

# Our Family News Letter

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## Bits and Pieces from Burlington, Wisconsin Newspapers

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February 2, 1895, Burlington Standard Democrat:

Brighton Briefs: **Henry Heck**, while returning home from Burlington, had the misfortune to be thrown from his wagon and have several ribs broken. He was taken to the home of Mr. Norris and Dr. Fulton summoned. He remained at the home of Mr. Norris for a few days but at present he is at home and improving rapidly.

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April 23, 1898, Burlington Standard Democrat:

Brighton Briefs: **James Heck**, who is in the employ of H. Wilson, met with a serious accident while returning from his work Wednesday. The team he was driving became frightened and ran away, throwing Mr. Heck off the wagon. His foot became entangled in the lines and he was dragged several rods, receiving a few severe scalp wounds.

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*Note: James Heck was the son of Henry Heck and Mary Ann McNulty. He was the progenitor of the Burlington Hecks.*

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### Fred D. Heitkemper Marries at Age 67

Elizabeth Anna Maria Guthof Stratman, mother of Clara Stratman, married Fred D. Heitkemper in about 1860, in Germany, following the death of her husband, Anton Stratman. Elizabeth died on November 30, 1893, at Waterford, Wisconsin.

On October 11, 1900, at the age of 67 years, 10 months and 17 days, Fred D. Heitkemper married a second time. The following article was in the Saturday, October 13, 1900, issue of the Burlington Standard Democrat.

"The marriage of Mrs. Julia Heiligenthal, of this city, and F. Heitkemper, Sr., of Waterford, took place at 8 o'clock Thursday morning at St. Thomas Catholic church in Waterford, Rev. Weyer performing the ceremony. They were attended by Mrs. H. F. Henningfeld (Clara Stratman) and Barney Kortendick. Mr. and Mrs. Heitkemper came to this city in the afternoon and visited at the home of H. F. Henningfeld. They will make their home in Waterford for the present."

Seven years later the following article appeared on the front page of the Wednesday, February 6, 1907, issue of the Burlington Free Press.

### "MARRIAGE A FAILURE" "An Old Couple Tried It, Got Dissatisfied and are Divorced."

"At Racine last week Tuesday a decree of divorce was granted Mrs. Julia Heitkemper, aged 70, from Fred Heitkemper, aged 74, both residents of this city. Charges of cruel treatment were made by both. Mr. and Mrs. Heitkemper were married at Waterford October 11, 1900. This was their second venture in matrimony. Both are well-to-do. Mrs. Heitkemper resumes her name, Mrs. Julia Heiligenthal."

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## Caroline "Carrie" Henningfeld Died at Age Four

Caroline Wilhelmina Henningfeld was the seventh child of Henry Henningfeld and Clara Stratman. Known as "Carrie", she was a close playmate of her sister, Margaret F. Henningfeld. The two were only two years apart in age. Margaret was six when her sister died.

The following items appeared in the Saturday, April 23, 1887, issue of the Burlington Standard Democrat.

### DIED

**CARRIE HENNINGFELD**, aged 4 years and 3 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henningfeld, died Wednesday, April 20, 1887.

The death of little Carrie Henningfeld, which occurred Wednesday morning, and who was buried yesterday morning, was caused by blood poisoning received from an ulcerated tooth. The child was always healthy and robust and never was sick until two weeks before she died, when she complained of tooth ache. All that could possibly be done for her to alleviate her sufferings was attended to, but without avail until claimed by death.

### Cards of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. H. Henningfeld return thanks to those of their friends, who so ably assisted them during the sickness and death of their child.

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### Death Notice

The Milwaukee Journal 21 Oct 1970  
**Walburga Henningfeld**

Nee Emmerich, of 4366 N. 65th St., Monday, October 19, 1970, aged 89 years, beloved mother of Evelyn Brahm and Carlos S. Henningfeld, sister of Lulu Stanek, Carl Staroste and Helen Hauser, mother-in-law of Marie Henningfeld; also survived by 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral Thursday, October

22, at 9:45 a.m. from the Ritter Funeral Home, 5310 W. North Ave., to Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 4063 N. 64th St., for 10:30 a.m. mass. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 9 p.m. Christian Mothers and Alter Society vigil at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

*Note: Walburga was the wife of Carlos H. Henningfeld who died 9 November 1950. Walburga and Carlos were married on 22 April 1901. Their wedding picture is shown below.*



### Civil War Veteran Obituary

St. Louis, Missouri Newspaper

### Frederich W. Henningfeld

Entered into rest on Friday, January 25, 1918, at 8 a.m., Frederick Henningfeld, beloved husband of Anna Henningfeld, after a short illness, aged 71 years. Funeral will take place on Monday, January 28, at 7:30 a.m., from residence, 1630 Knapp

Street, to St. Liborius Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. New Haven, MO papers please copy.

*Note: Frederick W. Henningfeld was the son of Johann Wilhelm Henningfeld and Catherine Elizabeth Bruggerman from Waterford, Wisconsin. He was the nephew of Franz Henningfeld and 1st cousin to Henry Henningfeld. Frederick and Anna had a daughter, Mary Henningfeld, who died at the age of 7 on 17 August 1888. Anna died 6 January 1932 at St. Louis.*

## Air Force Reunion at Orlando

I used the internet to search out and find many of the guys that I was stationed with and worked with in 1959-1962 at Ramstein and Giebelstadt, Germany. It started out when I pulled out a group picture that I had taken at a softball game and beer bust in 1959. The picture showed 16 guys. I wanted to see how many of the guys could still be found. Initially I didn't even know which State they had come from. After many hours on the internet and many phone calls I was finally able to find 11 of the guys. Three were deceased and the other two had very common names: Jerry Jones and Bill Young. I found one in New York, two in Louisiana, and one each in Tennessee, Washington State, Florida, Nevada, Arizona, Mexico, Canada, Virginia.

Two years ago we had our first reunion in New Orleans. We hadn't seen each other for about 40 years. We had a great time and while everyone had changed in looks, their personalities were just about the same as I had remembered them.

This year we had our second reunion in Orlando, Florida, in October. It was also great. We got to see the Space Shuttle land at the Kennedy Space Center. It was really nice to watch the landing from the Launch Pad 39 observation tower. To our right we could clearly see the next Space Shuttle mounted and almost ready for their November launch. To our left we could see the landing.

We also spent a day at Epcot and one day at Sea World. Each evening we went out to eat at a differ-

ent restaurant. Probably the highlight had to be eating at a German beer garden at Epcot.

We haven't selected a location for our next reunion in 2004, but some of the guys are talking about a possible reunion in Germany.

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## THE WORM'S EYE VIEW: My Father's Stories By Beth Maltbie Uyehara

My grandfather Charlie MALTBIE was always on the cutting edge of technology. For instance, Dad said, theirs was the first household in town to have a telephone. After it was installed, they had to wait a few weeks for someone else to buy one so they could make a call.

Charlie bought his first automobile as soon as they were available. (Or, more accurately, as soon as Grandma would let him.) I'm guessing that this was about 1905. Whatever the year, there weren't too many other horseless carriages around, and traffic laws were being devised on an as-needed basis. Charlie and my dad -- then a young boy -- went for a drive to "break in" the new car. They sped out of town at the invigorating speed of five miles per hour, while horses reared and terrified pedestrians leaped to safety. Once out of town, they chugged sedately down a one-lane dirt road, a cloud of dust billowing up behind them. The car was reputed to be able to do 20 mph, an unthinkable dangerous speed, and Charlie planned to get well away from town before he let 'er rip. As they headed into the countryside, they heard a faint honking -- "ooog-ah, ooogah" -- far behind them. My dad peered back through the dust towering up in their wake.

"It's the fire truck!" he yelled at Charlie. The local fire department had one of the few other self-propelled vehicles around. Dad was in seventh heaven. The only thing more exciting than a circus or a horseless carriage was a fire!

Charlie pushed down on the accelerator. "I'll get outta their way," he hollered back.

The car salesman had not told Charlie what the protocol was in a situation like this, so he was on his own. Charlie's main concern, as he later explained to the judge, was to get out of the way so the fire truck could make it in time to save whatever distant farm was burning.

The odometer inched toward 10 mph as the car bounced down the narrow dirt road. The fire truck, however, was closing the gap.

"They're right behind us, Pa. Go faster!" my dad yelled, and Charlie pushed harder on the accelerator. Eleven mph. Twelve mph. Fifteen mph!

My dad was on his knees hanging over his seat back, quivering with excitement. "They're almost on top of us," he screamed. "Faster! Faster!"

The "ooogah-ooogahs" were indeed gaining on them. Charlie grimly hunched over the steering wheel and floored the accelerator. Eighteen mph. Nineteen. Twenty . . . On either side of the road, rows of corn flew past in a dizzying blur. The little procession careened around curves and up and over hills for a few miles at this reckless speed, until Charlie's nerve gave out. He couldn't outrun them: The faster he went, the faster the fire truck followed, honking furiously.

"She won't go any faster," Charlie finally cried in despair. He stuck his arm out the window and pumped it in what he hoped was a meaningful gesture, then braked and swerved into the ditch

beside the road. The car bounced violently, teetered on two wheels, then belched to a stop right side up. The fire truck, too, slammed on its brakes. Before it rolled to a complete stop, the firemen were swarming all over Charlie's car. It turned out that Charlie's car was what was on fire. The firemen had been pursuing them since they left town. What Charlie and my dad thought was dust billowing behind them had, in fact, been smoke. The flames and sparks shooting from beneath the rear bumper were visible to the people they passed, but not to the car's occupants.



The firemen put the fire out in short order and helped Charlie and my dad push the car back to town; Charlie eventually appeared before the local magistrate on charges of driving a burning vehicle at an unsafe rate of speed, and paid a small fine; and the story had a happy ending.

Of course, the episode became a part of local folklore. It was, old timers often mused, the only time the Geneva Fire Department ever had to chase a fire ten miles to put it out.

*This story is true and it reminds us that we should jot down those stories from our past and share them with your family members. If you don't share them they will be lost forever. If you have a story to tell, why not jot it down and send it to Bob Heck for inclusion in Our Family News Letter?*

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#### **Peter McNulty Found in New Brunswick?**

According to the naturalization papers for Peter McNulty, he had departed from Warrenpoint, Northern Ireland on April 10, 1834, and arrived at the Port at St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada about one month later. Peter was 27 or 28 years old at the time. From St. Johns, Peter McNulty traveled by a smaller ship to Boston and arrived there on June 8, 1834. Many searches through the passenger lists of St. Johns, New Brunswick and of Boston were fruitless.

After searching through many records I had found that the name McNulty is often spelled McAnulty. Even the early Irish records show the name spelled both ways. Many times I have seen the name transcribed as McNully while the actual record was McNulty. Often the crossing of the letter "t" was far to the right which made the name look like McNully. Perhaps the name was spelled differently.

Based on that hunch I decided to do a search of the transcribed New Brunswick records for 1834. I found that a Peter McAnally, age 28, arrived at St. Johns in 1834 on board the ship the "Betsy Heron" from Ireland. I'll order the microfilm and see if it is Peter McNulty.



### Amanda Burgess Found in 1880 Census

Amanda Foster Burgess, the second wife of Benjamin Burgess, was found in the 1880 US Census for Wisconsin. Amanda was found living in the city of Racine, Wisconsin next door to her daughter, Martha Burgess Ticknor. Amanda was listed as a widow, 81 years of age, and was born in New York State.

Amanda, born in 1799, came to Wisconsin with her husband Benjamin Burgess and their children in 1836. They settled at Somers, Kenosha County, Wisconsin and started a saw mill on the Pike River. The site is right next to the Petrified Springs Park and to the Parkside University. Benjamin died in 1838, and Amanda never remarried. She was 39 years old when her husband died. Amanda and her children operated the saw mill with the help of her father, Alfred Foster.

Amanda is buried at the Oakwood Cemetery, Somers, Wisconsin, exactly two miles south of the saw mill location.

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### Lucia Schaefer Bovie found remarried

Thanks to Pamela E. Kebis, daughter of LaDonna Mae Heck and Richard J. Wagner, some information was found on the demise of Lucia Schaefer Bovie. Lucia Schaefer was the niece of Anna Barbara Schaefer, first wife of Johann Heck. Lucia Schaefer was born on February 22, 1833 at Alendorf, Germany. She came to Wisconsin in 1852 with her parents, Johann Schaefer and Maria Katharine Lux. On November 13, 1856, Lucia Schaefer married Johann Peter Bovie at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. In 1857 she and her husband moved to Swan Lake, Minnesota along with nine other German families.

A witness to her wedding was Johann P. Schaefer, her brother. A letter written by Christian Bovie in 1857 to his brother-in-law in Alendorf makes reference to her wedding. (*Note: The letter was pub-*

*lished in "Our Family News Letter", Issue 9, in June, 1995.)*

Pamela Kebis found that Lucia Schaefer Bovie remarried to Nicholas Schoenecker sometime after 1877, following the death of Johann Peter Bovie. From the Minnesota Cemetery Index, Pamela found that Lucia Schoenecker was born February 22, 1833, and died January 15, 1896. She was buried at the Union Hill Cemetery, Derrynane, LeSueur County, Minnesota.

Nicholas Schoenecker was born on March 17, 1832 and died on October 6, 1887. He is buried next to Lucia and his first wife.

### Nicholas Schoenecker Obituary

Nicholas Schoenecker was one of the first if not the first to settle in the Union Hill area. One historical reference state of him arriving in 1852. His land was section 25 of Belle Plaine Township which is still in the Schoenecker name.

In 1860, Nicholas was selected the spokesman of a committee of Union Hill men who called on Bishop Grace in St. Paul. They came to request the assignment of a priest to the new church they had recently constructed. However, their request was not accepted due to the shortage of priests and the closeness of the church to St. Benedict's Church.

Nicholas was born near Waxweiler, Germany. Two of his brothers also came a couple of years later and settled nearby. Nicholas was married to Katherina Lochen and they raised a family of six boys. They were Matt of Fargo, North Dakota; Bartel of Andale, Kansas; Henry of Fargo, North Dakota; Nick of Idaho; Peter of Jordan; and Hubert of Union Hill. In addition two girls died while at a young age. Katherina was not closely related to the other Lochens in Union Hill if at all related. She died at the age of 46 in 1877. Mr. Schoenecker married again to Mrs. Lucia Schaefer Bovie, a widow. All three are buried in Union Hill.

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**Did you know** that The Postmaster of Alendorf, Germany is Theo Heck? His wife is in charge of tourist information for Alendorf.

## William Foster Family

William Foster, who settled in Oswego County, New York around 1808, was a farmer near Hannibal. Family tradition says that he fought at the Battle of Sackett's Harbor, although there is no military record for him. He was killed by a falling tree in 1831. After his death, his widow, Olive Bettis Foster, married John Terpening and remained in New York until after his death in 1856.

Many of her children followed their uncle, **Albert Foster**, one of the founders of the Western Emigration Company, in emigrating to Kenosha County Wisconsin in the 1840s. Their names were: Andrew William Foster (1806-1892), Eliab Foster (1808-1872), Eliza Ann Foster (1813-1892), and Sarahette Foster (1825-1889). After the death of John Terpening, Olive and her youngest living child, Julia Ann (1830-1921) also moved to Kenosha County.

Andrew married Prudence Cornwall (1808-1895) in Kenosha Co WI and lived there the rest of his life. Eliab married Jane Rebecca Clark of Naples NY (1826-1852). After her death, he married her sister, Martha Jeanette Clark (1828-1908) in 1852 in Bristol, Kenosha Co WI. In the early 1860's, he moved his family to Ford Co IL where he lived the rest of his life.

Eliza Ann married Peter Van Alstine (1800-1891). She moved to Racine Co WI in 1838, and lived the rest of her life in Kenosha Co WI, which was created from Racine Co. Sarahette married Eli Calendar; after his death, she married Willard Dutton (1834-?) in 1857 in Bristol, Kenosha Co, WI. Julia Ann married Joseph Hicks, and died in Kenosha Co WI in 1921.

From: Family Migration Trails  
[www.rootsweb.com/~nyoswego/treasures/families1.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyoswego/treasures/families1.html)

These new pages will feature information about the migration trails of your ancestors, from or to Oswego County, including by means of the Great Lakes, stretching westward from Canada to

Minnesota. If your ancestors were part of this movement, let us hear about them, so they may be "Featured" on these pages. It will help researchers to trace where their ancestors went to after leaving Oswego county, or where they came from.

For more information on the Great Lakes and the reasons why your ancestors traveled through them, please see the "Great Lakes Migration

***NOTE: The Albert Foster in the article was shown in some records as Alfred Foster. He was the father of Amanda Foster Burgess, second wife of Benjamin Burgess.***

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## Vital Records of Rhode Island

In the "**Vital Records of Rhode Island**" published by James N. Arnold in 1893, Volume 4 covers the area of Little Compton, Rhode Island. There were several key birth and marriage records listed for the **BURGESS** family. Here are two of the marriages for my 5th and 6th great grandfather's:

**Reference 30,164:** Thomas Burgess and Martha Closson were married by Justice Joseph Church on October 24, 1707. Martha Closson was born Martha Wilbour, and she was the widow of Timothy Closson.

**Reference 75,178:** John Burgess and Hannah James were married by Justice Richard Billings on April 3, 1740. Their intention was published on March 15, 1740.

Here is the descendency from Thomas Burgess down to me.

Thomas Burgess (1668-1743)  
John Burgess (1711-1796)  
Benajah Burgess (1761-1830)  
Benjamin Burgess (1794-1838)  
Patience Burgess (1823-1894)  
Mary Ann McNulty (1844-1912)  
Robert S. Heck (1879-1923)  
Robert G. Heck (1909-1995)  
Robert J. Heck (1940- )

## The Adam Dibble Family

Loretta McNulty, youngest daughter of Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess, lived in Wilmot, Wisconsin with Lawrence McNulty after the death of her father in about 1880. Wilmot is a small community located in the southwestern part of Kenosha County, Wisconsin. Lawrence is thought to be the brother of Peter McNulty for this reason.

Loretta was married to Adam Dibble on February 19, 1887, at the house of the rector of St. Francis Xavier Catholic church at Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. The witnesses were James Henry Heck and Mary Ann Heck, a nephew and niece of Loretta. Loretta was 18 years old and her nephew was 17 and her niece was almost 16 at the time of the wedding. Adam Dibble was 26 years old. The marriage was thought to be a mixed marriage as Adam was not Catholic.

Loretta and Adam had a family group picture taken about 1914. The picture shows Loretta and Adam seated and standing from left to right were Sylvester, Bessie, Beulah, and Charlotte Dibble and Ralph Fields, Charlotte's future husband.



Marriage information was found in the Racine County vital records Vol 5, pg 160. The civil record showed her name as "Lauretta McNolty". Loretta and Adam were found living in Bristol, Wisconsin in the 1910 census. In later years the family moved to Antioch, Illinois.

Loretta and Adam had two children, Sylvester Dibble, born December 11, 1887, and Charlotte "Lottie" Mary Dibble, born September 5, 1889. Sylvester married Bessie Ann Turnock and Charlotte married Ralph Fields.

Adam Died on July 1, 1936 at Antioch, and Loretta died on January 27, 1949 at Antioch. Her obituary misspelled her last name.

### Mrs. Dieple, 82, Dies at Antioch

*"Antioch - Mrs. Loretta M. Dieple, 82, of 270 Ida Avenue, died today in her home following a lingering illness.*

*Mrs. Dieple was born in Kansasville, Wisconsin, September 15, 1866, and came to Antioch 16 years ago.*

*She is survived by a son, Sylvester, of Salem, Wisconsin, a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Fields, Antioch. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday with the Reverend G. Richard Tuttle, officiating. Burial will be in Hickory Union cemetery. Friends may call tonight at the Strang funeral chapel at Antioch."*

From: Waukegan News-Sun, January 27, 1949.

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### Lawrence McNulty Dies

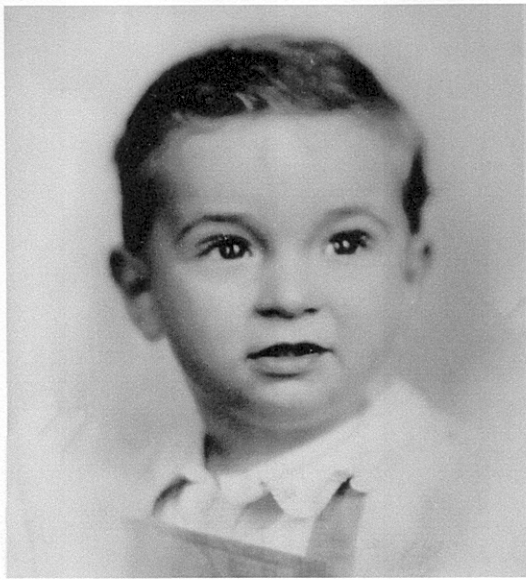
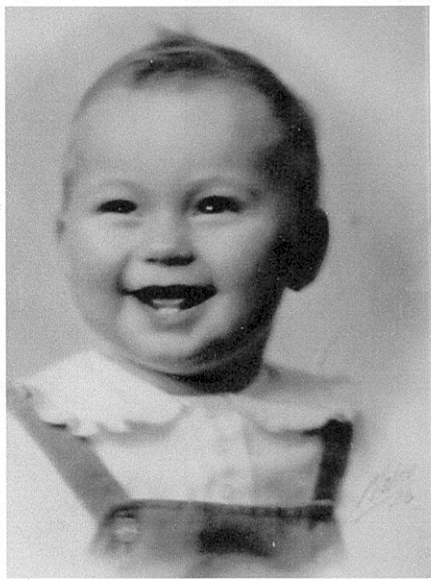
*"Lawrence McNulty, a well known resident of Silver Lake and old settler of this township died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Bluim Tuesday morning.*

*Mr. McNulty was 91 years of age and was born in Ireland. He has a half sister living yet and is survived by three children, two sons and a daughter. They are Mrs. Henry Bluim of Silverlake, Tony McNulty of Duluth, Minnesota, and John McNulty of Iowa.*

*Mrs. McNulty died seven years ago."*

From the Wilmot Agitator: October 16, 1909.

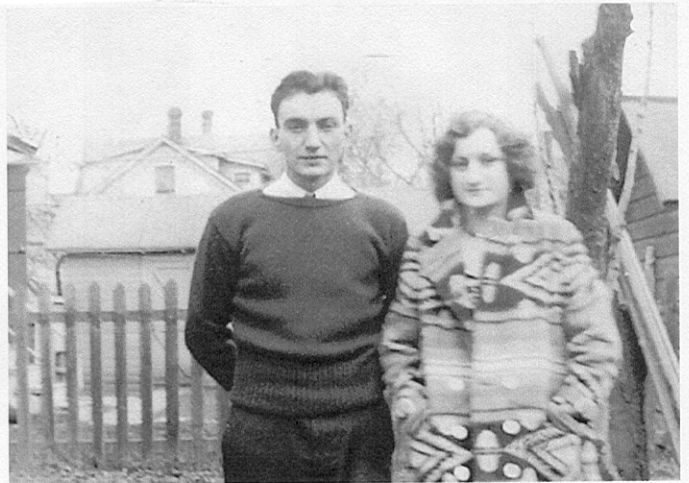




L-R: Gary, Bob & Don Heck



L-R: Tilie, Lydia, Bohumil, Anna, Mary, John Mikel



Bohumil Mikel & Mary Mikel Heck



Mr & Mrs Polanski with Tilie & Lydia Mikel



Bob Heck & Mary Mikel on 1st Date