

Carole Lombard

born Jane Alice Peters, 1908–1942

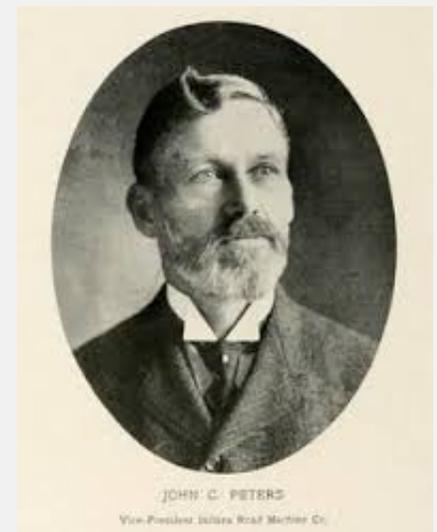
- Spent her first six years at 704 Rockhill
- Grandfather John Claus Peters lived at 832 W. Wayne
- Made her film debut at age 12
- Became the highest-paid star (of any gender) in Hollywood in 1937
- Married Clark Gable in 1939
- Sold a record \$2 million in war bonds in a single evening
- Died in a plane crash in Nevada at age 33



John Claus Peters

1848–1922

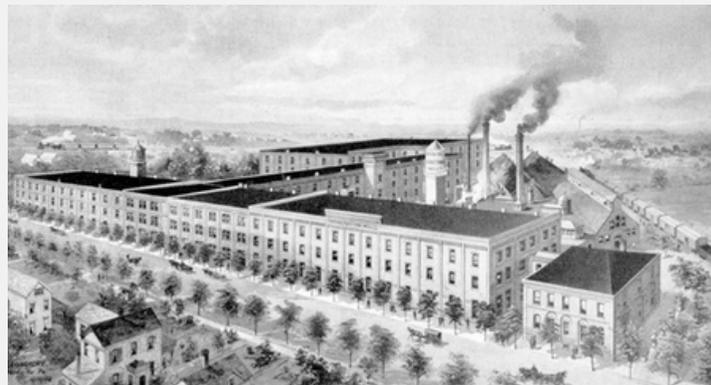
- Lived at 832 W. Wayne
- Co-founder and President of the Horton Manufacturing Company
- By 1924, half of all washing machines in the world came from his company
- Built the Wayne Hotel on the Landing
- Grandfather of actress Carole Lombard



Theodore Thieme

1857–1949

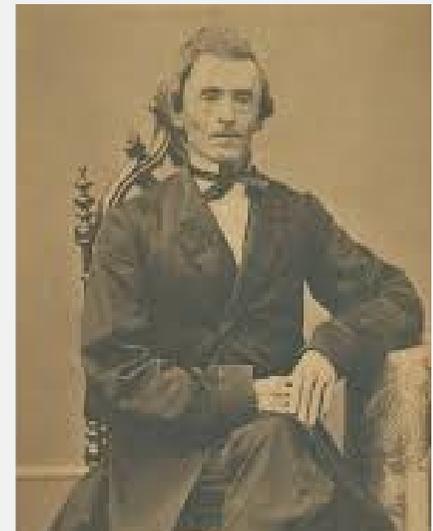
- Lived at 1026 W. Berry
- Founded Wayne Knitting Mills in 1891, introducing full-fashioned hosiery manufacturing to the United States
- Beautified the West Main Street Parkway with his own funds (later named Thieme Drive in his honor)
- Donated his home for the founding of the Fort Wayne Art School and Museum in 1922



Thomas W. Swinney

1803–1875

- Built the Swinney House in 1844
- Died of cancer in 1875
- Left his 614 acre property to his single children with a clause that after their deaths, it would go to the city
- Stipulated the land would be forever open and free as a public park
- The Swinney House was one of the first electrically-lit houses in Fort Wayne



Howell Rockhill

1856-1942

- Lived at 1337 W. Wayne (Wingspread)
- Managed the company that published the Journal-Gazette
- Helped organize Fort Wayne Rolling Mills and the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company
- Active member of the Fort Wayne Commercial Club (later Chamber of Commerce) where he was an early proponent of urban planning and city beautification
- Son of William Rockhill, who served on the first Fort Wayne city council, elected to the 30th U.S. Congress, and donated the land for the Fort Wayne Female College



Archbishop John Francis Noll

1875-1956

- Lived at 1415 W. Washington from 1925 until his death in 1956
- He founded the weekly newspaper, Our Sunday Visitor, which became one of the world's largest Catholic publishers
- He donated all the OSV profits to religious, educational and charitable causes
- Authored dozens of books and over 150 pamphlets
- Elevated to Archbishop by Pope Pius XII in 1953
- One of the most influential American Catholics of the 20th century



Robert Bell

1844-1901

- Built 420 W. Wayne and resided there until his death
- A prominent lawyer in Fort Wayne in the late nineteenth century
- Attorney for the Nickle Plate, L. E. & W., and Michigan Southern railroads
- Served as a senator in the state General Assembly from 1874 to 1886
- Delegate-at-large to the Democratic national convention and chairman of the democratic state convention



Julia Emanuel

1871-1962

- Built the Drayer-Emanuel Building at 121-125 W. Wayne
- In 1889, was the only woman in a class of over 40 students at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
- Fort Wayne's first female pharmacist
- Eventually moved and renamed her shop to "Miss Emanuel's Chemist Shop" after years of hiding behind a generic name
- Employed an all-female staff
- Active advocate for Women's Suffrage
- Known as "The Lady in Lavender" — she dressed in lavender most of the time and used purple wrapping paper and ribbons for her customers.

