

(9) – Christian Svendsen and Maren Madsdatter

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Christian Svendsen and Maren Madsdatter were parents of Mrs. Peter T. Christiansen and Mads. Peter "Mace" Christiansen of Boomer Township. This report also touches on the John Sanderson family.

In Denmark:

Christian Svendsen was born in Hellevad Sogn, Hjørring Amt to Svend Jensen and Anna Poulsdatter.

Maren Madsdatter, the second of six known children of Mads Andersen and Anne Margrethe Hansdatter, was born in Hønborgbro, Dronninglund Sogn.

Christen Svendsen and Maren Madsdatter married in Dronninglund Sogn in 1845.

The Christian Svendsen household appeared as smallholders in the 1850 and 1860 Dronninglund censuses. In the 1860 census they were living in the Ørsø school district.

Immigration:

Christian and Maren Svendsen registered to emigrate on 7 May 1879. At the time, they were living in Ørsø, and they gave Council Bluffs as their destination. They registered as indirekte, which for Dronninglunders probably means that they changed ships in England or Scotland.

In the United States:

In 1880, Christian and Maren Svendsen were living with their son-in-law and daughter, Martin and Ane Kjeldgaard, near Herman Nebraska. In the 1900 census, Maren was deceased and Christian was living with his son-in-law and daughter, Peter T. and Ane Margrethe Christiansen, in Boomer Township.

The four known children of Christian Svendsen and Maren Madsdatter

Christian Svendsen (abt 2 May 1813 - 13 May 1908) & Maren Madsdatter (7 May 1815 - 12 Nov 1896)

m. 19 Oct 1845, Dronninglund Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark

Ane Christiansen (7 Feb 1846 - 30 Nov 1881 or 1883) & Martin Kjeldgaard (31 Dec 1836 - 29 Jan 1912)

m. 1877, Nebraska?

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

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

Mads Christian Christiansen (11 Jan 1851 - bef 1860)

Mads Peter "Mace" Christiansen (28 Jun 1853 - 1 Feb 1941) & Pauline Marie "Lena" Jensen (8 Mar 1846 - 29 Oct 1911)

m. 24 Jul 1883, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA

All were all born in Dronninglund Sogn. The three who survived childhood all emigrated to the Midwest and Ane Margrethe and Mads Peter lived in Boomer Township.

■ **Ane Christiansen** married **Martin Kjeldgaard** in 1877.

Martin and Ane Kjeldgaard lived near Herman, Nebraska

The one known child of Martin Kjeldgaard and Ane Christiansen

Martin Kjeldgaard (31 Dec 1836 - 29 Jan 1912) & Ane Christiansen (7 Feb 1846 - 30 Nov 1881 or 1883)

m. 1877, Nebraska?

Herman Christian Kjeldgaard* (30 Aug 1878 - 16 Mar 1961) & Anna Hedeveg Petersen (10 Apr 1881 - 22 Nov 1955)

m. 5 Jul 1904, Herman, Washington Co., NE

Daniel Herman Kjeldgaard (7 Dec 1906 -)

Ella Enola Kjeldgaard (3 Jan 1915 -) & Harold Louis Kjeldgaard (20 Dec 1907 -)

m. 24 Aug 1943, Brush, Morgan Co., CO

Herman Christian Kjeldgaard* (30 Aug 1878 - 16 Mar 1961) & Anna Christensen (1880 - 18 Mar 1963)

m. 28 Jan 1957, Brush, Morgan Co., CO

They may also have had a second child who died in infancy.

After Ane (Christiansen) Kjeldgaard's early death, Martin and his second wife, Anna Johanna Johnson, a Norway native, had three children.

Between 1900 and 1910 the Martin Kjeldgaard family moved to Brush, Colorado and the children from Martin's second marriage later lived in Big Springs, Colorado.

Martin Kjeldgaard and both of his wives are interred in the Thone Cemetery in Washington County, Nebraska. Martin's son, Herman Kjeldgaard, is interred in Brush, Colorado.

■ **Ane Margrethe Christiansen** was the second wife of **Peter Torgesen Christiansen**, marrying in 1874.

Peter Torgesen Christiansen was a farmer in Boomer Township, Section 4. See the *Peter Torgesen Christiansen* sketch in *Immigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish*.

■ **Mads Peter "Mace" or "M. P." Christiansen** married **Pauline Marie "Lena" (Jensen) Sanderson** in 1883.

Lena Sanderson was a widow who brought three young children to the marriage.

The two children of (Mads Peter Christiansen and Lena(Jensen) Sanderson (one died as a toddler)

Mads Peter "Mace" Christiansen (28 Jun 1853 - 1 Feb 1941) & Pauline Marie "Lena" Jensen (8 Mar 1846 - 29 Oct 1911)

m. 24 Jul 1883, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA

Christine Christiansen (31 Oct 1884 - 7 May 1888)

Pauline Christina "Christina" Christiansen (14 Feb 1889 - 24 Jun 1934) & George Able Driver (4 Mar 1889 - 24 Dec 1948)

m. 9 Mar 1910, at Christina's home, Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

■ **Pauline Christina "Christina" Christiansen** married **George Able Driver** in 1910. George Driver was the youngest of seventeen children born to James Driver and Elizabeth Beswick of Boomer Township, Section 21.

George Driver farmed in Rockford Township before moving to Council Bluffs in the early 1920s, where he was a barber.

The two children of George and Christina Driver Christiansen

George Able Driver (4 Mar 1889 - 24 Dec 1948) & Pauline Christina "Christina" Christiansen (14 Feb 1889 - 24 Jun

1934)

m. 9 Mar 1910, at Christina's home, Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

Viola Ingeletta Driver* (13 Sep 1912 - 21 Jul 2000) & George D. Kurth (9 Apr 1903 - 7 Apr 1971)

Viola Ingeletta Driver* (13 Sep 1912 - 21 Jul 2000) & Charles Franklin Perry (2 Jul 1912 - Jan 1984)

Robert Howard Driver (11 May 1919 - Aug 1986) & Helen D. Sanders (4 Dec 1920 - Nov 1992)

m. 15 Jan 1941, Henry Co., OH

- **Viola Ingeletta Driver** married George D. Kurth, a Nebraska native, and lived in the Des Moines, Iowa area. Later she married Charles Franklin Perry.
- **Robert Howard "Howard" Driver** served in the 96th Infantry Division in the South Pacific during World War II. He lived in Des Moines and married Helen D. Sanders.

The family of John Sanderson and Lena Jensen

Returning to Mads Peter Christiansen's wife, Pauline Marie "Lena" (Jensen) Sanderson, and her first husband, John Sanderson:

John Sanderson was born in Denmark as Jens Sorensen and immigrated around 1867.

In January 1868 John Sanderson and Christian Bondo jointly purchased 123 acres of wooded land in Boomer Township, Sections 29 and 30 from William Selvy for \$1,600. In May 1870, they split title to the land, with Christian Bondo acquiring title to the west 86 acres and John Sanderson title to the east 36 acres. In 1872, when Christian Bondo moved to Hazel Dell Township, he sold his portion to Christen Skaksen, also an immigrant from Dronninglund. The Christen Skaksen farm later became the John Schroder farm.

John Sanderson and Pauline Marie "Lena" Jensen married between 1870 and 1875.

The John Sanderson family is listed as charter members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Boomer Township, although they probably didn't remain as active members. For addition information, see the *John Sanderson and Lena Jensen Family* report in my *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*.

Mads Peter and Lena Christiansen lived on the former John Sanderson farm in Boomer Township, Section 29. Mads Peter remained on the farm for some years after Lena's death in 1911.

In early 1918, Mads Peter sold the former Sanderson farm to Otto Lehmkuhl and retired to Council Bluffs, where he lived by himself at 1123 East Washington Avenue for many years. In the 1930s he went to live near the Old Lincoln Highway just north of Council Bluffs in the household of his son-in-law, Andrew Jensen, where he died at the age of 87.

The three children of John Sanderson and Lena Jensen

John (b. Jens) Sanderson (b. Sorensen) (abt Apr 1843 - 19 Jan 1882) & Pauline Marie "Lena" Jensen (8 Mar 1846 - 29 Oct 1911)

Joseph Emil Sanderson (7 Jul 1875 - 28 Jun 1968) & Ida Billerbeck (17 Jun 1875 - 26 Feb 1962)

m. 28 Feb 1900, Honey Creek, Pott. Co., IA

James Peter Sanderson (4 Aug 1878 - 26 Feb 1969) & Edith Elizabeth Acton (7 Feb 1885 - 23 Jan 1969)

m. 18 Jan 1905, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA

Marie Cecilia "Mary" Sanderson (31 Jan 1880 - 17 May 1960) & Andrew Emile Jensen (25 Nov 1878 - 14 Apr 1959)

m. 11 Nov 1911, Missouri Valley, Harrison Co., IA

■ **Joseph Emil Sanderson** married **Ida Billerbeck** in 1900.

Ida Billerbeck was the daughter of Detlef "David" Billerbeck and Margaret Hansen of northern Boomer Township.

Joseph Billerbeck farmed in Rockford Township and in the 1920s the family moved to Woodbury County, Iowa.

Joseph and Ida Billerbeck had seven children.

■ **James Peter Sanderson** married **Edith Elizabeth Acton** in Council Bluffs in 1905.

Edith Acton was the daughter of Nels Peter "Peter" Acton and Martha Jane McKeown and the granddaughter of Gregers Acton. See the *Gregers Marcus Poulsen Acton and Dorthie Marie "Mary" Nielsen* sketch in *Immigration to Boomer Township from Dronninglund Parish* for additional information.

■ **Marie Cecilia "Mary" Sanderson** married **Andrew Emile Jensen** in 1911.

Andrew Jensen was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Danish immigrants Andres and Sena Jensen.

The two children of Andrew Jensen and Mary Sanderson

Andrew Emile Jensen (25 Nov 1878 - 14 Apr 1959) & Marie Cecilia "Mary" Sanderson (31 Jan 1880 - 17 May 1960)

m. 11 Nov 1911, Missouri Valley, Harrison Co., IA

Albert Walter Jensen (30 Oct 1914 - 29 Jul 1981) & Kathryn Florence Barnes

m. 16 Oct 1936, St. John's Luth. Ch., Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA

Gladys Mae Jensen (14 Aug 1916 - 5 Jun 1974) & Everett Louis Gano (31 Dec 1907 - 12 Jan 1990)

m. 1 Jan 1939, Glenwood, Mills Co., IA

Svendsen and Sanderson Family Interment:

- Christian and Maren Svendsen are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township under the names Christian and Mary Swansen.
- Their children, Ane Margrethe (Christiansen) Christiansen and Mads Peter Christiansen, are also interred in the Grange Cemetery.
- Their daughter, Ane (Christiansen) Kjeldgaard is interred in the Thone Cemetery in Washington County, Nebraska.
- John Sanderson is interred with his wife in the Grange Cemetery.
- Joseph Sanderson is interred in Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City, Iowa.
- James Peter Sanderson is interred in Lyons Cemetery in Burt County, Nebraska.
- Mary (Sanderson) Jensen is interred in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

End of the Christian Svendsen and Maren Madsdatter Sketch