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Happy Birthday to Alvin James Heck Jr.



Shown above L-R are James Michael Heck and his father, Alvin James Heck Jr. while vacationing at Salem, Wisconsin. James lives at Salem which is located next to Paddock Lake, Highway 50, in Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

Alvin sent me a note along with some photos and a brief update on his status. Alvin and Carolyn live at 920 West Midland Avenue in Woodland Park, Colorado 80863.

Alvin James Heck was born on 2 June 1938 in Racine, Wisconsin and was the son of Alvin James Heck Sr. and Stella Elizabeth Celmerowski. With this issue of Our Family News Letter that means that Alvin is celebrating his 83rd birthday.

Alvin is a volunteer at the local fire department and I understand that he is the one responsible for keeping the fire truck bright and shiny. We had shown photos of him standing next to "his" fire truck in past issues of Our Family News Letter.



After joining the U.S. Army in 1957, Alvin was sent to Korea for a tour of duty. Pictured above is a photo of Alvin with a 10 year old orphan boy and with Mr. Lee, the base barber. Mr. Lee made the small uniform out of an old full size Army uniform. The boy's hat has "U.N." on it indicating the United Nations forces. Alvin's note stated that he hoped that someone adopted the young boy.

Alvin also proudly stated that he had achieved the 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus. The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the order. Members of this degree are addressed as "Sir Knight". The primary purpose of this degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship. Today, there are some 300,000 Fourth Degree Knights out of the total 1.6 million member Knights of Columbus.

I remember as a youngster attending a Knights of Columbus breakfast at St. Catherine's High School. The Knights marched in with their colorful uniforms with swords and a white plume in their hats. My Uncle Clarence and Uncle Alvin were members.

Happy Birthday Sir Knight Alvin J Heck Jr.

The Search for the Birthplace of Peter McNulty Continues.

Every genealogist has a "Brick Wall" which is loosely defined as that one ancestor who refuses to be discovered. My "Brick Wall" is Peter McNulty who was born in Ireland in about 1807 and who died in Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin in about 1884. Peter is my great-great-grandfather. I am very fortunate in that my "Brick Wall" is also Cheryl Ann Heck's "Brick Wall." Peter is her Great-Great-Great-Grandfather. Together we have been searching for information on Peter for about 25 years.

We have concentrated our research on a Lawrence McNulty who is believed to be the brother of our Peter McNulty. Loretta McNulty, a daughter of Peter, lived with the Lawrence McNulty family in Wilmot after Peter died in 1883 or 1884. Lawrence was born and married in Ireland and had a daughter, Ellen McNulty who was born in Ireland in about 1853.

Lawrence McNulty immigrated to the United States in 1855 and his wife and child followed in 1857. The family settled in Silver Lake, Kenosha County, Wisconsin and in later years lived in Wilmot, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. Wilmot is just five miles, south of Silver Lake.

Our hope has been that if we can find the birth place of Lawrence and/or his daughter Ellen then we may be able to find the birth place of Peter McNulty.



The first thing that I found was a passenger list for Peggy McNulty age 25 and Ellen McNulty age 4 years arriving at Castle Garden, New York on 6 May 1857 on board the ship "Morning Light" which is shown below left.

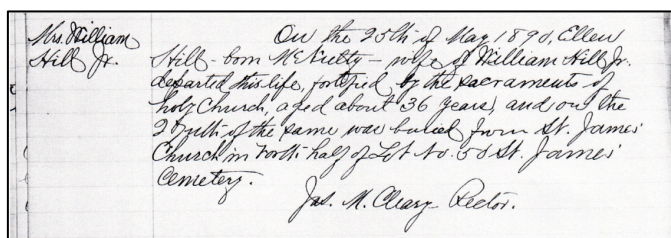
Peggy is a common Irish nick-name for Margaret. Margaret Cafferty was the wife of Lawrence McNulty.

I did a census search for Ellen McNulty and found her in the 1860 federal census living with Lawrence and Margaret, her parents. Her age was shown as 7 years while Margaret was 28 which are in agreement with the passenger list ages from three years earlier. In the census Lawrence was listed as being 36 years old which calculates that he was born in 1824.

I conducted a search of the St. James Catholic Church records in Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin and found that Ellen McNulty married William Edward Hill on 6 September 1872. Ellen would have been 18 or 19 years old in 1872.

Ellen McNulty and William Edward Hill had eight children born between 1873 and 1887, all born in the city of Kenosha.

Ellen McNulty Hill, listed as Nellie Hill in the Wisconsin Death Index, and as Ellen Hill born McNulty in the St. James Catholic Church records, died in Kenosha on 25 May 1890. She was buried in the St. James Cemetery in Kenosha on 27 May 1890. Her husband, William Edward Hill Jr. married Elizabeth McDermott at St. James Catholic Church on 20 April 1893.



The death and burial record of Ellen Hill, born McNulty.

The next discovery was made while conducting a newspaper search for the name McNulty in Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

I found an obituary for Mrs. John Cafferty of Silver Lake who was killed at the age of 92 when she was hit by a train on 10 November 1920. The obituary stated that she was born Catherine McNulty at County Mayo, Ireland in 1828, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McNulty. It also stated that she married John Cafferty at County Mayo and that the family moved to America in 1885 and settled in the Village of Silver Lake. The obituary stated that her husband, John Cafferty died four years earlier.

A search for the obituary of John Cafferty in 1916 showed that he died on 9 November 1916. His obituary showed that he was born at Achill, County Mayo, Ireland in 1836 and that he married Katherine McNulty in 1855. It showed that they came to America with their three children in 1885 and settled in Silver Lake. Obituaries of two of their children showed that they were born at Achill or Achille, County Mayo, Ireland. An Ancestry.com record indicated that the third child was born at Bunacurry, County Mayo, Ireland. Bunacurry is a small village located in the northern part of Achill Island, County Mayo, Ireland.

The Cafferty family members were members of the Holy Name Catholic Church in Wilmot which is the same church that the Lawrence McNulty family attended. Both families are buried at the Holy Name Catholic Cemetery at Wilmot.

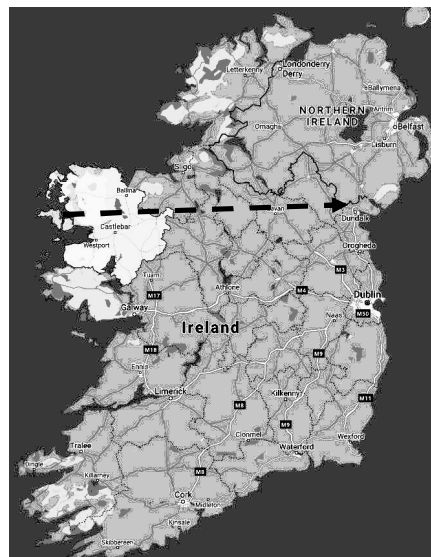
The John Cafferty obituary stated that six nephews acted as pall bearers. Anthony McNulty of Marquette, Michigan, a son of Lawrence McNulty, was one of the pall bearers. Also three other nephews, Henry Bluim, Arthur Bluim, and Milton Bluim acted as ushers. All three of the Bluim nephews were grandsons of Lawrence and Margaret McNulty through their daughter, Mary McNulty and Henry Bluim. Note that Arthur Bluim was shown in the St. James church record



as Anthony William Bluim but he was shown as Arthur Bluim in the 1900 and 1910 census.

In conclusion, Catherine McNulty Cafferty had to be the sister of Lawrence McNulty and we believe also the sister of Peter McNulty. If we can prove this connection then we can conclude that Peter McNulty was born on Achill Island, County Mayo, Ireland possibly in the small village of Bunacurry.

Shown above is County Mayo, Ireland and at lower left is Achill Island. Bunacurry is located



at the lower point of the black circle. County Mayo is shown as the white area on the left side of Ireland. Achill is on the left side of the County. Note that Warren Point is on the right side of Ireland. That is

where Peter McNulty boarded a ship for America in 1834.

The next step will be to search through the church records for Achill which are available on the Ancestry.com web site.

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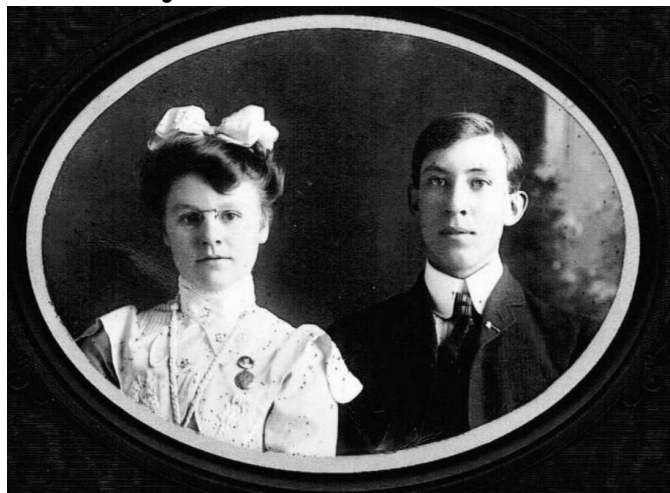
Our Family News Letter

Our Family News Letters are now available to you on-line and for free. There are 93 issues of the newsletter covering the period from March 1998 (Issue 20) to June 2021 (Issue 113). Issue 1 through 19 need to be converted to PDF so they can be added to the collection. The 93 issues are available now at the following web address:
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Each issue of the newsletter is eight pages in length and is filled with the history of our family. The specific branches include but are not limited to: Heck, Henningfeld, McNulty, Stratmann,

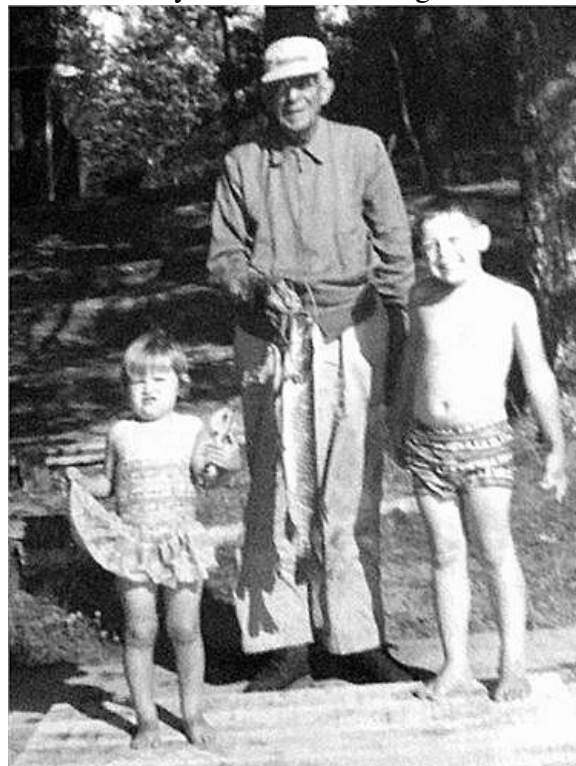
Schaefer, Burgess, Richter, Guthoff, Chase, Heitkemper, Heinrichs, plus many more.

Meet your distant cousins...



Above is the wedding picture of Robert Frank McNelty and Helen Adel Davis. The picture is believed to have been taken at Wild Rose, Waushara County, Wisconsin on 7 October 1903.

Robert Frank McNelty was the son of Lawrence McNelty and Clara Christie and the grandson of Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess. Lawrence



changed the spelling of his name from McNulty to McNelty sometime after he was married in 1881.

The photo on the previous page at lower right shows Robert Frank McNelty in 1962 at Half Moon Lake, Tomahawk, Wisconsin with two of his grandchildren, Pam and Mike Roberts. The cottage was owned by Robert's daughter and son-in-law, Blanch Janet McNelty Roberts and Marion Lloyd Roberts. Robert died about a year later on 23 September 1963.

Robert's wife, Helen Adel Davis, died on 6 November 1974 in Colorado.

From the Photo Album...



This photo of Grace Heck was taken in 2011 after she slid down a slide at Whitnall Park in Franklin, Wisconsin. The electrostatic charge that she generated made her hair stand on end. She really liked the feeling as you can tell by her expression.



Above is a picture of Grace Heck who just turned 13 in 2021 and is awaiting her dance competition with her dance group.

Grace's mom, Judi Heck, wrote "Another busy weekend. Grace took 2nd for jazz and 1st with her production team at her last regional competition."



The photo above shows Lauren Heck with her maternal grandparents, Joan and Dale Wehrman at her grade school's open house.



Above is a photo of Lauren Heck who turned 18 on 31 May 2021. Lauren is graduating from Franklin High School and will be starting college in Iowa this fall.

It is really hard to believe that our granddaughters have grown up so quickly. Where did the time go?

Meet Your Distant Relatives



L-R: Mildred Grostuck and Mary Ann Heck Grostuck.

The baptismal record for Mildred Grostuck, found at Immaculate Conception BMV Catholic church (St. Mary's) Burlington, WI, states that she was the daughter of Walthero (Walter) Grostuck and Blanca (Blanche) Grostuck, both from Manitowoc, WI. Walter Grostuck died on 28 January 1905, and Blanche married Lloyd Parworth that same year and lived in Manitowoc.

An added note in the record states that Mildred was adopted by August Grostuck and Mary Ann Heck. August Grostuck was also known as Gustav August Grostuck. Godparents for Mildred were Henry Heck and Mary Ann McNulty Heck. Date of the baptism was 20 June 1905. Gustav was a brother to Walter Grostuck from Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

07	278	Grosstueck Aug	Head			33	M
08		Mary Ann	Wife		F	35	
09		Mildred	Ad. dau.			2	S

The 1905 State Census for Burlington, Wisconsin shows August Grosstueck (sic) 33, Mary Ann 35, and Mildred 2, adopted daughter.

76	337	Grosstueck Walter	Head	W	F	24	Wd
77		Josephine	Daughter	W	F	3	
77		August	Son	W	M	9/12	

The 1905 State Census for Manitowoc, Wisconsin shows Mrs. Walter Grosstueck (sic) 24, a widow, Josephine 3, and August 9/12. The burden of being a widow with three children aged 3 years, 2 years, and 9 months of age must be what forced Blanche to give up Mildred for adoption.

31	611	41	46	Parworth	Blanche	Head	W	30	W	5
32					Blanche	Wife	W	29	W	5
33					Josephine	Daughter	W	8		
34					August	Son	W	5		
35					Earl	Son	W	4		
01					Elmira	Daughter	W	2		

The 1910 Federal Census for Manitowoc Ward 5, Wisconsin shows that Blanche 29 was married for five years to Lloyd Parworth 30, and had the following children all shown with the last name of Parworth: Josephine 8, August 5, Earl 4, and Elmira 2. Josephine and August were children of August Grosstueck.

59	93	105	Parworth	Lloyd	Head	W	39	M
60				Blanche	Wife	W	35	M
61				Earl	Son	W	15	S
62				Almira	Daughter	W	11	S
63				Lester	Son	W	9	S
64				Glades	Daughter	W	8	S
65				Eugene	Son	W	6	S
66				Calvin	Son	W	3	S
67				Virginia	Daughter	W	12	S

The 1920 Federal Census for Manitowoc Rapids, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin shows Lloyd Parworth 39, Blanche 38, with the following children: Earl 13, Almira 11, Lester 9, Glades 8, Eugene 6, Calvin 3 years and 9 months, and Virginia 11 months.

9	85	85	Parworth	Lloyd	Head	1000	W	39	M
10				Blanche	Wife		W	38	M
11				Earl	Son		W	13	M
12				Lester	Son		W	9	M
13				Glades	Daughter		W	8	M
14				Eugene	Son		W	6	M
15				Calvin	Son		W	3	M
16				Dorothy	Daughter		W	9	M
17				Marcelle	Daughter		W	7	M
18				Kenneth	Son		W	5	M

The 1930 Federal Census for Two Rivers, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin shows Lloyd Parworth 50, Blanche 49, with the following children: Earl 23, Lester 19, Glades 18, Eugene 16, Calvin 14 years, Dorothy 9, Marcelle 7, and Kenneth 5.

Blanche Roberts Parworth

Birth 13 Feb 1881

District of Columbia, District of Columbia, USA

Death 17 April 1934 (aged 53)

Burial 19 April 1934

Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, USA

Burial Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, USA, Plot A-9-4-4.

BLANCHE PARWORTH

MRS. PARWORTH CALLED MONDAY AFTER ILLNESS

Funeral Services to Be Held On Thursday at Jansky Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lloyd Parworth, 53, who died Monday afternoon at her home at Manitowoc Beach, Manitowoc Route 1, will be held in the C.J. Jansky funeral home at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, with the Rev. T.A. Hawkes officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery at Manitowoc. The body will remain at the Jansky funeral home. Mrs. Parworth was in ill health for several months. Born Blanche Roberts, in Washington, D.C., February 13, 1881, she remained in that city until she was 13 years old. She moved to Oshkosh with her sisters where she resided for a few years. Twenty-seven years ago last June she was married in Ludington, Mich., to Lloyd Parworth, who survives her.

They moved to Manitowoc where they lived for 10 years and for the past 14 years made their home at Manitowoc Beach, on the Legional Memorial Drive. Besides her husband she leaves five daughters, Mrs. John Marcin of Baltimore, Maryland; **Mildred Grosstueck of New York**, and Gladys, Dorothy and Marceil Parworth, all at home, and six sons, August Grosstueck, Earl, Lester, Eugene, Calvin and Kenneth Partworth, all at home. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Madge Bushwall of Washington, and a brother, Nathan

Roberts also of Washington. There are six grandchildren.

Mildred Grostuck married John Greene known as Jack Greene and moved to New York State. She died in Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York on 5 December 1978.

20	2516	6	R	40	He	Greene, John W. Jr.	Head	M	W	41	M	Apr 8	Pennsylvania
21						Mildred K. O.	Wife	F	W	37	M	Apr 8	Wisconsin
22						William R.	Son	M	W	12	S	Apr 6	New York
23						Mary A.	Mother-in-law	F	W	69	Wid	Apr 6	Wisconsin
24						John W.	Father	M	W	69	Wid	Apr 4	Pennsylvania
25						Ronald G.	Brother	M	W	26	S	Apr 4	New York

1940 Census for Schenectady, New York shows John W Greene Jr. 41, Mildred K Greene 37, William R Green 12, and Mary A Gross 69, a widow and mother-in-law to the head of the family. Two others were listed: John W Greene Sr. 69, the father of the head of the family and Ronald G Greene 26, a brother of the head of the family.

The person shown as Mary A Gross age 69 is actually Mary Ann Heck Grostuck, the adoptive mother of Mildred Greene. We had not found her in the 1940 census so it appears that she was visiting Mildred when the census was taken on 2 April 1940. The census asks where each person lived on 1 April 1935 and for Mary A Gross it listed Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin.

On 21 July 1943, Mary Ann Heck Grostuck died in Milwaukee where she had lived for the previous two years.

Mary Ann Heck Grostuck was divorced from August Grostuck on June 1, 1917. Her obituary, which was published on Thursday, July 22, 1943 on page 17 of the Racine Journal Times, appears at right.

Mary Ann Heck Grostuck was the sister of Robert Steven Heck and is the grand aunt of Robert John Heck, your Editor. Their common ancestors are Henry Heck and Mary Ann McNulty.

“Remember that everything you find on the Internet is true.” Benjamin Franklin 1776

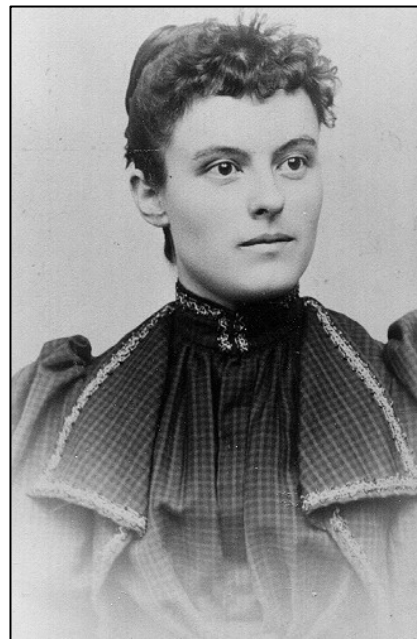
Mrs. Mary Grostueck Dies in Milwaukee

Mrs. Mary Grostueck, 72, died Wednesday at St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Milwaukee, where she had made her home for the past two years.

Mrs. Grostueck, whose maiden name was Mary Heck, was born on a farm in the town of Dover, near Eagle lake. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heck. She married the late August Grostueck, and lived for many years in Burlington.

Surviving are a daughter, Mildred, living in New York, a brother, James Heck, Burlington, two sisters, Mrs. Alfred Plucker and Miss Eva Heck, Waterford, and a brother, Lawrence Heck, Milwaukee.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a. m. Saturday in St. Mary's Catholic church, with Rev. Edward Kersting officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery. Friends may call at the McCarthy funeral home.



Mary Ann Heck Grostuck
26 FEB 1871 – 21 JUL 1943