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HANSON, PETER BURTRUM

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Peter Hanson was born in Bergen, Norway, on October 30, 1865. In 1881, when he was sixteen years of age, he came to America with F. C. Miller of Long Prairie. Peter B. Hanson located in Sauk Centre where he has lived since. He received a part of his education in Norway.

Soon after coming to Sauk Centre, he was employed by J. B. Perkins, Proprietor of the Corner Drug Store. While in the drug store he received his first training as a pharmacist.

Later Peter Hanson attended the Northwestern University of Chicago where he graduated in 1886. After graduation he returned to the Corner Drug Store in Sauk Centre where he worked until the spring of 1892.

On September 28, 1892, Peter Hanson married Elizabeth Whyte Emerson, who was a daughter of Christopher and Jeanie(Whyte) Emerson of Sauk Centre. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Smith, pastor of the Congregational Church, at the family home on the corner of Fifth and Pine streets south.

In 1892, Peter Hanson and his father-in-law, Christopher Emerson purchased the drug stock from J. B. Perkins. They purchased the building, also, which was owned by A. J. Smith, who operated a private bank where the Felling Barber Shop now stands.

Year after year, Peter Hanson was the first man to the store in the mornings and the last in the store in the evenings.

Peter and Elizabeth(Emerson) Hanson have had three sons. They are: Donald, present proprietor of the Corner Drug Store; Wallace, who died in infancy; and Dr. Malcolm Hanson of Minneapolis.

On September 28, 1902, which was their tenth wedding anniversary, Elizabeth (Emerson) Hanson died. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Peter Hanson crossed the Atlantic Ocean nine times. In 1890 he made his first visit back to his native land. The purpose of his last visit was to improve his health.

Donald Hanson became closely affiliated with the drug business at the close of the World War, which helped to lessen his father's work.

Peter Hanson never sought public offices. In 1905, he was prevailed upon to become a candidate for membership to the Board of Education of the Independent School District of Sauk Centre. He served on the Board continuously until 1928 when he resigned in the middle of the term because of his failing health. Together with the others he sacrificed much time and energy to see that the building of the two new public school buildings were properly constructed. He became President of the Board which he held until his retirement.

Peter B. Hanson was a member of the Board of Directors of the Sauk Centre Community Club for several years. He was also an active member of the Knights of Pythias.

Peter B. Hanson became a member of the First Congregational Church of Sauk Centre when a young man. He was a member of the church's official Board for many years. He was chairman of the Board of Administration for a long time, which he held at the time of his death.

Peter B. Hanson died on May 13, 1932. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery beside his wife.

Interviewed: Donald Hanson  
Date: January 26, 1937  
By: Melba Peterson

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FOR THE PETER BURTRUM HANSON BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Baby Hanson	May 20, 1898	Sauk Centre	Peter Burtrum Hanson	35
2. Baby Hanson	July 7, 1896	Sauk Centre	" " "	31

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Elizabeth Hanson	30	(1898)B8	359	4	
2. " "	28	(1896)B6	284	4	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK L. PAGE 4968

Peter Bertrum Hanson and Elizabeth Whyte Emerson

Married at Sauk Centre September 28, 1892

By: Rev. J. A. Wood

Witnesses: Knud K. Hanson and Walter Emerson

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1902 A 12 PAGE 336 LINE 1

Elizabeth Whyte Hanson Died September 28, 1902

Born September 21, 1868 in Minnesota

Daughter of Christopher Emerson and Jeane Whyte

Age 34 years 7 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK Y. PAGE 22 LINE 558

Peter Bertrum Hanson Died May 13, 1932

Born October 30, 1865 in Norway

Son of Peter Hanson

Age 66 years 6 months and 13 days