

Our Family News Letter

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Meet Your Cousin...

Don and Sharon Heck wrote the following article about their son, Steve. I encourage you to write a story about your family and submit it for publication in this newsletter.

Steve Heck, a research scientist in drug discovery, joined the Pfizer Running Team about 10 years ago. Over the years he has competed in 5 and 10-mile races in the Groton, Connecticut area.

Along the way, it became a personal goal to run a marathon. He chose to compete in the 2009, Chicago Marathon on October 11th. To prepare he began 17 weeks of rigorous training with the assistance of his friend, Brendan.

There were approximately 45,000 competitors representing all 50 states and over 100 countries. His proud parents, Don and Sharon Heck, were among the more than 1.5 million spectators.

Just finishing the 26.2-mile course is a feat in itself and something to celebrate. It was a proud moment when Steve crossed the finish line in 3:48:03! He placed in the top 23 percent of those finishing the race.

There was plenty of celebrating going on. Steve, along with mom, dad, Amy, Adam, Nathan, Nicholas and Brendan continued the celebration at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria.

Congratulations, Steve!

(Perhaps we have a future marathon runner in the family. Steve's 10 year old nephew, Nathan Tappen, competed on the cross-country team at his school this year.)



Photo above: Don, Steve, and Sharon Heck at the 2009 Chicago Marathon.

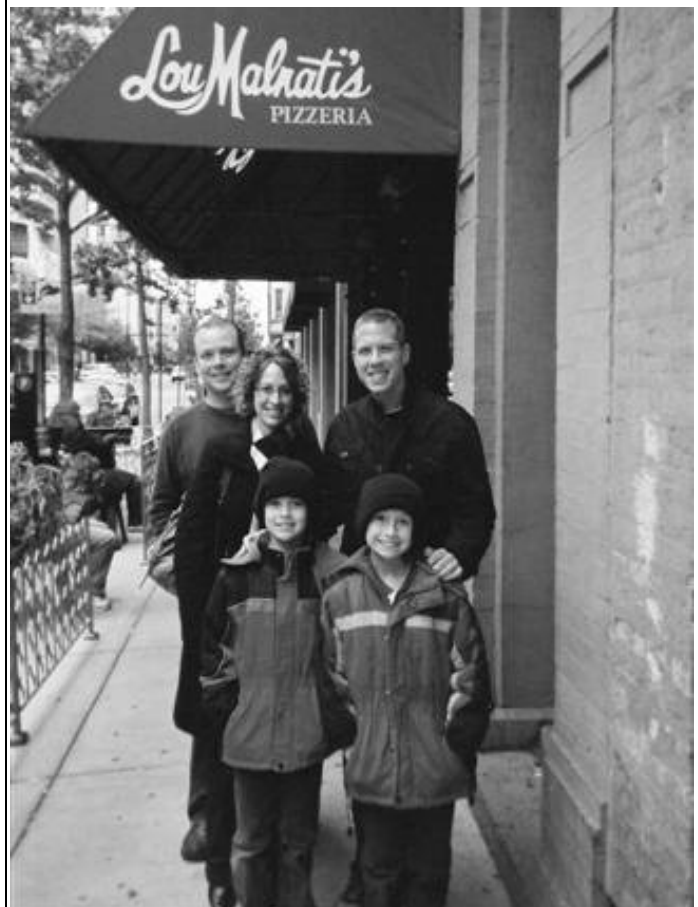


Photo above: Adam, and Amy Tappen and Steve Heck with Nicholas and Nathan Tappen.

McNulty - McNulty Branch of the Family

My Great-Great Grandparents, Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess, had 13 children between 1842 and 1868. One of their daughters was Mary Ann McNulty, 1844 - 1912, who married Henry Heck shortly after the end of the Civil War.

One of the children of Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess was Lawrence McNulty, 1861 - 1930.



L-R: Roberta, Clara, Clara (Christie), and Lawrence McNulty visiting relatives in Waterford, Wisconsin.

Lawrence McNulty left home at the age of sixteen to work on a farm in Wild Rose, Waushara County, Wisconsin. He was working as a farm hand on the widow, Janet Christie farm. Janet Christie had five daughters ranging in age from 17 to 25. Lawrence McNulty married Clara Christie, the youngest daughter, in 1881. Information from the book "The Grassroots History of Racine County", 1978.

In the 1880, US Census for Wisconsin, Spring Water Township, Waushara County, Lawrence was found living on the farm of Jennet J. Christie. Jennet J. Christie was shown as head of the household and was a widow. Her children included Maggie A. Christie age 24, Mary C. Christie age 23, Clara V. Christie age 21, and Addie B. Christie age 18. Lawrence was listed as Larry McNeltie age 18, occupation Farm Laborer.

For whatever reason, the name McNulty remained in use for Lawrence's branch of the family.

The following tombstone data was found on the internet.

Howes Corner Cemetery (Brownlow Cemetery),
Mount Morris, Waushara County, Wisconsin
Lat: 44°08'30"N, Lon: 89°09'02"W
Mount Morris Township, Sec 2
Hwy 152 to Mount Morris. Right on County W.
1 mile past Nordic Mountain Ski Hill turn Left
on 24th lane. Located on the corner of 24th Lane
and Beachnut Av.

McNulty, Clara Christie, b. Mar 18, 1860, d. Aug 14, 1936, wife of Larry, Mother.

McNulty, John C., b. 1882, d. 1883, son of L. & C.

McNulty, Larry, b. 1861, d. 1930, Father.

Lawrence and Clara McNulty had two children: John C. McNulty and Robert F. McNulty. John C. McNulty died at the age of one year. Robert F. McNulty married Helen Davis in 1903 and they had eight children: Janet, Clara, Edgar, Katherine, Roberta, Patience, Prudence, and Robert Reed McNulty.

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Ouch! That hurts.

Many of you are aware that our Burgess ancestry goes back to Colonial days in the early 1600's. My 8th great grandfather was **Thomas Burgess (1601-1685)** who was married to Dorothy. Her surname is unknown. They had a son named Thomas Burgess (1628-1717).

My 7th great grandfather was **Thomas Burgess (1628-1717)** and he married Elizabeth Bassett on 8 November 1648, at Sandwich, Massachusetts. In 1661, at the age of 33 years, Thomas Burgess was brought before the Court of Sandwich for misconduct, adultery, with Lydia Gaunt. **He was sentenced to be whipped and the sentence was carried out.** Because of his misconduct with Lydia Gaunt, his wife Elizabeth divorced him, which was the first divorce in the Colony. Thomas left Sandwich and settled in Newport, Rhode Island. Thomas went on to marry Lydia Gaunt, my 7th great grandmother, in 1667, and they had one child named Thomas Burgess (1668-1743).

The third **Thomas Burgess (1668-1743)** was my 6th great grandfather. He married Martha Wilbour in 1707. Thomas Burgess was 75 years old when he died at Little Compton, Rhode Island. The photo at the top of this page was taken at the Little Compton cemetery in 1997.

His tombstone at the Commons burial grounds at Little Compton, Rhode Island states: "Thomas Burgess died July ye 1st 1743 in ye 75th year of his age." His grave is located in the 27th row at the cemetery. NEHGR Volume 115, October, 1961, page 260.

My line of descent looks like this:

Thomas Burgess (1601-1685)
 Thomas Burgess (1628-1717)
 Thomas Burgess (1668-1743)
 John Burgess (1711-1796)
 Benajah Burgess (1761-1830)
 Benjamin Burgess (1794-1838)
 Patience Burgess (1823-1894)
 Mary A. McNulty (1844-1912)
 Robert S. Heck (1879-1923)
 Robert G. Heck (1909-1995)
 Robert J. Heck (1940-)

The burial places for these ancestors include:

Thomas Burgess - Sandwich, Massachusetts
 Thomas Burgess - Newport, RI
 Thomas Burgess - Little Compton, RI
 John Burgess - Sterling, Connecticut
 Benajah Burgess - Walloomsac, NY
 Benjamin Burgess - Somers, WI
 Patience Burgess - Brighton, WI
 Mary A. McNulty - Burlington, WI
 Robert S. Heck - Racine, WI
 Robert G. Heck - Racine, WI

Alendorf, Germany: **Before The Beginning**

The following article was written by my Cousin, Howard W. Heck, 3100-85th Avenue N. #303, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. The article is from Chapter 1 of his book, "The Heck Brothers, Alendorf, Germany To The USA. The book was published in August 2008 and is registered with the Library of Congress Control Number 2008906430.

Before The Beginning by Howard W. Heck

The Heck family recorded history begins in the 1670's in a tiny village called Alendorf, nestled in a valley in the Eifel mountains of western Germany about twelve miles from the present border with Belgium, and about thirty-five miles south of Cologne. This mountainous area is commonly known as "The Eifel". In the 1670's Germany, as we know it today, did not exist.

The German-speaking people inhabited a vast area of central Europe. According to "A History of Germany" by Charlton T. Lewis, the German tribes were the last of the Aryan races to reach to reach Western Europe. They probably came across what is now Russia, and first settled in what is now Sweden, and around the eastern shores of the Baltic Sea, in what is now Poland. By the latter part of the fourth century, before Christ, they immigrated westward and forced the Celts out of central Europe. This is the period when the Romans first encountered them. The Roman Emperors, Caesar and Tacitus, gave them the name "German" which means "shouters in battle." There were about forty different German tribes at that time and more of the tribes migrated to central Europe in later centuries.

In 50 B.C., the Ubii tribe settled in the area west of the lower Rhine where Alendorf is located. The Franks, another large German tribe, occupied the Alendorf area and much of modern northern Germany in the fifth century, after

Christ, and about the time of the fall of the Roman Empire. Many of the German tribes had converted to Christianity by this time because of their contacts with the Roman Empire. In the eighth century, Charlemagne united all of the German tribes into one nation, which was called the Holy Roman Empire. After Charlemagne's reign, the Empire gradually lost its unity and power and divided into hundreds of small states, kingdoms, principalities, dukedoms, and city-states, under the loose rule of the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. An emperor in most instances was merely a figurehead and was selected by a group of powerful bishops called electors. These electors were not only church leaders but were powerful politically, as well, and owned large tracts of land. Alendorf was under the jurisdiction of the Elector of Cologne.

Alendorf and central Europe have been the scene of wars ever since the Romans colonized most of the area in the centuries before Christ. Alendorf has been ruled by the Franks, the Holy Roman Empire, Spain, France, Prussia, Germany, and probably others. The Vikings invaded this part of Germany in 845 A.D., and sacked Cologne, Trier, and other cities. The Empire was devastated by the Thirty Year War and lay in the path of the many conflicts during the reign of Napoleon I. Alendorf was near the route taken by the German armies at the beginning of World War I, and was in the area of the jumping-off site of the Nazi divisions in the famous "Battle of the Bulge" in World War II. Today, it is a village in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany and has never experienced a longer period of peace and prosperity.

The oldest surviving records of Alendorf list the first known Heck ancestor as Gerhard Hecken, who was born about 1673. His birthplace is unknown. The name Heck was then known as Hecken. He married Gertrud, maiden name unknown, about 1695. Gertrude died on February 20, 1740 in Alendorf. They had at least one known child named Magdalena, who was born about 1696. It may help at this point to place this period into history so we can appreciate just how long ago this was.

The times were very difficult in the Empire. The Thirty Years War had ended just twenty-five years earlier. Almost every town in the Empire was destroyed in that War. The land was devastated, and it is estimated that one half to two thirds of the population perished from the War, famine, or disease. During that War, undisciplined armies roamed at will, foraging and plundering through the countryside. Famine drove people to cannibalism, graves were robbed for the flesh, and wolves prowled at will. The devastation was so complete that it took two hundred years for the Germanic people to completely recover. During this entire calamity, the German peasants remained fanatically religious. To place this time in further perspective, Spain, France, England, and Holland were busy colonizing a little known and distant "America." Charles II of England had just chartered the Carolinas Colony.



Alendorf was settled in the 15th century. The first pastor was assigned in 1475, to what must have been a new community and Catholic church. Seventeen years later and half way around the world Columbus discovered America.

The economy in the Empire had begun to improve somewhat by 1675. It was that year that the parishioners of the Catholic Church in Alendorf constructed the Stations of the Cross, starting with the first station just across the road from



the church. The rest of the stations were placed at intervals along a path that culminated at the top of a hill overlooking the village, where a stone Crucifix was erected. The stations and the Crucifix are indicative of the strong faith of those simple, industrious people who worked the land. The townspeople called the hill "Kalvarienberg" or Calvary Hill. The Crucifix has looked down for 339 years on the fertile valleys that snake their way through the forested hills in each direction, as far as the eye can see. This is where the story of the Heck's begin.



The photos on this page at left show one of the Stations of the Cross in the foreground with the Crucifix in the background on top of Kalvarienberg. The photo at top right shows the inside of the old church. The directly photo above shows the outside of the old church. The church is still used today for funerals and other special services.

Photos from our Readers...

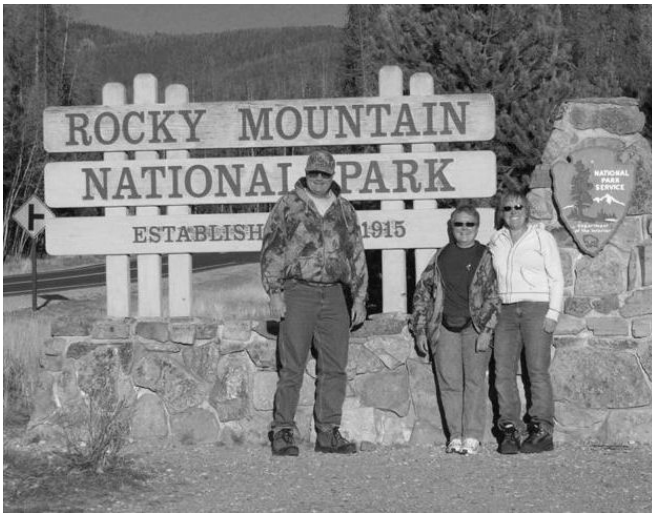


Photo at upper left: L-R: Roger & Mary Beth Kyburz and Cheryl Ann Heck at the Rocky Mountain National Park in October 2009. Upper right: Mary Beth and Roger Kyburz. Middle left: The three hikers on top of a lookout point.

Cheryl and Mary Beth are sisters. The threesome spent hours climbing the mountains and doing geo searches for hidden treasures. Geo searching uses a GPS to find items that other Geo Searchers have left in a box hidden anywhere in the area. When Roger, Mary Beth and Cheryl found a hidden treasure they added their own treasure to the collection.



At right is a photo of the Mississippi River trip from September 14-19, 2009, taken by Bob & Lorraine and daughter Cheryl Heck and Bernie and Dee Kunka. Bob and Dee (Deloris) are brother and sister. The five brave explorers rented a house boat and motored through the locks of the Mighty Mississippi River.

From the photo album...



Top Left: Margaret Henningfeld Heck holding her grandson, Bob Heck April 1941. Note the trap door leading to the basement of the house. I'm not sure where in Racine, Wisconsin the picture was taken.



Top Right: Margaret Henningfeld Heck with grandson's Bob and Gary Heck, April 1941. Gary had his arm in a sling recuperating from a broken collarbone.

Lower Right: L-R Bob Heck and his friend Earl Rapp at Don Miner's Drug Store in Racine. I was getting film for my old camera so that we could bike to downtown Racine to take a picture of General Douglas McArthur. The picture was taken in April 1951.



Minnesota Territorial and State Censuses 1885

Record for John Heck

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Schedule 1		Schedule 1			
Inhabitants in Brighton in the County of Nicollet		Inhabitants in Brighton in the County of Nicollet			
State of Minnesota, enumerated by me on the 26 day of May 1885.		State of Minnesota, enumerated by me on the 26 day of May 1885.			
Post Office Brighton Minn		Post Office Brighton Minn			
Adam Epper Assessor		Adam Epper Assessor			
Name of every person whose residence was in this family on the 1st of May, 1885.	Sex	Age	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S., or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, lame or idiotic.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, lame or idiotic.
Epper Adam	M	26	Germany		
Epper Mary	F	25	"		
Epper Clara	F	14	"		
Epper Maggie	F	7	"		
Epper August	M	6	"		
Epper K. B.	M	4	"		
Epper Peter	M	2	"		
Epper J. B.	M	2	"		
Gieffer Margaretha	F	37	Germany		
Gieffer Susanna	F	29	"		
Gieffer Isaac	M	17	"		
Gieffer Caroline	F	18	"		
Gieffer Henry	M	17	"		
Gieffer Agathe	F	13	"		
Gieffer Peter	M	5	"		
Gieffer Peter	M	5	"		
Boor Leonard	M	58	"		
Boor Mary	F	41	"		
Boor Anna	F	13	"		
Boor Mary	F	9	"		
Boor Sarah	F	6	"		
Boor Catharina	F	1	"		
Boor Margaretha	F	0	"		
Stotzberg Charles	M	32	"		
Stotzberg Henry	M	8	"		
Stotzberg Katharina	F	2	"		
Kramer Eva	F	22	"		
Kramer Aggie	F	1	"		
Zeren John	M	28	"		
Zeren Susanna	F	69	"		
Zeren Philip	M	28	"		
Zeren Andrew	M	21	"		
Zeren Annie	F	17	"		
Heck John	M	59	"		
Heck Susanna	F	17	"		
Heck Mary	F	16	"		
Boor Leonard	M	58	"		
Boor Mary	F	41	"		
Boor Anna	F	13	"		
Boor Mary	F	9	"		
Boor Sarah	F	6	"		
Boor Catharina	F	1	"		
Boor Margaretha	F	0	"		
Stotzberg Charles	M	32	"		
Stotzberg Henry	M	8	"		
Stotzberg Katharina	F	2	"		
Kramer Eva	F	22	"		
Kramer Aggie	F	1	"		
Zeren John	M	28	"		
Zeren Susanna	F	69	"		
Zeren Philip	M	28	"		
Zeren Andrew	M	21	"		
Zeren Annie	F	17	"		
Heck John	M	59	"		
Heck Susanna	F	17	"		
Heck Mary	F	16	"		

Record Index

Name: John Heck
 Census Date: 1 May 1885
 County: Nicollet
 Locality: Brighton
 Birth Location: Germany
 Gender: Male
 Estimated Birth Year: about 1806
 Race: White
 Roll: MNSC_34

days prior to the death of Johann Heck, my great-great grandfather. Johann age 79 is shown on the lower left part of the census page with his wife, Susanna age 69, step-son Philip Zeren age 28, son Andrew age 21, and daughter Annie age 17.

Other names familiar to us on the same census page are the Leonard Boor, Margaretha Gieffer, and the Adam Epper families.

The 1885 State Census for Minnesota was actually taken on 26 May 1885, which was just 26