

PETERS FAMILY HISTORY

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This writing of the Peters family history as in the attached, except the final four pages was written by my grandfather, Francis Henry Peters, the final four pages were written by my uncle, George A Peters, who was the youngest child of Grandfather Peters and who died at the age of 86 years of age.

The above written by: William F Baggerman, who was my mother, Emma Louise (Peters) Baggerman.

Family Register.

My name is Franz Heinrich **PETERS**
I was born in Rottenfelde Kingdom, Hanover,
on Feb. 22, 1838.

My Parents were Godfearing Religious People.

Grand Parents on my Father's side.

Grand Father's name was Caspar Heinrich
born 1766, died 1809.

Grand Mother's name was Maria Katharine,
born 1773.

Names of Father's Brothers:

Heinrich Mathias, Frederick Wilhelm, Johan Friedrich,
Wilhelm Christof.

Grand Parents of Mother's side.

Grand Father's name was Mathias Teye,
born 1781, died 1824.

Grand Mother's name was Maria Katharine
born 1772 her maiden name was Haesemann.

My Father's name was Caspar Heinrich,
born in Rottenfelde, August 31st. 1806 died May 8th 1879.

My Mother's name was Louise, maiden name
was Teye born 1809 died July 8, 1885.

My Parents were married Oct 24, 1830.

F. H. Peters was the father of Emma L. (Peters) Baggerman
and the grandfather of Wm. F. Baggerman

When about 18 years old I worked at my
trade as a Candy maker in a factory on Market St.
Among the fellow workmen was one whose name
was Albert Hauman. This man was different
from the other workers. He was a very good worker
and acted friendly to everyone in the factory.
But would not take part in anything unbecoming
a Christian or a Gentleman. I soon got to love the
man and I tried to live such a life as Hauman's.
I noticed that he had something I failed to have.
Having been reared by Godly Parents, the good Lord kept
me from going astray altogether. My Parents prayers
followed me where ever I went. I often felt this. I attended
Church regularly, but I knew I was not right with God.

My Friend invited me one day to go with him to a
revival meeting, which was held in a Methodist Church,
which he attended. I consented and went with him
every evening. God soon showed me, through His great
mercy, that I was a sinner and that I needed
a Saviour, but I could find no peace, till I kept on
praying. So one night I made up my mind to
keep on praying until the Lord would take the
heavy burden of sin from me.

After leaving Church my good friend and
myself entered the Candy Factory and went
into a small closet, used for drying, for prayer.

Children's names.

Heinrich Philip born March 18, 1831, died June 11th, 1846.

Louise Charlotte born Jan. 18, 1833 " March 15, 1833.

Wilhelmine Charlotte born Feb. 26, 1834 " Jan. 30th 1912
she left for America in 1850.

Frederick Wilhelm born April 2. 1836 died Jan 23rd 1912.
he left for America Sept. 17th. 1852.

- Franz Heinrich born Feb. 22, 1838. died Aug 8. 1924
he left for America Aug. 28th 1854.

Wilhelm August. born May 8. 1840, died April 24th 1880.

Elise Frederika, born Mar. 15, 1842, died May 8th, 1842.

Maria Katharine, born Apr. 17, 1843.

she left for America Aug 30. 1857.

Louise Henriette. born June 9. 1845

she left for America Aug 30, 1855.

Katharine Wilhelmine, born Aug. 9, 1847, died Nov. 2. 1848.

Franz Heinrich Wilhelm born Feb. 8, 1850

left for America Aug. 9th 1866

Louis Bernhard Elias, born Feb. 2, 1855

left for America.

Ernest Bernhard Wilhelm, born Jan 6, 1852

died April 29th in Eagle Co. Mo. 1867.

I was the fifth child from my Parents
Left home for St. Louis, Mo., America, on the
28th day of August 1854. Arrived in St. Louis
after a very stormy sea voyage Nov. 15th same year.

My first work in St. Louis I did, was to work
in a candy factory on Market Street between 8th
and 11th Streets for Mr. J. H. Blanks.

My next work was clerking in a Grocery Store
on W. Broadway for Robinson, Mar. 20, 1857 I left
St. Louis for Second Creek, now called Bay, Mo
Greennade Co. Here I clerked for my Brother in law
Frank Peters for about two years, then my Brother in law
died. After this I with my sister Charlotte, widow of
Frank Peters carried on the business, a General
Candy Store.

Feb. 17, 1863 I left Bay, Mo. for St. Louis, where
Brother Fred and myself formed a Partnership.
We bought a Grocery Store on the S. W. corner of 16th & Market.
We were very successful.

This Store we commenced Feb. 27th, 1863 and sold
out again with profit Aug 24th, 1865.

Nov. 30th, 1865 we opened a Dry Goods Store on
the N. E. corner of Jefferson (now Clinton St.)
Mar. 13, 1880. We bought a lot of 75 feet on the
N. E. corner of 14th & Warren Sts. and for this
we paid \$75⁰⁰ per front foot, \$4000 in cash.

Built a Store and Flat on this lot in the Summer of 1881 at the cost of \$13,541, for store fixtures we paid \$1,377.45. This house & lot not including fixtures we took out of Partnership and each Partner charged himself with \$7459.55.

Built a Store adjoining said property with a cost of \$5892.60. Each of the Partners paid one half of the cost.

Feb. 21, 1893, we bought house & lot fronting Warren Street adjoining our other property for \$2750.00 and paid for repairing same \$746.40. Dec. 30th each Partner charged himself with one half of the cost of this property, \$1748.30.

March 11th 1887, we formed a Stock Company under the name of Peters Dry Goods & Clothing Co. Capital Stock \$70,000.00

On March 13th same year, sold all interest in the Store on Warren St., also in the house adjoining our other property for \$27,000.00.

In Jan. 16, 1874 we bought lot on 13th & Madison St. for \$2960, built on this lot in the Fall of 1877 a house which cost \$3846.10. In the summer of 1878 we built a house on the front of 13th Street costing \$7718.40. In Jan. 20th I bought one half of this Property for \$7500.00 which I later sold back again to my brother Fred for \$7500.00

On Aug 13th, 1886 bought Lot 37, 2104 & 2106 N. 13th St. from H. Wobbe for \$4228.00

Oct. 10th, 1892 I bought a lot from Mr. Mayhew at 2236 St. Louis Av. 40 feet at \$75.00 front foot for \$3000.00 and then built house which cost 10,065.21.

Bought on April 10th 1894 a lot at 3027 Rauschen Avenue 28 ft @ \$80.00 front foot and then built a flat on same lot & house costing \$8112.75 Later I installed furnace & other conveniences costing \$1075.00 The house complete standing now \$9187.75.

July 1, 1902 bought lot at 2923 Dodier St. 50 feet costing \$1850.00. Built house same year at a cost of \$7068.68. June 3rd 1911 sold this property to my son Charles for \$8000.00

Jan. 1, 1889, we organized the Peter & Miller Shoe Co with a capital stock of \$140,000.00

Jan 1, 1892 we reorganized and it then became the Peter Shoe Co. with a capital stock of \$200,000.

The stockholders are as follows

H. W. Peters 350 shares

F. W. Peters 370 "

F. H. Peters 400 "

C. Jehle 150 "

F. A. Sudholt 80 "

H. S. Butler 30 "

E. M. Walden 30 "

Fred W. Peters 70 "

Geo. Jehle 50 "

A. W. Goodall 40 "

A. L. Sears 40 "

Chas. Langeman 30 "

F. J. Langeman 30 "

Original Board of
Seven Directors.

S. G. Bramerd 20 shares

S. Boeger 150 "

J. H. Drees 100 "

Louis Boeger 30 "

2000 total shares

In December 1911 Peters Shoe Co. and Robert Johnson & Rand
Shoe Co. consolidated and on Dec. 27th 1911 Incorporated
as the International Shoe Co. with a Capital Stock
of \$25,000,000⁰⁰ of which \$21,000,000⁰⁰ was paid in and
\$4,000,000⁰⁰ remaining as Treasury Stock.

Peters Shoe Co's stockholders received for their capital
stock (of \$2,000,000⁰⁰), \$7,500,000⁰⁰ in new stock.

\$13,750,000 ⁰⁰	Common Stock
<u>8,250,000⁰⁰</u>	Preferred Stock
\$21,000,000 ⁰⁰	Total.

In April 1st, 1861, I married Henriette Katharine
Correggio. My wife was born Dec. 17th 1841.
I pleaded the Lord to take the best of Wives & Mothers
to her three children, to Himself on Feb. 18, 1867.

August 20th, 1868 I married again to
Elice Katharine Knollenberg. died Oct. 13, 1930
Her Father Rudolph was born Dec. 28, 1800 and died Apr. 6, 1880.
Her Mother's name was Maria Regine Hackman
she was born July 17th 1801 and died Mar. 24, 1860.

Children's name:

William Frank, born Feb. 19th 1863 died July 17, 1933.

Ida Charlotte, born Oct 29th 1864, died

Frederick Wilhelm, born Feb. 4th 1867 died Sept. 6, 1928

Ernst Louis, born July 13th 1869, died April 11, 1870.

Charles Heinrich, born April 26th 1871 died Jan. 29, 1947

Clara Maria, born Feb 9th 1873, died Aug 4, 1889.

Emma Louise, born June 29th 1875. died 10/3/64

Martha Elice, born Sept. 18th 1877. died 1/22/67

Frank Edward, born Aug. 3rd 1879. died 7/5/65

George August, born Nov. 26th 1881.

Walter Heinrich, born Dec. 13th, 1883. died Feb 22, 1886.

Arthur Walter born August 26th 1888, died Oct. 17th 1909.

In this closet the Lord took my burden from me that I must
have died for my sin. also, and reconciled me with the Father.
I felt then very happy and thought I must tell everybody the Great
Thing the Lord had done for me.

I wrote my Parents a letter and told them of my conversion.
I also wrote an old Christian friend. This man had more experience
than I had. He must have seen from my letter that I was
self confident and had the idea that I was all right now.
The answer I received to my letter was very short. He wrote me
"Frank the Devil is still alive and not dead." I did not
understand what he meant, but I found later that he was
right in telling me that the Devil was still alive.

I have tried to live a Christian life for more than 50 years,
but I have often found that I needed the Lord's help to lead
me and keep me to live a life pleasing to Him.

I know that only the Blood of Christ He spilt in Calvary's
Cure can save me and bring me to Heaven.