

Jacob Jensen and Anna Dorthea Madsen Family (charter members)
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Jacob Jensen was the brother of St. Paul's charter members Anna (Jensen) Christiansen (Mrs. Christian Christiansen) and Ole Jensen.

For more information about the Jacob Jensen extended family, see the Christiansen chapter in the family history *Ancestors and Older Relatives of Robert Christiansen – Christiansen, Rasmussen, Larsen/Larson, Hansen*.

Jensen, Jacob & Anna Dorthea Madsen (charter members)

Niels Juul Nielsen & **Mary Jensen**

Martin Jensen & Agnes Kristine Junker

Christian "Chris" Jensen & Christina Hansen

Jacob Jensen (about 1 Jan 1838 – 19 Nov 1921) was born in Tokkerup By, Fakse Sogn, Praestø Amt, Denmark to **Jens Nielsen** and **Karen Jacobsdatter**.

Jacob Jensen served in the Danish army.

Jacob Jensen immigrated with his brother, Ole, in the spring of 1868 on the steamship *Nebraska*.

Jacob Jensen married to **Hanne Christiane Mortensen** (about 1844 – about Mar 1875) in Pottawattamie County around June 1871. Hanne Mortensen was born in Lyngby Sogn, Randers Amt, Denmark to Morten Sorensen Kuk and Gjertrud Marie Olsdatter.

Hanne Mortensen immigrated to Council Bluffs in the spring of 1871 from either Vindblæs, Randers Amt or Lødestrup, Hobro Amt.

Hanne (Mortensen) Jensen died in 1875, leaving a young child, Karen "Carrie" Jensen.

Anna Dorthea Madsen (20 Apr 1844 – 7 May 1923) was born in Udstolpe By, Slemminge Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark to **Mads Jensen** and **Ane Margrethe Christensdatter**. See the **Mads Jensen** sketch for additional information about **Anna Dorthea Madsen's** parents and siblings.

Anna Madsen immigrated to Council Bluffs from Slemminge Sogn in the spring of 1875.

Jacob Jensen and Anna Madsen married in Pottawattamie County on September 14, 1875. They lived the remainder of their lives in Boomer Township, Section 28.

The six children of Jacob Jensen are listed below. The first, Carrie, was Jacob Jensen's daughter by his first marriage, and the last two, Chris and James, were twins. Note that Jacob Jensen had both a son-in-law named Martin Jensen and a son named Martin Jensen.

- **Karen "Carrie" Jensen** (1873 – 7 Apr 1942) married **tailor Martin Jensen** (13 Dec 1872 – 26 Aug 1945), a Danish immigrant, in Pottawattamie County on September 3, 1895. Martin Jensen had immigrated to the United States from Denmark as a young man around 1893.

Carrie and Martin Jensen lived in and near Council Bluffs. During his lifetime, Martin Jensen worked both as a tailor and as a farmer.

Martin and Carrie Jensen had nine children.

Martin and Carrie Jensen are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- **Johanna Magrete “Anna” Jensen** (Aug 1876 – 28 Nov 1957, conf. 1891) married **Viggo Andrew Christian Andersen** (15 Jun 1873 – 9 May 1936) in Pottawattamie County on January 27, 1898. Viggo Andersen was born in Denmark to Asmus Andersen and immigrated to the United States as a young man.

Viggo and Anna Andersen ran a restaurant in Council Bluffs before moving to Hidalgo County in the Rio Grande valley in southern Texas where they died.

Viggo and Anna Andersen had one son.

I do not know where Viggo and Anna Jensen are interred.

- **Mary Jensen** (8 Aug 1878 – 14 Jun 1946, conf. 1894) married **Niels Juul Nielsen** (4 Feb 1877 – 16 Jul 1952) at St. Paul’s in September 1902.

Niels Juul Nielsen was born in Ballerup Sogn, Copenhagen Amt, Denmark to Ole Nielsen and Anne Susanne Christiane Bergethe Bondo. Niels Juul Nielsen’s mother was the sister of St. Paul’s charter member Christian Bondo. Niels Juul Nielsen immigrated from Ballerup to Council Bluffs in the fall of 1895 on the steamship Thingvalla.

After marrying, Niels and Mary Nielsen and lived on the Jacob Jensen home place until they retired to Weston around 1940. Niels Juul was sometimes called “Nels Wheel”, since hjul is the Danish word for wheel, and after marrying he consistently used the surname “Nelson”.

Nels and Mary Nelson had no children.

Niels Juul Nielsen and Mary Jensen appear as family number 21 in the St. Paul’s family roster begun in 1900.

Nels Juul and Mary Nelson are interred in the St. Paul’s Cemetery.

- **Martin M. Jensen** (15 Mar 1881 – 15 Apr 1968, conf. 1896) married **Agnes Kristine Junker** (17 May 1888 – 1968), a native of Illinois, in July 1907.

The Martin Jensen family was living in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1910 and 1915, on his father’s farm in Boomer Township in 1918 and 1920, in Garner Township in 1925, in rural Kane Township in 1930, and at various address in Council Bluffs from 1944 on.

While in Boomer Township, the Martin Jensen family lived in the dwelling at the south end of the Jacob Jensen farm.

The seven children of Martin and Agnes Jensen are listed below.

- **Vernon Omar Jakob Jensen** (8 Jan 1909 – 26 Jul 1997) married **Edna J. unknown** (11 Jan 1910 – 13 Jun 1990).

After Edna's death, Vernon married **Margaret Madsen** (? – 1994).

Finally Vernon Jensen married **Donna (Wymar) Smith**.

Vernon Jensen lived in Council Bluffs where he was a bank employee.

Vernon and Edna Jensen had two children.

- **Kenneth J. Jensen** (2 Mar 1910 – 23 May 2000) married **Elizabeth Marie Larsen** (30 Apr 1915 – 16 Oct 2004) in Council Bluffs on June 6, 1936. Elizabeth Larsen was the daughter of **Iver Larsen and Amanda Magdaline Clausen** who farmed near Underwood.

Kenneth and Elizabeth Jensen moved to Oregon in the 1940s and had two daughters.

- **Orville Martin Jensen** (1911 – 15 Feb 1917) died as a child.
- **Dorothy M. Jensen** (23 Mar 1915 – 1 Mar 1999) married **Frank Barrett** (21 Jul 1911 – 23 Mar 1998).

Frank and Dorothy Barrett moved to Florida before 1947.

Frank and Dorothy Barrett had five known children.

- **Arthur Orville Jensen** (19 Apr 1919 – 28 Nov or 2 Dec 1942) died in a plane crash in the Aleutian Islands while serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II.
- **Lucille Irene Jensen** (30 Jul 1921 – 4 Dec 2009) married **Clifford B. Mortensen** (4 Jul 1916 – 15 Apr 1999) in Council Bluffs on February 13, 1944. Clifford Mortensen was the son of **Martin J. and Jensine Mortensen** of the Council Bluffs area.

Clifford and Lucille Mortensen lived in Council Bluffs.

Clifford and Lucille Mortensen had four children.

- **Hazel M. Jensen** (about 1926 -) married **Dwayne Brown** (about Aug 1925 -) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs on June 15, 1947. Dwayne Brown was the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown** of Council Bluffs and was a World War II veteran.

Dwayne and Hazel Brown lived in Council Bluffs initially and then moved to Omaha.

The number of children of Dwayne and Hazel Brown is currently unknown.

Martin Jensen and Agnes Kristine Junker head family #61 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Martin and Agnes Jensen and two of their sons, Vernon and Arthur Orville, are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Their young son, Orville Martin Jensen, is interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Christian M. "Chris" Jensen** (8 Jul 1883 – 30 Apr 1924, conf. 1898) married **Christina Hansen** (9 Dec 1883 – 30 Oct 1954) at St. Paul's on March 15, 1905. Christina Hansen was the daughter of **St. Paul's charter members Peter Hansen and Nielsine Jensen**.

Chris and Christina Jensen farmed in north central Hazel Dell Township. After Chris's early death, Christina continued to live on their farm, probably until 1946 or 1947 when Henry Larson bought the Chris Jensen farm.

The four children of Chris and Christina Jensen are listed below.

- **Milton Sylvester Earl Jensen** (10 Mar 1906 – Aug 1979, conf. 1921) married **Lillie Marie Larsen** (11 Aug or 8 Nov 1907 – Jul 1981) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on March 23, 1938. Lillie Larsen was the daughter of **Jens Peter Larsen and Karen Marie Christensen** of Ringsted, Emmet County, Iowa, who were former residents of the Weston area.

Milton Jensen lived on McPherson Avenue in Council Bluffs for many years.

Milton and Lillie Jensen had four daughters, one of whom died in 2003.

- **Violet Bertha Dorothy Jensen** (13 Dec 1907 – 3 Dec 1969, conf. 1923) married **Rudolph Harry Jensen** (6 Aug 1907 - 21 Mar 2001) at St. Paul's on February 23, 1933. Rudolph Jensen was the son of St. Paul's early members **Lars Jensen and Phoebe Rief**.

Rudolph Jensen farmed in Boomer Township west of St. Paul's. Rudolph Jensen was also a mechanic, a carpenter and a woodworker.

Rudolph and Violet Jensen had two daughters. **See the Lars Jensen section of the Mads Jensen sketch for information about Rudolph Jensen's relatives.**

- **Erwin Maynard Orville Jensen** (4 Nov 1910 – 1 Jul 1995, conf. 1926) married **Minnie Marie Christoffersen** (21 Aug 1911 – 31 Dec 1978) at St. Paul's on September 9, 1945. Minnie Christoffersen was the daughter of St. Paul's early members **Martin Christoffersen and Minnie Bondo**.

Erwin and Minnie Jensen farmed in Hazel Dell Township and had no children.

- **Arlene Bernice Levine Jensen** (4 Nov 1916 – 26 May 2001, conf. 1931) married **Nels Henry "Henry" Ericksen** (3 Jan 1909 – 9 Jan 2005) at St. Paul's on March 27, 1940. Henry Ericksen was the son of St. Paul's early members **Eli Ericksen and Johanna Thode**.

Henry and Arlene Ericksen farmed in the Oakland area.

Henry and Arlene Ericksen had three children. **See the Eli Ericksen section of the Niels Eriksen sketch for additional information about Henry Ericksen's relatives.**

Christian Jensen and Hansine M. K. Hansen head family #31 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1931.

Chris and Christina Jensen and three of their children, Violet, Erwin and Arlene, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Milton Jensen is interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **James J. Jensen** (8 Aug 1883 – 20 Jul 1959, conf. 1898) married **Ada E. Watts** (11 Nov 1891 – 9 Dec 1982), an English immigrant, in Pottawattamie County on January 12, 1915.

James and Ada Jensen lived in Fremont County, in Garner Township, and in Council Bluffs.

James and Ada Jensen had six children.

James and Ada Jensen are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Jacob Jensen and Ane Dorteia Madsen head family #17 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Jacob and Anna Jensen and two of their children, Mary and Chris, along with their spouses, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Karen (Jensen) Jensen and her husband are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. Martin and James Jensen and their wives are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Sources Specific to the Jacob Jensen and Anna Dorteia Madsen Family:

- **References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**
 - For the relatives of Anna Dorteia Madsen, the second wife of Jacob Jensen, see the **Mads Jensen sketch**. (Mads Jensen was the father of Anna Dorteia Madsen.)
 - For the relatives of Niels Juul Nielsen, the son-in-law of Jacob Jensen, see the **Christian Bondo sketch**. (Christian Bondo was the uncle of Niels Juul Nielsen.)
 - For the relatives of Christina (Hansen) Jensen, the wife of Chris Jensen and daughter-in-law of Jacob Jensen, see the **Peter and Nielsine Hansen sketch**.
 - For the family of Rudolph and Violet (Jensen) Jensen, see the **Lars P. Jensen section** of the Mads Jensen sketch. (Violet Jensen was the daughter of Chris Jensen. Rudolph Jensen was the son of Lars P. Jensen.)
 - For the relatives of Minnie Christoffersen, the wife of Erwin Jensen, see the **Martin Christoffersen section** of the Jorgen Christoffersen sketch. (Erwin Jensen was the son of Chris Jensen. Minnie Christoffersen was the daughter of Martin Christoffersen.)
 - For the family of Henry and Arlene (Jensen) Ericksen, see the **Eli Ericksen section** of the Niels Eriksen sketch. (Arlene Jensen was the daughter of Chris Jensen. Henry Ericksen was the son of Eli Ericksen.)
- 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 information about Jacob Jensen and Anna Dorthea Madsen. (Jacob Jensen was the uncle of my grandfather, James P. Christiansen.)
- Interviews in the 1970s with Alvin Christiansen and with Agnes Christiansen.
- Manifest of the ship Nebraska (ancestry.com's New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957) departing Liverpool; arriving New York 5 May 1868: Jacob Jensen 30 laborer b. Germany (sic) and Ole Jensen 17 laborer b. Germany (sic) are enumerated in sequence.
- Information obtained from the Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):
 - Hanne Mortensen registered 4/13/1871; Dorthea Madsen registered 3/27/1875 (wives of Jacob Jensen).
 - Niels Just (sic, Juul) Nielsen registered 10/15/1895 (son-in-law of Jacob Jensen).

End of the Jacob Jensen and Anna Dorthea Madsen Family Sketch