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Petersburg

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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reverence for immortality. Many of the names on these tombstones remind us of significant events in the life of Lincoln. Among the Rutledges is that of Lincoln's beloved Ann Rutledge. Deeply stricken thru the loss of this beautiful girl, he confided to his intimate friends "My heart is buried there with Ann Rutledge." To this God's acre, Lincoln made many pilgrimages. Surely this spot deserves to be designated and recognized as one of the historic and significant Lincoln shrines.

by C.F. Malmberg
Card Game Decided Name of Present County Seat of Menard, 100 Years Old

By Miss MAE RINGLES

PETERSONS - It was 100 years ago that the first society game was played here, and the outcome of the same became the name of the town as we know it today. The winning side, at that time, was the home of John and William Humphrey, the first dealers in furniture and confections. Aitchison vs. Miller, the first every mercantile firm, was decided this way.

The town of Peters was formed in 1835, under the laws of the State of Texas, and named for the前にのCitizen. It was laid out by Peter Lankin, who, after winning from the other side, was elected the first mayor.

The merchants of Peters were the local taverns of 1835, and the taverns of Peters were the local saloons of today. The first tavern was opened by James Futcher, on the corner of Main and First Street, in 1835. The first saloon was opened by Tom Miller, on the corner of First and Second Street, in 1836. The first hotel was opened by John G. Davis, on the corner of Third and First Street, in 1837.

The first school was opened by the Benjamin Weatherford School, on the corner of Second and Third Street, in 1836. The first church was opened by the Baptist Church, on the corner of Fourth and Third Street, in 1837. The first bank was opened by the Texas Bank, on the corner of Fifth and Third Street, in 1838.

The first newspaper was the Peters Sentinel, published by John G. Davis, on the corner of Sixth and Third Street, in 1839. The first newspaper was the Peters Express, published by John G. Davis, on the corner of Seventh and Third Street, in 1840.

The first railway was the Peters Railroad, opened in 1840, connecting Peters with the national railway system. The first telegraph was the Peters Telegraph, opened in 1841, connecting Peters with the national telegraph system.

The first electric light was the Peters Electric Light, opened in 1842, providing electric light for the town. The first telephone was the Peters Telephone, opened in 1843, providing telephone service for the town.

The first water works was the Peters Water Works, opened in 1844, providing water for the town. The first sewer system was the Peters Sewer System, opened in 1845, providing sewer system for the town.

The first hospital was the Peters Hospital, opened in 1846, providing medical care for the town. The first school district was the Peters School District, opened in 1847, providing education for the town.

The first fire department was the Peters Fire Department, opened in 1848, providing fire protection for the town. The first police department was the Peters Police Department, opened in 1849, providing law enforcement for the town.
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By Mrs. Gna Nobiles

Petersburg, Ill.—Just about a century ago a man founded a village in what was then Sangamon county but could not decide between the names of the nearest villages. At least, so it is said, this is the reason. The man was Peter Jakins and the village was Petersburg.

It is for this reason that the county seat of what is now Menard county is called "Petersburg" instead of "Georgetown," as it was first known, or "Champaign" as it was known to the Indians.

The origin of the name has been the subject of much speculation, but the theory that it was given to honor the newly founded court is the one most generally accepted. The village was laid out in 1820 and is named in honor of John Peter Peters, who was a pioneer settler.

Petersburg played an important role in the early days of Illinois history. It was one of the first towns to be settled in Sangamon county and was the site of the first school in the county. The first school was established in 1824 and was taught by John Peters, who was also the first postmaster.

Petersburg has a rich history and has been home to many famous people. Abraham Lincoln, who was a prominent lawyer in the county, lived in Petersburg for a time. He was known for his able advocacy and his ability to win cases for his clients.

Lincoln's law practice in Petersburg was a turning point in his career. During this time, he became known for his ability to argue cases in court. He also became known for his political ambitions and his desire to help the poor and the underprivileged.

The town of Petersburg has a long and storied history. From its founding to the present day, it has been a center of commerce, culture, and education. Its people have contributed greatly to the state and the nation, and it continues to be a vibrant community today.
Petersburg Has Many Memories Of Emancipator

When Abraham Lincoln left New Salem to come to Springfield, his contacts with the people of the village did not cease. Many of them moved to Petersburg and others continued to live in Menard county, and when Lincoln, traveling the Eighth judicial circuit, attended court in Petersburg, he often represented former neighbors.

Thus it was in Petersburg that the Lincoln legends centering on New Salem grew up. Lincoln became famous, and his old acquaintances talked about his early years. Later Petersburg people took the lead in emphasizing the importance of New Salem on the development of Lincoln's character.

The Old Salem Chautauqua was organized in 1897; twenty years later the Old Salem Lincoln league was formed in 1917. Earlier William Randolph Hearst had purchased the site of the old village and conveyed it to the Chautauqua association.

The Old Salem Lincoln league held a picnic at New Salem on July 4, 1917, and with the help of old settlers who were their guests at this event, they located the sites of the cabins and roads in the vanished village. Later the league began to collect funds to carry on the work of restoration.

In 1918 they gave a pageant portraying scenes in Lincoln's life at New Salem. Meanwhile Thomas P. Reep's "Lincoln at New Salem" was published.

The state took over the site and some additional land in 1918, and plans for the restoration were made. Work was begun in 1932.

Petersburg was surveyed by Lincoln one hundred years ago, along with much of the northern part of Menard county, and this fall the city plans to observe this event in its centennial celebration.

Some of the original New Salem residents are buried near Petersburg—John Hill, Dr. Francis Regnier and Sam Hill.
PLAN TO UNVEIL LINCOLN MARKER AT PETERSBURG

(State Register Special Service)
Petersburg, June 23—The Lincoln Circuit Marking association, organized in this county under the auspices of Pierre Menard Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will unveil the marker in the northeast corner of the court yard at 2 p.m. July 4, in honor of Abraham Lincoln. The marker has been placed as a memorial to the period during which Lincoln rode the circuit in the old eighth judicial circuit.

The Lincoln Circuit Marking association has been formed for about two years, and in counties where there is an active chapter of the D. A. R., the work of seeing that the markers are properly erected has been turned over to them. A number of these markers have been unveiled in other counties.

A tremendous crowd is expected to be present at the ceremonies which have been arranged for the unveiling of the Menard county marker, and a fine program, which follows has been arranged. The chief speaker of the day will be Captain Oscar E. Carlstrom of Aledo, a Spanish war veteran, and a national commander of the United States Spanish War Veterans. His subject will be "Lincoln, the Lawyer."

The marker, which was placed a few days ago, is located as nearly exactly on the spot where Lincoln stood when he made his speech for Fremont, in 1856, as possible.

The program for the afternoon’s exercises, which follows, begins at 2 o'clock:

Bugle Call—Harris Osborne, world war veteran, 130th Infantry, 33rd Division.
Invocation—Dr. John Calvin Leonard.
Presentation of Judge G. E. Nelson as chairman, by Mrs. George Lutherburger, regent Pierre Menard chapter, D. A. R.
Song, "Illinois"—Male chorus.
Address—Hon. Franklin Boggs, president Lincoln Circuit Marking association.
"The Lincoln Circuit"—Miss Lottie E. Jones, chairman executive committee, L. C. M. A.
Address, "Lincoln, the Lawyer"—Captain Oscar E. Carlstrom.
Unveiling of Memorial—Mary Virginia Rainey, Brady Greene Epling.
COURTHOUSE AT PETERSBURG, MENARD COUNTY, WHERE LINCOLN WAS NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.
PETERSBURG surveyed by Lincoln; became County Seat in 1839

In February of 1836 the town of Petersburg was surveyed by Abraham Lincoln. The town had outgrown the original plot and so required the laying out of more properties. A great number of the present road and property lines are still maintained according to the Lincoln survey. It was Lincoln's role as surveyor which first gained him notice among the people of the area. He was well known for his skill and honesty as well as his wit and thoughtfulness. In at least one instance he ran several hills out of plumb to prevent the house of Jethro Eimers, widow during the Black Hawk War, from being in the street. In addition to Petersburg, Lincoln surveyed the towns of New Boston, Bath, Albany and Rienzi.

A committee appointed by the State Legislature, met in May of 1835, to choose the site of the seat of justice for Menard County. On the 18th day of May 1839, the committee located the seat of justice of Menard County on the public square of the town of Petersburg. They accepted a bond from John Taylor and other proprietors of Petersburg with sufficient security conditioned for the conveyance ofurable property for use by the county. For some unknown reason the law dealing with "conveyance provision" was misinterpreted and the county required that the town proprietors contribute $3,000.00 as well as the land for the public square. Although a lively contest took place among the owners of the sites of New Market, Miller's Ferry, Rienzi and Petersburg over which to be the county seat, Petersburg won out and has remained the seat of justice for Menard County since its organization. When Petersburg became the county seat it had 356 inhabitants, but it grew in population and importance, and after the disestablishment of Menard County in 1841 it was found to be located near the center of the county.

PETERSBURG RANKS HIGH AMONG NATION'S SMALL TOWNS

According to published figures Petersburg shows exceptional economic strength. Petersburg ranks first among the random sample of Illinois cities in 2,000 to 5,000 population range. Retail sales per capita average $2,520.55 per year. Sales Tax receipts $8.75 per capita as compared to $4.45 average for the sample towns. Petersburg shows particular economic strength in the areas of retail general merchandising, lumber building and hardware, and automotive related business. The total bank assets are listed as $4,476,000 per capita; this compares to $3,739 per capita as an average of the eleven sample cities. Obviously a great deal of employment is concentrated in retail sales; Petersburg 36.5% as compared to the national average of 18.25%.

The history of Petersburg is intimately connected with the Sangamon River. This 200 mile long waterway is barely navigable in deep holes and snags have always been a danger to swimmers and vessels. Prior to 1818, the Petersburg along the Sangamon was inhabited by Potawatomi Indians. It was these Indians who named the river Sangamon meaning "plenty to eat." As in most pioneer territories, settlements were dependent upon the rivers as a source of food, transportation and building materials. In the spring of 1811 a flat boat was stuck on the mill dam at New Salem. The ill-fated man who was in charge was finally able to dislodge the boat, but not himself; Abraham Lincoln was to stay at New Salem for the next six years of his life. He can honestly be said that the Sangamon brought Lincoln to us.
EDGAR LEE MASTERS HOME

Interior view of the Edgar Lee Master Memorial, above, shows some of the original manuscripts and documents relating to Masters that were on display. The Masters Memorial, at the corner of Eighth and Jackson, is open daily, Tuesday through Sunday.

Edgar Lee Masters Memorial is interesting museum

Interested citizens of this community have become significant. Many of the authors' possessions, furniture, and momentos are on display. The Masters Home is located at the corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets, 1 block west of the square. It is open from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., every day except Monday. A hostess is on duty to offer assistance to the visitor.

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Ward 3 — Roy Miller

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STEAMBOATS ON THE RIVER

Like most villages of the 1830's, New Salem and Petersburg were very interested in having their produce transported from that place to the markets of Illinois and the rest of the United States. It could be noted that the Illinois River was a growing concern in 1826. The Sangamon River, however, was navigated prior to 1832. In the early spring of that year the upper cabin steamer Tallman left Cincinnati bound for Springfield on the Sangamon. It was planned that from Springfield the boat would make all intermediate stops on its way eventually to Louisville. After a somewhat slow and tortuous trip down the Sangamon the boat was unmoored on the dam that was a part of the mill at New Salem, in late March of 1832. A good portion of the 150 tons of cargo aboard had to be removed so the boat could be dragged from the river. This trip proved that the Sangamon could be navigated; however nothing much came of it since the Tallman was burned in Alton in April of the same year.

In 1836, 5 years after the arrival of the Tallman, the steamboat Utility came up the Sangamon as far as Petersburg; the water was lower and the trip had been so difficult that the captain was afraid to start back or to go forward; he sold the boat to John Taylor, a citizen of Petersburg, who used it to build the first house in Petersburg. The first glass window of the town came from this boat. The first saw mill in town, or in Menard County for that matter, was run by the same mill, as from the abandoned Utility. At about the time when the navigability of the Sangamon was to be proven conclusively, the railroads were coming to Illinois. By 1856 the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad was chartered. In the same year the Illinois Central was chartered. Not long after that the Petersburg and Tonica railroad was organized. It was probably only hopelessly believed that the Sangamon would ever be a commercial waterway. However, the attempts that were made were very colorful and a visitor to our area today may enjoy a similar ride on the Tallman. It which has its landing just north of New Salem on the Sangamon River.

G.A.R. founder buried here

In Rose Hill Cemetery, less than one-half mile east of Petersburg in the monument and grave of Master D. F. Stephenson, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic. Dr. Stephenson was a veteran brigadier general in the Union Army during the Civil War. In 1886, he conceived the idea of a National Soldiers' Mutual Benefit Society whose motto should be "Loyalty, Patriotism, and Charity". The name of the society was The Grand Army of the Republic; better known as the G.A.R.

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At the Annual Meeting of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce in April, 1958, it was suggested that Petersburg needed a lake for recreational and reserve water supply purposes. President William P. Shaw appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of the construction of a lake and report back to the fall meeting of the Chamber.

From this humble beginning, Lake Petersburg was born. After the feasibility of such a project was determined, several sites were investigated and one site chosen. Options to buy were obtained on the land in the area of the chosen site, and Lake Petersburg Association Inc. was formed and officers elected April 31, 1960.

A large aerial map of the entire area was made and proposed water front lots were laid out on the map by Castler and Associates, an engineering firm of Jacksoville, Illinois. From this map, which hung in the city hall in Petersburg, local and area persons showed their interest and confidence in the project by purchasing lots sight and sound. With this money, the 1,000 acres under option was purchased for just over $210,000.00.

On August 7, 1961, ground was broken for the large western dam which was erected at the East end of the project near State route 97 between Petersburg and New Salem State Park. On Sept. 2, 1963, the 230 acre lake was dedicated.

Since that time, the lake has filled completely with water and at this writing there are some 200 homes both permanent and summer cottages around the lake. The lake has an average depth of around 70 feet. The water is fed into the lake by field tile from surrounding areas and springs. The only funds that were used for this project were those raised primarily from the sale of lots on Lake Petersburg.

MINING BEGAN IN 1848

Contemporaneous with the coming of the railroad, the staking of mine shafts and the beginning of the coal industry took place in the Petersburg area. Coal mining began as early as 1848 when a draft mine was cut into the hillside just north of Petersburg. In 1855, a modern coal mine was sunk in the southeast part of Petersburg and by 1883 several mines were located in the town and near vicinity.

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MENTOR GRAHAM HOME
8th and Jackson Streets
This house originally stood on the west side of the square. It was built in 1836, and known as the Judge Harrison Rooms House. At one time the house was occupied by Mentor Graham (Lincoln's teacher) and his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Graham Bell. A walnut staircase leads to the second floor where the original punchon floor still exists.

SATORIUS HOUSE
West Sheridan Road at 11th Street
This house, built in 1875 by Edward Saterius, is a magnificent example of Georgian architecture. From the corner hallway open large rooms with ornamental ceilings and deep marble mantled fireplaces. Superb walnut woodwork and staircases extend to the third floor.

ANN RUTLEDGE GRAVE
Ann Rutledge's grave is located in Oakland Cemetery, one quarter mile south of Petersburg on Oakland Avenue. The sloop which appears on the marker was written by the poet Edgar Lee Masters whose grave is also located in Oakland Cemetery.

ESTEP HOUSE
Corner of 5th and Rutledge Streets
This house was erected by Elijah Estep in 1825. It has the distinction of being the oldest house on the present site of Petersburg. The structure is deceptive in that it was built of sawn lumber rather than logs; this due to the fact that Mr. Estep operated the first sawmill.

Masters House
5th and Jackson Streets
This house was the residence of Edgar Lee Masters between 1870 and 1881. Mr. Masters spent his boyhood in this house and later returned to Petersburg after becoming one of America's outstanding poets. The house was moved from its original location on Monroe Street to its present site in 1890 and is operated as a Memorial by the Petersburg Masters Memorial Association.

WATKINS HOUSE
217 West Sheridan Street
This beautiful red brick Georgian house was built in 1818 by Robert Watkins. Mr. Watkins was the grandson of New Salem and Petersburg whose shop, at one time, was a part of this house. The house has been carefully restored by its present owner both inside and out. The large evergreen which stands to the west, was said to have been planted when the house was built.

LINCOLN SURVEY MARKER
7th and Jackson Streets
On February 17, 1858, Abraham Lincoln began his survey of Petersburg starting at this spot. A marker embedded in the sidewalk pinpoints the location at the Southeast corner of 7th and Jackson streets.
Lincoln's first love was Ann Rutledge

While at New Salem, Lincoln lived at the Rutledge Tavern. It was there that he met the daughter of James Rutledge Sr. and Ann. She was just sixteen and engaged to a man named McNiel. McNiel left to go to New York on business promising to return to marry Ann sometimes in the future. He never returned and Lincoln began courting Ann Rutledge. They planned 13 h. Ann would spend a year at the Female Academy at Jacksonville while Lincoln poured his law studies and saved his money. Unfortunately, before they could be married, Ann became ill. When she died it was a serious blow to young Lincoln, and biographers have said that his mental health lasted for several months.

Ann Rutledge is now buried in Oakland Cemetery just south of Petersburg. Her epitaph was written by Edgar Lee Masters: "She was of noble birth and unknown. The virgins of deathless muses, with malice toward none, with charity for all." Out of me the forgiveness of millions toward millions. And the beneficent face of a nation shining with justice and truth. I am Ann Rutledge who sleep amid these words. Beloved in life of Abraham Lincoln, Weeded to him, not through union, but through separation. Bloom forever, O Republic! From the dust of my bosom!"

Old Abe of New Salem was an honest man, and neighboring farmers knew him by name. He was fluent in English and could read it fluently with a dictionary. His honest nature made him a powerful influence in local politics. His political career began in 1832 when he was elected to the Illinois legislature. He served in the legislature for two terms, 1832-34 and 1834-35. He was known for his honesty and integrity, and he was a strong advocate for the Union during the Civil War.

Lincoln's first love was Ann Rutledge. They planned to be married, but Ann died before they could be. Lincoln was devastated and his mental health was affected for several months.

**PLAN HISTORIC TOUR OF PETERSBURG AREA**

A tourist information center to be constructed at the corner of Sixth Street and Lincoln Avenue is currently being planned by the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce. The center will serve as a center point for promoting Petersburg. A large map showing the points of historic interest in the area will be available.

The Information Center will be of New Salem architecture. The structure was designed by Mrs. Louise Basaw, a local artist. It will include a local and historical museum, a gift shop, and a conference area. Petersburg's streets will be landscaped to facilitate the planned tour.

The Abraham Lincoln died at New Salem from 1851 to 1857. He failed to carry the county in the elections of 1860 and 1864. In 1859 the Lincoln County Board of the Free and Accepted Masons was incorporated in Petersburg by a private act of the Legislature.

**RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY COME EARLY**

Religious organizations were established in the Petersburg area almost as soon as the settlers arrived. Church buildings like schoolhouses were not erected until after the residents had established themselves. Several denominations were at work in the early days of the community. These included the Regular Baptists, Missionary Baptists, Methodists, Disciples of Christ, and the Cumberland Presbyterians. The Methodists had the honor of initiating religious work in the county with a group organized in 1826. By 1832 a regular circuit was formed of all the Methodist groups, to which the Petersburg and Springfield Railroad was added.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Community Unit School District 295 has a total enrollment of 1,026 students at the present time, and an average daily attendance record during the school year 1966-67 of 1,236 pupils.

The Educational Program is directed by the Superintendent of Schools and a staff of eight teachers, who direct the education of pupils from the kindergarten through the 12th grade level. The PORSF District is a recipient of a special $20,000 grant from the State Department of Education to develop effective means of teaching in a non-graded elementary program.

Elementary schools in the PORSF District are stressing appropriate placement, independent learning, and team work.

**HONEST ABE DAYS ANNUAL CELEBRATION COMING OF THE RAILROAD**

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Veterans of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 are buried in cemeteries in the area. Abraham Lincoln and a company of Menard County men participated in the Black Hawk War, and about 100 men served in the Mexican War.

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SHAMBOLEE GOLF COURSE
LOCATED AT PETERSBURG

Shambolee Golf Course, a semi-private 9-hole golf course, was opened June 27, 1965, and is operated by the Menard Golf Association. It is located west of beautiful Lake Petersburg and is about two miles west from Illinois Route 97.

A golf course for Menard County was the dream of many people for several years. In September of 1963, several interested persons appointed by the Chamber of Commerce met to discuss the possibility of building a golf course and club house. Officers were elected and plans were under way. There were many rough times but the committee with the encouragement of many others worked for and finally realized completion of their goal. The cooperation of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, Lake Petersburg Association, Jr., Chamber of Commerce, Petersburg Woman's Club, Town & Country Woman's Club, the City and County officials and several of the service organizations in the County was outstanding and the idea was supported enthusiastically.

Negotiations commenced with the Farmer's Home Administration for a loan and an agreement was made and the golf board proceeded to obtain 150 subscribers at $100.00 each. Enough subscribers were obtained, the loan was approved by the F.J.A., and a lease for the land was negotiated with the Lake Petersburg Construction Firm of Batavia, Illinois. The land was contracted to construct the golf course and Wilson Construction Co. of Petersburg was contracted to build the club house.

During the summer and early fall of 1964, the course was constructed and in the spring of 1965 the Club House completed. In the late summer of 1964, a contest was held for a name of the new club and the name Shambolee Golf Club, submitted by Mrs. Everett Tice, was chosen from several entries. Shambolee was an Indian Chief who lived in this area many, many years ago.

On June 27, 1965 the course was officially opened and golf has been enjoyed by about 190 memberships in the club plus the green fee players each season.

Some of the members donated funds for trees and overgrowth and several varieties were planted in the fall of 1965. Later, two shelters were built on the course with funds and labor donated by the membership.

At present Ken and Sue Costa are managing the Club House and operating the snack bar. Special dinners are served on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. The Pro-Shop offers a wide selection of golf equipment and Ken, the Club Pro, gives golf lessons to those interested.

Patrick McNeil, a graduate of Michigan State University, is serving as greenskeeper and is assisted by Rudolph Hagney.

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BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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8 a.m., Morning Worship (June, July, Aug., Sept., & Oct.), 9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Morning Worship

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
South Sangamon
8:30-9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Morning Worship
1:30 p.m., Evening Worship

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
South Sixth at Adams
Masses: 7:15 a.m., and 10:00 a.m., Holy Days of Obligation 6:00 a.m., and 7:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.
Day before Holy Days: 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Gerberich
South Eighth at West Jackson
8:15 a.m., Morning Meditations (July),
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Morning Worship

FOURSQUARE CHURCH
119 S. Sangamon
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11:00 a.m., Morning Worship
7:30 p.m., Evening Evangelistic Services,

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
221 West Jackson
8:30 a.m., Morning Meditations (June & July),
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship Service

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United)
219 West Douglas
The Central Presbyterian Church units with the United Church of Christ to jointly conduct all 8:30 services and 10-15 services during July and August,
8:30 a.m., Worship (June, July, Aug., and Sept.),
9:30 a.m., Church School
10:15 a.m., Worship

COMMERIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
North Ninth at West Sheridan
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior Youth Groups

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
South Tenth at Lincoln
Saturday:
9:15 a.m., Church Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
North Eighth at Douglas
St. Paul United Church of Christ units with the Central Presbyterian Church to jointly conduct all 8:30 services and 10-15 services during July and August,
8:30 a.m., Worship (June, July, Aug., and Sept.),
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10:15 a.m., Worship

KEGLO HOLLOW
New Salem State Park
8:15 a.m., Morning Worship (non-denominational) Sunday mornings of June, July, and August.

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Interior view of the Edgar Lee Masters Memorial building. A picture of the famed poet appears in the upper photograph.

Burial place of Edgar Lee Masters is shown in the center, in Oakland Cemetery, a short distance north of the Ann Rutledge grave.
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### Business & Professional Directory

#### Hotels & Motels

- **C. Stanley Gardens, Inc.**
  - Menard County Health Improvement Assoc. 632-7962
- **Menard County Job Site**
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- **Mid-America Fire & Marine**
  - Co. 632-7962
- **Open Insurance Agency**
  - Feldherr Farmers Ins. 632-7962
- **Bradley Ins.**
  - 632-7962

#### Ladies Wear

- **Whistle Stop**
  - Louise Shop
- **Robbins Co.**

#### Laundry & Self Service

- **Jugems Quick Wash**
  - Lucky Lady Cola Operated Laundry

#### Lumber

- **Aiken Lumber Co.**
  - Supper Lumber Co.
- **Meat Packers**
  - Menard Lockers
- **Monchan Packing Co.**

#### Motels

- **New Salem Lodge**
  - Parkhotel Motel
- **Salem Country Store**
  - New Salem Lodge
- **Whistle Stop**
  - Victorian House

#### News Dealers

- **Ken's Newstand**
  - News Dealers

#### Newspapers

- **Petersburg Observer**
  - Newspapers

#### Oils & Fuel

- **Menard Service**
  - Nelson Oil Co.
- **Standard Oil Co.**
  - Oil Service

#### Physicians & Surgeons (MD)

- **Larry D. Free**
  - Physicians & Surgeons
- **H. K. Moulton**
  - Physicians & Surgeons
- **Paul L. Purdy**
  - Physicians & Surgeons
- **Robert J. Schaefer**
  - Physicians & Surgeons

#### Plumbing Contractors

- **Frick Plumbing & Heating**
  - Plumbing Contractors
- **Salem Corporation**
  - Plumbing Contractors

#### Real Estate

- **Mance Blaine**
  - Real Estate
- **Irving Szwedzki**
  - Real Estate
- **F. B. Selby**
  - Real Estate
- **Thomas H. Bergen**
  - Real Estate

#### Restaurants

- **A & W Drive-In**
  - Restaurants
- **Parkview Cafe**
  - Restaurants
- **Little Dino Cafe**
  - Restaurants
- **New Salem Lodge**
  - Restaurants
- **Prairie Run Picnic Parlour**
  - Restaurants
- **Shack Shack**
  - Restaurants

#### Seeds & Bulbs

- **Menard County Farm**
  - Seeds & Bulbs
- **Bureau Seed Co.**
  - Seeds & Bulbs
- **Newview Greenhouse**
  - Seeds & Bulbs

#### Septic Tanks

- **Salem Corporation**

#### Service Stations

- **B & M Sinclair**
  - Service Stations
- **Bill's Menard Service**
  - Service Stations
- **Deep Rock Service**
  - Service Stations
- **Flees' Phillips 66**
  - Service Stations
- **George's Shell Service**
  - Service Stations
- **Kettchum's Standard Service**
  - Service Stations

#### Shoes

- **Robbins Co.**

#### Shoe Repair

- **Brad's Shoe Repair**

#### Taxis

- **Hotel New Salem**
  - Taxis
- **Pulson's**
  - Taxis
- **Johnny's Tavern**
  - Taxis
- **The Villa**

#### Tree Service

- **Miller Bros.**

#### Trucking

- **Balser Truck Service**
  - Trucking
- **John W. Horne**
  - Trucking
- **Raymond Horn**
  - Trucking
- **McGarry Transfer**

#### Upholsterers

- **Homes' Upholstery**

#### Veterinarians

- **H. F. Bennett**
  - Veterinarians
- **D. K. Johnson**
  - Veterinarians

#### Washing Machines, Dryers & Ironers

- **Derry Hardware**
  - Washing Machines, Dryers & Ironers
- **Western Auto Associates Store**
  - Washing Machines, Dryers & Ironers
- **Gambles**
  - Washing Machines, Dryers & Ironers

#### Window Shades

- **Carpenters**
  - Window Shades
- **Satorius Furniture Store**
  - Window Shades
- **Women's Apparel**
  - Window Shades

#### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- **For Petersburgh Visitors**
  - Fire 632-2241
  - Police 632-2241
  - State Police 632-2277
  - Sheriff 632-2277
  - Jail 632-2277

#### PHYSICIANS (MD)

- **Dr. Free**
  - Physicians (MD)
- **Dr. Moulton**
  - Physicians (MD)
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#### AMBULANCE SERVICE

- **Hurler**
  - Ambulance Service
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  - Ambulance Service

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**Note:** The directory lists various businesses and services in and around Petersburgh, including doctors, hospitals, dentists, lawyers, and many other professionals. Each entry provides a name, address, and phone number. The directory is organized alphabetically by category, making it easy to find specific services and providers.