

Family Group Sheet for Peter GREGGERS

Husband:	Peter GREGGERS
Birth:	02 Aug 1837 in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
Marriage:	15 Aug 1860 in Douglas, Illinois
Death:	04 Oct 1912 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
Burial:	Lemons, Putnam, Missouri; Lemonville Cemetery
Father:	Claus GREGGERS
Mother:	Maria HANSEN

Wife:	Elsabe Catherina JOENS
Birth:	23 Nov 1835 in New Boerm, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
Death:	1883 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
Burial:	Lemons, Putnam, Missouri; Lemonville Cemetery
Father:	
Mother:	

Children:	
1	Name: Claus Harry Douglas GREGGERS
M	Birth: 08 Apr 1861 in Douglas, Illinois
	Marriage: 07 Jun 1893 in Moulton, Appanoose, Iowa, USA
	Death: 29 May 1926 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
	Burial: Lemons, Putnam, Missouri; Lemonville Cemetery
	Spouse: Hattie COREY

2	Name: Peter Detlef GREGGERS
M	Birth: 09 Jan 1863 in Tuscola, Douglas, Illinois, USA
	Death: 12 Dec 1942 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
	Burial: Lemons, Putnam, Missouri; Lemonville Cemetery

3	Name: William T GREGGERS
M	Birth: 28 Dec 1865 in Tuscola, Douglas, Illinois, USA
	Death: 16 Apr 1933 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
	Burial: Lemons, Putnam, Missouri; Lemonville Cemetery

4	Name: Mary GREGGERS
F	Birth: 17 Dec 1867 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
	Death: 31 Oct 1954 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
	Burial: Lemons, Putnam, Missouri; Lemonville Cemetery

5	Name: Adeline GREGGERS
F	Birth: 06 Jun 1870 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
	Death: 16 Apr 1961 in Tucson, Pima, Arizona, USA
	Burial: Lemons, Putnam, Missouri; Lemonville Cemetery

6	Name: Christena R GREGGERS
F	Birth: 19 Oct 1872 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
	Death: 24 Jul 1955 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
	Burial: Lemons, Putnam, Missouri; Lemonville Cemetery

7	Name: Johann GREGGERS
M	Birth: 06 Jan 1875 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
	Death: 04 Sep 1875 in Unionville, Putnam, Missouri, USA
	Burial: Lemons, Putnam, Missouri; Lemonville Cemetery

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Notes: (con't)**Peter GREGGERS**

At 1:30 Sunday afternoon, Oct. 6, 1912 at the family residence, in the presence of a great concourse of sorrowing friends, the last tribute to the memory of Peter Greggers was paid. The rites were of the simplest, in accordance with the simple ways in which Mr. Greggers had lived, but they were very impressive.

Long before the hour for services, the home and yard were crowded with those who expressed their sympathy and sorrow with many beautiful floral tributes and those who wished to pay their respects to one who knew them all as friends. They represented merchants, bankers, officials and laborers, human beings of the same stamp as the man whom they were honoring were there.

The service consisted of music by a quartet accompanied by Miss Agnes Harper. After a prayer by Rev. Stidham, Dr. Robert Jardine gave a scriptural reading and a short but effective sermon. Mr. Greggers was a member of the German Lutheran Church.

At the close of the service the house was thrown open for a steady stream of people passing through and sadly looking upon the features of their friend whom they had loved and honored.

A long line of carriages conveyed the mourners to the Lemonville Cemetery where a vast assemblage of friends and neighbors were awaiting their arrival, and with a final prayer, all that was mortal of Peter Greggers was tenderly laid beside his wife and infant son, who preceded him.

It is not affirming too much to say that no other citizen in Northern Missouri has enjoyed the respect and affection of so many people as he. He made friends readily and held them as with hooks of steel. The news of his death will be read with regret and sorrow by hosts of friends he has made by the kindness of his heart, many charitable acts and wise counsel. His career in life has been unique and the place left vacant by him can never be filled.

Besides the sons and daughters he leaves two sisters, Christina Koch, who resides in Germany and Maria Hansen of Leigh, Neb., who was present at the time of his death.

Captain Peter Greggers was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, August 2, 1837 to Claus and Maria Hansen Greggers. He died at his home in Unionville, Mo, Oct. 4, 1912, age 73 years, 2 months and 2 days.

He came to the United States in the spring of 1856, arriving in Douglas County, Ill. He did farm work and later was a teamster in St. Louis before he enlisted in Co B, 79th Ill Infantry in Aug 1862. His campaign service was in Tennessee and Georgia and included the battles of Stones River (Murfreeboro), Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Dandridge, the Atlanta Campaign, Resaca, Adairsville, Dallas, Kennesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. He was slightly wounded on the left temple at Stone River, Dec. 31, 1862.

He enlisted as a private and was mustered out of the service after almost three years, having served as First Lieutenant, Brigade Adjutant and Captain of his company.

Civil War Detail Reports: Residence, Bourbon, Douglas Co., IL; Height 6 ft., Hair light; Eyes blue; Complexion fair, Marital Status Married; Occupation Farmer, Nativity Borm, Gottorff, Denmark; Joined 01 Aug 1862, Tuscola IL, 79th IL US Inf.; Promotion to 1LT 22 Mar 1863; Promotion to 2LT 15 Apr 1863; Promoted to Captain 25 May 1863; Muster Out 12 Jun 1865, Nashville TN, Rank CPT, Age 27.

Elsabe Catherina JOENS

Once more are we confronted by the foot prints of the "Pale Archer" who has hurled his arrow at the bosom of our friend, Mrs. Peter Greggers, the wife of our worthy Circuit Clerk and Recorder. For weeks she has been confined to her bed suffering intensely while the sands of life were slowly running out. Few realized that death was so near.

Mrs. Greggers was born in Germany, November 23, 1835, and came to this county in the spring of 1856, locating in Illinois, her maiden name being E. Catherina Joens. In 1860 she was married to Mr. Greggers and in the fall of 1865 they located in Jackson township in this county. Seven children were born to them, six of whom, three boys and three girls, are still living.

Notes: (con't)

Mrs. Greggers was a woman kind to all and beloved by all. Her eyes full of tears for every form of distress and her hand full of relief; her life a record of unobtrusive and unselfish good deeds. Our city has lost a noble woman, Mr. Greggers, a devoted helpmate and the sons and daughters a mother whose cherished memory can never die. There is not a heart in Unionville that will not be moved to the keenest sympathy for the bereaved family in this dark hour of affliction. There is not a friend that does not wish that this cup of sorrow need not have been drained. 'Tis true the grave in its silence gives forth no voice or whisper of the morrow, but there is a voice borne upon the lips of the morning zephyrs that lets fall a whisper quickening the heart with the knowledge that there is an abode beyond the tomb. We know that our lamps, burning here, are extinguished only to be relighted in that Mansion above."

Her remains were conveyed to Lemon Station on Tuesday and after a brief ceremony laid to rest beside those of her little son in the beautiful cemetery at that place.

...The Unionville Republican Newspaper

Notice in the Unionville Republican...John Joens of Effingham, Ill., arrived in town Monday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Peter Greggers.

Claus Harry Douglas GREGGERS

Mr. C. Harry Douglas Greggers, son of Peter and Elsebe Catherina Joens Greggers was born in Douglas county, Ill, April 8, 1861 and departed this life in Unionville, Mo., May 29, 1926. He came with his parents in 1866 to Putnam county and settled on a farm west of Lemons, Mo.

Mr. Greggers was united in marriage June 7, 1893 to Miss Hattie Corey at Moulton, Iowa, where Mr. Greggers had his headquarters while serving as engineer on the railroad.

Later he moved with his wife to a farm near Lemons, Mo., where they resided until about two years ago, when they moved to Unionville, Mo.

He leaves to mourn his passing his good wife, two brothers, Mr. P. D. and Mr. W. T. Greggers, three sisters, Miss Mary, Miss Adeline and Miss Christina Greggers, all of Unionville. Many other relatives and friends mourn his passing.

Mr. Greggers was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Unionville, No. 210. He was a member of the Methodist church of Lemons, Mo. He was a man of sincere and noble character, worthy of his many and true friends.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, at the home, conducted by L. E. Brown, assisted by W. A. Pollock. Burial at Lemons, Mo.

CARD OF THANKS

At this opportune time and in this manner we desire to give expression to the numerous friends and organizations for the many deeds and acts of kindness rendered, words of sympathy extended and the beautiful floral offerings, during the long illness, death and laying to rest the loving husband and brother, C. Harry Greggers and we heartily thank you all for so many favors.
Hattie Greggers, Widow: Greggers Family, Brothers and sisters.

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The following (written in German) was translated from a letter Harry's father Peter wrote to his brother Johann in Germany in 1911...

"Grandfather I am not. My oldest son, which is married, have no children. My other children are all single."

Peter Detlef GREGGERS

Peter Detlef Greggers son of Captain Peter and Elsebe Catherina Joens Greggers was born near Tuscola, Douglas county, Illinois and departed this life at his home in Unionville, Mo., Dec. 12, 1942 at the age of 79 years, 11 months and 3 days. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers and is survived by three sisters, Mary, Adeline and Christena R. Greggers all of Unionville.

Notes: (con't)

In the fall of 1866, the parents and family moved from Illinois to a farm located west of Lemons, Putnam county, Missouri, where he resided and attended the public school until the fall of 1879, moving with his parents to the present home in Unionville. He attended the public schools, later going to the Spaulding Business College at Kansas City, Mo, graduating in 1882.

He served as Deputy Circuit Clerk and Recorder under his father's term of office. In March 1887, he was appointed to the position of bookkeeper for the Kansas National Bank located at Wichita, Kansas, which position he filled for two years, later accepting the position of bookkeeper at the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri. After a period of two years with the First National, he was again called to the position of cashier and paying teller with the Kansas National Bank of Wichita, Kansas and at the end of three years he returned to his home at Unionville and engaged in farming.

January 1899 he renewed his clerical work as Deputy Clerk and Recorder under Mr. Martin Coleman. In 1902 he was elected to the office of Circuit Clerk and Recorder, serving for a term of four years, after which he again returned to farming.

Again in the autumn of 1910, he was elected to the office of Recorder of Deeds of Putnam county in which capacity he served for eight years.

He was affiliated with the National Bank of Unionville as director and later became President of same. When the Farmers Co-operative Store of Putnam county was organized, he became its president, also serving in the same capacity of the Putnam County Oil Co.

During the World War I he acted as chairman of the Liberty Loan War Drives. Later years of his life were devoted to farm activities.

He became a member of the Lutheran church in early life and at the time of his demise was a member of Unionville Lodge A.F. & A. M. No. 210.

His public career has been irreproachable and his services marked by the cleanest methods. His family and friends were held most dear and no task was ever too severe if it gave comfort or happiness to others.

He was loved and respected by all who knew him, always loyal and unselfish. the community mourns the loss of a friend and neighbor in Mr. Greggers.

Funeral service was held at the Comstock Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. G. W. Swan and by the Masonic order of which he was an earnest member.

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William T GREGGERS

Wm. T. Greggers, son of Peter and Elsebe Catherina Joens Greggers was born in Douglas county, Illinois, December 28, 1865 and departed this life at his home in Unionville, Mo., April 16, 1933 being at the time of his death 67 years, 3 months and 18 days of age.

In the fall of 1866 the parents and family moved from Illinois to a farm located west of Lemons, Putnam county, Missouri, where he resided and attended the public school until the fall of 1879, moving with his parents to the present home, Unionville, Mo. Here he finished his growth to manhood, attending the public school of Unionville, graduating from its high school at an early age. During his growing period he was trained in farm work and caring for livestock grown on the farms. While a young man he gave some time to music and later he was engaged by the Iowa State band, under the leadership of Prof. Geo. W. Landers, touring the state of Iowa and filling a number of important engagements.

Later while still a young man he was engaged as a locomotive engineer and had given considerable of his life to this occupation.

After giving up the railroad service he again entered into the agricultural and stock growing industry with his brothers and sisters and helped materially in superintending and managing of his life to this occupation. He was intensely interested in his work.

Notes: (con't)

His friends were numbered to the extent of his acquaintances and they were endeared to him through his generous and amicable disposition. He was a wonderful brother in many ways and was possessed of a personality that won for him the love and respect of all children.

He was wonderfully noted for his desire to aid and render assistance to his fellow men, for many times he had given much of his time, ability and material values to help others, even during his last sickness, he would ask if there was any thing he could do to help, stressing the foremost thought in his mind, desiring to be of service.

He has been a member of the L.F. & A.M. order since 1892, a member of the O.E.S. since its organization, also a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, besides being interested in different local co-operations.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

He leaves to mourn his passing, one brother, P. D., three sisters: Mary, Adeline and Christina R. besides cousins residing in America and Germany.

The funeral was conducted at the home in the east part of town by Rev. G. J. Hunsinger, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The services and arrangements were in charge of the Masonic order and the burial was according to that ritual. The funeral was held at 2:00 Tuesday afternoon after which the body was taken to Lemons for interment in the cemetery there.

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Mary GREGGERS

The many friends were saddened to learn that Mary Greggers, long time resident and highly respected citizen, had died at her home in the east part of Unionville on Sunday after a long period of ill health.

The deceased was born in Putnam county on December 17, 1867 and died on October 31, 1954. The funeral was conducted at the Comstock Funeral Home beginning at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Dayton Grover, pastor of the local Methodist church and with the rites of the Order of Eastern Star, of which she was a long and faithful member. The body was laid to rest in the Lemons Cemetery at Lemons.

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The following (written in German) was translated from a letter Mary's father Peter wrote to his brother Johann in Germany in 1910...

"Mary is a cashier and bookkeeper in a hardware store in the city. I take my daughter's lunch to her work in the afternoons."

Adeline GREGGERS

Adeline Greggers was born on the family farm west of Lemons, Missouri, June 6, 1870, the daughter of Peter and Elsebe Catherina Greggers and passed away April 16, 1961 at the age of 90 years, 10 months and 10 days.

The last member of this pioneer family was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters. With the exception of the past four years her entire life was spent in Putnam county.

Her unselfish devotion to the task at hand whether performing household duties, caring for others or working among her beautiful flowers was an inspiration to all. Her cheerful attitude and thoughtfulness was a never failing quality that remained with her until the end. Friends and acquaintances will remember her generosity, kindness and great desire to see everyone happy.

She was a member of the Unionville Chapter No. 62 Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services were held at the Comstock Funeral Home, Wednesday, April 19, conducted by Rev. Joseph "Cooper. Interment was in the Lemons Cemetery.

Notes: (con't)**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to thank all those who were so kind and considerate and helped in so many ways during my recent bereavement.

John Gilbert Gehm.

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The three Greggers ladies became close friends with the John Gehm family. John's son has many fond memories of spending time in their home, eating fried chicken and homemade ice cream made from real cream on Sundays, playing with their sheep and exploring the attic. After Addie was left alone in her family home, she learned the Gehm's were moving to Arizona, she asked that they take her with them. So, at the age of 86, she left the only home she had ever known, moving into a retirement center near her adopted family. After Addie's death, John Gehm made sure she was returned to Unionville to be buried along side her family.

...information from the son of John Gehm

Christena R GREGGERS

Christena R. Greggers was born in Putnam county, Missouri on October 19, 1872 and died at her home in Unionville, Missouri on July 24, 1955. She lived her entire life in this county, where she earned many friends by her devotion to her family and her generosity to her friends. Her death came at the end of several months of illness as a result of a stroke. She is survived by one sister, Adeline. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at half past two o'clock by Rev. Paul Paschal, pastor of the Methodist church in Milan in the absence of the pastor of the local church. Interment followed in the Lemons cemetery at Lemons.

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