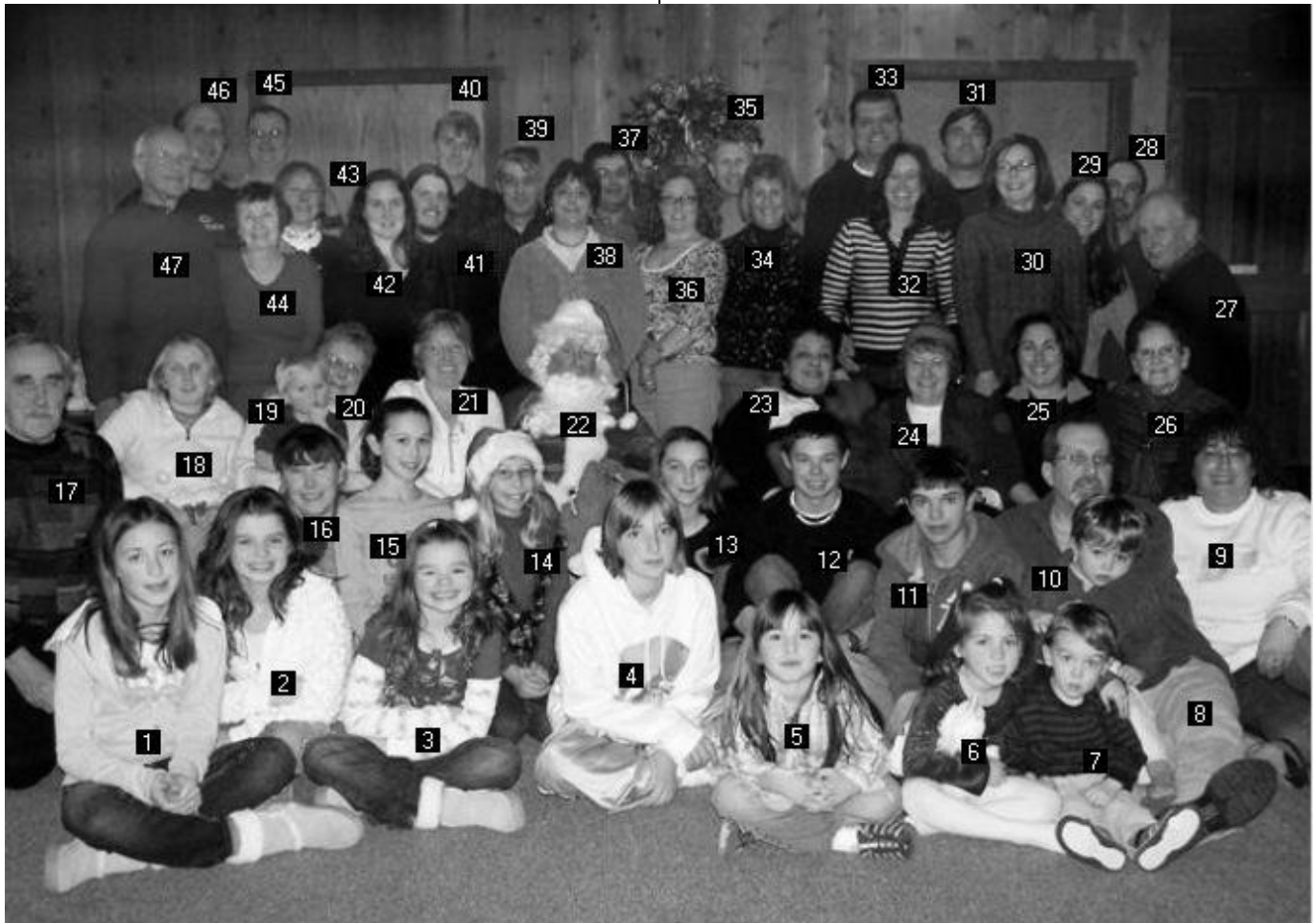


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The Descendants of Clarence and Frances Heck

**Christmas Party January 4,
2009**

The picture above was sent in by Barbara (Heck) Schneider (9) and the names were provided by Barbara and her Aunt Shirley Heck (24). The picture was taken at the Leisure Center in Wind Meadows on January 4, 2009. Wind Meadows is just North of the City of Racine, Wisconsin. Af-

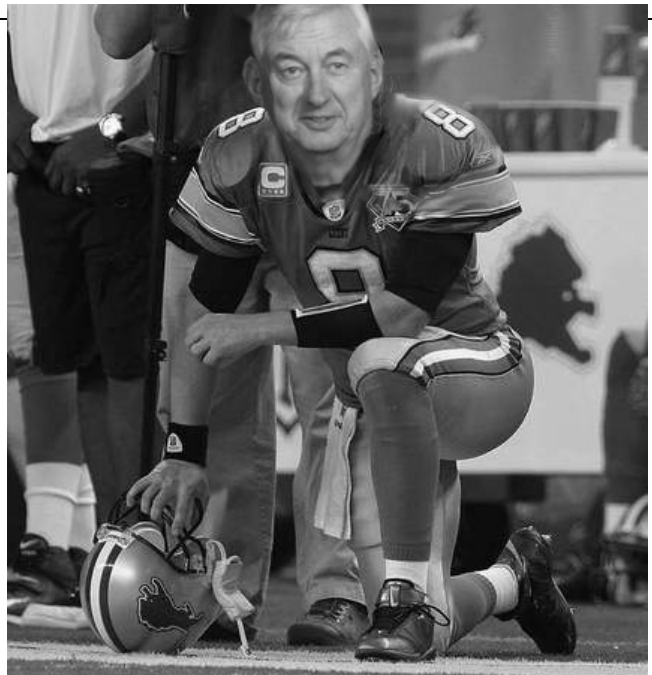
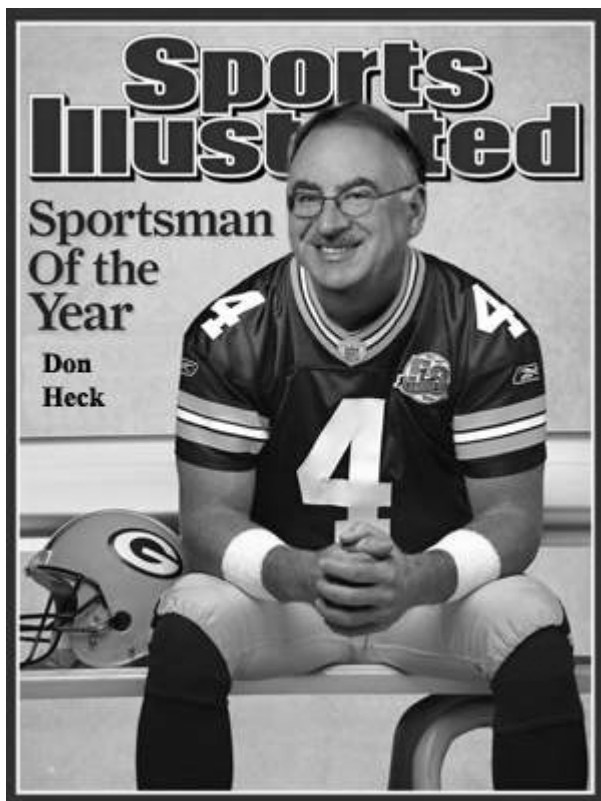
ter a meal provided by those who attended, Santa (Richard Heck (22)) arrived with his elves (Teresa and Nicholas Schneider, Molly Heck and Rachael Gibson. There were 47 people attending the party and they included members of the families of Richard, Delores, Donna, Gene, Bob and Shirley, children of Clarence and Frances Heck.

Here are the names of those in the picture: 1. Sydney Weisse, 2. Amanda Prelewicz, 3. Taylor Prelewicz, 4. Nicholas Schneider, 5. Naiomo Frelander, 6. Ella Baugrud, 7. Simon Benedict, 8. Evan Baugrud, 9. Barbara Schneider, 10. Joel Baugrud, 11. Robert Heck, 12. Matthew Heck, 13. Teresa Schneider, 14. Rachael Gibson, 15. Molly Heck, 16. Donna Benedict, 17. Gene Heck, 18. Elizabeth Kyburz, 19. Ethan Kyburz,

20. Mary Beth Kyburz, 21. Cheryl Heck, 22. Santa (Dick Heck), 23. Cecelia Heck, 24. Shirley Heck, 25. Michelle Baugrud, 26. Carol Heck, 27. Al Benedict, 28. Gabe Frelander, 29. Missy Frelander, 30. Beth Benedict, 31. Albert Benedict Jr., 32. Sandy Prelewicz, 33. Michael Prelewicz, 34. Carol Gibson, 35. Jamie Gibson, 36. Karen Heck, 37. Jim Heck, 38. Sherry Heck, 39. Richard Heck Jr., 40. David Schneider, 41. Adam Petersen, 42. Jenny Petersen, 43. Louis Hawkins, 44. Dee Kunke, 45. Tim Hawkins, 46. Roger Kyburz, 47. Bernie Kunke

Many thanks to Barbara and Shirley for sharing this photo with us. If you would like to have your old or new family group photo included in this newsletter, send it to me in JPG format along with a list of names of those in the photo.

Heck Brothers are Wishful Thinkers



The photo at left shows Don Heck as a Green Bay Packer while the photo above shows Gary Heck as a Detroit Lion. Note that both of them wish that they had bodies like that.

I really have to tell you about my two brothers, Gary and Don Heck. Gary is my much older brother and Don is my much younger brother. The two of them have been competitors for as long as I can remember. I think it all started when Gary got Don and me to go golfing one fine day at Shoop's Park at Wind Point. Gary had been golfing for years and had lots of cheap equipment. I had my own equipment but Don was just going golfing for the first time and didn't have any equipment.

Gary put together the worst set of golf clubs that I've ever seen and put them in a baseball bat bag for Don. I still remember that it had my mother's cloths line for a strap. Talk about embarrassing...

What was really surprising was that Don was a natural golfer and almost beat the pants off of Gary. If it hadn't been for Gary invoking a lot of golf rules that we never heard of, Don would have beat Gary easily. For example, Gary called

Lake Michigan, "Casual Water" and that there was no penalty for hitting your ball in the water. Gary also introduced the left foot rule, which allowed him to move his ball to a better position on the fairway by kicking it with his left foot. Gary also introduced a rule that allowed him to pick up his ball on the green if it was within three feet of the hole. In all cases his ball was always within three feet and ours were always beyond three feet. His measurement prevailed because he said that he was more experienced than we were.

Anyway, ever since that day, my two brothers have been fierce competitors when it comes to sports.

Don sent me a photo of Gary in a Detroit Lions uniform. This was fitting since the Lions just completed a "perfect season": No wins and 16 losses.

Not to be outdone, Gary sent me a picture of Don in a Green Bay uniform.

Don sent me the following note with the picture of Gary.

Hi Bob

While checking the internet on sports updates, I ran across the following about the (perfect 2008 season) Detroit Lions. I didn't know our big brother had this kind of talent. Here is what I found:

Don

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Breaking news update from Detroit, Mich.

The Detroit Lions announced that they had signed their 1st round pick in the 2009 draft. The Lions with the first pick overall, picked Quarterback Gary Heck. "Heck is just the guy we are looking for to return the franchise back to the glory days of the Millen years" said the Lions owner William Clay Ford.

The search for Clara Stratman Henningfeld's birthplace continues.

My cousin's daughter, Cheryl Ann Heck, and I have been working together on a search for Clara Stratman Henningfeld's birthplace. Clara was the mother of Margaret Frederika Henningfeld Heck. We believe that Clara was from Hamm, Germany, but many hours of microfilm searching have failed to show her in the records.

I put together a fact sheet on Clara and thought that I would share it with our readers.

Fact Sheet on Clara Stratman (Stratmann Stratman Strattmann)

1846-1848 Clara Stratman's birth:

Born 14 Nov 1846. (Source: Obituary, Wausau Newspaper 19 May 1927.)

Born: 1848 (Source: tombstone inscription at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Burlington, WI.)

Born: Nov 1847 (Source: 1900 US Census Burlington, Racine Co., WI)***

Born: 1848 (Source: Passenger list from 15 Jun 1868 listed her age as 20.)

Born: 1848 (Source 1880, 1910, 1920 US Census.)

*** Probably the most accurate date.

(The report of the birth records of Clara was made by my friends, Heinz & Marianne Kleckers from Wuppertal, Germany. However they never provided any documentation or details of what was in the record. Without proper documentation this data should be considered as "non-confirmed".)

Heinz & Marianne reported the birth of Clara Stratman as 14 Nov 1847 at Coesfeld, Germany through the public records at Munster. Note that

I had given them the date of 14 Nov 1847. Marianne stated that "It appears that the Stratman family may have been Lutheran which explains why we were unable to find her birth in the Catholic records of Coesfeld. The Lutheran records were reportedly destroyed during the war."

1849 Charles Stratmann's death certificate in Racine County records Vol. 4, page 603, reported that he was born 5 November 1849 in Germany. Charles died on 2 October 1917. Charles was the younger brother of Clara.

1867 In 1867, a Clara Isabella Stratman was a god mother to Clara Isabella Lange, daughter of William Lange and Wilhelmina Guthof, at Bork, Prussia. The child was born at Netleberg. This shows a link between the Stratman, Lange, and Guthof families.

1868 Clara Stratman departed Germany from the port of Bremen on the ship Hermann. She arrived at the port of New York on 15 June 1868. Her home was listed as the village/city of **Hamm** on the passenger list and in the book, "Germans To America." Her age was shown as 20. She traveled alone from Germany to Wisconsin. According to family stories, she was engaged to a man named Henning. He apparently died while she was in transit to America or shortly after she arrived. She reportedly worked for a judge at the Racine County Court House and probably lived in the City of Racine for a period of time. (This has not been confirmed by any documentation but was told to me by Clara's granddaughter, Lolita Henningfeld Manske in 2002).

1869 Clara's mother, brother and half brother arrived in New York on the same ship (SS Hermann) on 19 June 1869, about one year after Clara arrived.



Clara Stratman Henningfeld

1870 Unable to find Clara Stratman or her brother Charles Stratman in the 1870 US Census for Racine County, Wisconsin. Clara's mother, Elizabeth Heitkemper, her step-father, Fred Heitkemper, and her half-brother, Frederick Heitkemper were listed in Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin in the 1870 census.

Henry Henningfelt (sic) was living with his sister and brother-in-law Caroline and John Worms at Burlington. Henry was 21 and listed as a blacksmith.

1873 Clara Stratman was married to Henry Henningfeld on 6 May 1873 at the St. Thomas Catholic Church at Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin. Parents of the groom were Francis Henningfeld and Elizabeth. Parents of the bride were Anton Stratman and Elizabeth Stratman Guthof. Witnesses were Karl Stratman, Clara's brother, and Wm. Henningfeld. The marriage was registered at the Racine County Court House in Vol 8, Page 67 and 61.

According to the 1920 US Census Clara was naturalized a citizen in 1873.

Charles Stratman, brother of Clara, was married to Elizabeth Larsman on 11 November 1873 at the St. Thomas Catholic Church at Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin. The groom's parents were listed as Anton Stratman and Elizabeth Guthof.

1874 Clara gave birth to Mary Elizabeth Henningfeld on 27 March 1874 at Burlington. The christening took place at Waterford.

1875 Clara gave birth to Frederick Francis Henningfeld on 13 May 1875 at Waterford. The christening took place at Waterford.

1876 Clara gave birth to Sylvester William Henningfeld and Carlos H. Henningfeld on 31 December 1876 at Waterford. The christening of both sons took place at Waterford.

1879 Clara gave birth to Frances Henningfeld on 29 March 1879 at Burlington. Frances died the same day.

On 8 June 1879, Frederick Antonius Stratman was baptized at St. Thomas Catholic Church at Waterford. He was born on 3 June 1879. Parents were Carl Stratman and Elizabeth Larhmann.

Witnesses were Fred Heitkemper and Clara Stratman.

1880 Clara gave birth to Margaret Frederica Henningfeld on 2 April 1880 at Burlington. Margaret Frederica Henningfeld was Baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Burlington, Wisconsin on 4 April 1880, FHC film number 1862418 page 84 states that her mother was Clara nata Stratmann ex loco "**Ham**", Prussia.

1882 Clara gave birth to Caroline Maria Wilhelmina Henningfeld on 7 September 1882 at Burlington. Caroline died on 20 April 1887 from an infected tooth. Christening at St. Mary's Burlington on 10 September 1882. Parents shown as Henry Henningfeld and Clara Stratmann from **Ham**, Prussia.

1884 Clara gave birth to George John Henningfeld on 6 July 1884 at Burlington. Christening at St. Mary's Burlington on 6 July 1884. Parents shown as Henry Henningfeld from Waterford and Clara Stratman from **Ham** in Westphalia.

1885 The Henry Henningfeld family was listed in the 1885 Wisconsin State Census as living in Burlington. The family was listed with 5 males and 5 females.

1886 Clara gave birth to Dorothy Amelia Elizabeth Henningfeld on 21 July 1886 at Burlington. Christening at St. Mary's Burlington on 25 July 1886. Parents shown as Henry Henningfeld from Waterford and Clara Stratman from **Hamm** in Westphalia.

1894 On 13 September 1894, an Isabella Clara Henningfeld was a confirmation sponsor for both Margaret Henningfeld and Clara Wurms at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Burlington, WI.

It is believed that Clara Isabella Stratman and Isabella Clara Henningfeld are the same person, Clara Stratman. Wilhelmina Guthof was probably a first cousin of Clara Stratman.

1895 The Henry Henningfeld family was listed in the 1895 Wisconsin State Census as living in Burlington. The family was listed with 5 males and 4 females.

1900 The US Census for 1900 lists Clara E. Henningfeld born Nov 1847, living in Burlington, WI. This is the first indication of a middle name starting with E.

1905 Clara was living at Burlington, Wisconsin according to the 1905 State Census of Wisconsin. Her birth year was listed as 1848.

1910 Clara was living at Burlington, WI and listed her age in the 1910 US Census as 62. She was listed as Mrs. Henry Henningfeld, a widow, and head of the family. Living with her was her son, George Henningfeld, her daughter Molly Henningfeld Heinrichs, son-in-law Frank Heinrichs, grandson Carl Heinrichs and her stepfather Fred Heitkemper age 78. Note that Fred Heitkemper stated that he came to America in 1869.

1917 Charles Stratmann died 2 October 1917, age 67 years, 10 months, 27 days, at Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin. Vol 4, page 603. Occupation was Carpenter. Informant was Mrs. Charles Stratmann of Waterford, WI. Death certificate reported that his father was Charles Stratmann.

1920 Clara was living on Carlisle Avenue in Racine, WI in the 1920 US Census. Her age was

72 and she arrived in the US in 1868 and was naturalized a citizen in 1873.

1927 OBITUARY: Burlington Free Press, 26 May 1927, Thursday. And Wausau Local Newspaper 19 May 1927: Mrs. Clara Henningfeld.

Mrs. Clara Henningfeld passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Heinrichs, 517 Adams Street, last night at 9:15 o'clock after an illness of one day with heart trouble. The body is lying in state at the Ritter and Deutsch Company Funeral Home this afternoon and will be taken to Burlington, Wis., this evening at 8:30 o'clock where funeral services and burial will take place tomorrow morning.

The deceased was born November 14, 1846, in Germany and was married fifty-four years ago in Waterford, Wis. Her husband passed away seventeen years ago. Surviving are seven children, Mrs. M. E. Brott of Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Margaret Heck and Fred and George Henningfeld of Racine, Carlos and Sylvester Henningfeld of Milwaukee and Mrs. Frank Heinrichs of Wausau, twenty-five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Clara had many pictures taken of her over the years. The last picture was taken six days before she died. The picture included all of her grown children except for Mary Henningfeld Brott. Clara had a small pin with a picture of her mother on it, which was taken around the time of the Civil War.

FHC Films checked for **Hamm**, Prussia: 1185480, 0865848 and 0865849

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Birth & Marriage Records for Heck Family Found in Hüngersdorf

While doing some research on the Internet, I found the marriage registration for Johann Heck and Anna Barbara Schaefer listed in the Village of Hüngersdorf, in the Eifel district of Germany. The Village is located about three miles north-east of Alendorf. In addition to the marriage there was a listing of the birth of their four children, Peter, Henry, Joseph, and Clara Heck.

Johan Heck married Barbara Schaefer on 26 Nov 1833

Petrus Heck, born 5 Oct 1834,

Heinrich Heck, born 11 Feb 1839,

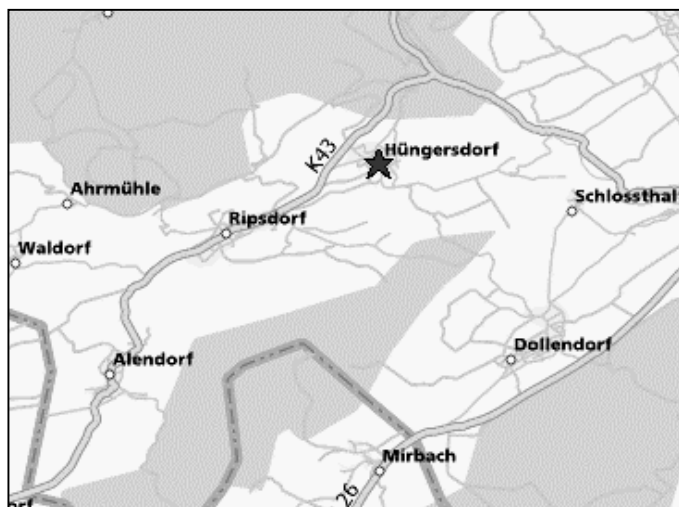
Joseph Heck, born 21 Apr 1841,

Clara Heck, born 19 Jul 1843

I'm not quite sure why the family registration showed up at Hüngersdorf since the Civil Registration normally would have been made at Dollendorf, and church registration would have been at Alendorf. Eifel District birth and marriage records can be found at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pick/>

Map of present-day Eifel area.



Thanks to our contributors...

As most of you are aware I never charge for **Our Family News Letter**. I created the newsletter just so that I could share my genealogical research with my family, close or distant. I send the newsletter by US Mail to over 65 families in 14 States and Canada. The newsletter has been published every three months ever since the first issue was sent out in June 1993. The newsletter you are reading marks the 64th issue.

The States include Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Some readers send me photos, stories, and encouragement to help me continue the newsletter and some include a check to help defray some of the costs. I just want to thank those who have contributed during the past year.

Marv & Joanne (Heck) Pfeiffer, Steve & Cara Pfeiffer, Susan Espinoza, Howard & Anne Heck, Phil & Annette Heck, Jeff & Susan (Bark) Miller, Don & Marjorie (Heck) Johnson, and Don & Sharon Heck.

You folks are GREAT and very much appreciated.

Photos found on the Ancestry.com commercial genealogy web site.

On the following page you will find two photos found on the Ancestry.com web site during a recent search. The photos were found under "School Yearbooks".

Mary Kay Heck married David Hansen and now lives in California.



Joan Auterman married Gary Heck in 1961.
Joan passed away in 1986.



Meet our Grand- daughters.



Lauren Emily and Grace Elizabeth Heck with Grandma Gloria. Note that Lauren's hair was blazing red for Halloween.



Grace loves to play the piano while sitting on Grandma Gloria's lap. She listens to Grandma play first and then promptly pounds the keys with her own rendition. Our cat, Jennie, usually finds a good place to hide.