

Rasmus Hansen and Marie Jorgensen Family (charter members)
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Marie (Jorgensen) Hansen, Mrs. Rasmus Hansen, had three female relatives who lived southeast of St. Paul's:

- **Inger Marie (Jensen) Sorensen, Mrs. Jorgen Sorensen, was her mother.** Jorgen and Inger Marie Sorensen were St. Paul's charter members.
- **Karen (Jensen) Christoffersen, Mrs. Jorgen Christoffersen, was an aunt.** Jorgen and Karen Christoffersen were St. Paul's charter members.
- **Christiane (Jensen) Hansen, Mrs. Thomas Hansen, was an aunt.**

Rasmus Hans Hansen (about 1851 – 22 Sep 1928) was born in Uldum Sogn, Vejle Amt, Denmark to Hans Peder Rasmussen and Maren Christensen.

Marie Jorgensen (5 Feb 1848 – 12 Sep 1918) was born in Uldum Sogn to **Jorgen Sorensen and Inger Marie Jensen, St. Paul's charter members.**

Rasmus Hansen and Marie Jorgensen married in Denmark.

Rasmus and Marie Hansen immigrated in March 1881 from Daugaard Sogn, Vejle Amt with their two oldest children. Soon thereafter they bought a farm in Boomer Township, Section 35. In November 1882, they sold this farm to Lars and Karen Rasmussen. St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Cemetery sits on what was the northeast corner of this farm.

I can't find Rasmus Hansen in the 1885 Iowa census. In the 1895, 1900 and 1905 censuses, the Rasmus Hansen family is living in Hazel Dell Township. Sometime between 1905 and 1910, the family moved to Council Bluffs, where Rasmus Hansen was living as a widower in 1920. However, Rasmus Hansen is thought to have died in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

The six children of Rasmus and Marie Hansen, four of whom lived to maturity, are listed below. Only two children, Morris and Mary, who never married, remained in the Council Bluffs area.

- **Hans Rasmus Hansen Jr.** (26 Dec 1876 – 28 Aug 1952, conf. 1891) married **Myrtle Hough** (about 1883 - 1960) in Pottawattamie County on September 9, 1903. Myrtle Hough was the daughter of **Milton Adelbert Hough and Sarah Goodwin** who lived in Hazel Dell and Neola Townships.

After marrying, Hans and Myrtle Hansen lived in Hazel Dell Township, where the first four of their children were born.

Shortly after 1910, the Hans Rasmus Hansen family moved to a farm in Barron County in northwestern Minnesota, and around 1919 they moved to Hand County in central South Dakota, where Hans and Myrtle remained until they died.

The five children of Hans Rasmus and Myrtle Hansen are listed below. The surviving children seem to have consistently used the spelling "Hanson".

- **Mabel Marie Hanson** (5 Jul 1904 – 5 Jun 1959) married Otto Severin Nielson, a Danish immigrant.
- **Merle E. Hanson** (about 195 -)
- **Earl Hansen** (30 Mar 1907 – 30 Mar 1907) died at birth.
- **Hans A. Hanson** (about Jan 1909 -)
- **Clarence A. Hanson** (about 1912 -)

Hans R. and Myrtle Hansen are interred in Miller, Hand County, South Dakota, perhaps with the surname "Hanson". Earl Hansen is interred in the Hazel Dell Cemetery. I don't know where any of their other children are interred.

- **Marius Jorgen "Morris" Hansen** (18 Dec 1878 – 8 Jun 1967, conf. 1894) married **Lillie E. Holm** (31 May 1887 – 27 Feb 1965) in Kennard, Nebraska about 1903.

Morris and Lillie Hansen first lived in Iowa after marrying, but moved to Washington County, Nebraska around 1906. By 1913 they were living in Council Bluffs, where Morris worked for the railroad as a carpenter. Morris Hansen may have remained in Council Bluffs until his death.

The seven children of Morris and Lillie Hansen are listed below. Two of their children, Etta and Morris Jr., married siblings, Ethelbert C. McGilvray and Doris Reba McGilvray, the children of Ethelbert Clayton McGilvray and Lora M. Starr.

- **Lillian M. Hansen** (14 Sep 1904 – May 1984) married **Harold H. Lewis** (about 1897 -) about 1920 in Papillion, Nebraska.

Harold and Lillian Lewis lived in Council Bluffs where he worked as a railroad switchman.

Harold and Lillian Lewis had five children.

- **Magdalena S. Hansen** (28 Aug 1928 – 19 Jun 1946) married **Leroy Simpson** (26 Sep 1908 – 26 Oct 1968). Leroy Simpson had worked as a gold miner in Leadville, Colorado and in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California.

Magdalena Hansen died in Grass Valley, California at the age of 39 leaving four children.

- **Etta H. Hansen** (7 Nov 1909 – Nov 1991) married **Ethelbert C. McGilvray** (26 Aug 1912 – 6 May 1999).

Etta (Hansen) McGilvray lived in Council Bluffs. Ethelbert and Etta McGilvray had five children.

- **Elfreda Hansen** (24 Jan 1912 – abt 1998) lived in Council Bluffs and never married.

- **Morris Isaac Hansen Jr.** (27 Mar 1914 – Apr 1983) married **Doris Reba McGilvray** (29 Oct 1916 – 1 Dec 2006) in 1934.

Morris and Doris Hansen lived in Council Bluffs where they ran Hansen's Drapery Shop.

- **Byron Lee Hansen** (5 Dec 1915 – 27 Dec 1990) married Bernice Matson on June 19, 1937 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

The two children of Byron Hansen and his first wife are listed below.

▲ **living Hansen** (-)

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Byron Hansen subsequently married **Helen Marie "Ossie" Hetrick** (19 Oct 1919 – 29 May 1996). Helen Hetrick was the daughter of Ernest Leroy Hetrick and Nellie E. Rablin who had lived in the Hazel Dell area as children.

Byron and Helen Hansen lived in Council Bluffs much of their lives but lived in the St. Paul's area in the 1950s.

The six children of Byron and Helen Hansen are listed below.

▲ **Ernest Wayne "Joe" Hansen** (14 May 1944 – 16 Jun 2013)

▲ **living Hansen** (-)

▲ **living Hansen** (-)

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▲ **living Hansen** (-) married **Ronald P. Porter** (22 Oct 1947 – 29 Dec 1979).

▲ **living Hansen** (-)

Byron and Helen Hansen and their son, Joe, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Mary Lou Hansen** (24 Jan 1926 – 8 Nov 1991) married **Leo W. Ritchhart** (27 May 1925 – 8 Oct 1990) on August 29, 1946 and was living in Des Moines in 1990.

Morris and Lillie Hansen are interred in the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Their son, Byron, is interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Edward Peter Hansen** (26 Nov 1881 - ?, conf. 1897) moved to Canada.

- **Isaac Hansen** (6 Jun 1885 – 24 Jun 1897) died at age 12, perhaps from drowning.

- **Ana Maria Cecilie "Mary" Hansen** (3 Apr 1888 – 3 Feb 1964) never married and lived in Council Bluffs most of her life.

- **Julie Hansen** (23 Jan 1891 – 24 Jan 1891) died shortly after birth.

Rasmus Hansen and Maria Jorgensdatter head family #14 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Rasmus and Marie Hansen and two of their children, Isaac and Mary, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Morris Hansen is interred in the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Sources Specific to the Rasmus Hansen and Marie Jorgensen Family:

- **References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**
 - For the family of Jorgen and Inger Marie (Jensen) Sorensen, the parents of Marie (Jorgensen) Hansen, see the **Jorgen Sorensen sketch**.
 - For the family of Karen (Jensen) Christoffersen, the aunt of Marie (Jorgensen) Hansen, see the **Jorgen Christoffersen sketch**.
- Nielson/Deweese database in trees.ancestry.com.
- Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):
 - Rasmus, Marie, Hans and Marius Jørgen Hansen registered 3/15/1881.

End of the Rasmus Hansen and Marie Jorgensen Family Sketch