

Rasmussen Volume, Chapter 5 - Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo

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Lives of Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo

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Oluf Peter "Peter" Bondo
b. 24 Apr 1869, Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA
d. 19 Oct 1939, at home, Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA
bur. 22 Oct 1939, St. Paul's Luth. Cem., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA
& Alvina "Winnie" Rasmussen
b. 23 Aug 1878, Voer Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark
d. 19 Dec 1975, Immanuel Hosp., Omaha, Douglas Co., NE
bur. 21 Dec 1975, St. Paul's Luth. Cem., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA
m. 17 Feb 1897, St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

Oluf Peter "Peter" Bondo (24 Apr 1869 - 19 Oct 1939)
& Alvina "Winnie" Rasmussen (23 Aug 1878 - 19 Dec 1975)

Esther Henrietta Bondo (12 Dec 1897 - 19 Apr 1988)
& Carl Emil Magnussen (29 Jan 1893 - 13 May 1948)

Lillie Martha Bondo (8 Dec 1899 - 27 Nov 1978)
& Oluf Larsen (21 Mar 1896 - 8 Feb 1991)

Emma Frances Bondo (30 May 1902 - 28 Sep 1997)
& Leon Emanuel Christensen (14 Aug 1899 - 14 Feb 1960)

Elmer Laurits Peter Bondo (18 Dec 1904 - 24 May 1985)
& Ingrid Johanne Beck (1 Sep 1904 - 5 Dec 1998)

Alvina Elizabeth Bondo (6 Jul 1908 - 1 Oct 1993)
& Boas Ambrose Jacobi Weismann (31 Aug 1904 - 20 Dec 1967)

infant girl Bondo (30 May 1911 - 30 May 1911)

Edward Bondo (20 Jun 1913 - 21 Jun 1913)

- **Alvina "Winnie" Rasmussen**, the fourth child of my great-grandparents Lars Christian Rasmussen and Karen Marie Andersen, was born in 1878 in Voer Sogn in northern Jutland as "Alvine", became Alvina after immigration, but was always called Winnie.

Alvina emigrated in 1882 at the age of three with her parents and four sisters on the *S.S. Furnessia*.

Of interest: My great-aunt, Alvina, acquired her nickname "Winnie" from her first teacher at Boomer #7, the one-room rural school that Alvina and her siblings attended. The teacher thought that the name Winnie sounded more attractive than Alvina when spoken by a young child with a Danish accent.

In 1897 when she was 18, Winnie Rasmussen married **Oluf Peter "Peter" Bondo**.

About Peter Bondo: Peter Bondo, my great-uncle by marriage, was born in Boomer Township, Section 30, the oldest child of Laurits Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen/Henriksen, natives of Denmark.

In 1872 when Peter was three years old, the Bondo family moved about seven miles, from the loess hills of southwestern Boomer Township to the prairie country in northeastern Hazel Dell Township. As of 2015 a great-grandson, Paul Christoffersen, owns and lives on the Bondo home place. in Section 11.

Laurits Christian and Karen Bondo were charter members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Boomer Township, which was organized in 1881.

After their marriage, Peter and Winnie Bondo farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1. In 1930 Peter and Winnie retired to John Madison's acreage in Boomer Township west of St. Paul's, where Peter died of a heart attack in 1939 at the age of 70.

After Peter died in 1939, Winnie remained on their acreage until 1945. Winnie then lived with her daughters, Alvina in Blair, Nebraska and then Emma in Omaha. Winnie remained in good health until shortly before her death, at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha in 1975 at the age of 97.

End of the *Lives of Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo* section
of the *Rasmussen* volume of *Robert Christiansen's Family History*.

+++ The following eleven pages, through the end of this chapter, outline the history of the Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo family. They are identical to eleven pages in the Peter Bondo section of the *Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen Family Sketch* in my *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families* report. They were last updated on 15 Mar 2015.

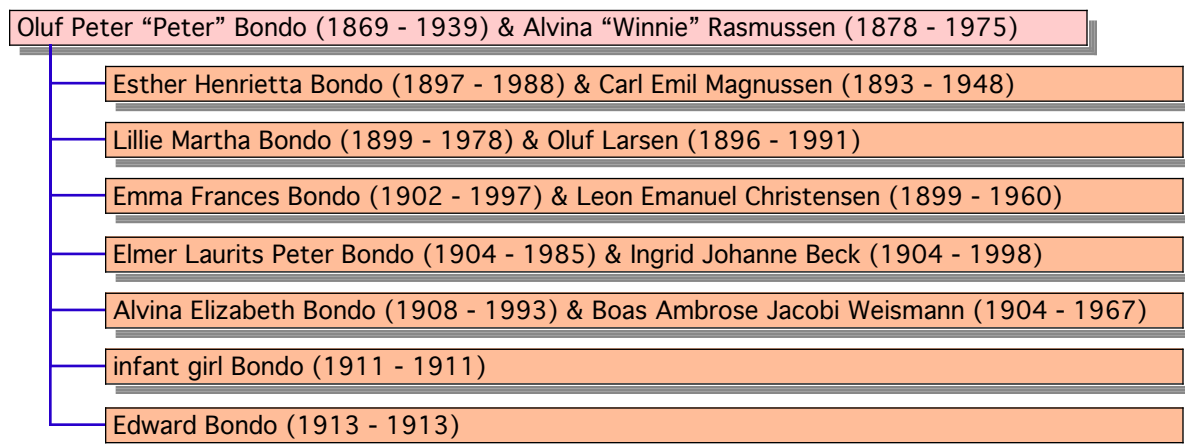
- **Oluf Peter "Peter" Bondo** (24 Apr 1869 – 19 Oct 1939, conf. 1889) married **Alvina "Winnie" Rasmussen** (23 Aug 1878 – 19 Dec 1975) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on February 17, 1897.

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.

Bondo/Rasmussen family summary chart from the *St. Paul's* database:

Grandchildren are listed on the following page and details on subsequent pages.



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.

In the following list I include the grandchildren of Peter and Winnie Bondo. I have omitted birth information since many of the grandchildren are still living. Still living as of March 2015 are Vernon Magnussen; Alvina, Ruth and Irvin Larsen; and Elaine, Phyllis and Paul Bondo.

Oluf Peter “Peter” Bondo & Alvina “Winnie” Rasmussen

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| | 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 |

- **Esther Henrietta Bondo** was born in 1897 to Peter & Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo. (Robert A. Christiansen, last revision 15 Mar 2015)

Esther Bondo married **Carl Magnussen** in 1920.

About Carl Magnussen: Carl Emil Magnussen was born in 1893 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.

In 1948 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 in 1988 at the age of 90.

The five children of Carl and Esther Magnussen are listed in narrative form below. A chart containing additional vital statistics follows.

- ▲ **Frances Lillian Magnussen** was born in 1921, confirmed in 1936 and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1940.

Frances married **Thomas "Tom" Bracker** in 1949.

About Thomas Bracker: Thomas Allen "Tom" Bracker was born in 1917 to Frederick Bracker and Jennie Woodruff of southern Hazel Dell Township and was a World War II veteran.

After Tom Bracker died in 1974, Frances 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 Bethany Home in Council Bluffs.

Thomas and Frances Bracker had no children.

- ▲ **Elvera Esther Magnussen** was born in 1923, confirmed in 1938, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1941.

Elvera married **Calvin Philip Peterson** in 1947. Calvin Peterson was born in 1926 to 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, west of St. Paul's.

After Calvin Peterson's death in 1976, Elvera married **Joseph Herbert "Joe" Beam** in 1979. Joseph Beam was born in Council Bluffs in 1918 to 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 Bethany Home in Council Bluffs.

Calvin and Elvera Peterson had two daughters.

- ▲ **Donald Bondo Magnussen** was born in 1925, confirmed in 1939, and graduated from Beebeetown High School in 1943. Donald married **Olive Winifred Johnsen** in 1945.

About Olive Johnsen: Olive Winifred Johnsen was born in 1925 to 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, joining the United States Navy near the end of the war and serving in the Pacific.

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

Donald and Olive Magnussen had three daughters, one of whom, Donna Ann (23 Feb 1947 – 30 Mar 2002) is deceased. Olive (Johnsen) Magnussen died in 1995.

In 1997 Donald married **Marjorie (Smith) Nixon**.

About Marjorie Smith: Marjorie Elaine Smith was born in 1928 to Homer Smith and Evelyn Olsen who lived in southern Boomer Township, Section 34. In 1944 the Homer Smith family moved to northwestern Neola Township, Section 8.

Marjorie had previous marriages to Robert Pendgraft and William Nixon.

- ▲ **Arlene Wilma Magnussen** was born in 1927, confirmed in 1942, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1945. Arlene married **Kenneth Christensen** in 1945.

About Kenneth Christensen: Kenneth Myron Christensen was born in 1923 to 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** was born in 1932, confirmed in 1947, and was the youngest of Carl and Esther (Bondo) Magnussen's five children.

Vernon Magnussen served in the United States Army as a young man.

Vernon married **Jo Ellen Winterberg** in 1956. Vernon and Jo Ellen Magnussen had three children, of whom one, Holly Magnussen, died at birth on 19 Dec 1963 and another, John Ivan Magnussen (20 Aug 1959 – 13 Feb 1993), is deceased.

Vernon and Jo Ellen (Winterberg) Magnussen later divorced.

Vernon married **Marilyn Longmeyer** in 1964.

About Marilyn Longmeyer: Marilyn Longmeyer was born in 1932 to Otto Longmeyer and Ruby Townsend who moved to the former Leon and Emma Christensen farm in northeastern Hazel Dell Township in the 1940s. Vernon and Marilyn Magnussen had two children, of whom one, Randy Vernon Magnussen (24 Oct 1965 – 18 Apr 2005), is deceased.

Vernon and Marilyn (Longmeyer) Magnussen later divorced.

Vernon married **Josephine Flores** in 1974. Vernon and Josephine Magnussen had two children and Vernon adopted Josephine's four children by a previous marriage.

Vernon and Josephine (Flores) Magnussen later divorced.

Vernon married **Evelyn Emma (Christoffersen) Fisher** in 1995.

About Evelyn Christoffersen: Evelyn Emma Christoffersen was born in 1933 to St. Paul's early members **Otto Christoffersen and Anna Christensen**. Evelyn was the widow of Coleman Fisher Jr., who had purchased the Rasmussen home place just west of St. Paul's in 1952 and who died in 1992.

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

After Evelyn (Christoffersen) Fisher Magnussen's death in 1998, Vernon married **Dona Rae Williams** in 2000.

About Dona Rae Williams: Dona Rae Williams was born in Council Bluffs in 1940 to Walter R. "Bud" Williams and Hazel M. Stewart and was previously married to Albert Charter and to Clyde Whaley.

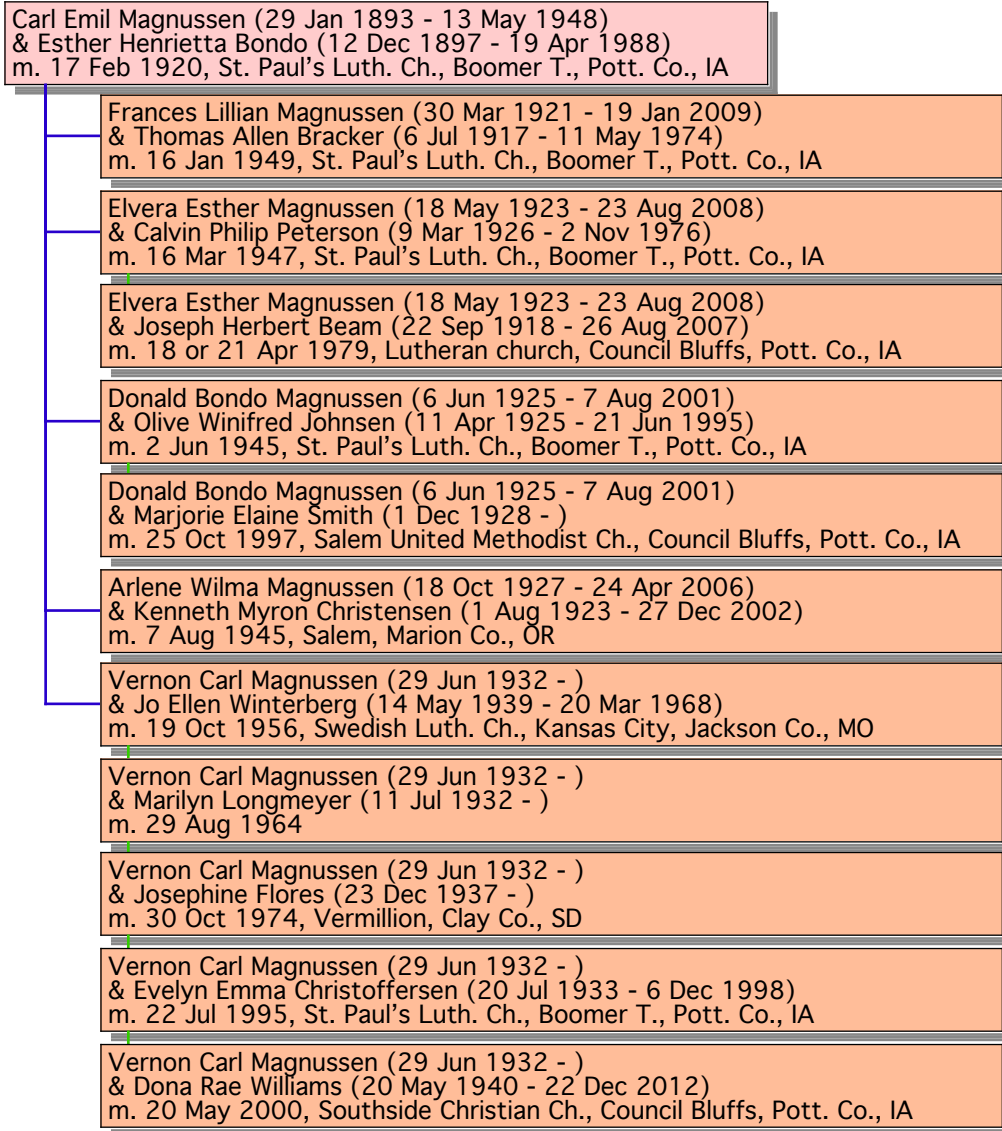
Vernon Magnussen had three adult stepchildren, one of whom is deceased, by his fifth wife, Donna Rae's, first marriage to Albert Charter.

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.

Magnussen/Bondo chart from St.Paul's database, last updated 8 Mar 2015:



- **Lillie Martha Bondo** was born in 1899 to Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo and confirmed in 1915.
(Robert A. Christiansen, last revision 15 Mar 2015)

Lillie Bondo married Oluf Larsen in 1926.

About Oluf Larsen: Oluf Larsen was born in 1896 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 Øster Vra, 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, 109th Engineering Battalion of the Iowa National Guard during World War I, and then worked for Peter S. Peterson in Underwood before marrying.

After they married, Oluf and Lillie Larsen 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 Bethany Home in Council Bluffs, where he died at the age of 94.

The five children of Oluf and Lillie Larsen are listed in narrative form below. The two youngest, Arthur and Irvin, were twins. A chart containing additional vital statistics follows.

- ▲ **Alvina Marie Larsen** was born in 1927, confirmed in 1940, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1944. While attending Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, Alvina met Herbert Hjortsvang. Alvina married **Herbert Hjortsvang** in 1950.

About Herbert Hjortsvang: Herbert Augustine Hjortsvang was born in 1924, the only child of Athanasius Vaughn Hjortsvang and Agnes Jensen of Chicago. Herbert Hjortsvang 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.

Herbert and Alvina Hjortsvang had two children.

- ▲ **Ruth Evelyn Larsen** was born in 1929, confirmed in 1944, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1947. Ruth then attended Dana College for two years and then in the fall of 1949 became the 7th grade teacher in the Avoca, Iowa school system. While living in Avoca Ruth met Robert Randall, the older brother of her student, Sandra Randall.

About Robert Randall: Robert Dale Randall was born in 1925 to 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.

Ruth Larsen and **Robert Randall** married in 1951.

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 Benson** in 1999.

About Duane Benson: Duane Gerald Benson was born in 1929 to Willard Benson and Lila Peterson of the St. Paul's community.

Duane Benson died in 2009.

Robert and Ruth Randall had three children.

- ▲ **Dorothy Anna Larsen** was born in 1931, confirmed in 1945, and 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 and died in 2005.

- ▲ **Oluf Marvin "Marvin" Larsen** was born in 1935, confirmed in 1949, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1953. Marvin married **Shirley Bonnes** in 1953.

About Shirley Bonnes: Shirley Mae Bonnes was born in 1935 to Roy Bonnes and Blanche Whitney who lived in the Underwood area.

Marvin Larsen farmed north of Underwood until his death from cancer in 1982.

Marvin and Shirley Larsen had four children.

- ▲ **Arthur Bondo "Art" Larsen** was born in 1936, confirmed in 1951, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1954. Arthur Larsen married **Karen McManamy** in 1957.

About Karen McManamy: Karen Rae McManamy was born in 1939 to Clarence Wendell "C. W." McManamy and Maurine Mary Fitzsimmons of rural Council Bluffs. 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.

Karen (McManamy) Larsen died in 2004 and Arthur Larsen in 2013.

Arthur and Karen Larsen had three children.

- ▲ **Irvin Bondo Larsen** was born in 1936, confirmed in 1951, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1954. Irvin married **Myrthel Anderson** in 1960.

About Myrthel Anderson: Myrthel Pauline Anderson was born in 1939 to Harry Anderson and Ethel Stoker of rural Council Bluffs.

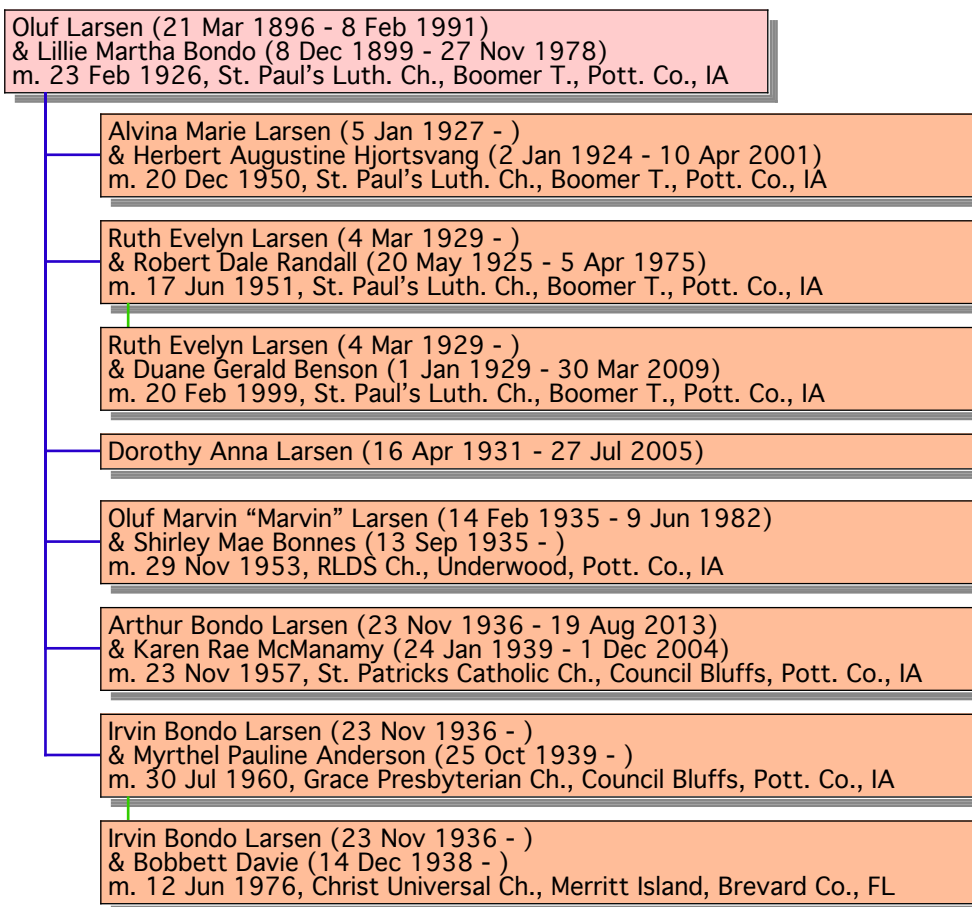
After Irvin and Myrthel divorced, Irvin married **Bobbett Davie** in Merritt Island, Florida on 12 Jun 1976.

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.)

Larsen/Bondo chart from St.Paul's database, last updated 10 Mar 2015:



- **Emma Frances Bondo** was born in 1902 to Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo and confirmed in 1917.
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Emma Bondo married Leon Christensen in 1924.

About Leon Christensen: Leon Emanuel Christensen born in 1899 to 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. In 1960 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 in narrative form below. A chart containing additional vital statistics follows.

- ▲ **Eldon Richard Christensen** was born at home in Hazel Dell Township in 1927, confirmed in 1942, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1944.

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

Eldon Christensen married **Betty Lou Craig** (13 Mar 1930 – 10 Nov 2013) in Des Moines, Iowa on January 15, 1950.

About Betty Craig: Betty Lou Craig was born in 1930 to 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** was born at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha in 1932, confirmed in 1947, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School

in 1950. Kenneth served in the United States Army in Vienna, Austria during the Korean War.

Kenneth Christensen married **Ruth Timm** in 1952.

About Ruth Timm: Ruth Elaine Timm was born in 1929 to Hugo George Timm and Alice Edna McCann who farmed near Bennington, Nebraska.

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

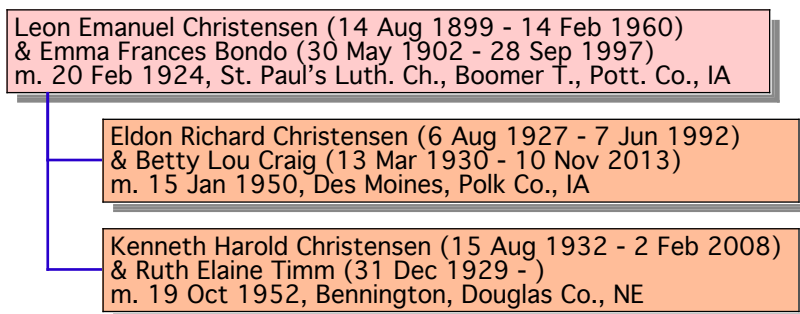
Kenneth Christensen died in Ventura, California.

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.

Christensen/Bondo chart from St.Paul's database, last updated 10 Mar 2015:



- **Elmer Laurits Peter Bondo** was born in 1904 to Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo and confirmed in 1919.
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Elmer Bondo married **Ingrid Beck** in 1930.

About Ingrid Beck: Ingrid Johanne Beck was born in 1904 to Rev. Theodore Pedersen Beck and Lena Cecilia Toxvaerd. Ingrid was born in West Branch, Iowa, where she lived until she was five. Subsequently her family lived in Brooklyn, New York and Trufant, Michigan, where her father was pastor when she married.

As a young woman Ingrid Beck moved to Omaha, Nebraska to study nursing. She 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 was 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 two children of Elmer and Ingrid Bondo are listed in narrative form below. A chart containing additional vital statistics follows.

- ▲ **Elaine Claire Bondo** was born in 1933, confirmed in 1948, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1951. Elaine 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 Rennerfeldt** in 1957.

About Harley Rennerfeldt: Harley Dean Rennerfeldt was born in 1928 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 had one child and divorced in 1999.

Elaine married **Mark Hoyer Jr.** in 2000.

About Mark Hoyer Jr.: Mark Frank Hoyer Jr. was born in 1929 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.

- ▲ **Phyllis Jean Bondo** was born in 1939, confirmed in 1953, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1957.

Phyllis Bondo married **Mike Shavlik** in 1964.

About Mike Shavlik: Miloslav Alois Vaclav "Mike" Shavlik was born in 1925 in rural Nebraska to Louis Shavlik and Ludmila "Millie" Blatny.

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

Mike and Phyllis Shavlik had five children.

- ▲ **Paul Beck Bondo** was born in 1945, confirmed in 1959, and graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1963.

Paul Bondo was a chemist who settled in South Bend, Indiana. Paul died in 2015 after a long struggle with cancer.

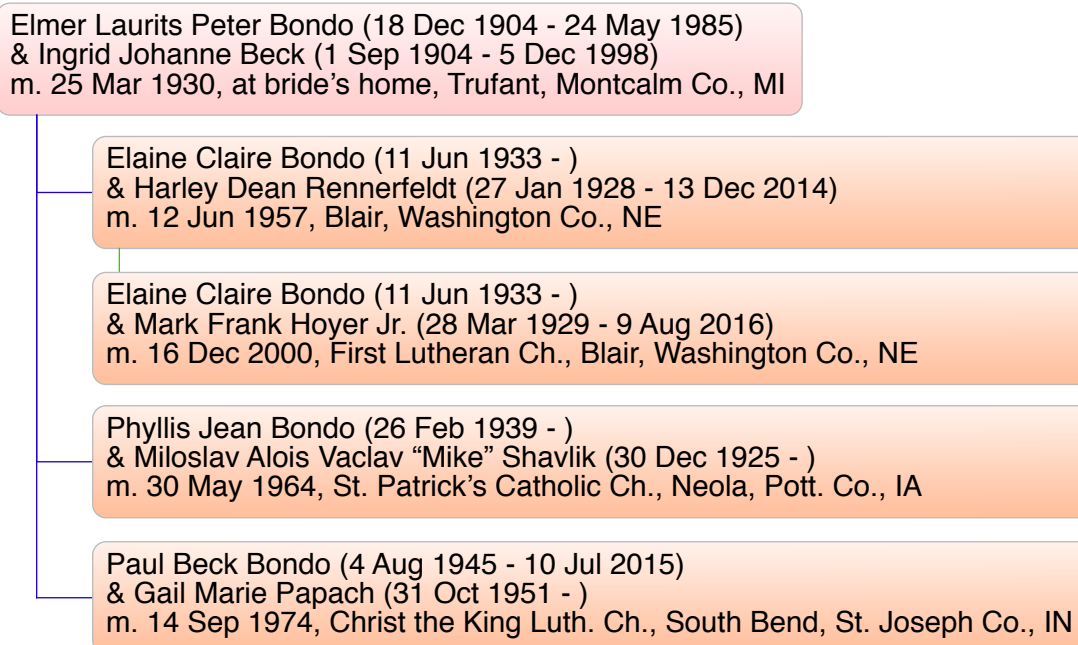
Paul Bondo married **Gail Papach** in 1974.

About Gail Papach: Gail Marie Papach was born in 1951 in South Bend, Indiana.

Paul and Gail Bondo had three children.

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

Bondo/Beck chart from St. Paul's database, last updated Jul '17:



- **Alvina Elizabeth Bondo** was born in 1908 to Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo and confirmed in 1923.
(Robert A. Christiansen, last revision 15 Mar 2015)

Alvina Bondo married **Boas Weismann** in 1928.

About Boas Weismann: Boas Ambrose Jacobi "Bo" Weismann was born in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1904 to Anders Christian Weismann and Carrie Margretha Petersen. Boas was the youngest of five children. His father, known as "A. C. Weismann", was a clergyman in the Blair branch of the Danish Lutheran Church in America.

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 in narrative form below. A chart containing additional vital statistics, including their paternal grandparents, follows.

- ▲ **Alan Leroy Weismann** was born in 1930 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. As far as I know, he was the only one of my 81 full second cousins who did not live to maturity.
- ▲ **Lee Stuart Weismann** was born in 1934 in Omaha, Nebraska and married **Jacqueline Ann Klopping** in 1957.

About Jacqueline Klopping: Jacqueline Ann "Jackie" Klopping was born in 1936 to Ralph W. Klopping and Bess M. Jensen of rural Underwood. Jackie graduated from Underwood, Iowa High School in 1954 and attended Dana College, where she met Lee Weismann.

Lee and Jacqueline Weismann moved to the Denver, Colorado area in the 1960s. They had three children and subsequently divorced.

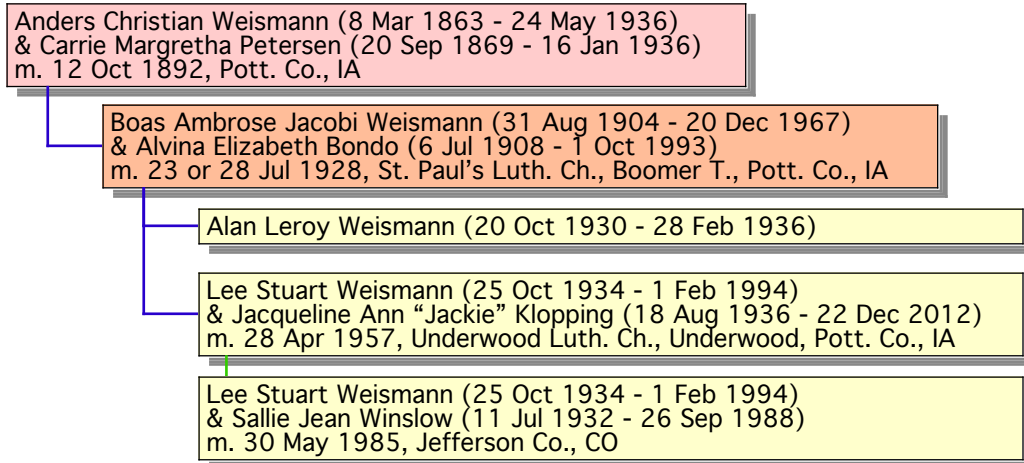
In 1985 Lee married **Sallie (Winslow) Ware**.

About Sallie (Winslow) Ware: Sallie Jean Winslow was born in 1932 to Willis M. Winslow and Vera Mary Vail. Sallie had three children from a previous marriage to Mr. Ware.

Lee Weismann died in Lakewood, Colorado, west of Denver.

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

Weismann/Bondo chart from St.Paul's database, last updated 14 Mar 2015:



Conclusion of the Peter Bondo & Winnie Rasmussen Family Sketch:

- **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* chapter
of the *Rasmussen* volume of *Robert Christiansen's Family History*.