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Mrs. Eliza Peters to Be Laid to Rest Here Tomorrow

Heart Attack Fatal to
Widow of Shoe Com-
pany Founder.

Mrs. Eliza Knollenberg Peters, widow of F. H. Peters, one of the founders of the Peters Shoe Company, died suddenly Monday night at 11:45 o'clock, in her 86th year, at her home, 2236 St. Louis avenue, where she had lived for the last 35 years.

She was a hale, well preserved woman, but suffered a heart attack which was particularly unexpected, as she had been in apparent good health and spirits during the day, and had taken her customary afternoon ride and attended to incidental affairs in the evening.

Mrs. Peters was a pioneer in St. Louis, being a daughter of the old Knollenberg family. She was born November 23, 1844, at her parents' home on Ninth and Brooklyn streets, and has spent her entire lifetime in St. Louis.

Her interests were primarily altruistic and religious, centered in her family, her church and her charities. Like her late husband, who died in 1924, she gave freely but unostentatiously to a variety of public and private charities.

Her particular delight was the aiding of worthy unfortunate families and individuals whose needs were brought to her attention. She was the oldest member of the Sidney Presbyterian Church, an early member of the former First German Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by four sons, William F., Charles H., Frank E. and George A. Peters, and two daughters, Mrs. William Baggerman and Mrs. Martha Urbach, all of St. Louis; also fifteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. The late Fred W. Peters was another son.

The funeral service will be tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from Sidney Presbyterian Church at Sidney street and Minnesota avenue, where the body will lie in state tomorrow from 11:30 to 2:30 o'clock. The pallbearers will be chosen from her grandchildren.

A number of ministers will come from other cities to attend the funeral, whose work in the past has been helped by the gifts of Mr. and

100th Birthday of F. H. Peters to Be Observed

Peters Memorial
Presbyterian Church
Named After Him

A service commemorating the 100th birthday of Francis Henry Peters, who died Aug. 8, 1924, will be held Sunday morning, Feb. 20, at 10:45 o'clock, at the Peters Memorial Presbyterian Church, Minnesota avenue and Sidney street. Mr. Peters was one of the outstanding Christian laymen of his generation. He was born Feb. 22, 1838, in Rothenfeld, Germany, and came to St. Louis in 1854. He was one of the founders of the Peters Shoe Co., which was consolidated with the Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co., to form the International Shoe Co. Mr. Peters was a Christian philanthropist, who very quietly and very unobtrusively aided many Christian institutions and worthy causes.

The Peters Memorial Presbyterian Church, which was originally known as the First German Presbyterian Church and later as the Sidney Street Presbyterian Church, erected in 1931 as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Peters. The members of the Peters family have been given a special invitation to the service next Sunday. It is a very interesting fact that the centennial of Mr. Peter's birth coincides with the 75th anniversary of the organization of the church, which was May 18, 1863. The celebration of the church's 75th anniversary will begin March 6th.

SERVICES SUNDAY TO COMMEMORATE FRANCIS H. PETERS

Tomorrow Is 100th Anniversary
Of Philanthropist and Pio-
neer Shoe Manufacturer.

Special services commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Francis Henry Peters, St. Louis philanthropist who died in 1924, will be held

at 10:45 a. m. tomorrow at Peters Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sidney street and Minnesota avenue.

A sermon, "Francis Henry Peters—a man of faith and vision," will be delivered by the Rev. Frederick A. Robe, pastor of the church, which was erected in 1931 as a memorial to Mr. Peters and his wife, the late Mrs. Eliza Peters. Members of the family have been given a special invitation to attend the service.

Benevolent bequests totaling \$50,200 were left in Mr. Peters' will, including a gift toward erection of a new church building for the then Sidney Street Presbyterian Church. Eight years before his death he divided equally among seven children \$560,000 in stocks in the International Shoe Co. He was one of the founders of the company which started business in 1869.

Mr. Peters was born February 22, 1838, in Rothenfelde, Germany, coming to St. Louis in November, 1854. To characterize his life here, Dr. Roblee chose the following text for his sermon: "By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise . . . for he looked for the city which both the foundations, whose builder



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F. H. Peters.

Roblee