

Our Family News Letter

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1996 Heck Family Picnic A Smashing Success

July 28, 1996 marked the 29th consecutive Heck family picnic held at Racine, Wisconsin. Not many families can boast such a record, but ours sure can.

Golfing started at 8:30 with 30 golfers participating. It got a little wet but our spirits were exceptionally high. We all had fun especially on the last hole where each person had to golf the entire hole using just one iron. By luck of the draw

you either got a 3, 5, 7 or 9 iron. Did you ever try to putt with a 9 iron?

At noon the picnic started at the Wind Point light

1996 Heck Family Picnic



The weather wasn't very nice that day yet there were well over 120 of us in attendance. The day started out with Breakfast at Hammez at 7:00 AM. About 25 brave revelers were there to cause mass confusion when we all asked for separate checks. The poor waitress said, "You have got to be kidding!" Boy was she surprised when she found out that we were serious.

Everyone pitched in and helped rearrange the breakfast selections. Our poor waitress had things so messed up that Cel finally just got up and started serving food and drinks. One of the cousins made a dumb comment that he didn't get what he ordered. What a mistake that was! Cel just said to shut up and eat what's in front of you. (She reminded me so much of a drill sergeant that I once had.....)

house. The grills were all fired up and the brats were sizzling over the hot coals. Some had steak while others had chicken, hot dogs or hamburgers.



L-R: Mary, Frances, Bernice & Al Heck at the 1996 family picnic.

When the smell of all of that stuff mixed together with the smell of cold beer, you couldn't even smell the dead fish washing up on shore. (Just kidding of course.)

Everyone brought a favorite dish of stuff to share with the others. There had to be ten different types of potato salad, and hundreds of different deserts. I think that I made it through fifty of them, but I'm not sure.



We had a pleasant surprise when Carlos Henningfeld and his wife Virginia, daughter Cindy, and grand daughters, Sarah and Margaret joined us. The Henningfeld family is pictured above. Carlos is the son of Carlos and Marie Henningfeld, and grandson of Carlos and Walburga Henningfeld. The last Carlos there was a brother to our Margaret Henningfeld, wife of Robert Steven Heck. Confused? Look at it this way.....

Henry Henningfeld

Carlos Henningfeld	Margaret Henningfeld
Carlos Henningfeld	Robert G. Heck
Carlos Henningfeld	Robert J. Heck (me)
Cyndy Henningfeld	
Sarah & Margaret Seitz	

After all of the food stuffing was done the kids played games outside, the guys sat around drinking beer and the women had a wedding

shower for Suzie Bark and Jeff Miller. Since this was the first introduction of Jeff to the "family" I'm sure that he had to scratch his head a few times to decide if we were serious. Jeff and Suzie plan to be married in October in Minneapolis. To Jeff we say that you got the best and welcome to the family. To Suzie we say that you made a good choice and that we wish you the very best from your Wisconsin family.

The picnic broke up a little after five and Gloria commented that this was the first time that she ever had to vacuum after a picnic.

Next year will mark the 30th consecutive picnic and I hope that we can make it the biggest and the best of all. Start thinking now about next July.

Editor makes first mistake this year....

In the last issue of "Our Family News Letter" I had written an article about my home pages on the Internet. Unfortunately I made an error on one of the Internet addresses. My home page addresses are:

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and <http://www.execpc.com/~bheck/heck.html>

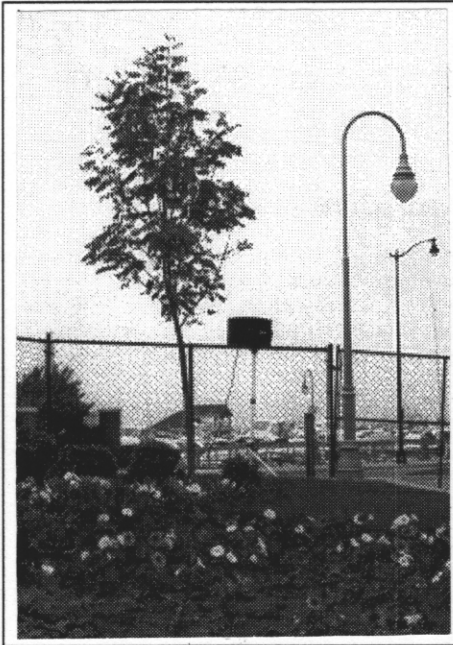
My e-mail addresses are rjheck@aol.com and bheck@execpc.com

If you would like to send an article to me for publication in this paper, you can do it through e-mail or by regular mail. I sure would like to hear from some of you. If you have pictures that you think would be of general interest to our readers, please send me a copy. If you would like to have them returned, just let me know.

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A tree planting in Racine...

On June 24, 1996, the City of Racine, Wisconsin dedicated a tree to my dad, Robert G. Heck. Robert had served the City as an Alderman from 1955

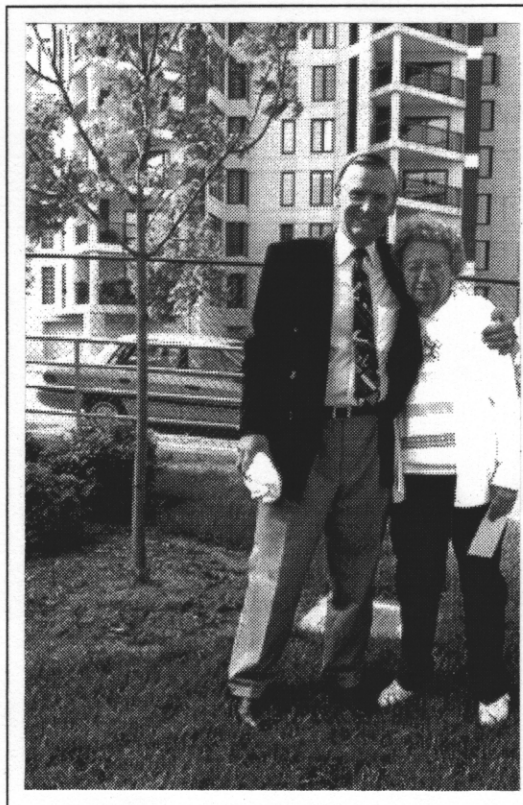
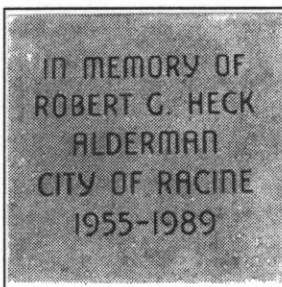


through 1989, longer than any other person in the history of the city.

The dedication was attended by approximately 40 friends, relatives and political figures from the City, County and State government. There

were dozens of speeches remembering Robert as the "Dean of the City Council."

Pictured at right is the Mayor of Racine dedicating the tree and marker and giving mom, Mary Heck, a big hug. The tree is located on the north end of Festival Park, overlooking Lake Michigan. A few years ago the City Of Racine dedicated a city park to my dad, known as Robert G. Heck Park. Dad was proud as all Heck (no pun intended) at the park dedication, and his family was just as proud at the tree dedication.



Original Civil War Records For 19th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment Found...

While searching the Internet for information on the 19th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment, I found a listing at the State Historical Society on the unit. The reason for the interest in this particular regiment is that was the unit that Henry Heck, my great grandfather, served in from 1862 to 1864.

Henry was wounded on May 13, 1864, during the battle of Fort Darling, Virginia. Little was ever known about the details of the battle until now. Following is a transcript of the hand written notes pertaining to the battle. The notes were written by Lieutenant Colonel R. M. Strong of the 19th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment on August 1, 1864.

"On the 12th of May the right wing was with General Butlers advance on Fort Darling, the left wing on picket - the right wing Companies A, E, D, C and F were advanced as skirmishers, for 3rd Brigade lay on skirmish line all night. Both skirmish and battle lines were advanced early May 13, 1864. Six men wounded on skirmish line while charging on a brick house occupied by sharp

shooters. (Note: Henry Heck was one of the six men wounded during that charge.) Held the advance line during the night of the 13th of May. The entire line advanced May 14, 1864 taking the first line of Rebel works: five men being wounded on the 14th day of May, 1864."

The status of Henry Heck was reported on each month in the muster logs of the 19th Wisconsin. The records indicated that he was hospitalized at Point Of Rocks and at West Point.

From The Photo Album.....

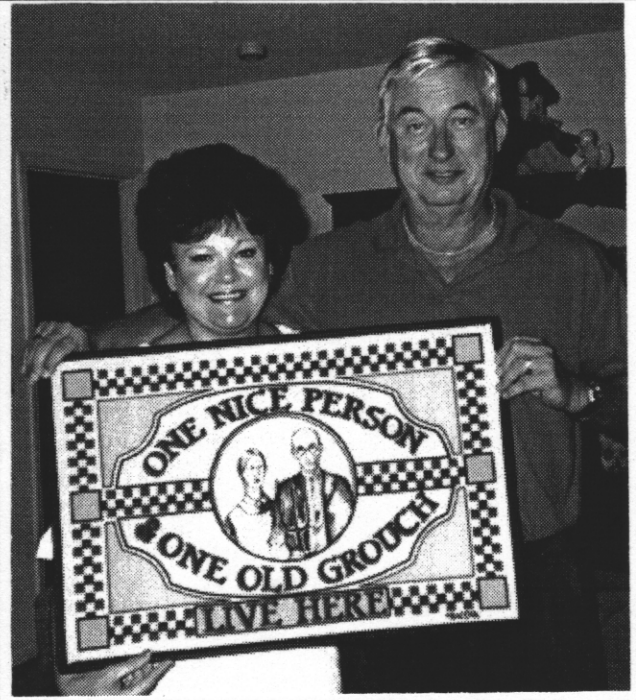


Judi Wehrman and Dave Heck were married on June 1, 1996, at Greenfield, Wisconsin. Judi is a marketing graduate of the University Of Wisconsin - Milwaukee and is an accounting clerk with the American Cancer Society. Dave, son of Gloria and Bob Heck, has a bachelor's degree in computer science from UWM and is employed as a data analyst for Independent Care Inc. in Milwaukee. Judi and Dave enjoyed a honeymoon cruise to Bermuda. (You should hear them talk about the food!!!) The young couple live at 8150 West Forest Home Ave., #207, Greenfield, WI 53220.



Shirley F. Heck dancing to "Hey, Macarena" at the 1996 Heck family picnic at Wind Point, WI while at the same time trying to juggle two plates of food and taking great care not step on little kids under foot. Shirley was awarded first prize for her dexterity and has offered to teach all of her friends and relatives how to master the intricate steps of this very popular dance.

This one is no contest.....

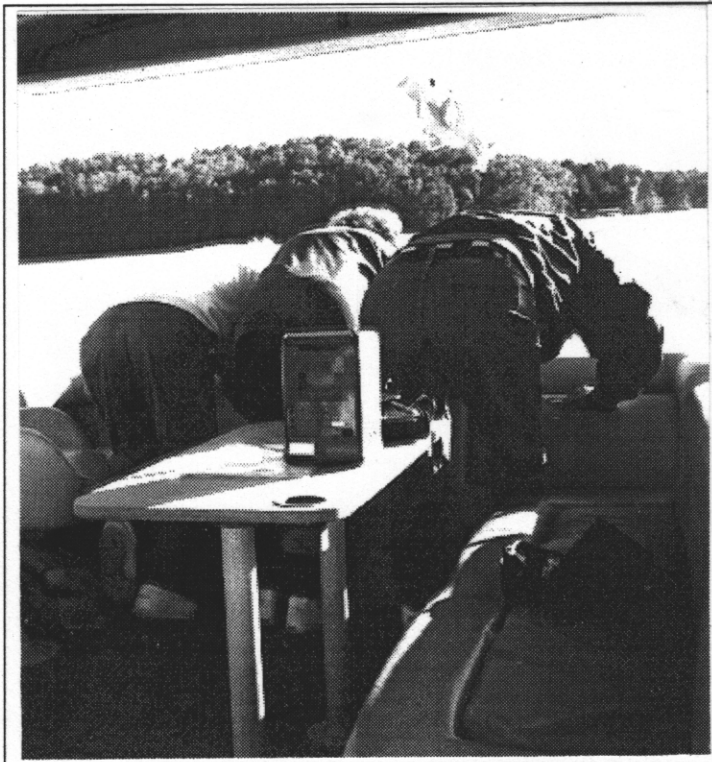


A certain sea captain from South Carolina, (my much older brother), sent in this picture of Carol and Gary Heck with their new floor mat. Gary, ...er, rather a certain sea captain suggested that we might have a vote to see which one is the old grouch and which is the nice person.

In the interest of time I called Marv and Joanne Pfeiffer and talked it over with my wife Gloria, and we decided that this was not a politically good contest to get into. If we told the truth, Gary might get mad, and if we lied, Carol, a **very nice** cook and a **very nice** home maker, and a **very nice** hostess would stop cooking those **very nice** meals for us during our visits. Enough said. Thanks for the picture, Gary.

I Need Your Help...

Please take a few minutes and look through some of your old pictures. If you will send a copy to me, I'll consider placing it on the pages of the News Letter. If you want the picture back, please let me know. Be sure to package them in an envelope with cardboard spacers so they don't get bent. Pictures of past picnics would be great.



The above picture was taken on board the mighty ship owned and skippered by the one and only Captain Gary. Gary would like to have you believe that the three people shown above were helping him put oil in his motor. The three were actually tossing their cookies to the sea gods.



L-R: Mary Heck, Suzie Bark and Jeff Miller at the 1996 Heck Family Picnic.

THE ALTAR

Pier-Heck

An attractive wedding ceremony was performed this morning at 8:30 o'clock at St. Joseph's church by the Rev. Father Bach, which united in marriage Miss Frances E. Pier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pier, 1805 Chatham street, and Clarence H. Heck, son of Mrs. Margaret Heck, 1551 Williams street. The ceremony was attended by relatives and friends.

The bride wore a gown of white satin charmeuse trimmed with chantilly lace, and lilies of the valley and pearls. She carried a showier bouquet of Killarney roses, sweet peas and lilies of the valley. A silk embroidered veil, caught with a wreath of orange blossoms, completed the bride's costume. The bride's father, John Pier, gave her in marriage. Miss Eleanor Pier, sister of the bride, who was maid of honor, wore a canary yellow georgette dress over satin, and carried a bouquet of tea roses. Miss Lorraine Heck, cousin of the groom, was bridesmaid, and wore a dress of pink georgette over satin and carried a bouquet of butterfly roses. Robert Heck, brother of the groom, was best man, and Nick Pier was also an attendant. Alvin Heck and John Pier were the ushers. Mrs. Carrie Kupper played the wedding march.

A reception was held at the bride's home, which was decorated in pink and white. About 100 guests also enjoyed a wedding dinner and supper. Mr. and Mrs. Heck have left on a two weeks' wedding trip to the Wisconsin Dells and northern Wisconsin. They will be at home to their friends after July 5 at 1551 Williams street.

Out-of-town guests who attended the wedding are Messrs. and Mmes. M. E. Broth, Seattle, Wash.; Charles Hastings, Williamsburg, Ia.; F. Heinrichs, Wausau, Wis.; N. J. Radermacher, Chicago; C. Henningfeld, S. Henningfeld, L. Heck, Miss Eva Heck, Mrs. M. Grosstueck and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Pier, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rothweiler, all of Milwaukee; Miss Anna Hugenin and James Heck, Burlington, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. John Fettes, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fettes, Bristol, Wis.; Miss Leona Heck, Mr. and Mrs. J. Heck, Mr. and Mrs. A. Plucker, Waterford, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. F. Robers, Lyons, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Fonk, Kenosha.

On The Previous Page....

On June 21, 1927, the social section of the Racine Journal Times published the wedding announcement of Frances Pier and Clarence Heck. The detail of the article is of significant value to the genealogist because it usually lists relatives and place of residence of those relatives.

Shown below is a picture of one branch of the Frances Pier - Clarence Heck family taken on the occasion of the 91st birthday of Frances. Frances celebrated her birthday with her daughter Marjorie in Torrance, California on May 28, 1996.

Shown on the picture is the entire family of Don and Marjorie (Heck) Johnson, including Jerry, Michele, Carrie and Mark Johnson of Las Vegas, Larry, Elaine, Jessica and Sean Johnson of Torrance, California, Janice, Tom and Matthew Schle-

singer of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and Linda, Todd and Joseph Niepke of Long Beach, California.

Our thanks go out to Don and Marjorie for sharing that special time and photograph with us.

This editor would like to challenge any of the members of the Frances Pier and Clarence Heck family to write an article about their family life and memories. I think that it would make a great article in this news letter.

Memorial

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of "Grandma Vilagi" during the past month. Grandma Vilagi, mother of Mary (Vilagi) Heck and mother-in-law of Clarence Heck, was a regular at many of the family gatherings. Her cooking and baking skills were well known to all of us, especially the

rosettes. Grandma Vilagi was always so friendly to everyone that she made them feel like they were part of the family.

Did You Know...

....that nearly every newspaper ever printed in Wisconsin has been microfilmed and is available for research at the State Historical Society in Madison, Wisconsin?

....that every US census from 1790 through 1920 has been microfilmed and can be viewed at Madison? The census was taken every ten years and is a great research tool.



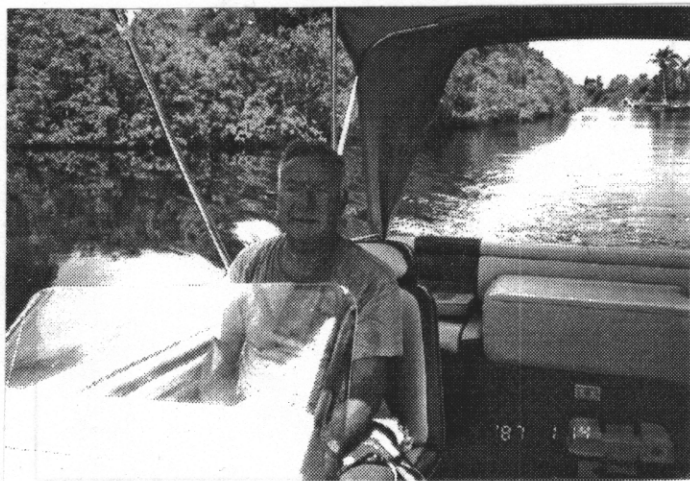
Mary Ann (Mikel) Heck hospitalized

Four days after the Heck family picnic, my mother, Mary Heck, suffered a very serious debilitating stroke. She has paralysis of her right arm and leg and has some problems with short term memory. Long term memory has been fairly good. Her sense of humor is still there and it is really good for us to see her laugh. She has been in therapy at St. Mary's Hospital in Racine, Wisconsin, and has shown some progress. She talks about attending her granddaughter Amy's wedding in October, 1996.

We hope to have her home by the end of August. There have been up and down days but more up than down.

Mom will require a lot of help as she works toward recovery, and one way that each of you could help would be to keep her in your prayers. Another way that you could help would be to send her a card or letter. She loves to look at pictures, so if you have one of yourself or your family, please send it along. Please send them to the address shown below and we'll see to it that she gets them.

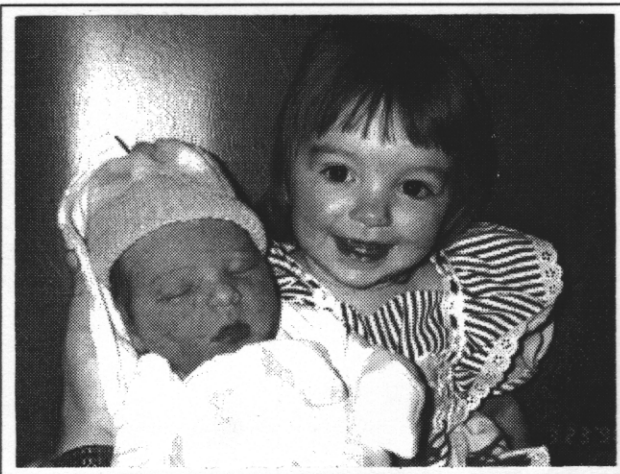
**Mary Heck
1306 Jones Ave.
Racine, WI 53402**



Looks like we have more than one Captain in the Heck family. Pictured above is Robert Heck, former Fire Chief of the New Berlin, Wisconsin fire department. Bob and Lorraine retired to Florida

and Captain Bob was so impressed by the news letter article about Captain Gary Heck, that he decided to give it a try for himself. If you look carefully under the rear seat of his boat you will note a full case of motor oil. Never let it be said that our news letter is not educational.

Lorraine tells us that Bob would be more than happy to show off his new boat to any visiting relative or friend. She does state however that you had better be prepared because Bob will occasionally break into song and dance with a, "**Ho Ho Ho and a bottle of rum**".



Pictured above are Teresa Florence Schneider and her baby brother Nicholas David Schneider, children of Barbara and David Schneider of Racine. Teresa was 18 months old and Nicholas was two days old when this picture was taken. Thanks to the proud parents for taking the time to share this picture with our readers.

Speaking of readers... There are 45 copies of this news letter sent out at no charge every three months. Please feel free to copy and distribute it to others in your family. The purpose of the news letter is to share information about our family with others. If you have suggestions about articles for the news letter, please let me know.

INTERNET News: On the last page of this news letter you will find 47 of my favorite genealogy home pages on the Internet. Give them a try!

Some Of The Best Genealogy Home Pages on Internet WWW

- No. 1 <http://ftp.cac.psu.edu/~saw/genealogy.html> THE GENEALOGY HOME PAGE
- No. 2 <http://genealogy.org/NGS/> THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
- No. 3 <http://www.doit.com/tdoyle/genweb/> GENWEB DATABASE INDEX
- No. 4 <http://www.smartlink.net/~leverich/roots-l.html> ROOTS-L RESOURCES PAGE
- No. 5 <http://www.eskimo.com/~chance/> VICKI'S HOME PAGE
- No. 6 <http://www.rand.org/cgi-bin/Genea/rsl> ROOTS SURNAME LIST NAME FINDER/SEARCH
- No. 7 <http://soback.kornet.nm.kr/~cmanis> GENSERV WORLDWIDE GEDCOM SERVER
- No. 8 <http://www.everton.com/> EVERTON PUBLISHERS - HELPING MORE PEOPLE FIND MORE GENEALOGY
- No. 9 <http://www.rand.org:80/personal/Genea/> RAND GENEALOGY CLUB
- No. 10 http://www.folio.com/folio.cgi/gennam-l_archive? GENNAM-L ARCHIVE FOLIO SEARCHABLE DATABASE
- No. 11 <http://www.janyce.com/gene/rootdig.html> JANYCE'S ROOT DIGGIN' DEPT
- No. 12 <http://www.holli.com/~lbushman/welcome.html> LORI BUSHMAN'S GENEALOGY QUERY PAGE
- No. 13 http://ftp.cac.psu.edu/~saw/whats_new.html WHAT'S NEW WITH THE GENEALOGY HOME PAGE
- No. 14 <http://genealogy.tbox.com/genealogy.html> GENEALOGY TOOLBOX WWW SITE - NEW VERSION
- No. 15 http://grsun1.ie.cuhk/~shlam/in_www_guide.html INTERNET AND WWW BEGINNERS' GUIDE
- No. 16 <http://newtoo.manifest.com/WhatsNewToo/index.html> WHAT'S NEW TOO!
- No. 17 <http://www.hookup.net/~dbirk/chf.html> ARMORIAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION - HERALDRY, COAT OF ARMS, GENEALOGY SHIELDS
- No. 18 <http://genealogy.emcee.com/> GENEALOGY ONLINE
- No. 19 <http://rootsbook.wow.com/> ROOTSBOOK ON WOW!
- No. 20 <http://cs6400.mcc.ac.uk:80/genuki/big/soc/> THE UK AND IRELAND
- No. 21 <http://www.olcommerce.com/cadre/> MILITARY HISTORY
- No. 22 <http://www.four11.com> FOUR 11 WHITE PAGE DIRECTORY
- No. 23 <http://www.polaris.net/~legend/bookmark.htm> 759 GENEALOGY BOOKMARKS
- No. 24 <http://www.byu.edu/rell/jsblab/genealog/programs/> BYU'S GENEALOGY WWW SERVER
- No. 25 <http://www.familytreemaker.com> FAMILY TREE MAKER ONLINE
- No. 26 <http://www.genealogy.com/blairs/> BLAIRS' BOOK SERVICE
- No. 27 <http://www.switchboard.com> SWITCHBOARD
- No. 28 <http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm> CYNDI'S LIST OF GENEALOGY SITES ON THE INTERNET
- No. 29 <http://pages.prodigy.com/bombadil> NUTHIN' BUT LINKS
- No. 30 <http://www.netins.net/showcase/pafways> PAF-WAYS HOME PAGE
- No. 31 <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ote/> THE OLIVE TREE GENEALOGY HOMEPAGE
- No. 32 <http://www.netmind.com/> NETMIND FREE SERVICES HOME PAGE
- No. 33 <http://members.tripod.com/~EdLincoln/remake.html> EDWARD LINCOLN'S GENEALOGY PAGE
- No. 34 <http://www.rootsweb.com/> ROOTSWEB
- No. 35 <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/roots> WWW GENEALOGY HOMEPAGES FROM COMPUSERVE
- No. 36 <http://www.gensource.com> GENSOURCE
- No. 37 <http://www.toltbbs.com/~kbasile/springbd.htm> SURNAME SPRINGBOARD
- No. 38 <http://www.demon.co.uk/heritage/heraldry/> HERALDIC ARTS HERALDRY PAGE
- No. 39 <http://www.hamrick.com/names/index.html> SURNAMES ON A MAP
- No. 40 <http://www.usgenweb.com> USA GENWEB PROJECT
- No. 41 <http://www.infospaceinc.com/> INFOSPACE-SWITCHBOARD SEARCH
- No. 42 <http://www.familychronicle.com/~magazine> FAMILY CHRONICLE MAGAZINE
- No. 43 <http://www.infobases.com/ssdi/> SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX SEARCH
- No. 44 <http://www.ellisland.org/> THE STATUE OF LIBERTY-ELLIS ISLAND FOUNDATION

1. Milwaukee PAF Users Group Home Page written by Bob Heck
<http://www.execpc.com/~bheck/mpafug.html>