

Hansen Volume, Chapter 3 - Other Hansen Children
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The Children of Peter Hansen and Dortha Hansen

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Karen Margrethe "Maggie" and Ellen Marie "Ellie" Hansen married the Larson brothers, Andrew and Henry, and their story is in the Larsen volume of my history. Only a brief summary is herein.

Mads Adolf Hansen, the fourth child of Peter Hansen and Dortha Hansen, was born in Denmark in 1885. When his parents emigrated in 1886, Mads Adolf remained in Denmark with his mother's sister, Kirstine, and Kirstine's husband, Anders Hansen. Mads Adolf died in 1893 at the age of 7.

Mads Adolf's short life is the subject of the book *A Frame but no Picture* by John W. Nielsen and Ninna Engskow, published by the Lur Press in Blair Nebraska, in 1998. This small book consists of letters written to Peter and Dortha Hansen during their early years in the United States.

The stories of Hans Peter and Laurits Christian Hansen are in subsequent chapters of the *Hansen Volume* of my family history.

Andrew Larson & Karen Margrethe “Maggie” Hansen Family

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The story of Andrew and Maggie Larson and their nine children is in the *Larsen* volume of *Robert Christiansen's Family History*. For convenience, I include here a chart and a brief synopsis of their children.

Andrew A. Larson (26 Apr 1874 - 22 Oct 1949)
& Karen Margrethe “Maggie” Hansen (31 Aug 1880 - 14 May 1962)

Albert Henry Larson (30 May 1900 - 19 Oct 1987)

Edna Marie Larson (4 Jul 1902 - 22 Feb 1946)
& Louis William Petersen (23 May 1899 - 4 Mar 1988)

Lillian Dorothy Larson (14 Nov 1904 - 16 May 1990)
& Hilding Ferdinand Gidlund (10 Jul 1902 - 10 Apr 1961)

Florence Edith Larson (4 Dec 1906 - 24 Feb 1945)
& Carl Bernard “Bernard” Larsen (26 Jun 1908 - 2 May 1972)

Leona Margaret Larson (28 Jan 1909 - 15 Apr 1969)
& Alvin McKinley Christiansen (14 Oct 1901 - 18 Sep 1973)

Ethel Irene Larson (16 Jun 1912 - 8 Jan 2015)
& Oscar Adolph Torneten (14 Dec 1906 - 19 Jul 1976)

Helen Ruth Larson (19 Jul 1915 - 20 Aug 2013)
& Victor Thybo Petersen (26 Mar 1912 - 17 Aug 2006)

Vernon Edwin Larson (18 Oct 1919 - 13 Jan 2003)
& Thelma Mae Schroder (10 Dec 1920 - 20 Jan 2002)

Alice Elaine Larson (1 Sep 1923 - 24 Jun 1954)
& Norvin Clarence Oamek (25 Nov 1922 - 28 Oct 2007)

■ **Karen Margrethe “Maggie” Hansen**, my maternal grandmother and the oldest child of Peter Hansen and Dorthie Hansen, was born in Denmark in 1880 and married Andrew Larson in 1900. Andrew and Maggie Larson lived on a rented farm in Hazel Dell Township near the farm homes of their parents.

- **Albert Henry Larson** never married. Albert farmed his parents’ place and remained at home until near the end of his life.
- **Edna Marie Larson** married Louis William Petersen, the son of Hans Petersen and Christine Christoffersen who farmed west of Neola in Neola Township.

In the spring of 1939 Edna was diagnosed with tuberculosis and sent to the Iowa

Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Oakdale near Iowa City where she died at the age of 43.

Louis and Edna Petersen had three children, Alvin (12 Jan 1926 – 15 Jun 2003), Donald (26 May 1927 – 16 Jan 2015) and Phyllis.

- **Lillian Dorothy Larson** married Hilding Ferdinand Gidlund, the son of Johan Gidlund and Hilda Molin. Hilding was born in Sweden and brought to Columbus, Ohio as a baby.

Hilding and Lillian Gidlund lived in Denver and had two daughters, Sylvia and Rosalie (4 Jul 1938 – 26 Oct 2014).

- **Florence Edith Larson** married Carl Bernard “Bernard” Larsen, the son of Lauritz Larsen and Mary Pedersen who farmed near Kenmare, North Dakota.

Florence died in Kenmare of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 38.

Bernard and Florence Larsen lived in North Dakota and had two children, Virginia and Lawrence “Larry” (5 May 1939 – 21 May 2010).

- **Leona Margaret Larson** married Alvin Christiansen, the son of James P. and Rasmine Christiansen who farmed in Boomer Township.

Alvin and Leona Christiansen lived on farms in Boomer Township and Pleasant Township in Pottawattamie County and had three children, Robert (the author of this family history), Carolyn and Donald.

- **Ethel Irene Larson** married Oscar Adolph Torneten, the son of William Torneten and Lizzie Oltmanns who farmed in Hardin Township.

Oscar and Ethel Torneten lived on the Torneten home place and had three children, Richard, Marilyn and Jeanette.

- **Helen Ruth Larson** married Victor Thybo Petersen, the son of Peter T. Petersen and Karen Jensen who farmed in southwestern Boomer Township.

Victor and Helen Petersen lived in various locations in Pottawattamie County and in Guthrie County, Iowa and Mesa, Arizona before retiring to Council Bluffs. Victor and Helen had two daughters, LaVonne and Carol.

- **Vernon Edwin Larson** married Thelma Mae Schroder, the daughter of Henry Schroder and Jessie Shadden of rural northwestern Pottawattamie County.

Vernon and Thelma Schroder lived in Hazel Dell and Boomer Townships. Vernon and Thelma had four children, Barbara, Ronald (15 Jul 1943 – 23 May 2012), Gary and Patti, and adopted a neighborhood teenager, Donald Thompson.

- **Alice Elaine Larson** married Norvin Clarence Oamek. Norvin was the son of Clarence Oamek and Theda Hatton who farmed in western Hazel Dell Township.

Norvin and Alice Oamek lived in Council Bluffs, where Alice died of leukemia at the age of 30. Norvin and Alice Oamek had two daughters, Joanne and Jeri.

Henry Larson & Ellen Marie Hansen Family

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The story of Henry and Ellie Larson and their daughter is in the *Larsen volume* of *Robert Christiansen's Family History*. For convenience, I have added a brief synopsis of their lives and the lives of their child.



- **Ellen Marie “Ellie” Hansen**, the fifth and youngest child of Peter Hansen and Dortha Hansen was born in 1887, in Swen Nelson’s home in Weston, Iowa. Ellie remained at home until marrying my grandfather’s brother, Henry Larson, in 1916.

Henry and Ellen Larson lived on a farm in Hazel Dell Township near the farm of Andrew and Maggie Larson. They had two children, Evelyn Dorothy and Donald Robert, who died in infancy.

Evelyn Larson lived in Council Bluffs. Evelyn married Lewis Rhode and Philip Sherbondy. Evelyn had seven children, Edwin (9 May 1940 – 27 Mar 2005), David, Jo Ellen, Richard Lane, John, Kathleen and Andrea.

End of Chapter 3 - *Other Hansen Children*
of the *Hansen* volume of *Robert Christiansen's Family History*.