

# PETERSTOWN, WV



## HISTORY OF PETERSTOWN, WV

Peterstown was named after its founder, Christian Peters, who settled in the area around the time of the Revolutionary War. Christian Peters built the first gristmills in the area and established Peterstown as a town in 1804, even though there were only two houses in the area at the time. Members of this community have played important roles in US wars throughout the years, including the Civil and Spanish-American Wars.

Today, Peterstown is almost entirely residential with very few major industries in Monroe County. Many of the people in Peterstown are elderly and simply cannot do the necessary work to their homes anymore. Many people are also on a fixed income and are unable to afford to pay to have work done to keep their homes from disrepair.

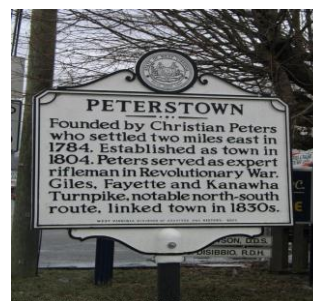
## FUN FACTS ABOUT PETERSTOWN, WV

In 1928, William P. Jones and father, Grover C. Jones, found the "Jones Diamond," a 34.48 carat alluvial diamond. It is the largest alluvial diamond ever discovered in North America!

Mike Foster, a Confederate soldier from Peterstown, was commended by Stonewall Jackson for being the bravest man in his army!

## PETERSTOWN AT A GLANCE:

- Unemployment Rate: 4.8%
- Population: 492
- Average household income (2005): \$24,400
- Land area: 0.3 square miles
- Elevation: 1,624 feet



## HOW FAR AWAY IS PETERSTOWN FROM...?

Pittsburgh, PA.....	293 miles
Washington DC.....	287 miles
Chicago, IL.....	654 miles
St. Louis, MO.....	629 miles
Atlanta, GA.....	431 miles
Reach Headquarters in Galeton, CO.....	1,583 miles

## WEB PAGE INFORMATION

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Peterstown-West-Virginia.html>

## HOTELS:

Budget Inn .....(540) 726-2362  
 141 Virginia Avenue  
 Rich Creek, VA 24147

Days Inn.....(304) 425-8100  
 347 Meadowfield Lane  
 Princeton, WV 24740