

Richard Peters and Susannah Halstead

Husband	Richard Peters	
Born ¹	27 Jun 1773	Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., NY
Married	04 Sep 1791	Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., NY
Died	06 Mar 1853	Bloomville, Delaware Co., NY
Buried		Bloomville, Delaware Co., NY
Census	1850	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Birth	27 Jun 1773	Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., NY
Death	06 Mar 1853	Bloomville, Delaware Co., NY
Burial		Bloomville, Delaware Co., NY
Census	1850	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Other Spouse(s)		
Parents	Richard Peters and Jerusha Sutton	

Wife	Susannah Halstead	
Born ²	22 Mar 1772	Saratoga, NY
Died	17 Jan 1853	Bloomville, Delaware Co., NY
Buried		Bloomville, Delaware Co., NY
Census	1850	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Other Spouse(s)		
Parents	James Halstead and Elizabeth Teed	

Children		
1	F	Elizabeth Peters
Born	30 May 1792	Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., NY
Spouse	Joshua Adee	
Married	11 Feb 1806	
Died	09 Jul 1850	Andes, Delaware, NY
Census	1850	Andes, Delaware, NY
2	M	Daniel Peters
Born ³	02 Dec 1793	Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., NY
Spouse	Elizabeth Jerome ⁴	
Married	03 Dec 1812	
Died	04 Jan 1838	Harpersfield, Delaware Co., NY
Residence		
3	M	William Peters
Born	10 Jan 1795	Stamford, Harpersfield Twp., Delaware Co., NY
Spouse	Charlotte Johnson	
Married	28 Dec 1815	
Died	1860	Fremont, Steuben Co., IN

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⁴Jerome Family Bible

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Census	1850	Clear Lake Twp., Steuben, IN
Census	1860	Fremont, Steuben Co., IN
Burial		Coventry Cemetery, Steuben, IN
4	M	Richard Peters
Born	13 Mar 1797	Stamford, Harpersfield Twp., Delaware Co., NY
Spouse	Mary Polly Wilcox	
Married	26 Jan 1820	Stamford, Harpersfield Twp., Delaware Co., NY
Died	05 Mar 1862	Petersburg, Monroe Co., MI
Census	1850	Summerfield, Monroe Co., MI
Census	1860	Summerfield, Monroe Co., MI
Burial		Petersburg Cemetery, Monroe Co., MI
Family ⁵		
5	M	James Sutton Peters ⁶
Born	28 May 1802	Stamford, Harpersfield Twp., Delaware Co., NY
Spouse	Susan Squires	
Married	01 Dec 1824	Stamford, Harpersfield Twp., Delaware Co., NY
Died ⁷	26 Dec 1853	Cincinnati, Hamilton, OH
Family ⁸		
6	M	John Peters ^{9,10}
Born	22 Mar 1804	Stamford, Harpersfield Twp., Delaware Co., NY
Spouse	Jane Blakely	
Married	01 Jul 1830	Kortright, Delaware Co., NY
Died	17 Sep 1896	Bloomville, Delaware Co., NY
Census	1850	Kortright, Delaware Co., NY
Census	1860	West Kortright, Delaware Co., NY
Census	1870	Kortright, Delaware Co., NY
Family ¹¹		
7	F	Susan Peters ¹²
Born	06 Jul 1806	Stamford, Harpersfield Twp., Delaware Co., NY
Spouse	Isaac Squires	
Married	02 Dec 1824	Stamford, Harpersfield Twp., Delaware Co., NY
Died	26 Mar 1875	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Census	1850	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Census	1860	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Census	1870	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Burial	28 Mar 1875	Elmwood Cemetery, Preble, NY
Family ¹³		
8	F	Sarah Peters ¹⁴

⁵Delaware Gazette Newspaper^{6,7}Kleinheinz, Leone Peters, A History of Richard Peters of Halfmoon, Now Clifton Park, NY & His Descendants Vol. I, II, III, (Photographic Images on CD - July 2002 by H.J. & John D. Peters) p.245⁸Delaware Gazette Newspaper⁹Biographical Review of Delaware County, NY, (1895) 704-705¹⁰Kleinheinz, Leone Peters, A History of Richard Peters of Halfmoon, Now Clifton Park, NY & His Descendants Vol. I, II, III, (Photographic Images on CD - July 2002 by H.J. & John D. Peters) p.250¹¹Delaware Gazette Newspaper¹²Kleinheinz, Leone Peters, A History of Richard Peters of Halfmoon, Now Clifton Park, NY & His Descendants Vol. I, II, III, (Photographic Images on CD - July 2002 by H.J. & John D. Peters) p.276¹³Delaware Gazette Newspaper¹⁴Kleinheinz, Leone Peters, A History of Richard Peters of Halfmoon, Now Clifton Park, NY & His Descendants Vol. I, II, III, (Photographic Images on CD - July 2002 by H.J. & John D. Peters) p.288

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Born	28 Sep 1809	Stamford, Harpersfield Twp., Delaware Co., NY
Spouse	John D. Blakely	
Married	06 Jul 1837	Tully, Onondaga, NY
Died	07 Apr 1897	Genoa, Cayuga, NY
Census	1850	Kortright, Delaware Co., NY
Census	1860	West Kortright, Delaware Co., NY
Census	1870	Tully, Onondaga Co., NY
Burial		Tully, Onondaga Co., NY
9	F	Jerusha Peters ¹⁵
Born	06 Dec 1815	Stamford, Harpersfield Twp., Delaware Co., NY
Spouse	Moses T. Tallman	
Married	13 Jan 1835	Tully, Onondaga Co., NY
Died	24 Feb 1899	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Census	1860	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Census	1870	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Census	1880	Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Will		Preble, Cortland Co., NY
Burial		Tully, Onondaga Co., NY

Notes on Richard PetersWebsite

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<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sunnyann/petersburg.html>

Obituary

Bloomville, NY Mirror - March 8, 1853:

"Died in this village on the 6th inst., after an illness of two days, Mr. Richard Peters, father of Mr. John Peters, in the 80th year of his age. He was one of the first settlers of Stamford, where he resided some forty years. About twenty years since he removed to Onondaga County, where he remained eighteen years. About two years since he changed his residence to Preble, Cortland County. Last fall he came to this village and arranged his affairs to make Bloomville, his permanent residence, but death has taken him to the spirit land. While a resident of Stamford he was a member of the Methodist Church of this place. He was prepared and resigned to die, and assured his friends that all would be well with him. It is only seven weeks since we recorded the death of his wife. His funeral will take place today at one o'clock P.M. at the Church in this village. Sermon by Rev. D. Gibson."

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Locality

Moved to Stamford, Delaware county, NY about 1795 where he purchased a farm and lived until about 1831, when he sold his farm (located near Bloomville where all their children except the two oldest were born) to his youngest son John and moved to Tully, Onondaga county, NY where they remained until about 1849 at which time he moved to Preble, Cortland County, NY.

Listed in 1850 Census - Cortland, Preble, NY

In 1852 they returned to Bloomville where their son John was still living and both died shortly thereafter.

Notes on Susannah Halstead

Died very suddenly while seated at the breakfast table. She had seemed in her usual good health and spirits.

Listed with her husband and Richard Peters - age 28 (relation unknown) in the 1850 census.

Notes on Richard Peters

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Migrated in 1824 from Harpersfield, NY with their three eldest children and purchased from the US government about 600 acres in Summerfield Township, Monroe county, Michigan. In 1834 he deeded some of his property to the railroad investors who platted a village of 41 blocks and named it Petersburg after him. He was the first postmaster of the village of Petersburg and held the office from 1826-1845.

Obituary on file

Notes on James Sutton Peters

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Owned and lived on a small farm in Delaware county, NY in his early life. He moved to Syracuse in 1842 where he conducted a hotel and later moved to Cincinnati where he lived the remainder of his life. His second wife was named Sarah.

Notes on John Peters

Biographical Sketch

JOHN PETERS was born in the town of Stamford, Delaware County, N.Y., March 22, 1804, the son of Richard Peters and Susannah Halsted, who came to this county from Saratoga, and settled in the town of Stamford about the year 1795, on the farm recently occupied by Mr. James A. Rich, bringing all their earthly possessions in a wooden chest of primitive mould and rather heroic dimensions, which served them for years in their new home, in turn as table, tool-chest, wardrobe, and cupboard,

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and which was carefully preserved in the family for many years, bearing the marks of teeth and claws of many wolves, bears, and other wild animals, received during their almost nightly visits while doing duty as a barricade to their doorless cabin. It is not too much to say that the presence of some of these animals around or near their cabin during these years was almost of nightly occurrence; and the "death rate" of the item of wolves for a single season killed by Mr. Richard Peters and a neighbor, Mr. Timothy Canfield, as an occasional pastime, numbered as high as fifteen. The writer remembers a solitary cove in the woods near the Bovina line, on the old farm, pointed out by the old gentleman [John Peters] many years ago as a spot where he was at one time attacked in open day by three of these half-starved creatures, he having only an axe and an old knife with which to defend himself, the conflict ending only when he despatched the most determined one and injured another, and being pretty well scratched up and done for himself.

The family of Richard Peters [whose father and grandfather both bore the same name] consisted of nine children, five sons and four daughters. Of these John was the sixth child and the youngest son. One of the social features of our country during the early years, worthy of note, was the existence of slavery throughout the Northern as well as the Southern States. That previous to the passage of a law about the year 1820 fixing at latitude thirty-six degrees and thirty minutes a division known as the "Compromise Line," dividing the States that should henceforth be recognized as "slave" and "free," slavery existed to a limited extent in Delaware County is a fact which doubtless many of the present generation have but imperfectly comprehended. A considerable number of the prominent farmers, however, owned one or more slaves. One such was among the chattels of the Peters household—a colored girl whose name is now forgotten. Her acknowledged value appeared to have been estimated at from two hundred and fifty to three hundred dollars; and she was swapped around among the families of the neighborhood at about one of these prices, with nearly the same frequency and as little ceremony as the good woman of the house in our day changes her servant girl. The sequel of this particular Topsy's history was that during her forced migrations she chanced to fall into hands that were reported as not being any too gentle toward her; and some of her former owners, having learned of this fact, straightway consulted with the good minister, the Rev. Robert Forrest, in reference to the matter. A purse was raised, a large proportion of the amount having been furnished by the preacher; and the slave girl soon became the property of the venerable Scotch divine. There being a worthy colored man in the neighborhood who had lately obtained his own freedom, and was matrimonially inclined, the good man sought out the sable Romeo, and in course of time, with the fullest consent of all parties interested, sold to him the faithful Juliet for the sum of one dollar, marrying them in the bargain, the couple living happily together for many years, the firm friends of their generous and saintly benefactor.

At the age of twenty-six years, July 1, 1830, John Peters married Jane, daughter of William Blakely, Esq., of Kortright, N.Y., and shortly thereafter purchased of his father the Stamford homestead, the father removing shortly afterward, with the unmarried portion of his family, to Tully, Onondaga County, N.Y. There was born to John and Jane Peters four daughters and two sons; Nancy C., who became the wife of Samuel McCune; Sarah A., who died unmarried at the age of eighteen years; William B., now residing at Bloomville; Elizabeth J., wife of the late Judge D.T. Arbuckle; Susan F., wife of the Hon. Henry Davie; and John R. Peters—all of whom are living except the two first named. Although succeeding well as a farmer, the rather restless spirit of John was not to be confined to the limits of the homestead domain: and forming a partnership with a friend and neighbor, Mr. John Loughren [who later became the senior member of the butter firm of Loughren & Edbert, of New York City], carried on with him for many years a quite extensive and profitable business as dealers in butter, wool, etc. Later he added to this quite an extensive business in the manufacture of horse-rakes, being one of the pioneers in this industry, beginning with that marvel of labor-saving

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appliances, the wheelless scratch rake, which in these progressive days would be regarded as a marvel of the man- killing art. The favorite branch of his business, however, during his early life, and that to which he devoted most of his attention, was dealing in wool. In the earlier years nearly every farmer living in the towns of Andes, Bovina, Middletown, and Stamford kept more or less sheep, many of them from two hundred to five hundred, and some as many as a thousand; and the sheep and wool industry was the most important in the county. Fulling and carding mills were as common as grist-mills at the present day. Every house has its spinning-wheels, and very many contained looms for weaving their yarn into cloth for family use. Buyers of wool were abundant in the county about sheep-shearing time, the latter part of May or early June; and activity meant success. Sleep on the part of local speculation during this rather brief portion of the season was a matter that was left almost out of the question; and many were the "lots" of wool that were purchased for future delivery during the midnight and early morning hours, the good man of the house being "rattled" out of the bed, and the negotiations carried on and completed through the keyhole or open window, the purchaser having no time to wait to appear in his "proper person." During these years he was seldom without two or three farms on his hands, it being as much in the line of his speculative disposition to buy a drove of cows as a dairy of butter, and a farm as either, providing always there was promise of quick returns and a fair commission; and it might, we think, be safely said of him, as many of his early acquaintances would testify, that he possessed in a large degree a spirit of determination which usually "made thing go." In the year 1850, having purchased a farm in the village of Bloomville, he removed to that village, where he shortly after engaged in that mercantile business. This was the period when the gold excitement of California was at white heat; and as an experiment, he made at different times large shipments of butter to that market. One of the methods adopted with fair success for preserving it sweet during the journey of two or more months necessary for its transit was that of packing the butter in small wooden kegs, holding about one gallon, identical in style with the old-fashioned oyster-kegs. These kegs were in turn packed in large casks of sixty or more gallon capacity, and the vacant spaces carefully filled with Turk's Island salt. These weighty packages were then carted by team to Catskill, thence by water to New York, and thence around Cape Horn, crossing the equator twice on their journey to the "forty-niners" in that then far-off land of gold-a venture which proved a financial success. The advent of the hop-growing industry into Delaware County gave scope for speculation; and Mr. Peters, although well advanced in years, took his chances with the others, and, like most others who dealt in this rather treacherous commodity, met with varied experiences as to the results. Many of the members of the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Regiment will recall a characteristic incident which occurred during a visit made by Mr. Peters to their camp at Upton Hill, Va., during the war. It is needless to say that to many of the boys he was a welcome visitor; and, when night came on, they succeeded in arranging for him a comfortable sleeping place in one of the tents. This, however, the old gentleman, being a good sleeper, entirely ignored; and wrapping himself in a blanket, he took his place with "the rest of the boys." stretched at full length around the camp-fire, where he was soon sleeping soundly. The night was cool, the disposition was to unconsciously snuggle up a little closer to the embers; and toward morning the "mess" were awakened by him with the caution; "Take care there, boys! some of you are burning! It's somebody's boots!" Then, suddenly getting out of his, he said: "Well, well! I guess it's my boots, after all!" They were burned to a crisp-a joke which furnished sufficient fun for the rest of the night, and which no one seemed to enjoy better than himself. A pair of army "schooners" about as wide as they were long were substituted which "did him proud" until he returned to Washington.

Mrs. Jane Peters, his wife, died at Bloomville, March 7, 1879, at the age of sixty- eight years, after having spent a busy and in many respects an exemplary life. Of slight frame and never physically strong, she shared the spirit of activity and ambition which has characterized the life of her husband. Her kind disposition and gentle manners deserved and were rewarded with the respect of all with

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whom she mingled. Her remains are resting besides those of her husband's parents, Richard and Susannah Peters, who, after living about twenty years in Cortland County, returned to Delaware that they might spend their last days near the scenes of their early married life, and in the year 1853 were , within a few weeks of each other, laid to rest in the cemetery at Bloomville. Mr. John Peters is living with his son, William B. Peters, at Bloomville, hale and hearty, and still full of business projects, at the age of ninety-one years. His long and active life, crowding hard upon a century, has been to a greater extent than that of any other man now living identified with the history of the village in which he dwells.

Notes on Sarah Peters

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Was one of the first persons to study geography in Delaware county and also learned to do exquisite needlework while at school. She was an ardent Bible student and interested in current events.