

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY STRUCTURE FORM**



SITE INFORMATION

*SURVEY DATE: February 9, 2013 *ADDRESS: 46453 3121th Street
*SURVEYOR: Jim Stone *COUNTY: Clay
*CITY: Vermillion

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: From Vermillion, intersection of South Dakota Highway 50 bi-pass and University Road, (North) 4 miles to S curve, do not turn, continue North on 464th Ave., (is a gravel road)

To 312st Street, turn right (East), about 2/3 mile, on the right (South) side, long lane back into farm.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: N E ¼, Exc Comm at A pt 2 Rds N of SE Cor of NE ¼ & Thence W 27 Rds, Par with S Line of the NE ¼ to the Center of the Vermillion River, Thence E along the S Line of the NE ¼ to the Center of the Vermillion River, Thence E along the Center line of, 19 – 93 – 51 Prairie Center Twp.

*QUARTER 1: NE 1/4
*QUARTER 2: _____
*TOWNSHIP: Prairie Center
*RANGE: 51
*SECTION: 19
ACRES: 153.28

OWNER NAME: Joan Kinney
OWNER ADDRESS: 46453 312th Street
OWNER CITY: Vermillion
OWNER STATE: South Dakota
OWNER ZIP: 57069
QUAD NAME: _____

OWNER CODE 1: P
OWNER CODE 2: _____
OWNER CODE 3: _____

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

*DOE: _____
*DOE DATE: _____
REASON INELIGIBLE: _____

REGISTER NAME: _____
MULTIPLE PROPERTY NAME: _____

NOMINATION STATUS: _____
DATE LISTED: _____
REFERENCE NUMBER: _____
HISTORIC DISTRICT RATING: C or NC
PERIOD: _____

CATEGORY: _____
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 1: N S L
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 2: N S L
CRITERIA 1: A B C D
CRITERIA 2: A B C D
CRITERIA 3: A B C D
CRITERIA 4: A B C D

SIGNIFICANCE NOTES: _____

STRUCTURE DETAILS

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SHPO ID: _____

*PROPERTY NAME: _____

OTHER NAME: _____

CURRENT FUNCTION: Laying chickens FOUNDATION: Poured concrete
Steel over cedar

CURRENT SUBFUNCTION: Storage (hayloft) ROOF MATERIAL: shingles

HISTORIC FUNCTION: Livestock barn ROOF SHAPE: Gable

HISTORIC SUBFUNCTION: Hay & grain storage STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: Balloon framing

OCCUPIED: Yes STYLE: Gable roof barn
Yes with TYPE: Livestock barn
ACCESSIBLE: permission WALLS: 2x6 studs, 1x6 #106 drop siding

STORIES: 2 SIGNIFICANT PERSON: P. W. Peterson

*DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Early 1900's CULTURAL AFFILIATION: Swedish

ALTERED/MOVED NOTES: Original site. Roof has been covered with steel roofing. 4' sliding door on the North wall has been re-built. Any evidence of horse stalls and or milk cow stanchions has been removed.

INTERIOR NOTES: Has two rows of 4x6 posts and 4x6's for beams. The floor joists are 2x6's. 7' x 8' granary is still in the SW corner.

OTHER NOTES: 2x6 stud walls with 1x6 #106 drop siding. The siding is in short pieces and is tongue and groove on the ends. This allows it to be applied without cutting to fit the studs and with no waste. Rafters are 2x4's. Two walls of 2x6 studs in the hayloft, with (2) 2x4 for a beam, supporting center of rafters. 2x4 rafters, 2x6 studs, 2x6 floor joists, 4x6 posts and 4x6 beams are all rough sawn cottonwood.

*PHYSICAL NOTES: Barn is in very good condition.

*UTM ZONE: _____ *RESTRICTED: Y or N

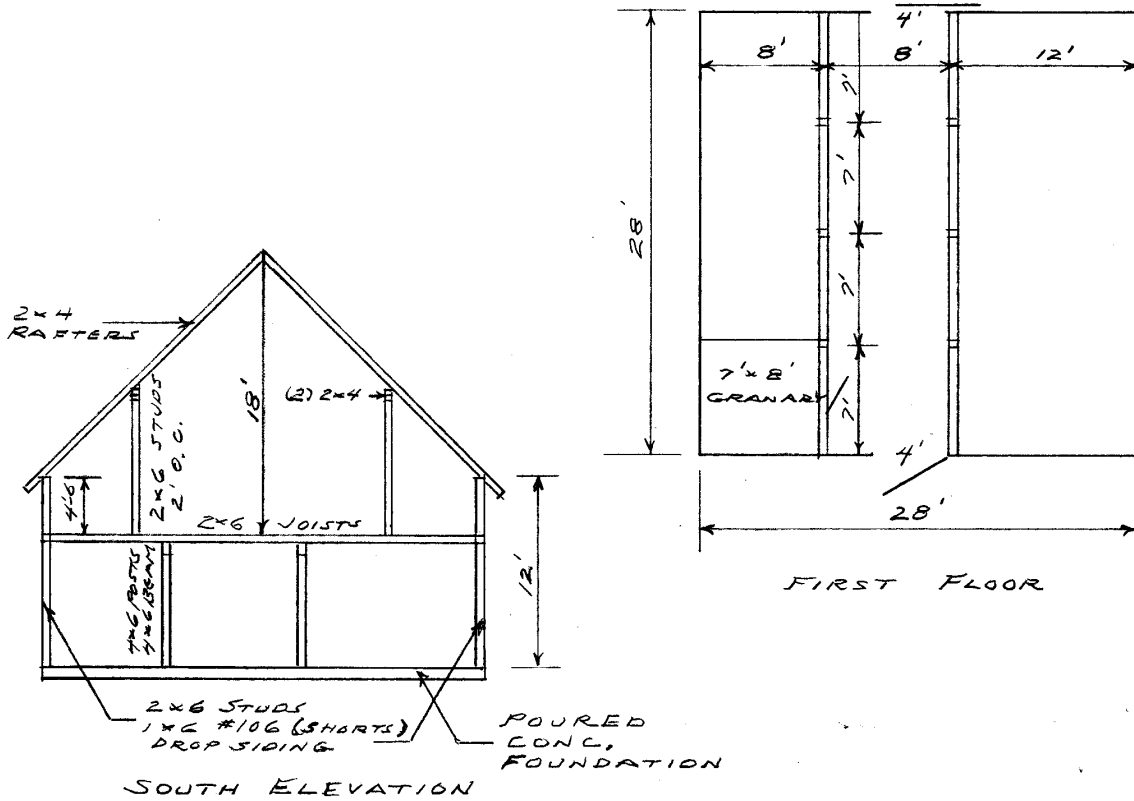
*UTM EASTING: _____

*UTM NORTHING: _____

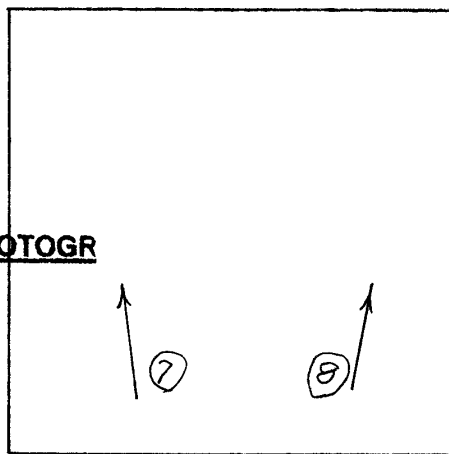
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SKETCH MAP

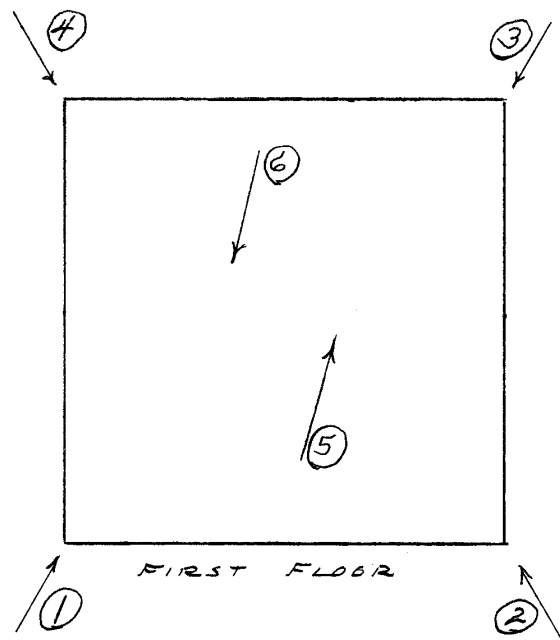


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HAYLOFT

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FIRST FLOOR

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
DATE OF PHOTO: February 8, 2013

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 1
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NE, SW corner



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 2
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NW, SE corner

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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 3
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking SW, NE corner



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 4
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking SE, NW corner

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 5
CAMERA DIRECTION: First floor, looking SW,
granary in the SW corner



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 6
CAMERA DIRECTION: First floor, looking NE,
rough sawn 4x6 posts,
4x6 beam & 2x6 joists

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 7

CAMERA DIRECTION: Hayloft, West side
looking North, 2x6 wall
supporting rafters



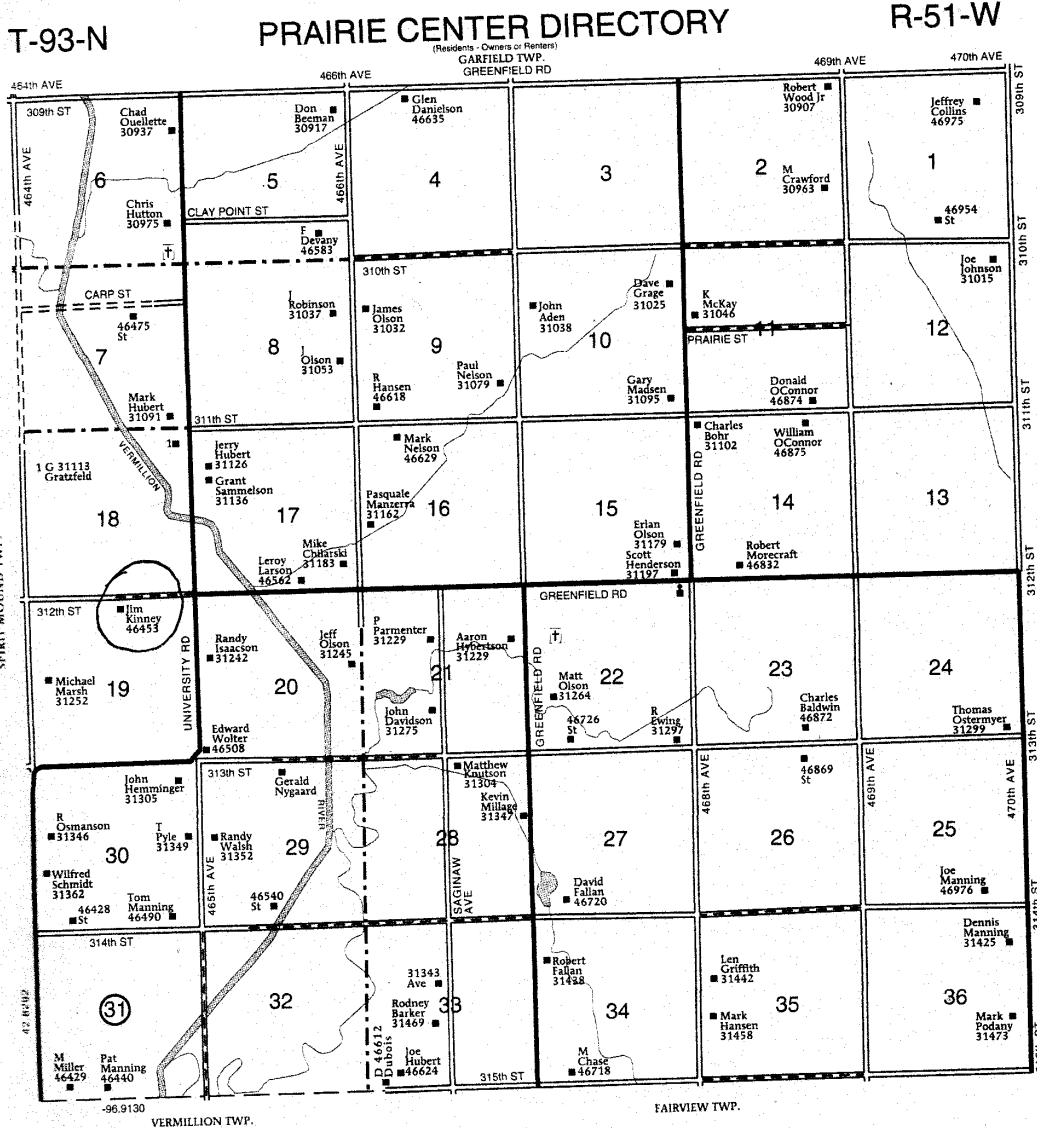
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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 8

CAMERA DIRECTION: Hayloft, East side,
looking North, 2x6 stud
wall supporting rafters.

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HISTORY

This farm located in the NE ¼ of Section 19, Prairie Center Township, Clay County was homesteaded by Oliver M. Richardson.

The 1894 and 1901 Clay county Atlas lists P. W. Peterson as the owner. This farm was called “Star Prairie Farm”. P. W. Peterson was born May 1, 1860. He died November 22, 1946 and is buried at the Bluff View Cemetery.

The 1912, 1924 and 1937 Clay County Atlas lists Ada and P. W. Peterson as the owners.

The 1948 Clay County Atlas lists Edwin Meyer as the owner.

The 1956 Clay County Atlas lists A. H. Meyer as the owner.

Following information from

History of the Swedes of Clay County, South Dakota

By August Peterson

Peter William Peterson was born May 1, 1860 in Sweden. His parents were G. J. Peterson or Gjed-Jonas Peterson born June 6, 1840 in Vasterfors Parish, Dalarna, Sweden and Christine (Olsdotter) born Sept 4, 1841 in Vasterfors Parish, Dalarna, Sweden. With their two children, Peter William and Christine the two oldest of their thirteen children, they immigrated from Sweden on May 9, 1868 and arrived in Clay County in July of 1868. They filed on their homestead, the S1/2 of the NE ¼ and the N ½ of the SE ¼, Section 8, Prairie Center Twp. He obtained patents on this land March 20, 1877. G. J. Peterson was believed to be the first Swede to settle on a government claim in Clay County.

They lived in a used wagon box with a covered top on their claim until the frame house was built. It was the first frame building in that settlement. A son Carl Johan was born July 12, 1868 and is believed to be the first Swedish child born in Clay County. It was at this home that G. Jonas Peterson organized the Dalesburg Lutheran Church in October 1869.

G. Jonas Peterson wrote two books and had them published. “The Public Schools One Thousand Years Hence” and “The Horseless Carriage”. He moved to Vermillion and engaged in the mercantile business with his oldest son P. W. Peterson.

G. Jonas Peterson later moved to Texas and engaged in the cattle business on a large scale, also the growing of rice and became independently wealthy.

Peter William Peterson married Ada E. (Maurer) born, March 11, 1866 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on September 24, 1885. Ada was of German / English ancestry. They farmed north of Vermillion for many years where he was a breeder of thoroughbred Poland China hogs. He represented Clay County in the state legislature for two sessions, 1908 and 1910.

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They had four children.

Mable Angleine, born July 24, 1886, died September 1898

Lee Arthur, born September 17, 1888, died October 22, 1889

Edna Irene, born November 8, 1890. She never married and made her home with her father, taking care of him in his old age.

Howard Maurer, born March 21, 1897, Died Sept 4, 1918 at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, during the first World War.

Ada E. (Maurer) Peterson died February 6, 1941 at 27 North Yale Street.

Peter William Peterson also owned a home at 27 North Yale Street in Vermillion. We think that he may have built it, but have no records. It is also possible that his father G. J. Peterson had it built.

Edna Irene Peterson lived in the home after her father died and into the 1970's. She died in the nursing home here in Vermillion.

Following Information From

Clay County Chapters Out Of The Past

By Herbert S. Schell

Large stock farms were located elsewhere in the county, among them the farmsteads of Harvey Vinton in Bethel Township, P. W. Peterson in Prairie Center and Solomon Anderson at Alsen. There, likewise several large holdings in the Burbank area.

A passing interlude with the livestock industry was the dehorning fad, which hit Clay County during 1888 and 1889. Among its leading promoters was P. W. Peterson who dehorned over a hundred of his own cattle, performing the operation himself. Following some research it had conducted on the practice, the agriculture experiment station at Madison, Wisconsin was advising stock farmers to dehorn their herds. The animals were said not only to become more tame but also to put on more meat. Besides carrying on the practice on his own farm, Peterson made himself available to friends and neighbors. Professional "dehorners" also appeared throughout the countryside. Interest began to decline after a year or two as farmers began to view the claims made for it with growing skepticism. Moreover, they were reporting a falling off in the market for dehorned cattle.

Many stockmen in Clay County were engaged in raising blooded swine, mostly the Poland China breed. Most prominent among them were D. C. Miller at Vermillion and P.W. Peterson on his Star Prairie farm. Miller was regarded as one of the outstanding hog breeders in the state. The reputation of his "Woodburn Farm" on the island near town, for its prized herds of Poland Chinas extended beyond the borders of the state. He played an important part in making arrangements for stock exhibits at the Interstate Fair held annually at Sioux City, frequently serving as superintendent of its swine department. He was also prominently identified with various activities related to hog raising, throughout Nebraska as well as Iowa. At one time during 1894 as many as 130 prominent swine breeders were in attendance at a large sale held in Sioux City. Miller left Vermillion in 1914 to return to Freeport.

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P. W. Peterson, who had been engaged in the elevator and grain buying business in Vermillion during the early 1880's in partnership with his father G. Jonas Peterson, returned in 1886 to the original Peterson homestead in Star Prairie about 6 miles North of town. Several years later he began to devote his entire time to the raising of livestock, making an adjoining farm his headquarters. Pedigreed Poland Chinas became his special breed of hogs. By the time of his retirement from raising blooded stock in 1910, he had become widely recognized as a foremost authority.

Active in both state and regional organizations, Peterson was frequently called upon to present papers at farmers institutes as well as at annual meetings of stock breeders associations where he stressed the practical values accruing to the common farmer from the ownership of blooded stock. He disposed of his entire herd of pedigreed swine as well as his other stock in 1910. His expert knowledge, however, continued in demand as evidenced by appearances before various groups during the following several years. At one time he was called to Washington to give advice on the marketing situation in pork before a Congressional committee. He served on the State Board of Agriculture by appointment of Governor Coe I. Crawford and represented Clay County in the state legislature for a term.

The Following Is From
History of Clay County
by Herbert S. Schell

Subsequently, most servicemen were drawn from draft rolls formed under the Selective Service Act of May 1917. The draft board for Clay County consisted of A.E. Lee as chairman, P. W. Peterson and Dr. Thomas Cruikshank. The first registration, covering men from ages twenty-one to thirty, inclusive, took place on June 5th. A total of 944 registered. The first draft drawing for the county took place on July 20 to fill a quota of sixty-eight. A year later, on June 6, 1918, seventy-two individuals, reaching draft age subsequent to the first registration, were added to the rolls. Following an age extension to eighteen and forty-five, some additional 1,250 men were enrolled on September 12, 1918.

The following from
Vermillion Plain Talk November 28, 1946

Funeral Rites Held Monday For Pioneer

P. W. Peterson's Rites Held Monday: Passed Away Friday After Long Illness

Funeral services for Peter W. Peterson, retired farmer and cattle feeder, were held Monday at the Elmore-Wagner Funeral home with the Masonic lodge in charge of the final rites. Mr. Peterson passed away Friday night after a lingering illness of almost five years.

Mr. Peterson was well known in Vermillion and Clay county and was active in the Masonic lodge for over 50 years. He was a member of the Baptist church and during World War 1 was a member of the local selective board.

Mr. Peterson was born May 1, 1860, at Westfor Village, Gagness Parish, Sweden and came to this country when eight years of age. He and his father came to Vermillion from Omaha to homestead in

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Prairie Center Township. He attended the first schools in Clay County and went into business with his father in the general merchandise business.

September 24, 1885, Mr. Peterson was married to Ada E. Maurer and they went to the farm home to live. Mr. Peterson became known as one of the foremost cattle raisers in the United States and shipped cattle to almost every state in the union. He was at one time a member of the city council and moved to Vermillion in 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1935 and Mrs. Peterson passed away in February of 1941.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were born four children, only one of whom, Miss Edna, is still living. She makes her home in Vermillion. One son, Lee Arthur, who died in infancy. The oldest daughter, Mable, who died of diphtheria when she was 12 years old. A son, Howard M., who died in the service during World War 1. Mr. Peterson leaves a sister, Mrs. Mary Swanson, of Nebraska and a sister, Mrs. Ella Pivoto, who lives in Texas and a brother, Frank Peterson, who lives in Arizona.

Burial was in Bluff View Cemetery with Elmore-Wagner Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

**The Following From –
The Vermillion Plain Talk February 20, 1941**

**Ada Peterson Dies Sunday
Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Long –Time County Resident**

Mrs. P. W. Peterson, a resident of Clay County for more than 50 years, died at her home here Sunday after an illness of about a month.

Funeral services were held from the Elmore funeral home Wednesday with the Order of Eastern Star in charge. Burial was in Bluff View Cemetery.

Ada E. Peterson was born March 21, 1866, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Henry and Harriet Maurer. She came to Clay County in 1884 and September 24, 1885, became the bride of P. W. Peterson. In 1935 Mr. and Mrs. Peterson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have made their home in Vermillion and Clay County throughout their married life.

Mrs. Peterson was very active in various walks of life until poor health compelled her to remain at home. She belonged to several organizations including the Order of Eastern Star, of which she had been a member for many years and she was the last living charter member of the Roundabout club, one of the oldest social organizations in the city. She was also a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, a daughter Edna I. Peterson of Vermillion, two sisters living in Canada, a brother in Chicago and a brother living in Faulkton.