

Lars Christian Rasmussen and Karen Marie Andersen Family

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For more information about the Lars Christian Rasmussen extended family, as well as the older relatives of Lars Christian Rasmussen and Karen Marie Andersen, see the Rasmussen and Christiansen chapters of my family history *Ancestors and Older Relatives of Robert Christiansen – Christiansen, Rasmussen, Larsen/Larson, and Hansen*.

Rasmussen, Lars Christian & Karen Marie Andersen

David Martison & Anna Christina Rasmussen

James P. "Jim" Christiansen & **Rasmine "Minnie" Rasmussen**
(see the Christian Christiansen sketch)

Nels Christiansen & **Mette Marie "Mary" Rasmussen**
(see the Christian Christiansen sketch)

Peter Bondo & **Alvina "Winnie" Rasmussen** (see the Christian Bondo sketch)

Marion Rasmussen & Kathrine Steffensen/Marie Jensen

Lars Christiansen Rasmussen (27 Oct 1851 – 8 Jan 1934) was born at Hald in Idskov, Voer Sogn, Hjørring Amt, Denmark to Rasmus Laursen and Mette Marie Larsdatter.

Karen Marie Andersen (6 Jan 1843 – 29 Jan 1928) was born at Vesterskov in Voer Sogn to Anders Christian Jensen and Anne Kirstine Christensdatter.

Lars Rasmussen and Karen Andersen married in Voer Sogn on August 18, 1874.

Voer Sogn is in northern Jutland about 25 miles northeast of Aalborg.

Lars and Karen Rasmussen and their five oldest children, all daughters, immigrated to Council Bluffs, Iowa from Idskov in Voer Sogn on the steamship *Furnessia* in the spring of 1882. Later that year they purchased a farm in Boomer Township, just west of the future location of St. Paul's church, from St. Paul's charter member Rasmus Hansen.

Lars and Karen Rasmussen lived on this farm until 1920, when they retired and moved to Council Bluffs with their son, Marion. In 1927 they returned to the farm with Marion and Marion's wife and son.

The land on which the St. Paul's church and cemetery sit was acquired from Lars Rasmussen in several purchases.

The seven children of Lars and Karen Rasmussen, one of whom died in infancy, are listed below. Lars and Karen Rasmussen's daughters, Minnie and Mary Rasmussen, married brothers, Jim and Nels Christiansen, the sons of St. Paul's charter members **Christian Christiansen and Anna Jensen**, who lived in Boomer Township, Section 22.

Lars and Karen Rasmussen had five daughters followed by a son. Their son, Marion Rasmussen, had five sons followed by a daughter.

- **Anna Christina “Stena” Rasmussen** (24 Oct 1871 – 28 Jan 1929, conf. 1889) married **David Marion Martison** (5 Dec 1867 – 26 Mar 1931) in Pottawattamie County by the St. Paul’s pastor on October 1, 1890. David Martison was born in Racine, Wisconsin to Peter and Mary Martison.

David and Stena Martison lived in Council Bluffs, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and in Omaha. Stena died in Omaha and David in Des Moines, Iowa.

The four children of David and Stena Martison are listed below.

- **Harvey Lawrence Martison** (23 Jul 1891 – 7 Nov 1970) married **Helen Augusta Rosen** (15 Apr 1894 – 27 Apr 1973) in Omaha on February 3, 1917.

The one child of Harvey and Helen Martison is listed below.

▲ **living Martison (-)**

- **Emma Mildred Martison** (18 Oct 1893 – 19 Dec 1983) married **Frederick Carl "Fred" Wiggins** (30 Jul 1890 – 3 Apr 1972), probably in Omaha, on April 16, 1919. Frederick Wiggins was a native of Henderson, North Carolina.

The one child of Fred and Emma Wiggins is listed below.

- ▲ **David Burroughs Wiggins** (23 May 1921 – 6 Sep 2006) was born in Wichita, Kansas and married **Lucille Barbara Martin** (8 Mar 1924 – 10 Feb 1997) in Iowa City, Iowa on 6 Jun 1948.

David and Lucille Wiggins had five children.

- **Minnie Anita Martison** (14 Apr 1896 – 10 Mar 1962) married **Lothar F. R. Egen** (10 Mar 1891 – 1 Feb 1961), a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in Omaha on November 1917.

Lothar and Minnie Egen were divorced and had no children.

- **Roger Vernon Martison** (22 Aug 1907 – 3 Nov 1991) married Alice Janek (about 1911 -), probably in Omaha, around 1932. Roger Martison and Alice Janek later divorced.

Roger Martison married **Edna Antonette Wells** (about 1 Jun 1908 – 17 Feb 1984) on January 9, 1934.

The two children of Roger and Edna Martison are listed below.

▲ **living Martison (-)**

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David and Stena Martison and their daughter, Minnie Egen, are interred in the St. Paul’s Cemetery. Harvey Martison is interred in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha. Emma (Martison) Wiggins is interred in Henderson, Vance County, North Carolina. Roger Martison is interred in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Omaha.

- **Rasmine “Minnie” Rasmussen** (28 Apr 1873 – 20 Oct 1950, conf. 1889) married **James P. “Jim” Christiansen** (28 Mar 1868 – 11 Nov 1941) in Pottawattamie County by the St. Paul’s pastor on April 26, 1893.

Jim and Minnie Christiansen had two children. **See the James P. “Jim” Christiansen section of the Christian Christiansen and Anna Jensen Family sketch for additional information.**

- **Mette Marie “Mary” Rasmussen** (26 Feb 1876 – 26 Nov 1917, conf. 1891) married **Nels Christiansen** (26 May 1871 – 20 Dec 1958) in Pottawattamie County by the St. Paul’s pastor on October 26, 1898.

Nels and Mary Christiansen had four children. **See the Nels Christiansen section of the Christian Christiansen and Anna Jensen Family sketch for additional information.**

- **Alvina “Winnie” Rasmussen** (23 Aug 1878 – 19 Dec 1975, conf. 1894) married **Oluf Peter “Peter” Bondo** (24 Apr 1869 – 19 Oct 1939) in Pottawattamie County by the St. Paul’s pastor on February 17, 1897. Peter Bondo was the son of St. Paul’s charter members Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen.

Peter and Winnie Bondo had seven children, two of whom died at birth. **See the Peter Bondo section of the Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen Family sketch for additional information.**

- **Bendine Rasmussen** (1 Aug 1881 – 28 Nov 1918, conf. 1897) never married and lived at home until her death.

- **Marion Rasmussen** (28 Jun 1885 – 3 Aug 1969, conf. 1900) remained at home with his parents, moving with them to Council Bluffs in 1920.

In 1927 Marion returned to the Rasmussen farm in Boomer Township with his parents, his second wife, and his first child. In early 1952 Marion Rasmussen sold the Rasmussen home place to Coleman Fisher Jr. and the Marion Rasmussen family moved back to Council Bluffs.

Marion Rasmussen married **Maren Katrine “Kathrine” Steffensen** (10 Aug 1892 – 31 May 1924) at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs on January 5, 1921. Kathrine Steffensen was born in the Bartlett, Illinois area to Peter Christian Steffensen and Marthe Marie Thomsen and came to Council Bluffs to do domestic work.

The one child of Marion and Kathrine Rasmussen is listed below.

- **Junior Marion Rasmussen** (22 May 1924 -, conf. 1938) married **Donna Lee Larson** (25 Jan 1929 -) at St. Paul’s on February 28, 1949. Donna Lee Larson was the daughter of Floyd Larson and Irene Anderson who lived a half mile west and north of St. Paul’s.

Subsequently Junior and Donna Lee Rasmussen divorced and Junior married **Mary Elizabeth Hedegaard** (14 Nov 1927 -) at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in

Council Bluffs on May 19, 1956. Mary Hedegaard was the daughter of St. Paul's early members Martin Hedegaard and Katie Iversen.

Junior Rasmussen served in the United States Army in World War II, joining in 1945.

The four children of Junior and Mary Rasmussen are listed below.

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After his first wife, Kathrine, died, Marion Rasmussen married **Marie Eleonora Jensen** (10 Sep 1901 – 25 Aug 1988) at Our Savior's Church in Council Bluffs on September 10, 1925. Marie Jensen was born in Denmark to Marius Jensen and Johanne Petrine Mogensen and immigrated as a young woman.

The five children of Marion and Marie Rasmussen are listed below.

- **Ethan Hald Rasmussen** (18 Aug 1928 -, conf. 1943) married **Maxine Lois Fisher** (17 Aug 1928 -) at St. Paul's on February 11, 1948. Maxine Fisher was the daughter of Coleman Fisher Sr. and Emma Lois "Lois" O'Neill of Neola Township.

The two children of Ethan and Maxine Rasmussen are listed below.

- ▲ living Rasmussen (-)
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- **Bennett Grant Rasmussen** (3 May 1930 – 13 May 1964, conf. 1945) married **Kathryn Alice Brookhouser** (5 Sep 1934 -) in Pottawattamie County at St. Paul's on June 24, 1951. Kathryn Brookhouser was the daughter of Leonard and Gladys Brookhouser.

The two children of Bennett and Kathryn Rasmussen are listed below.

- ▲ living Rasmussen (-)
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- **Roland Randal Rasmussen** (16 Oct 1932 -, conf. 1947) married **Helen Louise Jensen** (16 Apr 1942 -) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs on July 2, 1960. Helen Jensen was the daughter of Milton Jensen and Lillie Larsen and the granddaughter of St. Paul's early members Chris Jensen and Christina Hansen.

Roland Rasmussen served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

The two children of Roland and Helen Rasmussen are listed below.

- ▲ living Rasmussen (-)

▲ **living Rasmussen (-)**

- **Quentin Jennings Rasmussen** (22 Jul 1935 -, conf. 1949) married **Joyce Louise Bell** (14 Dec 1935 -) at First Christian Church in Council Bluffs on June 19, 1954. Quentin and Joyce Rasmussen later divorced.

The two children of Quentin and Joyce Rasmussen are listed below.

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Quentin Rasmussen married **Sally Dell (Watson) Streubing** (2 Mar 1952 -) in Colorado Springs, Colorado on May 1, 1983.

The one child of Quentin and Sally Rasmussen, namely her daughter by her first marriage, is listed below.

▲ **living Rasmussen (-)**

- **Rosehannah Marie Rasmussen** (17 Apr 1937 -, conf. 1952) married **Ronny Frederick Russell** (12 Jul 1933-) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs on September 17, 1955. Ronny Russell was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Russell Jr. of Council Bluffs.

The two children of Ronny and Rosehannah Russell are listed below.

▲ **living Rasmussen (-)**

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Marion Rasmussen and both of his wives are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Bennett Rasmussen is interred in the Ridgewood Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- An **infant son** (6 Sep 1887 – 12 Sep 1887) was born to Lars and Karen Rasmussen and died six days later.

Lars Christian Rasmussen and Karen Marie Andersen head family #27 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Lars and Karen Rasmussen and all seven of their children are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

Sources Specific to the Lars Christiansen Rasmussen and Karen Marie Andersen Family:

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

- For the family of Peter and Winnie (Rasmussen) Bondo, see the **Peter Bondo** section of the **Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen Family** sketch.
- For the families of James P. and Minnie (Rasmussen) Christiansen and Nels and Mary (Rasmussen) Christiansen, the **Christian Christiansen and Anna Jensen**

Family sketch contains limited information. For more information, see the source mentioned a bit later.

- For the older relatives of Helen Louise (Jensen) Rasmussen, the daughter-in-law of Marion Rasmussen, see the **Chris Jensen** section of the **Jacob Jensen and Anna Dorteia Madsen Family** sketch.
- The Rasmussen and Christiansen chapters of my family history *Ancestors and Older Relatives of Robert Christiansen – Christiansen, Rasmussen, Larsen/Larson, and Hansen*
- Interviews with the following individuals:
 - Alvin Christiansen, Vesta (Christiansen) Thompson and Agnes Christiansen in the 1970s.
 - Junior Marion Rasmussen.
 - Kathryn (Thompson) Hansen, granddaughter of Rasmine "Minnie" (Rasmussen) Christiansen.
- Keld Jensen's transcription of Voer Sogn deaths from 1814 to 1890 at <http://users.cybercity.dk/~bbb31124/index.htm>
- Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):
 - Lars C. Rasmussen, Karen, Ane, Rasmine, Mette, Alvine and Bendine registered to emigrate on 4/22/1882.
- Passenger manifest for steam-ship *Furnessia*, port of embarkation Glasgow, Scotland, arrived New York May 17, 1882.

End of the Lars Christian Rasmussen and Karen Marie Andersen Family Sketch