

Huemmer Family

George Huemmer, son of George and ___ Burges Huemmer, was born June 18, 1868 in Roxbury Wisconsin, married Catherine Kessenic and died Oct 21, 1941 at his home on Commercial Ave. Catherine Kessenic, daughter of John and Barbara Esser Kessenic, was born Mar 7, 1864 in Madison and died Oct 21, 1938. They lived at 2834 Commercial Ave.

Georges was survived by five children, Henry, Carl and Ernestine of Madison, Frank of Skokie Illinois and Rev. William of Racine (obituary Wisconsin State Journal Oct 22, 1941).

On Mar 31, 1877, George bought a triangular piece of land in lot 1, section 7, Township 7 Range 10 (Blooming Grove near Lake Monona in Farwell's addition between the railroad and the public highway from L. Milbrand (D 107 pg. 87). And on Nov 5, 1898 he bought land on the south line of section 32, Township 8 Range 10 in the Town of Burke for \$1600 from Torrim and Karen Olson. This land was northwest of the Sun Prairie Road and east of the creek (D172 pg. 324). This would be the Commercial Ave property.

George and Katherine appear in census records beginning in 1905 in Burke. George is 37, owns his home, is gardening and lives next to George Sachs. In 1910 & 1920 his address is on the Sun Prairie Road, next to George Sachs (At this time there were no roads, other than the Sun Prairie Road. Commercial Avenue was just a dirt road, probably not named). By 1930 George, age 61, is living at 2847 Commercial Ave. He owns his home, his property is valued at \$2,000 and he is proprietor of a truck farm.

Henry G. Huemmer, son of George and Catherine Kessenich Huemmer, was born Mar 31, 1896 in Madison. He married Melina Rueth and died May 21, 1958. Melina Catherine, daughter of Lambert and Elizabeth Werner Reuth, was born Jan 22, 1900 in Jefferson, Wisconsin and died July 13, 1989. At their time of death, Henry's address was 2900 Commercial Ave and Melina's was 2834 Commercial Ave (Actually, this is the same address. This was farm land and daughter Barbara Huemmer Kluth explained that for years Henry was told to just use 2900 as his address).

Henry's obituary (Capital Times May 22, 19358) says that he was caretaker of the Fox Bluff home of Bishop William P O'Connor of the Madison Catholic Diocese. A High Mass was sung by his brother Rev. Fr. William Huemmer, pastor of St. Boniface's Catholic Church, Goldendale, Washington County. Bishop O'Connor gave the final absolution.

Melina's obituary (Cap Times July 15, 1989) says that she worked in the production department at the Rayovac Company for 38 years and retired in 1971.

In 1930, Henry and family were living at 2902 E. Washington Ave. He owned his home worth \$4500 and was a gardener. He later moved into the home of his parents.

Jean Slotten Lothe, who lived on Dahle Street, remembers going to the Huemmer farm to get milk. Her father made a small cart to carry it. She would go to the back door and the Huemmers gave her a bottle or jug of milk that she would haul home. She relates that it must have been winter and she slipped and fell on the back steps and broke the bottle. She fell on the glass and cut her behind. The Huemmers were very kind and gave her another bottle.

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