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PETTERS, CHARLES

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Charles Petters, was born in Germany, November 3, 1858. He went to school there, and also had military training. He learned the tailoring trade from his father. When twenty-seven years of age, in 1885, he came to America to live with an uncle, Mr. George Walter, who lived in Stillwater, Minnesota. Mr. Petters, an expert tailor, went to Saint Paul, and later came to St. Cloud where he worked for Mr. Seitz, a tailor. In 1887 he opened a tailor shop on the corner of Sixth and St. Germain Street, upstairs over Mr. Weyren's place of business.

He was married in 1885 to Louise Kollros, she was born in Germany on May 4, 1864 and came to America in 1883. She stayed with an aunt in Saint Paul, where she met Mr. Petters. They were married by Father Wilkins in Duelem, Minnesota.

Charles and Louise (Kollros) Petters have five children: Charles, married Celia Knixkowski, they have three children. William, married Henrietta Albers, they have five children; William, is one of the leading tailors in Saint Cloud. Catherine, married Rudolph Dix, who is also a tailor, they have three children. Alfred, is married to Violet McNeal, he is a road contractor. Edward, married Emma Chirhart, they have one child. Edward, is in business with his brother, William, operating the Petters Taylor Company.

In 1895 Charles and Louise (Kollros) Petters built a home on 15th Avenue and First Street North. Charles Petters died June 8, 1907.

Interviewed: Mrs. Louise (Kollros) Petters  
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