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Heck Family at Racine, Wisconsin at Christmas 2010

#	Name	Relation to Clarence & Frances Heck Children
1	Caitlin Thompson	Larry's great granddaughter
2	Bailey Thompson	Larry's great grandson
3	Theresa Heck	Larry's daughter - in - law
4	Shirley Heck	Daughter of Clarence & Frances
5	Nick Schneider	Dick's grandson
6	Dave Schneider	Dick's son - in - law
7	Kenny Kyburz	Bob's son - in - law
8	Kurt Weiss	Gene's son - in law
9	Steve Heck	Larry's son
10	Rick Heck	Dick's son
11	Larry Heck	Son of Clarence & Frances

12	Carol Heck	Gene's wife
13	Bernie Kunka	Dee's husband
14	Al Benedict	Donna's husband
15	Joan Heck	Larry's daughter
16	Joel Baugrund	Donna's son - in - law
17	Michaela Schlesinger	Margie's granddaughter
18	Niomi Frielander	Donna's granddaughter
19	Janice Schlesinger	Margie's daughter
20	Dee Kunka	Daughter of Clarence & Frances
21	Donna Benedict	Daughter of Clarence & Frances
22	Sherry Heck	Dick's daughter

23	Vickie Weiss	Gene's daughter
24	Teresa Schneider	Dick's granddaughter
25	Gene (Santa Heck)	Son of Clarence & Frances
26	Cecelia Heck	Dick's wife
27	Dick Heck	Son of Clarence & Frances
28	Melissa Frie-lander	Donna's daughter
29	Barbara Schnei-der	Dick's daughter
30	Alexander Heck	Larry's grandson
31	Patrick Heck	Larry's grandson
32	Mary Beth Ky-burz	Bob's daughter
33	Ethan Kyburz	Bob's great grandson
34	Cohen Kyburz	Bob's great grandson
35	Nicole Weiss	Gene's granddaughter
36	Danielle Weiss	Gene's granddaughter
37	Sydney Weiss	Gene's granddaughter
38	Michelle Baugrund	Donna's Daughter
39	Evan Baugrund	Donna's grandson
40	Ella Baugrund	Donna's granddaughter
41	Gabriel Pena	Dick's great grandson (step)
42	Christopher Heck	Larry's grandson

Every year the descendants of Clarence Heck and Frances Pier gather together to celebrate Christmas and New Years at the Leisure Center near Wind Point, Racine County, Wisconsin.

Clarence Heck was born on 27 January 1905, and Frances Pier was born on 28 May 1905. She died on 19 January 2002. He died on 24 February 1955.

The children of Clarence and Frances are Richard, Marjorie, Larry, Bob, Dee (Delores), Shirley, Clarence, Gene, Mary Kay, and Donna.

Barbara (Heck) Schneider sent me the picture of the family. I entered a number on each person and e-mailed it back to Barbara. Barbara then identified each of the 42 individuals and their relationship to the children of Clarence and Frances Heck.

I really want to thank Barbara for taking the time to identify everyone and for sharing this great photo with all of us. Many of the Racine Heck descendants get together with the family during the summer picnic on the 3rd Sunday of July.

There are so many new faces each year that many of us would be hard pressed to name everyone, let alone identify which branch of the family they come from. Barbara has helped us by identifying how each person is related to Clarence and Frances' children.

Gary Heck a Green Bay Packer Fan?

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

I never thought that I would live to see that day. My brother Don sent me the picture below of our brother Gary wearing a Green Bay Packer hat. Don captured the image while on SKYPE a week before Super Bowl XLV (45) in January 2011.



You had to grow up with Gary to understand the significance of this photo. You see Gary has always been a Detroit Lions fan. For the past 70 years, give or take a few, Gary ate, drank, and slept in Lions paraphernalia. Gary's wife, Carol, even told us that he has the Lions logo tattooed on his butt. She said that usually you can't see it because his Lions pajamas cover it up.

Congratulations Gary for finally recognizing this country's favorite team. Now if we can only get you to wear a Milwaukee Brewers hat instead of that old Detroit Tigers hat..... Enough said.

Bits and Pieces From Wisconsin Newspapers

Racine Journal Times, Friday, 17 July 1959.

Mr. And Mrs. Robert G. Heck, 1306 Jones Ave., have returned from a 10-day trip to New York City. They accompanied their son, A/3C Robert J. Heck to McGuire Air Force Base, which he left July 10 for his new 3-year assignment to Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany.

He will be stationed 25 miles from his brother, Sgt. Gary M. Heck, who is in the Army in Heilbron, Germany.

Racine Journal Times, Saturday, 8 December, 1945 page 3.

Thomas O'Neil, 9, of 2703 Erie St. collided with a car driven by Robert G. Heck, 36, of 1306 Jones Ave., at 12:05 p.m. on Goold and Green Streets. Heck told police he was driving west on Goold St. while the boy, riding east, turned north into Green St. in front of his car. O'Neil was taken to his home, protesting that he was not injured, but his parents agreed to take him to a physician's office for a checkup.

Racine Journal Times, Saturday, 13 December 1941, Page 14.

Mrs. Robert Heck of 1212 Hagerer Street entertained recently in honor of the first birthday anniversary of her son, Robert John (Heck). Present were Jay Gross, Glen and Dale Meldgaard, Kathleen and Steve Seltus, Donald Benson, Tommy Stenitus, Dennis and Pat Peterson, Jean Vanek, Gary and Bobbie Heck; Mmes. Lydia Gross, Axel Meldgaard, Steven Seltus, Donald Benson, Barney Stenitus, Percy Peterson, Otillia and Lydia Mikel.

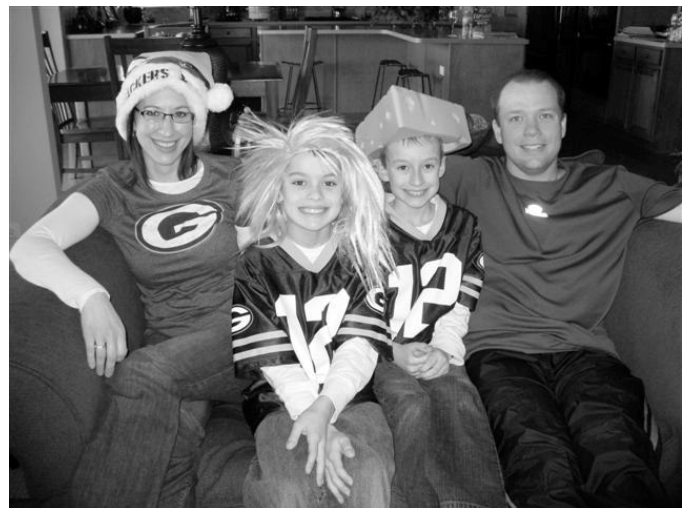
Note from the Editor: My parents took 8mm black and white movies of that birthday party. This article was helpful to me in identifying the people on the movie from 69 years ago.

A Special Thank You

I would like to take this time to thank all of you who sent in articles and donations to keep this newsletter going. Your kind words and generous financial help have kept this newsletter going for the past 18 years. This issue is number 72. I issue a new newsletter every three months. While many of you have contributed over the years, the following were the donors during the past year.

**Joanne & Marv Pfeiffer
Dee & Bernie Kunka
Cheryl Heck
Frank & Andrea Lamping
Mary Kay & David Hansen
Don Johnson
Bob & Lorraine Heck
Alvin & Carolyn Heck
Howard & Anne Heck
Sue & Jeff Miller.**

Packer Fans Found in Crystal Lake, Illinois



Amy and Adam Tappen from Crystal Lake, Illinois are shown with their two sons, Nicholas and Nathan celebrating the Packer's win in the 45th Super Bowl.

World War II Draft Registration Records Available On-Line.

<http://tinyurl.com/4jzl2go>

If you use the address above you will be taken to a free web site that contains World War II Draft Registration cards.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 2111 1. NAME (Print) JOHN MIKEL ORDER NUMBER _____

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1212 HAGERER ST RACINE RACINE WISC.
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

3. MAILING ADDRESS SAME
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE _____ 5. AGE IN YEARS 58 6. PLACE OF BIRTH CZECHOSLOVAKIA
(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) (Town or county) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MRS. J. MIKEL 1212 HAGERER ST RACINE WISC.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS HORLICK'S MALTED MILK CO. RACINE WISC.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS WEST HIGH ST RACINE RACINE WISC.
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 16-21630-2 John Mikel (Registrar's signature)

Shown above is a registration card for my maternal grandfather, John Mikel. At upper right is the back of John Mikel's registration card, which lists his physical characteristics. At lower right is the Registration card for Lawrence Peter Heck, brother of Robert Steven Heck, my grandfather.

What is interesting about the cards is that there is a lot of information on them. My grandfather Mikel was 58 and Lawrence Heck was 56.

In the case of John Mikel's registration card, his employer was shown as the Horlick Malted Milk Company. John Mikel was listed as five foot one inch in height and his weight was 127 pounds. He had brown eyes, gray hair and had a ruddy complexion.

In the case of Lawrence Peter Heck's registration card, he was shown as 56 years of age and was born at Briton (Brighton), Wisconsin. His card shows that Mrs Alvia Gebhardt would always

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	5-1	127	Sallow	
	EYES	HAIR	Light	
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Buddy	✓
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Fillipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....
NONE

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for Local Board J. Vandenberg (Signature of registrar)
1 (Number) Racine Wis. (City or county) (State)

Date of registration April 24, 1942

Local Board No. 1 Co. 6
Racine County 101
APR 24 1942 001
2221 STATE ST. (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)
Racine, Wis.
(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

16-21630-1

know his address and that she also employed him. He lived at 714 East Juneau Avenue in Milwaukee, she was at 700 East Juneau, and he worked at 709 East Juneau Avenue. The draft registration was recorded on 24 April 1942.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 403 1. NAME (Print) Lawrence Peter Heck ORDER NUMBER _____

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 714 E. Juneau Ave. Milwaukee - Milwaukee - Wis.
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

3. MAILING ADDRESS Same
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE Broadway 9889 5. AGE IN YEARS 56 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Briton
(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) (Town or county) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Elvia Gebhardt - 700 - E. Juneau Ave.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Mrs. Elvia Gebhardt - 700 - E. Juneau Ave.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 709 - E. Juneau Ave. Milwaukee - Milwaukee - Wis.
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 16-21630-2 Lawrence Peter Heck (Registrar's signature)

Other notes that I have accumulated on Lawrence Peter Heck include the following.

BIRTH: Birth and Baptism listed in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church records, Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. Sponsors George Shanley & Laurentia McNulty.

CENSUS: In the 1910 US Census for Wisconsin, Milwaukee County, City of Milwaukee, Enumeration District 302, Page 1B, Ward 7, Line 73, Laurence Heck was listed as a boarder, age 23, single, Restaurant Waiter. He was living with Alvina Heck, head of household, 29, married, married six years, no children living or dead. Four other people were living there as boarders. Alvina is believed to be Alwina Heck, former wife of Mathias Heck, brother of Laurence Heck. Mathias Heck had divorced Alwina.

In the 1920 US Census for Wisconsin, Milwaukee County, City of Milwaukee, ED 47, Page 1A, Ward 3, Line 32, Laurence P. Heck, age 33, was listed with his wife Elvia S. Heck, age 31 and their daughter Dorothy M. Heck age 3 years and six months. His occupation was listed as Manager of a lunchroom.

In the 1930 US Census for Wisconsin, Milwaukee County, City of Milwaukee, ED 40-35, Page 9A, Ward 3, Block 243, Line 35, Laurence Heck was listed as a Lodger on Van Buren Street, age 44, divorced, Manager of a Restaurant. His daughter, Dorothy M. Heck, age 13, was found living on Downer Street in Milwaukee, listed as a lodger-guest of the J. Titus family. Her mother, Alvina, could not be found in the 1930 Census.

Laurence Heck died of throat cancer. His death certificate number is 6202 for the year 1960. He was divorced at the time of his death. He lived in the City of Milwaukee. His occupation in 1932 was Manager of Boston Lunch in Milwaukee. Very little information is known about Laurence and his family. He is buried in an unmarked grave at St. Thomas Cemetery in Waterford, Wisconsin next to his sister, Elizabeth Heck Plucker.

DEATH-BURIAL: A copy of the death certificate shows his name as Lawrence Heck, born 3 Oct 1886, age at death as 73, occupation at time

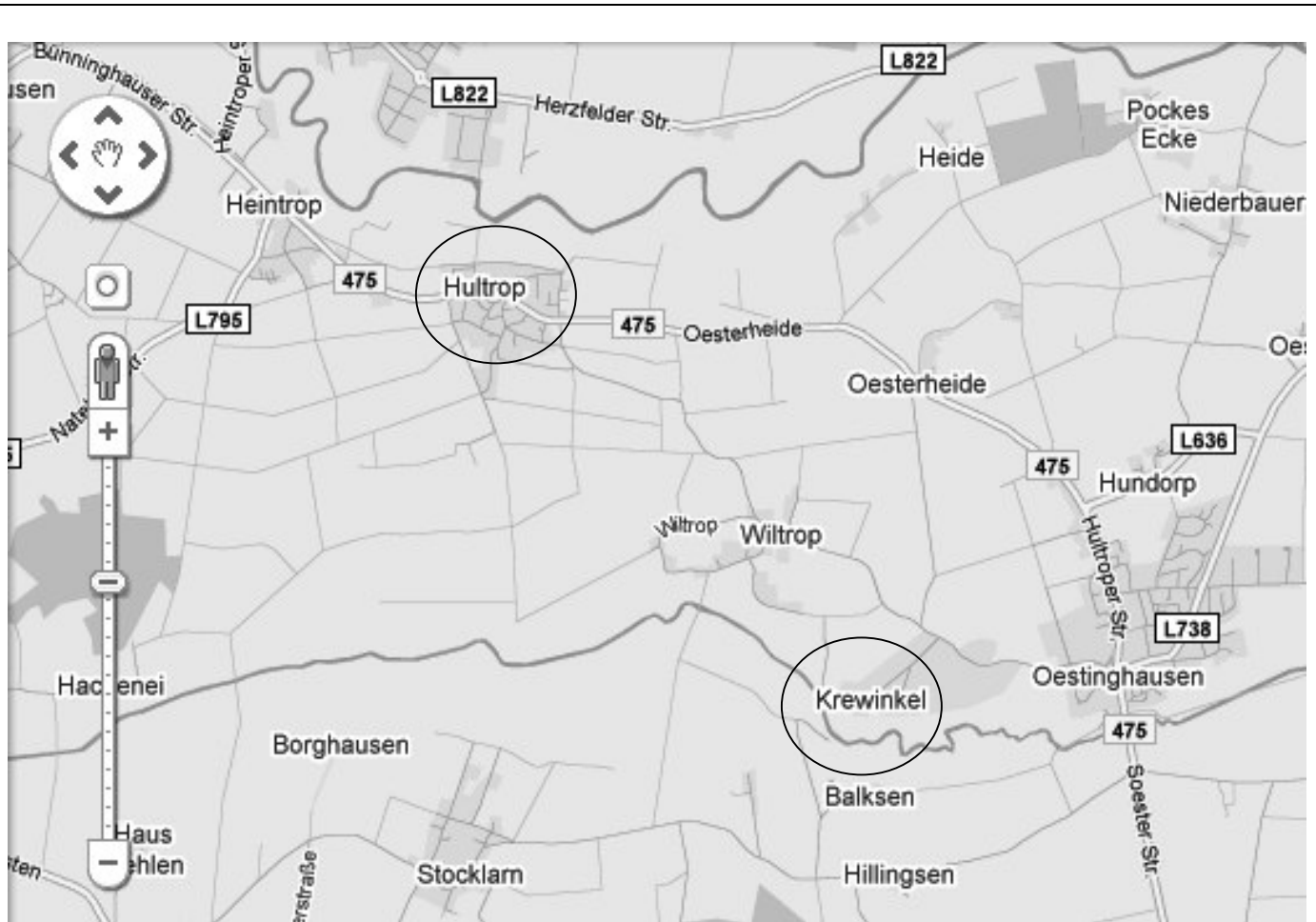
of death as Manager for Boston Lunch, residence as 931 N. Van Buren Street in Milwaukee. Place of burial is shown as St. Thomas Cemetery, Waterford, WI. Date of burial is shown as 16 Jul 1960. Social Security number is shown as 389-09-8367. The cause of death was "Possible pulmonary embolism" with secondary cause "Possible esophageal carcinoma." The Mealy Funeral Home in Waterford handled the funeral. The informant was Mrs. Elizabeth Plucker, sister of Lawrence Heck. An obituary for Laurence P. Heck was never found.

When Laurence Heck married Elvia Hart, his address was listed at 618 East Water Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Elvia listed her address at 598 Jefferson Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Witnesses to the marriage were Jay Caldwell and Belle Caldwell both from Milwaukee. Henry Cummings performed the marriage ceremony in Milwaukee. Recorded in Volume 233, page 6, at Milwaukee County Court House.

Search for Franz Weiman Continues

In the last issue of Our Family News Letter, Issue 71, December 2010, I wrote about the discovery of the birthplace of Clara Sibilla Stratmann after a 35-year search. Clara was my great grandmother and wife of Henry Henningfeld. I wrote about Clara's father, Anton Stratmann and his illegitimate birth in 1813. His parents were listed as Anna Maria Stratmann and Franz Weiman. My cousin Cheryl Heck and I embarked on a records search for Franz Weiman's ancestors since he is in our direct bloodline.

We knew that Franz Weiman, sometimes shown as Weimann, Weihman, or Weyman was from the village of Krewinkel. Our research showed that Krewinkel was located just west of Oestinghausen and southeast of Hultrop and Wiltrop. Anton Stratmann was born at Hultrop. Krewinkel is also sometimes shown as Kreewinkel or Keswinkel.



The map above shows the location of Oestinghausen, Krewinkel, Wiltrop, and Hultrop. This region is in the Kreis Soest, which means County of Soest. The area is southeast of the large city of Hamm.



The Catholic Church of Oestinghausen, shown at left, has records of religious events from the few neighboring villages, including Krewinkel.

Cheryl ordered microfilms for the Catholic Church at Oestinghausen, which covered the period from the 1770's through the 1840's. We spent many hours searching the records, which were written in early Latin script. Needless to say, the records were very difficult to read. We have not found the birth and christening of Franz Weiman but we may have found the christening of some of his siblings. We will need to do more research in order to verify this.

We hope to find the ancestry of Franz Weiman in the next few months.

Meet Your Cousin...



Grace Elizabeth Heck is the youngest daughter of David and Judi Heck and Granddaughter of Gloria and Bob Heck. Grace visits Grandma Gloria and Grandpa Bob every Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Her sister Lauren Emily Heck gets to visit us after school for an hour before her parents pick her up.

On this one day in January 2011, Grace was playing with Grandma Gloria's silk scarf collection and dressed up in what she calls her "Bushka Dress". I guess that is short for Babushka, which is a triangular scarf, tied under the chin. My Grandmother, Anna Mikel, wore a babushka any time it was cold outside. She was from the Village of Rudimov, Moravia, in the Czech Republic. She would have loved to see her great great great granddaughter, Grace, dressed up in her "Bushka Dress". Sometimes Grace and

Lauren both get all dressed up in the silk scarves and Grandma Gloria's old beads.

A Bit More on the Village of Oestinghausen...

The following information was found on a web site for Oestinghausen.

The most important building in Oestinghausen is the romanesque church of St Stephanus in the old centre of the village. It has been the parish church for the villages of Oestinghausen, **Krewinkel**, Wiltrop and Niederbauer.

The church was built c. 1000 as a parish church for the local farm (erzbischöflichen Oberhof). In 1186, Phillip von Heinzberg, bishop of Cologne, called it the "Oberhof". The transept and vaulted ceiling were added in the thirteenth century and the top of the steeple was erected in 1715. The altar was built in the Baroque style c. 1685 and the side altars built in the late Rococo style c. 1775. The church was restored between 1975 and 1980.

An Interesting e-mail Message from a Burgess Family Researcher.

The following message is from James Leone, my 4th cousin, one time removed. Our common progenitor was Benjamin Burgess 1794-1838. Benjamin Burgess was the first Burgess in our family to come to Wisconsin. He arrived in Kenosha County with his family in 1836, before Wisconsin became a State. James' great-great grandparents were Edwin Cyrus Burgess and Florence Dorothea Skiles. Edwin Cyrus Burgess was the son of William Everington Burgess and Jane B. Leet, and the grandson of Benjamin Burgess and Amanda Foster.

Bob,

10 Feb 2011

Well a huge mystery about who Edwin Cyrus Burgess' wife was, has been solved. Right now,

she is in your family trees as Florence Dorothea, last name Unknown.

Her name was actually Dora Skiles. If it were not for the proactive work of my cousin Dann Norton, I would not have found a solution to this.

The record I was given for Edwin's wife was Florence Dorothea McLayhey and her parents were listed as Moses Riles and Rovisa Mitchell.

Her son, Harold Edwin Burgess' death record in the California death index says his mother's maiden name was McGaughey. Florence's death record in the California death index however says that her father's last name was Riles and her mother's last name was Mitchell. I have no marriage record.

Start the Mission Impossible theme....

OK I just happened to look at One World Tree at Ancestry.com and saw notes for Florence. A Dann Norton said he was a relative of Florence and that he knew her as Dora Skiles.

In the 1870 census, at Schuyler County Illinois there appears a Dora C. Skiles, age 1, daughter of Moses Skiles and Louvisa Mitchell. Louvisa Mitchell's obituary names her daughter Dora Burgess of Chicago as surviving. In the 1880 census, Dora is living in John Mc Gaughey's home in Industry, Illinois.

After Moses Skiles disappeared, Louvisa married her first cousin J. William Beghtol. They had additional children. But almost all of this family was in and out of prison. Some of the brothers were killed by each other. James Skiles was in prison for Larceny and was a moonshiner. Louvisa, who died in 1907 as Louvisa Beghtol, was indicted for having a house of ill fame in 1902. Moses T. Riles disappeared after 1881 and all of his children lived with other families and were adopted. They all changed their names.

Dann had mentioned that Florence's brother was on parole from Joliet Prison at the time Edwin and Florence received a pension at Plymouth, Indiana.

James Leone

From the Editor:

COMMENT: Needless to say, the previous story is a genealogist's nightmare. Trying to trace a family with so many name variations plus adoption records to boot would make most people likely to give up the search. My hat's off to James Leone for his research efforts.

Bob Heck

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The Johannes Hubert Dorn Family. His brother, William, was married to Lucy Heck.