

Peter Rasmussen and Anna Margrethe Nielsen Family
(parents of members)

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As shown on the three-generation family list immediately below the wife of Peter Rasmussen, Anna Margrethe Nielsen, was the daughter of St. Paul's charter members Niels Nielsen and Ane Nielsdatter, and the sister of St. Paul's charter member Inger Marie "Mary" (Nielsen) Hansen.

Nielsen, Niels & Ane Nielsdatter (see the Niels Nielsen sketch)

Peter Rasmussen & **Ane Margrethe Nielsen**

Francis "Frank" Warren & Mary Rasmussen

Nels Rasmussen & Inger Marie Nielsen

Edward T. Rasmussen & Clara Nielsen

Peter Hansen & **Inger Marie "Mary" Nielsen** (see Peter & Mary Hansen sketch)

Niels Nielsen & Mary Hilkenson

Peter Rasmussen (10 Apr 1851 – 1926) was born in Kongsted Sogn, Praestø Amt, Denmark to Rasmus Jensen and Marie Petersen.

Anna Margrethe Nielsen (19 Aug 1843 – 31 Jan 1903) was born in Smerup Sogn, Praestø Amt, Denmark to **St. Paul's charter members Niels Nielsen and Ane Nielsdatter**.

Praestø Amt is on the island of Sjaelland south of Copenhagen.

Peter Rasmussen and Anna Margrethe Nielsen married in Kongsted Sogn, Praestø Amt on May 5, 1873. Peter and Anna Rasmussen immigrated to Council Bluffs soon thereafter in May 1873.

I can't find Peter and Anna Rasmussen in the 1880 Pottawattamie County census. By 1885 the Peter Rasmussen family was living on a small farm in southwestern Neola Township, Section 32. By 1900 the Peter Rasmussen family has moved south a few miles to Norwalk Township, where Peter may have spent the remainder of his life. In 1905 Peter, now a widower, was living by himself in northwestern Norwalk Township. I can't find Peter in the 1910 and 1915 Pottawattamie County censuses. In 1920 and 1925 Peter was living in the household of his son, Nels Rasmussen.

The four children of Peter and Anna Rasmussen are listed below.

- **Anna Nielsen or Rasmussen** (about 1870 - ?) was born in Denmark and immigrated as Anna Nielsen to Council Bluffs from Fakse Sogn, Praestø Amt with her grandparents, Niels and Ane Nielsen, in the summer of 1872.

Anna Rasmussen was living in the Peter Rasmussen household in 1885. I have no further information.

- **Mary Rasmussen** (10 May 1877 – 14 Sep 1964) married **Francis “Frank” Warren** (4 or 5 Jan 1855 – 13 Apr 1939) in Pottawattamie County on June 20, 1904. Frank Warren was born in Delaware to George Washington and Mary E. Warren.

Frank and Mary Warren were living in Council Bluffs in 1905. The Frank Warren family was living in southeastern Boomer Township in 1910, somewhere in Norwalk Township in 1915, in Underwood in 1920, in northwestern Norwalk Township in 1925, and back in eastern Boomer Township in 1930.

Frank Warren died in a Council Bluffs hospital. It appears that Frank and Mary Warren had divorced, since Mary is not mentioned in Frank's obituary.

I can't find Mary Warren in the 1940 census. By 1952 Mary Warren was living at 902 Avenue A in Council Bluffs. After 1959 Mary moved in with her son, Thomas J. Warren, at 407 North 40th Street in Council Bluffs.

The five children of Frank and Mary Warren are listed below. Leslie and Raymond Warren were twins.

- **Mary Frances Warren** (12 Apr 1905 – 5 Jul 1996) married **Oscar Albert Peterson** (22 Aug 1884 – 15 Jun 1957) in Pottawattamie County on April 26, 1923.

The Oscar Peterson family was known to be living in Council Bluffs in 1930 and 1949.

The five children of Oscar Albert Peterson and Mary Frances Warren are listed below.

- ▲ **living Peterson** (-)
- ▲ **Marian Elenore Gladys Peterson** (28 Mar 1926 – 1 Jan 2011)
- ▲ **living Peterson** (-)
- ▲ **living Peterson** (-)
- ▲ **living Peterson** (-)

- **George Edward Warren** (16 May 1908 – 10 Mar 1924) died at the age of 15.
- **Thomas Jefferson Warren** (1910 – 10 Jul 1974) married **Nadine** and later divorced. Thomas married **Maxine Ruth Goodman** (11 Aug 1922 – 26 Aug 2000) on August 15, 1943 in Papillion, Sarpy County, Nebraska. Thomas and Maxine later divorced.

Thomas Warren was an iceman for Pacific Fruit Express in Council Bluffs from 1942 until some time after 1964.

The two known children of Thomas and Nadine Warren are listed below.

- ▲ **living Warren** (-)
- ▲ **living Warren** (-)

The one known child of Thomas and Maxine Warren is listed below.

- ▲ **living Warren** (-)

- As a young man, **Leslie George Warren** (8 Sep 1913 – 27 Nov 1982) worked as a hired man in the Underwood area, in 1930 for Chris Petersen and in 1940 for Herman Sandberg. In the early 1940s he moved to California.

Leslie Warren served in the United States Army in World War II, entering military service from California on October 8 or 15, 1943. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific area, reaching the rank of Technician 4/g.

Leslie Warren died in Huntington Park, California.

- As a young man, **Raymond F. Warren** (8 Sep 1913 – 5 May 1999) worked as a hired man in the Underwood area, in 1930 for Ray Gittins and in 1940 for Fred Peterson.

Raymond Warren served in World War II, entering the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps at Fort Des Moines, Iowa on September 20, 1940. He later became a specialist in tracked vehicle chassis maintenance, ending the war as a Technician 5/g.

Raymond Warren evidently remained in the Los Angeles area after World War II.

Raymond Warren died in Los Angeles.

Frank and Mary Warren are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Thomas J. Warren is interred in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Nels Peter Alfred Rasmussen** (27 Aug 1878 – 1960) married **Inger Marie (Nielsen) Jacobsen** (1871 – 27 Apr 1931) in Pottawattamie County on October 11, 1907.

Nels Rasmussen was a bachelor farmer in northwestern Norwalk Township in 1905. In 1910 the Nels Rasmussen family was farming in Minden Township. By 1915 they were in Norwalk Township as they were in 1920, 1925 and 1930. In 1940 Nels, now a widow, was living in the household of his son-in-law, Verner Christensen, in Norwalk Township.

Inger Marie was born in Denmark to Peter and Annie Nielsen and had four sons, all born in Nebraska, by an earlier marriage to a Mr. Jacobsen, whose given name may have been Thorvald. After marrying Nels Rasmussen, all four sons of Inger Marie by her first marriage remained with her in the Nels Rasmussen household for some time. These sons are listed here:

- **Andrew P. Jacobsen** (abt 1894 -) was living in Lincoln, Nebraska when his mother died in 1931.
- **Eiler M. Jacobsen** (10 May 1897 – 14 Jun 1982) married **Lillie Christina Strohbehn**, the daughter of Herman Strohbehn and Anna Reimers of Minden, Iowa. Eiler and Lillie farmed in the Silver Creek area of Merrick County, Nebraska.

- **Alfred Dewey Jacobsen** (25 Sep 1898 – 16 Feb 1989) married **Ethel M. Alix** of Nebraska. Alfred and Ethel lived in Nebraska, then in Pottawattamie County, and moved to Omaha in the early 1930s.
- **Earl Thorwald Jacobsen** (2 Feb 1900 – 4 Sep 1995) married **Lillian Bodel Peterson** of Nebraska. Earl and Lillian lived in Council Bluffs before moving to the Los Angeles area.

The four children of Nels and Inger Marie Rasmussen are listed below.

- **Julia Margaret Rasmussen** (13 Jun 1908 – 8 Oct 2001, conf. 1923) married **Verner Walter Christensen** (30 Jun 1902 – 30 Dec 1976) at St. Paul's on June 5 or 6, 1929. Verner Christensen was the son of **St. Paul's early members Niels Jorgen Christensen and Maren Andersen**.

The four children of Verner and Julia Christensen are listed below.

- ▲ living Christensen (-)
- ▲ living Christensen (-)
- ▲ **Alan Verner Christensen** (18 Sep 1935 – 19 Jul 1988)
- ▲ living Christensen (-)

See the **Verner Christensen** section of the **Niels Jorgen Christensen** sketch for additional information.

- **Edna Lilliana Rasmussen** (29 Apr 1910 – 3 Mar 2005, conf. 1926) married **Carl Robert Andersen** (21 Jan 1905 – 12 Apr 1997), a Danish immigrant, in Coulter, Iowa on February 21, 1934. By 1940 Carl and Edna were living in Laclede County, Missouri, where they evidently remained until their deaths.

The four children of Carl and Edna Andersen are listed below.

- ▲ living Andersen (-)
- ▲ living Andersen (-)
- ▲ living Andersen (-)
- ▲ living Andersen (-)

- **Grant William Rasmussen** (22 Oct 1911 – 11 or 13 Aug 1997, conf. 1926) married **Lydia Anita Liesche** (15 Apr 1913 – 7 Nov 1990). Grant and Lydia lived near Council Bluffs. Grant Rasmussen may have died in Council Bluffs.

The three known children of Grant and Lydia Rasmussen are listed below.

- ▲ living Rasmussen (-)
- ▲ living Rasmussen (-)
- ▲ living Rasmussen (-)

- **Erven Nels Rasmussen** (8 Aug 1915 -6 Jan 2013) married **Agnes Marie Christoffersen** (10 Jun 1919 – 9 Aug 1992) in Osceola, Nebraska on February 15, 1941. Agnes Christoffersen was the daughter of **St. Paul's early members Otto Christoffersen and Anna Christensen**.

Erven Rasmussen joined the navy before World War II and while a crewman on the battleship USS California survived the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. Erven ended World War II as a Chief Machinist's Mate.

Erven worked as a steamfitter after World War II and subsequently started a heating and air conditioning business in Council Bluffs that his son now runs as of 2014.

The three children of Erven and Agnes Rasmussen are listed below.

- ▲ **living Rasmussen** (-)
- ▲ **living Rasmussen** (-)
- ▲ **living Rasmussen** (-)

Nels and Inger Marie Rasmussen and their daughter, Julia (Rasmussen) Christensen, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Edna (Rasmussen) Andersen is interred in Mt. Rose Memorial Park in Lebanon, Missouri. Grant Rasmussen is interred in Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Erven Rasmussen is interred in Ridgewood Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Edward T. Rasmussen** (5 Apr 1882 – 21 Oct 1956) married **Clara Nielsen** (11 Sep 1879 – 1 Jul 1964) in Pottawattamie County on April 27, 1904. Clara Nielsen was the daughter of **Niels Nielsen and Mary Hilkenson** of Norwalk Township.

By 1913 Edward Rasmussen had acquired the former Fred Hansen farm in Norwalk Township, Section 5.

The five children of Edward and Clara Rasmussen are listed below.

- **Emma Margreta Rasmussen** (14 Jan 1908 – 15 Dec 1949, conf. 1923) married **George O'Daniel** (18 Jun 1903 – 14 Jan 1949) around 1926.

Emma (Rasmussen) O'Daniel died in Abilene, Kansas.

The five children of George and Emma O'Daniel are listed below. Four were still teenagers when their parents died.

- ▲ **living O'Daniel** (-)
- ▲ **living O'Daniel** (-)
- ▲ **living O'Daniel** (-)
- ▲ **living O'Daniel** (-)
- ▲ **living O'Daniel** (-)

- **Julia Christine Rasmussen** (30 Jan 1910 – 30 Mar 2009, conf. 1926) married **Floyd Louis Briggs Sr.** (about 1910 - 1999) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on March 19, 1930. Floyd Briggs was the son of **John Elmer Briggs and Rosa Ballard** who lived in Bentley east of Underwood.

Floyd and Julia Briggs lived in Council Bluffs.

The three children of Floyd and Julia Briggs are listed below.

- ▲ **living Briggs (-)**
- ▲ **living Briggs (-)**
- ▲ **living Briggs (-)**

- **Leonard Edward Rasmussen** (18 Feb 1912 – 19 Feb 1995, conf. 1926) married **Ruth May Johnson** on October 12, 1932.

Leonard Rasmussen was a World War II veteran.

Leonard and Ruth Rasmussen had two children and were divorced around 1952. Leonard married **Olive Caroline (Larsen) Taylor** (29 Sep 1911 – 31 Dec 2012) around 1960.

Leonard Rasmussen lived in the Oakland and McClelland areas before moving to Underwood where he was a truck driver for Hansen Oil Company.

The two children of Leonard and Ruth Rasmussen are listed below.

- ▲ **living Rasmussen (-)**
- ▲ **living Rasmussen (-)**

- **Henry Theodore Rasmussen** (29 Jun 1915 – 1 Apr 1995, conf. 1941) married **Lila VanLeauvan** (3 May 1915 – 28 Dec 1996) before April 1940.

Evidently Henry and Lila Rasmussen divorced, and Henry subsequently married **Helen Orlene Howard**.

Henry Rasmussen was living in Underwood in 1940 and 1950 and in Council Bluffs in 1952 and 1995.

The three children of Henry and Lila Rasmussen are listed below.

- ▲ **living Rasmussen (-)**
- ▲ **Anna Marie Rasmussen** (2 Sep 1952 – 30 Dec 2004)
- ▲ **living Rasmussen (-)**

- **Pearl Clara Rasmussen** (1 May 1918 – 6 Dec 1999) married **Charles E. Brandt**.

Pearl and Charles Brandt were living on Rt. 3 Council Bluffs in 1956, in the Underwood area in 1964, and in the Weston area in 1995. I do not know whether Charles and Pearl Brandt had children.

Edward and Clara Rasmussen are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Emma (Rasmussen) O'Doniel is interred in Kansas. Julia (Rasmussen) Briggs and her

husband, Floyd, are interred in Ridgewood Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Leonard Rasmussen is interred in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Peter and Anna Margrethe Rasmussen and three of their children, Mary, Nels and Edward, are interred in the St. Paul's cemetery.

Sources Specific to the Peter Rasmussen and Anna Margrethe Nielsen Family:

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

- For the parents of Anna Margrethe Nielsen, the wife of Peter Rasmussen, see the **Niels Nielsen sketch**.
- For the sister of Anna Margrethe Nielsen Nielsen, see the **Peter Hansen sketch**.
- For the family of Verner and Julia (Rasmussen) Christensen, see the **Verner Christensen section of the Niels Jorgen Christensen sketch**.
- For the relatives of Agnes Marie Christoffersen, the wife of Erven Rasmussen, see the **Jorgen Christoffersen sketch**.
- For the relatives of Clara Nielsen, the wife of Edward T. Rasmussen, see the **Niels Nielsen sketch**.

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

- Anna Nielsen registered 6/20/1872 (presumed daughter of Anna Margrethe Nielsen).
- Peter Rasmussen and his wife, Anna Margrethe Nielsen, registered 5/8/1873.

■ **Other Sources:**

- For the children of Inger Marie Rasmussen's first marriage, to Mr. Jacobsen, see *Naomi's Family Tree (Carpenter - Maiden)* in ancestry.com.

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