

# Our Family News Letter

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## New Photos of WI Henningfeld Family Found In Germany



**William F. Henningfeld. 1851-1918**

While researching on Ancestry.com's Germany web site I did a search for HENNINGFELD and was surprised to find photos of William F. Henningfeld and his wife Margarita (known as Margaret) Grueter (sometimes shown as Gruter). What was surprising was that both William and Margarita were born in Wisconsin in the early 1850's. In addition, William F. Henningfeld is the brother of my great grandfather, Henry Hen-

ningfeld. William and Margaret lived in Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin and both are buried at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery in Waterford.

The web site included the family descendant's



**Margarita Grueter 1850-1922**

tree of Leo Henningfeld and his wife, Magdalena Blattner. Leo Henningfeld is the son of William F. Henningfeld and Margaret Grueter.

An article published in the Waterford Post newspaper from Waterford, Wisconsin on August 31, 1960 mentioned a family reunion of the Henningfeld family. The reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beeson at Deerfield, Illinois. Those present were: Mr. and

Mrs. Leo Henningfeld Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henningfeld, Mrs. Mary Loomis, all of Waterford; Mr. and Mrs. Roman Henningfeld, East Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Hegemann and family, Kansasville and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Henningfeld Jr., of Mundelein, Illinois.

**The Eight Children of Leo W. Henningfeld**  
(b.1 Jun 1879-Waterford,Racine Co.,WI; d.15 Dec 1961)

spouse: **Magdalene Blottner** (b.27 Aug 1892-Durham,Waukesha Co.,WI; m.17 Jun 1913; d.29 Oct 1967)

1. **Florence M. Henningfeld** (b.25 Apr 1916-Waterford,Racine Co.,WI; d.9 Sep 2008-Waterford,Racine Co.,WI)

spouse: **John Jacobson** (b.8 Oct 1909; m.26 Oct 1935; d.17 Aug 1981)

2. **Romayn L. Henningfeld** (b.6 Nov 1917; d.18 Oct 1986)

spouse: **Marion DeGrave** (b.20 Jun 1918; m.11 Apr 1942)

3. **May Henrietta Henningfeld** (b.14 Feb 1919; d.Bef 9 Sep 2008)

spouse: **Charles Edward Beeson** (b.10 Mar 1916; m.3 Mar 1944)

4. **Robert J. Henningfeld** (b.3 Aug 1920-Rochester,Racine Co.,WI; d.21 Jun 1992-Wind Lake,Racine Co.,WI)

spouse: **Agnes Mary King** (b.31 Oct 1924-Burlington,Racine Co.,WI;m.28 Jul 1945)

5. **Louise R. Henningfeld** (b.3 Feb 1922; d.25 Oct 2002)

spouse: **Norbert Frank Hegemann** (b.19 Feb 1918; m.14 Feb 1942)

6. **Dorothy A. Henningfeld** (b.21 Jan 1928)

spouse: **Donald Martin** (b.12 Jan 1928; m.18 Jun 1949)

7. **Helen Rose Henningfeld** (b.19 May 1930)

spouse: **John E. Martin** (b.15 Jan 1929; m.11 Apr 1953)

8. **Leo Henningfeld** (b.14 Sep 1931; d.Bef 9 Sep 2008)

spouse: **Germaine May** (b.21 Sep 1933;m.28 Nov 1953)



**The Leo W. Henningfeld and Magdalene Blottner family. L-R Back: Magdalene, Florence, Romayn, May, Robert, Louise, Leo W. Henningfeld. L-R Front: Leo, Helen, and Dorothy Henningfeld.**

**Wedding Picture of Leo W. Henningfeld and Magdalene Blottner: 17 Jun 1913.**



## Photos from the past...



This photo was taken from a single frame of an 8mm movie film from 1945. The picture shows Robert G. Heck with sons from L-R: Bob, Don, and Gary. Bob is the publisher of this newsletter while Don and Gary spend most of their time golfing.

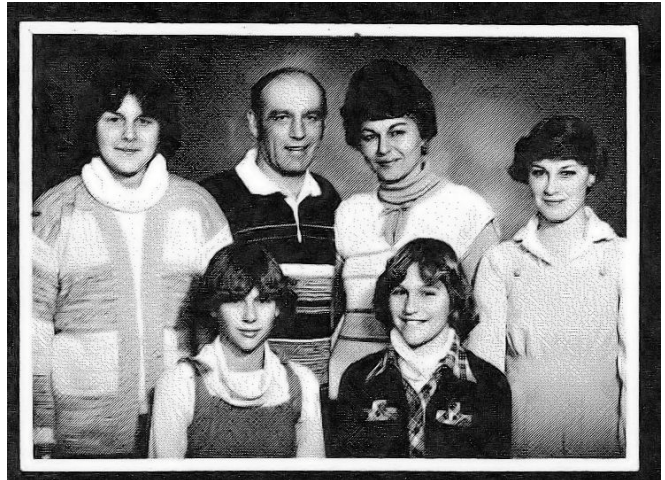
## Meet the Louis J. Henningfeld Family...



L-R Standing: Charles, Frederick, Rudolph, Loretta, and Bernard Henningfeld. Seated L-R: Louis J. Henningfeld, Annie Stallman, and Nor-

bert Henningfeld. This family lived in Yorkville, Racine County and later in Philips, Price County, Wisconsin. This picture was taken about 1912.

## Meet the Kenneth Heck Family...



L-R Standing: Debbie, Kenneth, Bonnie, and Gina. L-R Seated: Lisa and Michelle. Kenneth Heck is the son of Raymond Heck and Gladys Wiesenthal from Burlington, Wisconsin. Kenneth is the grandson of James Henry Heck and Wilhelmina Hoernemann, and great grandson of Henry Heck and Mary Ann McNulty.

## Thanks to our contributors...

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# Amanda Foster Burgess Obituary from 1886

Racine News.

Special Dispatch to the Sentinel

RACINE, June 11.—The death of Mrs. Amanda Burgess occurred in the town of Somers, Kenosha county, Thursday. The lady was born in Catskill county, N. Y., in 1799, and moved with her husband to Wisconsin in 1836, the year it was given a territorial organization. She had resided there and in Racine ever since. Her surviving children are Wm. Burgess, of Kenosha county, and Mrs. Thos. Dow, and Mrs. W. D. Thomas, of Racine.

While doing some research I found an obituary for Amanda Foster Burgess, the second wife of Benjamin Burgess. I'm a descendant of Benjamin Burgess and his first wife, Rebecca Chase. Benjamin was my great great great grandfather.

The obituary appeared in **The Milwaukee Sentinel**: on Saturday, June 12, 1886, on page 8. Of the two daughters listed in the obituary, Mrs. Thomas Dow was Belinda Burgess, but Mrs. W. D. Thomas was unknown to me in my research. Amanda had two daughters and a son that I was aware of: William E. Burgess, Belinda Burgess and Martha M. Burgess. Martha was married to Charles B. Ticknor but she died on 28 June 1882, in Racine. In the 1885 Wisconsin Census, there was a William D. Thomas living in Racine. The unanswered question is, Who was the daughter married to W. D. Thomas in the obituary?

The photo at upper right is the tombstone for William E. Burgess. On the side shown is an inscription for his mother. It states: Amanda Foster Burgess Mother of Wm. E. Burgess born 1799 died 1886. She is buried at the Somers Cemetery located on highway 31 just south-west of Parkside University in Kenosha County, Wisconsin. The cemetery is about two miles away from the



land that Benjamin and Amanda Burgess owned and operated a sawmill on the Pike River starting in 1836.

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## Maria Catharina Henningfeld

My great great grandfather, Franz Arnold Henningfeld, helped his brothers and sisters to immigrate from Olfen, Germany to the Racine County area of Wisconsin. Between 1845 and 1847 the following Henningfeld siblings were found in Waterford or Burlington, Wisconsin: Johann Henrich, Johann Wilhelm, Franz Arnold, Catharina Elisabeth, Johann Theodor, Bernardina Dorothea, and Anna Maria Francesca. The only Henningfeld sibling not to immigrate to America was Maria Catharina Henningfeld, wife of Theodor Englecamp.

Theodore Englecamp and Maria Catharina Henningfeld had nine children between 1834 and 1854, and all were born in Germany. The children, in order of birth were Wilhelm, Maria Catharina, Elizabeth, Johann Heinrich, Johann Theodor, Joseph H., Maria Anna, Maria Theresia, and Anton Stephan Englecamp.



In 1870, their son, Joseph H. Englecamp immigrated to the United States. Through my research I have found that there were Henningfeld families living in Missouri and in Wisconsin. Joseph H. Englecamp, whose mother was a Henningfeld, may have chosen to live in Missouri to be near his mother's relatives. By 1880, Joseph H. Englecamp was working as a laborer on a farm in Padonia, Brown County, Kansas.

On 14 February 1882, Joseph married Mary Anna Catherine Hansen at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. They later lived in Oklahoma and in Neuchatel, and Home, Kansas.

Joseph H. Englecamp and his wife had seven children: Maria Teresa, Joseph, Philomena Elizabeth, Anna, Matilda, Pauline, and Agnes.

Of the children, information was found on one of them: Mary Teresa Englecamp married Arnold John Nelson on 12 January 1903, in Onaga, Kansas.

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## Ethel Brott Photos

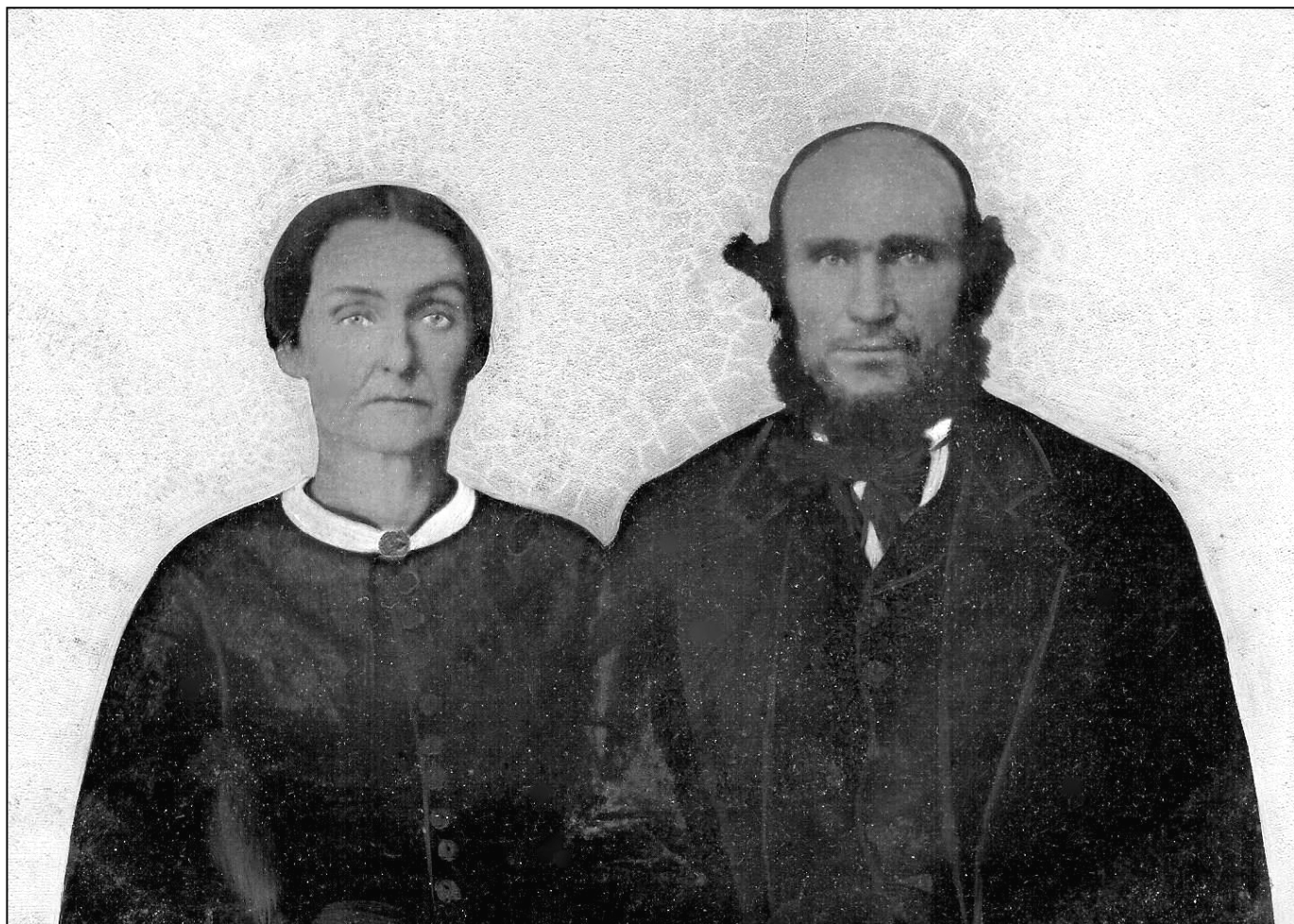
The strip of four photos at right was sent to me by a lady in Seattle, Washington. She stated that the photos were of Ethel Brott, a friend of her grandmother.

In 1896 Michael E. Brott married Mary Elizabeth Henningfeld, the oldest sister of my grandmother, Margaret Henningfeld Heck. The marriage took place in Milwaukee. The Brotts had three daughters: Ethel, Lucille, and Eveyln. In 1906 the family of five moved to Seattle.

Ethel Brott married Joseph Goodwin. They had one daughter, Mary Alice Goodwin. Early in 1995 Mary Alice Goodwin wrote to me and told me that her mother, Ethel, was still alive and was 97 years old. Ethel Brott Goodwin died on 24 May 1995.

Lucille Brott married 1<sup>st</sup> Earnest A. Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Funkhauser, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Horace B. Chaffee. Evelyn Brott married Daniel N. Hansen.





**Sophia Anna Woodman 1821-1888 & Nehemiah Ebenezer Burgess 1819-1876**

The photo above of Sophia Woodman and Nehemiah Burgess was sent to me as a hand colored photo. The photo was sent by a Cousin and reader of this newsletter, Louise Havens. Her e-mail message is interesting and it follows.

Good Morning Bob,

My 96 year old father, Vern Friend, was over to my house on Thanksgiving and stayed the weekend and we took him back home on Sunday. While in his bedroom connecting a new space heater that he had bought while here, I noticed some picture frames which I looked through. I found one that I recognized immediately and asked my dad who this couple was, he said he

did not know. I told him they were his great-grandparents, parents of Julia (Burgess) Richardson. Sure glad I looked through that pile of picture frames and found this picture.

It is an 8 1/2 by 6 1/2 tintype photo. The frame and matting is in bad condition. As you can see there is some checking/cracking (unsure of the proper description) on the surface of the photo and Sophia has a discoloration on her cheek, but thought for as old as it is, the photo was in pretty good condition. To be able to scan the picture, I removed the matting. The cut out for the picture was an oval shape. The oval was wider horizontally.

There is no date it was taken, so unsure if this



picture was taken before or after the picture of them you shared with me years ago. Any idea?

Have a Happy Holiday Season,  
 Louise Havens  
 Winfield, KS

After I received the photo I touched it up by removing the water mark type blemishes on Sophia's cheek. I made a grayscale copy of the photo for this newsletter. In my opinion the photo was taken after the original photo of this couple. The original photo was taken during the Civil War while this photo was taken shortly after the war.

Many thanks go to Louise Havens for sharing this classic photo with us.

If you have an old or even not so old photo that you would like to see in this newsletter, scan it and e-mail it to me at [bheck@execpc.com](mailto:bheck@execpc.com)

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Wm - F. Henningfeld  
 Born April 10 - 1851  
 married Oct 27 - 1874  
 Original Photo taken Dec. 1874  
 Died Sept 26 - 1918  
 Ten children as follows  
 John Henningfeld  
 Rose " " Wempsey  
 Leo " " "  
 Marnie " " Loomis  
 Frank " " "  
 Theodore " " deceased  
 Wm " " deceased  
 Amanda " " Alby  
 Winifred " " Roberts-deceased  
 Kathryn " "

Margaret Grueter Henning  
 Born Nov. 2 - 1850  
 married Oct 27 - 1874  
 Photo taken Dec. 1874  
 died Nov 8 - 1922  
 mother of ten children as follows  
 John Henningfeld  
 Rose " " Wempsey  
 Leo " " "  
 Marnie " " Loomis  
 Frank " " "  
 Theodore " " deceased  
 Wm. " " deceased  
 Amanda " " Alby  
 Winifred " " Roberts-deceased  
 Kathryn " "

The two hand written documents shown on this page were found on the Ancestry.de German web site on the internet. They were written in English but were found as part of the Jacobson-Lee Family Tree.



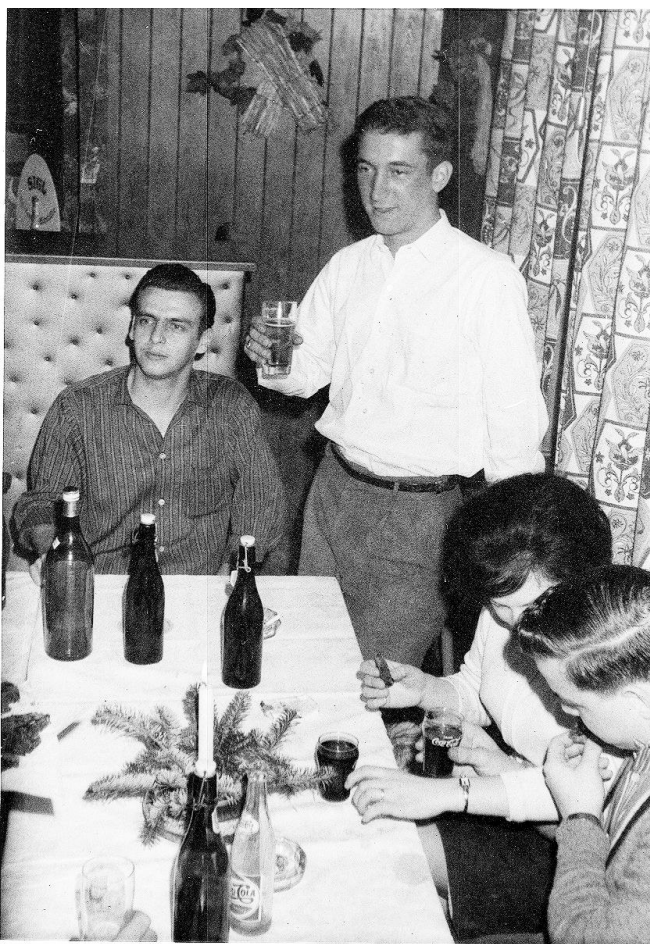
Leo and Magdalena Henningfeld shown with L-R: Romayn, Florence, and May Henningfeld in 1920. Romayn was known as Roman L. Henningfeld.



## Congrats to PJ & Michael Henderson

We learned through the grapevine that PJ and Michael are expecting their second child later this year. PJ is the daughter of Cindy (Heck) and Dennis Landrum and the granddaughter of my brother, Gary and Carol Heck. The Hendsen family live in Williamston, South Carolina.

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The photo above was taken on December 8, 1961 at Giebelstadt, Germany during my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party. That's me standing with a beer in my hand. Prior to being stationed at Giebelstadt I was stationed at Ramstein, Germany.

In April, 2009, Gloria and I attended the 5<sup>th</sup> reunion with my Air Force friends in Las Vegas, Nevada.



The picture above shows our group at Caesar's Palace in 2009. Our first reunion was at New Orleans in 2000, followed by Orlando in 2002, New Orleans in 2004, Milwaukee in 2006, and Las Vegas in 2009. We originally planned for a reunion in Tennessee in 2008 but too many of the group were either sick or in the hospital. One of the ladies had a horse fall on her.

We are already starting to think about our 6<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2011. One of the places mentioned is in Germany.

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### Give this web site a try.

There is a new and free web site out there that has some great genealogy data that you might want to look at. Here is the web address:

**<http://labs.familysearch.org>**

When you go into the site click on the image to the right of RECORDS SEARCH and then click on US on the map. You will then see a list of databases including some nice ones for Wisconsin State Census records. You will also find WWII draft registration cards taken in 1942. The cards list all men born between 1877 and 1897. Click on a letter and then on a name. The names shown are the first in a group. To find my grandpa Mikel I scroll down to and click on Mikalaski. John Mikel is on card 33 of 42.