

## Oregon Born: 1887

### Roy William Peterson

Born: October 9, 1887 Oregon  
Died: December 1968, Josephine Co. Oregon  
Father's Birth Place: Sweden  
Mother's Birth Place: Canada

**1887** Roy's family was located in Leland, Oregon by 1887 where his father, Daniel, was a Section Foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

### 1900 Census. Leland Precinct , Josephine Co., OR

Daniel Peterson	Head	Sweden	1855	45 yrs
Rosana Peterson	Wife	Can.	1862	38 yrs
David Peterson	Son	NE	1883	17 yrs
Joseph Peterson	Son	WA	1885	15 yrs
John E. Peterson	Son	WA	1886	14 yrs
<u>Roy W. Peterson</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>1888</u>	<u>12 yrs</u>
Iva E. Peterson	Dau	OR	1889	11 yrs
Daniel E. Peterson	Son	OR	1891	9 yrs
Henry H. Peterson	Son	OR	1896	4 yrs
Helena Peterson	Dau	OR	1899	1 yr

Roy's father, David's, occupation was Leland, Oregon Section Boss for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The family eventually specialized in peaches and apples. The *Hugo Heights Fruit Farm*, and other orchards, in Hugo would become famous for their fruit.<sup>2</sup>

## Single Roy Peterson, Hugo Settler: 1900 - 1968

### 1910 Census. Merlin Precinct , Josephine Co., OR

Daniel Peterson	Head	Sweden	1857	53 yrs
Rosana Peterson	Wife	Can.	1861	49 yrs
David Peterson	Son	NE	1884	26 yrs
Joseph Peterson	Son	WA	1886	24 yrs
John E. Peterson	Son	WA	1887	23 yrs
<u>Roy W. Peterson</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>1889</u>	<u>21 yrs</u>
Iva E. Peterson	Dau	OR	1890	20 yrs
David Peterson	Son	OR	1891	19 yrs
Henry H. Peterson	Son	OR	1896	14 yrs
Helena Peterson	Dau	OR	1899	11 yrs
Louisa Peterson	Dau	OR	1902	8 yrs

Roy and Iva were "home" farming.



**Roy Peterson**

**1917** Thirty year old Roy Peterson registered for the WWI draft on June 5, 1917. His home was Hugo, Oregon. He had gray eyes and light hair. He was of medium height and stature

**1920** Tom Young and Roy Peterson went to Grants Pass Saturday afternoon on a business trip. *Rogue River Courier*. April 2, 1920. Hugo.

## Hugo Farmer

### 1930 Census. Lucky Queen, Josephine Co., OR

Daniel Peterson	Head	Sweden	1855	75 yrs
<u>Roy W. Peterson</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>1887</u>	<u>43 yrs</u>

Roy's occupation was laborer doing farm work.

**Roy Peterson** Peterson informed Wayne McKy that the wagon he has on his place, that is in pieces, was the wagon that the Petersons used to haul peaches from their fruit farm to the Greenback Mine via Sexton Mt. Pass. They probably used a team of two horse as that was all the Petersons ever had. They bought a special set of springs to minimize the bumping from the rough road and, therefore, lessen the damage of bruising to the peaches.<sup>3</sup>

**1968** Single Roy passed at the Peterson ranch on December 16, 1968.<sup>4</sup>

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community's history and land use.

1. Metsker, Chas. F. 1932 *Metsker Map. Josephine County, Oregon*. Portland, OR.

2. Hugo Neighborhood. January 9, 2005. *Hugo's Famous Orchards*. Hugo, OR.

3. *Wayne Mcky Interview about Hugo Neighbors Identified on the 1932 Metsker Map*. Hugo, OR.

4. Oregon Death Index, 1903 - 98

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## Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

### Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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## ROY WILLIAM PETERSON: HUGO SETTLER



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*Henry, Roy, & David Peterson (left to right)*  
Courtesy of Wayne & Janet McKy

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