

Peter B. Nelson & his wife, Bertha Christina Aagard

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- The lists in Part 2 include full dates and marriage information.
- This report is on my website, *bigpigeon.us*, at **Mormon History > A House Divided**.

Part 1 – Peter B. Nelson Family Narrative, updated 24 Feb '18

Peter B. Nielsen (1832 – 1899) was born to Niels Peder Pedersen and Johanne Pedersen in Lille Brøndum, Bælum Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark, the oldest of nine known children. Soon after his birth, his parents moved further south a few miles to Skelund Sogn, also in Aalborg Amt. The next child, Peter Christian Nielsen, was born in Skelund Sogn.

By the time of the 1850 Danish census, neither Peter B. nor his brother, Peter Christian Nielsen were living at home.

I assume that Peter B. Nielsen immigrated with his parents and four younger sisters in 1862, although this hasn't been confirmed. In the United States, he was known as Peter B. Nelson.

Peter B. Nelson married Bertha Christina Aagard in 1863 in Richfield, Sevier County, Utah.

About Bertha Christina Aagard: Bertha Christina Aagard (1849 – 1889) was born in Denmark. Some information I have found on the Web is in error. She possibly was a grandchild of the couple indicated on-line as her parents. Her findagrave record gives a birthdate of 21 Oct 1849; thus, she was only around 14 when she married.

Peter B. and Bertha Christina's first child was born in Utah in 1865. By 1866 when their second child was born, the Peter B. Nelson family had backtrailed to Dodge County, Nebraska, northwest of Omaha. Here they were farming northwest of Fremont, Nebraska, in the 1870, 1880 and 1885 censuses.

The Peter B. Nelson farm was in Maple Township at the time. Sometime between 1885 and 1902 the townships in Dodge County were reconfigured, and the farm ended up on the west edge of Nickerson Township.

The decision of Peter B. Nelson to leave Utah was painful for his aging father, who was counting on him to help get established as a farmer in Ephraim.

Peter B. and Bertha Christina Nelson had five children.

- Nels Peter Nelson (1865 - 1942) was born in Utah in Fountain Green, Sanpete County. He married Rose Ann Mone, a Nebraska native, in 1912. Nels Peter and Rose lived in Nance County, Nebraska, about 100 miles west of Omaha and had one known son.
- Jesse Maria Nelson (c. 1866 -) was born in Nebraska and disappears from my history after 1880.
- Andrew Edward Nelson (1878 – 1960) spent most of his life in Dodge County, Nebraska. He married Mary Rodena Peterson in Sevier County, Utah in 1907. She was the granddaughter of Anne Christine Pedersen, one of the sixteen cousins who

are the subject of the article *A House Divided*. When his father died in 1899, Andrew Edward took over his parents' farm, and he and Mary Rodena had one known son.

- James E. Nelson (1878 – 1878), a twin of Andrew Edward, died at three months.
- Hannah Nelson (c. 1883 –) disappears from my history after 1885.

Peter B. and Bertha Christina Nelson are buried in the Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in rural Fremont, Nebraska, as is their son, Andrew Edward, Andrew Edward's wife, Mary Rodena, and Andrew Edward's infant twin brother, James E. Nels. Peter is buried in Sunnyside Cemetery in Nance County, Nebraska.

Part 2 – Peter B. Nelson – Lists of Older Family Members

three lists generated from *St. Paul's* database, updated 25 Feb '18

- 1 The parents & siblings of Peter B. Nelson.
- 2 The parents of Bertha Christina Aagard.
- 3 Known children & grandchildren of Peter B. & Bertha Christina Nelson.

1 The parents & siblings of Peter B. Nelson.

Niels Peder Pedersen (9 Mar 1801 - 19 May 1888) & Johanne Pedersen (29 Apr 1810 - 6 Jan 1879)

m. 5 Nov 1831, Lille Brøndum, Bælum Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark

Peter B. Nelson (18 Sep 1832 - 6 Apr 1899) & Bertha Christina Aagard (21 Oct 1849 - 12 Feb 1889)

m. 1863, Richfield, Sevier Co., UT

Peder Christian Nielsen (12 Aug 1834 - 12 Mar 1899)

Mariane "Mary Ann" Pedersen (29 Sep 1837 - 23 Sep 1912) & Anders Rasmus "Andrew" Anderson (9 Mar 1844 - 10 Jul 1919)

m. 1 Jan 1863, Ephraim, Sanpete Co., UT

Niels Nielsen (20 Apr 1840 - 23 Jun 1913) & Maren Christensen (15 Apr 1836 -)

m. 1866

Ane Kirstine Nielsen (25 Nov 1842 - 27 Mar 1843)

Anne Christine Pedersen* (3 Mar 1844 - 24 Feb 1908) & Niels Peter Peterson (23 Apr 1836 - 23 Apr 1887)

m. 24 Dec 1862, Ephraim, Sanpete Co., UT

Anne Christine Pedersen* (3 Mar 1844 - 24 Feb 1908) & Christian Anderson Kolby (25 Apr 1842 - 6 Jul 1919)

m. 13 Jul 1892, Manti, Sanpete Co., UT

Anne Marie Pedersen (9 Apr 1847 - 10 Sep 1916) & Oluf Christian Larsen (8 Apr 1836 - 9 or 11 Nov 1929)

m. 23 Dec 1863, Ephraim, Sanpete Co., UT

Christiane Pedersen (14 Jun 1850 - 11 Mar 1926) & William Powell (28 Jan 1841 - 4 Apr 1898)

m. 14 Sep 1866, Ephraim, Sanpete Co., UT

Anders Nielsen (23 Oct 1854 - 11 Jan 1862)

2 The parents of Bertha Christina Aagard.

No information is currently available.

3 Known children and grandchildren of Peter B. & Bertha Christina Nelson.

Peter B. Nelson (18 Sep 1832 - 6 Apr 1899) & Bertha Christina Aagard (21 Oct 1849 - 12 Feb 1889)

m. 1863, Richfield, Sevier Co., UT

Nels Peter Nelson (5 Jan 1865 - 20 Oct 1942) & Rose A. unknown (abt 1894 -)

m. 1912

Andrew Nelson (abt 1915 -)

Jesse Maria Nelson (abt 1866 -)

Andrew Edward Nelson (10 Mar 1878 - 2 May 1960) & Mary Rodena Peterson (10 Mar 1890 - 16 Jul 1973)

m. 6 Jan 1907, Richfield, Sevier Co., UT

Melvin Edward Nelson* (15 Dec 1907 - 9 Mar 2000) & Marjorie E. Goldbeck (12 Mar 1910 - 13 Apr 1945)
m. 29 Apr 1928, Denison, Crawford Co., IA
Melvin Edward Nelson* (15 Dec 1907 - 9 Mar 2000) & Frances Catherine Huff (11 May 1915 - 1 Aug 1970)
Melvin Edward Nelson* (15 Dec 1907 - 9 Mar 2000) & Florence Finder (28 Feb 1923 - 30 Dec 2000)
James E. Nelson (10 Mar 1878 - 9 Jun 1878)
Hannah Nelson (abt 1883 -)