

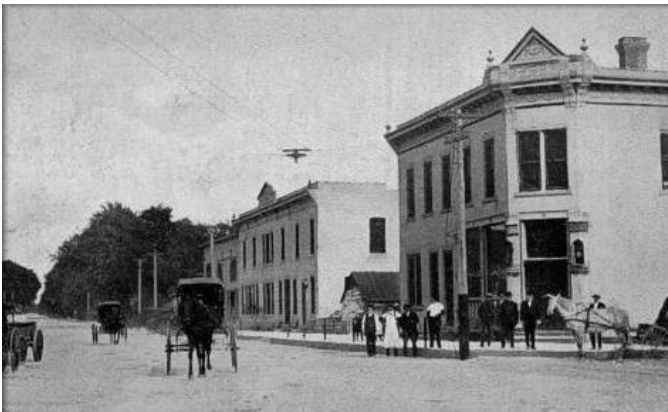
Our Family News Letter

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Fire Destroys Waterford Landmark



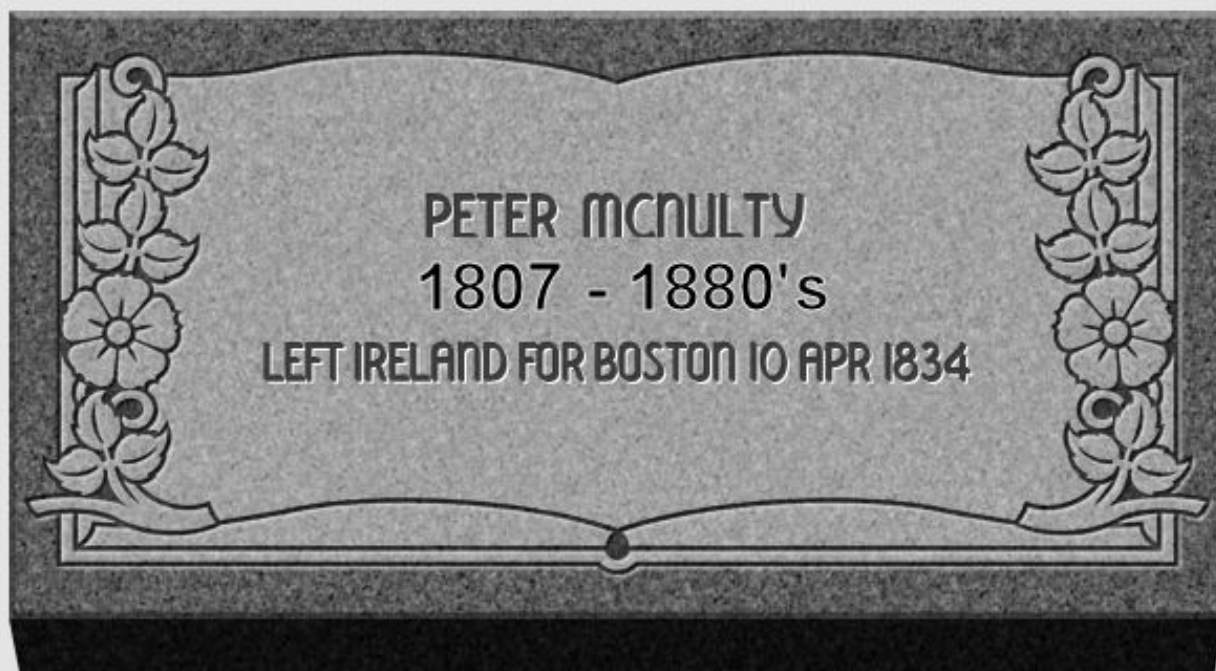
On January 7, 2014 a huge fire destroyed a historic building in downtown Waterford, Wisconsin. The building was built in 1877 on the corner of Main Street and 1st Street.

The building, known as the Kortendick building in 1877, was the home of John P. Heck. John Peter Heck and his wife moved to Waterford, Wisconsin from Burlington in 1902. He operated a tavern on the corner of Main St. and First St. and lived above the tavern. He operated the tavern until prohibition when it was changed to an ice cream parlor and grocery store. In 1931 it was changed back to a tavern, which he operated until his death in 1936. John Peter Heck was the son of Henry Heck and Mary Ann McNulty.

The top photo at left shows the remains of the building following the fire. The entire building had to be torn down because of the extensive damage.

The middle photo at left shows the building around 1902 at the time that John Peter Heck purchased it. After I enlarged the picture, it appeared that the man in the white apron was John. The man to his left is thought to be Henry Heck.

In the bottom photo, "The Hecks and Emma Weiners chatting over the front fence." That is the description shown on the photo of Main Street Waterford, Wisconsin. The license plate on the truck dates this photo at 1915. The "Hecks" shown inside the fence are the family of John Peter Heck. Anna Koetterhagen Heck is the lady inside the fence with the black hat. Right above the rear fender of the truck you can see two black horse heads. They were used to tie up horse drawn wagons and buggies. The ramp was generally used to unload items for delivery to the store.



Lets Put A Tombstone On Peter McNulty's Grave.

In the last issue of Our Family News Letter, Issue 84, March 2014, page 2, I stated "**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.**"

Much to my surprise, several of you responded with donations. So far I have collected **\$250** toward purchasing a tombstone for Peter McNulty. Those who generously contributed include the following:

Lorraine Heck in honor of her late husband **Robert J. Heck** (Great-Great Grandson of Peter.)

Bill and Michelle Heck (Great-Great-Great Grandson of Peter.)

Cheryl Ann Heck (Great-Great-Great Granddaughter of Peter.)

Rebecca Jean Wright (Great-Great-Great-Great Granddaughter of Peter.)

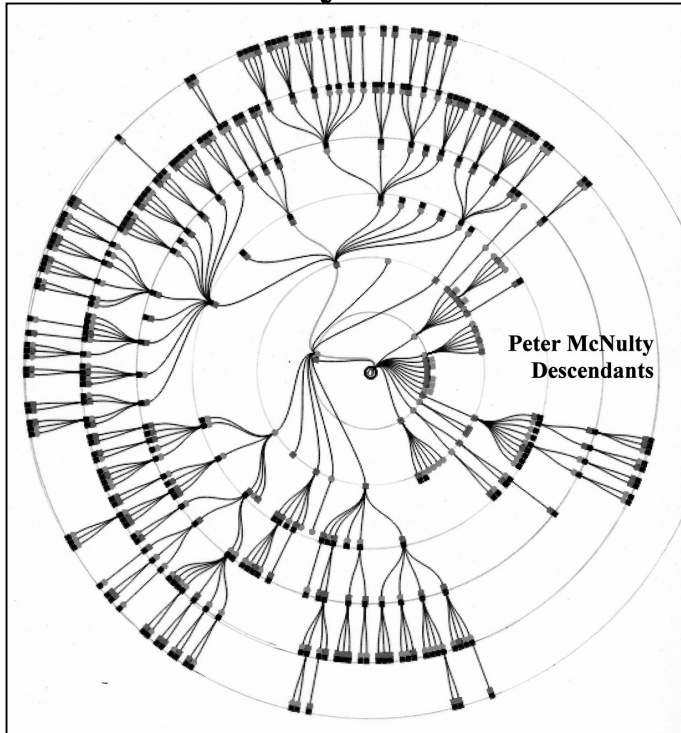
Bob Heck your Editor (Great-Great Grandson of Peter).

The image of the tombstone above is my concept of what the final product would look like. I have been getting estimates for the tombstone along with the installation costs at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery at Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin. Cemeteries require that a cement footing be installed with a four-inch border around all sides of the tombstone. The footing at Saint Mary's Cemetery is required to be 18 inches deep. The footing must be flush with the ground. The tombstone would be about four inches high and made of granite.

The cost of the tombstone installed would be between \$600 and \$700. If you would like to help out please send a check of any amount made payable to Robert J. Heck and send it to me at **Robert J. Heck, 4910 Steeple Drive, Greendale, WI 53129.**

My late cousin, **Robert J Heck, Cheryl Ann Heck, Rebecca Jean Wright**, and I have been researching Peter McNulty trying to determine two things: When did he die and where was he born in Northern Ireland? We know that Peter McNulty ran a saloon in Kansasville, Racine County, Wisconsin and that he was listed in the 1880 Federal census for Wisconsin taken 1 June 1880. He was not listed in the State of Wisconsin census taken 1 June 1885. In 1880 Peter McNulty was listed as being 79 years old.

How many descendants did Peter McNulty have?



The graphical chart above depicts Peter McNulty in the center marked as a small black circle. His children are in the next concentric circle while his grandchildren are in the next concentric circle. This continues until the outer concentric circle, which represents his great-great-great-great grandchildren.

Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess had 13 children, seven of which married and had children. Peter and Patience had 31 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren, 58 great-great-grandchildren, 134 great-great-great-

grandchildren, and 73 great-great-great-great-grandchildren. Obviously Peter and Patience had more than 73 in the last circle, but that is the number that I have documented at this time.

The total number of documented descendants then is 355. Are you one of the 355? If you are a descendant of Henry Heck and Mary Ann McNulty, or John Newmann and Adaline McNulty, or Sherman Aspland and Elizabeth McNulty, or Lawrence McNulty and Clara Christie, or John Harris and Josephine McNulty, or Adam Dibble and Lorreta McNulty, or Sylvester McNulty and Ellen Conboy, you are a descendant of Peter McNulty.



Again, if you would like to help put a tombstone on the grave of Peter McNulty, any contribution would be a big help. Please send it to:

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Meet some Distant Relatives: Joseph Heck 1841-1919 and his wife Josephine Stuetz Brunner 1851-1923.

Joseph Heck was the fourth of five children of Johann Heck and Anna Barbara Schaefer. Their children in order of birth were: 1. Peter Heck, 2. Anna Lucia Heck Boor, 3. Henry Heck, 4. Joseph Heck, and 5. Clara Heck Brunner.

Joseph Heck arrived in America in 1853 with his brothers and sisters and parents. He lived in Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin until 1857 and then moved to Minnesota with his family.

In 1861 he was an assistant to the Post Chaplain at Fort Ridgely near New Ulm, Minnesota. On April 2, 1862 he enlisted in Company B, 4th Infantry Regiment of Minnesota. Joseph was injured when the upper deck of his transport boat, the John J. Roe, collapsed on him. He was in the hospital from May, 1862 through the end of the year as a result. He later fought in the Siege of Vicksburg, The Siege of Chattanooga, and the Battle of Missionary Ridge at Gettysburg. Joseph fought in the same battle as his brother, Peter Heck, at Gettysburg. Peter was in a Wisconsin unit and Joseph was in a Minnesota unit. Joseph was discharged from the service on April 4, 1865 at St. Paul, MN.

Joseph was married to Josephine Stutz in 1882 but separated in 1887. His marriage is listed on page 51 of the church records of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, New Ulm, Minnesota. Witnesses to the wedding were Joseph Stutz and his sister, Clara Heck Brunner.

More about Josephine Stutz from a Genealogy of the Stutz Family.

Josephine was born August 29, 1851 in

Boehmenkirch, Wurttemberg, Germany and died February 12, 1923 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married (1) Ferdinand Brunner October 16, 1869 in West Newton, Nicollet County, Minnesota, son of Jakob Brunner and Maria Walser. She married (2) Joseph Heck April 18, 1882 in New Ulm, Brown County., Minnesota., son of Johann Heck and Anna Schaefer.

Notes for Josephine (known as Josepha) Stutz:

Josephine (Josepha) immigrated to America with her family in 1853. She married Ferdinand Brunner at St. George Catholic Church in West Newton Township, MN on December 16, 1869.

Ferdinand Brunner, along with his brother, Xafiar Brunner, owned the Brunner Dance Hall, Saloon and Boarding House in West Newton. It was know also as the "Farmers Home" and was located directly across from the Harkins Store. The Harkins Store closed its doors in 1901. Josephine and Ferdinand had five children, John Martin, Joseph H., Theresa, Mary and Magdalena. Ferdinand died in June of 1881.

Josephine married Joseph Heck on 18 April 1882 in Holy Trinity Catholic Church in New Ulm. Joseph and Josephine had three children: Clara Josephine, Rosa Margaret and Aloysius Ferdinand. Clara Josephine died in 1883 at the age of five months. Rosa Margaret died in 1887 at the age of two years and three months. Joseph Heck and Josephine Stutz Brunner Heck separated about January 1887.

Josephine stayed on in New Ulm until June 1898, when she moved to St. Paul, Minnesota with her son, Aloysius. Her mother had passed away the previous year.

In an article written in the New Ulm Review on October 06, 1897 "Mr. William Cordes has retired from the management of the Windsor Hotel. Mrs. Josephine Heck has purchased the furni-

ture, leased the building and will assume charge at once."

Josephine operated a small hotel or boarding house in St. Paul. She died on February 12, 1923 from asthma and other complications in the State Soldiers Home in Minneapolis, where she had been living. She is buried in the Old Soldiers Plot in Lakewood Cemetery, which is located at 34th and Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis.



The children of Josephine Stutz Brunner Heck: Standing L-R: Joseph Brunner, Magdalena Brunner Markowitz, Theresa Brunner Schaefer, and Mary Anna Brunner Buerger. Seated L-R: Josephine Stutz Brunner Heck, Aloysius Heck, and John Martin Brunner.

Joseph Heck's death certificate 1919-MN-001524. states that he died 30 April 1919 at age 78 and was divorced. Joseph Heck is buried at St. George Catholic Cemetery, West Newton Township, Nicollet County, Minnesota. He is buried next to his sister, Clara Heck Brunner and her husband, Vincent Brunner.

Bernadine I. Henningfeld **5 Jan 1925 – 26 Apr 2014**



Bernadine Irene Henningfeld April 26, 2014.

Elkhorn: Bernadine I. Henningfeld age 89 of Elkhorn, WI, passed away at Aurora Lakeland Medical Center on Saturday April 26, 2014, surrounded by her family. Bernie was born on January 5, 1925, daughter of the late Alex and Mary Baumeister. Bernie was married to her husband Louie at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Burlington on November 27, 1943 until his death in 2012.

Bernie was born and raised on her parents dairy farm. She lived in the Elkhorn and Burlington area all her life. She belonged to the Elkhorn and Lake Geneva Seniors. She enjoyed gardening, bingo, and playing cards. She also was a riveter during the war with J. I. Case, and helped assemble wings for B-26 bombers.

Bernie cherished her time spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and will be greatly missed by them. Bernie is preceded in death by her husband, Louie; Daughter, Sharon; and three grandsons. Bernie is survived by her three children, Wayne (Melinda) Henningfeld of Medford, Oregon; Steve (Bonnie) Henningfeld of Madison; and Betty (John)

Coates of Stevens Point; seven grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

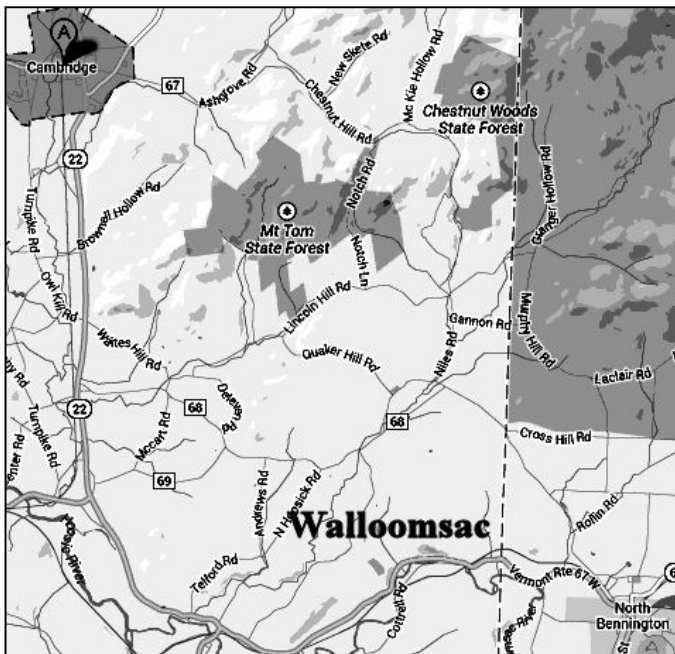
The family would like to thank VNA Hospice and all the staff at Lakeland Medical Center for the care and comfort they provided Bernie. Private family services will be held for Bernie at a later date. An online guest registry can be found at www.haaslockwoodfhs.com. Haase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Homes and Crematory assisted the family with the final arrangements.

Lands to be Sold for Arrears of Taxes

From the publication "List of Lands to be Sold in January, 1826, for Arrears of Taxes" the following entry was found.

"Town of Cambridge, East Part. Benajah Burgess, 50 Acres, joining Rensselaer County and his farm in the town of Hoosick."

Cambridge is located in Washington County, New York just north of Walloomsac, Rensselaer County where Benajah Burgess is buried.



Benajah is buried at the Walloomsac Methodist Episcopal Cemetery on Cottrell Road. Benajah also owned farm land at Shaftsbury, Vermont which is located due east of Cambridge.

Minnesota Land Sold to John Heck in 1861.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1855, entitled "An Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States" there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Warrant No. 92320 for 160 acres, in favor of Mely Manning Private Captain Stone's Company Georgia Militia Seminole War

with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the South half of the North East Quarter and the North half of a North West Quarter of Section Ten in Township One hundred and ten North of Range Twenty nine in the district of lands subject to sale at St. Peter Minnesota containing One hundred and sixty Acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of said Lands returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL the said Warrant having been assigned by the said Mely Manning to John Heck in whose favor said tract had been located

NOW KNOW YE, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said John Heck, as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said John Heck, as assignee as aforesaid and to his

heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Abraham Lincoln

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of WASHINGTON, the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the

BY THE PRESIDENT: Abraham Lincoln

By W. B. Ballard Sec'y.

J. M. S. Recorder of the General Land Office.

The document shown above is a Bounty Land Transfer of 160 acres of farmland in Minnesota from Mely Manning to John (Johann) Heck signed by Abraham Lincoln on 1 April 1861. Johann Heck was my great-great grandfather.

Mely Manning was given the land for his military service to the United States while in the

Land Descriptions

Map	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Section	Survey #	County
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▲ Due to data limitations, we could not map the aliquots or lots of this land description. The township and section are shown.



Georgia Militia during the Seminole Indian War 1855-1858 in Florida.

The land was described as the north half of the northeast quarter and the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 10 in Township 110 north of Range 29 west in the district of lands subject to sale at St. Peter, Minnesota containing 160 acres.

The land purchased by John (Johann) Heck is located in the north half of the gray square east of New Ulm, and north of Swan Lake in the township of Brighton, Nicolet County, Minnesota.

Special Thanks to Our Contributors

The following readers sent in contributions to help defray the cost of publishing Our Family News Letter in 2014. The cost of printing keeps going up. The Postal Service also increased the cost for postage. Contributions to help cover the costs are greatly appreciated.

**Frank and Andrea Lamping
Rebecca and Brian Wright
Lorraine Heck
Gary & Carol Heck
Alvin & Carolyn Heck**

Articles Found in the Newspapers...

**Burlington Press, 21 March 1900
Henningfeld Obituary**

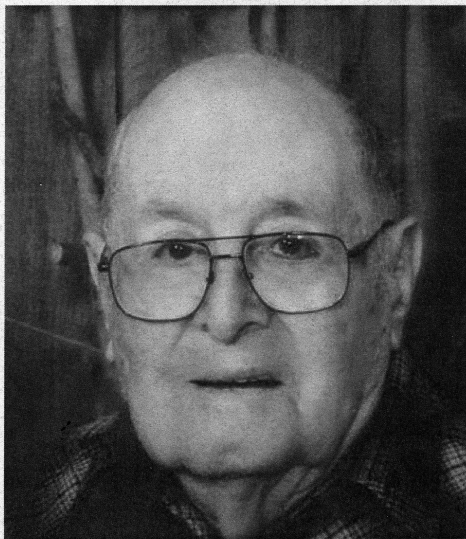
"Mrs. Katherine Henningfeld died last Sunday of old age at the home of her son, Henry Henningfeld, on McHenry Street in this city, aged 84 years. She was a former resident of Waterford but had lived here for a number of years past. She was a widow and leaves a number of grown-up children surviving her, among them her son Henry and Mrs. H. Plate, both of this city. The funeral will take place this Wednesday morning from the Catholic Church."

Burlington Standard Democrat, 21 March 1900 Henningfeld Obituary

"Mrs. Elizabeth Henningfeld died at the home of her son, Henry Henningfeld on McHenry Street, on Sunday, March 18, at 6 p.m. The deceased was born in Olfen, (sic) Westpfahlen, Germany, February 27, 1816, and was consequently 84 years and 19 days old at the time of her demise. On October 12, 1839, she was united in marriage to Francis Henningfeld in her native country, coming to this country in 1847. She resided in Waterford till about 23 years ago, since then she has made her home with her son in this city."

Editor's Note: Catherine Elizabeth Henningfeld was born in Olfen, Westfalen, Prussia, Germany. She married Franz Arnold Henningfeld in Olfen. Her maiden name was Richter and she was the daughter of Johann Heinrich Richter and Catharina Elizabeth Achsenkamp. It is not uncommon to see variations in the spelling of names in the newspapers. One newspaper lists her as Katherine with a K while the other newspaper lists her as Elizabeth.

In Loving Memory of



Vern Friend

July 9, 1912
March 15, 2014

Vern Friend Died at the Age of 101 Years and 8 Months.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Vern Friend at the age of almost 102 years at Howard, Kansas in March 2014. I wrote a brief story about Vern in Issue 78 of Our Family News Letter, published in September 2012.

Vern was the great-great grandson of Benjamin Burgess and Rebecca Chase.

Kenosha News, 1 July 1936 Adam Dibble Obituary

Paddocks Lake

"Adam Dibble passed away at his home in Antioch, (Illinois), Wednesday morning. He leaves his wife, a son, Sylvester Dibble of Paddocks Lake, a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Fields of Pikeville, Ill.; three grandchildren, Beulah Dibble, Russell and Hazel Fields. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 o'clock standard time at Strang's Undertaking Parlors, Antioch, interment being in Hickory Cemetery."

Editor's Note: The wife of Adam Dibble was Loretta Mary McNulty, daughter of Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess.

Racine Journal Times, 16 May 1923 Personals

"John Heck, of Waterford, was called to Racine by the serious illness of his brother, Robert Heck, 2704 Charles Street."

One-Liners for Genealogists

Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts, and a few bad apples.

Documentation... The hardest part of genealogy.