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The Ship "Peter Hattrick" Available in Color



While the picture of the ship "Peter Hattrick" above is shown in grayscale, I've made it available for you on the Internet in color.

Here is the web address:

<http://mpafug.org/PeterHattrick.jpg>

When you get the picture on your screen you should have several options if you right click on the picture. You can Save Picture as, e-Mail Picture, Print Picture or Copy the picture.

Why would I want a picture of the "Peter Hattrick"? Let me explain.

My Great-Great-Grandfather, Johann Heck and his entire family left Alendorf, Germany in 1853 and traveled to Antwerp, Belgium where they boarded a ship for America. The ship was the "Peter Hattrick".

The Heck family consisted of Johann Heck, age 44, Anna Barbara (nee Schaefer) Heck, age 50, Peter Heck, age 18, Lucia Heck, age 16, Heinrich Heck, age 14, Joseph Heck, age 13, and Clara Heck, age 10. Heinrich Heck was known as Henry Heck in this country and he was my Great-Grandfather.

Search For a Picture of the "Peter Hattrick"...

In 2006 I started a search on the Internet for information on the ship the "Peter Hattrick". From the manifest I read that the ship was 555 tons displacement and that there were 263 passengers on board. There were no births or deaths reported during the 39 day voyage.

I searched the Internet for "Peter Hattrick" and found quite a few listings. Most were passenger lists covering the period from 1842 to 1854. If that was the operating period of the ship it meant that it was unlikely that a photograph existed. There could be sketches, paintings, or structural drawings of the ship but probably not photographs.

One web site that I found was for a small museum in Essex, Connecticut. Essex is a small town with a population of 2,500 people. Essex is located on the Connecticut River not too far from Long Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. Essex is the home of the Connecticut River Museum. In their collection listings they had three paintings of ships, including one of the "Peter Hattrick" from New York in 1842. Talk about luck.

I sent an e-mail message to the Senior Curator of the museum requesting a photo of the ship. The Curator sent a reply and stated that the painting

of the "Peter Hattrick" was a dark reverse painting on glass and that the glass was cracked. She stated that they did have a good 8 X 10 black and white image of the painting and that they would be happy to send it along with an invoice for \$12. I was happy to have a black and white photo of the ship.

In January 2014, I was thinking about how nice it would be to have a color photo of the painting. Since digital photography has come so far in recent years, it is now possible to take a picture without using a flash. Museums will not allow flash photos to be taken of paintings because the flash can cause damage and fading of the original painting.

I thought I might ask the Curator at the Connecticut River Museum if it would be possible for them to take a digital photo of the painting. I sent my request by e-mail. The following day I received an e-mail message from the museum with an attachment of two digital photos in full color.



The Connecticut River Museum in Essex, Connecticut.

The original painting was painted by J. E. Rockwell in 1849 as the ship passed Ostend, Belgium.

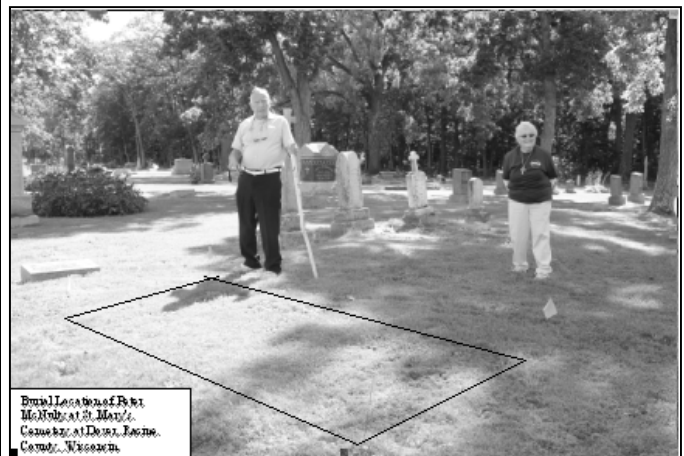
I thought it would be nice to share the color photo of the painting of the ship with our readers since many of you are descendants of Johann Heck.

Did you know that the U.S. Census has been taken every 10 years since 1790?

The Exact Burial Place of Peter McNulty Has Been Found.

As I mentioned in the last issue of Our Family News Letter, (Issue 83, December 2013) while visiting the cemetery at Saint Mary's in Dover, Racine County we were much surprised to find that the exact grave location of Peter McNulty was marked with four little flags, one in each corner. The gravesite of Peter does not have a tombstone or any other marker so we were always approximating the location. We knew that Peter was buried in an unmarked grave identified as Block 2, Lot 10, Grave 4, of the Tom Morrow Lot at St. Mary's Church in Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin. This information was found in the church records but no recording of the date of death was listed. Earlier I had contacted the cemetery Sextant seeking the location of the gravesite and he went out and marked the exact location for us.

I marked up the photo below showing the exact location of his burial place.



The late Robert J Heck with his wife, Lorraine at the Peter McNulty burial site. You can see small flags at each corner of the site.

I don't know what it would cost to place a simple tombstone on the site but I think it would be nice to mark Peter's burial place with one. Anyone interested? Let me know and maybe we could take up a collection.

Will The Real Peter McNulty Please Stand Up?

As many of you are aware, Cheryl Heck and I have been busy researching the McNulty and Burgess line of our family for the past several years. We have several goals: the first is to find out where Peter McNulty lived in Ireland in 1834 and earlier. Next we would like to know where Peter McNulty lived in the United States from his arrival in Boston in 1834 until he showed up in Wisconsin in 1839.

Peter McNulty departed Warren Point, 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.

In December, 1835, the father and stepmother of Patience Burgess sold land at Hannibal, Oswego County, New York. The Burgess family then moved to Kenosha County, Wisconsin in the Spring of 1836.

The Boston Passenger Lists shows a J. McNulty (Note spelling of McNulty) age 26, a mariner, arrived in Boston from Saint John's Newfoundland on 30 May 1834.

We were unable to locate Peter McNulty in the 1840 census in Wisconsin. However, there was a Peter McNulty (Note spelling of McNulty.) listed in the 1840 census for Shawneetown, Gallatin County, Illinois. Gallatin County is located in the southeast section of Illinois. There was one male age 30-40 and one female age 15-20 listed in the household. Those ages match the ages of Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess McNulty. By the 1850 census there were no McNulty family members living in Gallatin County.

On 10 Dec 1840, Peter McNulty officially purchased land from the Federal Government in Kenosha County, Wisconsin. However, the land case file shows that he actually purchased the land on 14 March 1839 in Milwaukee.

Peter McNulty was found in the 1842 census at Pleasant Prairie, Racine County, Wisconsin. Two adults and one male child were in the family. By the 1850 census the family had five children and were living in the town of Pike, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. By 1860 the family had six children and was living in Brighton, Kenosha Co. The 1870 census shows the family with ten children and living in Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin. In 1880 the family was still living in Dover, with their son Henry and daughter Loretta. Henry was listed as idiotic and insane. Peter was listed as age 79 and indigent with palsy. The family could not be found in the 1885 state census for Wisconsin in either Racine or Kenosha Counties. This probably means that Peter McNulty died between 1 June 1880 and 20 June 1885. Those dates were the actual census dates.

Peter McNulty in the Tithe Applotment Books of Ireland.

In Ireland, everyone was required to pay a 10% Tithe to the Church of England regardless of what religion a family practiced. The names of each family were entered in the Tithe Applotment Books during the period 1823 to 1837. Following are the town names and years listed for Peter McNulty.

1828 – Larganavaddoge, Rossinver, Leitrim and Sligo, Ireland.

1833 – Cloonkee, Kilfian, Mayo Ireland.

1834 – Drunmanooe Croagh, Killybegs, Donegal, Ireland.

1834 – Ardagh, Kilbelfad, Mayo, Ireland.

1834 – Knockfree Old, Kilbelfad, Mayo, Ireland.

1834 – Cloongullane, Kilconduff, Mayo, Ireland.

Each of the Counties shown (Leitrim and Sligo, Mayo and Donegal) are in the northwestern part of Ireland.

There is a good chance that one of these locations was the home of Peter McNulty, especially the first two.

The obituary for Alonzo Burgess, brother of Patience Burgess McNulty, adds more information.

Racine Weekly Journal 4 March 1902

OLD SETTLER DIES

Death of Alonzo Burgess.

Alonzo Burgess, aged 81, one of the pioneers of Kenosha county, and an early resident of Racine county and city, died this morning at his home No. 1346 College avenue, after a long sickness. Although his death had been expected for some time, the announcement was a shock to the pioneers who had known him for the past 50 years.

Deceased was born in East Bennington, Bennington County Vermont, August 27, 1820.

Five years later he was taken to Oswego County, New York, by his parents, who were farmers. In that County he remained until 1835, when he emigrated to Wisconsin Territory.

A biography written by Alonzo states that he was born on August 27, 1820 in Vermont but it states that he was three years old when his family moved to Oswego County, New York. This means that the Burgess family moved to Oswego County between 1823 and 1825 and departed for Wisconsin about ten years later in April 1835.

This means that Peter McNulty could have met Patience Burgess in Oswego County, New York in 1834 or 1835, or in Wisconsin between 1835 and 1839.

We do know that Peter and Patience were found with one male child in Wisconsin in 1842. That child would have been Henry McNulty.

We are still searching for the date of death of Peter McNulty. **Will the real Peter McNulty please stand up?**

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The Mystery of Peleg Burgess Continues.....

I wrote about Peleg Burgess Sr. in issue 82 (September 2013) of Our Family News Letter. According to the web site <http://findagrave.com> Peleg Burgess Sr. was the son of Benajah Burgess and Zilpha Matteson. However there was no mention of Peleg in Benajah's Last Will in 1830, nor was he mentioned in the Last Will of John Burgess in 1849. John Burgess would have been a brother of Peleg. In John's will all of his siblings were mentioned with the exception of Peleg. In Benajah's will all of his children were mentioned with the exception of Peleg.

Two possible conclusions from this is that Peleg was not the son of Benajah or Peleg fell out of favor with the family and was being ostracized.

Peleg Burgess Sr. and Roxa A. Harrington had three children that we were aware of. The children, all born in New York State, were Freelove H. Burgess, born 17 Nov 1837; Mordecai E. Burgess, born 21 Aug 1841; and Peleg Burgess Jr., born 18 Dec 1844.

Roxa died 14 Dec 1849 in Washington County, New York. Benajah Burgess Sr. then married a woman named Lucinda in early 1850. A 3X5 card found at the Sauk County, Wisconsin Historical Society in Baraboo stated that Lucinda was married first to William Bennett, then to Peleg Burgess, and finally to James Bilsland after Peleg's death in 1861. Another note found at the

Historical Society stated that Lucinda was a Harrington.

In February 2014, Cheryl Heck and I found a complete listing of the 1855 State Census for Washington County, New York on the <http://www.usgenweb.com> web site.

In the 1855 census we found Freelove H. Burgess age 17 and her brother Mordecai E. Burgess age 16 living with their uncle, Mordecai Chase, age 58.

Going back another five years we looked up the family in the 1850 Census for Washington County, New York. In that census we found Freelove Burgess age 12 years, Mordecai Burgess age 10 years and Harriet Burgess age 5 years living with Mordecai Chase.

Harriet Burgess was the fourth child of Peleg Burgess and Roxa Harrington. Peleg Burgess Jr. and Sr. were not found in the 1850 census for the entire United States. A search for Lucinda Burgess in 1850 also yielded nothing.

The conclusion from this is that Peleg Burgess Jr. and Sr. and Lucinda were in transit to Wisconsin when the 1850 census was taken. In 1850 Peleg left Freelove, Mordecai, and Harriet with their Uncle Mordecai Chase in Washington County, New York. Peleg Sr. took his son Peleg Jr. to Sauk County, Wisconsin to establish a homestead there. Peleg Sr. later sent for Harriet and brought her to Sauk County.

Freelove Burgess married Lewis Sprague Tripp in about 1869 and remained in Washington County, New York. They had six children: Fred L. Tripp, Mordecai Chase Tripp, Louise H. Tripp, Corra G. Tripp, Frank B. Tripp and Sarah J. Tripp.

Mordecai Burgess married Lydia K. Kilmer in about 1859 and lived in Washington County, New York and in Shaftsbury, Bennington County, Vermont. They had ten children: Simon K. Burgess, William H. Burgess, Mordecai Chase Burgess, George A. Burgess, Dianna Bur-

gess, Lydia M. Burgess, Alice Burgess, Lillian May Burgess, Lewis J. Burgess and Mabel C. Burgess.

Peleg Burgess Jr. served during the Civil War in Company F, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry. Following the war he returned to Sauk County, Wisconsin and married Lucretia Diana All in about 1871. They had 13 children: Lillian Burgess, Walter J. Burgess, Charles P. Burgess, John G. Burgess, Mertain M. Burgess, William H. Burgess, Albert A. Burgess, Carrie Burgess, Hattie J. Burgess, Sarah Burgess, Bertha B. Burgess, George W. Burgess, and Arthur B. Burgess.

Harriet Burgess married on 27 Nov 1859, at the age of 15 years to Jesse Cox Jr. Jesse reportedly abandoned Harriet. In the 1860 Census for Ironton, Sauk County, Wisconsin, we found Peleg Burgess Sr. age 54 and Lucinda Burgess age 54 living with Peleg Burgess Jr. age 18. Living next door to them was Jesse Cox age 18 and Harriet Cox age 15.

The 1870 Census for Ironton listed Peleg Burgess Jr. age 28 and single living with his sister, Harriet Cox and her five children: Frank Cox 9, Laura L. Cox 8, Roxalina Cox 4, and Harriet Cox 1.

The 1880 Census for Sugar Grove, Dallas County, Iowa listed Harriet Cox 34, Frank F. Cox 18, Laura A. Cox 16, Roxie L. Cox 13, Hattie L. Cox 10, and Sylvesta Cox 3, a daughter born in Iowa. The other children were born in Wisconsin. Harriet was listed as a widow.

According to a note at the Sauk County Historical Society, Harriet Cox is buried at Valton, Woodland Township, Sauk County, Wisconsin. She died on 11 Aug 1899 in Marne, Cass County, Iowa.

We still haven't proven or disproved the parentage of Peleg Burgess Sr. so we still have some work ahead of us.

Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: They hide... we seek!

From the Photo Album...



This photo was probably taken around 1900 of the Peter Johann Jutz family at New Ulm, Brown County, Minnesota. Peter Johann Jutz is seated at center right. His second wife, Mary Diediar is seated at center left. The first wife of Peter Johann Jutz was Angela Anne Marie Schaefer, the sister of Anna Barbara Schaefer, my great grandmother. Anna Barbara Schaefer was married to Johann Heck.

The children in the photo were unidentified except for the man seated at far right. He is John Jutz. The children of Peter Johann Jutz were John, Theodor, Adam from his first wife and Annie, Nikolas, Lena, Francis, and Clara from his second wife.



Engagement photos of Mary Ann Mikel and Robert Gerald Heck in 1934. They were married at St. John Nepomuk church on 29 June 1935.



The photo above was taken at the John Mikel home at 1212 Hagarer Street in Racine, Wisconsin. John Mikel, my maternal grandfather is standing at far right. My grandmother, Anna Mikel is standing in back fourth from the left. To her left is the niece of John Mikel, Marie Anna Elias from Chicago. To her left is John Kriva holding Otto Kriva. To his left is Otilia Kriva, sister of Anna Mikel. Jerry Kriva is sitting on the bumper of the car. Tillie and Lydia Mikel are the young girls in front with the dark dresses.



Joseph Pastyrick, brother of Anna Mikel, was killed on the last day of World War I.

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Ellen and Bill Stiner

Rebecca and Brian Wright

Don and Sharon Heck

Articles Found in the Newspapers...

**Janesville Weekly Gazette, 5 August 1864,
Page 8**

Losses in the 19th Regiment

List of casualties (Sic) in the 19th Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, from 13th day of May 1864, to the 20th of July 1864.

Editor's Note: The wounded and killed were listed for each Company along with the type of wound. This was done for Company A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and K. A total of five men were killed and 51 were wounded. The 19th Regiment was involved in the Battle of Drewery's Bluff near Richmond, Virginia during that time period.

Company F: F. Steine, wounded, right lung; S. Kohn, left hand; **Henry Heck, leg**; J. Seiberlick, right leg; F. Neumann, thigh; John

Wendt, leg; G. Gehaur, scalp; G. W. Neumann, side.

Racine Daily Journal 18 March 1896 Wisconsin Pensions.

The following Wisconsin pensions have been granted: Original – James H. Pencoek, Leadmine, Additional – Horncce Bartlett, Veterans' home, Waupun. **Renewal and Increase – Henry Heck, Kansasville.** Increase – Henry Williams, Cartwright. Original widows – Mary Bemhaw, Cadott; Mary Burnott, Waconia.

Racine Daily Journal 12 March 1900 Page 1 Burgess

"Benjamin Burgess, one of the oldest residents of Racine County, died at his home near Kansasville yesterday, aged 87 years. Mr. Burgess settled on the farm where he died in 1844, and has lived there continuously ever since. He leaves several children to mourn his death. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the house."

Editor's Note: This Benjamin Burgess was the son of Benjamin Burgess and Rebecca Chase, and was a brother of Patience Burgess McNulty.

Racine Journal News 9 April 1912 BRIGHTON

Brighton, April 8.

Mrs. Henry Heck, a former resident of this town, died at Burlington last Sunday morning. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning at Burlington.

Racine Journal Times 5 February 1919 Fines Are Imposed.

Robert Heck was found guilty of using abusive language toward Marie Van Meter and fined \$5 and costs. Not being able to pay the fine Heck will spend the next ten days with Sheriff Lutter.

Editors Note: This was Robert Steven Heck, who died in 1923.

Not everything printed is correct.

From the History of Redwood County, Minnesota.

John Zeren, a well-known citizen of Wabasso, was born October 16, 1874, in West Newton Township, Nicollet County, Minnesota, son of Peter and Gertrude (Stacken) Zeren.

Peter Zeren was born in Brighton Township, Kenosha, Wis., in July, 1850, son of **Nicholas Zeren, a native of Paris, France**, who came to America, locating in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming, and died in 1854. **He was married in France.** After his death the widow married **John Heck, also a native of France, who came to Wisconsin in 1858** and then came to Nicollet County, Minnesota, where he took up a homestead of 160 acres in Brighton Township. In 1860 he sold his claim for \$150.00 and returned to Wisconsin. In 1861 he returned to Nicollet County, Minnesota, and bought 120 acres in Brighton Township.

At the time of the Indian uprising in 1862 the family took their livestock and went to St. Peter to avoid the Indians. On returning to the farm they found their house safe but the barn and wheat stacks had been burned.

Editors Note: The Zeren family and the John Heck family were from Germany. They were living in Paris Township, Kenosha County, Wisconsin and whoever wrote the biography assumed that Paris was Paris, France.

Nicholas Zeren's wife was Susannah Sebenbrunner, clearly a German name. John Heck was known as Johann Heck, and he was born at Alendorf, Germany. He came to America in 1853, with his wife Anna Barbara Schaefer and four children, not 1858. Anna Barbara died in 1855 and Johann Heck married the widow Susannah Zeren in 1856. In 1857 Johann Heck and his new family of Hecks and Zerens migrated to Nicollet County, Minnesota along with eight other families from Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

The Marriage of Johann Heck and Anna Barbara Schaefer.

"Town of Dollendorf, District of Schleiden, County of Aachen. In the year November 26, 1833, appeared before me, Dummer, Mayor of Dollendorf, as Justice of the Peace, the youth Johann Heck, age 22, born at Alendorf, County of Aachen, residing in Alendorf, son of Anna Lucia Heck, present and consenting, residing in Alendorf, and the maiden, Anna Barbara Schaefer, age 32, born at Alendorf, daughter of deceased, Balthasar Schaefer, and deceased, Anna Margareta Jenner.

They have asked me to post their intension to marry, on the main door of the City Hall at Ripsdorf on November 10 and 17.

There was no challenge to the public notice. Both parties presented all necessary papers (birth certificate, etc.) death certificate of the mother of the bride from the Death Register No. 8, at Dollendorf, in the year 1824.

Both parties answered affirmative to the question, "Will you take this man..." etc, and therefore, I declare Johann Heck and Anna Barbara Schaefer legally married.

Witnesses Peter Hansen, age 33, Alendorf; Joseph Molitur, age 57, Ripsdorf, friend of bride. Above witnesses signatures appear below except that of the mother of the groom who could not write and made this little X."

The Mayor Dummer

Editor's Note: Johann Heck and Anna Barbara Schaefer were actually fifth cousins but probably did not know the exact connection. Both the Heck and Schaefer family names show up in the Alendorf church records back to the 1600's.

Never mind the children, do you know where your 2nd Great Grandparents are tonight?