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 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 continue. SEE Instruction 1(b)

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
Hackel,	Kenneth	S.	Nathans Famous, Inc. NATH		Director	X 10% Owner
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)			-----	-----
P.O. Box 726			3. IRS or Social Security Number Reporting Person (Voluntary)		4. Statement for of Month/Year	
(Street)					December 1999	
Alpine,			New Jersey		07620	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	
					7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
					X Form filed by One Reporting Person	
					--- Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

TABLE I--NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(A) or (D)			
		Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share	12/2/99	P		3,100	\$3.375	D
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share	12/7/99	P		800	\$3.28125	D
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share	12/17/99	P		3,700	\$3.1875	D
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share	12/23/99	P		10,000	\$3.3125	D
TOTAL					755,500	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. (Over)

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v). SEC 1474 (7-96)

Table II--Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(E.G., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Table of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:  
 \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, SEE Instruction 6 for procedure.

                            /s/Kenneth S. Hackel                            1/7/00  
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 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person                            Date

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