

Weeden Families: Introduction

Weeden, McFall, Hayes and Scheu

Chapter 1 of Weeden Families

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The Reverend Burr Miller Weeden was at the height of his fame as head of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in downtown San Francisco, when the great earthquake and fire of 1906 struck, destroying the magnificent church and the homes of many of his congregation. The stress of this cataclysmic event led to his death the following year. His wife and infant daughter were left without any means of support.

Burr's widow, Susanne (Hayes) Weeden, had been orphaned at age 18. She came to San Francisco with her brother, the Reverend William Hayes. He became a long-time Canon and music director of Grace Cathedral in downtown San Francisco. Susanne Weeden supported herself and her daughter Lydia by working at a girls' school, and later by opening her own boarding house in San Francisco. She put her daughter Lydia through Stanford University, plus postgraduate work at UC Berkeley in Library Science. Lydia earned enough money working as a librarian at the University of California Medical School to buy a small house for her mother, located near Stanford University (which was still affordable in those days).

Lydia married Leonard Scheu, who had worked his way through the San Francisco Art Institute. They moved to Laguna Beach, California, then an art colony, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Leonard was the grandson of Leonhard and Phillippena Scheu of Marysville and San Francisco, who came to California during the Gold Rush, and made their fortune not in the mines, but in the hotel business.

At the very opposite side of the financial situation were Leonard's grandparents, the impoverished McFall family of San Francisco.

Weeden Families consists of 6 chapters:

- 1. Weeden Families Introduction (this chapter)**
- 2. Rev. Burr Miller and Susanne Bowman (Hayes) Weeden**
- 3. Elnathan and Almyra (Wakeman) Weeden**
- 4. Edward and Elizabeth (Hayes) Weeden**
- 5. John and Mary Ann (Reynolds) McFall**
- 6. Leonard and Lydia (Weeden) Scheu**

The ancestors and relatives of Leonard Scheu are also on this website, grouped under the title “Koch Families”.

Koch Families consists of 6 chapters:

- 1. Edward and Margaretha (Jung) Koch**
- 2. Carl and Clementina (Koch) Bruntsch**
- 3. Carl and Grace (Cook) Rhodin**
- 4. The Koch Brothers**
- 5. Leonhard and Phillippena (Koch) Scheu**
- 6. Children of Leonhard and Phillippena (Koch) Scheu**

The ancestors and descendants of Rev. Burr Miller and Susan (Hayes) Weeden are shown in the following chart:

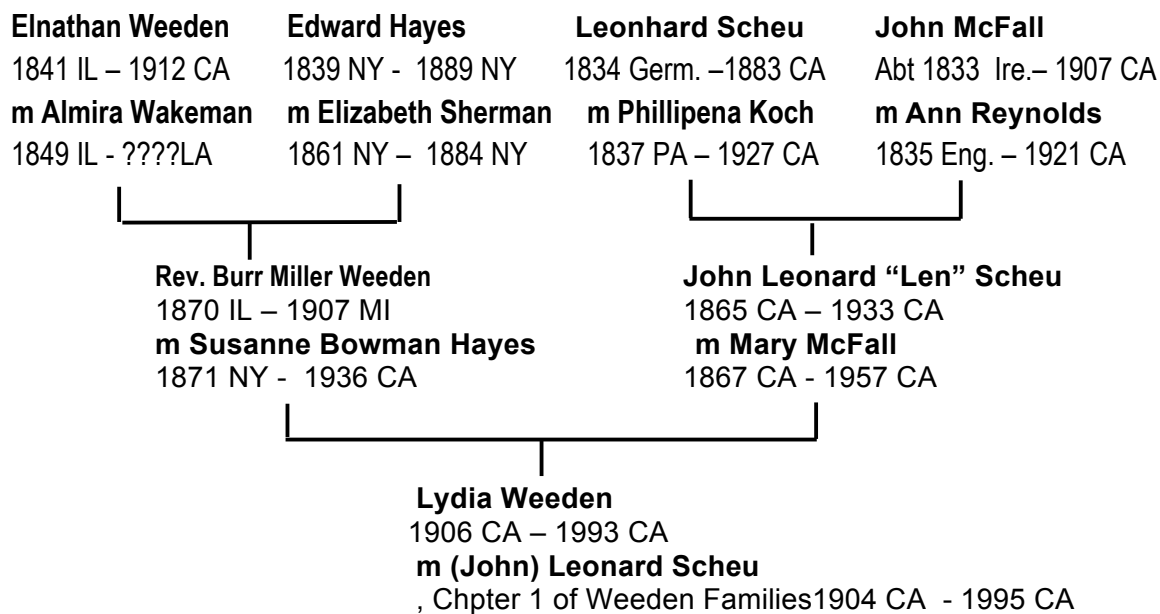


Fig 1. Ancestors of Leonard and Lydia (Weeden) Scheu

All of these people are included in “Weeden Families” except for John Leonard “Len” Scheu and Leonhard Scheu, who are included in “Koch Families” (See Fig. 2).

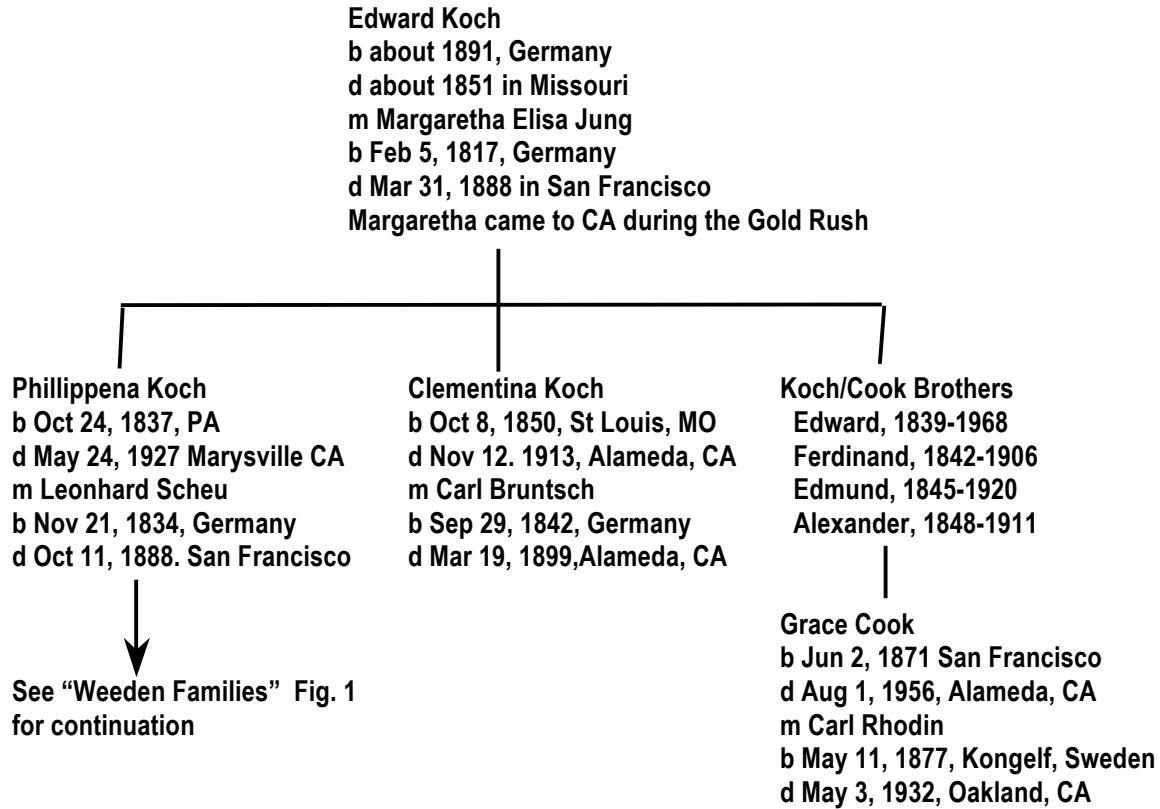


Fig. 2 Descendants of Edward and Magaretha (Yung) Koch

See "Koch Families" on this website for complete details. Included are two more generations of Rodin descendants, and a sister of Grace Cook who did not marry.