

Christen Knudsen and Sidsel Andersen Family (parents of members)
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Both Christen Knudsen and Sidsel Andersen died in Denmark, but two of their daughters were members of the St. Paul's community.

Knudsen, Christen & Sidsel Andersen (parents of members, died in Denmark)

Andrew Sandberg & **Christena Karen Knudsen**

Hans Nelson & **Hilma Matilde Sandberg** (see Peter Nielsen sketch)

Chris Johannes Jorgensen & **Esther Cecilia Sandberg**

Carl Jensen & **Maren Hanna Knudsen**

Christen Knudsen (about 1826 -?) was born and died in Denmark.

Sidsel Andersen (about 1835 -?) was born and died in Denmark.

Christen Knudsen and Sidsel Andersen married in Kettinge Sogn, Maribo Amt on October 4, 1856.

Two daughters of Christen Knudsen and Sidsel Andersen, **Christena Karen Knudsen** and **Maren Hannah Knudsen**, are listed below. These daughters immigrated together from Gundslev Sogn on the island of Falster to Council Bluffs in the fall of 1888 and married in Pottawattamie County several years after immigrating. Both daughters were members of the St. Paul's community and for some years around World War I lived on adjoining farms, first in central Hazel Dell Township and then in south central Boomer Township.

- **Christena Karen Knudsen** (28 Dec 1863 – 27 Jul 1939) was born in Denmark and immigrated to Council Bluffs from Gundslev Sogn, Maribo Amt in the fall of 1888 with her sister, Maren Hannah.

Andrew Sandberg (22 Aug 1862 – 25 Sep 1928) was born in Sweden and immigrated around 1890.

Andrew Sandberg and Christena Karen Knudsen married in Pottawattamie County on May 3, 1891.

By 1892 the Andrew Sandberg family was living in Hazel Dell Township with a Weston address. In 1895 the Sandberg family was living in Hazel Dell Township with Paul and Anna Olsen. By 1900 the Sandberg family owned a farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 16.

Between 1905 and 1910 the Sandbergs sold their Hazel Dell Township farm to John Hansen and moved to Boomer Township, where they owned a farm in Section 34.

Before 1919 they sold their Boomer Township farm to Alfred and Victoria Nelson and bought a farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 3, and a farm on the west edge of Underwood.

Andrew and Christena Sandberg were living on their Underwood farm in 1920 and their Hazel Dell farm in 1925. Their son, Herman, was living on the Underwood farm in 1925 and in 1930.

Andrew Sandberg had a nephew, Arthur Richard Sandberg, who was born in Denmark and immigrated to Council Bluffs where he married Amelia and worked as a tailor.

The five children of Andrew and Christena Sandberg are listed below.

- **Anna Rasmine Sandberg** (8 Feb 1892 – 17 Aug 1971, conf. 1906) lived in Omaha and never married.
- **Hilma Matilde Sandberg** (2 Feb 1895 – 21 Jan 1958, conf. 1911) married **Hans Rasmus Nelson** (14 Jul 1890 – 8 Apr 1945) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on September 15, 1915. Hans Nelson was the son of **St. Paul's charter members Peter Nielsen and Caroline Petersen**.

Hans and Hilma Nelson had three children. See the **Hans Nelson section of the Peter Nielsen sketch** for additional information.

- **Esther Cecilia Sandberg** (24 Jun 1898 - 1931, conf. 1913) married **Chris Johannes Jorgensen** (10 Sep 1890 – 12 Aug 1988) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on March 26, 1919. Chris Jorgensen was born in Denmark and immigrated as a young man around 1907.

Chris and Esther Jorgensen farmed in Hazel Dell Township and in the 1920s moved to Arizona around 1926 where Chris was a farmer in the Laveen area on Baseline Road on the south edge of Phoenix.

After Esther's death, Chris Jorgensen married Olga.

The three children of Chris and Esther Jorgensen are listed below.

- ▲ **Orville Howard Jorgensen** (12 Apr 1920 -)
- ▲ **Eunice Opal Jorgensen** (23 Apr 1922 – 28 Jan 1990) married Oscar S. Anderson.
- ▲ **Lucille Anna Jorgensen** (3 Feb 1924 – 23 Jul 2011) married Clarence S. Lay (9 Mar 1920 – 24 Mar 1988).

The one child of Chris and Olga Jorgensen is listed below.

- ▲ **Donald Jorgensen** (abt 1933 -)

Chris J. Jorgensen and Esther Cecelia Sandberg head family #62 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

- **Herman Rudolph Sandberg** (16 Nov 1901 – 30 Jul 1986, conf. 1917) married **Nina Martena Jorgensen** (6 Mar 1903 – 16 Nov 2000) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on March 28, 1923. Nina Jorgensen was the daughter of **St. Paul's early members Jens Jorgensen and Sophie Madsen**.

Herman and Nina Sandberg lived on a farm on the west edge of Underwood. The three children of Herman and Nina Sandberg are listed below.

▲ **Maynard Rudolph Sandberg** (9 Sep 1923 -) married **Mary Elizabeth Randall**.

▲ **Lorraine Elisabeth Sandberg** (16 Feb 1926 -) married **Archie Madsen** (6 Aug 1922 – 26 Nov 1988).

Archie Madsen was a clergyman.

▲ **Arlene Marie Sandberg** (11 Dec 1932 -) married **Robert Nelson**.

Herman and Nina Sandberg are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Archie Madsen is interred in Immanuel Cemetery in Hampton, Nebraska.

- **Christina Elizabeth Sandberg** (about 15 Jun 1905 – 17 Jun 1905) died as an infant.

Andrew and Christena Sandberg and four of their children, Anna Rasmie, Hilma, Herman and Christina, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. I don't know where Esther (Sandberg) Jorgensen is interred.

- **Maren Hannah "Hannah" Knudsen** (2 Dec 1868 – 30 Apr 1941) was born in Denmark and immigrated to Council Bluffs from Gundslev Sogn, Maribo Amt in the fall of 1888 with her sister, Christena Karen.

Carl Jensen (15 Jun 1866 – 8 Nov 1945) was born in Frær Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark to Thomas Jensen and Kirstine Jensen. Carl Jensen immigrated as a young man around 1887.

A brother of Carl Jensen, Knud Johannes Jensen, immigrated around 1889. Knud Jensen married Mine Marie "Mary" Jensen in Pottawattamie County on August 1, 1893. The Knud Jensen family was living in Council Bluffs in 1900, in Neola Township in 1905, in Fairview Township, Shelby County in 1910 and returned to Council Bluffs before 1920. Knud and Mary Jensen had eight children, two of whom were baptized at St. Paul's.

Carl Jensen and Hannah Knudsen married in Pottawattamie County on April 28, 1892.

In 1900 the Carl Jensen family was living at 1205 Avenue G in Council Bluffs, with Carl working as a foreman for the railroad.

By 1905 Carl Jensen was farming in Hazel Dell Township near his brother-in-law, Andrew Sandberg. Between 1905 and 1910 the Carl Jensen and Sandberg families moved to Boomer Township, Section 34 west and south of St. Paul's.

Between 1920 and 1925 the Carl Jensen family moved to the Downsville area in Norwalk Township south of Underwood. After 1930 the Jensen family moved to a farm in Hardin Township where Carl Jensen died.

The five children of Carl and Hannah Jensen are listed below.

- **Thomas Andrew Jensen** (4 Feb 1899 –? conf. 1913) was living at home in Hardin Township in 1945.
- **Silas Christian Jensen** (13 Sep 1901 - ?, conf. 1917) was living in Council Bluffs in 1945.
- **Martha Anine Jensen** (28 Jul 1904 – 23 Aug 1993, conf. 1919) married **Harvey E. Petersen** (about 1903 -) in Pottawattamie County on December 31, 1924.
Harvey and Martha Petersen were living in Council Bluffs in 1930 and in 1945.
- **Marie Cecilia Jensen** (28 Apr 1907 – 21 Apr 1962) married **Ralph Henry Beck** (10 Jul 1911 – 22 Jul 2006) in Pottawattamie County on June 9, 1938. Ralph Beck was the son of **Gottlieb William Beck and Elizabeth Jurgens** who farmed in Norwalk Township.

Ralph Beck also farmed in Norwalk Township.

The one child of Ralph and Marie Beck is listed below.

▲ **living Beck (-)**

- **Harold John Jensen** (21 Apr 1911 – 24 Sep 1985) was living at home in Hardin Township in 1945.

Carl Jensen and Maren Hanna Knudsen head family #16 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Carl and Hannah Jensen are interred in the Fairview Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Marie Cecelia (Jensen) Beck is interred in Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Harold John Jensen is interred in the St. Paul's cemetery. I don't know where Thomas Jensen, Silas Jensen, or Martha (Jensen) Petersen are interred.

Sources Specific to the Christen Knudsen and Sidsel Andersen Family:

- **References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**
 - For the family of Hans and Hilma (Sandberg) Nelson, see the **Hans Nelson section of the Peter Nielsen sketch**.
 - For the relatives of Nina (Jorgensen) Sandberg, the wife of Herman Sandberg, see the **Jens Jorgensen sketch**.
- Letter from Orlee (Nelson) Erickson.
- Niels Jorgen Madsen and Maren Larsdatter family chart, 1994.
- Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):
 - Karen Stine Knudsen registered 9/25/1888 and Maren H. Knudsen registered 9/25/1888.

End of the Christen Knudsen and Sidsel Andersen Family Sketch