

6/30/86 - The attached copy pages are from the book, "The Story of Frederick C. Peters". Francis Henry Peters mentioned in the pages was the father of Emma L. (nee Peters) Baggerman the mother of William F. Baggerman and Frederick P. Baggerman. The subject of the book, Frederick C. Peters was the first cousin of William F. Baggerman and Frederick P. Baggerman

When Lewis, pitifully weak, would see his father he would greet him with the request, "Peel me a grape, Daddy."

This Peters did faithfully and remembrance of it brings a chuckle to Mrs. Peters. The burly Peters, with stubby fingers using infinite care, removed every trace of peeling from the grapes his small son craved. When Lewis had consumed all he wanted, he'd end with this request, "Dad, draw me a pumpkin."

The relationship between Peters and Dr. Graham^o was excellent. Throughout his career Peters surrounded himself with able men and any recital of his life and accomplishments must also tell of these men.

The Peters' name was prominent for three generations in St. Louis mercantile, manufacturing, financial and philanthropic circles. Fred's grandfather, Francis Henry Peters, left his birthplace in Rothenfelde, Germany, to come to St. Louis in 1854. He became president of the Peters Dry Goods Company and a co-founder of the Peters Shoe Company.

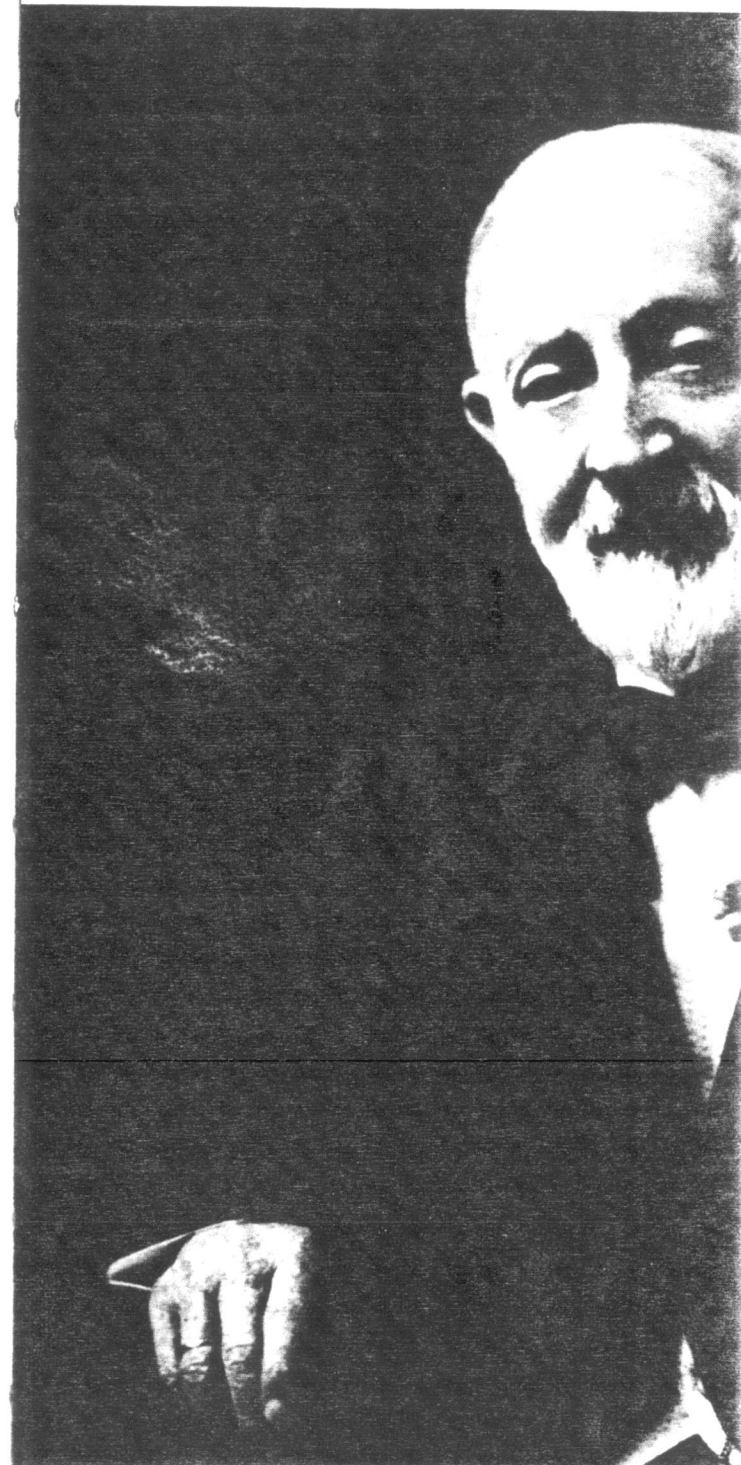
A thousand miles upstream from New Orleans, St. Louis, the crossroads of western expansion, was founded by fur traders. Lewis and Clark and other explorers started from St. Louis. Manufacture of Civil War clothing and supplies gave impetus to the city's growth, as did steamboating, railroading and outfitting for the California Gold Rush.

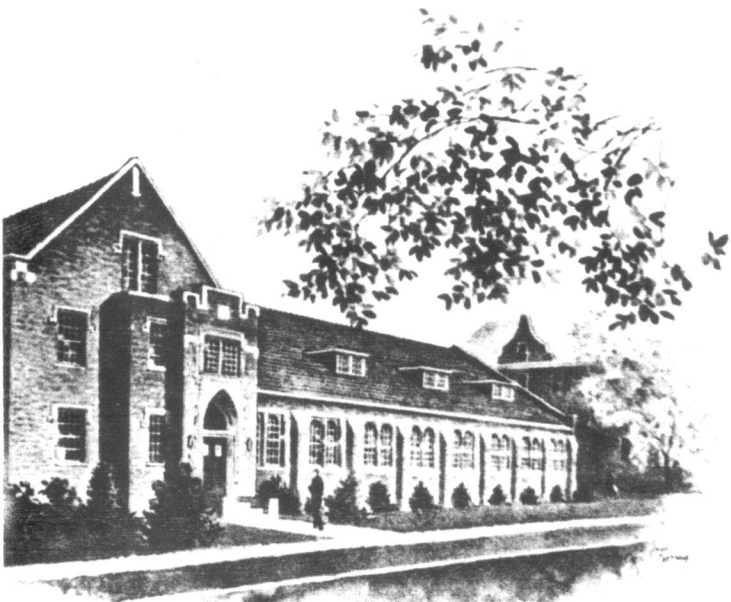
From that "Gateway to the West," the F. & C. Peters family traveled to Florida to contribute to Fort Lauderdale, "Gateway to the Everglades," to Broward County, to Miami Beach, and to South Dade County.

^oEvarts A. Graham: Dr. Graham helped found the American Board of Surgery; was president in 1953 of the International Congress of Surgeons, and was the second American to receive the Lister Medal. He joined physicians and scientists in warning of the danger in fallout from hydrogen bomb tests. His studies on lung cancer won him a 1948 Cancer Society Award. "No surgeon of my generation has had so large an impact upon surgery the world over as Evarts Graham," said Owen H. Wangenstein, M.D., of the University of Minnesota, in 1968. "Graham's contribution in the treatment of empyema in World War I laid the foundation for his subsequent eminence in this field of surgery. It is interesting that these diseases, which commanded so much of a surgeon's activity three or four decades ago, have practically disappeared. The treatment of pneumonia with antibiotics has made empyema virtually non-existent."



FRANCIS HENRY PETERS
". . . A quiet, unassuming man", grandfather of Frederick C. Peters, who came to America from Germany in 1854. Highly successful in business, co-founder of the Peters Shoe Company; deeply religious, generous in support of religious and educational institutions . . . He set patterns followed by his sons, his grandsons and great grandsons.





Executive Committee
University of Dubuque
Dubuque, Iowa

January 30th, 1922

Dear Brethren:

Since Dr. C. M. Steffens on February 2nd, 1902, completes twenty years of continuous service in the rebuilding of the University of Dubuque and having himself reached an advanced age, wish to make use of this opportunity to express my appreciation of his faithful administration of such funds, which I have intrusted to him. During these years, he has been a guest at our home and I have contributed various amounts for different objects; home missionary work (for students in the summer vacation) the erection of a church for Bohemians in Nebraska, school purposes and personal gifts, e. g. \$2,000.00 to enlarge the Chapel. He was able, through my wishes temporarily to use this sum at his discretion, \$5,000.00 to the Treasurer for current expenses and \$3,000.00 to pay a note in a New York Bank. Gifts sent to Dubuque made personal to him and he was given authority to use these gifts according to his best judgment. In all his methods, which were known to me, I was entirely satisfied and now give expression to my great satisfaction. Both Mrs. Peters and myself have received Dr. Steffens in our home in the spirit and with a pleasure of a son in the family.



The Move to Florida

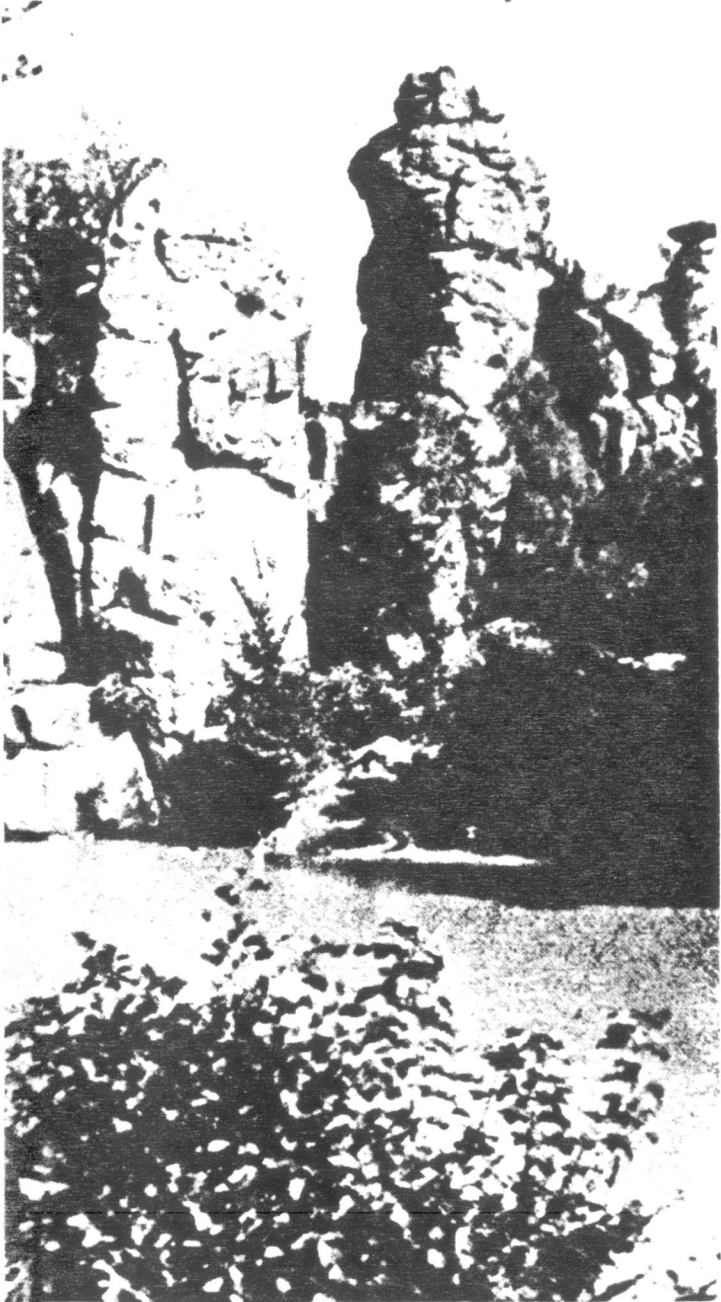
Frederick C. Peters' father, Frederick W. Peters, (1867-1928). Son of Francis H. Peters. Frederick W. Peters had three sons, the youngest, Frederick C., was also to have three sons.

The American branch of the Peters family was founded when two brothers and a sister came to St. Louis from Germany. One of the brothers, Francis Henry Peters*, had seven children. One of these, Frederick William Peters, became Frederick C. Peters' father. He had two other sons.

†Francis Henry Peters, A tribute by Rev. Karl Frederick Wettstone, D.D., his former pastor

*Francis Henry Peters, Frederick C. Peters' grandfather, developed extensive business interests in mid-America. His photograph reveals a frail man of benign mien with snow-white hair and a beard. "A quiet and unassuming man," according to his biographer, The Rev. Karl Frederick Wettstone, D.D.

Francis and his brother Frederick William established a dry goods store. In 1889 and with Frederick W. and a nephew and a capital of \$140,000, founded the Peters and Miller Shoe Company with Fred as president and Francis as vice-president.



Chapter 21 Sentimental Journey

Samuel Johnson said that curiosity is a characteristic of a vigorous mind. Fred Peters was intensely curious about almost everything.

Near the end of his career, he became curious about the homeland in Germany from whence had come his grandfather, Francis Henry Peters, the great-great grandfather of the children of Fred Peters' three sons, Fred T., Lewis and Ferguson. So, Fred and Mrs. Peters went to Bad Rothenfelde in Germany.

It is a small community and a health resort. An old fashioned band played in the park when they arrived. His grandfather had emigrated from there to America more than a hundred years earlier. When the mayor of Bad Rothenfelde learned that the Peters were arriving, he sent flowers and an invitation to tea and coffee. Mr. Peters found no relatives he could positively identify.

He brought back books in German, printed in old fashioned script, about the wonders of Bad Rothenfelde. The town is today a small but desirable spa in the southern foothills of the "Teutoburger Wald," with lovely forests and a gently rising range of hills in northern Germany. It has thirty-three hundred inhabitants.

The volume on Bad Rothenfelde traced the history of that community back to the Bronze and Iron ages. Another book gave the folklore and legends of the region, and other publications told the stories of the great houses.

The Story of **FREDERICK PETERS**



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