

George Heinz II was the third son of George Heinz Sr. and Kathrine (Henlein) Heinz. He was born March 10, 1845. He was married Nov. 16, 1869 to Fredericka German. She was born July 8, 1850, at Buffalo, New York. Their wedding took place in the home of her parents near Princeville, Ill., since at that time there was no church in the vicinity. A priest came from Kickapoo and married them. (It was a humble wedding, as the brides brother, Frank German, was wed to Elizabeth Messing at the same time.)

George Heinz lived all of his life within ten miles of where he was born. He was a prosperous farmer and invented the first potato planter and the first potato bug catcher. He raised many potatoes in his early farming and raised and fed many hogs each year. He was a church director for several terms and a staunch Democrat all his life. He was the Township road maintenance overseer for many years. He was also Township Commissioner for two terms. He put the first gravel on the highway in Illinois for a pavement. Then came the State gravel road, then the State concrete road. His first drain on his land was four boards nailed in a square to drain off surplus water on his land. The box-like drain was laid underground so he could farm over it. It was successful.

George Heinz owned 1,410 acres of land at his death. He and his wife lived together in the same house for 57 years. They celebrated their Silver Wedding on Nov. 16, 1894 with a big gathering and a church ceremony. Then they were privileged to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary on Nov. 16, 1919.

Mr. Heinz died with pneumonia on Jan. 22, 1926. His wife lived a little over three years longer in the same house. She died with diabetes on July 25, 1929. They are buried in St. Marys Cemetery at Kickapoo. They were lifelong faithful Catholics.

The 14 children born to George and Fredricka (German) Heinz:

- (1) Gertrude Catherine Heinz, born Oct. 22, 1870, married Peter Knecht on May 21, 1895. She died Nov. 20, 1953.
- (2) Max Joseph Heinz, born Jan. 15, 1872, never married. He died Feb. 22, 1957.
- (3) John Heinz, born in Sept. of 1873, died in the Spring of 1880 of diphtheria and scarlet fever.
- (4) Margaret Barbara Heinz, born Jan. 13, 1875, married Albert Frederick Best on June 21, 1897. She died on June 14, 1965.
- (5) Steven Heinz, born in Nov. 1876 and died in April 1880.
- (6) Charles Peter Heinz, born Feb. 28, 1880, married Julia Powers on Feb. 12, 1902. He died Aug. 5, 1963.
- (7) Emma Christine Heinz, born April 23, 1881, died on Feb. 13, 1899 of ruptured appendix.
- (8) Basilius Heinz, born March 20, 1883, died March 26, 1885. He died of spasms.
- (9) Nicholas George Heinz, born May 29, 1884, never married. He died Aug. 15, 1953.
- (10) Felix Joseph Heinz, born May 3, 1886, never married.
- (11) Rose Christina Heinz, born Dec. 6, 1888, married Chester Barfoot on June 28, 1919. She died March 16, 1956.
- (12) Bertha Heinz, born Aug. 1891, died one week later with spasms.
- (13) Alexander Philip Heinz, born Feb. 23, 1895, married Rose Gilles on April 9, 1918. He died Oct. 18, 1971.
- (Twins)
- (14) Alexsirius Heinz, born Feb. 23, 1895. He died 12 hrs. later.