



While digging through the archives this summer your current *News* editors found some really interesting articles in past Alumni Magazines. We have decided to show them to you as they appeared. We thought this article was amazing in own right. It is our hope to compile a complete list of all Schultzes of this line that have passed through Perkiomen's Halls. We will be working with the Schwenkfelder Museum and Heritage Center to piece it together. If you are reading this and know you are one of please give us a holler. Enjoy!

The following article originally appeared in the Winter, 1956 issue of the Perkiomen Alumni News.

An Amazing Family of Schultzes

by Andrew S. Berky

Eight brothers and sisters, all Perkiomen graduates, with outstanding records of achievement and success.

On commencement day in June, 1924, a farmer's widow from Upper Hanover Township walked into the Perkiomen chapel and took her place along with the parents and friends of the school graduating class. Mrs. Levi G. Schulz was on hand to see her youngest son, Lloyd, receive his diploma—just as she had been present when her other seven children received their diplomas from Perkiomen!

While the exercises were taking place, Elizabeth Schultz's thoughts must have gone back to that day 21 years before when she and her husband attended their first Perkiomen commencement together—that time it had been their son, Eugene. From 1903 to 1924, how many mornings had she bid goodbye to one or the other of her children as they left the house to clamber up on the milk wagon for the 30-minute ride to the school—2,000, 3,000 mornings?

And then her thoughts must have wandered up to New Haven, Connecticut, where another son, Alfred, was receiving his doctor's degree from Yale University that very same day. The choice had been a difficult one to make, but Alfred readily understood her reluctance to miss this last, significant event at Perkiomen.

One farm, 120 acres, and this family saw each of eight children through several years at Perkiomen, four of the eight through college, and two of the four on through graduate school! Obviously, this was an extraordinary family and a surpassingly fine farm.

More than two centuries earlier, three orphan boys, Christopher, George and Melchior Schultz migrated from Silesia* to Pennsylvania. They built their own log house

and cleared their own fields, and this farm was handed down from generation to generation—George to Abraham to Isaac to Abraham and then to Levi and Elizabeth. And along with the fertile fields and the tidy buildings came an uncommon affinity for education.

For example, there was great-great-grandfather Abraham, largely self-educated, who taught in the local school between farm chores for more than 20 years and served as a Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth. There was great-grandfather Isaac, an academy graduate, who wrote superb letters in Latin, translated numerous German documents into English, authored several histories, taught school—and withal operated the ancestral farm.

It would be impossible to enumerate here the accomplishments of all the sons and daughters that left this farm over the years. Suffice it to say that they were all reared in a home pervaded with an atmosphere of learning, erudition and discipline.

Back to those eight Schultz Perkiomenites from one family:

Eugene—graduated from Perkiomen in 1903 and went to the University of Wisconsin to study plant diseases. He obtained his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees at Wisconsin and his doctorate at Columbia University.

In 1912, Dr. Schultz joined the U. S. Department of Agriculture and was assigned to the Agricultural Research Center, Aroostook County, Maine. For the past 44 years, Dr. Schultz has spent his summers in Maine and his winters at the Beltsville, Maryland Research laboratories spe-

*[Once part of Austria and then Prussia, Silesia was heavily influenced by German culture. The bulk of the region is now part of Poland.]





cializing in the study of potato pathology.

The result of this study? More than 50 published scientific treatises, better than a 100-percent increase in the Maine potato yield and the Superior Service Award from the Department of Agriculture, along with a host of other honors. In 1919 Dr. Schultz married Salina S. Gerhard (Perkiomen, 1898), and there are two children, Eugene A. and Alma, both college educated.

Carrie—graduated from Perkiomen in 1906, returned to the farm to help the family move those other youngsters along the way and expired in 1918 after a tragic illness.

Geneva—graduated from Perkiomen in 1906, taught in the public schools, married farmer Jacob N. Reiff, raised and college-educated two fine daughters (both of whom have husbands with Perkiomen affiliations) and is currently the secretary of the local Perkiomen alumni group.

Daisy—graduated from Perkiomen in 1909, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oberlin College, taught languages in the Sussex, New Jersey High School and then returned home to help care for the younger members of the family. In 1933 she married Dr. Earle Martin, and husband and wife currently operate the Martin Laboratories in West Chester, Pennsylvania. There is one son, Paul, graduate of Cornell with a doctorate from the University of Michigan.

Wayne—graduated from Perkiomen in 1913, returned to the family farm, which he continues to operate to this day. Over the years he has established one of the finest purebred dairy herds in the East, being one of the first farmers to win the coveted Progressive Breeders Award of the International Holstein-Friesian Association.

Mr. Schultz operates the farm under the registered name "Scholtop" (Schultz) and in 1945 posted a production record for what was, in the words of the Association, "probably the highest score ever made for a herd of 20 or more purebred registered Holsteins in the State of Pennsylvania and perhaps in the United States." Mr. Schultz married Blanche Bobb and there are three children, all enrolled in the local schools.

Alfred—graduated from Perkiomen in 1914, received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Lehigh University in 1918, served in the army during World War I, and then went on to Yale University, where he received his doctorate in 1924. In 1924-25 he held a post-doctoral fellowship at Rochester University and then took a position with the Fleischmann Laboratories as Research

Chemist and Head of the Fermentation Division.

The result of this study? More than 50 research publications and at least 27 patents produced in collaboration with his associates in less than 25 years. Dr. Schultz is currently residing in New York City.

Norman—graduated from Perkiomen in 1917, returned to the family farm to help brother Wayne, married Helen Coburn, now operates a farm outside of Chester, Pennsylvania. As might be expected, he produced a splendid herd of purebred Holsteins, and a number of years ago farmer Schultz and the farm were the subject of a feature article on the "ideal one-man farm."

Lloyd—graduated from Perkiomen in 1924, received his bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University four years later, took a position with Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, rose rapidly to the executive level as Commercial Sales Director and is currently in the investment securities business, associated with the Allentown office of Lewis C. Dick Company.

Mr. Schultz is quite active in civic and community affairs. In 1938 he was elected to the Perkiomen Board of Trustees, received the school's highest award in 1941—the Perkiomen Key, and has been Treasurer of the Board since 1950. In 1935, Mr. Schultz married Dorothy G. Davies.

And there we are—eight amazing Schultzes from one family. Perkiomen is more than proud of these sons and daughters—and one of these days we'll do an article on those 37 other amazing Schultzes who have passed through these halls in the last 60 years.

The following note from Editor Eleanor Roberts accompanied the above article in the original publication:

Andrew Berky, Trustee of Perkiomen School and Director of the Schwenkfelder Library and Museum, married into this famous Schultz family and attends many of their reunions and family affairs. He is in a good position to collect the facts for this article and has done so in a masterly way. He asked the editor to re-write but she has refused, believing this to be factual, intimate and personal and done in the fashion which was wanted. We are happy to present this article under the by-line of Andrew S. Berky, son of Mabel Schultz Berky, husband of Lucy Reiff Berky—daughter of Geneva Schultz Reiff, himself the father of three young Berkys who have plenty of Schultz in them!

