

Niels Hansen and Karen Sophie Henriksen Family (charter members)
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Hansen, Niels & Karen Sofie Henriksen (charter members)

Hans Peter Hansen & Karen Sofie Olsen

Niels Hansen (6 Nov 1850 - ?) was born in Sønder Dalby Sogn, Praestø Amt, Denmark.

Karen Sophie Henriksen (19 Sep 1848 - ?) was born in Alslev Sogn, Praestø Amt to **Henrik Dideriksen and Maren Johansdatter**.

Niels Hansen and Karen Sophie Henriksen married in Karise Sogn, Praestø Amt on June 15, 1872, lived in Alslev Sogn, and were living in Kongsted Sogn by 1880.

Niels and Karen Sophie Hansen and their two children immigrated from Kongsted Sogn, Praestø Amt to Council Bluffs in the spring of 1881.

Niels and Karen Sophie Hansen were living in Boomer Township, Section 36 in 1885, 1895, and 1900. By 1910 they were living in Garner Township. Their former farm in Boomer Township was owned by their son, H. P. Hansen, in the 1902 atlas and by P. W. I. Hansen in the 1913 atlas.

In 1920 and 1925 Niels and Karen Sophie Hansen were living on McPherson Avenue in Council Bluffs.

The two children of Niels and Karen Sophie Hansen were both born in Denmark and are listed below.

- **Hans Peter Hansen** (27 Jul 1872 - ?, conf. 1889) was born in Alslev Sogn and came to the United States with his parents in 1881.

Hans Peter Hansen married **Karen Sophie Olsen** (7 Apr 1880 -?, conf. 1900) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on April 9, 1902. Karen Sophie Olsen was the daughter of **St. Paul's early members Nels Olsen and Julianne Marie "Mary" Olsen** of southeastern Neola Township.

Hans Peter and Karen Hansen had a Council Bluffs address in 1907, were living in Garner Township in 1910 and in Buffalo in Johnson County in north central Wyoming in 1920.

The five known children of Hans Peter and Karen Sophie Hansen are listed below. The first four children were born in Pottawattamie County and Merrill was born in Idaho. All five children were living with their parents in Wyoming in 1920

- **Frances Lillie Lauretta Hansen** (30 Jan 1903 -, conf. 1917)
- **Henry M. E. Hansen** (about 1904 -)
- **N. Victor E. Hansen** (about 1907 -)
- **Franklin Hansen** (about 1911 -)

- **Merrill W. Hansen** (31 Oct 1912 – 14 Mar 2001) may have died in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon.

Hans Peter Hansen and Karen Sofie Olsen head family #11 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

■ **Marie Christine Hansen** (about 1877 - ?, conf. 1891)

Except for the Christian Andersen family and the Petersen mysteries, I believe this is the only child of charter members for which I have no information.

Niels Hansen and Karen Sofie Henriksen head family #10 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Unfortunately, I have no further information on this extended family after the parents' appearance in Council Bluffs in the 1925 Iowa census and their son's appearance in Wyoming in the 1920 federal census.

Suggestions for further research:

I do not know how to fill in some of the holes in this family sketch, or how to contact living descendants.

- (1) Try to find Niels and Karen Sophie Hansen in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil obituary index and from the obituaries find the daughter, Marie Christine.
- (2) Try to find the Karen Sophie (Olsen) Hansen in her mother's and siblings' obituaries.

Sources Specific to the Niels Hansen and Karen Sophie Henriksen Family:

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

- For the relatives of Karen Sophie (Olsen) Hansen, wife of Hans Peter Hansen, see the **Nels Olsen sketch**.

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

- Niels Hansen, Karen Sophie, Hans Peter and Marie Christine registered 4/13/1881.

End of the Niels Hansen and Karen Sophie Henriksen Family Sketch