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Peter McNulty 1807 - about 1880

Ancestral home may be in Dromore Townland, Tyrone County, Northern Ireland.

While doing some research using the 1823-1838 Tithe Applotment Book on the Internet, I found a Peter McNulty and Lawrence McNulty listed in Northern Ireland, Tyrone County, Parish and Barony of Omagh, Dromore Townland. Peter

McNulty departed Warrenpoint, Northern Ireland on 10 April 1834 at the age of 27. He arrived at St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada and then in Boston, on 8 June 1834. This information was from Peter McNulty's Petition for Naturalization.

Lawrence McNulty is thought to be the brother of Peter McNulty. This is based on family tradition and by the fact that Loretta McNulty, daughter of Peter McNulty, lived with Lawrence McNulty at Wilmot, WI after the death of her father in 1880. Death and burial information is

from an obituary of Lawrence and from the Holy Name Church at Wilmont, Kenosha County, Wisconsin recording of his death. The 1900 US census for Wisconsin shows that Lawrence McNulty immigrated to the United States from Ireland in 1855 and that he had lived in the US for 45 years.

The star shown on the map on the previous page marks the location of Dromore Townland. The term "Townland" is used in Ireland to denote a civil boundary area.

In 1838 Dromore, in the Parish and Barony of Omagh, was described, as a poor town in hilly and bleak country which stretched far around, yet the arable lands were for the most part good. The population of the town was 480 in 1831, and 551 in 1841.

The town was originally built in 1757 when the then Lord of the manor, William Hamilton, of Aughlish House gave a grant of the townland of Mullinacross, now called Dromore, to two families - Stewart and Humphreys. The town at that time consisted of only four houses. The original name of the townland is derived from an ancient stone cross which formerly stood on the top of the hill overlooking the town, and near to where the Cistercian Abbey was located. This abbey, which was destroyed by a fire in 1690, is said to have been built on the site of a nunnery founded by Saint Patrick for Saint Cettumbria, the first Irish female who received the veil from his hands. The ancient church at Dromore, County Tyrone is shown below. Note the tombstones surrounding the church.



During the Irish Rebellion of 1798, when Lord Blayney came to Tyrone, as Dromore was principally inhabited by rebels, he set it on fire and burned some of the houses, but owing to the exertions of Captain Charles Muirhead, Lieutenant James Alexander and the Rev. Benjamin Marshall the balance of the town was saved from destruction.

In the area around Dromore are to be found a number of ancient earthen forts. At Dullaghan about four miles to the northwest is a Druid's Altar - a small roofless chamber tomb. A tannery was known to have existed in the village.

In the Dromore Parish at least nine locations of Mass Rocks are known. During the times of the Penal Laws certain "Mass Gardens" were located in the district where the local parishioners met in seclusion to celebrate Mass. It is said that Lord Belmore, who owned considerable property around Dromore, was so impressed with the devotion of the congregation at one of these gatherings, which he came across one day by chance, that he made available a piece of ground for the erection of a church. This is where the Catholic Church of Dromore now stands.

From the old newspapers....

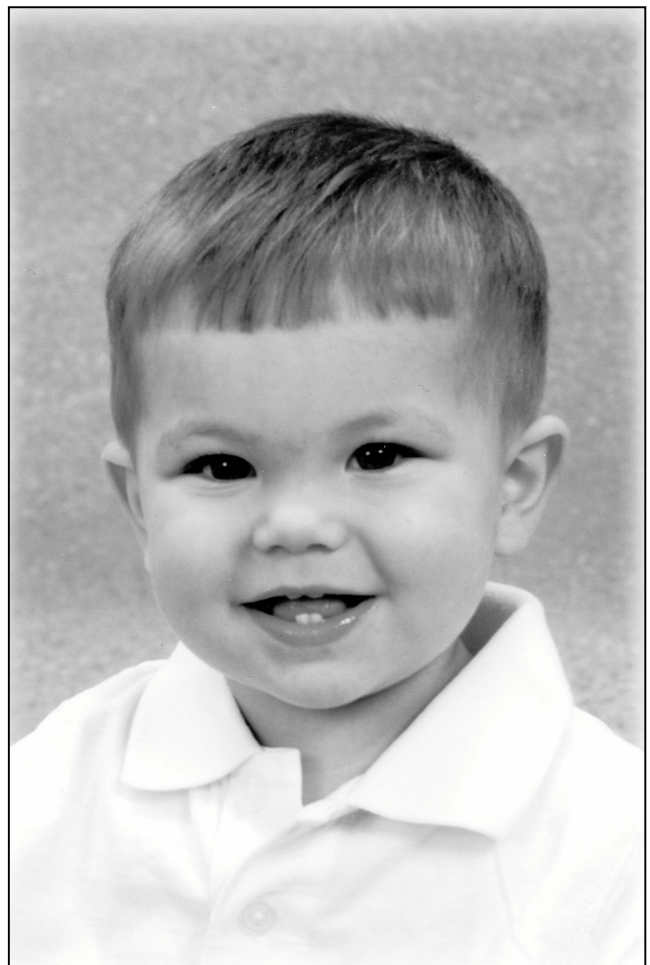
Wisconsin Rapids News, Saturday, 6 July 1940, Page 11.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brott and daughter Mrs. Joe Goodwin and daughter Mary Alice of Seattle, Washington, came Wednesday to the Fred Henningfield home. Mrs. Brott is a sister of Mr. Henningfield and this is her first visit here in 36 years.

Mary Brott was the oldest child of Henry Henningfeld and Clara Stratman. She married Michael E. Brott on 26 November 1896 and moved to Seattle in 1906.



L-R: Bernice Heck, Mary and Michael Brott, Margaret Heck, Mary Heck, Gary Heck. This picture was taken in July, 1940 at Racine, Wisconsin.



Michael Logan Henderson, age 18 months in 2009.

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Brooklyn Lanae Petersen (left) and Alejandra Elise Petersen

PETERSEN—twin daughters, Brooklyn Lanae and Alejandra Elise, to Adam and Jennifer (Kyburz) Petersen, Janesville, April 26, 2009. Brooklyn was 3 lbs., 13 oz., 16 inches, and Alejandra was 3 lbs., 8 oz., 15 inches.

Grandparents are Roger and Mary Kyburz, Union Grove; and Mark and Linda Petersen, West Bend.



Meet two new Cousins...

On April 26, 2009, twin daughters, **Brooklyn Lanae** and **Alejandra Elise** were born to Adam and Jennifer (Kyburz) Peterson. Jennifer is the daughter of Mary and Roger Kyburz. Mary Kyburz is the daughter of Robert and Lorraine Heck from Fort Meyer, Florida in the winter and New Berlin, Wisconsin during the summer. The twin girls were introduced to the many cousins at the Heck Family Picnic held at the Leisure Center at Wind Point, Racine, Wisconsin on July 26, 2009.

Congratulations to the parents, grandparents, great grandparents, and to the many new cousins, aunts and uncles.

More News from Old Newspapers...

Wisconsin State Journal, Monday, 13 November 1944, Page 8.

Bowden - Henningfeld

A January wedding is planned by Miss Miriam Bowden, Milwaukee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bowden, Carbondale, Illinois, and Don S. Henningfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Henningfeld, Milwaukee. An Alpha Chi Omega and a Sigma Sigma Sigma, Miss Bowden was graduated from James Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois. Mr. Henningfeld is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Engineering School.

The Free Press, Carbondale, Illinois, Thursday, 6 September 1945, Page 3.

Plays With Symphony Orchestra

Miriam Bowden Henningfeld, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Bowden, 908 Elizabeth Street, is now playing with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. The conductor of the Orchestra is Jerry Bojanowski, with Morton Gonld as guest conductor. Mrs. Henningfeld is a former SINU student and a member of Sigma, Sigma Sorority.

Editor's Note: Donald S. Henningfeld is known today as Donald S. Henning. He married Carol Jean Habeck on 11 September 1948. Donald was in the wedding party of my parents, Robert G. Heck and Mary Ann Mikel in 1935.

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Thanks to our Contributors...

I would like to thank the following readers who provided financial help in 2009 to keep this newsletter going. This is the 66th issue of the newsletter. The first issue was sent out in June 1993, and a new issue has been sent out every three months since then. We have never missed an issue. Our thanks go to Don & Sharon Heck, Carlos Henningfeld, Alvin & Carolyn Heck, Bob & Pat Merritt, Dick & Cel Heck, Shirley Heck, and Steve & Cara Pfeiffer.

Henningf(i)eld and Heitkemper Families Lived in Phillips, Wisconsin.

Heitkemper, Alice T, 1931-1986

Heitkemper, Frances, 1923-1925

Heitkemper, H. Fred, 1862-1923

Heitkemper, Mary G, 1856-1936

Heitkemper, Brother Philip J, 1898-1979

Heitkemper, Theresa A, 1900-1953

Heitkemper, Theresa J, 1929-1992

Heitkemper, William J, 1891-1980

Henningfeld, Anna, 1865-1952

Henningfeld, Bernard W, 1894-1972

Henningfeld, Louis B, 1928-1985

Henningfeld, Mary E, 1906-1991

Henningfeld, Mary Ann, 1932-1949

Henningfeld, Robert, 1900-1983

Henningfield, Annie B, 1872-1956

Henningfield, Henry A, 1866-1953

Henningfield, Joseph, 1875-1922

The main heads of the families is shown in bold print. Henry Fred Heitkemper was the son of Elizabeth Anna Maria Guthof Stratman Heitkemper. Henry A. Henningfield was the son of Henry Henningfeld and Christina Hallen from Waterford, Wisconsin. The following newspaper

articles pertain to Henry and Christina Henningfeld.

Burlington Standard Democrat on Friday, 10 Feb 1911. "Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henningfeld celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Phillips, Wis., Thursday, Feb. 2. Some eight years ago they moved from Waterford to Phillips. They were old residents of this vicinity and their marriage half a century ago was performed in the first Catholic Church built in this village. The bride's name was Christina Holland (Hallen). Their union was blessed with eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, and all are living except one son."

Phillips, Wisconsin Newspaper Thursday, June 6, 1918: Henry Henningfield, Sr. Last Thursday afternoon, Memorial Day, saw the close of the life of the above named citizen of this place, after a ripe old age, spent actively and honestly, and in his death this city has lost a good citizen, his neighbors a most peaceable and kind friend and his immediate relatives an exemplary parent. Deceased was born at Westphalia, Germany, December 20, 1832; being 85 years, 5 months and 10 days old at the time of his death.

He came to America in 1847, locating at Waterford, Racine County, Wis., where he resided until about 13 years ago, when he moved to this city. He was a mason by trade, but for many years was engaged in farming. He was married on Feb. 2, 1861, to Miss Hallen, who survives him and is only a year or two younger than he was. On Feb. 2, 1911, they celebrated their golden wedding in this city.

This union was blessed by the birth of eleven children, all still living but one son, William, who died in this city in 1907. The ten surviving children all of whom were present at the funeral services, conducted by Father Keclik at the Bohemian Catholic church Monday morning, June 3, are six sons -- Frederick of Union Grove; Louis of Phillips; John of Waterford; Theodore

of Burlington; Joseph and Henry Jr., of this city; four daughters -- Mrs. Geo. Kortendick of Waterford; Mrs. Wm. Rossmiller of Burlington, Wis., Mrs. Aug. Rapp of this city and Mrs. Chas. E. Hicks of Catawba.

There are also 43 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren as immediate relatives to mourn his death. Among those who attended the funeral was Godfrey Hallen of Marinette, brother of the widow. This large family circle have the sympathy of Phillips people in the loss of their beloved relative, who died not of any particular diseases, but who rather passed quietly from the scene of activity after spending a long and useful life.



Lauren also had a gymnastics birthday party held at her gym class. She invited over 20 friends and they had a great time jumping into sponges, climbing rope ladders, bouncing on a trampoline, eating a gymnastics cake, and opening a bunch of neat presents. Lauren is shown in the small photo above with her friends, getting ready to blow out the six candles. I think that Judi and Dave were happy to see the end of the birthday parties. Lauren, Grace, and their cousins probably would like to see birthday parties made an all-year event.



Lauren Emily Heck turns six.

The picture above was taken at Lauren Emily Heck's sixth birthday party. Shown left to right are: Grandpa Bob, Michelle, Dave, Lauren, Lauren's cousin Faith Wehrman, Bill, Judi, Grace, and Grandma Gloria.



Grandma Gloria and Grandpa Bob enjoying a typical Friday visit from their granddaughters, Lauren and Gracie.

Mom! I got a new sister!



The picture at lower left shows **Grace Elizabeth Heck** at 15 months. It looks like Gracie saw herself in the mirror and is expressing her feelings about not being the only little girl on the block.

The following article was found in the Milwaukee Daily Sentinel, October 25, 1851.

"Information is wanted of **Peter McNulty**, who was last seen at Johnson's Tavern, Johnstown Centre, April 29, 1851, on his way to the Village of Janesville. Address Wm. Kemp, Janesville. Papers in the State will please copy."

Editor's note: There were only two people in the State of Wisconsin with the name **Peter**



McNulty in the 1850 census. Peter McNulty senior age 41 and his son Peter Jr. age two, were living in Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

Johnstown Centre, spelled Johnstown Center, today is shown at the black star at left, is located about 14 miles West of Elkhorn and about eight miles East of Janesville. Peter McNulty was living in the area just South of Kansasville shown at the black star at right. What is strange about this story is that almost six months had passed from the time that he was missing until the article appeared in the Milwaukee newspaper. The big question is, Were there three Peter McNultys in Wisconsin in 1851 or did our Peter McNulty (My great-great grandfather) just quietly make his way back to Kenosha County after tying one on at a tavern in Johnstown Centre?

I guess we'll never know.

Anthony Henningfeld Estate

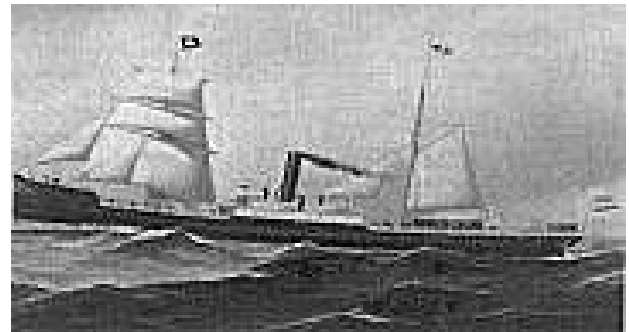
The following article was found in the Milwaukee Sentinel, December 20, 1888.

"In The Courts"

"Will of the late Anthony Henningfeld. The will of Anthony Henningfeld was filed in the Probate Court yesterday. Henningfeld left no family. His estate is estimated to be worth \$9,000. The sum of \$200 he bequeathed to St. Joseph's church and the largest part of the estate to his mother, Maria Christina Henningfeld, who is named as executrix. The testator also ordered the payment of one dollar every week during the first year after his death to St. Joseph's church for serving masses for his soul. The interest in real estate which he

owned at Sioux County, Iowa, he bequeathed to his brother."

Editor's note: Anthony Henningfeld was the son of Johann Theodor Henningfeld and Maria Christina Dahlman. You can read more about this family in the September, 2005, Issue 50 of **Our Family Newsletter**.



This is an advertisement for and a painting of the ship SS Franklin that arrived in New York on 21 April 1873. Dave and Bill Heck's great-great grandfather, **Peter Olsen**, was on board that ship. He was from Maribo County, Lollands North,

Halsted, Hellinge, Denmark. He was born 14 October 1848, and died in 1941 in Wisconsin.