

The Heil lineage of Konrad Heil (1843-1918)

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This paper argues that the proper way to construct the prior three generations of the paternal line of Konrad Heil includes his father, Georg Michael Heil (abt. 1817 - aft. 1853), his grandfather, Georg Heil (1784-1863), and his great-grandfather, Nikolaus Heil (abt. 1762-1832).

Introduction

On 17 May 1892, the 48 year-old Konrad Heil stepped off of the steamship Aller in New York City along with his wife, Anna, and their six youngest children.¹ They had left behind their home and the lives that they knew along the Chychykliya River in what is now Ukraine to try for a new life in the Dakotas.

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107	<i>Bernht. Meyer</i>	25	-	<i>m.</i>	<i>labourer</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>U. St. of Calm. N.Y.</i>	
8	<i>Konrad Heil</i>	48	-	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
9	<i>Anna</i>	44	-	<i>f.</i>	<i>wife</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
110	<i>Bernht.</i>	18	-	<i>m.</i>	<i>child</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
1	<i>Jacob</i>	11	-	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
2	<i>Marcus</i>	6	-	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
3	<i>Philippina</i>	4	-	<i>f.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
4	<i>Michael</i>	8	-	<i>m.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
5	<i>Johann</i>	3	-	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
6	<i>Josef Marty</i>	32	-	<i>m.</i>	<i>labourer</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>Josef</i>	28	-	<i>f.</i>	<i>wife</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	

According to family lore, Anna died that same year, a reflection of the hardship that the new immigrants endured for the promise of land and opportunity on the Dakota prairie. Yet, despite the struggles of eking out an existence on the sparse Dakota prairie, most of his six children thrived and all produced offspring, resulting in this single immigrant family producing a prodigious number of descendants in the United States, including the author.

This paper will summarize and present the conclusions of the author regarding Konrad's life, both before and after immigration to the United States, and trace his paternal line back three more generations through the Russian Empire to a glassmaker living in Baden.

Konrad Heil in the United States

After arriving in the United States, Konrad Heil made his way to South Dakota, presumably by train as was common. The family, consisting of Konrad, Anna, and the six children - Bernhard, Philippina, Jacob, Marcus, Michael, and Johann - would have had few resources on arrival. One unverified family story goes that they had to send a telegram to extended family members for money in order to pay for their train tickets from New York to South Dakota.

¹ Year: 1892; Arrival: New York, New York; Microfilm Serial: M237, 1820-1897; Microfilm Roll: Roll 588; Line: 2; Page Number: 3. Available in the collection *New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957* at Ancestry.com.

Their first stop was Menno, South Dakota, where they settled on a rented farm in Kaylor Township, Hutchinson County, southwest of Menno.² Many other German Russians had settled in the area, but the likely reason that they initially chose this specific place was that Konrad's first cousin, Henry Heil (1847-1915), was already well-established in Menno, having arrived in the United States around 18 years previous.³

They arrived in the late spring and had to build up a new life from scratch on the prairie. With only the few possessions they had managed to carry with them and no money, the task had to be extraordinarily daunting. Although I have yet to find a gravesite or death record, family lore states that Konrad's wife, Anna Maria neé Hübner, died in 1892.⁴ She was only 43 years old.⁵

With six children in the home, even though some were of working age, Konrad doubtless felt a lot of pressure to remarry. He married Katharina, a widow with several children of her own, on 29 Jul 1893 at the Catholic church in Scotland, Bon Homme County, while still residing on the farm on the other side of the county line. The marriage was, however, not fated to last long, and Katharina abandoned him around 15 Oct 1895. According to his court testimony, she did not like the hard life on the farm and moved to town, despite his and Henry's appeals to her to come back. In Dec 1896, Konrad filed for divorce through Bon Homme County. His cousin, Henry Heil, served as an interpreter and a witness on Konrad's behalf. Katharina was not present in the proceedings, and was not awarded any assets, but Konrad did testify that he had given her "a sack of flour and a fat hog."⁶

Less than a year later, Konrad married again, this time in front of a justice of the peace since the Catholic church did not recognize the divorce. On 1 Sep 1897, he married Kristina Kusler, presumably another widow, who also had minor children of her own. That same year, his two oldest children in the United States married. Bernhard married Annie Sticka (1887-1970) who was from a neighboring village back in Russia, on 12 Jan 1897 in Albion, Nebraska. Philippina (or "Minna") married Peter Steckler, who had also come from the same region.⁷



Bernhardt Heil and Annie Mary Sticka, family photo, possibly from their wedding

² The Kaylor Township location was determined based on the 1900 U.S. census, at which time Bernhard and Jacob, the two oldest boys, were still occupying the farm. They were renting the property at the time, and my search of land records in Hutchinson county turned up no land ownership under Konrad's or Bernhard's name.

³ Henry / Heinrich Heil appears in both the 1880 and 1900 census as a resident in the town of Menno. The 1900 census reports his arrival year in the United States as 1874.

⁴ Although no direct evidence like a gravestone, news article, or death record has yet been found, Konrad remarried in 1894, which supports the approximate 1892 time frame for Anna's death..

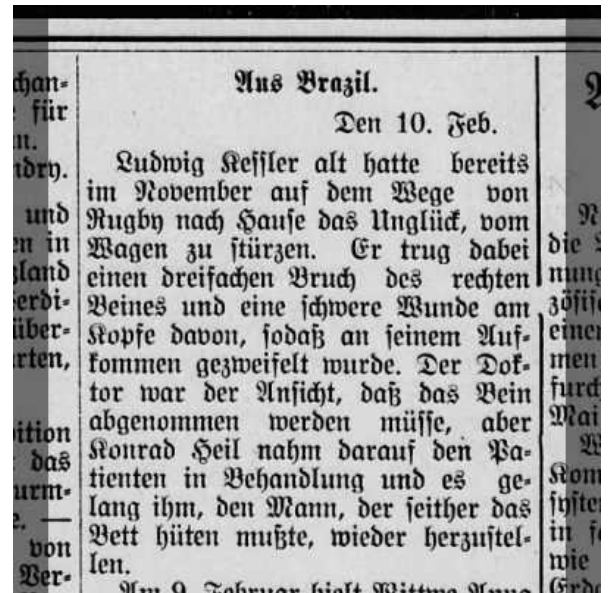
⁵ Calculating from a birth date of 22 Jan 1849 according to her Rastadt baptismal record.

⁶ The Bon Homme County Court divorce file includes a summons, the handwritten divorce petition, a handwritten divorce decree, and a typewritten transcript of testimony by Konrad and Henry.

⁷ Peter Steckler's baptismal record states that he was born 31 Dec 1872 in Khutor Golikow, and baptized in Karlsruhe (modern day Ukrainian name: Stepove) on 1 Jan 1873. The baptismal records for Karlsruhe

By 1900, Konrad had decided to relocate to North Dakota in order to acquire a homestead of his own and fulfill the dream of land ownership that animated so many people in his time.⁸ He settled in a remote area in Pierce County along with many other German-Russians. They formed a little community that they called Strasburg.⁹ Konrad served as the head stonemason overseeing construction of the foundation of the Strasburg Catholic church of Saint Maria.¹⁰

By this time, Konrad had apparently earned a significant reputation among his fellow German-Russians as a folk doctor. Even though he had only a grade school education,¹¹ multiple sources attest to his local work as a doctor.¹² A neighbor, Fred Fleck, wrote a tribute to Konrad around 1972 or 1973, entitled "A Most Unforgettable Man," in which he described Konrad's practice of medicine, including camilla tea, garlic for pinworms, and a patent medicine called Alpenkrieder. Fleck attests that Konrad was particularly excellent at setting bones, and was widely sought after for that purpose. Fleck himself was treated by Konrad for a broken leg.¹³



This newspaper clipping, from page 5 of the 24 Feb 1910 edition of the German language *Staats Anzeiger*, published out of Rugby, ND, describes Konrad saving the leg of old Ludwig Heffler, who fell on his way back from town.

are found in Fond 365-1-365 in the Saratov Archives, and the translation is available on the blackseagr.org website at:

<https://www.blackseagr.org/pdfs/karlsruhe%20-saratov/karlsruhe-baptisms-Oct1872-1873.pdf> .

⁸ The 1900 U.S. Census finds in Alexander Township, Pierce County, North Dakota: Konrad Heil, listed as 54 years old, married to a Kristina Heil, 49 years old, with six of their children in the household, three Kusler children and three Heil children - his three youngest, Mike, Markus and John. In the 1900 census, Bernhardt, his wife Annie, and Jakob were still back at the farm in South Dakota, probably bringing in that year's crops before joining Konrad and the younger siblings later in North Dakota.

⁹ There was a church, school and briefly a store in Strasburg, but only the cemetery survives today. It is located at these coordinates: 47.94131205302175, -99.92156292461912.

¹⁰ A packet of information on the history of the little Catholic church at Strasburg was compiled by interested locals in 1972 in conjunction with placing a monument on the site. Konrad and his sons are listed as founding members of the Strasburg church, and on page 37 of the packet it states that the stone mason for the construction was Conrad Heil.

¹¹ His home village of München only had a grade school. C.f. Conrad Keller, *The German Colonies in South Russia*, Vol 2, trans. Anthony Becker, 2nd ed, published by the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Lincoln, Nebraska, page 272.

On both the 1900 and 1910 census, he reported being able to read and write (presumably only in German).

¹² Konrad was referred to as "Doctor Heil" in the 25 Apr 1912 edition of the German language newspaper *Staats Anzeiger*, which stated that he was injured when he was called out at night on a sick call and was thrown from his buggy. The translated letter is available from the Germans from Russia Heritage Society letter archive: <https://www.grhs.org/home/memberfile?path=%2Fmemonly%2Ffikusa%2Ffus1846.html> .

¹³ Fleck's tribute has circulated in print copies among family members for years, and is currently available on Ancestry.com at:

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/83596278/person/120196647911/media/81>

STAT *North Dakota*
 COU: *Pierce*
 TOW: *Alexander Township*
 NAME OF INCORPORATED TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY
 NAME OF INSTITUTION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND MINES
 THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES
 1910

NATIVITY, SEX, COLOR, ETC.	LOCATION.			RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.							NATIVITY.		
	House number in cities or towns.	Number of dwelling house in order of visitation.	Number of family in order of visitation.		Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	Sex.	Color or race.	Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years of present marriage.	Number born.	Number now living.	Place of birth of each person and parents of each person must give the state or territory. If of foreign birth give the name of the country.	Place of birth of this person.
	1	1	1	Head of family	M	W	23	S	0					
				Wife	F	W	23	S	0					
				Son	M	W	63	M	1					
				Daughter	F	W	70	M	2	1	2			
				Domestic	F	W	14	S	0					
				Wife	F	W	20	M	3					
				Wife	F	W	20	M	3					
				Son	M	W	14	S		1	1			

At some point between 1900 and 1909, Konrad's 3rd wife, Kristina, presumably died, because on 8 Feb 1909, he married for a fourth time. This time, it was to Anna Maria Loeschla.¹⁴ She also appears with him in the household of his youngest son, John, in the 1910 U.S. Census, still on the farm in Alexander Township.

Tragedy struck the household in Aug 1901, when Bernhard was injured in a farming accident and subsequently succumbed to the injury. His wife, Annie, opted to return to her family in Nebraska, along with her two surviving children. Bernhard was buried at the Strasburg site.



The author visited the site of Konrad Heil's Pierce County homestead in 2023. A foundation was still visible at the site. Coordinates: 47.952442,-99.916365

Jacob married Barbara Heidt, another German-Russian from the same region along the Black Sea, on 28 Jan 1903, at the Strasburg church.

Michael married Matilda Heck, from the same region, on 1 Feb 1904, also at the Strasburg church. Markus married Anna Othelia Bleier in 1908, in Richardton,

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¹⁴ The following information is listed on the North Dakota Archives Index of Marriages:[SPOUSE 1] Last Name: HEIL First Name: KONRAD [SPOUSE 2] Last Name: LOESCHLA First Name: ANNA MARIA [DETAILS] Marriage Location: WELLS Marriage Date: 1909-02-08 License County: WELLS. The index is available at this website:

<https://statemuseum.nd.gov/marriages/details?UNIQUE%20ID=51ddc950199011eea1f400224843a3b6>

Secondary source Kenneth Joseph Heil also reports in his "Konrad Heil Family History," available at the Germans From Russia Heritage library, that the wedding took place at the St. Maria Strasburg church that Konrad had helped build in Pierce County. Those church records were likely lost in a fire.

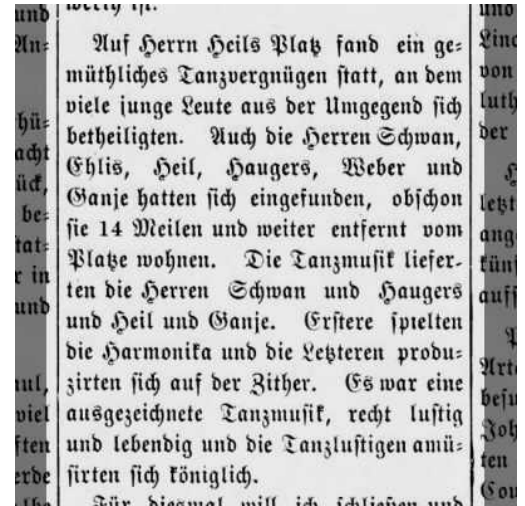
North Dakota. John married Catherine Platz, born in the States of German-Russian parents, on 13 Nov 1911, also at the Strasburg church. While Berhardt only had four children, including only two children who lived to adulthood, the other children of Konrad were prolific, ranging from seven children (Michael) to eleven (Minna).

Life on the farm had to be challenging, but owning his own land, being surrounded by his progeny, and having some prestige as a local healer may have made him feel successful.



The only photo known to the author of Konrad Heil, pictured here with his fourth and final wife, Anna Maria.

Although many German-Russians reported feeling isolated on their homesteads, Konrad and his children apparently felt well connected to the mostly German-Russian community around them. The local German newspaper reported a “cozy little dance party” at the Heil residence in Feb 1908, during which the older folks played the harmonica and the younger ones the zither.¹⁵



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Konrad relocated slightly to the south, to a house in Selz built by his son John in about 1912.¹⁶ In his final years, he was well enough to travel to visit his other children, who - other than John - had moved to other places in North and South Dakota.¹⁷

In summer of 1918, he traveled for the last time, going to Richardton, North Dakota where his daughter Minna and his son Markus and their families were living. There, he died of cerebral hemorrhage on 31 Aug 1918.¹⁸ He was 74 years old. His funeral mass was celebrated at St. Mary’s Abbey church in Richardton, and he was buried in the cemetery there next to his daughter-in-law, Anna Bleier Heil.

¹⁵ Staats Anzeiger, Rugby, North Dakota, 6 Feb 1908, Page 5. Available on Newspapers.com: <https://www.newspapers.com/article/staatsanzeiger-dance-party-at-the-heil/126503320/> .

¹⁶ In the 25 Apr 1912 edition of the German language newspaper Staats Anzeiger, it was reported that he was injured when he was called out at night on a sick call and was thrown from his buggy, but recovered and was moving soon to John’s house in Selz. The translated letter is available from the Germans from Russia Heritage Society letter archive: <https://www.grhs.org/home/memberfile?path=%2Fmemonly%2Fikusa%2Fus1846.html> .

¹⁷ Stats Anzeiger reports [Konrad visiting Bismarck in the 10 Apr 1913 edition](#), and the Dickinson Press reports [Konrad visiting Markus in Richardton in its 16 Jan 1915 edition](#).

¹⁸ Two death records exist, a North Dakota civil death record and a Catholic parish death record, images of both are reproduced in the appendix of this document.

Tracing the family back to the Black Sea region



Only a few records exist to identify the precise place of origin of Konrad, Anna, and the six of their children who came to the United States. Happily, however, some do, allowing the pinpointing of their village of origin as the little German-language colony of München, located along the Chychykliya River. At the time, it was a part of the Beresan region of South Russia, along with 9 other “mother villages” and numerous daughter settlements.¹⁹

At least three records produced by Konrad’s immigrant children identified the village of origin by name. In 1922, the *North Dakota Herald*, a newspaper published out of Dickinson, North Dakota, published a list of the villages of origin of various residents of note, and it reports the village of München in Beresan as the village of origin for Markus Heil.²⁰ The World War II Draft Registration card of Jacob Heil, filled out and signed by him in his own hand, reports his birthplace as “Minichen, Russia.”²¹ Finally, the 1945 South Dakota State Census entry for Jacob Heil reports his birthplace as “Muchen, Russia.”²²

There is one competing record indicating a different place of birth, the neighbor Fred Fleck’s account from the 1970s, in which he states that he thought Konrad was from Josephtal in Grossliebental.²³ However, this is at best third-hand information, reported 50 years after Konrad’s death, phrased with a sense of uncertainty, and therefore should not be given as much weight as the primary reports by Konrad’s sons. Additionally, a thorough search of the available records in Josephtal turns up no Heil nor Hübner/Hippner/Hibner surnames.

¹⁹ The village is named after the much more well-known city of München (Munich) in Bavaria. The unlauted ‘ü’ is often transliterated into English language text as ‘ue,’ as “Muenchen.” Several books exist that describe München, but one of the best is by Conrad Keller, *The German Colonies in South Russia 1804 to 1904*, trans. Anthony Becker, 2nd edition, American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The village was called München by the German-speakers living there through the 1800s, but is known today as Hradivka, located in the Vosnesensk raion, Mykolaiv oblast, in southern Ukraine. It is located at these coordinates: 47.38487606743005, 31.086172759140165 .

²⁰ This list was reproduced by the Germans from Russia Heritage Society and published in their *Heritage Review*, Volume 21, No. 4, December 1991, page 45.

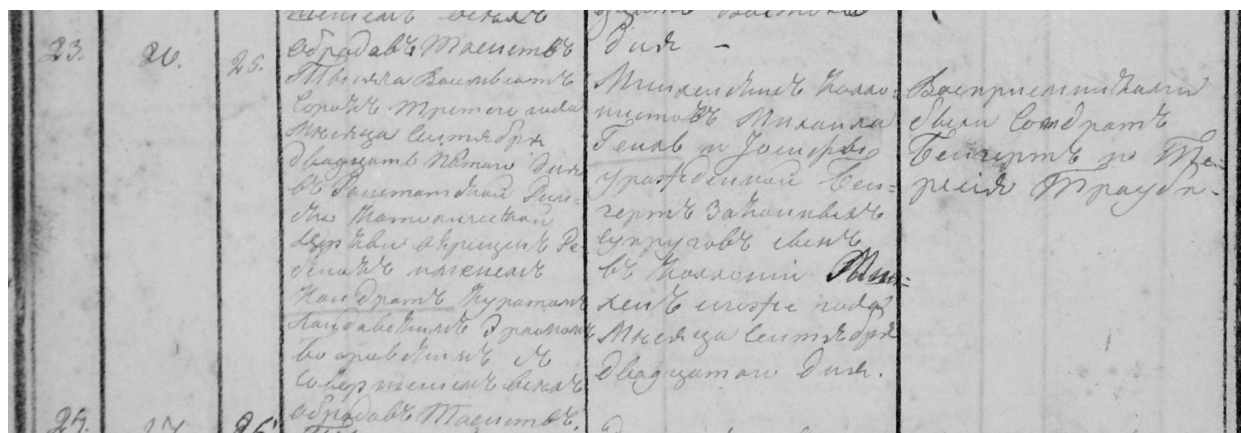
²¹ WW2 Draft Card of Jacob Heil, dated April 27, 1941, and available from Ancestry.com at: https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1002/images/44536_13_00003-00498?pid=16462689 . It is also reproduced for reference in the appendix.

²² South Dakota, U.S., State Census, 1945, for Jacob Heil, available on Ancestry.com at: <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/245300:60163?ssrc=pt&tid=83596278&pid=46491864587>

²³ Fleck says “I believe that he came from the colony in Russia called Josephtal, the dorf which was established in the summer of the year 1804, which was located in the Barobi Valley on the left side of the Barobi River, about 20 miles west of Odessa.” https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/83596278/person/120196647911/media/814d6974-e43e-44a6-a2ac-60e092479089?_phsrc=QMR985&usePUBJs=true&galleryindex=24&albums=p_g&showGalleryAlbums=true&tab=0&pid=120196647911 .

München does have numerous occurrences of both Heils and Hübners/Hippners appearing in the available record sets.²⁴ Konrad's birth date was reported as 15 Dec 1842 on his civil death record.²⁵ However, many German-Russians of his generation were loose with their birthdates or did not know their own precise birthdate.

A thorough search of the baptismal records within five years before and after the birthdate reported on the death certificate turned up one baptismal record, written in Russian, for a Konrad Heil, son of Michael Heil and Josepha neé Bengert, born in the colony of München on 20 Sep 1843,²⁶ and baptized in the Catholic church in the neighboring village of Rastadt on 25 Sep 1843.²⁷



20	25	On 25 September 1843 in the Rastadt Roman Catholic Church the child Conrad was baptized by the Landau Priest Erasmus Borowski with completion of all rites of the sacrament	Son of the Muenchen colonist Michael Heil and his lawful wife Joseph nee Bengert was born in the colony of Muenchen on 20 September 1843	Godparents were Conrad Bengert and Theresia Traub
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Additionally, a search of the parish marriage records turned up a match for a marriage record between Konrad and his first wife, Anna Maria Hübner, which repeats the same names for Konrad's parents. Konrad and Anna Maria Hübner were married on 15 Nov 1863 in Rastadt, Beresan.²⁸

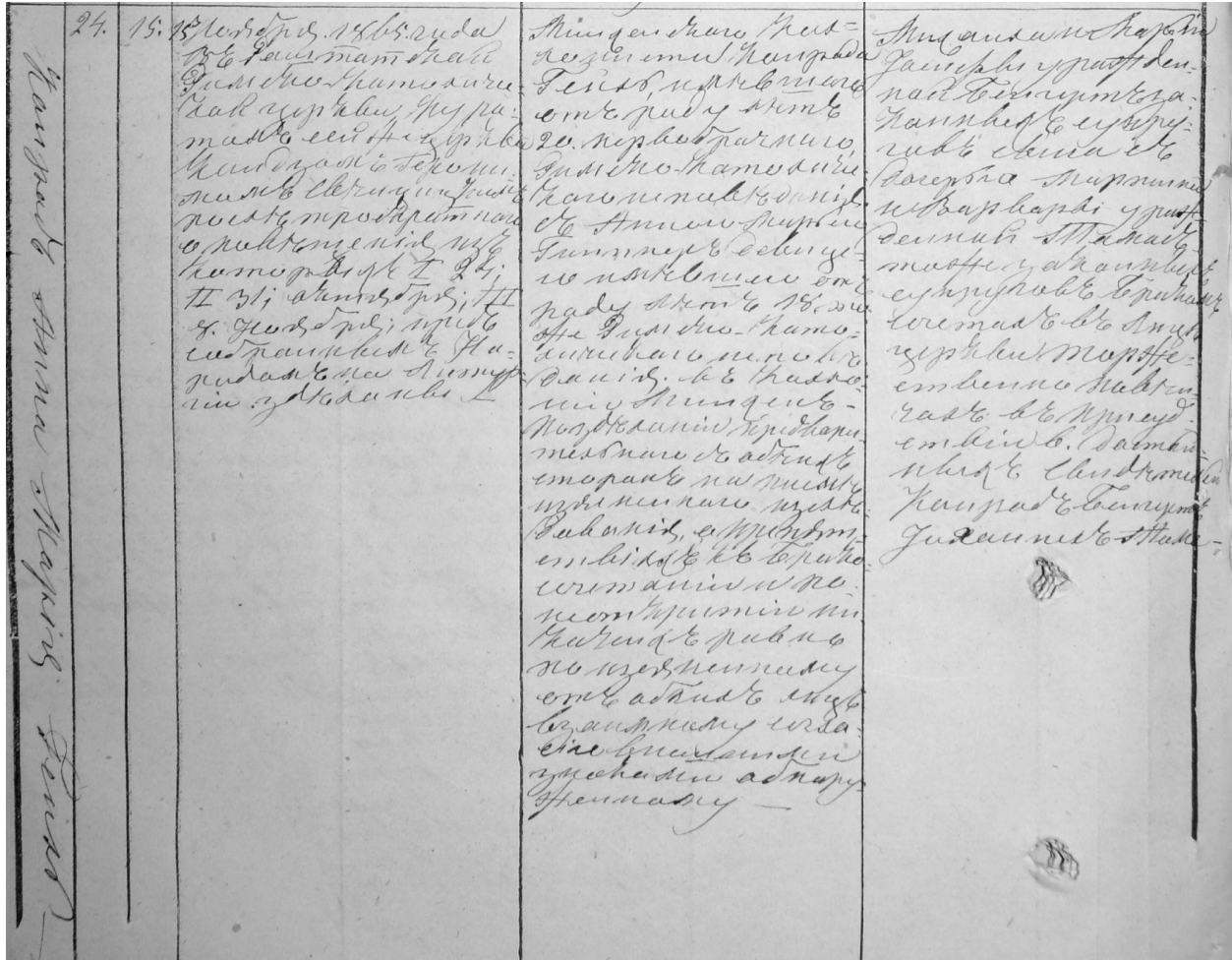
²⁴ The main available record sets include the 1811 census, the 1816 census, and the church records. No 1858 census is available for München and it may no longer exist..

²⁵ Reproduced in the appendix.

²⁶ The Russian Empire used the Julian calendar until 1918. The modern Gregorian date would be 2 Oct 1843.

²⁷ The translation of the records comes from the *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Baptismal Register January 1840 - November 1870*, published by the Germans from Russia Heritage Society in Bismarck, North Dakota, and available for purchase from their website at: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1> . Record originals are located in the Saratov State Archive, File 1166-1 and File 365-1.

²⁸ The translation of the records comes from the *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Marriage Register May 1815 - November 1865*, published by the Germans from Russia Heritage Society in Bismarck, North Dakota, and available for purchase from their website at: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1> . Record originals are located in the Saratov State Archive, File 1166-1 and File 365-1.



YEAR: 1863			Newlyweds				Parents					
No.	Day	Mo.	Groom	Age	Bride	Age	Groom's Parents	Bride's Parents	Priest	Witnesses	Remarks	
24	15	Nov	Konrad Heil, single	20	Anna Maria Hippner, single	18	Michael Heil and Maria Josepha Bengert	Martin Hippner and Barbara Thomas	Priest Heronim Swelzicki	Conrad Bengert and Johannes Thomas	Both members of the Muenchen R.C. Church	

These matching baptismal and marriage records led me to conclude that Konrad's accurate birth location is München / Hradivka on 20 Sep 1843 and that he was was married on 15 Nov 1863, on the Julian calendar.

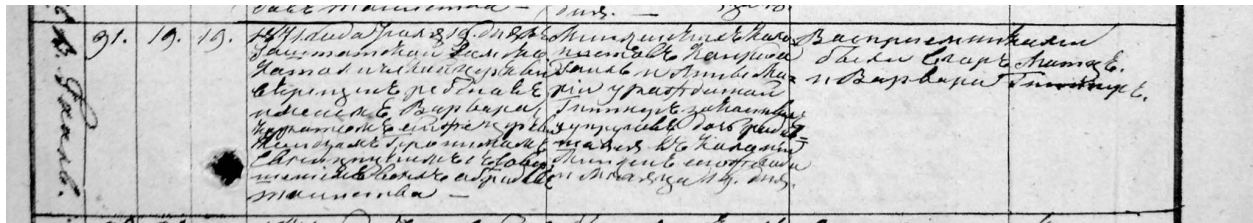
There is a discrepancy between these records and the North Dakota death record of Konrad,²⁹ in which his son Markus reports Konrad's father as "Unknown" and his mother as "Anna Bulinger." However, I lean toward thinking that the "Anna Bulinger" report in 1918 is a misremembering of Maria Joseph Bengert, who died long before Markus' birth in 1884. Markus

²⁹ See the appendix for an image of the death record.

was only about 7 or 8 years old when his family left München, and the fact that he could not recall any name at all for his paternal grandfather suggests that the “Anna Bulinger” report is quite possibly inaccurate. No Anna Bulingers appear in the church records of München married to a Heil after a thorough search. DNA also supports the Maria Josepha Bengert line, by DNA matches to descendants of her brother Konrad Bengert, who was also Konrad Heil’s godfather.³⁰

Later baptismal and marriage records are slowly becoming available through the Germans from Russia Heritage Society, and all the baptismal records of the children of Konrad and Anna may eventually become available. Markus reported on the death certificate that Konrad had a total of nine children.³¹

Konrad and Anna’s first-born’s baptismal record is already available, named Barbara, who either did not live long enough or chose not to immigrate with the rest of the family to the United States.³²



Fond 365-1-324

Fond Image #	Village	Child's Name	Entry #	DATE		When? Who? Where? By whom?	Parents, when, and in which parish was the baptized person born?	Godparents of the person baptized and who participated
				Birth	Baptism			
408	München	Barbara Heil	91	19	19	July 19, 1871, in the Rastadt R. C. Parish church, Barbara Heil, by priest Heronimus Swenzizki with full rites.	Daughter of the legal marriage of München colonists Conrad Heil and Anna Maria née Hübner , born in the colony of München, on July 19, 1871.	Georg Matz and Barbara Hübner.

The remaining 8 children’s baptismal records, including of the six who immigrated to the United States, will hopefully become available in the next several years.

The generation that lived and died in Beresan: [Georg] Michael Heil

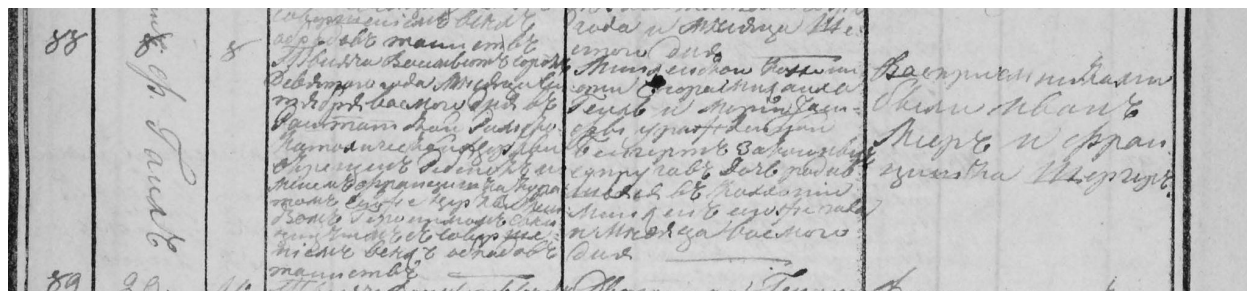
Michael Heil, the father of Konrad, is mentioned in multiple other Rastadt parish records, the baptism, marriage, and death of his wife and children, although none directly attest to his own birth, marriage or death dates.

³⁰ The DNA tester is the author’s mother, born Mary Theresa Heil, who would be Maria Josepha Bengert’s 3rd great-granddaughter. I have identified eight DNA matches so far to descendants of Konrad Bengert. (1817-1865), the likely brother of Maria Joseph Bengert. The chart is in Appendix 2.

³¹ See the reproduction in the appendix.

³² Record acquired through GRHS. Translation by the GRHS team.

In addition to baptismal record of Konrad, he is listed in baptismal records as the father of Joseph Heil (born 16 Dec 1839 in München),³³ and Franziska Heil (born 8 Sep 1849 in München). Franziska's is of particular interest, since it expands his name to be Georg Michael Heil.



8	8	On 8 September 1849 in the Rastadt Roman Catholic Church the child Franziska was baptized by Priest Heronim of that church with all the rites of the sacrament.	Daughter of Muenchen colonist Georg [Egor] Michael Heil and his lawful wife Maria Josepha nee Bengert was born in the colony of Muenchen on 8 September 1849	Godparents were Johann Meier and Franziska Scherger ³⁴
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Michael Heil is mentioned as the father of Agnes Heil in the record of her marriage to Karl Ackerman on 23 Oct 1856.³⁵ He is also mentioned as the father of Joseph Heil in the record of his marriage to Katharina Reile on 13 Oct 1859.³⁶

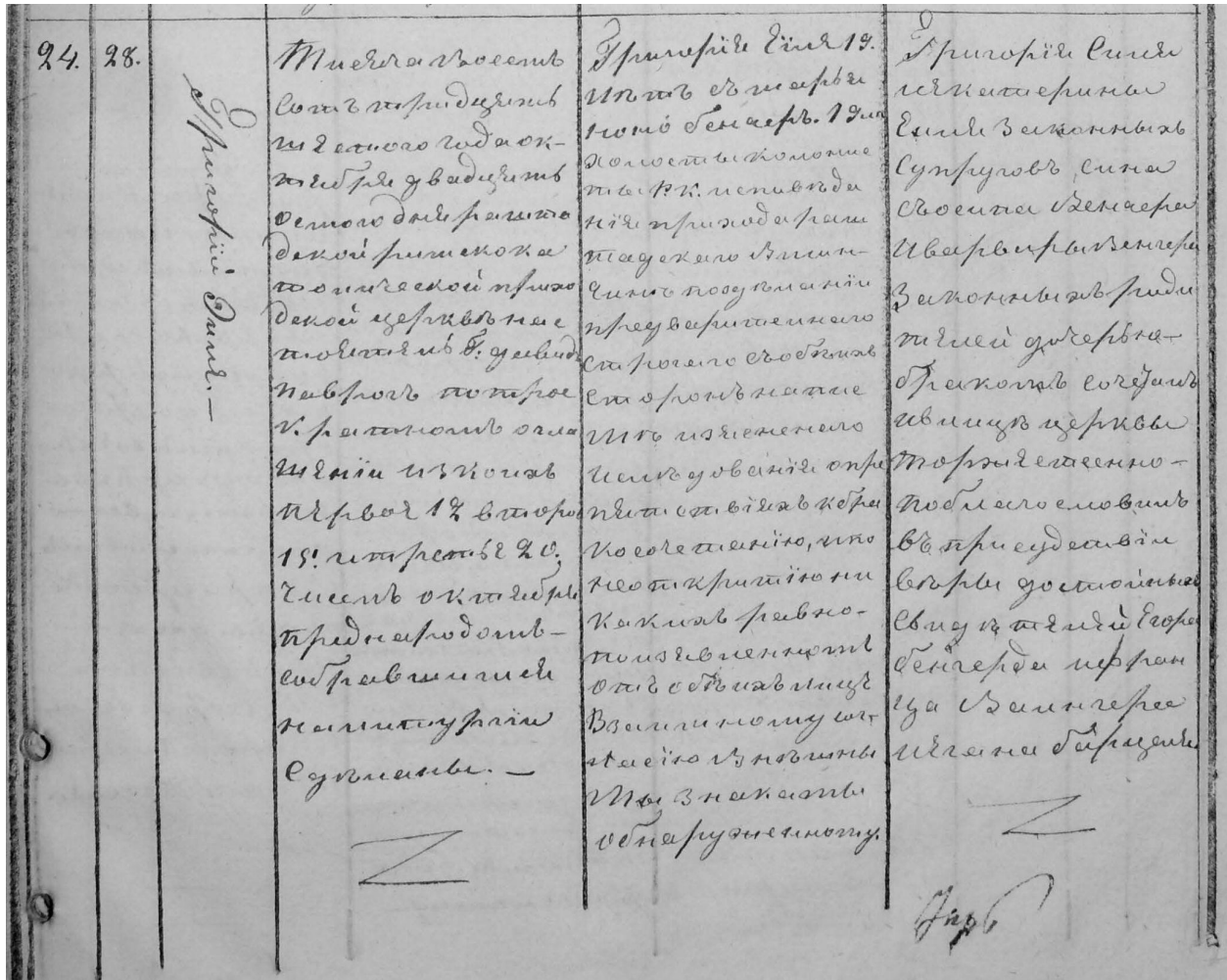
From the context of these records, it is possible to identify - despite some confusion in the phonetic interpretation of names likely originating with the Polish priest David Pawrow - a marriage record for Georg Michael Heil and Maria Josepha Bengert, from 28 Oct 1836 in Rastadt.

³³ Translation: In the year 1839 in the month of December on the 17th day in the R.C. Church of Rastadt a child was baptized with the name of Joseph, by Pastor David Pawrog as confirmed by the Church. Son of the legally married couple, colonists Michael and Marianna Heil, born in the colony of Muenchen, on 16 December 1839. The godparents were colonists Joseph and Agnes Wandler. Found in: *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Church Baptisms September 1830 - May 1839*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Page 43, available for purchase from: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1>.

³⁴ This translation from Russian is found in: *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Baptismal Register - January 1840 - November 1870*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Page 92, available for purchase from: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1>.

³⁵ Translation: On 23 Oct 1856, Karl Ackermann, single, 24 yo, married Agnes Heil, single, 19 yo. His parents are Peter Ackermann and Emerenzia Wirthmüller. Her parents are Michael Heil and Maria Joseph Bengert. The Priest is Heronim Swelzicki. The witnesses were Johann Wirthmüller and Joseph Wandler. Both the groom and bride are members of the Muenchen RC Church. Found in: *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Marriage Register - May 1815 - November 1865*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Page 45a, available for purchase from: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1>.

³⁶ Translation: On 13 Oct 1859, Joseph Heil, single, 20 yo, married Katharine (surname not given), single, 18 yo. He is the son of Michael Heil and Josepha Bengert. She is the daughter of Paul (no surname given) and Maria Josepha Roesle. The priest was Heronim Swelzicki. The witnesses were Joseph Schmidt and Franz Kessel. The groom is of Muenchen RC Church, and the bride is of Rastadt RC Church. Found in: *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Marriage Register - May 1815 - November 1865*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Page 45a, available for purchase from: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1>.



24	28 Oct 1836	Georg Ehly [Heil], single, 19 Marianna Bengert, single, 19	Parents: Georg & Catharina Ehly [Heil] Joseph & Barbara Bengert	Priest David Pawrog Witnesses: Georg Bengert, Franz Wagner, and Johann Barzel. Both members of Rastadt RC Church ³⁷
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Michael is also mentioned in the death record of his wife, Maria Josepha Bengert Heil. Her death record indicates that she was 58 years old when she died on 6 Sep 1872, and that her husband was Michael Heil, and that she had five living children at the time of death, Joseph, Konrad, Anton, Agnessa, and Franziska.³⁸ Michael is also mentioned in the death record of

³⁷ This Translation from the original Russian comes from: Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Marriage Register - May 1815 - November 1865, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Page 5a, available for purchase from: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1> .

³⁸ Translation: Maria Josepha Heil, died 6 Sep 1872, in München. 58 years old. Husband: Michael Heil. Children: Joseph, Konrad, Anton, Agnessa, and Franziska. *Rastadt and Muenchen Church Death Records, 1865 to 1880*, published by Black Sea German Research, page 29, and available from: <http://www.blackseagr.org/pdfs/weiss/Rastadt-RC-Deaths-1865-1880.pdf> .

another daughter, Katharina, who died in early childhood³⁹ and in the death record of his son Anton Heil, who died later in the year after his mother.⁴⁰

From these records, at least three main conclusions can be drawn about Georg Michael Heil. First, he married Maria Josepha Bengert on 28 Oct 1836, the year prior to the birth of his first daughter Agnes. Second, he had at least six children while living in München: Agnes (1837-unknown), Joseph (1839-unknown), Konrad (1843-1918), Katharina (1845-1847), Franziska (1849-1872), and Anton (1853-1872). He must have lived until at least 1852 or so in order to father his youngest known son, Anton. Finally, a likely birth date of approximately 1817 can be extrapolated from the age on the marriage record.

No baptismal record is available for Georg Michael Heil, but baptismal records are not extant / available for 1817-1819 in Rastadt.⁴¹ DNA evidence as well as other indirect evidence of family ties in the form of Henry Heil helping Konrad Heil in the 1896 divorce, suggest an origin nearby, in the mainly Lutheran village of Rohrbach in Beresan.

Rohrbach in Beresan is known today as Novosvitlivka.⁴² It is about 33 kilometers by road from München, which would translate to about an 8 hour walk.

Summary of the DNA evidence suggesting Michael Heil's origin in Rohrbach

DNA evidence connecting the Georg Michael Heil family in München to the Heils of Rohrbach is substantial. These tables will attempt to briefly summarize the evidence using DNA matches on Ancestry.com to the author's mother.

The DNA tester's full name at birth was Mary Theresa Heil (living), the daughter of Eugene David Heil (living). Eugene Heil is the son of John Conrad Heil (1906-2004), who is the son of Jacob Heil (1879-1964), the son of Konrad Heil (1843-1918). Michael Heil would therefore be the DNA tester's 3rd great grandfather on her paternal line.

These charts will report matches to the descendants of presumed siblings of Michael Heil. In each case, the match has linked their DNA to a tree, and that tree and Ancestry.com ThruLines links them back to a Rohrbach Heil.

³⁹ Translation: On 7 Dec 1847 Katharina died of an unknown disease. Daughter of Muenchen colonists Michael and Maria Josepha Heil, age 2, of the RC faith. She was buried by the Rastadt Priest Heronim Swelzizki in the Muenchen cemetery in the same month and year. Found in: *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Death Register - December 1814 - December 1850*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Page 453, available for purchase from: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1> .

⁴⁰ Translation: 29. Anton Heil. Died 13 Sep 1872 in München. 19 years old. Son of Michael and Maria Josepha Heil. *Rastadt and Muenchen Church Death Records, 1865 to 1880*, published by Black Sea German Research, page 30, and available from: <http://www.blackseagr.org/pdfs/weiss/Rastadt-RC-Deaths-1865-1880.pdf> .

⁴¹ *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Church Baptisms 1815-1830*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Page 8, available for purchase from: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1> .

⁴² Novosvitlivka is in Vosnesensk raion, Mykolaiv oblast, in southern Ukraine, and is found at these coordinates: 47.196787045383246, 31.185314399649304 .

Descendants of Georg Peter Heil (b. 1811) via his son Georg Peter Heil (1831-1915)		
Initials of Match	cM	Likely relationship
LS	11 cM	5th cousin
MH	11 cM	4th cousin 1x removed
PM	18 cM	5th cousin 1x removed
TB	14 cM	5th cousin 1x removed
TD	60 cM	5th cousin 1x removed
KB	10 cM	5th cousin
DH	21 cM	5th cousin
EA	51 cM	5th cousin
CF	26 cM	5th cousin
AB	26 cM	4th cousin 1x removed
CA	19 cM	5th cousin
OG	18 cM	5th cousin
SM	53 cM	5th cousin
BM	13 cM	5th cousin
SF	11 cM	4th cousin 1x removed
BM	8 cM	5th cousin
KN	18 cM	5th cousin
CH	11 cM	3rd cousin 2x removed
MS	12 cM	5th cousin 1x removed
Descendants of Georg Peter Heil (b. 1811) via his son Heinrich (1847-1915)		
Initials of Match	cM	Likely relationship
DH	23 cM	5th cousin
RL	17 cM	4th cousin 1x removed
HM	17 cM	5th cousin
JP	10 cM	5th cousin
SH	8 cM	5th cousin
LS	11 cM	5th cousin
KJ	10 cM	5th cousin
CG	11 cM	5th cousin
Descendants of Maria Eva Heil (b abt 1821) via her daughter Katharina Wilhelm (b abt 1841)		
Initials of Match	cM	Likely relationship
EU	15 cM	5th cousin
Descendants of Elisabetha Heil via her son Johann Odenbach (1848-1899)		
Initials of Match	cM	Likely relationship
KH	26 cM	5th cousin
RH	14 cM	5th cousin
TA	9 cM	5th cousin
GM	10 cM	4th cousin 1x removed
JF	12 cM	5th cousin 1x removed

According to the Shared cM Project, the average range for a documented 5th cousin relationship is 25 cM, with a range of 0-117 cM being possible. The average range for a 4th cousin 1x removed is 28 cM, with a range of 0-126 being possible.⁴³ The above chart shows a substantial number of matches that cohere with that range, supporting a recent DNA relationship in the expected range.

⁴³ <https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>

Georg and Katharina Heil, colonists

It was on 20 Mar 1804 that the Russian Tsar, Alexander I, issued a manifesto inviting another round of German settlers to come to newly conquered lands of “South Russia” along the Black Sea.⁴⁴ However, it took time for the migration to begin in earnest, and Rohrbach was not founded until 1808.⁴⁵ The first census occurred in approximately 1811, and it lists the colonists, the names and ages of the people in their household, and even enumerates their livestock and farm equipment. In 1811, there is only one household in Rohrbach with the last name Heil, and none at all in the neighboring village of Worms. The only Heil name is found in Household #1, headed by Georg Heil, 26 years old, with his wife Catharina, 25 years old, and one son, Georg, 3 years old. No livestock, farm equipment, or profession is listed.⁴⁶

A revision to the census was conducted in 1816. Karl Stumpp, in his seminal work *The Emigration from Germany to Russia in the years 1763 to 1862*, published the names and household information from that 1816 census along with other biographical details from his research in the 1940s. In 1816, he reports a total of 33 families from Baden, 4 from Württemberg, 12 from the Rhineland-Palatinate, 44 from Alsace, and 7 from Poland.⁴⁷ Stumpp also lists only one household with the last name Heil:

76 Heil, Georg 30, aus: Eschelbronn Sinsheim-Ba, seine Frau Katharina, 29, seine Kinder Georg 5, Katharina 2, Heinrich 3/4.

Unfortunately no 1839-1840 census survives for Rohrbach. However, the 1858 census is available, and in this census we find both the senior Georg and the junior Georg (Peter) once again, although Katharina is absent, presumably deceased.⁴⁸ The census was referred to as a revision list because it was an updating of the prior census, so the 1858 census (the 10th revision) also reports information from the 9th revision (the 1851 census).

⁴⁴ Joseph S. Height, *Paradise on the Steppe: A Cultural History of the Kutschurgan, Beresan, and Liebental Colonists 1804-1944*, North Dakota Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Bismarck, North Dakota, 1972, page 3.

⁴⁵ Height, page 5.

⁴⁶ 1811 Beresan District Family Lists With Statistical Information About Their Economic Condition, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Bismarck, North Dakota, available for sale from their website: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1> .

⁴⁷ Karl Stumpp, *The Emigration from Germany to Russia in the years 1763 to 1862*, trans. Joseph S. Height, American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1973, page 788.

⁴⁸ *Rohrbach Beresan District Odessa 1858 Census*, Published by a joint project of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Bismarck, North Dakota, and the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Lincoln, Nebraska. Translation is available for purchase at: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1> .

1858 Revision List from Rohrbach - Georg Heil Household

9th Rev #	10th Rev #	Male Colonists	Age in 9th Revision	Current Age	Female Colonists	Absent in 10th revision	Current Age
89	134	Georg Heil	65	72			
		Son: Georg Peter	40	47	Georg Peter Heil's wife: Sibilla		46
		Georg Peter's sons:					
		Peter	19	26	Peter Heil's wife: Katharina	Arrived from household #113	24
		Johann	17	24			
		David	6	13	Georg Peter Heil's daughters:		
		Heinrich	4	11	Elisabetha	Went to household # 116	
					Margaretha		18

Based on the reported age of Georg Peter listed above in the 1858 census, it is likely that this is the same Georg reported in the 1811 and 1816 census. Baptismal records of his children show him married to a Sibilla Odenbach. At least three people listed in this census, the 26 year old Peter, the 11 year old Heinrich, and Elisabetha, immigrated to the United States.

No Georg Michael Heil or Michael Heil is listed in 1811, 1816, 1851, or 1858. However, if he was born in 1817, the year estimated based on his reported age of 19 in his 1836 marriage record, it would make sense that he would not appear on any of the available Rohrbach censuses; he would have been born, grown up, married and formed his own household in München after 1816 but long before 1851.

The earliest surviving baptismal records from Rohrbach are from the 1830s, so it is also not surprising to not have a baptismal record available for Georg Michael Heil. The siblings attested in the 1816 census - Georg Peter, Katharina, and Heinrich - do not have surviving baptismal records either.

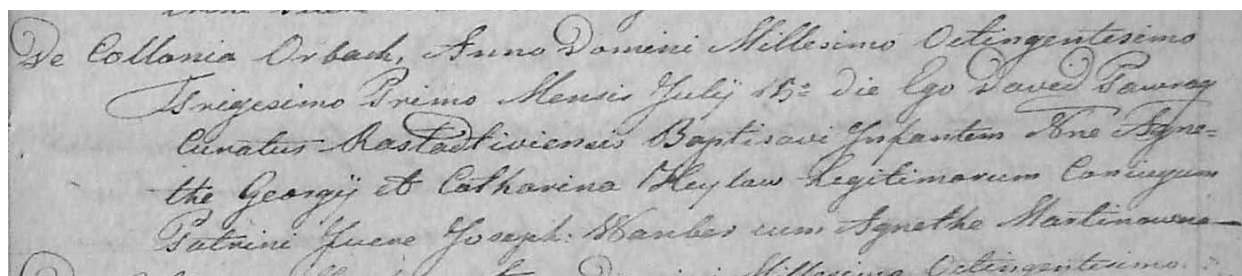
Adding to a challenging genealogical puzzle is that this family appears to have produced both Catholic and Lutheran offspring in a time and place when religious mixing was not common. The Beresan villages were typically religiously homogeneous. Of the ten original mother colonies founded in Beresan, Rohrbach was one of three Lutheran villages, while München and neighboring Rastadt were two of the seven Catholic ones.

Georg Peter Heil, the eldest son attested in the 1811, 1816, and 1858 revisions, married a Lutheran (Sibilla Odenbach) and had children who were baptized Lutheran, remaining in the predominantly Lutheran village.⁴⁹

Tag und Jahr der Geburt	Namen der Eltern	Namen der Taufpaten	Wohndorf	Alter	Oblich geboren	Oblich getauft	Oblich verstorben
1847	Georg Peter Heil, Sibilla Odenbach	Michael Odenbach, Catharina Odenbach	Rohr	1			
1848	Georg Peter Heil, Sibilla Odenbach	Jacob Odenbach, Catharina Odenbach	Rohr	1			
1849	Georg Peter Heil, Sibilla Odenbach	Heinrich Odenbach, Catharina Odenbach	Rohr	1			
1850	Georg Peter Heil, Sibilla Odenbach	Catharina Odenbach, Catharina Odenbach	Rohr	1			

An image of the record for a Lutheran baptism occurring in Rohrbach on 18 Apr 1847 is available for Heinrich Heil,⁵⁰ the same individual appearing in his grandfather's household in 1851 and 1858. I conclude that he is the same individual who immigrated to the United States around 1874, settled in Menno, and then helped his cousin Konrad out with the divorce proceedings.

There is substantial evidence as well of Catholic ties. Georg and Katharina were still having children as late as 1831, and a baptismal record appears in the Rastadt parish for an Agnetha Heil.⁵¹



Translation from Latin: From the colony of Rohrbach, in the year 1831 A.D., in the month of July, on the 15th day, the priest David Pawrog, pastor in Rastadt, baptized Agnetha Heil. Parents: Georg and Katharina Heil. Godparents: Joseph Wandler and Agnetha Martin.

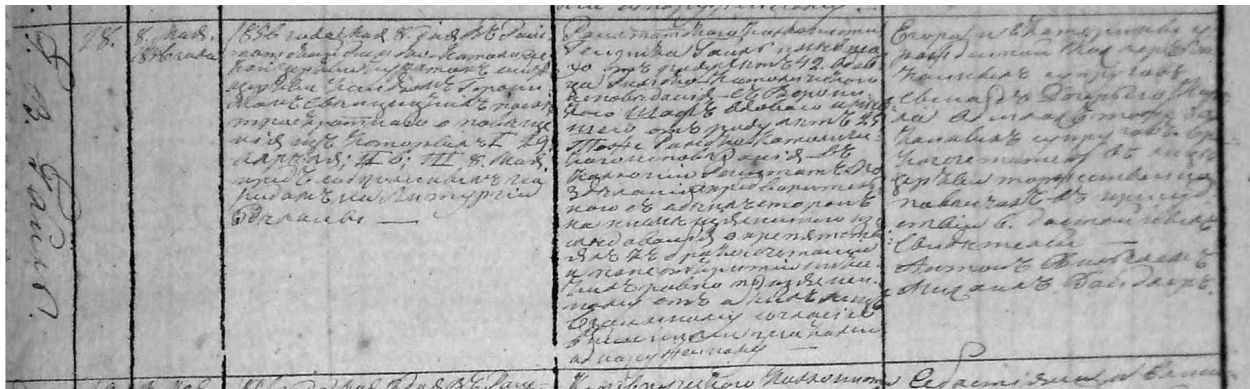
⁴⁹ Four children of Georg Peter and Sibilla Odenbach are included in this index of baptismal records. Catharina Margaretha, Elisabeth, Johannes, and Margaretha.

<https://www.odessa3.org/collections/spete/rohr/link/rohr183b.txt> . Three more, David, Heinrich, and Juliana, are found on this index: <https://www.odessa3.org/collections/spete/rohr/link/rohr184b.txt> .

⁵⁰ "Россия, дубликаты Лютеранских метрических книг, 1833-1885," , FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q242-C2P3> : 8 March 2021), Heinrich Heil, 20 Apr 1847, Baptism; citing p. 247, volume 828-14/50, Odessa, Odessa, Odessa, Ukraine, Russland Historischen Staatsarchiv, St. Petersburg (Russian State Historical Archive, St. Petersburg); FHL microfilm 1,882,639.

⁵¹ Record was acquired from the Germans from Russia Heritage Society. Original record is found in the Saratov State Archives.

Additionally, there are records of other siblings marrying Catholics and having children in Rastadt. Heinrich, whose age matches as the same son of Georg and Katharina mentioned at 3/4 years old in the 1816 census, is mentioned as the father in several baptismal records.⁵² His parents are also attested as “Georg Ell and Katharian nee Koffler” on his first marriage, on 6 Oct 1836 to Margaretha Maier.⁵³ His parents are mentioned on his marriage record to his third wife, Veronika Obenloch, on 8 May 1856.⁵⁴



18	8 [May 1856]	Heinrich Heil, widower, age 42 Veronika Schaf, widow, age 25	Parents of groom: Georg Heil and Katharina Koch Parents of bride: Karl Obenloch	Priest: Heronim Swelziki Witnesses: Anton Wilhelm and Michael Wandler Both bride and groom are members of the Rastadt R.C. Church ⁵⁵
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⁵² Heinrich Heil is listed as the father for the following children in the Rastadt baptismal register:

- Marianna Heil, baptized 27 Dec 1839 (mother: Margaretha)
- Maria Eva Heil, baptized 13 Feb 1845 (mother: Anna Maria Federer),
- Martin Heil, baptized 10 Sep 1850 (mother: Anna Maria Federer),
- Michael Heil, baptized 5 Mar 1853 (mother: Anna Maria Federer),
- Julianna Heil, baptized 22 Aug 1861 (mother: Veronika Obenloch),
- Leokardia Heil, baptized 6 Dec 1863 (mother: Veronika Obenloch),
- Thomas Heil, baptized 29 Oct 1866 (mother: Veronika Obenloch).

Translation of these baptismal records is found in *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Church Baptisms September 1830 - May 1839* and *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Baptismal Register - January 1840 - November 1870*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Bismarck, North Dakota, both available for purchase at: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1>.

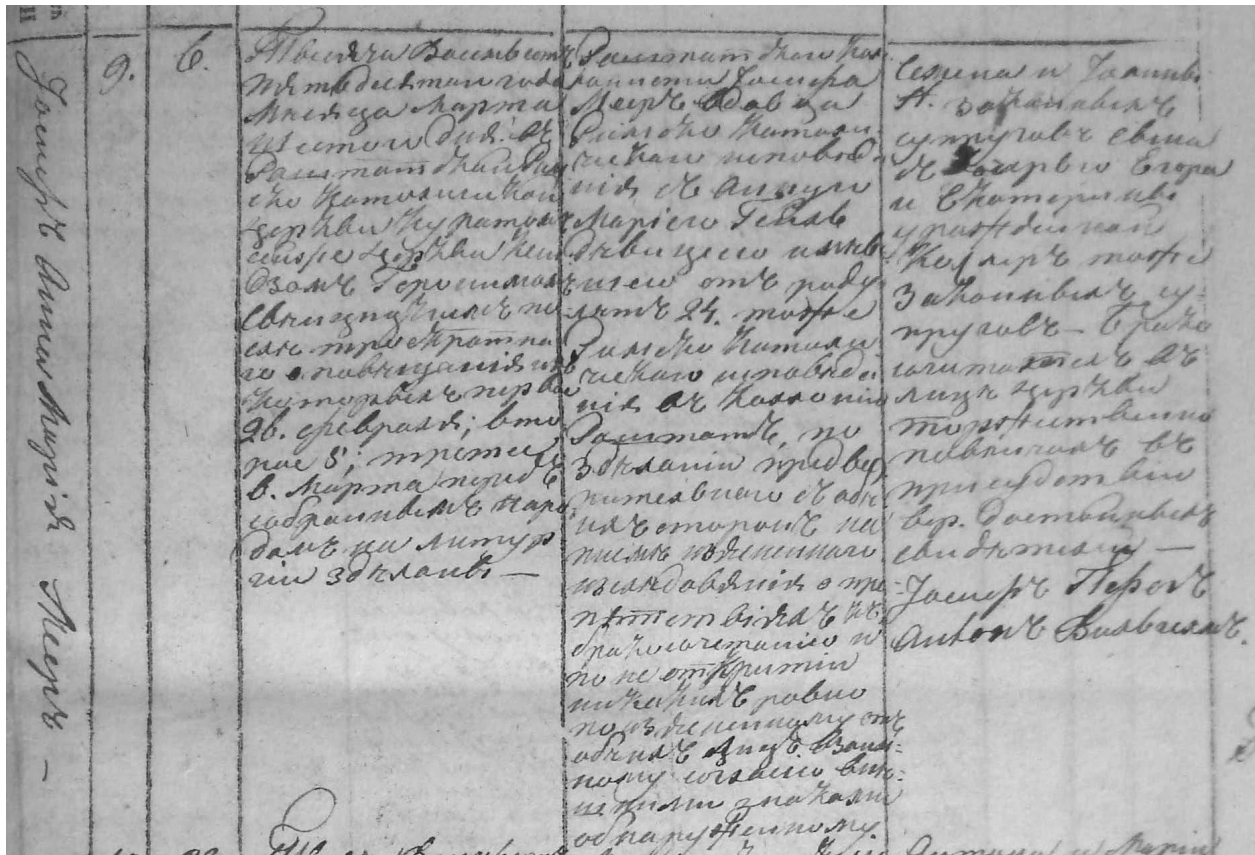
⁵³ Translation from the Russian: #13. On 6 Oct 1836, Heinrich Ell, single, 21 yo, married Margaretha Maier, single, 17 yo. He is the son of Georg Ell and Katharina nee Koffler. She is the daughter of Johann and Elisabetha Maier. The priest was David Pawrog. Witnesses were Johann Schmidt, Karl Wandler, and Johann Weinberger. Both the bride and groom are members of the Rastadt RC Church.

Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Marriage Register May 1815 - November 1865, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Bismarck, North Dakota, page 4a, available for sale at: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1>.

⁵⁴ Image of original record acquired from the Germans from Russia Heritage Society. Original record is located in the Saratov State Archives.

⁵⁵ Translation of this Russian language record comes from: *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Marriage Register May 1815 - November 1865*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Bismarck, North Dakota, page 43a, available for sale at: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1>.

A younger sister, Anna Maria Heil, born about 1826, also married a Catholic and has her parents mentioned in her Rastadt marriage record.⁵⁶



9	6 [Mar 1850]	Joseph Meier, widower Anna Maria Heil, single, 24	Parents of groom: Simon Meier and Johann N Parents of bride: Georg Heil and Katharina Kochler	Priest Heronim Swelzicki Witnesses: Joseph Pfoh and Anton Wilhelm. Both bride and groom are members of the Rastadt R.C. Church. ⁵⁷
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The marriage records of Georg Michael Heil's siblings suggest that the Georg Heil and Katharina Kogler [Kochler] household produced multiple children who married Catholics.⁵⁸ In

⁵⁶ Image of original record acquired from the Germans from Russia Heritage Society. Original record is located in the Saratov State Archives.

⁵⁷ Translation of this Russian language record comes from: *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Marriage Register May 1815 - November 1865*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Bismarck, North Dakota, available for sale at: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1>.

⁵⁸ Although phonetic transliteration of names by the Polish Rastadt priest into written Russian is a challenge, in addition to Georg Michael marrying Maria Josepha Bengert, Heinrich marrying three times, and Anna Maria marrying Joseph Meier, there was a Katharina Heil who married Franz Michael Helfrich on 30 Jul 1839, and a Maria Eva Heil who married Anton Wilhelm on 7 Jun 1838. *Rastadt Roman Catholic Parish Marriage Register May 1815 - November 1865*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Bismarck, North Dakota, pages 11a and 91, available for sale at: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1>.

1808

Die 19^{na} junii facta Arina proclamatione matrimonio juncti sunt Antonius Decker, viduus factor, et civis, et Maria Agnes Zöllnerin ex Weinheim.

Aestes erant D. franciscus Magr Scriba judicialis et Joannes Philippus Spornagel Ludimagister

Die 4^{ta} Oct facta Arina proclamatione, et obtentis ex parte sponsæ dimissionalibus matrimonio juncti sunt Georgius Heil, filius Nicolai Heil civis et fabri-vitriarii, et Catharina Kogler, filia Philippi Kogler civis in hochsachsen reformatæ Religionis.

Aestes erant Nicolous Heil pater sponsi, et Georg Michael Seidennabel cives hujates -

Die 26^{ta} Nov^{is} facta Arina proclamatione, et obtentis ministerialibus matrimonio juncti sunt

3.
Antonius
Decker et
Maria Agnes
Zöllnerin.

4.
Georg Heil.
et Cath: Kogler

5.
Michael Alexander
Bauer, et

Translation from the latin: On the 4th of October, joined in marriage were Georgius Heil, son of Nicolai Heil, citizen and glass maker, and Catharina Kogler, daughter of Philippi Kogler, citizen in Hohensachsen and of the reformed religion.

4. Georg Heil et Cath. Kogler

This record offers critical detail, not only naming both Georg and Katharina's fathers, but also suggesting that Georg was likely from Schriesheim itself with Katharina hailing from the nearby village of Hohensachsen, about 5 kilometers to the north. It also suggests that they hailed from different religious backgrounds, with Georg being Catholic and Katharina having been raised in the "reformed religion."

Georg and Katharina may have felt some pressure to marry, because just a couple of weeks prior they had baptized a daughter. A baptismal record exists for a daughter, Susanna Elisabetha Heil, baptized on 18 Sep 1808 in Schriesheim, although that record does oddly state that they were already married.⁶²

⁶² "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1R2-SSMM> : 16 January 2019), Susanna Elisabetha Heil, 18 Sep 1808; citing Baptism, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.

1808.

Die 10^{da} Septembris hora 5^{ta} matutina nata et epta ejusdem baptizata est Eva Catharina, f. legit Georgii Holzmann fabri serrarii, et agnetis, natae Jemlin, conjugum. Levabat Eva Catharina Schustarin soluta.

Die 18^{va} Sept hora 1^{ma} post meridiem nata et eadem die baptizata est Susanna Elisabetha, Georgii Heil, et Catharinae, natae Kogler, conjugum. Levabat Susanna Elisabetha Müllerin soluta ex Hochtarfen.

Die 11^{da} Septembris hora quinta matutina natus et

20. Eva Catharina Holzmann.
 11. Susanna Elisabetha Heil.
 12. Joannes Heinrichs

11, Susanna Elisabetha Heil	Baptized on the same day she was born, 18 Sep 1808. Parents: Georgii and Catharinae (born Kogler), married.
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Going further back in the record set from the Schriesheim church, a matching baptismal record exists for Georg Heil. He was baptized on 18 Aug 1784 at the Catholic church in Schriesheim.

1784

Die 10^{ma} Junii Baptizatus est Andreas filius legitimus Laurentii Brunsner et Agnetis conjugum, levante Andrea Binder molitore

die 4^{ta} Augusti Baptizatus est Laurentius filius illegitimus Barbare Ritschlin soluta, levante Laurentio Brunsner cive hujate.

Die 18^{va} Augusti Baptizatus est Georgius filius legitimus Nicolai Heil et Elisabethae conjugum, levante Georgio Stromer adolescente.

die 23^{ia} Augusti Baptizata est Barbara filia legitima Jans Wode et Cathar: conj. levante Barbara Schwenzeri

die 25^{ta} Augusti Baptizata est Anna Catharina filia illegitima Laurentii Ritschlin, levante Ritschlin

Gg.
 Brunsner
 Ritschlin
 Heil. +
 Schultzeis
 Wode

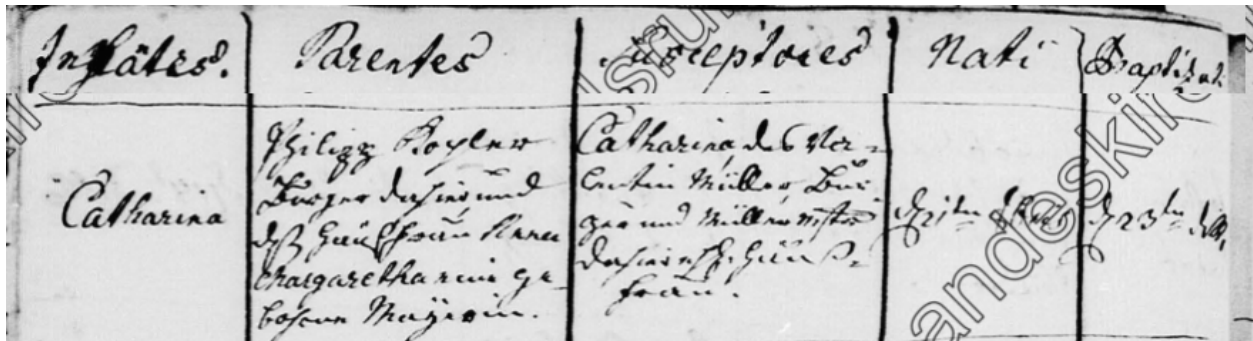
Translation from the Latin: On the 18th of August was baptized Georgius, legitimate son of Nicolai Heil and Elisabetha, married couple, in front of the witness Georgio Stromer.	Heil
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The baptism likely occurred within a day or two of birth, attesting to a birthdate for Georg Heil of approximately 18 Aug 1784 and a birth location of Schriesheim. This birthdate is a reasonably close match to the ages given in the 1811, 1816, 1851, and 1858 censuses in Rohrbach, as well as the 1863 death record in Rastadt. The father's name matches the marriage record, and his

mother's name, Elisabetha, is attested as well as a Georg Stromer as a witness, who is likely a relative on his mother's side.

Hohensachsen to Rohrbach: The Kogler clan goes to South Russia

According to her baptismal record, Katharina Kogler was born 21 Oct 1785 in Hohensachsen to Philipp Kogler and Margaretha Mayer.⁶³



Katharina's linkage to Hohensachsen provides a critical clue to why she and Georg chose to settle in Rohrbach in particular. Her parents, Phillip and Margaretha Kogler, and at least three of her siblings also immigrated with her and Georg Heil to the Black Sea region of the Russian Empire.

The household of Phillip Kogler appears in the 1811 census of Rohrbach as:

- #82. Philipp KOCHLER, 61 years old.
- Wife: Margaretha, 41 years old.
- Son: Peter, 19 years old.
- Daughter: Catharina, 20 years old.⁶⁴

Stump also reports them in the 1816 revision to the earlier census, including noting Philipp's death in 1814:

- #62. Kochler, Philipp, 1812, 61, 1814 +, seine Frau Margareta 45, sein Sohn Peter 23, dessen Frau Elisabetha 23, dessen Tochter Katharina 1.⁶⁵

⁶³ Baptism of Catharina Kogler, from *Mischbuch 1765, 1765, Mai 1765 - 1833, 1840, 1840*, Hohensachsen, image of 38 of 369, Landeskirchliches Archiv Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg, Archion.de, <https://www.archion.de/en/viewer/churchRegister/185971> .

⁶⁴ *1811 Beresan District Family Lists With Statistical Information About Their Economic Condition*, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Bismarck, North Dakota, page 13 in the Rohrbach section, available for sale from their website: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1> .

The 20 year old Catharina listed is her younger sister.

⁶⁵ Stump, page 791.

Katharina's brother Peter,⁶⁶ who married Elisabetha Nutz, and had a daughter of his own in the above accounting of the household in 1816, had a death record from 27 March 1847 in Rohrbach, which notes that he is from Hohensachsen.⁶⁷

Katharina's sister, confusingly named Katharina Margaretha Kogler,⁶⁸ married Jakob Koch between 1811 and 1816, and moved to another Lutheran colony along the Black Sea, Guldendorf in Liebenthal. Her death record from 20 Feb 1847 also notes her origin in Hohensachsen.⁶⁹

Another apparent sister, Anna Maria Kogler,⁷⁰ appears in her own household in 1811 and 1816 with her husband, Jakob Karl Zimbelmann. In 1811, she appears as the wife Maria in this household:

#69. Jakob ZIMBELMANN. 44yo. 2 Horses, 9 Cattle, 1 Wagon.

Wife: Maria, 23 yo.
Sons: Peter, 13 yo.
Christoph, 9 yo.
Jakob, 3 yo.
Philipp, 1 yo.
Daughters: Eva, 10 yo.
Margaretha, 5 yo.
Catharina, 4 yo.⁷¹

Stump reports the same household in Rohrbach in 1816 as follows:

⁶⁶ Georg Peter Kogler's baptismal record in Hohensachsen records his birthdate as 4 Aug 1792, and his parents as Johann Philipp Kogler and Margaretha Maÿer. Baptism of Georg Peter Kogler, from *Mischbuch 1765, 1765, Mai 1765 - 1833, 1840, 1840*, Hohensachsen, image of 53 of 369, Landeskirchliches Archiv Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg, Archion.de, <https://www.archion.de/en/viewer/churchRegister/185971> .

⁶⁷ Transcript: Kogler, Georg Peter 27 Mar 1847 Rohrbach 1882639/1 259 15 54 yrs 7 mos born Hohen, Sachsen, Beiheidelberg.

Rohrbach death record index, Odessa Digital Library, <https://odessa3.org/collections/stpete/rohr/link/rohr184d.txt> .

⁶⁸ Katharina Margaretha Kogler's baptismal record in Hohensachsen records her birthdate as 8 Aug 1790, and his parents as Philipp and Margaretha Kogler. Baptism of Catharina Margaretha Kogler, from *Mischbuch 1765, 1765, Mai 1765 - 1833, 1840, 1840*, Hohensachsen, image of 48 of 369, Landeskirchliches Archiv Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg, Archion.de, <https://www.archion.de/en/viewer/churchRegister/185971> .

⁶⁹ Rohrbach death record index, Odessa Digital Library, <https://odessa3.org/collections/stpete/rohr/link/rohr184d.txt> .

⁷⁰ Anna Maria Kogler's baptismal record in Hohensachsen records her birthdate as 7 Sep 1787, and her parents as Philipp Kogler and Margaretha Maÿer. Baptism of Anna Maria Kogler, from *Mischbuch 1765, 1765, Mai 1765 - 1833, 1840, 1840*, Hohensachsen, image of 41 of 369, Landeskirchliches Archiv Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg, Archion.de, <https://www.archion.de/en/viewer/churchRegister/185971> .

⁷¹ 1811 Beresan District Family Lists With Statistical Information About Their Economic Condition, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, Bismarck, North Dakota, available for sale from their website: <https://www.grhs.org/publicstore/1> .

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Zimpelmann, Karl 48, aus: **Münchhausen** Weißenburg-El, seine Frau Maria 27, seine Kinder erster Ehe Eva 14, Christoph 13, Margareta 9, Karolina 8, Jakob 7, seine Kinder zweiter Ehe Philipp 5, Georg 2, Barbara 1/4.⁷²

On her death record from 5 Oct 1855, Anna Maria Zimbelman is noted as being from Hohensachsen.⁷³

Yet another sister also came with her own household, Anna Margaretha Kogler,⁷⁴ as the 2nd wife of Johann Michael Berreth. Their household in the village of Worms,⁷⁵ neighboring Rohrbach, appears as follows in the 1811 census:

#72. Michael BARRETT. 45 yo. 2 horses. 1 wagon.
Wife: Margaretha, 25 yo.
sons: Johann, 21 yo.
 Friedrich, 17 yo.
Daughters: Catharina, 17 yo.
 Philippina, 12 yo.

Stumpp reports the same household in Worms in 1816 as follows:

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Barret, Michael 49, aus: **Spirkelbach**/Bergzabern-Pf, seine Frau Margareta 30, seine Söhne erster Ehe: Johannes 25, dessen Frau Maria 20, dessen unehelicher Sohn X... 1 ½, Friedrich 21, seine Kinder zweiter Ehe: Margareta 3, Georg 1 ¾.⁷⁶

On Anna Margaretha Kogler's death record from 13 Mar 1856, she too is noted as being from Hohensachsen.⁷⁷

⁷² Stumpp, page 790

⁷³ Transcript: Zimbelmann, Anna Maria 05 Oct 1855 Rohrbach 1884075/1 438 36 68 yrs 1 mos 25 dys widow born in Hohensachsen, near Heidelberg - Reformed.

Rohrbach death record index, Odessa Digital Library,
<https://odessa3.org/collections/stpete/rohr/link/rohr185d.txt> .

⁷⁴ Anna Margaretha Kogler's baptismal record in Hohensachsen records her birthdate as 10 Feb 1784, and her parents as Philipp Kogler and Anna Margaretha Maÿer. Baptism of Anna Margaretha Kogler, from *Mischbuch 1765, 1765, Mai 1765 - 1833, 1840, 1840*, Hohensachsen, image of 34 of 369, Landeskirchliches Archiv Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg, Archion.de,
<https://www.archion.de/en/viewer/churchRegister/185971> .

⁷⁵ Worms is today known as Vynohradne, in the Berezivka raion, Odessa oblast, Ukraine, and can be found at these coordinates: 47.22964117703397, 31.096286317065115 .

⁷⁶ Stumpp, page 807.

⁷⁷ Transcript: Barreth, Margaretha 13 Mar 1856 Worms , 1884101/1 495 42 Age 72y Widow Born in Hochsassen.

Rohrbach death record index, Odessa Digital Library,
<https://odessa3.org/collections/stpete/rohr/link/rohr185d.txt> .

Constructing the family back to Nikolaus Heil and Elisabetha Strommer

Nikolaus Heil doubtless mourned when his son and daughter-in-law chose to relocate with the in-laws to the faraway lands of the Russian Empire along the Black Sea. It is hard to say whether they were ever able to communicate again. The Baden area had been traumatized by the Napoleonic Wars, but Nikolaus and at least a couple of his progeny nonetheless opted to stay put in Schriesheim.

The church records from Schriesheim help to at least partially reconstruct Nikolaus and Elisabetha's family. At least five Catholic baptismal records in Schriesheim are extant for children of Nikolaus Heil and Elisabetha Strommer. They are:

1. Georg Heil, baptized 18 Aug 1784,⁷⁸ aforementioned
2. Johan Mathias Heil, baptized 14 Jul 1786⁷⁹
3. Georg Michael Heil, baptized 25 Sep 1788⁸⁰
4. Maria Margaretha Heil, baptized 8 Sep 1791⁸¹
5. Friedrich Johan Heil, baptized 23 Sep 1794⁸²

Among the younger children of Nikolaus and Elisabetha, a death record exists for the second, Johan Mathias Heil, with burial on 16 Jul 1796, at about 10 years old.⁸³

⁷⁸ "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1RK-Z32M> : 16 January 2019), Georgius Heil, 18 Aug 1784; citing Baptism, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.

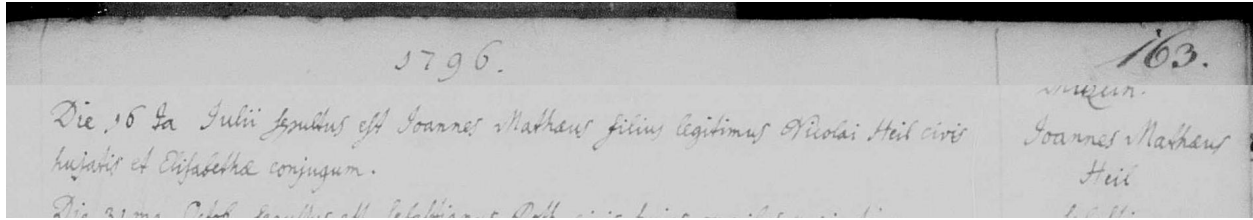
⁷⁹ "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1RL-2WW2> : 16 January 2019), Mathias Heil, 14 Jul 1786; citing Baptism, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.

⁸⁰ "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1RL-6XN2> : 16 January 2019), Georgius Michael Heil, 25 Sep 1788; citing Baptism, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.

⁸¹ "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1RL-SN2M> : 16 January 2019), Maria Margaretha Heil, 8 Sep 1791; citing Baptism, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.

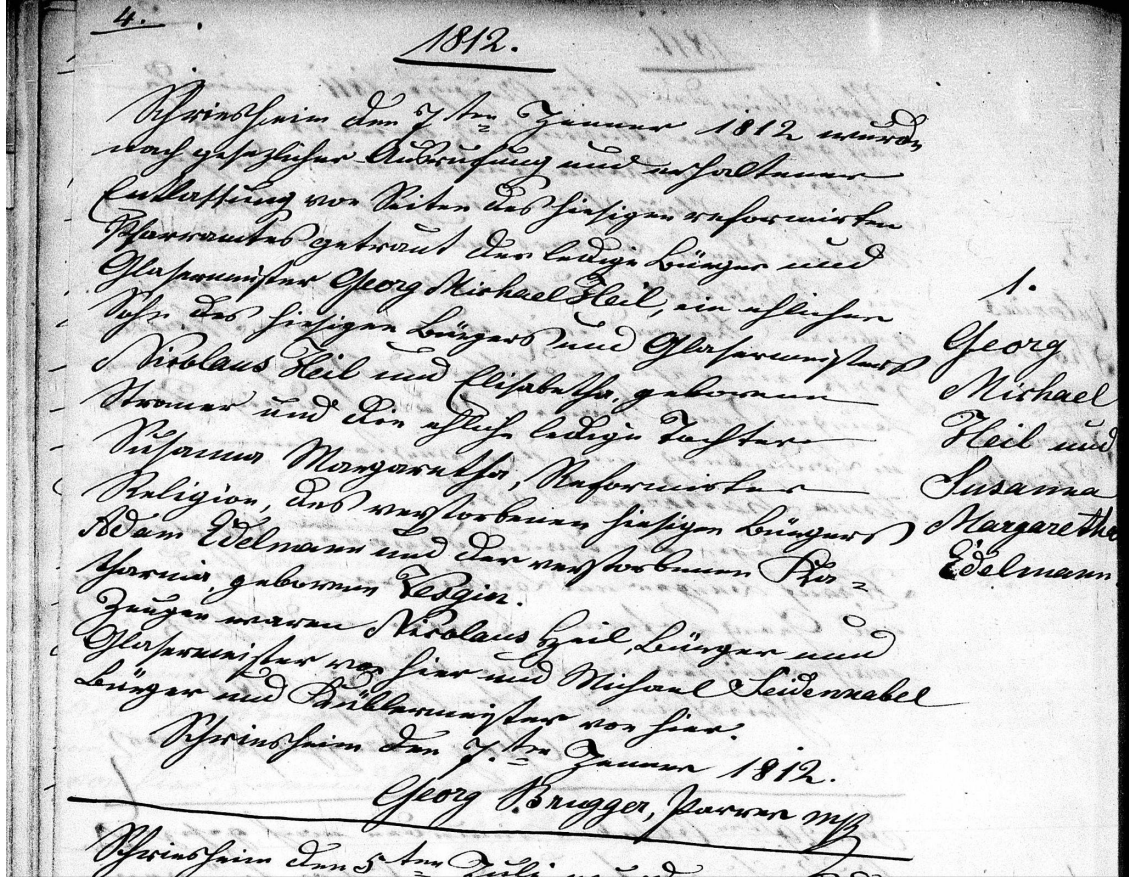
⁸² "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1RV-W2W2> : 16 January 2019), Fridericus Joannes Heil, 23 Sep 1794; citing Baptism, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.

⁸³ "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1RL-HZZM> : 16 January 2019), Joannes Mathaeus Heil, 16 Jul 1796; citing Burial, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.



Marriage records exist for two of the other children. Georg Michael Heil, married Susanna Margaretha Edelmann on 7 Jan 1812, with the bride noted as being of the reformed religion.⁸⁴ Both a Catholic and a Protestant marriage record exist for the same event, which also gives the mother of the groom's full birth name as Elisabetha Strommer.⁸⁵

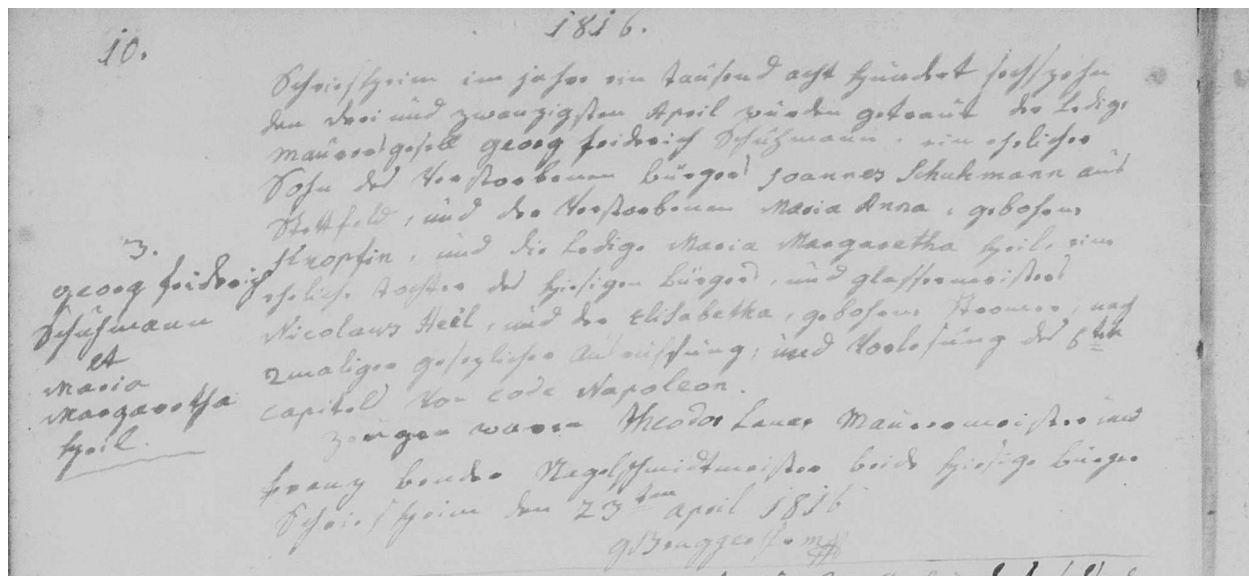
The Protestant record:



⁸⁴ "Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971," database, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP4-J1GS> : 16 March 2023), Georg Michael Heil, 1812; images digitized and records extracted by Ancestry; citing Marriage, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, German Lutheran Collection, various parishes, Germany.

⁸⁵ "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1BY-WTW2> : 16 January 2019), Georg Michael Heil and Susanna Margaretha Edelmann, 7 Jan 1812; citing Marriage, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Germany, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.

Maria Margaretha Heil married Georg Friedrich Schuhmann on 23 Apr 1816 in Schriesheim. Like her brother Georg Michael, she has both a Lutheran⁸⁶ and a Catholic marriage record for the same event.⁸⁷ A clip of the Catholic marriage record, written in German, is reproduced here:



Baptismal records exist for the children of Georg Michael Heil and Susanna Margaretha Edelman,⁸⁸ and for the children of Maria Margaretha Heil and Georg Friedrich Schuhmann.⁸⁹

⁸⁶ "Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971," database, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPD4-6WDV> : 16 March 2023), Maria Margaretha Heil in entry for Georg Friedrich Schuhmann, 1816; images digitized and records extracted by Ancestry; citing Marriage, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, German Lutheran Collection, various parishes, Germany.

⁸⁷ "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," , FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1B1-LGPZ> : 16 January 2019), Georg Friderich Schuhmann and Maria Margaretha Heil, 23 Apr 1816; citing Marriage, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Germany, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.

⁸⁸ Baptismal records of the children of Georg Michael Heil and Susanna Margaretha Edelman: Jacob Heil, baptized 4 Jun 1812. <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1R2-F12M> Catharina Barbara Heil, baptized 21 Jan 1816. <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1RL-T5W2> . Barbara Josepha Heil, baptized 1816. <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPD4-FGLR> . Margaretha Heil, baptized 28 Jan 1819. <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1RL-HSZM> . Apollonia Heil, baptized 8 Feb 1821. <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1RL-KMPZ> . Maria Theresia Heil, baptized 30 Sep 1823. <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1R2-BXW2> .

⁸⁹ Baptismal records of the children of Maria Margaretha Heil and Georg Friedrich Schuhmann: Johann Peter Schuhmann, baptized Sep 1812. <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPD4-FGP7> Georg Schuhmann, baptized 26 Oct 1817. <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1R2-SMN2> . Anna Maria Schuhmann, baptized 20 Sep 1819. <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1R2-Y3W2> Wilhelmine Schuhmann, baptized 15 Apr 1832. <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q1RK-WT6Z>

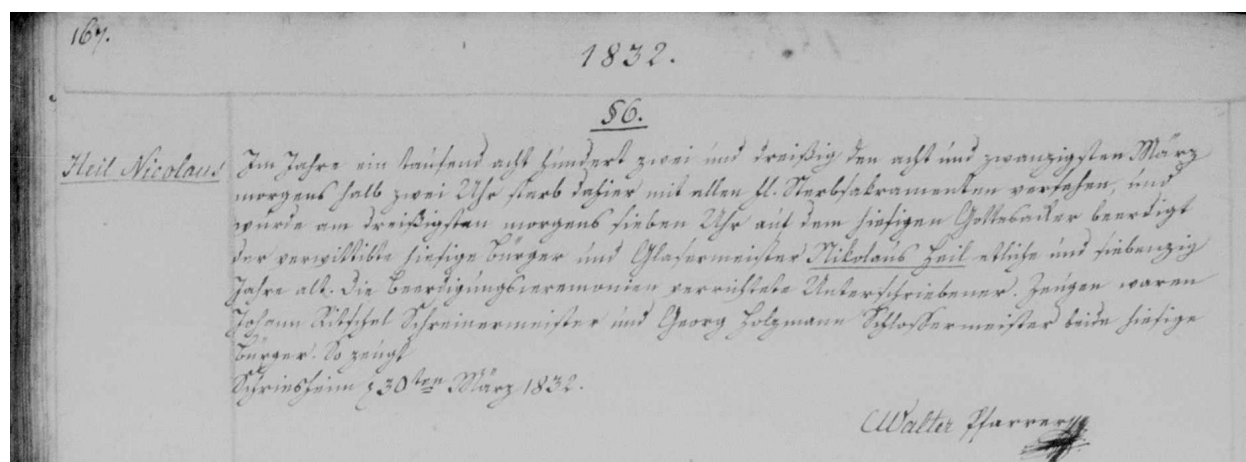
So far, one confirmatory DNA match on Ancestry.com⁹⁰ has been identified with a descendant of Maria Margaretha Heil's son Johann Peter Schuhmann, who immigrated to Australia in 1852.⁹¹

Initials of Match	cM	Likely relationship	Line of descent
GS	10 cM	6th cousin	Daughter of Eric Cecil Simpson (1935-1998) Granddaughter of Charles Richard Peter Simpson (1902-1981) G Granddaughter of Charles Thomas Simpson (1878-1960) GG Granddaughter of Mary Ann Schuhmann (1854-1915) GGG Granddaughter of Johann Peter Schuhmann (1827-1907) GGGG Granddaughter of Maria Margaretha Heil (1791-1850) GGGGG Granddaughter of Nikolaus Heil and Elisabetha Strommer

The Master Glassmaker of Schriesheim

The surviving records attest to a small number of facts about Nikolaus Heil. He had at least five children, and at least three of them lived to adulthood, married, and had children of their own, with the eldest, Georg, moving away to the Russian Empire. Nikolaus was married to Elisabetha Strommer, and resided for his adult life in Schriesheim in Baden.

Several of the church records attest to his profession: master glass maker. His own death and burial record, from 28 Mar 1832, describes him as "bürger und Glasermeister," citizen and master glazier.⁹²



⁹⁰ The DNA tester is the author's mother, born Mary Theresa Heil. Nikolaus Heil and Elisabetha Strommer would be her 5th great grandparents.

⁹¹ Johann Peter Schuhmann is found on the passenger list of a Russian-flagged vessel named Triton, which departed Hamburg on 20 Nov 1852, bound for Sydney, Australia. Hamburg Passenger Lists, available on Ancestry.com. Volume 373-7 I, VIII A 1 Band 004. <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/5710088:1068?ssrc=pt&tid=83596278&pid=122513878066> .

⁹² "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WF8J-ZRT2> : 17 September 2019), Nikolaus Heil, 28 Mar 1832; citing Burial, Schriesheim, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.

Nikolaus significantly outlived his wife, Elisabetha, who died in Jul 1816. She has both a Catholic⁹³ and a Lutheran burial record.⁹⁴

The Catholic record:

14.
Elisabetha
Heil

Verstorben im Jahre ein tausend acht hundert
fuffzigsten den vier und zwanzigsten juli nach Abend
7 uhr die frau Elisabetha geborene Strommer,
die hiesigen bürgin, und gläsermeister Nicolaus
Heil, alt 60 jahre, die selb. wird begeben den
2ten august morgen 8 uhr.
zuigen waren Seiner hiesigen bürgin
und Meisters, und Georg Michael Heil hiesiger
gläsermeister. Verstorben den 2ten august 1816.
Georg Brügge stampf

The Lutheran record:

14.
Elisabetha
Heil.

Verstorben im Jahre ein tausend acht hundert fuffzigsten
den vier und zwanzigsten juli nach Abend 7 uhr die
Frau Elisabetha geborene Strommer, die hiesigen bürgin,
und gläsermeister Nicolaus Heil, 60 jahre alt. die selb.
wird begeben den 2ten august morgen 8 uhr.
zuigen waren Seiner hiesigen bürgin
und Meisters, und Georg Michael Heil hiesiger
bürgin, und gläsermeister. Verstorben den 2ten august
1816.
Georg Brügge stampf

Both death records clearly identify her as Elisabetha Heil, born Strommer, the wife of Nikolaus Heil, citizen and glassmaker, with mention of her son Georg Michael Heil.

Conclusion

⁹³ "Deutschland, Baden, Erzbistum Freiburg, katholische Kirchenbücher, 1678-1930," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WF8J-ZYZM> : 17 September 2019), Elisabetha Stromer, 31 Jul 1816; citing Burial, Schriesheim, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg (Archbishop's Archives), Germany.

⁹⁴ "Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971," database, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPD4-6WM8> : 16 March 2023), Stromer, 1816; images digitized and records extracted by Ancestry; citing Burial, Schriesheim, Mannheim, Baden, Deutschland, German Lutheran Collection, various parishes, Germany.

The task of constructing the genealogy of this clan of Heils is made especially challenging by two migrations across significant distance. Konrad Heil and his wife and children immigrated from the Black Sea region to the United States in 1892. His grandparents Georg Heil and Katharina Kogler immigrated from Baden to the Black Sea in approximately 1810.

The purpose of this paper was to establish a case for constructing the patrilineal ancestry of Konrad Heil (1843-1918). While further evidence would elucidate additional details, thorough review allows for a solid genealogical conclusion.

- Konrad's father was named **Georg Michael Heil**, born approximately 1817 in Rohrbach, Beresan, married Maria Josepha Bengert on 28 Oct 1836 in Rastadt, Beresan, and died sometime after 1853, likely in München, Beresan.
- Konrad's paternal grandfather was **Georg Heil**, born on or shortly before 18 Aug 1785 in Schriesheim, Baden, married Katharina Kogler 4 Oct 1808 in Schriesheim, and died 22 Jan 1863 in Rastadt, Beresan.
- Konrad's great-grandfather on his paternal line was **Nikolaus Heil**, a glassmaker who lived for his adult life in Schriesheim, was married to Elisabetha Strommer, and who died on or shortly before 28 Mar 1832 in Schriesheim, Baden.

Appendix 1: Key Documents

North Dakota Death Certificate of Konrad Heil

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Township of Richardton 11/10
 or
 Village of Richardton
 or
 City of Stark No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____

Registered No. 5543

NORTH DAKOTA

If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number. If away from usual residence, give "Special Information" below

FULL NAME Konrad Heil

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
Sex	<u>male</u>	Color	<u>white</u>	Date of Death	Month	Day	Year
Date of Birth	Month	Day	Year	<u>August 31st 1918</u>			
Age	<u>75</u> Years	<u>8</u> Months	<u>16</u> Days	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from <u>Aug 25</u> 1918, to <u>Aug 27</u> 1918, that I last saw him alive on <u>Aug 27</u> 1918, and the death occurred on the date stated above, at <u>7:30</u> P.M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:			
Occupation	<u>Retired farmer</u>			<u>Cerebral haemorrhage</u> Duration <u>14</u> days			
Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced	<u>Married</u>			Contributory <u>Exhaustion</u> Duration <u>3</u> days			
Age at Marriage	<u>21</u> years			Signed <u>Geo. A. Roselle</u> M. D. <u>Aug 31</u> 1918, Address <u>Richardton U. S.</u>			
Number of Children	If married, age at first marriage _____ years Parents of <u>9</u> children, of whom <u>5</u> are living			Special information only for Hospital, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents			
Birthplace State or Country	<u>Russia</u>			Former or Usual Residence _____ How long at Place of death _____ days			
Name of Father	<u>unknown</u>			Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death? _____			
Birthplace of Father State or Country	<u>Russia</u>			Place of burial or removal <u>Richardton W. D.</u> Date of burial <u>Sept 1</u> 1918			
Maiden Name of Mother	<u>Anna Bulinger</u>			Undertaker _____ Address _____			
Birthplace of Mother State or Country	<u>Russia</u>			Filed <u>Sept 1</u> 1918 <u>John Muzzi</u> Registrar			

The above stated personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Informant Marfus Heil
 Address Richardton U. S.

Parish death record of Konrad Heil from St. Mary's Church in Richardton

Record of Interments.				Record of Interments.			
Date of Death & Burial.	Names of Persons Interred.	Place of Birth.	Age.	Disease.	Priest.	Cemetery.	Remarks.
Jan 27 - 31	Michael Jellen	S. Prussia	67 y.	Pneumonia	P. Lucas O.S.B.	McClary	B 49
Feb 7 - 8	Christina Jellen	S. Prussia	52 y.	Pyripelias	P. Lucas O.S.B.	St. Mary's	B 47
March 10 - 12	Alphina Jellen	S. Prussia	47 y.	Chronic Ophthalmia	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	B 16 ³
April 14 - 15	Leahland Blath	S. Prussia	63 y.	"	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	B 45
April 25 - 27	Elizabeth Thomas	Richardton	2 y.	"	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	"
July 1 - 2	Philip Jellen	Richardton	22 days	Convulsions	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	"
Aug 21 - 1 Sept	Conrad Heil	Russia	75 y.	Constitutional Hemorrhage	P. Lucas	"	B 21
Sept 6 - 8	Julia Conlon	Richardton	58 y.	Stroke of plexitis	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	B 143
Oct 5 - 7	Charlyetta Rinken	Richardton	15 y.	Septic appendicitis	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	B 162
Oct 14 - 15	Charlyetta Rinken	Russia	52 y.	"	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	B 162
Oct 22 - 26	John P. Benedict	Richardton	44	Pneumonia	P. Adelbert O.S.B.	"	B 88
Oct 26 - 27	John P. Benedict	Richardton	26 y.	Pneumonia	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	B 87
Nov 8 - 9	Joseph Jellen	Richardton	25	"	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	B 159
Nov 11 - 12	John Jellen	Richardton	25	"	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	B 158
Nov 13 - 15	John P. Benedict	Richardton	23	"	P. Adelbert	"	Block A 268 To Abbey Cemetery
Nov 17 - 19	John P. Benedict	Richardton	23	"	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	B 158
Nov 13 - 14	Michael Pflipsen	Richardton	3	Styphthias	P. Lucas O.S.B.	"	A 17
Nov 24 - 25	Joseph Miller	Russia	2	Pneumonia	P. Benedict	"	B 155
Nov 29 - 30	John Blath	Russia	2	Pneumonia	P. Benedict	"	B 152
Jan 14, 1898	Michael Hoff	Russia	2	Pneumonia	P. Benedict	"	B 9

Photo credit to Brian Heil.

WW2 draft card of Jacob Heil

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

SERIAL NUMBER 1917 I. NAME (Print) Jacob Heil ORDER NUMBER _____

U. 1917 Jacob Heil

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) Rapid City Penn S. Dak.

3. MAILING ADDRESS Route 2

4. TELEPHONE None 5. AGE IN YEARS 63 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Minichen

DATE OF BIRTH Feb 23 1877 Russia

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Barbara Heil, Route 2, Rapid City, S. Dak.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS A. B. Hood Warren-Lamb Co

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Warren-Lamb Lumber Co, Rapid City Penn S. Dak.

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 Jacob Heil (Registrar's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5'6 in.	150 lb.	Sallow
Negro	Blue	Blonds	Light
Oriental	Gray	Red	Ruddy
Indian	Hazel	Brown	Dark
Filipino	Brown	Black	Freckled
	Black	Gray	Light brown
	Hair	Build	Dark brown
			Black

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification: _____

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: Dale P. Kienitz (Signature of registrar)

Date of registration: April 27, 1942 (Date)

LOCAL BOARD
PENNINGTON COUNTY
RAPID CITY, S. DAK.
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

Appendix 2: DNA Matches to descendants of Konrad Bengert

The DNA tester's name at birth was Mary Theresa Heil (living), who is the daughter of Eugene David Heil (living), and the granddaughter of John Conrad Heil (1906-2004), and the g granddaughter of Jacob Heil (1879-1964), and the gg granddaughter of Konrad Heil (1843-1918).

Maria Josepha Bengert would therefore be the tester's 3rd great grandmother.

I think it is highly probable that the Konrad Bengert mentioned as Konrad Heil's godfather in the baptismal record is his maternal uncle. Supporting this hypothesis are the following DNA matches identified on Ancestry.com:

Initials	cM	Likely relation	Line of descent
MK	11cM	5th cousin	Daughter of [living] Granddaughter of Joseph Francis Lanz (1928-1961) G Granddaughter of Christian Adam Lanz (1885-1954) GG Granddaughter of Christina Bengert (b. 1846) GGG Granddaughter of Konrad Bengert (1817-1865)
SL	12 cM	5th cousin	Daughter of Dennis Dale Lanz (1952-2017) Granddaughter of Mary Christian Lanz (1931-2008) G Granddaughter of Christian Adam Lanz (1885-1954) GG Granddaughter of Christina Bengert (b. 1846) GGG Granddaughter of Konrad Bengert (1817-1865)
FB	16 cM	5th cousin	Son of Helen M Basting (1921-1997) Grandson of Katharina Brilz (1901-1985) G Grandson of Mathilda Schafer (1870-1935) GG Grandson of Katharine Bengert (1852-1908) GGG Grandson of Konrad Bengert (1817-1865)
KW	12 cM	5th cousin	Daughter of Frank Wetch (1934-1992) Granddaughter of Theckla Zerr (1901-1997) G Granddaughter of Barbara Shafer (1876-1968) GG Granddaughter of Katharine Bengert (1852-1908) GGG Granddaughter of Konrad Bengert (1817-1865)
CW	22 cM	4th cousin 1x removed	Daughter of Matilda Zerr (1904-1942) Granddaughter of Barbara Shafer (1876-1968) G Granddaughter of Katharine Bengert (1852-1908) GG Granddaughter of Konrad Bengert (1817-1865)
AL	8 cM	5th cousin 1x removed	Daughter of [living] Granddaughter of James Lipp (1941-2016) G Granddaughter of Stephen Lipp (1912-1965) GG Granddaughter of Margaret Schafer (1883-1960) GGG Granddaughter of Katharine Bengert (1892-1908) GGGG granddaughter of Konrad Bengert (1817-1865)
RL	16 cM	4th cousin 1x removed	Son of Amelia Mosbrucker (1916-2005) Grandson of Florentina Schaefer (1887-1918) G Grandson of Katharine Bengert (1852-1908) GG Grandson of Konrad Bengert (1817-1865)
JK	17 cM	5th cousin	Son of [living] Grandson of Marcella Elizabeth Geiger (1924-2007) G Grandson of Theresia Schaefer (1891-1968) GG Grandson of Katharine Bengert (1852-1908) GGG Grandson of Konrad Bengert (1817-1865)

Appendix 3: Konrad Heil Paternal Lineage Chart with Siblings and Spouses

1. Nikolaus HEIL (abt. 1762 – Mar 1832)

sp: Elisabeth STROMMER (abt. 1756 – Jul 1816)

2. Georg HEIL (abt. 18 Aug 1784 – 22 Jan 1863)

sp. Katharina KOGLER (21 Oct 1785 –)

3. Susanna Elisabetha HEIL (abt. 18 Sep 1808 – bef. 1811)

3. Georg Peter HEIL (abt. 1811 –)

sp. Sybilla ODENBACH (abt. 1809 – 8 Jul 1882)

3. Katharina HEIL (abt. 1814 –)

3. Heinrich HEIL (abt. 1815 – aft. 1878)

sp. Margaretha MEIER

sp. Anna Maria FEDERER

sp. Veronika OBENLOCH (abt. 1831 –)

3. Georg Michael HEIL (abt. 1817 –)

sp. Maria Josepha BENGERT (abt. 1816 – 6 Sep 1872)

4. Agnessa HEIL (abt. 1837 –)

sp. Karl ACKERMANN (abt. 1832 –)

4. Joseph HEIL (16 Dec 1839 –)

sp. Katharina REILE (abt. 1841 –)

4. Konrad HEIL (20 Sep 1843 – 31 Aug 1918)

sp. Anna Maria HÜBNER (22 Jan 1849 – 1892)

5. Barbara HEIL (19 Jul 1871 –)

5. Bernhard HEIL (24 Dec 1875 – 30 Aug 1901)

sp. Annie STICKA (23 Aug 1877 – 6 Nov 1970)

5. Philippina HEIL (23 Sep 1876 – 14 Jun 1939)

sp. Peter STECKLER (31 Dec 1873 – 15 Jan 1938)

5. Jacob HEIL (22 Feb 1879 – 17 Dec 1964)

sp. Barbara HEIDT (2 Nov 1883 – 27 Oct 1974)

5. Michael HEIL (15 Oct 1882 – 1 May 1964)

sp. Matilda HECK (28 Jan 1885 – 2 Sep 1971)

5. Markus HEIL (20 Oct 1884 – 19 Apr 1971)

sp. Anna Othelia BLEIER (25 Sep 1889 – 17 Aug 1917)

sp. Barbara HECK (15 Mar 1897 – 25 Sep 1991)

5. John HEIL (10 Apr 1887 – 27 Sep 1976)

sp. Catherine PIATZ (10 Apr 1887 – 27 Sep 1976)

4. Katharina HEIL (abt. 1845 – 7 Dec 1847)

4. Franziska HEIL (8 Sep 1849 – 18 Sep 1872)

sp. Johann STIEBICH

4. Anton HEIL (abt. 1853 – 13 Sep 1872)

3. Katharina HEIL (abt. 1819 –)

sp. Franz Michael Helfrich (abt. 1815 –)

3. Elisabetha HEIL

sp. Johannes Odenbach

3. Maria Eva HEIL (abt. 1821 –)

sp. Anton WILHELM (abt. 1817 –)

3. Anna Maria HEIL (abt. 1826 –)

- sp. Joseph MEIER
- 3. Agnes Agatha HEIL (14 Jul 1831 –)
- 2. Johan Mathias HEIL (abt. 14 Jul 1786 – Jul 1796)
- 2. Georg Michael HEIL (abt. 25 Sep 1788 –)
 - sp. Susanna Margaretha EDELMANN
- 2. Maria Margaretha HEIL (abt. 1791 – Sep 1850)
 - sp. Georg Friedrich SCHUHMANN
- 2. Friedrich Johan HEIL (abt. 23 Sep 1794 –)