

# Our Family News Letter

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## Search for Franz Weյman Continues...

In Issue 71, December 2010, of Our Family News Letter, 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**. In Issue 72, March 2011, I wrote about Clara's father, **Anton Stratmann** and his illegitimate birth in 1813. His parents were listed as **Anna Maria Stratmann** from Hultrop and **Franz Weiman** from Krewinkel. My cousin Cheryl Heck and I embarked on a records search for Franz Weiman and his ancestors since he is in our direct bloodline. Franz would be my great great great grandfather.

Locating Krewinkel on modern maps was not difficult, thanks to the Internet and Google Maps. Krewinkel was located about 1-1/4 miles southeast of Hultrop. The nearest Village of any size was Oestinghausen. We found that the Catholic Church records from Oestinghausen had been microfilmed. The Catholic Church at Oestinghausen served all of the villages for several miles around, including Krewinkel.

Cheryl and I have spent many hours reading the microfilms of the old Catholic Church sacramental records from the Village of Oestinghausen, Germany. The records are written in Latin and date back as far as the late 1600's. Most of our current research was on records from 1850 back to 1720. The records were hand written with a quill pen and can be very difficult to read. It seemed that some of the priests reduced the size of their writing toward the bottom of each page of the book in order to conserve paper. The records at the top of the page were easy to read but

those at the bottom of the page were a real challenge.

One thing that we discovered early on was that the name Weiman was spelled Weյman in the early church records. The name Weiman was common in later records however Weiman and Weյman were the same family name. To complicate things even more we discovered that the same family was shown with a surname of Fillis and sometimes Berghof, and sometimes Weյman. Some of the records showed the surname as Fillis known as Berghof, Fillis known as Weյman, and Berghof known as Weյman. They were all the same family.

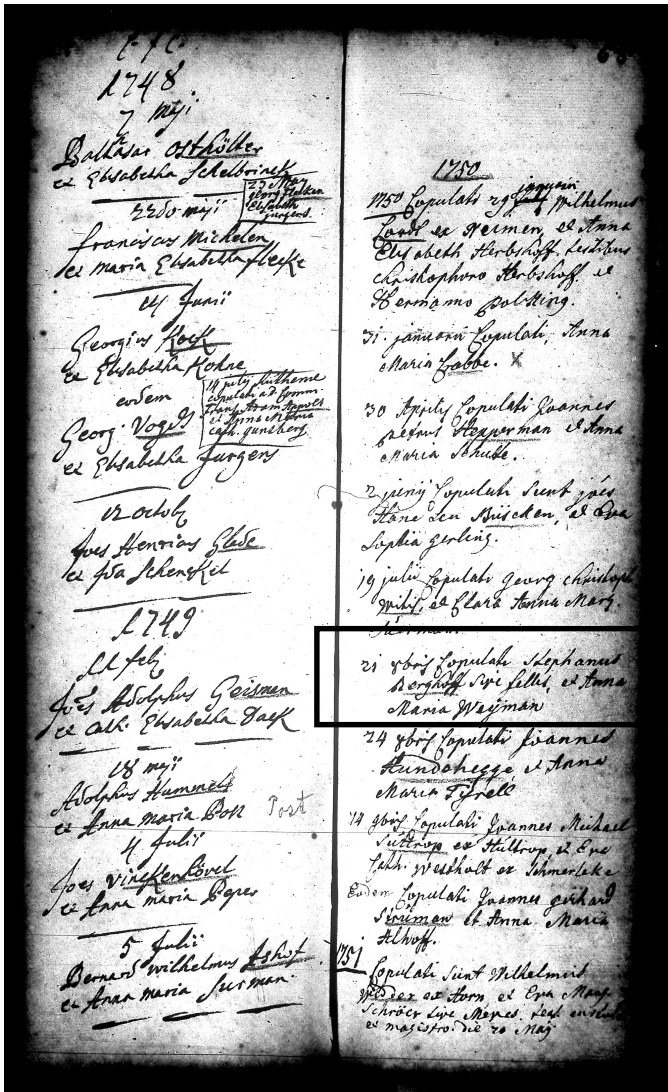
We discovered that Franz Weյman was from the Village of Krewinkel near Oestinghausen, Germany. Using Google Maps, we were able to determine that Krewinkel was and is today a very small village with about five buildings or farms. We were able to conclude that the Weյman family that resided there in the 1813 time period was indeed our family.

Working our way back through the records we found the christening record for Franz Wilhelm Berghof on 12 December 1752. He was the son of Stephan Berghof and Anna Maria Weյman.

We found that Franz was christened Franciscus Wilhelmus Berghof known as Weյman. Translating from Latin the name was Francis Wilhelm. Franz was used interchangeably with Francis and Franciscus.

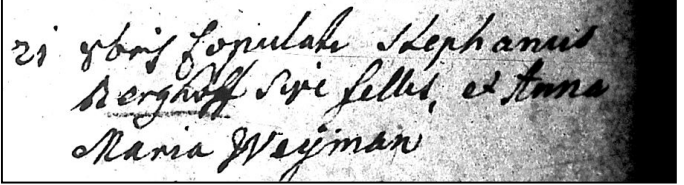
In that area of Germany, it was customary, when a couple got married, that the groom took on the name of the wife if the couple lived on land owned by the wife's family. If they lived on land owned by the husband's family, the groom kept his own name. The new name that the groom

took was sometimes referred to as the farm name. This custom was often used in Scandinavian countries as well as in parts of Germany.



Shown above and at top right is the church record of the marriage of Stephan Berghoff, known as Fellis, and Anna Maria Wejman on 21 October 1750 at Oestinghausen, Germany.

Starting with Franz's christening date in 1852, we worked our way back in time looking for the marriage of his parents, Stephan and Anna Maria. We found their marriage listed in the Oestinghausen church records on 21 October 1750. This is shown in the two images on this page. This document ties together the three names used by this family: Berghof, Fellis, and Wejman. Note that Berghof is sometimes shown as Berghoff and Fellis sometimes as Fellings.



The search for the birth or christening record of Stephan Berghof has proven to be much more difficult. Usually one would start with the marriage date and go back in time about 18 years to begin searching for a christening. The problem that we ran into was that there were several Stephan Berghof, and Stephan Fellis names listed in that time period.

The strategy for finding Stephan's parents had to be changed by including a search of the collateral lines. This meant that we had to check all of the christenings of the siblings and cousins to see if we could zero in on a link to the parents. At this point in time we have copied 69 documents that will need to be evaluated. We will also need to evaluate death and burial records.

Francis Wilhelm Berghof Weimann died on 22 February 1841 at Krewinkel at the age of 88 years, 2 months, and 10 days. Note that the record showed the name spelled as Weimann. The church record stated that he was born at Neiderbauer, which was about 1-1/2 miles northeast of Oestinghausen.

We discovered through the church records that Francis married first **Anna Margaretha Lönne** sometime before 31 July 1778. They had 10 children between 1778 and 1797. She died on 14 October 1811.

Francis married second **Anna Maria Catharina Elisabeth Funke** known as **Kerkhof**, on 7 January 1812 at Oestinghausen. They had five children between 1812 and 1820.

Francis and **Anna Maria Stratmann** from Hultrop, had an illegitimate child, Anton Stratmann, born on 12 June 1813 at Hultrop.

I hope to have more on this research by the September issue of this newsletter.

## A New McNulty Descendant Discovered.

I received a phone call from a lady named Tina (nee Gonzales) Kaczmarzewski from Indiana on 22 February 2011. She stated that she thought that we might be related, and indeed we are.

She had been searching the Internet for information about her McNulty family and found some information that I had listed. It turns out that her great great grandfather was Sylvester McNulty, the youngest child of my Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess.

Tina Marie Gonzales and Robert John Heck are 3rd cousins 1 time removed.

Sylvester McNulty was born in November, 1869 at Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. I found Sylvester listed as six months old in the 1870 Census for Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin. His father was listed as Peter McNulty age 55, a Saloon Keeper. Patience, his mother, was listed as 43 years old.

Ten years later in the 1880 Census for Dover, I found that Peter McNulty was listed as 79 years of age and Patience as 60 years of age. These ages are in agreement with other documentation found for them. Sylvester McNulty was found working on a near-by farm and was 11 years old.

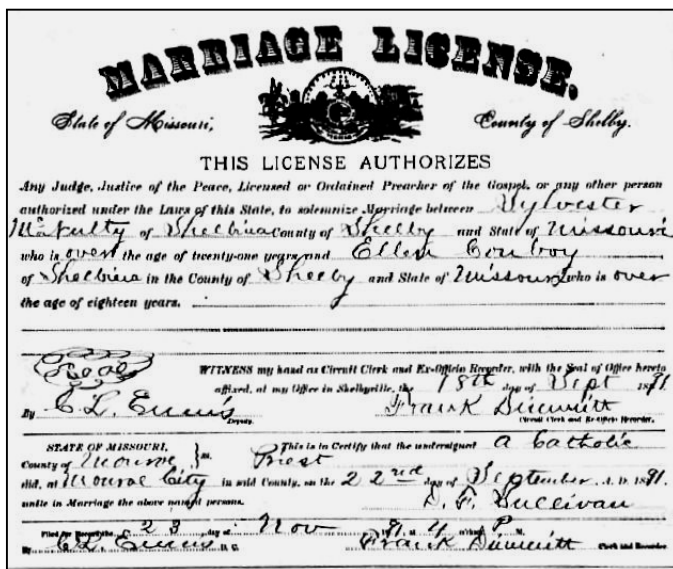
The 1890 Census was destroyed by fire and the next census that could be searched was the 1900 Census. In the 1900 Census I found a Sylvester McNulty married to Ellen Conboy living in Salt River Township, Shelby County, Missouri. They had been married for eight years. Sylvester was listed as being born in 1869 in Wisconsin. Sylvester died in 1936 and his obituary stated that he was born at Racine, Wisconsin. This confirmed that I had the right Sylvester McNulty.

Tina told me that she was related to Sylvester through the following connection:

Tina Gonzales  
Katherine Quinlan  
Virginia Blanset  
Anna Mary McNulty  
Sylvester McNulty



*L-R: Virginia Blanset and Anna Mary McNulty Blanset.*



*Marriage License for Sylvester McNulty and Ellen Canboy in Shelby County, Missouri dated 18 September 1891.*

Sylvester McNulty was the youngest brother of Mary Ann McNulty, wife of Henry Heck. Mary Ann McNulty was my great grandmother.

Tina and her Uncle Bob Quinlan will be visiting in Wisconsin in June 2011. I hope to take them on a tour of Racine and Kenosha County and show them where Sylvester lived and where Patience and Peter McNulty were buried. I'll also take them to the place where Benjamin Burgess operated a sawmill in 1836 on the Pike River.

Tina told me that she and her Uncle have quite a few pictures of the family and that she will share them with us.

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## **A New Connection to the Wausau Henningfeld - Heinrichs Family**

On 1 May 2011, I received a phone call from a lady from Florida asking if I was the Robert Heck who had done genealogy research on the Henningfeld and Heinrich families from Wisconsin. Barbara Zarnke Geier turned out to be my second cousin. Our common ancestors are Henry Frank Henningfeld and Clara Sibilla Stratmann.



*Barbara Zarnke Geier in 2004*

Barbara was just starting her genealogy and family history research and had found some of my work on the Internet.

Barbara's ancestry is as follows:

Barbara Zarnke

Geraldine Heinrichs – Roy Zarnke

Molly Henningfeld – Frank Heinrichs

Henry Henningfeld – Clara Stratman



*Molly Henningfeld Heinrichs with five of her daughters. Standing L-R: Joan, Geraldine, and Lorraine. Seated L-R: Dorothy, Molly, and Rosemary.*



*Roy Wilson Zarnke and Geraldine Heinrichs Zarnke in 1988 on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*



*Mollie Henningfeld Heinrichs*

Wausau Daily Record: August 17, 1970: Mrs. Frank Heinrichs, 84, 701 W. Wausau Ave., Wausau, died Saturday afternoon at a Wausau hospital. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at Helke West Chapel, Wausau, and at 10 a.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Wausau. The Rev. A. W. Fischer will officiate, and burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau. Friends may call now at the funeral home, where a parish vigil will be held today at 7:30 p.m. The former Mollie Henningfeld was born July 21, 1886, in Burlington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henningfeld. On Oct. 21, 1907, in Milwaukee, she was married to Frank Heinrichs, who died in December 1947. She was a member of St. Mildred's Circle and the Fatima Council; both of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Wausau. Survivors include four sons, Carl, 406 Grand Ave., and Gordon, 1009 Quaw St., both of Wausau, Francis, New Berlin, and Eugene, Milwaukee; five daughters, Mrs. Damon (Rosemary) Reynolds, 701 W. Wausau Ave., Mrs. Roy

(Geraldine) Zarnke, 506 Martin Ave., and Mrs. Gilbert (Lorraine) Teuke, 500 17th Place, all of Wausau, Mrs. Jack (Dorothy) Johnson, Milwaukee, and Mrs. Joseph (Joan) Woolley, Green Bay; 28 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Barbara Zarnke Geier provided the pictures shown on this and on the previous page.

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## **Jeanne Ruth Henningfeld Jacobs Passed Away** **21 April 2011.**

Jeanne Henningfeld Jacobs was the daughter of George Henningfeld and Martha Stutz. She lived on Carter Street in Racine, Wisconsin before she married Charles M. Jacobs. Her brother, Royce Henningfeld, was killed at Normandy in 1944.



*L-R: George, Jeanne, Martha, and Royce Henningfeld in 1944 at their home on Carter Street in Racine, Wisconsin. The image above was made from an 8mm movie film.*

The Jacobs family lived in Racine on Goold Street between Charles Street and Douglas Avenue about a block away from my parents. We often played with the Jacobs children at Douglas Park. Jeanne and Charles, in later years, lived at San Camillo Retirement Home in Milwaukee. Jeanne was a Registered Nurse.

**Jacobs, Jeanne R. (Nee Henningfeld)**

Born to Eternal Life on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at the age of 94 years. Jeanne was preceded in death by her loving husband of 66 years, Charles M. Jacobs. She will be fondly remembered by her children Charles II (Marie), Robert (Betty) and Nancy (John) Schliesmann, nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, along with other dear relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be donated to Jeanne's favorite charity. Visitation from 10AM until 11AM time of Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, April 29, at ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1755 N. Calhoun Rd., Brookfield, WI, Inurnment is private. CHURCH AND CHAPEL Ritter - Larsen Bros. 1875 N. Calhoun Rd. 262-786-8030 Obit - Condolences - Directions www.churchandchapel.com

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**Theodore Turner Passed Away 16 March 2011**



(April 12, 1951 - March 16, 2011) Sturtevant- Mr. Theodore L. Turner, 59, passed away at his home on Wednesday, March 16, 2011. Theo was born in Racine on April 12, 1951 to the late Alfred Pete and Ruth Jeanette (nee:

Wahlen) Turner. On June 30th 1984, he was united in marriage to **Catherine Ann Heck**. Theo was a graduate of Case High School. After graduation, he was employed at Erickson's Auto Trim, Chrysler in Kenosha, and was the owner of Carridge House Antiques. He was an avid Packer and Badger fan and a former member of the

Racine Hog Chapter and was best known for his warm, friendly personality. Theo will be dearly missed by his loving wife, Cathy Turner; three sons, Kyle (Stephanie Hazen) Turner, Theodore Jr.(Jeanette) Turner, and Nash (Kim) Turner, grandchildren, little Nash Turner and Cassandra Peshek; brother Pete (Sue) Turner, father-in-law, **Larry Heck**; brother-in-law, Steve (Theresa) Heck; sisters-in-law, Joan Thompson, Sue Jensen, Linda (Rudy) Rick, Laura (Eric) Armantrout; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and mother-in-law **Nancy Heck**. A memorial service in honor of Theo will be held at Wilson Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 7:00pm. Relatives and friends are invited to meet the family from 5:00pm until the time of service.

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**Mary Kay (Heck) Hansen Visits Racine in 2011.**



Mary Kay Hansen was a recent visitor from California. Shown in the photo above standing L-R: Eugene Heck, Richard Heck, Bernie Kunka, Carol Heck, Clarence Heck, Shirley Heck, Mary Heck, and Mary Kay Hansen. Seated L-R: Cel Heck, Dolores Kunka, and Mary Kyburz. By the way, Mary Kay and Dave Hansen just celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations Cousin!!!

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## **2011 Heck Family Picnic** **July 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Cel Heck sent a note asking that I remind everyone that the 2011 Heck Family Picnic will be held on 10 July 2011, at the Leisure Center in Racine, Wisconsin. Normally the picnic is held on the third Sunday of July but this year it will be held on the second Sunday in July. Keep an eye on your mail for an announcement and a list of things to bring to the picnic.

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## **A Special Thank You**

I would like to take this time to thank all of you who sent in articles, photos 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 73. I issue a new newsletter every three months. While many of you have contributed over the years, the following were the donors so far in 2011.

**Cheryl Heck**  
**Jim Heck**  
**Rick Heck**  
**Richard Heck**  
**Cel Heck**  
**Barb Heck**

**Thank You, Thank You.**

## **From the Photo Album**



*The children of Edward Bark and Bernice (Heck) Bark.*

This picture was taken in November, 1962, at Racine, Wisconsin. Shown from L-R: Edward age 14, Jim age 13, Allen age 11, Gregory age 6, and Susan age 2.



This picture shows the Bark children years later. L-R: Jim, Allen, Susan, Gregory, and Edward.

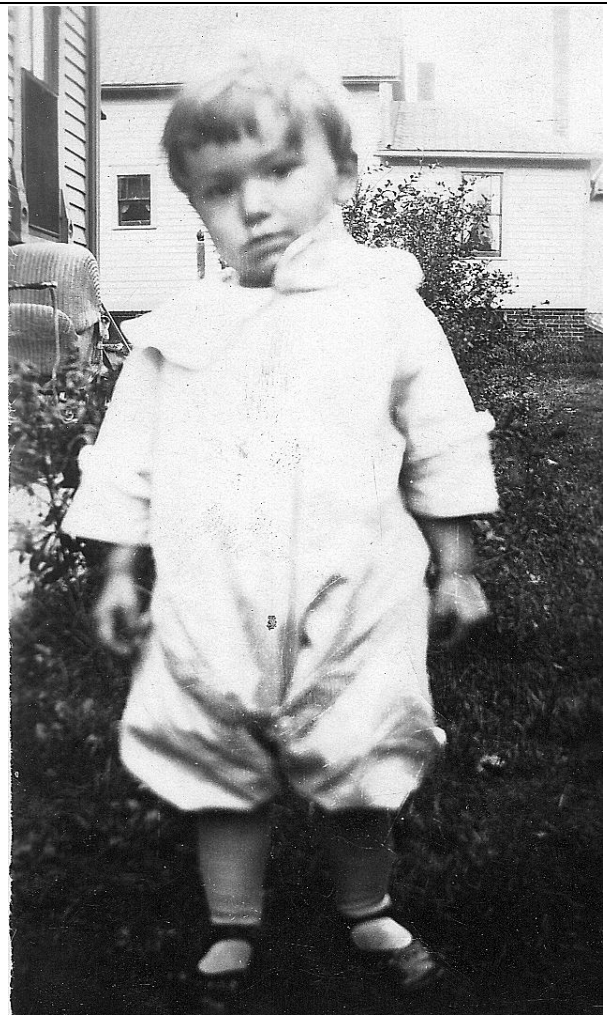
Maybe the next time the five of you get together you could send me a photo for this newsletter.



The picture above was found in a photo album belonging to my parents, Robert G. and Mary Heck. The picture was identified in the album as being Shirley Heck, daughter of Clarence Heck and Frances Pier. The year was marked on the back as 1937. Note that Shirley was holding a box of Cracker Jack. I wonder if she found the prize?

At upper right is a photo from the same photo album and it was marked as being Richard Heck. The photo was taken in 1930. Richard is the son of Clarence Heck and Frances Pier. Richard just recently celebrated his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Congratulations Richard.

The photo at lower right was taken at Racine, Wisconsin during a visit of Philip Heck and Elizabeth (Huss) Heck with the Racine Heck family. Philip was the son of Peter Heck and Margaret Zeren and the nephew of Henry Heck.



Philip was the grandfather of Howard W. Heck from Minneapolis. The families from Wisconsin and Minnesota visited several times.