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PETERSON, GUST

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Gust Peterson was born in Vester-Yetland, Sweden February 20, 1860 son of Peter and Ann (Loenbeck) Johnson. As a young boy he attended school in Sweden and then worked as a stone cutter. He followed this trade until he was quite expert and in 1879 he left for America. In the United States Gust took the name of Peterson. He first settled in Chicago and one year later came to St. Cloud, Stearns county.

In this city he secured a position as stone cutter and worked at that trade continuously until his death in 1929.

Gust Peterson married Louise Erickson June 20, 1885 at Mankato, Minnesota.

Louise (Erickson) Peterson was born in Vernland, Sweden, April 27, 1864 daughter of Erick and Maria Nelson. She came to America in 1883 and first settled at Mankato.

To Gust and Louise (Erickson) Peterson were born four children-one is deceased, the living are Emil Robert, Clarence Albert, and Clara Louise (Peterson) Fox. There are four grandchildren and 2 greatgrand-children.

Gust Peterson was one of the pioneers of the granite industry, which the Scandinavian race promoted to the stage of being St. Cloud's greatest industry. The lives of the early stone men were filled with hard work and long hours and there was never time to watch and comment on the growth of this city.

Louise (Erickson) Peterson is still living and resides at 25-5th Ave. north, St. Cloud.

Interviewed: Louise (Erickson) Peterson
Date: November 23, 1936
By: Dean Nelson

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE GUST PETERSON BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK W. PAGE 12515

Joseph P. Fox and Clara Louise Peterson

Married at St. Cloud, October 16, 1913

By: Rev. Charles A. Mayer

Witnesses: C. A. Peterson and Louise M. Fischer

DEATH RECORD BOOK V. PAGE 10 LINE 204

Gustav Peterson, Born in Sweden, February 20, 1860

Son of Peter Johnson and Anna Lundpeck

Died October 14, 1929

Age 69 years 7 months and 25 days