

(6) –Christian Peterson and Ane Margrete Christensen

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Christian and Ane Margrete Peterson were parents of Mrs. George Darrington of Boomer Township, Section 21. Ane Margrete was the sister of Maren “Mary” (Christensen) Christensen and the cousin of Karen M. (Jensen) Bondo of Hazel Dell Township.

For more about the older relatives of Ane Margrete Christensen, see my report *Kirsten Pedersen's Relatives*.

In Denmark:

Christian Pedersen was born in Denmark, probably near Dronninglund Sogn and possibly in Ulsted Sogn on 13 Nov 1831 to Peder Christensen and Maren Christensdatter.

Ane Margrete Christensen was born in Ørsø, Dronninglund Sogn, Hjørring Amt to Christen Andersen and Ane Katrine Pedersdatter.

Christian Pedersen and Ane Margrete Christensen married in Dronninglund Sogn on 18 Apr 1852.

Immigration:

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

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

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

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

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

It appears that Christian Pedersen and his wife remained in St. Louis for much of 1855. Illness struck the immigrants while in Kansas. Late in 1855 Ane Margrete's parents died of cholera at Mormon Grove. In 1856, Ane Margrete's remaining siblings crossed to Utah.

In the United States:

Christian and Ane Margrete and their children lived in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska before buying land in Boomer Township in 1867 and moving to Boomer in 1868, where they remained for the remainder of their lives. It appears that Christian used the surname "Peterson" throughout his tenure in Boomer. The Christian Peterson farm consisted of about 220 acres in Sections 21 and 16. The Boomer Township hall, built in the early 1870s as a schoolhouse, stood on the Christian Petersen farm.

The Christian Peterson Farm:

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

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

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

The eight children of Christian Peterson and Ane Margrete Christensen

Christian Peterson (21 Dec 1832 - 24 Sep 1911) & Ane Margrete Christensen (29 May 1826 - 28 Dec 1915)

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

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

m. 3 Sep 1884

Peter Peterson (13 May 1854 - bef 1867)

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

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

m. abt 1895

Serene Peterson (1 Mar 1860 - 1862)

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

m. 10 May 1884, Pott. Co., IA

Christina Peterson (18 Sep 1864 - 14 Jun 1921) & George Henry Darrington (10 Apr 1869 - 11 Aug 1956)

m. 23 Mar 1893, Pott. Co., IA

Peter Herbert Peterson (22 Jul 1865 - 23 Apr 1943) & Alice Margaret Jennewein (18 Mar 1869 - 24 Aug 1937)

m. 15 Sep 1891

W. Serenus "Serenus" Peterson (14 Jun 1869 - 17 May 1933) & Nellie Ann Divelbess (17 May 1875 - 24 Dec 1943)

m. 12 Dec 1906, Missouri Valley, Harrison Co., IA

Two of the eight children died in childhood. The seven known children are listed below.

- **Maren "Mary" Peterson** was born in Dronninglund Sogn and married **Elisha W. McGruder**, a Warren County, Iowa native, in 1884.

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

Elisha and Mary had no children, but adopted a child, Dora O'Neil, a Kansas native.

- **Peter Peterson** was born in Dronninglund Sogn, immigrated with his parents, and apparently died as a small child.

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

In 1885 Christian was married to **Letha** and was a farmer living on the Missouri River bottoms near Sloan in Woodbury County south of Sioux City, Iowa.

In 1900 Christian, now calling himself Andrew C., was married to **Martha** and was a station agent for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad in Grand Junction, Colorado.

In 1910 Andrew was a grocer in Seattle and in 1920 he was a homebuilder in Seattle.

Andrew C. Peterson died in Seattle, Washington.

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

Andrew Christian "Christian" Peterson (31 Dec 1857 - 28 Sep 1925) & Letha unknown (abt 1862 -)
Wilford Douglas Peterson (6 Jul 1884 - 27 May 1959) & Pearl Geneva Webb (28 Mar 1884 - 18 Apr 1957)
m. 1909, Utah

Wilford Peterson was living with his father in 1885, with his Peterson grandparents in 1895, and again with his father in 1900.

- **Anna Katherine Peterson** was born in Atchison, Kansas and married **George S. Ladson**, an Indiana native, in 1884.

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

The four children of George Ladson and Anna K. Peterson

George S. Ladson (26 Apr 1851 - 28 Feb 1934) & Anna Katherine "Kate" Peterson (13 Mar 1862 - 22 Jan 1950)
m. 10 May 1884, Pott. Co., IA

Margie E. Ladson (Apr 1888 - 27 Oct 1918) & Fred Orr

Vernie Imogene Ladson (9 Mar 1890 - 9 Nov 1965) & Arthur Thomas (11 Oct 1883 - 25 May 1957)

m. 6 Jun 1913, Missouri Valley, Harrison Co., IA

Serenus Thomas Ladson (3 Dec 1892 - 11 Jun 1968) & Margaret Elizabeth Christensen (10 Sep 1898 - 6 May 1989)

Georgia Anne Ladson (10 Oct 1899 - 24 Mar 1996) & Joseph Wilbur Nelson (14 Jul 1885 - 10 Jan 1958)

m. 10 Jun 1931, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE

- **Margie E. Ladson** married Fred Orr.
- **Vernie I. Ladson** married **Arthur Thomas** in 1913.

Arthur Thomas was the son of William Thomas and Olive Tiffey of rural Missouri Valley.

Arthur and Vernie Thomas farmed in Rockford Township.

■ **Serenus Thomas Ladson** married **Margaret Elizabeth Christensen**.

■ **Georgianna Ladson** married Joseph Wilbur Nelson in 1931.

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

■ **Christina Peterson** was born in Kansas and married **George Henry Darrington** in 1893.

George Darrington was the son of William Darrington and Mary Ann Sabey of Boomer Township, Section 22. The William Darrington family were Mormons who had backtrailed from Utah in 1872.

Shortly after marrying, George Darrington took over the Christian Peterson farm, which then remained in the family until 1944, when it was sold to Floyd Ochampaugh.

George Darrington was a Methodist who was active in community affairs. For many years, he conducted a nondenominational Sunday School at the Grange Cemetery chapel in Boomer Township.

The seven children of George Darrington and Christina Peterson

George Henry Darrington (10 Apr 1869 - 11 Aug 1956) & Christina Peterson (18 Sep 1864 - 14 Jun 1921)

m. 23 Mar 1893, Pott. Co., IA

Roy Serenus Darrington (26 Feb 1894 - 8 Apr 1971) & Ruby Elisa Skelton (20 Jan 1896 - 26 Feb 1944)

m. 3 Sep 1919, Pott. Co., IA

Elmer William Darrington (10 Feb 1896 - 26 May 1976) & Gertrude May Thomas (21 Feb 1896 - 23 Sep 1965)

m. 9 Mar 1918, Pott. Co., IA

Clarence Christian Darrington (11 Sep 1898 - 25 Sep 1982) & Mable Geneva Bardsley (9 Apr 1897 - 23 Nov 1997)

m. 28 Jun 1922, Pott. Co., IA

George Everett "Everett" Darrington (8 Sep 1900 - 25 Oct 1989) & Frances Marie Bardsley (8 Feb 1902 - 1 Jul 1992)

m. 14 Jun 1923, Pott. Co., IA

Arnold Henry Darrington (13 Dec 1903 - 26 May 1981) & Esther Marie Catherine Reese (17 Aug 1901 - 19 Nov 1999)

m. 24 Aug 1927, Pott. Co., IA

Mable Irene Darrington (21 Dec 1905 - 11 May 2004)

Eva Christina Darrington (17 Nov 1907 - 14 Jul 2000) & Wayne Brewster Rule (27 Dec 1912 - Aug 1966)

Two of the children, Clarence and George, married siblings, the daughters of Charles Bardsley and Dora Witz of Neola Township, Section 29. Only Arnold Darrington remained in the area.

■ **Roy Serenus Darrington** married **Ruby Elisa Skelton** in 1919.

Ruby Skelton was the daughter of Louis Smith Skelton and Ella Holler who farmed in Rockford Township.

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

Roy and Ruby Darrington had several children.

- **Elmer William Darrington** married **Gertrude May Thomas** in 1918.

Gertrude Thomas was the daughter of Lon Thomas and Gertrude Brokman of the Underwood area.

Elmer and Gertrude Darrington moved to Colorado soon after marrying.

Elmer and Gertrude Darrington had at least one child.

- **Clarence Christian Darrington** married **Mable Geneva Bardsley** in 1922.

Clarence and Mable Darrington were living in Beatrice, Nebraska in 1930.

Clarence died in Athens, Ohio.

Clarence and Mable Darrington had at least two children.

- **George Everett "Everett" Darrington** married **Frances Marie Bardsley** in 1923.

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

- **Arnold Henry Darrington** married **Esther Marie Catherine Reese** in 1927.

Esther Reese was the daughter of Henry Reese and Anna Margaret Louise Wohlers of Boomer Township, Section 27.

Arnold Darrington farmed the Christian Peterson home place until 1944 when he moved to the William Whitney farm south of Underwood, Iowa.

Arnold and Esther Darrington had four children, two of whom died at birth.

- **Mable Irene Darrington** never married.

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

- **Eva Christina Darrington** married **Wayne Brewster Rule**.

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

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

- **Peter Herbert Peterson** was born in Fremont, Nebraska. Peter was enumerated as an 18-year-old (sic) living with his parents in the 1885 Iowa census. Peter married **Alice Margaret Jennewein** in 1891.

Alice Jennewein was born in Davis County, Illinois to Johan Jennewein and Margaret Catherine Monaghan.

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

By 1910 the Peter Peterson family had moved to Lacombe near Red Deer in Alberta, Canada.

Before 1930 the Peter Peterson family returned to Springfield, Oregon, where he died.

The seven children of Peter Peterson and Alice Jennewein

Peter Herbert Peterson (22 Jul 1865 - 23 Apr 1943) & Alice Margaret Jennewein (18 Mar 1869 - 24 Aug 1937)
m. 15 Sep 1891

Leland Vern Peterson (12 Dec 1892 - 16 May 1970)

Leslie Raymond Peterson (22 Dec 1895 - 21 Jul 1924)

Floyd Claydean Peterson (12 Jul 1897 - 7 Feb 1970) & Louise Drechsler (19 Apr 1894 - 7 May 1971)

Herrold Otto Peterson (16 Jul 1899 - 12 May 1988)

Van Fredrick Peterson (18 Sep 1903 - 31 Dec 1978)

Mina Margaret Peterson (10 Nov 1910 - 10 Jul 1954)

Lela Mae Peterson (19 Jun 1916 - 27 Apr 1969)

- **Floyd Claydean Peterson** married **Louise Drechsler** and lived in Detroit, Michigan.

- **W. Serenus "Serenus" Peterson** was born in Boomer Township. Serenus was a single music teacher living with his parents in 1900. In the 1900-1902 Boomer Township plat, W. S. Petersen is shown as the owner of a portion of his parents' farm.

Serenus Peterson married **Nellie Ann Divelbess** in 1906.

Nellie Divelbess was born in the Harris Grove area in northern Lagrange Township, Harrison County to Benjamin Arnold Divelbess and Fannie Longman.

After marrying, Serenus Peterson lived in Missouri Valley, Iowa. In 1906, he purchased a drugstore in Missouri Valley with LeRoy Doty. He continued in the drugstore business through 1920. In 1930, he was a clerk in the Harrison County engineer's office.

The six children of Serenus Peterson and Nellie Divelbess

W. Serenus "Serenus" Peterson (14 Jun 1869 - 17 May 1933) & Nellie Ann Divelbess (17 May 1875 - 24 Dec 1943)
m. 12 Dec 1906, Missouri Valley, Harrison Co., IA

Ruth Margaret Peterson (abt 1908 -)

Frances Mable Peterson (abt 1909 -)

Mildred Alice Peterson (23 Apr 1911 - 16 Oct 2011) & Mel C. Paulson (24 Jul 1908 - 9 Jan 1989)

Mary Eleanor Peterson (abt 1914 -)

Arnold Serenus Peterson (8 Feb 1917 - 17 Jul 1935)

Harriet Maude Peterson (10 Dec 1919 - 22 Apr 2008) & Mervin Winslow (13 Feb 1917 - Jun 1984)

m. 10 Nov 1945, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE

- **Ruth Peterson.**

- **Frances Peterson.**

- **Mildred Alice Peterson** lived to 100 years. Mildred married **Mel C. Paulson** and lived in the Mason City, Iowa area.

Mel and Mildred Paulson had two children.

- **Eleanor Peterson.**

- **Arnold Serenus Peterson.**

- **Harriet Maude Peterson** married **Mervin Winslow** in 1945.

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

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

Christian Peterson family interment:

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

End of the Christian Peterson and Ane Margrete Christensen Sketch