

## THE FRANK SCHADER FAMILY

*By John Womack*

Frank Schader was born near Frankfurt, Germany, on February 24, 1829. He with his younger brother, John, by arrangements with their father, were shipped as cargo from Frankfurt to New York, in the early 1850's. The two stowaways emerged from their hiding when the vessel was well at sea. They had two reasons for leaving their native land: one for a greater future in a new country and two avoid conscription in the Imperial army.

Frank is known to have been employed soon after his arrival, by a doctor at New Rochelle, New York, who owned a large grape vineyard. While living in New Rochelle, Frank met and married Elizabeth Stouter. Elizabeth Stouter was born May 10, 1839. They were married prior to May, 1855. Three children were born while they resided in Westchester County, New York, including John, who was to live out his life at Norman, Oklahoma. John was born June 29, 1858.

In late 1858 or early 1859 the family removed to Kickapoo, Illinois, some seven miles west of Peoria. Frank farmed and worked in the coal mines there. When the Civil War broke out, an additional two children had been born to the family. Frank's attitude towards serving in the armed forces now was no different than some ten years earlier in Germany. During the latter part of 1861 and the first half of 1862 Frank and his brother managed to hide out from the conscription forces. During his later years in life, Frank proudly made mention of his "bushwacker" days, when the wives would bring them food at night. While Frank was still a holdout, their daughter Abby was born on March 25, 1862. Abby was later to become the wife of Daniel Meyer, a pioneer couple of Cleveland County.

On August 8, 1862, Frank and his brother enlisted in a newly formed company, composed mostly of their friends and neighbors of that community. This company was organized as Company K, 77th Illinois Volunteers, Infantry. John died while in service. Frank continued to serve until his discharge September 6th, 1865.

A few months after his return to his family in 1865, they removed to Lake Creek Community, Bahner, Pettus County, Missouri, where there was a German settlement. The Frank Schader family lived in this community some twenty five years, where the remainder of their children were born, including son Fred, born in 1876 or 1877, and daughter Emma born July 17, 1882, who was later to marry Carl Bruehl.\* Both Fred and Emma, who had come with their parents to Norman, continued to live out their lives in Norman.

In 1890 Abby Meyer, and husband Daniel Meyer decided to remove from Pettus County Missouri to the new Territory opened for settlement the previous year. The Frank Schader family (parents of Abby Meyer) decided to relocate in the new Territory also. After Frank had lent his daughter and son-in-law some \$1,500 to purchase the relinquishment on the NE 1/4 Section 15, 9N, 3W, he had only enough cash left to purchase a much poorer farm exactly one mile east. Here on the NE 1/4 Section 14, 9N, 3W, Frank and his wife Elizabeth spent their last days together.

Elizabeth Stouter Schader preceded her husband in death on October 9, 1901. Frank Schader died November 4, 1906. Both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Norman. Excluding the three years Frank Schader was in the Union Army, this great woman, Elizabeth Stouter Schader, on the average, gave birth to one child every fifteen months, for a total of twenty children. There were no multiple births.

\*See Page                    this book for more information on Emma Schader.

## THE JOHN SCHADER FAMILY

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John Schader, third child of Frank and Elizabeth Stouter Schader, was born in Westchester County, New York, June 29, 1858. Later that year or the early part of 1859 he was brought by his parents to Kickapoo, near Peoria, Illinois. When John was four his father enlisted in the Union Army as an infantryman, to serve three years during the Civil War. In 1865 the family moved to Bahner, Pettus County, Missouri. Here he grew up, married, and most of his children were born here. He married Julia Meyer in about 1882. Julia's brother Daniel had earlier married John's sister Abby. Julia was born in 1860.

In 1895 John and Julia Meyer Schader came to Norman, Oklahoma Territory. John's parents were already living at Norman as well as the Daniel Meyer's. For a period of time John Schader operated a restaurant on Main Street in Norman. Here, at Norman, the remainder of their children were born, and grew to maturity, four of which lived out their lives in Norman.

Their children who lived to maturity were: Daniel J., who married Clara Walch; Annie, who married Thomas Dickerson; Elizabeth, who married Thomas Campbell; Ferd, who married Ruby Bowen; and Lillian, who married George Moore.

John Schader died in 1919. Julia Meyer Schader died in 1933.

## DANIEL J. SCHADER FAMILY

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Daniel J. Schader, eldest son of John and Julia Meyer Schader, was born in the Lake Creek Community, Bahner, Pettus County, Missouri, on August 28, 1883. He attended school in the Lake Creek Community until his parents moved to Oklahoma Territory. His grandparents, the Frank Schader's, had moved to Norman, Oklahoma Territory, when he was seven. Five years later, in 1895, John and Julia Schader brought their family to Norman. For a short period, they lived in the ten mile flat area, then removed to a farm north of New Hope School. Young Dan attended New Hope School after 1895. New Hope was located in the northeast corner of Section 26, 9N, 3W, where part of the Norman Municipal Golf course is now located.

On January 21, 1908, Daniel Schader married Clara Ann Walch who lived with her parents at their farm home, now known as 606 Chautauqua Avenue. During his earlier married years Daniel was employed by J. D. Maguire, in his hardware store, at Main and Peters Avenue. After leaving Maguire's, he farmed for several years. At one time he operated the farm which was on the east side of present Jenkins Avenue, south of Constitution Street. Later he farmed the Walch home place, which was the SW 1/4, Section 31, 9N, 2W, later to become the "C. P. Landt Addition" to Norman. The last year he farmed the Walch place (1919) he had an oat crop where McKinley school is now located. The oat crop was almost destroyed by the curious, from Norman, who came out to view an airplane that had made a forced landing in the oat field. The farmhouse was, as stated above, in the extreme northeast corner of the farm, now known as 606 Chautauqua Avenue. The Walch heirs sold the farm in January 1919 and the Schader family had to "give possession" before January 1, 1920. During the year 1920, Mr. Schader served as a temporary rural carrier out of the Norman post office, while they resided at the family home - 804 N. Crawford Avenue. In the fall of 1920 he purchased the NW 1/4 of Section 26, 9N, 3W, which is now immediately south of Robinson, west of I-35. The family resided there until moving to 328 N. Crawford Avenue in the latter part of 1936. Here they resided until their deaths. Clara Ann Walch Schader died October 28, 1961. Daniel J. Schader died November 21, 1967. As one long time acquaintance remarked about Dan Schader, years before he passed away, "I've never heard a bad word spoken about Dan Schader." No truer remark could have ever been made.

The children of Daniel J. and Clara Walch Schader are:

Agnes L. Schader	born May 14, 1909	married John Womack 1935
Dorothy E. Schader	born November 12, 1911	married Wilbur Allard 1933
William H. "Mutt" Schader	born July 24, 1914	married Ursula Henschidt 1958
Raymond D. Schader	born July 20, 1918	married Sue Perkins 1951
Bernadine J. Schader	born June 26, 1920	married Glenn Fritch 1943

All still living within the Norman municipal limits.

At this writing, 1974, there are 15 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren of Daniel J. and Clara Walch Schader, approximately one half who reside in the municipal limits of Norman. These great grandchildren represent the sixth generation of Schader's in Norman.