

## **Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen Family (charter members)**

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Two portions of this sketch are copied from my other writings:

- Pages 3-8, *When Christian Met Karen*, appear in my *Immigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish*.
- Pages 9-19, the history of the Peter and Alvina Bondo family, are taken from the Rasmussen chapter of my extended family history.

The following list from the *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families* table of contents shows all ten children of Christian and Karen Bondo but omits some grandchildren who lack major St. Paul's connections. However, all grandchildren and many great-grandchildren appear on subsequent pages and in the associated sketches for the Jorgen Christoffersen family, the Sandstrom family, and the Isaac Hansen family.

### **Bondo, Christian & Karen Jensen (charter members)**

**Peter Bondo & Alvina Rasmussen**

Carl Magnussen & **Esther Bondo**

Oluf Larsen & **Lillie Bondo**

Leon Christensen & **Emma Bondo**

**Elmer Bondo** & Ingrid Beck

**Alvina Bondo** & Boaz Weismann

Martin Christoffersen & **Minnie Bondo** (see Jorgen Christoffersen sketch)

**Henry Bondo** & Lilly Hendriksen

N.J.J. Nelson & **Christine Bondo** (see Sandstrom sketch)

Thomas C. Peterson & **Mary Bondo** / Christina Nelson

**Viggo Bondo Peterson** & Jensine Christine "Christine" Petersen

**Henry Christian Peterson** & Elsie Betty Benson

James Willard "Willard" Benson & **Lila Anna Peterson**

Harry Nelson & **Olga Elisabeth Peterson** (see Sandstrom sketch)

**Sherman Peterson** & Martha Nielsen

**Willie Bondo** & Anna Marie Christensen

Viggo Hansen & **Emma Bondo** (see Isaac Hansen sketch)

**Sherman Bondo** & Maren Margrethe Christensen / Lena Marie Nielsen

**Carl Albert Bondo** & Marie Iversen

Peter S. Peterson & **Lydia Elisabeth Bondo**

**Clarence Peterson** & Violet Erickson

One known relative of Karen (Jensen) Bondo lived in Pottawattamie County:

- ☛ **Ane Margrete Christensen**, Karen (Jensen) Bondo's cousin, married Christian Peterson and lived near the Boomer Township Hall. See the *Christian Pedersen/Peterson and Ane Margrete Christensen* sketch in my *Immigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish*.

Two known relatives of Christian Bondo lived in Pottawattamie County:

- ☛ **Bondo, Oluf** & Ida Marie Olsen / Sara Miles (Christian Bondo's brother, see the Ole Peter Jensen sketch).
- ☛ **Nielsen, Niels Juul** and Mary Jensen (Christian Bondo's nephew, see the Jacob Jensen sketch).

**Laurits Christian Fog “Christian” Bondo** (31 Dec 1846 – 4 Nov 1907) was born in Faaborg Sogn, Svendborg Amt, Denmark to Niels Gumme Bondo, a parish priest, and Ana Petra Elisabeth Fog.

Christian Bondo immigrated around 1865, probably from Vallensbaek Sogn, Copenhagen Amt, where his father was parish priest at the time.

**Karen M. “Carrie” Jensen**, also known as **Karen Hendriksen**, (19 Jul 1846 – 30 Aug 1925) was born in Dronninglund Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark to Jens Christian Hendriksen and Kirsten Pedersen, who were both natives of Dronninglund Sogn.

Karen Jensen’s father died before Karen reached her teenaged years. When Karen was fourteen, her mother, having converted to the LDS persuasion, immigrated to Utah with Karen’s two youngest siblings. Karen chose to not accompany her mother, and went to live with the Gregor Acton family in Dronninglund Sogn.

Karen Jensen immigrated in early 1867 from Dronninglund Sogn with the Gregor Acton family, who settled in southwestern Boomer Township, in Section 29.

Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen met in Boomer Township where he was working on the Peter and Rachel Peterson farm, also in southwestern Boomer Township. Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen were married in Pottawattamie County by a Justice of the Peace on May 5, 1868.

Although in this sketch I refer to the Bondos as “Christian and Karen”, they were more often known as “L. C. and Carrie”.

After marrying, Christian and Karen Bondo lived in southwestern Boomer Township, in Section 30, for a few years. Their first home was on a 127-acre parcel which Christian Bondo and John Sanderson had purchased jointly early in 1868.

Around 1872 the Bondo family moved to Hazel Dell Township, Section 11.

In 1899, after several of their older children were married, the Christian Bondo family moved to Hazel Dell Township, Section 1 and their oldest daughter, Minnie, and her husband, Martin Christoffersen, took over the Bondo home place in Section 11. In the 1902 Hazel Dell Township plat, L. C. Bondo has assembled a farm of 328 acres in Section 1, and this farm contains at least two sets of buildings. About half of this substantial farm had earlier been the farms of Martin Christoffersen's father, Jorgen, and Martin's brother, C. J. Christoffersen. I have heard that Christian's grandson, Harvey Hansen, later included Christian and Karen's farmstead in Section 1.

The families of the ten children of Christian and Karen Bondo are sketched after my *When Christian Met Karen story*. However, the sketches for Minnie, Christine and Emma are cursory; look elsewhere as indicated on page 1 of this document.

***When Christian Met Karen***  
**The early lives in America of Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen**  
**Appendix 1 to *Immigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish***  
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I first wrote this for the Bondo reunion held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in May 2011 as an appendix to my *Emigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish* collection of family sketches. In November 2013, I also copied it into the **Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen Family** sketch in my *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*. Those interested in the older relatives of Karen "Carrie" Jensen (Bondo), also known as Karen Hendriksen, should also see *Appendix 2, Mormon Relatives of the Boomer Dronninglunders*.

This sketch contains the immigration stories of Laurits Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen, such as I know them, along with the context during which they lived during their first years north of Council Bluffs in Boomer Township, Pottawattamie County, Iowa. I have tried to indicate the portions that are conjectural on my part.

**About Christian Bondo:**

**Laurits Christian Fog "Christian" Bondo** (1846 – 1907), also known as L. C. Bondo, was born in Denmark to Niels Gumme Bondo and Ana Petrea Elisabeth Fog. Christian was born in Faaborg parish, Svendborg County, where his father was a parish priest at the time. Faaborg is a scenic town of about 7,000 in the southwest part of the island of Fyn. Later Christian's father became parish priest in Vallensbæk, near Copenhagen.

Many members of Christian Bondo's family were Lutheran clergy in Denmark. Christian's uncle, Bruun Juul Fog, was bishop of Sjælland for ten years and Christian's younger brother, Peter Bruun Juul Bondo, served as dean of Roskilde Cathedral.

Christian Bondo immigrated around 1865 and by 1867 was employed by Peter Peterson of southwestern Boomer Township.

**About Peter Peterson:**

I believe that the Peter Peterson mentioned above was the first Danish settler in the Boomer Township area. Peter Peterson had been a miner in California and in 1862, after returning to Denmark for a visit, bought and settled on the Robert Kent farm in Boomer Township, Section 36. Peter Peterson married his housekeeper, the Civil War widow Rachel (Cady) Shadden, and Peter and Rachel had eight children.

Peter Peterson, like many of the later Danish settlers in the Boomer Township area, came from the Stevns peninsula on the island of Sjælland south of Copenhagen.

The Peter Peterson farm and several nearby farms were located on the site of Bybee's Camp, established in 1847. Bybee's Camp along North Pigeon Creek was one of many temporary settlements in the Council Bluffs area where Mormons paused for several years before continuing to Utah. When the United States Government opened Pottawattamie County land for sale around 1853, speculators acquired most of the land. Thus in 1862, when Peter Peterson bought his farm, speculators still owned large amounts of raw land, both timber and prairie, just a few miles distant.

Peter Peterson's farm was well situated to serve as the nucleus for the Boomer Township Danes who began to arrive in the late 1860s. The road north from Crescent into Boomer Township forked at the Peter Peterson farmstead. One branch continued north along the west side of North Pigeon Creek. The main branch turned east, crossed North Pigeon Creek, ascended McKeown hill, and then turned north and followed a ridgeline for several miles, as county road L36, also known as Clearwater Avenue, does today. From 1879 to 1884 the Harrison post office was located at the Peter Peterson farm.

Peter Peterson's two oldest children married siblings, sons of Thomas Thomas and Martha Evans, Mormon immigrants from Wales who had returned to Boomer Township from Utah. The Peter Peterson and the extended Thomas families are the subjects of an interesting family history, *Two Families from Boomer Township*.

### **... back to Christian Bondo:**

Perhaps Christian Bondo ended up in Boomer Township because of a chance encounter between a Bondo relative and Peter Peterson, a meeting that happened to be documented in the Peterson/Thomas family history mentioned above:

*"Upon his return to Denmark, Peter Peterson went to his old home in Skjorpinge, and the following was entered in his Book of Recommendation:"*

*'Peder Pedersen, having been six years in California, has notified me of his arrival here. He is stopping with his stepfather, Peter Jensen, in Skjorpinge. August 4, 1860, C. D. Fog, Pastor'*

C. D. Fog is Carl David Fog, the pastor in Lille Heddinge Sogn, not in the adjoining Havnelev Sogn where Skjorpinge was located. Lille Heddinge and Skjorpinge are about four miles apart. Carl David Fog was the first cousin of Christian Bondo's mother.

In January 1868 Christian Bondo and John Sorenson, another recent immigrant from Denmark, jointly purchased 123 acres of wooded land in Boomer Township, Sections 29 and 30, from William Selvy for \$1,600.

### **About John Sorenson Jens Sorensen/John Sanderson:**

Christian Bondo's partner, who in 1868 called himself John Sorenson, was born as Jens Sorensen in Denmark and was later known as John Sanderson. We have been unable to find his roots in Denmark. In 1881 he was a charter member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Boomer Township, but he died in 1882 and is buried in the Grange Cemetery.

### **About Karen Jensen:**

**Karen M. Jensen**, sometimes known as Karen Hendriksen, was born in Dronninglund Sogn in northern Denmark to Jens Christian Hendriksen, a smallholder, and Kirsten Pedersen. Jens Hendriksen died when Karen was a child, leaving behind a pregnant wife and a number of children.

Karen's mother, three of Karen's siblings, and other of Karen's relatives converted to Mormonism and immigrated to Utah. I have sketched their story in Appendix 2, *Mormon Relatives of the Boomer Dronninglunders*.

Karen Jensen immigrated from Dronninglund to the Council Bluffs area of Iowa in 1867 with Gregers Marcus Poulsen Acton, his wife, and their seven children who ranged in age from fifteen down to an infant.

### **About the Gregers Acton family:**

On June 5, 1867 Gregers Acton bought land in Boomer Township, Section 29.

Why did the Acton family, newly arrived in the United States, happen to pick Boomer Township in which to settle?

I may now know the answer, and it lies with another family from Dronninglund.

### **About Christian Pedersen/Peterson:**

Christian Pedersen (Peterson in the United States) and his wife, Ane Margrete Christensdatter, along with Ane's parents and some of her siblings, emigrated from Dronninglund with Mormons in 1855. Christian and Ane did not go on to Utah, perhaps because Ane's parents died near Atchison in northeastern Kansas. Christian and Ane and their growing family lived in Kansas and Nebraska and came to the Council Bluffs/Omaha area in 1867.

On April 25 and June 5, 1867 Christian Peterson bought land adjoining the later Boomer Township hall site and in 1868 the Christian Peterson family moved to this farm, where Christian and Ane remained until their death. Their farm later became the George Darrington farm and then the Floyd Ochenpaugh farm.

Gregers Acton and Christian Peterson were both from Dronninglund and they both bought land in Boomer Township, 1 ½ miles apart, on the same day, June 5, 1867. This suggests to me that the Acton and Peterson families were acquainted prior to the Actons making a decision to move to Boomer Township. In addition, Mrs. Christian Peterson and Karen Jensen, who lived with the Actons, were first cousins.

### **Christian and Karen together:**

The road to the Acton farmstead in Boomer Township went past the Peter Peterson farm. Evidently Laurits Christian Bondo, employed by Peter Peterson, and Karen Jensen, the Acton's hired girl, soon met. In *Karen, A Forsaken Little Girl*, based on an interview with Karen (Jensen/Hendriksen) Bondo in 1925, their meeting is described thusly: "When Laurits first saw Karen it was as if 'someone had hit him on the forehead with a mallet'."

Laurits Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen were married by a justice of the peace on May 5, 1868, about one year after Karen's presumed immigration date.

I suspect that Karen Jensen's departure from the Acton family, who had brought her to America the previous year, was not easy for the Actons. Mary Acton's eighth and final child was born in June 1868. And in February 1869 Gregers Acton died and was buried in the Reel's Cemetery just northwest of the Peter Peterson farm. Mary Acton's boys were old enough to do the farming, but the oldest girl was only thirteen when her father died.

The Acton family and Karen Jensen shared one bond. A number of Acton family members adhered to the Seventh Day Adventist religion. And Karen (Jensen) Bondo,

before St. Paul's Lutheran Church was established in Boomer Township in 1881, sometimes sent her children to Adventist school for religious instruction.

After marrying, Christian and Karen Bondo are thought to have worked on railroad construction in the area, perhaps with Christian as a teamster and Karen as a cook.

Christian and Karen Bondo settled in a "simple block house" near the west end of the Bondo/Sanderson land. Here their first two children were born, my great-uncle by marriage, Peter Bondo, in 1869 and Minnie Bondo, later Minnie Christoffersen, in 1870.

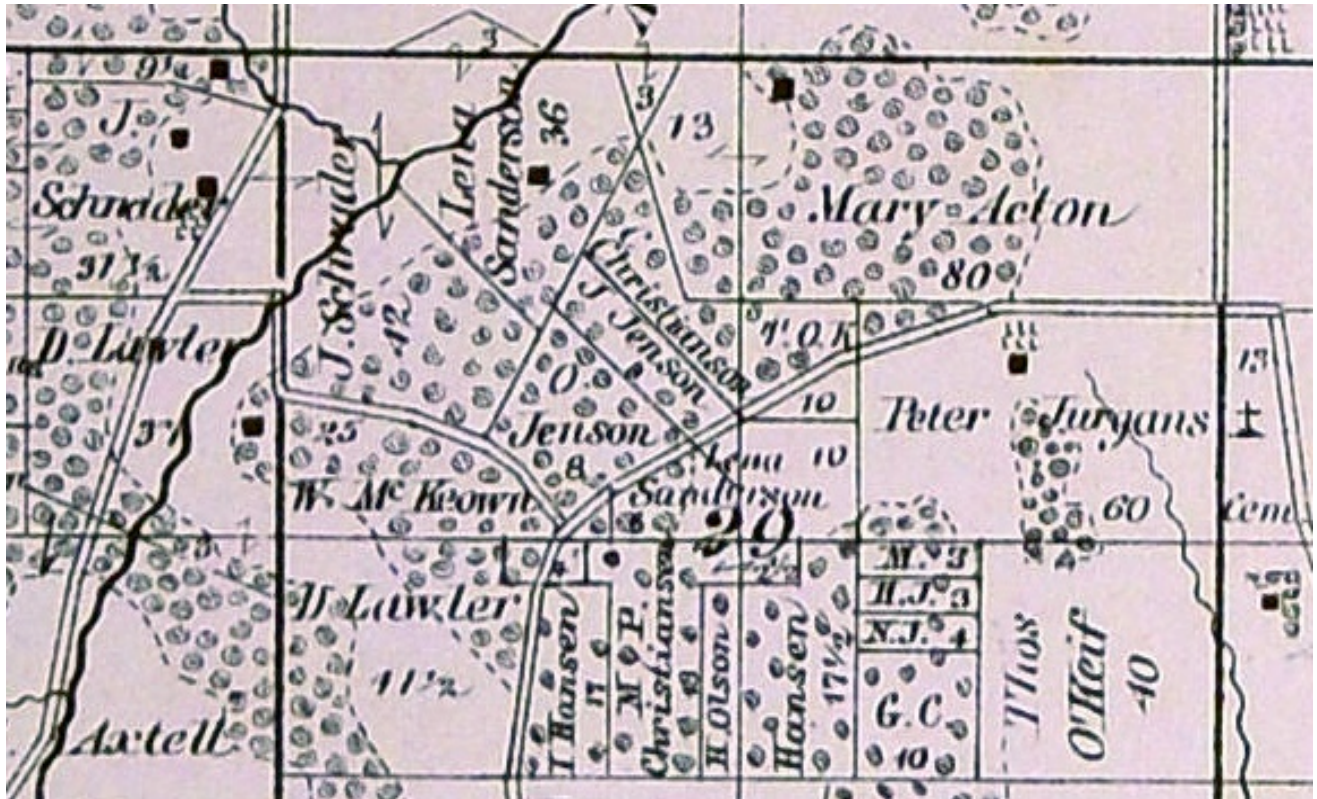
In May 1870 Christian Bondo and John Sanderson split their 123-acre property in Boomer Township, with Christian Bondo assuming ownership of the west portion of 86 acres.

In 1872 the Christian Bondo family left Boomer Township. They moved about eight miles to the southeast, to prairie land in Hazel Dell Township, Section 11. Their home place in Hazel Dell Township has remained in the Bondo family and is currently owned by Paul Christoffersen, a great-grandson of Christian and Karen Bondo.

### **The first Bondo farm:**

When Christian Bondo left Boomer Township in 1872, he sold his Boomer farm to Christen Skaksen, the great great-grandfather of my late aunt by marriage, Thelma (Schroder) Larson Jensen. Aunt Thelma's grandmother, Anna Matilda Nielsen, then 10 years old, had immigrated with her grandparents from Dronninglund Sogn earlier in the year. Anna Nielsen married John Schroder in 1878 and by 1883 ownership of the Bondo/Skaksen farm had passed to John Schroder. Anna (Nielsen) Schroder remained on the Bondo/Skaksen/Schroder farm for the next 81 years. After Anna Schroder's death, the Schroder family sold this farm.

The following plat from 1883 shows the J. (John) Schroder farm, which had been the first Bondo farm. It appears to comprise about 80 acres ( $37 \frac{1}{2} + 42$ ), lying on both sides of the road and both sides of North Pigeon Creek. Note the two houses on the property. Note also the farm of Lena Sanderson, the widow of John Sanderson, Christian Bondo's partner in the land purchase. See also the farm of the widow Mary Acton, where Karen (Jensen) Bondo first lived. Peter Peterson, who employed Christian Bondo, lived about two miles south of the Bondo/Skaksen/Schroder farm.



### Finding the first Bondo farm:

One can locate the original Bondo farm in Boomer Township, Section 30, by taking the Old Lincoln Highway north from Crescent, turning right onto Coldwater Avenue, and then left onto 190<sup>th</sup> Street.

- ☛ After about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile, look for a one-story house with a block foundation on the left hand side. This is the Peter Peterson farmstead where Christian Bondo worked. The current home was built around 1913. On the right-hand side note the remains of a steel bridge across North Pigeon Creek. The old county road crossed this bridge and ascended McKeown Hill before turning left and following the ridgeline.
- ☛ Shortly after the Peter Peterson farmstead site, note a small sign on the left-hand side pointing to Reels Cemetery where Gregers and Mary Acton are buried.
- ☛ About 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles past the Reels Cemetery sign, look for a modern log residence, well screened by trees, on the left-hand side of the road. This is the approximate site of the Bondo home in Boomer Township. The original Sanderson and Acton home sites were on low land across North Pigeon Creek and may be lost.

It is not my intent here to relate subsequent Bondo family history, since I am not a Bondo family member and others have already done so. However, for a Bondo family overview, one can see the *Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen Family* sketch in my *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*. A recent Bondo family writing is the 2009 document *The Bondo and Henriksen Families United – The Story of Henry Bondo and Lilly Henriksen*, subsequently updated with *Appendix J*, by Donald Pedersen, a great-grandson of Christian and Karen Bondo.

Incidentally, around 1912 Ernest Bush, a Danish-American outlaw, burned the house on the Peter Peterson farmstead, which had been so instrumental in the early Danish-American history of the Boomer Township area. But that is another story ...



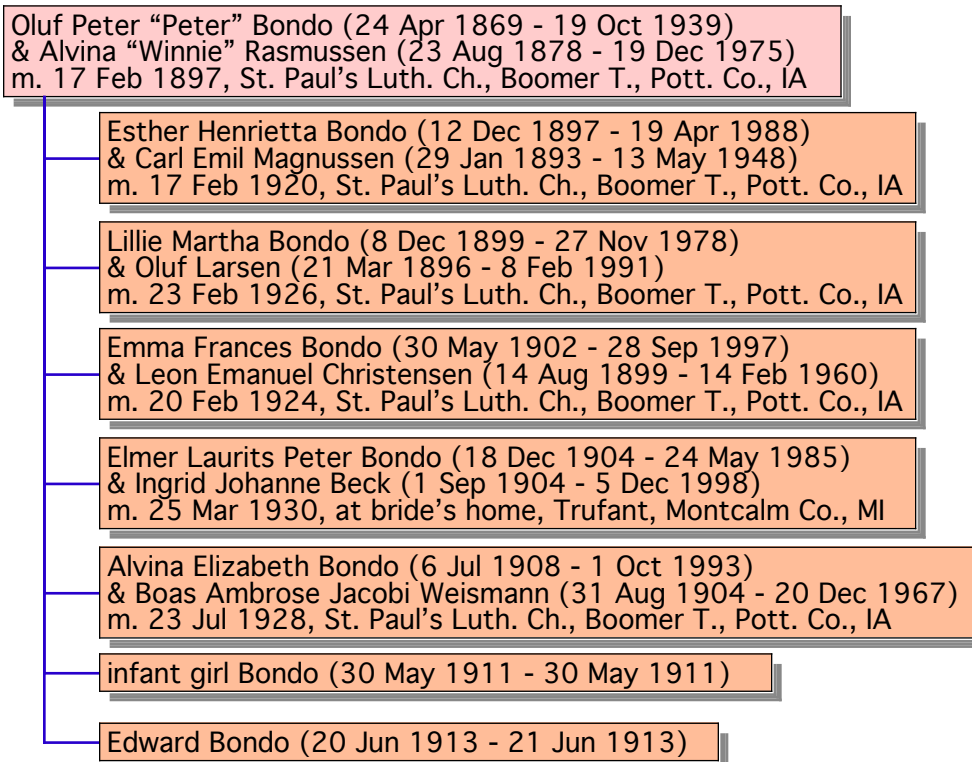
+++ The following eleven pages, through *End of the Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo Family Sketch*, outline the history of the Peter and Winnie Bondo family. They are identical to eleven pages in the Rasmussen chapter of my extended family history, *Ancestor and Older Relatives of Robert Christiansen – Christiansen, Rasmussen, Larsen/Larson, and Hansen*. They were last updated on 18 May 2014.

- **Oluf Peter “Peter” Bondo** (24 Apr 1869 – 19 Oct 1939, conf. 1889) married **Alvina “Winnie” Rasmussen** (23 Aug 1878 – 19 Dec 1975) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul’s pastor officiating on February 17, 1897.

Winnie Rasmussen was the daughter of St. Paul’s early members **Lars Christian Rasmussen and Karen Marie Andersen** who lived in Boomer Township just west of St. Paul’s.

Peter and Winnie Bondo farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1. Around 1930, after their son, Elmer, married, Peter and Winnie retired to the John Madison acreage a quarter mile west of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church on the north side of the road. Members of the Peter Bondo family continued to live on this acreage for over 70 years.

The seven children of Peter and Winnie Bondo, the youngest two of whom died as infants, are listed below, with grandchildren on the following page and details on subsequent pages.



In the following list I have added the grandchildren of Peter and Winnie Bondo. I have omitted birth dates since many of the grandchildren are still living. Still living as of November 2013 are Vernon Magnussen; Alvina, Ruth and Irvin Larsen; and Elaine, Phyllis and Paul Bondo.

Oluf Peter "Peter" Bondo & Alvina "Winnie" Rasmussen

	Esther Henrietta Bondo & Carl Emil Magnussen
	Frances Lillian Magnussen & Thomas Allen Bracker
	Elvera Esther Magnussen* & Calvin Philip Peterson
	Elvera Esther Magnussen* & Joseph Herbert Beam
	Donald Bondo Magnussen* & Olive Winifred Johnsen
	Donald Bondo Magnussen* & Marjorie Elaine Smith
	Arlene Wilma Magnussen & Kenneth Myron Christensen
	Vernon Carl Magnussen* & Jo Ellen Winterberg
	Vernon Carl Magnussen* & Marilyn Longmeyer
	Vernon Carl Magnussen* & Josephine Flores
	Vernon Carl Magnussen* & Evelyn Emma Christoffersen
	Vernon Carl Magnussen* & Dona Rae Williams
	Lillie Martha Bondo & Oluf Larsen
	Alvina Marie Larsen & Herbert Augustine Hjortsvang
	Ruth Evelyn Larsen* & Robert Dale Randall
	Ruth Evelyn Larsen* & Duane Gerald Benson
	Dorothy Anna Larsen
	Oluf Marvin "Marvin" Larsen & Shirley Mae Bonnes
	Arthur Bondo Larsen & Karen Rae McManamy
	Irvin Bondo Larsen* & Myrthel Pauline Anderson
	Irvin Bondo Larsen* & Bobbett Davie
	Emma Frances Bondo & Leon Emanuel Christensen
	Eldon Richard Christensen & Betty Lou Craig
	Kenneth Harold Christensen & Ruth Elaine Timm
	Elmer Laurits Peter Bondo & Ingrid Johanne Beck
	Elaine Claire Bondo* & Harley Dean Rennerfeldt
	Elaine Claire Bondo* & Mark Frank Hoyer Jr.
	Phyllis Jean Bondo & Miloslav Alois Vaclav "Mike" Shavlik
	Paul Beck Bondo & Gail Marie Papach
	Alvina Elizabeth Bondo & Boas Ambrose Jacobi Weismann
	Alan Leroy Weismann
	Lee Stuart Weismann* & Jacqueline Ann Klopping
	Lee Stuart Weismann* & Sallie Ware Winslow
	infant girl Bondo
	Edward Bondo

**Of interest:** Esther and Lillie Bondo, the two oldest children of Peter and Winnie Bondo, both married young men who had emigrated from Denmark before World War I. Esther's future husband, Carl Magnussen, immigrated in 1912, and Lillie's future husband, Oluf Larsen, immigrated in 1913. Both Carl Magnussen and Oluf Larsen worked as farm hands in the St. Paul's community before marrying. In fact, both had worked for Esther and Lillie's father, Peter Bondo.

- **Esther Henrietta Bondo** (12 Dec 1897 – 19 Apr 1988, conf. 1913) married **Carl Emil Magnussen** (29 Jan 1893 – 13 May 1948) at St. Paul's on February 17, 1920.

**About Carl Magnussen:**

Carl Magnussen was born in Hobro parish, Randers county, Denmark to Anders Peter Nicolaus Magnussen and Ane Marie Jensen. Hobro is in northern Denmark about 30 miles south of Aalborg. Carl immigrated as a young man in 1912.

After marrying, Carl and Esther Magnussen farmed east and south of St. Paul's in Boomer Township, Section 35. In 1945, Carl and Esther Magnussen moved to her parents' retirement home on the old John Madison acreage west of St. Paul's.

Several years after moving, Carl Magnussen died in a tractor accident on his farm. For forty additional years Esther remained in their retirement home in Boomer Township, where she died at the age of 90.

**The five children of Carl and Esther Magnussen are listed below.**

- ▲ **Frances Lillian Magnussen** (30 Mar 1921 – 19 Jan 2009, conf. 1936) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1940.

Frances married **Thomas Allen Bracker** (6 Jul 1917 – 11 May 1974) at St. Paul's on January 16, 1949. Thomas Bracker was the son of Frederick Bracker and Jennie Woodruff of southern Hazel Dell Township and was a World War II veteran.

After Tom Bracker died, Frances (Magnussen) Bracker lived with her mother west of St. Paul's. She remained in this home until a few years before her death. She worked in childcare and was the custodian at St. Paul's until she was nearly 80.

Frances (Magnussen) Bracker died at the Bethany Nursing Home in Council Bluffs.

Thomas and Frances Bracker had no children.

- ▲ **Elvera Esther Magnussen** (18 May 1923 – 23 Aug 2008, conf. 1938) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1941.

Elvera married **Calvin Philip Peterson** (9 Mar 1926 – 2 Nov 1976) at St. Paul's on March 16, 1947. Calvin Peterson was the son of St. Paul's members Henry Theodore Peterson and Edna Matilda Nelson of Hazel Dell Township and was a World War II veteran.

Elvera Magnussen was a rural schoolteacher before her marriage, being my teacher at Boomer #8 for two years from 1943 to 1945. During these years she stayed with her grandmother, Winnie.

After Calvin Peterson's death, Elvera married **Joseph Herbert Beam** (22 Sep 1918 – 26 Aug 2007) in Council Bluffs on April 18 or 21, 1979. Joseph Beam, a native of Council Bluffs, was the son of Daniel Beam and Julia E. Sloan.

In their last years together, Joe and Elvera Beam lived in the Bethany Heights senior community in Council Bluffs. Elvera (Magnussen) Peterson Beam died at the Bethany Nursing Home in Council Bluffs.

Calvin and Elvera Peterson had two daughters.

▲ **Donald Bondo Magnussen** (6 Jun 1925 – 7 Aug 2001, conf. 1939) married **Olive Winifred Johnsen** (11 Apr 1925 – 21 Jun 1995) at St. Paul's on June 2, 1945.

Olive Johnsen was the daughter of John C. Johnsen and Bess Jenson who farmed in the Underwood area and then north of Beebeetown, Iowa before moving to Logan, Iowa around 1943.

Donald Magnussen was a World War II veteran, serving in the United States Navy.

After his military service, Donald operated his parents' farm until moving to the Council Bluffs area around 1953.

After Olive's death, Donald married **Marjorie Elaine Smith** (1 Dec 1928 -) in Council Bluffs on October 25, 1997.

Marjorie Smith was the daughter of Homer Smith and Evelyn Olsen who lived in southern Boomer Township, in Section 34, before moving to northwestern Neola Township, in Section 8, in 1944.

Donald and Olive Magnussen had three daughters, one of whom, Donna Ann (23 Feb 1947 – 30 Mar 2002) is deceased.

▲ **Arlene Wilma Magnussen** (18 Oct 1927 – 24 Apr 2006, conf. 1942) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1945.

Arlene married **Kenneth Myron Christensen** (1 Aug 1923 – 27 Dec 2002) in Salem, Oregon on August 7, 1945. Kenneth Christensen was the son of St. Paul's early members **Charles Theodor "Charley" Christensen and Laura Nelson** of Hazel Dell Township, Section 16, and was a World War II veteran.

Kenneth and Arlene Christensen farmed in Norwalk Township, Section 32, south of Underwood.

Kenneth and Arlene Christensen had five children.

▲ **Vernon Carl Magnussen** (29 Jun 1932 -, conf. 1947) was the youngest of Carl and Esther (Bondo) Magnussen's five children.

Vernon married **Jo Ellen Winterberg** (14 May 1939 – 20 Mar 1968) in Kansas City, Missouri on October 19, 1956. Vernon and Jo Ellen later divorced.

Vernon married **Marilyn Longmeyer** (11 Jul 1932 -) on August 29, 1964. Vernon and Marilyn later divorced.

Marilyn Longmeyer was the daughter of St. Paul's members Otto Longmeyer and Ruby Townsend who moved to the former Leon and Emma Christensen farm in northeastern Hazel Dell Township in the 1940s.

Vernon married **Josephine Flores** (23 Dec 1937 -) in Vermilion, South Dakota on October 30, 1974. Vernon and Josephine later divorced.

Vernon married **Evelyn Emma (Christoffersen) Fisher** (20 Jul 1933 – 6 Dec 1998) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on July 22, 1995.

Evelyn (Christoffersen) Fisher was the daughter of St. Paul's early members **Otto Christoffersen and Anna Christensen** and the widow of Coleman Fisher Jr., who had purchased the Rasmussen home place just west of St. Paul's in 1951.

After Evelyn (Christoffersen) Fisher Magnussen's death, Vernon married **Donna Rae Williams** (20 May 1940 – 22 Dec 2013) in Council Bluffs on May 20, 2000.

Vernon Magnussen and Jo Ellen Winterberg had three children, of whom one, Holly, died at birth on 19 Dec 1963 and another, John Ivan (20 Aug 1959 – 13 Feb 1993) is deceased.

Vernon Magnussen and Marilyn Longmeyer had two children, one of whom, Randy Vernon (24 Oct 1965 – 18 Apr 2005), is deceased.

Vernon Magnussen and Josephine Flores had two children and Vernon adopted Josephine's four children by a previous marriage.

Vernon Magnussen had five adult stepchildren by Evelyn (Christoffersen) Fisher's marriage to Coleman Fisher Jr.

Vernon Magnussen operated his parents' farm for a number of years around 1960. He then lived in Council Bluffs and Omaha until returning to the St. Paul's area around 1995 where he lived on the Lars and Karen Rasmussen home place just west of St. Paul's. Around 2000 he moved back to Council Bluffs.

Carl Emil Magnussen and Esther Henrietta Bondo head family #64 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Carl and Esther (Bondo) Magnussen and three of their children, Frances, Elvera and Donald, along with their spouses, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Arlene (Magnussen) Christensen and her husband are interred in the Downsville Cemetery in Norwalk Township south of Underwood.

- **Lillie Martha Bondo** (8 Dec 1899 – 27 Nov 1978, conf. 1915) married **Oluf Larsen** (21 Mar 1896 – 8 Feb 1991) at St. Paul's on February 23, 1926.

#### **About Oluf Larsen:**

Oluf Larsen was born to Andreas Christian Larsen and Barbara Olsen in Try, Torslev parish, Hjørring county, Denmark.

Em and Tise Sogns, where Oluf's respective parents were born, are neighboring parishes about 20 miles north of Aalborg. Try is in northern

Denmark about 25 miles northeast of Aalborg, three miles southeast of Ostervra, and three miles southwest of Torslev Kirke.

Oluf immigrated to Council Bluffs as a young man in 1913.

Oluf was a farmhand in the St. Paul's area, a non-commissioned officer in Company B, 109<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion of the Iowa National Guard during World War I, and then worked for Peter S. Peterson in Underwood before marrying.

After marrying, Oluf and Lillie bought the John Scott farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 22. They lived together on this farm for over 50 years, although the farmhouse burned in May 1953. Lillie died suddenly at age 78, probably from a heart attack. Oluf remained on the farm until moving to the Bethany Home in Council Bluffs.

**The six children of Oluf and Lillie Larsen are listed below.** The two youngest, Arthur and Irvin, were twins.

- ▲ **Alvina Marie Larsen** (5 Jan 1927 -, conf. 1940) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1944 and from Dana College.

Alvina married **Herbert Augustine Hjortsvang** (2 Jan 1924 – 10 Apr 2001) at St. Paul's on December 20, 1950. Herb Hjortsvang was the son of Athanasius Vaughn Hjortsvang and Agnes Jensen of Chicago and served in the United States Army Signal Corps in the Pacific during World War II, and subsequently attended Dana College.

Alvina was a social worker. She had a deep interest in her family's roots in Denmark and in the St. Paul's community was a major influence in encouraging my research.

Herb and Alvina Hjortsvang had two children.

- ▲ **Ruth Evelyn Larsen** (4 Mar 1929 -, conf. 1944) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1947.

Ruth married **Robert Dale Randall** (20 May 1925 – 5 Apr 1975) at St. Paul's on June 17, 1951. Robert Randall was the son of Murray Randall and Gertrude Bramman of Avoca, Iowa. Robert served in the United States Merchant Marine during World War II and in the United States Army in Germany later. Robert and Ruth met when Ruth was a teacher in the Avoca school system in 1949-1950.

Robert Randall died in a traffic accident in Kansas, leaving Ruth a widow for many years.

Ruth (Larsen) Randall was an educator who served as Minnesota's Commissioner of Education from 1983 to 1988.

Ruth married **Duane Gerald Benson** (1 Jan 1929 – 30 Mar 2009) at St. Paul's on February 12, 1999. Duane Benson was the son of Willard Benson and Lila Peterson of the St. Paul's community.

Robert and Ruth Randall had three children.

- ▲ **Dorothy Anna Larsen** (16 Apr 1931 – 27 Jul 2005, conf. 1945) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1949.

Dorothy Larsen was a teacher in the Council Bluffs and Omaha schools except for eleven years from 1955 to 1966 when she served in the United States Navy, leaving the navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Dorothy Larsen never married.

- ▲ **Oluf Marvin "Marvin" Larsen** (14 Feb 1935 – 9 Jun 1982, conf. 1949) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1953.

Marvin Larsen married **Shirley Mae Bonnes** (13 Sep 1935 -) at the RLDS church in Underwood on November 29, 1953. Shirley was the daughter of Roy Bonnes and Blanche Whitney of the Underwood area.

Marvin Larsen farmed north of Underwood.

Marvin and Shirley Larsen had four children.

- ▲ **Arthur Bondo "Art" Larsen** (23 Nov 1936 – 19 Aug 2013, conf. 1951) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1954.

Arthur Larsen married **Karen Rae McManamy** (24 Jan 1939 – 1 Dec 2004) at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa on November 23, 1957.

Karen McManamy was the daughter of Clarence Wendell "C. W."

McManamy and Maurine Mary Fitzsimmons of the Council Bluffs area. C.

W. McManamy was the farm editor of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil for many years.

Arthur Larsen farmed his parents' home place in Hazel Dell Township.

Arthur and Karen Larsen had three children.

- ▲ **Irvin Bondo Larsen** (23 Nov 1936 -, conf. 1951) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1954.

Irvin Larsen married **Myrthel Pauline Anderson** (25 Oct 1939 -) at Grace Presbyterian Church in Council Bluffs on July 30, 1960. Myrthel Anderson was the daughter of Harry Anderson and Ethel Stoker of rural Council Bluffs.

After Irvin and Myrthel divorced, Irvin married **Bobbett Davie** in Merritt Island, Florida on 12 Jun 1976.

Irvin Larsen had no children.

Oluf and Lillie Larsen, their daughter, Dorothy, and son, Arthur, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Their son, Marvin, is interred in the Fisher Cemetery just west of Underwood, Iowa.

**Note:** For more about the older relatives of Oluf Larsen, see the *Barbara Olsen* section of the *Ole Peter Jensen and Ane Marie Christensen Family sketch* in my *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families* report. (Ole Peter Jensen was Oluf Larsen's maternal grandfather and Barbara Olsen/Olesen was Oluf's mother.)

- **Emma Frances Bondo** (30 May 1902 – 28 Sep 1997, conf. 1917) married **Leon Emanuel Christensen** (14 Aug 1899 – 14 Feb 1960) at St. Paul's on February 20, 1924.

#### **About Leon Christensen:**

Leon Christensen was the son of St. Paul's early members **Niels Jorgen Christensen and Maren Kathrine Christensen** who lived in Norwalk Township, Section 5. Leon was one of twelve children, nine of whom reached adulthood. Leon's mother died when he was 11 years old.

After marrying, Leon and Emma Christensen lived on the old Jacob Hansen farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 2. Evidently the Bondos had bought this farm when Jacob Hansen moved to Colorado around 1910.

By 1939 this farm was lost and the Leon Christensen family was farming elsewhere in the Underwood area.

After leaving farming, Leon and Emma moved to Omaha, where Leon worked as a custodian for a utility company. Leon died at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha from a heart attack. Emma remained in Omaha for many years, doing childcare and then caring for her mother, Winnie.

Emma (Bondo) Christensen later moved to the Iowa City area. She remained vigorous into her old age. She lived to be 95 years old and died at the Lantern Park Care Center in Coralville, Iowa, near the home of her son, Eldon.

#### **The two children of Leon and Emma Christensen are listed below.**

- ▲ **Eldon Richard Christensen** (6 Aug 1927 – 7 Jun 1992, conf. 1942) was born at home in Hazel Dell Township and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1944.

Eldon served in the United States Navy near the end of World War II, entering on July 17, 1945.

Eldon Christensen married **Betty Lou Craig** (13 Mar 1930 – 10 Nov 2013) in Des Moines, Iowa on January 15, 1950. Betty was the daughter of Forrest and Lydia (House) Craig of Monticello, Iowa.

Eldon and Betty Christensen lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa after marrying, moving to Iowa City in 1959. Eldon was a computer specialist in the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area.

Eldon Christensen died in Iowa City of complications from heart surgery.

Eldon and Betty Christensen had one child.

- ▲ **Kenneth Harold Christensen** (15 Aug 1932 – 2 Feb 2008, conf. 1947) was born at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha. Kenneth graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1950 and served in the United States Army in Vienna, Austria during the Korean War.

Kenneth Christensen married **Ruth Elaine Timm** (31 Dec 1929 -) in Bennington, Nebraska on October 19, 1952. Ruth Timm was the daughter of Hugo George Timm and Alice Edna McCann who farmed near Bennington.



Kenneth Christensen worked in the insurance industry, retiring from the Fireman's Fund in 1989 while he was living in California.

Kenneth Christensen died in Ventura, California.

Kenneth and Ruth Christensen had three children.

Leon and Emma Christensen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Eldon Christensen is interred in Memory Gardens in Iowa City, Iowa. Kenneth Christensen was cremated.

**Note:** For more about the older relatives of Leon Christensen, see the *Niels Jorgen Christensen and Maren Kathrine Christensen Family sketch* in my *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families* report.

- **Elmer Laurits Peter Bondo** (18 Dec 1904 – 24 May 1985, conf. 1919) married **Ingrid Johanne Beck** (1 Sep 1904 – 5 Dec 1998) at Trufant in Montcalm County, Michigan on March 25, 1930.

#### **About Ingrid Beck:**

Ingrid Beck was the daughter of Rev. Theodore Pedersen Beck, the minister in Trufant at the time of the wedding, and Lena Cecilia Toxvaerd. Ingrid spent the first five years of her life in West Branch, Iowa and lived in Brooklyn, New York, Trufant, Michigan and Omaha, Nebraska before marrying.

Ingrid was a member of the first class of registered nurses at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha, graduating in 1925 and later became a nurse anesthesiologist. Ingrid worked as a nurse until she married.

After marrying, Elmer and Ingrid Bondo farmed the Peter Bondo home place in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1.

In the early spring of 1969, having sold their farm to Harold Andersen, Elmer and Ingrid retired to Blair, Nebraska. Elmer died at home in Blair. Ingrid died at the Good Shepard Lutheran Home in Blair.

**The three children of Elmer and Ingrid Bondo are listed below.**

- ▲ **Elaine Claire Bondo** (11 Jun 1933 -, conf. 1948) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1951, subsequently attended Dana College in Blair, Nebraska and then taught school for three years. Elaine then worked as a cashier for the gas company in Blair and surrounding towns before marrying.

Elaine Bondo married **Harley Dean Rennerfeldt** (27 Jan 1928 -) in Blair, Nebraska on June 12, 1957. Harley was born in rural Lyons, Nebraska to Carl Ellory "Ellory" Rennerfeldt and Gladys Louise Johnson.

Harley and Elaine Rennerfeldt lived in Blair for most of their marriage.

Elaine was the family historian for the extended Bondo family, and was my primary colleague in my family history and church history projects.

Harley and Elaine Rennerfeldt divorced in 1999. Elaine married **Mark Hoyer Jr.** (28 Mar 1929 -) at the First Lutheran Church in Blair on December 16, 2000.

Mark Hoyer was born in Chicago, Illinois to Mark Frank Hoyer Sr. and Olivia Magdalena Hjortsvang and as a young man was a navy pilot.

**Of interest:** Mark Hoyer and his first cousin, Herbert Hjortsvang, married first cousins, Elaine Bondo and Alvina Larsen.

After Mark and Elaine married, Elaine moved to Washington, Illinois. In 2009 Mark and Elaine returned to Blair to live.

Harley and Elaine Rennerfeldt had one child.

- ▲ **Phyllis Jean Bondo** (26 Feb 1939 -, conf. 1953) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1957.

Phyllis Bondo married **Miloslav Alois Vaclav "Mike" Shavlik** (30 Dec 1925 -) at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Neola, Iowa on May 30, 1964.

Mike and Phyllis Shavlik lived in Scottsbluff and North Platte, Nebraska.

Mike and Phyllis Shavlik had five children.

- ▲ **Paul Beck Bondo** (4 Aug 1945 -, conf. 1959) graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1963.

Paul Bondo was a chemist who settled in South Bend, Indiana.

Paul Bondo married **Gail Marie Papach** (31 Oct 1951 -) at Christ the King Lutheran Church in South Bend, Indiana on September 14, 1974.

Paul and Gail Bondo had three children.

Elmer and Ingrid (Beck) Bondo are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Alvina Elizabeth Bondo** (6 Jul 1908 – 1 Oct 1993, conf. 1923) married **Boas Ambrose Jacobi "Bo" Weismann** (31 Aug 1904 – 20 Dec 1967), a native of Lincoln, Nebraska, at St. Paul's on July 23 or July 28, 1928.

Boas and Alvina Weismann lived in several locations in the Midwest and eventually moved to Blair, Nebraska where Bo became development director at Dana College in Blair.

Boas Weismann died at work in his office at Dana College. Alvina (Bondo) Weismann died in the Blair hospital.

**The two children of Boas and Alvina Weismann are listed below.**

- ▲ **Alan Leroy Weismann** (20 Oct 1930 – 28 Feb 1936) was born in Omaha, Nebraska and baptized at St. Paul's on December 16, 1930. Alan died of lumbar pneumonia at age 5 in a hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.
- ▲ **Lee Stuart Weismann** (25 Oct 1934 – 1 Feb 1994) was born in Omaha, Nebraska and married **Jacqueline Ann Klopping** (18 Aug 1936 -) on April 27 or 28, 1957. Jacqueline was the daughter of Ralph W. Klopping and Bess M. Jensen of the Underwood area.

Lee Weismann and Jacqueline Klopping divorced. Lee later married **Sallie Ware Winslow** (7 Oct 1932 - 26 Sep 1988) in Jefferson County, Colorado on May 30, 1985.

Lee and Jacqueline Weismann had three children.

Lee Weismann died in Arvada, Colorado.

Boas and Alvina (Bondo) Weismann and their son, Alan Leroy, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Lee Weismann is interred in the Arvada Cemetery in Colorado.

- **infant girl Bondo** (30 May 1911 – 30 May 1911).
- **Edward Bondo** (20 Jun 1913 – 21 Jun 1913).

Oluf Peter Bondo and Alvina Rasmussen head family #1 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo along with all seven of their children and their children's spouses are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

### **End of the Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo Family Sketch**

- **Aline Gumme “Minnie” Bondo** (9 Oct 1870 – 18 Oct 1945, conf. 1889) married **Martin Jorgen Christoffersen** (5 May 1865 – 10 Aug 1948) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul’s pastor officiating on March 29, 1893.

Martin Christoffersen was the son of St. Paul’s charter members **Jorgen Christoffersen and Karen Jensdatter** who settled in northeastern Hazel Dell Township and later moved to southwestern Neola Township.

Martin and Minnie Christoffersen farmed in the St. Paul’s area.

Martin and Minnie (Bondo) Christoffersen had eight children, two of whom died in childhood. See the *Martin Christoffersen section* of the *Jorgen Christoffersen Family sketch* for additional information.

- **Henry Wilhelm Bondo** (30 Aug 1872 – 13 Nov 1943, conf. 1889) married **Lilly Hansine Hendriksen** (3 Nov 1876 – 19 Jul 1950) in Hampton, Nebraska on June 24, 1903.

Lilly Hendriksen was born in Hampton, Nebraska to Anders Peder Henriksen and Ane Pedersen.

Henry Bondo was a clergyman.

The three children of Henry and Lilly Bondo are listed below.

- **Ellen Alberta Bondo** (15 Sep 1906 – 14 Jun 1986) married **Laurits Hans Peder Pedersen** (11 Apr 1901 – 13 Jul 1978) in Albert Lea, Minnesota on July 1, 1930.

Laurits Pedersen was born in Denmark and lived in the United States for six years as a child before returning to Denmark with his family. At age 18 Laurits re-immigrated and a year later began his studies at Dana College.

Laurits received his theology degree from Trinity Seminary in Blair, Nebraska in 1929 and served in the military as a chaplain during World War II. Laurits served as a Veteran's Administration chaplain for 25 years after World War II.

The one child of Laurits and Ellen Pedersen is listed below.

▲ **living Pedersen**

- **Edna Henrietta Bondo** (28 Sep 1908 – 22 Jan 1998) married **Nathaniel Horace “Skipper” Nance** (5 Apr 1912 – 18 Nov 1986) in Des Moines, Iowa on February 9, 1957.

Nathaniel and Edna Nance had no children.

- **Ervin Franklin Bondo** (24 Sep 1911 – 14 Nov 1961) married **Palma Karine “Polly” Nelson** (23 Mar 1911 – 22 Jul 1991) in Dane County, Wisconsin on June 24, 1940.

The two children of Ervin and Polly Bondo are listed below.

▲ **living Bondo**

▲ **living Bondo**

Henry and Lilly (Henriksen) Bondo, their two daughters, Ellen and Edna, and their daughters' spouses, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Anna Kristine "Christine" Bondo** (5 Oct 1874 – 8 Mar 1958, conf. 1891) married **Niels Johan Julius "N. J. J." Nelson** (9 Jan 1877 – 28 May 1957) at St. Paul's on March 22, 1906.

N. J. J. Nelson was the son of St. Paul's early members **Swen Nelson and Helena Sandstrom** who lived a mile east and south of St. Paul's.

N. J. J. and Christine Nelson lived on a farm across the road from St. Paul's.

N. J. J. and Christine Nielsen had four children, one of whom died in infancy. See the *Swen and Helena (Sandstrom) Nelson section* of the *Johan Frederik Sandstrom Family sketch* for additional information.

- **Maria Elisabeth "Mary" Bondo** (7 Apr 1877 – 11 Jan 1918, conf. 1893) married **Thomas Christian "Tom" Peterson** (19 Apr 1868 – 4 Feb 1932) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on Apr 8, 1896.

Tom Peterson had immigrated to the United States from Denmark as a young man around 1885.

Initially Tom Peterson farmed in Hazel Dell and Boomer Townships. Between 1905 and 1910, Tom and Mary Peterson bought the John Horn farm in Neola Township, Sections 30 and 31, about three miles east of St. Paul's.

After Mary (Bondo) Peterson's early death, Tom Peterson married **Magdalena Christina "Christina" Nelson** (4 Feb 1882 – 1 May 1960) around 1921. Christina Nelson was the daughter of St. Paul's charter members **Peter Nielsen and Carolina Petersen** of Hazel Dell Township.

Tom and Magdalena Peterson had one child, Magdalena, who died at birth in 1923.

Tom Petersen died in a motor vehicle accident in Neola Township in 1932. In 1936 Martin Hedegaard acquired the Tom Peterson farm.

Two of Tom and Mary Peterson's children, Henry Christian Peterson and Lila Anna Peterson, married siblings, Elsie Betty Benson and Willard Benson, the only two children of Nels Benson Jr. and Alice Driver of northwestern Norwalk Township. What immediately follows is some information about the Nels Benson Jr. family.

**Nels Benson Jr.** (1 Oct 1859 – 12 Sep 1927) was born in Lyby, Malmohus, Sweden to Nels Benson Sr. and Elsie Nelson. Nels Benson Jr. immigrated about 1871.

**Alice Driver** (20 Jan 1874 – 30 Mar 1963) was born in Boomer Township to James Driver and Elizabeth Beswick. The Drivers settled in central Boomer Township in Section 21 in 1876.

Nels Benson Jr. and Alice Driver married in Pottawattamie County on March 8, 1893. After marrying, Nels and Alice farmed in Boomer Township, Section 20, where their two children were born. Between 1910 and 1913, Nels and Alice moved to Norwalk Township, Section 6. Between 1920 and 1925 they moved to

Council Bluffs where Nels died. Alice died in Elk Horn. Nels and Alice (Driver) Benson are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

The eight children of Tom and Mary Peterson, one of whom died in infancy, are listed below.

- **Viggo Bondo Peterson** (9 Apr 1897 – 24 Nov 1945, conf. 1911) married **Jensine Christine “Christine” Petersen** (5 Sep 1897 – 21 Aug 1988) at St. Paul’s on March 24, 1920.

Christine Petersen was the daughter of St. Paul’s early members **Lars C. Petersen and Inger Marie “Mary” (Jensen) Larsen**. Christine’s birth father, thought to have been Jens P. Larsen, died when Christine was a baby.

Viggo Peterson farmed in Boomer and Hazel Dell Townships and died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in northwestern Neola Township.

The three children of Viggo and Christine Peterson are listed below.

- ▲ **Ferne Elizabeth Peterson** (3 Feb 1921 – 26 Jun 2003, conf. 1936) married **Harold Delanty** (15 Sep 1917 – 22 Mar 2001) on April 28, 1951.

Harold and Ferne Delanty farmed in Neola Township and Ferne worked for Dr. Margules in Council Bluffs and at Iowa Western Community College.

Harold and Ferne Delanty had no children.

- ▲ **Leslie Matthew Peterson** (30 Nov 1927 – 11 Jan 1929) died as a toddler from pneumonia.

- ▲ **Ramona Marie Peterson** (21 Aug 1930 – 16 Nov 1981, conf. 1945) married **David L. Aten** (4 Sep 1926 – 24 Mar 2008) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul’s pastor officiating on April 2, 1950.

David and Ramona Aten lived in Council Bluffs, where David worked for the United States Postal Service.

David and Ramona Aten had three children.

Viggo Bondo Petersen and Christina Petersen head family #65 in the St. Paul’s family roster begun in 1900.

Viggo and Christine (Petersen) Peterson and their infant son, Leslie, are interred in the St. Paul’s Cemetery. Fern (Peterson) Delanty and her husband are interred in St. Patrick’s Cemetery in Neola. Ramona (Peterson) Aten and her husband are interred in Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Henry Christian Peterson** (3 Jul 1898 – 19 Sep 1979, conf. 1913) married **Elsie Betty Benson** (7 Nov 1900 – 29 Apr 1994) at St. Paul’s on September 29, 1920.

Henry Peterson farmed in Norwalk and Boomer townships and around 1946 moved to a farm about a mile north and three miles west of Shelby, Iowa.

The four children of Henry and Elsie Peterson are listed below.

- ▲ **Chester Henry Peterson** (13 Jun 1921 – 15 Jul 1921) died in infancy.

- ▲ **Wayne Willard Peterson** (8 Aug 1922 – 18 Dec 1981) married **Leona Irene Nielsen** (6 Mar 1928 -) at Shelby, Iowa on November 10, 1946.

Wayne Nielsen was a World War II veteran.

Wayne and Leona Nielsen had seven children.

- ▲ **Genevieve Marie Peterson** (14 Jan 1928 -) married **Donald Frederick Peters** (27 Jul 1924 – 19 Mar 2002) at Shelby, Iowa on September 11, 1949.

Donald and Genevieve divorced and Genevieve married **Roger LeRoy Madsen** on November 26, 1994.

Donald and Genevieve Peters had two children.

- ▲ **Merlin Leroy Peterson** (6 Dec 1934 – 2 Aug 2000) married **Marlene Diane Wendt** (14 Mar 1941 or 1942 -) on August 9, 1959.

Merlin and Marlene Peterson had four children.

Henry C. Peterson and Elsie Benson head family #69 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Henry C. and Elsie (Benson) Peterson and their sons, Wayne and Merlin, are interred in the Shelby, Iowa cemetery. Chester Henry Peterson is interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Lila Anna Peterson** (15 Jan 1900 – 5 Mar 1990, conf. 1915) married **James Willard "Willard" Benson** (2 Mar 1894 – 19 May 1975) at St. Paul's on March 24, 1920.

Willard Benson farmed his parents' home place in Norwalk Township, Section 6.

The four children of Willard and Lila (Peterson) Benson are listed below.

- ▲ **Orlee Marie Benson** (2 Apr 1921 – 2 Apr 1921) died at birth.

- ▲ **Bernice Olga Benson** (16 Mar 1922 – 27 Sep 1986, conf. 1936) married **Adolph Reuben "Reuben" Iversen** (2 Jun 1921 – 24 Jul 2001) at St. Paul's on January 6, 1946. Reuben Iversen was the son of St. Paul's early members **Alfred Iversen and Asta Marie Jorgensen**.

Reuben Iversen farmed in Harrison County about six miles west of Shelby, Iowa.

After Bernice's death, Reuben married Laura Louise Tiarks (3 May 1912 – 18 Feb 2003) on October 10, 1987.

Reuben and Bernice (Benson) Iversen had one son.

- ▲ **Norma Lillian Benson** (21 Nov 1924 -, conf. 1939) married **Floyd James Fischer** (3 Jul 1925 -) at St. Paul's on May 16, 1948.

Floyd Fischer was a farmer who sang at numerous funerals.

Floyd and Norma (Benson) Fischer had four children.

- ▲ **Duane Gerald Benson** (1 Jan 1929 – 30 Mar 2009, conf. 1943) married **Kathryn June Lee** (11 Jun 1927 – 31 Mar 1998) in Council Bluffs on March 5,

1950. Kathryn Lee was the daughter of Walter Lee and Elda Frohardt of the Treynor area.

Duane farmed his parents' home place in Norwalk Township, Section 6 before retiring and moving to Council Bluffs.

After Kathryn's death, Duane Benson married **Ruth Evelyn (Larsen) Randall** (4 Mar 1929 -) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on February 20, 1999. Ruth (Larsen) Randall was the daughter of Oluf Larsen and Lillie Bondo of Hazel Dell Township and the granddaughter of St. Paul's early members **Peter Bondo and Winnie Rasmussen**.

Duane and Kathryn (Lee) Benson had three children.

Willard and Lila (Peterson) Benson are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery, as are their baby daughter, Orlee, and their son Duane and his first wife, Kathryn. Reuben and Bernice (Benson) Iversen are interred in the Shelby, Iowa Cemetery.

- **Olga Elisabeth Peterson** (17 Jul 1902 – 9 Mar 1976, conf. 1917) married **Harry Nelson** (5 May 1893 – 16 Dec 1951) at St. Paul's on March 24, 1923.

Harry Nelson was the son of St. Paul's early members **Swen Nelson and Helena Sandstrom** who lived a mile east and south of St. Paul's.

Harry Nelson initially farmed his father's home place in Boomer Township southeast of St. Paul's.

Harry and Olga Nelson had two children. See the *Swen and Helena (Sandstrom) section* of the *Johan Frederik Sandstrom Family sketch* for additional information.

- **Sherman John Peterson** (14 Dec 1904 – 12 Nov 1973, conf. 1919) married **Martha Marie Nielsen** (14 Apr 1916 – 2 Feb 1997) at St. Paul's on March 20, 1935.

Martha Nielsen was the daughter of St. Paul's early members **Niels Peter Nielsen and Henriette Fredericka Nielsen** who lived in Neola Township.

In 1938, Sherman and Martha Peterson were living on the highway in Neola and Sherman was driving a road grader. Around 1942 the Sherman Peterson family moved to Kimballton, Iowa. The Petersons moved to a farm three miles north and a half-mile east of Shelby, Iowa around 1946. Around 1961 the Petersons moved to Shelby, where Sherman Peterson worked at the grain elevator.

The four children of Sherman and Martha Peterson are listed below with the permission of Ralph and Kenneth Peterson.

- ▲ **Ralph Donald Peterson** (11 Jul 1938 -)
- ▲ **Gary Sherman Peterson** (31 Jul 1941 -)
- ▲ **Kenneth Raymond Peterson** (13 Nov 1942 -)
- ▲ **Allen LeRoy Peterson** (15 May 1949 -)

Sherman and Martha (Nielsen) Peterson are interred in the Shelby, Iowa Cemetery.



- **Lillian Mary Peterson** (19 Mar 1907 – 2 Apr 1991, conf. 1921) married **Glen Everett Laber** (17 Oct 1906 – 23 Nov 1993) in Pottawattamie County on March 20, 1929.

Glen Laber was the son of Ira Laber and Mary Kammerer who lived in the Red Oak, Pacific Junction and Underwood areas.

Glen and Lillian Laber lived in Council Bluffs.

The two children of Glen and Lillian Laber are listed below.

- ▲ **Barbara Jean Laber** (11 Mar 1930 – 29 Nov 2002) married **Robert Harlan Hendrix** on December 31, 1949 and later married **Robert W. Dohe**.

- ▲ **living Laber (-)**

Glen and Lillian Laber and their daughter, Barbara Jean, are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Thomas Christian Peterson Jr.** (26 Aug 1909 – 8 Apr 1910) died at the age of seven months.
- **Leslie Norman Peterson** (22 Nov 1916 – 11 Aug 1969, conf. 1931) married **Irene Marion Cooley** (12 Feb 1917 – Apr 1990) on April 17, 1940.

Leslie Norman Peterson was a World War II veteran. Leslie Norman and Irene had no children.

Leslie Norman Peterson died in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Leslie N. Peterson and his wife, Irene M. (Cooley) Peterson Steppuhn, are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Thomas Christian Pedersen and Maria Elizabeth Bondo head family #26 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Tom and Mary (Bondo) Peterson and four of their children, Viggo, Lila, Olga and Thomas Jr. and their spouses are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Henry and Sherman Peterson and their spouses are interred in the Shelby, Iowa Cemetery. Lillian (Peterson) Laber and Leslie Norman Peterson and their spouses are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Tom Peterson's second wife, Christina (Nelson) Peterson, and their infant child are also interred at St. Paul's.

- **Viggo Willie "Willie" Bondo** (20 Jun 1879 – 10 Mar 1949, conf. 1895) married **Anna Marie Christensen** (1 Jan 1887 – 3 Feb 1965) at Sioux City, Iowa on June 3, 1906.

Anna Marie Christensen was from Chicago.

Willie Bondo was a clergyman. He was a pastor in Davenport, Iowa from before 1911 to after 1915 and in Racine, Wisconsin from before 1917 to 1930. In 1930 he moved to Toronto, Canada where he served for 17 years as pastor of St. Ansgar Lutheran Church. He was a missionary at the Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma when he died.

Willie Bondo died at the Oaks Mission in Delaware County, Oklahoma. Anna Marie (Christensen) Bondo died in Toronto, Canada.

The five children of Willie and Anna Bondo, three of whom died in infancy are listed below.

- **infant boy Bondo** was born and died at Davenport, Iowa before 1911.
- **Paul Edward Bondo** (15 Feb 1911 –21 Dec 2000) was born in Davenport, Iowa and married **Miriam Rosenblatt** (7 Apr 1912 – 12 Mar 2002) on January 26, 1941. Miriam Rosenblatt was from Audubon, Iowa.

Paul Bondo was a physician.

The two children of Paul and Miriam Bondo are listed below.

▲ **living Bondo** (-)

▲ **living Bondo** (-)

- **Elsie Elizabeth Bondo** (28 Mar 1914 -18 Sep 2010) was born in Davenport, Iowa and married **Carl John Larson** (5 Aug 1905 -) on September 7, 1938.

The six children of Carl and Elsie Larson are listed below.

▲ **living Larson** (-)

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- **Helen Bondo** was born and died about 1917 at Racine, Wisconsin.

- **Harold Bondo** (20 Dec 1920 – 20 Dec 1920) died at birth in Racine, Wisconsin.

Willie and Anna (Christensen) Bondo are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Their infant son is interred in Davenport, Iowa and their infant children Helen and Harold in Racine, Wisconsin. Burial locations for their other children, Paul and Elsie, are currently unknown.

- **Emma Louise Bondo** (28 Apr 1881 – about 30 Jun 1954, conf. 1896) married **Viggo Peter Isaac Hansen** (21 Mar 1879 – 6 Oct 1933) at St. Paul's on 20 Nov 1901.

Viggo Hansen was the son of St. Paul's charter members **Isaac and Marie Hansen**.

Viggo and Emma Hansen farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1.

Viggo and Emma Hansen had four children. See the ***Viggo Hansen section*** of the ***Isaac Hansen Family sketch*** for additional information.

- **Sherman Christian Ferdinand Bondo** (5 Dec 1883 – 11 Mar 1942, conf. 1899) married **Maren Margaret “Maggie” Christensen** (19 Aug 1883 – 17 Jun 1913) at St. Paul’s on December 18, 1907.

Maggie Christensen was the daughter of Nels Hansen Christensen and Andrea H. Clausen of Hazel Dell Township. See the *Nels Hansen Christensen Family sketch* for information about Maggie Christensen’s relatives.

Sherman Bondo initially farmed in Hazel Dell Township and then became a clergyman.

Maggie “Christensen” Bondo died in Blair, Nebraska of complications of childbirth while Sherman Bondo was studying for the clergy.

After Maggie Bondo’s death, Sherman Bondo married **Lena Marie Nielsen** (30 May 1894 – 28 Feb 1978) in Council Bluffs in Council Bluffs on June 4, 1917.

Lena Nielsen was the daughter of Charles and Else Margrethe Nielsen of Underwood.

The two children of Sherman and Maggie (Christensen) Bondo are listed below.

- **Frances Lydia Bondo** (17 Oct 1908 – 8 Apr 1978) married **Carl Schnitker** (9 Nov 1911 – Feb 1987).

It appears that Carl and Frances Schnitker lived in Minnesota as young adults but died in Wisconsin.

The two children of Carl and Frances (Bondo) Schnitker are listed below.

- ▲ **living Schnitker** (-)

- ▲ **living Schnitker** (-)

- **Lydia Andrea Bondo** (12 Oct 1910 -) married **Glennis Christian Schultz** (21 Aug 1909 – 23 Sep 2006) on February 22, 1936.

Glennis and Lydia Schultz lived in Redwood County, Minnesota.

The one child of Glennis and Lydia (Bondo) Schultz is listed below.

- ▲ **living Schultz** (-)

The one child of Sherman and Lena (Nielsen) Bondo is listed below.

- **Shirley Margaret Bondo** (1 Mar 1921 -) married **Edward Albert Hansen** (17 Apr 1917 – 1 Aug 2009) in Minneapolis on October 15, 1943.

Edward Hansen was a clergyman.

Edward Hansen died in Edina, Minnesota at the age of 92.

The two children of Edward and Shirley (Bondo) Hansen are listed below.

- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)

▲ **living Hansen (-)**

Sherman Christian Ferdinand Bondo and Margrete Hansen Christensen head family #35 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Sherman Bondo's first wife, Maggie (Christensen) Bondo, is interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Sherman and Lena (Nielsen) Bondo are interred in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Gilfillan, Michigan. Lydia (Bondo) Schultz is interred in Crestlawn Memorial Gardens, Redwood Falls, Minnesota. I don't know where Sherman Bondo's other children are interred.

- **Carl Albert Christian "Albert" Bondo** (2 Sep 1886 – 16 Sep 1931, conf. 1902) married **Marie Mikkeline "Mary" Iversen** (6 Sep 1886 – 24 Nov 1955) in Marcus, Iowa on February 26, 1908.

Mary Iversen was the daughter of St. Paul's early members **Peter Christian Iversen and Marie Kirstine Mikkelsen**.

Albert and Mary Bondo lived in Underwood, where he ran a garage.

The six children of Albert and Mary Bondo, including twins who died at birth, are listed below.

- **Ethel Christine Bondo** (14 Dec 1908 – 18 Mar 1978, conf. 1923) never married.
- **Laurits Christian Peter Bondo** (4 Aug 1910 – 18 Dec 1988, conf. 1926) married **Iris A. Caldwell** (14 Aug 1916 – 19 Jun 2004) in Council Bluffs on June 2, 1936.

Iris Caldwell was born in Elmwood, Oklahoma to Grady Caldwell and Ada Kenner who lived in the Underwood area at one time.

Laurits Bondo lived in Underwood and ran the Bondo filling station until moving to Eugene, Oregon in 1952.

Laurits Bondo died in Eugene, Oregon. Iris (Caldwell) Bondo died in Richland or Kennewick, Washington.

The four children of Laurits and Iris (Caldwell) Bondo are listed below.

- ▲ **Allan Blaine Bondo** (17 Mar 1937 – 22 Nov 2002) married **Phyllis Lee Claydon** (25 Apr 1938 – 29 Jan 2001).

- ▲ **living Bondo (-)**

- ▲ **living Bondo (-)**

- ▲ **living Bondo (-)**

Laurits and Iris Bondo are interred in the West Lawn Cemetery in Eugene, Oregon, as is their son, Allan.

- **Anna Bondo** (30 Apr 1912 – 30 Apr 1912) and **Marie Bondo** (30 Apr 1912 – 30 Apr 1912) were twins who died at birth.

- **Alice Mary Bondo** (9 Jun 1914 – 12 Jan 2002) married **Walton Rudolph Conrad** (2 Aug 1913 – 5 Nov 1990) on September 2, 1940.

Walton and Alice Conrad moved to San Diego, California from the Underwood area after 1955.

The three children of Walton and Alice (Bondo) Conrad are listed below.

▲ **living Conrad** (-)

▲ **living Conrad** (-)

▲ **living Conrad** (-)

Walton and Alice (Bondo) Conrad died in San Diego County, California.

- **Ruth Elizabeth Bondo** (11 Jul 1919 – 13 May 2008, conf. 1919) married **Fred Hugo Niemann Sr.** (14 Feb 1907 – 14 Apr 1980) in Shelby, Iowa on September 8, 1952.

Fred Niemann was the son of Herman H. Niemann and Freda P. Ernest of Norwalk Township.

Fred and Ruth Niemann farmed the Niemann home place just west of Underwood.

The six children of Fred and Ruth (Bondo) Niemann are listed below.

▲ **living Niemann** (-)

▲ **living Niemann** (-)

▲ **living Niemann** (-)

▲ **living Niemann** (-)

▲ **Barbara Ann Niemann** (18 Sep 1957 – 24 Aug 2006)

▲ **living Niemann** (-)

Carl Albert Christian Bondo and Marie Iversen head family #43 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Albert and Mary (Iversen) Bondo, their daughter, Ethel, and their infant twins are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Laurits Bondo is interred in West Lawn Cemetery in Eugene, Oregon. Ruth (Bondo) Niemann and her husband are interred in the Fisher Cemetery in Underwood. I don't know where Alice (Bondo) Conrad is interred.

- **Lydia Elisabeth Bondo** (26 Apr 1889 – 30 Jul 1966, conf. 1903) married **Peter Soren "Peter S." Peterson** (16 Jul 1884 – 10 Apr 1951) at St. Paul's on March 7, 1907.

Peter S. Peterson was born to Chris Peterson and Christina Olsen in Ruskin, Nebraska.

In 1910 Peter S. Peterson was farming in Norwalk Township. In 1912 the family was living in Davenport, Iowa. From 1914 to 1920 Peter S. was farming near Hardy in western Nebraska.

Around 1921 the Peter S. Peterson family settled in Underwood, where Peter S. ran a trucking company and sold agricultural implements.

The eight children of Peter S. and Lydia Peterson are listed below. Two of their children, Clarence Peter and Helen Frances, married siblings, namely Violet Erickson and Glen Erickson, the children of St. Paul's early members **Simon Peter Erickson and Anina Christensen**.

- **Raymond Peterson** (31 Mar 1908 – 31 Mar 1908), a twin of Clarence Peter, died at birth.
- **Clarence Peter Peterson** (31 Mar 1908 – 13 Jun 1983, conf. 1923) married **Violet Blanche Erickson** (2 Dec 1912 – 2 Nov 2001) at St. Paul's on March 25, 1931.

Violet Erickson was the daughter of St. Paul's early members **Simon Peter Erickson and Anina Christensen**.

Clarence and Violet Peterson moved to Shelby County in 1938 where they lived a mile north and two and a half miles west of Shelby.

The four children of Clarence and Violet Peterson are listed below.

- ▲ **living Peterson** (-)
- ▲ **living Peterson** (-)
- ▲ **living Peterson** (-)
- ▲ **living Peterson** (-)

Clarence and Violet (Erickson) Peterson are interred in the Shelby, Iowa cemetery.

- **Albert Bondo Peterson** (16 Jan 1912 – 27 May 2001, conf. 1926) married **Gertrude Lois Bonnes** (8 Jul 1916 – 6 Sep 1966) in Pottawattamie County on March 25, 1936.

Gertrude Bonnes was the daughter of Henry Bonnes and Mary Louise Geise of Norwalk Township.

Albert Peterson farmed on land owned by his father-in-law, ran a gas station and café in Underwood, and later farmed with his son, James, south of Bentley.

After Gertrude (Bonnes) Peterson's death, Albert Peterson married **Gwendolyn C. (Green) Martin** (7 Apr 1918 – 11 Jan 1995) on July 22, 1967.

The three children of Albert and Gertrude Peterson are listed below.

- ▲ **living Peterson** (-)
- ▲ **living Peterson** (-)

- ▲ **Daniel Dale Peterson** (10 Jan 1945 – 21 Nov 1954) died of lymphoma at the age of 9.

Albert and Gertrude (Bonnes) Peterson and their child, Daniel Dale, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Ramona Ruth Peterson** (18 Sep 1914 – 7 Nov 2001, conf. 1929) married **Harry Raymond Gittins** (10 Aug 1910 – 26 Jul 1986) on October 1, 1940.

Harry Gittins was the son of Raymond Gittins and Eva Johnson of Norwalk Township.

The Harry Gittins family lived in the Underwood area until moving to Council Bluffs around 1960.

The five children of Harry and Ramona Gittins are listed below.

- ▲ **living Gittins** (-)
- ▲ **living Gittins** (-)
- ▲ **living Gittins** (-)
- ▲ **living Gittins** (-)
- ▲ **Roger Dean Gittins** (28 Sep 1953 – 5 Nov 1997)

Harry and Ramona (Peterson) Gittins are interred in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Helen Frances Peterson** (8 Nov 1915 – 13 Oct 1970, conf. 1929) married **Glen Stuart Erickson** (3 Jun 1917 -) on April 25, 1936.

Glen Erickson was the son of St. Paul's early members **Simon Peter Erickson and Anina Christensen**.

Glen and Helen Peterson were living in Oakland in 1946 and later moved to Eagle Grove, Iowa where she died. Glen Erickson was living in Vero Beach, Florida in 2005.

The five children of Glen and Helen Erickson are listed below.

- ▲ **living Erickson** (-)
- ▲ **living Erickson** (-)
- ▲ **living Erickson** (-)
- ▲ **living Erickson** (-)
- ▲ **living Erickson** (-)

Helen (Peterson) Erickson is interred in Eagle Grove, Iowa.

- **Marvin Luther Peterson** (10 Nov 1919 – 4 Nov 1986, conf. 1935) married **Frances Carol "Carolyn" Nolen** (27 Oct 1922 – 7 Jun 1999) on April 20, 1942. Carolyn Nolen was a native of San Antonio, Texas.

Marvin Peterson was a World War II veteran.

Marvin and Carolyn Peterson were living in Red Oak, Iowa in 1946, in Clarion, Iowa in 1949, later lived in Omaha, and moved to Arlington, Texas in 1972.

The two children of Marvin and Carolyn Peterson are listed below.

▲ **living Peterson** (-)

▲ **living Peterson** (-)

Marvin and Carolyn (Nolen) Petersen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Mary Ellen Peterson** (23 Dec 1921 -, conf. 1936) married **Carol Monroe Peterson** (25 Feb 1919 -) on December 17, 1942. Carol Peterson was a native of Stanton, Iowa.

Carol and Mary Ellen Peterson lived in the Stanton area.

The four children of Carol and Mary Ellen Peterson are listed below.

▲ **living Peterson** (-)

▲ **living Peterson** (-)

▲ **living Peterson** (-)

▲ **living Peterson** (-)

Carol and Mary Ellen Peterson were thought to be living in Stanton in 2010.

- **Ferne Mae Peterson** (19 May 1927 – 13 Mar 1975, conf. 1940) married **Wayne Carl Fritz** (26 Oct 1924 –) on August 7, 1949. Wayne Fritz was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fritz of the Oakland, Iowa area.

Wayne Fritz farmed northwest of Oakland.

The four children of Wayne and Ferne Fritz are listed below.

▲ **living Fritz** (-)

▲ **living Fritz** (-)

▲ **living Fritz** (-)

▲ **living Fritz** (-)

Ferne (Peterson) Fritz is interred in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Oakland, Iowa.

Peter S. Petersen and Lydia Bondo head family #34 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Peter S. and Lydia Peterson, their infant son, Raymond, their son Albert and his first wife, and their son, Marvin, and his wife are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Clarence Peterson and his wife are interred in the Shelby, Iowa cemetery. Ramona (Peterson) Gittins and her husband are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Helen (Peterson) Erickson is interred in Eagle Grove, Iowa. Ferne (Peterson) Fritz is interred in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Oakland, Iowa.



Mrs. L. C. Bondo heads family #44 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Christian and Carrie Bondo, their children and their children's spouses, except for Sherman, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Sherman Bondo and his second wife are interred in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery, Gilfillan, Redwood County, Minnesota.

## **Sources Specific to the Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen Family:**

### **■ References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**

- In the Peter Bondo section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the relatives of Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo, the wife of Peter Bondo, see the *Lars Christian Rasmussen Family sketch*.
- In the Peter Bondo section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the relatives of Oluf Larsen, the spouse of Lillie (Bondo) Larsen, see the *Barbara Olsen section* of the *Ole Peter Jensen Family sketch*. (Ole Peter Jensen was Oluf Larsen's maternal grandfather.)
- In the Peter Bondo section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the relatives of Leon Christensen, the husband of Emma (Bondo) Christensen, see the *Niels Jorgen Christensen Family sketch*. (Niels Jorgen Christensen was the father of Leon Christensen.)
- In the Minnie Bondo and Martin Christoffersen section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the family of Martin and Minnie (Bondo) Christoffersen, see the *Martin Christoffersen section* of the *Jorgen Christoffersen Family sketch*. (Jorgen Christoffersen was the father of Martin Christoffersen.)
- In the Christine Bondo and N. J. J. Nelson section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the family of N. J. J. and Christine (Bondo) Nelson, see the *Swen and Helena (Sandstrom) Nelson section* of the *Johan Frederik Sandstrom Family sketch*. (Johan Frederik Sandstrom was N. J. J. Nelson's grandfather.)
- In the Mary Bondo and Thomas Peterson section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the relatives of Christina Nelson, Thomas Peterson's second wife, see the *Peter Nielsen Family sketch*. (Peter Nielsen was the father of Christina Nelson.)
- In the Mary Bondo and Thomas Peterson section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the relatives of Viggo Bondo's wife, Christine (Petersen) Bondo, see the *Lars C. Petersen section* of the *Vilhelm Pedersen Family sketch*. (Lars. C. Petersen was the stepfather of Christine (Petersen) Bondo.)
- In the Mary Bondo and Thomas Peterson section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the family of Olga (Peterson) Nelson, see the *Swen Nelson section* of the *Johan Frederik Sandstrom Family sketch*. (Olga Peterson's husband, Harry Nelson, was the grandson of Johan Frederik Sandstrom.)
- In the Mary Bondo and Thomas Peterson section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the relatives of Martha (Nielsen) Peterson, Mrs. Sherman Peterson, see the *Niels Peter Nielsen Family sketch*. (Niels Peter Nielsen was the father of Martha (Nielsen) Peterson.)

- In the Emma Bondo section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the family of Viggo and Emma (Bondo) Hansen, see the *Viggo Hansen section* of the *Isaac Hansen Family sketch*.
- In the Sherman Bondo section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the relatives of Sherman Bondo's first wife, Maren Margaret (Christensen) Bondo, see the *Nels Hansen Christensen Family sketch*. (Nels Hansen Christensen was the father of Maren Margaret (Christensen) Bondo.)
- In the Albert Bondo section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the relatives of his wife, Mary (Iversen) Bondo, see the *Christiansen Iversen Family sketch*. (Christian Iversen was the father of Mary (Iversen) Bondo.)
- In the Lydia (Bondo) Peterson section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the relatives of Violet (Erickson) Peterson, the wife of Clarence Peterson, see the *Peter Erickson section* of the *Niels Eriksen Family sketch*. (Peter Erickson was the father of Violet (Erickson) Peterson.)
- In the Lydia (Bondo) Peterson section of the Christian Bondo sketch: For the family of Glen Erickson, the husband of Helen (Peterson) Erickson, see the *Peter Erickson section* of the *Niels Eriksen Family sketch*. (Peter Erickson was the father of Glen Erickson.)
- Elaine (Bondo) Hoyer's Bondo family data, including the printed Bondo register compiled around 1979.
- *The Bondo and Henriksen Families United* by Donald Bondo Pedersen, Dec 2009, including Appendix J, *Christian and Carrie Bondo, An Essay on Their Farms and Life in America and Their Friendship with Jens Sorensen*, Sep 2010. As of 2013, Donald Pedersen is continuing to expand this family history.
- **Articles from Pottawattamie County, Iowa "Makers of Fire" history book, 1978:**
  - Laurits and Karen Bondo, pp. 118-119; Laurits and Karen Bondo, p. 119; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bondo, p. 119; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bondo, p. 119; Harry R. Gittins, p. 204; Albert Bondo Peterson, p. 355; Peter S. and Lydia Peterson, p. 356.
- *Karen, a Forsaken Little Girl*, by Anton Hansen, translated by Chaplain Laurits H. Pedersen.
- Various other writings by members of the Bondo family
- For the Tom Peterson and Mary Bondo family:
  - Interview with grandchildren, Ralph and Kenneth Peterson.
  - Interview with grandson, Duane Benson.

## End of the Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen Family Sketch