

## **Ole Peter Jensen & Ane Marie Christensen Family**

(parents of members)

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Ole Peter Jensen and Ane Marie Christensen had twelve known children and remained in Denmark in northern Jutland. Five of their daughters, Ida, Annie, Stena, Hanna and Ella immigrated to the Pottawattamie County area as single young women. Two other daughters, Christine and Barbara each had three children who immigrated to the Pottawattamie County area.

Those family members known to have immigrated to the Pottawattamie County area are listed below. Ida was an early member of St. Paul's and Barbara's three sons were members of St. Paul's in the mid 1900s.

There was an unusually high incidence of twins among the descendants of these seven sisters. In fact, two of the sisters, Annie and Stena, were twins. Also, sometimes the surname spelling "Olesen" is used.

### **Jensen, Ole Peter & Ane Marie Christensen** (parents of members, died in Denmark)

**Oluf Peter Bondo & Ida Marie Olsen**

*Jens Balle Madsen & Christine Olsen* (remained in Denmark)

**Fred Renfeld & Anna M. Jensen**

**Hardy Frederickson & Laura M. Jensen**

**Peter M. Jensen & Rosie K. Christensen**

**Jens Marinus Nielsen & Johanna Marie "Annie" Olsen**

**Andrew C. Nelson & Ane Kirstine "Stena" Olsen**

*Andreas Christian Larsen & Barbara Marie Olsen* (remained in Denmark)

**Christen "Chris" Larsen & Mary Christiansen / Myrtle (Sweetman) Ellerbeck**

**Oluf Larsen & Lillie Bondo**

**Einer Larsen & Mabel Hansen**

**Carl "Charles" Mortensen and Johanna "Hanna" Olsen**

**Rasmus Peter Adamsen and Alvina "Ella" Olsen**

**Ole Peter Jensen** (1 Sep 1823 – 9 Mar 1896) was born in Tise Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark, on the northern end of the peninsula of Jutland. Tise is north of Aalborg and about eight miles west of Brønderslev.

**Ane Marie Christensen** (1 May 1832 – 19 Oct 1873) was also born in Tise Sogn.

Ole Peter Jensen and Ane Marie Christensen married in Tise Sogn on April 3, 1855 and remained in Tise Sogn where they both died. Ole Peter Jensen was a farmer in Tise Sogn.

#### ■ **Ida Marie Olsen** (19 Jan 1855 – 24 May 1919) immigrated about 1880.

Ida Olsen married **Oluf Peter Simon Christian Bondo** (25 Jul 1857 – 23 Jan 1937) in Pottawattamie County on March 15, 1890. Oluf Bondo was the brother of St. Paul's

charter member **Laurits Christian “Christian” Bondo** and had immigrated about 1884.

Oluf Bondo was a farmer in Hazel Dell Township until he moved to Council Bluffs between 1905 and 1910. In Council Bluffs he worked in the grocery and dry goods businesses.

After Ida (Olsen) Bondo’s death, Oluf Bondo married **Sarah Miles** (4 Mar 1877 – 4 Nov 1948). Sarah Miles emigrated from England and was a nurse in Council Bluffs. During World War I Sarah served in France in Major Donald Macrae Jr.’s Unit K, which constituted the staff of Mobile Hospital 1, and after World War I Sarah was a school nurse in Council Bluffs.

The two children of Oluf and Ida Bondo are listed below. One died as a baby and the other was adopted.

- **Joseph Gumme Bondo** (25 Oct 1893 – 14 Jul 1894).
- **Lewis Aage “Edgar” Bondo** (29 May 1892 – 25 Jun 1921, conf. 1906) was born in Denmark and immigrated about 1895.

As a young man, Edgar Bondo was a farmhand in the St. Paul’s area. Later Edgar moved to Council Bluffs where he worked for his father.

Edgar Bondo married **Alberta Katharine Christensen** (about 1900 -?) in Pottawattamie County on March 13, 1919.

Alberta Christensen was the oldest of five children born to James Christensen and Marie Oltman. Alberta was born in Hazel Dell Township and raised in Council Bluffs, Garner Township, and Monona County.

The one child of Edgar and Alberta Bondo is listed below.

- ▲ **Lorraine M. Bondo** (31 Mar 1919 – 28 Jan 2010) was living with her mother and maternal grandmother in Council Bluffs in 1930.

Oluf Peter Simon Christian Bondo and Ida Marie Olsen appear on the St. Paul’s family roster begun in 1900.

Oluf and Ida Bondo and their baby son, Joseph Gumme Bondo, are interred in the St. Paul’s Cemetery. Edgar Bondo is interred near his in-laws in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Christine Olsen** (9 Oct 1856 - ?) remained in Denmark, perhaps in Tise Sogn. She married **Jens Balle Madsen** (about 1852 - ?) in the 1870s. Below I list three of their children who immigrated to the Avoca area. (Note: This may be the latest use of patronymic naming that I have seen when working with Danish records.)
- **Anna M. Jensen** (1879 – 1959) immigrated around 1899 and married **Fred W. Renfeld** (1871 – 1941), a native of Holstein, Germany, in Pottawattamie County on July 15, 1908.

- **Laura M. Jensen** (1889 – 1990) immigrated to Avoca from Brønderslev, Hjørring in the late fall of 1907 and married **Hardy H. Frederickson** (1879 – 1938), a native of Denmark.
- **Peter M. Jensen** (23 Jul 1895 – 17 May 1960) immigrated around 1914 and married **Rosie K. Christensen** (1899 – 5 Apr 1969), an Iowa native, in Pottawattamie County on March 16, 1920.

All three of the above children of Jens Balle Madsen and Christine Olsen are interred in the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.

- **Johanne Marie “Annie” Olsen** (30 Jan 1859 – 19 Aug 1922) immigrated about 1887 and married **Jens Marinus “James” Nielsen** (1 Feb 1868 – 5 Jul 1945) in the Avoca area around October 6, 1888.

Jens and Johanne Nielsen were living in Avoca in 1895, in Council Bluffs in 1900, in Hazel Dell Township in 1905, in James Township in 1910, and back in Council Bluffs in 1920.

The five children of Jens and Johanne Nielsen are listed below. Two of their sons, Sam and Edwin Nielsen, married sisters, Laura and Minnie Bogs, the daughters of Frank Bogs and Amelia Berger of the Hancock area.

- **Anna M. Nielsen** (Feb 1889 – 18 Dec 1918) married **Henry Frederick William Nicolai** (8 Sep 1889 - ?) in Pottawattamie County on January 25, 1911.

Henry Nicolai was a farmer in James Township west of Hancock, Iowa.

Anna (Nielsen) Nicolai died in the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919.

Henry and Anna Nicolai had three children, Irene, Viola and Anna Marie.

- **Carrie M. Nielsen** (Sep 1890 – ?) married **Arthur B. Young** (5 Feb 1889 – 1926) in Pottawattamie County on October 12, 1910.

Arthur Young was a farmer in James Township west of Hancock, Iowa.

After Arthur Young’s death, Carrie married Henry John Jensen, a widower living in Hazel Dell Township.

Arthur and Carrie Young had one child, Evelyn M. After Carrie’s sister Anna’s death from influenza, Arthur and Carrie Young adopted their niece, Anna Marie Nicolai.

- **Soren “Sam” Nielsen** (26 Oct 1892 – 24 May 1970) married **Laura S. Bogs** (26 Oct 1898 – 12 Dec 1977) in Pottawattamie County on September 3, 1919.

Sam Nielsen farmed in the Hancock and Underwood areas and later moved northwest of Neola. Sam and Laura Nielsen retired to Avoca in 1959.

Sam and Laura Nielsen had six children, Mervin F., Floyd, Delmar, Marion, Nadine and Norman.

- **Oscar Nielsen** (21 Oct 1894 – Oct 1984) married **Goldie Gaynelle Hough** (14 Nov 1895 – 23 Feb 1991) in Pottawattamie County on June 26, 1914. Goldie Hough was the daughter of George Riley Hough and Luella Mae Swartz of northwestern Hazel Dell Township.

Oscar and Goldie Nielsen had three children, Willard Raymond, Lula Marie and Luella Mae. Lula and Luella were twins.

- **Edwin Nielsen** (14 Jan 1898 – 10 Jun 1996) married **Minnie W. C. Bogs** (about 1902 -?) in Pottawattamie County on February 28, 1920.

Edwin and Minnie Nielsen had five children, Helen, Wilbert Francis, Larry, Donald and Shirley.

Jens Marinus and Johanne Marie Nielsen are interred in the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Their daughter, Carrie, is interred in Silver Valley Cemetery near Hancock. Their son, Sam Nielsen, is interred in the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.

- **Ane Kirstine “Stena” Olsen** (30 Jan 1859 – 25 Feb 1931) immigrated from Tise, Hjørring Amt to Council Bluffs in April 1881.

Stena Olsen married **Andrew C. Nelson** (1841 or Jun 1946 – 1907) in Pottawattamie County on October 5, 1881. Andrew Nelson farmed in Fairview Township, Shelby County, Iowa north of Avoca.

The six children of Andrew and Stena Nelson are listed below. Anna and Alfred Nelson were twins.

- **Herman Godfred “Godfred” Nelson** (about Dec 1880 – 23 Oct 1913) was born in Denmark and immigrated with his mother in April 1881. Godfred Nelson married **Maria Magdalene “Mary” Christensen** (28 Feb 1886 – 5 Aug 1973) in Pottawattamie County on March 14 1907 with the St. Paul’s pastor officiating. Mary Christensen was the daughter of Lars Hansen Christensen and Laurentine Christine Christensen of Hazel Dell Township.

The Godfred Nelson family lived in Fairview Township north of Avoca, Iowa before buying a farm in central Hazel Dell Township. Godfred Nelson died at an early age. His wife, Mary, was a widow for nearly sixty years.

The one child of Godfred and Mary Nelson is listed below.

- ▲ Violet Esther Nelson (18 Dec 1907 – 11 Nov 1946) lived in Council Bluffs with her mother and never married.

Godfred and Mary Nelson and their daughter, Violet, are interred in the St. Paul’s Cemetery.

- **Hans P. Nelson** (Jun 1884 - ?)
- **Anna M. Nelson** (6 Aug 1886 - ?) may have married Chris Christiansen.
- **Alfred Nelson** (6 Aug 1886 - ?) married **Emma M. Petersen** (? -?) in Pottawattamie County on December 15, 1917.

Alfred and Emma Nelson lived in Council Bluffs, where he was a candy maker for the J. G. Woodward Co.

Alfred and Emma Nelson had three known children, Leon C., Kenneth Gordon and Patricia.

- **Tena Marie Nelson** (Sep 1889 – 15 Mar 1931) married **Henry John Jensen** (12 Jun 1890 – 30 Mar 1938) in Pottawattamie County on March 8, 1916. Henry Jensen was the son of Jorgen "John" Jensen and Nora Madison of Hazel Dell Township.

Henry and Tena had three children, including twins. **See the Jorgen "John" Section of the Mads Jensen sketch for additional information.**

- **Esther L. Nelson** (Oct 1898 - ?)

Andrew and Stena Nelson are interred in the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca, Iowa. Godfred Nelson along with his wife and child and Tena Marie (Nelson) Jensen along with her husband are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Barbara Marie Olsen** (22 Feb 1867 – 3 Jan 1910) married **Andreas Christian Larsen** (22 Feb 1860 – 12 May 1931) in Tise Sogn in 1890. Listed below are three of their nine known children. These three sons were born in Torslev Sogn, Hjørring Amt, immigrated to Pottawattamie County as young men, and were members of the St. Paul's community.

Andreas Larsen was married three times and had children by his other marriages, some of immigrated to the United States or to Canada.

- **Christen "Chris" Larsen** (5 Aug 1893 – Jan 1979) immigrated around 1914 and was a farmhand in the St. Paul's area before marrying.

Chris Larsen married **Mary Henrietta Christiansen** (31 Mar 1901 – about 24 Jul 1942) in 1920. Mary Christiansen was the daughter of Andrew Christian Christiansen and Trina Marie Jorgensen of northern Boomer Township.

After Mary Larsen's death, Chris Larsen married **Myrtle (Sweetman) Meierotto Ellerbeck** (1895 – 1993), the widow of Fred Ellerbeck, in 1952. Myrtle had five grown sons, all with the Ellerbeck surname, from her previous marriages.

Chris Larsen farmed in Boomer Township and later moved to Council Bluffs.

The five children of Chris and Mary Larsen are listed below. Mary (Christiansen) Larsen died shortly after giving birth to their fifth child.

- ▲ **Alvin Douglas Larsen** (20 Mar 1922 – 3 May 2003, conf. 1938) married Emma Naida "Naida" Jeffers. Alvin was a career navy man and remained in California after retiring.

Alvin and Naida Larsen had two children.

- ▲ **Frances Marie Larsen** (4 Dec 1923 – 11 Aug 2009, conf. 1938) married **Francis J. Tighe** (8 Mar 1918 – 19 Nov 1994) on December 30, 1944.

Francis and Frances Tighe had four children.

- ▲ **Beulah Arlene Larsen** (-) married John Petersen. Beulah and John had at least two children.
- ▲ **Orville Harvey Larsen** (16 Aug 1932 – 4 Jan 2009) married **Mary Finerty** (17 Apr 1935 – 12 Jul 1995) and after her death married **Phyllis (Moore) Barnes**. Orville and Mary Larsen had three children.

- ▲ **Doyle Lee Larsen** (3 Mar 1942 -) married Mickalene "Mickey" Troxel.

Chris and Mary Larsen and their son, Orville, are interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township. Alvin Larsen was cremated. Frances (Larsen) Tighe and her husband are interred in St. Joseph Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Myrtle (Sweetman) Meierotto Ellerbeck Larsen is interred in Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Oluf Larsen** (21 Mar 1896 – 8 Feb 1991) immigrated to Council Bluffs as a young man around 1913.

Oluf was a farmhand in the St. Paul's area, a non-commissioned officer in Company B of the 109<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion during World War I, and worked for Peter S. Peterson in Underwood before marrying.

Oluf Larsen married **Lillie Martha Bondo** (8 Dec 1899 – 27 Nov 1978) at St. Paul's on February 23, 1926. Lillie Bondo was the daughter of **St. Paul's early members Peter Bondo and Winnie Rasmussen**.

After marrying, Oluf bought the John Scott farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 22. Here Lillie lived until her death and Oluf lived until moving to the Bethany Home in Council Bluffs.

The six children of Oluf and Lillie Larsen, including a set of twins, are listed below.

- ▲ **Alvina Marie Larsen** (5 Jan 1927 -) married Herbert Augustine Hjortsvang (2 Jan 1924 – 10 Apr 2001).
- ▲ **Ruth Evelyn Larsen** (4 Mar 1929 -) married Robert Dale Randall (20 May 1925 – 5 Apr 1975) and subsequently married Duane Gerald Benson (1 Jan 1929 - 30 Mar 2009).
- ▲ **Dorothy Anna Larsen** (16 Apr 1931 – 27 Jul 2005, conf. 1945) was a teacher in the Council Bluffs and Omaha schools except for nine years from 1955 to 1966 when she served in the United States Navy, leaving the navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Dorothy Larsen never married.

- ▲ **Oluf Marvin "Marvin" Larsen** (14 Feb 1935 – 9 Jun 1982, conf. 1949) married **Shirley Mae Bonnes** (-) at the RLDS church in Underwood in 1953. Shirley was the daughter of Roy Bonnes and Blanche Whitney of the Underwood area.

Marvin farmed in the Underwood area.

Marvin and Shirley Larsen had four children.

▲ **Arthur Bondo Larsen** (23 Nov 1936 – 19 Aug 2013) married **Karen Rae McManamy** (24 Jan 1939 – 1 Dec 2004) at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa on 23 Nov 1957. Karen McManamy was the daughter of Clarence Wendell "C. W." McManamy and Maureen Mary Fitzsimmons of the Council Bluffs area.

▲ **Irvin Bondo Larsen** (23 Nov 1936 -) married Myrthel Pauline Anderson and subsequently married Bobbett Davie.

Oluf and Lillie Larsen and their daughter, Dorothy, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Marvin is interred in the Fisher Cemetery near Underwood, Iowa. Arthur is interred in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Neola, Iowa.

**Note:** For more about the Oluf and Lillie (Bondo) Larsen family, see the *Peter Bondo* section of the *Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen Family* sketch.

● **Einer Larsen** (1 Jul 1902 – 27 Mar 1969) immigrated around 1920.

Einer married **Mabel Naomi Hansen** (7 Mar 1904 – 17 Jan 1991) at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa on February 22, 1928. Mabel Hansen was the daughter of **St. Paul's early members Viggo Hansen and Emma Bondo**.

After marrying Einer farmed in Boomer Township. By 1939 Einer was farming in east central Hazel Dell Township, first living in Section 23 and then in Section 13.

Einer and Mabel Larsen had four children, one of whom died in childhood.

▲ **Dean Einer Larsen** (21 Jul 1929 – 7 Dec 1942) died at age 13 of heart problems.

▲ **Duane Donald Larsen** (23 Aug 1931 -)

▲ **Eileen Delores Larsen** (28 Apr 1935 -)

▲ **Calvin Donald Larsen** (27 May 1939 -)

Einer and Mabel Larsen and their son, Dean, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

Oluf and Einer Larsen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Chris Larsen is interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

■ **Johanne Marie "Hanna" Olsen** (29 Aug 1869 – 1954) immigrated between 1888 and 1891.

Hannah Olsen married **Carl "Charles" Mortensen** (Dec 1867 – 16 Dec 1959) in Pottawattamie County on December 14, 1891.

Charles and Hannah Mortensen first lived in Council Bluffs. Around 1902 they moved to Hazel Dell Township and between 1905 and 1910 moved to Norwalk Township where they farmed in the Underwood area.

The eight children of Charles and Hannah Mortensen are listed below. Hazel and Helen Mortensen were twins.

- **Jennie Mortensen** (9 Aug 1893 – 12 Apr 1939 married **Edward O. Bonnes** (31 Dec 1891 – Jun 1963) in Pottawattamie County on March 31, 1915. Edward Bonnes was the son of August Bonnes and Mary Dettmeyer of Norwalk Township.  
Edward and Jennie Bonnes farmed in the Underwood area.  
The three children of Edward and Jennie Bonnes, Arlene, Phyllis, and Edward O. "Bud", are all deceased.
- **Edna Mortensen** (3 Jan 1895 – 19 May 1988) married **Vernie Jefferis** (about 1897 - 1958). Vernie Jefferis was the son of Harry Vandever Jefferis and Ada Bostwick.  
Vernie and Edna Jefferis lived in Council Bluffs.  
Vernie and Edna Jefferis had nine children. Five of their children, Virginia, Helene, Clinton, Charles, and Marilyn Lou (died as an infant) are deceased as of 2014.
- **Leroy "Roy" Mortensen** (12 Dec 1896 – 27 Aug 1985) married **Esther M. Clingman** (10 Jan 1898 – 20 Jan 1991). Esther Clingman was the daughter of Clark Clingman and Ellen Baxter of Norwalk Township.  
Roy and Esther Mortensen lived in Underwood for most of their lives. They had three known children.
- **Hazel Mortensen** (10 Mar 1899 – 4 Apr 1993) married **Jacob David "David" Matuski** (5 Apr 1900 – 26 Apr 1989).  
In the 1940s David Matuski was managing a gas station in Council Bluffs. In the 1950s Dave and Hazel Matuski operated a resort on a lake in Minnesota.
- **Helen Mortensen** (10 Mar 1899 – Jan 1975) married **Guy Sorey** (27 Nov 1901 – Oct 1973). Guy Sorey was born in Lagrange Township, Harrison County, Iowa to Bennett A. Sorey and Lula May Malone.  
Guy and Helen Sorey lived in Underwood, where Guy worked for the Pottawattamie County road department. Around the end of 1943 Guy and Helen moved to southern California, where he initially worked as a civilian employee at El Toro Marine Corps Air Base in Orange County. Guy and Helen evidently remained in Orange County.  
Guy and Helen Sorey apparently did not have children. However, they raised Ruth Spencer, presumably Helen's child from a previous relationship. Ruth Spencer may have had twins.
- **Elmer Mortensen** (8 Feb 1906 – Feb 1981) married **Marie P. McDonald** (27 Mar 1915 – 27 Feb 2001). Marie McDonald was the daughter of Patrick John McDonald and Mary C. Masker who farmed in the Minden area.  
Elmer and Marie Mortensen lived in the Neola area.  
Elmer and Marie Mortensen had nine children, two sons and seven daughters.



- **Raymond Edwin Mortensen** (29 Apr 1908 – 11 Sep 2011) married **Maxine Person** (19 Sep 1913 – 28 Apr 1963). Raymond Mortensen was a Methodist clergyman.

Raymond Mortensen lived to be 103 and died in Atascadero, California.

Raymond Mortensen had three children, of whom one, Cheryl (Mortensen) Cramer, is deceased.

- **Edwin C. "Cal" Mortensen** (1 Sep 1910 – 17 May 1983) married **Catherine** (29 Aug 1914 – 26 Sep 1983).

Cal Mortensen was living in Nassau County, New York when he died.

Charles and Hanna Mortensen and two of their children, Jennie and Roy, are interred in the Fisher Cemetery near Underwood. Elmer Mortensen is interred in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Neola.

- **Alvina "Ella" Olsen** (1874 - ?) immigrated about 1892. Ella Olsen was a laundry worker living in Omaha in the 1900 census.

Ella Olsen married **Rasmus Peter Adamsen** (31 Aug 1877 - ?) about 1909. Rasmus Adamsen had immigrated to Montevideo, Chippewa County, Minnesota from Sorup, Maribo Amt, Denmark with his family as a young child in the spring of 1881.

Rasmus Adamsen worked as a mail carrier. Rasmus and Alvina Adamsen were living in Council Bluffs in 1910 and 1920. In the 1920s, Rasmus Adamsen moved his family back to Montevideo, Minnesota.

The two children of Rasmus and Alvina Adamsen are listed below.

- **Clarence Adamsen** (about 1910 -?)
- **Donald Adamsen** (about 1914 - ?)

## Sources Specific to the Ole Peter Jensen and Ane Marie Christensen Family:

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

- For the relatives of Oluf Bondo, the husband of Ida Marie Olsen, **see the Christian Bondo sketch**. (Ida Marie Olsen was the daughter of Ole Peter Jensen.)
- For the Henry Jensen family, **see the Jorgen "John" Jensen section of the Mads Jensen sketch**. (Henry Jensen was married twice. Both of his wives were grandchildren of Ole Peter Jensen.)
- For the relatives of Lillie (Bondo) Larsen, the wife of Oluf Larsen, **see the Peter Bondo section of the Christian Bondo sketch**. (Oluf Larsen was the grandson of Ole Peter Jensen.)

- The following individual helped me sort out this complex extended family:
  - Alvina (Larsen) Hjortsvang.
- **Articles from Pottawattamie County, Iowa “Makers of Fire” history book, 1978:**
  - Lula Marie (Nielsen) Frank, pp. 195-196.
  - Oluf and Lillie Larsen, pp. 288-289; Orville Larsen, p. 289; Francis Tighe Family, p. 440.
- Larsen family history c. 2005.
- **Information obtained from the Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):**
  - Ane Kirstine Olsen and Godfred Nielsen registered 4/16/1881 (daughter and grandson of Ole Peter Jensen).
  - Laura Jensen registered 11/27/1907 (daughter of Christine Olsen and granddaughter of Ole Peter Jensen).
  - Rasmus Peter Adamsen, his parents, and his siblings registered 4/20/1881 (future husband of Alvina Olsen and son-in-law of Ole Peter Jensen).

## **End of the Ole Peter Jensen and Ane Marie Christensen Family Sketch**