

The Petersons of Sweden

JOHN EDWARD PETERSON (VERNA GEAR)

John Edward Peterson was our great-uncle. He was known as Edward or Ed. His younger sister, Nannie Peterson, was our grandmother. Edward was born 19 July 1896 in Ogema, Wisconsin. His parents were John Alfred Peterson and Mary Johanna Carlson.

Ed married Verna Gear on 23 December 1921, when he was 25 and Verna was 24. Verna was born 16 April 1897 in Unity, Wisconsin. They had three children. Walter Edward was born 22 December 1922 in Phillips, Wisconsin. John Alfred was born 11 April 1925 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Gladys Louise was born 15 November 1926, probably in Milwaukee.

Ed and Verna made Milwaukee their home. Verna died 5 August 1947 at the age of 50. Ed died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 28 August 1975 at the age of 78.¹



Circa 1940

Left to right: Edward, his sister Nannie, unknown man

¹ Information from Gladys (Peterson) Bagrowski