

SCHLATTER

ORIGIN

Schlatter is a Swiss name from Konolfingen and Signau in the Canton of Bern, Switzerland.(1) (see Notes on page 5) It is likely that an individual or family by that name left Switzerland due to persecution of the Anabaptists (now known as Mennonites).

JOSEPH R. SCHLATTER: ANCESTRY, EXTENDED FAMILY, AND RESIDENCES IN FRANCE(2)

Joseph Schlatter, the immigrant to Canada, was born in 1812 in Richwiller, near Mulhouse, in Upper Alsace. His parents were Christian Schlatter and Anne Marie Roth. His paternal grandfather, also named Christian (1743-1829), birthplace unknown, lived at Richwiller for many years and was the farmer at the Richwiller Castle for much of that time. He was married three times -- his first wife was Barbara Juncker, who was the mother of his oldest son Christian, the father of Joseph, the immigrant. A brief list of the family of Christian, the Elder is as follows:

Christian Schlatter, b. 15 June 1743, may have been in Richwiller by 1777
d. 6 Feb 1829, Richwiller, Haut-Rhin (Upper Alsace)

1m. by 1767

2m. before 1788

3m. 28 Jan 1798, Pulversheim, Haut-Rhin

Barbara Juncker, dau. of Heinrich Juncker (1721-1796)

and Katharine "Umler" (d. 1777)

Christina Frey (1758-1797), probably dau. of Jacob Frey (1719-1797)

and Christina Rubi (-1797)

Anna Maria Stucky Roth, b. 20 July 1746, Bennwihr, Haut-Rhin

dau. of Benedict Stucky (1714/15-1793)

and Anna Maria Neuhauser (1724/25-1794)

widow of Johannes Roth (1740-1794)

d. 27 Dec 1803, Richwiller

Known Children (5 with Barbara, 4 with Christina):

1) Christian Schlatter Jr. (1767-) m. Anna Maria Roth (1775-1832)

Family in more detail below.

2) Johannes Schlatter (1768-1832) m. Katharina Ramseyer (1779-1856)

3) Peter Schlatter (1776-1857) m. Anna Maria Huffler (1778-1832)

4) Heinrich Schlatter (d.1782)

5) Heinrich Schlatter (1782/87-) m. Marianna Ritschart/Richard (1786-1853)

6) Nicholas Schlatter (1788-1832) m. Barbara Stucky (1800-)

7) Katharina Schlatter (1791-1878) m. Jacob Goldschmidt (ca.1792-)

8) Christina Schlatter (1792-1795)

9) Joseph Schlatter (1797-)

Christian Schlatter Jr. b. 23 July 1767, Upper Alsace

-- in Wittenheim in 1840 when his son Benedict married

m. 17 Jan 1796, Pulversheim

Anna Marie Roth, dau. of Johannes Roth (1740-1794)

and Anna Maria Stucky (1746-1803)

b. 28 May 1775, Upper Alsace

d. 30 July 1832, Richwiller

Immigrants to Canada are highlighted:

- 1) Christian Schlatter, b. 1797, Pulversheim, Haut-Rhin
m. 1821 in Richwiller to Katharina Goldschmidt, b.1799, Thanville, Bas-Rhin
Emigrated to Indiana in 1852
- 2) Benedict Schlatter (1798-1800) in Staffelfelden
- 3) Johannes Schlatter (1800-1854), b. in Staffelfelden
m. 1831 in Strasbourg to Barbara Eymann (1805-1864)
Family emigrated to Allen Co., Indiana in 1853
- 4) Nicholas Schlatter, b. 1802 in Richwiller; d. 1837 in Ensisheim
m. 1827 in Marckolsheim to Elisabeth Cender (1801-1841)
Elisabeth Cender Schlatter 2m. 1837 in Ribeauville to Johannes Maurer
- 5) Anna Maria Schlatter (1803-1808) in Richwiller
- 6) **Barbara Schlatter (1805-?1885) b. in Richwiller
m. 1826 in Kingersheim to Peter Rich (1796-1850)
Emigrated to Canada in 1843 where Peter died.**
Widow Barbara and family moved to Indiana, then Iowa.
- 7) Joseph Schlatter (b. & d. 1807) twin of Katharina
- 8) Katharina Schlatter (b. & d. 1807) twin of Joseph
- 9) Anna Maria Schlatter (1810-1874)
m. 1839 in Mulhouse to Jacob Zimmerman (1812-)
- 10) **Joseph R. Schlatter (1812-1876)
Emigrated to Canada in 1839 where he married Magdalena Christner**
Their story will continue below.
- 11) Benedick(sic) Schlatter (1816-1894)
bu. Schlatter Cem., Cedar Creek Twp., Allen Co., IN
1m. 1840 in Wittenheim to Elisabeth Gerig (1820-1854/55)
Emigrated to Indiana in 1852.
2m. 1855 in Allen Co., IN to Verena Lugbull (1829-1909)
- 12) Sebastian Schlatter (1819-1872)
Emigrated to Ohio in 1839
m. 1834, probably in Wayne Co., OH, to Rebecca Conrad (1822-1898)
Rebecca 2m. to Michael Klopfenstein (1824-1908)

JOSEPH R. SCHLATTER: FROM FRANCE TO CANADA TO IOWA

Joseph Schlatter was born in 1812 in Richwiller, Upper Alsace, near Mulhouse. His parents were Christian Schlatter and Anne Marie Roth. When he applied for a passport in 1839, he was living in Pfastatt, also near Mulhouse. He stated he was going to "Willmot," indicating that he knew his precise destination in Canada.(3) It is quite likely that he was related to someone in Canada, and one would guess it might have been through the Roth connection, but from the information available at this time that connection cannot be established.

In 1840 Joseph Schlatter married Magdalena Christener, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Christner.(4) According to tradition, Magdalena's father had been killed while cutting down a tree several years earlier. In 1842 Joseph's name appeared on an assessment list for South Easthope Township in the Huron District. When the Huron District was divided into counties, South Easthope became part of Perth County. Joseph and Madgalena were located on 100 acres on Lot 11, Concession III. The family consisted of three, and they had four oxen and two cows. Thirty acres were under cultivation. Joseph had a lease from the Canada Company who owned this land.(5)

In 1843, Joseph purchased the east half (100 acres) of Lot 35, Concession XIV, East Zorra Township, Oxford County. Although this property was in a different county, it was probably less than two miles from that in South Easthope. In 1849, however, they sold it to Emile Arthaud, a Frenchman, married to Susanna Ebersol, an Amish girl.(6)

It is not certain where the Schlatters were between 1849 and 1851 when they bought the next property. Mary Schlatter who was born in 1850 gave her place of birth as Tavistock, which would indicate they were in East Zorra. Perhaps they rented a place for a few years, and that may have been the place they purchased in 1851.

On February 4, 1851, a deed was registered to Joseph Schlatter for the east half of Lot 35, Concession XV, East Zorra Township, Oxford County. In the 1851 East Zorra census, the "Slaughter" family consisted of Joseph, age 35, Magdalena, age 30, and the following children: Christian, 10; Joseph, 9; Catherine, 5; Fanny, 4; Mary, 3, and John, 1. Fanny Aeir (Eyer/Oyer), age 19, was also a member of the household. The Peter and Fanny Christener family lived in the same neighbourhood. Peter was probably Magdalena's uncle.

Farming in East Zorra must not have suited the Schlatters, for on October 11, 1854, they sold the farm and by 1855 they were already on a taxpayer list in Iowa.(7) The presence of the Schlatter family in Canada was short-lived, but during his 15-year sojourn here, Joseph Schlatter had helped to tame the forests of Upper Canada. Joseph and Magdalena had eight children when they left Canada.

A history of Henry County, Iowa, claimed that Canadians such as the Schlatters were attracted by the livelier competition and the greater business opportunities in the United States.(8) The Schlatter and Wittrig families made the journey from Canada to Rock Island, Illinois by rail, the end of the line at that time, and continued to Washington County, Iowa, with wagons.(9)

Joseph and Magdalena are buried in Sommers Cemetery, Wayland, Iowa. Magdalena's mother was buried there also. Either she accompanied Magdalena and her family when they left Canada or joined them later and was living with them at the time of her death.

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH R. AND MAGDALENA (CHRISTNER) SCHLATTER(10)

Joseph R. Schlatter, son of Christian Schlatter (b. 1768)
and Anne Marie Roth, b. 1776; d. 30 July 1832, Richwiller
b. 5 May 1812, Richwiller(11), Haut-Rhin
d. 14 Apr 1876, bu. Sommers Cem., Marion Twp., Wayland, IA
m. 6 Sept 1840, Wilmot, Canada

Magdalena Christner, dau. of Christian and Elizabeth Christner
b. 2 Oct 1821, Alsace, France, or Bavaria, Germany
d. 9 Mar 1898, bu. Sommers Cemetery

Children:

- 1) Christian C. Schlatter, b. 2 Mar 1842, probably S. Easthope Twp., Canada
d. 1 Dec 1926, bu. North Hill Cemetery, Marion Twp.,
Washington Co., Iowa
m. 22 Nov 1866 Wayland, Henry Co., Iowa

by Joseph Goldsmith

Barbara Wenger, dau. of Christian Wenger and Anne Marie Roth
granddau. of Nicholas Roth and Anna Schantz (12)
b. 18 July 1846, South Easthope Township, Canada
d. 16 Dec 1918, bu. North Hill Cemetery
Lived in Wayland, Iowa, and had six children (See Note #9)

- 2) Joseph Schlatter, b. Mar 1843, South Easthope Township, Perth County
m. about 1897 to Isabelle _____ (1866-)
Lived in North Littleton and Denver, Colo., widow still living in 1930
No known children
- 3) Catherine (Katie) Schlatter, b. 8 Aug 1846, East Zorra Township, Oxford Co.
d. 5 Jan 1929, Wayland, Iowa
m. 23 Apr 1868, Henry Co., Iowa
m. Jacob S. Conrad (1846-1914), son of Jacob Conrad and Anna Schlatter
(second cousin)
Four children
- 4) Fanny Schlatter, b. 6 May 1848, East Zorra Township
d. 20 Oct 1933, Eicher Cemetery, Marion Twp. (cemetery record)
m. 15 Sep 1870
Benedict/Benjamin Roth, son of Christian Roth and Catherine Freienberg
b. 3 Oct 1846, South Easthope Township
d. 7 Jan 1927, Eicher Cemetery, Marion Township
Seven children (four known)
- 5) Mary Schlatter, b. 3 Feb 1850, Tavistock, East Zorra Township
moved to Iowa at age 6 (obituary)
d. 13 Aug 1938, bu. Sugar Creek Cemetery, Wayland, Iowa
m. 16 Feb 1871, Washington Co., Iowa
Joseph Freyenberger, son of Hans Freyenberger and Elisabeth Rupp
b. 31 May 1847, Alsace, France
d. 24 Dec 1918, Wayland, Iowa
Eleven children
- 6) John Schlatter, b. 24 Jun 1851, New Hamburg, Canada (obituary) (13)
d. 4 Jul 1923, bu. Sugar Creek Menn. Cem., Wayland, Iowa
m. 7 Sept 1876
Catherine (Katie) Miller, dau. of John Miller and Anna Raber
b. 1 Mar 1857
d. 14 Oct 1942, bu. Sugar Creek Menn. Cem.
Six children
- 7) Barbara Schlatter, b. 16 May 1853, East Zorra Township
d. 27 May 1913, near Noble, Iowa
m. 12 Feb 1878
John Graber, son of Christian Graber and Maria Widmer
b. 2 Dec 1849, Porrentruy, Switzerland
d. 1 Sep 1922
Three children
- 8) Benedict Schlatter/ b. 28 Jun 1854, New Hamburg, Ontario (14)
Benjamin C. Slatter, d. 21 Apr 1914, Filer, Twin Falls Co., Idaho
bu. Kearney Cemetery, Nebraska

- m. 8 Nov 1879, Seward, Nebraska
- Magdalene Stutzman, dau of Abraham Stutzman and Magdalena Troyer
 b. 5 Sep 1856, Holmes Co., Ohio
 d. 10 Sep 1901, bu. Kearney Cemetery, Nebraska
- Benjamin 2m. 8 Jun 1910 to Ola Baldwin, Kearney, Neb.
 Twelve children (ten from first marriage, two from second marriage)
- 9) Nicholas C. Schlatter, b. 16 Oct 1856, Iowa
 d. 28 Aug 1941, Alameda Co., Calif.
 At Albion, Calif. in 1923 (John's obituary)
 At Oakland, Calif. in 1938 (Mary's obituary)
- 10) George Peter Schlatter/Slater, b. 5 Apr 1859, Henry Co., Iowa
 d. 23 Jul 1929, probably in Kalispell, Mont.
 m. 1891, Kalispell, Mont.
 Julia C. Lynch, dau. of ?James and Catherine Lynch
 b. Dec 1859, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 d. 7 June 1953
 Lived at Kalispel, Mont.
 No children
- 11) Jacob C. Schlatter, b. 30 Jan 1861, Iowa
 d. 17 Jul 1936, North Hill Cemetery (cemetery record)
 m. 9 Mar 1886, Henry Co., Iowa
 Barbara Roth, dau. of Joseph F. Roth and Anna Schlatter
 b. 9 Mar 1867, Lee Co., Iowa
 d. 2 Dec 1944
 Lived in Washington Co. and Henry Co. (Wayland), Iowa
 Five children

Notes:

- 1) *Was Isch Dini Nahme? What Is Your Name?* by Delbert L. Gratz. Morgantown, PA: Masthof Press, 1995, page 15
- 2) For Joseph's ancestry, extended family and family residences in France I am indebted to the article "Schlatterei: The Scattered Progeny of Christian Schlatter (1743-1829) of Richwiller, Haut-Rhin, France, Part I: Patriarch and Firstborn son" by Neil Ann Stuckey Levine and Joe Springer in *Mennonite Family History*, Vol. XXV, No. 1, January 2006. (copy of article in SCHLATTER file)
- 3) Alsace Emigration list.
- 4) The marriage was announced in the September 25th 1840 issue of the *Canada Museum*, the German newspaper printed in Berlin (now Kitchener).
- 5) The Schlatter family is mentioned in *Country Roads: The Story of South Easthope, South Easthope Township, 1827-2000*, published by the South Easthope History Book Committee. Stratford, Ontario, pages 223,224. This book gives 1835 as the date of Joseph's lease, which is obviously an error.

6) The Arthauds sold this property again the following year and moved to Iowa. They are buried in the Eicher Cemetery, Marion Township, where Fanny (Schlatter) and Benedict/Benjamin Roth are also buried.

7) *The Mennonites in Iowa* by Melvin Gingerich, page 98. Family tradition has the family moving to Iowa in 1856 rather than 1855.

8) *Henry County Biographical Review*, Henry County, Iowa, 1908, pages 308-310.

9) 50th anniversary clipping for Christian C. Schlatter and Barbara Wenger [1916], sent by Doris E. Yoder, Davis, California, April 12, 1999. Evidently the Schlatters and the Wittrigs, another family to leave Canada at that time, travelled together.

10) The Schlatter family had been pieced together from various sources including the ones mentioned in the previous notes, but the article cited in Note #2 has been the most complete.

11) Joseph's birth may not be registered at Richwiller, but that was his place of origin according to the Alsace Emigration list.

12) Nicholas Roth and Anna Schantz were the grandparents of Barbara Wenger, and Benedict/Benjamin Roth and Joseph F. Roth, who all married Schlatters -- siblings or cousins.

13) Documentation sent by Waunita Gibbons, Missouri City, Tex. include: John Schlatter's obituary, "John Schlatter" in the *Henry County Biographical Review*, Henry County, Iowa, 1908, and cemetery records.

14) Both John and Benedict/Benjamin's obituaries indicate they were born at New Hamburg. New Hamburg is in a different township and county from the Schlatter locations, but also not far. One explanation for thinking that New Hamburg was their place of birth may be because Magdalena (Christner) Schlatter's sister Mary lived there. Mary was married to George Nicklas. Perhaps there was correspondence between Mary and Magdalena, and with the letters coming from New Hamburg, these two sons concluded that was where their parents had also lived at the time when they were born. Their address while living in East Zorra Township would have been Tavistock.

Additional notes:

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Children of Mary (Schlatter) and Joseph Freyenberger: (from obituary in *Gospel Herald*)

3 sons deceased: Joseph and John in infancy
Albert at age 45

4 sons: Menno, Chris, Samuel, Elmer - all near Wayland, Iowa

4 daughters: Mrs. Ella Oswald, Aurora, Neb.

Mrs. Anna Wenger , Wayland, Iowa
Mrs. Sarah Swartzentruber, Wayland
Mrs. Ed Wyse, Wayland

Anyone researching the SCHLATTERS in Hickory County, Missouri and southeastern Iowa, may wish to contact Terry (Mrs.) Lawson, 633 NW 2nd St., Moore, OK 73160-2907

Lorraine Roth
Tavistock,, Ontario
April, 2010

The following not in files which we copied.

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COMMENTS ON LORRAINE ROTH'S SCHLATTER LIST:

From records in France, I had found the birth and parentage of Joseph Schlatter, and in the local newspaper I found Joseph and Magdalena's marriage. From respondents to my article in "Mennonite Family History", I found their death dates and place of burial.

I mention the 1851 East Zorra census list in my introduction, but I will list them again here, because this was the initial basis of my outline:

Joseph Slaughter/Schlatter, Mennonite, age 35			
Magdalena	"	"	" 30
Christian, born Canada,	10		
Joseph	"	"	9
Catherine	"	"	5
Fany	"	"	4
Mary	"	"	3
John	"	"	1

I use this list as the basis for the first six children in the family.

(Anna should be Barbara, a cousin)

No. 7 on my list is Anna who married Joseph Roth, brother to Benedict/Benjamin Roth who married Fanny Schlatter. I assumed that this was a case of two sisters marrying two brothers, but with too many children in the family, I may have to conclude that Anna belonged to another family. A look at the Iowa census for 1861 would help to clarify whether Anna was or was not a daughter of Joseph and Magdalena.

No. 7 (Barbara) and No. 8 (Benedicat/Benjamin) I have taken from Marcio's list. They claim to have been born in Canada, but since they left about 1855/56, they did not get into the next census record; so I had no record of them, and no one had come forward with the information until I received a copy of your e-mail.

I put Nos. 7-10 between John and Jacob because there was a 10-year space the between the two. I had received the death date and place of burial about Jacob from cemetery records which someone sent me, and I got his marriage to Barbara Roth from Marcio's list. I put Nicholaus as No. 12 at the end of the list, but he may become No. 11, if we find that No. 7 (Anna) does not belong to this family.

COMMENTS ON MARCIO PADILHA'S SCHLATTER/SLATTER LIST

No. 1 (Nickolas) and 2 (Peter): These do not appear in the 1851 census record; so probably need to be moved further down the list.

No. 3 (Joseph) was the second child on the 1851 census list, and probably more likely born in 1843 rather than 1842.

No. 4: Fanny Schlatter, b. in 1843 in Adams County, Indiana, cannot belong to this family. Her marriage to Joseph Klopfenstein doesn't fit either.

No. 5: Katrina/Catherine was age 5 in the 1851 census list. So is your Katrina misplaced or is she from a different family? Also, she does not have the right husband. Although I don't know her husband's first name, John's obituary identified her as Katie Conrad.

No. 6: Barbara, born in 1853 in Canada fits with what we know about this family although I had not yet found her.

No. 7: Benjamin C. Slatter was probably born in East Zorra Township rather than Hamburg, but New Hamburg was a good-sized town and not far away. It was also the residence of Magdalena's sister Mary.

No. 8: Jacob C. Schlatter. His information agrees with what I already had on him. I did not have his marriage to Barbara Roth; so added it to my list.

No. 9, 10, 11: These three are not children of Joseph Schlatter. They were born after his death. Magdalena was still living but was hardly having children anymore -- at least not in 1892. Are they grandchildren or do they belong to another family altogether?

For births in Iowa, at least for the 1870s, 1880s, and 1890s, there should be records. They might be accessed through a Mormon (Latter Day Saints) Family History center. Or, you might try the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa, P.O. Box 576, Kalona, Iowa 52247. I would suggest sending them a few specific questions rather than a long list. You will be more likely to get a reply. For example, you might ask for the birth records of Mary, Christopher and John, which should supply you with their parents' names as well -- you already have the dates.

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December 20, 2004

Dear Marcio Padilha,

The secretary at Hillcrest Mennonite Church, New Hamburg, Ontario, sent me a copy of the e-mail they had received concerning your wife's Schlatter ancestry.

Knowing that I have done a great deal of work on Mennonite genealogy, the secretary contacted me, and I told her I would be glad to respond to it. Since the family was in Canada such a short time, and since there were few records from that period of time, I had a very sketchy outline of the family. About five years ago, I put a list of the family into the genealogy magazine called "Mennonite Family History" and got a few responses and a bit more information. I have now also co-opted two names from your list which I didn't have before -- namely Barbara, born in 1853 and Benedict/Benjamin, born in 1854. That gives me a total of 12 children instead of 11. You will see by my comments that Anna on my list may not belong to this family.

I will enclose a 4-page introduction, family list, and notes. I will also add some further comments on my list and then some comments on your list.

From your list, I am guessing that Benjamin C. Schlatter and his wife Magdalene Stutzman are your wife's ancestors. In case that is not correct, you may descend from one of those who doesn't belong to the Joseph and Magdalena (Christner) Schlatter family.

Evidently Schlatter is a Swiss name, but Joseph was born in Alsace, France. I do not know when the family he belonged to moved from Switzerland to France. They may have already been Mennonites (called Anabaptists back then) and left because of persecution. Or, they may have left for economic reasons and converted to the Anabaptists while in France. Because of the associations with the Mennonite community in Canada, I am quite certain that Joseph's family were already of the Mennonite faith, but I don't know how long.

Mennonites did not keep the kinds of records that state churches did -- hence no certificates of baptism or marriage. They practiced adult baptism; so baptisms do not indicate date of birth. Baptisms took place whenever persons decided they wanted to be part of and commit themselves to the community of faith. Joseph's birth record will be found in the civil registrations of Richwiller and can be accessed through the Mormon library at Utah or any family history center in a church near your area. It may or may not indicate whether Joseph's parents were Anabaptists.

In Canada, about the only records you will find are the announcements of births, marriages and deaths in the local newspapers, but not all may have been reported. We did not have universal civil registrations until 1869, and by that time the Schlatters had left.

I am certain that Joseph and Elizabeth Schlatter were Amish Mennonite (of the more conservative branch of the Mennonites). From Benjamin C. Slatter's obituary, we gather that he had allowed his church membership to lapse, but renewed his covenant with God and the Mennonite Church before his death.

Hopefully, the above and the enclosures will help to answer some of your question.

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I will also enclose a little section of map showing the two townships and counties in which the Schlatters lived. They were in close proximity, but when doing research, one must look in the right place. New Hamburg was in still another township and county but also not far away. New Hamburg is highlighted in yellow, the South Eashope farm is the dark green dot, and the East Zorra farms, the red dots. Tavistock is where the #19 highway (running north and south) and the railway meet -- not farm from the red dot on the left.

If you have an ancestry chart for your wife, I would be happy to have a look at it to see whether there are other family names with which I am familiar. If it turns out that we are certain that Joseph Schlatter and Magdalena Christner are her ancestors, and if you are interested in the Christner side as well, I will be happy to send you the story that I have on them.

I have friends by the name of Ken and Grace Schwartzentruber who were in Cao Paulo State, Brazil for 32 years. They were Mennonite missionaries involved in bookstore and translation work. In fact, you may have sent them a copy of your Schlatter outline, but not knowing what it was all about, they did not print it out. Their e-mail address is kengrace@look.ca. Send them a message about yourself and your wife, and they will pay attention! They might also help you with your "illiteracy" in the Mennonite faith.

I hope you will find this helpful although there are no easy answers to all of our questions.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Roth

P.S. Although my name is Roth, I am not likely related to Joseph Schlatter's mother's family. I do note, however, that the first East Zorra farm owned by the Schlatters from 1843 to 1849 was later owned by my Roth ancestors who did not come to Canada until 1852. They then owned it for three generations.

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m. 9 Mar 1886, Henry County, Iowa
Barbara Roth (marriage to Barbara Roth also from Marcio Padilha)
Lived at Wayland, Iowa
- 12) Nicholas Schlatter (d. after 1938)
At Albion, Calif. (John's obituary)
At Oakland, Calif. (Mary's obituary)

Notes:

9) Nicholas Roth and Anna Shantz were the grandparents of Barbara Wenger, and Benedict/Benjamin Roth and Joseph Roth, who all married to Schlatters. It is supposed that the Schlatters were all siblings belonging to this family. If Anne Marie, the mother of Joseph Schlatter was a sister to Nicholas Roth, the marriages listed above would have been between second cousins.

10) Documentation sent by Waunita Gibbons, Missouri City, Tex. include:
John Schlatter's obituary, "John Schlatter" in a Henry County Biographical Review, Henry County, Iowa, 1908, and cemetery records.

11) Both John and Benedict/Benjamin's obituaries indicate they were born at New Hamburg. New Hamburg is in a different township and county from the other Schlatter locations, but also not far. One explanation for thinking that New Hamburg was their place of birth may be because Magdalena (Christner) Schlatter's sister Mary lived there. Mary was married to George Nicklas. Perhaps there was correspondence between Mary and Magdalena, and with the letters coming from New Hamburg, these two boys concluded that was where their parents had also lived at the time when they were born.

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