

## Peter Pirzer: The Early Years - Part I

### Peter Pirzer

Born: January 1 1873 Germany  
 Died: November 1949 Oregon  
 Father & Mother's Birth Place: Germany

### Anna Pirzer

Born: 1871 Germany  
 Father & Mother's Birth Place: Germany

**1890 Seventeen year old Peter Pirzer emigrated** to the United State and Hugo, Oregon in 1890.

**1895** The 1895 map does not show 22 year old Peter as controlling any land.

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

Peter Purser	Head	Germany	1873	27 yrs
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**1902** Peter Piezer of Hugo was here looking for stock; he reports quiet times at Hugo. By Wide Awake. Rogue River Courier. October 9, 1902. Leland Siftings. Twenty-nine year old Peter was about 5' 7" tall, had grey eyes, and dark brown hair.

**1904** Thirty-one year old Peter was naturalized as a citizen of the United States in 1904.

## The Peter Pirzer Family, Hugo Pioneers: 1890 - 1949

**1906** Several gents of Hugo were courting in Grants Pass last week; they were C. Triplett, W. Purday, H. Triplett, Foster Bros., Pete Perzier, W. L. Chapin, Wm. Brown and W. E. Sanders. Rogue River Courier. March 23, 1906. Hugo. Peter Perzier is building a new barn. Rogue River Courier. September 14, 1906. Hugo.

**1909** On July 28, 1909 Peter applied for a passport to Germany. *"I do solemnly swear that I was born at Mienchen, Germany on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1873; that I emigrated to the United States, sailing on board the Main from Bremen [Germany] on or about the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890; that I resided 19 years, uninterruptedly in the United States, from 1890 to 1909 at Hugo, Oregon that I naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the Circuit Court of Josephine Co. at Grants Pass, Ore. On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1904. . . I intend to return to the United States within one year."*

Peter arrived back in the United States November 11, 1909 aboard the ship George Washington. It is assumed his wife, Anna, was with him.

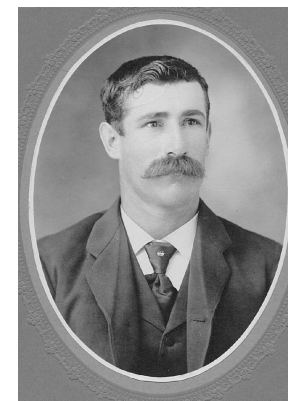
### 1910 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Peter Pirgar	Head	Germany	37 yrs
Anna Pirgar	Wife	Germany	22 yrs

**1918** Forty-five year Peter Pirzer old registered for the WWI draft. Anna was identified as his nearest relative.

## Pioneer & Orchardist

**1918** It is not known exactly where Peter was located during his early years in Hugo. However, he eventually received patent for homesteading 40 acres in Hugo, Oregon in 1926, and by 1932 had a 120 acre ranch (his homestead and David Sexton's old 1865 cash entry for 80 acres (Pat. 368).<sup>1</sup>



*Peter Pirzer*

**1914 - 1917** One time Juanita Dingler picked corn for Pete and Anna Pirzer for a nickel an hour. This was when the Pirzers lived on what became the Beveridge place before their move to a location near Sexton Mt. Juanita knew she was not going to make any money. She figured it was an adult way to keep the kids occupied. The Pirzers were of German

origin. One time during WWI the teacher told the kids to be nice to the Pirzer kids and not to pick on them just because their parents were from Germany.<sup>2</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. Hugo Neighborhood. 2008. Peter Pirzer Family, Early Hugo Pioneers. Hugo, OR.

2. Hugo Neighborhood Association. 2000. Juanita (Dingler) Pratt's Hugo Memories: 1907 - 2000. Hugo, OR.

## 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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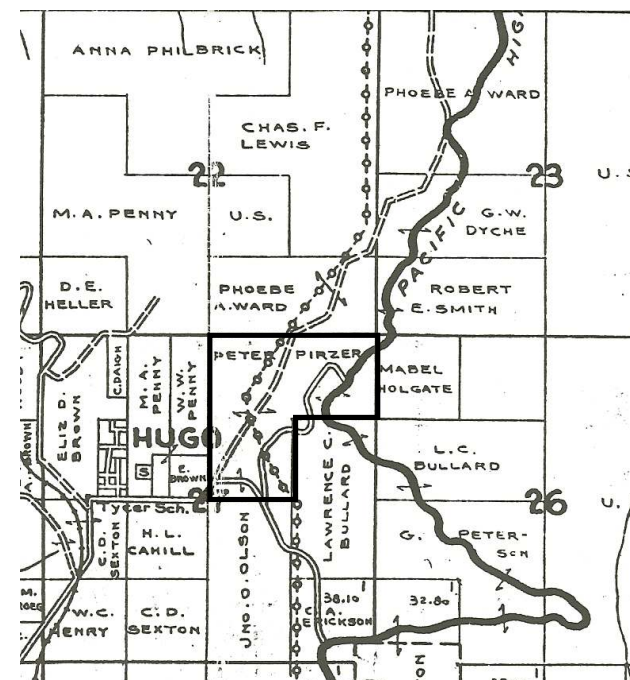
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