

Jens Christian Jacobsen and Christena Marie Gronbeck Family (parents of members)

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Jens Christian Jacobsen (6 Sep 1854 – 4 Oct 1919) was born in Denmark and immigrated about 1880.

Christena Marie “Mary” Gronbeck (7 May 1853 – 31 Dec 1919) was born in Denmark or northern Germany and immigrated about 1882.

Jens Jacobsen and Mary Gronbeck married in Pottawattamie County on March 14, 1884.

By 1885 the Jens Jacobsen family was living in Hazel Dell Township, Section 33.

Christena Marie Gronbeck had a sister, **Karen “Carrie” Gronbeck** (Jan 1848 -) who immigrated about 1882. Carrie Gronbeck married **Frank Christensen** (Sep 1845 -) in Pottawattamie County on May 22, 1886.

In 1887 Jens Jacobsen and Frank Christensen jointly bought 160 acres in Hazel Dell Township, Section 9, from the Jeremiah Folsom estate for \$2,880. Sometime after 1902 Jens Jacobsen bought out his brother-in-law's interest in this farm, and the farm remained the home of Jens Jacobsen and later his children until bought by Vernon Larson around 1940.

Jens and Mary Jacobsen retired to Council Bluffs between 1915 and 1919. Jens Jacobsen died in a traffic accident in Council Bluffs, and his wife, Mary, died a few months later.

The three children of Jens and Mary Jacobsen are listed below.

- **Christian Jacobsen** (Dec 1884 -) was thought to be living in Fresno, California in 1919 and 1971.

- **Walter Jacobsen** (1 Jun 1887 – 5 Mar 1971) never married.

Walter Jacobsen lived in the west portion of the original Jacobsen/Christensen farm until 1950, when he retired and moved to Council Bluffs.

- **Lydia Anna Jacobsen** (6 Jan 1889 – 3 Aug 1971) married **Christian Knudsen “Chris K.” Christensen** (17 or 19 May 1888 – 31 Jan 1945) at St. Paul's on December 12, 1923.

Chris K. Christensen was the son of **Lars Hansen Christensen and Laurentine Christine Christensen**, members of the St. Paul's community.

Chris K. and Lydia Christensen had two foster children. **See the Lars Hansen Christensen sketch for additional information.**

Jens Jacobsen's sister-in-law, Carrie (Gronbeck) Christensen, had a son by a previous relationship in Denmark. This son, **Carl Barsballe** (1 Aug 1873 – 5 Mar 1935), immigrated around 1892. Carl Barsballe married **Maria Anna Christensen** (27 Aug 1879 – 29 Apr 1954) in Council Bluffs on December 15, 1897. Maria Anna Christensen was the daughter of **Nels Hansen Christensen and Andrea H. Clausen** of the St. Paul's community.

After marrying, Carl Barsballe began using the surname "Jessen". Carl and Maria Anna Jessen had eight children. **See the Nels Hansen Christensen sketch for additional information.**

Jens C. and Christena Marie Jacobsen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery, along with their children, Lydia and Walter. I don't know where Christian Jacobsen is interred.

Sources Specific to the Jens Jacobsen and Christena Marie Gronbeck Family:

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

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