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Diary of Amanda Peterson 1894 (a few months May to October)

Places that I go =

August	6	On an excursion to La Camas
August		Down to Mabels
August		Over to Hattie's
August		Over to Mary's
August		I went huggy riding
August	12	I went down to Mabel's and stayed all night. I
		came home Sunday evening.
August	16	Over to Mrs. Eatons - helping her - took Mrs. E.
1000		down to Mr. Kulper's.
August	18	I went buggy riding
August		I went to church
August		I went to Mrs. ?
August		I went down to Mabel's
August		I went to the dance
August		I went to the ball game

I scrubbed. Maud and Emma helped me do the rest of the Saturday work. Al came up in the evening. May 12, 1894 The first time for a week. Emma went to Sunday school. I got dinner. Al came up in May 13 the afternoon - Did not go to church. Emma went to the Sunday Christian Endeavor Society. Maud and Emma went to churh. I washed. Maud and I took a walk down through the woods May 14 and got some crab apple blossoms. Monday I tended Barr - Jimmie got married. I was sick in bed all day. Maud got me some oranges. Al May 15 came up twice -Tuesday The last time came about four and stayed until eight. Emma ironed. I baked a cake and a pie and ironed. Maud and I took a May 16 walk. Went down to the saloon. Jimmie treated us to his Wednesday wedding wine. Al came up. Maud and I went over to the saloon. Jimmie treated us to May 17 a cigar and Soda pop. Thursday I finished reading " Wife In Name Only ". I made some garden. Maud and I went down town. Got the May 18 mail. I commenced reading " Johnstown Flood ". Maud and Friday I sat by the side of the house. Had hazelnuts and candy. Maud took her music lessons. Went over to the saloon. Had some lemonade. Al, Popejoy and I made garden. Maud and I went buggy riding. Al came up. Nice pleasent day. I done the work. Maud and I went to the saloon, got May 19 acquainted with Mr. Herman. Saturday Went to the butcher shop. Al weighed me (154 lbs). Maud was sick. Al came over. Saw his horse, l got supper. Went over to the Englerts. Got Maud some crackers. Al came home

with me. I read to Maud. Pete gave me an orange.

Rained all day.

May 20 Sunday Nice pleasent day. Maud was sick. Went over to the store, got things for dinner. Maud got up after dinner.

Al came up and scared me.

Maud Englert and I took a walk. Emma went to Sunday school and the Society. We did not go to church. Lizzie Klager came to see me. I went home with her.

May 21

Nice day. Emma (birthday) was 14 years old. I washed. Monday 1894 Maud was sick. Jimmie brought his wife home. I sent for my dress pattern. Eaton jacket. Mrs. Tannon was here. Went over to Englerts (store). Got some candy. Went down to the boat. Walked up to the saloon Very warm. with Billie Blessing.

May 22 Tuesday I ironed. Maud took her music lesson. Went over to the store. Got things for dinner. Went over to the garden. Got some lettuce and radishes. Saw Al but did not speak to him. After supper Maud and I took a walk. Very hot.

May 23 Wednesday Got my dress pattern. I ironed. Maud and I went after the mail. Edd Wilson came home with me. Jimmie was here for dinner. Maud and I went up to Oliver's. Got my dress shirt cut out. I had an awful headache. Went down to the boat. Saw Mollie Johnson.

Very hot.

May 24 Thursday

I started my dress. Pete and Emma went swiming. Maud got her a dress. Mrs. Engle was over. Maud and I took a walk down to the grade and got some wild roses and saw Al Popejoy swim. Al was up and we took a walk up to Burchams and he said if the water raises 2 feet more it would be on his potatoes. Mrs. McBride came home.

Very warm.

May 25 Friday

I sewed on my dress. We cleaned up the kitchen after din-

Al came over. He got a bucket of water for me. I cut my

We went down to the boat. I lost Al's tie pin. We girls went wading. Maud lost .25 cents.

It thundered and lightening. Rained a little.

I had the blues all day.

Very warm. Water still raising.

Mrs. Lachey's little boy got drowned at Kladger.

May 26 Saturday

Mamma has been dead four years today. Finished cleaning the kitchen. Al came up. He carried 3 buckets of water for me and emptied a tub of water. We had dinner and he left at five. I sewed on my dress. Maud sewed. Pete hauled wood. Emma took a buggy ride with Emma Huff.

Maud and I took a walk down into the water. We had the last lettuce out of our garden. Frank and Ernest had to move out. Warm - water still raising.

May 27 Sunday Pete hauled wood all day. I sewed on my dress. I got dinner for two hired hands. Al was up. Maud and I took a walk down to the river and down to the Columbia. My head ached. Very nice, water still raising.

May 28 Monday I washed. Al and Johnson took the cows up to the hills. (Maud fell down and hurt her leg). Al came back and went down home in a boat. The Columbia and Lewis rivers met just back of our house at half past ten in the morning. Maud and I took a walk down to the water. We went down to the boat. Maud sewed on her dress. Very nice.
Water still raising.

May 29 Tuesday

I saw AL. He came up in a boat. Pete and Gilroy were riding on a raft. Maud and I went over to the saloon. As we came back we stopped at the blacksmith shop and Al talked to us a little while. Al went down to help move Mr. Klager's things out of the water. Maud and I went down after the mail and I waded home. got on a raft and fell off the back of the house. Johnson's folks moved up in the hills. Pete got on a log - fell off and got a dunking. Al came up. He gave me a rose. Pete came home. He was so cold he bulit a fire. Al came back. He was wet. He went in and sat down by the fire. I got supper. We eat supper. Al left at eight oclock. He went up in the hills. Mr. Hoff brought us a mess of lettuce. Lewe's and George G. moved up. The water is running in our yard. Maud and I sat by the road. Water still raising - Pleasent.

Last of day writing in diary about the flood of 1894.

July 21 Saturday I went out to the grave yard - fixed Mamma's grave. Picked black berries on the way home, went over to Clara's place. Came home on the boat. Lara came with me. Al came over to see me - Hot Day -

July 22 Sunday

Mrs. Spencer ironed. Lara and I took a walk. Lara and Emma went to Sunday school - I saw Mrs. Higgins - Clara came over. After dinner Lara and I went to the store and got some candy - we all took a walk down to the school house. The girls went home. I went down to the boat with them. Elic gave me some candy, and Al came home with me in the evening. Al and I went down to Emma Stech, and I got some pictures - Al gave me his picture - Hot Day -

July 23 Monday Mrs. Higgins came to see us - I cleaned the piano and got dinner. After dinner I packed my valise and done some sewing and helped get ready for the mountains. After supper Al came over and stayed til 1/2 past nine - I did not feel good - Hot Day -

July 24 Tuesday We got up at five o'clock - Got breakfast and done the work. Just as we were ready to leave the house, I saw Al pass by - Mrs. Spencer and Emma started out on foot - we started at half past seven - I drove - Pete and Maud walked up as far as Mrs. ? we stayed at the Miller's at 11 o'clock we had dinner. We camped all night at the Husky Mountain Creek - we slept on the ground. It rained a little in the night - Hot day -

July 25 Wednesday We got up at three o'clock. Mrs. Spencer got breakfast. harnessed the horses - Mrs. Spencer walked. It rained. Mrs. Spencer got some onions and radishes at Burt's - I drove. We met Walter and Bill Holders - We stopped and had dinner at stacy flat - Emma walked to Murrys. It rained as we started out - I got wet through - Dick fell down on Amboay Mountains - we got to Murrys at fifteen past three. Rained all afternoon. Henry Powell and Charlie Clutsh were there.

July 26 Thursday I washed. Maud, Pete and Harry went hunting and fishing.
We went to Lows. We went home and went out to the swing.
Murry swung us - He was drunk - I ironed after supper.
Mr. Lows folks came down. We went out to the swing and swung. Went back to the house and danced. After - we went to bed. Harry Griffith sang songs. Nice day

July 27 Friday I ironed - we fixed to start for Joe Master's - Pete found his bacon was stole - I helped harness the horses - we started at half past nine. All rode till we got to Spelei. They all walked. I drove - Maud was mad. We met Ocoval - Pete and Maud had some words.

Mrs. Spencer and Emma was way ahead - Pete and Maud was behind. I was all alone - I cried - I lost the oats and quilts. I stopped at Polleys and went back after the quilts. Found Emma and Mrs. Spencer on the hill above Thompson's place. We had dinner - waited for Pete and Maud. Pete talked to Thompson's. Mrs. Spencer and Pete and Maud went down to see Mate. We camped on Charlie Childors place. I was sick. I drove all day. Warm day.

July 28 Saturday We got up at five o'clock and built a fire. We 3 went a mile down to dog creek and got some water and washed ourselves - we got breakfast. I took care of the horses. We left at seven o'clock for Joe Masters - They all walked I drove. We got at Joe's at ten o'clock. We got dinner. Pete and Maud went down creek after dinner. We 3 laid down and went down to sleep. I started to read "Falsely Accused". Had candy and nuts. We slept in a tent. Hot day.

July 29 Sunday Maud was sick. Pete and the boys went hunting. After dinner the boys went to the lava beds. They got two birds. I read "Falsely Accused" - gathered some blackberries and ate nuts. Hor day.

July 30 Monday I washed. Bill went to town to Harry Griffith's to get our bacon. Pete, Joe and Jim went hunting. Got home about three o'clock. Had their dinner. Then the boys, Maud and Emma all went down and hauled in the hay. After supper I read aloud. Hot day.

July 31 Tuesday We went hunting. Bill worked on his place. Mrs. Spencer and I gathered a lot of hazelnuts and ate them after dinner. Pete and Maud went down to the river. The men went to work. We went down to the creek and I read awhile. Terrible Holiday. Maud saw we had taken her some nuts. O'Connell was up.

August 1 Wednesday Maud was sick. Jim worked for O'connell, Jim worked on his fence. He hauled some logs off of his garden with the drew. Bill went to work for Harry Griffith.

I gathered ssome hazelnuts. Mrs. S. and I ate them after dinner. I went out in the woods and went to sleep. Charlie went by here after trout. Hot day.

August 2 Thursday I was sick all day. Maud was sick. Joe and Pete started for the mountains. Maud ran after Pete and cried and made him come back. Mrs. S walked five miles to tell Joe Pete could not come. She got back about half past 2. Pete moved the tent. Hot day.

- August 3 I am better. Maud was worse. Jim worked on his place.
 Friday Mrs. S. and we girls picked nuts. Mrs. Spencer and I put up hay. Pleasent day.
- August 4 Maud was better.
 Saturday Mrs. Spencer read out of her diary. After dinner Mrs.S. and we girls picked hazelnuts. Pleasent day.
- August 5
 Sunday

 Jim, Mrs. Spencer, Emma and I went up on the lava beds.

 We also went up on the mountain to see Mt. St. Helens.

 Went up to Cotton Wood flat. Had dinner. We went out on the barr and got some rocks. We had hazelnuts, salad berries, huckle berries, rasberries and Thumble berries.

 Came home: eat hazelnuts. Went to meet Joe. Saw a grouse.

 Walter Day came up and stayed all night.

 Maud was better. Cloudy.
- August 6 Men cleared land. Mrs. S., Emma and I went after hazelnuts. Monday Mrs. S. and I went blackberring. Did not get any. Cloudy.
- August 7 I washed. The men went hunting. Mrs. Caldwell came up and Tuesday went up above the lava beds. Mr. Daphandopher, Mr. Holden and Mr. Scott were here. Ole Peterson came up and brought the mail. I was sick. Cloudy.
- August 8 The men went hunting and killed a deer. Mr. Caldwell was Wednesday Here and stayed all night. Bill burnt his slashing. We got ready to go to trout lake. Pleasent day.
- August 9 Bill started for Yakima. Maud, Pete, Joe and I went to Thompson's. Pete and Joe went to the mine. Maud and I had Dinner at Mate's. I was sick when we got home. Very warm day.
- August 10 Joe, Emma, Mrs. Spencer and I started for Trout Lake at half past six. We arrived at the aleak Hall at 10 o'clock. We had our dinner. Joe went fishing. We went down to the lake and up to Charlie Grater's camp. We washed in the lake at Camp Bugle. I saw Mrs. hobert and Mr. Headly. We wrote our names climed up a big stump. They broke a seat down. Pleasent day.
- August 11 Joe went over the mountain after the horses. We went down to the lake. Joe went fishing. We started for home at fifteen minutes to 1 o'clock. Mrs. Spencer wrote a verse on the tree. We picked huckle berries on our way home and we got some grape root. We arrived home at 5 o'clock. I was sick. Maud and Pete went fishing. Caldwell came up. Pleasent day.
- August 12 Joe and Caldwell went to Amboy to get supplys. The men and Sunday Maud went hunting. They played cards. Joe and Caldwell got back at 7 p.m. Cloudy

- August 13 I washed and cooked dinner. Joe and Caldwell started for Mountains at 7 a.m. Maud, Pete, and Mrs. Spencer went over to the ranch. Started at 8 a.m. and got back at 6 p.m. Bill and Jim worked on Jim's place. Ole Peterson was down. Came up for dinner. Hot day.
- August 14 We got ready to start home. Cooney was up. Bill and Jim Tuesday worked. They broke an ox bow. Jim and I, Bill and Cooney played cards. WE beat 3 out of 5 games.
- August 15
 We started for home at 8 a.m. Maud and I went down to
 Thompson's Had our dinner on the hill. Got to Murry's about
 3 p.m. Saw Sam and Guss. Sam was mad. Saw Charlie Clutch
 and Walter.
 Came through a fire about a quarter of a mile. We almost
 suffocated by the smoke and dust. I drove. My dress caught
 fire. Got some butter of Mrs. Ambouy. Reached our camping
 place on Stacy flat at six p.m. I was sick. Pete killed 2
 birds up by Gettis's. Met Fred Copelan and another man
 going to the lake. Hot day.
- August 16 At 7 a.m. we left Stacy flat. I walked part way and drove part way home. We met John Robinson on the top of Husky told us "(Atsowall?) drown Saturday". Had our dinner down by Ben Newkirks saw Met Harry G. above Etna. Reached home 4:30 p.m. Got supper. Al was over we all took a bath. Hot day.
- August 17 The base ball team and the band went down to Kalama. The base ball boys beat also band. Went to the dance at night. Maud and I went to the store. Hot day.
- August 18 They all came back from Kalama. I washed the windows and Saturday scrubbed the floors. Jim was here for dinner. He started to board here. Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Hoff went to the coast.

 Al came over in the evening. He got mad we had a racket. I cried all night. Hot day.
- August 19 The boys played ball. Maud and Pete went down to the game. Sunday I am lonesome.

 Al went to church.
- August 20 Pete started to drive the stage to the Columbia river. Maud Monday and Mrs. Spencer went to Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Ballhorn was here for breakfast. I washed and was sick. They got back. Pete went to St Helens. Maud was sick. I cried. Al came over. Pete got home at 10:30 p.m. Very smoky.
- August 29 I ironed. I baked a cake. Mrs. Spencer made my dress. Wednesday
- August 30 Mr. Caldwell was here for dinner. Al was here before he Thursday went to play in the band. I went out to the base ball.

 Mary Stratton came home with me. I went over to the store

with her. Nettie Eaton and Al came home with me. Maud went down to the stage. Mrs. Spencer sewed. Al came over and we went down to the ball at 8:30 p.m. Pete and Maud went down 9:30. Al got Maud, Inez and I some ice cream. We all had a nice time; got home at 3:30 a.m.

- August 31 I got up at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Bybee and Mrs. Higgins was Friday here. I slept in the afternoon. Al came over in the evening.
- September 1 We washed. Maud cleaned her piano. Al went down to work for Johnson. Mabel and Hattie was here. Rained during the night. Pleasent.
- Septmeber 2 Emma went to Sunday school and the Christian Endeavor Society.

 Sunday Mrs. Spencer and I took down Cornice, Maud was home alone. Mrs. S, Emma and I went to church. Rained during the night. Pleasent.
- September 3 I wrote a letter to Mollie. I went over to the drug Monday store and got me some writing paper and Maud some hoarhound.
- September 4 I went down to (Caples ?) with the stage. I sewed
 Tuesday the lace on my under clothes. Maud was sick. Mrs. Bybee
 was here. Rainy.
- Septmber 5 Maud was sick. Mrs. Spencer sewed. I helped her. Rained Wednesday all day.
- September 6 I washed. Mrs. Spencer made Emma's black dress. Maud was Thursday sick. I was sick. Mrs. Higgins came and brought the fruit. Al came to supper. Pleasent day.
- September 7 I was sick. Emma ironed. Mrs. Spencer canned the plums.

 Friday She and Emma done the work. Mrs. Peterson moved in Joe Qugilley's house. Pleasent day.
- September 8 I was sick. Maud was better. Mrs. S. and Emma cleaned up Saturday the house. Maud Englert came over. Pleasent day.
- September 9 I am better. Emma went to Sunday School and the Society.

 Sunday Maud and Pete and Mrs. S all went to shop.

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 I am terrible lonely. After supper Mrs. S. and I took a

 I am terrible lonely. We saw Frank Klager and Spetch.

 Walk down the road. We saw Frank Klager and Spetch.
- September 10 Mrs. Spencer made my black skirt. Maud went down to Monday Caples with Pete. Al came up after supper Ward Englet was here. Pleasent.
- September 11 Mabel brought over some apples. Joe Masters came down.

 Tuesday Mrs. S. went up in the Mountains. We left home at 10:30
 a.m. Arrived at Burt's 6 P.M. We stopped in at Davis's

and Newkirks. Rained. We were wet.

- September 12 We left Burt's 10 A.M. Had our dinner just beyond Homer Wednesday

 Straits. Stopped at Towners. Saw Bill Maters. Arrived at Harry Griffiths at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Griffith was up at O'Conells. Jimmie Robins came down. We got supper. Rained.
- September 13 Started from Harry's at 8 A.M. Arrived at Mates at 12

 Thursday

 A.M. Mrs. Thompson was mad. Left Mate's at 1 P.M. Went to see Conney. Charlie Deaffenderfro was there. We went to Charlie D's and crossed the river and went over to Mrs.

 Spencers place. Charlie got us some wood. We got supper. Were alone and had a good time. Eli got home. Rainy.
- Septmeber 14 Mrs. Spencer got up at two oclock. I got up at five. We nailed up the windows. Gor breakfast. Started at 7:30 A.M. Went down to Polly's. Crossed the river on the ferry. Met BIll Masters by the school house. Got to Harry's at 11:20 A.M. had a lunch. Stopped in at Murrys. Saw Walter Delmar. He started for Woodland. We stopped at Towners. Arrived at Straits at 3:15 A.M. Wet and sick. Rained all day.
- September 15 We started 7:15 A.M. Had our dinner in Husky Canyon at at 10:20 A.M. Stopped at Mrs. Kirks. Our feet were so sore we had to rest every mile. Stopped at Powell's and got some apples and plums. Saw Bill Strong and Grant Mills. They had been to Davis Peak. We arrived home 6:15 P.M. Inez was down. I had gone to bed. Al came up. Showery in fore noon Pleasent in afternoon.
- September 16 Mrs. Spencer made blackberry jam. The girls and I took a Sunday walk. Went down to Al's ranch. Got some apples at Emiel Thids. I was weighed (weighed 155 1/2lbs.). I read aloud to the folks Pleasent.
- September 17 Mrs. Spencer sewed on my black dress. Anna Murk and Lela Monday Davis was here Pleasent.
- September 18 I washed. Mrs. S sewed on Maud's dress. Al came over at 10:40 A.M. Pete went to work on the road and he and Charlie went to Coples with a load of freight. After supper Matie came down. Showery in forenoon Pleasent afternoon.
- Septmeber 19 Mrs. Spencer and Matie went to Prtland. I washed. I read Wednesday aloud to Maud. Mrs. Higgans came down with our prunes.

 Mrs. Tangan came down with somethings Pleasent.
- September 20 Mrs. Tangan went home. Maud and I canned fruit all day. Thursday Got our grapes from Portland. Al came up Pleasent.
- September 21 We canned fruit all day. Maud went down with Pete. Friday We three girls went to the dance. I went to supper with

Bill Georog - Pleasent.

- September 22 I scrubbed. Maud went with Pete to landing. Mrs. Bebee Saturday was here Pleasent.
- September 23 Emma bathed. Lula Marrin, Mina Murk, Emma Hoff and Gussie Sunday

 Grey were here. After supper the two Emma's and I took a walk.

 Pleasent.
- September 24 Maud went down to the landing with Pete. Mrs. Spencer Monday came down from Portland. Fred Wilke came here to stay Pleasent.
- September 25 Mrs. Spencer made Maud a wrapper. Maud called me a liar.

 Tuesday I washed the windows and wrote a letter. Maud went out to stage and up to Mathews Rainey.
- September 26 I washed. Mrs. S. made Mauds waist. Maud went down on Wednesday the stage. All came up in the evening. Maud Englert was here to invite Emma to the suprise party Showery.
- September 27 Mrs. Spencer made my black velvet waist. Pleasent. Thursday
- September 28 I ironed. Went over to town Mrs. Spencer washed. Fred, Friday Emma and I went to the party at Emma Huff's Pleasent.
- September 29 I scrubed and baked and done up the work. Mrs. Spencer Saturday Ironed. Maud went out on the stage. Hattie Copeland was here. Cloudy.
- September 30 I was lonesome. Maud Englert was over. Pete Mason was Sunday here for supper Cloudy.
- October 1 Mrs. Strart was here and brought the honey. Al came over after dinner. Pete drove horses on the stage. Maud went out with him Showry Mrs. Spencer went to Portland.
- October 2
 Al came up. I did not see him to speak to. I was in bed.

 Maud got dinner.

 Charlie Goodwin killed Frank Klager's dog Stormy all
 day.
- October 3 Pleasent. Maud went to town on the stage Wednesday I am lonesome.
- October 4 I ironed. Pleasent day. Mr Griffith's folks came here Thursday and stayed here all night. Maud and Pete and the rest went to the Speaking.
- October 5 I ironed. Harry Griffith's folks went home. I went down on the stage with Maud and Pete. Saw Mary Hoff's picture. Pleasent.

October 6 I scrubbed. Done up the work. Maud went with Pete. Jim Saturday Masters and Noah O'Connell came down - Pleasent.

October 7

Sunday

Maud and Pete and I had a racket. Maud said she was better than I. The two Emmas and I took a walk. Maud went with Pete down to Mare Wells. Saw Nettie Eaton. Came to see me.

October 8 I was hurt - Noade O'Connell went to Portland. Maud went on the stage with Pete.

Pleasent day.

EARLY LA CENTER HOUSE (approx.1867-1969)

This house was built and owned by John and Cartheriens (Peterson and was located at what is now 310 W. 3rd Chreet, LaCenter.

John and Cartheriena had two daughters. Amanda Man Peterson (born April 7, 1879 - died September 18, 1955) and Emmeline (born May 21, 1880 - died December, 1918).

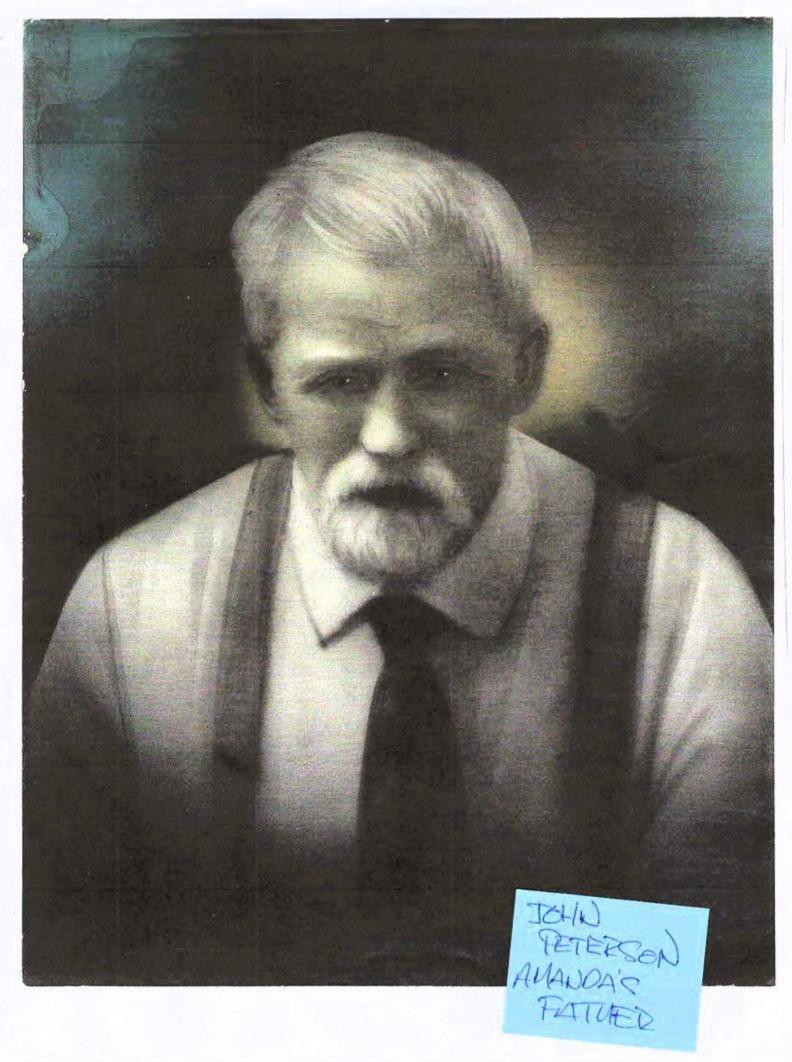
John Peterson was a Union Army soldier and fought in the battle of Gettysburg. He was shot in the knoc and carried the bullet to his grave. Mr. Peterson built the first bridge across the East Fork of the Lewis River. John took his family to Wallice, Idaho to prospect for gold. He died there and is buried in the town cemetery. Cartherina and her daughters returned to the LaCenter-Woodland area. She married a man by the name of Steinmetz and died on May 26, 1990. She is intersed in the LaCenter commutery.

At that time Amanda was eleven years old and lived in Woodland. When she was thirteen she met Al Dovers who was living with the Klager family. The house is now known as Grandma Klager's Lilac Gardens in Woodland.

Al Devers and Amanda Peterson married on Feb.16, 1896 in Woodland when he was 24 and she was 17. They had ten children. After the birth of their second child they moved to Missouri and then later to the Texas Panhandle. They lived there until 1947 when they returned to the Ridgefield, Washington area. Amanda died September 18, 1955, and Al Cief January 16, 1965.

Photo by G. L. (Roy) Davers, grandson of A.T. & Amanda Devers





CARTHERIEN BELOVED WIFE OF PETER STEINMETZ BORN NOV. 7. 1819. DIED MAY 26.1890