

**Lars Nelson and Carrie Andersen Family** (charter members)  
(Five-page sketch excerpted from *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families* by Robert A. Christiansen. Reviewed by Cleo Christoffersen. Revised by RAC July 2011.)

**Nelson, Lars & Karen "Carrie" Andersen** (charter members)

C.P.T. Nelson & **Jennie Nelson** (see Peter Nielsen sketch)

**Alfred Nelson** & Victoria Marie Hansen

**Bernhardt Adolph "Ben" Nelson** & Petrea Hansine Jorgensen

**Lars Nelson** (4 May 1948 – 24 Jul 1918) was born in Sweden and evidently immigrated to Denmark as a young man.

**Karen "Carrie" Andersen** (12 May 1848 – 17 Nov 1931) was born in Frejlev, a village in Kettinge sogn, Maribo amt, Denmark to **Anders Jorgensen and Maren Rasmusdatter**. Frejlev is on the island of Lolland about 15 miles southeast of the town of Maribo.

**Of interest:** Eastern Lolland was the place of origin of several of Lars and Carrie Nelson's neighbors in Hazel Dell Township, including John Madison, John Madison's son-in-law John Jensen, and Peter and Dortha Hansen.

We believe that Lars Nelson and Carrie Andersen married in Kettinge sogn on March 22, 1872 and immigrated to Council Bluffs shortly thereafter.

Between 1879 and 1882 Lars Nelson bought 120 acres in Hazel Dell Township, Section 10, from the J. W. Graham estate.

**Of interest:** John G. Graham, from Canton, Illinois, had acquired 1440 acres of land in Hazel Dell Township from the United States land office in the years 1856-1858. This land comprised all of Sections 10 and 15 and portions of Sections 11 and 22. In exchange for this land, John G. Graham gave land warrants that he had purchased from military veterans. Some of this land remained in the Graham family until the 1940s. (J. W. Graham was the son of John G. Graham.)

We believe that Lars and Carrie Nelson lived on their farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 10 from before 1880 to Lars' death in 1918. About this time Lars and Carrie's son, Ben, returned from Council Bluffs and lived on the home place until moving to Council Bluffs, probably in 1920.

Henry T. Peterson, who was married to Lars and Carrie's granddaughter, Edna Nelson, bought the Lars Nelson farm around 1928. Henry and Edna and their children lived on the Lars Nelson farm for around 20 years.

**Of interest:** I don't know who lived on the Lars Nelson farm from 1920 when records suggest Ben Nelson moved back to Council Bluffs to around 1928 when the Henry T. Peterson family arrived. When Henry T. Peterson was building an addition to the old Lars Nelson farmhouse in 1941, he discovered a cellar containing the remains of a still. I suspect the still was the work of whoever occupied the farmhouse from 1920 to 1928. From 1920 to 1933 alcohol production in the United States was prohibited by the 18<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment.

John Larsen bought the old Lars Nelson farm, probably in the early 1950s, and as of 2011 his son, Donald G. Larsen, still owns it.

After Lars Nelson died, his widow, Carrie, lived with their youngest child, Marie Matilda, first in Council Bluffs and then in Los Angeles, California. Carrie died in Long Beach, California.

Lars and Carrie Nelson had eight or nine children. Four lived to adulthood, one died as a teenager, and one died at age nine. **The six children of Lars and Carrie Nelson who survived infancy are listed below.**

- **Jennie Nelson** (29 Aug 1875 – 15 or 28 Jan 1969, conf. 1891) married **Christian Peter Thomas “C. P. T.” Nelson** (5 Jun 1880 – 13 Feb 1945) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul’s pastor officiating on March 6, 1901. C. P. T. Nelson was the son of **St. Paul’s charter members Peter Nielsen and Caroline Petersen.**

C. P. T. and Jennie Nelson had ten children, five of whom survived to adulthood. See the *C. P. T. Nelson section* of the *Peter Nielsen Family sketch* for additional information.

- **Ida Matilda Nelson** (10 Apr 1878 – 26 Jun 1887) died at the age of 5.

- **Alfred Nelson** (15 Apr 1883 – May 1963, conf. 1898) married **Victoria Maria Hansen** (2 Sep 1876 - ?) at St. Paul’s on September 2, 1908. Victoria Hansen was the daughter of **St. Paul’s charter members Isaac Hansen and Marie Jensen.**

Alfred Nelson initially farmed in Hazel Dell Township, Section 10, on what later became the Henry Larson home place. In 1916 the Alfred Nelson family moved to the former Andrew Sandberg farm in Boomer Township, Section 34.

The Alfred Nelson family moved to Denver in 1921 where Alfred and Victoria may have died.

The six children of Alfred and Victoria Nelson, four of whom survived into adulthood, are listed below.

- **Mildred Victoria Nelson** (about 1904 -, conf. 1919)
- **Inez Loretta Nelson** (22 Jan 1910 – )
- **Constance Iona Nelson** (29 Oct 1911 – 8 Jan 2002) married **Mr. Buchholz** and may have died in Lakewood, Jefferson County, Colorado.
- **Edwin Gerald Nelson** (26 Jul 1913 – 10 Sep 2001) served in the United States Army during World War II. Edwin may have died in Jefferson County, Colorado.
- **infant Nelson twins** born and died 25 Nov 1915.

Alfred Nielsen and Victoria Marie Hansen head family #41 in the St. Paul’s family roster begun in 1900.

Alfred and Victoria Nelson's twin sons, who died at birth, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. I don't know where other family members are interred.

- **Bernhardt Adolph "Ben" Nelson** (1885 – 1977, conf. 1900) married **Petrea Hansine Jorgensen** (1886 – 1983) in Council Bluffs on February 2, 1910.

Petrea Jorgensen was born in Engestofte Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark to **Peter Jorgensen**, a snedmester (RAC: I don't know what this is), and **Hansine Rasmussen**. Engestofte is about three miles southeast of the town of Maribo. Petrea immigrated to Pottawattamie County from Engestofte Sogn on the steamship *Hellig Olav* in March 1908.

Ben Nelson and Petrea Jorgensen married in Council Bluffs on February 2, 1910.

Ben and Petrea Nelson initially lived in Council Bluffs, where Ben was working as a rail car repairer in 1915. Later they lived on the Lars Nelson home place. The Ben Nelson family moved to Council Bluffs in 1920 and to Garner Township between 1925 and 1930.

In 1931 the Ben Nelson family was living at 120 Dorothy Avenue in Council Bluffs and in 1944 and 1952 they were living at 4 Elder Court.

Eventually Ben and Petrea Nelson moved to southern Oregon, where they died in Grants Pass.

The six children of Ben and Petrea Nelson, one of whom died as a teenager, are listed below.

- **Sylvia Nelson** (22 Sep 1910 – 1 Aug 1984) married **Perry G. Bone** (10 Feb 1900 – Aug 1967), a native of Missouri, perhaps around 1934.

Perry Bone was living in Omaha, Nebraska in the late 1930s and by 1946 he and Sylvia were living on South 9<sup>th</sup> St. in Phoenix, Arizona.

Sylvia later married **Sidney Bruce**.

Sylvia (Nelson) Bone Bruce died in Arizona and had no children.

- **Vera Muriel Nelson** (18 Sep 1912 – 12 Feb 1931) died at the age of 18.
- **Joan Bernice Nelson** (10 Nov 1915 – 29 Nov 1997) married **Arthur B. Olsen** (21 Jan 1911 – 23 Mar 1992) on August 13, 1940.

Joan (Nelson) Olson died in Omaha.

**The two children of Arthur and Joan Olson are listed below**

▲ **living Olson** (-)

▲ **living Olson** (-)

- **Frances Arlene Nelson** (8 Aug 1917 – 1 Jan 1986) married **Dr. William C. Brandon** (22 Apr 1911 – 1 Jun 1995) around 1946 and divorced around 1966.

Frances (Nelson) Brandon died in El Cajon, California.

**The one child of William and Frances Brandon is listed below.**

▲ **living Brandon (-)**

- **Norma LaVonne Nelson** (12 Jan 1924 -) married **Francis Marion “Biff” Smith** (16 Oct 1921 – 20 Jan 1997) at Oceanside, California on July 28, 1949. Francis Smith was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Smith of Oceanside.

Francis and Norma Smith were thought to be living in Magalia, California at the time of his death.

**The two children of Francis and Norma Smith are listed below.**

▲ **living Smith (-)**

▲ **living Smith (-)**

- **Donald Hugh Nelson** (6 May 1931 -) married **Cora Marie Mundell** (28 Jun 1934 -) on May 14, 1951.

**The three children of Donald and Cora Nelson are listed below.**

▲ **living Nelson (-)**

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▲ **living Nelson (-)**

Bernhard Nielsen heads family #68 in the St. Paul’s family roster begun in 1900.

Ben and Petrea Nelson are interred in the Hawthorne Memorial Gardens in Grants Pass, Oregon. Their daughter, Vera Nelson, is interred in the St. Paul’s Cemetery. Sylvia (Nelson) Bone Bruce is interred in Phoenix, Arizona. Joan (Nelson) Olson is interred in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha. Francis (Nelson) Brandon died in El Cajon, California and was cremated.

- **Herman Andreas Nelson** (28 Oct 1887 – 14 Feb 1903, conf. 1902) died at the age of 15.

- **Marie Mathilda Nelson** (31 Mar 1891 – 24 Jan 1982, conf. 1906) married **Mogens Soren Knudsen** (28 Mar 1890 – 26 Oct 1955), a Danish immigrant, on March 28, 1923.

Mogens Knudsen was born in Taastrup, a suburb of Denmark, and immigrated to the United States through Windsor, Canada in 1920.

Mogens Knudsen was a carpenter. Mogens and Marie Knudsen lived at 831 East 107<sup>th</sup> St. in Los Angeles, California from 1927 until his death in 1955.

The two children of Mogens and Marie Knudsen are listed below.

- **Doris A. Knudsen** (7 Jan 1924 -) married **Mr. Sorensen**.
- **Phyllis N. Knudsen** (about 1926 -) married **Mr. Gadaire**.

Lars Nielsen (sic) and Karen Andersen head family #20 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Lars and Carrie Nelson and three of their children, Jennie, Ida Matilda, and Herman, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Ben is interred in Grants Pass, Oregon.

### **Sources Specific to the Lars Nelson and Carrie Andersen Family:**

- **References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**
  - For the family of C. P. T. and Jennie (Nelson) Nelson, see the *C. P. T. Nelson section* of the *Peter Nielsen Family sketch*.
  - For the relatives of Victoria (Hansen) Nelson, the wife of Alfred Nelson, see the *Isaac Hansen Family sketch*.
- *Nelson & Brown* family history, privately printed book by granddaughter, Violet (Nelson) Brown, 2000.
- Family data for the Bernhardt Adolph Nelson and Petrea Hansine Jorgensen family provided by great-granddaughter, Cleo (Peterson) Christoffersen (3-page typescript).
- Christian Peter Thomas Nelson family genealogy charts provided by great-granddaughter, Janeen K. Nelson, in 1997.
- Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):
  - Peta (sic) Hansine Jørgensen registered 3/12/1908.

### **End of the Lars Nelson and Carrie Andersen Family Sketch**