

## Niels Christian Jensen and Abelone Marie Christine “Mary” Jensen Family

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### Jensen, Niels Christian & Abelone Marie Christine “Mary” Jensen

**Carl Peter Jensen** & Carrie Christine Larsen

*Martin Cornelius Jensen* & Loretta Nellie Larsen

*Laurits Andersen Laursen* & *Pauline Carrie Marie Jensen*

**Niels Christian Jensen** (6 Nov 1851 – 2 Feb 1918) was born in Munksjørup, Bjørnsholm Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark, to Jens Christian Larsen and Karen Nielsdatter.

**Abelone Marie Christine “Mary” Jensen** (7 Jul 1868 – 25 Dec 1941) was born in Vester Hornum Sogn or Hyllebjerg Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark to Jens Pedersen Leere and Christine Larsdatter.

Both Niels C. Jensen and Mary Jensen were married twice. Niels had an early marriage in Denmark and Mary a late marriage in Pottawattamie County.

Niels C. Jensen was first married in Bjørnsholm Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark, on December 15, 1876 to **Karen Marie Olsen** (18 Oct 1858 – 13 Sep 1881). Karen Marie Olsen was born and died in Bjørnsholm Sogn.

Niels C. Jensen immigrated to the United States at an unknown date, and later returned to Denmark for a visit. In March 1889, Niels Jensen and his intended, Mary Jensen, both journeyed to the United States on the steamship Denmark. Niels listed his destination as Neola and Mary her destination as Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Niels C. Jensen and A. M. K. Jensen married in Pottawattamie County on May 10, 1889.

Between 1902 and 1913 Niels C. and Mary Jensen bought a farm in Neola Township, Section 29, from W. P. Barnett of Hazel Dell Township. Niels C. Jensen died at their farm home. Mary Jensen retained ownership of this farm, which passed to their son, Martin Cornelius Jensen. As of 2010 it is still in the Jensen family.

In 1925, about seven years after Niels C. Jensen's death, his widow, Mary, married the widower **Niels Jorgen Christensen** who lived a few miles to the south. Years earlier, Mary Jensen had cared for Niels Jorgen Christensen's youngest child, Valeo, whose mother had died a few days after Valeo's birth in 1910. See the **Niels Jorgen Christensen sketch** for additional information.

Niels C. Jensen and his first wife, Karen Marie Olsen had one known child:

- **Jens Christian Jensen** (25 May 1879 – 10 Jun 1946) was born in Munksjørup, Bjørnsholm Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark and immigrated about 1891.

Jens C. Jensen married **Ida May E. Hansen** (26 Nov 1880 – 16 Jul 1970) in Underwood on December 12, 1899. Ida May Hansen was the daughter of **Soren Hansen and Lena Carlson** who lived in Norwalk Township, Section 1.

Jens C. and Ida May Jensen farmed the Soren Hansen home place in Norwalk Township, Section 6.

The two known children of Jens C. and Ida May Jensen are listed below.

- **Carrie Elvena Ester Jensen** (3 Dec 1900 – 31 Jul 1988) married Lester D. Petersen (26 Dec 1895 – 25 Jul 1977).

Lester and Carrie Petersen were farming in Neola Township in 1930.

Lester and Carrie Petersen had three known children.

Lester and Carrie Petersen and their young son, Orval, are interred in the Hazel Dell Cemetery.

- **Florence Roselia Ruth Jensen** (1902 – 1981)

Jens C. and Ida May Jensen and their daughter, Carrie are interred in the Hazel Dell Cemetery.

The four surviving children of Niels C. Jensen and his second wife, Mary Jensen, are listed below. I have not listed the last two children, who both died as unnamed infants, in 1907 and 1909 respectively.

- **Carl Peter Jensen** (10 Jul 1892 – 8 Sep 1950, conf. 1908) married **Carrie Christine Larsen** (16 Jan 1891 – 28 Mar 1892) at St. Paul's on January 14, 1914. Carrie Larsen was the daughter of **St. Paul's early members Andrew Jorgen Larsen and Ane Marie Nielsen** of south central Hazel Dell Township.

Carl P. Jensen was farming in Norwalk Township in 1917. In 1920 Carl and Carrie Jensen were living in Lynn Township, Moody County, South Dakota. By 1925 they were farming in Hazel Dell Township, Section 20 where their children attended the Hazel Dell #4 school. They were still living on their Hazel Dell farm in the 1940 census.

Around 1945 they sold their Hazel Dell farm and moved to Spencer, Iowa.

In 1959 Carl P. Jensen's widow married Jacob Peter "Pete" Christoffersen, who then died in 1962. The Carl P. Jensen and Jacob Christoffersen couples were long-time friends. See the Niels Hansen Christensen sketch for information about the Jacob Christoffersen family.

Carl P. and Carrie Jensen had three children, the first of whom was stillborn in 1915. The two surviving children are listed below.

- **Helen Elizabeth Larsen Jensen** (18 May 1921 -, conf. 1936)

- **Ruth Irene Jensen** (30 Nov 1928 -?)

Carl P. Jensen and Carrie Larsen head family #50 In the St. Paul's family register begun in 1900.

Carl P. and Carrie Jensen are interred in the North Lawn Cemetery in Spencer, Iowa.

- **Lawrence Peter Jensen** (7 Nov 1894 – 16 Aug 1940, conf. 1911) married **Myrtle Louise Mundt** (16 Aug 1903 – 9 Jul 1967) in Council Bluffs on February 1, 1922. Myrtle Mundt was the daughter of **William and Mary Mundt**.

Lawrence and Myrtle Jensen with two children were farming in Neola Township near his parents in 1930.

The two known children of Lawrence Peter and Myrtle Jensen are listed below.

- **Vernon Jensen** (-)

- **Arlon Jensen** (-)

Evidently Lawrence Peter and Myrtle Jensen moved to California in the 1930s. They both died in California, Lawrence in Sacramento County and Myrtle in Napa County.

- **Martin Cornelius Jensen** (5 Mar 1898 – 30 Sep 1962, conf. 1913) married **Loretta Nellie Larsen** (13 Jun 1902 – 21 Jul 1985) at St. Paul's on January 28, 1925. Loretta Larsen was the daughter of **Jens Peter Larsen and Karen Marie Christensen** who had moved from Weston to Ringsted, Emmet County, Iowa shortly before 1910.

Martin Cornelius Jensen farmed his parents' home place in Neola Township, Section 29. Between 1939 and 1950 he bought additional land south of the road.

The three children of Martin Cornelius and Loretta Jensen are listed below.

- **Charles Leslie Jensen** (12 Jan 1928 – 2 Jul 2010, conf. 1942) married **Lorene Grace Clara Huelle** (2 Apr 1931 -) at St. Paul's on March 25, 1951. Lorene Huelle was the daughter of **Walter Huelle and Viola Basch** who farmed in Washington Township.

Charles and Lorene Jensen lived on the south part of the Martin Cornelius Jensen farm in Neola Township, Section 32. He remained on this farm until he died.

Charles and Lorene Jensen had two children.

Charles Jensen is interred in Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Lyle Clifford Jensen** (1931 -, conf. 1945) married **Donna Louise Houser** (5 Feb 1934 -) at St. Paul's on June 1, 1952. Donna Houser was the daughter of **Alfred and Lucille Houser** who moved from Mills County, Iowa to Underwood in 1943.

Lyle Jensen bought the former Don Hansen farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1 in the 1950s. By 2004 Lyle had sold this farm and was living in Council Bluffs.

Lyle and Donna Jensen had two known children.

- **Robert Martin Jensen** (15 Nov 1947 -, conf. 1961) married **Marian Schnorr** (29 Nov 1949 -). Marian Schnorr was raised in the vicinity of Quick, Iowa.

Robert and Marian Jensen lived on the original Niels C. Jensen farm in Neola Township, Section 29.

Robert and Marian Jensen had one known child.

Martin Cornelius and Loretta Jensen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Their son, Charles, is interred in Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Pauline Carrie Marie Jensen** (9 Oct 1904 – 1 Apr 1972, conf. 1919) married **Laurits Andersen Laursen** (25 May 1888 – 15 Jan 1968) at her mother's home in Neola Township by the St. Paul's pastor on August 22, 1933.

Laurits Laursen was born in Hjerminde Sogn, Viborg Amt, Denmark to **Peter Laursen and Inger Johanne Nielsen** and immigrated to Council Bluffs as a young man in the spring of 1908.

Laurits Laursen was farming in Boomer Township in 1915, was a mechanic working for Albert Bondo in Underwood in 1917, was employed by Ralph Spencer in Boomer Township in 1920, and was living in Underwood in 1925 and 1930.

After marrying, Laurits and Pauline Laursen lived on McPherson Avenue in Council Bluffs where Laurits had a service station and ran a tank truck.

The two children of Laurits and Pauline Laursen are listed below.

- **living Laursen (-)**
- **living Laursen (-)**

Laurits and Pauline Laursen are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Niels C. and Mary Jensen and their son, Martin Cornelius, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. I don't know where Carl Peter and Lawrence Peter Larsen are interred. Pauline (Jensen) Laursen is interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

### **Sources Specific to the Niels Christian Jensen and Abelone Marie Christine "Mary" Jensen Family:**

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

- For the relatives of Carrie (Larsen) Jensen, the wife of Carl P. Jensen, see the **Andrew Jorgen Larsen sketch**.
- **Worldconnect databases** at [wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com):
  - **Anderson - Laere Family Tree** (contact [gengalore@cox.net](mailto:gengalore@cox.net))
  - **Laursen Clair Udstuen Families** (contact Linda Laursen, [writelinda@comcast.net](mailto:writelinda@comcast.net)):
- **Danish Emigration Archives** ([ddd.dda.dk](http://ddd.dda.dk)):
  - Niels Chr. Jensen registered 3/13/1889; Abelone Marie Jensen registered 3/13/1889.

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