

William Scholl

Wayne county numbers among her best and most honored residents many who are of German birth or origin, and among these William Scholl, who during his life was regarded as one of the substantial and public-spirited men of Hawley, held a respected place.

Mr. Scholl was a native of Bavaria, Germany, born August 4, 1826, near Ammerbach, and was one of the eight children of Theodore Scholl¹², of whom we have the following record: Francis died at Hawley, Penn. Mary married Ernest Waddelinz and she and her husband both died at Hawley. Charles enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, and was never heard from after he entered the service. Theresa, Mrs. Francis Hannig, died in Germany. Williams is the subject of this memoir. John is a shoemaker and lives in Germany. George³ is engaged in farming in Kansas. Philip⁴ lives in Scranton, Penn., where he is employed by the Pennsylvania board of health. The parents passed all their lives in the Fatherland.

In 1849 William Scholl came to try his fortune in America, and for one year after his arrival he lived at Honesdale, Penn., where he followed his trade, that of baker, thence coming to Hawley where he spent the remainder of his life. For a time, he worked at his trade with Mrs. Mary Schlager, his wife's sister, afterward renting the store for a year, and at the end of that period purchased the business, which he continued successfully up to his death on July 6, 1883. He managed his affairs with characteristic German thrift, and by industry and economy acquired a comfortable property and became one of the most respected members of the community in which he had settled. Strict honesty and a desire to please marked his dealings with all, and his custom increased yearly from the time he entered business. Mr. Scholl took a loyal interest in the welfare of his adopted town, but he was not an office-seeker and took no active part in public affairs, though he served faithfully as poormaster at Hawley. His political sympathies were with the Democratic party.

Mr. Scholl was married, at Honesdale, on June 29, 1851, to Miss Margaret Ferber, and their union was blessed with eleven children, of whom only four are living, namely: William, Margaret, Elizabeth, August, all four deceased; Lena, the wife of Edward Gardner, a blacksmith of Scranton, Penn.; Charles and Emma, deceased; Sophia, who married Ed Goldback, a shoemaker, of Hawley; George, living with his mother and employed in the silk mill; Peter, living with his mother; and Barbara, deceased. The family are Catholics in religious faith. Fraternally, Mr. Scholl belonged to the I.O.O.F.

Mrs. Margaret (Ferber) Scholl now makes her home above the store formerly kept by her husband, on the east side of Hawley, and at the age of seventy years is a bright, active and well-preserved woman, respected and loved by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. She proved a faithful helpmeet to her husband in his business as well as in the home, doing her full share in accumulating the competence which she now enjoys, and it is hoped that she will still has many peaceful years before her. She was born October 8, 1827 in Baden, Germany, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Sterra) Ferber. The mother died in 1843, at the age if forty-three, and in 1847 the father came to America, for the first six months after his arrival living in Greene county, Peen., with his daughter Mrs. Schlager. He then made his home in Honesdale for a while, subsequently lived in Hawley at different times, and spent his years among all his children in their various homes, dying November 23, 1889, at Hawley, while staying with his daughter, Mrs. Scholl. He was ninety-five years of age at the time of his death, which was due to an accident, he having fallen down stairs. His family consisted of six children, all of whom but Margaret and Barbara are now deceased, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of Anthony Hickman, who is also deceased; Jacob; Mary, wife of John Schlager, who is dead; Margaret, Mrs. Scholl; Abraham; and Barbara, widow of John Reif, residing at Honesdale.

¹ I, and others, have done a lot of work documenting this Scholl family. People interested in this line can contact me at jauriemma@aol.com directly by email or on Ancestry.

² Father's name is most likely George Theodore Scholl, not just Theodore.

³ Much of George's descendants are documented at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pasulliv/settlers/settlers42/settlers42.htm>.

⁴ I am a direct descendant of Philip J Scholl.