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## HECKER-BECKER

spected. His only daughter married a nobleman of high title, and resides in Athens, Greece.

Mrs. Sarah Pankhurst died in a pretty home on Arlington street in 1894. Her youngest daughter, a fine-looking woman of about 70 years, is the only remaining member of the family yet living. The parents were interred in Erie street cemetery, but may have been removed to Lake View.

The children of John and Sarah Wellsted Pankhurst:

<i>William J. Pankhurst</i> , b. 1833; m. Mary Brady.	<i>Sarah E. Pankhurst</i> , b. 1842; m. Ferdinand Ruple; 2nd, James Ritchie.
<i>John Forster Pankhurst</i> , b. 1838; m. Maria Coates.	<i>Thomas J. Pankhurst</i> , b. 1845; m. Elisabeth Welhoff.
<i>Mary A. Pankhurst</i> , b. 1840; m. Ferdinand Ruple.	

Mrs. Elisabeth Pankhurst is a widow living with her son H. F. Pankhurst on 109th street, a sweet-faced woman of refined, cordial manners.

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Henry Hecker and his wife Christina Wilhelm Hecker were middle-aged, and with a family of four, grown children when they immigrated from near the river Rhine, Germany, to this country.

Their eldest daughter was married and did not accompany them. The eldest son of the family was a cripple, the younger one was 20 years of age; and fear that he might be forced into the German army made his mother's working hours miserable, and her nights sleepless. So the parents severed the ties of almost a life-time, sold their possessions, and came across the sea.

The Heckers settled on a farm belonging to Philip B. and Edward Andrews, an hundred-acre tract lying out Superior street near E. 79th street. (Those thoroughfares were not then laid out.)

The family lived in a log-house that had been occupied by the parents of the Andrews brothers. The site is on the south side of Superior street near its junction with E. 79th.

Mrs. Hecker died there and was buried in Doan street cemetery, corner of Euclid. Long afterward, when that burial-site was demolished to make way for commerce, she was reinterred in Lake View.

The children of Henry and Christina Hecker:

<i>Barbara Hecker</i> , m. Jacob Becker.	<i>John Hecker</i> , m. Julia ———.
<i>Elisabeth Hecker</i> , m. Peter Miller.	<i>Peter Hecker</i> , m. Caroline Cross.

## HECKER-BECKER

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Becker followed their parents to this country after the latter were well established in their new home. They had a large family of children, the older ones of whom were born in Germany.

The Beckers lived in the same locality in Cleveland that their parents had chosen, near the junction of Superior and E. 79th. It was then covered with big forest-trees. Fifty years later these families gave names to two East End streets, Hecker and Becker avenues.

## Children of Jacob and Barbara Becker:

<i>Elisabeth Becker</i> , m. Jacob Hecker, a cousin.	<i>Catherine Becker</i> , m. Catherine Bau- bilt.
<i>Michael Becker</i> , m. Caroline Smith.	<i>Mary Becker</i> , m. George Abel.
<i>Ellen Becker</i> , m. Wm. Beckenback.	<i>Julia Becker</i> , m. Coonrad Rolph.
<i>Barbara Becker</i> , m. David Wehl- muth.	

The fourth and fifth surnames of above marriages may not be correct, or the writer had to spell them by sound, not being familiar with their nomenclature.

Many of the descendants of the above families reside in the vicinity of the pioneer home. Among them is William Abel, whose large furniture store and undertaking establishment is located at 7017 Superior street.

Died. Luther Willes, aged 41 years.  
Josiah Pomeroy, aged 33 years. (Erie st. cemetery.)

Fugitives. Edward and Jonathan Jackson of Virginia advertise in *Herald* for runaway slaves Martin and Sam. \$500 reward. Martin is described as a very handsome light mulatto.

Cardy Parker "wishes to sell 100 acres of land within three miles of court-house on the great road down the lake (Euclid ave.) 30 acres improved, frame-house and barn."

Black Hawk, the Indian Chief who had been defeated in an Indian war, carried on in the West, while a prisoner and being taken through Cleveland, requested the officers in charge to allow him to visit the grave of his mother. He went in a skiff to the present site of River st. cemetery and remained an hour in silent meditation.

Ague still causing much suffering in town and around and about it. New England people fumigating and disinfecting all letters received from Ohio before reading them.

At this date, and many succeeding ones, people who reached the age of 45 or 50 were considered *old folks*.