

Niels Jensen and Kirsten Marie Sorensen Westegaard Family (parents of members)

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Jensen, Niels & Kirsten Marie "Mary" Sorensen Westegaard (parents of members)

Herbert Darrington & Anne Mine Jensen

William Driver & Mary Jensen

Niels Jensen (10 Oct 1830 – 2 Dec 1908) was born in Denmark.

Kirsten Marie "Mary" Sorensen Westegaard (22 Nov 1832 – 13 Jan 1924) was born in Denmark.

Niels Jensen and Kirsten Marie Sorensen Westegaard were married in Denmark, perhaps as early as 1852.

Niels and Kirsten Marie Jensen converted to the Mormon faith while living in the LDS Vendsyssel Conference in northern Jutland. They left Denmark in 1862, first traveling with their two children by boat to Hamburg. Then they boarded the *Franklin*, a three-masted square-rigger, and left Hamburg on April 15, 1862.

According to mormonmigration.lib.byu.edu, the family that left Hamburg consisted of:

- ✓ Niels Jensen, 31 of Jutland (I have seen two surnames "Sonderby" and "Hoiien" used.)
- ✓ Kirsten Marie Jensen, 29
- ✓ Caroline Jensen, 4
- ✓ Jensine K. Jensen, 2, died at sea of measles on May 26.

The *Franklin* appears to have carried only Scandinavian immigrants. I have seen a passenger count of 413 and another of 510. Forty to fifty children died of measles during the voyage.

The *Franklin* arrived in New York on May 29, 1862. Due to the measles on board, landing the passengers was delayed and a few passengers, including the Niels Jensen family, were taken off the ship and hospitalized for a time.

From New York the *Franklin* passengers traveled by rail to Quincy, Illinois, by ferry across the Mississippi to Hannibal, Missouri, by train to St. Joseph, Missouri, and then by riverboat to Florence, formerly Winter Quarters and today part of North Omaha.

At Florence the long trek to Utah by wagon across the Great Plains and through the Rocky Mountains began.

I doubt if the Niels Jensen family ever went to Utah. I don't know what happened to their surviving child, Caroline Jensen. Their first child I have knowledge of, Selina, was born in Fremont in Dodge County, Nebraska, a day's journey west of Florence, in December 1864.

Niels and Kirsten Marie Jensen bought their first Hazel Dell Township land from Perry Reel in 1867. By 1885 they had settled in Hazel Dell Township, Section 2, on what later became the farm of their son-in-law, Herb Darrington.

I don't know when the Niels Jensen family left the Mormon faith and rejoined the Lutheran church.

The six children of Niels and Kirsten Marie Jensen are listed below.

- **Selina “Lena” Jensen** (10 Dec 1864 – 14 Nov 1958) married **Hans Lauritz**
 - **Everett Theodore Hansen** (27 Nov 1889 - 9 Jul 1976) married **Cora Duncan** (10 Feb 1892 – 3 Dec 1980), the daughter of **Israel Duncan and Jane Pierce**.
Everett Theodore sometimes went by the name Theodore Everett. He and Cora moved to the Los Angeles area between 1930 and 1949.
 - **Ernest Albert Hansen** (27 Jul 1891 – Jul 1971) married **Deloris A.** (16 Feb 1904 – May 1981) on July 6, 1921.
Ernest and Deloris lived in the Logan area. Ernest was in the trucking business.
 - **Laurence Glen “L. Glen” Hansen** (24 Jun 1893 – 12 Apr 1967) lived in the Logan area.
 - **Louis Seifert Hansen** (29 Oct 1895 – 9 Jun 1955) married **Laura Theresa Jensen** (6 Dec 1898 – 14 Feb 1977) at her parents’ home in Hazel Dell Township on February 15, 1922. Laura Jensen was the daughter of **Hans Jensen and Olive Scott** of northern Hazel Dell Township and the granddaughter of **St. Paul’s charter members Jens Jensen and Theresa Sorensen**.
Louis and Laura Hansen lived on the old Mackland place just east of St. Paul’s. Louis and Laura Hansen had no children.
 - **Marion William Hansen** (31 Aug 1897 – 17 Dec 1976) lived in the Los Angeles area.
 - **Marie Christina Hansen** (10 Mar 1899 – 28 May 1996) married **David Frederick Driver** (13 Dec 1896 – 11 Mar 1977) in Pottawattamie County on June 18, 1919. David Driver was the son of **Fred Driver and Grace Killpack** who lived in Neola Township, Section 6.
David and Marie Driver were living in Union Township, Harrison County in 1930 but by 1949 had moved to Omaha.
David and Marie Driver had five known children.
 - **Harry L. Hansen** (18 Mar 1901 – 25 Jul 1990) married **Opal M. Gardner** (22 May 1912 – 23 Feb 2006). Opal Gardner was the daughter of **Thomas Gardner and Clara Handbury** who lived in eastern Boomer Township.
Harry and Opal Hansen lived in Omaha, Nebraska.
Harry and Opal Hansen had one daughter.

- **Frederick H. "Fred" Hansen** (8 Dec 1905 – 7 Jan 1992) married **Jennie M. Clark** (29 Sep 1910 – 27 May 2002) in 1937. Jennie Clark was the daughter of **Clement Clark and Lillie Whitmore** who lived in Lagrange Township, Harrison County.

Fred Hansen lived in the Logan area.

Fred and Jennie Clark had three sons. ■ **Christena Jensen** (1864 -) is currently a mystery. She could have been the wife of Hans H. Witt.

- **Samuel Jensen** (28 Mar 1867 – 18 Jan 1945) married **Carrie Elizabeth Anderson** (28 Oct 1871 – 23 Feb 1959) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on February 12, 1902. Carrie Anderson was the daughter of **John Anderson and Mary Jensen**, early settlers in western Boomer Township.

Samuel and Carrie Jensen lived in Boomer Township just north and west of his parents until 1922 when they moved to 22 Benton Street in Council Bluffs. However, Samuel Jensen continued to own this Boomer Township farm until Francis Jensen bought it sometime between 1939 and 1950.

Samuel Jensen worked as a house painter in Council Bluffs.

The two daughters of Samuel and Carrie Jensen, neither of whom married, are listed below.

- **Althera Marie Jensen** (7 Nov 1904 – 22 Aug 1976, conf. 1919) did secretarial work in Council Bluffs.
- **Marcella K. Jensen** (1911 – 1932)

Samuel and Carrie Jensen and their two daughters, Althera and Marcella, are interred in the Grange Cemetery.

- **Anna Mine Jensen** (30 Nov 1869 – 27 Nov 1969) married **Herbert "Herb" Darrington** (2 Feb 1873 – 16 May 1960) in Pottawattamie County on October 10, 1900. Herbert Darrington was the son of **William Darrington and Mary Ann Sabey** who lived across Pigeon Creek west and north of St. Paul's.

Herb and Annie Darrington farmed the Niels Jensen home place in northern Hazel Dell Township, Section 2, until 1945 when they moved to Council Bluffs. George and Elsie Bracker then bought this farm.

The one child of Herb and Annie Darrington and their foster son are listed below.

- **Lucille Marianne Darrington** (18 Jul 1904 – 23 Feb 2000, conf. 1919) married **Theodore Roosevelt Feidler** (8 Nov 1904 – 4 Jun 1992) at St. Paul's on July 24, 1935.

Theodore and Lucille Feidler lived in Scottsbluff in western Nebraska, where they both died.

The one child of Theodore and Lucille Feidler is listed below.

- ▲ **living Feidler (-)**

- **Charles F. "Charley" Darrington** (19 Aug 1913 – Jun 1979, conf. 1928) lived in California and may have died in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Herb and Annie Darrington are interred in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Martin Jensen** (about Dec 1872 -) married **Ola T. Harrison** (Jul 1877 -) in Pottawattamie County on May 29, 1898.

Martin Jensen was a farmer in Norwalk and Hardin Townships and was living in the Oakland area in 1945.

Martin and Ola Jensen had two known children.

- **Clement W. Jensen** (about 1903 -) married Ellen M. Kundel in Pottawattamie County on January 1, 1925.
- **Robert M. Jensen** (about 1913 -)

The death dates and interment locations for Martin and Ola Jensen are currently unknown.

- **Mary Kathrine Jensen** (11 Sep 1877 – 17 Feb 1968) married **William Driver** (14 Aug 1871 – 12 Sep 1952) in Pottawattamie County on January 8, 1902 with the St. Paul's pastor officiating. William Driver was the son of **James Driver and Elizabeth Beswick**, early settlers in central Boomer Township.

William Driver farmed in Boomer Township, Section 26 a mile north of St. Paul's. William Driver bought 80 acres from the Bateman family before 1902 and an adjoining 80 acres to the east from William Henry Powell before 1919. (William Henry Powell and his wife, Vina (Darrington) Powell, had moved to Gregory, South Dakota in 1904.)

Thomas and Gertrude Royer bought the William Driver farm around 1952. Gertrude (Driver) Royer was the niece of William Driver.

The one child of William and Mary Driver is listed below.

- **Marvin Wayne Driver** (8 Nov 1906 – 10 Mar 1977, conf. 1921) married **Lucille E. Gittins** (10 Sep 1912 – 8 Feb 1988) on December 16, 1936. Lucille was the daughter of **Raymond Gittins and Eva Johnson** of Neola Township.

In the 1950s Marvin Driver was a trap shooter of note. Marvin Driver farmed in Boomer Township, and in the Missouri Valley and Thurman, Iowa area.

Marvin and Lucille Driver had no children.

William Driver and Mary Jensen head family #52 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

William and Mary Driver and their son, Marvin, are interred in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Niels and Kirsten Marie Jensen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Lena (Jensen) Hansen and Samuel Jensen are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. Annie (Jensen) Darrington and Mary (Jensen) Driver are interred in the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs. I don't know where Christena Jensen and Martin Jensen are interred.

Sources Specific to the Niels Jensen and Kirsten Marie Sorensen Westegaard Family:

- **References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**
 - For the relatives of Laura (Jenson) Hansen, the wife of Louis Seifert Hansen, see the **Hans Jensen section of the Jens Jensen sketch**. (Laura Jenson was the daughter of Hans Jensen.)
- **Articles from Pottawattamie County, Iowa "Makers of Fire" history book, 1978:**
 - Herbert Darrington, p. 156.
- **Web sites describing the spring 1862 voyage of the *Franklin* from Hamburg to New York:**
 - mormonmigration.lib.byu.edu
 - familysearch.org/photos/stories/1367886

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