

HEINLEIN GENEALOGY

JOHN CONRAD HEINLEIN (1868 TO 1958)

John Heinlein was born on July 21, 1867 in Neustadt, Germany. He had three brothers — Conrad, Michael and James. The Heinlein family came to America in 1881 when John was 14 years old. The family settled first on "Coal Hill" Mount Washington, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For several years John worked in Painters Mill, an iron mill located on the North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On November 4, 1890 John married Bertha, the only child of William and Isabella Charlton. Their first child, William, was born in 1891 and a year later John and his father-in-law, William Charlton, bought the Enlow farm located across from the site now known as the Resurrection Cemetery in Moon Township. There were 136 acres at a cost of eighty-five hundred dollars. John and William rebuilt a home for both families on an old foundation on the farm. John and William worked the farm and the fruit and produce was taken by horses and market wagon to Pittsburgh where it was sold at the wharf. Young Will learned to work on the farm at a very early age, as did his sisters — Mary, Alice and Ruth. Later, John started a dairy farm, selling the milk in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. This dairy was the forerunner of the Betlyn Dairy. John was the first to purchase a Republic Truck in Moon Township and he was also one of the first to purchase a McCormick grain binder. The farmers around the area would help each other during planting and harvest time.

As the years went by, young Will married Ida Buzzarella and together they owned and operated the Heinlein Poultry Farm delivering eggs and chickens and turkeys to their many customers in the area.

John Heinlein continued to work the soil raising strawberries, red and black raspberries, blackberries, currants and gooseberries. John received help from his grandchildren. Robert Thompson would spend the summers helping Granddad on the farm. His three granddaughters would help Aunt Mame and Auntie Alice pick the berries three times a week. John was very particular about his berries. They had to be picked just right. No bad berries in the boxes, carry the boxes gently to the ends of the row, do not step on the berry vines or damage the bushes. After the berries were picked, John would take the back seat out of his black model A Ford and load the car with flats filled with the boxes of berries. His daughter Mary and he would go to the market on Broadway in Coraopolis and sell berries. They would also go from door to door and sell berries.



John and William Heinlein, and milk delivery cart

Years went by as they do and John got older, and when he was in his middle eighties he could be seen crawling between the rows of berries, pruning, thinning and weeding his precious plants with tender care.

John was very active in the Zion Lutheran Church in Coraopolis and was given an award for attending Zion Sunday School and church every Sunday for 27 years. John's daughter, Alice, is still active in the church and at age 90 she lives with her nephew, John Robert Thompson, on Ridge Avenue. She still bakes the best rolls and coffee cakes with the least effort.

John died on December 3, 1958 and remembered by his family with love. was only about 5'6" tall and had a strong

stocky build. He worked long and hard all through his life. He would come for the evening meal and then would settle into his favorite old rocker in the dining room and read his Bible. He read the Bible through several times and tried to live so that his life would be pleasing to God. John Heinlein will always remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.



DEVOTION TO DUTY . . . John Heinlein, 80, is congratulated by his granddaughter, Susan Heinlein, after the special service held yesterday to mark his 25 years of perfect attendance at the Sunday School of the Zion Lutheran Church, Coraopolis. The Rev. F. L. Poulson, pastor, presented him with a plaque.