

POSTCARD mailed from Denver, Colorado, to Glennonville, Missouri, on August 7, 1912.

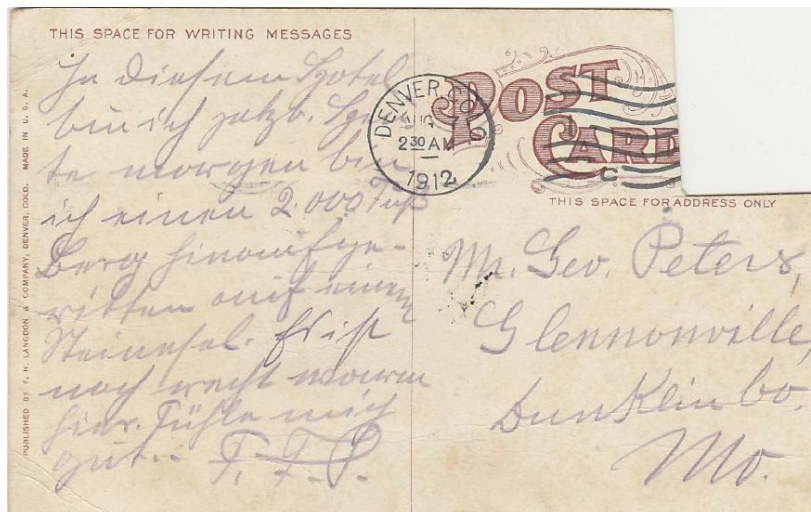
Sender: Father Fritz Peters (1873-1956), whom the Archbishop of St. Louis, John Glennon, had appointed founder and pastor of the Catholic colony in Dunklin County in 1905.

Addressee: George Peters (1863-1937), Fritz's older brother, who had joined the colony in 1906, moving his family and their mother from Glasgow, Missouri, to Glennonville.



With more than 400 rooms, Cheesman's Savoy Hotel, at Seventeenth Avenue and Broadway, was one of Denver's best. It had opened in 1903. At the time of Father Fritz's visit, the city had a population of about 225,000.

Sometime in the past 104 years, the stamp was cut away – as if it had more value than the card itself.



TEXT IN MODERN GERMAN.. In diesem Hotel bin ich jetzt. Heute morgen bin ich einen 2.000 Fuß Berg hinaufgeritten auf einem Steinesel. Es ist noch recht warm hier. Fühle mich gut. F.F.P.

TEXT IN ENGLISH. I am now in this hotel. This morning I rode up a 2000-foot mountain on a stone donkey. It is still quite warm here. I feel good. F.F.P.

Notes. A “stone donkey” (German *Steinesel*) was an unusually short breed, between three and four feet tall, used for pulling grindstones to mill flour. This is probably why Father Fritz mentioned it: his feet would almost have dragged on the ground. The card was signed not with the familial “Fritz” but the more formal “F. F. P.” (Frederic F. Peters) – the status of priest overrode family ties.