

David & Rosana Peterson

Daniel Emanuel Peterson Sr. & Wife Rosanna Eggenberger¹

He was born in Sunjo, Sweden, on

February 18, 1855 to Paer and Sarah Anderson.

Family history has that at a tender age of 14 Daniel ran away from home for America, was a stowaway on a ship that first took him to Canada, and later he entered the U.S. Daniel married Rosanna Eggenberger of Swiss ancestry on November 8, 1880 in Wabasha County, Minnesota. By 1887 the family was located in Leland, Oregon where Daniel was a Section Foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad.²

1900 Census. Leland Precinct, Josephine Co., OR³

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| David Peterson | Head | Sweden | 1855 | 45 yrs |
| Rosana Peterson | Wife | Can. | 1862 | 38 yrs |
| David Peterson | Son | NE | 1883 | 17 yrs |
| Joseph Peterson | Son | WA | 1885 | 15 yrs |
| John E. Peterson | Son | WA | 1886 | 14 yrs |
| Roy W. Peterson | Son | OR | 1888 | 12 yrs |
| Iva E. Peterson | Dau | OR | 1889 | 11 yrs |
| Daniel E. Peterson | Son | OR | 1891 | 9 yrs |
| Henry H. Peterson | Son | OR | 1896 | 4 yrs |
| Helena Peterson | Dau | OR | 1899 | 1 yr |

1. Peterson, Daniel M. & Janie M. 1998. *The Peterson History*. Hugo, OR.

2. John Ritchie. 1913. Rosanna Eggenberger's Eulogy. John Ritchie was a Union soldier who served right after the Civil War. He eventually came west to Hugo, became a neighbor and friend of the Petersons, and died there in 1918.

3. K. W. Phillips. 1988. *1900 Josephine County, Oregon Census*. Cave Junction, OR.

4. Grave Creek Gravelets. *Rogue River Courier*, March 28, 1901.

5. Hugo Items. *Rogue River Courier*, May 2, 1901.

6. Hugo Items. *Rogue River Courier*, January 9, 1902.

7. Rogue River Fruit Notes. *Rogue River Courier*, January 17, 1908

8. Hugo Neighborhood. January 9, 2005. *Hugo's Famous Orchards*. Hugo, OR.

9. Old 'Meadows' Ranch Famous For Fruits. *Grants Pass Daily Courier*. April 2, 1960.

The Daniel Peterson Family, Hugo Settlers: 1901 - 1972

1901 *"The most noteworthy event in Leland this week is the removal of Daniel Peterson, section foreman, at Leland for many years past. Mr. Peterson was removed by the S. P. company because he had the manhood to say that he thought white men should be employed instead of Japs on the section — at least this is the report. Let that be as it may, Leland loses one of its most valued citizens, and one of the most competent section men on the line. . . ."*⁴

1901 *"Mr. Peterson has purchased Harry Triplett's farm and is planting potatoes, corn and garden."*⁵

1902 *"Any one wishing Potatoes \$1.25 per 100 pounds or Apples at 75 cents per 100 pounds call on Mr. Peterson of Hugo."*⁶

1908 *"D. Peterson, proprietor of the "Hugo Heights Fruit Farm" was at the county seat, Saturday, and in conversation with the Courier man he remarked that as yet there has been no killing frost at his place, near Hugo and as it is now nearly the middle of January, he thinks Jack Frost will have to watch out or he may forget that favored spot entirely. Mr. Peterson was formerly a railroad man, but he never regrets the day when he decided to leave the iron horse and delve in mother earth and get an orchard started. He finds it not only healthier and more enjoyable in every respect, but vastly more remunerative. He has ideal peach land and proposes to make a record with this variety of fruit."*⁷

D. Peterson eventually specialized in peaches and apples. The *Hugo Heights Fruit Farm*, and other orchards, in Hugo would become famous for their fruit.⁸

Triplett's Meadows Ranch Became Peterson's Famous "Hugo Heights Fruit Farm"

P. Peterson was another fruit raiser who lost heavily and another farmer in the vicinity lost all his chickens besides fruit and garden stuff. *Rogue River Courier*. July 17, 1908. Disastrous Hail Storm.

1944 Daniel Emanuel Peterson Sr. passed.

1960 Few hillside ranches in Southern Oregon can present a lovelier distant view than does the old "*Hugo Heights Fruit Farm*" home place, which since 1901 had been home for the Peterson family. "*John and Roy Peterson, now 74 and 73 years of age, respectively. Roy, the younger, still maintains bachelor quarters, in the old homestead, whereas John, likewise a bachelor, is settled in a small cottage at the foot of the hill, built three years ago by an older brother, Dan, now dead.*"⁹

1968 - 1972 Roy passed in 68; John passed in 72.

1972 - 2007 Grandson, Lester Leroy "Dan" Peterson lives on the 17 acres of Peterson property adjoining the original *Hugo Heights Fruit Farm*. His father, Daniel E. Peterson had bought the property from Mr. Sexton. The Petersons planted the cherry orchard in 1925. Lester moved on the property with his family in 1972. Lester's son, Daniel Marvin and wife, Janie Mae Bleeker Peterson, live up Jumpoff Joe Creek with their two children: Alan and Spencer.

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community's history and land use.

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

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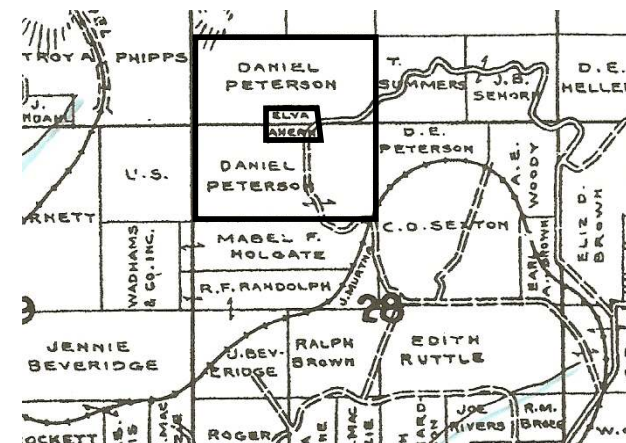
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