

## Miss Anna Peterson Williams Bay Postmistress

Too few of us it is given to come within sight of the gracious castle of our dreams, but there can be no measure of doubt that too many earnest high-minded seekers after the truth, such as Miss Anna Peterson, the able and popular postmistress at Williams Bay, Walworth county, has been granted a tangible realization of many of the ideals of early youth,—the time of air-castle building,—which have been crystallized into worthy accomplishment in connection with the affairs of this work-a-day world. A woman of gracious presence and intellectual attainments, she is eminently qualified for the responsible position of which she is incumbent. Her commendable qualities are no doubt inherited from a long line of sterling ancestors, men and women who have been leaders in progressive movements in their day. They were Norwegians of the best type—person characterized by strength of mind, breadth of view, high-minded patriotism.



Miss Peterson was born in Leland, Illinois, and is one of a family of seven children born to Peter O. and Bertha (Thompson)

Peterson, the others having been named Tillie, Otto, Peter, Nathaniel, Rebecca, and Michael T. The subject was the third in order of birth.

The Peterson family emigrated to the United States in May, 1886, and they located at Earlville, Illinois, after spending two weeks in Philadelphia. They lived in Earlville a year and at Leland near that place, then went to Chicago, where they remained ten or eleven years. Eventually they came to Walworth county, Wisconsin, and located at Williams Bay and there established a comfortable home, in which they remained until March 1911, a period of twenty-five years, then moved to Madison, Wisconsin.

Of the children mentioned above, Tillie married Fred Rahn and they live at Lake Geneva; Nathaniel lives in Fresno, California; and Rebecca lives with her parents in Madison, Wisconsin, and is attending the State University; Michael T. is in business at Williams Bay. A sketch of his life appears in another page of this work.

Miss Peterson received a good education and has long manifested an abiding interest in public affairs. She was appointed postmistress at Williams Bay in October, 1907, and has discharged the duties of the same to the present time in a manner that reflects much credit upon herself and to the eminent satisfaction of the people and department.

Prior to her appointment to the position had, for a period of six years, been a clerk in the local post office. When she was appointed she was one of the youngest postmasters in the state of Wisconsin.