

Our Family News Letter

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Heck Picnic - July 20th

Thirty years ago a tradition was started for descendants of Robert Steven Heck and Margaret Fred-erica Henningfeld. This year we will celebrate the 30th consecutive family picnic and reunion at the light house at Wind Point, Wisconsin. Wind Point is located just north of the city of Racine, Wisconsin. The date for this years picnic is Sunday, July 20, 1997. This year we will begin with a breakfast for the golfers and early risers at Dick and Cel Heck's' which is located at 8 Greenwood Court in Racine. Breakfast is served at 7:00 AM. **Please RSVP at (414) 639-5370.**

Even if you are not a golfer, think about joining us for breakfast anyway. We have a lot of fun enjoying each others company. The food is sure to be great since Cel is the head chef and the friendly smiles from your "cousins" are sure to make your day.

Following breakfast we begin a golf tournament at Shoops Park golf course located next to the beautiful light house at Wind Point. The course is a simple nine hole course that is kind to even the inexperienced golfer. The picnic golf committee usually throws in a few challenges just to even things out. If I remember correctly, last year you had to play the last hole using only one iron selected by drawing. Those of us who got stuck with a nine iron had a tough time putting with it.

One year everyone had to putt using a rubber hosed putter. Get the idea? We are there to have a lot of fun.

Everyone is always anxious to see what my younger brother, Don Heck, will be using in the line of new equipment. He usually comes up with

something like a "Mamma Bazooka Driver" or a "Whopper 9 Wood".

Be sure to call Lori & John at (414) 884-9113 for reservations. There will be a \$4.00 fee plus your golfing fee. The \$4.00 is used to purchase prizes for the golf tournament.

Following nine holes of golf the family gathers at the Wind Point light house for a good old fashioned family picnic. The picnic starts at noon and usually runs until 5:00 PM. The setting is fantastic. We have a large room in the light house and have access to a modern kitchen with an oven and a microwave. Even if it rains we have plenty of room to hold the picnic indoors, so don't let the weather scare you off.

Everyone brings a dish of something good to eat which is shared with others in a grand buffet style. If you are not sure of what to bring, just give Cel Heck a call at (414) 639-5370 or 639-6064 at any time of the day or night. If you call during the day tell her that Bob Heck, your editor, told you to call. If you call at night or some other ungodly hour, tell her that Gary Heck told you to call. (Gary is my older brother.)

Each person is responsible for their own meat and for the preparation of same. Some bring brats while others bring steaks, hamburgers, chicken, or hot dogs. Grills are generally available for you to burn to your hearts content. There is a small fee for each family to help cover the cost of the rental and for prizes for the kids. The fee for this year will be \$2.00 per family. How can you go wrong with that! Bring your own beer and soda and lawn chairs if you have them.

This year to celebrate 30 years of fun, Cel Heck has made arrangements to have T-shirts made with

the logo "30 Year Heck Picnic - 1997". Each branch of the family will have a color selected so you can tell if you are a descendant of Clarence, Robert, Alvin or Bernice Heck, or if you are a Henningfeld. The colors are: Clarence - Royal Blue and white; Alvin - Green and white; Robert - Yellow and Black; Bernice - Burgundy and white; and Henningfeld - Black and white.

The cost of the Hanes cotton T-shirt will be \$8.35 each and are available in the following sizes. Children: Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large. Adults: Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large. (Sorry Gary, not available in tent sizes.)

Please send size, color and payment to Cel Heck, 8 Greenwood Court, Racine, WI 53402 by June 10th. If you have any questions, please call Cel Heck at (414) 639-5370 or 639-6064. Please order early so she has time to have the order processed. If everyone purchases a T-shirt, our annual family group picture is sure to be great.

Be sure to bring the kids and grandchildren as there are plenty of games with great prizes. (Sorry Gary and Don, you two are not eligible for the children's games this year because you were both caught cheating at the bean bag toss last year.)

We expect to have a computer set up with our family history on it. You can look up your great-great-great-great-grandfather if you wish. Family photo albums will also be available with pictures going all the way back to the Civil War period. See if you can find a look-a-like relative in the hundreds of pictures that I've collected over the past twenty years.

This year we ask that you search through some of your old pictures and bring them along to share for the day. I will have equipment available to copy any picture so that it can be added to our family photo album. We would especially like to see any pictures from past Heck family picnics.

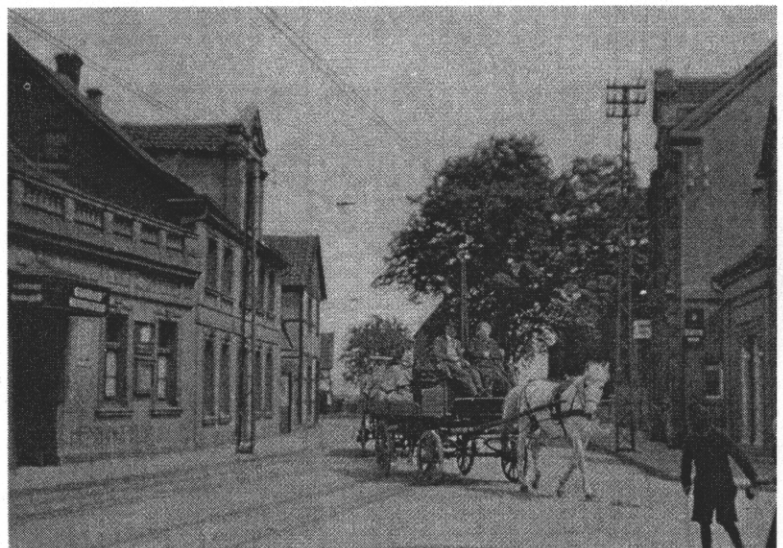
See you at the picnic and don't forget to respond to Cel Heck NOW to order your T-shirts.

Henningfeld researchers have joined forces:

Through the Internet, I have made contact with Henningfeld family researchers from around the world who are all researching the same family originating in Heinrichsburg, Germany in the late 1600's. Jeff Henningfeld lives in Washington State, Henning Henningfeld lives in Venezuela, Martin Kriszio lives in Heinrichsburg, Dr. Kempkes lives in Saarbrucken, Germany, and Katja Henningfeld lives in Berlin, Germany. Martin Kriszio is a writer and just published two articles in a German newspaper. One of the articles was about me and the extensive research that I have done on the American branches of the Henningfeld family. The second article was about Henning Henningfeld and his extensive research into the German Henningfeld families.

Martin Kriszio sent the picture in this article by E-Mail over the Internet to me. The picture shows the Henningfeld Gasthof (a restaurant) in 1920, Heinrichsburg, Germany. According to Martin, the Gasthof is no longer there as it was torn down to make way for a new highway.

The Henningfeld Gasthof in 1920



Our Henningfeld ancestors lived in Heinrichsburg and later in Vinnum, Germany. The entire branch moved to Wisconsin in 1845 and 1847. One of those branches changed the spelling of the name to Henningfield.

I hope to set up a Henningfeld Home Page on the Internet in the near future. That should put us in contact with many more of our distant cousins. My present Home Page lists some of the Henningfeld ancestry and can be found at:

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

Bob Heck on the speaking circuit...

As you are probably aware, I am a founding member of the Milwaukee PAF Users Group which is a group of 125 members with a common interest in using computers for genealogy research and data logging. My job in the group is to teach our members how to use the computers for that research. I'm generally the main speaker at each of our monthly meetings. I have been a guest speaker at the Madison PAF Users Group, the Burlington Genealogical Society, The South-East Wisconsin Jewish Genealogical Society, The Brookfield LDS Research Library, The Milwaukee LDS Research Library, and at the Milwaukee County Genealogical Society workshop.

Other talks that I have scheduled are at the Burlington Genealogical Society in July, the Zion, Illinois Genealogical Society in September, and the Wisconsin Irish Genealogical Society in April, 1998. If you get a chance and would like to attend one of the upcoming talks, just let me know.

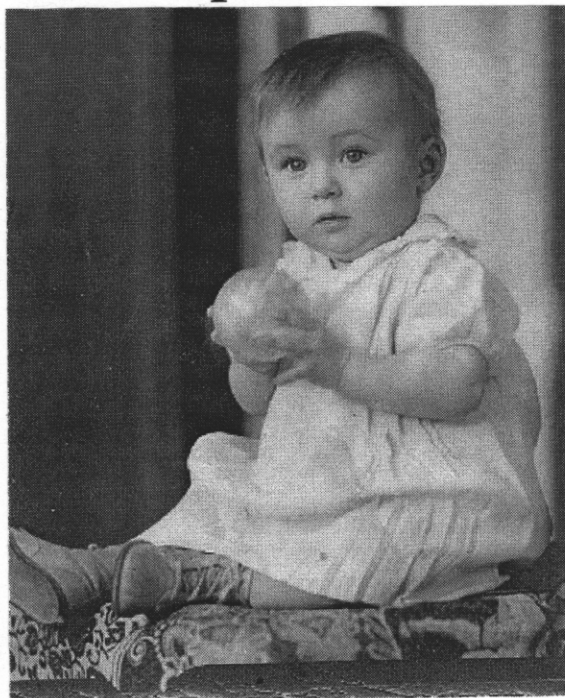
Burgess Genealogy now on Internet...

If you happen to have Internet access you might want to check out the new Burgess family home page located at:
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/2726/>

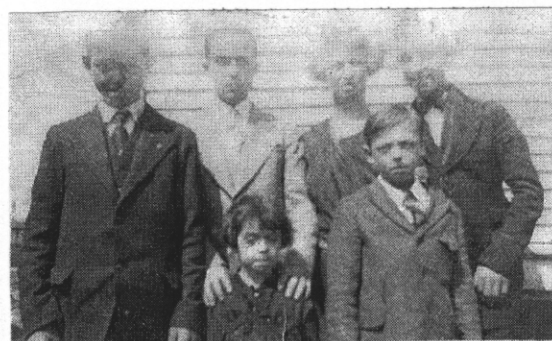
If you get a chance, check it out. I have contributed a great deal of our Burgess research to their home

page starting with John Burgess from Voluntown, CT in the 1710 time period. Their home page is growing rapidly and has extensive research all the way back to the 1500's in England. Since these are your ancestors also, you might just want to surf through their files.

From the photo album...

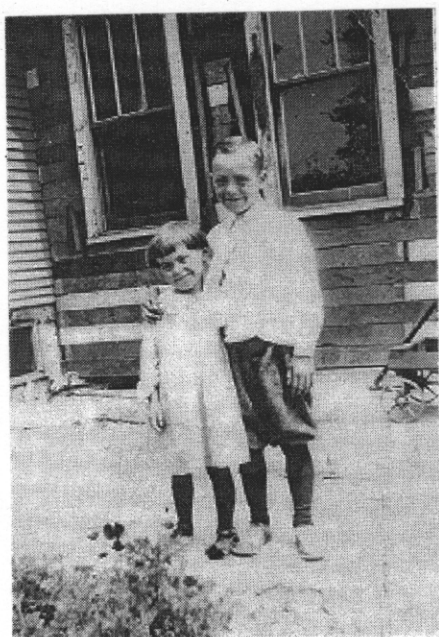


*Above: Dolores Heck in 1934
Below: L-R: Alvin, Clarence, Bernice,
Margaret, Edward & Robert Heck*



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More from the photo album...



Starting at lower left: (1) Bernice and Edward Heck about 1923. (2) The "Pink Elephant Club" with Bob Heck standing 2nd from left, Al Heck and Carl Heinrichs standing at right about 1934. (3) The Heck Picnic. (4) Margaret Henningfeld Heck. (5) Carl Heinrichs, Bob & Al Heck. (6) Bob, Gary, Robert, & Don Heck in 1946. (Uncle Al, Please explain what the "Pink Elephant Club" was all about.)

Descendants of James Henry HECK

First Generation

1. James Henry HECK was born 1 Nov 1869 in Dover, Racine Co., WI. He died 29 Sep 1943 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI and was buried in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

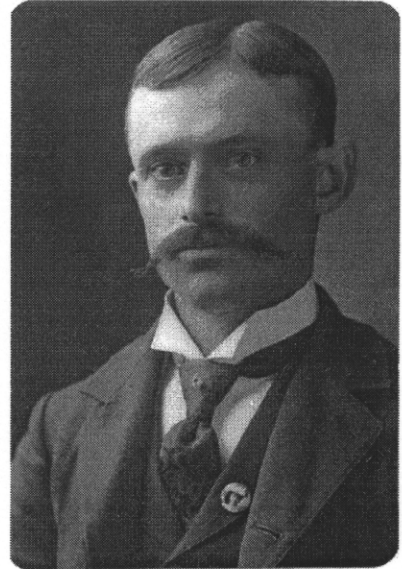
James Henry Heck was the son and first child of Henry Heck and Mary Ann McNulty.

BIOGRAPHY: James Henry Heck was a house painter by trade and lived nearly all of his life in the city of Burlington, Wisconsin. A large family reunion was held at his home in 1948. Fear of polio in the late 1940's and early 1950's put an end to the reunions.

!CENSUS: The 1920 US Census for Burlington, WI listed Anna Huggunin, age 31, as a servant.

James married (1) Wilhelmina C. HOERNEMANN on 2 Sep 1903 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI. Wilhelmina was born 19 Aug 1873 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI. She died 2 Oct 1919 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

Wilhelmina lived on the East side of the Fox river at the time of her marriage in 1903. She was married at St. Mary's Catholic church in Burlington. She was known as Minnie.



James Henry Heck
1869 - 1943



Wilhelmina C. Hoernemann
1873 - 1919

James and Wilhelmina had the following children:

- + 2 M i. Raymond James HECK was born 4 May 1905.
- + 3 F ii. Loraine Christina HECK was born 11 May 1907.
- 4 F iii. Lucille Katherine HECK was born 4 Feb 1909 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI. She died 22 Mar 1909 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

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- + 5 M iv. Herbert Alfred HECK was born 14 Sep 1910 and died 26 Nov 1986.
- 6 F v. Alice Elizabeth Mary HECK was born 3 Aug 1912 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI. She died 2 Jun 1943 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Alice Heck never married. She worked for ten years at the Nestle's Can Co. She died from pneumonia after a two week illness. She was 31 years old.

- + 7 M vi. Joseph Henry HECK was born 23 Jul 1914 and died 26 Feb 1985.

Second Generation

- 2. Raymond James HECK was born 4 May 1905 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Raymond James Heck attended grade school and graduated from high school in Burlington, WI. Raymond was an electrician and worked for the Rewald Electric Co. from 1925 to 1931. He started his own company in 1931, called the Ray J. Heck Electric Co. and retired in 1990.

*Children of James Heck
Standing L-R: Herbert,
Raymond, Loraine.
Seated L-R: Joseph,
Alice.*



Raymond married (1) Gladys Julia WIESENTHAL on 13 Sep 1930. Gladys was born 13 Sep 1905 in German Settlement, Wallworth Co., WI. She died 22 Feb 1995.

Gladys was the daughter of Herman Wiesenthal and Minnie Mitchell. She lived in the East Troy, Wisconsin area prior to her marriage.

Raymond and Gladys had the following children:

- 8 M i. Ralph HECK was born 14 Oct 1931 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Ralph is an electrician and worked for his father. In 1981 he took over ownership of the firm.

Ralph married (1) Ruth NIENHAUS on 1 Oct 1955. Ruth was born 16 Mar 1935.

- 9 M ii. Kenneth Robert HECK was born 30 Dec 1934 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Kenneth served in the Army during the Korean War from 1954 to 1956.

He worked as a plumber for the David and Poritz Co. from 1957 - 1959, and for King Plumbing from 1959 - 1983. In 1983 he started the Clean Carriage Car Wash.

Kenneth married (1) Bonnie CARMENGAMI on 21 Sep 1963 in Burlington, Racine

Co., WI. The marriage ended in divorce. Bonnie was born 21 Aug 1943.

- 10 F iii. Jean Marie HECK was born 29 Jan 1939 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI and was christened 12 Feb 1939 in Burlington.

BIOGRAPHY: Jean attended the Teachers College in Union Grove, Wisconsin. She taught in elementary school in Rochester, MN from 1960 to 1962.

Jean married (1) Richard KOENEN on 9 Jun 1962 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI. Richard was born 23 Nov 1939 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

- 11 F iv. Barbara Jean HECK was born 17 Apr 1946 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Barbara attended Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin from 1964 - 1965. She owned the Bottonwillow Craft Shop in Burlington from 1985 to 1988.

Barbara married (1) Robert William BEDESSEM on 17 Nov 1965. Robert was born 18 Apr 1943.

3. Loraine Christina HECK was born 11 May 1907 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI and was christened 19 May 1907 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Loraine was the secretary to the president of Racine College. She lived in Burlington and Racine, WI.



The James Henry Heck Family L-R: James, Raymond, Alice, Herbert, Loraine, Annie Huggunin, and Joseph Heck.

Loraine married (1) Nicholas B. PIER on 10 Oct 1935. Nicholas was born 29 Aug 1903. He died 17 Sep 1994 in Racine, Racine Co., WI.

Nicholas was the son of John Pier and Hannah Fettes.

Nicholas and Loraine had the following children:

- 12 M i. James Bernard PIER was born 28 Aug 1936 in Racine, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: James is a mechanical engineer and is employed by the GE company.

James married (1) Bernice BUNCK on 7 Sep 1957 in Racine, WI. Bernice was born 31 May 1936 in Racine, Racine Co., WI.

- 13 M ii. Nicholas Francis PIER was born 13 Nov 1938 in Racine, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Nicholas graduated from Marquette University with BS degree in Mechanical Engineering and from MIT with an MS degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was a research engineer from 1962 to 1975 and an engineering supervisor since 1975.

Nicholas married (1) Dorothy NADARFF on 11 Jun 1960. Dorothy was born 12 Aug 1938.

5. Herbert Alfred HECK was born 14 Sep 1910 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI. He died 26 Nov 1986 in Kenosha, Kenosha Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Herbert, known as Hub, worked as a house painter with his father from 1935 to 1972. From 1972 to 1977 he was employed by The Wisconsin Southern Center in Union Grove.

Herbert married (1) Anise Margaret HOLLAND on 23 Nov 1935 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI. Anise was born 28 Nov 1911 in Kenosha, Kenosha Co., WI. She died 29 May 1994.

They had the following children:

- 14 M i. Herbert W. HECK was born 10 Feb 1939 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Herbert W. Heck served in the US Navy from 1958 to 1962. He owned a Texico service station from 1962 to 1968, was a salesman for Economic Labs from 1968 to 1980 and is an independent insurance salesman since 1980.

Herbert married (1) Barbara Ann GALAS on 4 Jun 1960 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI. Barbara was born 17 Feb 1940 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL. She died 30 Jun 1988.

Barbara was the daughter of Edward Galas and Eleanor Wisniewski.

- 15 M ii. Ronald J. HECK was born 27 Oct 1940 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Ronald J. Heck served in the US Air Force from 1959 to 1963 and was stationed in England for three years. Ronald was employed by Southern Colony from 1963 to 1968. He attended Teachers College in Union Grove, WI and at Parkside College in Kenosha, WI from 1968 to 1972. Since 1972 he has been a teacher at the Washington Caldwell school in Burlington, WI.

7. Joseph Henry HECK was born 23 Jul 1914 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI. He died 26 Feb 1985 in Kenosha, Kenosha Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Joseph was an electrician and received his training from the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. He worked for his brother Ray from 1939 until 1977. During WWII he served in the 202nd Engineers Combat Battalion. He was transferred into the 245th Combat Battalion and served overseas in England, France, Germany and Belgium.

Joseph married (1) Mildred Marie KOEPPEN on 19 Jan 1944 in Biloxi, MS. Mildred was born 16 Jan 1912 in LaFayette twm, Walworth Co., WI. She died 24 Nov 1984 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

Her father was Max Koeppen and her mother was Emily Hensel.

Joseph and Mildred had the following children:

- 16 F i. Joanne Marie HECK was born 7 Oct 1950 in Burlington, Racine Co., WI.

BIOGRAPHY: Joanne has been employed at the Burlington Memorial Hospital since 1968. She has been a great help in putting together information on the Burlington Heck's.