

Peter Laursen Collection

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Biography/Biographical Note:

Peter C. Laursen was born to Jens and Marianne Laursen in Denmark on January 5, 1884. He died in Pasadena, California on August 18, 1965 at the Orange Grove Rest Home.

After receiving his Baker's License in Denmark, Peter came to Pasadena around 1915 and worked as a baker for Frank Gerry at the Gerry Bakery, 1276 No. Fair Oaks, Pasadena, California. Peter married Ethel Gerry, daughter of Frank Gerry and Emma Emhoff Gerry. On the death of Frank Gerry, Peter took over the Gerry Bakery and changed the name to the Gerry/Richelieu Bakery. Ethel and Peter resided at 241 North Wilson Avenue where they had two sons, Thomas Peter Laursen and Walter Laursen.

Key to arrangement:

Box 1

Folder 1 35 millimeter slides: Bakery and Family

Folder 2 "Brides Cookbook"

- Folder 3 Drawing by Thomas Laursen
- Folder 4 Family Photos
- Folder 5 Photos Gerry/Richelieu Bakery
- Folder 6 Photos Gerry and Emshoff Families
- Folder 7 Photos Schools
- Folder 8 Documents