



THE HELMS FAMILY

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WESTPHALIA

Both the Helms and the Schmalgemeier families were from the area in Europe known as Westphalia—at times an independent country and for some time part of the Kingdom of Prussia. The area is now in the northwestern part of modern Germany.

They all lived around the town of Rahden, which is at the northern edge of what is now the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The earlier generations of the Helmses lived in Alswede, which is about 15 kilometers south of Rahden, and the more recent ones lived in the Preußisch Ströhen “district” of Rahden.

Marie Schmalgemeier’s father’s family was from Rahden, too, but she was born in the tiny village of Deckau in Drebbler in the Osnabrück district of Hanover, a Prussian province. Now just a cluster of houses in the state of Lower Saxony, Deckau is about 34 kilometers north of Rahden. Almost nothing is known about Marie’s mother, but perhaps she was from Deckau and that’s why Marie was born there.

All of the parish records used for this research are from the Evangelical Lutheran church.



The red marker shows the town of Rahden, which contains Preußisch Ströhen and Wehe. (Ströhen is sometimes spelled *Stroehen*.) Alswede is about 15 kilometers south of Rahden, and Deckau (in Drebbler) is about 34 kilometers north of it. Courtesy of Google Maps.

HENRY HELMS' GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

CHRISTIAN LUDEWIG AND ANNA CATHARINA HELMS

Anna Catharina's maiden name is unknown. Their son Carl married Friederike Henriette Benus.

JOHAN FRIEDERICH BENUS

Johan's wife's name is unknown. Their daughter Friederike Henriette married Carl Helms. Note that the last name is spelled *Bruns* in Johann Helms' and Marie Christine Niemeier's marriage records. However, it's *Benus* in most records.

JOHANN CONRAD FRIEDRICH AND ANNE MARGARETHE DOROTHEE (LANGHORST) NIEMEYER

Johann Conrad Friedrich Niemeier married Anne Margarethe Dorothee Langhorst. They had nine children, all born in Rahden, Westphalia:

- Christian Heinrich Niemeier, born March 14, 1794.
- Friedrich Wilhelm Niemeier, born February 05, 1796.
- Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Niemeier, born May 22, 1798. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Anne Margarethe Christine Wilhelmina Niemeier, born August 01, 1800.
- Georg Carl Dietrich Niemeier, born April 22, 1803.
- Georg Carl Dietrich Niemeier, born April 22, 1803.
- Christoph Heinich Niemeier, born September 23, 1806.
- Anne Margarethe Marie Elisabeth Niemeier, born July 21, 1809.
- Friedrich Conrad Gottlieb Niemeier, born July 12, 1813.

Their son Johann Friedrich Wilhelm married Anna Margarethe Catherine Dorothee Schroeder.

JOHAN WILHELM AND CHRISTINE WILHELMINE LOUISE (SCHLICHTE) SCHROEDER

Johan Wilhelm Schroeder married Christine Wilhelmine Louise Schlichte January 24, 1798, in Rahden. They had six children:

- Anna Margarethe Catherine Dorothee Schroeder, born June 23, 1799, in Rahden. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Anna Margarethe Wilhelmine Sophie Schroeder, born February 6, 1798.
- Sophie Dorothee Schroeder, born September 24, 1801, in Rahden.
- Friedrich Wilhelm Schroeder, born June 17, 1803, in Rahden.
- Wilhelmine Elisabeth Schroeder, born September 14, 1813, in Rahden.
- Heinrich Anton Schroeder, born September 10, 1816, in Ströhen.

Their daughter Anna Margarethe Catherine Dorothee married Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Niemeyer.

HENRY HELMS' GRANDPARENTS

CARL HEINRICH HELMS AND FRIEDERIKE HENRIETTE BENUS

Carl Heinrich Helms was born about November 1807 in Alswede, Westphalia. He married Friederike Henriette Benus February 25, 1827, in Alswede, daughter of Johan Friederich Benus. She was born about October 1806 in Alswede.

Friederike had married Gottlieb Friedrich Beste January 27, 1850, and they had children together. He must have died.

Carl and Friederike had a son: Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Gottlieb Helms, born June 10, 1827, in Alswede. He married Marie Christine Elisabeth Niemeier.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH WILHELM AND ANNA MARGARETHE CATHERINE DOROTHEE (SCHROEDER) NIEMEYER

Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Niemeyer was born May 22, 1798, in Rahden. He married Anna Margarethe Catherine Dorothee Schroeder October 31, 1823, in Preussisch Ströhen.

They had ten children, all but one born in Rahden:

- Anne Margarethe Wilhelmine Niemeier, born December 25, 1823. She married Johann Christian Friedrich Meier December 03, 1852, in Rahden.
- Christine Wilhelmine Niemeier, born September 14, 1834. She married Christian Friedrich Meier March 23, 1866, in Evangelisch, Preussisch.
- Catharine Marie Niemeier, born September 19, 1832. She married Wilhelm August Meier March 10, 1865, in Evangelisch, Preussisch.
- Marie Christine Elisabeth Niemeier, born December 22, 1837. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Dorothee Margarethe Niemeier, born December 24, 1829, in Ströhen. She married Heinrich Friedrich Woltmann October 12, 1855, in Preussisch.

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- Sophie Marie Niemeier, born October 4, 1825.
 - Christian Friedrich Niemeier, born March 5, 1828.
 - Christine Caroline Niemeier, born February 11, 1841; died April 20, 1841.
 - Christoph Heinrich Niemeier, born December 4, 1836; died December 7, 1836.
 - Caroline Sophie Niemeier, born August 24, 1842.

HENRY HELMS' PARENTS

JOHANN FRIEDRICH WILHELM GOTTLIEB HELMS AND MARIE CHRISTINE ELISABETH NIEMEIER

Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Gottlieb Helms was born June 10, 1827, in Alswede. He first married Sophie Dorothee Klampermeier, daughter of Christoph Heinrich Klampermeier, on September 10, 1852, in Preussisch Ströhen. They had three children, all born in Preussich Ströhen:

- Christian Friedrich Helms, born about February 1853.
- Conrad Heinrich Helms, born July 1855.
- Marie Sophie Helms, born about July 1858.

Johann then married Marie Christine Elisabeth Niemeier April 11, 1860, in Ströhen. Johann Helms and Marie Niemeier had four children together:

- Carl Friedrich Helms, born about October 15, 1860, in Preussich Ströhen.
- Friedrich Wilhelm Helms, born March 16, 1864, in Preussich Ströhen; died 1941. He married Marie Elise Luehning January 30, 1891, in Rahden.
- Heinrich Hermann Helms, born September 11, 1867, in Preussich Ströhen; never married; died November 1, 1937, in Colorado or Kansas. Buried in Burdett, Barton County, Kansas.
- Christian Heinrich/Henry C. Helms, born September 19, 1877. **Our ancestor; see later section.**

Johann died October 29, 1876, and Marie married Heinrich Wilhelm Lagmueller November 7, 1883. He had previously been married to Marie Sophie Rueter, who had died in 1882.

Heinrich Lagmueller and his first wife had had five children, and three of their daughters came to Great Bend, Kansas, before their stepbrother Heinrich (Henry) arrived.

- Sophia Dorothea Lagmueller, born February 11, 1868, married Wilhelm Frederick Picker May 29, 1887 in Great Bend and died October 5, 1912, in Riverside, Orange County, California.
- Dora Lagmueller, born March 13, 1870, in the Wehe district of Rahden, married Jacob Harenberg December 26, 1892, in Great Bend and died April 16, 1947, in Trinidad, Colorado.

- And Marie Louise Lagmueller, born January 3, 1876, came to the USA in May 1893 with the destination of Great Bend on the immigration ship's list. She married Rudolph F. Pieper between then and 1900 and died July 16, 1958, in Los Angeles.

Heinrich Lagmueller and Marie Niemeyer Helms had one child together: Wilhelmine Christine Lagmueller, born about 1884. She stayed in Germany with them.

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MARIE SCHMALGEMEIER'S GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

Nothing is known at this time about Marie's great-grandparents on her mother's side. The following are her great-grandparents on her father's side.

FRANZ HEINRICH AND CHRISTINE MARIE ELISABETH (TANNEN) SCHMALGEMEIER

Franz Heinrich and Christine Marie Elisabeth were married August 29, 1810, in Rahden. They had at least two sons, both born in Rahden:

- Johann Christoph Wilhelm, born May 26, 1811.
- Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Schmalgemeier, born November 8, 1813. **Our ancestor; see later section.**

Two other births in Rahden are recorded for boys born in Rahden to Franz Heinrich Schmalgemeier and Marie Elisabeth Schmalgemeier. Was Christine's name recorded or transcribed incorrectly, or was this a different couple? This was before Franz Heinrich and Christine Marie Elisabeth were married; sometimes priests went back in the registers and changed the name of the mother after she married. These two births were

- Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Schmalgemeier, christened December 16, 1807, died September 5, 1811. It would not have been unusual for the parents to give a later son the same name after a child died young.
- Friedrich Heinrich Schmalgemeier, born June 8, 1810.

The Johann Friedrich Wilhelm who was born in 1813 married Catharine Marie Elisabeth Kroeger.

THOMAS AND CHRISTINE (TIEKER) KROEGER

Thomas and Christine (Tieker) Kroeger were the parents of Catharine Marie Elisabeth Kroeger, who was born October 25, 1825. She married Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Schmalgemeier.

MARIE SCHMALGEMEIER'S GRANDPARENTS JOHANN FRIEDRICH WILHELM AND CATHARINE MARIE ELISABETH (KROEGER) SCHMALGEMEIER

Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Schmalgemeier was born November 18, 1813. He married Catharine Marie Elisabeth Kroeger February 15, 1843, in Rahden.

- Johann and Catharine Kroeger had four children:
- Franz Heinrich/Henry Schmalgemeier, born about December 31, 1842, in Rahden. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Dorothea Sophia Schmalgemeier, born about 1846 in Rahden. Married William Eikmeier February 04, 1870, in Rahden and died in Pawnee County, Kansas, in 1929.
- Christian Wilhelm Schmalgemeier, born about 1853 in Rahden, Prussia; died March 31, 1872.
- Sophie Marie Schmalgemeier. She married Christian Heinrich Klingsieck March 25, 1870, in Rahden.

Nothing is known at this time about Marie's grandparents on her mother's side.

MARIE SCHMALGEMEIER'S PARENTS HENRY AND FRIEDRIKE (?) SCHMALGEMEIER

Henry Schmalgemeier's birth date varies slightly in the records. The Rahden, Westphalia, parish records transcribed by FamilySearch say he was born December 31, 1843[sic], and baptised January 3, 1843[sic]. The year has to be incorrect in one of those. His Declaration of Intention and Petition for Naturalization gave his birth date as January 1, 1842, and his son-in-law, Henry Helms, said it was January 1, 1843, for his death certificate.

Almost nothing is known about his wife; she reportedly died of tuberculosis when their only daughter, Marie, was young. One of her granddaughters (who never knew her) thought her name was Freda Rike. Marie was born in the tiny village of Deckau in Drebber, Hanover (about 34 kilometers north of Rahden), so it's possible Henry's wife was from there.

Marie is called Fredrika in some documents, which makes me think the name Freda Rike perhaps should have been Fredrika. Marie is "Friedarika" on the immigration ship's list, and her husband said it was "Freda Rita" in the 1940 census. That's interesting since she gave her middle name as Liesette when she got married, her father said her middle name was Lisette in his naturalization application, and her family said it was Leusette when she died.

She and her father came to Great Bend, Kansas, from Drebber. They arrived in New York City on the steamship *Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse* February 27, 1901. Marie later told her children she was seasick all the way across the ocean. They had left from Bremen February 19, so the voyage lasted about a week.



The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Courtesy of New York Public Library.

The authorities at Ellis Island placed a hold on Henry because of a disability (which is, unfortunately, illegible). His grandchildren remembered he was crippled and couldn't walk straight, so he wasn't allowed to enter the U.S. directly and had to come through Canada instead.

Henry and Marie had traveled with Henry's sister, Dorothea Sophia Schmalgemeier Eikmeier, and her husband, William, so Marie probably completed her journey to Great Bend with them. The Eikmeyers had previously come to Great Bend, Kansas, established a farm, and become naturalized citizens.

Henry became a citizen in 1906 and worked on his sister and brother-in-law's farm, later in Garfield, Pawnee County, until a few months before his death. He stayed with his daughter the last few months of life and died June 25, 1924.

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HENRY AND MARIE (SCHMALGEMEIER) HELMS

Henry Helms arrived in New York City on September 20, 1893, having traveled from Bremen and Southampton in steerage on the steamship *Havel*. The ship's list describes him as a 16-year-old farmer from Germany.

Although his three stepsisters apparently were already living in Great Bend, Kansas, his destination was East Henderson, Minnesota, where his older brother Herman was living.

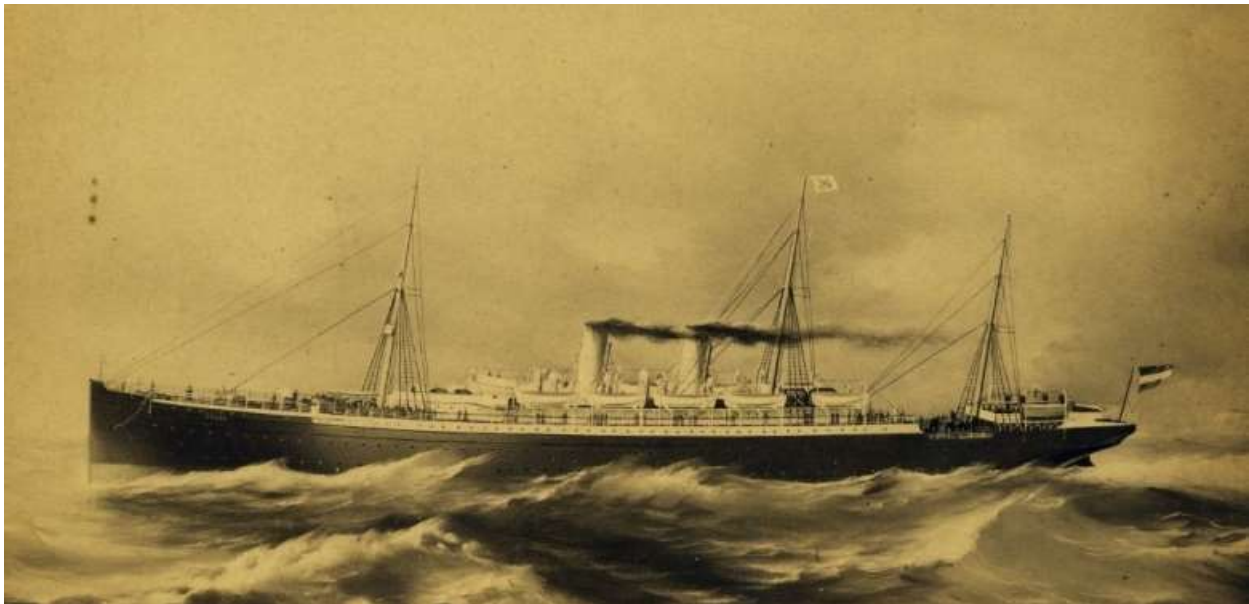
His early years in the USA are not clear. His daughter said he did farm work with his brother for a while. He was naturalized in 1898.

At some point, he moved to Great Bend and worked on Dorothea and William Eikmeier's farm in Liberty, Barton County, Kansas. The Eikmeiers had immigrated from Rahden (same place as Henry) about 1890, so it's possible he knew them or their families in Europe.

In 1901, Dorothea's widowed brother Henry Schmalgemeier and his daughter Marie arrived from Hanover, and they began working for Dorothea and her husband as well. That is how Henry and Marie met; they were married April 15, 1904, in Great Bend.

In the 1905 Kansas state census (March 1, 1905), Henry and Marie were still living in Liberty but not with the Eikmeyers.

Later that year, their first child, Mary, was born in Dundee while Henry was working on the railroad.



The *Havel*, 1893. Courtesy of Hoboken Historical Museum.



Herman and Henry Helms, soon after Henry's arrival in the USA.



Remains of Henry and Marie Helms' post rock house.



Closeup of limestone rocks used to build the house.
Photos by Laurel Busch, 1977.

By the 1910 census, they had three children and owned a farm in the Browns Grove township (near the little town of Burdett), Pawnee County. In the next few years, the family grew and they bought a farm in the Shiley township north of Burdett. They were there in the 1920 census. They lived in a small post rock house for a while and then built a frame house on another part of their property.

They had nine children:

- Mary Carolyn Helms, born August 23, 1905, in Dundee; did not marry; died September 17, 1979, in Larned, Pawnee County.
- Christ H. Helms, born July 28, 1907, in Pawnee County; did not marry; died June 26, 1986, in Larned.
- Martin William Helms, born May 24, 1910, in Burdett; married LaVone Casey in McCracken, Kansas, July 21, 1947, and had four children; died September 25, 1979, in Dighton, Kansas.
- Fred Helms, born July 12, 1911, in Burdett/Shiley; died after drinking coal oil July 12, 1912.
- Bill F. Helms, born May 19, 1913; married Irene Dreher in Liebentahl August 30, 1949, and had two children; died March 14, 1997, in Spearville, Kansas.
- Christina M. Helms, born September 13, 1916; married Harold Meckfessel in Garfield March 24, 1942, and had three sons; died August 3, 1991, in Larned.
- Rose Wilhamina Helms, born March 19, 1918; married Fred Busch in LaCrosse, Rush County, Kansas, February 5, 1948, and had three children; died November 12, 2003, in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada.
- Lena Dora Helms, born August 10, 1920; married Orville Schwertfeger May 11, 1941, and had a son; died March 20, 2002, in Barton County.
- Emma M. Helms, born February 1, 1923, in Burdett/Shiley; married Ray Williams in Rush Center, Kansas, September 13, 1948, and had three children; died January 07, 2007 in Fort Worth, Texas.

In the 1940s Henry and Marie bought a big, frame farmhouse. Their son Christ moved their former house across the property to where the old post rock house still sat, and he lived in it the rest of his life.

The big farmhouse was sold at auction to the Millers after Henry and Marie died.

Henry was described as having medium height, a stout build, dark blue eyes, and dark hair in his World War I draft registration. He spoke English well, but Marie did not. She didn't speak it all in the 1920 census, and her children remembered she spoke broken English in later years.

Marie died September 11, 1952. Henry lived with their daughter Christina and her family until his death September 24, 1956.



Martin, Bill, Christ, Henry, Christina, Marie, Rose, Lina, Emma. Missing: Fred and Mary. Early 1940s?



Last Helms home. Photo by Phillip Busch, 1960.

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Ancestors of Henry C. Helms
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Christian Ludewig Helms

b:
m:
d:

Anna Catharina ?

b:
d:

Carl Heinrich Helms

b: Abt. Nov 1807 in Alswede,
Westfalen, Prussia
m: Feb 25, 1827 in
Evangelisch, Alswede,
Westfalen, Prussia
d:

**Johann Friedrich Wilhelm
Gottlieb Helms**

b: Jun 10, 1827 in Alswede,
Westfalen, Prussia
m: Apr 11, 1860 in Stroehen,
Westfalen, Prussia
d: Oct 29, 1876

Johan Friederich Benus

b:
m:
d:

Friederike Henriette Benus

b: Oct 1806 in Evangelisch-
Lutherische, Alswede,
Westfalen, Prussia
d:

Name:

b:
d:

Henry C. Helms

b: Sep 19, 1877 in Germany
m: Apr 15, 1904 in Great Bend,
Barton Co., Kansas
d: Sep 24, 1956 in Burdett,
Pawnee Co., Kansas

**Johann Conrad Friedrich
Niemeyer**

b:
m:
d:

**Johann Friedrich Wilhelm
Niemeyer**

b: May 22, 1798 in Rahden,
Westfalen, Preußen, Germany
m: Oct 31, 1823 in Evangelisch,
Preussisch Stroehen,
Westfalen, Prussia
d:

**Marie Christine Elisabeth
Niemeier**

b: Dec 22, 1837
d: Mar 07, 1902 in Rahden,
Westphalia, Germany

**Anne Margarethe Dorothee
Langhorst**

b:
d:

Johan Wilhelm Schroeder

b:
m: Jan 24, 1798 in Rahden,
Westfalen, Prussia
d:

**Anna Margarethe Catherine
Dorothee Schroeder**

b: Jun 23, 1799 in Rahden,
Westfalen, Prussia
d:

**Christine Wilhelmine Louise
Schlichte**

b:
d:

Ancestors of Marie Schmalgemeier
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Franz Heinrich Schmalgemeier

b:
m: Aug 29, 1810 in
Evangelisch, Rahden,
Westfalen, Prussia

d:

**Johann Friedrich Wilhelm
Schmalgemeier**

b: Nov 18, 1813
m: Feb 15, 1843 in
Evangelisch, Rahden,
Westfalen, Prussia

d:

Christine Marie Elisabeth Tannen

b:

d:

Henry Schmalgemeier

b: Dec 31, 1842 in Rahden,
Westfalen, Prussia
m:
d: Jun 25, 1924 in Shiley Twp.,
Burdett, Pawnee County,
Kansas

Thomas Heinrich Kroeger

b:

m:

d:

**Catharine Marie Elisabeth
Kroeger**

b: Oct 25, 1825

d:

Christine Wilhelmine Tieker

b:

d:

Marie Liesette Schmalgemeier

b: Apr 25, 1883 in Deckau,
Drebber, Osnabrück (district),
Hanover, Prussia
m: Apr 15, 1904 in Great Bend,
Barton Co., Kansas
d: Sep 17, 1952 in Burdett,
Pawnee Co., Kansas

Name:

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Name:

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Name:

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Frida ?

b:

d:

Name:

b:

d:

Name:

b:

m:

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Name:

b:

d:

Christian Heinrich/Henry C. and Marie (Schmalgemeier) Helms Family

Husband:	Henry C. "Christian Heinrich" Helms
Birth:	Sep 19, 1877 in Germany ³
Marriage:	Apr 15, 1904 in Great Bend, Barton Co., Kansas ⁴
Death:	Sep 24, 1956 in Burdett, Pawnee Co., Kansas ⁵
Burial:	Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett, KS
Father:	Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Gottlieb Helms ¹
Mother:	Marie Christine Elisabeth Niemeier ²

Wife:	Marie Liesette Schmalgemeier ⁶
Birth:	Apr 25, 1883 in Deckau, Drebber, Osnabrück (district), Hanover, Prussia ⁷
Death:	Sep 17, 1952 in Burdett, Pawnee Co., Kansas ⁵
Burial:	Sep 19, 1952 in Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett, KS
Father:	Henry "Franz Heinrich Schmalgemeier" Schmalgemeier
Mother:	Frida ?

Children:	
1	Name: Mary Carolyn Helms
F	Birth: Aug 23, 1905 in Dundee, KS ⁸
	Death: Sep 17, 1979 in St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital, Larned, KS ⁹
	Burial: Sep 20, 1979
2	Name: Christ H. Helms
M	Birth: Jul 28, 1907 in Pawnee County, Kansas ¹⁰
	Death: Jun 26, 1986 in Hammond Holiday Home, Larned, Pawnee Co., Kansas ¹¹⁻¹²
	Burial: Jun 28, 1986 in Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett, KS ¹³
3	Name: Martin William Helms
M	Birth: May 24, 1909 in Burdett, Pawnee County, KS ¹³⁻¹⁴
	Marriage: Jul 21, 1947 in McCracken, Kansas ¹⁵
	Death: Sep 25, 1979 in Lane County Hospital, Dighton, Kansas ¹³
	Burial: Sep 27, 1979 in Dighton Memorial Cemetery, Dighton, Kansas ¹³
	Spouse: LaVone Casey
4	Name: Fred Helms
M	Birth: Jul 12, 1911
	Death: Jul 12, 1912
	Burial: Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett, KS
5	Name: Bill F. "Willie" Helms
M	Birth: May 19, 1913
	Marriage: Aug 30, 1949 in Liebenthal, Kansas ¹⁶
	Death: Mar 14, 1997 in his home in Spearville, Kansas ¹⁷
	Burial: Mar 17, 1997 in Browns Grove, Burdett, KS ¹⁶
	Spouse: Irene Dreher

Christian Heinrich/Henry C. and Marie (Schmalgemeier) Helms Family

6 Name: Christina M. "Fern Kristine Mabel" Helms
 F Birth: Sep 13, 1916 in Family farm, Burdett, Kansas¹⁷
 Marriage: Mar 24, 1942 in Methodist Church Parsonage, Garfield, Kansas¹⁶
 Death: Aug 03, 1991 in Hammond Holiday Home, Larned, Pawnee County, Kansas¹⁶
 Burial: Aug 06, 1991 in Garfield Cemetery, KS¹⁷
 Spouse: Harold A. Meckfessel

7 Name: Rose Wilhamina Helms
 F Birth: Mar 19, 1918 in Shiley, Kansas¹⁸
 Marriage: Feb 05, 1948 in St. Michael's Catholic Church, LaCrosse, Kansas
 Death: Nov 12, 2003 in St. Mary's Hospital, Reno, Washoe Co., Nevada¹⁹
 Burial: Nov 19, 2003 in Mountain View Cemetery, Washoe Co., Nevada¹⁹
 Spouse: Fredrick Carl "Freddie" Busch

8 Name: Lena Dora Helms
 F Birth: Aug 10, 1920 in Kansas²⁰
 Marriage: May 11, 1941 in Home of F. J. Schwertfeger²¹
 Death: Mar 20, 2002 in A nursing home, Barton Co., KS¹⁹
 Spouse: Orville Frank Schwertfeger
 Other Spouses: Nick Louis Bieberle (Oct 09, 1981 in Ellinwood, Barton Co., KS)²²

9 Name: Emma M. Helms
 F Birth: Feb 01, 1923 in Burdett, Barton Co., Kansas²³
 Marriage: Sep 13, 1948 in Rush Center, Kansas²⁴
 Death: Jan 07, 2007 in Fort Worth, Texas²⁵
 Spouse: Raymond Williams

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Christian Heinrich/Henry C. and Marie (Schmalgemeier) Helms Family

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