

Watertown Free Public Library

123 Main Street

Watertown, Massachusetts 02472

Local History Collection

**Peterson Family World War Two
collection, 1942-1946 (inclusive)**

SC301

Summary

Collection name: Peterson Family World War Two Collection, 1942-1946 (inclusive)

Collection number: SC301

Repository: Watertown Free Public Library (Watertown, Massachusetts)

Creator: Peterson family

Extent: 0.46 cubic feet (1 clamshell box)

Language: English

Provenance: Gift of Annette Peterson Noyes, 2003.

Processing information: Finding aid was completed by Caroline Littlewood in 2022.

Conditions governing access: Collection is open for use in the Local History Room, Watertown Free Public Library.

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Abstract: World War Two ration books and related ephemera that belonged to the Petersons, a family that resided in Watertown during the war.

Biographical Note

Ernest Peterson, a carpenter, and Norma (Gray) Peterson lived with their daughter Annette in Watertown, Massachusetts in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Scope and Content Note

War ration books (numbered one, two, three, or four), stamps, coupons, tokens and applications produced by the Office of Price Administration (OPA) and assigned to and/or used by the Peterson family; a flyer entitled "8 Ways to Make Your Fuel Last"; a booklet entitled *You and Your Fuel Oil Ration: The Why and How of Fuel Oil Rationing and What To Do About It!*; and newspaper clippings (mostly of the "Home Front Calendar"

Item list:

- Blue point and red point OPA ration tokens

- War Ration Book One certificates for Ernest, Norma, and Annette Peterson, 1942
- War Ration Book Two, Annette Peterson
- War Ration Book Two, Norma Gray Peterson
- Application for War Ration Book No. 3, Ernest Fredolph Peterson, 1943
- War Ration Book No. 3 identification stub
- War Ration Book No. 3, Annette Peterson
- War Ration Book No. 3, Ernest F. Peterson
- War Ration Book No. 3, Norma G. Peterson
- Registration for War Ration Book no. IV notice
- War Ration Book Four, Annette Peterson
- War Ration Book Four, Norma Gray Peterson
- Blue ration stamps
- *You and Your Fuel Oil Ration: The Why and How of Fuel Oil Rationing and What To Do About It!* booklet
- "8 Ways to Make Your Fuel Last" flier
- Mileage ration coupon,
- Fuel Oil Ration Class 1 consumer coupon sheet
- Fuel Oil Ration Class 1 consumer coupon sheet
- Fuel Oil Ration Class 3 consumer coupon sheet
- Fuel Oil Ration Class 5 consumer coupon sheet
- Fuel Oil Ration Class 5B consumer coupon sheet
- Fuel Oil Ration Class 5A consumer coupon sheet
- Application for Renewal of Fuel Oil Ration for Heat and Hot Water (blank), 1944-45
- Home Front Calendar newspaper clipping, Dec. 30, 1943
- Home Front Calendar newspaper clipping, Feb. 8, 1945
- Home Front Calendar newspaper clipping, Jan. 5, 1945
- Home Front Calendar newspaper clipping, Jan. 6, 1944
- Ration Timetable newspaper clipping, undated
- "New Stamp for Sugar by Aug. 1," May 27, 1943, *Boston Post* newspaper clipping
- Empty OPA envelope, 1945 - contents unknown
- Empty envelope, 1946 - contents unknown
- OPA Form R-1167, signed by Ernest F. Peterson

Access Points

People:

Peterson family

Peterson, Ernest Fredolph

Peterson, Norma E.

Peterson, Annette

Corporate names:

United States—Office of Price Administration

Subjects:

World War, 1939-1945

Places:

Watertown (Mass.)

Forms:

Printed ephemera

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)