At the First Annual REUNION of the SCHENCK FAMILY, held near Pittsboro, Ind, Sept. Ist. 1901, SAMUEL H. SCHENCK, the oldest member of the family present, gave a breif history of the family, as follows:

I shall have to talk under considerable disadvantages. My address if address it is, is a very peculiar one, and their are but few here that will be especially interested in what I have to say. I shall labor also, under some disadvantages because of the fact that I am not

master of my subject.

In the first place, I want to impress on the minds of the SCHENCK family the fact that my Father and the SCHENCK family are not German but DUTCHMAN. Now, the young especially in this audience may not under-

stand the difference, exactly. The Hollanders are the Dutch.

About the time Wm. Penn. made his purchase, in I680, there was a tide of emigration flowing to the United States from Holland; and in 1681, when he came over to take possion of his purchase, he found quite a number of Holland colonists located on his possion and he gave them special priveleges to induce others to lovate on his territory The tide of emigration continued and nearly all the settlements in New Jersey and Delaware were thickly interspersed with Hollanders, or Dutch. In process of time, the Germans commenced to emigrate and settle among the Hollanders, and by reason of the fact that they were similar in looks and language, they were called DUTCH. This did not satisfy everybody, and those from Holland Styled themselves Holland Dutch. That lasted a little while and then, to further distinguish between them, Germany being the highest territory and Holland the lowest inhab. ited country, the Germans were called "Low Dutch". The Hollanders in America were afterwards called PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH"

While this of emigration was flowing from Holland to the United States, two young men came over and settled in New Jersey, near where Princeton now stands. They were Johannes and Rudolph Schenck. The Germans of today, given the orthography, will pronounce "SHENCK" while the Hollanders pronounce it "SKENK" Johannes and Rudolph then were the names so common with us today, JOHN and RALPH SCHENCK.

Of John Schenck, the elder, I know but little, and can give you but little of his history. Allthat I know is that he raised one son

whose name was ROBERT SCHENCK

Robert Schenck came to OHIO and settled in Warren County in the early days, I don't Know just what time. You older ones know that our parents, in early times, had to masternevery three months in this country from the time they were eighteen untill fifty years old. Robert Schenck was a Brigadier General at the breaking out of the war of ISI2, and was in the service, but what part he took in the campaign I know not. He had two sons that I have an account of. What I have told you I know by tradition from my parents: what I am now going to state I get from Johnson's Complete Encyclopedia.

James Findley Schenck, son of the first Robert Schenck, was born in Warren Country, Ohio, in 1807. He entered the United States Navy in 1825, and served continuously from that time on, through the Mexican War, and in 1849 resigned. I know no more of him untill 1861, when he ra-entered the Navy, served through the Civil War, and in 1867 was made a Rear Admiral. In 1869 he again resigned, or was retired on account

of his age, being then sixty two years old, He died in 1889

Robert Cuming Schenck was born in Warren County, Ohio, in 1809. He graduated from Franklin College in 1824, and commenced the practice of law in Dayton. He was elected to the legislature in 1841, and elected to congress in 1843.

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In 1852 he was appointed Minister to Brazil and also served in some Diplomatic capacity in Peru, I beleive. He then came home and was elected and served another term in Congress; I cannot give dates here either. When the Civil war broke out he was appointed Brigadier General and went to the front. He was in two battles of Bull Run and in the last one was severly wounded and was disabled untill the followeng December, at which time he was made Major General and given command of the central division of the United States Army. He served untill 1863, when he was again elected to Congress. He resigned his position in the Army in December, 1863 and returned to the Halls of Congress He was chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs and also Chairman of the committee on ways and means during that Congress. He was appoint ed Minister to England in 1870, but eventually returned to England4 Washington D.C., opened a law office and practised law untill I890,

This is all that I know of the history of John Schenck and his when he died. sons, yet I am satisfied that there are a great many, of their descendants now in south western Ohio. I will relate a little incident that

I read a few years ago in a Cinninnati paper.

Sometime during the Civil War, there was a regiment made up in and around Dayton and sent to the front. They got down in Tennessee, and like all other soldiers, got pretty restless, so one evening two of the privates made arrangements to go on a little foraging expedit tion on their own account, and the guard agreed to let them pass the lines on their return. They got out alright and had their good time but they stayed a little too long and the guard was changed before their return. They approached the line and were hailed; and were with out the countersign. Of course, the Corporal of the guard was called, they were sent to the guard-house; the next morning they went before the Colonel to be tried for their offenses. The first one was asked his name, when he told, the Colonel said, "I supposedyou were one of them ---- SCHENCK'S". He was dismissed, the next one stepped forward with a broad grin on his face. "What is your name?" the preciding officer asked him. He looked him in the eye and answered, "Iam one of them --- SCHENCK'S. He was dismissed, and the court adjourned. That indicates that their were a good many SCHENCKS in that part of Ohio, and that they were very mischievous.
We here today are descendants of Rudolph Schenck, the younger

of the two young men who first came to this country.

Rudolph Schenck married a Dutch girl, (a Hollander,) named Ayres. To them were born, I believe, five boys; whether any girls or not I don't know; I have no account of any. There were John, William, Daniel, Moses and Garrett. All I know of William Schenck is that he settled in Montgomery County, Indiana, and raised quite a family of boysand they settled largely in that part of the country; and the result is that Montgomery County is pretty much overrun with Schencks.

Moses is the only one of that generation that I ever saw. He had one son named Rudolph. He also settled in Montgomery County. A few years ago I got in conversation with a man who lived in that part of the country, He asked if I was any relation to Rudolph Schenck that used to live in Crawfordsville, I said yes, he was a cousin to my Father. He said "He was one of the nicest men that ever lived in Montgomery County; I have known his family for five years and I know what I am talking about That was the first knowledge I had of Rudolph. This same man told me that he was then selling dry goods on the west side of the Public square in Crawfordsville. That is all I know of Moses and his family. Of Garrett I know nothing, only that he was a man that liked his tea, and when drinking would fight, it didn't make any differance who.

John was the oldest one of the five boys. He had quite a family and they were (Mostly boys and girls). Their names were Samuel, Betsey, Moses, Rebecca, Daniel, Anna and William.

Betsey Schenck married one Jackson Davis, settled in a place oq called Rossville, Butler County, Ohio; and lived and died there. She

was blind for a great many years.

Peggy married Aaron Hand in Ohio but eventually moved to Illinois somewhere, I don't know where. He and my Father had a little unpleasant ness in early life, they moved away and I never knew much of them. One peculiarity of the Schenck Family is that they don't fall out with

a man but once. Rebecca married Solomon Symmonds, my cousin William Symmonds'Father they settled, in the early time in Park County, Indiana, at Rockville. He was a wagonmaker. They raised a large family of boys and girls.

Daniel, the youngest child, also located in Park County. He was a chair maker, not many weeks ago I sat in a chair that he made before I was born. He married a wadow named Barrett. She had one child named Elijah. Their first children were twins, named Darius Cyrenus, Cyrenus and Elijah Barrett visited at my Father's house when I was a boy. He

is the only one of the family I ever saw.

I will leave the Schenck for a moment, and talk about my Mother. At a very early time, there was a German family by the name Hoffman that came over and settled in Culpepper County, Va., and among them was quite a bunch of boys; There were John, Peter, Jonas, Jacob, Manuel and Abraham. Manuel lost his life when a young man by falling from a mulberry tree. Peter Hoffman Probably the second boy, married one Anna Lyons, a Welsh girl; whether she came from Whales or not I don't Know; their first children were Mary and Margaret, twins; my Mother and cousin Bill Symmonds Mother, and many was the time when I saw them to \*gether that I couldn't tell which was my Mother, only she was a little the larger woman.

Samuel Schenck my Father, was born on the first day of October1786 in New Jersey, and some time in the first few years of his life, I Know not Just the date, the whole family emigrated west and settled on the Alleghany river. They remained there a short time and then got a boat and floated down the Ohio river in the year 1800. My Father was Fourteen years old when they came to Ohio. He was then raised in the Buckeye State; and in 1810 or 1811 probablyHe married Mary Hoffman,

now Deceased. To that union were born twelve children.

Sarah Schenck, their oldest child was born November 23rd 1812. She married Jacob McDaniel in May 1837. Their children were William, Harvey, Mary Jane, Sarah Ann, Samuel; Rebecca Ann, Elizabeth, John, Caroline, Martha and Willard. Shemdied on the 29th day of Sept. 1898.

Anna Schenck was born on the first day of July 1814. She wasmarried to Lewis Thornbrough in 1834. Their children were Mary Elizabeth, Samuel, Margaret, Angeline and Emeline. Anna died February Ist. 1851. Isaac Harvey Schenck was born Dec. 27, 1815. He married Nancy

Jane Harris Apr., 22, 1841. His children were Mary Elizabeth, Rebecca Ann, Tihlman Howard, Levi H., Samuel Riley, James B., Lenora Catherine, Thomas Jefferson, and George. Harvey died on Oct. 25th, 1895.

William Schenck was born Mar. 5, 1817. He married Anna Roberts Nov., 24th, 1843. and died in 1896. He had seven children; Sarah Elizbeth, Lucy Emeline, Mary Susan, Martha Ann, Delphia Jane, Samuel Golden and Margaret Ellen.

Margaret Schenck was born June 4th, 1819, and married to Alfred Bray in August, 1843. Her children were Mary Ann, Sarah Ann, Alvering, Pinkey, Minerva Jane, John Harvey, Eli Samuel, Martha Elizabeth, A Amanda Ellen, two infants unnamed, Sarah Rebecca, and Francis Marion. Margaret Bray died June 7th, 1891

Daniel Schenck was born Aug. 8th, 1820; married Margaret Ann Money November 25th, 1847, and died Oct; 29th, 1900. His children were John Samuel, George Mahlon, Lydia Ann, Ethan Allen, Mary Alice, Lewis Orlando and Sarah Amanda, twins, Ulysses Grant and Alverda.

Rebecca Schenck was born in 1821; married to Lewis Hardin in Feb; 1844; died in Oct, 1900. Her children were Marion Schenck and Mary Ann, twins John Wesley, Samuel Perry, Sebastian Columbus, William Thomas, Simon Peter, Jane and another twins, Permelia Frances and James Lane.

John Schenck was born Dec. 21st, 1823, and married Mary Furnas M Mar, \$\$13th, 1851. They had eleven children, Isaac Daniel, Esly, Firman Mary, Zenas Garrett, Zeruiah Jane, Naomi Frances, John Butler, Eduth Lucy Anna, Eli Leroy and Levi Lovejoy twins. John died May 10-79

Peter Schenck was born Oct, 21st, 1825, Died Sept, 15th, 1845.

Samuel Schenck was born July 30th, 1827, and married Martha J. Patterson July 30th, 1851 and is today, Sept, 1st, 1901, the only surving member of the family. His children are Stephen Joseph, Mary Alice, Charles William Eve, Samuel Alfred, Mary Elizabeth, William David and John W.

Stephen G. Schenck was born in Indiana on Feb. 17th, 1829. married Elizabeth Jane Coffman on Mar. 10th; 1853, died in 1894. His children were Alva Barton, Mary Belle, Indiana Keziah, George Harvey, John Jacob and William Wesley.

Levi Schenck, the youngest of the twelve, was born Aug, 3rd, 1831

died in April , 1835. He was burried on Easter Sunday. My Father and Mother sold their farm in Butler County, 0; and moved to Marion County, Ind., landing there on Sept, 15th, 1828, with a family of ten children. That was before the National Road was cut out and graded. The old White river bridge was built in 1833. They

built a cabin in the forrest; there was a parlor, sitting room, kitchen and bed-room all in one, I8 X 20 feet. It was three miles to the nearest neighbor, and it was ten miles through the forrest to the nearest mill(or corn cracker). They settled on 160 acres of land covered with very dense timber, and remained on the same farm untill there was over 100 acres without a stumpmor tree on it and made but one log rolling on the place to clear the whole "shootingmatch".

My Mother Mary Schenck, died Dec, 20th, 1856 and was laid away in her last resting place in the Mount Tabor Cemetary in Boone County Ind.

My Father Samuel Schenck, Sr; died Aud; 23rd, 1863, and was laid by the side of the companion of his long life, there to remain untill the dead in Christ shall arise to meet the Lord in the air, and may we, all of their progeny, be found as worthy of being among that blissful number as their ancesters, is the earnest prayer of the last leaf on the old family tree

Samuel H. Schenck

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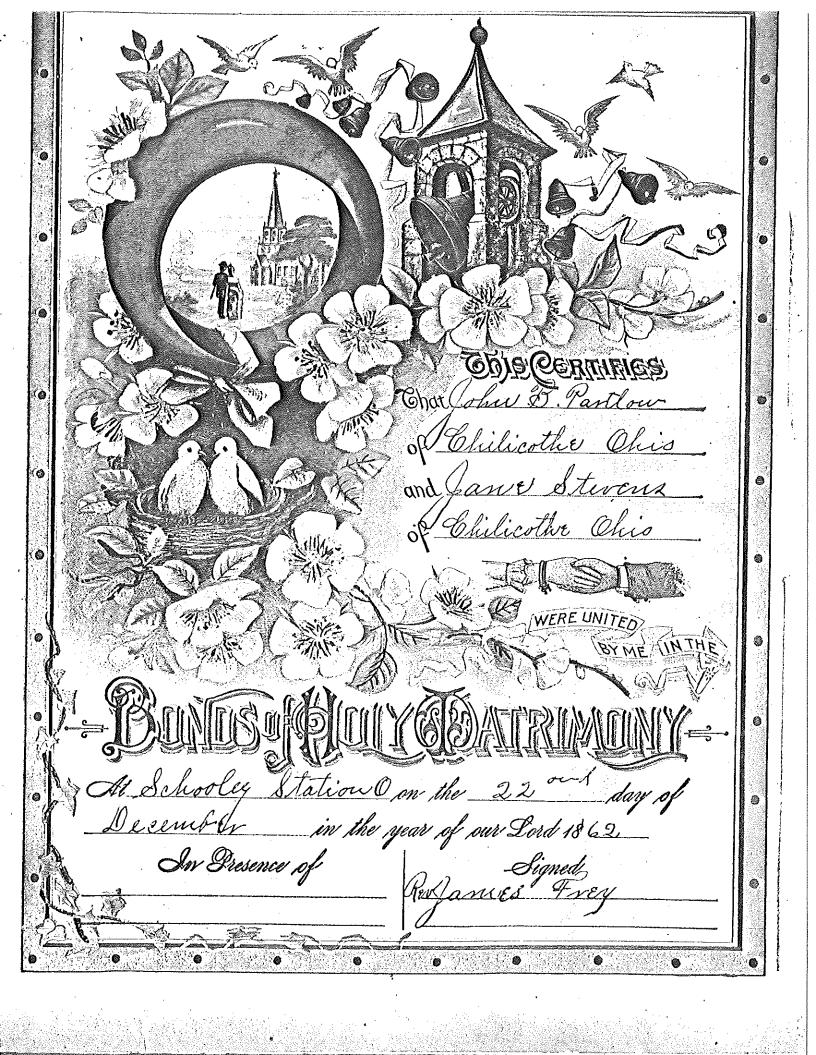
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# Sale of Schenck Heirlooms Was Field Day for Collectors

recent administrator's sale here of as it had in civil war days. A tiny the personal property of the late coffee mill still smelled of the Miss Alverda Schenck dissolved coffee it had ground out by the what was considered one of the spoonful, the grains browned in oldest, oddest and most comprehensive collections of heirlooms it proved as glamorous to buyers and antiques in the state.

Miss Schenck was a daughter of work design that sold for \$7. Daniel and Margaret Schenck, Boone county pioneers, who were that reminded persons of an all but the grandparents of Hassil forgotten generation of days when Schenck, Indiana Farm Bureau excess clothing, stifling churches leader. Alverda Schenck and her and long services necessitated sister Sarah had moved here sev-their use. eral years ago.

sale, found dishes of generations removed from the bobby socks past, books bearing publishing period, were placed alongside sev-dates as early as 1814, McGuffey eral pairs of silk stockings. But no readers, old religious tracts and nylons! There was a cord bed, walchildren's books of another cen- nut dressers and chests, quilts of tury.

Modern folk marveled at the old terpanes. harness bench at which Daniel The prize collector's item of the Schenck had made and mended lot proved to be a calendar clock, harness for himself and other so old no member of the Schenck early settlers. A high spinning family knew its age and no attendwheel was more familiar, but one ant at the sale was able to tell of the objects of greatest interest anything of it maker. was a telescope on a tripod. It was once the property of Mahlon been used for years in the home Schenck, amateur astronomer in a of the two sisters. It, not only told day when very few in Indiana time, but the date, the year, the knew the stars well.

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