

## Chapter 7B - SUZANNE SEIFERT & TIM PETTIT

In high school, Sue was very popular and outgoing. She was Miss Goodwill of 1960, riding in the Racine 4th of July parade [15]

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### SUE, THE WORKING GIRL

In 1959 Sue worked as a dental assistant at Arnold Fawcett Dentists at 1418 Washington Ave [11]

Suzanne worked as a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Racine until she "retired" in about 1990.

Sue enjoys playing cards and golf.

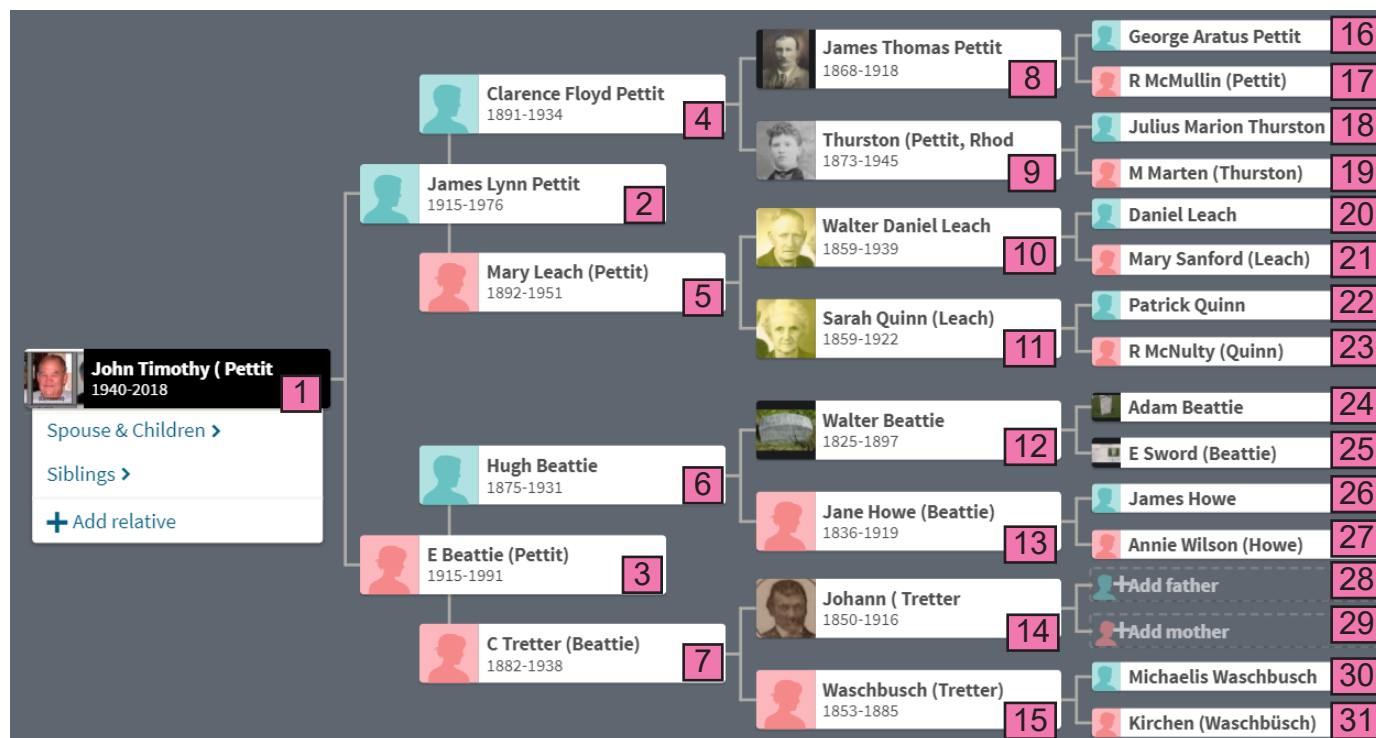
### TIM'S WORK

Tim worked at Johnson Wax as a civil engineer. He enjoyed golf and playing cards.

The Petti's lived in a lake-front home on Lake Tichigan, north of Waterford, Wisconsin.



## Chapter 7C - Pettit Ancestors



The Pettit family lived in America since at least 1748. More than likely, the first Pettit immigrated from England, although that has not been confirmed.

It is thought that the Pettit name came during the ancient Norman culture that was established in Britain following the Norman Conquest in 1066. The name originated with an early member who was a small person, or the smaller of two people with the same given name, since “Pettit” came from the Anglo-Norman-French word “petit”, meaning “small”.

In England in the 1700s, the uncertainty of the political and religious environment of the time caused many families to board ships for distant British colonies in the hopes of finding land and opportunity, and escaping persecution. The voyages were expensive, crowded, and difficult, though, and many arrived in North America sick, starved, and destitute. Those who did make it, however, were greeted with greater opportunities and freedoms that they could have experienced at home. Many of those families went on to make important contributions to the young nations in which they settled.

### Parents

#### #2. James Petit &

#### #3. Ella Beattie (Tim Pettit's Parents)

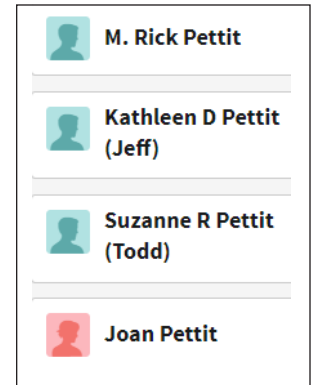
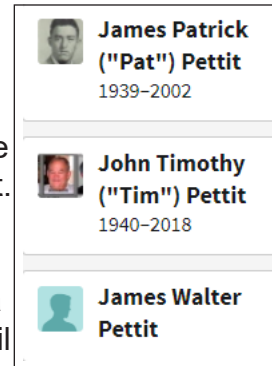
James Pettit served as a Racine policeman for 26 years.

James Lynn Pettit started his life in Willow Lake, in Clark County, South Dakota to Carroll and Mary Pettit (See #4&5). Willow Lake had only been an incorporated city for 5 years when James was born on April 8, 1915. It was a very small community; in fact, 100 years later it had a population of under 300 persons. Still, it was proud of being one of the “little towns in the prairie” that started in

the the 1880's.

By 1920, Jame's family had moved from Willow Lake and settled in Spooner in Washburn County of Wisconsin. His father worked as a fireman on a railroad. James lived there during to 1920's. In 1935 James lived in New Richard in St. Croix County, Wisconsin and moved to Racine.

On February 1, 1937, at the age of 21, James married Ella Helen Beattie in Superior, Wisconsin. Ella was born on April 21, 1915 in Superior to Hugh and Catherine (nee Treter) Beattie. She was the youngest of their 5 children. When Ella was a teen, she worked as a clerk in a Superior establishment. Hugh was a foreman with one of the local railroads. In 1930 he worked as a watchman at the Superior coal docks.



*James Pettit*  
(Registrant's signature)

The young Pettit family moved to Racine Wisconsin and lived in apartment 101 at 949 Washington Avenue.

In 1937 James operated the Dodge & Pettit Bar at 1812 Taylor Avenue with Gardner Dodge. Gardner had previously been a bartender at another bar and got James to join him in the new business.

The bar-tending business didn't last long, because James left the bar tending business in 1938 and started his long stint as a policeman.

The Pettit family were members of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Racine. James was a member of the men's Holy Name Society.

Seven children were born to Jim and Ella while they lived in Racine. Tim was the 2nd oldest son in the family of 4 boys and 3 girls.

The Pettit family rented a house in 1940 at 2721-1/2 Olive Street. When James registered for the World War II draft in 1940 he was listed as being 6'-2" tall and weighed 190 pounds. He had brown eyes, black hair and a dark complexion. He indicated he had a scar on the inside of his right forearm.

James retired from the Racine Police Department as a Captain. He was in the Juvenile Bureau. During his 26 years of service he had also served as the President of the Racine Police Protective Association.

He and Ella lived at 1604 Boyd Avenue in Racine.

James had a long illness in 1976 and was placed in the High Ridge nursing home. He died at the age of 61 years on July 28, 1976. James was buried in the West Lawn Memorial Park at 9000 Washington Avenue in Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin.

Ella lived until she was 75 years old and died on February 16, 1991 at St Mary's Hospital in Racine, Wisconsin.

# Grandparents

## **#4. Clarence Pettit &**

## **#5. Mary Leach** (Tim Pettit's **paternal Grandparents)**

The family of Clarence and Mary Pettit lived in Superior, Wisconsin. Clarence Floyd Pettit was born in Willow Lake in Clark County, South Dakota in February 1890. He was the oldest of 7 children of the farming family. By 1900, his parents, James and Edith Pettit, (# 8&9) had moved to Berlin township in Clark County, South Dakota and rented a farm. The family rented a farm in Willow Lake by 1910.

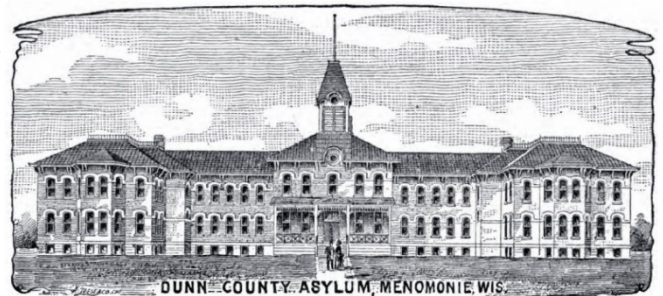
When Clarence was 22 years old, he married Mary A Leach on May 21, 1913. They were married in the community of Bryant, Hamlin County, South Dakota. Mary was born in August 1892 in Wisconsin to Walter and Sarah Leach (see #10 & 11). In 1900 her family lived in the Village of Avoca in Pulaski township of Iowa County, Wisconsin, where her father worked as a day laborer. In the 1910 US Census he was listed as working as a carpenter for the railroad.



Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and  
Omaha Railway Close-Up of Generic 4-4-0  
Locomotive Featured on Stock Certificate



After they were married, the family lived in Itasca Station, Superior, where Clarence then worked as a fireman for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway. His 1917



World War I draft registration listed him as a tall man, with a stout build, light brown hair and dark brown hair. In about 1920 the family lived in the city of Spooner in Washburn County, in Wisconsin.

Clarence and Mary raised 2 children, James and Eileen.

By 1930 the family rented a house at 718 Walter Adams in Spooner as Clarence continued to work as a locomotive fireman. In 1931 they lived at 533 E 2nd Street in Spooner.

Clarence died at the young age of 43 in Superior, Wisconsin on May 7, 1934. He was buried in Section C, Row 6 of the St Francis Cemetery in Superior. Mary lived for many years as a patient in the Dunn County Asylum in Red Cedar in Dunn County, Wisconsin. This was a well run institution that cared for the poor. It is not known the reason she was admitted, but it may have been due to the financial condition she was in after her husband died. Mary died then she was 59 years old in 1951, and was buried next to her husband in Superior, Wisconsin.



**James Lynn Pettit**  
1915-1976



**Eileen M Pettit  
(Nelson)**  
1924-2001



## #6. Hugh Beattie &

## #7. Catherine Tretter (Tim Pettit's Maternal Grandparents)



The Beattie family were originally from Scotland, lived in Canada for a while, and then immigrated to America in 1880. Hugh Beattie was only 5 years old then his family moved from Canada to Marquette, Michigan. He was born on July 28, 1875 in Grey, Ontario, Canada. His father was a worker on railroad tracks, which may have been what brought the family to the United States.

In 1897, Hugh was listed in the Superior City Directory as the foreman of the roundhouse of the Duluth, Shore and Atlantic Railway (DSS&A). He lived at John Avenue.

Hugh married Catherine Tretter in July 1903. as she was known, was born on November 30, Pierz in Morrison County, Minnesota. She was 20 was 28 when they were married. The couple had 5 children, Hugh Jr, Walter, Robert, and Ella. Ella was Tim Pettit's mother.

Catherine Tretter was the 5th of 8 children of Johann Tretter and Maria Waschbusch (see persons #14 & 15). After Katie and were married, they settled in Superior, Wisconsin and lived the rest of their lives.

Hugh died on March 13, 1931 when he was 55 years old. Katie died at 55 years of age, but on October 8, 1938. Both were buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Superior.



**Hugh John Beattie Jr**  
1903–



**Marie C Beattie**  
1904–



**Walter Henry Beattie Sr**  
1910–1976



**Robert J Beattie**  
1912–2002



**Ella Helen Beattie (Pettit)**  
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# Great-Grandparents

## #8. James T. Pettit &

## #9. Edith Thurston

## (Tim Pettit's Paternal Great-Grandparents)

James Thomas Pettit was the 1st child of George and Rachel (nee McMullin) Pettit (see persons #16 & 17). James was born on January 7, 1868 somewhere in Wisconsin, probably in the Village of Avoca in Iowa County, where his mother lived and his parents were married.

In 1880, when James was 12, his family lived on a farm in Sherman township in Montgomery County of Iowa.

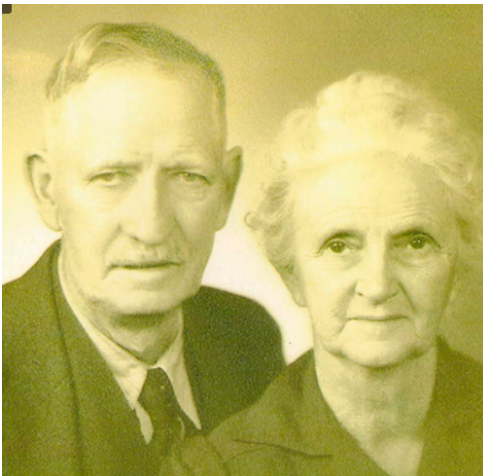


James married Edith Thurston in Grant County, Wisconsin on Jan 5, 1890 when he was 21 years old.



Edith Dora Thurston was the 1st child of 3 children of Julius and Margaret (nee Marten) Thurston. She was born on October 2, 1873 in Hazleton in Grant County, Wisconsin. Hazleton no longer exists and she was also recorded as being born in Patch Grove, Wisconsin. The family moved to Richland County, Wisconsin, and later to South Dakota.

After their marriage James and Edith lived in Vienna, South Dakota where James had a butcher shop. In 1900 the Pettit family had grown to 4 children and they lived in Berlin township in Clark County of South Dakota, where they rented a farm.



They later moved to a farm east of Willow Lake. James was one of the first mail carriers of a star route that went from Willow Lake to Bryant in 1889. He later carried a rural mail route out of Willow Lake, a position he held the rest of his life.

Clarence (see person #4), Tim's Grandfather, was the 1st born of 7 children.

James had a serious threshing accident in 1918. He had always took his vacation from the mail route during threshing season so he could work on the threshing rig. On the day he was injured, they were moving the rig from one farm to another. James was walking alongside lacing together a new belt that they were going to put on when they got to the next farm. Somehow his overalls got tangled with the hub of the hind wheel and he was pulled under the wheel and fatally injured.

James died on September 4, 1918 in Codington County, South Dakota. He was 50 years old, and was buried in Collins Cemetery in Willow Lake, South Dakota.

 **Clarence Floyd Pettit**  
1891-1934

 **Marion Thomas Pettit**  
1891-1904

 **Cecile Rebecca Pettit**  
1895-1990

 **Margaret May/Mae Pettit (Whittle)**  
1895-1985

 **Marcella Maree Pettit (Overbeck)**  
1898-1988

 **Marie Pettit**  
1900-1979

 **Cora Katie Pettit**  
1904-1983

Edith was remarried on May 26, 1919 when she was 45 years old to a widower, Walter Henry Rhodes. They first lived in Collins, South Dakota and in 1923 moved to Shell Lake in Washburn County in Wisconsin. In about 1933 they moved to Barronett in Lakeland township of Barron County, Wisconsin. Edith died when she was 72 years old, on June 1, 1945 in Barronett, Wisconsin. She was buried next to her 1st husband in Willow Lake, South Dakota. Walter Rhodes died in 1949 in Clark, South Dakota.

**#10. Walter Leach &**

**#11. Sarah Quinn (Tim Pettit's Paternal Great-Grandparents)**

Walter Daniel Leach was a farm from Wisconsin. He came into this world in December, 1859 in the Town of Clyde in Iowa County of Wisconsin. His parents were Daniel and Mary (nee Sanford) Leach, and Walter was their 3rd of 8 children. It was a farming family. In 1870, the family lived in Pulaski in the Town of Avoca in Iowa County, Wisconsin.







In 1886, the 26 year old Walter married the 27 year old Sarah Jane Quinn. Sarah was born in October, 1859 in Lowell, Massachusetts. When Sarah was a pre-teen her family had moved by 1870 to the Village of Avoca in Iowa County, Wisconsin.

Walter and Sarah lived in Avoca most of their married life. They raised 7 children, 5 girls, bookended by boys. Mary Leach, Tim's great grandmother, (see person #5) was their 4th child.

In about 1918, the family moved to the City of Superior in Douglas County, Wisconsin, where Walter worked as a carpenter for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway. The Superior City Directory of that year showed that both their boys also worked in the railroad industry.

Unfortunately, Sarah died in October, 1920, in Superior at the age of 60, but we have not discovered the circumstances..

Walter died in 1939 in Superior at the age of 79. Both he and his wife were buried in Saint Francis Cemetery (Sec B, row 6) in Superior.

	<b>Leo Francis Leach</b> 1888-1959
	<b>Laniette Leach</b> 1890-
	<b>Loretta ("Lottie") Leach (Crisp)</b> 1890-
	<b>Mary A Leach (Pettit)</b> 1892-1951
	<b>Rose Agatha Leach</b> 1894-1976
	<b>Florence Elizabeth Leach (Thorsell)</b> 1896-1983

**#12. Walter Beattie &**

**#13. Jane Howe (Tim Pettit's Maternal Great-Grandparents)**




Both Walter Beattie and Jane Howe were born in Scotland and immigrated to Canada. Walter was born February 20, 1825 in Errick in County Selkirkshire in Scotland and moved to Canada prior to 1851. Jane was born in 1836 in Inveraray in Argyll, Scotland. Jane's family arrived in Ontario, Canada in 1845 when she was 9 years old.


Walter and Jane were married in about 1852 in Canada. The couple had 11 children, all born in Canada. Tim's grandfather, Hugh Beattie (see person #6) was the 10th child.


Walter and Jane immigrated to Marquette in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in about 1880. Walter was 50 years old, and Jane was 43. Walter worked on railroad tracks. In about 1894 the couple moved to the small mining community of Republic, about 40 miles west of Marquette.

Walter died in Republic, Michigan when he was 72, on April 5, 1897. He was buried in the Republic Cemetery in Republic. Jane lived until she was 76 years old and passed away on December 12, 1911. She was buried next to her husband.


 **Elizabeth Beattie (Fuller)**  
1857–

 **Janet / Jessie Beattie (Brown)**  
1860–1897


 **Walter Beattie**  
1863–1937

 **Mary Jane Beattie (Wallace)**  
1863–1937

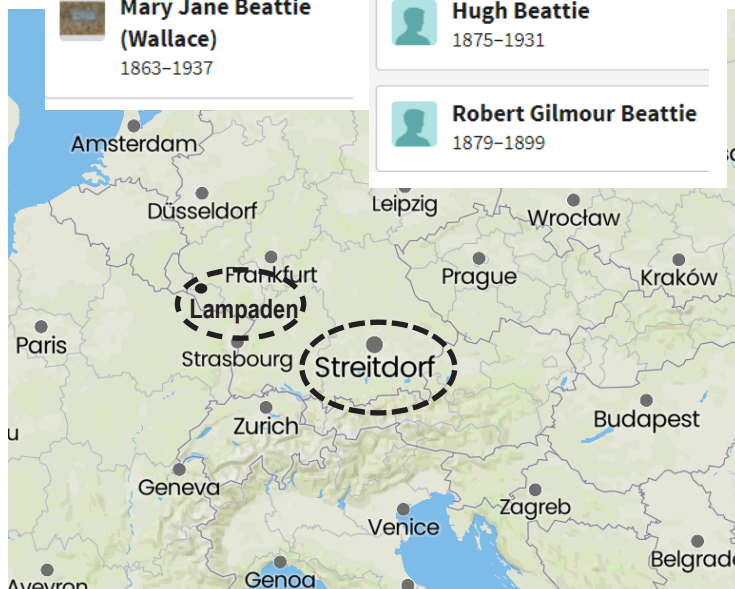
 **Maggie Beattie**  
1869–1912

 **James Stewart Beattie**  
1871–1946

 **Ellen / Helen? ("Ella") Beattie**  
1873–1892

 **Hugh Beattie**  
1875–1931


 **Robert Gilmour Beattie**  
1879–1899



 **Peter Tretter**  
1877–1961

 **Mary Tretter (Virnig)**  
1879–1912

 **Michael Tretter**  
1880–1880

 **Anna Marie Tretter (Kugel)**

 **Catherine ("Katie") Tretter (Beattie)**  
1882–1938


 **Elizabeth ("Lizzie") P Tretter (Picotte, Kildahl)**  
1883–1963


 **Margaret ("Maggie") Elizabeth Tretter (Konen)**  
1884–1967

 **Mary Tretter**  
1884–1885


## #14. Johann Tretter &


## #15. Anna Maria Waschbusch (Tim Pettit's


 **Barbara M Tretter (Beimert)**  
1887–1947


 **Henry J Tretter**  
1895–1896

 **Christina Marie Tretter (Shaver)**  
1902–1926


 **John J Pierz Tretter**  
1888–1934


 **Emma M Tretter (Meyer)**  
1897–1987


 **Anselema ("Selma") Tretter**  
1905–1905


 **Joseph Tretter**  
1890–1964


 **Frank Xavier Tretter**  
1898–1984


 **Lucille ("Lucy") Tretter (Ritchot)**  
1906–1955

 **George G Tretter**  
1891–1970

 **Theresa Tretter (Anderson)**  
1900–1927

 **Louise Tretter**  
1907–1920

 **Clara E Tretter (Boser)**  
1893–1955

 **Issac Tretter**  
1901–

## Maternal Great-Grandparents)

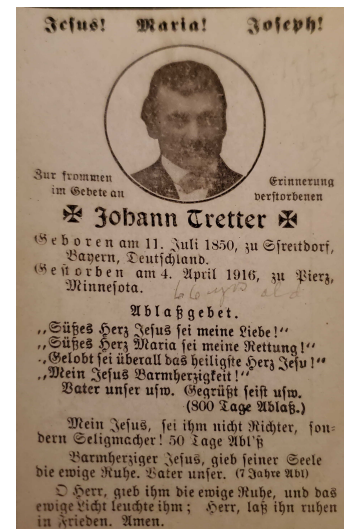
Johann Tretter was German immigrant who was born in Streitdorf, Pfaffenhofen, Bavaria, Germany. The community is located north of Munich in southern Germany. Johann arrived in this world in July, 1850. We do not know anything about his parents or siblings.

Johann immigrated to America in 1870 when he was 20 years old, and starting using the English verse of his given name,



John. He first worked in New York City as a mason for a year, and then moved to Saginaw, Michigan. He worked there for 2 years as a mason, and then moved to Dane County, Wisconsin. John married Anna Maria Waschbusch in Wisconsin, probably in the Town of Dane, because that was where she was living.

Anna Waschbusch was born in Lampaden, Trier-Saarburg in the Rhineland region of Germany in May 1853. She was the 3rd oldest of 9 children, and was the oldest girl in the family. Anna's mother died in Germany in 1870 and the family immigrated to America shortly thereafter. They settled in Dane township in Dane County, Wisconsin.



After John and Anna were married in 1876 they lived in Rich Prarie (now known as Pierz) in Morrison County of Minnesota. The land was wild and covered with brush and trees. Their first job was to clear the land and build a small log building that was 14'x20' of poplar. They later built a log addition, and a log barn. They plowed the land with two oxen. About 4 or 5 acres were cleared each year.

Anna died at the young age of 31 on May 5, 1885, in Rich Prarie. She had been married only 9 years, but in that time 8 children were born into the family. Catherine (see person #7), Tim's grandmother, was the 5th child.

John quickly found a new wife and was remarried on September 25, 1885 in Park Rapids, Minnesota, to Helena Resch. Helena was born in Madison, Wisconsin in 1862. John and Helen had 14 children.

In 1888, John and Helen sold the Rich Prairie farm with its 35 acres of cultivated land. John worked as a mason in Rich Prairie for a number of years. He worked on the town's Catholic church, the court house in Little Falls, and many residences in Morrison.

The community was incorporated on January 12, 1892 under the name Rich Prairie. However on August 15, 1894, the residents voted to change the name to Pierz in honor of Father Francis Xavier Pierz, a Slovenian Catholic priest who came to Minnesota during the early 1850s as a missionary to the native Ojibwe people.

In 1900 the John and Helen bought and operated a farm in the town of Buh in Morrison County.

John retired from farming in about 1913 and he and Helen moved to the Village of Pierz. John died in Pierz in April 1916, and was buried in the Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Pierz.

Helen died in 1923 at home after a lingering illness for many months and was buried next to her husband.

## 2nd Great-Grandparents

**#16. George A. Pettit &**

**#17. Rachel McMullin** (Tim Pettit's Paternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

George Aratus Pettit was born on Jan 15, 1847 in Jo Davies, Illinois to Thomas and Eliza (nee Franklin) Pettit. The Pettit family lived in America at least since 1748. More than likely, the first immigrant Pettit came from England

**#18. Julius Thurston &**

**#19. Margaret Marten** Tim Pettit's Paternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

**#20. Daniel Leach &**

**#21. Mary Sanford** (Tim Pettit's Paternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only

**#22. Patrick Quinn &**

**#23. Rosa McNulty** (Tim Pettit's Paternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about

**#24. Adam Beattie &**

**#25. Elizabeth Sword** (Tim Pettit's Maternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only

**#26. James Howe &**

**#27. Annie Wilson** (Tim Pettit's Maternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and

**#30. Michaelis Waschbusch &**

**#31. Catherine Kirchen** (Tim Pettit's Maternal 2nd Great-Grandparents)

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