

Mildred L Hiers



Born: 12 Oct 1924 Sanford, Seminole, FL

Married: 25 Oct 1942 to Ralph L Peters

Died:

Parents: William L Hiers & Helen Marie Freeman

Occupations: Housewife, sales clerk, school lunchroom

Family:

Husband:

Ralph Peters

Children:

Donna

Wayne



Mildred Hiers was born at her parent's home (pictured) in Sanford, FL. All 4 children were born in this home and grew up here until leaving home to get married or in the case of her brother, William, went away to college to play football at the University of Georgia.



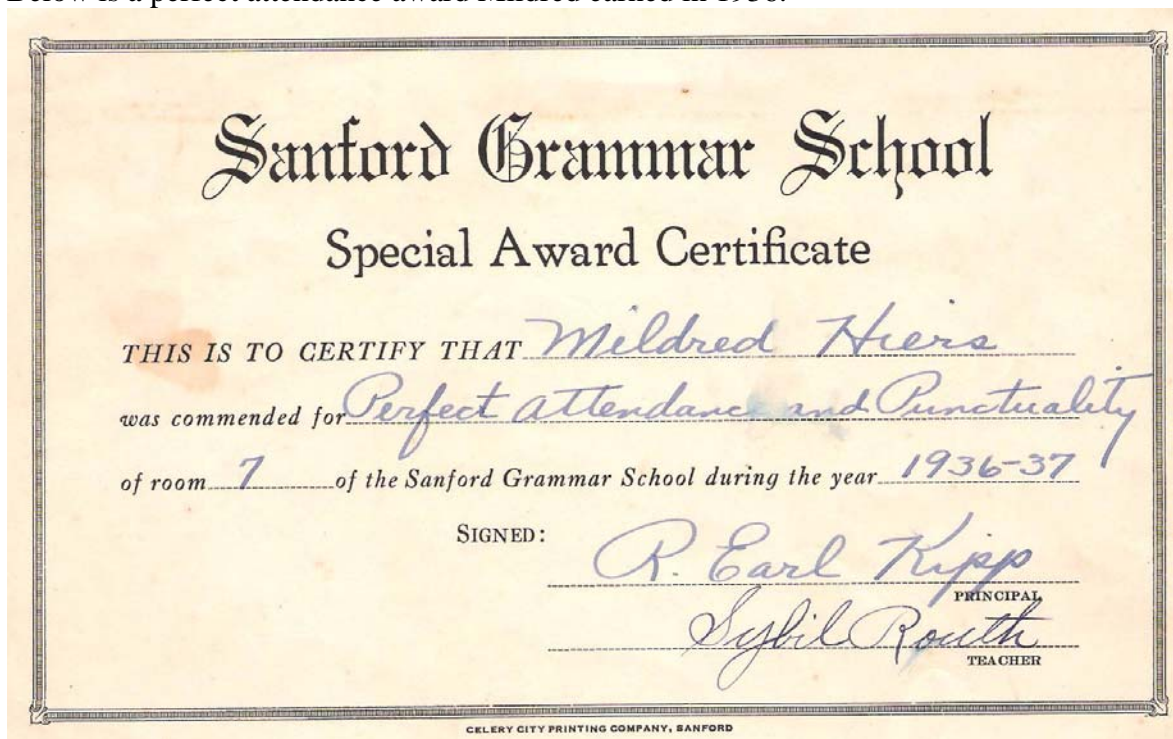
Above is a picture of all 4 children of William & Helen Hiers. I believe they are standing near the farm of Joseph & George Hiers. Left to right are: Louise, William (Bubba), Mildred, and Hazel.

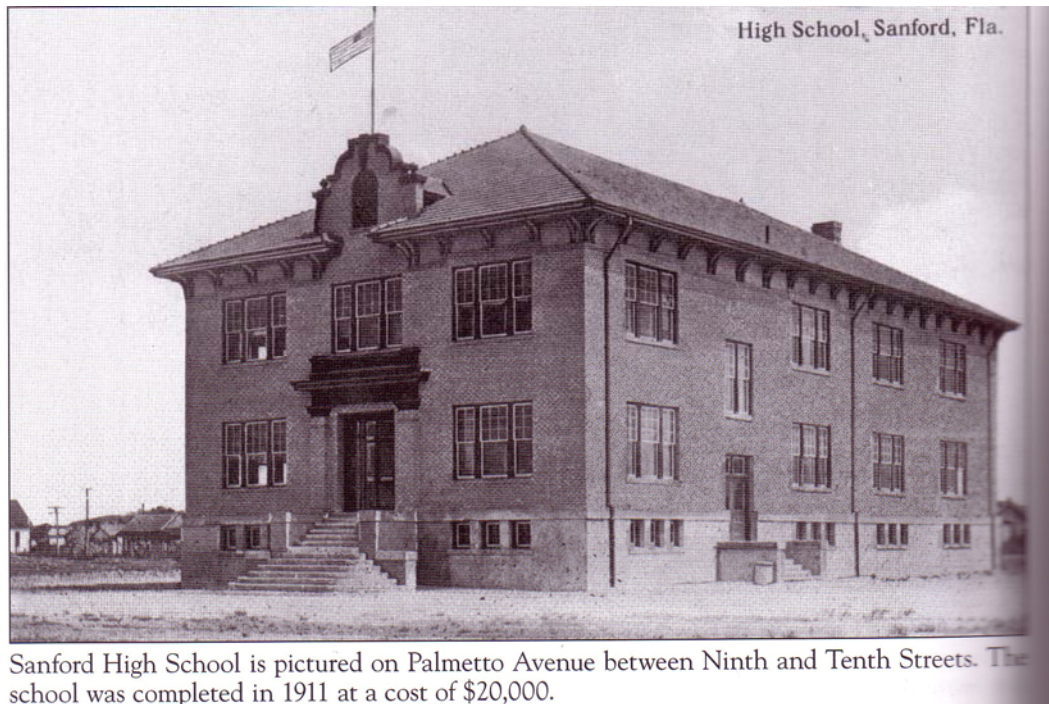
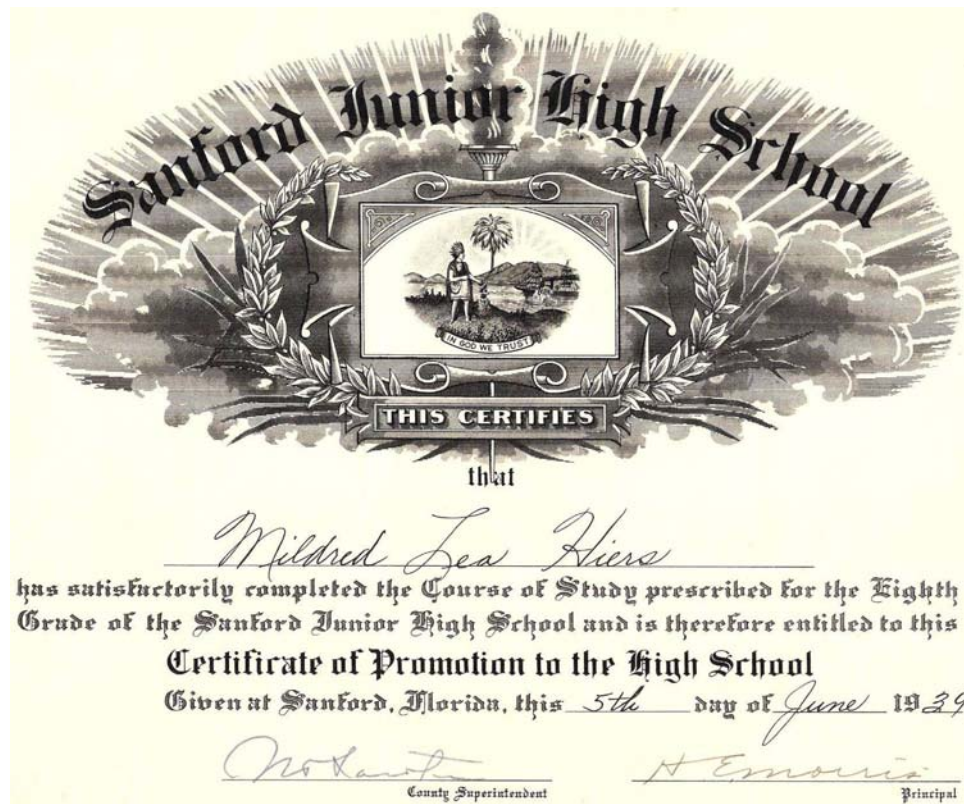
Mildred went to elementary, middle, and high school in Sanford.

Southside Primary School 3rd grade class picture dated 7 Dec 1932. Mildred is the 4th one from the left, sitting on first row.



Below is a perfect attendance award Mildred earned in 1936.





Sanford High School became Sanford Junior High School in 1927. The building was last used as a school in 1961.

Above picture and information found in the book, "Images of America, Sanford" by the Sanford Historical Society, Inc., page 94.

Mildred and Ralph married before finishing High School. World War II had begun about this time and I believe they felt Ralph would soon be off to war and they wanted to go ahead and get married.

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Marriage License
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C. J. No. 39103

State of Florida, Seminole County

To any Minister of the Gospel, or any Officer Legally Authorized to Solemnize the Rite of Matrimony:

Whereas, Application having been made to the County Judge of Seminole County, of the State of Florida, for a license for marriage, and it appearing to the satisfaction of said County Judge that no legal impediments exist to the marriage now sought to be solemnized, These are, Therefore, To authorize you to unite in the

Holy Estate of Matrimony

Ralph Lee Peters and Mildred Lea Hiers
and that you make return of the same, duly certified under your hand, to the County Judge aforesaid.

Witness, my name as County Judge, and the seal of said Court, at the Courthouse in Sanford, this 25 day of October, A. D. 1942
R. W. Ware, County Judge.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

I Certify, that the within named Ralph Lee Peters and Mildred Lea Hiers were by me, the undersigned, duly united in the Holy Estate of Matrimony, by the authority of the within License. Done this 25 day of Oct, A. D. 1942, at Sanford, 45-511 Florida.

Witness Louise Hiers
Witness Robert H. Bruce

R. W. Ware
COUNTY JUDGE

Returned this 7 day of Dec, A. D. 1942, and recorded in Marriage Book 7, Page 224, W. W. Ware County Judge.

C. Meade G. J., State Registrar

Date Issued: **MAY 27 2009**

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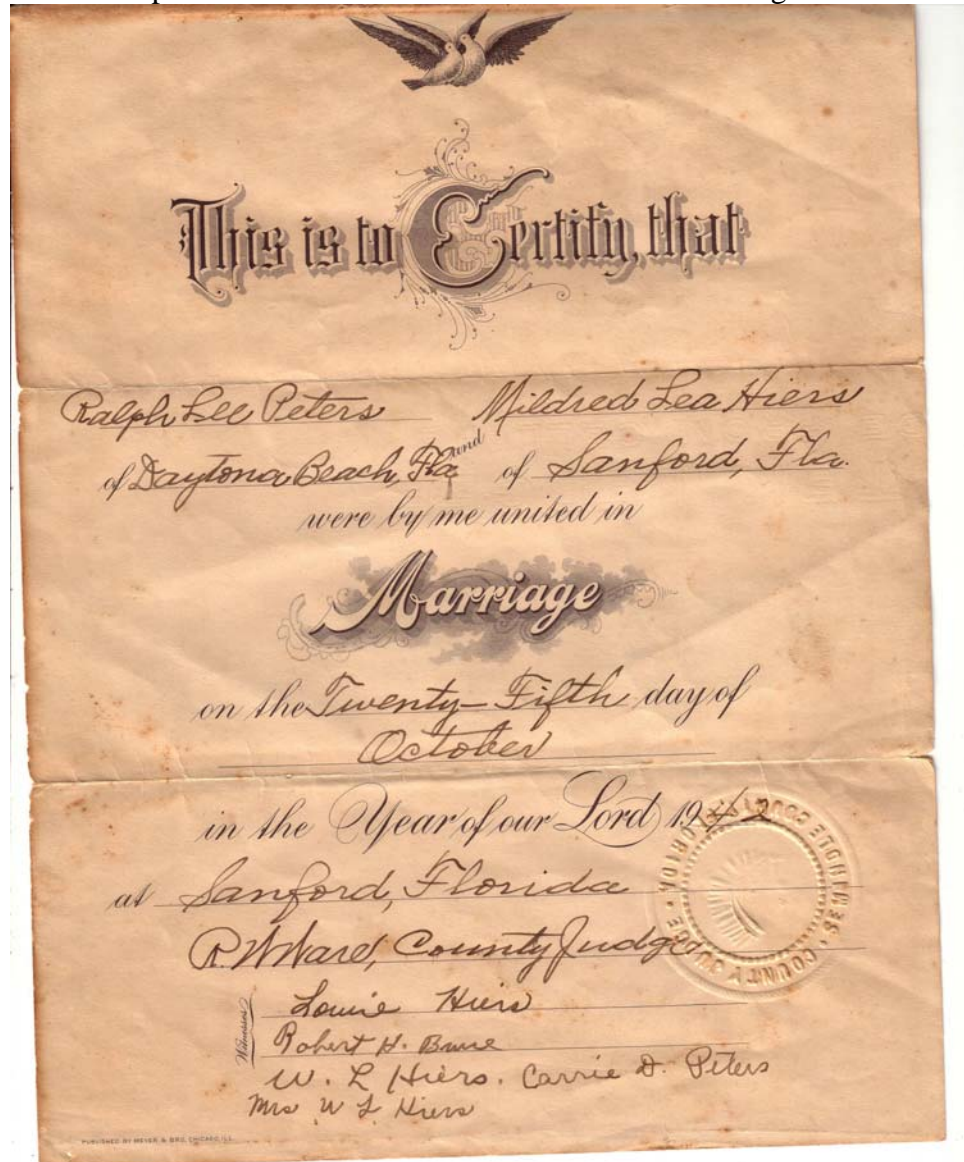
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Witnesses signing the above marriage license are Louise Hiers, Mildred's sister, and Robert Bruce who will later marry Louise.

Ralph and Mildred were married at the home of Judge Ware



After Mildred and Ralph were married, they first lived in Daytona Beach, FL, where Ralph worked for a Construction Company. After Ralph joined the Army in WWII, Mildred was able to live near where Ralph was being trained at Fort George Meade near Baltimore, MD. The picture to the right is, I believe, taken near Fort George Meade.



After Ralph shipped out to Europe with the 160th Combat Engineers, Mildred moved back into her parents home in Sanford, FL and worked first at the H & A Department Store in downtown Sanford.



This is the sign that hung above the department store. This sign is now part of the Sanford Historical Museum on First street.

She later worked for J. C. Penney Co. in downtown Sanford, and quit working there after Ralph returned from Europe. Around 1961, Mildred and Ralph divorced and Mildred worked first at the Lake Mary Elementary School lunchroom (see picture below) and later returned to work at J. C. Penney, after it moved to the Sanford Shopping Center, retiring after a total of 30 years of employment with the company. While employed at J C Penney, Mildred worked as a sales person and a floor supervisor until her retirement.



Mildred is standing in the back. Picture is dated April 1964.



J C Penney, first store on the left in this picture found on pg 2 of the book, “Images of America, Sanford” by the Sanford Historical Society. This picture was taken during the years Mildred would have been working there.



Here is a later picture of all 4 children of William & Helen Hiers.

Back Left to Right: Mildred, William, and Hazel.

Front: Louise



After Ralph returned from serving in WWII, this is the duplex they lived in when Donna, my sister was born in 1947.



While living in the duplex, Ralph and Mildred purchased 2 lots on Bel Air in Sanford. First they built a small apartment home to live in while the larger house was being built next door. Picture of home is on left and is where Wayne was born 3 July 1953.

Both homes are still standing and are in pictures below taken in December of 2011.



Sometime in 1957, Ralph and Mildred sold their home on Bel Air and purchased a home on Sunset Drive in Sanford shown below.



This is mom and dad pictured outside their home in Sanford, FL. They divorced when I was 8 years old, but I still have fond memories of growing up in this home. My best memories are of Christmas morning and after not getting much sleep the night before, my sister and I would be awakened by mom and dad and I would run down the hall to the living room to see all the presents Santa had left for me.

After their divorce, my mom worked very hard to provide for me and my sister. She spent several years working in the lunchroom at Lake Mary Elementary School, where I was attending, and then went back to work for a total of 30 years for J C Penney. She always worked hard and made sure my sister and I were in church every Sunday, had food on the table, and nice clothes to wear to school.

Mom inherited her mother's talent for cooking and I still to this day look forward to her making her famous banana pudding. She still lives in this same house in Sanford some 55 years later.

Wayne Peters, son