

(3) – Peter Torgesen Christiansen

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Peter T. Christiansen was not born in Dronninglund Parish. However, both of his wives, whose parents appear in sketches (8) and (9) in *Immigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish*, were born in Dronninglund Sogn. Thus, I have chosen to include this biographical sketch. The end of this sketch has information about other relatives of Peter T. Christiansen.

In Denmark: Peter Torgesen Christiansen was born as Peder Thøgersen Christensen in Hørby Sogn, near Sæby, Hjørring Amt, Denmark to Christen Nielsen and Trine Axelsdatter. Hørby is about 15 miles north of Dronninglund and about five miles west of the seaside town of Sæby.

Immigration: Peter T. Christiansen immigrated to Council Bluffs with his future first wife, their first child, and her family in May 1871.

Peter T. Christiansen married **Martha Marie Skaksen** in Pottawattamie County in 1871.

Martha Marie Skaksen was the daughter of Jens Christian Skaksen and Marte Marie Madsdatter. Martha (Skaksen) Christiansen died after less than two years of marriage, leaving two children.

Peter T. Christiansen married **Ane Margrethe Christiansen** in 1874.

Ane Margrethe Christiansen was the daughter of Christian Svendsen and Maren Madsdatter. Peter T. Christiansen and his second wife had seven children:

Peter T. Christiansen's two wives were first cousins, being grandchildren of Mads Andersen and Anne Margrethe Hansdatter.

The Peter T. Christiansen Farm:

In 1885, the Peter T. Christiansen farm comprised 80 acres in Boomer Township, Section 4 and 80 miles of prairie land further east in Section 11. By the mid 1890s he had added 40 acres in Section 4, and by 1902 he had added 120 acres in Section 9.

The land in Section 11 became the farm of Peter T.'s oldest son, Andrew Christian Christiansen. The Section 9 land became the farm of Peter T.'s son, John H. Christiansen. Peter T.'s youngest son, Henry, and after Henry's death, Peter T.'s son, Ellis, owned the "home place" in Section 4.

The two children of Peter T. Christiansen and his first wife, Martha Skaksen

Peter Torgesen Christiansen (8 May 1849 - 25 Dec 1922) & Martha Marie Skaksen (19 Jul 1849 - 1872)
m. abt 19 Jun 1871, Pott. Co., IA

Andrew Christian "Chris" Christiansen (22 Mar 1870 - 21 Feb 1948) & Trine Marie Jorgensen (5 Sep 1869 - 29 Oct 1960)

m. 27 Oct 1893, Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

Tena Marie Christiansen (14 Aug 1872 - 5 May 1955) & William Price Jr. (10 Mar 1868 - 27 Jan 1912)

m. 16 May 1894, Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

- **Andrew Christian "Chris" Christiansen** was born in Torslev Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark and christened as Anders Christen Christensen with parents' names transcribed as Peter Thoger Christensen and Martha Marie Jensen. (Martha's patronymic surname was Jensen.)

Andrew Christian Christiansen married **Trine Marie Jorgensen** in 1893. Trine Jorgensen was the daughter of Jorgen C. Andersen and Maren Petersen.

Andrew and Trine Christiansen farmed in Boomer Township, Section 11, for many years on a farm that his father, Peter T. Christiansen, had owned as early as 1885. Andrew and Trine retired to Missouri Valley around 1945.

The four children of Andrew Christiansen and Trine Marie Jorgensen

Andrew Christian "Chris" Christiansen (22 Mar 1870 - 21 Feb 1948) & Trine Marie Jorgensen (5 Sep 1869 - 29 Oct 1960)
m. 27 Oct 1893, Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

Clarence Peter Christiansen (24 Jun 1895 - 5 Nov 1992) & Alice Elizabeth Lauridsen (14 Feb 1898 - 10 Aug 1996)
m. 14 Feb 1917, St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

Martha Margretha Christiansen (19 Apr 1898 - 16 Nov 1976) & Harry Norbert Lauridsen (23 Jul 1894 - 2 Dec 1969)
m. 29 Jan 1919, St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

Mary Henrietta Christiansen (31 Mar 1901 - abt 24 Jul 1942) & Chresten "Chris" Larsen (5 Aug 1893 - Jan 1979)
m. 1920

George Edward Christiansen (16 Jun 1903 - Oct 1971) & Mildred Naomi Deakins (6 Dec 1907 - Oct 1983)
m. 10 Dec 1930, Pott. Co., IA

Two of the children, Clarence and Martha, married siblings, Alice and Harry Lauridsen, the children of Jens Nielsen Lauridsen and Mary Johnson. For more information about the Lauridsen family, see the *Jens Nielsen Lauridsen & Mary Johnson Family* sketch in my *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*.

- **Clarence Peter Christiansen** married **Alice Elizabeth Lauridsen** in 1917 with the St. Paul's pastor officiating.

Clarence and Alice Christiansen lived in Boomer Township after marrying, moved to Missouri Valley, Iowa in 1922 and then moved to Council Bluffs in 1931.

Clarence and Alice Christiansen had seven children, one of whom died in childhood.

- **Martha Magreta Christiansen** married **Harry Norbert Lauridsen** in 1919 with the St. Paul's pastor officiating.

After marrying, Harry and Martha Lauridsen lived in Boomer and Neola Townships before moving to Santa Clara County, California around 1926.

Harry and Martha Lauridsen had three children.

- **Mary Henrietta Christiansen** married **Christen "Chris" Larsen** in 1920.

Chris Larsen was born in Try, Torslev Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark to Andreas Christian Larsen and Barbara Marie Olsen. For more information about the Chris Larsen family, see the *Barbara Marie Olsen and Andreas Christian Larsen* section of the *Ole Peter Jensen & Ane Marie Christensen Family* sketch in my *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*.

Chris Larsen farmed in Boomer Township.

Chris and Mary Larsen had five children, and Mary died a few months after the fifth child was born.

- **George Edward Christiansen** married **Mildred Naomi Deakins** in 1930.

Mildred Deakins was the daughter of John Amosa Deakins and Matilda Fredericka Mandelko of Harrison County.

George Christiansen farmed in Boomer Township, Section 11 in the 1940s and 1950s.

George and Mildred Christiansen had four children.

Andrew and Trine Christiansen and their children Clarence, Mary and George are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. Martha is probably interred in California.

- **Tena Marie Christiansen** married **William Price Jr.** in 1894.

William Price Jr. was the son of William Price Sr. and Emma Drake, English immigrants who farmed in Boomer Township, Section 28.

In 1897 William and Tina Price bought the old William and Mary Lewis farm in Boomer Township, Section 28, which was located a quarter mile southwest of the William Price Sr. home place. After William Price's early death, Tena remained on the farm until her death 43 years later.

William and Tena Price's sons, Amos and William, shared responsibility for Price farm until the middle 1930s when Tena's son-in-law, Frank Miner, took over.

The six children of William Price and Tena Christiansen

William Price Jr. (10 Mar 1868 - 27 Jan 1912) & Tena Marie Christiansen (14 Aug 1872 - 5 May 1955)

m. 16 May 1894, Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

Amos D. Price (21 Apr 1895 - 2 Mar 1960) & Verda C. Carpenter (23 Dec 1900 - 14 Oct 1970)

m. 19 Mar 1923, Pott. Co., IA

Ethel Irene Price* (24 Aug 1897 - 10 Sep 1982) & Julius Peter Schroder (15 Aug 1895 or 1896 - 4 Apr 1948)

m. 21 Jan 1920, Pott. Co., IA

Ethel Irene Price* (24 Aug 1897 - 10 Sep 1982) & Thomas Albert Page (19 Mar 1898 - 25 Mar 1974)

Annie Alberta Price (16 Apr 1899 - 10 Apr 1976) & Jack E. Lake (16 Nov 1899 - abt 14 Feb 1989)

m. 21 Nov 1925, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA

William Magnus Price (2 Nov 1901 - 24 Mar 1984) & Freda Rose Petersen (13 Apr 1905 - 9 Dec 1994)

m. 24 Feb 1926, Pott. Co., IA

Emma Marie Price (1904 - 1961) & Francis Auberg Whittington (1901 - 1967)

m. 10 Mar 1926, Pott. Co., IA

Viola Genevieve Price (5 Jul 1906 - 28 Mar 1996) & Frank Elvin James Miner (30 Oct 1901 - 11 Feb 1970)

m. 15 Feb 1933, parsonage, St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

- **Amos D. Price** married **Verda C. Carpenter** in 1923.

Verda Carpenter was the daughter of John H. Carpenter who moved from Carroll, Iowa to Council Bluffs around 1915. Verda taught country schools before marrying.

Except for service in World War I, I believe that Amos lived at home and took responsibility for the Price farm until he and Verda married. In 1925 Amos and Verda were living in Cincinnati Township, Harrison County. Sometime after

William married in 1926, Amos and Verda returned to Boomer Township, where I suspect they lived near her mother in the William Price Sr. house.

Amos Price is thought to have contracted tuberculosis because of his service in World War I. Around 1937 or 1938, he and Verda moved to Colorado in search of a healthier climate.

Amos and Verna Price did not have children.

- **Ethel Irene Price** married **Julius Peter Schroder** in 1920.

Julius Schroder was the son of John Schroder and Anna Nielsen of Boomer Township, Section 30. See the *Christen Skaksen and Anna Margretha Christensdatter* sketch in *Immigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish* for more information about Julius Schroder's older relatives.

After marrying, Julius and Ethel Schroder farmed the Claus Schroeder place in Hazel Dell Township, Section 6, and in 1930 bought and moved to the old Acton farm in Boomer Township, Section 29.

Julius and Ethel Schroder had one child, Dale, who as of 2010 has lived on the Schroder farm since 1930.

- **Annie Alberta Price** married **Jack E. Lake**, a Missouri native, in 1925.

Jack and Annie Lake lived in Council Bluffs and had two children, one of whom died at birth. Their surviving child, Darlene Ann, married James Christian Nielsen, the son of Niels Christian Nielsen and Maren Margrethe "Margaret" Christensen of Neola Township, Section 31. See the *Niels Christian Nielsen* section of the *Anton Nielsen and Kirsten Marie Christensen* sketch in my *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families* for information about James Nielsen's older relatives.

- **William Magnus Price** took responsibility for the Price farm while his brother, Amos, was in military service in World War I.

William M. Price married **Freda Rose Petersen** in 1926.

Freda Petersen was the daughter of Carl Petersen and Anna Schroder of eastern Rockford Township. See the *Christen Skaksen and Anna Margretha Christensdatter* sketch in *Immigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish* for more about Freda (Petersen) Price's older relatives.

William and Freda Price lived in Boomer Township after marrying but moved to just northeast of Minden before 1943.

William and Freda Price had four children.

- **Emma Marie Price** married **Francis Auberg Whittington**, a Nebraska native, in 1926.

Francis and Emma Whittington lived in Boomer Township after marrying but moved to the Underwood, Iowa area before 1944 and later lived north of McClelland, Iowa.

Francis and Emma Whittington had four children.

- **Viola Genevieve Price** married **Frank Elvin James Miner** at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church parsonage in Boomer Township in 1933.

Frank Miner was born in St. Johns, Michigan to Elvin Joel Miner and Martha Pearl (Harper) Birmingham.

Frank Miner was a carpenter as well as a farmer.

After marrying, Frank and Viola Miner lived briefly just south of the Grange Cemetery, where he was caretaker. Later they lived on Mackland property in Boomer Township, Section 27, across the road from the Boomer store. Around 1937 Frank took over the William Price Jr. farm and the Frank Miner family moved to a small house Frank built near his mother-in-law's house.

Frank and Viola Miner lived on the William Price Jr. farm until around 1956, when they moved to the Carson, Iowa area. Around 1959, they moved to a farm in Fairview Township, Shelby County north and west of Avoca and in 1964 they moved to a house in Shelby.

Frank and Viola Miner had two children.

William and Tena Price and all six of their children are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

I currently don't know where Martha Marie (Skaksen) Christiansen is interred. Her children, Andrew and Tena, are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

The seven children of Peter T. Christiansen and his second wife, Ane Margrethe Christiansen

Peter Torgesen Christiansen (8 May 1849 - 25 Dec 1922) & Ane Margrethe Christiansen (29 Sep 1848 - abt 23 Oct 1908)
m. 17 Jun 1874, Pott. Co., IA

John H. Christiansen (14 Mar 1875 - 1 Oct 1934) & Jennie E. McCune (14 Mar 1880 - 18 Aug 1931)
m. 24 Apr 1901, Harrison Co., IA

Martha Christiansen (23 Sep 1876 - 1919) & Francis Chambers (27 May 1873 - 1958)
m. 26 Apr 1899, Pott. Co., IA

Ellis C. Christiansen (16 Mar 1878 - 23 Aug 1956) & Nannie Elisa Christians (23 Aug 1882 - 16 Jul 1973)
m. 30 Oct 1913, Pott. Co., IA

Axel Paul Christensen* (27 Dec 1879 - Jun 1966) & Ida Marie Johnson (Dec 1882 - 16 Jun 1942)
m. 5 Oct 1910, Pott. Co., IA

Axel Paul Christensen* (27 Dec 1879 - Jun 1966) & Nellie Pearl Stevenson (22 Oct 1890 - 31 Oct 1983)

Henry Christiansen (15 Jan 1882 - 28 Feb 1912) & Nannie Elisa Christians (23 Aug 1882 - 16 Jul 1973)
m. 20 Apr 1904, Harrison Co., IA

Mary Christiansen (6 Jul 1884 - 28 Mar 1947) & Leon Driver (2 Oct 1878 - 1 Dec 1943)
m. 14 Mar 1906, Pott. Co., IA

Anna Christiansen (5 Mar 1886 - 30 Oct 1959) & Edwin Driver (26 May 1880 - 19 Feb 1965)
m. 27 Feb 1907, Pott. Co., IA

The two youngest children, Mary and Anna, married brothers, namely the sons of James Driver and Elizabeth Beswick of Boomer Township, Section 21.

■ John H. Christiansen married Jennie E. McCune in 1901.

Jennie McCune was born in Boomer Township to Daniel McCune and Mary Loretta Brookhauser.

John H. Christiansen farmed in Boomer Township, Section 9, just south of the Peter T. Christiansen home place in Section 4.

The seven children of John H. Christiansen and Jennie McCune

John H. Christiansen (14 Mar 1875 - 1 Oct 1934) & Jennie E. McCune (14 Mar 1880 - 18 Aug 1931)

m. 24 Apr 1901, Harrison Co., IA

Mary Irene "Irene" Christiansen* (8 Sep 1902 - Oct 1981) & Edward "Ed" Lynch

m. abt 1923

Mary Irene "Irene" Christiansen* (8 Sep 1902 - Oct 1981) & Wallace Alexander Hargrave (9 Jun 1887 - Aug 1969)

Grace Margaret Christiansen (2 Mar 1905 - 28 Jan 1991) & Charles Chester Schroder (6 Nov 1898 - 26 Aug 1971)

m. 17 Apr 1923

John Harold "Harold" Christiansen (abt Aug 1909 - bef 1952) & Alma L. Killpack (28 Jun 1909 - 2 Jul 1992)

m. aft 1930

Ernest P. Christiansen (22 Apr 1913 - 4 Nov 1964) & Grace R. E. McIntosh (21 Dec 1917 - 6 Aug 2002)

Earl Joseph Christiansen (22 Apr 1913 - Jan 1981) & Bernice Marie McIntosh (1 Aug 1912 - May 1991)

m. 26 Mar 1935, Pott. Co., IA

Wilbur H. Christiansen (13 Oct 1915 - 9 Feb 1986)

Genevieve E. Christiansen* (19 Dec 1917 - Sep 1978) & William S. McIntosh (26 Aug 1907 - Mar 1980)

m. 25 Apr 1935, Pott. Co., IA

Genevieve E. Christiansen* (19 Dec 1917 - Sep 1978) & Warren W. Wilmot (7 Feb 1908 - 27 Nov 1973)

Three of the younger children, twins Ernest and Earl and Genevieve married siblings, the children of William Cleveland "Clee" McIntosh and Augusta Dortha Rief who lived near Honey Creek in Rockford Township.

- **Mary Irene "Irene" Christiansen** married **Edward Lynch** and then married **Wallace Alexander Hargrave**.

Irene (Christiansen) Lynch Hargrave lived in Iowa City and had two (or possibly four) children.

- **Grace Margaret Christiansen** married **Charles Chester Schroder** in 1923. Charles Schroder was the son of John Schroder and Anna Nielsen of Boomer Township, Section 30. See the *Christen Skaksen and Anna Margretha Christensdatter* sketch herein for more information about Charles Schroder's older relatives.

Charles and Grace Schroder lived on his parents' home place until 1953, and had two children.

- **John Harold "Harold" Christiansen** married **Alma L. Killpack**. Alma Killpack was the daughter of David Killpack and Stella Hammitt of Harrison County.

Harold and Alma Christiansen had two children. After Harold's death, Alma moved to Council Bluffs around 1953.

- **Ernest P. Christiansen** married **Grace McIntosh**.

Ernest and Grace Christiansen lived in Council Bluffs and had two known children.

- **Earl Joseph Christiansen** married **Bernice Marie McIntosh** in 1935.

Earl and Bernice Christiansen lived in Council Bluffs and had two children.

- **Wilbur H. Christiansen** probably never married. Wilbur Christiansen lived in the Logan area and moved to Council Bluffs before 1964.

- **Genevieve E. Christiansen** married **William S. McIntosh** in 1935.

William and Genevieve McIntosh lived in Council Bluffs and had three known children. They divorced before 1964 and Genevieve married **Warren W. Wilmot**.

John H. and Jennie Christiansen and their children, Grace, Wilbur and Genevieve, are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. Ernest and Earl are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

■ **Martha Christiansen** married **Francis Chambers** in 1899.

Francis Chambers was the son of Joseph Chambers and Elizabeth Roland and was raised in Lagrange Township, Harrison County north of Boomer Township.

After leaving home, Francis Chambers farmed in Harrison County in St John Township, then Calhoun Township, and finally in St John Township again. Near the end of his working life, he was in the trucking business.

The seven children of Francis Chambers and Martha Christiansen

Francis Chambers (27 May 1873 - 1958) & Martha Christiansen (23 Sep 1876 - 1919)

m. 26 Apr 1899, Pott. Co., IA

Hazel Marie Chambers (1902 - 1951)

Mable Francis Chambers (25 Oct 1903 - 16 Aug 1987) & Harry Claude Martens (23 Aug 1898 - 18 Nov 1947)

m. 30 Dec 1926

Florence E. Chambers (3 Feb 1906 - 27 Jan 2000) & C. Wayne Miller (14 Jul 1904 - 3 Nov 1997)

m. 28 Nov 1931, Fremont, Dodge Co., NE

Robert Arnold Chambers* (13 Sep 1909 - 2 Jan 1999) & Darlene D. Mendenhall (abt 1916 -)

m. 23 Jul 1935, Church of Christ, Glenwood, Mills Co., IA

Robert Arnold Chambers* (13 Sep 1909 - 2 Jan 1999) & Eva Helfrich (1915 - 13 May 1968)

Margaret A. Chambers (31 Oct 1911 - 21 Oct 2009) & Clarence E. "Soup" Martens (4 Oct 1900 - 2 Jun 1958)

m. 5 Mar 1940, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE

Mary Elizabeth Chambers (29 Oct 1914 - 29 Dec 2010) & Carl V. Sproul (14 Feb 1915 - 29 Jan 2011)

m. 18 Jun 1938, Storm Lake, Buena Vista Co., IA

William Joseph Chambers (28 Dec 1918 - 23 Apr 2012) & Junne Adams (20 Mar 1921 - 11 Sep 2010)

m. 14 Aug 1946, First Presby. Ch., Omaha, Douglas Co., NE

^ Mable and Margaret Chambers married brothers, namely the sons of Wilhelm Hans Martens and Emma Suhr.

- **Hazel Marie Chambers** probably never married.
- **Mable Francis Chambers** married Harry Claude Martens in 1926.
- **Florence E. Chambers** married C. Wayne Miller in 1931.
- **Robert Arnold Chambers** married Darlene D. Mendenhall in 1935 and after divorcing married Eva Helfrich.
- **Margaret A. Chambers** married Clarence E. "Soup" Martens in 1940.
- **Mary Elizabeth Chambers** married Carl V. Sproul in 1938.
- **William Joseph Chambers** served as a bombardier-navigator on a medium bomber in World War II. He married Junne Adams in 1946.

Interment:

- Frances and Martha Chambers and their children, Hazel, Mable and Margaret, are interred in Rose Hill Cemetery in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

- Florence is interred in the Herman Cemetery in Herman, Nebraska.
- Mary is interred in the Ferguson Cemetery in Lake View, Iowa.
- William is interred in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.
- I don't know where Robert is interred.

- **Ellis C. Christiansen** married **Nannie Elisa (Christians) Christiansen** in 1913. Nannie was the widow of Ellis's younger brother, Henry Christiansen.

Ellis Christiansen's original farm was in Boomer Township, Section 9. After his brother, Henry, died, Ellis took over the Peter T. Christiansen home place in Boomer Township, Section 4.

After Ellis died, Nannie continued to live on the family farm with her daughter and son-in-law, Lillie and Kenneth Larsen. She spent the last few years of her life in Missouri Valley with her daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Bob Ward.

As of 1997, Dennis Schroder owned the old Ellis Christiansen farm in Boomer Township, Section 4.

The two children of Ellis Christiansen and Nannie Christians

Ellis C. Christiansen (16 Mar 1878 - 23 Aug 1956) & Nannie Elisa Christians (23 Aug 1882 - 16 Jul 1973)
m. 30 Oct 1913, Pott. Co., IA

Lilly Margaret Catherine Christiansen (17 Apr 1915 - 4 Apr 2007) & James Kenneth "Kenneth" Larsen (13 Oct 1920 - 29 Oct 2013)
m. 8 Apr 1942

Louise Gertrude Christiansen (22 Oct 1920 -) & Robert Willard Ward (21 Dec 1918 - 20 Jun 2002)
m. 23 Nov 1940, St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA

Both daughters lived into their 90s, as did their mother.

- **Lilly Margaret Catherine Christiansen** married **James Kenneth "Kenneth" Larsen** in 1942.

Kenneth Larsen was the son of Hans Larsen and Anna Serena Olsen who farmed near Weston and west of Neola.

Kenneth and Lilly Larsen farmed the Ellis Christiansen farm in Boomer Township, Section 4. Around 1959 Kenneth went to work for a contractor on the nearby Atlas D intercontinental missile site. Once the site was complete, Kenneth continued working for the contractor. In 1971 Kenneth Larsen had a farm sale and Kenneth and Lilly left their farm.

Eventually Kenneth and Lilly Larsen moved to Omaha.

Kenneth and Lilly Larsen had three children.

- **Louise Gertrude Christiansen** married **Robert Willard Ward** by the St. Paul's pastor in 1940.

Robert Ward was the son of Willard Ward and Nellie Pearl Stevenson who farmed the Ward home place in Boomer Township, Section 23 before Willard Ward's early death.

Robert and Louise Ward lived in Boomer Township, Section 6 before moving to Missouri Valley, Iowa before 1971. Later they moved to the Omaha area.

Robert and Louise Ward had four children, one of whom died in infancy.
Ellis and Nannie Christiansen and their daughter, Lilly, are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

■ **Axel Paul Christensen** married **Ida Marie Johnson** in 1910.

Ida Johnson was the daughter of John Johnson and Anna Olsen, Danish immigrants who lived in Shelby County and in Council Bluffs.

Axel appears to have consistently used the spelling "Christensen", which in Denmark is a completely different surname than "Christiansen".

In 1920, 1925, 1930 and 1940 Axel Christensen was living in Lewis Township near Council Bluffs, where he was once a fruit farmer.

After Ida's death, Axel married **Nellie Pearl (Stevenson) Ward**, the widow of Willard Richard Ward and the mother-in-law of his niece, Louise (Christiansen) Ward.

The two children of Axel Christensen and Ida Johnson (one died in childhood)

Axel Paul Christensen (27 Dec 1879 - Jun 1966) & Ida Marie Johnson (Dec 1882 - 16 Jun 1942)
m. 5 Oct 1910, Pott. Co., IA

Henry Axel Christensen (27 Aug 1912 - 23 Sep 1977) & Hazel unknown
William Lee Christensen (4 May 1915 - 24 Sep 1920)

● **Henry Axel Christensen** married **Hazel**.

Henry and Hazel Christensen appear to have lived in or near Council Bluffs, where Henry worked for the post office and Hazel was a public-school teacher.

Henry and Hazel Christensen are thought to have had four children.

Axel and Ida Christensen and their son, William, are interred in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Nellie (Stevenson) Ward Christensen is interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

■ **Henry Christiansen** married **Nannie Elisa Christians** in 1904.

Nannie Christians was the daughter of Johannes Adolf Christians and Catherine Magdalena Bielfeldt who lived in Boomer Township, Section 16, just northeast of the Boomer Township hall.

Henry Christiansen farmed the Peter T. Christiansen home place, in Boomer Township, Section 4.

The one child of Henry Christiansen and Nannie Christians, who died at birth

Henry Christiansen (15 Jan 1882 - 28 Feb 1912) & Nannie Elisa Christians (23 Aug 1882 - 16 Jul 1973)
m. 20 Apr 1904, Harrison Co., IA

Henry Christiansen (14 Jun 1912 - 14 Jun 1912)

After Henry's early death, Nannie married Henry's older brother, **Ellis Christiansen**, who appears earlier in this report.

■ **Mary Christiansen** married **Leon Driver** in 1906.

By 1910 Leon and Mary Driver had settled near Beebeetown in Lagrange Township, Harrison County where they farmed for many years.

The two children of Leon Driver and Mary Christiansen

Leon Driver (2 Oct 1878 - 1 Dec 1943) & Mary Christiansen (6 Jul 1884 - 28 Mar 1947)

m. 14 Mar 1906, Pott. Co., IA

James Lester "Lester" Driver (14 Aug 1907 - 27 May 1998) & Pearl Valentine Handbury (14 Feb 1911 - 11 Jun 2004)

m. 19 Mar 1932, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE

Ferne Lena Driver (3 Mar 1920 - 20 May 1961) & Ross W. Duncan (30 Dec 1917 - 8 Jun 1968)

m. Oct 1941, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE

- **James Lester Driver** married **Pearl Valentine Handbury** in 1932.

Pearl Handbury was the daughter of James Handbury and Amy Thomsen of Neola Township.

- **Ferne L. Driver** married **Ross W. Duncan** in 1941.

Ross Duncan was the son of Roy Duncan and Lena Wohlers of the Beebeetown area.

Leon and Mary Driver and their children, Lester and Ferne, are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- **Anna Christiansen** married **Edwin Driver** in 1907.

Edwin and Anna Driver lived on the Driver home place in Boomer Township.

The six children of Edwin Driver and Anna Christiansen

Edwin Driver (26 May 1880 - 19 Feb 1965) & Anna Christiansen (5 Mar 1886 - 30 Oct 1959)

m. 27 Feb 1907, Pott. Co., IA

Vera Alma Driver (6 Sep 1908 - 25 Dec 1989) & Fred DeArmand George (7 Jan 1910 - abt 26 Apr 1987)

m. 12 Mar 1935, Pott. Co., IA

Vernon Ellis Driver (30 Nov 1912 - 21 Jun 1989) & Helen Louise Petersen (21 Apr 1918 - 19 Jan 2003)

m. 15 Feb 1939, Pott. Co., IA

Alice E. Driver (23 Jul 1914 - 16 Apr 1981) & Marvin Rozel Parish (5 Aug 1913 - 12 Jun 1969)

m. 27 Feb 1937, Pott. Co., IA

Leo G. Driver (28 Sep 1918 - 6 Jan 2004) & Bernice D. Reese (10 Feb 1925 - 8 May 2018)

m. 16 Feb 1944, St. John's Lutheran Ch., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

Edwin Dale "Dale" Driver* (15 Feb 1924 - 18 Nov 2013) & Kathleen Florence Sampson (26 Oct 1927 - 8 Oct 1967)

m. 30 Nov 1947, bride's home, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA

Edwin Dale "Dale" Driver* (15 Feb 1924 - 18 Nov 2013) & Lourean Lynch (3 Feb 1918 - 21 Aug 2013)

m. 31 Aug 1969, First Christian Ch., Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA

Dorothy Ann Driver (24 Nov 1927 - 26 Nov 1927)

- **Vera Alma Driver** married **Fred DeArmand George** in 1935.

Fred George was born in Arkansas to William T. George and Pearl Reeder McFarland. As a young man, Fred George came to Boomer Township where he worked as a hired man for Nathan Darrington before marrying.

Fred and Vera Driver farmed in Boomer Township, Section 16, moving there from the eastern part of the township around 1941.

Fred and Vera George had two children.

- **Vernon Ellis Driver** married **Helen Louise Petersen** in 1939.

Helen Petersen was the daughter of Peter Petersen and Laura Christina Nielsen of Boomer Township, who moved to a small farm just north of Council Bluffs around 1946.

Helen (Petersen) Driver's mother, Laura Christina Nielsen was the great-granddaughter of Christen Skaksen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter whose sketch also appears in *Immigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish*.

Vernon and Helen Driver farmed in Boomer Township, Section 9.

Vernon and Helen Driver had no children.

- **Alice Edwin Driver** married **Marvin Rozel Parish** in 1937.

Marvin Parish was the son of Rozel Parish and Mary Jensen of Hazel Dell Township, Section 3.

Marvin and Alice Parish farmed in Norwalk Township.

Marvin and Alice Parish had three children.

- **Leo G. Driver** married **Bernice D. Reese** in 1944.

Bernice Reese was the daughter of William J. Reese and Dora Cohrs who lived on the old Christians place in Boomer Township, Section 16 just north of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Leo and Bernice Driver lived in Missouri Valley where Leo was a farm supply dealer.

Leo and Bernice Driver had four children.

- **Edwin Dale "Dale" Driver** married **Florence Kathleen Sampson** in 1947. After her death, Dale married **Lorraine (Lynch) Dickey**, the widow of Albert Dickey and a former neighbor of the Drivers, in 1969.

Dale Driver lived on the Driver home place before moving to Council Bluffs. Most of the original Driver farm was sold to Julius P. Witt before 1967.

Dale and Florence Driver had four children.

Anna and Edwin Driver and four of their children, Vera, Vernon, Leo and Dorothy, are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. Alice (Driver) Parish is interred in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Peter T. Christiansen Family Interment:

- Peter T. and Ane Margrethe Christiansen and seven of Peter's nine children, Andrew, Tena, John H., Ellis, Henry, Mary, and Anna are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.
- Axel Christensen is interred in the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs.
- Martha (Christiansen) Chambers is interred in Rose Hill Cemetery in Missouri Valley, Iowa.
- The burial location of Peter T. Christiansen's first wife, Martha Marie Skaksen, is unknown.

Pottawattamie County Relatives of Peter T. Christiansen

Although none were born in Dronninglund Sogn, I chose to include them here.

Three generations beginning with the maternal grandparents of Peter T. Christiansen and including his uncle, and two cousins who immigrated to Pottawattamie County

Axel Nielsen (29 Jan 1767 - 1 Apr 1851) & Karen Olesdatter (20 Feb 1786 - 2 Apr 1869)

m. 6 Nov 1807 or 1809, Hørby Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark

Trine Axelsdatter (5 May 1819 - 30 Mar 1870) & Christen Nielsen (abt 1814 -)

m. 26 Oct 1838, Volstrup Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark

Karen Marie Christensen (abt 26 Dec 1843 -) & unknown Andersen

Peter Torgesen Christiansen* (8 May 1849 - 25 Dec 1922) & Martha Marie Skaksen (19 Jul 1849 - 1872)

m. abt 19 Jun 1871, Pott. Co., IA

Peter Torgesen Christiansen* (8 May 1849 - 25 Dec 1922) & Ane Margrethe Christiansen (29 Sep 1848 - abt 23 Oct 1908)

m. 17 Jun 1874, Pott. Co., IA

Christen Axelsen (2 Sep 1821 - aft 1900) & Else Marie Rasmusdatter (abt Jan 1830 - Feb 1899)

m. 3 Nov 1853, Albæk, Hjørring Amt, Denmark

Axel Christensen* (abt 3 Nov 1853 - 24 Apr 1930) & Ansine Kristine Sørensen

Axel Christensen* (abt 3 Nov 1853 - 24 Apr 1930) & Anna Marie "Mary" Hansen (Jan 1862 - 26 Jun 1955)

m. 29 Oct 1881, Pott. Co., IA

Caroline "Lena" Christensen (7 Sep 1857 - 4 Mar 1908) & Hans Petersen (1 Jan 1850 - 7 Aug 1902)

m. 3 Dec 1883, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA.

Christen Axelsen, Peter T. Christiansen's uncle, was born in Hørby Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark to Axel Nielsen and Karen Olesdatter. Christen married **Else Marie Rasmusdatter** in 1853.

Christen and Else Marie had several children and were living in Hørby Sogn in 1880.

Christen and Else Marie immigrated to the United States on the *Thingvalla* in the spring of 1882. With them was Christian Peter Christensen, age 7, a grandson.

In 1900, Christen Axelsen, a widower, was living with his son, Axel Christensen, in Boomer Township. I have no further record of Christen Axelsen, his wife, or his grandson.

Two of Christen Axelsen's granddaughters married brothers, Frank Molder Clark and Lee Clark, who grew up in northwestern Boomer Township.

Axel Christensen, Peter T. Christiansen's cousin, was born in Albæk Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark to Christen Axelsen and Else Marie Rasmusdatter.

Axel Christensen had a relationship in Denmark with Ansine Kristine Sorensen. From this union a son, Christian Peter Christensen, was born. Christian Peter was baptized in Hørby Sogn on 25 Oct 1874 and in 1880 was living with his grandparents in Hørby Sogn. Christian Peter immigrated to the United States with his grandparents in 1882.

Axel Christensen immigrated from Skæve Sogn in the early spring of 1879, intending to go to Berlin, Ontario via New York.

Axel Christensen soon came to Pottawattamie County. He and **Anna Marie "Mary" Hansen** married in 1881.

Mary Hansen, a native of the island of Moen in southeastern Denmark, had immigrated to Council Bluffs at the age of 17. She was the daughter of Johan Hansen and Christina S. Andersen, who also immigrated to Council Bluffs.

Axel and Mary Christensen and their two children were living in Council Bluffs in 1885 and in 1895 but by 1900 had settled in Boomer Township, Section 11, where they lived until the early 1920s when they retired to Council Bluffs. However, their farm remained in the family until at least 1939.

The two children of Axel Christensen and Mary Hansen

Axel Christensen (27 Aug 1853 - 24 Apr 1930) & Anna Marie "Mary" Hansen (Jan 1862 - 26 Jun 1955)

m. 29 Oct 1881, Pott. Co., IA

Karen Marie "Carrie" Christensen (1 Dec 1882 - 24 Jan 1977) & Frank Molder Clark (24 May 1880 - 5 Mar 1974)

m. 22 Oct 1902, Pott. Co., IA

John A. Christensen (26 Jun 1885 - 1920) & Hannah Petersen (9 Jan 1888 - Jan 1965)

m. 1906 or 1907, Pott. Co., IA

■ **Karen Marie "Carrie" Christensen married Frank Molder Clark in 1902.**

Frank Clark was the son of Molder Clark and Emma Killpack of Boomer Township, Section 1.

Frank and Carrie Clark lived in northeastern Boomer Township and then in Neola Township before moving to the Chappell area in Deuel County in western Nebraska in the early 1920s. Frank's nephew, Earl Clark, also moved to the Chappell area around the same time.

Frank and Carrie Clark had seven children. Their oldest child, Elsie Marie, lived to the age of 107.

■ **John A. Christiansen married Hannah Petersen.**

Hannah Petersen was the daughter of Niels C. Petersen and Marie Nielsen of Boomer Township, Section 30.

After marrying, John A. and Hannah Christensen first lived with his parents. Then they moved to southwestern Boomer Township where they lived near or with her father. John A. Christiansen died in 1920. In 1940 Hannah was still living on the Niels C. Petersen farm.

After John A. Christensen died, his widow, Hannah, married **Niels Christian Nielsen** (23 Nov 1880 – 7 Jan 1934) on 27 Jan 1925. Niels Christian Nielsen was a bachelor farmhand who had immigrated to the Boomer Township area around 1904.

John A. and Hannah Christensen had four children, two of whom died before reaching adulthood.

Axel Christensen Family Interment:

- Axel and Mary Christensen and their son, John, are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township, as is Hannah (Petersen) Christensen Nielsen, Niels Christian Nielsen, and three of John and Hannah's children.
- Carrie (Christensen) Clark is interred in the Chappell, Nebraska Cemetery.

Caroline “Lena” Christensen, Peter T. Christiansen's cousin, was born in Denmark to Christen Axelsen and Else Marie Rasmusdatter, immigrated in 1883, and married Hans Petersen in 1883.

Hans Petersen was born in Denmark to Peter N. Jensen and immigrated around 1880.

Hans and Caroline Petersen lived in Council Bluffs where he worked as a day laborer. They died relatively young, leaving five children.

The five children of Hans Petersen and Caroline “Lena” Christensen

Hans Petersen (1 Jan 1850 - 7 Aug 1902) & Caroline “Lena” Christensen (7 Sep 1857 - 4 Mar 1908)

m. 3 Dec 1883, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA.

Anna M. Petersen (Dec 1884 - 1950) & Elbert H. Jolley (26 Aug 1877 - 10 Sep 1926)

m. 1906-1910, Pott. Co., IA

Marie Helen Petersen (11 Mar 1888 - 2 Mar 1931)

Carl Axel Petersen (14 Jan 1890 - 9 Oct 1970) & Ruth Williams (abt 1893 -)

m. 6 Nov 1912, Pott. Co., IA

Elizabeth Mabel Petersen (30 Jan 1892 - 10 Sep 1972) & Lee M. Clark (15 Jul 1889 - 18 Jan 1980)

m. 3 Jan 1912, Logan, Harrison Co., IA

Emma M. Petersen (11 May 1894 - 23 Nov 1983) & William T. McGinley (abt 1882 -)

Hans Pedersen Family Interment:

- Hans and Lena Pedersen and their daughter, Marie, are interred in Fairview Cemetery in Council Bluffs.
- Their daughter, Anna, is interred in White Cloud Cemetery in Fulton, Missouri.
- Their daughter, Elizabeth, is interred in the Chappell, Nebraska Cemetery.

Emma Andersen, Peter T. Christiansen's niece, immigrated with an older sister on the *SS Lusitania* in August 1910 and lived in the Peter T. Christiansen household after arriving. Emma attended Boomer #2 school and died a few months later.

Emma Andersen is interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

End of the Peter Torgesen Christiansen Sketch