

pioneers they labored vigorously and in 1907 were able to purchase 160 acres which at that time was known as the Potter homestead.

This property is thought to have the only sod house still remaining in Garfield county. The 24-inch thick sod walls of this premise protected this family through severe winter storms and the drastic heat of the summers for many years. Two more children were born to this union during the time they lived in the old sod house but were lost in death during the children's infancy. During the years following because of the inability to obtain physicians in the rural areas, Mrs. Peterson was called to help many farm wives during childbirth making the long and hard trips by team and wagon. She did practical nursing whenever called to do so.

When the Petersons' sons reached high school age, they moved to Burwell, living there until the boys had graduated from high school. Later they purchased another 80-acre farm one and one-half miles north of Burwell. They remodeled the home there into a five-room modern cottage, living on this land until 1946, selling the land and moving back to Burwell, continuing to hold the 480 acres 10 miles northeast of Burwell, which remains in the hands of their heirs. They purchased a home in Burwell, where they both lived until the time of their deaths. Mrs. Peterson died in 1949 and Mr. Peterson died in 1960. The community lost two fine citizens.

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