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## Hugo's Early Settler Families

### Daniel Emanuel Peterson Sr. & Wife Rosanna Eggenberger<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup>

### 1910 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Daniel Peterson	Head	Sweden	1857	53 yrs
Rosana Peterson	Wife	Can.	1861	49 yrs
David Peterson	Son	NE	1884	26 yrs
Joseph Peterson	Son	WA	1886	24 yrs
John E. Peterson	Son	WA	1887	23 yrs
Roy W. Peterson	Son	OR	1889	21 yrs
Iva E. Peterson	Dau	OR	1890	20 yrs
David Peterson	Son	OR	1891	19 yrs
Henry H. Peterson	Son	OR	1896	14 yrs
Helena Peterson	Dau	OR	1899	11 yrs
Louisa Peterson	Dau	OR	1902	8 yrs

David's occupation was practicing general farming. Sons David and Joseph were carpenters working on railroad bridge gangs. Roy and Iva were home farming.

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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 (see Ritchie brochure).  
3. Rogue River Fruit Notes. *Rogue River Courier*, January 17, 1908  
4. Hugo Neighborhood. January 9, 2005. *Hugo's Famous Orchards*. Hugo, OR.

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## Peterson House

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."<sup>3</sup>



*Peterson House, Hugo, Oregon: ca., 1900*  
Courtesy of Wayne & Janet McKY

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## Hugo Heights Fruit Farm: Peaches & Apples

Daniel Peterson eventually specialized in peaches and apples. The *Hugo Heights Fruit Farm*, and other orchards, in Hugo would become famous for their fruit.<sup>4</sup>

**Water for the house** came from a pipe laid from a concrete cistern located in a wetland/spring approximately a quarter mile in length uphill to the northwest. A cistern is an artificial underground tank for holding water or other liquid, especially a tank for catching and storing spring water.<sup>5</sup>

The cistern has several inscriptions on it. One is "D. P. 4-29-14". Another might have been done with a small bullet shell, perhaps a twenty-two shell. It has the same date and other names that can not be read, perhaps Hugo. They might be the names of folks that worked on the concrete cistern. Hugo Garbers died in 1912. "D. P. 4-29-14" was thought to mean that Daniel Peterson built the cistern April 29, 1914.<sup>5</sup>

There was enough gravity and quantity to supply water to the vineyard and the sink in their house. Wayne McKy estimated that in early September 2008 there was probably four to five gallons a minute coming from the cistern and spring.<sup>5</sup>

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

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5. Hugo Neighborhood. September 10, 2008. Field Trip to Old Peterson Place. Participants, Bob Petretii, Wayne McKy, and Mike Walker. Hugo, OR.

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## 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.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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