

## Historical Marker: Heritage House (formerly the C.P. Schulze Home), Irving, TX *by Lis Roop*



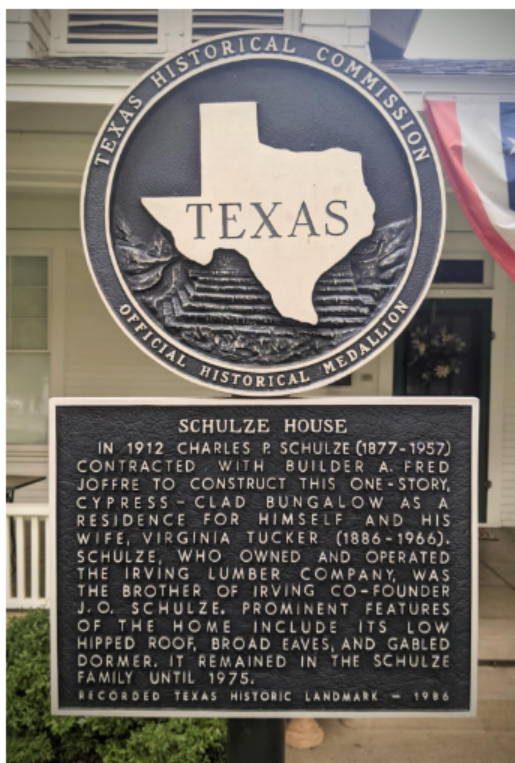
### DGS 2021 Writing Contest Submission

Towns proliferated wherever railroad tracks were laid in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and Irving, Texas was no exception. Julius Otto (“J.O.”) Schulze and Otis Brown, who were members of a crew surveying proposed rail lines in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas for the Rock Island Railroad, resigned their employment in late 1902 to plot out a small town on 80 acres between Dallas and Fort Worth. They laid out building sites to sell by auction when the 33-mile rail section from Fort Worth to Dallas opened in December 1903. There were only two buildings in Irving by then: the unfinished train station and the house Otis Brown built for his new bride, Netta Barcus. Local historians believe Irving was named for Netta Barcus Brown’s favorite author, Washington Irving, and the City Council formally adopted the author as the city’s namesake in 1998.<sup>1</sup>

J.O. Schulze also started the Irving Lumber Company in 1903, the town’s first mercantile business, to ensure plenty of materials for the new residents to commence building homes and businesses without delay.

J.O. returned to his hometown, Iowa City, Iowa, to marry Agnes Elizabeth Sueppel, daughter of Jonathan (1836-1905) and Catherine (Rohret) Sueppel (1835-1915) on 17 Jun 1903,<sup>2</sup> and immediately returned to Irving. A child was born the next year, but both he and Agnes fared poorly in the Texas climate, so in 1905 J.O. returned the family to Iowa.<sup>3</sup> The Schulzes had three more children, all born in Iowa City. Agnes died in 1931, and J.O. soon returned to Dallas and Irving, where he died on 26 Oct 1961.<sup>4</sup>

Charles Percy (“C.P.”) Schulze, a brother of J.O. who had also worked on the surveying crew, moved to Irving to take over J.O.’s lumber business. He married Margaret Virginia Tucker, daughter of Paschal Pennington and Ella Belle (Stephenson) Tucker of Dallas, Texas in 1912. A historical marker stands in front of the Schulze Family home on 303 S. O’Connor Road (formerly Iowa Street). The house, with its cypress siding, low hipped roof, wide eaves, and gabled dormer, was designed and built in 1912 by A. Fred Joffre. C.P.’s children, C.P., Jr. and Mary Isabel, donated the house to the city of Irving in 1975 as part of the US Bicentennial. Refurbished with 1910-era artifacts, many from the J.O. and C.P. Schulze families,<sup>5</sup> it was named a Texas Historic Landmark in 1986. Now called Heritage House, it houses the Irving Heritage Society. The Pandemic halted the monthly free tours, but for more information and updates, call Mary Higbie at 972-252-3838.



### Schulze Family Genealogy

1. Joseph John Schulze was born on 25 Mar 1826 in Germany, died on 16 Apr 1916 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA, and was buried in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA. Joseph married Mary Elizabeth Williams, who was born on 10 Oct 1842 in Germany, died on 4 Jul 1882 and was buried with many family members in Saint Joseph Cemetery Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA.

Their children were:

+ 2 M i. Frank X. Schulze was born on 5 Nov 1863 in Coralville, Johnson, Iowa, USA, died on 11 May 1939 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, and was buried in Cedar Rapids,

Linn, Iowa, USA. Frank married Honora Murphy on 1 Jun 1892 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa. Honora was born in 1869, died in 1938, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA.

Their children were:

+ 12 F i. Florence Helen Schulze was born on 1 Jul 1893 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, died in 1964 and was buried in Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, USA. Florence married Frank Timothy Carroll, son of D.J. Carroll and Mary Reddington, on 1 Jun 1921 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Frank was born on 23 May 1893 in Elizabeth, Jo Daviess, Illinois, USA and died on 7 Oct 1976. Their children were John Russell Carroll (1922-2003), Janet M Carroll (1925-2018), and Charles Francis Carroll (1827-2009).

+ 13 M ii. Raymond Joseph Schulze was born on 23 Jul 1897 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, died on 5 Aug 1965 in Saint Helena, Napa, California, USA, and was buried on 7 Aug 1965 in Yountville, Napa, California, USA. Raymond married Gladys Fern Whitton. Gladys was born in 1894 in Yountville, Napa, California, USA, died on 1 Feb 1964 in Yountville, Napa, California, USA, and was buried in Yountville, Napa, California, USA. Their children were Marjorie Ann Schulze (1931-1981), *living* (b. 1936), and *living* (b. 1937).

+ 14 F iii. Lucille Marie Schulze was born on 16 Apr 1902 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, died on 14 Feb 1995 in Tucson, Pima, Arizona, USA, and was buried in Algona, Kossuth, Iowa, USA. Lucille married Donald Call Hutchinson on 15 Aug 1927 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Donald was born in Algona, Kossuth, Iowa, USA.

+ 3 F ii. Helen Louise Schulze was born on 28 May 1865 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA, died on 26 Dec 1917 in Cedar Rapids, Linn Co., Iowa, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Helen married Charles Patrick Murray on 7 Oct 1890 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa. Charles was born about 1854 in Montreal, Montreal Region, Quebec, Canada, died on 26 Dec 1936 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA.

Their children were:

+ 15 F i. Inez G. Murray was born on 27 Apr 1893 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, died in Oct 1974 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, and was buried in Charles City, Floyd, Iowa, USA. Inez married John P. Ungs on 14 Feb 1953 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA.

+ 16 M ii. Harold John Murray was born on 5 Dec 1895 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, died on 22 Nov 1955 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Harold married Wanda E. Beery on 23 Aug 1932 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Wanda was born about 1907 in Garwin, Tama, Iowa, USA.

+ 17 F iii. Edith M. Murray was born on 10 Jun 1897 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, died in 1979, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Edith married Joe A. Walsh on 4 Mar 1930 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Joe was born about 1901 in Ottumwa, Wapello, Iowa, USA, and died in 1963. Their child was Helen Cecelia Walsh (1936-2017).

+ 18 F iv. Winifred Lois Murray was born on 12 Oct 1903 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, died on 13 Apr 1988 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, USA, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Winifred first married Charles T. Martin in 1925. Charles was born about 1904 in Iowa. Their children were Patricia A Martin (1925-1987) and Sandra Martin (b. Abt. 1932). Winifred next married Albert J. Diserens, son of Frederick L. Diserens and Lucy Jennie Diserens. Albert was born on 27 Jun 1891 in Sioux City, Woodbury, Iowa, USA, died on 13 Apr 1962 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA.

+ 19 M v. Charles Emmet Murray was born on 3 Mar 1905 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, died in May 1981 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Charles first married Wrilma Cunningham on 10 Aug 1937. Wrilma was born on 4 Mar 1909 in Iowa, USA, and died in 1942 in Iowa, USA. Their child was Michael J. Murray (1942-1942). Charles next married Frances J. Rompotl on 23 May 1943 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Frances was born on 2 Jul 1911 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA, died in Feb 1981 in Charles City, Floyd, Iowa, USA, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, USA. Their children were Virginia Murray and Robert E. Murray.

+ 4 M iii. Albert C. Schulze was born in Feb 1867 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA, died on 9 Oct 1961 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA, and was buried in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA.

+ 5 M iv. William Schulze was born in Jul 1869 in Iowa.

+ 6 F v. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Schulze was born on 19 Nov 1870 in Iowa and died on 17 May 1922. Lizzie married Vincent Grissell. Vincent was born on 23 Feb 1869 and died on 12 Jul 1912.

+ 7 F vi. Carrie Schulze was born in 1873 in Iowa City, Iowa, and died on 21 Apr 1960 in Corpus Christi, Nueces, Texas, USA.

+ 8 M vii. Julius Otto "J.O." Schulze was born about 1875 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA, died on 26 Oct 1961 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA, and was buried in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA. JO married Agnes Elizabeth Sueppel, daughter of Jonathan Sueppel and Catherine Rohret, on 17 Jun 1903 in Johnson County, Iowa, USA. Agnes was born in 1876 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA, died in 1931, and was buried in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA.

Their children were:

+ 20 F i. Mary Catherine Schulze was born on 6 Apr 1906 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, died on 27 Dec 1981 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA, and was buried in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA.

+ 21 F ii. Mary Louise Schulze was born about 1908 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, died on 26 Nov 1992 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA, and was buried in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA.

+ 22 M iii. John Otto Schulze was born on 17 Feb 1916 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA, and died on 26 Jan 1980 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA.

+ 9 M viii. Charles Percy "C.P." Schulze was born on 5 Oct 1877 in Iowa, USA, died on 15 May 1957 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA, and was buried in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA. Charles married Margaret Virginia Tucker, daughter of Paschal Pennington Tucker and Ella Belle Stephenson, in 1912. Margaret was born on 10 Dec 1886 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA, died on 26 Dec 1966 in Irving, Dallas, Texas, USA, and was buried in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA.

Their children were:

+ 23 M i. Charles P. Schulze Jr was born on 2 Jan 1913 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA, C.P., Jr. graduated from St. Edwards University in Austin, TX, and went to work for the Sun Oil Companies which took him to western and southern parts of the state as a drilling fluids specialist, or "mud engineer". Charles married Catherine O'Connell in 1936. She was the daughter of John James O'Connell and Daisy Catherine Potter, born on 8 Jan 1915 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA. In 1945, his father asked him to return to Irving to join him in the lumber business. C.P., Jr. opened Handy Hardware, an innovative hardware and lumber store in 1960, and in 1963, he was named Texas Lumberman of the Year by the Lumbermen's Association of Texas. As a City Council member in the 1950s, he played a crucial role in growing Irving into the modern city it is today. C.P., Jr. died on 21 Apr 2003 in Irving, and Catherine died on 3 Mar 2005 in Coppell. They share a plot with his parents in Calvary Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum in Dallas, Texas.

+ 24 F ii. Mary Isabel Schulze was born on 19 Jul 1917 in Irving, Dallas, Texas, USA. She earned B.A. in English, then taught school in Brownsville, Texas before assuming the name Sister Mary Luke upon her entrance to the Sisters of Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament in 1944, where she worked as a teacher and librarian. Sister Mary Luke died on 31 Dec 1992 in Corpus Christi, Nueces, Texas, USA.

+ 10 F ix. Laura Mary Schulze was born Jul Abt 1880 in Iowa and died on 4 Mar 1948 in Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, USA.

+ 11 F x. Mary E. Schulze was born on 4 Jul 1882 in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA, died on 5 Aug 1882 in Johnson County, Iowa, USA, and was buried in Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, USA.

## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> History of the City of Irving, City of Irving website, <https://www.cityofirving.org/1549/History>

<sup>2</sup> *Iowa, U.S., Marriage Records, 1880-1951*, Iowa Department of Public Health; Des Moines, Iowa; Series Title: Iowa Marriage Records, 1880–1922; Record Type: Marriage, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014, Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com.

<sup>3</sup> J. O. Schulze's House in Irving, c. 1904, photograph and description, The Portal to Texas History, University of North Texas, <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph3307/>

<sup>4</sup> *Texas, U.S., Death Index, 1903-2000*, Texas Department of Health, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006, Provo, UT, USA.

<sup>5</sup> History of Irving, Irving Heritage Society, [http://www.irvingheritage.com/ihs\\_history.html](http://www.irvingheritage.com/ihs_history.html)

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