

## Johann Heinrich Joseph Sundorf

Reference number: 64

Born on the/in (*geboren am/in*): 6. September 1790 in Darfeld  
 Baptized on the/in (*getauft am/in*): 7. September 1790 in Darfeld, St. Nikolaus  
 Godparents (*Taufpaten*): J. Her. Sondorp / M. Bussman  
 Religion (*Religion*): Catholic  
 Parents (*Eltern*): Gerd Henrich Sundorf / Anna Margarethe Weghake  
 Number of known siblings (*Anzahl bekannter Geschwister*): 2 Siblings, 4 Half siblings  
 Confirmation on the/in (*Firmung*): ?  
 Occupation/profession (*Beruf*): Small farmer and Weaver (*Kötter und Weber*)  
 Death on the/in (*verstorben am/in*): 17. March 1870 at 6 am in Billerbeck, Bombeck 11 (Germany)  
 Cause (Todesursache): Old age (*Altersschwäche*)  
 Burial on the/in (*Beerdigung am/in*): 19.3.1870 in Billerbeck, St. Johannes the Baptist

### Spouse 1 (*Ehepartner 1*):

<b>Maria Catharina Fehmer (1792-1830)</b>	
Marriage date ( <i>Heiratsdatum</i> ): 18. April 1815 Location ( <i>Ort</i> ): Billerbeck, St. Johannes the Baptist Witnesses ( <i>Trauzeugen</i> ): Johann Heinrich Wesseler / Maria Elisabeth Röttgering	Individual Detail Sheet: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Nr.: / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

### Children (*Kinder*):

1. Child	Name: Elisabeth Maria Catharina Fehmer Born on the/in ( <i>geboren am/in</i> ): Born on 31. December 1815 in Billerbeck, Bombeck 11 Death on the/in ( <i>verstorben am/in</i> ): 4. September 1884	Individual Detail Sheet: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Nr.: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2. Child	Name: Georg Heinrich Fehmer Born on the/in ( <i>geboren am/in</i> ): 14. October 1819 in Billerbeck, Bombeck 11 Death on the/in ( <i>verstorben am/in</i> ): 11. June 1892	Individual Detail Sheet: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Nr.: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3. Child	Name: Anna Gertrud Fehmer Born on the /in ( <i>geboren am/in</i> ): 25. April 1823 in Billerbeck, Bombeck 11 Death on the/in ( <i>verstorben am/in</i> ): 5. April 1884	Individual Detail Sheet: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Nr.: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
4. Child	Name: Franz Henrich Fehmer Born on the/in ( <i>geboren am/in</i> ): 9. November 1827 in Billerbeck, Bombeck 11 Death on the/in ( <i>verstorben am/in</i> ): 10. December 1889	Individual Detail Sheet: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Nr.: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

### Spouse 2 (*Ehepartner 2*):

<b>Anna Maria Christina Alfes (1793-1873)</b>
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Marriage on the/in ( <i>Heiratsdatum</i> ): <b>14. September 1830</b> Location ( <i>Ort</i> ): <b>Billerbeck, St. Johannes the Baptist</b> Witnesses ( <i>Trauzeugen</i> ): <b>Franz Hüsing / Franz Bußman</b>	Individual Detail Sheet: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, Nr.: 65 <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Children (*Kinder*):

1. Child	Name (Name): <b>Maria Anna Fehmer</b> Born on the/in ( <i>geboren am/in</i> ): <b>9. December 1831 in Billerbeck, Bombeck 11</b> Death on the/in ( <i>verstorben am/in</i> ): <b>20. May 1849</b>	Individual Detail Sheet: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Nr.: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2. Child	Name (Name): <b>Theodor Johann Bernhard Fehmer</b> Born on/in ( <i>geboren am/in</i> ): <b>4. October 1834 in Billerbeck, Bombeck 11</b> Death ( <i>verstorben am/in</i> ): <b>16. March 1903</b>	Individual Detail Sheet: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, (Nr.): 32 <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Child	Name (Name): <b>Bernhard Heinrich Fehmer</b> Born on/in ( <i>geboren am/in</i> ): <b>2. January 1837 in Billerbeck, Bombeck 11</b> Death ( <i>verstorben am/in</i> ): <b>13. December 1903</b>	Individual Detail Sheet: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Nr.: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
4. Child	Name (Name): <b>Anna Maria Therese Fehmer</b> Born on/in ( <i>geboren am/in</i> ): <b>9. May 1841 in Billerbeck, Bombeck 11</b> Death ( <i>verstorben am/in</i> ): <b>after 1921</b>	Individual Detail Sheet: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Nr.: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Additional information (*Weitere Informationen*):

Uncommon in these times, Johann Heinrich Joseph Sundorf took his wife's name: Maria Catharina Fehmer. Accordingly, their four children had the family name Fehmer. Also unusual, Johann Heinrich Jopseh Sundorf kept the name after his wife's early death. His second wife, Anna Maria Christina Alfes, and their four children also received the family name "Fehmer" and not Sundorf or Alfes, which is the normal procedure. We do not know why the spouses took the name Fehmer. One possibility could be that Maria Catharina Fehmer's family had a farm, and the farm and the family that runs it should keep the traditional name.

**Kötter:** A "Kötter" (also spelled "Kötter" or "Köter") is a historical term used in German-speaking regions, particularly in rural areas of northern and central Germany, to describe a small farmer or cottager. Kötter typically owned a modest amount of land, often just enough for subsistence farming. Unlike larger landowners or full-time farmers, Kötter did not usually possess extensive agricultural holdings. They typically supplemented their income through additional work, such as day labor or artisanal crafts. The term is rooted in the feudal and agrarian societies of medieval and early modern Germany, where land ownership and social status were closely intertwined. Regions where the term was commonly used include Westphalia, Lower Saxony, and parts of Schleswig-Holstein.

The **family name "Sundorf"** is of German origin, combining "Sund," which could refer to a strait or a narrow body of water, and "dorf," meaning village. This name can be interpreted as "Village by the Strait" or "Sun Village," suggesting a settlement near a body of water or a place characterized by its sunny location. Though relatively rare, the surname is most commonly found in North Rhine-Westphalia. The combination of elements in "Sundorf" reflects typical naming conventions in German-speaking regions, where geographical features often influenced place and family names.

Existing documents (*Vorhandene Dokumente*):

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Sources (*Quellen*):

Birth and Baptismal (Geburt und Taufe): [https://data.matricula-online.eu/de/deutschland/muenster/darfeld-st-nikolaus/KB006\\_1/?pg=6](https://data.matricula-online.eu/de/deutschland/muenster/darfeld-st-nikolaus/KB006_1/?pg=6)

Marriage 1 (Heirat): [https://data.matricula-online.eu/de/deutschland/muenster/billerbeck-st-johannes-der-taeufer/KB008\\_2/?pg=6](https://data.matricula-online.eu/de/deutschland/muenster/billerbeck-st-johannes-der-taeufer/KB008_2/?pg=6)

Marriage 2 (Heirat): <https://data.matricula-online.eu/de/deutschland/muenster/billerbeck-st-johannes-der-taeufer/KB010/?pg=26>

Death (Tod): <https://data.matricula-online.eu/de/deutschland/muenster/billerbeck-st-johannes-der-taeufer/KB017/?pg=5>