

Bendigo Cemetery



Notes for Conrad & Franziska HEINZ Grave #13815 in section F3.

Conrad was a former mayor of Bendigo.

He was born in Frankfort Germany in 1846 and came to Australia at age 15.

There is a grave for 3 children in B3.

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In loving memory of  
CONRAD HEINZ  
who died 13th Feb 1896,  
Aged 50  
also his wife  
FRANZISKA  
who died 8th Nov 1928, Age  
79  
Ruhe Sanft



*Means Rest Gently*

The following people were buried in this grave #13815 Sect F3 as per cemetery records.

13815 HEINZ Conrad 13/02/1896 16/02/1896 50 yrs

27924 HEINZ Franciska 8/11/1928 10/11/1928 79 yrs

### *Conrad Heinz*

#### **Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Fri 14 Feb 1896 Page 3**

DEATH OF COUNCILLOR HEINZ.

A GOOD CITIZEN AT REST.

After a lengthy and painful illness, borne with great fortitude, Cr Heinz, the ex-mayor, died at his residence yesterday afternoon. The departed gentleman was generally esteemed, and his popularity in the city, in which he passed nearly all his lifetime, was such, that few of our public men enjoyed. The cause of death was a malignant cancer in the left knee-joint, which gradually developed, and ultimately reduced his very robust frame to a mere shadow. It is a significant fact that one of his brothers also died many years ago from a cancer in the leg.

The deceased gentleman was a native of Frankfort-on-Maine, Germany, where he was born in 1846. At 15 years, of age, he came out to this colony, where he already had some relative and friends, who had been attracted thither by the discovery of gold. He arrived in the Emperor of the Sea, and immediately on landing in Melbourne, travelled up to Castlemaine, where his sister was then living. He did not remain long in "the great centre" and came to Bendigo, where he obtained employment in a butchering establishment. He was a firm believer in the development of the resources of the district, and his mining investments were, on the whole, pretty successful. He continued at his trade, however, and by his sterling qualities and attention to business, became very popular.

There are still many residents, especially in the neighbourhood of Ironbark and Happy Valley, who well remember his kindly cheery face as he called on his daily rounds for orders. In 1866, he married Miss Inglefinger, the ceremony being performed by Pastor Munzel, in the German Lutheran Church.

In 1872, the deceased with his two brothers opened a butcher's shop on their own account at Happy Valley. They were very successful in the business, and in 1880, his brothers retired from the firm. Deceased then carried on the business by himself. It continued to expand until at length, in 1883, he removed to larger premises on the Mt Korong road, where he has remained ever since. As previously mentioned, Mr Heinz ever since his arrival on Bendigo was a consistent supporter of the mining industry, and at the time of his demise, held large interests in several of the leading mines, as well as in a number of others which are on the call paying

list.

In compliance with a large and influentially signed requisition, the deceased, in 1895, consented to stand for a seat in the City Council, as one of the representatives for Barkly ward, and was elected, without opposition, on the 15th August, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Cr O'Neill. Although he did not assume to be an orator, he quickly rose in the estimation of his colleagues at the council table and of the public by the sound common sense and business like views he enunciated on matters of municipal interest, and by the untiring energy he displayed in connection with his public duties.

In August, 1894, although he had only been in the council two years, he was unanimously elected to the position of mayor and chief magistrate of the city, in succession to Cr D B Lazarus MLA.

Cr Harkness, in nominating Mr Heinz for the position, referred to that gentleman in the following terms:

"Cr Heinz had been connected with the city for so many years, that it was not necessary for anyone, in tabling the motion, to point out his many good qualities and his ability to fill the position.

He had grown up with the city as it had grown up with him. He had been so long connected with it that he was thoroughly familiar with its wants. He had showed himself possessed of shrewd business tact, a clear head and a man who had the interests of the city at heart, so that he (Cr Harkness) felt certain that in conferring the honor upon Cr Heinz, they would be doing that which would redound to the benefit of the city as well as to the honor of the council. (Hear, hear.)

They would all feel a consciousness that they had a man presiding over the business of the council who would act conscientiously and without fear or favour.

Cr Heinz had shown, while in the council, that his great object was to do his duty to the ratepayers, and whatever position he was placed in, that would be predominant and actuate his every action."

Cr Heinz's address on his election to the mayoral chair, was characteristic of his unassuming genuine nature. **Inter alia** (*meaning among other things*) he said that:

"he was extremely pleased at the high honor conferred upon him by his election to the position of chief magistrate of the city.

He fully realized the responsibility of accepting the position of Mayor

of Bendigo. He had not accepted it without giving it full consideration. It was not only his ambition to attain the high honor, but to uphold the dignity of the position as his pre-decessors had done. (Hear, hear.)

As they all knew, this was his adopted city. He had resided amongst them from the time he was a lad of 15.

He had grown old amongst them, and, like a good many of the citizens he had "gathered a good many stones". In other words he had had adverse times and good times, and he now found himself in a position to devote some of his time and energies to the welfare of the city in which he lived. (Hear, hear.)

He might be pardoned for not adhering to the usual custom of giving a banquet that morning, but he had provided light refreshments instead, and donated a sum of money to the various charitable bodies which so urgently needed assistance just now. (Hear, hear.)

He had always been a loyal British subject. In his younger days he took the opportunity of joining the Prince of Wales Light Horse Troop in Bendigo and served as a member thereof for 10 years under the late Captain Robert Moorhead, Captain T H Henderson and Captain R B Sibley. That would show that he had acted loyally as a British subject of the land he had adopted. (Hear, hear.)

He was greatly obliged for the retiring mayor, Cr Lazarus, for his kind offer of assistance, also that of the councillors. He again thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the great honor conferred upon him.

On 5th December, Mr and Mrs Heinz, held a mayoral reception in the town hall, at which there was a large and fashionable gathering of citizens. The affair, which was somewhat of a novelty in the city, proved a brilliant and successful function, and advantage of the occasion was taken to present Mr J H Abbot MLC, who, with Mrs Abbott, had just returned from a trip to the old country, with an illuminated address commemorative of his mayoral term of office in 1891 2-3.

The reception was only one of numerous entertainments provided by the deceased gentleman for the edification of the city, and the open air concerts given by the Bendigo City Brass band in Rosalind Park by special arrangement with him will not soon be forgotten. In all his undertakings, however, while providing for the enjoyment of the citizens, his generous nature never allowed him to forget the poor and distressed in the community, and the open air concert, which he arranged for,

the benefit of the hospital and asylum in the reserve, resulted in £50 10s being collected.

In June last year, when the season for holding the mayoral ball came round, some speculation was indulged in as to whether it would take place or not that year.

His Worship, recognising that owing to the existing depression and the winter being more than usually severely felt by the indigent portion of the community, the charitable institutions were experiencing an abnormally heavy drain on their resources, and decided to forego the customary mayoral ball, and in lieu thereof, he disbursed £130 amongst the various charities in the city. So that the citizens should not be deprived of their annual gathering altogether he suggested that a Citizens Charity Ball should be held, and the proceeds also devoted to the funds of the charitable institutions.

The mayor's decision was warmly approved of on all sides, and the proposal to hold a Charity Ball was taken up heartily. It was held in the Town Hall in the beginning of August, and resulted in about £70 being netted. Unfortunately, Mr Heinz was precluded from taking any part in the ball, as shortly after he suggested the idea he was compelled to take to his bed owing to an affection of the left knee.

This was in April, just after he had given the customary mayoral dinner. At first it was not considered anything serious, but as the knee began to swell to an extraordinary size and considerable pain resulted, the late Dr P H Macgillivray and Drs H L Atkinson, O Penfold and Sturdee were called in in consultation.

They examined the knee and pronounced the cause of the trouble to be a cancerous growth on the bone. An operation was performed, but it was found that the disease had obtained such a hold that the medical men expressed the opinion that the leg would have to be amputated. Mr Heinz was naturally averse to such an extreme step being taken. It was only after some of the pus had been examined microscopically by an eminent practitioner in the metropolis, who endorsed the opinion of the local doctors, that he consented to submit himself to the trying ordeal, and arrangements were about to be made to that end, when the sufferer was induced to allow Mr James Lamsey the Chinese herbalist to treat him.

The Chinese "doctor" told him he could effect a cure without having the leg amputated. The other doctors then retired from the case. For a time the patient appeared to improve under the new treatment. He had the utmost faith in the herbalist, and often remarked that he would be able to drive round the city with him shortly.

The news of the mayor's indisposition came with quite a shock on the community, and if any proof of the high respect and esteem in, which he and his family were

held, was required, it was plainly seen in the large number of letters of sympathy which were sent to him by nearly every municipal and public body, not only in this and the surrounding districts, but from others in distant parts of the colony. Weeks passed into months and still there was no reappearance of the well known form in the city. From time to time it was reported that the patient was slowly but gradually improving, and then again it was darkly hinted that his worship would not recover.

On Friday night, 3rd January, an unexpected and serious development took place, when haemorrhage set in from the wound, and "Dr" Lamsey, who was hastily summoned, attended, and after some trouble succeeded in stopping the haemorrhage, but not before the patient had lost a considerable quantity of blood, which to a person in his prostrated condition was a very serious matter. Mr W Honeybone, the town clerk, who was present, saw that matters had reached a critical stage, and suggested that a legally qualified medical practitioner should again be called in. Mr Lamsey agreed with the suggestion, and, after placing a powder on the diseased knee, which he directed should not be touched for two hours, left.

Drs Atkinson and Penfold were then sent for, but on their arrival the patient declined to allow them to touch the leg until the two hours mentioned by Mr Lamsey had expired. From what they could gather, however, the doctors expressed the opinion that the disease had gradually eaten away the main artery in the leg, and thus brought on the haemorrhage. Under the circumstances, they could do nothing more than leave the family directions how to act in the event of the bleeding coming on again. The patient was in a very low condition and the medical gentlemen mentioned regarded the case as being extremely serious. His condition of health was further aggravated by diarrhoea and another ailment of a distressing character.

Despite his sinking condition, he steadfastly refused to be attended by the medical men, asserting all the time his implicit faith in the Chinese herbalist, and saying constantly that he was recovering under his treatment. Dr Atkinson, however, at the request of the family, continued to visit the patient as a friend, and the family express their heartfelt gratitude to him for his extreme kindness to them and the deceased gentleman. On three subsequent occasions - the last only occurred last week - the hemorrhage from the knee set in and was staunched by the application of a powder by the herbalist.

All this time Mr Heinz, of course, was growing weaker, but the Chinese doctor was very confident of pulling him through up to a fortnight ago, when he began to recognise the hopelessness of the case, and on Tuesday last he gave him up. The deceased lingered on continually, saying that he was getting better, and even up to yesterday morning he was of the same belief. He remained perfectly conscious right up to within half an hour of his death.

Mrs Heinz noticed a change come over her husband about a quarter to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and telephoned for Mr Honeybone, who all through Mr Heinz's long illness was a constant and welcome visitor at his bedside. Mr Honeybone at once repaired to the house and 10 minutes later (4.20 pm), the sufferer passed away, with his sorrowing wife and family gathered around his bedside. His end was calm and peaceful. Mrs Heinz and family, which consists of three daughters and two sons, most of whom are grown-up, are prostrated with grief, and the sympathy expressed for them in their sad bereavement is as wide-spread as it is sincere.

The deceased gentleman, who used to boast that he never knew what a day's illness was until he was overtaken by the malady, which terminated his existence, had his life insured. At first it was doubtful if any of the medical gentlemen would give a certificate as to the cause of death, in view of the Chinese herbalist having attended the patient, but all doubts on this point were set at rest in the evening when Mr Honeybone interviewed Dr Atkinson, who at once gave a certificate that death resulted from malignant cancer of the knee.

The funeral will take place to the Bendigo Cemetery at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, Mr W H Oakley being the undertaker.

In addition to the various public positions referred to above, Mr Heinz was also one of the founders of the first Federation League formed in the colony. He was a life governor of the Bendigo hospital, Benevolent Asylum, Mechanics' Institute and the Bendigo Art Gallery. He was president of the Bendigo Deutscher Verein and the German club, and was a member of committee of the hospital, asylum and Bendigo Agricultural Society. He was a member of the Sandhurst Club, and was also an old Mason and Forester. He was an active member of committee of the German Lutheran Church, and with others was instrumental in having the church building erected at the corner of Rowan and Myrtle streets.

Mr Heinz was also president of the Hopetoun Band, which we understand intends joining in the funeral. The Long Gully Fire Brigade, of which the deceased gentleman was an honorary member, will also take part. It is probable also that the local fire brigades will join the cortege as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman, who rendered such valuable service as chairman of the Fire Brigades' Demonstration in Bendigo last year.

Immediately after his death, the sad intelligence was telephoned to the town hall, and the flag was at once hoisted half mast from the tower. Flags were also raised half mast at several other public buildings, and a number of business places. Mr Heinz made his will just before the first operation was performed on his knee.

**SYMPATHY OF THE ASYLUM COMMITTEE.**



Feeling reference was made to the lamented death of the late Cr Heinz at the committee meeting of the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum last night by the president (Mr J R Goodisson). He stated that the deceased gentleman, during his tenure of office as mayor, was most attentive to his duties as a member of the committee, and no one took a greater interest in the institution. Indeed, Mr Heinz ever took a deep interest in all the charities, and the city could ill-afford to lose so valuable and sterling a citizen. He (Mr Goodisson) moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family. Mr J D Crofts seconded the motion, which was supported by Messrs Claridge and Harkness, and carried unanimously.

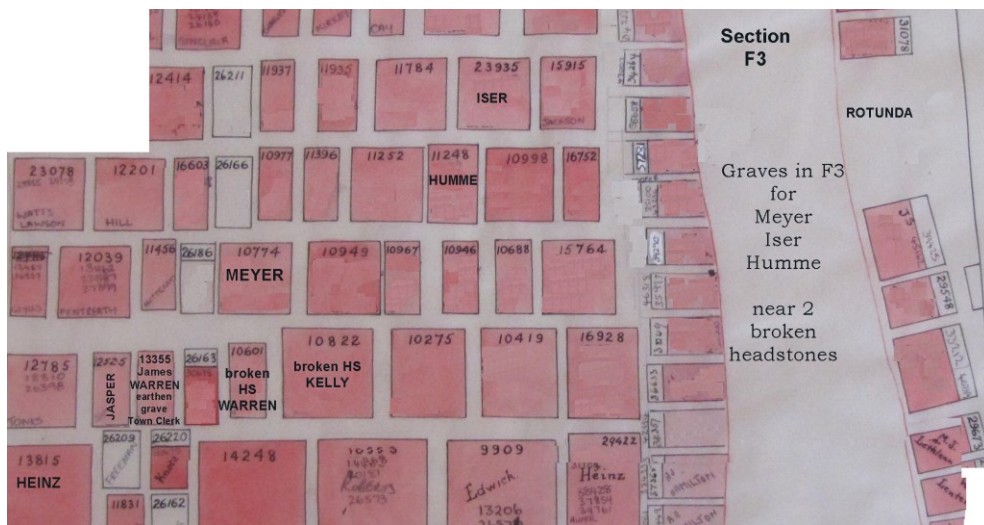
**SYMPATHY OF THE A.N.A.**

At the fortnightly meeting of the Sandhurst branch of the A.N.A. last night, it was also unanimously agreed to forward a letter of condolence to the bereaved widow and family.

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***Compiler's note:***

This grave is part of the Self Guided Tour of German Graves brochure. Its the double grave in the left bottom corner of the section map.



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