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Meet some of your cousins....



Pictured above are the five children of Alphonse and Kathryn (Folgert) Heitkemper from Philips, Wisconsin. Shown are Leo, Albert, Lorraine, Edith, and Elsie.

Lorraine (Heitkemper) Bruno, from Philips, had done extensive research into the Heitkemper family history. I had corresponded with her for many years and exchanged my research for hers.

Edith (Heitkemper) Mehre and her husband, Fred, took over the research from their home in Wausau, Wisconsin. Edie Mehre contacted me while researching our family home page on the Internet.

Edie and Fred Mehre live at 7903 Buttercup Road, Wausau, WI 54401.

On the next four pages are the descendants charts of Fredrick D. Heitkemper. Fredrick married Anna Maria Elizabeth Guthof Stratman in Coesfeld, Germany in about 1860. Anna Maria Elizabeth Guthof was first married to Anton Stratman.

The following chart will help clarify the relationship.

Anna Maria Elizabeth Guthof & Anton Stratman
Clara Stratman & Henry Henningfeld
Margaret Henningfeld & Robert S. Heck
Robert G. Heck & Mary Mikel
Robert J. Heck & Gloria LaBerge

A. M. Elizabeth Guthof & Fredrick D. Heitkemper
Henry Fredrick Heitkemper & Mary Halbach
Alphonse Heitkemper & Kathryn Folgert
Edith Heitkemper & Fred Mehre

This makes Edith Mehre my second half cousin, once removed.

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Modified Register for Fredrick D. HEITKEMPER

First Generation

1. Fredrick D. HEITKEMPER was born 24 Nov 1832 in Hassel, Westphalia, Germany. He died 7 Apr 1911 in Waterford, Racine, WI.

Fredrick married Elizabeth Anna Maria GUTHOF in Coesfeld, Westphalia, Germany. Elizabeth was born 8 May 1819 in Germany. She died 30 Nov 1893 in Waterford, Racine, WI.

They had the following children:

- + 2 M i. Henry Friedrick HEITKEMPER was born 20 Sep 1862 and died 26 Jun 1923.

Second Generation

2. Henry Friedrick HEITKEMPER (Fredrick D.) was born 20 Sep 1862 in Coesfeld, Westphalia, Germany. He died 26 Jun 1923 in Phillips, Price, WI.

Henry married Mary Gertrude HALBACH on 18 Apr 1882 in Burlington, Racine, WI. Mary was born 1 May 1856 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. She died 15 Jan 1936 in Waterford, Racine, WI.

They had the following children:

- + 3 M i. Fredrick H. J. HEITKEMPER was born 19 Jan 1883 and died 22 Dec 1948.
- + 4 F ii. Anna Mary Elizabeth HEITKEMPER was born 18 Aug 1884 and died 24 Mar 1978.
- + 5 M iii. Henry Joseph HEITKEMPER was born 23 Nov 1885 and died 10 Mar 1972.
- 6 M iv. Oscar HEITKEMPER was born 9 Oct 1887 in Waterford, Racine, WI. He died 12 Aug 1935 in Lake Geneva, Walworth, WI and was buried in St. Killian's Ce, Lake Geneva, Walworth, WI.
Oscar married Mary BAECHLAE on 16 Apr 1919 in New Munster, WI. Mary was born in (?). She died 1 Sep 1980 in Lake Geneva, WI.
- + 7 F v. Mary (Mamie) Gertrude HEITKEMPER was born 12 Jun 1889 and died 9 Jan 1970.
- + 8 M vi. William Joseph HEITKEMPER was born 4 Mar 1891 and died 18 Jun 1980.
- 9 M vii. Rudoplh Frank HEITKEMPER was born 21 Nov 1892 in Waterford, Racine, WI. He died 30 Jun 1961 in California.
Rudoplh married Gladys E. SCOTT in , , Dakota.
- 10 M viii. Herman George (Pete) HEITKEMPER was born 4 Sep 1894 in Waterford, Racine, WI. He died 12 Aug 1971 in , , CA.
Herman married Bertha MCGUFFIN on 27 Dec 1957 in (California). Bertha was born in (?). She died in (California).
- + 11 M ix. Alphonse Albert HEITKEMPER was born 4 Sep 1894 and died 15 May 1983.
- 12 M x. Joseph Aloysius HEITKEMPER was born 27 Nov 1898 in Waterford, Racine, WI. He died 11 Feb 1979 in Collegeville, , Mn.

Third Generation

3. Fredrick H. J. HEITKEMPER (Henry Friedrich, Fredrick D.) was born 19 Jan 1883 in Waterford, Racine, WI. He died 22 Dec 1948 in Virginia, Minnesota and was buried 27 Dec 1948 in Greenwood Cem., Virginia, Mn.

Fredrick married Lena BOLTON on 11 May 1911 in Phillip, WI. Lena was born 25 Jun 1886 in Waterford, WI. She died 20 Sep 1955 in Phillips, WI.

They had the following children:

- 13 M i. Wesley HEITKEMPER was born 27 Feb 1912 in Eau Claire, WI. He died 6 Dec 1975 in Hibbing, Mn.
- 14 F ii. Bernice Ruth HEITKEMPER was born 28 Nov 1914 in (?).
Bernice married (1) Ernest W. LOUMA on 9 Jun 1939 in (?). Ernest was born 21 Jun 1914 in (?). He died 15 Dec 1961 in (?).
Bernice also married (2) Arthur A. FOSSUM on 4 Sep 1965 in (?). Arthur was born 1 Oct 1905 in (?).
- 15 F iii. Eleanor Doris HEITKEMPER was born 25 Jan 1917 in (?).
Eleanor married Fingel MELIN on 4 Oct 1940 in (?). Fingel was born 8 Sep 1909 in (?). He died 22 Oct 1978 in (?).

4. Anna Mary Elizabeth HEITKEMPER (Henry Friedrich, Fredrick D.) was born 18 Aug 1884 in Waterford, Racine, WI. She died 24 Mar 1978 in Burlington, Racine, WI.

Anna married Bernard HESSEFORT on 12 Apr 1904 in Phillips, WI (St. Patrick'. Bernard was born 26 Jun 1884 in Grutlohn bei Bor, Westphalia, Germany. He died 1 Mar 1957 in Benton County, Missouri.

They had the following children:

- 16 F i. Laura Elizabeth HESSEFORT was born 2 Apr 1905 in (?). She died 30 Oct 1994.
Laura married Albert HOLLENCAMP on 18 Oct 1923 in New Munster, WI (St. Alophons. Albert was born 30 Mar 1896 in (?). He died 27 Dec 1962 in (?).
- 17 F ii. Margaret HESSEFORT was born 9 Mar 1908 in (?).
Margaret married Louis METZNER on 21 Aug 1925 in Waukegan, IL. Louis was born 6 Jun 1906 in (?).
- 18 F iii. Rose Ann HESSEFORT was born 2 Aug 1911 in (?).
Rose married Herman BEHRMANN on 28 Sep 1929 in (?). Herman was born 7 Feb 1906 in (?).
- 19 M iv. Anthony Bernard HESSEFORT was born 6 Sep 1912 in (?). He died 1994.
Anthony married Olive Pauline VAUGHAN on 6 Feb 1937. Olive was born 25 Jan 1918 in (?).
- 20 M v. John P. HESSEFORT was born 22 Aug 1914 in (?).
John married Della F. SILVEY on 2 Nov 1934 in Tuscumbia, MO. Della was born 15 Oct 1913 in (?).
- 21 M vi. Herman Joseph HESSEFORT was born 7 Feb 1916 in (?). He died 1994.
Herman married Mabel Lucille ALLIE in Versailles, MO. Mabel was born 4 Oct 1920 in (?).

5. Henry Joseph HEITKEMPER (Henry Friedrich, Fredrick D.) was born 23 Nov 1885 in Waterford,

Racine, WI. He died 10 Mar 1972 in Menomonee Falls, Waukesha, WI and was buried in St. Huberts Ceme, Richfield, Washington, WI.

Henry married Della KENNEDY on 6 Apr 1910 in (?). Della was born 16 Nov 1886 in Green Bay, BROWN, WI. She died 7 Aug 1973 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI.

They had the following children:

- 22 M i. Harold HEITKEMPER was born 21 Apr 1911 in (?).
Harold married Jeanette LITTLE on 29 Aug 1931 in (?). Jeanette was born 30 Mar 1914 in (?).
- 23 F ii. Florence HEITKEMPER was born 21 Aug 1912 in (?). She died 11 May 1998 in Cedar Lake Home, West Bend, WI and was buried 14 May 1998 in WI Memorial Park, Milwaukee, WI.
Florence married (1) Reuben WERSCH on 27 Jul 1932 in (?). Reuben was born 27 Jan 1903 in (?). He died 10 Aug 1950.
Florence also married (2) HOWARD Gilbert TICE on 22 Sep 1951 in (?).
HOWARD was born 1 May 1913 in (?).
- 24 M iii. Kenneth James HEITKEMPER was born 26 Apr 1919 in (?). He died 12 Jul 1973 in Milwaukee, WI (Woods VA Ce.
Kenneth married Margaret HARTIGAN on 22 Jan 1940 in (?). Margaret was born 29 Feb 1920 in (?).
- 25 M iv. Raymond Donald HEITKEMPER was born 19 Aug 1920 in (?).
Raymond married Genevieve Grace GRACZYK on 5 Feb 1944 in Milwaukee, WI.
Genevieve was born 20 Jan 1923 in (?).

7. Mary (Mamie) Gertrude HEITKEMPER (Henry Friedrich, Fredrick D.) was born 12 Jun 1889 in Waterford, Racine, WI. She died 9 Jan 1970 in Yorkville, WI and was buried in St. Mary's Cemet, Burlington, Racine, WI.

Mary married Michael Michael MUELLER on 4 Nov 1913 in New Munster, WI. Michael was born 14 Oct 1881 in Bayern Hessler G. He died 4 Jan 1960 in Burlington, WI.

They had the following children:

- 26 M i. Maxwell F. MUELLER was born 6 Apr 1915 in (?). He died 18 Oct 1971 in (?).
Maxwell married Dorothy C. BAUMGARTNER on 18 Mar 1944 in Kitterly, Maine.
Dorothy was born 6 May 1914 in (?).
- 27 F ii. Irene B. MUELLER was born 24 Mar 1917 in (?).
Irene married Albert Henry SCHRANZ on 29 Aug 1942 in (?). Albert was born 20 Sep 1910 in (?).
- 28 F iii. Barbara MUELLER was born 5 Dec 1918 in (?).
- 29 F iv. Verona G. MUELLER was born 22 Sep 1920 in (?).
Verona married Erwin F. KANIA in (?). Erwin was born 23 Dec 1918 in (?). He died 3 Oct 1968 in (?).
- 30 M v. Victor Emil MUELLER was born 4 Jan 1922 in (?).
Victor married Norma Ruth ENGELHARDT on 25 Jul 1942 in Burlington, WI (St. Mary's C. Norma was born 1 Sep 1922 in (?).
- 31 M vi. Ernest I. MUELLER was born 4 Apr 1924 in (?).
Ernest married Margie Louise WEBBER in (?). Margie was born 8 Jul 1928 in (?).

8. William Joseph HEITKEMPER (Henry Friedrich, Fredrick D.) was born 4 Mar 1891 in Waterford, Racine, WI. He died 18 Jun 1980 in Phillips, Price, WI.

William married Theresa Ann LANGER on 15 Oct 1919 in Phillips, WI (St. Patrick. Theresa was born 16 Sep 1900 in Vienna, Austria. She died 1 Oct 1953 in Phillips, WI.

They had the following children:

- 32 F i. Martha Marie HEITKEMPER was born 16 Jul 1920 in Phillips, WI. She died 30 Jul 1998 in Phillips, WI and was buried 3 Aug 1998 in Phillips, WI.
Martha married Roy LEPKE on 27 Aug 1940 in Phillips, WI (St. Patrick'. Roy was born 7 Aug 1912 in (?). He died 21 Sep 1964 in Phillips, WI.
- 33 F ii. Frances Victoria HEITKEMPER was born 27 Dec 1923 in Phillips, WI. She died 15 May 1925 in Phillips, WI.
- 34 F iii. Alice Theresa HEITKEMPER was born 22 Oct 1931 in Phillips, WI. She died 22 Oct 1931 in Phillips, WI.
Alice married John E. KLIMOWSKI on 19 Apr 1950 in Phillips, WI (St. Mary's C.
John was born 1 Aug 1922 in (?). He died 30 Dec 1982 in Phillips, WI.
- 35 M iv. William Lawrence Stanley HEITKEMPER was born 26 Sep 1939 in Phillips, WI.
William married Juanita DelToro ORTEZ on 13 Jun 1959 in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico
(Hol. Juanita was born 4 Feb 1938 in (Puerto Rico).
11. Alphonse Albert HEITKEMPER (Henry Friedrich, Fredrick D.) was born 4 Sep 1894 in Waterford, Racine, WI. He died 15 May 1983 in Waupaca, Waupaca, WI and was buried 18 May 1983 in Lakeside Cem., Phillips, Price, WI.

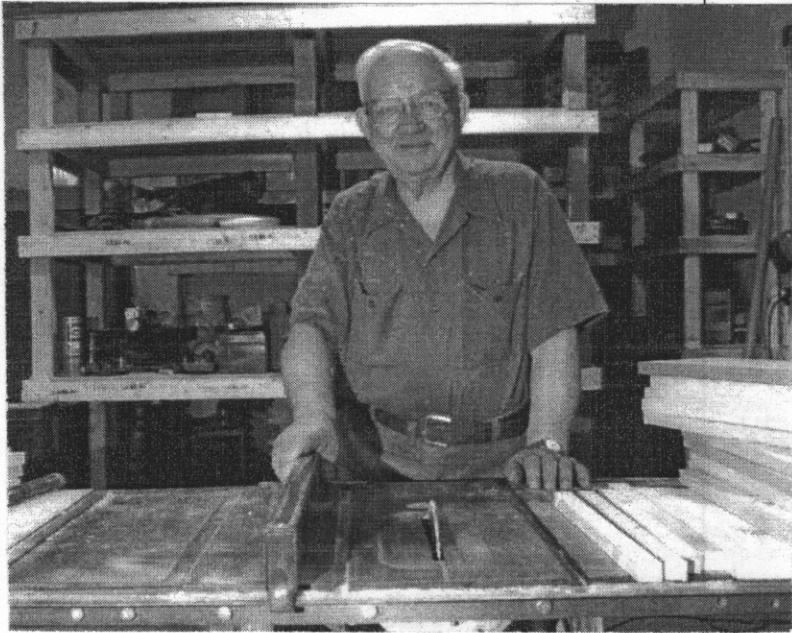
Alphonse married Kathryn Marie FOLGERT on 7 Apr 1920 in Phillips, WI. Kathryn was born 15 Sep 1894 in Chicago, Cook, IL. She died 9 Jan 1958 in Phillips, Price, WI.

They had the following children:

- 36 M i. Leo Jerome HEITKEMPER was born 9 Mar 1922 in Phillips, WI.
Leo married Gladys E. MORRILL on 12 Sep 1943 in Charleston, SC (Vows St. Mic, WI). Gladys was born 5 Jun 1926 in (?).
- 37 F ii. Lorraine Kathryn HEITKEMPER was born 7 Dec 1923 in Phillips, WI.
Lorraine married Benjamin BRUNO on 3 Apr 1945 in Ohio. Benjamin was born 15 Aug 1920 in (Ohio).
- 38 M iii. Albert John HEITKEMPER was born 23 Feb 1925 in Phillips, Price County, WI.
Albert married Theresa Jane LONTCOSKI on 30 Dec 1946 in Phillips, WI. Theresa was born 30 Oct 1929 in (?). She died 27 Oct 1992 in Marshfield, WI.
- 39 F iv. Edith Marie HEITKEMPER was born 2 Oct 1930 in Phillips, WI.
Edith married Frederick W. MEHRE on 17 Mar 1956 in Crown Point, IN. Frederick was born 13 Jan 1933 in Milw., WI.
- 40 F v. Elsie Margaret HEITKEMPER was born 11 Feb 1936 in Phillips, Price, WI. She died 26 Feb 1997 in Phillips, Price, WI and was buried in Lakeside Cem., Phillips, Price, WI.

From the photo album....

Starting at upper right clockwise: (1) The wedding picture of Susanne Kleckers and Achim Voeske at a 16th century building at Dresden, Germany. Susanne is a friend of the family from Wuppertal, Germany. (2) Believed to be the home of Peter McNulty in 1834 at 87 Chapel St., Newry, Northern Ireland. (3) P.J. and John Landrum, children of Cindy Heck. (4) Alvin Heck in 1997 in his wood-working shop in Racine, WI.



Documents from the early years of Kenosha County....

(The following is from the book, "Southeastern Wisconsin: Old Milwaukee County" published in 1932. Kenosha and Racine Counties were part of Milwaukee County in the 1830's. This document describes the location of land where Alfred Foster lived. Alfred was the father-in-law of Benjamin Burgess who lived on the same land in 1836 - 1838.)

The Emigrating Company....

"An outstanding factor in the founding of the city of Kenosha was the Western Emigrating Company, organized at Hannibal, Oswego County, New York, early in the winter of 1834 - 1835. This corporation invited subscriptions to four hundred shares of stock at \$10 each, the proceeds to be invested in the purchase of lands in any of the Western Territories and the making of improvements thereon."

Among the subscribers were Orlando Foster, **Alfred Foster**, Alfred Foster Jr., and William Foster.

"Nearly all the shares were quickly taken, many of the subscribers contemplating removal to the West and all of them confidently looking forward to participation in enormous profits."

"March 19, 1835, witnessed the departure from Hannibal of three of the company's representatives, with what virtually amounted to a roving commission to survey the situation with respect to Western lands and use their best judgment on behalf of themselves and their fellow shareholders. They were entrusted with \$2,800 of the company's money and allowed traveling expenses and a dollar a day while on actual duty."

"First they journeyed to Milwaukee, where they found speculative excitement rampant and prices of land too high for their purse. Thence they proceeded to the mouth of the Root River, negotiating with Captain Knapp for the purchase of his claim,

and effecting, as they understood, a verbal agreement that for the sum of \$2,700 they were to have the tract upon which soon afterward he founded the City of Racine. The transaction with Knapp eventually failed of consummation."

"A meeting of stockholders at Hannibal withdrew authority from the committee after hearing of dissension among the members of the committee, and appointed John Bullen, Jr., to officiate as sole agent, whereupon he came out to Wisconsin, and laid to land on the north side of Pike Creek. This was accomplished early in June, 1835."

"During the summer and fall of 1835, fifteen families arrived from Hannibal, eight of them, shareholders in the company, establishing themselves at Pike Creek and the others taking up claims in the vicinity with a view to farming."

In 1836, Benjamin Burgess arrived at Pike Creek, with his second wife, Amanda Foster, daughter of **Alfred Foster**, and their children, Sylvia, Nehemiah, Benjamin, Alonzo, Joel, Patience, Julia, William, Martha, Belinda, and Cyrus. The last four were children of Benjamin and Amanda while the first seven children were from the earlier marriage of Benjamin Burgess and Rebecca Chase. Patience Burgess later married Peter McNulty. One of their daughters, Mary Ann McNulty married Henry Heck shortly after the end of the Civil War.

"On the Fourth of July, 1836, Pike Creek was the gathering place of a popular assemblage from all the homes in the surrounding region for the purpose of celebrating the 59th anniversary of the nation's birthday. Many came from Racine. Pleasant Prairie was represented by a large delegation of men, women and children, carrying flags, who were transported in a car drawn by twenty yokes of oxen."

"Timber covered the country half a mile inland from the shore of the lake. To the west of this were ninety acres of prairie land, plowed the preceding fall in a narrow strip one and a half miles long, owned by **Alfred Foster**, Jason Lothrop and N. R. Allen. Mr. Allen had a claim cabin northwest of

the future railway depot. **Mr. Foster** lived toward what afterward became 'Bond's Wood,' and Mr. Lothrop's residence was between the two. East of this was the land claimed for the Emigrating Company, still in the condition of a forest."

Benjamin Burgess and his family, along with Alfred Foster, built and operated a saw mill on the Pike River in 1836. Benjamin died in 1838 from exposure to the cold winters of Wisconsin. Amanda Foster Burgess purchased the land consisting of 160 acres, from the Federal Government on November 15, 1838

I have a copy of the land records for the land homesteaded by Benjamin Burgess and Amanda Foster Burgess. The land is located on the Pike River adjacent to the Parkside University.

Internet and Genealogy....

Did you know that 20% of the entire Internet is dedicated to genealogy and family history?

You can visit the Heck and Henningfeld home pages written by me by entering the following URL addresses:

Heck Family Home Page at:
<http://www.execpc.com/~bheck/heck.html>

Descendants of John Henrich Henningfeld at:
<http://www.execpc.com/~bheck/hfeld97.html>

Henningfeld/Henningfield Family Home Page at:
<http://www.execpc.com/~bheck/hfeld/hfeld97.htm>

Heck Family (3,427 individuals, 1,163 families, 879 surnames) home page at:
<http://home.earthlink.net/~rheck/index.htm>

McNulty Family Genealogy & Forum at:
<http://www.genforum.com/mcnulty>

Burgess Family Genealogy & Forum at:
<http://www.genforum.com/burgess>

Heck Family Genealogy & Forum at:
<http://www.genforum.com/heck>

Henningfeld Family Genealogy & Forum at:
<http://www.genforum.com/henningfeld>

From the scrapbook....

Following is a hand written record of the birth of Fredrick Heitkemper at Bork, Germany in 1862. Elizabeth Guthof and Fredrick Heitkemper are shown as parents.

Also shown is a picture of the S.S. George Washington, the ship on which my mother, Mary Ann Mikel Heck, arrived with her mother and brother at Ellis Island in 1914. Her father, John Mikel, arrived on the same ship in 1912, the same year that the Titanic sunk.

