

Jens Jensen and Theresa Sorensen Family (charter members)
(Seven-page sketch excerpted from *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families* by Robert A. Christiansen. Reviewed by _____. Revised by RAC Sep 2010.)

Jensen, Jens & Theresa or Trine or Irene Sorensen (charter members)

Hans Christian Jensen & Olive Grace Scott (parents of member)

George Henry Jensen & Dora Christine Nelson

Ernest Christoffersen & **Gene Bernice Jensen**

Harry Jensen & Winifred Rae Nusum

Francis Jensen & Ethel Erickson

I am assuming that "Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jensen" in the St. Paul's charter members list refers to **Jens Jensen** (11 Jun 1826 – 17 Jun 1890) and **Theresa Sorensen** (24 Sep 1828 – 6 Apr 1895) who are interred in lot 97 in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

Jens Jensen and Theresa Sorensen were raised and married in Denmark, immigrated in 1872 with their two older children, and lived in Hazel Dell Township, Section 2 east and south of St. Paul's. Descendants still live in the immediate area.

Descendants use the spelling "Jenson". Theresa was sometimes called "Trine" or "Irene". I do not know of Jens and Theresa's Danish origins.

The three children of Jens and Theresa Jensen are listed below.

- **George N. Jenson** (29 Jan 1864 – 5 Jun 1909) married **Annie Brophy** (about 1866 – 30 Dec 1964) in Pottawattamie County on November 17, 1891.

George N. and Annie Jenson lived in southwestern Norwalk Township, in Section 30, where George farmed until his early death. Annie remained on the family farm for many years thereafter.

George N. and Annie Jenson were members of the St. Columbanus Roman Catholic chapel in Weston.

The seven children of George N. and Annie Jenson are listed below.

- **James Christopher Jenson** (27 Aug 1892 – 27 Jul 1960) married **Marion Veronica Smith** in Pottawattamie County on June 20, 1923.
James C. Jenson was elected Pottawattamie County Treasurer in 1936.
- **Theresa M. Jenson** (22 May 1894 – 25 May 1981) married **Walter J. Meder** (1895 – 4 Jun 1965) in Pottawattamie County on January 2, 1924.
- **William E. Jenson** (20 Sep 1896 – 4 Jun 1917) died at the age of 20.
- **George Victor Jenson** (4 Mar 1899 – 28 May 1905) died as a child.
- **Honora Pearl Jenson** (13 Mar 1902 -)

- **Mary Elizabeth Jenson** (12 Sep 1904 – after 1964) married **Howard Peters Muller** (-) in Pottawattamie County on September 3, 1930.
- **Michael John Jenson** (1908 – 1908) died as an infant.

George N. and Annie Jenson and four of their children, Theresa, William, George and Michael are interred in the St. Columbanus Cemetery in Weston.

- **Hans Christian Jenson** (16 Dec 1866 – 9 Mar 1952) married **Olive Grace Scott** (16 Feb 1872 – 4 Dec 1967) in Pottawattamie County on December 17, 1890. Olive Scott was the daughter of **George Walter Scott and Frances Grace Horn** of south central Hazel Dell Township.

Hans Jenson farmed his parents' home place in northeastern Hazel Dell Township, Section 2.

Hans and Olive Jenson were members of the Danish RLDS church in Hazel Dell Township.

Two of Hans and Olive Jenson's sons, Harry Jenson and Frank Jenson, married sisters, Winifred and Genevieve Nusum. Winifred and Genevieve Nusum were the granddaughters of Boomer Township early settlers Lovridge Samuel Axtell and Frances Sarah "Fanny" Wade and the daughters of Dr. George G. Nusum, who practiced in Boomer Township around 1900, and Aggie Jane Axtell. After Dr. Nusum's early death, Aggie (Axtell) Nusum married William Avid Swanson.

Two of Hans and Olive Jenson's sons, Hans Jenson Jr. and Asa Jenson, married sisters, Mabel and Florence Young. Mabel and Florence Young were the granddaughters of **St. Paul's charter members Ole and Karen Marie Jensen** and the daughters of Norwalk Township residents Henry Young and Emma Jensen.

The twelve children of Hans and Olive Jenson, all of whom lived into adulthood and married, are listed below.

- George Henry Jenson (22 Jun 1891 – 9 Mar 1955) married **Dora Christine Nelson** (24 May 1891 – 12 Oct 1969) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on February 18, 1915. Dora Nelson was the daughter of **St. Paul's early members Swen Nelson and Helene Sandstrom**. See the **Swen Nelson section of the Johan Frederik Sandstrom sketch** for information about Dora Nelson's relatives.

George and Dora Jenson farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 2.

The three children of George and Dora Jenson are listed below.

- ▲ **Olive Helene Jensen** (5 May 1916 – 15 Mar 1998, conf. 1929) married **Clarence E. "Ole" Olson** (12 Feb 1914 – 25 Dec 1972) in Council Bluffs on November 23, 1938.

The one child of Clarence Olson and Olive Jensen is listed below:

- **living Olson** (-)

- ▲ **infant Jenson** (13 Jul 1917 – 13 Jul 1917) was stillborn.
- ▲ **Gene Bernice Jenson** (10 Jan 1920 – 20 Aug 2002) married **Ernest Laurits Christoffersen** (15 Jan 1909 – 14 Jan 1971) at St. Paul's on July 18, 1951. Ernest Christoffersen was the son of St. Paul's early members **Martin Christoffersen and Minnie Bondo**.

Ernest and Gene Christoffersen had three children. See the **Ernest Christoffersen section of the Jorgen Christoffersen sketch** for more information.

George Jenson and Dora Nelson head family #51 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

George and Dora Jenson and their three children, Olive, their infant child and Gene, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Harry Elmer Jenson** (15 Oct 1892 – 24 Oct 1987) married **Winifred Rae Nusum** (21 Oct 1896 – 24 Aug 1974) in Pottawattamie County on December 26, 1917.

The three children of Harry and Winifred Jenson are listed below.

- ▲ **Francis Lynn Jenson** (31 Aug 1918 – 8 Sep 1985) married **Ethel Irene Erickson** (10 Sep 1919 – 31 Jan 2010) at St. Paul's on December 26, 1941. Ethel Erickson was the daughter of St. Paul's early members **Peter Erickson and Anina Christensen**.

Francis Jensen farmed in Boomer Township, Section 35, formerly the Samuel Jensen farm.

The four children of Francis and Ethel Jenson are listed below.

- **living Jenson** (-)
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Francis and Ethel Jenson are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- ▲ **Howard Stanley Jenson** (11 Jan 1921 – 29 Apr 1994) married **Margie Lee Griffin** (28 Aug 1923 -) in the St. Paul's parsonage on March 17, 1944.
- ▲ **Bernice Mae Jenson** (10 Apr 1924 -) married **Eldon Gerald "Dane" Nielsen** (2 Nov 1919 – 12 Mar 1996) in Rockport, Missouri on August 14, 1942. Eldon Nielsen was the son of **H. Chris Nielsen and Johannah Jensen** of Underwood.

Harry and Winifred Jenson are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. Francis Jenson is interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. I don't know where Howard Jenson is interred.

- **Frank James Jenson** (3 May 1894 – 19 Aug 1924) married **Genevieve Hope Nusum** (Nov 1899 -) in Pottawattamie County on June 25, 1919. Frank Jenson died young and Genevieve later married **Ernest Eitner** (1899 -).

The one child of Frank and Genevieve Jenson is listed below.

- ▲ **Gail Freeman Jenson** (21 Sep 1923 -) married **Ruth Wickert** (3 Oct 1924 -) in Omaha on September 22, 1945.

- **Mae Frances Jenson** (11 Sep 1895 – 24 Feb 1990) married **George P. Kalstrup** (5 Dec 1891 – 4 Mar 1978) at Rev. Hansen's home in Hazel Dell Township around February 14, 1920. George Kalstrup was born in Denmark to Lars Christian and May Kalstrup and emigrated as a small child.

George and Mae Kalstrup had no children.

George and May Kalstrup are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- **Hazel Grace Jenson** (22 Apr 1897 – 13 Feb 1978) married **Ray L. Conant** (24 Jul 1889 – 17 Jan 1974) in Pottawattamie County on June 2, 1920.

Ray and Hazel Conant lived in Boone, Iowa where Ray was a fireman and later a brakeman for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad.

The two children of Ray and Hazel Conant are listed below.

- ▲ **Margaret Olive Conant** (4 Mar 1921 – 20 Apr 1978) married Roe Linden Wheeler.

- ▲ **Orville Raymond Conant** (2 Sep 1922 -) married Moy E. Kelsey.

I don't know where Ray and Hazel Conant are interred.

- **Laura Theresa Jenson** (6 Dec 1898 – 14 Feb 1977) married **Louis Seifert Hansen** (29 Oct 1895 – 9 Jun 1955) at her parents' home on February 15, 1922. Louis Seifert Hansen was the son of Hans Lauritz Hansen and Lena Jensen and the grandson of St. Paul's charter member Niels Jensen.

Louis and Laura Hansen lived just east of St. Paul's on the old Mackland farm.

Louis and Laura Hansen had no children. See the **Niels Jensen and Kristen Marie Westegaard sketch** for further information.

Louis and Laura Hansen are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- **Opal Olive Jenson** (14 Oct 1900 – 12 Nov 1996) married **William Martin Petersen** (25 Oct 1899 – 9 Feb 1965) at her parents' home on October 10, 1923. William Martin Petersen was the son of **St. Paul's early members Lars C. Petersen and Inger Marie Jensen**.

William Martin and Opal Petersen had no children. See the **Lars C. Petersen section** of the Vilhelm Pedersen sketch for additional information.

- **Bess Marie Jenson** (9 Oct 1902 – 24 Jun 1995) married **John C. Johnsen** (2 Aug 1898 – Feb 1985) at her parents' home on February 28, 1923. John C. Johnsen was the son of **John S. Johnson and Winnifred Caster** of Norwalk Township.

John C. Johnsen farmed in Boomer and Neola Townships before moving to the Logan, Iowa area.

The four children of John and Bess Johnsen are listed below.

- ▲ **Olive Winifred Johnsen** (11 Apr 1925 – 21 Jun 1995) married **Donald Bondo Magnussen** (6 Jun 1925 – 7 Aug 2001) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on June 2, 1945.

Donald Magnussen was the son of **St. Paul's early members Carl Magnussen and Esther Bondo**.

- ▲ **Shirley May Johnsen** (13 May 1926 – 25 Aug 2004) married **Verle L. Bosworth** (29 Jul 1923 – 24 Aug 1996) at her parents' home at Logan, Iowa on July 7, 1946.

- ▲ **Calvin Franklin Johnsen** (4 Sep 1927 -) married **Thelma Tate** (2 Jul 1929 -) at Logan, Iowa on February 28, 1948.

- ▲ **Lynn Robert Johnsen** (2 Dec 1928 – 14 Jul 1997) married **Juanita Ann Heim** at Logan, Iowa on December 5, 1948.

John C. and Bess Johnsen are interred near Logan in Harrison County. Olive (Johnsen) Magnussen and her husband, Donald, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Shirley May (Johnsen) Bosworth and her husband, Verle, are interred in the Harris Grove Cemetery in Harrison County.

- **Hans Christian Jenson Jr.** (27 Mar 1905 – 25 Mar 1984) married **Mabel Margaret Young** (27 Apr 1907 – 11 May 2006) in Pottawattamie County in Rev. Mueller's home on January 11, 1928.

Hans and Mabel Jenson farmed west of Underwood.

Hans and Mabel Jenson had no children.

Hans and Mabel Jenson are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- **Asa Orin Jenson** (5 Apr 1908 – 23 or 24 May 1981) married **Florence Young** (22 Mar 1910 – 17 Jan 1999) at the radio station KFNF studio in Shenandoah, Iowa on February 22, 1930.

The two sons of Asa and Florence Jenson are listed below. Both became clergymen.

- ▲ **Asa Orin Jenson Jr.** (24 Nov 1930 -) married **Earle Ione "Ione" Shockey**.

- ▲ **Dale Thomas Jenson** (6 Sep 1935 -) married **Charlotte Ann Sorensen**.

Asa and Florence Jenson are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Goldie Lorene Jensen** (8 Sep 1910 – Mar 1985) married **Chester H. Feller** (12 Mar 1915 – 13 Mar 1975) at the Rev. Fred C. M. Hansen home in Council Bluffs on March 19, 1938. Chester Feller was the son of **Hans Feller and Sena Nielsen** who farmed in Boomer and Neola Townships.

Chester and Goldie Feller had one child. See the **Hans Feller and Sena Nielsen section of the Anton Nielsen sketch** for more information.

Chester and Goldie Feller are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- **Doris Evelyn Jensen** (26 Oct 1913 – 21 Mar 1998) married **Orville R. Johnson** (26 Sep 1912 – 27 Nov 1997) in 1935. Orville Johnson was the son of **Nels P. Johnson and Anna Petersen** of east central Hazel Dell Township.

Orville and Doris Johnson evidently had no children.

Orville and Doris Johnson are interred in Ridgewood Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Hans and Olive Jensen and six of their children, Harry, Frank, Mae, Laura, Hans Christian Jr., and Goldie, are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. George and Asa Jensen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Opal (Jensen) Petersen is interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Bess (Jensen) Johnson is interred near Logan in Harrison County. Doris (Jensen) Johnson is interred in the Ridgewood Cemetery in Council Bluffs. I don't know where Hazel (Jensen) Conant is interred.

- **Christian Jensen** (Sep 1874 – 14 Mar 1909) married **Emma Hansen** (Mar 1881 - ?) in Pottawattamie County on January 11, 1899. Emma Hansen appears to be the daughter of Jacob Hansen and Annie Hansen of Hazel Dell Township, Section 1.

After 1900, Christian and Emma Jensen moved to Edenboro, Canada, where Christian Jensen died at a young age.

Christian and Emma Jensen had at least two children.

- **Ruby Johanna Jensen** (Jan 1900 -) married Kenneth Reisman.
- **Viola Jensen**

Jens and Theresa Jensen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Their son, George N. Jensen, is interred in St. Columbanus Cemetery in Weston. Their son, Hans Jensen, is interred in the Grange Cemetery. I don't know where their son, Christian Jensen, is interred.

Sources Specific to the Jens Jensen and Theresa Sorensen Family:

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

- For the relatives of Dora Christine (Nelson) Jenson, the wife of George Jenson, see the **Swen Nelson section of the Johan Frederik Sandstrom sketch**.
 - For the family of Ernest and Gene (Jenson) Christoffersen, see the **Ernest Christoffersen section of the Jorgen Christoffersen sketch**. (Ernest Christoffersen was the grandson of Jorgen Christoffersen.)
 - For the relatives of Ethel (Erickson) Jensen, the wife of Francis Jenson, see the **Peter Erickson section of the Niels Eriksen sketch**.
 - For the relatives of Louis Seifert Hansen, the husband of Laura (Jenson) Hansen, see the **Niels and Kirsten Marie Jensen sketch**.
 - For the relatives of William Martin Petersen, the husband of Opal (Jenson) Petersen, see the **Lars C. Petersen section of the Vilhelm Petersen sketch**.
 - For the relatives of Mabel (Young) Jenson, the wife of Hans Jenson Jr. and or Florence (Young) Jenson, the wife of Asa Jenson Sr., see the **Henry and Emma Young section of the Ole Jensen sketch**. (Emma (Jensen) Young, the wife of Henry Young, was the daughter of Ole Jensen.)
 - For the family of Chester and Goldie (Jenson) Feller, see **the Hans and Sena (Nielsen) Feller section of the Anton Nielsen sketch**.
- List of Descendants of Jens Jenson by Linda (Jenson) Muilenburg, 1998, provided by Sandra (Olson) Sorlein.
 - Conversations with Mabel (Young) Jenson.
 - **Articles from Pottawattamie County, Iowa "Makers of Fire" history book, 1978:**
 - Francis Lynn and Ethel Irene Jenson, p. 260; Jens and Irene Jenson, pp. 260-261.

End of the Jens Jensen and Theresa Sorensen Family Sketch