

**Ole Jensen and Karen Marie Olsen Family** (charter members)  
(Five-page sketch excerpted from *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families* by Robert A. Christiansen. Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_. Revised by RAC Aug 2010.)

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

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

**Jensen, Ole & Karen Marie Olsen** (charter members)

Jens Peter Hansen & **Anna Jensen** (see Peter & Nielsine Hansen sketch)

*Henry Young Sr. & Emma Jensen*

*Robert Jensen & Frieda Jonassen*

Albert Arthur Jensen & **Eva Jensen**

**Ole Jensen** (1 May 1850 – 6 Oct 1933) was born in Tokkerup village, Fakse Sogn, Praestø Amt, Denmark to **Jens Nielsen and Karen Jacobsdatter**.

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

**Karen Marie Olsen** (2 Feb 1857 or 2 Feb 1858 – 30 Aug 1919) was born in Denmark to **Hans Olsen and Bodil Madsdatter** and immigrated with her parents and brother from Slemminge Sogn, Maribo Amt, in the spring of 1876.

Karen Marie Olsen was the granddaughter of Mads Jensen and Ane Margrethe Christensdatter. **See the Mad Jensen sketch for more information about this family.**

Ole Jensen and Karen Marie Olsen married in Pottawattamie County on October 27, 1877.

In 1876 Ole Jensen bought 40 acres in Boomer Township, Section 21, from Thomas Hansen. Around 1886 Ole Jensen sold his farm to his brother-in-law, Christian Christiansen, and moved to Council Bluffs, where he became a railroad worker.

The eight children of Ole and Karen Jensen are listed below. Although the Ole Jensen family had moved to Council Bluffs long before any of the children reached confirmation age, two of the children, Anna and Emma, lived in the St. Paul's community with relatives, and thus were confirmed at St. Paul's.

- **Carrie Jensen** (Mar 1878 – 5 Apr 1929) married **Hans Jorgen Jorgensen** (Aug 1869 – 25 Sep 1942) in Pottawattamie County on November 20, 1897.

Hans Jorgensen was born to **Jorgen Nielsen and Maren Jorgensdatter** in Nysted Parish, Maribo Amt and immigrated to Council Bluffs from Nysted in April 1886.

Hans and Carrie Jorgensen lived in Council Bluffs where Hans worked as a blacksmith.

Hans and Carrie Jorgensen had five children.

- **Maggie Jensen** (Oct 1879 – 13 Feb 1901) never married and died at 21 of pneumonia.

- **James Jensen** (5 Mar 1881 – 1962) married **Josephine P. “Josie” Suit** (Aug 1887 - ?) in Pottawattamie County on September 22, 1904. Josie Suit was the daughter of **John Suit and Ivy Miller**.

After James and Josie Jensen divorced, James married **Myrtle (Watton) Warren** (about 1886 – 10 Feb 1947), and Josie married Jesse L. James.

James Jensen lived in Council Bluffs.

James and Josie Jensen had five children, and James’ second wife, Myrtle, had one child by her first marriage.

- **Anna Jensen** (2 Apr 1883 – 1 Aug 1968, conf. 1897) married **Jens Peter Hansen** (24 Aug 1881 – 12 Jan 1967) at St. Paul’s on October 19, 1904. Jens Peter Hansen was the son of St. Paul’s charter members **Peter Hansen and Nielsine Jensen**.

Jens Peter and Anna Hansen had four children. **See the Peter Hansen and Nielsine Jensen sketch for additional information.**

- **Herman Ole Jensen** (22 Feb 1885 – 5 Sep 1965) married **Myrtle Eva Rockwell** (29 Oct 1891 – 14 Feb 1980) in Council Bluffs on October 18, 1916.

Herman and Myrtle Jensen lived in Council Bluffs.

Herman and Myrtle Jensen had one child.

- **Emma Jensen** (25 Aug 1887 – 8 May 1977, conf. 1902) married **Henry John Young Sr.** (26 Apr 1879 – 20 May 1951) at St. Paul’s on March 28, 1906. Henry Young was the son of **George Young and Katie Harms** of Norwalk Township.

Henry and Emma Young farmed in Norwalk Township and then in Hazel Dell Township before moving to Council Bluffs in the late 1920s.

The six children of Henry and Emma Young are listed below.

Two of the Henry Young children, Mabel and Florence, married brothers, Hans Jenson Jr. and Asa Jenson, the sons of Hans Jenson and Olive Scott of northern Hazel Dell Township and the grandsons of St. Paul’s charter members Jens Jenson and Theresa Sorensen. **See the Jens Jenson sketch for additional information.**

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

Hans Jenson Jr. farmed west of Underwood.

Hans and Mabel Jenson had no children.

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

Asa and Florence Jensen had two children.

- **Elsie Bernice Young** (29 Aug 1912 -25 Jun 2009) married **George F. "Bud" Bracker** (3 May 1906 – 29 Mar 1964) on February 22, 1931. George Bracker was the son of **Frederick William Bracker and Jennie Woodruff** of Hazel Dell Township.

Bud Bracker farmed the former Herb Darrington farm in southeastern Boomer Township.

Bud and Elsie Bracker had two children.

- **George R. Young** (7 Aug 1917 – 30 Jan 1995) married **Maxine Bain** (26 Jun 1920 – 10 Jan 2007) in Council Bluffs on October 1, 1944.

George and Maxine Young lived in Council Bluffs and had two children.

- **Joyce Young** (10 Feb 1923 -) married **Ralph Smith** in San Francisco, California on February 4, 1949.

Ralph and Joyce Smith were living in Council Bluffs in 2006.

Ralph and Joyce Smith had two children.

- **Henry John Young Jr.** (12 Feb 1927 – 19 Sep 2006) married **Betty L. Bowen** in Council Bluffs on April 11, 1954.

Henry and Betty Young divorced in 1970 and Henry married Dorothy (Fuerst) Sorensen on January 2, 1982.

Henry Young Jr. worked for the Iowa Power and Light Company in Council Bluffs.

Henry and Betty Young had two children.

Henry and Emma Young are interred in Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Mabel (Young) Jensen is interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. Florence (Young) Jensen is interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. George Young donated his body to the Creighton Medical School in Omaha.

- **Robert Jensen** (2 Jan 1894 – 13 Feb 1989) married **Frieda Isabelle Jonasen** (26 Feb 1899 – 17 May 1987) in Council Bluffs on February 27, 1925. Frieda Jonasen was the daughter of **Martin Jonasen and Anna Margrethe Jensen** of Council Bluffs and the great-granddaughter of Mads Jensen. **See the Mads Jensen sketch for information about Anna Margrethe (Jensen) Jonasen's relatives.**

Robert and Frieda Jensen farmed in various locations in the Pottawattamie County area.

The three children of Robert and Frieda Jensen are listed below.

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- **Eva Jensen** (10 Feb 1903 – 20 Sep 1988) married **Albert Arthur Jensen** (13 Jun 1897 – 7 Dec 1968) in Council Bluffs on October 22, 1921.

Albert Jensen was born in Elk Horn, Shelby County, Iowa.

Albert and Eva Jensen farmed in Boomer and Hazel Dell Townships before retiring to Council Bluffs.

The four children of Albert and Eva Jensen are listed below.

- **Robert Lyle Jensen** (14 Dec 1922 – 18 Mar 1998, conf. 1938) married Dorothy Petersen in May 1949. Later he married Wanda.

Robert and Dorothy Jensen were living in Council Bluffs in 1964. Later he may have lived in Avoca.

Robert Jensen may have had five or six children.

- **Marjorie Ann Jensen** (4 Nov 1925 – 6 Jun 2003, conf. 1940) married **Frank Hovey Jr.** (12 Oct 1923 – 25 Aug 2000) in Council Bluffs on April 25, 1945.

Frank and Marjorie Hovey lived in Council Bluffs.

Frank and Marjorie Hovey had three children, one of whom died at a young age.

- **Shirley Jensen** married **Claude Anderson** in Sidney, Fremont County, Iowa on March 20, 1954. Later Shirley married **Bill D. Scheffler**.

Shirley (Jensen) Anderson Scheffler lived in Council Bluffs.

Claude and Shirley Anderson had one child. Bill and Shirley Scheffler had two children.

- **Sarah Lee Jensen** married **James D. Catron** around 1955.

James and Sarah Catron lived in Council Bluffs.

James and Sarah Catron had five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jensen appear in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Albert and Eva Jensen are interred in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Two of their children, Robert and Marjorie, are interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Ole and Karen Marie Jensen and two of their children, Carrie (Jensen) Jorgensen and Maggie Jensen, are interred in Fairview Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Anna (Jensen) Hansen and Herman Jensen are interred in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Emma (Jensen) Young and Eva (Jensen) Jensen are interred in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Robert Jensen is interred in the Minden, Iowa Cemetery. I don't know where James Jensen is interred.

## Sources Specific to the Ole Jensen and Karen Marie Olsen Family Sketch:

- **References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**
  - For the relatives of Karen Marie (Olsen) Jensen, the wife of Ole Jensen, **see the Mads Jensen sketch**. (Mads Jensen was the maternal grandfather of Karen Marie Olsen.)
  - For the family of Anna (Jensen) Hansen, the daughter of Ole Jensen and wife of Jens Peter Hansen, **see the Jens Peter Hansen section of the Peter Hansen and Nielsine Jensen sketch**
  - For the families of Mabel (Young) Jenson and Florence (Young) Jensen, **see the Hans Jenson section of the Jens Jensen sketch**. (Hans Jenson Jr. and Asa Jenson, the sons of Hans Jenson Sr. and grandsons of Jens Jensen, married daughters of Henry and Emma (Young) Jensen and granddaughters of Ole Jensen.)
  - For the relatives of Frieda (Jonasen) Jensen, the wife of Robert Jensen, **see the Jens Madsen section of the Mads Jensen sketch**. (Frieda Jonasen was the daughter of Martin Jonasen and Ane Margrethe Jensen and the great granddaughter of Mads Jensen.)
- 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 Ole Jensen and Karen Marie Olsen. (Ole Jensen was the uncle of my grandfather, James P. Christiansen.)
- Interviews in the 1970s with Alvin Christiansen and Agnes Christiansen.
- Information provided by Betty Ann (Jensen) Fey (Ole Jensen's granddaughter) and Susan Kay (Hovey) Nelson (Ole Jensen's great-granddaughter).
- One World Tree family tree for Ole Jensen and descendants.
- 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):
  - Hans Jørgen Jørgensen registered 4/6/1893 (son-in-law of Ole Jensen).

## End of the Ole Jensen and Karen Marie Olsen Family Sketch