



St. Peter's Catholic Church transitioned from being a German national parish staffed by diocesan priests to what is essentially an urban mission led by the Franciscans, serving mostly downtown workers.

St. Peter's began in 1846 the way many Chicago parishes did: Members of an ethnic group, in this case, Germans, petitioned the bishop for a parish or parishes of their own, according to <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2021/08/04/st-peter-s-in-the-loop-celebrates-175th-anniversa-1>.

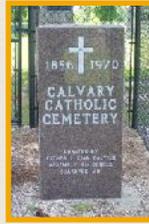
Less than a decade later, as the area around St. Peter became more commercial, the original church moved to Clark and Polk streets. The parish grew, and a new church was dedicated on that site in 1865, the year it also opened a parish school.

On October 8-10, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire was a conflagration that burned in the American city of Chicago. The fire killed approximately 300 people, destroyed roughly 3.3 square miles of the city including over 17,000 structures, and left more than 100,000 residents homeless.

The parish was in the path of the flames of the Great Chicago Fire when the pastor, Father Peter Fischer, prayed that the church — already sheltering parishioners whose homes had been engulfed in flames — would be spared, and promised to start a devotion to St. Anthony of Padua. The wind changed, the flames turned north after coming within two blocks of the church.

Luckily, Barbara Hümpfer Schott and Georgii George Andreæ Adam Schott had already moved from Chicago to Minnesota.

George H. Schott died at age 86 in Shakopee on June 9, 1908. He was a devout member of St. Mark's Catholic church from which the funeral with Reverend Monsignor Plut was the officiating clergyman. His remains were laid to rest in the upper Catholic cemetery, according to the **Scott County Argus** on June 12th, 1908.



A tombstone, which mentioned George and Barbara, is in the Catholic Cemetery on 10th Avenue in Shakopee.



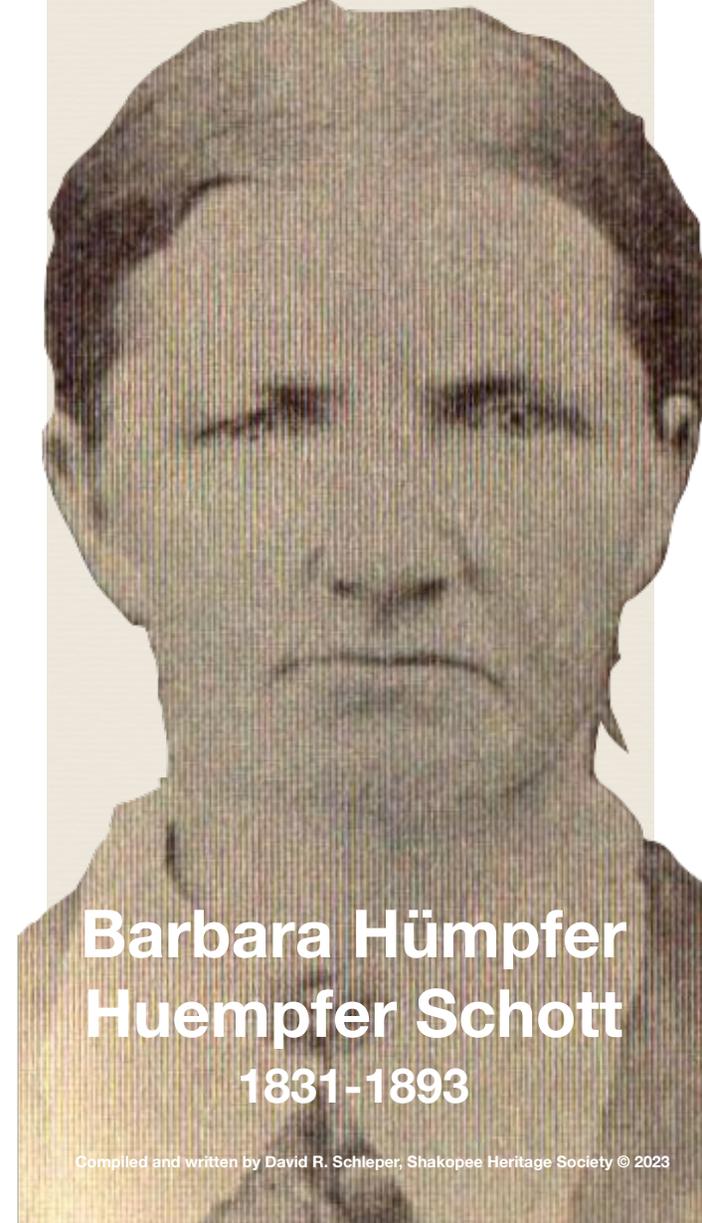
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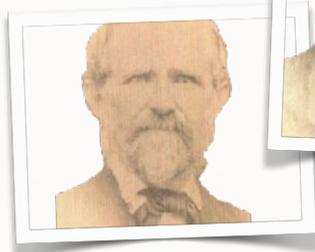
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Barbara Hümpfer
Huempfer Schott
1831-1893



Barbara Hümpfer was born on March 2, 1831 in Wipfeld, Germany. Wipfeld is a municipality in the district of Schweinfurt in Bavaria, Germany.

Barbara's parents were Franz Hümpfer (1796-1847) and Elizabeth Caesar Hümpfer (1797-1836.). Her grandparents on her father's side were Johann George Hümpfer (1762-1827) and Maria Margaretha Schmich Hümpfer (1762-1813.) Her paternal great grandparents were Johan Martin Hümpfer (1720-1805) and Eva Bauer Hümpfer (1723-1786); and Bernhard Schmich (1733-1827) and Maria Margaretha Eck Schmich, who was born in 1739.

Around 1847, Franz, her father (her mother died in 1836) and Barbara moved to America, and lived in Indiana. Her father, Franz Hümpfer, died in 1847, and Barbara moved to Chicago, Illinois.



Barbara Hümpfer Huempfer Schott was born in Wipfeld, Bavaria, Germany. Georgii George Andreæ Adam Schott were born in Maudach, Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Rheinland Pfalz, Allemagne, Germany. Both Barbara and George died in Shakopee, Minnesota.

It was there, on July 2, 1849, that Barbara married George Schott at St. Peter's Church in Chicago.

Georgii George Andreæ Adam Schott was born in Bavaria, Germany, on November 25th, 1821. He came to this country in his young manhood and located at Chicago where he engaged in the shoe trade.

When George was in Chicago, he met Barbara, and the two were married at St. Peter's Church in Chicago on July 2, 1849.

After remaining in that city for a short time, Barbara and George moved to Neberville, Illinois.

Shortly after, they came to Shakopee, which at that time was merely a settlement of a few houses.

Georgii George Andreæ Adam Schott and Barbara Hümpfer Huempfer Schott, after two years, recrossed the Atlantic to visit

their old home. After a short trip abroad they returned to America and located at Kankakee, Illinois. They stayed in Kankakee for six years.

However, the climate and business opportunities afforded by Minnesota appealed to the family, and they moved back to Shakopee in 1868. They remained in Shakopee for the remainder of their lives.

Barbara and George had 13 children. In 1908, six of the children had died: Leonard of North Yakima, Washington; Casper of Walla Walla; Sr. Claretta of St. Louis; Clara, Michael, and Mathias of Shakopee; and Regina Schott Kohls of North Yakima. Those still alive in 1908 included Sister Angela of Notre Dame order, Chicago; Christina Schott Simmer of St. Paul; Henry of North Yakima; George of Chicago; Elizabeth and Mrs. Margaret Barbara Schott Berens of Shakopee.

Barbara Hümpfer Huempfer Schott died on December 12, 1893 in Shakopee, and was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Eagle Creek.

