

Chapter 6 - Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Other Relatives

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My great-grandfather, Niels (Christensen) Larsen, was born Niels Christensen in 1828 in Visse in Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt in northern Jutland, just south of the city of Aalborg. Niels was the third of seven known children of Christen Larsen and Maren Christensdatter. I believe that Niels was the only child who emigrated.

Niels (Christensen) Larsen and his second wife, Maren Larsen, were the parents of my grandfather, Andrew Larson. The story of Niels and Maren, their children, Annie, Andrew, and Nels, and their older descendants, all of whom lived in the United States, occupies Chapters 2 through 5 of the Larsen/Larson volume of my extended family history.

Niels and Maren each had children from earlier marriages in Denmark, although Maren's children emigrated with her while Niels' daughter remained in Denmark. Chapters 6 and 7 include the Denmark relatives and the first families of Niels and Maren.

Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Life - A Survey

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Niels (Christensen) Larsen was born Niels Christensen in Visse in Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt in northern Jutland, just south of the city of Aalborg. Niels was the third of seven known children of Christen Larsen and Maren Christensdatter. Niels' parents and siblings appear on the following summary chart.



Niels married to Ane Dorthe Madsdatter, who died in Denmark about the time Niels emigrated. Their surviving child, Else, remained in Denmark.

Niels Larsen (b. Christensen) (1828 - 1915) & Ane Dorthe Madsdatter (1828 - 1868)

Else Marie Nielsen (1853 -) & Hans Christian Christensen (1852 -)

Christen Nielsen (1854 - 1855)

A few years after Niels immigrated to Council Bluffs, Iowa, he married Maren Larsen, a widow with four children. Maren had emigrated from the Hillerød area on the island of Sjælland with her husband and five children in 1870.

Anders Larsen (1832 - ~1871) & Maren Larsen (1837 - 1912)

Maren Kirstine "Christine" Larsen (1859 - >1880) & Henry Linsel (~1855 -)

Karen Marie "Mary K." Larsen (1861 - 1934) & John Tanrup Henderson (~1859 - 1934)

Lars Peter "Pete" Larson (1865 - 1949) & Clara J. Smith (1870 - 1925)

Louis Julius Larsen (1867 - 1950) & Karen Laurette "Carrie" Beck (1869 - 1937)

Emmeline Elisabeth Larsen (1869 - ~1870)

After Niels and Maren married, Niels began using the surname "Larsen". Niels and Maren had three children of their own, Andrew being my maternal grandfather.

Niels Larsen (b. Christensen) (1828 - 1915) & Maren Larsen (1837 - 1912)

Annie Dorothy Larsen (1872 - 1958) & Nels Christian Augustine "Chris" Johnson (1868 - 1942)

Andrew A. Larson (1874 - 1949) & Karen Margrethe "Maggie" Hansen (1880 - 1962)

Henry Larson (1877 - 1957) & Ellen Marie "Ellie" Hansen (1887 - 1982)

Niels and Maren settled on a farm in Hazel Dell Township north of Council Bluffs. There they lived until Maren's death in 1912. Niels spent the last three years of his life living in the household of his daughter, Annie.

End of the *Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Life - A Survey* section, *Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Other Relatives* chapter of the *Larsen* volume of *Robert Christiansen's Family History*.

Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Family Roots

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The following chart show's Niels' parents, grandparents, and one set of great-grandparents.

Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Known Ancestors

Niels Larsen (b. Christensen)

b. 7 Feb 1828, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 8 Dec 1915, Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA
bur. 10 Dec 1915, St. Paul's Luth. Cem., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

Christen Larsen

b. abt 26 Jun 1802, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1860, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark?
m. 21 Sep 1823, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Lars Pedersen

b. 1753-1761, Denmark
d. aft 1840, Denmark

Kirsten Christensdatter

b. abt 1768, Denmark
d. bef 1834, Denmark

Maren Christensdatter

b. abt 17 Jun 1798, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1860, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark?

Christen Andersen

b. 30 Jan 1752, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1802, Denmark
m. 25 Apr 1791, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Else Pedersdatter

b. abt 1770, Denmark
d. abt 18 Jan 1811, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
bur. 18 Jan 1811, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Known Paternal Uncles and Aunts

Lars Pedersen
b. 1753-1761, Denmark
d. aft 1840, Denmark
& Kirsten Christensdatter
b. abt 1768, Denmark
d. bef 1834, Denmark

Ane Larsdatter
b. abt 13 May 1792, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Mette Marie Larsdatter
b. 1 Jun 1794, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Peder Larsen
b. abt 24 Dec 1797, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Maren Christensdatter
b. abt 1803, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
m. 26 Dec 1824, Vor Frue Kirke, Aalborg, Denmark

Christen Larsen
b. abt 26 Jun 1802, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1860, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark?
& Maren Christensdatter
b. abt 17 Jun 1798, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1860, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark?
m. 21 Sep 1823, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Niels Larsen
b. abt 9 Jun 1806, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Maren Christensdatter
b. abt 1803, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
m. 1835-40

Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Known Maternal Uncles and Aunts

Christen Andersen
b. 30 Jan 1752, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1802, Denmark
& Else Pedersdatter
b. abt 1770, Denmark
d. abt 18 Jan 1811, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
m. 25 Apr 1791, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Anders Christensen
b. abt 12 Sep 1792 or abt 1794, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Maren Christensdatter
b. abt 17 Jun 1798, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1860, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark?
& Christen Larsen
b. abt 26 Jun 1802, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1860, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark?
m. 21 Sep 1823, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Mette Christensdatter
b. abt 10 Oct 1802, Klarup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Christen Mikkelsen
b. abt 1795, Nibe Sogn, Denmark

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Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Parents and Siblings

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The lives of Christen Larsen and Maren Christensdatter

Niels (Christensen) Larsen's parents were Christen Larsen and Maren Christensdatter. The Christen Larsen family lived south of Aalborg, on the northern part of the Jutland peninsula.

Christen Larsen:

==> Please Note - Error Correction: When late in the 1990s I began research on my early family history, I found on-line references that gave Niels (Christensen) Larsen's father's name as Christen Lausten. Unfortunately I then began using the surname Lausten. The preponderance of more-recent evidence is that he consistently used the spelling Larsen, as befits the son of Lars Pedersen. I am now in the process of correcting my history, but in the interim the spelling of Lausten has propagated on the Internet in places like findagrave.com. I apologize for this error.

My great-great-grandfather, Christen Larsen was born in Poulstrup in Dall Sogn south of Aalborg. As the chart on the preceding page shows, he was the fourth of five known children born to Lars Pedersen, a farmer, and his wife, Kirsten Pedersdatter.

Referring to the previous chart, I have found nothing of the lives of Christen Larsen's two sisters, Ane and Mette Marie after the 1801 census. Again looking at this chart, a casual reader might assume that Christen Larsen and his two brothers had all married the same woman, Maren Christensdatter. Here is the most-plausible explanation:

In 1823 Christen Larsen married Maren Christensdatter from Klarup Sogn.

In 1824 Christen's brother, Peder Larsen, married Maren Christensdatter from Sønder Tranders Sogn. Peder and Maren had six children before Peder died in 1835-40. Maren then married Peder's younger brother, Niels. Niels then died and Maren married again, to a gentleman Anders Jensen.

Maren Christensdatter:

My Great-Grandfather, Niels (Christensen) Larsen, His Parents and Siblings

Christen Lausten (abt 26 Jun 1802 - aft 1860)
& Maren Christensdatter (abt 17 Jun 1798 - aft 1860)
m. 21 Sep 1823, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Lars Christian Christensen (1 Dec 1823 - 11 Sep 1888)
& Ane Margrethe Madsen (24 Nov 1827 - 11 Nov 1896)
m. 3 Oct 1847, Vor Frue, Aalborg, or Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Peder Christensen (9 Dec 1824 - aft 1890)
& Kirsten Larsdatter Duhn (13 Aug 1825 - 8 Apr 1866)
m. 1 Oct 1852, Romdrup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Peder Christensen (9 Dec 1824 - aft 1890)
& Ane Catrine Pedersdatter (abt 1831 - aft 1890)

Niels Larsen (b. Christensen) (7 Feb 1828 - 8 Dec 1915)
& Ane Dorthe Madsen (14 Dec 1828 - 27 Jul 1868)
m. 2 Mar 1849, Vor Frue, Aalborg, Denmark

Niels Larsen (b. Christensen) (7 Feb 1828 - 8 Dec 1915)
& Maren Larsen (24 Aug 1837 - 19 Feb 1912)
m. abt 1871, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA

Christen Christensen (8 Oct 1830 - bef Sep 1832)

Christen Christensen (9 Sep 1832 - aft 1901)
& Marie Andersen (4 Feb 1837 - aft 1901)
m. 23 Jan 1857 or 13 Feb 1857, Vor Frue, Aalborg, Denmark

Else Kirstine Christensen (14 Mar 1835 - aft 1890)
& Poul Knudsen (abt 1825 - aft 1890)
m. 1 Feb 1856, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Jens Christensen (15 Oct 1836 or 1837 - aft 1901)
& Kirsten Andersen (- bef 1870)
m. 5 Jun 1865?, Nøvling, Aalborg, Denmark

Jens Christensen (15 Oct 1836 or 1837 - aft 1901)
& Mette Marie Jensen (4 Dec 1842 or 1843 - aft 1901)
m. abt 1869, Denmark

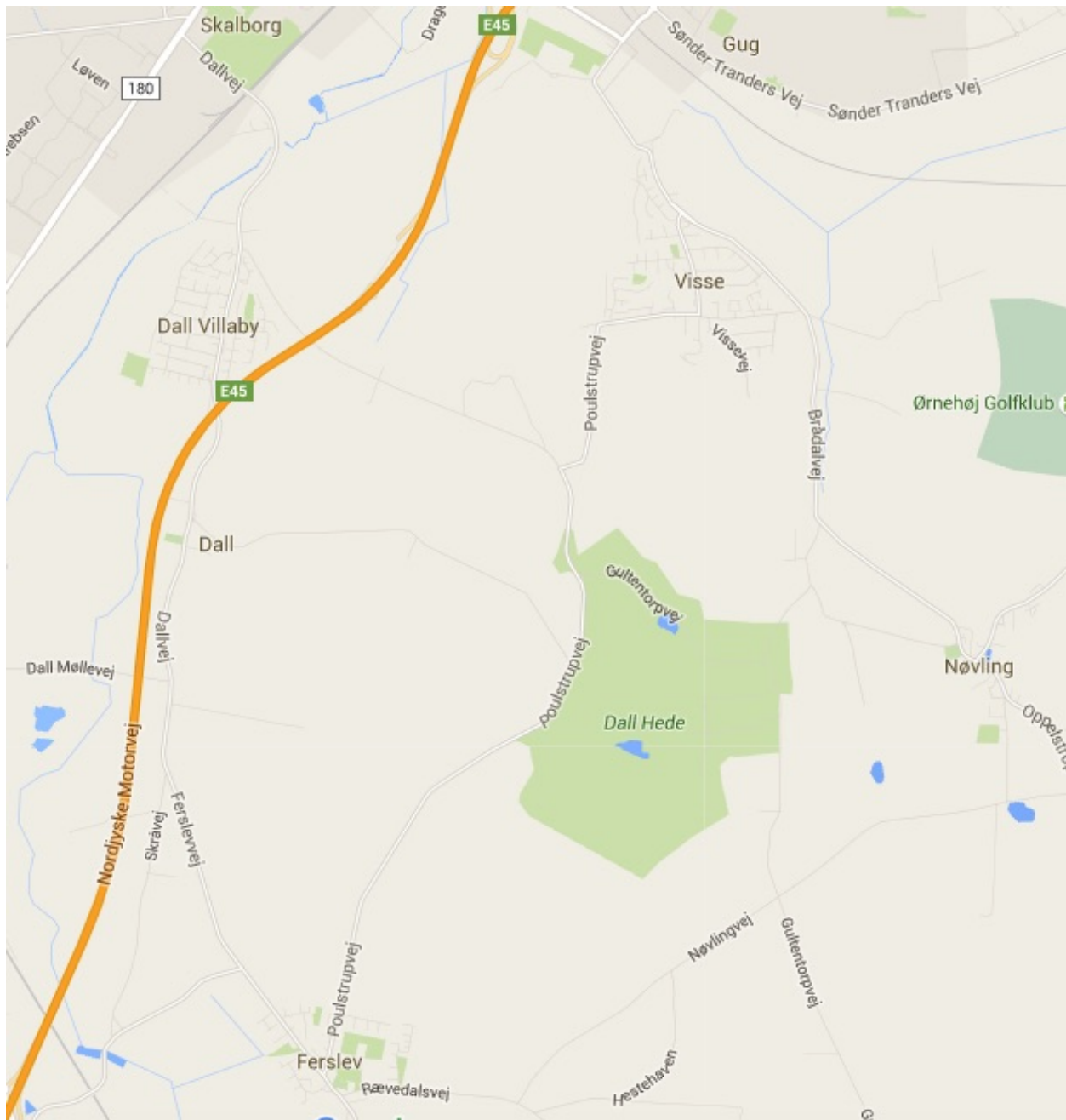
Niels' five siblings who survived into adulthood all married, had children, and remained in the Aalborg area. Christen Larsen and most of his children made their living from agriculture.

Two nephews of Niels (Christensen) Larsen, Andrew and Chris Jensen, immigrated to Pottawattamie County, Iowa, from Denmark – their brief history appears as later sections in this chapter. Andrew and Chris were sons of Niels (Christensen) Larsen's younger brother, Jens Christensen, and Jens' first wife, Kirsten Andersen. Currently I know of no other nieces or nephews who emigrated.

On the following page I locate as best as I can where Christen and Maren and their

children lived.

Christen Larsen & Maren Christensdatter Family Sites



South of Aalborg (courtesy of maps.google.com)

- **Gug (at top):** Lars, Peder
- **Visse (below Gug):** Christen & Maren, Christen, Jens
- **Ferslev (at bottom)** Else & Poul Knudsen

Segue to Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Siblings, Nephews and Nieces

The remainder of this section consists of one to four-page excerpts, an excerpt for each of the six married children of Christen Larsen and Maren Christensdatter.

These excerpts generally end with a three-generation chart of family members. **In these lists, the first line is not Christen Larsen and Maren Christensdatter but rather the other set of grandparents.** The list format is typically as follows:

- Line 1: the father and mother of the non-Christensen spouse.
- Line 2: the marriage partners, with the Christensen parent in boldface.
- The remainder of the list: the children from this marriage, along with spouses when known. These children were first cousins of my grandfather, Andrew A. Larson.
- Occasionally I include a great-grandchild of Christen Larsen and Maren Christensdatter when that great-grandchild emigrated, or had descendants who emigrated. Sometimes I include some siblings of the non-Christensen marriage partner.
- Charts are often too long to fit on one page.

I generated these family lists from my *St. Paul's* database. There are sure to be errors and omissions. I would appreciate any help you can provide.

End of the *Lives of Christen Larsen and Maren Christensdatter* excerpt,
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Lars Christian Christensen, s/o Christen Larsen & Maren Christensdatter

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■ Lars Christian Christensen, my great-great uncle, married Ane Margrethe Madsen.

Ane Margrethe Madsen was born in Gug By, Sønder Tranders Sogn to Mads Larsen and Else Cathrine Nielsdatter. Ane Margrethe's younger sister, Ane Dorthe, was the first wife of my great-grandfather, Niels (Christensen) Larsen. In other words, brothers, Lars Christian and Niels, married sisters, Ane Margrethe and Ane Dorthe.

There is some evidence that Lars Christian Christensen took over his father-in-law's farm. Lars Christian Christensen was enumerated as a gaardmand (farmer) in Gug in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses. In the 1880 census he was a gaardejer (farmer) in Gug.

Lars Christian Christensen died in 1888 at the age of 64. In 1890 it appears that the farm has passed to his son-in-law, Niels Christian Poulsen, and his daughter, Else Marie. Also in the household is Lars Christian's widow, Ane Margrethe Madsen.

Lars Christian Christensen and Ane Margrethe Madsen had three known children. They also took in their niece, Else Marie Nielsen, after Else's mother died.

In this instance I have provided two charts, the first showing the in-laws of Lars Christian Christensen and the second the children of Lars Christian Christensen.

Mads Larsen and Else Cathrine Nielsdatter and Their Children
(two daughters married two Christensen brothers)

Mads Larsen

b. 14 Aug 1785, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 31 Mar 1853, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Else Cathrine Nielsdatter
b. abt 1795, Gunderup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 1845-1850, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
m. 15 May 1825, Gunderup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Anine Madsdatter

b. 2 Jul 1826, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 10 Sep 1826, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Ane Margrethe Madsdatter

b. 24 Nov 1827, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 11 Nov 1896, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Lars Christian Christensen
b. 1 Dec 1823, Dall Sogn or Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 11 Sep 1888, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
m. 3 Oct 1847, Vor Frue, Aalborg, or Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Ane Dorthe Madsdatter

b. 14 Dec 1828, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 27 Jul 1868, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Niels Larsen (b. Christensen)
b. 7 Feb 1828, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 8 Dec 1915, Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA
m. 2 Mar 1849, Vor Frue, Aalborg, Denmark

Marie Madsdatter

b. 21 May 1831, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 22 Apr 1832, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Lars Madsen

b. 18 Mar 1832, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 6 Apr 1833, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Lars Madsen

b. 19 Sep 1834, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 23 Jul 1836, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Lars Christian Christensen and Ane Margrethe Madsdatter and Their Children

Lars Christian Christensen

b. 1 Dec 1823, Dall Sogn or Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. 11 Sep 1888, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

& Ane Margrethe Madsdatter

b. 24 Nov 1827, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. 11 Nov 1896, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

m. 3 Oct 1847, Vor Frue, Aalborg, or Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Lars Christian Larsen

b. 25 Nov 1848, Gug By, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Else Marie Larsen

b. 17 Apr 1852, Gug By, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. 8 Jul 1852, Gug By, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Else Marie Larsen

b. 23 Jun 1857, Gug By, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

& Niels Christian Poulsen

b. 30 May 1850, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

m. 12 Oct 1877, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Niels Peter Marinus Larsen

b. 1863, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

End of the *Lars Christian Christensen* excerpt, *Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Other Relatives* chapter, *Larsen* volume of *Robert Christiansen's Family History*.

Peder Christensen, s/o Christen Larsen & Maren Christensdatter

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■ Peder Christensen, my great-great uncle, was married twice.

Peder was living with his parents in Visse, Nøvling Sogn in 1850, with no occupation listed.

In 1852 Peder Christensen married Kirsten Larsdatter Duhn, who was born in Romdrup Sogn to Lars Pedersen Duhn and Signe Larsdatter. (Kirsten may have had a nephew, Lars Pedersen Duhn, who immigrated to northwestern Iowa.)

In 1855 and 1860 Peder and Kirsten were living in Sønder Tranders Sogn, with Peder's occupation listed as tømmemand (carpenter) and snedker (joiner).

Kirsten died in 1865, having given birth to nine children, six of whom died in infancy.

Soon thereafter Peder married Ane Kathrine Pedersdatter, who was born in Øster Hassing Sogn to Peder Jensen and Mette Mari Hansdatter.

In 1870, 1880 and 1890 Peder and Ane Kathrine are smallholders living in Gug By, Sønder Tranders Sogn, with Peder evidently continuing to work in carpentry.

Peder and Ane Kathrine had five known children, with at least one dying in infancy.

Charts on the following two pages show Peder's in-laws, spouses and children.

Lars Pedersen Duhn

b. 1761

d. 19 Apr 1837, Romdrup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Signe Larsdatter

b. 1783, Sejlflod Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Kirsten Larsdatter Duhn

b. 13 Aug 1825, Romdrup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. 8 Apr 1866, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Peder Christensen

b. 9 Dec 1824, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. aft 1890, Denmark

m. 1 Oct 1852, Romdrup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Lars Christian Pedersen

b. 28 Jun 1853, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Mette Marie unknown

b. 23 Apr 1853, Denmark

Christen Pedersen

b. 7 Dec 1855, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. bef 1857, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Christen Lausten Pedersen

b. 1 Jan 1857, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. 16 Mar 1857, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Jens Christian Pedersen

b. 20 Dec 1857, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Josefine Christine unknown

b. abt 1863, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Maren Pedersen

b. 18 Nov 1858, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. 28 Dec 1858, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Anton Pedersen

b. 12 May 1860, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. 2 Sep 1860, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Else Marie Pedersen

b. 23 Sep 1861, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. 19 Dec 1861, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Else Marie Pedersen

b. 19 Sep 1862, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

infant Pedersen

b. 7 Dec 1863, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

d. 7 Dec 1863, Gug, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Peder Christensen
b. 9 Dec 1824, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1890, Denmark
& Ane Catrine Pedersdatter
b. abt 1831, Øster Hassing Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1890, Denmark

Peder Anton Pedersen
b. 27 Jun 1867, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Kirsten Pedersen
b. 6 Jul 1869, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Mette Marie Pedersen
b. 18 Jan 1872, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 24 Jan 1872, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Mette Marie Pedersen
b. 29 Sep 1873, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Nielsine Petrea Marie Pedersen
b. abt 1878, Sønder Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

End of the *Peder Christensen* excerpt, *Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Other Relatives*
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Niels (Christensen) Larsen, s/o Christen Larsen & Maren Christensdatter

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- Niels Christensen, my great-grandfather, married Ane Dorthe Madsen. After Ane Dorthe's death, Niels immigrated to the United States, married the widow Maren Larsen, and began using the surname "Larsen".

My great-grandfather, Niels (Christensen) Larsen, and his first wife, Ane Dorthe Madsen, had one known child, Else Marie, who remained in Denmark and a second child who died in infancy.

Niels Larsen (b. Christensen) (7 Feb 1828 - 8 Dec 1915)
& Ane Dorthe Madsen (14 Dec 1828 - 27 Jul 1868)
m. 2 Mar 1849, Vor Frue, Aalborg, Denmark

Else Marie Nielsen (1 Mar 1853 -)
& Hans Christian Christensen (14 Aug 1852 -)
m. 16 Nov 1873, Vor Frue Kirke, Aalborg, Denmark

Christen Nielsen (13 Apr 1854 - 12 Mar 1855)

Niels was 21 when he married **Ane Dorthe Madsen**. Records suggest that Niels and Ane Dorthe were married in the big Vor Frue church near downtown Aalborg. ("Vor Frue" means "Our Lady".)

Ane Dorthe Madsen, my great-grandfather's first wife, was born in Gug By, Sønder Tranders Sogn, to Mads Larsen and Else Cathrine Nielsdatter. Ane Dorthe's older sister, Ane Margrethe, married Niels' older brother, Lars Christian Christensen, in 1847. Ane Dorthe's four other siblings died in early childhood.

In 1849 and 1850, during the first Schleswig war between Denmark and Germany, Niels served in the Danish army, where he was wounded by a German saber. During part of his service, Niels was in a military hospital on the island of Fehmarn.

Niels appears to have lived in several locations south and southeast of Aalborg and to have worked as a laborer before emigrating.

In 1850 Niels was a day laborer living at Sohngaardsholm Mark in Nørre Tranders Sogn. Sohngaardsholm, now a park, was just southeast of Aalborg between downtown Aalborg and Nørre Tranders Kirke.

Niels and Ane Dorthe's daughter, Else Marie Nielsen, was born in Gug in 1853 and christened in the Vor Frue church. Niels and Ane Dorthe's son, Christen, was born and died in Nøvling Sogn.

In 1860 the Niels Christensen family was living in Gistrup, in Nøvling Sogn northeast of Nøvling. Niels' occupation on the census form is unclear.

In July 1868 Niels' wife, Ane Dorthe, died. Niels' daughter, Else Marie, went to live with her uncle and aunt, Lars and Ane Margrethe, on the farm in Gug, where she appears in the 1870 census.

Niels Christensen emigrated sometime in the period 1867-1869. I surmise that he emigrated after his wife died, but it is possible that he emigrated earlier, planning to then send for her.

In 1869 Niels Christensen was living in the original Danish area in Council Bluffs, Iowa, between the Northwestern Railroad tracks and downtown. In 1870 Anders and Maren Larsen and their five children moved into this area, having just immigrated from Hillerød north of Copenhagen. Anders Larsen and his baby soon died, and within the year Niels had married the widow Maren Larsen.

Niels began using the surname Larsen and soon the Niels Larsen family moved to Hazel Dell Township north of Council Bluffs, where Niels became a farmer owning 120 acres. Niels remained on this farm until Maren's death in 1912, when he moved to his daughter's home in Boomer Township, where he died in 1915.

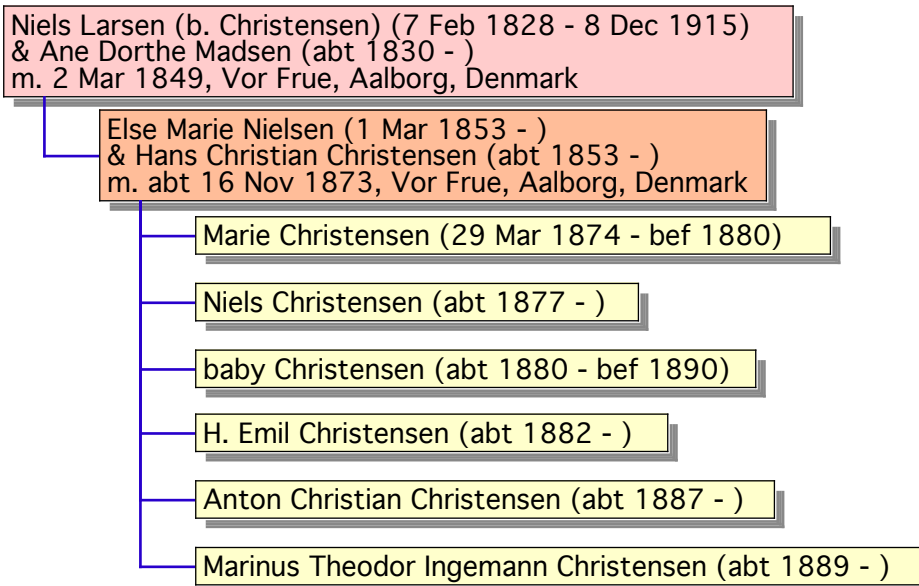
After emigrating, Niels never saw his daughter again.

Niels' daughter, Else Marie Nielsen, married **Hans Christian Christensen** in 1873 at the Vor Frue church in Aalborg.

Hans Christian Christensen, my great-aunt Else Marie Nielsen's husband, was born about 1853 in Nørresundby Sogn just north of Aalborg, the son of Christen Hansen and Maren Andersdatter. He and Else Marie probably met when he was a teenager working for Else Marie's uncle, Lars Christensen, in Gug. After he married he worked as a stoker (i.e., one who tends a steam engine fire).

In the 1880 and 1890 censuses, Hans Christian Christensen and Else Marie Nielsen were living in the city of Aalborg. I believe Hans Christian and Else Marie lived in the Aalborg area for the remainder of their lives.

Hans Christian Christensen and his wife, Else Marie Nielsen, had six known children (perhaps others were born after 1890), two of whom died in childhood:



The children of Hans Christian Christensen and Else Marie Nielsen are the only cousins of my mother to have remained in Denmark (actually they are half-cousins). I know next to nothing about their lives.

- **Marie Christensen** did not appear in the 1880 census, so I assume she died before that date.
- **Niels Christensen.**
- an unbaptized **infant son** is enumerated in the 1880 census, but doesn't appear in the 1890 census, so I assume he died before that date.
- **H. Emil Christensen.**
- **Anton Christian Christensen.**
- **Marinus Theodor Ingemann Christensen.**

On the next page I have listed the children and grandchildren of Niels (Christensen) Larsen by his second marriage.

You are reading an excerpt from chapter 6 of the *Larsen* volume of my family history. The bulk of the *Larsen* volume, namely chapters 2 through 5, is dedicated to the descendants of Niels (Christensen) Larsen and his second wife, Maren Larsen.

Children and Grandchildren of Niels (Christensen) Larsen and Maren Larsen

Niels Larsen (b. Christensen) (1828 - 1915) & Maren Larsen (1837 - 1912)

Annie Dorothy Larsen (1872 - 1958) & Nels Christian Augustine "Chris" Johnson (1868 - 1942)

Dorothy Christine "Dollie" Johnson (1898 - 1990) & Christian Thomsen (1891 - 1967)

Minnie Marie Johnson (1900 - 2001) & Arthur Otto Wohlers (1896 - 1969)

Nels C. "Sonny" Johnson (1902 - 1906)

Marvin Chris Johnson (1905 - 1993) & Cecile Mae Hutchison (1907 - 2005)

Florence E. Johnson (1908 - 1966) & Clarence B. Ryan (1907 - 1983)

Andrew A. Larson (1874 - 1949) & Karen Margrethe "Maggie" Hansen (1880 - 1962)

Albert Henry Larson (1900 - 1987)

Edna Marie Larson (1902 - 1946) & Louis William Petersen (1899 - 1988)

Lillian Dorothy Larson (1904 - 1990) & Hilding Ferdinand Gidlund (1902 - 1961)

Florence Edith Larson (1906 - 1945) & Carl Bernard "Bernard" Larsen (1908 - 1972)

Leona Margaret Larson (1909 - 1969) & Alvin McKinley Christiansen (1901 - 1973)

Ethel Irene Larson (1912 - 2015) & Oscar Adolph Torneten (1906 - 1976)

Helen Ruth Larson (1915 - 2013) & Victor Thybo Petersen (1912 - 2006)

Vernon Edwin Larson (1919 - 2003) & Thelma Mae Schroder (1920 - 2002)

Alice Elaine Larson (1923 - 1954) & Norvin Clarence Oamek (1922 - 2007)

Henry Larson (1877 - 1957) & Ellen Marie "Ellie" Hansen (1887 - 1982)

Evelyn Dorothy Larson (1918 - 2011) & Lewis Henry Temps Rhode (1916 - 1997)

Evelyn Dorothy Larson (1918 - 2011) & Charles Wilbur Lindsay (1914 - 1987)

Evelyn Dorothy Larson (1918 - 2011) & Philip Lee Sherbondy (1932 -)

Donald Robert Larson (1930 - 1930)

End of the *Niels (Christensen) Larsen* excerpt, *Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Other Relatives* chapter, *Larsen* volume of *Robert Christiansen's Family History*.

Christen Christensen, s/o Christen Larsen & Maren Christensdatter

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■ Christen Christensen, my great-great-uncle, married Marie Andersen. Marie Andersen was born north of Aalborg as Marie Andersdatter to Anders Sørensen and Karen Marie Povlsdatter.

In 1850 Christen was living with his parents in Visse. I don't know his location in 1855.

In 1860, 1880, 1890 and 1901 Christen and Marie were living in Visse with Christen listed as a gaardmand or gaardejer. Evidently Christen took over his father's farm, as in 1860 both of Christen's parents are living with Christen and Marie, and in 1880 Marie's widowed mother is living with them.

The eight known children of Christen Christensen and Marie Andersen, as well as Marie's parents, Anders Sørensen and Karen Marie Povlsdatter, appear on the following page.

Anders Sørensen
b. abt 1784, Vester Hassing Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Karen Marie Povlsdatter
b. abt 1793, Dronninglund Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1880, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark?

Marie Andersen
b. 4 Feb 1837, Erlum Stæ By, Vester Hassing Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1901, Denmark
& Christen Christensen
b. 9 Sep 1832, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1901, Denmark
m. 13 Feb 1857, Vor Frue, Aalborg, Denmark

Anders Christian Christensen Visse
b. 20 or 22 Nov 1857, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 1928, Aalborg, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Kirstine Frederikka Hvilsom
b. 3 Sep 1858, Store Restrup, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 1922
m. 25 Jul 1882, Frejlev, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Karen Marie Christensen
b. abt 1866, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Anine Marie Christensen
b. abt 1869, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Hanne Christensen
b. abt 1870, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Kristine Marie Christensen
b. abt 1872, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Søren Ellern Christensen
b. 21 Nov 1873, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Agnes Axelsen
b. 12 Jun 1878, Ø. Sundby, Norre Tranders Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Kristen Lausen Christensen
b. abt 1879, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Valborg Christensen
b. abt 1883, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

End of the *Christian Christensen* excerpt, *Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Other Relatives* chapter, *Larsen* volume of *Robert Christiansen's Family History*.

Else Kirstine Christensen, d/o Christen Larsen & Maren Christensdatter

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■ **Else Kirstine Christensen** married Poul Knudsen.

Poul Knudsen was born in Ferslev Sogn to Knud Pedersen and Ane Sørensdatter.

In 1860 the Poul Knudsen family was living in Nørresundby just north of Aalborg. Poul's occupation was listed as *Forpagter af Præstegaardens Jorder*, which evidently translates as tenant farmer at the parish parson's farm.

In 1880 and 1890 the Poul Knudsen family is living in Ferslev By south of Aalborg. In 1880 Poul is listed as *Husmand lever af sin Jordlod* and in 1890 as *Husmand*.

The nine known children of Poul Knudsen and Else Kirstine Christensen, as well as Poul's parents, Knud Pedersen and Ane Sørensdatter, appear on the following page.

Knud Pedersen
b. 1793, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 13 Feb 1849, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Ane Sørensdatter
b. 1787, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 26 Mar 1846, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
m. Apr 1810, Dall Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Poul Knudsen
b. abt 1825, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1890, Denmark
& Else Kirstine Christensen
b. 14 Mar 1835, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1890, Denmark
m. 1 Feb 1856, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Ane Marie Poulsen
b. abt 27 Mar 1857, Nørresundby Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. bef Jun 1858, Nørresundby Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Ane Marie Poulsen
b. abt 26 Jun 1858, Nørresundby Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Christine Poulsen
b. abt 28 Aug 1859, Nørresundby Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Knud Poulsen
b. 28 Apr 1862, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Marie Poulsen
b. 19 Jun 1865, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

infant Poulsen
b. 27 Nov 1867, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 1867, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Christen Poulsen
b. 8 Oct 1868, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
& Petrine unknown
b. 24 Mar 1874, Dronninglund Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark

Anton Poulsen
b. 14 Dec 1871, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Pouline Kirstine Poulsen
b. 28 Jul 1874, Ferslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

End of the *Else Kirstine Christensen* excerpt, *Niels (Christensen) Larsen's Other Relatives* chapter, *Larsen* volume of *Robert Christiansen's Family History*.

Jens Christensen, s/o Christen Larsen & Maren Christensdatter

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■ Jens Christensen married Kirsten Andersen and after her death married Mette Marie Jensen.

In 1860 Jens was living in Visse in Nøvling Sogn with his parents in the household headed by his brother, Christen.

Jens and his first wife, Kirsten Andersen, had three known children. Her parents and the date of their marriage is yet unknown.

The 1870 census for Nøvling Sogn is not yet available.

Jens and his second wife, Mette Marie Jensen, had three known children. Her parents and the date of their marriage are yet unknown.

In 1880, 1890 and 1901 Jens and Mette Marie are living in Visse, with his occupation listed successively as husejer, husmand and landbrug.

Two sons of Jens Christensen and his first wife, Andrew Christian and Christen "Chris" Jensen, immigrated to Pottawattamie County. A brief report of their families is on the following pages.

On the following page I show the known children of Jens Christensen.

Jens Christensen
b. 15 Oct 1836 or 1837, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1901, Denmark
& Kirsten Andersen
d. bef 1870, Denmark
m. 5 Jun 1865?, Nøvling, Aalborg, Denmark

Andrew Christian Jensen
b. 20 Mar 1861, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 18 May 1933, at home, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA
bur. 20 May 1933, Cedar Lawn Cem., Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA
& Mary C. Anderson
b. Jul 1871, Wisconsin
d. 20 Dec 1945, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA
bur. 26 Dec 1945, Cedar Lawn Cem., Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA
m. 10 Sep 1897, Pott. Co., IA

Christen "Chris" Jensen
b. 14 May 1866 or 15 Jun 1869, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 16 Apr 1947, Council Bluffs, Pott. Co., IA
brp. St. Paul's Luth. Cem., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA
& Lena Madison
b. 25 May 1874, Hazel Dell T., Pott. Co., IA
d. 30 Apr 1929, Iowa
brp. St. Paul's Luth. Cem., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA
m. 27 Oct 1893, St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Boomer T., Pott. Co., IA

Niels Peter Jensen
b. 1 Jul 1867, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. 14 Aug 1867, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Jens Christensen
b. 15 Oct 1836 or 1837, Visse, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1901, Denmark
& Mette Marie Jensen
b. 4 Dec 1842 or 1843, Skørping Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark
d. aft 1901, Denmark
m. abt 1869, Denmark

Niels Peter Jensen
b. 17 Jan 1870, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Niels Marinus Jensen
b. abt 1875, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

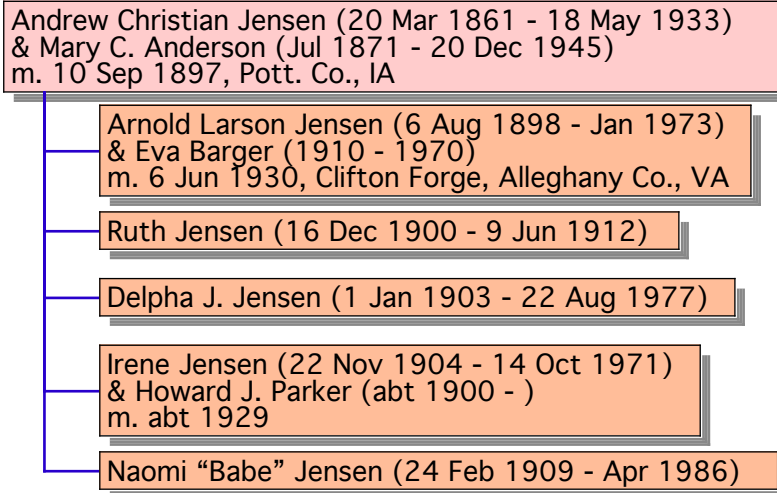
Jens Christian Jensen
b. 10 May 1882, Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

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Andrew Christian Jensen & Mary C. Anderson

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- **Andrew Christian Jensen**, my great-grandfather Niels (Christensen) Larsen's nephew, was born in 1861 in Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt, immigrated about 1882, and married Mary Anderson, a native of Wisconsin, in 1897. Andrew and Mary Jensen lived in Council Bluffs and had five children.



Andrew and Mary Jensen are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Their children Ruth, Delpha, and Irene are interred in the Fairview Cemetery. Arnold is interred with his second wife in the Punchbowl Cemetery in Honolulu. I don't know where Naomi is buried.

- **Arnold Jensen** was a physician in Council Bluffs, and then in California. Arnold and Eva Barger married in 1930. Arnold was a lieutenant colonel in the army medical corps at a hospital in the central Pacific during World War II, probably at the 204th General Hospital at Kahuku on the north shore of Oahu. After his discharge in late 1945, Arnold returned to Council Bluffs, closed his practice, and then resumed practice in Los Angeles.

In 1946 Eva and Arnold divorced, but Eva remained in Council Bluffs.

Arnold and his second wife lived in Hawaii in his retirement.

Arnold and Eva Jensen had two children:

- ▲ **Peggy Virginia Jensen** (8 Jul 1932 - 14 Apr 1992) married Istvan "Steven" Hamernyik and lived in Seattle, Washington.
- ▲ **Marilyn Jensen**.

- **Ruth Jensen** died as a child.
- **Delpha Jensen**, who never married, was a schoolteacher in Council Bluffs. Delpha died in Sun City, Arizona.

- **Irene Jensen** married Howard Parker. Howard and Irene were living in Omaha in the 1930 census, in Duluth, Minnesota, in 1935 and in Henrico County, Virginia, in 1940. Irene lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1933, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1944, and in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, in 1945. Irene died in Sun City, Arizona.

Howard and Irene Parker probably did not have children.

- **Naomi Jensen**, a nurse, never married. She was in the Army Nurses Corps before, during, and after World War II. Naomi Jensen reached the rank of lieutenant colonel and was the chief nurse at Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, in 1953. She may have sometimes lived in Council Bluffs with her sister, Delpha, and she lived in Sun City, Arizona.

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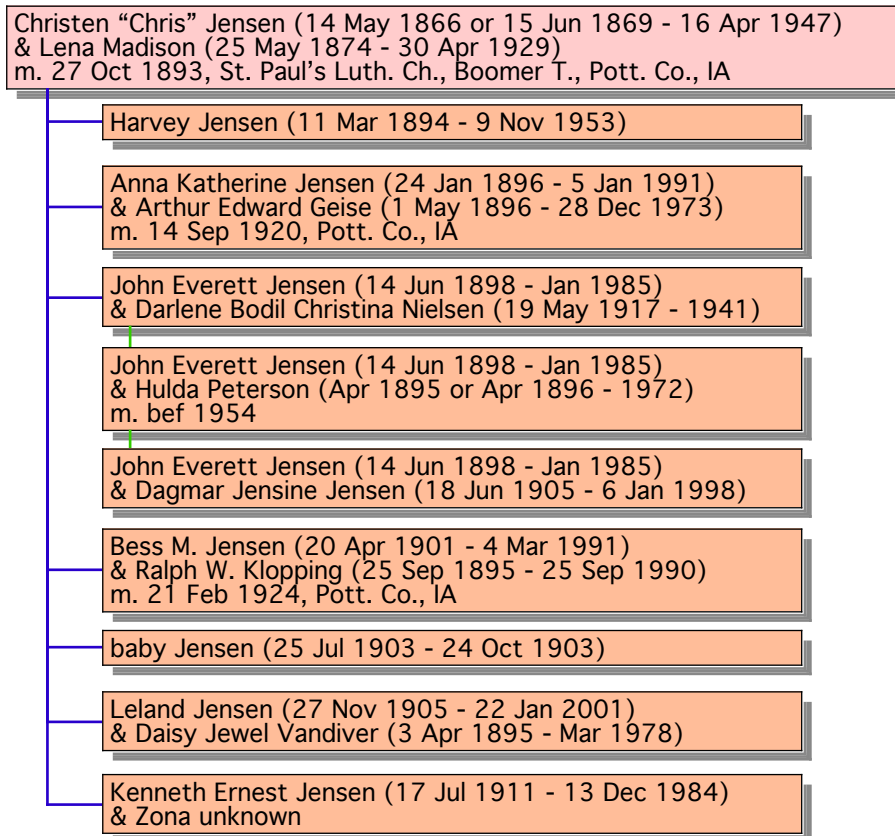
Christen "Chris" Jensen & Lena Madison

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- **Christen "Chris" Jensen**, my great-grandfather Niels (Christensen) Larsen's nephew, was born in 1866 in Nøvling Sogn, Aalborg Amt. Chris immigrated in 1885, and married Lena Madison, the daughter of John Madison of the St. Paul's community, in 1893.

Chris was a blacksmith, and Chris and Lena lived in Council Bluffs much of their married life. However, in the 1925 Iowa census, Chris and Lena were living with her father, John Madison, on his acreage in Boomer Township.

Chris and Lena Jensen had seven children, six of whom survived to adulthood.



Chris and Lena Jensen and their son, Harvey, are interred in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery. Anna, John and Bess are interred in the Fisher Cemetery in Underwood, Iowa. Leland was cremated and his ashes are interred in Rose Hill Cemetery, Whittier, California. Kenneth may also be buried in Whittier.

- **Harvey Jensen**, the oldest child of Chris and Lena Jensen, never married.
Harvey Jensen died in Seattle, Washington.
- **Anna Jensen**, the daughter of Chris and Lena Jensen, married Arthur Geise, the

son of Adolph Geise and Margaret Young of Norwalk Township. Arthur and Anna farmed in Norwalk Township.

Arthur and Anna Geise had two children:

- ▲ **Dudley Adolph Geise** (6 Oct 1926 – 9 Nov 2007) married Mary Alice Edwards.

Dudley Geise was a high school teacher for 35 years, settling in Overland Park, Kansas. Dudley and Mary Geise had four children.

- ▲ **Dale Leland Geise** (26 Sep 1928 -) married Carolyn Ann Heckman, the daughter of Earl R. Heckman and Helen G. Priest of Oakland, Iowa.

Dale Geise served in the 15th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division during the Korean War.

Dale Geise was an educator in Boone, Iowa. Dale and Carolyn Geise had four children.

- **John Jensen**, the son of Chris and Lena Jensen, had three wives, all from the Underwood area:

- Darlene Nielsen, daughter of Hans Christian Nielsen and Anna Margaret Nelson.
- Hulda Peterson, daughter of Lars C. Peterson and Frederica Burns.
- Dagmar (Jensen) Berg Peterson, daughter of Hans C. Jensen and Laura Larsen, and widow of Anker Berg and Fred Peterson.

John Jensen had one child from his first marriage:

- ▲ **Kathryn Jensen** married Charles L. Gibson (20 Apr 1937 – 13 Jun 2008).

Charles and Kathryn Gibson lived in Omaha and had three children.

- **Bess Jensen**, the daughter of Chris and Lena Jensen, married Ralph Klopping, the son of Frederick Klopping and Wilhelmine Geise of Norwalk Township. Ralph and Bess farmed in Norwalk Township west of Underwood.

Ralph and Bess Klopping had two children:

- ▲ **Lois Virginia Klopping** married Ernest Elim "Elim" Lawson (2 Apr 1926 – 6 Jan 2006).

Elim and Lois Lawson had three children.

- ▲ **Jacqueline Ann Klopping** married my paternal second cousin, Lee Stuart Weismann (25 Oct 1934 – 1 Feb 1994).

Lee and Jacqueline Weismann had three children and subsequently divorced.

- **Leland Jensen**, the son of Chris and Lena Jensen, served in the United States Marine Corps in the late 1920s. Leland lived in Santa Monica, California, for many years before returning to the Midwest in 1994. Leland's stepdaughter,

Patsy, was the fourth and final wife of Bert Wheeler, a well-known Hollywood actor in the 1930s. During Leland's final seven years, his nephew, Dale Geise, looked after him.

- **Kenneth Ernest Jensen**, the youngest child of Chris and Lena Jensen, married Zona Lynd in the 1940. Kenneth and Zona living in the Los Angeles area.

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- As of Feb 2016, one can find census records for Nøvling Sogn at ddd.dda.dk for the following years: 1787, 1801, 1834, 1840, 1845, 1850, 1860, 1880, 1890 and 1901. (1870 is unavailable.)

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