



A BRIEF HISTORY
OF
THE HELLMERS FAMILY

The Ancestors and Descendants
of Milton J. Hellmers and Juanita C. Neff Hellmers
of New Orleans, Louisiana



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INTRODUCTION

In the summer of 1962, following my first year in college, I developed a curiosity about the history of our family. Dad (Leonard) was able to tell me about his parents and grandparents, but beyond that he knew little. That summer, Dad and I began our search. We first used the old German records at St. Paul Lutheran Church. As we learned by trial and error how to research family history, our investigations went wider and wider.

What had begun as a simple question about family history developed into a father-son project on which we worked together for the next 22 years. In the course of our research we used a variety of sources: church and civil records of births, marriages, and deaths, cemetery records, obituaries, censuses, city directories, ship passenger lists, and personal interviews. In September and October of 1979, Dad and I traveled to Germany to visit some of the places from which the Hellmers ancestors had come and to meet some of our distant cousins.

This *Brief History of the Hellmers Family* represents only a small portion of all of the information we gathered. This is a preliminary history and includes only the direct ancestors and descendants of Milton J. and Juanita C. Neff Hellmers. A more complete history, which will include photographs, documents, maps, and comprehensive listings of all the known relatives of the Hellmers and associated families, is contemplated for the future.

From the very beginning, Dad was enthusiastic about the project and he gave freely of his time and energy. He would have been pleased that this first history of the Hellmers family is being published.

Norman D. Hellmers
1 August 1988

COMMENTS ON THE 2007 REVISION

Since publishing this brief history in 1988, I have continued to work on researching the various branches of our family. I was able to fill in quite a few gaps and have added that data. I also corrected the one mistake I found in the original version. The most significant new information was learning the specific birth date and birthplace of Hinrich Hellmers—our Hellmers immigrant ancestor—and the names of his parents and siblings.

With the help of the Hellmers cousins, I have included all of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Milton J. and Juanita C. Neff Hellmers. Since our family has grown so large, I have not included the spouses of the great-grandchildren or the following generations. Over the years, I have gathered a great deal of information and still hope to prepare a more comprehensive history in the future.

Norman D. Hellmers
1 August 2007

HELLMERS FAMILY IMMIGRANTS

Over a 22-year period—from 1846 to 1868—all of the eight grandparents of Milton J. Hellmers and Juanita C. Neff Hellmers emigrated from what is today the country of Germany (Deutschland) to New Orleans, Louisiana.

We can say that these immigrants came from Germany, but at the time of their emigration, there was no “Germany” as such. What we today call Germany was a loose collection of independent kingdoms, duchies, principalities, and free cities. (It was not until the creation of the German Empire in 1871 that the Germany of today began to be formed.)

Each of these eight grandparents came from a different place in today’s Germany. (See map on page 5 for approximate locations of these ancestral homes.)

Immigrant	Date	Place of Emigration
Hinrich Hellmers	1852	Rekum, Hannover (Kingdom of Hannover)
Alvina Jürgensen	1854	Stohl, Schleswig-Holstein (then a part of the Kingdom of Denmark)
Philipp Geeck	1854	Rheinzabern, Rheinbayern, Bayern (Kingdom of Bavaria)
Sophie Lange	1852	Ortshausen, Braunschweig (Duchy of Brunswick)
Philipp Neff	1853	Dusenbach, Hessen (Grand Duchy of Hesse)
Carolina Leonhard	1846	Jettenbach, Rheinbayern, Bayern (Kingdom of Bavaria)
Hermann Landwehr	1866	Lechterke, Hannover (Kingdom of Hanover)
Caroline Feige	1868	Bentheim, Preussen (Kingdom of Prussia)

The Hellmers ancestors were part of a great human migration in the mid-19th century. For a variety of economic, religious, political, and social reasons, over five million Germans emigrated to America between the years 1820 and 1900. Some came alone; others came with their families. Many passed through the port of New Orleans on their way to inland destinations; others went no further. Germans settled throughout New Orleans, but a large number lived in the “downtown” section of the city. Of these, there were both Catholic and Lutheran Germans. The Lutherans formed a church known today as St. Paul Lutheran Church. With few exceptions, this was the church where the Hellmers family ancestors were married, where their children were baptized and confirmed, and from where they were buried.

In an age of discovering one’s “roots,” the heritage of the Hellmers Family can primarily be found in the values and traditions of the German Lutherans of downtown New Orleans.

**HELLMERS ANCESTRAL HOMES
IN TODAY'S GERMANY
(Family names in CAPITAL LETTERS)**



HELLMERS ANCESTOR TABLE

	Hinrich Hellmers	Arend Hellmers
		Adelheid Timm
	John F. Hellmers	
	Alvina Jürgensen	Gustav Jürgensen
		Marie Petersen
	Milton J. Hellmers	
	Philipp Geeck	Johann Geeck
		Catharina Brod
	Eva M. Geeck	
	Sophie Lange	Friedrich Lange
		Johanne Heitefuss
Milton J. Hellmers		
Leonard H. Hellmers		
Earl H. Hellmers		
Clifford N. Hellmers		
Robert E. Hellmers		
Donald J. Hellmers		
Juanita Hellmers		
	Philipp Neff	Wilhelm Neff
		Elisabetha Straub
	John M. Neff	
	Carolina Leonhard	Ludwig Leonhard
		Louisa Göttel
	Juanita C. Neff	
	Heinrich Landwehr	J. Hermann Landwehr
		Marie Hildebrand
	Marie H. Landwehr	
	Caroline Feige	J. Heinrich Feige
		Anna Hoffmeister

<p>Arend Hellmers</p> <p>b. 16 June 1792 Platjenwerbe (Kirchspiel Lesum)</p> <p>d.</p>	<p>Adelheid Margarethe Timm</p> <p>b. 9 July 1799 Rade (Kirchspiel Neuenkirchen)</p> <p>d.</p>
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m. 25 August 1822
Neuenkirchen, Hannover

Jürgen

b. 9 April 1823
Rade (Kirchspiel Neuenkirchen)

d.

Note: Last known to be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

<p>* Jochim <u>Hinrich</u> “Henry”</p> <p>b. 13 July 1828 Rekum (Kirchspiel Neuenkirchen)</p> <p>d. 17 August 1872 New Orleans, Louisiana</p>	<p>m. H. <u>Alvina C.</u> Jürgensen</p> <p>4 September 1856 in New Orleans, La.</p>
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<p>Elise</p> <p>b. 8 October 1830 Rekum (Kirchspiel Neuenkirchen)</p> <p>d.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Note: Lived and presumably died in Germany.</p>	<p>m. Henrich Kehlenbeck</p> <p>16 January 1851 in Neuenkirchen</p>
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<p>Adolph</p> <p>b. 26 April 1834 Rekum (Kirchspiel Neuenkirchen)</p> <p>d. 17 August 1864 New Orleans, Louisiana</p>	<p>m. Johanna Burmeister</p> <p>ca 1861 in New Orleans, La.</p>
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Note: The above places—Platjenwerbe, Rade, and Rekum—were at that time in the Kingdom of Hannover and are in today’s German states of Bremen and Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony).

Arend Hellmers was a merchant seaman. Between the years 1822 and 1852 he made at least 24 voyages, serving primarily as a cook. He sailed to countries around the world, including ports in England, Italy, the Netherlands, Cuba, Turkey, Russia, Venezuela, and the United States, including a stop in New Orleans in 1840. He and his wife Adelheid Timm had three sons—Jürgen, Hinrich, and Adolph—all of whom also became seamen. All three eventually left the last ship they were serving on to stay in the United States: Jürgen in Philadelphia in 1844, Hinrich in New Orleans in 1852, and Adolph in New Orleans in 1859. These three brothers had a sister, Elise, who married Henrich Kehlenbeck. She and her husband apparently remained in Germany.

* On this family chart, and on all of those which follow, the direct ancestor of Milton J. Hellmers or Juanita C. Neff is marked with an asterisk. Some names on the family charts are underlined, such as Hinrich. The underlined name is the name used most often by that person. Frequently it was not the person’s first name.

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 John Hübler, Jr.

Todes-Anzeige.

Gestern Nachmittag um 3 Uhr starb nach längerem Verden
 unser geliebter Gatte und Vater Heinrich Hellmers, ge-
 bürthig aus Deutschland und ein Bewohner dieser Stadt seit
 24 Jahren.
 Das Verdenbegehnen findet heute Nachmittag um 4 Uhr
 von Eyn Trauerbank, Ecke von Independence und Dauphine
 Straßen, aus statt. Freunde und Bekannte, sowie die der
 Familien von Johann Vagts, Fred. Bomarius, Henry Vallerie
 und Henry Johnson, ebenfalls die Mitglieder der Jackson Be-
 nevolent Association und der Hermann Lodge No. 39 I. O. F.
 O. F., werden höflich eingeladen, demselben ohne weitere
 Notiz beizuwohnen. Die Trauernde: Wilhelmina Helmers, geborene Johnson,
 und sieben Kinder.

Jackson Benevolent Association.

Gestorben:

Am Samstag, den 17. d., um 3 Uhr Nachmittag, Bruder
 Henry Helmers, aus Deutschland gebürtig.
 Das Begräbnis findet heute, Sonntag, den 18. August,
 um 4 Uhr Nachmittag, von der Wohnung, Ecke von Indepen-
 dence und Dauphine Straßen, aus statt.
 Die Weamen und Mitglieder der obigen Association sind
 achtungsvoll ersucht, sich heute Nachmittag um halb 3 Uhr in
 ihrer Gasse ohne weitere Notiz zu versammeln, um dem Verden
 begehnen ihrer verstorbenen Bruder beizuwohnen.
 Im Auftrage des Präsidenten,
 John Schumbricht, Sekretär.

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Upon the death of Hinrich Hellmers, the above notice was placed in the August 18, 1872,
 edition of the *Tägliche Deutsche Zeitung*, a German language newspaper in New Orleans. A
 translation into English reads:

Death Notice

Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock after a long illness, our beloved husband and
 father, Heinrich Helmers, born in Germany and a citizen of this city for the last
 twenty-four years, died. The funeral will take place this afternoon at four
 o'clock from the home of the deceased, corner Independence and Dauphine
 Streets. Friends and acquaintances as well as families of Johann Vagts, Fred
 Bomarius, Henry Vallerie and Henry Johnson and the members of the Jackson
 Benevolent Association and of the Hermann Lodge No. 39 I. O. O. F. are
 sincerely invited to take part without other notice. The grief-stricken spouse,
 Wilhelmina Helmers, born Johnson,
 and seven children

By 1872, the Jürgensen family was using an "Americanized" version of their name--Johnson.
 Thus the widow's name was given as "Wilhelmina Helmers, born Johnson." Although Alvina
 Jürgensen Hellmers usually used her baptism name of Alvina, she is recorded in at least two
 places as Wilhelmina.

Gustav Adohlf Ludwig Jürgensen
b. 15 October 1805
Dänisch–Nienhof
d. ca 1867/68
New Orleans, Louisiana

Maria Catharina Dorothea Petersen
b. 18 May 1809
Rehbergstrasse
d. 23 February 1891
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 18 January 1835
Thumbby

Ludwig Johannes Nikolaus
b. 13 December 1834
Boel-Ulegraff

d. Note: This oldest son did not emigrate to New Orleans with the rest of his family.
His whereabouts in Germany or the United States have not been determined.

Catharina Maria Friederica
b. 24 January 1837
Boel–Ulegraff
d. 1 February 1896
New Orleans, Louisiana

m.₁ Karl F. L. Voschera
19 April 1855
m.₂ Johann Vagts
27 April 1859

* Henriette Alvina Catharina
b. 10 November 1840
Friedrichstadt
d. 9 February 1923
New Orleans, Louisiana

m.₁ Hinrich Hellmers
4 September 1856
m.₂ Christian L. Knop
18 September 1873

Maria Henriette Nicolina
b. 28 February 1843
Friedrichstadt
d. 6 August 1915
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Friedrich Bommarius
9 January 1869

Hinrich Detlef Theodor
b. 10 January 1847
Stohl
d. 18 August 1885
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Julia Ury
9 October 1873

Johanna Sophia Henriette
b. 24 June 1851
Stohl
d.

m. Henry Vallery
31 January 1869

Note: She and her husband lived in or near New Orleans, Louisiana.

Note: The above places—Dänisch–Nienhof, Rehbergstrasse, Boel-Ulegraff, Friedrichstadt, and Stohl—were at that time in Schleswig–Holstein (then under the control of the Kingdom of Denmark) and are in today’s German state of Schleswig–Holstein.

Name des Jurisdictionbezirks, der Dörfer, sowie der dazü gehöri gen Wohnstellen.	Name sämtlicher Personen in jedem Hause und jeder Familie.	Alter jeder Person, des längste Jahr des Alters eingeschrieben.	Ob verheiratet oder unverheiratet, Wittwe oder Wittwer.	Geurtsort.	Titel, Amt, Geschäft, Handwerk, Erwerbszweig der Personen und ihre Stellung in der Familie, sowie ob sie ganz zum Theil von Almosen leben.
Transport	49 Jahre 209 Kaufmann				
	1. Christian Becker	35	mañ.	Dänisch-Nienhof	
	2. Catharina Becker	30	w.	Angeln	
	3. Sophia Becker	8	w.		
	4. Andreas Becker	2	w.		
	5. Hinrich Becker	1	w.		
20. Kaufmännische	1. Gustav Jürgensen	39	mañ.	Dänisch-Nienhof	
	2. Maria Jürgensen	36	w.	Angeln	
	3. Ludwig Jürgensen	11	w.		
	4. Friederich Jürgensen	8	w.		
	5. Albina Jürgensen	6	w.	Friedrichstadt	
	6. Maria Jürgensen	2	w.		
	1. Magdalena Seelck	33	w.	Dänisch-Nienhof	
	2. Johanna Seelck	6	w.		
21. Kaufmännische	1. Johann Höderau	49	mañ.	Dänisch-Nienhof	

The family of Gustav and Maria (Petersen) Jürgensen was enumerated in the 1845 census of the Duchy of Schleswig. Part of the census is reproduced below. At that time, the Jürgensens were living in the village of Stohl, from where they later emigrated in 1854. Alvina (listed here as “Albina”) is shown as being born in Friedrichstadt, which is accurate. Her age at the time was 5, however, not 6.

In this 1845 census, four of the Jürgensens’ eventual six children are recorded. The other two, Hinrich and Johanna, were both born in Stohl in 1847 and 1851. The family in 1845 was as follows:

Name	Age	Birthplace
1. Gustav Jürgensen	39	[Dänisch-Nienhof]
2. Maria Jürgensen	36	Angeln
3. Ludwig Jürgensen	11	“
4. Friederich Jürgensen	8	“ [Friederica]
5. Albina Jürgensen	6	Friedrichstadt [Alvina]
6. Maria Jürgensen	2	“

Ludwig, the oldest son, apparently did not come to America with the rest of his family. Records of him and any possible family—in Germany or the United States—have not yet been located.

Johann Adam Geeck
b. 24 December 1805
Rheinzabern
d. 29 May 1855
New Orleans, Louisiana

Catharina Agatha Brod
b. 5 February 1807
Rheinzabern
d. 16 November 1855
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 20 January 1835
Rheinzabern

* Philipp Jakob
b. 28 January 1836
Rheinzabern
d. ca 1879/80
New Orleans, Louisiana (?)

m. Sophie Lange Betzler
25 March 1861

Franz Peter
b. 14 October 1837
Rheinzabern
d.

Helena
b. 26 November 1839
Rheinzabern
d. 13 July 1933
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Zacharie Trondle
15 May 1866

Maria Eva
b. 10 September 1841
Rheinzabern
d.
Rheinzabern

Johann Stephan
b. 30 July 1843
Rheinzabern
d.

Eva Elisabetha
b. 30 July 1843
Rheinzabern
d.

Maria Eva
b. 16 January 1849
Rheinzabern
d. 9 August 1880
Baltimore, Maryland

Note: The above place—Rheinzabern—was at that time in Rheinbayern (part of the Kingdom of Bavaria) and is in today's German state of Rheinland–Pfalz (Rheinland–Palatinate).

✓ **DISTRICT OF NEW ~~York~~ - PORT OF NEW ~~York~~ Orleans**

I, *Richard Edwards*, do solemnly, sincerely and truly *swear* that the following List or Manifest of Passengers, subscribed with my name, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the District of New *Orleans*, contains, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a just and true account of all the Passengers received on board the *Ship Suffolk*, whereof I am Master, from *LeHavre*.

Sworn to this *29 Dec* 18 *54* at *New Orleans* before me *R Edwards*

List or Manifest OF ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the *Ship Suffolk* whereof *Richard Edwards* is Master, from *LeHavre* burthen *tons*

NAMES.	AGE.		SEX.	OCCUPATION.	THE COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY SEVERALLY BELONG.	THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY INTEND TO RESIDE INHABITANTS.	DIED ON THE VOYAGE.
	YEARS.	MONTHS.					
<i>Nonpat. Louis</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>+</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>United States</i>	
<i>Fougere M.</i>	<i>24</i>		<i>m</i>				
<i>Saint-André</i>	<i>32</i>						
<i>Stephane Etienne</i>	<i>27</i>		<i>m</i>				
<i>Geck Jean</i>	<i>29</i>		<i>m</i>				
<i>Catharina</i>	<i>44</i>		<i>f</i>				
<i>Philippe</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>m</i>				
<i>Stephane</i>	<i>16</i>		<i>m</i>				
<i>40 Helene</i>	<i>19</i>		<i>f</i>				
<i>Geck Etienne</i>	<i>9</i>		<i>m</i>	<i>farmer</i>		<i>United States</i>	
<i>Clair</i>	<i>9</i>		<i>f</i>				
<i>Son</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>m</i>				
<i>Luce Stentat</i>	<i>28</i>		<i>m</i>				
<i>André Jacques</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>m</i>				

On December 29, 1854, the family of Johann and Catharina (Brod) Geck of Rheinzabern ended their ocean voyage to America when the ship *Suffolk* arrived in New Orleans. They had traveled overland from their home in the Rheinbayern region of the Kingdom of Bavaria to the French port of LeHavre where they set sail. They were 8 of the 328 passengers on board. The record above is a reduced portion of the passenger list made at the time of their arrival.

The family name was listed as “Geck.” Some of the given names are hard to recognize. Apparently the list-maker was French, so the names were written in a French form. Johann is listed as “Jean”, and Stephan as “Etienne” [Etienne].

Friedrich Ludwig Lange
b. 4 February 1803
Mahlum
d.
presumably in New Orleans, Louisiana

Johanne Rosine Sophie Henriette Heitefuss
b. 16 November 1806
Ortshausen
d.
presumably in New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 8 March 1829
Ortshausen

Johanne Louise
b. 13 June 1829
Ortshausen
d.

m. Heinrich Christian Bolm
24 April 1853

* Johanne Sophie Louise
b. 6 February 1830
Ortshausen
d. 16 August 1887
New Orleans, Louisiana

m.₁ Franz Xaver Betzler
22 July 1854
m.₂ Philipp Jacob Geeck
25 March 1861

Johanne Sophie Wilhelmine
b. 28 March 1832
Ortshausen
d. after 1886

Johanne Friederike Louise Christine
b. 16 April 1834
Ortshausen
d.

m. Heinrich Bardt
19 January 1854

Johanne Sophie Wilhelmine
b. 15 November 1836
Ortshausen
d. 22 June 1880
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Wilhelm Scheuermann
9 August 1856

Johann Friedrich
b. 6 May 1839
Ortshausen
d. 11 May 1839
Ortshausen

(Continued on following page.)

Friedrich Wilhelm

- b. 6 June 1840
Ortshausen
- d.

Caroline

- b. 26 November 1842
Ortshausen
- d. 8 October 1849
Ortshausen

Juliane

- b. 29 April 1845
Ortshausen
- d. 1 March 1876
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Johannes Scheuermann
ca 17 October 1861

Friedrich Christian

- b. 25 March 1851
Ortshausen
- d. 29 June 1900
New Orleans, Louisiana

Note: The above places—Mahlum and Ortshausen—were at that time in the Duchy of Braunschweig (Brunswick) and are in today's German state of Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony).

36. I. Verzeichniß der Gebornen und Getauften

Num- mer	Name und Stand des Vaters	Tauf- und Geschlechtsname der Mutter	Tag und Stunde der Geburt	Tag der Taufe
37	Friedrich Lange, Kaufm.	Johanne, geborne Heitefuss, Frau und gezeugt Joseph	den sechsten Febr. den Morgen drey Uhr.	den ein und zwanzigsten Februar.

im Jahre 1830 37.

Taufname des Kindes	Name, Stand und Wohnort der Taufzeugen	Verichtigungen und Bemerkungen
Johanne Sophie Louise	1. Herr Joseph Heitefuss 2. Frau Heitefuss 3. Herr Lange, Küchler und Heitefuss.	

In the original churchbooks of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ortshausen one can find a record of the birth and baptism of Sophie Lange. Reproduced above is a portion of the baptism book from the year 1830.

The baptism record says that the father was Friedrich Lange and the mother was Johanne Heitefuss. The child, born on the sixth of February at three in the morning, was baptized on the twenty-first of February. The name given to the child at her baptism was Johanne Sophie Louise Lange.

Wilhelm Neff

- b. 22 November 1800
Nieder-Kainsbach
- d. 27 February 1848
Dusenbach

Elisabetha Katharina Straub

- b. 24 March 1807
Dusenbach
- d. 23 January 1848
Dusenbach

m. 28 April 1825
Höchst im Odenwald

Anna Katharina

- b. 30 October 1826
Dusenbach
- d. 10 January 1900
Dusenbach

m. Johann Adam Mohr

23 July 1848

Margaretha Elisabetha

- b. 29 July 1829
Dusenbach
- d. 30 August 1903
Summerfield, Illinois

m. Peter Villhard

ca 1854
[Location unknown]

* Philipp

- b. 8 June 1832
Dusenbach
- d. 2 October 1906
New Orleans, Louisiana

m.₁ Caroline Oser

3 February 1855

m.₂ Caroline Leonhard

18 December 1862

m.₃ Elizabeth Kaul

23 November 1876

Anna Margaretha

- b. 6 April 1847
Dusenbach
- d. 12 April 1914
[Germany]

Note: The above places—Nieder-Kainsbach and Dusenbach—were at that time in the Grand Duchy of Hessen (Hesse) and are in today's German state of Hessen (Hesse).



Philipp Neff emigrated by himself to America as a young man. From one existing letter and four envelopes addressed to Philipp Neff in New Orleans (one of which is reproduced full-size here), we know that Philipp corresponded with his relatives in the Grand Duchy of Hesse (Hessen). The part of Hesse from which Philipp came is shown on the historical map also reproduced above. (Dusenbach is near the bottom of the map.)

The only clue as to Philipp Neff's specific place of origin in Hesse was from these envelopes. The letter was addressed to "Philipp Neff, Cappenter [Carpenter], New Orleans, Amerika." The postmark says "Höchst im O.W." (Höchst im Odenwald), the nearest post office to the little village of Dusenbach where the Neffs lived. The house in Dusenbach in which Philipp Neff was born still stands today.

Johannes Ludwig Leonhard
b. 9 December 1807
Reichenbach
d. 5 May 1875
New Orleans, Louisiana

Louisa Margaretha Göttel
b. 21 December 1815
Jettenbach
d. 16 March 1881
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 5 February 1835
Jettenbach

Philippina
b. 30 September 1835
Jettenbach
d. 22 November 1835
Jettenbach

Ludwig
b. 2 September 1836
Jettenbach
d. 29 January 1839
Jettenbach

Daniel
b. 6 January 1839
Jettenbach
d. 11 October 1869
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Carolina Hebel
3 July 1862

Ludwig
b. 23 June 1841
Jettenbach
d. 15 November 1901
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Josephine Schuler
6 April 1863

* Carolina
b. 31 December 1843
Jettenbach
d. 15 May 1876
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Philipp Neff
18 December 1862

Magdalena
b. 15 October 1848
New Orleans, Louisiana
d.

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Michael

- b. 3 December 1849
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d.

Magdalena

- b. 5 April 1852
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d.

Johann Michael

- b. 7 May 1854
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 28 August 1931
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Josephine H. Boey

18 July 1878

Karl Heinrich

- b. 2 May 1857
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 13 November 1920
New Orleans, Louisiana

Note: The above places—Reichenbach and Jettenbach—were at that time in Rheinbayern (part of the Kingdom of Bavaria) and are in today's German state of Rheinland-Pfalz (Rheinland-Palatinate).

Johann Hermann Landwehr
b. 3 September 1812
Grönloh
d. 17 October 1890
Lechterke

Marie Adelheid Hildebrandt
b. 30 September 1815
Lechterke
d. 25 March 1892
Lechterke

m. 29 March 1836
Badbergen

Johann Wilhelm
b. 11 August 1834
Lechterke
d.

His whereabouts in Germany or elsewhere have not been determined.

Catharina Margaretha
b. 28 September 1836
Lechterke
d. 6 December 1881
Wehdel

m. Johann H. Koopmann
3 December 1857

Johann Hermann “John”
b. 20 March 1839
Lechterke
d. 9 December 1905
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Catharine M. Ottmann
6 February 1860

Catharina Maria
b. 26 October 1841
Lechterke
d. 1 February 1921
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Heinrich M. Buck
1 March 1862

Hermann Heinrich
b. 10 April 1844
Lechterke
d. 19 March 1845
Lechterke

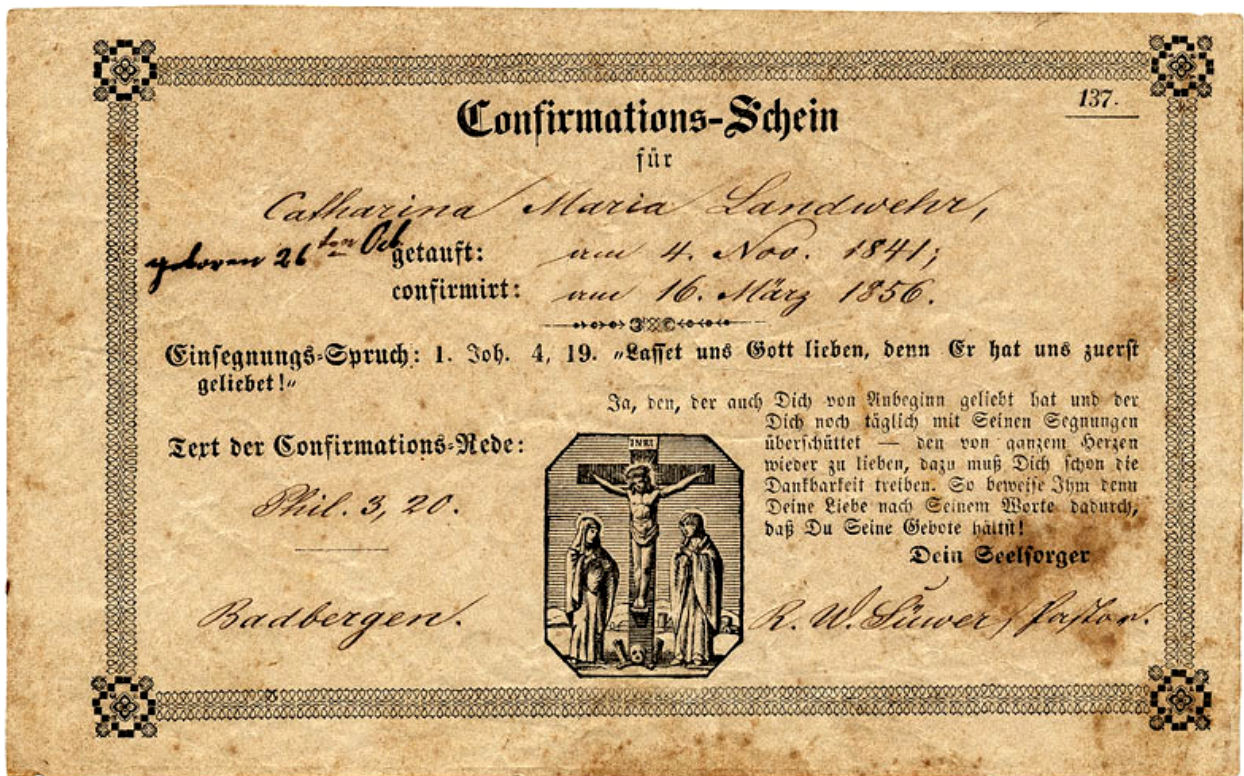
* Johann Hermann Heinrich “Henry”
b. 3 January 1847
Lechterke
d. 21 November 1904
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Caroline W. Feige
20 November 1869

Gerhard Heinrich
b. 8 January 1850
Lechterke
d. 15 December 1924
Wohld

m. Catharine M. M. Korfhage
13 July 1876

Note: The above places—Grönloh, Lechterke, Badbergen, Wehdel, and Wohld—were in the Kingdom of Hannover, but are in today’s German state of Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony).



At least three of the children of Johann Hermann and Marie (Hildebrandt) Landwehr left the rest of their family in Germany to come to America. The one daughter who came, Catharina Maria, brought with her a small, handwritten schoolbook. Tucked in it was her original confirmation certificate (reproduced here about full size).

The certificate shows that her church was in Badbergen and that she was born on the 26th of October 1841. Perhaps she carried this with her as her only form of identification. From bits of evidence such as this, records of the entire family were located.

Johann Heinrich Feige
b. 14 October 1817
Escherode
d. 19 January 1899
Bentheim

Anna Elisabeth Hoffmeister
b. 30 May 1819
Escherode
d. 25 October 1877
Bentheim

m. 15 November 1840
Escherode

Friederike Rosine Elise
b. 14 February 1841
Escherode
d.

m. Franz A. W. C. Habich
15 August 1864

Heinrich
b. 19 September 1843
Escherode
d.

m. Auguste _____

Marie Sophie
b. 11 September 1845
Escherode
d.

* Caroline Wilhelmine
b. 22 February 1847
Escherode
d. 13 January 1928
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. J. H. Heinrich Landwehr
20 November 1869

Catharina Louise
b. 31 October 1849
Escherode
d.

m. Eduard Kanert
9 March 1874

Katharina Sophie
b. 21 October 1851
Escherode
d. 17 December 1933
Osnabrück

m. K. August Beckmann
19 November 1874

Johanna Bertha
b. 19 July 1857
Bentheim
d. 3 May 1868
Bentheim

Bernhard Ferdinand
b. 11 March 1860
Bentheim
d. 24 March 1897
Duisburg

m. E. W. Magdalene E. Meyer
3 November 1888

Note: The above places—Escherode and Bentheim—were at that time in the Kingdom of Hannover and are in today's German state of Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony).

Ich ersoffenem Geinny Feige zu
 Bentheim, Geyesdiner außer Haus, und
 ordne nun meinen Tod so folgt:
 Mein Kinder:
 1. Elise, Geyes Habich zu Wietmarschen
 2. Geinny Geyesdiner zu Neuenhaus
 3. Marie bei mir im Geinny.
 4. Caroline, Geyes Landwehr zu
 New Orleans in Amerika.
 5. Louise, Geyes Kanert in Lüdenschait
 6. Sophie, Geyes florist Beckmann
 in Osnabrück
 7. Bernhard, gegenwärtig zu Münden
 an der Deister.

In 1883, when Heinrich Feige of Bentheim wrote his will (a portion of which is reproduced above), he included his daughter Caroline, who had left her parents and family 15 years earlier to emigrate to America. In his will, Heinrich Feige listed his seven children living at that time (translated from the original German):

My Children:

1. Elise, wife of Habich of Wietmarschen
2. Heinrich, Court Clerk of Neuenhaus
3. Marie, with me at home
4. Caroline, wife of Landwehr of New Orleans in America
5. Louise, wife of Kanert in Lüdenschait
6. Sophie, wife of florist Beckmann in Osnabrück
7. Bernhard, presently of Münden at the Deister

Later in his will, Heinrich Feige wrote: "All my personal property shall be sold at auction to the highest bidder, and my daughter Caroline in America shall get her fair share."

Jochim Hinrich Hellmers
b. 13 July 1828
Rekum, Hannover
d. 17 August 1872
New Orleans, Louisiana

Henrietta Alvina Catharina Jürgensen
b. 10 November 1840
Friedrichstadt, Schleswig-Holstein
d. 9 February 1923
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 4 September 1856
New Orleans, Louisiana

Heinrich Joseph
b. 8 January 1857
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 6 February 1860
New Orleans, Louisiana

Gustaph Johann "Gus"
b. 22 March 1859
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 18 November 1932
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Palmyra S. Hingle
28 December 1882

* Johann Friedrich "John"
b. 22 May 1861
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 30 March 1926
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Eva Marie Geeck
4 May 1892

Marie Josephine "Mary"
b. 9 September 1863
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 24 February 1914
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Felix C. Fryer
15 March 1883

Alvina Friedericke Helene
b. 29 January 1865
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 28 August 1946
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Louis Lanch
15 July 1912

Dorothea Marie Clara
b. 18 January 1868
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 23 June 1905
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. John Brinker
26 May 1892

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Friedrich Heinrich Karl "Fred"
b. 14 September 1869
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 11 November 1899
New Orleans, Louisiana

Heinrich Hermann "Henry"
b. 30 June 1872
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 9 December 1910
New Orleans, Louisiana

m.₁ Mary (Mamie) Bachus
15 February 1898

Note: Alvina Jürgensen Hellmers was later married to Christian L. Knop. (See page 27.)

Christian Ludwig Knop

- b. 27 February 1828
Osnabrück, Hannover
- d. 17 February 1898
New Orleans, Louisiana

Henriette Alvina Catherina Jürgensen

- b. 10 November 1840
Friedrichstadt, Schleswig-Holstein
- d. 9 February 1923
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 18 September 1873
New Orleans, Louisiana

Margarethe Henrietta Amelia

- b. 30 May 1874
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 8 March 1910
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Charles T. Keitz
12 February 1901

Clara Auguste

- b. 30 December 1875
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 25 March 1959
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. John W. Savoye
4 Jul 1896

Notes: Christian Knop had been previously married to Anna Carolina Mangelsdorf.
Alvina Jürgensen had been previously married to Hinrich Hellmers. (See pages 25-26.)

Notes on the Family of Hinrich Hellmers and Alvina Jürgensen

Hinrich Hellmers, born July 13, 1828 in Rekum, Hannover, was a merchant seaman. Starting at the age of 15 in 1843, he made eight voyages over the next nine years. In 1852, he deserted the ship he was serving on and remained in New Orleans. He was the son of Arend Hellmers, also a seaman, and Adelheid Timm. (See p. 7.)

Alvina Jürgensen was born November 10, 1840, in Friedrichstadt, Schleswig-Holstein. She was the daughter of Gustav and Marie Petersen Jürgensen. Gustav's occupation in Germany was that of "tischlermeister"—master cabinetmaker. (See p.9.) Alvina emigrated with her family to the United States about 1855.

Hinrich and Alvina were married at St. Paul Lutheran Church by the Rev. C. G. Moedinger on September 4, 1856. They had eight children, five boys and three girls. All of the children were baptized at St. Paul. (See pp.25, 26.)

Hinrich (or "Henry" as he came to be called) eventually operated a grocery/barroom at the corner of Independence and Dauphine Streets. Hinrich and Alvina were married 16 years when he died on August 17, 1872, at the age of 44. He was likely buried in the tomb of his brother-in-law, Johann Vagts, in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, No. 1.

Alvina, widowed at the age of 31 and with a young family to care for, was married about a year later to Christian Ludwig Knop, a widower who also had a large family. Married at St. Paul on September 18, 1873, Alvina and Christian had two children of their own. (See p.27.)

After the death of Christian Knop in 1898, Alvina lived 25 more years. She died at the age of 82 in 1923. She was first buried in Cypress Grove Cemetery with the Knop family, but was later moved to the tomb of her son, Gus Hellmers, in Greenwood Cemetery.

Philipp Jakob Geeck
b. 28 January 1836
Rheinzabern, Rheinbayern
d. ca 1879/80
New Orleans, Louisiana

Johanne Sophie Louise Lange
b. 6 February 1830
Ortshausen, Braunschweig
d. 16 August 1887
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 25 March 1861
New Orleans, Louisiana

Peter
b. 16 March 1862
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. after 1900

* Eva Marie
b. 8 November 1865
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 15 May 1941
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Johann F. Hellmers
4 May 1892

Johann Stephan
b. 29 January 1871
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 6 January 1919
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Marie L. V. Picard
11 September 1894

Note: Sophie Lange had been previously married to Franz Xaver Betzler. (See page 30.)

Franz Xaver Betzler
b. 3 Dec 1832
Neuler, Ellwangen, Württemberg
d. before 1860

Johanne Sophie Louise Lange
b. 6 February 1830
Ortshausen, Braunschweig
d. 16 August 1887
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 22 July 1854
New Orleans, Louisiana

Sophie Dorothea
b. 6 July 1855
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 10 November 1934
New Orleans, Louisiana

m.₁ Carl Vanderbrook
about 1876
m.₂ Richard Griffith
4 November 1886

Julianna "Julia"
b. 9 September 1858
_____, Mississippi
d. 23 April 1877
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Johannes "John" Scheuermann
10 March 1877

Son [There is a tradition of a son in this family, but no evidence has been found.]

Note: Sophie Lange was later married to Philipp Geeck. (See p.29).

Notes on the Family of Philipp Geeck and Sophie Lange

Philipp Geeck was born on January 28, 1836, in Rheinzabern, Rheinbayern, at that time a part of the Kingdom of Bavaria. His father was a farmer. Philipp came with his family to the United States when he was 18 years old. His parents, Johann and Catharina Brod Geeck, and their six children sailed from LeHavre, France, on the ship *Suffolk*, arriving in New Orleans on December 29, 1854.

Being Roman Catholic and having settled in uptown New Orleans, the Geecks affiliated with St. Mary's Assumption Church. Tragically, within a year of their arrival, both parents died. Johann Geeck was buried in Lafayette Cemetery No. 1; Catharina in St. Joseph Cemetery No. 1. (See p. 11.) Philipp's youngest sister Eva became a nun, making her first vows with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on August 28, 1873. Sister M. Alodia Geeck taught school at St. Mary's Assumption School in New Orleans, and later at St. Alphonsus School in Baltimore, Maryland, where she died of tuberculosis in 1880.

Sophie Lange was born on February 6, 1830, in the Duchy of Braunschweig. Sophie was the daughter of Friedrich and Johanne Heitefuss Lange. Friedrich Lange was a cabinetmaker and farmer in the small town of Ortshausen. The Langes and seven of their children emigrated to New Orleans in 1852. They settled in downtown New Orleans and were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. (See pp. 13, 14.)

Sophie Lange was first married to Franz Xaver Betzler in 1854. They had three children before Franz died sometime before 1860. (See p. 30.)

Sophie Lange Betzler was then married to Philipp Geeck by the Rev. C. G. Moedinger at St. Paul Lutheran Church on March 25, 1861. Sophie and Philipp had three children, all baptized at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, and later confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church. (See p. 29.)

Philipp Geeck worked as a shoemaker in downtown New Orleans. No information is currently available on when or where Philipp died (probably about 1879 or 1880) or where he was buried.

Sophie died at the age of 57 on August 16, 1887. She was buried in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, but the exact location is unknown.

Philipp Neff

- b. 4 June 1832
Dusenbach, Hessen
- d. 2 October 1906
New Orleans, Louisiana

Carolina Leonhard

- b. 31 December 1842
Jettenbach, Rheinbayern
- d. 15 May 1876
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. 18 December 1862
New Orleans, Louisiana

Ludwig Wilhelm

- b. 29 December 1863
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 7 August 1864
New Orleans, Louisiana

Josephine

- b. 12 February 1865
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 23 September 1908
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. Johann Biehler
27 February 1889

Johann Theodore Gustav "Gus"m.

- b. 11 October 1866
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 8 March 1953
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. Margarethe Hamburger
26 October 1889

* Johann Michael "John"

- b. 16 February 1869
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 27 January 1938
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. Marie H. Landwehr
20 April 1893

Wilhelm Ludwig "Louis"

- b. 4 February 1871
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 28 October 1925
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. Johanne E. Waldow
4 February 1897

Anna Louise

- b. 26 July 1873
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 26 October 1956
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. Heinrich W. Landwehr
24 January 1895

Notes: Philipp Neff had been previously married to Carolina Oser. (See page 33.) His third marriage was to Elizabeth Kaul. (See page 34.)

Philipp Neff

- b. 4 June 1832
Dusenbach, Hessen
- d. 2 October 1906
New Orleans, Louisiana

Carolina Oser

- b. ca 1832
Steinbach, Baden
- d. 22 July 1862
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 3 February 1855
New Orleans, Louisiana

Carolina Christiana

- b. 8 July 1857
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 30 December 1860
New Orleans, Louisiana

Franziska

- b. 25 December 1859
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 15 May 1860
New Orleans, Louisiana

Johanna Christina

- b. 13 July 1862
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 24 August 1862
New Orleans, Louisiana

Notes: Philipp Neff was later married to Carolina Leonhard. (See page 32.) His third marriage was to Elizabeth Kaul. (See page 34.)

Carolina Oser Neff was buried in a ground-level wall vault in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, No. 1.

Philipp Neff

- b. 4 June 1832
Dusenbach, Hessen
- d. 2 October 1906
New Orleans, Louisiana

Elizabeth Kaul

- b. 11 October 1854
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 27 May 1934
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 23 November 1876
New Orleans, Louisiana

Philip

- b. 24 August 1878
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 18 October 1954
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m.₁ Belle Payton
31 October 1901
- m.₂ Gertrude Kenny
20 April 1952

Maria "Mazie"

- b. 23 July 1880
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 30 June 1941
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. Henry Acker
9 June 1904

Anna Margaretha "Maggie"

- b. 24 December 1882
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 19 January 1939
New Orleans, Louisiana

Note: Philipp Neff had been previously married to Carolina Oser and Carolina Leonhard.
(See pages 32 and 33.)

Notes on the Family of Philipp Neff and Carolina Leonhard

Philipp Neff was born on June 8, 1832, in the tiny village of Dusenbach, then located in the Grand Duchy of Hessen. Philipp was the son of Wilhelm Neff and Elisabetha Katharina Straub. He came to the United States by himself. (Passenger lists show a “Philipp Neff” aged 21 from “Bavaria” who arrived in New Orleans on the ship *Globe* on November 7, 1853. The name, age, and date match, but he was not from Bavaria.) Philipp had three sisters, one of whom also emigrated to the United States and lived in Illinois. (Descendants of this sister, Margaretha Neff Villhard, still live in Illinois and elsewhere in the United States.)

Carolina Leonhard, born on December 31, 1843, in Jettenbach, Rheinbayern, was the daughter of Ludwig Leonhard and Louisa Göttel Leonhard. When Carolina was about two years old, she came to America with her parents and older brothers, Daniel and Ludwig. Some time in 1846, Ludwig Leonhard and his growing family settled in downtown New Orleans. Ludwig and Louisa were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where their children born in New Orleans were baptized. Ludwig’s occupation is variously listed in records as laborer, newspaper carrier, and cotton screwer. Other members of the Göttel (later, Gettel) family also came to New Orleans.

Philipp Neff’s first marriage was to Carolina Oser. This couple had three children, all of whom died young. Carolina died July 22, 1862. (See p. 33.)

Philipp Neff and Carolina Leonhard were married on December 18, 1862. They had six children, all baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church. (See p. 32.) Philipp Neff was a well-known and respected building contractor in New Orleans. An article in *The Daily Picayune* at the time of his death noted: “His capacity for work was enormous and his ability evident in the large number of edifices he erected, several hundred private dwellings, from a humble cottage to the most pretentious residences.”

Carolina Leonhard Neff died on May 15, 1876, at the age of 32. Her oldest child was then 11; her youngest, not quite 3. Carolina was buried in the tomb of her parents in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, No. 1.

With a young family to care for, Philipp Neff was married for the third time, to Elizabeth Kaul on November 23, 1876. They had three children together. (See p. 34.) Philipp Neff died on October 2, 1906, at the age of 74. He was buried in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, No. 1. Elizabeth Kaul Neff lived to the age of 79, dying on May 27, 1934. She was buried in the Neff tomb in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, No. 1.

Johann Hermann Heinrich Landwehr

- b. 3 January 1847
Lechterke, Hannover
- d. 21 November 1904
New Orleans, Louisiana

Caroline Wilhelmina Feige

- b. 22 February 1847
Escherode, Hannover
- d. 13 January 1928
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 20 November 1869
New Orleans, Louisiana

Heinrich Wilhelm "Henry"

- b. 15 July 1871
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 19 April 1941
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Anna Louise Neff
24 January 1895

* Marie Henrietta

- b. 15 September 1873
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 28 August 1940
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. John M. Neff
20 April 1893

Wilhelm Daniel

- b. 6 October 1875
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 23 October 1878
New Orleans, Louisiana

Katherine Marie

- b. 26 December 1877
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 1 June 1880
New Orleans, Louisiana

Johann Heinrich "John"

- b. 30 November 1879
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 22 August 1931
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Leonore Sordelet
2 November 1902

Anna Louise

- b. 20 August 1883
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 10 July 1884
New Orleans, Louisiana

Anna Leonora

- b. 2 February 1886
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 12 July 1954
New Orleans, Louisiana

m.₁ Frederick W. Stegelmeyer
19 March 1908

m.₂ Charles C. Luckow
18 September 1919

Adele Anna "Della"

- b. 26 October 1889
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 27 April 1973
Biloxi, Mississippi

m. Jacob Bauer
27 April 1910

Notes on the Family of Heinrich Landwehr and Caroline Feige

Johann Hermann Heinrich Landwehr was born on January 3, 1847, in Lechterke, Hannover. He was one of seven children born to Johann H. Landwehr, a farmer, and Marie A. Hildebrandt. (See p.21.) Of these seven children, at least three came to America. (The oldest son, Wilhelm, may also have come, but he has not been found in records here.) Henry, as Johann Hermann Heinrich was later known, came to New Orleans about 1866, when he was about 19 years old.

Caroline Wilhelmine Feige was the daughter of Johann H. Feige and Anna E. Hoffmeister. She was born in Escherode, Hannover, on February 22, 1847. In the early 1850s, Caroline moved with her family to Bentheim, Hannover, where her father was the Clerk of Court. (See p.23.) Caroline was the only one of the eight children in her family to come to America, which she did at the age of 21. She arrived in New Orleans on the ship *Christel* on October 26, 1868.

Henry Landwehr and Caroline Feige were both at first residents of uptown New Orleans. They were married at the Jackson Avenue Evangelical Church on November 20, 1869. Their first two children were baptized there.

About 1872, the Landwehrs moved downtown. They became members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where the rest of their children were baptized. (See p.36.) Henry's occupation is recorded as nightwatchman and laborer. At the time of his death he was a cotton yardman, and a member of the Cotton Yardmen's Benevolent Association. The Landwehrs' last home was at 927 Mazant Street.

Henry died on November 21, 1904, at the age of 57. He was buried in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, No. 1, in the tomb of his son inscribed: "Hy. W. Landwehr." Caroline died on January 13, 1928, at the age of 80. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in the Landwehr/Bauer tomb.

Johann Friedrich Hellmers

- b. 22 May 1861
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 30 March 1926
New Orleans, Louisiana

Eva Marie Geeck

- b. 9 November 1865
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 15 May 1941
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. 4 May 1892
New Orleans, Louisiana

William Louis

- b. 18 August 1893
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 17 August 1919
Camp Merritt, New Jersey

* Milton Joseph

- b. 30 September 1895
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 17 July 1932
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. Juanita C. Neff
23 June 1915

Herbert Charles

- b. 25 June 1898
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 1 June 1960
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m.₁ Julia C. Kaltenbach
25 June 1919 [Divorced]
- m.₂ Emily Morell
apparently after 1930

John Frank

- b. 12 August 1901
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 20 August 1901
New Orleans, Louisiana

Notes on the Family of John Hellmers and Eva Geeck

Johann Friedrich Hellmers, born May 22, 1861, in New Orleans, was the third son of Heinrich and Alvina Jürgensen Hellmers. John was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church. He was also confirmed there. John was eleven years old when his father died in 1872.

Eva Marie Geeck was born in New Orleans on November 9, 1865, the second of three children born to Philipp and Sophie Lange Geeck. Eva, whose father came from a Roman Catholic family, was baptized at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She was confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

John and Eva were both members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and were married there on May 4, 1892. They had four sons: William (Willie), Milton, Herbert, and Frank. (See p. 38.) The last son, Frank, lived only eight days. The oldest son, Willie, enlisted in the U. S. Army in May of 1918. While serving in France, he became ill and was transferred to Camp Merritt, New Jersey, where he died of pleurisy the day before his 26th birthday. The other sons, Milton and Herbert, lived to marry and have families of their own.

John F. Hellmers was a cooper (barrel-maker) working at a downtown cooperage. John died in 1926 at the age of 64 and was buried in Metairie Cemetery. Eva M. Geeck died in 1941 at the age of 75, and was buried in Metairie Cemetery.

Johann Michael "John" Neff
b. 16 February 1869
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 27 January 1938
New Orleans, Louisiana

Marie Henrietta Landwehr
b. 15 September 1873
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 28 August 1940
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 20 April 1893
New Orleans, Louisiana

Johann Heinrich
b. 10 August 1894
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 2 May 1895
New Orleans, Louisiana

* Juanita Carolina
b. 2 September 1895
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 8 January 1969
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Milton J. Hellmers
23 June 1915

Heinrich Louis "Henry"
b. 23 September 1897
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 3 August 1968
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. Gertrude E. A. Meyer
24 October 1928

Leonora Irma "Noni"
b. 20 November 1899
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 12 April 1971
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. George A. Miller
21 June 1922

Gustav Johann
b. 28 February 1902
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 4 May 1902
New Orleans, Louisiana

Anna Aline
b. 12 August 1903
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 8 November 1994
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. George H. Broadbridge
8 August 1924

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Louis Waldow Leonhard
b. 5 February 1905
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 18 June 1905
New Orleans, Louisiana

Adele Wilhelmina
b. 2 October 1907
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 19 April 1908
New Orleans, Louisiana

Philip Harold
b. 2 April 1910
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 17 January 2001
Kenner, Louisiana

m. Anita M. Dougall
23 June 1937

**Notes on the Family of
John Neff and Marie Landwehr**

Johann Michael Neff, born in New Orleans on February 16, 1869, was the fourth of Philipp and Carolina Leonhard Neff's six children. John was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church where he was also confirmed. His mother died when he was seven years old.

Marie Henrietta Landwehr, the second of eight children, was born September 15, 1873, in New Orleans. Her parents were Henry H. and Caroline Feige Landwehr. She was also baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

John and Marie were married at St. Paul Lutheran Church on April 20, 1893. They had nine children, four of whom died in infancy. (See pages 40-41.) The other children--Juanita, Henry, Leonora, Anna, and Philip--married and had families of their own.

John M. Neff was a carpenter and, like his father, he also worked as a building contractor. The Neffs lived in a number of houses downtown, including their last home at 4018 Burgundy Street. The Neffs were always active in the affairs of their church, St. Paul Lutheran Church.

John M. Neff died at the age of 69 in 1938. Marie Landwehr Neff died two years later at the age of 66. Both are buried in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, No. 2.

Milton Joseph Hellmers	Juanita Carolina Neff
b. 30 September 1895 New Orleans, Louisiana	b. 2 September 1895 New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 17 July 1932 New Orleans, Louisiana	d. 8 January 1969 New Orleans, Louisiana
	m. 23 June 1915 New Orleans, Louisiana
Milton Joseph	m. Anna A. Stoll
b. 24 June 1916 New Orleans, Louisiana	20 November 1937
d. 1 September 2005 Metairie, Louisiana	
Leonard Herbert	m. Meta J. C. Wegener
b. 14 September 1917 New Orleans, Louisiana	6 July 1938
d. 28 September 1984 New Orleans, Louisiana	
Earl Henry	m. June A. Clark
b. 28 May 1921 New Orleans, Louisiana	4 April 1948
d. 8 February 2009 St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana	
Clifford Neff	m. Esther M. Wildgrube
b. 11 December 1922 New Orleans, Louisiana	21 August 1945
d. 20 December 1978 New Orleans, Louisiana	
Robert Emmett	m. Fay O. Thurman
b. 27 February 1925 New Orleans, Louisiana	7 February 1947
d. 22 November 2004 Chalmette, Louisiana	
Donald Jacob	m. Lois M. Helfrich
b. 23 September 1927 New Orleans, Louisiana	22 April 1949
d. 10 August 2006 New Orleans, Louisiana	
Juanita	m. Charles W. Schroeder
b. 5 November 1928 New Orleans, Louisiana	25 September 1948

Notes on the Family of Milton Hellmers and Juanita Neff

Milton Joseph Hellmers was the second of the four sons of John and Eva Geeck Hellmers. He was born in New Orleans on September 30, 1895. Juanita Carolina Neff was born in New Orleans on September 2, 1895. She was the eldest daughter of John and Marie Landwehr Neff.

Both were baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church, where they were active and faithful members throughout their lives. When Milton Hellmers and Juanita Neff were married at St. Paul on June 23, 1915, they were the third generation of their families to be married there. They were both members of the Young People's Organization and both taught Sunday School. Juanita was a member of the choir and Ladies Aid. Milton was a member of the Men's Club, Voters Assembly, and at the time of his death, was Financial Secretary of the Southern District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Milton and Juanita had seven children: Milton, Leonard, Earl, Clifford, Robert, Donald, and Juanita. All of the children were baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and all attended St. Paul Lutheran Church's elementary school. The family lived in several downtown houses: 1123 Congress Street (where Milton and Leonard were born); 833 Bartholomew Street; and the first home they owned at 1238 Alvar Street (where Earl was born). In 1922, the Hellmers family moved into half of a double "camel-back" house which M. J. Hellmers had built for his family, located at what was then 1329 France Street. Here the last four children were born.

M. J. Hellmers attended St. Paul Lutheran School only through the 4th grade. At about the age of 10, he left school and went to work as a stock boy at D. H. Holmes department store and later as a messenger for Western Union. When barely a teenager, he became an office boy for Norman Mayer and Company, a New Orleans cotton brokerage. He later educated himself through correspondence courses and eventually earned a seat on the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. He worked for Norman Mayer and Company for twenty years, ultimately as a cotton broker and office manager. He later worked as an independent broker. On Sunday morning, July 17, 1932, M. J. Hellmers suffered a heart attack, and died at the age of 36.

Juanita Neff attended St. Paul Lutheran School through the 5th grade. For the 6th and 7th grades she attended what was called Concordia College in New Orleans. Prior to her marriage, Juanita worked as a file clerk for the firm of Dun and Bradstreet. Upon the death of her husband, she was left with seven children whose ages ranged from 16 to 3. She worked for a time at Maison Blanche, but most essential to the family's support were the rental houses that M. J. Hellmers had built. Juanita Hellmers remained active at their church and had the constant attention of her large family. All seven of the Hellmers children married and had families of their own, giving Juanita 29 grandchildren. She lived out her life in the home her husband had built for them. At one time in the 1950s, she had five of her children and their families living in this "Hellmers row" of houses in the 1300 block of France Street. In 1968, failing health required that Juanita be placed in a nursing home. She died at the Maison Orleans Nursing Home in Arabi, Louisiana, on January 8, 1969, at the age of 73. She was buried in the wall vault in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, No. 2, where her husband had been laid to rest 36 years earlier.

Milton Joseph Hellmers

- b. 24 June 1916
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 1 September 2005
Metairie, Louisiana

Anna Amelia Stoll

- b. 28 September 1916
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 21 March 2006
Kenner, Louisiana

- m. 20 November 1937
New Orleans, Louisiana

Milton Joseph Hellmers, Jr.

- b. 30 September 1938
New Orleans, Louisiana

Edena Clere Vinson

- b. 20 October 1938
Columbia, Mississippi

- m. 2 November 1958
New Orleans, Louisiana

Preston Vinson Hellmers

- b. 1 October 1960, New Orleans, Louisiana

Amy Jane Hellmers

- b. 15 August 1962, New Orleans, Louisiana

Jerome Milton Hellmers

- b. 6 July 1964, New Orleans, Louisiana

Gordon Clifford Hellmers

- b. 28 January 1943
New Orleans, Louisiana

Anna Elizabeth Randolph

- b. 7 April 1943
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. 8 October 1960
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dwayne Gordon Hellmers

- b. 3 July 1961, New Orleans, Louisiana

Darryl Gordon Hellmers

- b. 3 March 1964, New Orleans, Louisiana

Daniel Gordon Hellmers

- b. 31 December 1968, Lafayette, Louisiana

Evan Stoll Hellmers

- b. 17 November 1946
New Orleans, Louisiana

Terry Lynn Greco

- b. 30 December 1953
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. 1 October 1983
New Orleans, Louisiana

Leonard Herbert Hellmers
b. 14 September 1917
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 28 September 1984
New Orleans, Louisiana

Meta Johanna Clara Wegener
b. 23 December 1914
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 3 December 2004
Kenner, Louisiana

m. 6 July 1938
New Orleans, Louisiana

Leonard Herbert Hellmers, Jr.
b. 5 December 1939
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 9 October 2006
Metairie, Louisiana

Janet Mae Hellmers
b. 21 July 1941
New Orleans, Louisiana

Wolfgang Neumann
b. 12 July 1939
Bad Polzin, Pommerania

m. 27 December 1961
New Orleans, Louisiana

Katrina Elizabeth Neumann
b. 23 March 1963, Melrose Park, Illinois

Krista Ruth Neumann
b. 14 May 1964, New Orleans, Louisiana

Kirsten Marie Neumann
b. 22 January 1968, New Orleans, Louisiana

Erik Wolfgang Neumann
b. 17 July 1975, Metairie, Louisiana

Norman Donald Hellmers
b. 3 February 1944
New Orleans, Louisiana

Patricia Irene O'Brien
b. 14 April 1944
Standish, Michigan

m. 29 May 1966
Standish, Michigan

Jennifer Irene Hellmers
b. 22 November 1968, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Jeffrey Norman Hellmers
b. 11 December 1971, Lincoln, Nebraska

Eileen Gail Hellmers
b. 3 July 1949
New Orleans, Louisiana

Earl Henry Hellmers
b. 28 May 1921
New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 8 February 2009
St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana

June Audrey Clark
b. 29 June 1926
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 4 April 1948
New Orleans, Louisiana

Earl Henry Hellmers, Jr.
b. 25 December 1948
New Orleans, Louisiana
m. 16 June 1970
Orange, Texas

Karen Lee Cooper
b. 19 August 1952
Boston, Massachusetts

Andrew Mark Hellmers
b. 26 April 1973, New Orleans, Louisiana
Jason Anthony Hellmers
b. 6 January 1977, New Orleans, Louisiana
Adam Christopher Hellmers
b. 14 August 1987, New Orleans, Louisiana

Karen Elizabeth Hellmers
b. 25 May 1950
New Orleans, Louisiana
m. 26 March 1982
Carriere, Mississippi

Howard Ray Dufour
b. 20 September 1944
Bunkie, Louisiana

Beth Michelle Dufour
b. 16 January 1983, Picayune, Mississippi
Daniel David Dufour
b. 7 January 1986, Picayune, Mississippi

Clark William Hellmers
b. 23 June 1951
New Orleans, Louisiana
m. 12 April 1986
New Orleans, Louisiana

Elena Bernardita Parong Alcid
b. 18 August 1949
Bacnotan, LaUnion, Philippines

Philip Clark Hellmers
b. 27 February 1992, New Orleans, Louisiana

Sandra Ann Hellmers
b. 22 September 1952
New Orleans, Louisiana

David Charles Hellmers
b. 6 November 1953
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Michael Henry Hellmers	Bridget Ann Palotta
b. 11 June 1955	b. 19 May 1961
New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans, Louisiana
m. 24 August 1985	
New Orleans, Louisiana	
Matthew Joseph Hellmers	
b. 23 April 1986, Metairie, Louisiana	
Michelle Theresa Hellmers	
b. 3 August 1988, Metairie, Louisiana	
Melanie Elizabeth Hellmers	
b. 8 October 1990, Metairie, Louisiana	
John Leonard Hellmers	Tina Marie Horenkamp
b. 17 August 1957	b. 26 September 1962
New Orleans, Louisiana	St. Charles, Missouri
m. 14 February 1987	
New Orleans, Louisiana	
Allison Marie Hellmers	
b. 7 May 1991, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Bethany Lynn Hellmers	
b. 29 July 1994, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Caitlin Elizabeth Hellmers	
b. 14 January 1997, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Paul Donald Hellmers	Marissa Gomez Salon
b. 15 October 1960	b. 30 October 1986
New Orleans, Louisiana	Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental, Philippines
m. 27 December 2004	
New Orleans, Louisiana	
Steven Ray Hellmers	
b. 5 September 1963	
New Orleans, Louisiana	

Clifford Neff Hellmers

- b. 11 December 1922
New Orleans, Louisiana
- d. 20 December 1978
New Orleans, Louisiana

Esther Marie Wildgrube

- b. 7 June 1924
New Orleans, Louisiana

- m. 21 August 1945
New Orleans, Louisiana

Clifford Neff Hellmers, Jr.

- b. 23 August 1946
New Orleans, Louisiana

Delores Jean Pietsch

- b. 21 February 1946
LaGrange, Texas

- m. 3 August 1968
LaGrange, Texas

Mark Clifford Hellmers

- b. 28 November 1970, Hickory, North Carolina

Nathan John Hellmers

- b. 1 July 1973, Olney, Maryland

Kathleen Marie Hellmers

- b. 17 October 1948
New Orleans, Louisiana

Doug Jennings

- b. 9 October 1948

- m.₃ 29 November 2000

Nadine Esther Hellmers

- b. 7 February 1955
New Orleans, Louisiana

Carey J. Cousins

- b. 13 July 1952

- m.₂ 31 May 1997

Sarah Beth Henthorn

- b. 30 May 1982, New Orleans, Louisiana

Travis Paul Henthorn

- b. 28 September 1985, New Orleans, Louisiana

Robert Emmett Hellmers	Fay Olive Thurman
b. 27 February 1925	b. 21 June 1924
New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 22 November 2004	d. 16 June 2003
Chalmette, Louisiana	Chalmette, Louisiana
m. 7 February 1947	
New Orleans, Louisiana	
Fay Olive Hellmers	Warren Conrad Wilson
b. 21 November 1947	b. 3 February 1948
New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans, Louisiana
m. 24 June 1972	
New Orleans, Louisiana	
Warren Conrad Wilson, Jr.	
b. 16 September 1974, New Orleans, Louisiana	
d. 19 March 2005, Chalmette, Louisiana	
Roberta Alice Hellmers	Anthony Joseph Cartaginese, Jr.
b. 16 March 1951	b. 1 March 1951
New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans, Louisiana
m. 18 July 1970	
New Orleans, Louisiana	
Anthony Joseph Cartaginese, III, b. 5 January 1972, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Robert Emmett Hellmers, Jr.	Charlotte Mae Rogerson
b. 20 October 1954	b. 18 October 1955
New Orleans, Louisiana	Wheeling, West Virginia
m. 2 April 1973	
Chalmette, Louisiana	
Robert Emmett Hellmers, III	
b. 11 July 1973, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Michael John Hellmers	
b. 12 December 1980, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Ryan Joseph Hellmers	
b. 1 August 1989, Metairie, Louisiana	
Kay Jean Hellmers	Ray Edward Brandhurst
b. 14 October 1962	b. 18 January 1958
New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans, Louisiana
m. 12 January 1985	
New Orleans, Louisiana	
Alaina Elizabeth Brandhurst	
b. 23 March 1987, Metairie, Louisiana	
Ray Edward Brandhurst, Jr.	
b. 13 November 1991, Metairie, Louisiana	
Rhett Ashton Brandhurst	
b. 3 January 2000, Metairie, Louisiana	
Grace Leigh Brandhurst	
b. 28 June 2001, Metairie, Louisiana	

Donald Jacob Hellmers	Lois Marilyn Helfrich
b. 23 September 1927	b. 8 August 1929
New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans, Louisiana
d. 10 August 2006	
New Orleans, Louisiana	
	m. 22 April 1949
	New Orleans, Louisiana
Donald Jacob Hellmers, Jr.	Phyllis Lynn Slavich
b. 11 March 1950	b. 13 November 1952
New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans, Louisiana
	d. 27 April 1983
	New Orleans, Louisiana
	m. ₁ 3 August 1973
	New Orleans, Louisiana
Mellanie Merrit Hellmers	
b. 21 August 1976, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Kevin Anthony Hellmers	
b. 6 September 1980, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Brian Donald Hellmers	
b. 6 September 1980, New Orleans, Louisiana	
	Lauren Ann Welch
	b. 31 May 1957
	New Orleans, Louisiana
	m. ₂ 16 April 1992
	Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands
Taylor Drew Hellmers	
b. 22 August 1994, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Darlene Lois Hellmers	William Conner Percy, Jr.
b. 10 March 1954	b. 10 April 1951
New Orleans, Louisiana	Clinton, Louisiana
	m. 29 December 1973
	New Orleans, Louisiana
Taryn Caroline Percy	
b. 29 November 1975, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Mary Katherine Percy	
b. 9 July 1978, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Marlene Lynn Hellmers	Dean Lee Kleinschmidt
b. 10 March 1954	b. 17 June 1947
New Orleans, Louisiana	Morgan, Minnesota
	m. 22 April 1982
	New Orleans, Louisiana
Rhett Louis Kleinschmidt	
b. 23 March 1983, New Orleans, Louisiana	
Morgan Lee Kleinschmidt	
b. 14 December 1991, New Orleans, Louisiana	

Charles Warren Schroeder
b. 17 April 1925
New Orleans, Louisiana

Juanita Hellmers
b. 5 November 1928
New Orleans, Louisiana

m. 25 September 1948
New Orleans, Louisiana

Deborah Ruth Schroeder
b. 5 September 1949
New Orleans, Louisiana

Ronald Brian Unger
b. 27 August 1943
Baltimore, Maryland

m.₂ 28 December 1992
New Orleans, Louisiana

Brad Tyrone Baudot
b. 10 July 1979, New Orleans, Louisiana
Amanda Deborah Baudot
b. 18 July 1983, New Orleans, Louisiana

Natalie Jean Schroeder
b. 2 February 1952
New Orleans, Louisiana

Andrew Charles Lissy
b. 25 September 1959
Belleville, New Jersey

m.₂ 17 August 1985
New Orleans, Louisiana

Lisa Nicole Cusimano
b. 14 January 1977, New Orleans, Louisiana
Sabrina Jean Cusimano
b. 25 January 1980, New Orleans, Louisiana
Elizabeth Natalie Lissy
b. 1 September 1987, Bristol, Pennsylvania
Andrew Jonathan Lissy
b. 1 February 1990, Bristol, Pennsylvania

Rebecca Lynn Schroeder
b. 11 December 1954
New Orleans, Louisiana

Philip James deVeer
b. 4 August 1955
New Orleans, Louisiana

m.₂ 2 August 1986
New Orleans, Louisiana

Kevin James deVeer
b. 23 April 1989, New Orleans, Louisiana
Jeanette Rebecca deVeer
b. 14 February 1993, New Orleans, Louisiana
Margaret Lynn deVeer
b. 14 February 1993, New Orleans, Louisiana
Sarah Alicia deVeer
b. 22 October 1995, New Orleans, Louisiana