

# SCHEFCHEN Nicolas

(1874 - 1923) <sup>1</sup>

Esch-sur-Alzette

## Biography

The family name SCHEFCHEN is also spelled Schefgen, or Scheftgen, and more phonetic variations where the “e” is replaced by “ae”, such as Schaeffchen, Schaeffgen, Schaeftgen ...

Nicolas Michel SCHEFCHEN was born in Esch-sur-Alzette in 1874, his father’s occupation was recorded as *Eigentümer*. His mother, Françoise FELTGEN died in 1887 and his father Michel died in August 1892. Nicolas was the only child of the couple, and became an orphan at the age of 18.

He must have emigrated to the USA. On 21 September 1893 he married Julie STEICHEN in Ramsey (Minnesota). Julie was born in Luxembourg-Merl in 1871.

Soon after, the couple must have returned to Luxembourg as their first child Gustave was born in Esch-sur-Alzette in June 1894. Nicolas’ occupation was *Wirth*.

By 1895 the SCHEFCHENs resided in Merl, Nicolas’ occupatin was *Rentner*. The Hollerich-Merl Census of 1900 shows that Nicolas’ occupation was *Metzger*. In 1909 Nicolas’ daughter Louise died in Differdange.

In 1916 Nicolas is reported as *commerçant* in Esch-sur-Alzette. <sup>2</sup>

Nicolas SCHEFCHEN died in 1923 in Esch-sur-Alzette.

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<sup>1</sup> [FamilySearch database \(P9CB-NN3\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> *Luxemburger Wort*, 10 November 1916

“L’an mil neuf cent seize le neuf novembre,

A la requête du sieur Nicolas Schefchen, commerçant, demeurant à Esch-sur-Alzette.

Citation a été donnée au sieur Gustave Schefchen, électricien, demeurant ci-devant à Paris, actuellement sans domicile ni résidence connus, à comparaître le mardi, quatorze novembre prochain, à 9½ heures du matin, devant le tribunal de paix du canton d’Esch-sur-Alzette, tenant bureau de conciliation, au local ordinaire des séances, au prétoire de la justice de paix à Esch-sur-Alzette pour:

se concilier si faire se peut sinon se voir renvoyer devant les juges compétents, pour s’entendre condamner à payer au requérant pour pension et frais d’entretien lui fournis pendant vingt mois à raison de 60 francs par mois, la somme de 1200 francs, avec les intérêts légaux et s’entendre en outre condamner aux frais et dépens de l’instance....”