

Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter Family (parents of members)

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Both Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter, the heads of this extended family, remained in Denmark. Three of their children listed below, Bodil Madsen, Jorgen Madsen and Anna Madsen, came to the area near St. Paul's Lutheran Church, as did six children of their oldest son, Jens Madsen, followed by Jens Madsen's widowed wife, Bodil Marie Larsdatter.

Jensen, Mads & Ane Margrethe Christensdatter (parents of members, died Denmark)

Jens Madsen & Bodil Marie Larsdatter (parents of members, father died Denmark)

Frederik Petersen & Caroline Jensen

Lars Jensen & Phoebe Christine Rief

John Jensen & Nora Madison

Hans Sanning Jensen & Christine Jorgensen

Martin Jonasen & Anna Margrethe Jensen

Jens Christian "Kris" Jensen & Christine Hansen

Hans Olsen & **Bodil Madsen** (charter members, see also Ole Jensen sketch)

Jorgen Madsen (John Madison) & Anna Katherine Rasmussen/Hilde Marie Moller

Jacob Jensen & **Anna Madsen** (charter members, see also Jacob Jensen sketch)

This sketch covers extended family members in the following order:

- ❶ The six children of Jens Madsen and Bodil Marie Larsdatter listed above.
- ❷ Bodil Madsen and her husband, Hans Olsen, St. Paul's charter members. (Hans and Bodil Olsen's daughter, Karen Marie Olsen, and her husband, Ole Jensen, were also St. Paul's charter members.)
- ❸ Jorgen Madsen, known in the United States as John Madison, a St. Paul's early member.
- ❹ Anna Dorthea Madsen and her husband, Jacob Jensen, St. Paul's charter members.

The family members listed above were named using the old patronymic system. E.g., Jens **Madsen** is the son of **Mads** Jensen and Caroline **Jensen** is the daughter of **Jens** Madsen. I believe all family members lived in Maribo County on the eastern portion of the island of Lolland before leaving Denmark.

This sketch is not complete as it glosses over family members who lack St. Paul's connections or who appear in other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families* or in my family history, *Christiansen, Rasmussen, Larsen & Hansen Families*. See the beginning of *Sources Specific to the Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter Family* at the end of this sketch for guidance in this area.

Mads Jensen (about 1794 – after 1856) was born in Vaabensted Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark to **Jens Jorgensen and Ane Margrete Jorgensdatter**.

Ane Margrethe “Grethe” Christensdatter (about 1799 – after 1850) was also born in Vaabensted Sogn.

Mads Jensen married Ane Margrethe Christensdatter in Vaabensted Sogn on August 27, 1819.

Mads Jensen was a farmer in Udstolpe By, Slemminge Sogn, and both Mads Jensen and his wife remained in Denmark.

I know of eight children of Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter. Three of the younger children immigrated as young adults to the area around St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Boomer Township, Pottawattamie County, Iowa. In addition, six children of their oldest son, Jens Madsen came to Pottawattamie County as young adults, along with their widowed mother.

In this sketch I have included only Jens Madsen’s six children and the three siblings of Jens Madsen, Bodil, Jorgen and Anna Dorthea, who immigrated to the St. Paul’s area.

- ❶ **Jens Madsen** (about 1827 – 20 Jan 1903) was born in Udstolpe, Slemminge Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark to Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter.

Jens Madsen remained in Denmark.

Bodil Marie Larsdatter (4 Apr 1833 – 6 Dec 1921) was born in Holeby Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark.

Jens Madsen and Bodil Marie Larsdatter married in Slemminge Sogn on September 13, 1856.

The widow Bodil Marie Larsdatter immigrated to Council Bluffs from Engestofte Sogn, Maribo Amt in the early spring of 1904. She lived with her children until her death.

The seven known children of Jens Madsen and Bodil Marie Larsdatter, six of whom immigrated to Pottawattamie County, are listed below.

- **Caroline Jensen** (30 Jan 1857 – 7 Jun 1955) married **Frederik “Fred” Petersen** (about 10 Nov 1857 – 3 Oct 1945) in Denmark about 1882. Fred and Caroline Petersen and their eldest child immigrated in 1885.

Fred Petersen was a farmer in Boomer and Neola townships before retiring and moving to Council Bluffs between 1920 and 1925. While living in rural Pottawattamie County, five additional children were born.

In Council Bluffs, Fred and Caroline Petersen lived at 115 Iowa Avenue, near her brother-in-law and sister, Martin and Anna Jonassen, who lived at 114 Iowa Avenue.

The six children of Fred and Caroline Petersen are listed below. Two of their daughters, Matilda and Mamie, married brothers, Fenton, Clarence and Ernest Belt, sons of Charles A. Belt and Minnie May Lindley who lived in Crescent, Boomer and Rockford Townships.

- **Christina Petersen** (3 Jul 1881 – 21 May 1965) married **Kastus Petersen** (21 Dec 1876 or 1877 – 1 Apr 1967) in Omaha on May 3, 1901.

Kastus and Christina Petersen lived in Council Bluffs.

Kastus and Christina Petersen had three children.

- **Ella Lydia Petersen** (26 Jun 1887 – 25 Aug 1965) married **Walter Corrin** (30 Mar 1882 – 27 Sep 1950) at Neola, Iowa on February 27, 1918. Walter Corrin was the son of **Richard Corrin and Jane Garrett** who settled northwest of Neola in 1902.

Walter Corrin farmed in Neola Township.

Walter and Ella Corrin had five children.

- **Matilda “Tilly” Petersen** (24 Sep 1889 – 22 Jul 1958) married **Fenton P. Belt** (3 Dec 1890 – 1 Mar 1989) in Pottawattamie County on July 25, 1911.

Fenton Belt farmed in Crescent and Rockford Townships before moving to the Lake Manawa area in the 1930s.

Fenton and Matilda Belt had six children before divorcing in the late 1930s or early 1940s.

- **Henry Petersen** (1 Oct 1891 – 18 Oct 1981) married Frances O’Neil.

Henry and Frances Petersen lived in Avoca and Council Bluffs.

- **Thelma Marie “Mamie” Petersen** (28 Mar 1897 – 1 Aug 1981) married **Clarence Almon Belt** (28 May 1899 – 16 Feb 1919) in Pottawattamie County on October 17, 1917; married **Ernest Belt** (about 1901 -) in Pottawattamie County on October 7, 1921; and married **Dan R. Robison** (1 Feb 1892 – 27 Jul 1974) in Pottawattamie County on October 19, 1927.

Thelma (Petersen) Belt Robison had two known children, one by each of her first two husbands.

- **Harry Clarence Petersen** (23 Aug 1899 – 3 Aug 1930) married **Charlotte Rebecca Wohlers** (9 Oct 1897 – 4 Jun 1978) in Pottawattamie County on March 9, 1921. Charlotte Wohlers was the daughter of **Claus Johann Friedrich Wohlers and Rebecca M. Spark** who lived in northern Boomer Township.

Harry and Charlotte Petersen had four known children.

Fred and Caroline Petersen and three of their children, Christina, Matilda and Harry, are interred in the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Their daughter, Ella (Petersen) Corrin, is interred in the Neola Township Cemetery. I don’t know where Henry and Thelma are interred.

- **Lars P. Jensen** (21 Dec 1859 – 21 Jul 1951) immigrated about 1882.

Lars P. Jensen married **Wiebke Christine “Phoebe” Rief** (21 Feb 1867 – 23 Jun 1953) in Council Bluffs on May 11, 1889. Phoebe Rief was the daughter of **Sievert Rief and Lena Witt** of the Honey Creek area.

Lars P. Jensen was a farmer in Boomer Township until he and Phoebe retired to Council Bluffs.

The eight children of Lars P. and Phoebe Jensen are listed below. Four of the children moved to Minnesota or northern Iowa.

- **Julia Marie Jensen** (27 May 1891 – 10 Sep 1974) married **William Arthur Smith** (13 Mar 1888 – 26 Dec 1958) in Council Bluffs on March 14, 1914. William Smith was the son of **George R. Smith and DoraBelle Parish** of Boomer Township.

William Smith farmed in Boomer Township east and north of St. Paul's.

The two children of William and Julia Smith are listed below.

- ▲ **Everett Leroy Smith** (23 Nov 1915 – 16 Apr 2002, conf. 1931) married **Bernice Hope Parish** (11 Oct 1920 – 13 Nov 1987) in Council Bluffs on January 8, 1938. Bernice (Parish) Smith was the daughter of **Rozel Parish and Mary Jensen** of Hazel Dell Township.

After marrying, Everett and Bernice Smith moved to California, and then returned briefly to Boomer Township around 1940. During World War II then returned to California, where Everett worked as a shipbuilder in Long Beach. After World War II Everett and June lived in Bellflower, California, north of Long Beach, where Everett worked for Pacific Pipe Line in Montebello. Around 1984 they moved to Carson City, Nevada, where they died.

Everett Smith was a World War II veteran, joining near the end of World War II when he already had three children.

Everett and Bernice Smith had five sons.

- ▲ **June Eleanor Smith** (1 Jul 1918 – 16 Oct 2005, conf. 1933) married **Clifford William Hankins** (26 Oct 1913 – 25 Dec 2009) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on June 7, 1939.

Clifford and June Hankins lived in California and had two known children.

William and Julia Smith are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. Everett Smith is interred in Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, Nevada. Clifford and June Hankins are interred in New Auburn Cemetery in Placer County, California.

- **Nora Caroline Jensen** (9 Feb 1893 – 13 Sep 1962) married **Ernest Severtson** (23 Jan 1896 – 15 Sep 1964) in Pottawattamie County on March 2, 1928 with the St. Paul's pastor officiating.

Ernest and Nora Severtson lived in Minnesota.

- **George Frederick Jensen** (27 Oct 1894 – 9 Apr 1977) married **Dorothy Dauner** (20 Jul 1901 – 14 May 1977) in 1920.

George and Dorothy Jensen lived in Minnesota.

- **Arthur Benjamin Jensen** (16 Feb 1898 – Aug 1976) married **Olga Giere**.

Arthur and Olga Jensen lived in Worth County, Iowa.

- **Elmer J. Jensen** (20 Sep 1899 – 14 Feb 1986) married **Esther M. Alberts** (14 Jun 1894 – 12 Apr 1988).

Elmer and Esther Jensen lived in Minnesota.

- **Ernest Sievert Jensen** (10 Apr 1901 – 25 Jan 1972, conf. 1925) was developmentally disabled and never married.
- **James Joseph “Jimmy” Jensen** (4 May 1903 – 7 Feb 1964) married **Thelma Larsen** (19 Nov 1906 – 24 Nov 1993) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul’s pastor officiating on February 18, 1928. Thelma Larsen was the daughter of **Louis J. Larsen and Mary C. Nelson** of Rockford Township.

James J. and Thelma Jensen farmed in the Underwood area moving to Council Bluffs in 1955.

The four children of James J. and Thelma Jensen, the later two foster children who were perhaps adopted, are listed below.

- ▲ **Richard Harvey Jensen** (3 May 1929 – 31 Aug 1929) died at four months.
- ▲ **Doris June “Dottie” Jensen** (31 May 1932 – 3 Mar 2002, conf. 1947) married **Harold “Frank” Makinson** in Pottawattamie County on June 20, 1954 with the St. Paul’s pastor officiating.

Doris June had three children and died in Oregon.

- ▲ **Russell Richard Simonsen** (12 Jun 1936 – 23 Sep 1993, conf. 1952) married, had three children, and may have died in Omaha.
- ▲ **Robert Leroy Simonsen** (25 Sep 1937 – 12 Feb 1998, conf. 1954) married and worked for the University of Nebraska in Lincoln before his death.

James J. and Thelma Jensen and their son, Richard Harvey, are interred in the St. Paul’s Cemetery.

- **Rudolph Harry Jensen** (6 Aug 1907 – 21 Mar 2001) married **Violet Bertha Dorothy Jensen** (13 Dec 1907 – 3 Dec 1969) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul’s pastor officiating on February 23, 1933. Violet Jensen was the daughter of St. Paul’s early members **Chris Jensen and Christina Hansen** of Hazel Dell Township and the granddaughter of St. Paul’s charter members **Jacob Jensen and Anna Dorteia Madsen**. **See the Jacob Jensen sketch for more information about Violet Jensen’s family.**

The Rudolph Jensen family lived in Boomer Township west of St. Paul’s. Rudolph Jensen was a farmer, mechanic and carpenter.

The two daughters of Rudolph and Violet Jensen are listed below.

- ▲ **living Jensen (-)**
- ▲ **living Jensen (-)**

Rudolph and Violet Jensen are interred in the St. Paul’s Cemetery.

Lars Jensen and Phoebe Christine Rief head family #18 in the St. Paul’s family roster begun in 1900.

Lars and Phoebe Jensen and their three youngest children, Ernest, James J., and Rudolph, are interred in the St. Paul’s cemetery. Their oldest child, Julia, is interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- **Jorgen “John” Jensen** (24 Apr 1862 – 21 Feb 1949) immigrated as a young man around 1884.

John Jensen married **Nora Caroline Madison** (17 Mar 1872 – 21 Aug 1924) in Council Bluffs on January 31, 1890. Nora Madison was the daughter of St. Paul’s early members **John Madison and Anna Katherine Rasmussen**.

John Jensen was a farmer in Hazel Dell Township, as were four of his children, Henry, George, Raymond and Clarence, and his grandson, Ivan Collins. The John Jensen home place was in Section 9, but by 1939 he owned 360 acres in Hazel Dell Township.

The nine children of John and Nora Jensen are listed below.

- **Henry John Jensen** (12 Jun 1890 – 30 Mar 1938, conf. 1906) married **Tena Marie Nelson** (Sep 1889 – 15 Mar 1931) in Pottawattamie County on March 8, 1916. Tena Nelson was the daughter of **Andrew C. Nelson and Stena Olsen**.

After Tena’s death, Henry Jensen married Tena’s first cousin, **Carrie M. (Nielsen) Young** (Sep 1890 -?). Carrie (Nielsen) Young was the daughter of **Jens Marinus Nielsen and Annie Olsen** and the widow of Arthur B. Young, who lived in the Hancock area.

Stena (Olsen) Nelson and Annie (Olsen) Nielsen, Henry Jensen’s two mothers-in-law, were twin sisters. **See the Ole Peter Jensen sketch for additional information.**

Henry Jensen farmed in Hazel Dell Township.

The three children of Henry and Tena Jensen are listed below.

- ▲ **LaRue Viola Jensen** (17 Dec 1916 – 7 Oct 1990, conf. 1931) married Frederick A. “Bud” **Baraks** (27 Sep 1917 or 1919 – 4 Apr 1945) in Kahoka, Missouri.

Frederick Baraks enlisted in the United States Army in March 1943 using the surname of “Barracks”. He was killed in action in the European Theater.

Frederick and LaRue Baraks had two children.

- ▲ **Lucille Anna Jensen** (17 Dec 1916 – 1918), the twin of LaRue, died as a toddler.

- ▲ **Maynard Henry Jensen** (6 Mar 1920 – 29 Jan 1998, conf. 1935) married **Gladys I. Sorensen** (24 May 1922 – Dec 1981). Gladys Sorensen was the daughter of **Chris Sorensen and Mary Christensen** who lived in Hazel Dell Township.

Maynard Jensen was a World War II veteran. Maynard lived in Council Bluffs for most of his adult life.

After Gladys (Sorensen) Jensen died, Maynard Jensen married **Ruby (Massie) Armstrong** (6 Feb 1922 – Dec 1985). After Ruby’s death, Maynard married **Thelma Mae (Schroder) Larson** (10 Dec 1920 – 20 Jan 2002) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul’s pastor officiating on June 14, 1986. Thelma was the daughter of Henry Schroder and Jessie Mae Shadden from the Loveland area

and was divorced from my uncle, Vernon Larson, a Hazel Dell Township farmer and businessman.

The two children of Maynard and Gladys Jensen are listed below.

- **Gary L. Jensen** (23 Jun 1942 – Dec 1980)

- **Dennis Ray Jensen** (6 Jul 1947 – 5 Mar 1967) was killed in Vietnam at the age of 19.

Maynard Jensen, his first wife, Gladys, and their two sons, Gary and Dennis, are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Thelma (Schroder) Larson Jensen is interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township with her first husband.

Henry and Tena Jensen and their young daughter, Lucille, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Maynard Jensen is interred in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs. LaRue (Jensen) Baraks is interred in the Rock Island National Cemetery in Illinois. Her husband, Corporal Frederick Baraks is interred in the military cemetery at Saint Avold, Lorraine, France with the name Frederick A. Barracks.

- **Ida Marie Jensen** (21 Dec 1896 – 3 Sep 1949) may have married **Frank D. Collins** (21 Jan 1894 – 21 Jun 1976). Frank Collins was the son of **George W. Collins and Mary Rebecca Johnson** of Crescent Township.

Ida Jensen lived with her father in Hazel Dell Township.

The one child of Frank Collins and Ida Jensen is listed below.

- ▲ **Ivan Norman Collins** (6 Oct 1922 – 30 Jul 1998, conf. 1939) married **Ina Evelyn Belt** (24 Nov 1927 – 10 Dec 1976). Ina Belt was the son of **Joseph Elery Belt and Juanita Mae Wright** of Rockford Township.

Ivan Collins farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 9.

Ivan and Ina Collins had three children.

Ida Jensen is interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Frank Collins is interred in the Crescent Cemetery. Ivan and Ina Collins are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- **Carl Alfred Jensen** (12 Jun 1899 – 1 Apr 1953) married **Annie Christina Johnson** (13 Jan 1894 – 14 Jun 1968) in Pottawattamie County on March 2, 1925. Anna Johnson was the daughter of **Chris Johnson and Mary Rasmussen** who lived in Boomer Township before moving to Harrison County in the late 1920s.

The one child of Carl and Annie Jensen is listed below.

- ▲ **Viola Lee Ann Jensen** (9 Dec 1929 -) married **Frank Kounovsky (about 1923 -)**.

Frank and Viola Kounovsky lived in rural Nebraska near Omaha and had two sons.

Carl and Annie Jensen are interred in Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **George William Jensen** (3 Dec 1900 – 27 Aug 1985) married **Sigrid Dorothy Mae Berg** (20 May 1899 – 26 Mar 1980) in Pottawattamie County on August 25, 1922.

George Jensen farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 17.

George and Sigrid Jensen had eleven children. The living children, born in the 1920s and 1930s, are not listed pending approval of a family member.

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- ▲ **Leonard A. Jensen** (25 Jun 1929 – 12 Jan 2002)
- ▲ living Jensen (-)
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George and Sigrid Jensen and their son, Leonard A., are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- **Raymond Arthur Jensen** (27 Jun 1902 – 12 Aug 1985, conf. as adult 1949) married **Grace Gertrude Jorgensen** (26 Mar 1911 – 9 Oct 2003) on November 24, 1940. Grace Jorgensen was the daughter of **Peter Hannibal Jorgensen and Antonia Maria Miller** of Lake Township.

Raymond Jensen farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 16.

Raymond and Grace Jensen had two children. These children are not listed pending approval of a family member.

- ▲ living Jensen (-)
- ▲ living Jensen (-)

Raymond and Grace Jensen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Clarence James Jensen** (1 Feb 1906 – 9 May 1977) never married. Clarence Jensen farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 17, and died when his tractor overturned pinning him underneath.
- **Herman Ernest Jensen** (19 Oct 1909 – 29 Jan 1911) died as a small child.
- **Harald Johnny Jensen** (4 Feb 1911 – 14 Feb 1911) died as an infant.
- **Valborg Irene "Val" Jensen** (1 Jun 1913 – 24 Apr 2005) married **Harold Larsen** (18 Sep 1909 – 2 Aug 1983) around 1937. Harold Larsen was the son of **Louis J. Larsen and Mary C. Nelson** of Rockford Township.

Harold and Valborg lived in the Persia area before moving to a farm just northwest of Neola, and then moving to Council Bluffs in 1964.

Harold and Valborg Larsen had four children. The living children are not listed pending approval of a family member.

▲ **living Larsen** (-)

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▲ **living Larsen** (-)

▲ **Glenda Irene Larsen** (17 Nov 1948 – 2 Nov 2002)

Harold and Valborg Larsen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

John and Nora Jensen and seven of their children, Henry, Ida, Raymond, Clarence, Herman, Harald, and Valborg, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Carl Jensen is interred in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

■ **Karen Signe Jensen** (4 Oct 1864 -) remained in Denmark.

■ **Hans Sanning Jensen** (14 Oct 1867 – 28 Nov 1956) immigrated to Council Bluffs from Engestofte Sogn, Maribo as a young man in March 1887.

Hans Sanning Jensen married **Bodil Kirstine "Christine" Jorgensen** (29 Jan 1870 – 10 May 1956) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating in March 1905.

Christine Jorgensen was born in Olstrup, Engestofte Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark to Jorgen Madsen and Anna Jorgensen and immigrated around 1904.

The Hans Sanning Jensen family originally lived in Boomer Township, but by 1910 had moved to Lyons Township, Mills County, where they were still living during World War II.

The three children of Hans Sanning and Christine Jensen are listed below.

● **Fremont J. Jensen** (25 Mar 1906 – Nov 1987)

● **Evald Jensen** (21 Aug 1907 – Jul 1977)

● **Amos W. Jensen** (9 Nov 1909 -5 Feb 2002) married **Virginia Slaughter** (19 Nov 1914 – 16 Mar 2009).

Hans Sanning and Christine Jensen are interred in the Tabor Cemetery in Fremont County, Iowa. Amos and Virginia Jensen are interred in the Glenwood, Iowa cemetery. I don't know where Fremont and Evald Jensen are interred.

■ **Anna Margrethe Jensen** (21 Sep 1870 – 27 Dec 1962) immigrated to Council Bluffs in 1893.

Anna Margrethe Jensen married **Martin Jonasen** (24 Dec 1866 – 24 Aug 1946) in Pottawattamie County on September 10, 1898. Martin Jonasen was born in Denmark and immigrated to Council Bluffs in the spring of 1888.

Martin and Anna Margrethe Jonasen lived in Council Bluffs, where Martin was a railroad worker. They lived at 114 Iowa Avenue, near the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Fred and Caroline Petersen, who lived at 115 Iowa Avenue.

The two children of Martin and Anna Margrethe Jonasen are listed below.

- **Frieda Isabelle Jonasen** (26 Feb 1899 – 17 May 1987) married **Robert Jensen** (2 Jan 1894 – 13 Feb 1989) in Council Bluffs on February 27, 1925. Robert Jensen was the son of St. Paul's charter members **Ole Jensen and Karen Marie Olsen**.

Robert Jensen farmed in several locations in Pottawattamie County.

Robert and Frieda Jensen had three children.

- **Marius Jonasen** (7 Apr 1902 – 21 Feb 1976) married **Frances** (7 Mar 1901 – 23 Feb 1992).

Marius and Frances Jonasen lived in Chicago.

Marius and Frances Jonasen had two known children.

Martin and Anna Margrethe Jonasen are interred in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Robert and Frieda (Jonasen) Jensen are interred in the Minden Cemetery.

- **Jens Christian "Kris" Jensen** (8 Jul 1875 – 19 Jul 1957) married **Marie Kristine "Christine" Hansen** (11 Apr 1873 or 1876 – Oct 1922) in Denmark around 1897.

Jens C. and Christine Jensen and their three older children immigrated to Council Bluffs on the steamship Hellig Olav in the summer of 1905.

In 1910 and in 1915 Jens C. Jensen was renting a farm in Hazel Dell Township. By 1919 he owned a farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 17. Jens C. Jensen's nephew, George Jensen, later owned this farm. He also bought the Andrew Jorgen Larsen farm in Section 34 where his son, Caleb, lived.

In his later years, Jens C. Jensen was a hired man for Oluf Larsen in Hazel Dell Township, and lived with the Oluf Larsen family.

The five children of Jens C. and Christine Jensen are listed below.

- **Sanning Chris Jensen** (31 Dec 1897 – 1 Jan 1979) married **Julia M. Christensen** (9 Aug 1903 – 26 Oct 1996) around 1920. Julia Christensen was from Nebraska.

Sanning and Julia Christensen lived in Nebraska after marrying, but by 1930 they had settled in Neola, where Sanning Jensen was a businessman.

Sanning and Julia Jensen had three children. These three children, born in the 1920s and still living in 2010, are not listed pending approval of a family member.

▲ **living Jensen** (-)

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▲ **living Jensen** (-)

Sanning and Julia Jensen are interred in the Neola Township Cemetery.

- **Caleb John Jensen** (16 Mar 1900 – 5 Mar 1954) married **Agnes C. Feller** (2 Nov 1906 – 26 Feb 1997) in Pottawattamie County on January 8, 1930. Agnes Feller was the daughter of Hans Feller and Sena Nielsen of Boomer and Neola Townships.

Caleb Jensen died at his farm home in Hazel Dell Township on Route 1, Underwood.

The three children of Caleb and Agnes Feller are listed below.

- ▲ **Eldon Eugene Jensen** (16 Dec 1930 – Apr 1984, conf. 1946) married **Irene Suden**.
- ▲ **Darrell Wayne Jensen** (10 Aug 1932 – 24 Sep 2003, conf. 1946) married **JoAnne F. Larson** (4 May 1933 – 16 May 1987) on February 16, 1952.
- ▲ **Dallas Rodney Jensen** (9 Jul 1936 – 2 Dec 2004, conf. 1951) married **Eleanor R. Hays**.

Caleb and Agnes Jensen and their son, Darrell, are interred in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Dallas Jensen is interred in Ridgewood Cemetery in Council Bluffs. I don't know where Eldon Jensen is interred.

- **Anna Bolette Marie "Annie" Jensen** (about 1902 – before 1954).

I have no information about Annie Jensen.

- **Carl Viggo Jensen** (26 Jul 1906 – 2 Aug 1906) died in infancy.
- **Elmer Oscar Jensen** (19 Jun 1913 – 8 Oct 1997) may have been raised at Boys Town, Nebraska and may have died in North Sioux City, South Dakota.

Jens C. and Christine Jensen and their infant son, Carl Viggo, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Sanning Chris Jensen is interred in Neola, and Caleb Jensen in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Bodil Marie Larsdatter and three of her children, Lars P. Jensen, Jorgen "John" Jensen and Jens Christian "Kris" Jensen, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. The inscription on Bodil's stone may read "Bodil Marie Jensen". Bodil's daughters, Caroline Petersen and Ane Margrethe Jonassen, are interred in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Bodil's son, Hans Sanning Jensen, is interred in the Tabor Cemetery in Fremont County, Iowa.

- **② Bodil Madsen** (7 Dec 1836 – 1 Dec 1903) was born in Udstolpe, Slemminge Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark to Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter.

Hans Olsen (15 Nov 1827 – 19 Sep 1902) was born in Majbølle Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark to Ole Hansen and Ane Hansdatter. Evidently Hans' father died when he was a small child, as Ane Hansdatter married Henrik Pedersen Grubbe in 1832. In 1845, Hans is an 18-year-old blacksmith's apprentice in Majbølle.

Hans Olsen and Bodil Madsen married in Denmark about 1857.

Hans and Bodil Olsen and their two older children immigrated from Slemminge Sogn to Council Bluffs in the spring of 1876. They soon moved to a small farm in Boomer

Township, Section 28, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Hans and Bodil Olsen were charter members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The three children of Hans and Bodil Olsen are listed below.

- **Karen Marie Olsen** (2 Feb 1857 or 1858 – 30 Aug 1919) married **Ole Jensen** (1 May 1850 – 6 Oct 1933) in Council Bluffs on October 27, 1877. Ole Jensen, a St. Paul's charter member, was the son of **Jens Nielsen and Karen Jacobsdatter** who remained in Denmark and the brother of St. Paul's charter member Jacob Jensen.

Ole and Karen Marie Jensen had eight children. **See the Ole Jensen sketch and the Christiansen chapter of Robert A. Christiansen's family history, *Christiansen, Rasmussen, Larsen & Hansen Families* for additional information.**

- **Peter E. Olsen** (21 Feb 1871 – 10 Oct 1913) remained on the family farm in Boomer Township and never married.
- **Alfred Olsen** (7 Jul 1878 – 12 Dec 1888) died at age 10.

Hans Olsen and Bodil Madsen head family #24 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Hans and Bodil Olsen and their sons, Peter and Alfred, are interred at St. Paul's with the surname of "Oleson". (Their stone may erroneously list Hans Olsen's birth year as 1825.) Their daughter, Karen Marie (Olsen) Jensen, is interred with her husband in Fairview Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

There is an apparent error regarding the Hans Olsen family in the St. Paul's charter member list published in 1931.

The 1931 *St. Paul's Church Jubilee 1881 – 1931* booklet, lists "Mr. and Mrs. Hans Olsen and their son, Ole" as charter members, rather than "Mr. and Mrs. Hans Olsen and their sons, Peter and Alfred". The St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900 does confirm that Hans and Bodil Olsen joined St. Paul's in 1881 and thus are charter members. Although we will never know how this error took place, here is one hypothesis:

Ole Jensen, a charter member, was the son-in-law of Hans and Bodil Olsen. Perhaps, when working on the list of charter members for the 1931 Jubilee booklet, someone penciled in Ole Jensen's name next to the names of his in-laws on a draft list of charter members to identify the St. Paul's Hans Olsen, and then this penciled entry found its way into the printed document. (A different Hans Olsen, and his son, Hans Olsen Jr., had also lived in Boomer Township but had no St. Paul's affiliation.)

- ③ **Jorgen Madsen (John Madison)** (29 Jun 1841 – 25 Dec 1929) was born in Udstolpe, Slemminge Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark to **Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter**.

Jorgen Madsen served in the 1864 war between Denmark and Prussia. Jorgen Madsen married **Anna Katherine Rasmussen** (about 8 March 1840 – 25 Jun 1892) in Radsted Sogn, Maribo Amt, on September 10, 1865.

Jorgen Madsen and Anna Katherine Rasmussen and their oldest child immigrated to Council Bluffs from Nysted Sogn, Maribo Amt in the spring of 1871. After immigrating, Jorgen Madsen assumed the name of John Madison.

John Madison farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 10, on what later became the Clausen farm.

After his wife Anna's death, John Madison married **Hilda Marie Moller** (26 Jun 1864 – 29 Jun 1920) in Pottawattamie County on December 26, 1895.

Hilda Marie (Moller) Madison was the sister of Christena "Sena" Moller (Nelson). Sena Moller married David Nelson, a widower, around 1902. David and Sena Nelson and David's three children moved from Story County, Iowa to Hazel Dell Township, Section 9, between 1905 and 1910 and then moved to Garner Township, Section 18 between 1913 and 1915. David Nelson's youngest daughter, Laura, married Charles Christensen. **See the Lars Hansen Christensen sketch for additional information.**

John and Hilda Marie Madison had no children.

Between 1905 and 1910, John Madison sold his farm to the Laarens Clausen family and moved to an acreage on the north side of the road a quarter mile west of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he lived until his death at the age of 88.

The John Madison acreage was formerly the home of John Leytham, the son-in-law of John Mackland. After John Madison died, it was bought by Peter and Winnie Bondo and remained in the possession of their descendants for the next 70 years.

The five children of John Madison and Anna Katherine Rasmussen are listed below. All preceded him in death.

- **Jens Peter "Peter" Madison** (31 May 1868 – 5 or 9 Nov 1919) was developmentally disabled and lived with his father most of his life.

- **Nora Caroline Madison** (17 Mar 1872 – 21 Aug 1924) married her cousin, **Jorgen "John" Jensen** (24 Apr 1862 – 21 Feb 1949), in Council Bluffs on January 31, 1890. John Jensen was the son of **Jens Madsen and Bodil Marie Larsdatter**.

John and Nora Jensen had nine children. **See the Jorgen "John" Jensen entry earlier in this sketch for additional information.**

- **Lena Madison** (25 May 1874 – 30 Apr 1929) married **Christen "Chris" Jensen** (14 May 1866 or 15 Jun 1869 – 16 Apr 1947) in Pottawattamie County on October 27, 1893. Chris Jensen was born in Denmark to **Jens Christensen and Kirsten Andersen** and immigrated as a young man.

Chris Jensen was a blacksmith and the first cousin of my grandfather, Andrew A. Larson.

The seven children of Chris and Lena Jensen are listed below.

- **Harvey Jensen** (11 Mar 1894 – 9 Nov 1953) never married.
- **Anna Katherine Jensen** (24 Jan 1896 – 5 Jan 1991) married **Arthur Edward Geise** (1 May 1896 – 28 Dec 1973).

Arthur and Anna Geise lived in the Underwood area and had two children.

- **John Everett Jensen** (14 Jun 1898 – Jan 1985) married **Darlene Bodil Christina Nielsen** (19 May 1917 – 1941), **Hulda Peterson** (April 1895 or 1896 – 1972), and **Dagmar Jensine (Jensen) Berg** (18 Jun 1905 – 6 Jan 1998).

John and Darlene Jensen had one child.

- **Bess M. Jensen** (20 Apr 1901 – 4 Mar 1991) married **Ralph Klopping** (25 Sep 1895 – 25 Sep 1990).

Ralph and Bess Klopping farmed in the Underwood area and had two children.

- **baby Jensen** (25 Jul 1903 – 24 Oct 1903) died as an infant.
- **Leland Jensen** (27 Nov 1905 – 22 Jan 2001) married **Daisy Jewel “Jewel” (Vandiver) Orr** (3 Apr 1895 – Mar 1978).

Leland Jensen lived in Santa Monica, California until returning to Omaha in his old age. Leland and Jewel had no children.

- **Kenneth Ernest Jensen** (17 Jul 1911 – 13 Dec 1984) married **Zona Lynd** (22 Oct 1909 – 22 Jan 1994).

Kenneth and Zona Jensen had no children.

Chris and Lena Jensen and their son, Harvey, are interred in the St. Paul’s Cemetery. Anna (Jensen) Geise, John Jensen, and Bess (Jensen) Klopping are interred in the Fisher Cemetery near Underwood. Chris and Lena Jensen’s infant child is interred on the farm where Chris and Lena were living in 1903. Leland Jensen was cremated and his ashes interred in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Whittier, California. Kenneth Jensen may also be interred in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

For more about the Chris and Lena Jensen family, see the Larsen chapter of Robert A. Christiansen’s family history, *Christiansen, Rasmussen, Larsen & Hansen Families*.

- **Robert Madison** (Sep 1876 – 1 Sep 1877) and **Johnny Madison** (14 Jun 1879 – 20 Jun 1879) died as babies.
- **Christian Madison** (about 1879 - ?, conf. 1893) was a foster or adopted son born in Denmark and disappears from my records after 1895.

Jorgen Madsen and Hilde Marie Moller head family #28 in the St. Paul’s family roster begun in 1900.

John Madison, his second wife, and three of his children Peter, Nora, and Lena, are interred in the St. Paul’s Cemetery. John Madison’s first wife and their two infant sons, Robert and Johnny, are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- ④ **Anna Dorteia Madsen** (20 Apr 1844 – 7 May 1923) was born in Udstolpe, Slemminge Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark to Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter.

Anna Dorthea Madsen immigrated to Council Bluffs in 1875 and married **Jacob Jensen** (about 1 Jan 1838 – 19 Nov 1921) in Pottawattamie County on September 14, 1875. Jacob Jensen was the son of **Jens Nielsen and Karen Jacobsdatter** who remained in Denmark, and the brother of St. Paul's charter member Ole Jensen.

Jacob and Anna Dorthea Madsen were St. Paul's charter members.

Jacob and Anna Jensen had five children.

For more information see the Jacob Jensen sketch and the Christiansen chapter of Robert A. Christiansen's family history, *Christiansen, Rasmussen, Larsen & Hansen Families*.

Sources Specific to the Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter Family:

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

- For the relatives of Henry Jensen's two wives, **see the Ole Peter Jensen sketch**. (Henry Jensen was the son of John Jensen and Nora Madison and the grandson of Mads Jensen.)
- For the family of Karen Marie (Olsen) Jensen, the wife of Ole Jensen, **see the Ole Jensen sketch**. (Karen Marie Olsen was the daughter of Hans Olsen and Bodil Madsen and the granddaughter of Mads Jensen.)
- For the family of Frieda Jonassen (Jensen), the wife of Robert Jensen, **see the Robert Jensen section of the Ole Jensen sketch**. (Frieda Jonassen was the daughter of Martin Jonassen and Anna Margrethe Jensen and the great granddaughter of Mads Jensen.)
- For the family of Violet (Jensen) Jensen, the wife of Rudolph Jensen, **see the Chris Jensen section of the Jacob Jensen sketch**. (Rudolph Jensen was the son of Lars Jensen and Phoebe Rief and the great grandson of Mads Jensen.)

■ For more information about the following families outlined in the above sketch, see the indicated chapter of Robert A. Christiansen's family history, *Christiansen, Rasmussen, Larsen & Hansen Families*:

- The **Christiansen chapter** for information about Ole Jensen and Karen Marie Olsen. (Ole Jensen was the uncle of my grandfather, James P. Christiansen. Karen Marie Olsen was the granddaughter of Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter.)
- The **Larsen chapter** for information about Chris Jensen and Lena Madison. (Chris Jensen was the cousin of my grandfather, Andrew A. Larson. Lena Madison was the granddaughter of Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter.)
- The **Christiansen chapter** for information about Jacob Jensen and Anna Dorthea Madsen. (Jacob Jensen was the uncle of my grandfather, James P. Christiansen. Anna Dorthea Madsen was the daughter of Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter.)

- **The following individuals helped me sort out this complex extended family:**
 - Ken Jensen of Texas did research on the Lars and Phoebe (Rief) Jensen family as part of his study of the Sievert Rief family.
 - Betty Ann (Jensen) Fey helped with the Martin and Anna (Jensen) Jonassen family.
 - Darrell Geise helped with the Chris and Lena (Madison) Jensen family.
- **Articles from Pottawattamie County, Iowa “Makers of Fire” history book, 1978:**
 - Robert S. Jensen, p. 260; Larry E. Larsen, p. 288.
- One-page report from Lisbeth Aar to Amos Jensen of Rt. 2, Glenwood, IA outlining the Slemminge Sogn records for the children of Jens Madsen and Bodil Marie Larsdatter.
- WorldConnect “walker jensen family” database (contact Sandra Warde, sww1234@yahoo.com, Feb 2009) for information on the Fred Petersen and Caroline Jensen family.
- One World Tree database for descendants of Hans Olsen and Bodil Madsdatter.
- **Information obtained from the Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):**
 - Hans, Bodil, Karen Marie, and Ole Peter Olsen registered 4/20/1876 (Mads Jensen’s daughter and her family).
 - Jørgen, Ane Cathar. and Jens Peter Madsen registered 4/20/1871 (Mad Jensen’s son and his family).
 - Dorteia Madsen registered 3/27/1875 (Mad Jensen’s daughter).
 - Boel Marie Larsdatler (sic, Bodil Marie Larsdatter) registered 3/26/1904 (Mads Jensen’s widowed daughter-in-law).
 - Frederik Petersen registered 2/28/1885 (Bodil Marie Larsdatter’s son-in-law).
 - Sanny (sic) Jensen registered 3/3/1887 (Bodil Marie Larsdatter’s son).
 - Morten Jonassen registered 4/15/1888 (Bodil Marie Larsdatter’s future son-in-law). Anna Jensen registered 9/6/1893 (Bodil Marie Larsdatter’s daughter).
 - Jens Chr., Marie Chr., Sanning, Caleb, and Anna Bolette Marie Jensen registered 7/13/1905 (Bodil Marie Larsdatter’s son and his family).

End of the Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter Family Sketch