

Jeppie Nielsen and Anna Eskildsen Family (charter members)
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Nielsen, Jeppie & Anna Eskildsen (charter members)

Chris Christoffersen & **Lena Nielsen** (see Christoffersen sketch)

Jeppie Nielsen (about 1834 – 13 Jan 1889) was born in Løsning Sogn, Vejle Amt, Denmark to **Niels Jepsen and Kirsten Ottosdatter**.

Ane Marie "Anna" Eskildsen (13 Feb 1842 – 8 Jun 1913) was born in Engum Sogn, Vejle Amt, Denmark to **Hans Eskild Laursen and Mette Marie Sorensdatter**.

Jeppie Nielsen and Ane Marie Eskildsen married in Denmark.

Jeppie Nielsen and Ane Marie Eskildsen and their five daughters immigrated to Iowa from Gjerager, Hedensted Sogn, Vejle Amt in the summer of 1881 on the steamship *Harold*. It is said that two of their daughters met men on the ship whom they later married.

In the 1885 census Jeppie and Anna were living in southeastern Boomer Township in Section 25 renting from John Horn who lived nearby in Neola Township. Also in 1885, Jeppie Nielsen bought a farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 1, from L. P. Nelson.

After Jeppie Nielsen's early death, Anna moved to southern Hazel Dell Township, presumably to be near her oldest daughter. Between 1905 and 1910 Anna moved to Colorado, where she lived with her youngest daughter and died in 1913.

The five daughters of Jeppie and Anna Nielsen are listed below.

- **Mette Marie Kjerstine "Mary" Nielsen** (2 or 3 Dec 1860 – 26 Nov 1941) married **Knud Anderson** (26 Mar 1859 – 19 Feb 1911) in Audubon, Iowa on November 3, 1881.

After marrying, Knud and Mary Anderson lived in Audubon and Council Bluffs before moving to a farm in southwestern Hazel Dell Township, Section 29 around 1889.

After Knud's death, Mary (Nielsen) Anderson moved to 138 Harrison Street in Council Bluffs in 1914, where she spent the remainder of her life.

The five children of Knud and Mary Anderson are listed below.

- **Eugene J. Anderson** (11 Oct 1886 – 3 Apr 1945, conf. 1902) married Anna ____ before 1917.

Eugene Anderson worked for the Union Pacific Railroad in the Omaha area before moving to Burbank, California in 1941 where he worked for the Lockheed Aircraft Company.

Eugene and Anna Anderson had one son.

- **Anna Elizabeth Anderson** (12 May 1889 – 4 Feb 1971, conf. 1903) married **Harry E. Wilson** in Pottawattamie County on August 8, 1910. She later married **Mr. Wehner**.

Anna was living in San Francisco, California in 1941 and in 1945 and died in Santa Cruz Co.

- **Gertrude Marie Anderson** (15 Oct 1891 – 3 Jan 1971, conf. 1906) was a nurse who lived in Omaha and never married.

- **Arthur Chester Anderson** (28 Nov 1896 – 23 Jan 1947) married **Winifred _____**.

Arthur Anderson lived in Council Bluffs and worked for the Union Pacific Railroad.

Arthur and Winifred Anderson had one son.

- **Neoma Victoria Anderson** (7 Oct 1901 -) remained with her mother until her mother's death. In 1947 she was working as a secretary in the Council Bluffs City Hall.

Knud and Mary Anderson and their daughter, Gertrude, are interred in the Hazel Dell Cemetery. Arthur is interred in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Johanne Kathrine Nielsen** (about 1863 - ?).

- **Sørine Metteline Nielsen** (about 1866 - ?).

- **Ottoline Krestine "Lena" Nielsen** (10 Feb 1867 – 9 Feb 1907) married **Christen Jorgen "Chris" Christoffersen** (1869 - 1949) in Pottawattamie County by the St. Paul's pastor on October 19, 1893. **Chris Christoffersen was the son of St. Paul's charter members Jorgen and Karen Christoffersen.**

Chris and Lena Christoffersen had four children, two of who died as infants, before Lena's early death. **See the Jorgen Christoffersen sketch for additional information.**

- **Anna Elise Karoline Ingvarine "Annie" Nielsen** (May 1881 - ?, conf. 1895) married **Hans Joseph "Joseph" Hansen** (about 1877 -) in Pottawattamie County on March 24, 1904. Joseph Hansen was the son of **Jacob Hansen and Annie Hansen** of Hazel Dell Township, Section 1.

Joseph and Annie Hansen, Joseph's parents, and Anna's mother moved to Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado around 1910.

I currently don't know of Joseph and Annie Hansen's location after 1910.

Jeppe and Anna Nielsen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Two of their daughters, Mary and Lena, are interred in the Hazel Dell Cemetery in Hazel Dell Township.

Sources Specific to the Jeppe Nielsen and Anna Eskildsen Family:

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

- For the Chris and Lena (Nielsen) Christoffersen family, see the **Chris Christoffersen section** of the Jorgen Christoffersen sketch.

■ **Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):**

- Jeppe, Ane Marie, Mette Marie, Johanne, Sørine, Ottoline and Anne Elise Nielsen registered 7/18/1881.

End of the Jeppe Nielsen and Anna Eskildsen Family Sketch