

Obituary for John Peters, Sr.

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John Peters was born in the province of Mertensdorf. Brandenburg, Prussia, December 29, 1842, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Stoltenberg, in Pepin, March 21, 1926.

In 1855 Mr. Peters left his native country with his parents to come to America. His father died at sea during the journey. The family came direct to Pepin and afterward lived in Plum Creek. In March 1870 Mr. Peters was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Schmidt and they took up their residence on a farm in Hicks Valley, where they lived for many years. He was one of the pioneers in this section and it is to Mr. Peters and men like him that the development of the valley is due.

Mr. Peters was ever an industrious and respected citizen, and his integrity of character won for him the respect of the community. He was interested in and active in church work and was a charter member of the German Methodist Episcopal church of Pepin, serving as a member of the first official board of trustees when, in 1886, Pepin and Beef Slough were organized into a separate mission.

Mr. Peters enjoyed unusually good health for one so advanced in years and was graciously relieved of any prolonged suffering at the close of his long life, passing away very suddenly, yet peacefully. Last Sunday morning he was found dead at his bedside, kneeling in the posture of prayer.

Mr. Peters is survived by six sons and two daughters, also by ten grandchildren. His beloved wife preceded him in death in March, 1906, The sons and daughters are: Edward, John, Albert and Walter of Pepin. George of Minneapolis, and Henry of Rockford, IL., Martha (Mrs. Chas, Brunkow) and Lydia (Mrs. Geo. Stoltenberg) both of Pepin.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the M. E. Church and were conducted jointly in both the German and English language by Rev. Clemens, former pastor of the church and Rev. Quien the present pastor. Interment was made in the Oakwood cemetery