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**Benedict & Rosina <https://link.shutterfly.com/6JMsLvnb9zb>**

My 2017 Trip to Minnesota

VOS & SCHMID Cousins I met in 2017 when I drove through VOS & SCHMID country in Hennepin, Carver and Stearns Counties, visiting numerous Cousins, Farms, Cemeteries. [Link to PDF on google drive](#)

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yFk4RuZQgGjD2-y5Nzdm-9VZDKt0AYQF?usp=sharing>



Benedict & Rosina AUER Schmid

***Surnames in this line: Schmid, Auer, Miller, Sigafos, Mann, Hahn, Reinshagen, Lewis, Christian, Wassom, Ryerson, Scissons, Scott, Arnold, Flatau, Nubson to name a few***

Brother of Mary (Maria) SCHMID and Joseph SCHMID

It is believed that in November 1848, Benedikt, age 15, and his older sister, Maria (Mary), age 20, sailed from the Port of Havre to New York aboard ***The Admiral***. *We are still trying to confirm this however a Passenger List supports it.*

### **Benedikt SCHMID - younger brother of Joseph & Maria**

b. 17 Aug 1833 in Winzeln, Kingdom of Württemberg, Germany

Immigrated in 1848. Arr Minnesota 1857, but moved to Ohio, then returned to MN 1858

d. 14 May 1905 in Chanhassen, Carver, MN; buried in Woodside Cemetery, Shorewood, Hennepin, MN

**Immigration:** One theory, supported by a ship passenger list, is, Maria Agatha Schmid age 22, traveling with a younger passenger, Benedikt Schmid age 16, (mis-transcribed as Marie Schmidt and Benaist Schenke) might have been our Benedikt and his older sister Agatha. Their stated occupation was "Taylor" (Tailor possibly misspelled as Taylor.)

New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 for Benaist Schenke

Roll M237, 1820-1897 Roll 076

Name: Benaist Schenke

Arrival Date: 4 Nov 1848

Birth Date: abt 1832

Age: 16                      Gender: Male

Port of Departure: Le Havre, France

Port of Arrival:        New York, New York

**Ship Name: Admiral**

**Benedict's Parents: Thomas & Maria MAIER Schmid**

see "GERMANY" page for info on Benedict's German parents

**Marriage:** Benedict & Rosina married on 27 May 1859 in Minnetrista, Hennepin, MN (Benedict describes how he met Rosina in his diary.)

**Read about Benedict's brother, Joseph's arrival in the area, along with other immigrants from Germany & Switzerland, pages 16-28 "The History of St. Victoria Parish, 1857-1957"**

SEE LINKS BELOW

**A MUST READ! Benedict's Diary**

**SEE LINKS BELOW**

**Rosina AUER** (1839-1912)

b. Jan. 9, 1839, München. Münchener Stadtkreis, Bavaria (Bayern), Germany

Immigrated to America from Germany in 1856

d. Nov. 12, 1912, Chanhassen, Carver, Minnesota; buried in Woodside Cemetery, Shorewood, Hennepin, Minnesota

**CIVIL WAR:** Benedikt SCHMID served the U.S. Union in Company G, 2nd Regiment Minnesota Infantry, and was also on Sherman's march through Georgia

**SEE Benedict's CIVIL WAR DIARY 1864-1865**

Translated from German. PDF format linked below.

**Benedict Schmidt, as told by his daughter, Louisa**

Told to me (Ruth Mann) on 21 May 1941, by his daughter Louisa (SCHMID) Miller two months before her death in May 1941. Louisa was then 80 years old.

*"Benedict Schmidt came to this section from Pennsylvania in the early 1850s. He had come from Germany several years before.*

*He and his brother Joseph homesteaded at Zumbra Heights. They "batched" for 5 years, clearing their land in winter, and working on the Mississippi River boats in the summer.*

*Then Benedict married. His wife came from Chicago where she had lived for some years after coming from Germany.*

*There was no road from Zumbra Heights to Excelsior because the forest was too thick to allow a wagon to pass between the trees. Benedict bought the first iron stove in this part of the country and carried it on his back from St. Paul. Sacks of meal were often carried from Minnetonka Mills in this way. I have heard from a man who carried grain from Glencoe more than 50 miles to Minnetonka Mills, and returning with the flour he stumbled and dropped the sack in the creek first 5 miles from home. Unspeakable tragedy.*

*Many descendants of Benedict's brother (Joseph) lived around Victoria."*

Ruth Mann is the step-daughter of Harriet MANN Nubson who was a Granddaughter of Benedict & Rosina and daughter of Cecilia SCHMID & Lew MANN

Benedict arrived in Chanhassen Township in 1855.

In **Benedikt SCHMID's Diary of May 1857 to June 1862** he states that in May 1857 he traveled from Minneapolis, MN to St. Louis, MO. Then on to Cincinnati, OH, where he found work.

On June 1, 1858, he moved back to Saint Paul, MN to where his family was, his sister, Maria and brother, Joseph. Benedict helped his brother on his land, as well as many other neighbors, friends, and relatives. He then started to build a house on his own land.

On August 6, 1858, he moved into his house

On May 27, 1859, he married Rosina AUER

per Benedict's Diary, his parents, Maria and (step) father Ignaz **came to America in May 1860**, to Minnesota, but by October 1860, they did not like Minnesota and were "getting restless."

We are researching the details of when the parents left and when and where they died and were buried.

## 11 Children of Benedict & Rosina:

**Louisa SCHMID (1861-1941)**; m. 1882 in Carver Co. **John Wesley Miller (1859-1914)**

5 children:

1. Benjamin Wesley 1883-1963, m1. Mary Cherveney, m2. Anna Aurelia Smida
2. George Albert 1887-1955, m. Nancy Northrop 12 Jul 1922, St Lucie Co, FL
3. Sadie R. 1891-1895. child death
4. Ralph William 1900-1955, m. Phoebe Elizabeth Keanini
5. Amy Christine 1901-1965, m1. Harry Louis Reinshagen, m2. Joseph E Lewis

**Eva SCHMID (1862-1950)**; m. 1881 in Chanhassen, Carver Co. **Sewell Sigafos (1856-1939)**

6 Children survived:

1. Bobby Boy b. 1882 or 1883 infant death
2. Verna C. 1882-1978, m. Harry Sever Christian
3. Baby Girl 1883 infant death (possible Baby Boy & Baby Girl were twins - DV is researching)
4. Dixie Beulah 1885-1967, m. Frank Wesley Wassom
5. Ida 1887-1985, never married
6. Laura Louise 1891-1980, m. Nathan Beers Ryerson
7. Rome Thaddius 1894-1984, m. Sophie Lilian Bruhn
8. Ruth Evelyn 1897-1993, m. Thomas Henry Scissons

**Benedict SCHMID (1864-1880)**

died young

**Theresia SCHMID (1867-1960)**; m1. 1885 **George Marion Miller (1861-1946)**; m2. ca 1903 **Horace Porter Mann (1879-1935)**

Miller Children:

1. Estella Anna 1889-1981, m1. Warner C. Scott, m2. Charles Andrew Miller
2. Herbert Joseph 1891-1959, m. Judith \_\_\_\_\_ who was born in Sweden)

Mann Children: none

**Anna SCHMID (1869-1949)**; m. 1890 in Carver County **Charles Frederick Miller (1864-1951)**

Anna & Charles raised their nephew's child, Clayton Sylvester Miller.

Clayton Sylvester 1918-1993, married Georgia Mabel Pfeiffer 1915-2004, his 2nd cousin once removed, who was the daughter of Frank Pfeiffer, and a granddaughter of Anna's Aunt Mary Schmid Pfeiffer.

Clayton's biological mother Mary Cherveney, Mrs Benjamin Wesley Miller, son of Louisa Schmid & John W. Miller) died 4 months after his birth. Benjamin & Mary were actually the generation behind Anna & Charles.

**William SCHMID (1871-1950)**; m. 1896 in Chaska, Carver Co **Nora Belle ROLLINS (1875-1976)**

3 Children:

1. Vere Dale 1898–1960, m. Clara Celcia Stoffel
2. Roy William 1903–1951, m. Agnes Catherine Devenney
3. Stuart Richard 1908–1981, m. Lenore Catherine Arnold

**Robert SCHMID (1874-1876)**

Child death

**Emerenzia "Emma" SCHMID (1876-1958)**; m. 1896 Carver Co **Joseph Hahn (1872-1958)**

2 Children:

1. Edwin Joseph 1897-1981, m. Permillia Daisy Anna Baer
2. Helen Rose 1898-1993, m. Herbert Kenneth Arnold

**Daniel SCHMID (1878-1933)**; m1. 1908 in Hennepin Co **Anna Viola SIMMS (1879-1919)**;  
m2. 1920 in Carver Co to **Charlotte "Lottie" Gertrude LENIUS Pfeiffer (1884-1957)**

No children from first marriage

3 Children: all born in Frazee

1. Robert Daniel 1921–1988, m. Norma M. Hill
2. Fern Mae 1922-2000, m. Clarence E. Flatau
3. Gale Warren 1923-2001, m. Delores Lorraine Kahle

**Otto SCHMID (1882-1956)**; m. 1905 in Hennepin Co **Sarah Mae SIGAFOOS (1883-1965)**

2 Children:

1. David William 1910-1967, m. Camille Catherine Jensen
2. Donald Edward 1913-1980, m. Valencia Smegal or Sianko

**Cecilia SCHMID (1883-1973)**; m. 1904 in Excelsior, Hennepin Co **Lewis Edward Mann (1878-1947)**

Child: Harriet Lucile 1914-2009, m. Edward Lorang Nubson

Their daughter, Harriet Lucille MANN Nubson (1914-2009) did considerable genealogy research prior to her death in 2009.

Interesting note about SCHMID / MILLER connections: Three sons of Sarah Ann Ritter (1834-1881) and her husband Joseph Francis Miller (1834-1927) had among other children 3 sons who married 3 of Benedikt Schmid & Rosina Auers daughters:

- John Wesley Miller (1859-1914) m'd Louisa Schmid (1861-1941)
- George Marion Miller (1861-1946) m'd Theresia (Teresia) Schmid (1867-1960)
- Charles Frederick Miller (1864-1951) m'd Anna Schmid (1869-1949)

Interesting SCHMID / PFEIFFER connection: Daniel's 2nd wife, Lottie, had previously been married to his first cousin, Frank Pfeiffer, son of Benedict's sister, Mary. After Frank Pfeiffer died, Lottie married her cousin-by-marriage, Daniel Schmid.

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**Benedict died** at his home at Minnewashta on 14 May 1905 at the age of 72. SEE **Benedict's OBITUARY** down below

**Rosina died** 7 years later, 12 Nov 1912, Chanhassen, Carver, Minnesota

Both are buried in **Woodside Cemetery**, Shorewood, Hennepin, Minnesota

**Great, Great Grandchildren of Benedict & Rosina, please send old photos, stories, memories, info, etc for Benedict & Rosina, their Children and Grandchildren: Wedding Portraits, Family Portraits, Military uniforms, home, farm, Family Reunion photos, etc. to Toni, for inclusion in this page; [READ HERE](#) for more information.**

Documents of interest

[Family TREE Benedikt Schmid Rosina Auer.pdf](#)

(366 KB)

[Timeline Benedikt Schmid.pdf](#)

(266 KB)

[Benedict Schmid Civil War Diary 1864-1865](#)

(1.55 MB)

[History of the 2nd Minnesota Regiment](#)

(1.65 MB)

[1905 Benedict Schmid 1833-1905 OBITUARY](#)

(1.11 MB)

[1861 Civil War Memorial 2nd Minn Regiment, Chatfield MN](#)

(594 KB)

[Feature story: SCHMID Westonka Historical Society Newsletter Fall 2017](#)

(4.36 MB)

PHOTOS: Benedict & Rosina and Families 17 Albums 1848 BENEICT 01 thru 17



[Benedict + Rosina Schmid.](#)

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[Maps, Plats, Deeds.](#)

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mm and for vintage images of Excelsior back in the day, visit Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society

<https://www.elmhs.org/historical-images.html>



[Louisa + John Wesley Miller.](#)

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Louisa Schmid was born on February 5, 1861, in Laketown, Minnesota, She married John Wesley Miller on March 12, 1882, in Chanhassen, Carver Co, Minnesota. They had four children in 18 years. She died on June 4, 1941, in Excelsior, Minnesota, at the age of 80, and was buried in Shorewood, Minnesota.

Married: John Wesley MILLER on 12 Mar 1882 in Carver Co, MN

Children:

Benjamin Wesley Miller (1883 - 1963)

George Albert Miller (1888 - 1955)

Sadie R Miller (1891 - 1895)

Ralph William Miller (1900 - 1955)



**Eva + Sewell Sigafos** X 04 19

Note that these Census reports include Schmid and Sigafos families



**young Benedict and Robert.** 05 1

Benedict died at the age of 16

Benedict Schmid (1864 - 1880)

<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=28991125>

Robert died at the age of 2

Robert Schmid (1874 - 1876)

<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=28987277>



**Theresia m1 George Miller, m2 Horace Mann.** 06 6

Theresia Schmid was born on April 13, 1867, in Laketown, Minnesota. She married George Marion Miller and they had two children together. She then married Horace P Mann in 1903 in Hennepin, Minnesota. She died on December 14, 1960, in Hennepin, Minnesota, at the age of 93, and was buried in Shorewood, Minnesota.

Birth: Apr. 13, 1867, Laketown Township, Carver Co

Death: Dec. 14, 1960, Minneapolis, Hennepin Co

Married 1st George Marion MILLER 19 Mar 1885; 2nd Horace Porter MANN

Spouses:

Horace Porter Mann (1879 - 1935)

George Marion Miller (1861 - 1946)\*



**William 'Bill' Schmid + Nora Rollins.** 07 20

William Schmid

<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=29028276>

Birth: Oct. 26, 1871, Chanhassen, Carver Co, Minnesota

Death: Aug. 15, 1950, Chanhassen, Carver Co, Minnesota

Marriage: 18xx Married Nora Belle ROLLINS

William's Parents:  
Benedikt Schmid (1833-1905)  
Rosina Auer Schmid (1839-1912)

Nora Belle Rollins  
<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=29028331>  
Birth: Jan. 7, 1875, Kansas  
Death: May 13, 1976, Hennepin Co, Minnesota

Children of William & Nora:  
Vere Dale Schmid (1898 - 1960), m. Clara Celcia Stoffel (1907-1980)  
Roy William Schmid (1903 - 1951); m. Agnes Devenny (19xx  
Stuart Richard Schmid (1908 - 1981); m. Lenore Catherine Arnold (1908-1990)



[Anna Schmid + Charles Frederick Miller.](#) 08 5

No notes



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[Daniel Schmid + m1 Anna, m2 Charlotte 'Lottie'.](#) 10 10

Daniel SCHMID was born on 16 Jul 1878 in Chanhassen, Carver. He died on 13 Jan 1933 in Chanhassen, Carver. He was buried on 15 Jan 1933 in Woodside Cemetery, Shorewood, Hennepin.

Daniel married Anna Viola SIMS daughter of Joseph SIMS and Ora Ella GIDDINGS on 12 May 1908 in Hennepin Co. Anna was born on 7 Jul 1879 in Lehigh, Webster, Iowa, USA. She died on 15 Feb 1919 in Chanhassen, Carver. She was buried on 16 Feb 1919 in Woodside Cemetery, Shorewood, Hennepin.

Daniel married Charlotte "Lottie" Gertrude Amelia LENIUS daughter of Julius LENIUS and Emelia BUDZINE on 27 Aug 1920 in , Carver, Minnesota, USA. Charlotte was born on 23 Aug 1884 in Chamberlain, Brule, SD. Lottie was the widow of Daniel's first cousin, Frank Pfeiffer, son of his Aunt Mary Schmid Pfeiffer. Lottie had lost her first husband in 1919. She died on 18 May 1957 in Port Angeles, Clallam, WA. She was buried on 21 May 1957 in Mount Angeles Memorial Park, Port Angeles, Clallam, WA.

3 Children with Lottie:

Robert Daniel Schmid

Fern Mae Schmid

Gale Warren Schmid



[Otto Schmid + Sarah Mae Sigafos.](#)11 12

No notes



**Cecilia 'Celia' Schmid + Lewis 'Lew' Mann.**

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Cecelia SCHMID Mann 1883-1973

Lewis Edward Mann (1914-2009)

Celia and Lew married in 1904

Benedict portrait, circa 1891



1895 ca Bill Schmid (son) Lew Mann (son-in-law)





Benedikt & Rosina, Woodside Cemetery



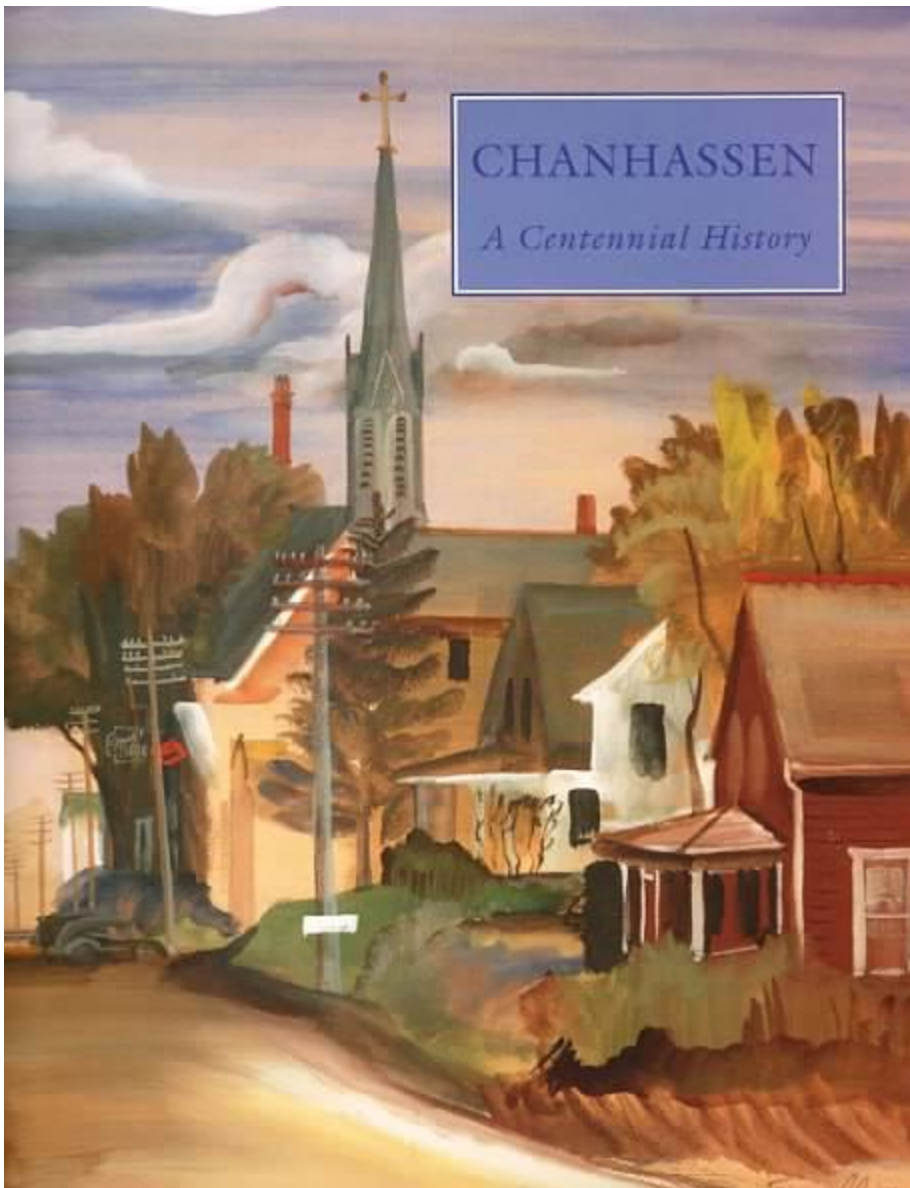
Woodside Cemetery, Shorewood, Hennepin County



Minnesota 2nd Vol. Infantry



Read about Benedict in "Chanhasan, A Centennial History"



Links of Interest and burial info

[Chanhasseen: A Centennial History, \\$14 at CCHS, a must read](#)

[About Chanhasseen, on Carver Co Historical Society Web Site](#)

[View Historic Images at Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society](#)

[Benedict's Diary 1857 to 1905 - a MUST READ!](#)

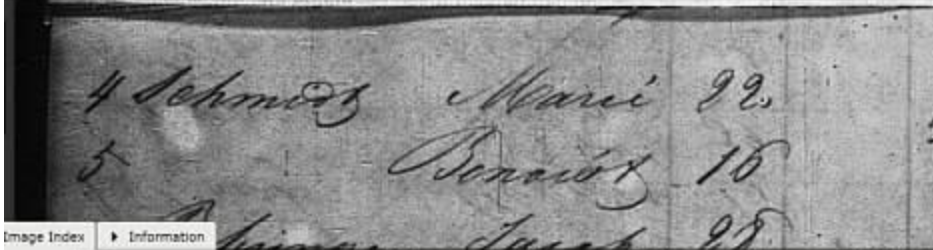
[1941 Louisa Miller's memories of her father, Benedict Schmidt, as told to Ruth Mann](#)

[Documents, Maps, Memories, and more ..](#)

[Grave: Benedikt Schmid 1833-1905 Chanhasseen Carver County, MN](#)

[Grave: Rosina Auer Schmid 1839-1912 Chanhasseen Carver County, MN](#)

Steamship Admiral (one possibility)



| Name            | Event Type  | Event Date | Event Place                            | Gender | Age | Birth Year (Est) |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|--|--------|-----|------------------|
| Marie Schmidt   | Immigration | 1848       | New York City, New York, United States | Female | 22  | 1826             |
| Benalst Schenka | Immigration | 1848       | New York City, New York, United States | Male   | 16  | 1832             |

1898 Plat, Benedict's Land on Lake Minnewashta



Benedict's Civil War Diary

The  
Benedict Schmid  
CIVIL WAR DIARY

For the time of  
MAY 28, 1864 - JULY 21, 1865

COMPANY G, SECOND REGIMENT  
OF  
MINNESOTA

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Benedict family lived next door to his sister Mary's Family 1870 US Census

| 11 | 1157 | Winnipeg | 57 | 11 | 25   | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 |
|----|------|----------|----|----|------|------|------|------|
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| 13 |      | Smith    | 7  | 11 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 |
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| 15 |      | Bennett  | 5  | 11 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 |
| 16 |      | Bennett  | 5  | 11 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 |
| 17 |      | Bennett  | 11 | 11 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 |
| 18 | 1158 | Bennett  | 52 | 11 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 |
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| 20 |      | Bennett  | 11 | 11 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 |
| 21 |      | Bennett  | 11 | 11 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 |
| 22 |      | Bennett  | 7  | 11 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 | 1870 |

Abt 1900 back L-R: Anna Theresia Emerenzia; front: Louisa Rosina Eva Cecilia



Former B Schmid home on Lake Minnewashta (2018)



1905 Benedict's death notice in newspaper

Very Sudden Death

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## DEN DEATH

### Benedict Schmid Passes Away At His Minnewashta Home

Mr. Benedict Schmid died at his home at Minnewashta, Sunday afternoon, May 14, 1905, at the age of 72. His death was very sudden and was attributed to heart disease from which complaint he had been a sufferer for some years. The funeral was held from the family residence Tuesday, Rev. S. T. Snow of Excelsior officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in Woodside cemetery.

Benedict Schmid was born in Oberndorf, Wiertenburg, Germany, Aug. 17, 1833. He came to America in 1848 and worked for seven years in Pennsylvania and Ohio. In 1855 he came west to Minnesota and took a homestead at Zumbra Heights. He was married a year later, and was the father of eleven children. Three sons and six daughters are still living.

Mr. Schmid enlisted in the Second Minnesota regiment in May, 1864, and saw much hard campaigning. He was with Sherman on his march through Georgia, and was honorably discharged June 11, 1865. About thirty years ago he moved from Zumbra Heights to Minnewashta, where he has since resided. Besides the children he leaves one brother and three sisters.

We copy the above article from the Minnetonka Record of Excelsior. Mr. Schmid was one of the old pioneers of this county and was well and favorably known thruout the county and his sudden demise will cause deep regret to a large circle of acquaintances. The Herald sympathizes with his family in their bereavement.