

## **Lars Hansen Christensen and Laurentine Christine Christensen Family** (parents of members)

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**Christensen, Lars Hansen & Laurentine Christine Christensen** (parents of members)  
**Christian Knudsen "Chris K." Christensen** & Lydia Jacobsen  
**Charles T. Christensen** & Laura N. Nielsen

**Lars Hansen Christensen** (1854 – 23 Apr 1929) was born in Tryggeløv Sogn, Svendborg Amt, Denmark to **Christen Hansen and Marthe Pedersdatter**.

**Laurentine Christine Christensen** (2 Sep 1852 or 1853 – 6 Mar 1933) was born in Tryggeløv Sogn, Svendborg Amt, Denmark to **Christen Knudsen and Maren Christensdatter**.

Tryggeløv Sogn is on the island of Langeland in southern Denmark.

Lars Hansen Christensen and Laurentine Christine Christensen married in Denmark, where their oldest two children were born.

Lars, Laurentine and their daughter, Karen immigrated to Council Bluffs from Svendborg Amt in the spring of 1881.

Before 1895 the Lars Hansen Christensen family settled on an 80-acre farm in central Hazel Dell Township, Section 16 that G. W. Groves owned in the 1885 plat book.

Between 1915 and 1920, Lars and Laurentine Christensen retired to 1120 East Washington Avenue in Council Bluffs. It appears that their daughter, Mary (Christensen) Nelson, may have held title to the Lars Christensen farm until Vernon Larson bought it in the 1940s. However their son, Charley Christensen, lived on the farm until 1939.

Lars and Laurentine Christensen both died in Council Bluffs.

The six children of Lars and Laurentine Christensen are listed below.

- **Marius Christoffer Christensen** (5 May 1873 – ) was probably born in Svendbo Amt in either Tryggeløv Sogn or Lindelse Sogn and probably died before 1881 .
- **Karen Josephine Christensen** (5 Jun 1880 – 6 May 1947) was evidently born "Karen" in Denmark and called "Josephine" in the United States. Josephine Christensen married **William Nixon** (3 Oct 1871 – 22 Oct 1929) on September 22, 1897.

William Nixon was the son of **David Nixon and Margaret James Williams** of Hazel Dell Township.

William and Josephine Nixon lived on a farm owned by his father in Hazel Dell Township, Section 33 about three miles west of Weston, but William Nixon also owned land in Section 34. William Nixon was a farmer and at times a banker in Weston and was also active in civic affairs in Hazel Dell Township.

After William Nixon's death, his widow, Josephine, married **John L. Williams** (18 Jan 1872 – 1956 or 2 Dec 1957).

John L. Williams was the son of **Daniel James Williams and Anne Christine Pedersen** of Hazel Dell Township.

The three children of William and Josephine Nixon, one of whom died as an infant, are listed below.

- **Lila M. Nixon** (21 Aug 1898 – 7 Apr 1995) married **Albert Stemler** (10 Feb 1898 – May 1967) before 1925 and later married **Clark Milton Trailer** (1 Mar 1901 – Feb 1981).

Lila was probably divorced from both Albert Stemler and Clark Trailer. Lila evidently remained in Council Bluffs throughout most of her adult life.

I doubt that Lila (Nixon) Stemler Trailer had children.

- **infant Nixon** (1900 – 24 Feb 1900).
- **Irving M. Nixon** (14 Jun 1901 – 20 Nov 1982) married **Martha C. Petersen** (30 Sep 1905 – 8 Nov 1995) in Pottawattamie County on February 1, 1922.

Martha C. Petersen was the daughter of **Frank Petersen and Anna Marie "Mary" Jensen of Council Bluffs** and the sister of Mrs. Harry Olsen.

Irving and Martha Nixon lived on the old Nixon place in Hazel Dell Township, Section 33.

Irving and Martha Nixon had two children.

William and Josephine Nixon and their children, Lila and Irving, are interred in the Hazel Dell Cemetery. Their infant child is interred in the Gregg Cemetery in northern Garner Township.

- **Johannah Karen Tine Christensen** (27 Mar 1883 -) married **Martin G. Nelson** (about 1879 -) in Pottawattamie County on 18 Jan 1911. Martin G. Nelson was born in Denmark and immigrated as a young man around 1902.

Martin and Johannah Nelson lived at Vona, Kit Carson County, Colorado.

Johannah Christensen had a child, Walter Johannes, by an earlier relationship with Carl Hansen Christiansen.

- **Walter Johannes Christiansen** (13 May 1900 -) was living with his grandparents and mother in 1900 and 1910, may have been a student in Council Bluffs in 1915, and was employed by his stepfather, Martin Nelson, in Vona, Colorado in 1918.

The six known children of Martin and Johannah Nelson, all born in Colorado, are listed below.

- **Edward Nelson** (about 1912 -)

- **Clifford Nelson** (about 1913 -)
- **Edna Nelson** (about 1915 -)
- **Delbert Nelson** (about 1917 -)
- **Richard Nelson** (about 1920 -)
- **Bertha Nelson** (about 1921 -)

I don't know where Martin G. and Johannah (Christensen) Nelson are interred.

- **Maria Magdalene "Mary" Christensen** (28 Feb 1886 – 5 Aug 1973) married **Herman Godfred "Godfred" Nelson** (about Dec 1880 – 23 Oct 1913) at St. Paul's on March 14, 1907.

Godfred Nelson was the son of **Andrew C. Nelson and Ane Kirstine "Stena" Olsen** who originally settled in Fairview Township, Shelby County.

Godfred and Mary Nelson had one child. See **the Andrew Nelson and Stena Olsen section of the Ole Peter Jensen sketch** for additional information.

- **Christen Knudsen "Chris K." Christensen** (17 or 19 May 1888 – 2 Feb 1945, conf. 1902) was married twice.

Chris K. Christensen married **Anna M. Nelson** (1886 – 21 Apr 1916) in Pottawattamie County on February 28, 1912. Anna Nelson was born in Avoca of Danish born parents.

Chris K. and Anna Nelson had two infant children, both of whom died of birth, in 1913 and 1916 respectively. Anna (Nelson) Christensen died of complications of childbirth.

Chris K. Christensen married **Lydia Anna Jacobsen** (6 Jan 1889 – 3 Aug 1971) at St. Paul's on December 12, 1923.

Lydia Jacobsen was the daughter of **Jens Christian Jacobsen and Christena Marie "Mary" Gronbeck**, members of the St. Paul's community. See the Jens Christian Jacobsen sketch for information about Lydia Jacobsen's relatives.

Chris K. and Lydia Christensen lived on the east 80 acres of the 160-acre Jens Jacobsen farm until around 1940, when Vernon Larson bought this farm.

Chris K. and Lydia Christensen had no children, but took in two foster children, probably in 1934. These children, Paul and Pauline Banther, were twins born in Council Bluffs to **Thomas A. and Josephine (McCloud) Banther**.

- **Paul Floyd Banther** (7 Dec 1921 – 27 Dec 1999, conf. 1937) was a World War II veteran.

- **Pauline Florence Banther** (7 Dec 1921 – Oct 1984, conf. 1937) married **Frank William Fauble** (28 Aug 1921 – 9 Jun 1990). Frank Fauble was the son of **Edward Theodore Fauble and Hazel Christine Huebner** who lived in Lake Township north of Council Bluffs.

Chris K. and Lydia Christensen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery, along with Chris K.'s first wife, Anna M. (Nelson) Christensen, and Chris K.'s two infant sons from his first marriage.

- **Charles Theodor "Charley" Christensen** (5 Mar 1893 – 4 Dec 1975, conf. 1908) married **Laura N. Nelson** (14 Aug 1898 – 28 Apr 1984) at St. Paul's on September 12, 1916.

Laura Nelson was the daughter of **David Nelson and Mary Sorensen**. David Nelson and his second wife, Christena "Sena" Moller, moved from Story County, Iowa to Pottawattamie County around 1904. In Pottawattamie County, David and Sena Nelson lived in Hazel Dell Township and in western Garner Township.

Christena "Sena" Moller was the sister of Hilda Marie Moller who married John Madison, a St. Paul's early member. See the John Madison section of the Mads Jensen sketch for additional information.

Charley Christensen farmed his parents' home place until 1939, when Charley and Laura Christensen moved to a farm in the Crescent area. In 1956, Charley and Laura Christensen retired to Council Bluffs, where they died.

The four children of Charley and Laura Christensen are listed below.

- **Marvin Charles Christensen** (14 Feb 1918 – 20 May 1918) died at three months.
- **Evelyn Ruth Christensen** (18 Apr 1919 – 7 May 1984, conf. 1935) married **Everett Kenneth Bondo Nelson** (20 Mar 1913 – 2 Jan 1987) in Pottawattamie County by the St. Paul's pastor on September 12, 1940.

Everett Nelson was the son of **St. Paul's early members N. J. J. and Christine Nelson**.

Everett and Evelyn Nelson had four children, two of whom died at birth. **See the Everett Nelson section of the Johan Frederik Sandstrom sketch for additional information.**

- **Kenneth Myron Christensen** (1 Aug 1923 – 27 Dec 2002, conf. 1938) married **Arlene Wilma Magnussen** (18 Oct 1927 – 24 Apr 2006) in Salem, Oregon on August 7, 1945.

Arlene Magnussen was the daughter of **St. Paul's early members Carl Magnussen and Esther Bondo**.

Kenneth Christensen served in World War II.

Kenneth Christensen was a farmer and cattle feeder south of Underwood.

Kenneth and Arlene Christensen had five children.

- **Mary Louise Christensen** (20 Mar 1933 -, conf. 1948) married **Tom Boyd**.

Mary Louise (Christensen) Boyd was living in Omaha in 2002.

Charles T. Christensen and Laura Nielsen head family #57 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Charles and Laura Christensen, two of their children, Marvin and Evelyn, and Laura's parents, David and Sena Nelson, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Kenneth Myron Christensen is interred in the Downsville Cemetery south of Underwood.

Lars and Laurentine Christensen and three of their children, Mary, Chris K. and Charles, are interred at St. Paul's. Karen "Josephine" (Christensen) Nixon is interred in the Hazel Dell Cemetery. I don't know where Johannah Karen Tine (Christensen) Nelson is interred.

### **Sources Specific to the Lars Hansen Christensen and Laurentine Christine Christensen Family:**

- **References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**

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- **Field History of Pottawattamie County, 1907:** William Nixon article, pp. 1122-1123.

- **Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):**

- Lars Hansen Christensen, Laurentine Christine, and Karen registered 4/16/1881.

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