

Christian and Laurine Andersen Family (charter members)

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According to the 1931 *St. Paul's Church Jubilee 1881 – 1931* booklet: “Mr. Christian Andersen and Mr. Jens Christiansen were also members of the first board of trustees of St. Paul's Church and served in this position for the first few years. Mr. Christian Andersen was also a member of the first church building committee. In 1885 Mr. Andersen became a member of the board of deacons.”

The early St. Paul's church records contain the following undated comment: Christian Andersen departed to the Mormons.

The following information on what is probably the Christian Andersen family is fragmentary and contains inconsistencies. This information is **NOT** in my central St. Paul's database as of August 2014.

Christian Andersen (about 1839 -?) was born in Denmark.

Laurine (about 1834 - ?) was born in Denmark.

Christian Andersen and Laurine married in Denmark.

In April 1874, Christian and Laurine Andersen, with a son, Jakob Julius, age 3/4, registered to emigrate from Sankt Mikkel's Sogn, Sorø Amt to Council Bluffs.

Christian and Lorena, with a child, Anna age 11, were living in Boomer Township in the 1880 census. They appear to have been living in southeastern Boomer Township, perhaps where Jeppe Nielsen later lived.

Christian and Lorena with a child, Christena Peterson age 5, were living in Norwalk Township Section 6 in the 1885 census and C. Andersen appears as the owner on the 1885 plat book. (Jorgen Christoffersen owned this farm in the 1902 plat book.)

I believe that Paul Christoffersen once told me that Christian Andersen from St. Paul's lived in Norwalk Township.

I don't find this family living in Pottawattamie County in the 1895 or 1900 censuses.

I speculate that Christian and Lorena's child, Jakob Julius, died after immigrating and before the 1880 census. They took in another child, Anna, before the 1880 census. This child then died, and before the 1885 census they took in a third child, Christena Petersen. However, I don't understand why the child's name is given as Jensine in the list of charter members.

Sources Specific to the Christian and Laurine Andersen Family:

- Danish Emigration Archive (ddd.dda.dk): Christian Andersen, Laurine, and Jakob Julius registered 4/9/1874.

End of the Christian and Laurine Andersen Family Sketch