SCHAUB

Block 37, Lot 5 De Smet Cemetery

☛ There are 4 stones in the Schaub From L-R (south-north): Frank Schaub (1855-1930); M. Josephine Schaub (1859-1943); Carleton Paro Schaub (1896-1905); Helen "Middie" A. Schaub (1881-1956). Josie is buried in St. Thomas Cemetery. Arthur's info (Sept. 9, 1897-May 11, 1885/6) may be on other side of Carleton's stone.

The harness will hold. I had it made to order at Schaub's harness shop. Every strap is sound leather and it's double-riveted and wax-sewed... – *These Happy Golden Years*, Chapter 21, "Barnum and Skip"

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FRANCIS XAVIER SCHAUB

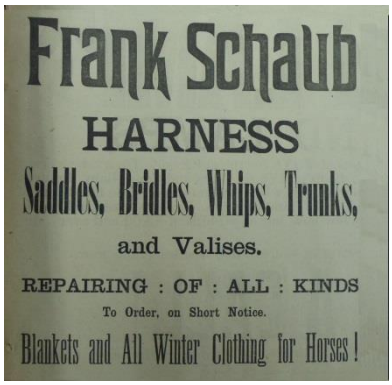
Block 37, Lot 5 De Smet Cemetery
December 8, 1855 – April 25, 1930; died at age 74

Frank Schaub

Husband of Mary Josephine (Perault) Schaub (1859 – 1943); married November 30, 1875.
Father of Pearl Louise (Schaub) Durkee (1876-1957, moved to Missouri), Arthur (1879-1886), Helen Amelia "Middie" Schaub (1881-1956), Mary Josephine "Josie" Schaub (1884-1891, buried in St. Thomas Cemetery), Luella Mae (Schaub) Rehfeld (1886-1978, married Benjamin Rehfeld from Esmond), Frances Adelaide Schaub (1888-?, died in New York, married three times), Carleton Paro Schaub (1896-1905), and Sidney Frank Schaub (1900-1998, moved to Minnesota).

Francis "Frank" Xavier Schaub was born December 8, 1855, in Baden, Germany, son of Francis Xavier Schaub and his wife Helena. In 1868, Frank and his parents came to America and settled on a farm near Eagle Lake, Minnesota.

Frank studied in the public schools of Blue Earth County, then completed his education with a course at St. Mary's School in Mankato.



At age 16, Frank entered into an apprenticeship with Mankato harness-maker, Henry Guth. After four years, Frank was ready to work on his own, and he applied his craft in Faribault, St. Clair, and Sherburn, Minnesota. November 30, 1875, Frank married Mary Josephine Perault (often spelled Paro), daughter of Peter and Mary Perault of St. Clair. Frank and Josephine had eight children: Pearl (born 1876), Arthur (born 1879, died young and buried in the De Smet cemetery), Helen "Middie" (born 1881-1956, buried in De Smet cemetery), Josephine (died young), Luella Mae (born 1882), Frances Adelaide (born 1888), Carleton (born 1896; died from complications of measles in De Smet in 1905), and Sidney Frank (born 1900).

After running a successful harness shop in Sherburn for four years, Frank decided to sell his business and move to Dakota Territory; the family settled in De Smet on April 25, 1882. Frank purchased Lot 16, Block 2 on Calumet Avenue in the original town of De Smet. Across the street from Wilder Feed, this lot was just south of Carter Sherwood's De Smet LEADER building and in the same block as Wilmarth Grocery, Clayson Drygoods, and Carroll's Bank. Behind it was Timothy Johnson's Wagon Shop. In 1883, Schaub built a large harness shop with the family residence above. According to Carter Sherwood, Schaub's place "overshadowed the Leader office by a respectable majority." In the photograph below, the harness shop is the building at right, with two windows upstairs and an awning over the sidewalk on the main floor. The building at far left is Cream City Livery; this was built after the time of the Little House books and is *not* Pierson's Livery, which was at the south end of Calumet. The small building in the center was the De Smet Leader newspaper office, a restaurant at the time this photograph was taken.

Although only mentioned once in the Little House books, Frank Schaub was no doubt a person well known by both the Ingallses and Wilders. He sold not only harnesses (priced from $24 to $30, according to an 1893 advertisement in the Kingsbury County Independent), but satchels, traveling bags, valises, and trunks. Perhaps Charles Ingalls purchased Mary's college trunk and Laura's wedding present of a new trunk (see *These Happy Golden Years*, Chapter 32, "'Haste to the Wedding"') from Mr. Schaub!

From L-R (north-south): Former Harthorn Store building, Cream City Livery, De Smet Leader building, Schaub Harness (with awning)...

In 1896, Frank Schaub became mayor of De Smet. He had not run in the election but was elected by petition, winning

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by only three votes against the unopposed incumbent. Leaving the harness business in the early 1900s, Schaub purchased the Bradley Drug Store building on Calumet and opened a general merchandise store. He soon sold this business in order to concentrate on public service. He was Kingsbury County treasurer, Register of Deeds, De Smet City treasurer, and financier of the Ancient Order of United Workman lodge in De Smet.

In 1930, Frank Schaub was employed as census taker for Mathews Township, when he died suddenly after suffering a heart attack. His death occurred on April 25, 1930, exactly forty-eight years to the day that he first settled in De Smet. Frank Schaub was buried in the De Smet Cemetery beside his son Carleton. Josephine Schaub died July 21, 1943 in De Smet, and she was buried in the family plot.

Frank Schaub / 1855 - 1930

May 2, 1930. The De Smet NEWS. Frank Schaub Taken Suddenly In Heart Attack.

Frank Schaub passed away without warning Friday morning, and De Smet and Kingsbury County mourn the loss of a resident since 1882, business man and public officer.

Mr. Schaub had been engaged in taking the census of Mathews township, going in the country each day. He had returned from the day's drive apparently in usual health Thursday evening.

During the night Mr. Schaub was ill and his wife was up with him. He had not been the best of health several days before and had consulted Dr. B. A. Dyar. At seven-thirty Mrs. Schaub suggested calling the doctor, but her husband did not think it necessary as he felt better. He was alone in the room but a few minutes and when she returned, he had passed away.

Illness eighteen months ago had left Mr. Schaub weak, and the work of census taking proved a strain on him. A heart attack was the cause of death.

The death took from the community a man who had spent forty-eight years to a day as a resident. He had come here as a harness maker, served as county treasurer, later entered the general merchandise business, and had left that to serve four years as register of deeds. Since leaving office over a year ago, he had been engaged in duties as city treasurer and lately as financier of the Workman lodge.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home, with the Rev. W.L. Johnson of the Episcopal church officiating. The Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges took part in the last rites for a charter member of their local orders. Interment was in the local cemetery.

Mr. Schaub is survived by his widow, four daughters and a son, and seven grandchildren. The children were all here for the funeral services. The children are Mrs. G.H. (Pearl) Durkee of Bolivar, Mo., Miss Middie A. Schaub of De Smet, Mrs. B.F. (Lulu) Rehfeld of De Smet, Mrs. Frances Carpenter of Badger, and Sydney F. Schaub of Bancroft vicinity. They were all present for the services and the daughters are spending the week with their mother. Mrs. Durkee was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. E.F. Eisert of Kansas City.

For more than forty years Mr. Schaub has been a public officer, serving the city as councilman, mayor, member of the school board and city treasurer, and the county as treasurer and register of deeds. He was very efficient in this work.

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Frank Schaub was born in Baden, Germany, Dec. 8, 1855, and came to this country with his parents in 1868. They located on a farm near Eagle Lake, Minn., and he continued his education in the public schools of Blue Earth County, later attending St. Mary's academy at Mankato.

At the age of 16 Mr. Schaub entered a harness shop to learn the trade. He later worked at Faribault a short time and in 1875 opened a shop of his own at St. Clair, three years later moving to Sherburne, where he remained until 1882. In the spring of that year, he came to De Smet, Dakota Territory, arriving April 25.

In De Smet Mr. Schaub opened a harness shop, and continued at his trade until elected county treasurer in 1899. At the close of his second term in this office he entered the general merchandise field and left it only in 1925, when elected as register of deeds. Since leaving office over a year ago he had been employed in several capacities. He was city treasurer and financier of the local Workman lodge at his death.

Mr. Schaub was married to Josephine Paro at St. Clair, Minn., Nov. 12, 1875. Eight children were born to them, three of them, Arthur, Josephine and Carleton, dying in childhood, the other five surviving their father.

Fraternal memberships included the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges, of which Mr. Schaub was a charter member, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

ARTHUR SCHAUB

Block 37, Lot 5

Carleton Schaub

May 7, 1887. The De Smet LEADER.

Little Arthur Schaub has been dangerously sick with diphtheria and scarlatina, but is some better. Saturday, May 14, 1887 [The De Smet Leader]: Little Arthur Schaub, seven-year-old son of F.X. Schaub, died Wednesday night. He had been sick for some time with diphtheria and scarlatina, and was thought to be getting better, but was taken with a sudden relapse and died. His remains were taken to the cemetery on Thursday, the nature of the disease demanding their immediate burial. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement. Arthur was a bright little boy, and he will be missed by his playmates as well as the family.

Helen A. Schaub / 1881 - 1956

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MARY JOSEPHINE (PARO) SCHAUB

Block 37, Lot 5
July 14, 1859 – July 21, 1943; died at age 84

M. Josephine Schaub / 1859-1943

July 22, 1943. The De Smet News.

Mrs. Frank Schaub Succumbed At 84; Pioneer Of De Smet

Mrs. Frank Schaub succumbed to a long illness at her home here Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at St. Stephens Episcopal church.

She was one of the early residents of De Smet and had lived here continuously since. She is survived by three daughters and a son, the husband having died some years ago.

She was 84 years of age.

July 29, 1943. The De Smet News.

Mrs. Schaub, 84, Resident 55 Years.

Mrs. Frank Schaub, who died at her home here last week after an extended illness, was 84 years of age, and had been a resident of De Smet for fifty-five years, her husband having been a harness maker and later a merchant.

Mary Josephine Paro, daughter of Mary Louise and Pierre Paro, was born July 14, 1859, at Hastings, Minn. Her early life was spent there and at St. Clair, and she was married at the latter place on November 12, 1875, to Frank Schaub. Eight children were born to them, Arthur, Josephine, and Carleton passing away in childhood.

The family lived at St. Clair for some time, then at Sherburne, and came to Dakota Territory from there in 1888 [sic?] , having lived in the same residence all the years since. Mr. Schaub died in April 1930.

She was a communicant of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, a member of the Degree of Honor lodge and a charter member of Evangeline Rebekah lodge.

Left to mourn her loss are four daughters: Mrs. Pearl Durkee, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Middie Schaub; Mrs. B.F. (Lulu) Rehfeld and Mrs. Frances Carpenter, all of De Smet, and one son, Sydney F. Schaub of Austin, Minn., eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, also three sisters, Mrs. Lena Detienne, Van Hook, N.D., Mrs. Margaret Ward, Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Gertrude Roderick, Outlook, Mont.

Death came Wednesday, July 21, after an illness of some month and ill health of several years. She had been confined to her bed for eight months.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Stephen's church by the Rev. W.L. Johnson of Webster, former pastor, at 2:30 Friday, and she was laid to rest beside her husband and children in De Smet cemetery.

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