

**Jorgen Sorensen and Inger Marie Jensen Family** (charter members)  
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**Inger Marie (Jensen) Sorensen, Mrs. Jorgen Sorensen, had three female relatives who lived near St. Paul's:**

- **Marie (Jorgensen) Hansen, the wife of Rasmus Hansen, was a daughter.**  
Rasmus and Marie Hansen were St. Paul's charter members.
- **Karen (Jensen) Christoffersen, Mrs. Jorgen Christoffersen, was a sister.** Jorgen and Karen Christoffersen were St. Paul's charter members.
- **Christiane (Jensen) Hansen, Mrs. Thomas Hansen, was a sister.**

**Jorgen Sorensen** (26 Mar 1819 – 1 Sep 1894) was born in Bierge, Vejle Amt, Denmark.

**Inger Marie "Agnes" Jensen** (2 Apr 1826 – 15 Feb 1897) was born in Uldum Sogn, Vejle Amt to **Jens Pedersen and Mette Pedersdatter**.

Jorgen and Inger Marie Sorensen married in Uldum Sogn on December 29, 1847. All six of their known children were born in Denmark, between 1848 and 1872 and initially used the patronymic surname of "Jorgensen".

Jorgen and Anna Sorensen and their five younger children immigrated before June 1880. (Their oldest child immigrated in 1881.) They were living in Boomer Township in 1880 and in Section 36 of Boomer Township in 1885.

After moving to the United States, some of the children Americanized the patronymic surname of "Jorgensen" to "Johnson". The youngest child appears to have used the surname of "Sorensen".

The six known children of Jorgen and Inger Marie Sorensen are listed below.

- **Marie Jorgensen** (5 Feb 1848 – 12 Sep 1918) married **Hans Rasmus "Rasmus" Hansen** (about 1850 – 22 Sep 1928) in Denmark. Rasmus and Marie Hansen were St. Paul's charter members.

Rasmus and Marie Hansen had six children, two of whom died in childhood.  
**See the Rasmus Hansen sketch for additional information.**

- **Annie M. Johnson** (1850 or 8 Oct 1851 – 25 Apr 1929) married **John Hansen** (25 May 1860 – 14 Apr 1941) in Pottawattamie County on April 15, 1881. John Hansen was the son of **Thomas Hansen and Christiane Jensdatter**, early settlers in southeastern Boomer Township. John and Annie (Johnson) Hansen were first cousins.

John and Annie Hansen moved to the former Andrew Sandberg farm in central Hazel Dell Township in the early 1900s, and around 1930 retired and moved to Council Bluffs. Their son, Charles, took over the Hazel Dell farm after John and Annie retired.

The three children of John and Annie Hansen are listed below.

- **Christine M. Hansen** (Oct 1886 – 1 Aug 1968) lived in Council Bluffs with her sister, Emma, and never married.
- **Emma Louise Hansen** (10 Dec 1890 – 3 Jan 1980, conf. 1906) never married.
- **Charles Harry Hansen** (28 Nov 1895 – 3 Jul 1944, conf. 1911) married **Emma Maria Petersen** (4 Sep 1904 – 29 Dec 1994) in Pottawattamie County with the St. Paul's pastor officiating on February 22, 1928. Emma Maria Petersen was the daughter of **St. Paul's early members Rasmus Petersen and Mary Anine Nielsen** of Neola Township.

Charles Hansen took over the family farm in Hazel Dell Township after his parents retired. Charles Hansen died in a tractor accident.

Charles and Emma Hansen had no children.

John and Annie Hansen and all three of their children are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

- **Louisa** (about 1855 - ?). The only record for Louisa is the 1880 census for the Jorgen Sorensen family.
- **John Johnson** (Dec 1859 – 1 Feb 1901) never married.  
John Johnson worked as a farm laborer in the St. Paul's area, especially for his brother-in-law, John Hansen.
- **Jens Peter "James P." Johnson** (about 1865 – after 1930) never married.  
Jens Peter Johnson was a patient at the state hospital in Clarinda, Iowa in 1920 and in 1930.
- **Serena Sorensen** (Apr 1872 – after May 1930) married **Samuel Johnson** (Jan 1865 – after May 1930) in Pottawattamie County on June 12, 1894.  
Samuel Johnson was born in Denmark as Simon Jorgensen, the son of **Jorgen Bang Rasmussen and Ane Kirstine Madsdatter**. Simon Jorgensen immigrated to Council Bluffs from Asperup Sogn, Odense Amt, Denmark as a young man in the fall of 1882 and shortly thereafter Americanized his name to Samuel Johnson.  
Samuel and Serena Johnson initially farmed in Boomer Township and moved to Cedar County in northeastern Nebraska between 1901 and 1904.

The five children of Samuel and Serena Johnson are listed below.

- **Julia Kirstine Johnson** (2 Apr 1895 -)

- **Victoria M. Johnson** (Mar 1899 -)
- **Esther Louise Johnson** (1 Dec 1900 -)
- **Axel Johnson** (about 1904 -)
- **Otto Johnson** (about 1906 -)

Jorgen and Inger Marie Sorensen and three of their children, Marie, Annie M. and John, are interred in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

### **Sources Specific to the Jorgen Sorensen and Inger Marie Jensen Family:**

- **References to other sketches in *St. Paul's Boomer-Neola Early Families*:**
  - For the family of Rasmus and Marie (Jorgensen) Hansen, see the **Rasmus Hansen sketch**. (Marie (Jorgensen) Hansen is the daughter of Jorgen Sorensen and Inger Marie Jensen.)
  - For the family of Karen (Jensen) Christoffersen, the wife of Jorgen Christoffersen and sister of Inger Marie (Jensen) Sorensen, see the **Jorgen Christoffersen sketch**.
  - For the relatives of Emma (Petersen) Hansen, the wife of Charles Hansen, see the **Rasmus Petersen section of the Anton Nielsen sketch**. (Emma Petersen was the daughter of Rasmus Petersen and the granddaughter of Anton Nielsen.)
- **Danish Emigration Archives (ddd.dda.dk):**
  - Simon Jørgensen registered 9/29/1882, (Jorgen Sorensen's future son-in-law).

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