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Newspaper Clips on Clarence H. Heck

While working on a presentation called, "Internet Research For The Beginning Genealogist" I tried a search through the Newspaper Archives for Clarence Heck. Clarence was the son of Robert Steven Heck and Margaret Frederica Henningfeld. He was my Dad's older brother.

There were some interesting articles found during the search and I thought that I would list them in chronological order for you.

Burlington Standard Democrat: 4 February 1905. A son was born on January 27, 1905 at Burlington to **Robert Heck** and **Margaret Henningfeld** of Burlington.

Racine Daily Journal: Tuesday, 28 January 1908, page 5. Master **Clarence Heck** celebrated his third birthday anniversary yesterday afternoon at his home on Hubbard Street by entertaining a number of his little friends. Lunch was served and a good time had by the little folks who wished him many more happy birthdays. Those present were Mable Crilley, Hazel Steffins, Ruth Crilley, Elsie Cook, Francis Crilley, Vernon DeRyke, George Cook, Everette Bell, **Harold Heck**, Herbert Bell, William Crilley, Jr.

Racine Daily Journal: Friday, 10 March 1911, page 7. Miss Frances Crilley celebrated her eight birthday anniversary at her home on Jones Street. Those present were: Grace Green, Ada Crilley, Violet Johnson, Marie Wustum, Kenneth Crilley, Mabel Oleson, Catherine DeRyke, **Clarence Heck**, Mabel Orney, Marie DeRyke, **Margaret Heck**, **Robert Heck**, Ruth Crilley, Dorothy Anderson, Elsie Cook, Clara Peterson, Esther and Grace Crilley, of Milwaukee, Irvin and Emma

Emma Drinkwater, of Union Grove. Late in the afternoon refreshments were served.

The Racine Journal News: Saturday, 31 July 1915. "Character Parade at Island Park Attracts Large Crowd."

Despite the rain a large and appreciative audience witnessed the character parade given at Island Park playground yesterday afternoon. For the lover of variety the production left nothing to be desired. Pricilla and Topsy, Madam Butterfly and Charlie Chaplin, farmers and pirates all shared alike in honors. The number and detail of characters gave the judges an unenviable task.

The characters were:

Little Boy Blue ---- Byron Langenfeld

Simple Simon ---- Roy Hilker

King Cole ---- Solomon Fox

Fiddlers Three ---- Thorwald Hanson, **Clarence Heck**, Bernard VanBree

(Editor's note: The list of kids and characters went on listing forty or fifty of them.)

A Star Newsboy



Clarence Heck

This is Clarence Heck, one of the enterprising young newsboys of Racine.

When he started to sell Americans his order was four copies daily. He now sells fifty-five. He has bought Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps.

Read the **Chicago Evening American**
Every Day

CHICAGO EVENING AMERICAN

Buy It Anywhere

It Is Everywhere

Racine Journal News: Monday, 20 May 1918, page 10. (Editor's Note: The article on the previous page shows a picture of **Clarence Heck** at the age of 13 years being honored as "A Star Newsboy".) The article reads:

"This is **Clarence Heck**, one of the enterprising young newsboys of Racine. When he started to sell Americans his order was four copies daily. He now sells fifty-five. He has bought Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps."

Racine Journal News: Thursday, 8 January 1920, page 7. At a largely attended card party in Father Matthew hall held last evening by the ladies of St. Patrick's congregation, the following prizes were awarded: Cinch, Mrs. Thomas Lynch, **Clarence Heck**; euchra, Mrs. McNamara, the Rev. F. A. McCarthy; rummy, Miss Cook, Mrs. Viggo Poulsen; schafskopf, **Mrs. R. Heck** and J. Murphy; "45" Mr. McGee. Miss Stella Jacobsen was in charge of last evening's successful party. On Jan. 21, the next party of the series will be held.

Racine Journal News: Thursday, 1 July 1920, page 12. Thompsonville, Wisconsin June 30th. Melvin Lux and **Clarence Heck** of Racine spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. **Matt Heck**.

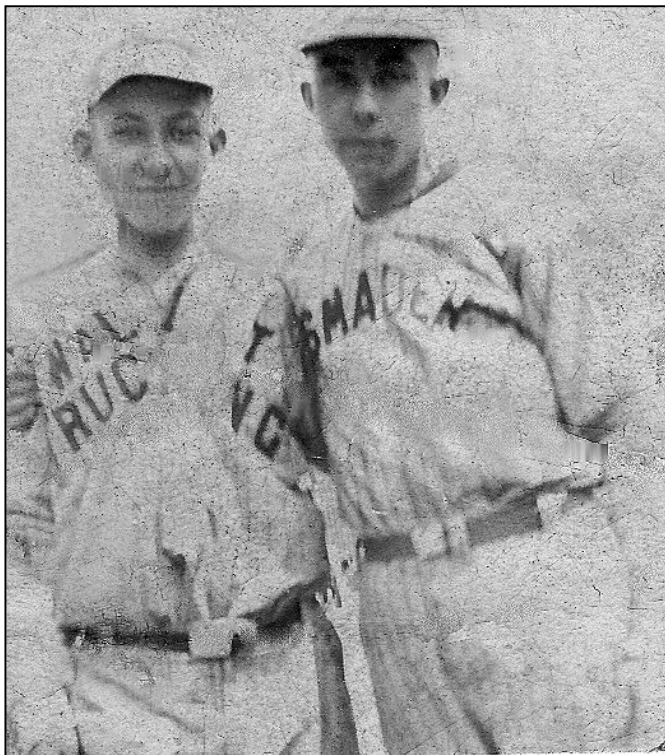
Racine Journal News: Thursday, 6 October 1921, page 9. "Card Party Prizes." Sixty-five tables of cards were played last evening at St. Joseph's hall, North Erie Street. Prizes were awarded as follows: Schafskopf, Mrs. Mary Barta, Marjorie Welsh, Bob Connelt, Phillip Smith; rummy, Lawrence Pier, Louis Pfeifer, Lucille Cooper and Gertie Heins; 500, Mr. Broker, J. Porter, Eleanor Thielen and Mrs. E. Wemmert; Cinch, **Clarence Heck**, Julius Ritter Sr., Mrs. Devine and Mrs. Marlaw.

(Editor's Note: Cinch is a card game that I had not heard about. Here are the rules. "The dealer must deal 9 cards to each player, dealing clockwise. The person to the left of the dealer is the

first one to bid. The player's bid can range from pass to cinch. It can be pass, 1 bid, 2 bid, 3 bid, 4 bid, or cinch. Each of these bids corresponds with how many points (high, low, jack, game) you think you can earn in that round with a certain suit (hearts, clubs, spades, diamonds). Passing means that you have no chance for any of the four points. Cinch and a 4 bid means that you are absolutely sure that you can get all the points. The person with the highest bid now chooses which suit they want to make their attempt in, this will be known as the trump suit. Now, everyone discards all their cards that are not in the trump suit. Next, the dealer deals out any number of cards that will give each player a total of 6 cards. This is how every round starts. Talking about anything having to do with that round is prohibited.")



L-R: Robert Gerald Heck 5, Clarence Henry Heck 9, Alvin James Heck 3 in 1914 at Racine, Wisconsin.



L-R: Robert Gerald Heck 14 and Clarence Henry Heck 18, taken about 1923. The two brothers played on different baseball teams at Racine, Wisconsin.

Odds & Ends from the Newspaper Archive

Racine Journal News: Monday, 23 November 1914, page 3. Attend Golden Jubilee.

Bridesmaid and Best Man of Wedding 50 Years Ago Attend Anniversary of Event.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Henningfeld of the Village of Waterford left today for Waukesha, where they will assist Mr. and Mrs. John Wurms of that place in celebrating their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Henningfeld were bridesmaid and best man at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wurms at the city of Burlington in this county 50 years ago. Mrs. Wurms is Mr. Henningfeld's sister. A large number of Burlington

and Waterford friends will attend the anniversary. (*Editor's Note: Mrs. Wurms was Caroline Henningfeld, daughter of Franz Henningfeld and Catherine Elizabeth Richter, and sister of my great grandfather, Henry F. Henningfeld of Burlington, Wisconsin.*)

Racine Journal News: Friday, 9 April 1920, page 5.

People's Safety Valve.

To the Editor of Journal News: Why are rents so high (that) a poor workingman can't get a house in which to live? Whose fault is it? In my opinion it's the fault of the people themselves in offering rewards of \$5, \$10 and even as high as \$25 for information that will enable them to locate a place. Who is the gainer in such a transaction aside from the landlord? He sees the advertisements and naturally he thinks the advertiser has the money, or the income, to pay a pretty fair rental, and as a result he slaps two or three dollars more on the rent. The workingman can't pay it. He will move and then the landlord will get the increase in rent, and the \$10 or \$25 besides. Any one offering this amount ought to go east - from here- and, in a good many cases, it's the workingman that happens to have a pretty fair job and is making \$10 or \$12 a day now that he's doing it. He is only hurting himself and the workingman who is less fortunate has to suffer for it. Look out, you fellows who offer big rewards for houses. The time may come when you will need your money.

Margaret Heck
Superior Street

(*Editor's Note: Margaret Heck was my grandmother, Margaret Frederica Henningfeld Heck, wife of Robert Steven Heck. The term, "go east from here" is another way of saying, "Go jump in the lake." Since the only place east of Racine is Lake Michigan. Another interesting thing was the pointing out that a fair wage in 1920 was \$10 or \$12 a day.*)

Racine Journal News: Wednesday, 5 February 1919, page 2.

Fines are Imposed.

Robert Heck was found guilty of using abusive language toward Marie VanMeter and fined \$5 and costs. Not being able to pay the fine, **Heck** will spend the next ten days with Sheriff Lutter. (Editor's Note: The Robert Heck in the article was Robert Steven Heck, my grandfather. Tesk tesk tesk.)

Racine Journal News: Monday, 20 March 1916, page 10.

Heck

Tillie Marie Heck, seven months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Heck**, died at the St. Mary's hospital on Sunday. The funeral will be held from 1110 Marquette Street, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock and at 2:30 from the St. Patrick's church.

(Editor's Note: Tillie Marie Heck is actually Lilly Marie Heck.)

Racine Daily Journal: Thursday, 3 September 1908, page 2.

Heck

William Harold Heck, aged 1 year, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heck, 1303 N. Chatham Street, died yesterday afternoon. Funeral Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from St. Patrick's Church.

Vermont Patriot and State Gazette, Montpelier, Vermont, 1 May 1837, issue 18 column E.

Died

In Shaftsbury on the 16th of April 1837, **Captain Peleg Matteson**, aged 96 years. He was an early settler of the Town, and for more than sixty years a worthy member of the Baptist Church. **Mr.**

Matteson served as a Captain in the Revolution, and was ever a firm and undeviating Democrat.

(Editor's Note: Captain Peleg Matteson is my 5th Great Grand Uncle. Our common ancestors are Hezekiah Matteson and Mary Sweet. Peleg Matteson was born on 27 February 1747, the son of Hezekiah Matteson and Mary Sweet.)

Racine Journal News: Wednesday, 14 December 1921, page 2.

Mrs. Matt Heck Hurt In An Auto Smash.

Mrs. Matt Heck, sustained serious injuries at 8 o'clock last evening when an automobile in which she was riding toward her home was struck by a machine en route to the city. Mrs. Heck was thrown to the roadway and sustained cuts and bruises to her head. She was taken to St. Mary's hospital where her injuries were attended to. It was feared she had sustained a fractured rib, but a further examination this morning showed that no bones had been broken. She will be obliged to remain at the hospital for a few days. After striking the Heck car, the persons in the machine which was headed for Racine sped on their journey without stopping to ascertain the extent of the damages done or to give any assistance. The Heck car was brought to a Racine garage.



Elizabeth Gross Heck, wife of Matt Heck. Matt was the son of Henry Heck and Mary Ann McNulty.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Matt Heck was Elizabeth Gross, born 7 March 1887. Matt Heck died 13 months after the accident on 21 January 1923. Elizabeth later married to Charles Dvorachek.)

The Last Will of Hezekiah Matteson

Hezekiah Matteson is my 6th great grandfather or stated in other ways, my great great great great great great grandfather.

Here is my line of descent:

Robert J. Heck

Robert G. Heck

Robert S. Heck

Mary Ann McNulty

Patience Burgess

Benjamin Burgess

Zilpha Matteson

George Matteson

Hezekiah Matteson

Hezekiah Matteson was born 1714, probably in Rhode Island. He married Mary Sweet on 18 October 1739 in Rhode Island and moved to Voluntown, Windham County, Connecticut. Benajah Burgess also lived in Voluntown in 1780. Benajah served Connecticut during the Revolutionary War. Benajah married Zilpha Matteson, Hezekiah's granddaughter, in Connecticut. In 1794 Benajah was listed as a freeman (citizen) of Sterling, Connecticut in Windham County. Hezekiah died by February 5, 1782, at Voluntown, Connecticut.

(Editor's Note: The wording and spelling in the following will is exactly as written.)

Will of Hezekiah Mattison

Dated December 19, 1780, Proved February 5, 1782.

Source: Plainfield, CT Probate Book 7 Pages 358-359

In the name of God Amen, I Hezekiah Mattison of Voluntown in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut, Yeoman, being in perfect health and of perfect mind & memory thanks be Given to God therefor and Calling to mind the mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for

all men once to Die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to Say principally & first of all I Give And recommend my Soul to God that gave it, and my Body I recommend To the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion Of my Executor hereafter named nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I Shall receive the Same again by the mighty power of God, and so Touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I Give Demise and Dispose of the Same in the following manner and form,

Imprimis I Give & bequeath to My well beloved Wife Mary Mattison all my indoor household moveable Furniture during her life or Widowhood;

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son George Mattison five Shillings which is what he hath already had the full of his portion.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Peleg Mattison five shillings which is what he hath already had the full of his portion.

Item I Give & bequeath to my Son Thomas Mattison All my Real Estate together with all my farming Tools & Cattle & Stock of all kinds to him the sd Thomas his heirs & assigns forever & Also appoint & ordain my sd Son Thomas the Sole Executor of This my will and Testament.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Judith Spink five Shillings which is what She hath already had the full of her Portion.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Fear Andress five Shillings which is what She has already had the full of her Portion.

Item I Give & bequeath to my Daughter Freelove Aylsworth five Shillings which is what She hath Already had the full of her Portion.

Item I Give & bequeath to my Daughter
Mary Manchester five Shillings which is with
what She hath Already had the full of her Por-
tion.

Item I Give & bequeath to my Daughter
Sarah Mattison five Shilling which is with what
She hath already had the full of her Portion.

Item I Give & bequeath to my Daughter
Zelpha Brigs five Shillings which is with what
She hath Already had the full of her Portion.

Item I Give & bequeath to my Daughter
Elizabeth Smith five Shillings which is with
what She hath Already had the full of her Portion
And do hereby utterly Disallow Revoke & And
Disanul all & every other former Testament wills
and Legacies bequeaths and Executors by me in
any ways before named willed & bequeathed
ratifying & Confirming this and no Other to be
my last Will & testament in witness whereof -
I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 19th
Day of December in the Year of our Lord one
Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty.

Signd Seald Published Pronounced & Declared
by me the sd ---
Hezekiah Mattison as my last will & testament in
presents
Of us ----
Daniel Vaughn ,
William Vaughn,
Robert Wilson

His mark
Hezekiah (X) Mattison

Plainfield, Windham Js February 5th 1782 -----
Then personally appeared Mr Robert Wilson &
William Vaughn two of the Subscribing wit-
nesses to the within written Will & made oath
that they Saw Mr. Hezekiah Mattison -
Testator to this Will, Sign Seal & heard him pub-
lish & pronounce The Same to be his last will &
that they Together with Daniel Vaughn the other

witness to this will Set to their hands
As witnesses at the Same Time in presents of the
Testator And that the testator was at the Same
time of a Sound & Disposing Mind and Memory
Sworn before me - - - -

Jabez Fitch
Justice of Peace

Will of Hugh Parsons

**Dated January 10, 1683, Proved
March 14, 1684**

Hugh Parsons is my 9th great grandfather or
stated in other ways, my great great great
great great great great grandfather.

Here is my line of descent:

Robert J. Heck
Robert G. Heck
Robert S. Heck
Mary Ann McNulty
Patience Burgess
Benjamin Burgess
Zilpha Matteson
Luranah Matteson
Josiah Matteson
Joseph Matteson
Hannah Parsons
Hugh Parsons

*(Editor's Note: The wording and spelling in the
following will is exactly as written.)*

*Source: Newport, RI Town Council & Probate
Volume 2 page 229*

I Hugh Parsons inhabitant of the Towne of
Portsmouth on Road Island in the colony of
Road Island and Providence in New England do
make this my last will and Testament in minde
and following.

First my minde and will is that all my just Debts
which I of Right owe or am indebted to any per-
son or persons by justly and truly paid by my

executrix hereafter named in som convenient time after my decease; also I make my Loving Wife Elizabeth Parsons sole Executrix to all my estate and after mine and my Wifes Decease, my will is, that Hugh Bayly, my Grandson possess and enjoy, this, my house and Land I now Live on to him and his heirs forever; with one-third of my store, and moveables that shall be there left; but in case Hugh Bayly shall die before his coming to enjoy what I have here bequeathed to him, then my will is that what I have here bequeathed to him shall be and remain to his heirs and next of kin which shall be found surviving after mine and my Wifes deceases and further my will is, that my Wife Take Care for the bringing up of my Grandson, and that he Live and be subject and helpful to hir during hir natural life and after hir so charge my said Grandson, Hugh Bayly to have and enjoy what is hereto bequeathed to him and his heirs forever and in case my Wife should Dye before my said Grandson come of age or capable to manage for himself- Then I leave him with his estate bequeathed to him in the Care and Trust of my overseers hereafter named. They to improve it for his best Advantage and behoofs of my Grandson, paying them also out of said estate for their care and trouble thereon.

And to my daughter Hannah Mattison I give one shilling and to my Grand-Daughter Hannah Mattison foure eue sheeps to be delivered to her at the day of sixteen years or day of marriage by my Executrix or overseers in Trust.

And the Remaining part of my Estate undisposed of I freely give and bequeath to my Wifes two daughters, Living on Long Island near Oyster Bay, namely Susannah Carpenter and Elizabeth Doty.

Lastly I desire my Loving friends, James Baker of Newport and William Cadman of Portsmouth and George Lauton of Portsmouth to be my overseers of this my last Will and Testament to see it performed after my decease.

In witnee-- I have on the day and year first above written set my hand and seale.

His mark

Hugh (X) Parsons

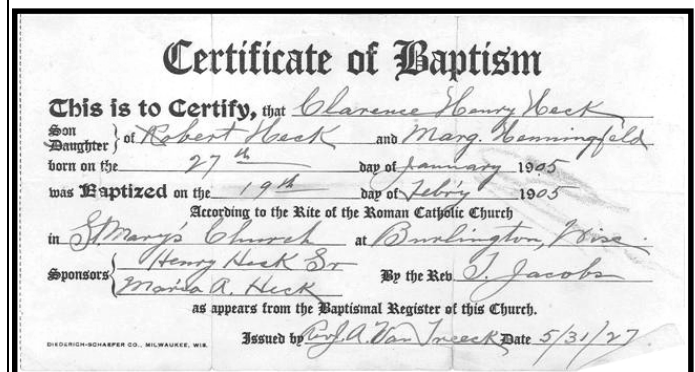
Signed sealed and owned In the presence of
Wm Cadman
Joseph Martin

William Cadman and Joseph Martain Witness that upon their solemn engagement do testify that they saw the above said testator Hugh Parsons sign and seal the above written and heard him declare it to be his last will and testament and that then he was of a disposing mind to the best of their understandings taken before us this 14th of March 1683

John Albro
assistant

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The document above is the certificate of Baptism for Clarence Henry Heck issued 31 May 1927, when he was 22 years old. This was probably required to prove his age for a job.

Additional notes on Hezekiah Matteson

Hezekiah Matteson and family lived in West Greenwich, Rhode Island until at least the year 1772 when he purchased 100 acres of land in Voluntown, Connecticut on 3 March 1772. The land that he purchased was bounded by 70 acres that was purchased the same day by Jeremiah Matteson, most likely his son.

On 8 April 1773 Hezekiah and Jeremiah, both now of Voluntown, purchased 60 acres of additional land in Voluntown from a Joseph Sweet of Coventry, Rhode Island.

On 8 June 1773 Hezekiah of Voluntown conveys to son Peleg, 34 acres of land that includes the dwelling house that Peleg is living in.

On 22 April 1776 the land that Hezekiah and Jeremiah purchased jointly is sold to Peleg Matteson. They are all of Voluntown.

Most of the family went from Connecticut to Vermont, including Hezekiah's wife, Mary. Some went in 1791. Mary had to tie up the loose ends of her husband's will. She couldn't take the indoor movables with her unless she resolved the problem created by Hezekiah's will. Hence, a document was filed in Plainfield, Connecticut that acknowledged that each child or heir had received what they had been given in the will and took three shillings each as their share of what they would have received from the indoor movables if Mary had died. It was officially called a "Receipt and Discharge".

The photo at upper right is of the tombstone of Mary Sweet Matteson at North Bennington, Vermont. She is my 6th great grandmother and wife of Hezekiah Matteson. The stone reads: "In memory of Mrs. Mary, wife of Mr. Hezekiah Matteson who died Feb. 27, 1808 in the 88 year of her age."





The photo above is one taken in July, 2008, of my two granddaughters, Lauren Emily Heck and Grace Elizabeth Heck. Lauren enjoys her new sister but told Gloria and me that Grace is kind of loud especially when she is hungry.

Lauren, 5 and Grace, 3 months, are the children on Judi and Dave Heck from Franklin, Wisconsin. Gloria and I enjoy having the girls at our house for the day. It's hard to believe how fast they grow up.