

Daisy Peterson's Search-

Finds Sisters She Lost 52 Years Ago

Mrs. Daisy Peterson's 52-year search for two of her sisters has had a happy ending. Both women have been located alive and well - in spite of an earlier report that one had died.

It all started in February when Mrs. Peterson, once from the Bethel area and now a resident of San Jose, California, wrote to the Tundra Times asking for help finding her sisters

Mary and Emma.

They had been separated in 1920 when their mother, an Indian woman, died and their father had to put them in other homes in that area.

Mrs. Peterson and her sister Bess were adopted by the Higgins family of Tokatna. The others, sent to different homes, disappeared.

Mrs. Peterson and Bess began looking for their two sisters.

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Many letters were written, many leads followed up — including the one saying that Mary had died. That report luckily turned out to be a false one.

The end of the search came earlier this year with a phone call from Mary's oldest daughter.

In a letter to the Tundra Times, Mrs. Peterson said that her niece took a chance that the Peterson in the phone book was the right one. Finding that it was, she gave Mrs. Peterson a number in Anchorage to call.

"So now," she writes, "after

over 40 years, we are one again."

Her sisters had also tried to locate Bess and herself, but the complications of marriages and moves prevented them from doing so.

Concluding the letter reporting her discovery, Mrs. Peterson said that she enjoyed reading the paper and felt "you had, in some way, started the ball rolling in finding my dear sisters."

"All's well that ends well" has proved to be more than a tired adage for Mrs. Daisy Peterson and her family.