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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Schmidtmeyer, Henry Frank
1886 WI – 1976 WI



HENRY SCHMIDTMEYER

Born Jan. 11, 1886. Entered the service at Chippewa Falls, Wis., in July, 1917. Trained with Co. A, at Camp Douglas, Wis., and Camp McArthur, Waco, Tex. Transferred to the 107th Supply Train, 32nd Div. Sailed in January, 1918, on the Tuscania. Promoted to Corporal. With Army of Occupation in Germany. Discharged May 29, 1919.

Henry Frank Schmidtmeier – “Honor Roll, Chippewa County, Wisconsin” 1919 p. 81 -

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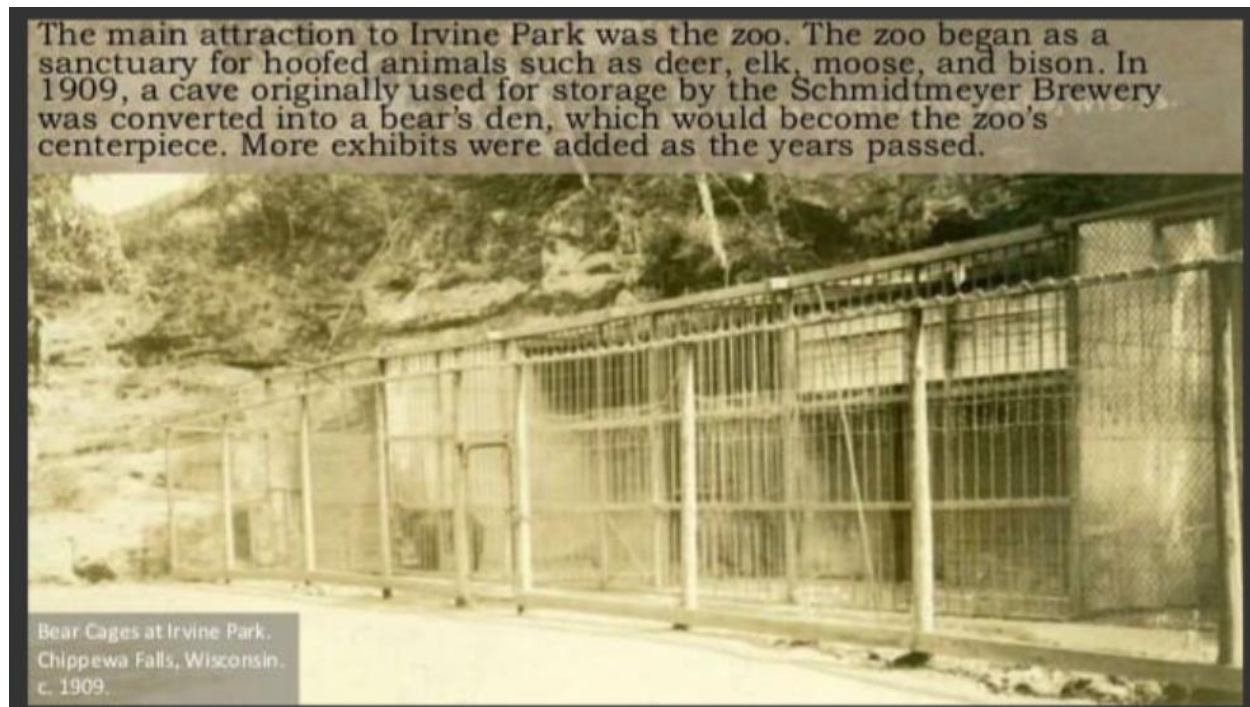
BENJAMIN SCHMIDTMEYER

Born Dec. 8, 1889. Entered the service at Chippewa Falls, Wis., May 3, 1918. Trained at Camp Wadsworth, S. C. Assigned to Co. B, 53rd Inf., 6th Div. Sailed July 6, 1918. Fought at Verdun and Alsace-Lorraine front. Sailed for America Dec. 17, 1918, arriving on the 30th. Mustered out Jan. 23, 1919.

FRANCIS SCHMIDTMEYER

Born Feb. 25, 1896. Entered the service at Chippewa Falls, Wis., July 22, 1918. Trained at Camp Grant, Ill. Assigned to Infirmary 12285, Medical Detachment.

At the left is Henry's younger brother Benjamin Schmidtmeyer (1888-1962, F: 146705723). At the right is Francis Xavier Schmidtmeyer (1896-1993, F: 65525979), named for Henry & Benjamin's father. He is the son of Henry & Benjamin's half-brother, Carl August Schmidtmeyer, by their father's 1st wife.



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Schmidtmayer, Otto, pntr., h. 216 W. Elm.
Schmidtmayer, Richard, brew wkr., Leinenkugel, h. 418
Poplar.

The SCHMIDTMAYER family includes mother Ida (widow of Francis X.) & her children Benjamin, Francis [Miss], Henry, Otto & Richard - Chippewa Falls WI 1917 city directory -

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**HENRY F.
SCHMIDTMEYER**

Henry F. Schmidtmeier, age 90 of 357 W. Elm St., Chippewa Falls, passed away Saturday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital.

He was born January 11, 1886 in Chippewa Falls, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schmidtmeier. He was married to Elizabeth Zinsli of Chippewa Falls in 1924 in Chippewa Falls, and they resided in Milwaukee where he had been employed by the city of Milwaukee until World War II. They then moved to Chippewa Falls where he has since resided. He was a veteran of World War I, and a member of St. Charles Church, the Chippewa Barracks 2905, and the Last Man's Club. He is a former member of the American Legion Post No. 77.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Frances Tibedeau of Spooner, Wis., and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth on June 9, 1976, one sister, one half-sister, three brothers, and one half-brother.

Military funeral services will be held Tuesday 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Church with Father Charles Wolfe officiating. Burial will be made in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery and services will be conducted by Chippewa Barracks 2905.

Visitation will be Monday 2 to 9 p.m. at the Hogseth-Pederson Funeral Chapel. The Rosary will be recited Monday 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

RESURRECTION MASS

A Mass of the Resurrection for Henry F. Schmidtmeyer, 357 W. Elm, Chippewa Falls, was held Tuesday 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Church with Father Charles Wolf officiating during the Mass and also at the Prayers of Interment at Calvary Cemetery. During the Mass Mrs. Judy Brist sang "Panis Angelicus" and "Ave Maria," accompanied by Mrs. Don Stumpf. The following acted as pallbearers: Thomas Larson, David Hoepner, Wayne Steinmetz, Peter Hanson, Johnny Sazama, and Francis Culbert. The Rosary was recited Monday 8 p.m. at the Hogseth-Pederson Funeral Chapel and led by Father Charles Wolf.

Mr. Schmidtmeyer was the oldest veteran of World War I in the state of Wisconsin. Military services were conducted by Chippewa Barracks 2905, and an honor guard was formed at the church and also at Calvary Cemetery with John H. Paul as Officer of the Day, Jack Warns as Chaplain, and Colorbearers Ervin Frederick and Homer Hebert. On the Firing Squad was John Lokrantz, Arthur Remol, Andrew Elbert, Hugo Post, Carl Kleinheinz, William Polzin, Leo Harris and Edward Lemke. Bugler was Mary Wermund, and the flag was folded and presented to Mrs. Ed Tibedeau, a sister of the deceased.

Claims that Henry was the oldest WWI veteran in the state of Wisconsin. A quick check on the Internet found at least one exception immediately: J. Vincent Hood of Racine WI who died in 1997 at age 101. – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Thursday 11 Nov 1976 p 4

World War Veterans Here for "Last Man's" Reunion

The reunion of the 341 members of Company A, Headquarters company and the Band of the Fourth Wisconsin Regiment, who left Chippewa Falls 18 years ago tomorrow on their way to the World War, started today although the program does not start until Sunday. Several of the boys who marched away on that long-to-be-remembered day arrived in the city today and were renewing old acquaintances preparatory to the reunion program of the Last Man's Club which will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening. It is expected that more than 100 will be here for the event.

Among those who have signified their intention of attending the reunion are Major Schneller of Neenah,

Henry Schmidtmeier of Milwaukee, while Jack Foster and Fred Booth arrived this morning. Robert McCormick today said a number would be here from New Auburn.

The reunion will start with registration at Henry Jasper's between 3 and 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon and at 5 o'clock arrangements have been made to transport the veterans to the Outers Club on Lake Wissota where the program will be carried out. Preceding the banquet there will be a business meeting which will include the election of new officers of the Last Man's Club. One of the features of the banquet will be a toast to the "last man" and following the banquet will come the reunion program and an old-time get-together.

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Saturday 10 Aug 1935 p 1

VETERANS HOLD BANQUET HERE

**Members of Last Man's Club
Enjoy Reunion on Anni-
versary of Departure.**

The first annual reunion of members of the Last Man's Club of the volunteers who marched away from Chippewa Falls on Aug. 11, 1917, with Company A, the Headquarters Co., and the Band of the Fourth Wisconsin Regiment, was held last evening at the Outers Club with 49 present. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, giving the veterans an opportunity to talk over war-time experiences and renew acquaintances.

Henry Jasper of this city, the youngest member of the three organizations, he being but 15 years old when he enlisted in the band, was paid the signal honor of being elected president. Other officers elected were, Louis Altman, vice president; E. A. Firth, secretary; Chris Blumhardt, treasurer; Carl Schwahn, chairman of entertainment committee; P. J. Pangborn, chaplain.

Banquet at Outers Club

Following registration at Henry Jasper's during the afternoon, the members were driven to the Outers Club, where the banquet was served in the open air. Elmer Charland presided and Robert L. Wiley gave two toasts to "the last man."

Seven members of the band answered the roll call of "Casey" Jones, top sergeant of the Headquarters Co., who acted as drum major as the units marched down Bridge street 18 years ago, and he put them through their paces once again.

It was noted that...

Following is a list of the members who registered at yesterday's meeting:

O. L. Briggs, Rice Lake; H. E. Jones, Rice Lake; John Sheehy, Eau Claire; Henry Schmidtmeyer, Milwaukee; S. N. Gaard, Minneapolis; Guy E. Wiseman, Menomonie; A. L. Brusen, Menomonie. Peter Kot, Stanley; Art H. Long, Stanley; S. C. Sneen, Stanley; Bob McCarty, New Auburn; Asa McCarty, New Auburn, and the following from Chippewa Falls:

H. G. Lea Vesseur, Wm. W. Hebert, F. Blumhardt, Frank Peloquin, E. L. Comerford, L. H. Harris, Bart Meuli, Carl Schwahn, H. M. Jenkins, Shirl Dick, H. A. Doege, Edward Adams, P. J. Pangborn, Wm. Nadreau. George Borgenheimer, Henry Jasper, Frank Aulman, Oscar Bjork, Robert Wiley, Ed. Paul, Charles Pregent, William Gereau, R. J. Grant, Ralph Larson, Christ Blumhardt, Ingwald Lokken, Albert Morrisette, Art Lunde, Hans G. Horne, Clarence McMartin, Ezra Holtz, E. A. Firth, Elmer Charland, Louis Altman, Adam Stengle, Alvin Krause.

State Tuscania Survivors To Meet Here On Feb. 6



Wisconsin survivors of the troop ship *Tuscania*, which was sunk by a torpedo fired from a German submarine during World War One, will hold a reunion in Chippewa Falls on Saturday, February 6, it was announced today by William Gereaux.

The *Tuscania* was sunk 11 miles off the coast of Scotland on the evening of February 5, 1918, as the 2,100 soldiers aboard were at mess, or awaiting their turns to eat.

Immediately there was a rush for the life boats, some of which worked and some did not, but out of the 2,100 soldiers, aboard all but 213 were rescued. How many of the crew were lost is not now recorded.

Of the 213 men lost, three were from Chippewa Falls — Earle Weisenberg, Art Harvey and Claire Metzenberg.

The survivors, picked up by convoy ships and life boats and other craft, were taken to Ireland, Scotland where they recuperated before

continuing their trip to France.

The units aboard the *Tuscania* included the 20th Engineers, the 107th Supply Train and the 107th Engineers train, all of the 32nd division.

Among the Chippewa Falls, resident who survived the torpedoing and sinking of the *Tuscania* are the following:

George Borgenheimer, Hilton Doege, Edwin Bushland, Guy Weisenman, Richard C. Thornton, Edward Paul, Louis Hartman, Ingwald C. Hanson, Leo Cornellier, George Stengel, Peter J. Pangborn, William Gereaux, Walter English, Oscar Bjork, Hans Christensen, Charles Pregent and Henry Schmidtmeyer.

The reunion meetings will be held at the American Legion Club, with a banquet to be held at the Empire Café. At 5:45 o'clock in the afternoon, the hour on which the torpedo struck the *Tuscania*, a memorial service for those who were lost will be held on the new bridge over the Chippewa River.

PARKED CAR

A legally parked car owned by Donald Zielke, 627 Olive Street, Chippewa Falls, was hit when another car driven by Henry Schmidtmeyer, 357 West Elm Street, Chippewa Falls, was reportedly forced over on the street into the Zielke car. Schmidtmeyer said he was going west on Elm when a eastbound car driving at a high rate of speed came in his direction forcing him to pull over. The left rear quarter panel on the Zielke car was damaged. The Schmidtmeyer car received a scraped right front fender.

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Wednesday 7 Apr 1971 p 5

FOOT SLIPPED

A rural Holcombe man, Alfred Lehman, Route 2, damaged the front end of his car yesterday afternoon to the extent that it had to be towed away. The Chippewa Falls police reported Lehman had parked his car on West Central Street in the city and then decided to pull ahead. His foot slipped from the brake onto the gas pedal and the car leaped ahead striking another car owned by Henry Schmidtmeyer, 357 West Elm Street, Chippewa Falls. The Schmidtmeyer car was then pushed forward and struck the rear of a third parked car owned by Howard Flint, 715 Jennifer Court, Chippewa Falls.

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Tuesday 15 Jul 1975 p 4

Wife:

**Miss Elizabeth Zinsli
Weds Henry Schmidtmeyer.**

A pretty autumn wedding took place this morning at 10 o'clock at the St. Charles rectory, when Miss Elizabeth Zinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zinsli, 1522 Eagle street, became the bride of Henry Schmidtmeyer, son of Mrs Ida Schmidtmeyer, 216 West Elm street. Rev. Father Kaiser performed the ceremony.

They were attended by Miss Frances Schmidtmeyer, sister of the groom, and Francis Contini of Cornell.

The bride wore a gown of grey velvet with hat to match. She carried a bridal bouquet of sweet peas, roses and swansonias. Her bridesmaid was also gowned in grey velvet and wore a hat to correspond. Her bouquet was of sweet peas and roses.

A wedding breakfast was served at

the home of the bride's parents to forty guests. The rooms and tables were artistically decorated in pink and white, sweet peas, roses and similar. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidtmeyer will leave this evening for Milwaukee, where they will make their home. The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Helster of Chicago, Miss Lena Scheidler of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmidtmeyer and Miss Emma Kuerleg of Bloomer.

Marriage of Elizabeth Zinsli to Henry SCHMIDMEYER – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Monday 22 Sep 1924 p 3

**MRS. HENRY
(ELIZABETH)
SCHMIDTMEYER**

Mr. Henry (Elizabeth) Schmidtmeier, age 83 of 357 W. Elm St., Chippewa Falls, Wis., passed away at 1:20 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital.

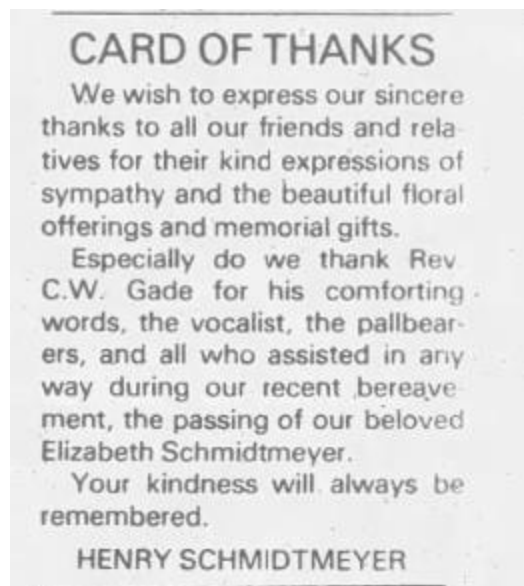
She was born at Lake Nebagamon, Wis., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Louise Nowak Zinsli. She was married in 1924 to Henry Schmidtmeier of Chippewa Falls, and they resided in Milwaukee. While living there she was a member of the Legion and VFW Auxiliary. They moved to Chippewa Falls in 1948 and she had been employed at the Sears-Roebuck Store until her retirement. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband Henry; three sisters, Miss Helen Zinsli, Mrs. Sylvia Kalow and Mrs. August (Ruth) Muff, all of Chippewa Falls; and several nieces and nephews.

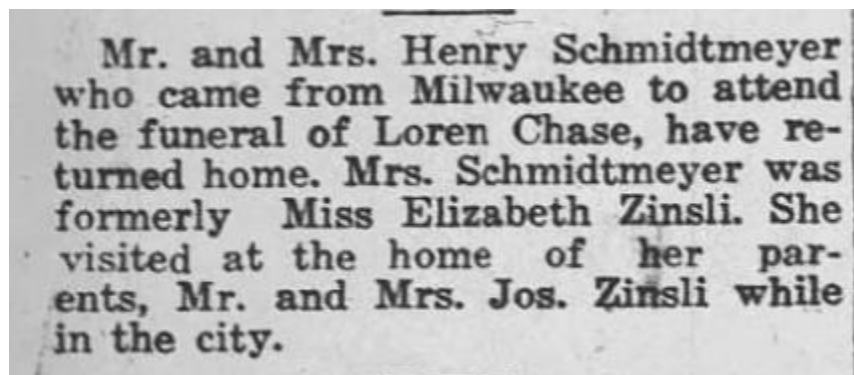
She was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday 2 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. Clifford Gade officiating. Interment will be made in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Hogseth-Pederson Funeral Chapel Monday 2 to 9 p.m. and Tuesday morning until 11 a.m. and then at the church until the time of service.



"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Friday 25 Jun 1976 p 7



"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Tuesday 19 Aug 1930 p 3

Father:

ANOTHER OLD SETTLER GONE

**F. X. Schmidtmeyer Passes Away
at St. Joseph's Hospital
Yesterday**

F. X. Schmidtmeyer, for more than thirty years a resident of this city, died at St. Joseph's Hospital at any early hour yesterday morning, after a very brief illness from stomach trouble.

Mr. Schmidtmeyer established the first brewery in Chippewa Falls which he conducted for a number of years prior to 1855, when he leased it to other parties. Engaged in the hotel business upon the present site of the Union House. Later he moved upon a farm a short distance north of the city and resided there until Monday where he was taken sick and removed to the hospital.

During the war he Mr. Schmidtmeyer served as a private in the Civil War.

The surviving members of the family are his wife, and sons and daughters Mrs. H. L. Heisler, Chicago; C. A. Schmidtmeyer, Tilden; Mrs. C. Contini, Chippewa Falls; Helen L., Richard, Otto, Harry, Benjamin and Francis, who reside at home.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon.

Obituary of father, Francis Xavier SCHMIDTMEYER – “Chippewa Herald-Telegram” (Chippewa Falls WI) Saturday 16 Jan 1904 p 3

Mother:

MRS. IDA SCHMIDMAYR Mrs. Ida Schmidmayr, 87 years of age, and a resident of Chippewa county for more than 65 years, died at St. Joseph's hospital Saturday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock after an illness of more than two months. She was born Ida Schmidt in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, on July 2, 1854, and was married to F. X. Schmidmayr in this city in 1877. They resided in this city until 1882, when they moved to a farm in the town of Eagle Point and lived there until 1914, when they returned to Chippewa Falls. Mr. Schmidmyr died several years ago. Mrs. Schmidmayr was a member of the Christian Mothers Society of St. Charles church. Surviving are four sons, Richard and Ben of this city, Otto of Bloomer and Henry of Milwaukee, four daughters, Mrs. H. L. Heisler of Bloomer, Mrs. C. Cantini of this city, Mrs. Edward Thibodeau of Spooner and Mrs. Dell Chase of Cornell. Also surviving are one brother, Mike Schmidt of Rice Lake, a sister, Mrs. Anton Bischel of Bloomer, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.	The remains will lie in state at the Mason Funeral Home until the funeral services which will be held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Charles church. Interment will follow in Calvary cemetery. The rosary will be said at the funeral home at 8 o'clock tonight. Sunday afternoon members of the Sacred Heart Society said the rosary at the funeral home at 2 o'clock.
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Obituary of mother Ida Schmiel (Schmidt) Schmidmayr – “Chippewa Herald-Telegram” (Chippewa Falls WI) Monday 27 Apr 1942 p 3

Father's 1st wife:

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
IN COUNTY COURT, CHIPPEWA COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Real Estate of
Amelia Schmidmayr,

Deceased.

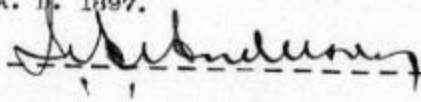
STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS
Chippewa County)

I, J. A. Anderson, County Judge of Chippewa
County, do hereby certify that the names of the heirs of Amelia
Schmidmayr, deceased, late of the city of Chippewa Falls, Wiscon-
sin, are as follows:

Paul Phillip Gebhard, Adolph E. Gebhard, Carl A. Schmidmayr,
and Emily Schmidmayr, and that the interest of each of said heirs
in the premises of which said Amelia Schmidmayr died seized, is
the undivided one-fourth interest of each in said premises, des-
cribed as follows, to-wit:

The south half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the southwest quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of section No.
thirty-four (34) township No. twenty-nine (29) north, of range No.
eight (8) west, in the county of Chippewa and state of Wisconsin.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of the County Court
of said Chippewa County, this 5th day of
January, A. D. 1897.



County Judge.

IN PROBATE--Chippewa County Court.
To the Judge of said Court :

The Petition of *Amancia J. Schmittmeyer of Chippewa Falls* in said County, respectfully represents, that *Arthelia Schmittmeyer* late of *Chippewa Falls* in said County, deceased, on the *20* day of *December* 187*8* at his residence in *Chippewa Falls* in said County, died intestate, as your petitioner believes,—no last will and testament having been found, or known to exist; that said deceased left a ^{husband} ~~widow~~ (your petitioner) and *2* children, viz: *Louis Augustus* aged *9* years *Emilie Margarethe* aged *6* years, — the children of said deceased and your petitioner, and *2* children of the deceased before marriage with your petitioner by her first husband viz: *Paul Philipp Schubert* aged *18* years and *Adolph Schubert* aged *17* years—

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Siblings:

The men were cousins.
 Mrs. Pearl Wilson and Mrs. Ray Larson attended the funeral of Mrs. Carrie Cantini in Chippewa Falls Wednesday.

Funeral of sister Carolyn (Carrie) Schmidmayr Cantini (1878-1959) - "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Saturday 14 Nov 1959 p 4

R. A. Schmidmayr Taken By Death

Richard A. Schmidmayr, 418 Poplar Street, a life resident of Chippewa Falls, passed away suddenly on Saturday at his residence.

Mr. Schmidmayr was born September 11, 1883 in Chippewa Falls, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Schmidmayr. He attended St. Charles School and was later employed at the Leinenkugel Brewery and then at Irvine Park. His marriage to Mary Vieu took place in May, 1911, at St. Charles Church.

He was a member of Notre Dame Parish and the Holy Name Society of Notre Dame.

Mr. Schmidmayr is survived by his wife, Mary; one son, Raymond of this city; one daughter, Sister Mary Pious, S.S.N.D., of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; three brothers and two sisters, Otto and Ben of Chippewa Falls; Henry of Bloomer; Mrs. Edward (Frances) Thibedeau of Spooner, Wis.; and Mrs. Carrie Cantini, Whitefish Bay, Wis.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Arthur in 1946; his parents; one sister, one step-sister and one step-brother.

Friends may call at the La-
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Schmidmayr

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Francia-Burkart Funeral Home after 2 p.m. Tuesday until the time of the funeral. Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at Notre Dame Church with Father Louis Deitrich, C.S. Sp., officiating. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

The Rosary will be recited at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday night at the funeral home.

Obituary of brother Richard A. Schmidmayr (1883-1958) – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Monday 11 Aug 1958 p 1

Miss Mary View and Mr. Richard Schmidtmeyer were married at St. Charles church yesterday morning, Rev. Father Ritz, the pastor, performing the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Francis Bergeron and the groom by Mr. Henry Schmidtmeyer. The bride wore a white embroidered gown, veil and wreath and the groom wore conventional black. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Twin View, and last a reception was given to a large number of friends. Supper was

served. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidtmeyer are among the prominent young people in Eagle Point and they have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Marriage on 2 May 1911 of brother Richard A. Schmidtmeyer to Mary Vieu, with Henry as best man –
"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Wednesday 3 May 1911 p 3

State Gets Tied Up by Heavy Snow

United Press International

It was "Operation Dig Out" today in Wisconsin, as the state measured, plowed and shoveled Tuesday's heaviest snowfall of the winter.

Three deaths were attributed to the deep drifts which piled up from 45 m.p.h. winds, while schools and businesses were closed, power lines fell, and many events were called off because of impassable roads.

The dead were Dell Chase, 73, rural Cornell, who was found slumped behind his car where he slipped and struck his head; and Edward F. Zunk, 65, and Francis F. Mehling, both of Milwaukee, who died of heart attacks after shoveling snow.

Dell Chase, 73, of rural Cornell in Chippewa County, was found slumped at the rear of his car near his home. Coroner Dr. Earl Hatleberg said Chase apparently slipped while loading bricks into the rear of his car and fell, striking his head. His head lay under the exhaust pipe of his car, which was running, and death was due to a combination of the head injury and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Death of brother-in-law Delvin Roscoe ("Dell") Chase, married to his sister Helen L. Schmidmeyer (1883-1958) - "Portage (WI) Daily Register" Wednesday 11 Feb 1959 p 1

Obituaries

DELL CHASE

Dell Chase, Route 2, Cornell, was found dead beside his car, at his home at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

A complete obituary will be published tomorrow.

"Chippewa (WI) Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Tuesday 10 Feb 1959 p 2

played and taken service.
Mrs. Val King attended the funeral of her relative, Mrs. Dell Chase at Cornell Friday at 9:30 with Rev. Russell Tremblay of the Holy Cross Church officiating. Interment was made in the Calvary Cemetery, Chippewa Falls.

Obituary of Helen L. Schmidmayr Chase (1883-1958) – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Saturday 15 Mar 1958 p 6

OTTO L. SCHMIDMAYR

Otto L. Schmidmayr, age 74, a resident of Bloomer, died at St. Joseph's Hospital in this city early this morning.

Mr. Schmidmayr was born January 14, 1885 in Chippewa Falls, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis X. Schmidmayr. In 1919, he was married to Anna Steichen at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Bloomer where they made their home. Mr. Schmidmayr was in the painting and decorating business.

He served as Bloomer City Alderman from the Fourth Ward for five terms; was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church and of the Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife, Anna; one daughter and one son, Mrs. Robert Lois Brustman of Madison Wis., and Francis, at home; two brothers and two sisters, Henry and Ben Schmidmayr, Chippewa Falls; Mrs. Carrie Cantini, Milwaukee, and Mrs. Ed (Frances) Thibodeau of Spooner.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters, one half-brother and one half-sister. Friends may call at the Rock Funeral Home, Bloomer, from 4 p.m. Saturday until funeral time. Services will be held Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Bloomer, with Rev. Ralph Geissler officiating. Interment will be in the North Cemetery.

The parish Rosary will be recited at 8 o'clock Sunday night at the church.



Left: Obituary of brother Otto Leo Schmidmayr (1885-1959) – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Friday 15 May 1959 p 4 - Right: Otto Leo Schmidmayr -

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Ben Schmidtmeyer of Chippewa Dies

CHIPPEWA FALLS — Benjamin Schmidtmeyer of Chippewa Falls died Thursday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was born in Eagle Point township and has been a resident of this area all his life.

He worked as a sign painter until his retirement in 1940.

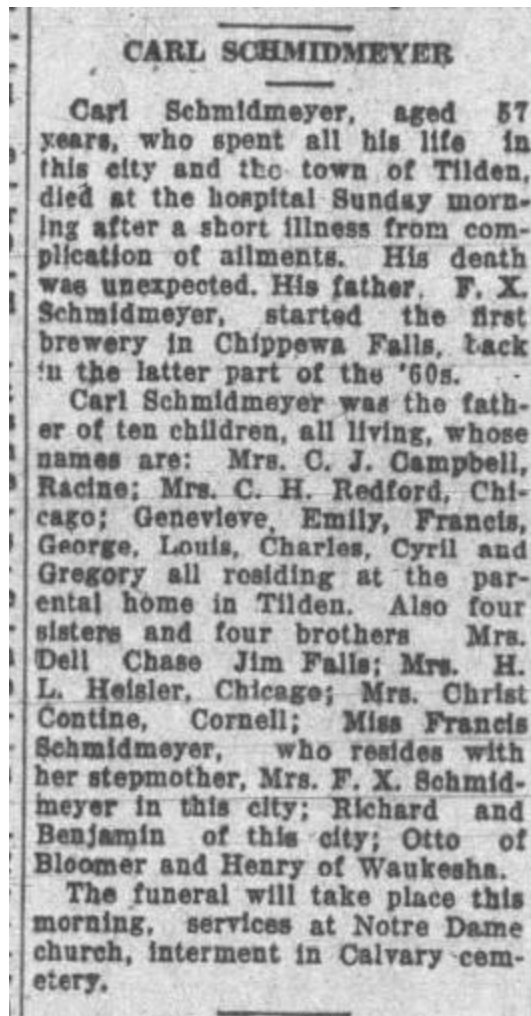
He is survived by one brother, Henry of this city; and one sister, Mrs. Edward Thibedeau who resides in Spooner.

Friends may call at the Burkart Funeral Home.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at the St. Charles Church where he was a parish member. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Obituary of brother Benjamin A. Schmidtmeyer (1888-1962) – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram”
Saturday 12 May 1962 p 3

Half-siblings:



Obituary of half-brother Carl Schmidmeyer (1867-1924) – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram”
Tuesday Jun 1924 p 11

Mrs. Schmidmeyer of Chippewa Dies

CHIPPEWA FALLS — Mrs. Exilda B. Schmidmeyer, Rt. 2, Chippewa Falls, died Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Schmidmeyer was born in Tilden Township and attended school in Tilden and resided in that township all of her life. Her marriage to Carl A. Schmidmeyer took place April 22, 1895 at Notre Dame Church here.

Surviving are six sons, Francis of Sheboygan; George of Owen; Louis and Charles of Tilden; Cyril and Gregory of Chippewa Falls; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Campbell, Beloit; Mrs. Albert Redford, Chicago; Genevieve of Tilden; and Emily of this city; one brother, Villa Beaudette of this city; four sisters, Miss Ida Beaudette, Rhineland; Mrs. Agnes Zenner, city; Mrs. James McElroy, city; and Mrs. Charles Goulet, Wheaton Township; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Burkart Funeral Home after 2 p. m. today until the time of the funeral. Services will be held Saturday at 9 a. m. at Notre Dame Church with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

The Rosary will be recited at 8 p. m. today at the funeral home.

Obituary of Exilda A. Beaudette Schmidmeyer, wife of Carl August Schmidmeyer — "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Friday 7 Jan 1961 p 3



Half-sister Emily Margaret Schmidmayr Heisler (1870-1945) – Find A Grave 59297989

MRS. EMILY HEISLER.
 Mrs. Emily Heisler, 75, died at her home in Bloomer Thursday afternoon.
 Mrs. Heisler was born Emily Schmidtmayer October 31, 1870, in Chippewa Falls. In 1896 she went to Chicago where she was employed and in 1898 was married to Henry Heisler at Chicago. They continued to make their home there until 1938 when they moved to the city of Bloomer and where she had since resided. Her husband preceded her in death October 17, 1945, and she is survived by three sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Carrie Cantini, Bloomer; Mrs. Belle Chase, Cornell; Mrs. Edward Thibedeau, Spooner; Richard and Ben of Chippewa Falls; Otto of Bloomer, and Henry of Milwaukee.
 The remains will lie in state at the Rock Funeral Home in Bloomer from Saturday afternoon until the hour of the funeral. Services will take place Monday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Paul's Catholic church in Bloomer with Father M. Haas officiating. Interment will be made in the North cemetery.

Obituary of Emily Margaret Schmidmayr Heisler – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Friday 23 Nov 1945 p 3

Name: Henry Frank Schmidtmeyer [ship] / Henry Frank Schmidtmayer [tombstone]

Name variations: Schmidmayr (used by parents & some siblings)- Schmidmeyer – Schmidmeier – Schmidmayer -

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. A - corporal

Serial number: 250,951

Entered service from: Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Henry Frank Schmidtmeyer

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Mrs. F.X. Schmidtmeyer, 216 W. Elm St., Chippewa Falls WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919,

Sailed on return ship as: Henry Schmidtmeyer

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: sister Miss Francis Schmidtmeyer, 216 W. Elm St., Chippewa Falls WI (PFC, Co. A, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Henry F. Schmidtmeyer - b. 11 Jan 1886 Eagle Point WI; res: 818 N. Elm, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Single. Lineman for North American Telegraph Co., Chippewa Falls WI. Claimed exemption from draft: “belong to Wis Nat Guard” – medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Chippewa Falls WI (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors)

World War II draft registration (1942): as Henry Frank Schmidtmeyer - b. 11 Oct 1886 Eagle Point, Chippewa WI; res: 1612 N. 24th, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. NOK Elizabeth Schmidtmeyer, same address. Employed by Alvin Horn, Milwaukee School Board, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. “goiter scar on neck” – Height: 5’8” – 160 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917

Discharged: 29 May 1919

Address: 216 W. Elm St., Chippewa Falls WI

Rank/unit: private 1st class, Co. A, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 11 Jan 1886 (WWI draft) or 11 Oct 1886 (WWII draft) or 11 Jan 1887 (Veterans Administration Military Index) Eagle Point, Chippewa WI 6 Nov 1976 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI (in St. Joseph's Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 146705722 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI

Cemetery: Calvary

Tombstone: veteran flat: PFC US Army WWI

Father: Francis Xavier Schmidmayr, Apr 1829 Bavaria (Bayern), Germany – 15 Jan 1904 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Buried in St. Paul & St. Jude North Catholic Cemetery, Bloomer, Chippewa WI. Allegedly opened the 1st brewery in Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WA.

Henry’s mother was his father’s 2nd wife. Francis Xavier was first married to Amelia/Amalia (“Mary”) Louise Friedman (Friedemer), whose 1st husband was Benjamin Gebhard (see below). They married in 1866.

Find A Grave: 106115717

Mother: Ida Schmiel (Find A Grave) or Schmidt (obituary) Schmidmayr, 18 Jul 1854 Sullivan, Jefferson WI (obituary: 2 Jul 1854) – 25 Apr 1942 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Buried in St. Paul & St. Jude North Catholic Cemetery, Bloomer, Chippewa WI.

Find A Grave: 172474741

Parents' marriage: 30 Jun 1877 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI (following Amalia's death)

Father's 1st wife:

Amelia/Amalia ("Mary") Louise Friedman (Friedemer/Friedemann) , 1827 (1860 census) or 1834 Baien, Baden-Württemberg, Prussia – 20 Dec 1875 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. As Amalia Friedemann, she married Benjamin Gebhard in WI [date not shown on record]. He was born ca. 1824 in Prussia [claiming to be age 36 in the 1860 census]. Benjamin died 27 Feb 1866 in Chippewa Co. WI.

Her child by Gebhard lalso found as Gebhart]:

- Paul Phillip Gebhard, 9 May 1858 WI – 14 Sep 1924
- Adolph M. Gebhardm 9 Feb 1860 WI –
- Karl Benjamin, 13 Apr 1864 Chippewa Co. WI. Presumably dead by the time his mother's will was probate 31 Dec 1877.
- Clara Gebhard, 31 Aug 1865 WI – 25 May 1879 Sheboygan Co. WI
- Frederick Gebhard, 1868 WI

Her will was probated in Chippewa Co. WI. Her son Adolph M. Gebhard, by her 1st husband, the deceased Benjamin Gebhard, born 9 Feb 1860 petitioned 20 Jun 1878 to be administrator. He noted his brother as Philip Paul Gebhard, born 9 May 1858, as a co-heir. Paul was recorded as age 18, Adolph as age 17. The value of the estate was reported as \$10,000 with \$3,000 in debts. The forms also note that she left a surviving husband, Fracis X. Schmidtmeyer & her 2 children by him, Carl Augustus Schmidtmeyer (age 9) & Emilie Margareth Schmidtmeyer (age 6). Francis petitions to be administrator on 24 Nov 1876. A confusing entry shows a claim by Herman Englebretson of a delivery of barley to the deceased while she was running a brewery, on 20 Jan 1897 in Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – but she would have been dead by then.

Spouse: Elizabeth Zinsli Schmidtmeyer, 1893 Lake Nebagamon, Douglas WI -9 Jun 1976 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Daughter of Joseph Zinsli (1864 Switzerland-1936, F: 171232487) & Louise Nowak (1870-1951, F: 171232435. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 146705724

Marriage: 22 Sep 1924 in Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI, in the rectory of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Children:

Siblings: In the 1900 census, Ida says she has given birth to 10 children, 7 of whom are living. Listed are Richard, Helen, Otto, Henry, Benjamin & Francis; Carrie would have been married.

- Carolyn (Carrie) Schmidmayr Cantini, 1878 – Nov 1959. Listed as Mrs. Christ Continue of Cornell WI in her half-brother Carl's Jun 1924 obituary. Resident of Bloomer, Chippewa WI in 1945. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Resident of Milwaukee WI in May 1959. F: 146704997
- Frederick Carl Schmidmayr, 1881 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – 10 Jul 1881 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI.
- Helen L. ("Belle") Schmidmeyer Dell, 1883 WI [or Jul 1880 in 1900 census] – 4 Mar 1958 Cornell, Chippewa WI. Wife of Delvin Roscoe Dell (3 May 1884 WI – 10 Feb 1959 WI, F: 76603323). Died after a long illness. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. F: 144027317
- Richard Anthony Schmidmayr, 11 Sep 1883 [also found as 1882] Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI (obituary) or 1885 Find A Grave – 9 Aug 1958 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Married Mary Vieu on 2 May 1911 in St. Charles Church, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. F: 146705719
- Otto Leo Schmidmayr, 14 Jan 1885 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – 15 May 1959 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Husband of Anna M. Steichen (1886-1979, F: 43329963) whom he married 1 Jul 1919 in Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Buried in St. Paul & St. Jude North Catholic Cemetery, Bloomer, Chippewa WI. F: 43330002
- Benjamin A. Schmidmeyer, 8 Dec 1888 Eagle Point township WI – 10 May 1962 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. In the "Honor Roll of Waushara County" listing WWI service, his birthdate is listed as 8 Dec 1889. He entered the US Army on 3 May 1918 at Chippewa Falls WI & was assigned to Co. B, 53rd Infantry, 6th Division. He sailed to war on 6 Jul 1918 & fought at Verdun & Alsace-Lorraine. He sailed back to the US, arriving 30 Dec 1918 & was discharged 23 Jan 1919. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. F: 146705723
- Frances M. Schmidmeyer Thibedeau, 21 Dec 1891 WI – 9 Mar 1993. Wife of Edward F. Thibedeau (1900-1990). Buried in Spooner Cemetery, Spooner, Washburn WI. F: 133577983

Half-siblings: by his father's 1st marriage, to Amelia/Amalia Friedman Gebhard

- Carl [Carlton] August Schmidmeyer, 9 Apr 1867 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – 14 Jun 1924 WI. Baptized 9 Jun 1867 in Notre Dame Church, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Married 22 Apr 1895 in Chippewa Co. WI to Exilda A. Beaudette (1876-1961, F: 102235974). His WI birth record lists him as the son of Francis Xavier & Amalia S. Schmidtmeier. His name on the marriage record is listed as Carl A. Smithmayer. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. F: 102235971
- Emily Margaret Schmidmayr Heisler, 31 Oct 1870 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – 22 Nov 1945 Bloomer, Chippewa WI. Baptized 11 Jun 1871 in the Catholic Church in Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI; her mother is listed as Amalia Friedemer. Married in Chicago, Cook IL in 1898 to Henry Louis Heisler (1867-1945, F: 59397458). Buried in St. Paul & St. Jude North Catholic Cemetery, Bloomer, Chippewa WI. F: 59397989

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 7 – among the Badger soldiers on board Tuscania is Henry E. Schmidtmeyer, corporal, Chippewa Falls WI.

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) 6 Nov 1976 p 4 - age 90, res: 357 W. Elm St., Chippewa Falls WI, b. 11 Jan 1886 Chippewa Falls. Son of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Schmidtmeyer. Married Elizabeth Zinsli of Chippewa Falls in 1924 in Chippewa Falls WI. The couple lived in Milwaukee where he worked for the city until WWII, then moved to Chippewa Falls. WWI veteran, member of Chippewa Barracks 2905 (conducting graveside services), Last Man's Club, former member of American Legion. His wife Elizabeth d. 9 Jun 1976. Survived by sister - preceded in death by sister, half-sister, 3 brothers, half-brother, military funeral 9 Nov, burial Calvary

Social Security number: 397-46-9145

Censuses:

1860 Wayne, Washington Co. WI – conducted 6 Aug 1860 – his father's 1st wife with her 1st husband & 2 children

Benjamin GELHART, 36 Prussia, farmer

Mary, 33 Prussia

Paul, 2 WI

Adolph, 4 months WI

1880 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – E. Columbia St. – his father, his mother, his half-siblings by his father's 1st marriage (not to Ida) & his 2 sisters

F. Schmidmayr, 50 Bavaria, parents b. Bavaria, saloon, boarding house

Ida, 24 WI, parents b. Warsaw (?) [wife]

Carl, 13 WI, at school [son by 1st wife Amalia]

Emily, 9 WI, at school [daughter by 1st wife Amalia]

Caroline, 1 WI [daughter – by Ida Schmidt]

Girl, 3 months WI [daughter – by Ida Schmidt – this is Helen]

1900 Eagle Point, Chippewa WI

James Schmidtmeyer, 70 Germany, Aug 1829, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1854, in US for 46 years, naturalized, married 24 years, farmer

Ida, 44 WI, Jul 1855, parents b. Germany, gave birth to 10 children, 7 are living

Richard, 17 WI, Sep 1882, farm laborer
 Hellen, 18 WI, Jul 1880, servant
 Otto, 15 WI, Jan 1885, at school
 Henry, 13 WI, Jan 1887, at school
 Benjamin, 11 WI, Dec 1888, at school
 Francis, 8 WI, Dec 1891 [sic/1891 was meant], at school [daughter, although this is the masculine spelling of the name Frances]

1905 WI state census – Eagle Point, Chippewa WI
 Ida Schmidmeyer, 48 WI, parents b. Germany, farmer
 Helen, 22 WI, housekeeper
 Richard, 21 WI, farm laborer
 Otto, 20 WI, farm laborer
 Henry, 18 WI, farm laborer
 Benjamin, 16 WI, farm laborer
 Frances, 13 WI, student
 [for the children: father b. Germany, mother b. WI]

1910 Eagle Point, Chippewa WI
 Mrs. F.X. SCHMIDMAYER, 53 WI, parents b. Germany, widow, farmer / manager, farm, gave birth to 10 children, 7 are living
 Richard, 26 WI, farmer, home farm
 Otto, 25 WI, farmer, home farm
 Henry, 23 WI, farmer, home farm
 Bennie, 21 WI, farmer, home farm
 Francis, 18 WI [daughter, although this is the masculine spelling of the name Frances]
 [for the children, all are single, father b. Germany, mother b. WI]

1920 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – 216 Elm
 Ida Schmidtmeyer, 66 WI, parents b. Germany, widow
 Henry, 33 WI, single, lineman, telephone company
 Frances, 24 WI, single, bookkeeper, dentist office
 Ben, 31 WI, laborer, single
 [for the children: father b. Germany, mother b. WI]

1930 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 532 – 24th St.
 Henry Schmidtmeyer, 38 WI, parents b. WI, laborer, planter, WWI veteran
 Elizabeth, 36 WI, father b. Switzerland, mother b. Germany

1940 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 1612 N. 24th St. – same house in 1935
 Henry Schmidtmeyer, 53 WI, laborer, repair work, school board, city
 Liadeth, 46 WI

1950 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI

Henry SCHMIDTMAYER, 54 WI [no occupation]

Elizabeth, 50 WI, clerk, mail order catalogue store