

## **Ane Margrete Christensen & her husband, Christian Pedersen / Peterson**

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- Part 2 contains full dates and marriage information for older family members.
- My website, *bigpigeon.us*, contains this file in **Mormon History > A House Divided**.
- An older version of this report is found in my *Immigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish*.

### **Part 1 – Ane Margrete Christensen Narrative, updated 26 Feb '18**

#### **In Denmark:**

**Ane Margrete Christensen** (1826 – 1915) was born to Christen Andersen and Ane Katrine Pedersdatter in Ørsø, Dronninglund Sogn, Hjørring Amt.

**Christian Pedersen** (1829/31 – 1911) was born in Denmark, probably near Dronninglund Sogn and possibly in Ulsted Sogn to Peder Christensen and Maren Christensdatter.

Ane Margrete Christensen & Christian Pedersen married in Dronninglund Sogn in 1852.

#### **Emigration:**

Christian Pedersen and Ane Margrete Christensen emigrated in 1855 with their first two children, Ane Margrete's parents, and Ane Margrete's four youngest siblings. They were part of a party of several hundred Scandinavian Mormon immigrants.

The first part of their voyage, on the *Cimbria* from Frederikshavn on the eastern coast of Jutland to Hull on the eastern coast of England, was made under trying circumstances. The emigrants first left Frederikshavn on November 26 but due to a series of storms did not arrive in Hull until December 24<sup>th</sup>.

The emigrants traveled from Hull to Liverpool by train and then embarked on the *James Nesmith*, leaving Liverpool on January 7, 1855, and arrived at New Orleans on February 23. Thirteen deaths occurred on the otherwise uneventful voyage from Liverpool to New Orleans.

From New Orleans, the immigrants took the large steamboat *Oceanan* to St. Louis, leaving New Orleans on February 24 and arriving in St. Louis on March 7. Seven immigrants died on the Mississippi. Ane Margrete's young brother died in St. Louis.

In St. Louis, the immigrants split. One party traveled by steamboat up the Missouri River to Weston, Missouri, about 25 miles northwest of Kansas City, with the intent of working until they had enough funds for passage to Utah. Another party, presumably intending to go to Utah in 1855, traveled to Leavenworth, Kansas then overland further north to Mormon Grove, five miles west of Atchison, Kansas. Mormon Grove was the jumping off place for Mormons leaving for Utah in 1855. Others remained in St. Louis for the time.

It appears that Christian Pedersen and his wife remained in St. Louis for several months, while Ane Margrete's parents and youngest sister traveled to Mormon Grove, and Ane Margrete's two older sisters traveled to Weston, Missouri to work.

Illness struck the immigrants while in Kansas. Late in 1855 Ane Margrete's parents, died of cholera at Mormon Grove.

Ane Margrete's remaining siblings crossed from the Missouri River to Utah in 1856. Her sister, Christine, crossed with the ill-fated Willie Handcart Company late in 1856 and married Anders Jorgen Mortensen, a fellow survivor of the Willie Company, in Utah in 1857.

### **In the United States:**

Christian and Ane Margrete and their children lived in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska before buying land in Boomer Township north of Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1867 and moving to Boomer in 1868, where they remained for the remainder of their lives. Christian apparently used the surname "Peterson" throughout his tenure in Boomer.

### **The Christian Peterson Farm:**

The Christian Peterson farm consisted of about 220 acres in Sections 21 and 16. The Boomer Township hall, built in the early 1870s as a schoolhouse, stood on the Christian Peterson farm. Christian Peterson bought 80 acres in Boomer Township, Sections 16 and 21, from Joseph Hall on 25 Apr 1867. (Joseph Hall, an early settler in Boomer Township, moved to Newton County, Missouri before 1870.) Christian Peterson bought an additional 120 acres, all in Section 16, from Mr. Burroughs on 28 Apr 1869. By 1885 Christian Peterson owned another parcel, around the township hall.

After Christian Peterson retired from farming, the Christian Peterson farm was taken over by his son-in-law, George Darrington and later by George Darrington's son, Arnold Darrington.

In 1944, Arnold Darrington moved to the Underwood, Iowa area and the farm was sold to Floyd Ochampaugh. Floyd's widow, Clara (Hunt) Ochampaugh, remained on the farm until her death in 2017.

Christian and Ane Margrete had eight children, two of whom died in childhood.

- **Maren "Mary" Peterson** (1852 – 1926) was born in Dronninglund Sogn and married **Elisha W. McGruder** in 1884.

Elisha and Mary first lived in Boomer Township near her parents, but by 1900 were farming in Mesa County, Colorado. Elisha abandoned Mary in 1903 and they divorced in 1904. Mary moved to Seattle, Washington, where she was living with her brother, Andrew, in 1910. In 1920 Mary was running a boarding house in Seattle.

Elisha and Mary had no children, but adopted a child, Dora Oneil (1879 – 1903), a Nebraska native, who died shortly after marrying.

- **Peter Peterson** (~ 1853 – before 1867) was born in Dronninglund Sogn, emigrated with his parents, and died before adulthood.

- **Andrew Christian Peterson** (1857 – 1925) was born in Missouri as Christian Andrew Peterson. In the 1880 Boomer Township census he is enumerated with his parents as a 23-year-old farmer born in Missouri.

In the 1885 Iowa census, Christian was married to **Letha** (about 1862 - ) and was farming the Missouri River bottoms near Sloan in Woodbury County south of Sioux City, Iowa.

In 1900 Christian, now calling himself Andrew C., was married to **Martha** (~ 1866 -) and was a station agent for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad in Grand Junction, Colorado. In 1910 Andrew was a grocer in Seattle and in 1920 he was a homebuilder in Seattle.

Andrew C. Peterson died in Seattle, Washington.

Andrew Christian Peterson had one known child, a son, Wilford.

- Wilford Peterson (1884 - 1959) was living with his parents in 1885, with his Peterson grandparents in 1895, and with his father and stepmother in 1900. He married Pearl Geneva Webb (1884 – 1957) in Utah in 1909.

■ Serena Peterson (1860-1862) was born and died in Kansas.

■ **Anna Katherine Peterson** (1862 – 1950) was born in Atchison, Kansas and married **George S. Ladson** (1851 – 1934), an Indiana native, in 1884.

George and Anna K. Ladson farmed in St John Township, Harrison County near Missouri Valley, Iowa for most of their married life.

The four children of George and Anna K. Ladson are listed below.

- **Margie E. Ladson** (1888 1918)

- **Vernie I. Ladson** (1890 – 1965) married **Arthur Thomas** (1883 – 1957). Arthur Thomas was the son of William Thomas and Olive Tiffey of rural Missouri Valley.

Arthur and Vernie Thomas farmed in Rockford Township.

- **Serenus Thomas Ladson** (1892 – 1968) married **Margaret Elizabeth Christensen** (1898 – 1989).

- **Georgia Anne Ladson** (1899 - 1986) married

George and Anna K. Ladson and their daughter, Vernie, are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

■ **Christina Peterson** (1864 – 1921) was born in Kansas and married **George Henry Darrington** (1869 – 1956) in 1893. George Darrington, the son of William Darrington and Mary Ann Sabey of Boomer Township, Section 22, had backtrailed from Utah with his parents as a child.

After marrying, George and Christina moved in with her parents and George took over the Christian Peterson farm, which then remained in the George Darrington family until 1944.

The seven children of George and Christina Darrington are listed below. Two of the children, Clarence and George, married siblings, the daughters of Charles Bardsley and Dora Witz of Neola Township, Section 29.

- **Roy Serenus Darrington** (1894 – 1971) married **Ruby Elisa Skelton** (1896 – 1944) in 1919. Ruby Skelton was the daughter of Louis Smith Skelton and Ella Holler who farmed in Rockford Township.

Roy and Ruby Darrington were living with his parents in 1920 but by 1925 were living in Ramsey County, North Dakota, where he died. Roy and Ruby had several children.

- **Elmer William Darrington** (1896 – 1976) married **Gertrude May Thomas** (1896 – 1965) in 1918. Gertrude Thomas was the daughter of Lon Thomas and Martha Ellen Brokman of the Underwood area.

Elmer and Gertrude Darrington moved to Colorado soon after marrying. Elmer and Gertrude had at least one child.

- **Clarence Christian Darrington** (1898 – 1982) married **Mable Geneva Bardsley** (1897 – 1997) in 1922.

Clarence and Mable Darrington were living in Beatrice, Nebraska in 1930. Clarence died in Athens, Ohio. Clarence and Mable Darrington had at least two children.

- **George Everett "Everett" Darrington** (1900 – 1989) married **Frances Marie Bardsley** (1902 – 1992) in 1923.

Everett and Frances Darrington were living in Crete, Nebraska in 1930 and died in Grand Junction, Colorado. Everett and Francis had at least two children.

- **Arnold Henry Darrington** (1903 – 1981) married **Esther Marie Catherine Reese** (1901 – 1999) in 1927. Esther Reese was the daughter of Henry Reese and Anna Margaret Louise Wohlers of Boomer Township, Section 27.

Arnold Darrington farmed the Christian Peterson home place until 1944 when he moved to the William Whitney farm south of Underwood, Iowa. Arnold and Esther had four children, two of whom died at birth.

- **Mable Irene Darrington** (1905 – 2004) never married.

Mable Darrington trained as a nurse and spent much of her working life as an administrator in the nursing college at the University of Cincinnati. She lived in the Council Bluffs area in her later years.

- **Eva Christina Darrington** (1907 – 2000) married **Wayne Brewster Rule** (1912 – 1966).

After marrying, Wayne and Eva Rule lived in the eastern part of the United States. In her later years, Eva lived with her sister, Mable, in the Council Bluffs area.

George and Christina Darrington and their children George Everett, Arnold and Mable are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. Elmer Darrington is interred in Fairview Cemetery in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

- **Peter Herbert Peterson** (1865 – 1943) was born in Fremont, Nebraska. Peter was enumerated as an 18-year-old (sic) living with his parents in the 1885 Iowa census.

Peter Peterson married **Alice Margaret Jennewein** (1869 – 1937) in 1891. Alice Jennewein was born in Davis County, Illinois to Johan Jennewein and Margaret Catherine Monaghan.

Peter and Alice Peterson farmed near Sloan in Woodbury County, Iowa to after 1900. By 1903 they had moved to Springfield, Oregon.

By 1910 the Peter Peterson family had moved to Lacombe near Red Deer in Alberta, Canada. Before 1930 the Peter Peterson family returned to Springfield, Oregon, where he died.

The seven children of Peter and Alice Peterson are listed below. I have marriage information on only one.

- **Leland Vern Peterson** (1892 – 1970)
- **Leslie Raymond Peterson** (1895 – 1924)
- **Floyd Claydean Peterson** (1897 – 1970) married **Louise Drechsler** (1894 – 1971) and lived in Detroit, Michigan.
- **Herold Otto Peterson** (1899 -1988)
- **Van Fredrick Peterson** (1903 – 1978)
- **Mina Margaret Peterson** (1910 – 1954)
- **Lela Mae Peterson** (1916 – 1969)

- **W. Serenus "Serenus" Peterson** (1869 – 1933) was a single music teacher living with his parents in 1900. In the 1900-1902 Boomer Township plat, W. S. Petersen owns a portion of his parents' farm.

In 1906, Serenus married **Nellie Ann Divelbess** (1875 – 1943). Nellie Divelbess was born in the Harris Grove area in northern Lagrange Township, Harrison County to Benjamin Arnold Divelbess and Fannie Longman.

After marrying, Serenus Peterson moved to Missouri Valley, Iowa. In 1906, he purchased a drugstore in Missouri Valley with LeRoy Doty. He continued in the drugstore business through 1920. He may have been postmaster in Missouri Valley during a time in the 1920s. In 1930, he was a clerk in the Harrison County engineer's office.

The six children of Serenus and Nellie Peterson are listed below.

- **Ruth Peterson** (~ 1908 - ).
- **Frances Peterson** (~ 1909 - ).
- **Mildred Alice Peterson** (1911 – 2011) lived to the age of 100. Mildred married **Mel C. Paulson** (1908 – 1989) and lived in the Mason City, Iowa area.  
Mel and Mildred Paulson had two children.
- **Eleanor Peterson** (~ 1914 - ).
- **Arnold Serenus Peterson** (1917 – 1935).
- **Harriet Maude Peterson** (1919 – 2008) married **Mervin Winslow** (1917 – 1984) in Omaha, Nebraska in 1945.

Mervin and Harriet Winslow lived in the Council Bluffs/Omaha area. They had no children.

Serenus and Nellie Peterson and their son, Arnold Serenus, are interred in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Christian and Anna Margaret Peterson are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township, as are their daughters, Anna Katherine Ladson and Christina Darrington. Serenus Peterson is interred in Rose Hill Cemetery in Missouri Valley.

## **Part 2 – Ane Margrethe Christensen – Older Family Members**

three lists generated from the *St. Paul's* database, updated 26 Feb '18

- 1 Parents & siblings of Ane Margrethe Christensen.
- 2 Parents of Ane Margrethe Christensen's spouse, Christian Pedersen/Peterson.
- 3 Children & grandchildren of Ane Margrethe Christensen & Christian Peterson.

### **1 Parents & siblings of Ane Margrethe Christensen.**

Christen Andersen (abt 15 May 1796 - 11 Oct 1855) & Ane Katrine Pedersen (abt 14 Jun 1805 - 30 Dec 1855)

m. abt 23 Oct 1825, Dronninglund Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark

Ane Margrete Christensen (29 May 1826 - 28 Dec 1915) & Christian Peterson (1829/31 - 24 Sep 1911)

m. 18 Apr 1852, Dronninglund Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark

Peter Christian Anderson Sr.\* (7 Jul 1828 - 3 Dec 1903) & Kirsten Marie "Christina" Jacobsen (25 Sep 1835 - 28 Apr 1872)

m. Dec 1855, Atlantic Ocean

Peter Christian Anderson Sr.\* (7 Jul 1828 - 3 Dec 1903) & Christina Nielsen (1853 - 15 Mar 1889)

m. 6 Sep 1873, Utah

Maren "Mary" Christensen (abt Feb 1831 - 7 Feb 1922) & Jens Christian "James" Christensen (Apr 1843 - 4 May 1939)

m. 2 Aug 1868, Skæve Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark

Christine Anderson (25 Dec 1833 - 12 Jun 1910) & Anders Jorgen Mortensen (21 Sep 1833 - 13 Oct 1884)

m. 22 Aug 1857, Parowan, Iron Co., UT

Ane Marie Anderson (18 Jun 1837 - 28 May 1872) & Jens Christian Nielsen (10 Aug 1830 - 26 Dec 1920)

m. 2 Oct 1856, Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake Co., UT

Niels Christian Anderson (28 Jul 1840 - 11 Mar 1855)

Else Marie Anderson (29 Sep 1848 - )

### **2 Parents of Ane Margrethe Christensen's spouse, Christian Pedersen/Peterson.**

No information available.

### **3 Children & grandchildren of Ane Margrethe Christensen & Christian Peterson.**

Christian Peterson (1829/31 - 24 Sep 1911) & Ane Margrete Christensen (29 May 1826 - 28 Dec 1915)

m. 18 Apr 1852, Dronninglund Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark

Maren "Mary" Peterson (18 Jun 1852 - 24 Jul 1926) & Elisha W. McGruder (15 May 1852 - 19 Jun 1930)

m. 3 Sep 1884

Dora Oneil (Jan 1879 - 1903) & George L. Charters (14 Apr 1880 - 1940)

m. 5 Jun 1903, Colorado

Peter Peterson (13 May 1854 - bef 1867)

Andrew Christian "Christian" Peterson\* (31 Dec 1857 - 28 Sep 1925) & Letha unknown (abt 1862 - )

Wilford Douglas Peterson (6 Jul 1884 - 27 May 1959) & Pearl Geneva Webb (28 Mar 1884 - 18 Apr 1957)

m. 1909, Utah

Andrew Christian "Christian" Peterson\* (31 Dec 1857 - 28 Sep 1925) & Martha unknown (Feb 1866 - )

m. abt 1895

Serene Peterson (1 Mar 1860 - 1862)

Anna Katherine "Kate" Peterson (13 Mar 1862 - 22 Jan 1950) & George S. Ladson (26 Apr 1851 - 28 Feb 1934)

m. 10 May 1884, Pott. Co., IA  
 Margie E. Ladson (Apr 1888 - 27 Oct 1918) & Fred Orr  
 Vernie Imogene Ladson (9 Mar 1890 - 9 Nov 1965) & Arthur Thomas (11 Oct 1883 - 25 May 1957)  
 m. 6 Jun 1913, Missouri Valley, Harrison Co., IA  
 Serenus Thomas Ladson (3 Dec 1892 - 11 Jun 1968) & Margaret Elizabeth Christensen (10 Sep 1898 - 6 May 1989)  
 Georgia Anne Ladson (10 Oct 1899 - 24 Mar 1996) & Joseph Wilbur Nelson (14 Jul 1885 - 10 Jan 1958)  
 m. 10 Jun 1931, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE  
 Christina Peterson (18 Sep 1864 - 14 Jun 1921) & George Henry Darrington (10 Apr 1869 - 11 Aug 1956)  
 m. 23 Mar 1893, Pott. Co., IA  
 Roy Serenus Darrington (26 Feb 1894 - 8 Apr 1971) & Ruby Elisa Skelton (20 Jan 1896 - 26 Feb 1944)  
 m. 3 Sep 1919, Pott. Co., IA  
 Elmer William Darrington (10 Feb 1896 - 26 May 1976) & Gertrude May Thomas (21 Feb 1896 - 23 Sep 1965)  
 m. 9 Mar 1918, Pott. Co., IA  
 Clarence Christian Darrington (11 Sep 1898 - 25 Sep 1982) & Mable Geneva Bardsley (9 Apr 1897 - 23 Nov 1997)  
 m. 28 Jun 1922, Pott. Co., IA  
 George Everett "Everett" Darrington (8 Sep 1900 - 25 Oct 1989) & Frances Marie Bardsley (8 Feb 1902 - 1 Jul 1992)  
 m. 14 Jun 1923, Pott. Co., IA  
 Arnold Henry Darrington (13 Dec 1903 - 26 May 1981) & Esther Marie Catherine Reese (17 Aug 1901 - 19 Nov 1999)  
 m. 24 Aug 1927, Pott. Co., IA  
 Mable Irene Darrington (21 Dec 1905 - 11 May 2004)  
 Eva Christina Darrington (17 Nov 1907 - 14 Jul 2000) & Wayne Brewster Rule (27 Dec 1912 - Aug 1966)  
 Peter Herbert Peterson (22 Jul 1865 - 23 Apr 1943) & Alice Margaret Jennewein (18 Mar 1869 - 24 Aug 1937)  
 m. 15 Sep 1891  
 Leland Vern Peterson (12 Dec 1892 - 16 May 1970)  
 Leslie Raymond Peterson (22 Dec 1895 - 21 Jul 1924)  
 Floyd Claydean Peterson (12 Jul 1897 - 7 Feb 1970) & Louise Drechsler (19 Apr 1894 - 7 May 1971)  
 Herrold Otto Peterson (16 Jul 1899 - 12 May 1988)  
 Van Fredrick Peterson (18 Sep 1903 - 31 Dec 1978)  
 Mina Margaret Peterson (10 Nov 1910 - 10 Jul 1954)  
 Lela Mae Peterson (19 Jun 1916 - 27 Apr 1969)  
 W. Serenus "Serenus" Peterson (14 Jun 1869 - 17 May 1933) & Nellie Ann Divelbess (17 May 1875 - 24 Dec 1943)  
 m. 12 Dec 1906, Missouri Valley, Harrison Co., IA  
 Ruth Margaret Peterson (abt 1908 - )  
 Frances Mable Peterson (abt 1909 - )  
 Mildred Alice Peterson (23 Apr 1911 - 16 Oct 2011) & Mel C. Paulson (24 Jul 1908 - 9 Jan 1989)  
 Mary Eleanor Peterson (abt 1914 - )  
 Arnold Serenus Peterson (8 Feb 1917 - 17 Jul 1935)  
 Harriet Maude Peterson (10 Dec 1919 - 22 Apr 2008) & Mervin Winslow (13 Feb 1917 - Jun 1984)  
 m. 10 Nov 1945, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE