

## **Ane Marie Anderson & her husband, Jens Christian Nielsen**

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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**.

### **Part 1 – Ane Marie Christensen/Anderson Narrative**, updated 26 Feb '18

Ane Marie Christensen/ Anderson (1837 - 18722 was born to Christen Andersen and Ane Katrine Pedersdatter in Ørsø, Dronninglund Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark and remained in Dronninglund Sogn until she emigrated. Early in 1855, Ane Marie emigrated with her parents and siblings on the *James Nesmith* from Liverpool to New Orleans. From New Orleans, the party ascended the Mississippi on the riverboat *Oceana*. The illnesses and deaths of her parents, and perhaps lack of funds, kept her from moving on to Utah in 1855.

In 1856 Ane Marie, her younger sister, Else Marie, and her future husband, Jens Christian Nielsen, all crossed to Utah from Florence, Nebraska with the Canute Petersen Wagon Company, arriving in Salt Lake City on 22 Sep 1856. Jens Christian Nielsen paid Samuel Lee \$30 to take Ane Marie on Samuel's wagon. Morten Lund took Else Marie at no charge. Jens Christian Nielsen drove English Brother F. Pollen's team and thus did not have to pay.

Ane Marie Christensen/ Anderson married Jens Christian Nielsen in Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah in 1856 soon after arriving in Utah.

**About Jens Christian Nielsen:** Jens Christian Nielsen (1830 – 1920) was born in Faaborg Amt, Ribe Sogn, Denmark to Niels Jensen or Niels Jens Christiansen and Maren Jepsdatter. Jens Christian Nielsen was living in Nørup Sogn, Vejle Amt by 1840. In 1852, he was overseeing a facility that processed cork when he converted to the Mormon faith. He was baptized into the LDS faith on 1 Jan 1952. It appears that he did mission work in Denmark and north Germany before immigrating.

Jens Christian Nielsen emigrated in 1855 on the *Charles Buck*, leaving Liverpool on 17 Jan and arriving in New Orleans on 14 Mar. He worked as a cook to pay for his passage, and thus perhaps does not appear in the list of ship passengers. He then did mission work in locations along the Missouri River until crossing to Utah in 1856.

The Jens Christian Nielsen family first lived in Big Cottonwood, then to Spanish Fork, and then to Ephraim, where he learned the cooperage trade.

In late 1857 and again in early 1858 Jens Christian Nielsen was called upon to help prepare defenses against the Utah Expedition of the United States Army.

By 1859 the family was living in Moroni in Sanpete County. Jens Christian Nielsen was enumerated in the Moroni censuses as a farm laborer in 1860 and a farmer in 1870, 1880 and 1900.

During the Black Hawk Indian wars, Jens Christian Nielsen served in the Utah Territorial Militia at the time of the Salina Canyon and Grass Valley incidents in 1865.

Ane Marie Christensen / Anderson died in Moroni in 1872, leaving six surviving children ranging in ages from two to fourteen. Jens Christian Nielsen remarried the following year. Jens and his second wife had four children.

Jens Christian Nielsen served two missions in Denmark.

- ◆ Jens arrived in Copenhagen on 2 December 1876 for his first mission and was assigned to be a traveling elder in the Aarhus Conference. He served as president of the Randers and Aarhus branches. He recalled cutting holes in the ice to perform baptisms in those branches. On this mission, he visited his brothers who had not joined the Church. From 1877 to 1879, he served as president of the Aarhus Conference. After completing his mission, he departed from Copenhagen on 23 June 1879 aboard the steamer *Cato* with 331 emigrating Latter-day Saints.
- ◆ Jens accepted another mission call to Scandinavia in 1885. He traveled aboard the steamer *Nevada* to Liverpool and on 28 April 1885 reported to President Lund of the Scandinavian Mission. The president appointed him to labor in the Aarhus Conference. Once again, he was assigned to be the president of the Randers Branch. In October 1887, he was appointed president of the conference.

Returning to Moroni from his second mission, Jens Christian Nielsen was arrested for bigamy but not convicted.

In the 1910 and 1920 censuses Jens Christian Nielsen was living in Manti, where the LDS temple for that area of Utah was located. I have read that Jens Christian Nielsen returned to his old home town of Moroni to die.

**The four wives of Jens Christian Nielsen are listed below:**

- ◆ As stated above, Jens married Ane Marie Christensen / Anderson (1837 – 1872) in 1856. Jens Christian and Ane Marie Nielsen had nine known children, three of whom died in early childhood, before Ane Marie's early death in 1872.
- ◆ After Ane Marie's death, Jens Christian Nielsen married Karen / Karin Caroline Christensen (1843 – 1911) in 1873. Jens Christian and Karen Caroline had four children, one of whom died in childhood and a second who died as a young adult.
- ◆ Jens married Ane Christine Petersen in 1883. I know nothing about the bride. This was a plural marriage, but I don't know whether it ended in death or divorce.
- ◆ After the death of his second wife in 1911, Jens married Tomalina Petersen.

Jens Christian Nielsen and his first wife, Ane Marie Anderson, died in Moroni. Jens' second wife, Karen Caroline Christensen, died in Manti. I know nothing about the fate of the last two wives.

Ane Marie Christensen / Anderson and Jens Christian Nielsen had nine known children, three of whom died as infants or toddlers. The six surviving children are listed immediately below. The children, who were all born in Utah, generally used the spelling *Nelson*.

- Daniel Christian Nelson (1858 – 1939)
- Andrew Nelson (1860 – 1951)
- Joseph Nelson (1861 – 1955) was married twice. His first wife, Leonora Smith, was the grandniece of Joseph Smith Jr., the founder of the LDS Church. His second wife,

Pearl Udall, was the great aunt of Mark and Tom Udall, cousins who served together in the United States Senate early in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

- Mary Minerva Nelson (1863 – 1906)
- Ephraim Nelson (1865 – 1955)
- Anna Nora Nelson (1869 – 1955)

Ane Marie Anderson, her husband, Jens Christian Nielsen, and Jens' second wife, are buried in the Moroni City Cemetery. I have no information about the burial locations for his third and fourth wives.

## **Part 2 – Ane Marie Christensen/Anderson – Older Family Members**

four sublists generated from my *St. Paul's* database, updated 26 Feb '18

- 1 Parents & siblings of Ane Marie Christensen/ Anderson.
- 2 Parents & wives of Ane Marie Christensen/ Anderson's husband, Jens Christian Nielsen. (There were no children from wives three and four.)
- 3 Children & selected grandchildren of Jens Christian Nielsen and Ane Marie Christensen/ Anderson.
- 4 Children & selected grandchildren of Jens Christian Nielsen and his second wife, Karen Caroline Christensen).

### **1 Parents & siblings of Ane Marie Christensen/Anderson.**

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 & wives of Ane Marie Christensen/Anderson's husband, Jens Christian Nielsen. (There were no children from wives three and four.)**

Niels Jensen (abt 1802 - ) & Maren Jepsdatter (abt 1802 - )

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

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

Jens Christian Nielsen\* (10 Aug 1830 - 26 Dec 1920) & Karen Caroline Christensen (16 Oct 1843 - 11 or 14 Mar 1911)

m. 29 Sep 1873, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT

Jens Christian Nielsen\* (10 Aug 1830 - 26 Dec 1920) & Ane Christine Petersen (19 Mar 1860 - 2 Nov 1906)

m. 14 Jun 1883, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT

Jens Christian Nielsen\* (10 Aug 1830 - 26 Dec 1920) & Tomaline or Tomatina Petersen (abt 1842 - )

m. 20 Sep 1911, Manti, Sanpete Co., UT

Angustinus Nielsen (abt 1833 - Apr 1902)

### **3 Children & selected grandchildren of Jens Christian Nielsen and Ane Marie Christensen/Anderson.**

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

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

Daniel Christian Nelson\* (28 Mar 1858 or 28 Mar 1859 - 27 Oct 1939) & Mary Sorensen (15 May 1859 - 2 Jul 1894)

m. abt 1879

Daniel Christian Nelson\* (28 Mar 1858 or 28 Mar 1859 - 27 Oct 1939) & Frandsmine Cecelia Marie "Mary" Nielsen (19 Feb 1873 - 8 Jul 1962)

m. 11 Dec 1895, Manti, Sanpete Co., UT

Andrew Nelson (22 Jan 1860 - 30 Sep 1951) & Wilhelmina Sophia "Minnie" Daniels (4 Feb 1860 - 13 Mar 1941)

m. 15 Jan 1880

Joseph Nelson\* (30 Dec 1861 - 30 Dec 1955) & Leonora Smith (30 Jan 1871 - 22 Dec 1908)

m. 14 Jun 1893, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT

Joseph Nelson\* (30 Dec 1861 - 30 Dec 1955) & Pearl Udall (20 Jun 1880 - 7 Apr 1950)

m. 17 Sep 1919, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT

Mary Minerva Nelson (30 Oct 1863 - 17 Jun 1906) & Lars Johnson (10 Apr 1858 - 24 Dec 1942)

m. 30 Nov 1882, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT

Ephraim Nelson\* (30 Sep 1865 - 30 Jan 1955) & Kjersten Maria Jensen (25 Nov 1868 - 22 Feb 1934)

m. 12 Mar 1884, Moroni, Sanpete Co., UT

Ephraim Nelson\* (30 Sep 1865 - 30 Jan 1955) & Minerva Anderson (16 Jul 1889 - 22 Aug 1968)

m. 10 May 1937, Manti, Sanpete Co., UT

Jens Christian Nelson (24 Sep 1867 - 30 May 1870)

Anna Nora Nelson (3 Sep 1869 - 22 Apr 1955) & William Jacob Hyler (14 Sep 1871 - 23 Nov 1952)

m. 24 Jan 1896, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT

baby Nelson (abt 1871 - )

baby Nelson (May 1872 - May 1872)

### **4 Children & selected grandchildren of Jens Christian Nielsen and his second wife, Karen Caroline Christensen.**

Jens Christian Nielsen (10 Aug 1830 - 26 Dec 1920) & Karen Caroline Christensen (16 Oct 1843 - 11 or 14 Mar 1911)

m. 29 Sep 1873, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT

Caroline Christina Nielsen (25 Jul 1874 - 28 Aug 1884)

Sidse Sophia Nielsen (29 Aug 1876 - 2 May 1903)

Dorothea Elizabeth Nielson (10 Feb 1881 - 21 Nov 1973) & Daniel Lafayette Olson (2 Mar 1876 - 25 Aug 1955)

m. 8 Nov 1899, LDS temple, Manti, Sanpete Co., UT

James Christian Nielson (3 Dec 1882 - 3 Sep 1969) & Mary Christine Petersen (1881 - 27 Dec 1935)

m. 9 Jun 1915, Manti, Sanpete Co., UT