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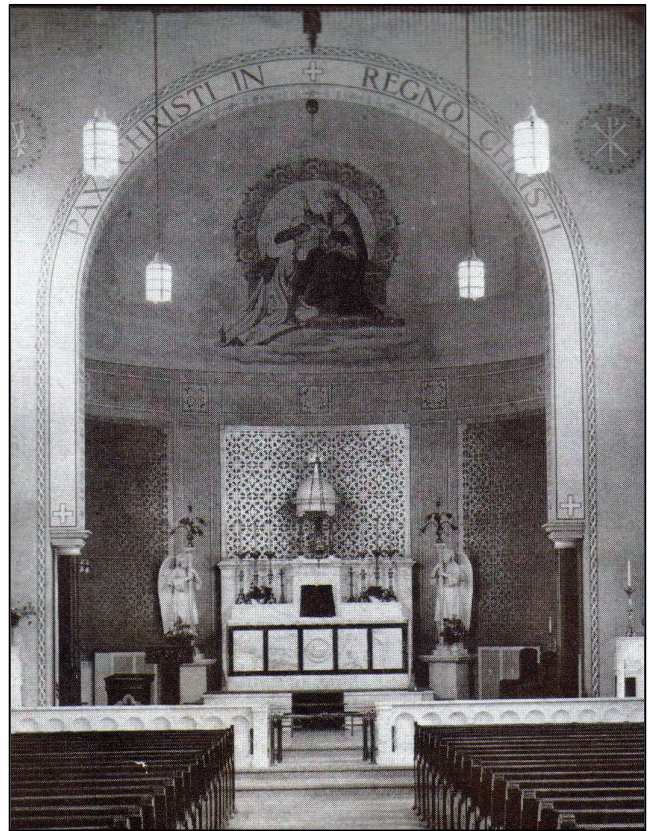
From The Photo Album



During the Corona Virus stay home period we were able to spend a lot of time going through piles of old document, papers, and even some photos that had not seen the light of day for some time. Here are a few of those hidden treasures.

The photo above had a stick-on note on the back with my Dad's handwriting on it. The note stated that his father, Robert Steven Heck, is shown at second from left in the white jacket and apron. The photo is believed to have been taken at the Log Cabin Saloon located at 218, 5th Street in downtown Racine, Wisconsin.

On 28 October 1907, it was recommended to the Common Council of the City of Racine, that the liquor license for the Log Cabin Saloon be revoked. The owner, Fred J Leach was accused of violating the ordinance in regard to the closing of his saloon at midnight, and of keeping a disorderly and improper house. His saloon was kept open until 5:00am during which time he harbored and furnished liquor to a minor, a young girl.



Here is another photo found while sorting through old documents and photos. The picture shows Saint John Nepomuk Catholic church from way back when I was a kid. Note the location of the altar. The priest said Mass with his back to the congregation. The Mass was always in Latin which we never really understood. At front was the white communion rail where we had to kneel to receive communion. During the school year we had to attend Mass every day before classes. We had to sit with our class and the Nuns took attendance. You never wanted to come late for that morning Mass.

Those who received communion got to eat their breakfast in class. Most brought an egg salad sandwich from home and they really smelled good to those of us who didn't eat breakfast that morning.

Pioneer Resident Dies Wed. Night

Mrs. Loretta Dibble, 82, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Fields, last night, Wednesday, January 26. Mrs. Dibble had been ill for a long time preceding death.

She was born at Kansasville, Wisconsin, on September 15, 1866, and most of her long life was spent in this community. Her husband preceded her in death in 1936.

Besides Mrs. Fields, she is survived by a son, Sylvester Dibble, of Salem, Wis., two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The body is at the Strang Funeral home, but no funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

The obituary above was found in a folder of papers. The obituary appeared on page 1 of the Antioch News, dated Thursday, 27 January 1949. Antioch is located in northern Illinois, not far from the Wisconsin border. Mrs. Loretta Dibble was the youngest daughter of Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess. She was my great-grandaunt.

Loretta McNulty lived in Wilmot, Wisconsin with Lawrence McNulty after the death of her father. Lawrence is thought to be the brother of Peter McNulty for this reason. Loretta was married on 19 Feb 1887 at the house of the rector of St. Francis church at Brighton, Kenosha Co. Wis. The witnesses were James Henry Heck and Mary Ann Heck. Mary Ann Heck, nee McNulty, was the wife of Henry Heck. The marriage was thought to be a mixed marriage as Adam was not Catholic. Loretta and Adam had a family group picture taken about 1935. Marriage information was found in the Racine County vital records

Volume 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. In the 1920 census they were living in Antioch, Lake County, Illinois and were listed as farmers. Loretta is buried at the Hickory Union Cemetery, Antioch, Illinois.



The photo above was made from an old 8mm movie film from 1948. L-R: Earl Rapp and Bob Heck. The image was taken in front of 1306 Jones Avenue in Racine, Wisconsin. Douglas Park can be seen in the background. Earl and Bob lived directly across the street from each other. Both served for four years in the United States Air Force; Earl in Greenland and Bob in Germany. After the service both car pooled together for four years while attending the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Both graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Both worked in an industrial environment, Earl in Indiana and Bob in South Milwaukee. Both retired after 31 years but Earl was later ordained a Lutheran Minister and still lives in Indiana. Bob lives in Greendale, Wisconsin and directs a computer-genealogy group. Earl loves to cook and sends his recipes to Bob and to many others every other day. We were really good friends.

An Update on The Search For Peter McNulty

As many of you may be aware, my cousin, Cheryl Ann Heck and I have been searching for the ancestral home of my great-great-grandfather, Peter McNulty for many years. Peter is Cheryl's great-great-great-grandfather.

Here is what we know about him up to this point:

Fact Sheet on Peter McNulty

1807 Peter McNulty born in Ireland. (This date is based on his Naturalization Application and is calculated.) Birth information is from the naturalization papers filed in Wisconsin on 22 Nov 1842

1834 - 10 Apr 1834 - Peter McNulty sailed from Warren Point, Northern Ireland. (Naturalization application.) 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.

1834 - 11 Jun 1834 - Peter McNulty arrived at Boston after first landing at St. John's, New Brunswick. (Naturalization application.)

1834 - 1840 period Peter McNulty may have been living in Western New York and may have married Patience BURGESS during that period in NY. Note, Peter was Catholic and Patience was Methodist Episcopal. The marriage was probably not popular with the Burgess family.

1835 - In December, 1835, the father (Benjamin Burgess) and step mother (Amanda Foster) 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.

1836 - The BURGESS family migrated from Hannibal, NY to Southport (now Kenosha, Kenosha County, WI) in March 1836.

1839 - 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 at the Milwaukee Land Office.

1840 - We were unable to locate Peter McNulty in the 1840 federal census in Wisconsin. However, there was a Peter McNulty listed in the 1840 census for Shawnee town, 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.

1842 - Wisconsin Territorial Census lists Peter McNulty living at Pleasant Prairie, Racine County, Wisconsin. Two adults and one male child were in the family. Probably Henry McNulty, the oldest son of Peter and Patience.

1842 - Peter McNulty purchased land from Alfred Foster in Southport, WI on 16 Nov 1842 . Alfred Foster was the father of Patient Burgess McNulty's step-mother, Amanda Foster Burgess.

1842 - Peter McNulty applied for Naturalization on 22 Nov 1842 at Racine County, Wisconsin and stated he was 35 years old.

1845 Elizabeth McNulty born. (Tombstone inscription)

1847 Elizabeth McNulty born. (Calculated from 1880 Census)

1848 Elizabeth McNulty born. (Calculated from 1870 Census) Note this is the same Elizabeth shown in 1847.

1850 - Benjamin McNulty born (St. Francis Xavier church records at Brighton, Kenosha County, WI)

1850 - In the 1850 census the family had five children and was living in the town of Pike, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. His name was indexed by Ancestry as Peter McNutley. His age was shown as 41 and his wife, Patience was shown as 21.

1852 – Benjamin McNulty died on 29 Dec 1852 (St. Francis Xavier church records)

1855 - 1 JUN 1855 State Census lists Peter McNulty in Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin with 5 males, 4 females 1 foreign born.

1857 – Daniel McNulty born on 25 May 1857. (St. Francis Xavier church records)

1859 – Julia McNulty born on 8 Jul 1859. (St. Francis Xavier church records)

1859 - Daniel and Julia McNulty baptized 16 Jul 1859 (St. Francis Xavier church records)

1860 - The 1860 census shows that the family had six children and were living in Brighton, Kenosha Co. The family was entered as Nulty rather than McNulty

1861 - Adaline McNulty married John Newmann on 5 Jun 1861. (St. Francis Xavier church records)

1862 - Lawrence McNulty born. (1870 Census)

1864 - Julia McNulty was killed by her brother - thrown stone on 21 Aug 1864. (St. Francis Xavier church records)

1865 - Josephine McNulty born. (1870 Census)

1867 - Lorreta McNulty born on 19 Sep 1867, and baptized on 26 Sep 1867. (St. Francis Xavier church records)

1869 - Sylvester McNulty born. (1870 Census)

1870 – The 1870 census shows the family with four children living with them in Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin.

1876 – Peter McNulty was paid \$69.00 for boarding Henry McNulty, an insane person.

1880 - Peter McNulty listed in US Census at age 79, Wife Patience age 60, Son Henry age 37 (born 1843), Daughter Loretta age 12 (born 1868)

1880 – In the 1880 census, 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.

1880 - Peter McNulty was paid \$1.50 in 1880 for boarding Henry McNulty by Racine County Supervisors.

1881 - Peter McNulty was paid \$78.00 in 1881 for boarding Henry McNulty by Racine County Supervisors.

1882 - Peter McNulty was paid \$78.00 1882 for boarding Henry McNulty by Racine County Supervisors.

1882 – Peter McNulty was paid \$86.00 in December 1882 for care of pauper by Racine County Supervisors.

1883 – In or after 1883, Peter McNulty died. He is buried at St. Mary's Catholic Church cemetery at Dover, Racine County, WI. The church cemetery record shows that he is buried but does not give a date of death or burial. We have never found a death certificate or an obituary for Peter McNulty. There is no record of his death in Madison vital records.

1885 - The family could not be found in the 1885 state census for Wisconsin in either Racine or Kenosha County. This probably means that Peter McNulty died between 1 January 1883 and 20 June 1885.

1887 - Loretta McNulty married Adam Dibble on 19 Feb 1887 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. (From the church records)

1894 - Patience Burgess McNulty died 29 Aug 1894 and was buried at Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

1899 - Henry McNulty died on 31 July 1899 at the Racine County Asylum.

1915 - Peter McNulty Jr. died at the Racine County Asylum.

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Where do we go from here?

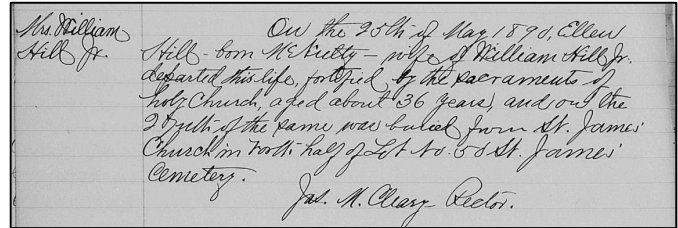
A family story tells us that Peter McNulty's daughter, Loretta, was named after Lawrence McNulty from Silver Lake (Salem township), Kenosha County, Wisconsin, reportedly the brother of Peter McNulty. Peter's son, Lawrence McNulty (McNulty) from Wild Rose in Waushara County, Wisconsin may have also been named after Peter's brother Lawrence.

Lawrence McNulty lived at Silver Lake and died at Salem, Kenosha County, Wisconsin in 1909. The Catholic Church death record at Wilmot for Lawrence stated that his father was John McNulty and his mother was Ann. Loretta McNulty reportedly lived with her uncle Lawrence McNulty after the death of her father. Note that Peter's son, Lawrence McNulty (McNulty) lived at Wild Rose, Waushara County, Wisconsin. Loretta may have lived with her brother, Lawrence at Wild Rose and not Lawrence McNulty of Silver Lake.

Cheryl Ann Heck and Bob Heck are now researching Lawrence McNulty from Silver Lake (Salem Township) Kenosha County. Lawrence was born and married in Ireland as was his first daughter, Ellen McNulty. Cheryl and I divided up the Northern Ireland Counties and we are searching through every parish church record to find either the marriage of Lawrence McNulty to Margaret Frances Gallager in about 1848 or the

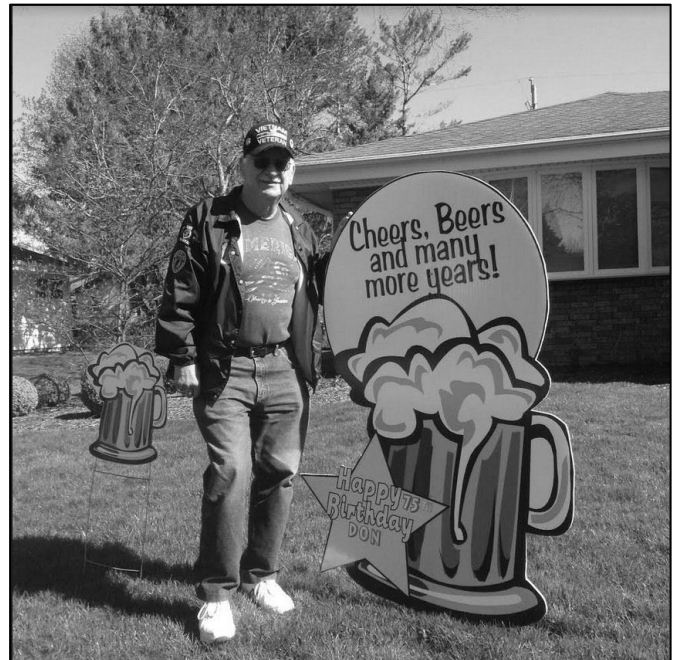
birth/christening record of Ellen McNulty in about 1853. Our hope is that if we find the parish that Lawrence was from, that will give us a clue about the parish that Peter McNulty was from.

Ellen McNulty, daughter of Lawrence, married William Hill at St. James Catholic Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin on 6 June 1872. She died at the age of 36 on 25 May 1890 and is buried at the church cemetery.



Here is the church record for her death and burial.

Don Heck turns 75



My brother, Don Heck, turned 75 on 9 May 2020 and found that his son and daughter had ordered a few lawn decorations to mark the occasion. His son Steve lives in Rhode Island and Amy lives in Florida. A Franklin, Wisconsin firm planted the

signs in the late evening on the day before his birthday. Happy Birthday Don.

Nathan Tappen graduates from college in 3 years.

Congratulations to Nathan Tappen, son of Adam Tappen and Amy Heck, and grandson of Don & Sharon Heck. Nathan just graduated in three years from St. Ambrose University with a BS Degree in Computer Science.



The amazing thing is that Nathan started his college career as a Political Science major but changed to Computer Science and still graduated in three years. Not only that, but he graduated Summa Cum Laude on May 9th on his grandfather's birthday.

He came to St. Ambrose University from Crystal Lake, Illinois, enrolling as a political science major. By his second year, he realized it was not the best fit. Nathan inventoried his strengths and interests and matched them to a program that allows creativity, problem solving, and boundless growth: Computer Science.

On the advice of a faculty member, he enrolled in the Introduction to Programming course and it

caught Nathan's full attention. "You can compare it to any form of art where you are building, like architecture. It is a medium for limitless potential and creativity. Getting to see in that first class all of the things you can do on a computer, all of the things you can create, I just wanted to keep learning more and more," he said.

"I've only been in computer science for two years, and I've really found my passion."

Following graduation, Nathan will join the Deere & Company as a software engineer in the prestigious Information Technology Development Program. He will spend 18 months working at the Milan, Illinois, Parts Distribution Center, followed by 18 months at a different Deere & Company location. "It is a full-time position and guided learning program," he said.

Through the Honors Program, Nathan gave 50 hours of volunteer service working at local food pantries and Hope at the Brick House. And, as a member of the Catholic Church, he attended services on campus and grew in his faith.

Congratulations Nathan.

Meet your distant cousins

We'll start out by showing you the branch of the family that I recently uncovered.

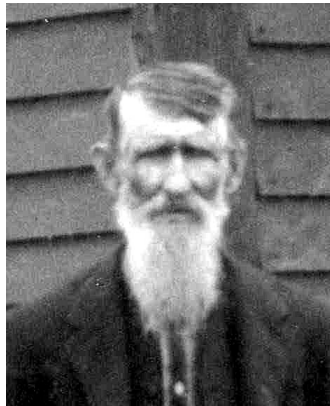
Benjamin Burgess – Rebecca Chase
Nehemiah Burgess – Sophia Woodman
Ludentia Burgess – Thomas Quackenbush
Adelbert Quackenbush – Pearl Eichhorn
Vern Quackenbush – Grace Bintz

Nehemiah Burgess was a brother to our Patience Burgess McNulty. Nehemiah and his wife Sophia migrated to Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska after they were married in 1843 at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

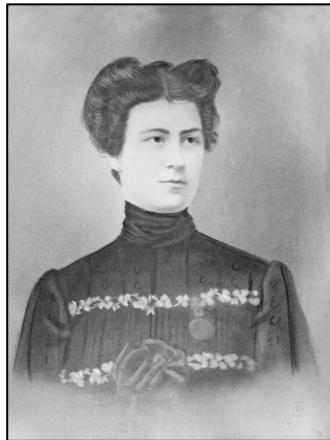
I found several photos of the family members on the Internet.



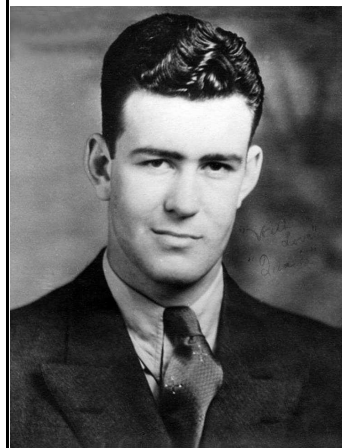
Nehemiah Burgess and Sophia Woodman.



Ludentia Burgess and Thomas Quackenbush.



At lower left are Adelbert Quackenbush and Pearl Eichhorn.



Vern Quackenbush and Grace Bintz.

What makes this story interesting is that Vern and Grace have a son named Gail Richard Quackenbush. Over 40 years ago I corresponded with Gail and shared a lot of my genealogy research with him.

Finding Your Ancestral Home in Europe

If you are looking for something to do during the Corona Virus confinement period you might want to take a look at a video that I created on Finding Your Ancestral Home in Europe. The tutorial is about 55 minutes long and it walks you through the steps that may help you find the place where your ancestors lived many years ago. The presentation is on YouTube and is free for you to view at any time. The tutorial includes images from my Czech and German research.

Here is the web address:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRZutCG_YJc&t=1s

Note that there are no spaces in the address which begins with **https://** and ends with **&t=1sec** where **1** is the number one.

Join “What the HECK”

If you would like to learn more about our family, join our Heck Family Facebook Group. Log into Facebook and search GROUPS for “What the HECK”. You can then request to join the Group. All we ask is that you state how you are related to the Heck family.

Here is the web address for our group page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Whattheheckfamilygroup/>

Here is the address in larger letters:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Whattheheckfamilygroup/>

You can also send an e-mail message to Cheryl Ann Heck and ask her to send you an invitation to join the “What the Heck” group. Cheryl’s address is whatdahek@sbcglobal.net

Cheryl is the one who created the group page for our family.

Right now there are 76 members of our family who belong to the “What the Heck” group on Facebook.

Some of the features that we have on the group page include the following:

DISCUSSION SECTION: There are many photos in this section with detailed descriptions and sometimes a request for help in identifying people on the photos.

MEMBERS SECTION: Includes a list of all 76 members and includes a way for you to contact them individually with a message.

EVENTS SECTION: Includes upcoming events such as the Heck Family Picnic.

VIDEOS SECTION: Twenty videos made from 8mm home movies and slide shows created from old photos. Some include sound recordings of interviews made with your relatives. Some of the movies go back to 1939. Some are movies of family picnics such as at Browns Lake in 1948 and Lincoln Field in 1969.

PHOTOS SECTION: Contains one hundred and eight family photos. Some go back to the Civil War era.

FILES SECTION: Here you will find a history of the Heck family including a 149 page book that starts in 1778 at Alendorf, Germany, containing photos of many and it’s completely indexed at the end of the book.

We invite you to join the FREE Heck Family Group on Facebook.

It is your family so why don’t you drop in for a visit?

named and appointed in and by said last will and testament as executor thereof: that the heirs at law, of said deceased ars. *Susannah Heck his widow and eight children, to wit: Peter Heck about 51 years of age Henry Heck about 47 years, Joseph Heck about 44 years Clara Heck, about 42 years all children with deceased first wife Anna Barbara Heck doct, and the last named four children Lucy Heck, 27 years, Joseph 24 years, Andrew Heck 22 years and Annie Heck about 20 years old are all children of said Susannah Heck*

The document shown above is from the probate record of Johann Heck 1810-1885. It lists his first wife, Anna Barbara, and his second wife, Susannah, his first four children, Peter, Henry, Joseph, and Clara, and his last four children, Lucy, Joseph (Josiah), Andrew, and Annie.

Status on the 2020 Heck Family Picnic

The annual Heck Family Picnic is “**scheduled**” For Sunday, 12 July 2020 at the Leisure Center in Racine. However, because of the Corona Virus and State and Local regulations **it is unlikely that we will be able to have a picnic this year.** While technically it is still scheduled we fully expect it to be canceled. Since many other events are also rescheduled for August, September, and October, It is unlikely that the Heck picnic could be rescheduled.

Please go to whatdahek@sbcglobal.net And look at the EVENTS SECTION for the latest news on the picnic.