

Johan Frederik Sandstrom and Johanne Marie Petersen Family
(parents of members)

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Johan Frederik Sandstrom died in Denmark. His widow and seven of their children immigrated to Pottawattamie County.

Sandstrom, Johan Frederik & Johanne Marie Petersen
(parents of members, father died in Denmark)

Swen Nelson & **Helena Sandstrom**

Niels Johan Julius "N. J. J." Nelson & Anna Christine Bondo

Harry Nelson & Olga Elisabeth Peterson

Johan Frederik Sandstrom and Johanne Marie Petersen were both born in Sweden, but immigrated to Nyker Sogn, Bornholm Amt, Denmark, where they married on April 30, 1850. Johan Frederik worked as a kulgraver, which perhaps translates as a coal miner.

Johan Frederik Sandstrom died in his early middle years in Denmark. In 1882 his widow, Johanne Marie Petersen, emigrated. In 1900 she was living in Boomer Township with her bachelor son, Peter. In 1910 she was living across from St. Paul's Lutheran Church with her grandson, N. J. J. Nelson. She lived a long life (12 Jun 1826 – 2 Dec 1911) and is interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

The ten children of Johan Frederik Sandstrom and Johanne Marie Petersen, all born in Nyker Sogn on Bornholm, are listed below. The seven children who survived childhood all immigrated, six of them living in Pottawattamie County.

- **Ane Marie "Mary" Sandstrom** (Jun 1850 - ?) immigrated to Council Bluffs in 1871, where she married **Lars Jensen** (Dec 1851 - ?).

Lars and Mary Jensen lived in southeastern Boomer Township on what later became the Carl Magnussen farm. Shortly after 1900 Lars and Mary Jensen sold their farm to Hans Madison, the father-in-law of Ralph Spencer, and disappeared from my history.

The five children of Lars and Mary Jensen, all born in Pottawattamie County, are listed below.

- **Mary Jensen** (Jan 1876 -)
- **James Jensen** (Dec 1877 -)
- **Frank Jensen** (about 1878 -)
- **Peter Jensen** (about 1881 -) married Jennetta ____ about 1915. Peter and Jennetta Jensen were living in Cotton Co., Oklahoma in 1920 and in Ranger City, Texas in 1930. They probably did not have children.

- **Henry Jensen** (16 May 1888 -) was married with two children and living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1917.

I don't know where Lars and Mary Jensen or any of their children are interred.

- **Christine Sandstrom** (about 1851 – before 1860) died as a child in Denmark.
- **Carl Johan Sandstrom** (1853 – before 1900) immigrated in the summer of 1883. I have no further information.
- **Helena Sandstrom** (8 Apr 1855 – 4 Jul 1905) married **Swen Nelson** (22 Sep 1852 – 29 Sep 1913), a native of Sweden, in Nyker Sogn on September 22, 1876.

Swen Nelson and Helena Sandstrom and their two oldest children immigrated to Council Bluffs in 1880. They first lived, perhaps briefly, with Helena's brother-in-law and sister, Lars and Mary Jensen, and then moved to Weston where Swen worked for the railroad. Before 1895 they moved to southeastern Boomer Township, to what later became the Charlie Bracker farm.

The nine children of Swen and Helena Nelson, seven of whom survived infancy, are listed below.

- **Niels Johan Julius "N. J. J." Nelson** (9 Jan 1877 – 28 May 1957, conf. 1893) married **Anna Christina "Christine" Bondo** (5 Oct 1874 – 8 Mar 1958) at St. Paul's on March 22, 1906. Christine Bondo was the daughter of **St. Paul's charter members Christian Bondo and Karen Jensen**.

In 1905 N. J. J. Nelson bought a small farm in Hazel Dell Township, Section 10, from Christine's uncle, Oluf Bondo. I believe N. J. J. and Christine lived on this farm until 1909.

In 1909 N. J. J. and Christine sold their Hazel Dell farm to Alfred Nelson and bought 80 acres in Boomer Township, in Section 26 across the road from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, also from Oluf Bondo.

N. J. J. and Christine Nelson lived on their farm in Boomer Township for the remainder of their lives. Some time in the late 1940s they built and moved into a small house on their farm, while their son, Harold, and his family moved into N. J. J. and Christine's house. The small house was sold and moved to Underwood after their deaths.

The four children of N. J. J. and Christine Nelson are listed below.

- **Harold Svend Bondo Nelson** (3 May 1909 – 2 Dec 1993, conf. 1923) married **Amelia Katherine "Emily" Jorgensen** (14 Jan 1910 – 11 Oct 2001) at St. Paul's on May 20, 1940. Emily Jorgensen was born in Hardy, Nuckolls County, Nebraska to Thorvald Jorgensen.

Harold Nelson was a farmer in Boomer Township. After marrying, Harold and Emily Nelson lived on a farm in Boomer Township, Section 27, across the road from the Boomer store, which had been owned by the Mackland family.

Sometime before 1950 Harold and Emily moved to his parents' farm in Section 26 across the road from St. Paul's.

Between 1977 and 1984 Harold and Emily sold their farm to Chet and Arlene Driver and it became the residence of the Driver's son, Roger Driver.

Eventually Harold and Emily Nelson moved to King County, Washington where their son lived. Harold and Emily Nelson died in King County.

The one child of Harold and Emily Nelson is listed below.

▲ **living Nelson (-)**

Harold and Emily Nelson are interred in SeaTac, Washington.

- **Karen Helene "Helene" Nelson** (16 Feb 1911 – 18 Apr 1984, conf. 1926) worked as a licensed practical nurse in Rochester, New York, Blair and Omaha, Nebraska, and Elk Horn, Iowa.

Helene married **Jens Arthur Jensen** (17 Apr 1903 – 5 Jul 1984) at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa on October 28, 1960.

The two children of Jens and Helene Jensen from Jens' previous marriage are listed below.

▲ **Sylvia Jensen (-)** married **Don Lauridsen** and was living in Exira, Iowa in 1984.

▲ **Larry Jensen (-)** married **Carol** and was living in Omaha, Nebraska in 1984.

Helene (Nelson) Jensen died at the Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn, Iowa where she once worked and is interred in the Elk Horn Cemetery.

- **Everett Kenneth Bondo Nelson** (20 Mar 1913 – 2 Jan 1987, conf. 1928) married **Evelyn Ruth Christensen** (18 Apr 1919 – 7 May 1984) at St. Paul's on September 12, 1940. Evelyn Nielsen was the daughter of St. Paul's **early members Charley Christensen and Laura Nielsen**.

Everett and Evelyn Nelson were living in the St. Paul's area in 1944 and 1945. By 1964 they were living in Council Bluffs. Later they may have moved to Kansas, but they returned to Council Bluffs where they died.

Everett and Evelyn Nelson had four children, two of whom died at birth, in 1945 and 1949 respectively. The two surviving children are listed below.

▲ **living Nelson (-)**

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Everett and Evelyn Nelson and their two infant children are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- An infant daughter, with dates unknown, died before being named.

N. J. J. Nielsen and Anna Christine Bondo head family number 33 in the list of St. Paul's members begun in 1900.

N. J. J. and Christine Nelson, their son, Everett, and their infant daughter are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Helene (Nelson) Jensen is interred in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery in Elk Horn, Iowa. Harold Nelson is interred in SeaTac, Washington.

- **Johanne Marie "Hanna" Nelson** (26 Feb 1879 – 18 Mar 1896, conf. 1893) died as a teenager.

- **Lars Frank "Frank" Nelson** (1 Sep 1882 – 2 Sep 1954, conf. 1899) married **Mary Christensen** (29 Jul 1888 – Mar 1982) from Council Bluffs in Pottawattamie County on April 14, 1909.

After marrying, Frank and Mary Nelson farmed in Norwalk Township before moving to Tripp County, South Dakota between 1915 and 1918. They moved to Burt County, Nebraska, between 1927 and 1930. In 1944 they were living in Herman, Nebraska.

The six children of Frank and Mary Nelson are listed below.

- Chester Raymond Nelson (5 Apr 1912 – 20 Aug 1944) served in the U.S. Army during World War II and died in France as the result of an accident.
- Dora Evelyn Nelson (11 Mar 1915 – 6 Dec 2001) married S. Harold Paulsen in Blair, Nebraska in June 1940.
- Franklin Dale Nelson (24 Sep 1918 – 1 Sep 1949).
- Vera Marie Nelson (26 Jun 1921 – 25 Jan 1998 married Leslie McKay.
- Mildred Mattie Nelson (9 Dec 1923 -) married William F. Schumaker in Des Moines, Iowa on June 29, 1950.
- George Martin Nelson (27 Feb 1927 -) married Patricia Miller.

- **Helma Maria Nelson** (10 Jun or 20 Jul 1884 – 9 Jan 1900, conf. 1899) died as a teenager.

- **Henry Nelson** (20 Mar 1888 – 29 Sep 1892) died at the age of four.

- **Dora Christine Nelson** (24 May 1891 – 12 Oct 1969, conf. 1906) married **George Henry Jenson** (22 Jun 1891 – 9 Mar 1955) at St. Paul's on February 18, 1915. George Jenson was the son of Hans Jenson and Olive Scott of Hazel Dell Township and the grandson of **St. Paul's charter members Jens Jensen and Theresa Sorensen**.

George and Dora Jenson farmed in Hazel Dell Township.

George and Dora Jenson had three children, one of whom died at birth. **See the Hans Jenson Sr. section of the Jens Jensen sketch for additional information.**

- **Harry Nelson** (5 May 1893 – 16 Dec 1951, conf. 1908) married **Olga Elisabeth Peterson** (17 Jul 1902 – 9 Mar 1976) at St. Paul's on March 14, 1923. Olga Peterson was the daughter of **St. Paul's early members Tom Peterson and Mary Bondo**.

Harry and Olga Nelson farmed the Swen Nelson home place in southeastern Boomer Township but they moved away, perhaps to Ida Grove, in the early 1940s.

The two children of Harry and Olga Nelson are listed below.

- **Eugene Thomas Nelson** (17 May 1927 – 13 Nov 1996) married **Janice Marie Sprinkel** (21 Jul 1937 – 26 Dec 2005) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on February 19, 1977.

Eugene and Janice Nelson lived in the Underwood area for many years. They did not have children.

- **Philip Bondo Nelson** (11 Mar 1939 -) married **Carole Weselle** on November 25, 1962.

Harry Nelson and Olga E. Peterson head family #72 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Harry and Olga Nelson, their son, Eugene, and Eugene's wife, Janice, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Emma Matty "Mattie" Nelson** (7 Apr 1895 – 5 Apr 1970, conf. 1911) never married.

Mattie Nelson remained at home until some time in the 1920s. She was living in Los Angeles in 1930, in Denver in 1944, and in Rochester, New York in 1946. She returned to Council Bluffs before her death.

- **Martin Edward Nelson** (28 Jul 1898 – Nov 1973, conf. 1913) married **Frances Lois Darrington** (6 Aug 1914 -?) in 1930. Frances Darrington was the daughter of **Nathan "Nate" Darrington and Ella Jorgensen** of Boomer Township.

Martin Nelson was an early rural trucker in Boomer Township before working for the railroad. He lived with his brother-in-law George Jensen in 1930. Later he lived on county road J in Boomer Township. In 1944 he was living in Logan, Iowa. Later he moved to Texas where he died in Corpus Christi.

The one known child of Martin and Frances Nelson is listed below.

- **Jeanette Frances Darrington** (-)

Svend Nielsen and Helene Sandstrom appear as family #23 in the St. Paul's family roster begun in 1900.

Swen and Helena Nelson and all of their children, except for Frank and Martin, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Andreas Sandstrom** (31 Jul 1857 – 30 Nov 1881) immigrated to Council Bluffs in 1877.

Andreas Sandstrom never married, died young, and is interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

■ **Johanne Frederikke Sandstrom** (Sep 1859 – about 2 Apr 1909) married **Morten Olson** (about 1853 – 1935) at Ronne on Bornholm on November 27, 1880. Morton Olson was a native of Sweden.

Morten and Johanne Olson and their two oldest children emigrated in 1882.

The Olson family first lived in Weston, where Morten, who after emigrating used the name “Martin”, worked for the railroad.

Between 1900 and 1905 the Martin Olson family moved to a farm in Norwalk Township near Underwood.

Between 1915 and 1920 Martin Olson and the younger children moved to Mower County, Minnesota, near Austin.

The ten children of Martin and Johanne Olson are listed below.

- **Andreas “Henry” Olson** (about 1881 -)
- **Peter Morten Olson** (1882 -)
- **James Everett Olson** (22 Sep 1885 -)
- **Christine P. Olson** (Jun 1887 – 1957)
- **Martin Olson Jr.** (Mar 1889 – 8 Nov 1911) suffered from poor health. At age 22, while inspecting his trap line along Mosquito Creek, he fainted, fell into the creek, and drowned.
- **Frank J. Olson** (1 Mar 1892 – 1 Dec 1960)
- **Anna Marie Olson** (26 May 1894 -)
- **Johanne Helen Olson** (8 Apr 1897 -)
- **Ella Esther Olson** (Nov 1898 -)
- **Ida E. Olson** (about 1901 -)

Martin and Johanne Olson and three of their children, Christine, Martin Jr. and Frank, are interred in St. Paul’s Cemetery.

■ **Anine Christine “Christina” Sandstrom** (Oct 1861 -) immigrated in 1880 and married **Julius Petersen** (Jan 1867 – 5 Sep 1949), a native of Denmark, in Pottawattamie County on May 12, 1893.

Julius Petersen was a painter and a gardener. Julius and Christina Petersen lived in Council Bluffs and in rural Kane Township before moving to Garner Township between 1905 and 1910. Christina was living in Council Bluffs when she died.

The six children of Julius and Christina Petersen are listed below.

- **Johanna Petersen** (1894 -)
- **Daniel Petersen** (1896 -)
- **Louis Petersen** (1898 – before 1903)
- **Helena Petersen** (1899 -)
- **Emma M. Petersen** (about 1901 -)
- **Louis C. Petersen** (about 1903 -)

I don't know where Julius or Christina Petersen or any of their children are interred.

- **infant Sandstrom** (9 Oct 1863 – about 1863)
- **Josephine Andrea Sandstrom** (1864 – before 1870)
- **Peter Theodor Sandstrom** (19 Nov 1865 – Mar 1922) emigrated in 1882.

Peter Sandstrom worked as a farmhand and farmed in Boomer Township. Between 1900 and 1910, he moved to El Reno, Oklahoma, where he married. He returned as a single man to Boomer Township before 1920, and died in 1922.

Peter Sandstrom is interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

Johanne Marie (Petersen) Sandstrom and three of her children, Helena, Johanne Frederikke and Peter Theodor are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery. Andreas Sandstrom is interred in the Grange Cemetery in Boomer Township.

Sources Specific to the Johan Frederik Sandstrom and Johanne Marie Petersen Family:

- **References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**
 - For the relatives of Christine (Bondo) Nelson, the wife of N. J. J. Nelson, see the **Christian Bondo sketch**.
 - For the relatives of Evelyn (Christensen) Nelson, the wife of Everett Nelson, see the **Charley Christensen section of the Lars Hansen Christensen sketch**.
 - For the family of George and Dora (Nelson) Jenson, see the **Hans Jenson section** of the Jens Jensen sketch.
 - For the relatives of Olga (Peterson) Nelson, the wife of Harry Nelson, see the **Tom Peterson section of the Christian Bondo sketch**.
- Sandra (Olsen) Sorlein, granddaughter of George and Nora (Nelson) Jenson.

- Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):
 - Marie Nielsen Sandstrøm registered 5/3/1871.
 - Anders Sandstrøm registered 2/10/1877.
 - Christine Sanstroen (sic) registered 5/10/1880.
 - Svend, Helena, Niels Johan Julius and Johane Marie Nielsen registered 6/9/1880
 - Johanne and Peter Sandstrøm registered 5/18/1882.
 - Morten, Frederikke, Andreas and Morten Olsson registered 5/18/1882.
 - Carl Johan Sandstrøm registered 6/26/1883.

End of the Johan Frederik Sandstrom and Johanne Marie Petersen Family Sketch