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Who are the Dibbles?



Good Question.

At our Heck Family picnic held on July 12, 2015, that was the most frequent question asked by people standing in front of two large photo charts. I had put together two large displays measuring 3 foot by 2 foot containing a total of 93 photographs. Each photo was identified with the names of our family members. The photos were placed in random order so the observers had to review the entire display to make family connections.

Some of the photos showed the Dibble family and nobody seemed to know who they were or how they were connected to our family.

If I had more room I could have added the Aspland family, the Newmann family and the Harris family. That would have generated a lot of questions.

What was really interesting at the picnic was the number of younger people who asked me to show them their great-grandparents on the display. Some even marveled at how much they looked like or resembled the person shown in a photograph taken generations ago. Some of the people in the photographs were born 100 years before the inquisitive inquirer.

My generation and nearly all of my cousins are in our 70's and 80's now. It's nice to know that the next generations are starting to express an interest in our family history.

Now back to the question of who the Dibble, Aspland, Newmann and Harris families were and how we are connected to them.

Peter McNulty married Patience Burgess and had 13 children. Their Descendants are listed here in the order of birth.

1. Henry McNulty (b.1842-Brighton, Kenosha County, WI; d.31 Jul 1899- Racine Co.,WI)
2. Mary Ann McNulty (b.11 Mar 1844-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d.7 Apr 1912-Burlington, Racine Co.,WI) sp: **Henry Heck**
3. Adaline McNulty (b.1845-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI) sp: **John Newman**

4. Elizabeth L. McNulty (b.3 Jul 1846-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d.19 Jan 1925-Rockton, Winnebago Co.,IL) sp: **Sherman Aspland**

5. John McNulty (b.23 Jul 1850-Kenosha, Kenosha Co.,WI; d.Bef 1860)

6. Peter McNulty Jr. (b.1850-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d. 8 Mar 1915-, Racine Co.,WI)

7. Benjamin McNulty (b.Ab 29 Jun 1850-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d. 29 Dec 1852-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI)

8. Daniel McNulty (b. 25 May 1857-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d. Before Jun 1860)

9. Julia McNulty (b. 8 Jul 1859-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d. 21 Aug 1864-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI)

10. Lawrence McNulty (b. 1 Mar 1861-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d. 31 Mar 1930-Wild Rose, Waushara Co.,WI) sp: **Clara V. Christie**

11. Josephine McNulty (b. Jan 1865-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d. Aft 5 Jun 1917) sp: **John Amos Harris**

12. Loretta Mary McNulty (b. 19 Sep 1867-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d. 27 Jan 1949-Antioch, Lake Co., IL) sp: **Adam Dibble**

13. Sylvester McNulty (b. Nov 1869-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d. 30 Apr 1936-Shelbyville, Shelby Co.,MO) sp: **Ellen Loretta Conboy**

Of the 13 children of Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess, four died before reaching the age of 10 years. Two of the male children reached adulthood but never married. Seven of the children reached adulthood and were married. In the list above the spouses of those who married are shown in bold print.

Child number 2: Mary Ann McNulty married Henry Heck in 1869 at Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. The eight children of Henry

Heck and Mary Ann McNulty were: James, Mary Ann, John, Mathias, Elizabeth, Robert Steven, Eva, and Laurence.



L-R: John, Robert, James, Mathias, and Henry Heck. Henry Heck, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Mary Ann McNulty Heck, Laurence, and Eva.

Child number 3: Adaline McNulty married John Newman at Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin on 5 June 1861.

John Newman died on 10 February 1879 at Burlington leaving Adaline with six children ranging in age from 17 to 2 years. The children were Mary N. Newman age 17, Daniel Newman age 15, Julia Newman age 12, Bennett Newman age 10, Adelaid Newman age 7 and William Newman age 2. Little is known about happened to this family.

Child number 4: Elizabeth L. McNulty married Sherman Aspland in Racine, Wisconsin on 5 January 1865. The seven children of Sherman Aspland and Elizabeth L. McNulty were James H. Aspland born 1866, Charles S. Aspland born 1868, Willie Aspland born 1868, Francis Aspland born 1870, Rose A. Aspland born 1874, George Aspland born 1876, Albert Aspland born 1876.

OBITUARY: December 31, 1928, Monday, The Beloit Daily News: "Rockton Civil War Veteran Succumbs. Sherman Aspland, 86, Came To United States When Four Year Old. Rockton: Sherman Aspland, 86 year old veteran of the Civil War, died Sunday morning at 7 o'clock at the home of his son, Frank, in Rockton, following a week's illness with infirmities of age. Mr. Aspland was born in Lincolnshire, England, October 4, 1842, the son of James and Anna West-

moreland Aspland. He came to America with his parents when he was four years old, settling on a farm near Kansasville, Wisconsin, where he lived until 1861. At that time he enlisted in Company G, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry, serving until 1863 when he was honorably discharged because of illness. On January 1, 1865, he was married to Elizabeth L. McNulty who preceded him in death on January 19, 1925. They came to Rockton in 1867, spending the remainder of their lives in this vicinity. He was a member of the Rockford G.A.R. post. Surviving relatives are three sons, James H., Frank and Albert, one daughter, Mrs. Rose Nicholls, all of Rockton, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the son, Frank. The Rev. Percy Newton will officiate and burial will be in Rockton cemetery."



Elizabeth L. McNulty Aspland is shown 2nd from left in the front row and Sherman Aspland is shown standing 5th from left with a full beard.

OBITUARY: Thursday, January 20, 1925 issue of The Beloit Daily News: "Mrs. S. Aspland, 79, Dies In Rockton. Mrs. Sherman Aspland, one of the longest residents of this village died here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock after a long period of feeble health due to old age. Mrs. Aspland had resided in Rockton and vicinity since 1867. She was born in Sumner, Wis., July 3, 1846, and was married at Racine in 1865. Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Kelly, three sons, Frank, James and Albert Aspland, four grandchildren, Mrs. Eva Brady,

Frank Aspland, Mrs. Peter Kelly, Mrs. Rose Wright, all of Rockton, and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. H. A. Studebaker of Beloit will officiate."

Child number 10: Lawrence McNulty married Clara V. Christie on 14 August 1881 at Wild Rose, Waushara County, Wisconsin. Lawrence changed the spelling of his name to McNelty. The two children of Lawrence McNelty and Clara V. Christie were John C. McNulty born 1882 and died 1883, and Robert F. McNelty born 1883.



Standing L-R: Jennie Clark, Clara McNelty, Lawrence McNelty, Janet McNelty, Clara (Christie) McNelty, Helen (Davis) McNelty, Kathryn McNelty, Jane Jones and Mamie Davis. Front L-R: Patience McNelty, Marion Roberts, Prudence McNelty, Robert Reed McNelty, Roberta McNelty. McNelty. The picture was taken in 1921 at Wild Rose, Wisconsin.

OBITUARY: Waushara Argus April 3, 1930: "Larry McNelty, Age 69, Is Called to Rest. Larry McNelty, age 69, passed away Monday morning at his home, about three miles east of Wild Rose, near Silver Lake. He had been in failing health for about two years.

Larry McNelty was born at Brighton, Racine (Sic) County, Wisconsin, March 1st, 1861. He came to Waushara County in 1875 and resided

there the remainder of his life. He was married to Miss Clara Christie August 14, 1881, and to this union two children were born, John C., who died in infancy, and Robert F., who resides at Clintonville, Wisconsin.

He was a charter member of the local chapter of the Woodmen Lodge and always took an active part in the various functions of that organization. He and his son, Robert were taken into the Masonic Lodge together, and to this order he gave loyal devotion and faithful service.

After an illness of about a year, and from which during the last few weeks he had suffered greatly, he departed this life on March 31, 1930, at his farm home near Silver Lake. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, his son Robert and family, and one sister, Mrs. A. Dibble of Antioch, Wisconsin (Sic), and many friends. Larry was a kind husband and father, a good neighbor; generous, faithful, and honest in all his dealings, and highly respected by all of his acquaintances.

The funeral services were held at the house, Wednesday, April 2, with the Rev. Millard J. Gordanier officiating. Special music was furnished by the Welch quartet. Burial services were held in the Howe cemetery, and conducted by the Wild Rose Chapter of Masons."



L-R: Roberta McNelty, Clara McNelty, Clara Christie McNelty, and Lawrence McNelty during a 1921 visit to Racine, Wisconsin.

Child number 11: Josephine McNulty married John Amos Harris on 17 January 1885 at Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin.

From the Union Grove Enterprise, Thursday, 22 Jan 1885:

"MARRIED Harris - McNulty - Near Kansasville, Wis., January 17, 1885, by John F. Banks, J.P., Mr. John Amos Harris and Miss Josephine McNulty, both of the town of Dover, Wis. Mr. John Harris and his bride are well known in this vicinity and occupy a warm place in the hearts of their many friends. The happy couple left on the morning train for a western tour as far as Burlington. They have our best wishes for the future."

John Amos Harris and Josephine McNulty had two sons. Frank Amos Harris was born at Dover on 7 August 1886. He died at Spooner, Wisconsin in July 1979. William Erwin Harris was born at Dover on 5 July 1893. The family was farming at Spooner, Washburn County, Wisconsin by the time the 1900 census was taken. Frank apparently never married and lived at Spooner all his life. William Erwin Harris was working for the railroad in 1910 at the age of 17. He was still living at home with his parents and brother, Frank in 1910 but could not be found in 1920 and 1930 census records.

Josephine and John Harris apparently died some time after 1917 but before 1920.

No photos of the Harris family were ever found.

Child number 12: Loretta Mary McNulty was born 19 September 1867 at Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin; she died 27 Jan 1949 at Antioch, Lake County, Illinois. Loretta was married to Adam Dibble on 19 Feb 1887 at the house of the rector of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at Brighton, Kenosha County Wisconsin. The witnesses were James Henry Heck and Mary Ann Heck. The marriage was thought to be a mixed marriage as Adam was not Catholic. Marriage information was found in the Racine County vital records Vol 5, page 160. The civil record showed her name as "Lauretta McNolty".

Loretta and Adam were found living in Bristol, Wisconsin in the 1910 census. She and Adam are buried at the Hickory Union Cemetery, Antioch, Lake County, Illinois.



Seated: Loretta McNulty Dibble, and Adam Dibble.
Standing L-R: Sylvester Dibble, Bessie Turlock Dibble, Beulah Dibble, Charlotte Dibble Fields, and Ralph Fields in about 1914.



Does this building look familiar? It is a picture of Sylvester Dibble at the gas pump with his daughter Charlotte, wife Bessie, and son Lawrence at the S. Dibble – Paddock Lake General Store and Gas Station in 1929. It is located on Highway 50 at Paddock Lake in Kenosha County, Wisconsin. Today it is a flower shop located on the north side of the highway. Paddock Lake is located right behind the general store.

Child number 13: Sylvester McNulty (b. Nov 1869-Brighton, Kenosha Co.,WI; d. 30 Apr 1936-Shelbyville, Shelby Co.,MO) sp: **Ellen Loretta Conboy**

NOTE: In the following obituary, the parents of Sylvester McNulty are incorrectly shown as James and Mary McNulty. His parents were Peter and Patience McNulty.


OBITUARY: May 6, 1936: Syl McNulty, 68 Dies At His Home Here. Sylvester McNulty, 68, retired Shelbyville businessman, died at his home here Thursday night at 8:40 o'clock following two weeks' serious illness. He had been in failing health for three years. He was born March 18, 1868, in Racine, Wis., a son of James and Mary McNulty. He was reared in Wisconsin and Illinois, and came to Shelby County, MO, when a young man. For several years he worked at the local telephone central office and for many years operated a drayage service in this city. He was married on Sept. 22, 1891, to Miss Ellen Conboy, who survives.

He also leaves six children, Mrs. Kathryn Williams, Thomas J. McNulty and Mrs. Anna Blanset of Shelbyville, Mrs. William Crawford of Obert, Nebraska, Mrs. Ruth King of Monroe City, and Mrs. Sylvia Peacher of Quincy, Illinois. Funeral services were held Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Shelbina Catholic church, of which Mr. McNulty was a member. Services were conducted by the Rev. Fr. Michael Grace. Burial was in the Shelbina Catholic cemetery.

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Our Family News Letter is published quarterly and is distributed without charge. Contributions to help cover the costs are greatly appreciated. If you would like to see some of your old photos in it, send them to me at my e-mail address: **bheck@execpc.com** along with a description.

Johann Heck 1810-1885 Applied for citizenship in Wisconsin.

FAMILY NAME Heck		GIVEN NAME OR NAMES John	
ADDRESS			
DECLARATION No.	VOLUME	PAGE	DATE OF DECLARATION
Loose			Oct. 28, 1856
COUNTRY OF BIRTH OR ALLEGIANCE Prussia		WHEN BORN (OR AGE) 1810	
DATE AND PORT OF ARRIVAL IN U. S. May 1852 New York		CERTIFICATE No. PORT OF ENTRY	
CERTIFICATE No. OF NATURALIZATION		DATE	VOLUME AND PETITION No.
			
TITLE AND LOCATION OF COURT CIRCUIT COURT KENOSHA COUNTY KENOSHA, WISCONSIN			

Johann Heck, known in Wisconsin and Minnesota as John Heck, applied for citizenship on 28 October 1856. What was surprising was that the index card shown above was found in the Kenosha County, Wisconsin records. The records were located on the familysearch.org web site which is a free site containing millions of genealogy records. The card was found in the Wisconsin, County Naturalization Records, 1807-1992, Kenosha County, Image 4582 out of 4845 total images in the record. I was expecting that Johann applied for naturalization in Minnesota since he was only in Wisconsin for four years before migrating to Minnesota.

The index card incorrectly states that Johann (John) arrived in New York in May 1852. He did arrive in New York however it was on 16 April 1853 on board the ship Peter Hattrick. His birth year of 1810 is correct.

Johann's first wife, Anna Barbara Schaefer died in 1855, and Johann married the widow Susannah Zeren on 26 June 1856 at Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. A little over a year later Johann submitted his petition for naturalization at the Kenosha County Court House. In 1857 Johann Heck moved his family to Brighton Township, Nicollet County, Minnesota, near Swan Lake. It is believed that he submitted his final papers for naturalization in Minnesota.

Value of Johann Heck's property in 1880.

On 10 June 1880 the Agriculture Farming Census was taken in Nicollet County, Minnesota. The value of \$1.00 from 1880 would be about \$12.15 today. Following is the record of Johann Heck's property.

Land Owned or Rented: Owned
 Tilled acreage including fallow and grass in rotation: 100 acres
 Permanent meadows, pasture, orchards or vineyards: 100 acres
 Other unimproved, including old fields not growing wood: 10 acres
 Value of farmland, fences and buildings: \$2,000
 Value of farm implements and machinery: \$150
 Value of livestock: \$600
 Estimated value of all produce: \$400
 Acreage of grass lands mown: 15 acres
 Hay produced in 1879: 40 tons
 Horses of all ages on hand: 8
 Milk cows on hand: 5
 Other cows on hand: 8
 Cattle purchased in 1879: 1
 Cattle dropped in 1879: 2
 Cattle sold: 3
 Butter made on the farm in 1879: 500 pounds
 Sheep and lambs on hand: 1
 Lambs dropped in 1879: 1
 Sheep killed by dogs: 1
 Sheep clip shorn and to be shorn: 2
 Sheep clip shorn: 8 pounds
 Swine on hand: 4
 Poultry on hand: 39
 Eggs produced in 1879: 250 dozen
 Indian corn acreage in 1879: 4 acres
 Indian corn bushels in 1879: 150 bushels
 Oats acreage in 1879: 10 acres
 Oats bushels in 1879: 600 bushels
 Wheat acreage in 1879: 55 acres
 Wheat bushels in 1879: 720 bushels
 Irish potatoes acreage in 1879: 1 acre
 Irish potatoes bushels in 1879: 75 bushels
 Tobacco acreage in 1879: 1/10 acre
 Tobacco pounds in 1879: 20 pounds



The photo above was taken on 14 January 2015 at the Milwaukee Personal Ancestral File Users Group (MPAFUG) meeting. This is a computer genealogy group that has over 600 members in 22 States. Bob Heck, your Editor of this newsletter, is shown addressing a crowd of 194 people. My son, Bill Heck and I teamed up to give back-to-back lectures on Internet safety and cyber attacks on the Internet. January is traditionally the lowest attended meeting because of the lousy weather we have here in the Milwaukee area. Bill was the main drawing card for the evening and he did a great job. Many members asked if we could have Bill give another talk. I've invited him back for the January 2016 meeting and he accepted my invitation.

The MPAFUG group concentrates on teaching members how to use computers and the Internet for conducting genealogy research. The group meets on the second Wednesday of every month except for December. No meetings are held in December. Our meetings are held at Klemmer's Banquet Center, 10401 West Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53227. The meetings start at 7:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Most people get there by 6:30 pm as our average attendance is 150 people.

Membership in MPAFUG costs \$14.00 per year and covers all members of the same family under the same roof. Meetings are always open to the public in case you would like to see if MPAFUG is for you.

Visit our public web page to see what MPAFUG is all about and to read our newsletter. Here is the address: <http://mpafug.org>

From the Newspapers...

"No clue has yet been obtained to the party who placed a baby boy on the steps of Alonzo Burgess."
(Racine Daily Oct. 23, 1900)

"Mr. Fred Burgess is very sick with typhoid fever."
(Racine Daily Oct. 21, 1896)

"Charles Burgess, a resident of the Town of Somers, was very badly injured in this city about 1 o'clock this afternoon. While attempting to drive his team of horses attached to load of hay on the market back of the chemical engine house, he drove them too near the building, resulting in the wagon capsizing. Burgess was precipitated on the stone pavement, falling a distance of several feet. He was picked up unconscious. Dr. Nott was summoned and after making a temporary examination ordered that the man be taken to the St. Luke's hospital in the patrol wagon. At the hospital the physician made a complete diagnosis of the case and found him suffering from the effects of a severe concussion. It is also thought that the man's skull is fractured. He had not regained consciousness up to three o'clock this afternoon."
(Racine Journal Aug. 13, 1901)

"A brilliant wedding took place at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon April 15, at the home of Mr. Wm. Burgess when his daughter Hattie was united in marriage to Clayton B. Reas in the presence of nearly one hundred friends of the contracting parties. Miss Edith Lewis acted as bridesmaid and Burdette Burgess, brother of the

bride was best man. As the wedding march was being played by Miss Mae Burgess the bridal party came into the parlor preceded by Rev. George J. Rea and took their places on the white fur ring underneath a handsome arch decorated with evergreens and Easter lilies. The ceremony was short but impressive, at the close of which the young couple received the party congratulations of their many friends. The bride was attired in a white India linen gown trimmed in lace and satin ribbons, wore white slippers and carried a bouquet of white Roman hyacinths. The groom was wearing the same flower. A rose bowl with daybreak carnations was a beautiful center piece. The refreshments were delicious and nicely served by young ladies and gentlemen, superintended by Miss Mary Rhodes, in her usual capable manner.

After the supper, music and sociability were participated in, a solo "The Oak Oaken Bucket" was exquisitely rendered by Mrs. Owen (nee Florence Spencer) the audience joining in the chorus. It was a great pleasure to listen to Somers' former sweet singer again. Then came the announcement that the young ladies should gather in the front yard as the bride was about to throw her bouquet into the crowd and the young lady fortunate enough to catch it would be the first to be married. One of our popular young ladies carried off the prize.

The presents were numerous and elaborate, betokening the high esteem in which the young couple are held by their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Reas left on Friday afternoon April 17 by way of Northern Pacific to Portland, Oregon from which place they will go by ocean steamer to San Francisco; then by rail to Porterville, near which place Mr. Reas owns a fine fruit farm. The best wishes for their future prosperity and happiness will follow the young people through life's journey."

(Racine Weekly April 23, 1896)

"A short time ago Wm. Burgess received a case of honey from his son in law, Clayton Reas of California."

(Racine Weekly June 1, 1899)

"Burdett and Robert Burgess of Chicago are spending a few days at their father's home in the village."

(Racine Daily July 18, 1900)

"Mrs. L. Cool and her brother, Fred Burgess, departed for Mt. Clemons, Michigan on Monday, where Mr. Burgess will take treatment for rheumatism."

(Racine Weekly Sept 1, 1895)

"Mrs. W.E. Burgess of Chicago had a tumor removed from her left side on Tuesday last. Her many friends here will be pleased to learn that she is getting along as well as expected."

(Racine Weekly Jan. 27, 1898)

"A very pleasant reunion was held at the home of William E. Burgess on Christmas Day. His six sons were home - Charles of Bristol, Edward and his family, Will, Burdette and Robert of Chicago and George and his family of Somers. The family presented their father with a beautiful upholstered rocker."

(Racine Daily Jan. 1, 1900)

"Robert Burgess went to Chicago Tuesday where he accepted a position with an ice company."

(Racine Weekly May 25, 1899)

"George and Robert Burgess hauled two loads of flax straw to Franksville Thursday morning."

(Racine Daily Feb. 8, 1899)

"Miss Maggie Sinclair and George Burgess were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Church on Thursday afternoon, Rev. Henry Brown officiating."

Racine Weekly Oct. 28, 1897)

"George Burgess is moving to the Flett farm which he will work the coming year."

(Racine Journal Jan. 9, 1903)

"Burdett and Robert Burgess of Chicago are spending a few days at their father's home in the village." (Racine Daily July 18, 1900)