

## **Petersen Mysteries (as of Sep 2010)**

### **Carl Petersen** (charter member)

This could be Carl and Maria Petersen for which I have the following information:

In the 1880 Hazel Dell Township census, Carl Pedersen age 35, Mary age 34, and John age 7 are enumerated between Jens Jenson and Niels Jensen in northern Hazel Dell.

In the 1885 Norwalk Township census, Carl Peterson age 39, and Mary age 38 are living in Section 7.

In the 1892 St. Paul's records, Clara Katrine Petersen, daughter of Carl and Maria, is baptized.

In the 1895 Hazel Dell Township census, Carl Petersen age 49, Mary age 48, and Clara age 3 are enumerated but are probably living in the southern part of the Township.

I can't find this family in the 1900 census records.

### **Thomas Petersen** (charter member)

This could be Thomas Petersen, wife Carrie, and children William, Minnie, Matilda, Fanny and Carrie who lived in Norwalk Township, Section 5 in 1885, having bought their farm from Austin and Emma Howard.

In July 1888 Niels Jorgen Christensen bought this farm from Thomas Petersen, but the Petersen family continued to live on the farm until February 1890.

I can find no record of this family either before 1885 or after 1890.