

**Isaac Hansen and Marie Jensen Family** (charter members)  
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**Hansen, Isaac & Marie (Jensen) Petersen** (charter members)

Alfred Nelson & **Victoria Marie Hansen** (see the Lars Nelson sketch)

**Viggo Hansen** & Emma Bondo

**Peter William Isak "P.W.I." Hansen** & Augusta Olsen/Anna Sofie Hansen

**Isaac Hansen** (2 Aug 1838 – 24 Mar 1902) was born in Lille Heddinge Sogn, Præstø Amt, Denmark, to Hans Andersen and Kirsten Isachsdatter. Isaac's name in Denmark was "Isach".

Isach Hansen remained home until he emigrated, working for his father, a farmer.

Isach Hansen immigrated from Lille Heddinge in the late winter of 1869 and was working for David Haines in southwestern Boomer Township, Section 33, in 1870.

During his early years in Boomer Township, Isaac Hansen bought a sizeable amount of wooded land in southwestern Boomer Township. Later he gradually sold off most of this land to farmers who lived further east on prairie land to use as woodlots.

**Marie Jensen** (2 Jun 1842 – 25 Dec 1921) was born in Store Torøje village, Smerup Sogn, Præstø Amt, Denmark to Jens Pedersen and Karen Pedersdatter.

Marie Jensen was first married to **Peder Pedersen** (27 Oct 1839 – 9 Aug 1875) in Smerup Sogn on October 18, 1861.

Peder Pedersen and Marie Jensen immigrated in the summer of 1869 with their oldest child on the steamship *Ocean Queen*. Peder and Marie Pedersen settled in northwestern Pottawattamie County, north or west of Crescent, where Peder and their two children all died in 1875.

The two children of Peder Pedersen and Marie Jensen are listed below.

■ **Hans Peder Pedersen** (26 Nov 1863 – 28 Sep 1875)

■ **Clara V. Victoria Pedersen** (21 Oct 1871 – 17 May 1875)

Peder Pedersen and his two children are interred in the Hazel Dell Cemetery.

Marie Jensen had a brother, **Peter Jensen** (12 Apr 1849 - after 1920) who immigrated around 1868 and never married. For most of his years in the United States, Peter Jensen lived with the Isaac Hansen extended family, but Peter Jensen died in Brush, Colorado.

Isaac Hansen and Marie (Jensen) Pedersen married in Pottawattamie County on November 1, 1875. A justice of the peace officiated.

Around 1880 Isaac and Marie Hansen moved to northeastern Hazel Dell Township, where Isaac Hansen lived the remainder of his life. They bought land in Section 1 from C. A. Andersen in 1880 and from N. P. Johnson in 1881. They built a small house and a

barn on this farm and in 1887 built a two-story house. The first set of buildings is shown on page 119 of the 1885 Illustrated Atlas of Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

RAC: There is evidently some misinformation regarding Isaac Hansen's land purchases in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1. Ruth (Hansen) Nielsen's family history says they bought 160 acres in Hazel Dell Township in 1883. The Transfer of Lands books in the Pottawattamie County Auditor's office may contain incorrect legal descriptions for the land bought in 1880 and 1881. The 1885 plat shows Isaac Hansen owning about 240 acres in Section 1 and the 1902 plat book totals the amount as 218 acres.

Around 1881 Isaac Hansen bought 80 acres in Boomer Township, Section 36. This land later became part of the P. W. I. Hansen farm.

Sometime between 1885 and 1892, Isaac Hansen bought the Henry W. Bateman farm near Pigeon Creek in Neola Township, Sections 19 and 30. The Henry Bateman family had moved to Kansas and from there to Oklahoma. Victoria (Hansen) Nelson received this farm in the Isaac Hansen will, and by 1913 this farm had been sold to George Gardner, the father of Albert Gardner.

After Isaac Hansen's death, his widow, Marie, lived with her children. In 1905 Marie was living with her daughter, Victoria, and son, Carl, in Council Bluffs. In 1910 Marie was living with her son, Carl, and brother, Peter Jensen, in Hazel Dell Township. In 1920 she was living with her son, P. W. I. Hansen in Boomer Township. Marie and Carl also spent periods of time in San Diego, California.

Marie died on Christmas day, 1921, having gone with her son, Carl, to live near her daughter, Victoria (Hansen) Nelson, in Denver.

The five children of Isaac and Marie Hansen are listed below.

- **Victoria Maria Hansen** (2 Sep 1876 - ?, conf. 1891) married **Alfred Nelson** (15 Apr 1883 – May 1963) at St. Paul's on September 2, 1908.

Alfred Nelson was the son of St. Paul's charter members **Lars Nelson and Carrie Andersen** who lived in central Hazel Dell Township.

In 1909 Alfred Nelson bought a small farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 10 from N. J. J. Nelson who was moving to Boomer Township.

In 1916 Alfred Nelson sold his Hazel Dell Township farm to my great-uncle, Henry Larson, and bought Andrew Sandberg's farm in Boomer Township west and south of St. Paul's.

The Alfred Nelson family moved to Denver in 1921.

Alfred and Victoria Nelson had six children, two of whom died at birth. **See the Lars Nelson sketch for further information.**

- **Ida May Louise Hansen** (11 Dec 1877 – 1 or 11 Jan 1882) died at age 4 and is interred in the Grange Cemetery.

- **Viggo Peter Isaac Hansen** (21 Mar 1879 – 6 Oct 1933, conf. 1893) married **Emma Louise Bondo** (28 Aug 1881 – about 30 Jun 1954) with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on November 20, 1901.

Emma Bondo was the daughter of St. Paul's charter members **Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen** who lived in northeastern Hazel Dell Township.

Viggo and Emma Hansen farmed the Isaac Hansen home place in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1, building a house near the road.

The four children of Viggo and Emma Hansen are listed below. Two of their sons, Fremodt and Donald Hansen, married sisters, Mildred and Leona Spencer, the daughters of Ralph Spencer and Hannah Madison who lived in Boomer Township a scant mile east of St. Paul's.

- **Mabel Naomi Hansen** (7 Mar 1904 – 17 Jan 1991, conf. 1919) married **Einer Larsen** (1 Jul 1902 – 27 Mar 1969) at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Chickasaw County, Iowa on February 22, 1928.

Einer Larsen was born in Donskov hus, Torslev Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark to **Andreas Christian Larsen and Barbara Marie Olsen** and immigrated to Pottawattamie County as a young man around 1920.

Einer and Mabel Larsen farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 13.

Einer and Mabel Larsen had four children, one of whom died in childhood. **See the Barbara Marie Olsen section of the Ole Peter Jensen sketch for additional information.**

- **Harvey Viggo Hansen** (25 Jun 1906 – 22 Aug 1987, conf. 1921) married **Nomie Carrie Nelson** (6 Jul 1905 – 23 Oct 1997) in Blair, Washington County, Nebraska on March 22, 1930.

Nomie Nelson was the daughter of St. Paul's early members **C.P.T. Nelson and Jennie Nelson** who lived east of St. Paul's in Boomer Township, Section 35.

The Harvey Hansen family farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1 before moving to Council Bluffs before 1964.

The four children of Harvey and Nomie Hansen are listed below.

- ▲ **Gerald Harvey Hansen** (21 Jan 1931 – 10 Mar 1993, conf. 1945) married Donna Louise Martin (5 Feb 1932 – 21 Oct 2005) on March 16, 1952.
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)

Harvey and Nomie Hansen are interred in Ridgewood Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Gerald Hansen and his wife are interred in St. Joseph Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Fremodt Bondo Hansen** (22 Apr 1909 – 30 May 1991, conf. 1923) married **Mildred Iona Spencer** (22 Mar 1911 – 22 Sep 1996) at St. Paul's on November 28, 1931.

The Fremodt Hansen family farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1, before moving to Council Bluffs in 1958.

The six children of Fremodt and Mildred Hansen and the foster child they took in are listed below.

- ▲ **living Hansen** (-) married **Marion Nielsen** (22 Mar 1934 – 5 Jan 2003) in Albert Lea, Minnesota on September 4, 1955.
- ▲ **Yvonne Fern "Bonnie" Hansen** (14 Jan 1934 – 10 May 2003, conf. 1948) married **Alfred Henry Vorthmann** (12 Nov 1931 – 6 Jul 2007) at St. Paul's on May 30, 1954.
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)
- ▲ **Rex Clifton Gaunt** (10 Feb 1932 – 7 May 1954, conf. 1948) drowned while serving in the United States Navy in the Mediterranean Sea.

Fremodt and Mildred Hansen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Yvonne "Bonnie" (Hansen) Vorthmann and her husband are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery in Treynor.

- **Donald Miles Hansen** (28 Aug 1911 – 28 Dec 1989, conf. 1926) married **Leona Celia Spencer** (13 Nov 1913 – 8 May 1997) at St. Paul's on August 23, 1933.

The Donald Hansen family farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1, before moving to Council Bluffs.

The three children of Donald and Leona Hansen and the two foster children they took in are listed below.

- ▲ **Donna Lee Hansen** (31 Oct 1935 – 27 Dec 2006, conf. 1949) married **living Carrier** in Council Bluffs on July 5, 1959.
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)
- ▲ **Wesley Donald Hansen** (3 Oct or 31 Oct 1940 – 4 Jul 1941) died at eight months.
- ▲ **Nadine Christine England** (8 Apr 1931 – 30 Mar 2010)
- ▲ **living Davis** (-)

Donald and Leona Hansen and their baby son, Wesley Donald, are interred in the Ridgewood Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Donna Lee (Hansen) Carrier was cremated. Nadine England is interred in the Evergreen Cemetery in Red Oak.

Viggo Peter Isaac Hansen and Emma Louise Bondo head family #15 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Viggo and Emma Hansen and two of their children, Mabel and Fremodt, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Harvey and Donald Hansen are interred in the Ridgewood Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Peter Wilhelm Isaac "P. W. I." Hansen** (15 Jan 1881 – 21 Sep 1948, conf. 1896) married **Augusta Johanne Olsen** (4 Dec 1884 – 13 Dec 1906) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on November 9, 1904.

Augusta Olsen was the daughter of St. Paul's early members **Nels Olsen and Julianne Marie "Mary" Jensen** of southeastern Neola Township.

The one child of P. W. I. and Augusta Johanne Olsen, an infant who died at birth, is listed below. Augusta Johanne died three weeks later.

- **infant Hansen** (19 Nov 1906 – 19 Nov 1906)

After Augusta Johanne's death, P. W. I. Hansen married **Anna Sofie Hansen** (15 Sep 1886 – 13 Oct 1971) at St. Paul's on October 14, 1908. Anna Hansen was the daughter of St. Paul's charter members **Peter Hansen and Nielsine Jensen** who lived in west central Neola Township, in Section 19.

In 1905 P. W. I. Hansen was living in Hazel Dell Township near his parents. By 1910 he lived in Boomer Township, Section 36, where he lived until retiring. By 1939 his farm consisted of 420 acres, an unusually large farm for the time. The nucleus of the farm was eighty acres, which his father had bought around 1881, and 116 acres, which P. W. I. Hansen evidently acquired from Hans P. Hansen between 1902 and 1907. (Hans P. Hansen was the son of St. Paul's charter member Niels Hansen, and this had formerly been the Niels Hansen farm.)

P. W. I. and Anna Hansen retired to Council Bluffs in 1946.

The three children of P. W. I. and Anna Hansen are listed below.

- **Raymond Stanley Hansen** (26 May 1911 – Sep 1985, conf. 1926) married **Esther Marie Feller** (4 Apr 1912 – 14 Aug 2002) at St. Paul's on June 16, 1932.

Esther Feller was the daughter of **Hans Feller and Sena Nielsen** who farmed in the St. Paul's community. **See the Anton Nielsen sketch for information about Sena Nielsen's relatives.**

Raymond and Esther Hansen farmed in Boomer Township before moving to Boulder, Colorado sometime after 1956.

The four children of Raymond and Esther Hansen are listed below.

- ▲ **Dale Leroy Hansen** (14 Feb 1935 – 15 Apr 1993, conf. 1949)
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)
- ▲ **living Hansen** (-)

I don't know where Raymond and Esther Hansen are interred.

- **Ruth Laurette Hansen** (3 Jul 1913 – 13 Jul 2002, conf. 1928) married **Walter Holck Nielsen** (21 Nov 1915 – 14 Mar 1990) at St. Paul's on June 1, 1941.

Walter Nielsen was from Harlan, Iowa.

Walter and Ruth Nielsen moved to Tucson, Arizona in 1965.

The two children of Walter and Ruth Nielsen are listed below.

▲ **living Nielsen** (-)

▲ **living Nielsen** (-)

I don't know where Walter and Ruth Nielsen are interred.

- **Florence Marie Hansen** (18 Jul 1923 – 19 Nov 2012, conf. 1938) never married.

Florence Hansen was a social worker and lived in Council Bluffs and Omaha before moving to Arizona around 2001 to be near her sister.

Peter Wilhelm Isak Hansen heads family #29 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

P. W. I. Hansen, his two wives, Augusta Johanne Olsen and Anna Sofie Hansen, and his infant child are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Carl Isaac Hansen** (9 Sep 1884 – 15 Mar 1922, conf. 1899) never married.

Carl Hansen lost his left hand in a corn sheller accident. He spent some time in Wyoming herding sheep. He moved to Denver with his mother and died in Denver.

Isaac Hansen and Marie Jensen head family #9 in the St. Paul's family register begun in 1900.

Isaac and Marie Hansen and three of their children, Viggo, P. W. I. and Carl, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Ida Hansen died before the St. Paul's Cemetery was established and is interred in the Grange Cemetery. Marie's brother, Peter Jensen, is interred in an unmarked grave in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

### **Sources Specific to the Isaac Hansen and Marie Jensen Family:**

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

- For the family of Alfred and Victoria (Hansen) Nelson, see the Alfred Nelson section of the Lars Nelson sketch.
- For the relatives of Emma Bondo, the wife of Viggo Hansen, see the Christian Bondo sketch.
- For the family of Einer and Mabel (Hansen) Larsen, see the Barbara Marie Olsen section of the Ole Peter Jensen sketch. (Barbara Marie Olsen was the mother of Einer Larsen.)

- For the relatives of Nomie Nelson, the wife of Harvey Hansen, see the C. P. T. Nelson section of the Peter Nielsen sketch. (C. P. T. Nelson was the father of Nomie Nelson.)
  - For the relatives of Augusta Johanne Olsen, the first wife of P. W. I. Hansen, see the Nels Olsen sketch. (Nels Olsen was the father of Augusta Johanne Olsen.)
  - For the relatives of Anna Sofie Hansen, the second wife of P. W. I. Hansen, see the Peter and Nielsine Hansen sketch. (Peter Hansen was the father of Anna Sofie Hansen.)
  - For the relatives of Esther Feller, the wife of Raymond Hansen, see the Sena Nielsen section of the Anton Nielsen sketch. (Sena Nielsen was the mother of Esther Feller.)
- Lila Ferne (Spencer) Bertelsen Christiansen and Tim Hansen helped sort out the Viggo Hansen family.
  - *The Busy Rural Life of our Danish American Grandparents Marie and Isaac Hansen and Their Children on the Farm in Hazel Dell Township, Pottawattamie County, R.F. D. 1, Weston, Iowa 1830 – 1941 –1981* by Ruth (Hansen) Nielsen (151 page manuscript)
  - “The Olsen Tree” by Debra L. Thacker, c. 1998 (familytreemaker.genealogy.com Oct 2010) for information about the family of Dean Olsen and Nadine England. (Nadine was the foster child of Donald and Leona Hansen.)
  - **Lewis Bibliographical History of Pottawattamie County, Iowa (1891):**
    - Isaac Hansen sketch on pp. 310-311.
  - **Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):**
    - Isach (sic) Hansen registered 3/3/1869;
    - Peter Petersen, Maria, and Hans Peter registered 6/28/1869.

## End of the Isaac Hansen and Marie Jensen Family Sketch