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February 2, 1998

Dear Mrs Wotawa:

It was very kind of you to send me the detailed letter and printed material related to the Peters family history, thank you. We are having a family re-union during the first week of March, at Vero Beach, Florida, so this information is now especially appreciated.

I have been unable to determine the relationship to the Peters family with the name, "Torwegge". The initials are "F.W." with the dates being 1838-1901. I was long ago told by an uncle that a Miss Torwegge had been the first wife of Francis H Peters and his children by this wife had been William and Frederick Peters. Would appreciate any information on this burial record. I have enclosed a photograph of the Torwegge gravestone.

I will re-read your letter and shortly answer the questions you gave me.

I have enclosed several articles relating to the family history.

Sincerely,



✓ Encl: c/c ltr to F Peters

January 28, 1998

Dear Mr. Baggsman:

I enjoyed talking to you and I am so pleased to find a Peters family member. For a long time I have been trying to work out all the Peters & how they were related.

First I think I'll tell you a little about myself & how I got involved in all of this. I attend & am a member of St. Peters Church. My "connection" with St. Peters goes back to my teenage years. Although a member of Zion Church on 25th & Benton I had a friend Ruth (Johnson) Sennaway who was a member of St. Peters. She & I used to attend each others youth groups. In later years, when Zion was losing members I began attending St. Peters (about 1959). I left for about 10 or 15 years and attended Salvation Church in Walnut Park. When it closed I returned to St. Peters (around 1978). In 1993 when we celebrated

our 150th Anniversary I was asked
to be on the history book writing
Committee. I did the research &
some of the writing. In 1994 after
my job at J C Penney ended
when the Company closed our office
I took the job at St Peters Cemetery
doing data entry on the Computer.
As I entered the information
from the lot Cards into the Computer
I began to realize there was a lot
of history at the Cemetery.

I have been researching the
Church & Cemetery for over 3 years
now and still finding facts. I
wish we could rewrite the Church
history because I have learned
more. I wrote a history of the
Cemetery but I think I need to amend
it to include what I have learned
since I wrote it. There are copies
of both histories in Missouri Historical
Society Library, St Louis City Library
St Louis County Library & our local
Sergeant Library.

Well there you have who I am.
Now on to the Peters Family

A chance got me started on the Peters family. I went to the Ferguson Library to pick up some books about St. Louis and happened to find "Who's Who of North St. Louis Businessmen's Association". There to my surprise was the story of the Peters family, the Mesakmeier's (another very active family at St. Peter's) and Herman Kralemann. These men were so active at the Church and very successful businessmen I don't know how they did all they did.

Well since I found that book I have been researching the Peters family & their burials & their lives as far as I could. Copies of the lat. cards are enclosed.

"Page" #1 bottom Section Old Lat 949

The first Peters - founder of the Dry Goods Store

"Page" #2 top Section Section 8 Lat 461-462 is his brother

"Page" #3 bottom Sec 22 Block O Lat 16 is Frederick's son Henry L. W.

Again on Page #2 bottom Section S Lat 182 is what I think may be a

nephew of Frederick W. at first I thought he was another brother but if the date of 1855 for his birth is right that's a large span of years for a brother. You can probably clear this up.

The lot Cards for John Frederick Peters (See 26 Block F Lot 20) Can't be the one in the story because the story states he was still active same with Wm Jr. on Card Section 8 Lot 261. Frank E I can't find at St. Peters.

I am also sending Copies of other Peters but I don't know what their Connection is. I have not sent all of the Peters there are still more.

One that I am sending is Henrietta. This one intrigues me because she sits on this large lot all alone.

I am also sending a Copy of the Schully lot. #9 was a Peters She was Frederick's daughter. Her son Harold # 10 was a Professor at Eden Seminary & was very handicapped & because of his

Handeaps was instrument ^{in getting} ~~the~~
Edna Handeaps accessible

One of the lat Cards Old Tot 204
names Guston. If you will notice
on the enclosed address research
Guston lives at 2107 N. 13th.

This is the same address as the
Maschmeir family. Philippina Peters
married a Maschmeir. This
Peters would be Ruth (Dohmann)
Lannaway's great grandfather, if
you remember I mentioned her
earlier in my letter. So is there
a connection to your Peters.

Also we had as one of
our ministers John Frederick
Klick. His son Emil was married
to Louis' daughter Edna.

Well there you have it. I know
it is a rather lengthy letter so I hope
you don't get bored before you get
to the end.

Thank you for any help you are
about to give me.

Sincerely
Shirley Watson

PETERS FAMILY

1863

Peters R grocer cor 22nd Franklin

Peters & Bro groceries & wares? SW cor 16th & Market

1880

Peters, Frederick salesman P. Hauptmann r 1319 Montgomery

Peters, Frederick W (Peters & Brother) r Madison

Peters, Francis H (Peters & Brother) r 2219 14th

1890

Peters, Gustav r 2107 N 13th

Peters, Gustav Jr. Lab 2107 N. 13th

Peters Henry F W salesman Peters Dry Goods & Clothing Co r 1215 Madison

Peters, Henry W Dry Goods 1460 N. Market

Peters, Henry W. Grocer 3901 Page

Peters, Henry W pres Peters & Metter Shoe Co r 2239 St. Louis Ave.

Peters, Louis E Peters Dry Good & Clothing Co. R 2100 A N 13th

Peters, William F. Dry goods r 1316 N. Market

Peters & Metter Shoe Co 704-706 Washington Ave,

1892 8/2/1997

Peter, Frederick W clk Peters Shoe Co. 2602 N. 14th

Peters, Frederick W. Mgr German Am. Loan Co. 515 Pine

Peters, Frederick W. Pres. Peters Dry Goods & Clothing r 1215 Madison

Peters, Gustav lab 2107 N 13th

1897 7/12/1997

Peters, F.W. Pres. Peters Dry Goods & Clothing Co r 1215 Madison

Peters, Louis B E sec Peters Dry Good & Clothing Co r 2100 N 14th

Peter, Frederick W. Salesman Peters & Miller S Co, r 2600 N. 14th

Peters, Frederick W. Salesman Pres. Peters Dry goods & Clothing Co r 1215 Madison

Peters Dry Goods Co. 2600 N 14th

Peters, Francis H. VP Peters Dray Goods & Clothing Co. r 2602 N 14th

Yr Unsure

Peters & Miller Shoe Co. 705-706 Washington Ave.

1927

Peters Dry Goods 2600-2606 N. 14th

Louis B E Pres Wm F VP Frank E Treas John F Sec

1929

no Peters on 14th Street

1928

Peters Co Manufacturers

Edgar F Peters Pres

Morris Hoffman VP

Chas Schlef Sec

R W Peters Treas

mfrs of clothing Paramont Pants and Peters Clothing 1136 Washington Ave.

Peters Dry Goods and Clothing Company



F. W. PETERS

The founders of this business were the pioneers of 14th street. Fredrick W. Peters, born in Germany, April 2, 1836, came to St. Louis in 1851 and went to work as a machinist. Francis H. Peters, born in Germany, February 22, 1838, came to St. Louis in 1859 and went to work as a candy maker. Later the two brothers kept a grocery store at 16th and Market street. In November of 1865 they opened a dry goods store at the N. E. corner of 14th and Clinton street under the firm name of Peters and Brother. In 1881 they bought the half block on the N. E. corner of 14th and Warren and built what is now the dry goods department. In 1887 they built what is now the clothing and men's furnishings department, thus occupying the entire half block. In 1889 the firm was incorporated under the name of Peters Dry Goods and Clothing Co by Fredrick W. Peters, Francis H. Peters, Louis B. E. Peters, Wm. F. Peters and Henry F. W. Peters. The officers were: Fredrick W. Peters, president; Francis H. Peters, vice president and Louis B. E. Peters, secretary. In 1923 the new modern store front was installed and in 1925 extensive interior improvements were



F. H. PETERS

d. The sixtieth anniversary of the business was celebrated from November 17 to 25, 1925.

Fredrick W. Peters was president of the firm up to the time of his death, January 23, 1912. His son, Henry F. W. Peters, died April 19, 1916. Francis H. Peters was president from 1912 up to the time of his death, August 8, 1924. The present officers of the firm are: Louis B. E. Peters, president; Wm. F. Peters, vice-president; Frank E. Peters, treasurer; John F. Peters, secretary.

Louis B. E. Peters was born in Germany, February 2, 1855, and came to St. Louis in 1869, started working for Peters and Brother in 1872; in 1889 he became secretary and in 1924, president of the firm.

Wm. F. Peters was born in St. Louis, February 19, 1863, and started working in the business founded by his father

and uncle in 1879; he is still active in the management of the Dry Goods Department.

Frank E. Peters was born in St. Louis, August 3, 1879; in 1896 he went to work for the Hargadine McKittrick Dry Goods Company, resigning in 1899 he became connected with the Peters Dry Goods and Clothing Company. He is the buyer for the Dry Goods Department.

John F. Peters was born in St. Louis, December 15, 1881; in 1896 he was employed by the Ely & Walker Dry Goods Company, and in 1899 became affiliated with the Peters Dry Goods and Clothing Company. He has the management and does the buying for the Men's Clothing and Furnishing Department. He is a past president of the North St. Louis Business Men's Association and has been active on various committees for years.



LOUIS B. E. PETERS



WM. F. PETERS



FRANK E. PETERS



JOHN F. PETERS

Not sure what
station we is
FATHER - FREDERICK
UNCLE - FRANCIS