

**Peter Hansen and Nielsine Jensen Family** (charter members)  
(Five-page sketch excerpted from *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families* by Robert A. Christiansen. Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_. Revised by RAC Sep 2010.)

**Hansen, Peter & Nielsine Jensen** (charter members)

John Peterson & **Bertha Cecilia Hansen**

**Jens Peter Hansen** & Anna Jensen

Chris Jensen & **Christina Hansen** (see Jacob Jensen sketch)

P.W.I. Hansen & **Anna Sofie Hansen** (see Isaac Hansen sketch)

**Peter Hansen** (26 Dec 1834 – 11 Jul 1921) emigrated from Denmark, perhaps in 1871.

**Nielsine Jensen** (11 Oct 1848 – 2 Aug 1905) was born in Harrild, Vokslev Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark to **Jens Nielsen Faerk**, a native of Vokslev Sogn and **Cecilie Marie Sorensdatter**, a native of Veggerby Sogn.

Jens Nielsen Faerk was a smallholder in Vokslev Sogn. Nielsine Jensen was the youngest of six known children. At this time I know of no siblings of Nielsine who emigrated.

Nielsine Jensen emigrated from Aalborg to Council Bluffs in the summer of 1876.

Peter Hansen and Nielsine Jensen married in Pottawattamie County on November 3, 1876.

Peter and Nielsine Hansen lived in west central Neola Township until their deaths. Their farm was in Section 19 near Pigeon Creek northeast of St. Paul's. Their son, Jens Peter, later lived on the same farm. Peter Hansen and his son, Jens Peter Hansen, were sometimes called "Pigeon Pete Hansen", to distinguish them from other Peter Hansen families living in the area.

The five children of Peter and Nielsine Hansen are listed below.

- **Bertha Cecelia Hansen** (13 Oct 1878 – 2 Aug 1945, conf. 1894) married **John Petersen** (4 Dec 1880 – 28 Dec 1964) at St. Paul's on June 24, 1908. John Petersen was born in Denmark and emigrated as a young man around 1899.

John and Bertha Petersen were living with her father in 1910. About 1914 the John Petersen family moved to Tucker Smith Twp., Haakon County, South Dakota. Between 1920 and 1930 the Petersen family moved to northwestern Wisconsin. In Wisconsin John and Bertha Petersen were dairy farmers in the Star Prairie area of Laketown Township in northern Polk County. John and Bertha Petersen may have still been living in Star Prairie when they died.

Bertha (Hansen) Petersen died in the hospital in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin north of Star Prairie.

The three children of John and Bertha Petersen, all daughters, are listed below.

- **Marion Ansine Petersen** (1910 -)
- **Daisy Irene Petersen** (1913 - )

- **Sylvia M. Petersen** (about 1919 -) married **Mr. Bliese**.

John Petersen and Bertha Cecelia Hansen head family #37 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

John and Bertha Petersen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Jens Peter Hansen** (24 Aug 1881 – 12 Jan 1967, conf. 1897) married **Anna Jensen** (2 Apr 1883 – 1 Aug 1968) at St. Paul's on October 19, 1904.

Anna Jensen was the daughter of **St. Paul's charter members Ole Jensen and Karen Marie Olsen** who had moved from Boomer Township to Council Bluffs when Anna was a child. Anna Jensen had spent part of her childhood living with her grandparents, Hans and Bodil Olsen of Boomer Township.

Jens Peter Hansen farmed his parents' home place in west central Neola Township before retiring to Neola and becoming a carpenter around 1944. In 1947 Peter and Anna moved to Lake Manawa south of Council Bluffs where they lived on Piute Street next door to their son-in-law and daughter, William and Opal Ditmars.

Most of the Hansen farm along Pigeon Creek in Neola and Boomer Townships was acquired by Paul Porter.

The four children of Jens Peter and Anna Hansen are listed below.

- **Esther Anna Nelsine Hansen** (25 Jul 1905 – Sep 1975, conf. 1921) married **George Delorma Parish** (20 Jul 1903 – 5 Oct 1980) in Pottawattamie County on March 14, 1928.

George Parish was the son of **Andrew Jackson Parish and Clara Landon** who had lived in Hazel Dell Township and in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

George and Esther Parish were farming near her parents in Neola Township in 1930 and later moved to Scotts Bluff County in western Nebraska.

The two children of George and Esther Parish are listed below.

▲ **living Parish** (-)

▲ **living Parish** (-)

I don't know where George and Esther Parish are interred.

- **Victor Julius Peter Hansen** (15 Apr 1907 – 15 Dec 1986) married **Mary Margaret Jacobson** (10 Sep 1909 – 26 Jul 2006) in Pottawattamie County on January 29, 1930.

Mary Margaret Jacobson was the daughter of Jacob Christian Jacobson and Barbara Ann Bolliger of northern Boomer Township.

Victor and Mary Hansen were farming in Boomer Township in 1930 and later moved to Scotts Bluff County in western Nebraska.

The five children of Victor and Mary Margaret Hansen are listed below.

▲ living Hansen (-)

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Victor and Mary Margaret Hansen are interred in the Mitchell Valley Cemetery in Scotts Bluffs County.

- **Veola Marie Christine Hansen** (30 Aug 1910 – 29 Jan 2008, conf. 1926) married **Glen Edward Goforth** (15 May 1904 – Sep 1983) in Pottawattamie County on March 12, 1930.

Glen Goforth was the son of **Arthur Goforth and Mary Dawson**.

Glen Goforth was farming the Peter Hansen home place around 1940 and by 1954 was living in Avoca where he worked as a commission man for the Omaha stockyards.

Glen and Veola Goforth had no children.

Glen and Veola Goforth are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Opal Virginia Darlene Hansen** (21 Oct 1917 – 16 Jun 1990, conf. 1933) married **William M. Ditmars** (17 Feb 1910 – Nov 1964) in Pottawattamie County on April 24, 1940.

William and Opal Ditmars lived in Council Bluffs where he was a utilityman for Northern Natural Gas.

The one child of William and Opal Ditmars is listed below.

▲ living Ditmars (-)

William and Opal Ditmars are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Jens Peter Hansen and Anna Jensen head family #30 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Jens Peter and Anna Hansen and two of their daughters, Veola and Opal, are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Victor is interred in the Mitchell Valley Cemetery in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. I don't know where Esther is interred.

- **Hansine Marie Christina "Christine" Hansen** (9 Dec 1883 – 30 Oct 1954, conf. 1899) married **Christian M. "Chris" Jensen** (8 Jul 1883 – 30 Apr 1924) at St. Paul's on March 15, 1905.

Chris Jensen was the son of **St. Paul's charter members Jacob Jensen and Anna Dorteia Madsen** of south central Boomer Township.

Chris and Christina Jensee farmed in north central Hazel Dell Township. Christine (Hansen) Jensen continued to live on this farm after Chris's early death, moving to Council Bluffs in the 1940s.

Chris and Christine Jensen had four children. **See the Chris Jensen section of the Jacob Jensen sketch for additional information.**

- **Anna Sofie Hansen** (15 Sep 1886 – 13 Oct 1971, conf. 1902) married **Peter Wilhelm Isak "P. W. I." Hansen** (15 Jan 1881 – 21 Sep 1948) at St. Paul's on October 14, 1908.

P. W. I. Hansen was the son of **St. Paul's charter members Isaac Hansen and Marie Jensen** who lived in northeastern Hazel Dell Township.

P. W. I. and Anna Hansen farmed in southeastern Boomer Township.

P. W. I. and Anna Hansen had three children. **See the P. W. I. Hansen section of the Isaac Hansen sketch for additional information.**

- **Hans Christian Hansen** (8 May 1889 – 24 Jan 1920, conf. 1904) never married. In World War I he served as a First Sergeant in the Medical Department of the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, North Dakota National Guard.

Peter Hansen and Nielsine Jensen head family #12 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Peter and Nielsine Hansen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery, as are four of their children, Bertha, Christina, Anna Sofie and Hans Christian. Jens Peter Hansen is interred in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

## **Sources Specific to the Peter Hansen and Nielsine Jensen Family Sketch:**

- **References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**
  - For the relatives of Anna (Jensen) Hansen, wife of Jens Peter Hansen, see the **Ole Jensen sketch**.
  - For the family of Chris and Christine (Hansen) Jensen, see the **Chris Jensen section of the Jacob Jensen sketch**.
  - For the family of P. W. I. and Anna (Hansen) Hansen, see the **P. W. I. Hansen section of the Isaac Hansen sketch**.
- For more information about the following families outlined in the above sketch, see the indicated chapter of the family history *Ancestors and Older Relatives of Robert Christiansen - Christiansen, Rasmussen, Larsen/Larson, Hansen*:
  - The Christiansen chapter for the relatives of Anna (Jensen) Hansen, the wife of Jens Peter Hansen. (Anna Jensen was the cousin of my grandfather, James P. Christiansen.)
- Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):

- Nielsine Jensen registered 6/22/1876.

## **End of the Peter Hansen and Nielsine Jensen Family Sketch**