

Farmer: born in Germany, February 16, 1823; son of Henry and Katherine Heinz, natives of Germany. Mr. Heinz came to America in 1848, landing at New York and coming to Peoria by way of the lakes, Chicago and the Illinois River. His first work was in the brick-yards in Peoria. Later he also worked for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and cut wood and hauled it to Peoria for seventy-five cents a load. He bought forty acres of land and settled in Kickapoo Township, where he already had three brothers. He added to this land from time to time, and now has several farms, one of fifty-four acres near Kickapoo Village. He married Christina Reed, in Kickapoo Township. Mrs. Heinz is also a native of Germany, a daughter of Morris Reed, and came to America with her elder sister when quite young. There are seven children of this marriage: Fred, Henry, Andrew, George, Katie, Anna and Theresa. Mr. and Mrs. Heinz are members of the Catholic Church. He is a Democrat. By his industry and thrift he has become a successful farmer. [From Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Peoria County, Edited by David McCulloch, Vol. II; Chicago and Peoria: Munsell Publishing Company, Publishers, 1902]