

## Daniel Heinrich Benjamin SCHACHE

born: July 18, 1866, Sichem (Dalkey) via Balaklava, South Australia.  
died: April 28, 1937, Box Flat via Murtoa, Victoria.  
buried: Murtoa, Victoria.  
married: June 24, 1891, St. John's Lutheran Church, Murtoa, Victoria.

## Marie Catharine Helene SCHACHE

born: March 18, 1865, Greenock, South Australia.  
died: June 17, 1952, Box Flat via Murtoa, Victoria.  
buried: Murtoa, Victoria.  
parents: Carl Gottlob SCHACHE and Maria Elizabeth SCHUBERT.

### Children of Daniel Heinrich Benjamin SCHACHE and Marie Catharine Helene SCHACHE:

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| 1. | <u>Minna Helene SCHACHE</u>    | 1892 - 1919 |
|    | Bernard Adolf PIETSCH          | 1886 - 1968 |
| 2. | <u>Hilda Maria SCHACHE</u>     | 1894 - 1985 |
|    | Roy Claude HATELEY             | 1891 - 1979 |
| 3. | <u>Olga Anna SCHACHE</u>       | 1895 - 1983 |
|    | Daniel Johannes WILHELM        | 1888 - 1966 |
| 4. | <u>Paul Alexander SCHACHE</u>  | 1898 - 1963 |
|    | (1) Christine Julienne WILHELM | 1898 - 1939 |
|    | (2) Ada Marion MAY             | 1905 - 1994 |
| 5. | <u>Elfriede Louise SCHACHE</u> | 1904 - 1984 |
|    | Herbert Ernst NOWOTNA          | 1892 - 1945 |
| 6. | <u>Emma Gertrude SCHACHE</u>   | 1908 - 1979 |
|    | (1) James Stanley FOGARTY      | 1895 - 1962 |
|    | (2) Sydney Victor MAGUIRE      | 1901 -      |

**Daniel Heinrich Benjamin (Dan) Schache** was born shortly after his parents, several uncles and aunts, and grandparents moved from Greenock, in the Barossa Valley to Sichem, near Dalkey, in the Balaklava district of South Australia. Although born at Sichem, his birth was registered the following month at Greenock in the Barossa, perhaps when his parents made a return trip there after moving north. Dan would have spent his first years at Dalkey, and at Woodside and Grunthal in the Adelaide Hills, where the family lived before his father took up land at Mannum in . Dan often recalled the family's years of privation in the Adelaide Hills, where his father was barely able to scratch a meagre living.<sup>1</sup> After leaving school Dan would have undoubtedly worked on his father's farm at Mannum, or for other district farmers. He was only 20 when his mother died in 1886.

The following year, at the age of 21, Dan and his younger brother Hermann Gottlob Emanuel Schache travelled to the Victorian Wimmera, and worked for their uncle Carl Gottlob Schache who had selected at Box Flat, near Murtoa, in 187 . While Dan settled in the Wimmera, Hermann returned to South Australia after a few years. Dan married his cousin **Maria Catharine Helene (Lena) Schache**<sup>2</sup> four years after arriving in Victoria, the officiating minister being Pastor C. G. Hiller, who ministered to the Schache family from the earliest days at Murtoa. Lena was only eight when her

<sup>1</sup> Lothar Schubert to the author, 17.5.1979, recalling a conversation with Dan Schache in Victoria between 1916 and 1920.

<sup>2</sup> Lena's birthplace is listed variously as Greenock and Lyndoch Valley, although it is understood her parents were living at Hallett's Valley, near Tanunda, when she was born.

parents arrived at Murtoa, and was one of the first pupils at the original Lutheran school in Murtoa. She was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Murtoa.

Dan worked as a farm labourer for his uncle for a number of years before purchasing the Box Flat property – known as *Sandergrove* – from Lena's parents. It is understood that the property was first taken over by another son-in-law, Heinrich Wilhelm Otto Carl (Charlie) Reinecke, but when Charlie went insolvent in 1898, Dan purchased it.

*Sandergrove* became a prosperous wheat-growing property; in time Dan was able to purchase other parcels of land, and in 1922 built a new house on the property, replacing the original pioneer dwelling. Dan and Lena's son Paul married that same year, and the young couple lived together with his parents and unmarried siblings on the farm. Dan also purchased his first car, an Essex 4, in 1922.

Like many of the early farmers of the district, Dan supported many community causes as the town and district developed. He was well respected, and a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Murtoa.

In 1927 Dan suffered a severe haemorrhage and a slight stroke, but recovered and was able to continue working the farm with Paul. In October 1934 a second stroke robbed him of his speech, and he was bed-ridden for the last years of his life. A nursing sister, Jean Symonds, was employed to look after Dan, and lived at *Sandergrove* during this period.

Dan was predeceased by his eldest daughter, Minna Helene, Mrs Ben Pietsch, in 1919, and at the time of his death had 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was also survived by two brothers, John and Hermann, and his half-brother, Paul. Pastor C. J. Siegle conducted a prayer service at St. John's Church, Murtoa, before the interment at the Murtoa Cemetery. Casket-bearers were four nephews Henry Adler and Eddie, Ossie and Alf Schache; Carl Schulz and Vic Holtkamp.

Lena continued living at *Sandergrove* with Paul and family until the end of her life. She cared for Paul's children after his first wife, Christine died in 1939, until Paul remarried.

Lena was remembered for her kind and friendly nature, which attracted a wide circle of friends. She was a life-long member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Murtoa, a foundation member of the St. John's Ladies Guild, and an ardent supporter of church mission work.

Like her husband, Lena also died at *Sandergrove*; apart from her remaining children and 16 grandchildren she was survived by 20 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Susan Reinecke. Pastor W. Stahl conducted her funeral services at St. John's Church and the Murtoa Cemetery, and casket-bearers were nephews Eddie, Walter, Alf and Ossie Schache, and her grandsons Des Schache and Basil Nowotna.

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**Minna Helene Schache** married **Bernhard Adolf (Ben) Pietsch** who farmed at Homecroft (Bangerang) near Warracknabeal. Minna tragically died a few days short of her 27<sup>th</sup> birthday, from complications after the birth of her only child. Ben later married Lavinia Hand, nee Kruger, and lived at Warracknabeal after leaving the farm.

**Hilda Maria Schache** married **Claude Roy (Roy) Hateley**, and worked on farms at Murtoa and elsewhere in the Wimmera in the first years of their marriage. From 1926 they farmed at Galah and Ouyen, and when they left the district in 1938, Hilda was made a presentation for her work with the Ouyen Hospital Auxiliary. After about 18 months at Donald they settled in Ballarat, where Roy worked in the meat works, and later as a storeman in Lydiard Street. In 1976 they moved into the Ouyen and District Hospital, near their eldest daughter Amie Nunn. Hilda was the last of her family to die, and was a week off her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**Olga Anna Schache** married **Daniel Johannes Wilhelm**, who was a brother to Christine, Paul Schache's wife; the Wilhelms and the Schaches had many relatives in common who lived in the Mannum district. Dan farmed with his father, Johann Heinrich Wilhelm, in the Younghusband district near Mannum. Wilhelm senior had taken up land there in 1887, and in 1900 purchased a neighbouring property on the River Murray, where Dan and Olga later lived. In 1934 they bought an adjoining property which had originally been settled by Olga's grandfather, Traugott Wilhelm Schache. The Wilhelms were faithful members of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Mannum, where Dan was an

elder and lay reader for many years. Olga was a life member of the Bow Hill branch of the Women's Agricultural Bureau.

**Paul Alexander Schache** spent his whole life at *Sandergrove*, taking over the farm from his father Dan. Always interested in music, Paul was a member of the Coromby Brass Band (as was his son Des) and the Murtoa Choral Society; he also played in the band at the Broadmeadows army camp during the first world war, and accompanied silent films on the piano when moving pictures were first screened at Murtoa. Paul's first wife, **Christine Julienne (Chrissie) Wilhelm**, the sister of Olga's husband, Dan, died at the early age of 41 years. Paul later remarried **Ada Marian May**. Apart from St. John's Lutheran Church, Paul was also a member of the Murtoa Agricultural Society and the Murtoa Bowling Club. In latter years *Sandergrove* was worked by Paul and his son Des, until it was sold in , after Paul's death.

**Elfriede Louise (Ellie) Schache** married **Herbert Ernst (Bert) Nowotna** who farmed the Nowotna property *Sunrise*, at Kewell, south of Murtoa, with his brother Edmond Nowotna. The Nowotnas were members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Kewell. Bert died at the early age of 53. Their son Basil later took over the farm and, after he married, Ellie and Enid left Murtoa to live at the Geelong suburb of Manifold Heights in 1954. In 1960 Ellie left Geelong and moved to Mannum to be near Enid. At the end of her life she lived in a retirement home at Murray Bridge.

In her early life **Emma Gertrude (Emmie) Schache** was a popular soloist at many Murtoa and district musical functions. During the early years of the second world war she went Learmonth to housekeep on a property, and later joined the army as a driver. Ellie's first husband, **James Stanley (Jim) Fogarty** was a warrant officer in the army, and the officer-in-charge and an instructor at the military rifle range at Seymour. After their marriage Jim worked for the Country Roads Board in Melbourne for a short period, then lived two years at Beulah where he worked for the Karkarooc Shire Council at Hopetoun. Two years on Flinders Island followed where Jim was the health inspector and shire engineer, before they moved to Tasmania. During a short period at Ulverstone Jim worked as a salesman for a confectionary company before becoming the health inspector and shire engineer at Cygnet. After Jim's death Emmie married **Sydney Victor Maguire**. At the end of her life she was confined to a wheelchair; artistic from childhood, she took up painting as a hobby.