in Oakland, at 1804 11th Ave.
- Apr 21, 1906 postmarked Tonopah, NV. Clementina is inquiring about the welfare of the family due to the earthquake.
- June 28, 1912 and postmarked Bakersfield, with a return address c/o

Knowles & Sons, Route 5, Box 5, Bakersfield.

Dates of Katherine White: Newspaper clipping on the birth of Katherine Jane White, collection of Barbara Barnett. "Born February 6 to the wife of Henry White Jr. (nee Clementina Scheu). The year 1910 was written on the clipping. Living in 1999 when she attended the reunion in San Mateo.

Husbands of Katherine White: The surname of her daughter Rita was Davidson in 1947. Katherine's surname was given as Rookard in the 1947 obituary of Clementina White. It was Odom by the time of the 1955 obituary of Henry P. White. She was Mrs. James Odom in a letter she wrote to Barbara Barnett from Hawaii Jan 20, 1959. It was still Odom at the time of the reunion in 1999.

Children of Katherine White: From the obituary of Henry P. White, *Oakland Tribune*, Nov 30, 1955, and from a descendant chart by my daughter Beth Kenyon submitted to Ormond Bretherick, and reviewed by him and returned Mar 2, 1990.

Philip E. Scheu

Philip was born Aug 21, 1871 in Marysville, CA. He moved to San Francisco, CA by 1896. He married **Mathilde “Tilly” Jones**. She was born Aug 28, 1885 in Dixon, CA, to Charles and Mary (Schnetzerlein) Schirmer. Philip was a salesman and resident of San Francisco. Phillip died at age 79 Jun 25, 1951 in San Francisco. Mathilde died at age 66 on Sep 11, 1957 in San Francisco. Their obituaries do not mention any children.

Sources

Birth of Phillip: We have used the birth date from the birthday list of his sister Francisca Juch (collection of Barbara Barnett), which is consistent with Aug 1871 from the 1900 census, San Francisco City and County, CA, ED179, p 3B, family of Phillippena Scheu (erroneously indexed by ancestry.com as “Philleppena Schen”). Contradictory birth dates appear in Philip’s death records.

Death of Phillip: CA death index. Obituary of Philip E. Scheu, *San*

Francisco Examiner, Jun 25, 1957. San Francisco Area Funeral Home records online at ancestry.com.

Occupation of Philip: San Francisco City directories 1896 to 1949.

Birth and death of Mathilde: Death certificate, San Francisco City and County. San Francisco Area Funeral Home records online at ancestry.com. Obituary: *San Francisco Chronicle*, Sep 15, 1957.

Maybell Scheu

Maybell Scheu was born May 15, 1873. She died at age 7 years and 3 months on Aug 13, 1880. There were over 40 carriages in the funeral procession, reflecting her father's prominence in the community. The backside of her gravestone reads:

Dau of John L. & P. Scheu
Born May 15, 1873
Died Aug 13, 1880
Sweet flower—planted to a clime
When never comes the blight of time



Grave of Maybell Sheu, Marysville Cemetery, Marysville California
—photo from findagrave.com

Sources:

Birth date from gravestone inscription and the birthday list of Francisa Juch (collection of Barbara Barnett). Death date from Record of Burials, book 1, Marysville City

Cemetery. Clipping of an obituary from a Marysville paper, collection of Barbara Barnett.

Richard Edmund “Rick” Scheu, DDS

Richard was born in Marysville, CA, on Jan 2, 1875. He died in San Francisco Nov 26, 1937 at age 62.

In 1899, he enrolled at the University of California College of Dentistry and obtained a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. He had a dental office in downtown San Francisco.

In September 1909, he married Blanche _____. (maiden name unknown). She was born about 1891 in California. About 1920, their marriage ended in divorce, as related in an undated Marysville newspaper clipping from the collection of Barbara Barnett:

Former Marysville Woman Claims Vamp Took Her Husband

San Francisco March 31. “There are entirely too many vampires in this city who are trying to catch unsophisticated married men,” said Mrs. Blanche Scheu on the witness stand before Judge Graham yesterday. . . She said she became suspicious of the stories her husband told her regarding the necessity for his being absent from home evenings and she followed him on the evening of January 28 last. She says he met a woman in a local restaurant. Mrs. Scheu did not learn this woman’s name, but said she was a “very insignificant looking woman”.

She asked her husband to come away home. The other woman insisted that he escort her to her home in Oakland. Finally they compromised by Dr. Scheu escorting the “insignificant woman” to the Ferry Building and putting her on her boat and then taking his wife to their home, 1414 Cole St.

When they got home Mrs. Scheu said she tried to reason with her husband, but he was positive that he loved the other woman best, so they separated. . .

A property settlement was in effect out of court.

After the divorce, Blanche married William Bellina and moved to Hawaii.

The 1919 San Francisco City Directory is the last in which Blanche Scheu is listed as wife. In the 1920 census, a Howard Diekmann, female and divorced, appears in the home of Richard Scheu, who is also divorced. Her occupation is given as Nurse. She is first listed as Richard’s wife in the 1924 San Francisco City Directory. They remained married until Richard’s death. They had one child, Marian Scheu, who was born Sept 11, 1923 in San Francisco, California. She was still living with Howard in 1940. She subsequently married Harold Hanley.

Howard (Wright) Diekmann was born in August 1889 in California, the daughter of Garret D. Wright (born Oct 1863 in Nevada) and Mary J. Wright (born May 1870 in California). Howard is a strange name for a girl, but it is well documented. Howard was first married to a Mr. Diekmann about whom nothing more is known. They had a son Henry C. Diekmann, born about 1911

in California. He was living in the home of Richard and Howard Scheu in 1930, but nothing else is known.

Sources:

Dates of Richard: Birth date from the birthday list of Francisca Juch, and Richard's death certificate. Death date from death certificate, his funeral home record online at ancestry.com, and his obituary in the *San Francisco Examiner*, Nov 30, 1937.

Occupation: From the San Francisco City Directories. Richard is listed as a freshman in the University of California College of Dentistry in the 1899 yearbook online at ancestry.com.

Richard's wives: In the 1930 census, Richard's wife is named as Howard E. Scheu, born about 1891 in CA. There are two children: Marian E. Scheu, born about 1924 CA, and Henry Diekmann b abt 1911 CA. Marian Scheu is found in the CA Birth Index, which states that that she was born Sep 11, 1923 in CA. Marian's mother's maiden name is given as Wright. Thus Howard E. Scheu's maiden name is Wright. We look for Howard E. Wright in the 1900 census and find her in Oakland Ward 5, Alameda, p 4A, born Aug 1889 in CA, living with her parents Garret D. Wright, b Oct 1863 NV, and Mary J. Wright, b May 1870 in CA.

If Howard's maiden name was Wright, why does she have the surname Diekmann in the 1920 census, and in the recollections of Scheu relatives? Howard's other child Henry Diekmann, born about 1911 in CA, appears in the 1930 census in the household of Richard and Howard Scheu. Henry C. Diekmann, b Jan 14, 1911 appears in the California Birth Index, mother's maiden name Wright. The index does not give parents' names, but this corresponds to the Henry Diekman, age 19, in the 1930 census where he is identified as a son. We were unable to find any additional information on Henry beyond the 1920 census and the 1911 birth record. However, it is reasonable to assume that Howard was married to a Mr. Diekmann prior to her marriage to Richard.

Howard's marriage to William Bellina: Recollections of Barbara Barnett, who with her husband visited them in Hawaii.

Marian's marriage to Harold Hanley: From the Clarence Bretherick genealogy chart, Chapter 4, "The Scheu Family History according to Clarence and Ormond Bretherick".

Alba Grace Scheu

Alba Grace Scheu (known as Grace Scheu) was born March 4, 1877 in Marysville, California. In 1903 in San Francisco, CA, she married **Clarence O. Bretherick**, son of Clarence and Mary Elizabeth (Ormond) Bretherick. He was born July 31, 1878 in Jacksonville, IL, and died at age 81 on Apr 5, 1960 in Santa Clara, CA. After the death of her husband, Grace went to live with her son Ernest in Riverside, CA. She died there Jan 5, 1969 at age 91.



Alba Grace Scheu (collection of Barbara Barnett)

Clarence O. Bretherick's father Henry Bretherick was a well-known organist. He was a former president of the Organists Guild of America, and the first president of the California Music Teachers Association. He was born in Horsforth, England, March 28, 1849, the son of James and Mary (Dixon) Bretherick. He married Mary Elizabeth Ormond in Jacksonville, IL, Aug 9, 1876. They moved to California in 1895, living in Oakland and later San Francisco. Clarence died at age 94 on Dec 17, 1943 in San Francisco.

Grace and Clarence lived in Seattle for 18 years, in Los Angeles for 15 years, and in Oakland for 10 years, until they build a home in Saratoga, Santa Clara Co, CA.

Clarence was a speculative builder of homes and apartments in coast cities from Vancouver, BC to Los Angeles.

Grace and Clarence celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec 19, 1953. They were the third generation of Brethericks to celebrate their Golden Anniversary in California—Clarence's parents Henry and Mary Bretherick in

August 1926, and Clarence's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. James Bretherick in May 1894. The grandparents went on to celebrate their 60th anniversary in May 1904 in San Francisco.



Grace and Clarence Bretherick on their 50th wedding anniversary
—Collection of Dona Bretherick

Grace and Clarence had two children:

- 1. Ormond Bretherick** was born Jul 31, 1907, in Seattle, Washington. The first name Ormond was the maiden name of his grandmother Mary Elizabeth Bretherick. He died at age 92 on Nov 26, 2002 in Walnut Creek, Contra Costa Co, CA. His daughter Dona Bretherick wrote:

Ormond graduated with a bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley in 1933. As a student he was also an active member and president of the Chi Pi Sigma fraternity and editor of the *California Engineer* magazine. While working for the government during WWII, he developed a fabrication method for seamless bomb casings. As a professional engineer, he specialized in flexible pipeline* designs for projects around the world, and on October 7, 1975, he was granted a patent for the development of the method to convert ammonium sulfate to ammonium bisulfate used to convert crude oil to raw edible protein. During his 50 year professional career, he was an active member of the American Chemical Engineering Society, the Canadian Assn. of Professional Engineers, and community organizations such as the Sierra Club and the Boy Scouts of America. Upon retirement, he joined the Son's In Retirement (SIR), and AARP. He became a world traveler with the UC Alumni Association's Bear Treks,

* Flexible pipelines do not break if the soil shifts.

visiting many countries in Asia and Southeast Asia including the Peoples Republic of China which at the time (1980) was not open to Americans.



Ormond and Zella “Teddy” Bretherick

—Collection of Dona Bretherick

On Jun 13, 1943 in Oakland, CA, Ormond married **Zella Leneva “Teddy” Ward**, daughter of Walter W. Ward and Neva E. Lee. Zella was born in Bingham Canyon, UT, May 20, 1906, and died at age 72 on Oct 16, 1978 in Burlingame, San Mateo Co, CA. Her nickname “Teddy” came from an official Theodore Roosevelt Teddy Bear that she was given as an infant.

Zella’s father died in a mining accident shortly after her birth. Zella studied at the University of Washington for one year. She first married John Miles Sharp in Salt Lake City, Utah on Oct 17, 1931, but divorced him after about 1 year due to adultery. As Zella was a Catholic and the church refused to recognize her divorce, she moved to California soon afterward. She entered a competition for “Miss Army Air Corps”—there is a photo of Zella posing on the wing of a Hughes Aircraft plane in a bathing suit. Zella later moved to Oakland, CA, where she was a “stringer” for the Oakland Tribune.

Ormond and Zella had one child, **Dona Bretherick**, who is living in Berkeley, CA. Without her remarkable collection of documents and photos, this section would have been frustratingly brief! Describing her career, Dona wrote:

I currently live in Berkeley with my husband of 20 years, William R. “Bill” Davis., son of Elphie Viola Smeder of Washington and George J. Davis of California. I

graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a BA in Political Science (1970), and an MA in Comparative Education (1986). I began my professional career in Undergraduate Admissions in 1969 at the University of California, Berkeley (UCB). I worked in Graduate Admissions at UCB, retiring after 30 years as Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions. In 1981, I was awarded a Fulbright to conduct research in Germany. For over 17 years, I also worked as a consultant to the US State Department's Agency for International Development and wrote 7 publications describing the educational systems of Arab and African countries. Additionally, I conducted the research and set the English proficiency standards required for admission to UC Berkeley's over 100 graduate degree programs as well as the research and development of the program and tests required to evaluate the English language proficiency of potential UC Berkeley's Teaching Assistants from abroad.

Grace Bretherick taught Dona the Scheu family cooking secrets and Dona became an expert cook. She wrote cookbooks, and ran a catering service part time for 7 years during the time she was working at UCB

2. Ernest S. Bretherick was born March 30, 1910, in Seattle, Washington. In World War II, Ernest served in the U. S. Air Force during the occupation of Japan. He was an aircraft mechanic, and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant. After completing his enlistment, he ran an automobile garage in Georgia for a time. He subsequently reenlisted and finished his career in the Air Force. He was posted in Greenland for some time, and then at various bases in the U. S., ending in Riverside, San Bernardino Co, CA, where he retired. He died at age 85 on Mar 11, 1996 in Riverside.



Ernest and Arnette Bretherick (collection of Dona Bretherick)

On Sept 21, 1943, in Greenville, SC, Ernest married **Arnette Iona Black**, who was born July 9, 1918 in Greenville, SC, and died at age 83 on Jan 30, 2002 in Riverside CA. Ernest and Arnette are buried in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside CA.

Sources

Henry Bretherick: California State Library biographical index card for Henry Bretherick (birth, parents, marriage, immigration date) online at ancestry.com. CA Death Index (birth, death, mother's maiden name). *Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, 1920, p 44 (brief mention).

Census:

1900 Not found

1910 CA, San Francisco Assembly Dist. 37, ED 177, p 11B, Henry Bretherick

1920 CA, San Francisco, Assembly Dist. 31, ED 153, p 13B, Henry Bretherich [sic]

1930 San Francisco, ED 295, p 5A. Henry Bretherich [sic]

1940 San Francisco, ED 38-207, p 9A. Henry Bretherick

Clarence O. Bretherick: WWI Draft registration (birth date), online at ancestry.com. CA Death Index. Census:

1910 WA, King Co, Seattle, Ward 3, ED 89, p7B, family of Clarence Botherick [sic]

1920 WA, King Co, Bellevue, ED 11, p 4B, family of Clarence Bretherick.

1930 Not found

1940 CA, Alameda Co, Oakland, ED 155, p 1B, family of Clarence O. Bretherick.

Alba Grace (Scheu) Bretherick: Birth date from her sister Francisca Juch's birthday list (collection of Barbara Barnett). CA Death Index gives birth and death dates and mother's maiden name, but gives Mar 1, 1877 as a birth date. Obituary of Grace Bretherick: *San Mateo Times*, Jan 16, 1969, *San Francisco Chronicle*, Jan 16, 1969, *San Francisco Examiner*, Jan 16, 1969.

Occupation and residences of Clarence, and Golden Anniversary dates: Letter from Ormond Bretherick to Beth Kenyon, Feb 16, 1988. He noted that the information was from a family Bible.

Ormond Bretherick: Engineering career from his daughter Dona Bretherick, Aug 11, 2013. Dates from 1) Washington State Birth Index; 2) Social Security Death Index, SSN 558-01-0149.

Zella Leneva (Ward) Bretherick: Full name from her son Ormond. Dates from her death certificate. Same dates in the CA Death Index and Social Security Death Index, SSN 565-07-3576. Zella's grandparents are found in the 1900 census (Bingham Canyon, Salt Lake Co, UT, ED 50 p 1B) family of George E. and Mary L. Lee, daughter Neva E. Lee (Zella's mother) age 17. In the 1910 census (UT, Salt Lake Co, Bingham Co, ED 1 p 4B, 1920 ED 61 p 10B) Neva has married and has a daughter Zella Ward: they are living in the home of Neva's parents George and Mary Lee. Neva's husband is not present—he died shortly after Zella was born, according to Zella's daughter Dona Bretherick. By the 1920 census (UT, Salt Lake Co, Bingham Canyon, ED 61 p 10B), Zella has married Charles Abel (marriage certificate in the collection of Dona Bretherick). Her divorce is from the personal knowledge of her daughter Dona. By the 1930 census (UT, Salt Lake Co, Bingham Co, ED125, p 10B) Zella is listed as "widowed." Bathing suit story from Dona Bretherick, who has the photo. Zella has moved to Oakland, CA by the 1940 census (CA, Alameda Co, Oakland ED61-54, p 3B) and is listed as divorced. Her marriage to Ormond is from their daughter Dona Bretherick, who has the marriage certificate.

Dona Bretherick: All information from her e-mails to me in September 2013.

Ernest S. Bretherick: Birth and death dates from: Washington State birth record, online at Ancestry.com. Detail of military career from WW II Army Enlistment records online at ancestry.com, and an e-mail from Dona Bretherick May 10, 2013, which includes details of his military career and auto repair work. Death and burial from U. S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs BIRLS

death file and burial record, Riverside National Cemetery. California State Death Index Ernest S. Bretherick SSN 572-053967.

Arnette (Bretherick): Social Security Death Index, SSN 248-05-4818. U. S. Dept. of Veteran's Affairs burial record for Riverside National Cemetery.

Elmar Scheu

Elmar Scheu was born Jan 25, 1879 in Marysville, CA. He died at age 73 on Aug 13, 1952 in San Francisco, CA. On Feb 24, 1912 He married **Stella/Estelle M. Koentz** who was born Jul 3, 1885 in CA, and died at age 86 Dec 30, 1971 in San Francisco. After his marriage, Elmar and Stella lived in Susanville, CA, during the same the same period that his brother Leonard “Len” Scheu lived there. His wife contributed three recipes to the 1914 “Monitcola Club Cookbook”: “Chicken en casserole, Nut torte, and Walnut Creams”. Elmar soon moved to San Francisco where he was an optometrist and optician practicing in downtown San Francisco for almost 50 years. He retained the German spelling Elmar, rather than Anglicize it to Elmer. They had two children:

Wesley Scheu was born Apr 12, 1914 in San Francisco, and died Feb 1, 1972 in San Francisco. He did not marry.

Norman Scheu/Shaw Norman changed his name to Shaw—he was a salesman, and it would have been a disadvantage to have a name that few could spell or pronounce correctly. Norman was born Jan 8, 1922 in San Francisco, and died at age 48 on Dec 26, 1960 in Palos Verdes Estates, Los Angeles Co, CA. He was cremated at Inglewood Crematorium, Inglewood, CA. He married **Mary W. ___**, date of birth and maiden name unknown, who was living in Palo Alto, CA, in 1972. Norman was last employed as general manager of industrial chemical sales for the Collier Carbon & Chemical Corp. There were five children.

Norman E. Shaw, Jr. Born 1948.

Peter Shaw Born 1952.

Mary Shaw Born 1953.

George Shaw Born by 1960.

John Shaw Born by 1960.

Sources:

Elmar: The German spelling Elmar is used consistently in the probate documents for the estate of his father (signed by his mother) and frequently appears in the Crocker-Langley San Francisco City Directory for 1900 through 1951. Elmar’s date of birth is from his death certificate and the Francisca Juch birthday list, collection of Barbara Barnett. It agrees with his death certificate. The month and year agrees with 1900 census (family of Phillippena Scheu). The year agrees with

age 1 in 1880 census. Elmar’s date death is from his death certificate, San Francisco City and County, and the obituary of Elmar E. Scheu, *San Francisco Examiner*, Aug 17, 1952. Elmar’s occupation is from his obituary, and the Crocker-Langley City Directories.

Stella: Date of birth from Francisca Juch’s birthday list, and CA death index. Date of death from obituary of Stella M. Schev [sic] *San Francisco Chronicle*, Jan 1, 1972, p 19. Maiden name from her death certificate,

her son Norman's death certificate, and a signed letter by Stella to Francesca Juch, dated April 22, 1906 (before she was married) in the collection of Barbara Barnett. Stella's recipes in the Monticola Club Cookbook were reprinted by the Lassen Historical Society under the title "Pioneer Recipes from Lassen County", William H. Pratt Memorial Museum, Susanville, CA 1977.

Names of children: 1984 typescript of an interview by Nancy Kenyon of Leonard Scheu.

Wesley Scheu: Date of birth from Social Security Death Index for Wesley E. Scheu. Agrees with age 6 in 1920 census, family of Elmar Scheu. A Wesley E. Scheu was living in at the same address as Elmar & Estelle,

per the 1951 Crocker-Langley San Francisco City Directory. Death certificate of Wesley Sheu, San Francisco Co.

Norman Shaw: Death certificate of Norman E. Shaw, AKA Scheu, Los Angeles Co, CA. Mary served as the informant for Wesley's death certificate in 1972. The obituary of Stella Scheu, 1972, states that there were five grandchildren. Norman and Peter are named in the obituary of Elmar Scheu in 1952. All 5 children of Norman Shaw are named in his obituary in 1960, which is consistent with the statement in Stella's obituary that there were five grandchildren. The birth years of three of these, Norman, Peter, and Mary are given in the genealogy chart of Clarence Bretherick (Chapter 2-9).

Afterword

The reader will notice that some of the children's lives are described much more completely than others. This is not by intent, but rather the consequence of availability of information and photographs. We would have preferred a detailed biography and photos of each person, but we simply could not find sources. On the other hand, we are pleased that we found as much as we did.

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