

Niels Peter Nielsen and Henriette Nielsen Family

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Niels Peter Nielsen (25 Dec 1883 – 14 Nov 1959) was born in Denmark to **Jens M. Nielsen and Marie Paulsen**. Niels Peter Nielsen immigrated around 1903 and in the spring of 1910 was working on the Lars Petersen farm in Neola Township.

Henriette Fredericka Nielsen (11 Mar 1888 – 16 Nov 1977) was born in Nykøbing, Denmark to **Niels Andersen and Christena Hansen**. (RAC: Unfortunately there are three Nykobings. Do we know which one?) Henriette Nielsen immigrated through New York in the late summer of 1908 on the steamship C. F. Tietgen. In the spring of 1910 she was working for Niels C. Jensen in Neola Township.

Niels Peter Nielsen and Henriette Nielsen married in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on June 7, 1911.

Niels Peter and Henriette Nielsen farmed in Neola Township. They lived on at least two farms, first in southern Neola Township and later in a hollow in northwestern Neola Township (or maybe northeastern Boomer Township) where Viggo Peterson lived before he died.

Niels Peter Nielsen died in Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs. Subsequently Henriette lived in Council Bluffs and worked in the housekeeping department at Jennie Edmundson.

The five children of Niels Peter and Henriette Nielsen, one of whom died at birth, are listed below.

- **infant Nielsen** (29 May 1912 – 29 May 1912) died at birth.
- **Raymond Norre Nielsen** (11 Mar 1914 – 8 Apr 2012, conf. 1928) farmed in Audubon County, Iowa.

Raymond married Evelyn Viola Karen Jensen (abt 1914 - 5 Sep 1952) on September 1, 1937. Evelyn was the daughter of Otto Jensen and Elsie Schmidt of Douglas Township, Audubon County. Raymond and Evelyn Nielsen had three children. Their daughter, Mary Ann (28 Jan 1943 – 1 Feb 1975) died at the age of 31.

Raymond married **Dorothy Delores Hess** (14 Jul 1920 – 10 Aug 2002) on November 5, 1955 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Dorothy was the daughter of Herman and Blanche Hess of Jackson Township, Shelby County. Raymond and Dorothy Nielsen had two children.
- **Martha Marie Nielsen** (14 Apr 1916 – 2 Feb 1997, conf. 1929) married **Sherman John Petersen** (14 Dec 1904 – 12 Nov 1973) at St. Paul's on March 20, 1935. Sherman Peterson was the son of **St. Paul's early members Tom Peterson and Mary Bondo**.

Sherman and Martha Peterson had four children. See the **Sherman Peterson section of the Christian Bondo sketch** for additional information.

- **Anita Henrietta Nielsen** (8 Aug 1920 – 25 Jul 2013, conf. 1935) married **Victor Vernon Lyngard** (4 Jul 1920 – 17 Oct 1997) at St. Paul's on August 10, 1943.

About Victor Lyngard's family: Victor Lyngard was the son of Chris Lyngard and Anna Christina "Christina" Jensen?, both of whom were born in Denmark. Chris and Christina had two older children, sons Alvin and Howard. When Victor was born, Chris and Christina were living in the McCabe area of Roosevelt County in northeastern Montana. In 1924 the Lyngard family moved to Saskatchewan from Montana, and by 1942 they were living in Council Bluffs.

Victor Lyngard served in the United States Army from 1924 to 1946. Victor and Anita's oldest child was born in California during this time. After World War II, the Victor Lyngard family lived in Council Bluffs, where their two remaining children were born.

In 1956 Victor and Anita and their three children moved to Portland, Oregon, where Victor and Anita lived for the remainder of their lives.

- **Kent Norre Nielsen** (16 May 1926 -, conf. 1940) married **Una Mae Madsen** (1 Apr 1929 -) at Hampton, Nebraska on March 4, 1951.

Kent and Una Mae Nielsen lived in Council Bluffs and had four children.

Niels Peter Nielsen and Henriette Nielsen head family #46 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900, with Niels Peter joining in 1905 and Henriette joining in 1910.

Niels Peter and Henriette Nielsen and their infant child are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Raymond Nielsen is interred in Hamlin Lutheran Cemetery in Audubon County. Sherman and Martha Peterson are interred in the Shelby Cemetery at the south edge of Shelby, Iowa. Victor and Anita Lyngard are interred in West Lawn Memorial Park in Eugene, Oregon.

Of Interest: By coincidence, the St. Paul's community included two individuals born one day apart and both named Niels Peter Nielsen. Further, at times both went by their initials, N. P. Nielsen.

The older Niels Peter Nielsen was born in Hazel Dell Township on December 24, 1883 to Peter Nielsen and Caroline Petersen, recent arrivals from Denmark. He was ordained a Lutheran minister in 1913, the same year he married Maren Christine Olsen of Poy Sippi, Wisconsin. This Niels Peter Nielsen served pastorates in Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin and South Dakota. Niels Peter and Maren Christine had nine children, of whom one, Rudolph P. Nielsen, died as an infant and is interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. The Peter Nielsen and Caroline Petersen Family sketch has more information.

The younger Niels Peter Nielsen was born in Denmark on December 25, 1883 to Jens M. Nielsen and Marie Paulsen, immigrated in 1903, and farmed in Neola Township. In 1911 he married Henriette Fredericka Nielsen, who had also immigrated as a young adult. Niels Peter and Henriette Nielsen had five children, one of whom died in infancy. Niels Peter, Henriette, and their infant child are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. The Niels Peter Nielsen and Henriette Nielsen Family sketch has more information.

Sources Specific to the Niels Peter Nielsen and Henriette Nielsen Family:

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

- For the family of Sherman and Martha (Nielsen) Peterson, see the **Sherman Peterson section of the Christian Bondo sketch**. (Sherman Peterson was the son of Tom and Mary (Bondo) Peterson and the grandson of Peter Bondo.)

■ Grandchildren of Niels Peter and Henriette Nielsen: Ralph and Kenneth Peterson.

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

- Henriette Nielsen registered 8/20/1908

End of the Niels Peter Nielsen and Henriette Nielsen Family Sketch