

Approved 2013

**Points of Interest**

**Owner:** Elaine Newland

**Location:** SW Pete's Mountain Rd

**Species:** Douglas Fir (Pseudotsuga taxifolia)

**Age:** 200+ years

**Height:** 150 feet approx

**Canopy:** 65-70 feet

**Diameter:** 22 feet 6 inches

**Health:** Good

**Significant Features**

The tree is one of the original old forest trees of the SW Pete's Mountain area.

**Decision:** Approval

**Significant Features:** Size and history

**Newland Property**

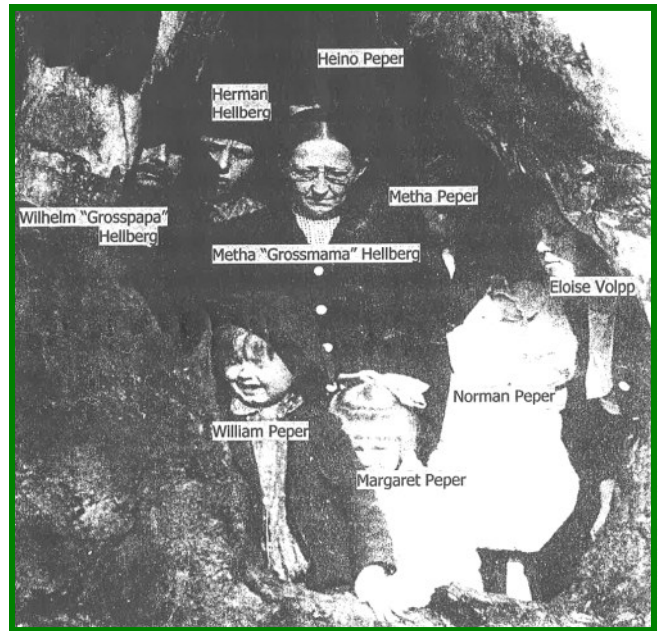
**Douglas Fir**

This tree is located in the SW Pete's Mountain Road area. Douglas Fir trees are native to the Pacific Northwest and common old growth specimens can reach 200 to 250 feet in height with a trunk diameter from 4 feet 9 inches to 6 feet 6 inches. This specimen has an amazing diameter of 22 feet 6 inches.

The owner of this particular tree has nominated the tree because of its historic value as one of the original old growth trees in the area. The tree was standing when the previous owners, the Hellberg's, bought the property in 1903. Based on its significant size and health, it was an excellent specimen to serve as a seed tree and thereby spared during major logging harvest activities in the 1950's.

Throughout the years this tree has been recognized as a community treasure and is affectionately known by the Hellberg family, who lived on the property until 1977, as the "Big Tree".

This tree is approved as a Heritage Tree under the specimen and historic categories.



Above picture taken in hollowed-out tree stump on Pete's Mountain Farm of the Hellberg's. They came from Germany circa 1880, first settling in Nebraska before moving to Pete's Mountain in 1903.

