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## **FREDERICK A. SCHECK (1873-19xx) AND FAMILY**

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**FREDERICK A. SCHECK**, a retired carpet and rug manufacturer of Llanerch, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, is a descendant of an honored German family, and has attained an enviable place in industrial and financial circles by reason of his indefatigable energy, close application and great care in the management of the business interests with which he has been connected.

His father, **HERMAN SCHECK**, was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, and died in the United States in 1907. He was the recipient of a fine education in his native country and was for a number of years successfully engaged as a teacher. At the age of twenty-eight years he came to America, and immediately crossed the continent, making his home in Sacramento, California, where he was a wholesale and retail provision merchant. After a time, acceding to the request of a favorite sister, he came east and opened a provision shop in Philadelphia, at Frankfort avenue and Adams street, where he was located for a period of nineteen years. He then removed to a nearby location where he engaged in the wholesale business solely, and after having conducted this for seven years, retired permanently from business responsibilities. This was eighteen years prior to his death, and after he had amassed a considerable fortune. He was active locally in the interests of the Democratic party, and served three terms as a school director on the Thirty-first Sectional Board. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men. A devoted husband and father, he was of very domestic tastes and found his chief pleasures in the home circle. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Scheck married Pauline Sonneborn, born in Philadelphia, died in 1910, a daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Sonneborn, a German by birth, and a well known carpet manufacturer of Kensington. They had children:

1. Herman Scheck, died young;
2. George Scheck, died young;
3. Frederick A. Scheck, whose name heads this sketch;
4. Etta Scheck, married Dr. Randel C. Rosenberger, and resides at No. 2330 North Thirteenth street, Philadelphia;
5. Clara M. Scheck, unmarried, lives with her sister, Etta;
6. Marie M. Scheck, married Charles Quigley, and lives at No. 6157 Chestnut street, Philadelphia;
7. Mathilde Scheck, married Harry Stephens, and lives at No. 5106 North Tenth street, Philadelphia.

**FREDERICK A. SCHECK** was born in the Kensington district, Philadelphia, May 27, 1873. Having acquired an excellent and practical education in the public, grammar and high schools of his native city, he was for the next thirteen years, engaged in learning the manufacture of carpets and rugs of all varieties, and mastered this art in every detail. He then established himself in this line of manufacture, opening one factory at Howard and Palmer streets, and another at Nos. 1710-12-14 North Front street, operated these very successfully for eleven years and then retired from business. He was also the president of the Palruba Manufacturing Company, whose offices were in New York and Philadelphia, but he has sold out

these interests. For many years he has been active in political affairs on behalf of the Republican party, and has done exceptionally fine work along educational lines. He served two terms as a school director in the Twenty-eighth Sectional Board in Philadelphia.

Mr. Scheck married, June 3, 1896, Laura Mae Moyer, of Reading, Pennsylvania. They are both members of the Lutheran church. Since October, 1908, Mr. Scheck has lived in Llanerch, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, at No. 321 Davis road, where he has a beautiful home. Mr. Scheck is held in the highest esteem as a public spirited citizen. While he was still at the head of his well paying industry, he not only won prosperity in his trade transactions, but he also gained the confidence of those with whom he had dealings, by reason of his strict conformance to the ethics of commercial life.

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