



Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission



Peterson House

The Big House

200 West Woodstock Street

Built 1907

“The Big House” was constructed in 1907 by former Crystal Lake Mayor John A. Peterson and his brother Lou Peterson. The home was constructed on the 127.5-acre Peterson Estate that was owned by the Peterson family and farmed with cucumber crops. The Peterson family revived the former Crystal Lake Pickling and Preserving Works Company that was closed in late 1870s. The Peterson family contributed positively to the economic, political, and physical growth of City of Crystal Lake throughout the late 1800s and early 1900s. The existing structure generally represents the Victorian style of architecture.