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PETERSON, WILLIAM

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William Peterson, one of the pioneers in the granite industry in St. Cloud, was born October 22, 1858, in Degerfors, Sweden. William obtained a good education in his native land, and also learned the trade of granite cutting from his father, who was the proprietor of a granite shed there.

In 1881, William married Ida M. Jenason in Stockholm, Sweden. Ida M. (Jenason) Peterson was born March 10, 1851.

In 1885, William and Ida M. (Jonason) Peterson came to America, and located in Saint Cloud. After working a while for Matthew Breen, William joined in a company which formed the Rockville Granite Company, at Rockville, Minnesota. About seven years later he sold out to Henry Alexander. William then accepted work as a granite cutter working for Simmers and Campbell Company in St. Cloud, for whom he continued to work until his retirement in 1925.

William and Ida M. (Jonason) Peterson were the parents of the following children Ellen R. Olga E., Andrew W., Edwin C., Oscar E., Elsie C., and Herbert A.

Ellen R., born May 25, 1882, in Sweden is dead.

Olga E., born February 16, 1884, in Sweden is the wife of Louis C. Dueber of St. Cloud.

Andrew W., born October 5, 1885 in Sweden, now lives at Mason City, Iowa.

Edwin C., born March 19, 1887 in St. Cloud lives in Chicago, Illinois.

Oscar E., born September 24, 1889, in St. Cloud is employed as a granite cutter here.

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Elsie C., born September 23, 1892, in St. Cloud is the widow of Leland C. Coates, and lives in St. Cloud.

Herbert A., born May 29, 1895 in St. Cloud, is dead.

William Peterson died August 18, 1929. Ida M. (Jonason) Peterson died December 5, 1935, both are buried in North Star Cemetery.

Interviewed: Oscar E. Peterson  
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