

JAMES HEINRICH “HENRY” PERON

James Heinrich Peron was born on August 2, 1838 in Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York as recorded in his Find A Grave record and in his Civil War records. Presently much of James history is unclear. Online researchers believe that his parents are Diedrich William Peron and Regina Heinrich. FamilySearch.org lists James as the 2nd of 7 children born to Diedrich and Regina. The FamilySearch.org tree has a memory from a descendant that states Diedrich was born in France, Regina was born in Germany. It seems that they somehow met and fell in love, but because of a difference in religion their parents opposed the courtship. Deidrich's parents owned vineyards and while he was on a business trip he and Regina ran away and were married. They ended up in the United States living in New York. This is a great story if any of it can be proven.

It is believed that in the 1840 census James and his parents are in Stuyesant, Columbia, New York, and that in 1850 they are in Ridgeway, Orleans, New York. There are some details in both that leave questions, but both are good possibilities.

If Regina is James's mother as surmised, the 1860 census shows them in Elk Township, Delaware, Iowa. In this census James is listed as Henry, which seems to be a name he sometimes went by.

The first record I can say is with 100% certainty is the marriage record to Esther Chase. On February 12, 1865 James Perrin (spelled as listed in the record) marries Esther Chase. Parents names are not listed on this record, so we can't use this to confirm parents for either James or Esther.

Henry Peron, who is the same as James Heinrich, enlisted in the Civil War as part of Company F, 12th Regiment, Iowa Infantry. Henry saw action at Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and from what I can determine in his records then deserted the Army. He was later arrested in Vernon County, Wisconsin for stealing horses with his “brother in law Chase” which must be a reference to one of Esther's brothers. The Provost Marshall recommended that he be returned to active duty rather than spend time in prison, and he must have been returned as he later has another hospital record from which it again records him as deserted from the hospital.

I have not yet seen the Peron family listed in the 1870 census. They may have been missed, or they may be listed in such a way that they aren't easily identified.

We do see them in the 1880 Federal Census and they are listed in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. James lists his occupation as Day Laborer and does list his father as born in France, and mother born in Germany.

The Peron family is also listed in the Iowa 1885 census. There they are listed in Elkhorn, Plymouth County. James is listed as a farmer.

There is no 1890 census because of a fire that destroyed the records, so the next record we have of James is his burial.

His Find A Grave record shows that he died in 1899, no month or day provided. I have been searching for a death record to help narrow down a month, and have been trying to determine where he died as online research shows a variety of different things. We do know that he is buried in Hinton, Plymouth County, Iowa and that there is no headstone, only a marker for James and Esther. An obituary has not been found nor any newspaper items that would help provide any details.

When James died, Esther was already dead. This would have left Arthur and Garnet as minors and there should be court documents regarding guardianship. I would also expect to see a probate record if James owned anything still at time of death. Neither were found with a request to the local Historical Society.

To the best of our knowledge James and Esther had 7 children. There are however large gaps in birth years for some of the children which would lead a person to believe that there may be some children who died young.

- **William Peron (1863-1895)**
- **Linnia M Peron (1869-1957)**
- **Charles Peron (1870-1937)**
- **Stella A Peron (1871-1954)**
- **Elva Peron (1873-1934)**
- **Arthur James Peron (1882-1953)**
- **Garnet Hazel Peron (1890-1968)**

ESTHER PRISCILLA CHASE

Esther Priscilla Chase was born on September 7, 1848 in Springfield, Illinois as recorded on her Find A Grave record. I have some census records that tie Esther to her parents, and they are believed to be James Chase and Mary Polly Strawn. James's obituary from the Tipton Advertiser (found online, and I haven't see the newspaper story yet) states that James had 8 children survived him whe he died in 1888. Of that it was 2 sons and 6 daughters. The online trees I have seen are only reporting 4 daughters in total, and 4 sons in total, one we know a date of death in 1885. The records I have show that Esther would be the 5th of 8 known children. Both James and Mary are believed to have been born in Canada and sometime after 1838 came to the United States and to Illinois before going to Iowa.

We see Esther and her parents in the 1860 Federal Census listed in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa. James is listed as Day Labor and we see several of the younger children also listed.

We then see Esther in her marriage record and again in the 1880 and 1885 census with James.

Esther's Find A Grave record show that she died on May 18, 1895 in Plymouth County, Iowa and is buried in Hinton, Iowa. One online report states that she died of an asthma attack. As of yet I have not been able to find a death certificate for Esther to confirm cause of death, or potentially connect her to her parents with an official record.